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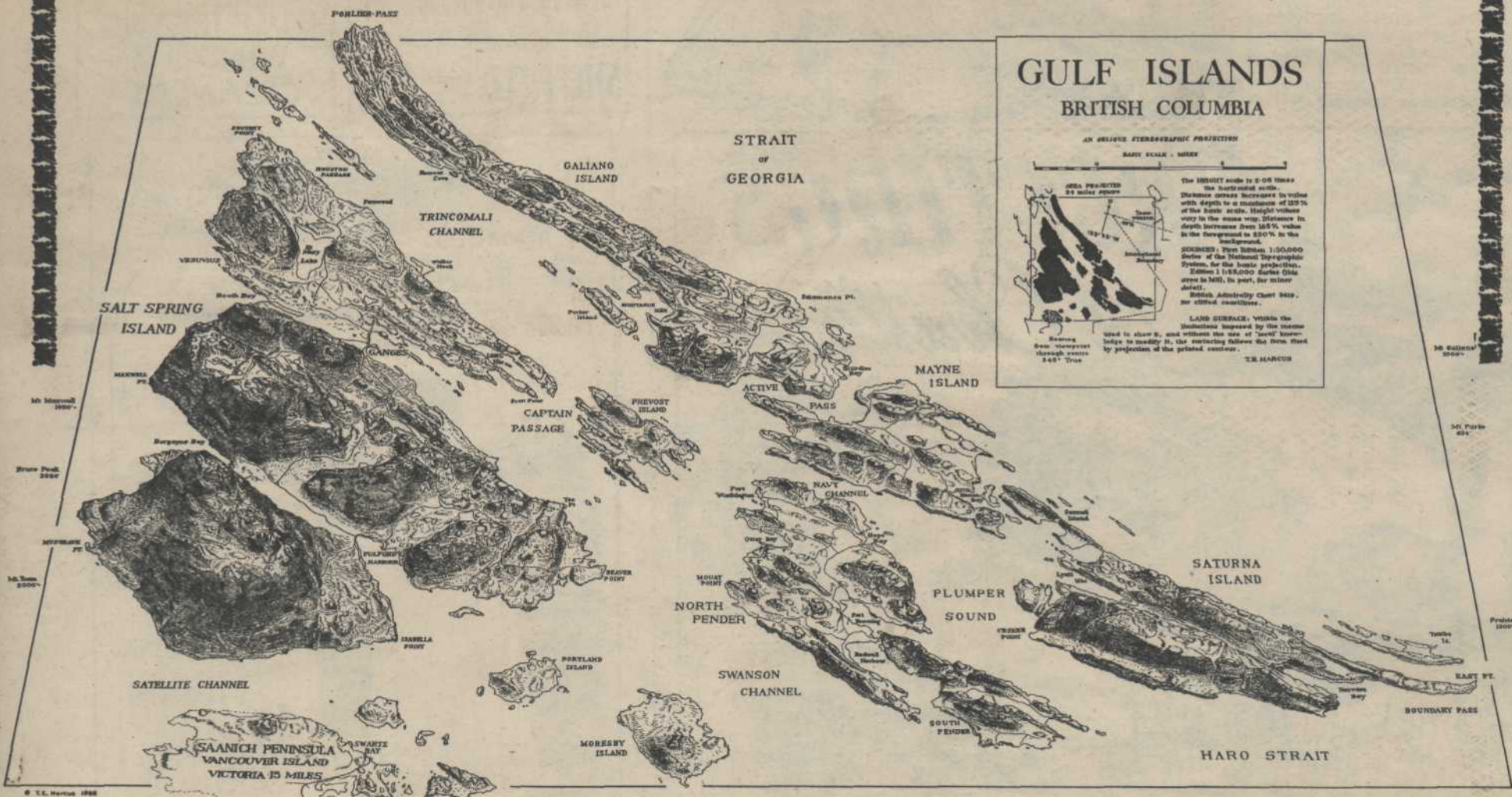
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# Merry Christmas

## To All Our Readers



*May your Christmas holiday season, wherever you may be, share with us the peace and tranquility of the beautiful Gulf Islands*

# Air Letters Are Souvenirs Of Early Canadian Air Mail

### MAIL THAT WAS SENT AND THE PILOT WHO CARRIED IT IN 1936

These stamps are collector's items and the collector is the owner. Mrs. Gerry Facca is not a stamp collector in other directions, but she has saved these and values them more highly than any ordinary stamps.

The early Canadian air mail packets were flown by Canadian Airways Ltd. between Prince Albert and Goldfields. Date was July, 1936 and the air mail stamp was three cents.

The pilot of the first air mail service was Alton Parker who is seen in the picture, standing on the float of his plane. Mrs. Facca is Alton Parker's daughter.

The souvenirs of Canadian pioneer bush flying mean a lot to her. Her father lost his life in the north a few years after these packets were mailed.

Only question left for Gerry Facca is curiosity. "Have these souvenirs any value to stamp collectors?" she asked.

And DRIFTWOOD staff could not tell her.



## Have You Ever Seen a Galanty?

This was the old name for the shows put on at Christmas time by traveling entertainers, who projected shadow shows in pantomime, using silhouetted figures, by means of a magic lantern. The galanty shows were projected on a white sheet, or on the ceiling. But before long, magic lanterns became cheap and plentiful, so people had them in their homes, with an array of colored slides — and this became a popular home entertainment.

Now, many years later, and in spite of the attractions of television, the lineal descendants of those early magic lanterns continue to fascinate us. Who hasn't seen a series of color slides, usually the well-known "pictures of our trip," proudly shown by photographer friends?

## Christmas Thanks

Here's an idea for a wonderful way for youngsters to say thank-you for Christmas presents — and much easier than persuading them to write thank-you notes!

Get someone to take a picture of the youngster showing him or her holding or using the gift. Then get him to write just a few words of thanks on a piece of paper or the photo itself. Grandma, or Uncle, is sure to be doubly pleased!



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## Christmas Greetings

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# GREETINGS at Christmas

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From The Ramsey Families & All The Staff

## GANGES PHARMACY

# Unique Christmas season in Bahamas



On the morning of Boxing day (December 26) and New Year's day, Nassau really goes native with its colourful junkanoo parade. Held on downtown Bay Street, junkanoo is a kaleidoscope of sound and spectacle, combining a bit of Mardi Gras and ancient African tribal rituals. The celebration highlights the Christmas season in Nassau.

NASSAU, Bahamas—What makes Christmas different in the Bahamas?

Is it the rhythmic tempo of street dancers and the gay colours of the season? Or is it the sound of cowbells and goat skin drums heralding the junkanoo parades?

Well, in this lovely part of the world, Christmas calls for all of that. But the real difference hinges mainly on the manner in which Bahamians in this sunny archipelago go about preparing for that once a year occasion.

Strange as it may seem, getting the family and house ready is often carried out with the maximum amount of secrecy.

"Your neighbours are not allowed to know your plans since part of the excitement is surprising and surpassing the others with what you have done and the skill you display in doing it," is the way an old-timer puts it. Come Christmas morning, the front door is swung wide open and the welcome mat is put outside. New curtains ripple softly in the breeze and the new furniture and renovations are displayed. Congratulations from friends and neighbours make it all worthwhile.

Christmas tree hunting is another ceremony that takes the entire family to the pine grove to cut that right tree. This is about the only time of the year that the pine forest is given so much attention. Meanwhile, preparing the Christmas meals demands the help of the entire family. The fruits for the Christmas cake are collected and soaked in native rum weeks in advance. In addition, a pig is butchered and

shared among friends. Sometimes, too, that extra goat ends up as a sizzling mutton on the fire hearth.

Late Christmas evening, as the sun begins to disappear slowly below the horizon, an exciting sound takes to the streets of Nassau. You hear

## How to Re-Use Gift Boxes, Cans

Don't be too quick to throw out those good boxes or cartons that hold your family's Christmas gifts—you can make them into handsome containers for everything from hair rollers to sewing materials, not forgetting the canisters and cookie tins you can make out of those plastic-lidded coffee cans!

Cover your boxes and coffee cans with self-adhesive plastic, decorate them with braid or tape, and label them with cut-out letters. It's easy to do with self stick plastic—just make sure surface of box or tin is clean and dry. Then cut your plastic to fit, allowing for an overlap at seams or edges, and press it down smoothly. Or you can use fabric or gift paper, which you'll have to glue on.

It's a great way to "re-cycle" your boxes and cans—and you'll have attractive containers for all sorts of things, in kitchen, bathroom, or at desk or phone.

You can make a pretty pencil jug out of a juice can... and never again have to say, "Wait till I find a pencil," while you're talking on the phone!

cowbells, goat skin drums, whistles—and then you see dancers in colourful fringed costumes all getting together and heading towards Bay Street. In a few hours, Boxing Day (also a public holiday here) arrives and the annual Junkanoo Parade gets underway.

The parades held December 26 and January 1 begin at 4 a.m. and continue non-stop for four hours when the sunlight begins to diminish the incomparable magic of junkanoo perpetuated by the semi-darkness on historic old Bay Street. Junkanoo means people dressed in colourful costumes and head dresses depicting persons in history, animals or objects often in unconventional shapes and sizes.

Visitors to the Bahamas during the yuletide season find it a great experience. And if they come a bit early the excitement of pre-holiday preparation is enticing and contagious.

## THE FESTIVE SEASON

By Grace A. Wright

Christmas? What does it mean to us today? A time for feasting, gifts, and merriment, Holly wreaths, tinsel trees with baubles gay, And greetings sent to loved ones far away?

On do we keep in mind the Babe so small Who came to earth to show God's love for man: How He lay swaddled in that manger stall - The Christ who gave to us this Festival?

O feasting, fun, and gifts all have their place - And rightly so, if we don't forget to Think of the Babe in the Virgin's embrace, The greatest Gift to all, God's holy Grace.

**Merry Christmas**

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and merry  
Christmas*

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To you and all those you hold dear,  
a holiday filled with lots of cheer!

**Goodie & Isabel**

## CRITIC LOOKS AT FIFTH SHOW

BY CULTUS COULEE

Close on 200 viewed the show arranged by members of Galiano Painters' Guild at the Community Hall recently.

Professor James Macdonald, head of U.B.C. Art Education, found the fifth annual show the best yet.

"New material, and in general, better color; more ambitious and a lot livelier."

Elisabeth Hopkins has fantasy for the young at heart. She depicts, with India ink and water color wash, a pool agog with fish and frog. Reminder of the

verse of yore, - a willow tree a-hanging o'er, - with next and bird; a trill heard.

Ann Elizabeth Steward, who paints nearly non-stop, with brief breaks for refuelling, has outcroppings of her work, everywhere. Playful piglets; cats and kittens abound.

With Betty, a bird in the brush is worth two in the hand. Her fine-feathered friends perch and perch and flutter around the hall; even among eagles.

Her large oil is a haunting conversation piece.

"All the birds of the air fell a-sighing and a-sobbing..." No wonder, Cock Robin on his back, yellow claws in air, an arrow through his heart.

"I" said the dove, and the tears fall in gleaming drops. With "my spade and my trowel", Owl stands at the graveside.

James Macdonald comments "Harold Dyer has a 'painterly' handling of pastels. They are very rich and unusually nice."

Clare Farrell's seagulls, seascapes, Crested Puffin, Peregrine Falcon, are from Long Beach holidays. "Very delicate and skilfully handled," says Macdonald.

Ragna Frederickson's oil, a silvery landscape of Active Pass, has a real quality. There is a lot of light with the shimmer of light on water.

Elisabeth Hopkins' work is full of interest without being cluttered. Sensitive and refined. A 'naive' painter, with Rousseau-type handling of the flowers and allegorical symbols.

Of Amy Inkster's bright umbrellas; horse chestnut, yellow

daisies, he says "very sensitive spontaneous watercolors."

Dorothy Lupton's Garden Cafe is tremendously alive. An important thing to try to do. And very nice to see her working with material on the island.

Isabel McKeirhen's pastel of autumn crocus is very delicate. Nicely organized shapes.

Corinne Snell is individualistic with the ability to handle light and space and colors. Her pewter is quite beautiful.

Betty Steward's Cock Robin is delightful! The composition is terrific! Very finely done. Masterfully arranged symbols. It's an exciting painting, just as a painting.

New to the group, Julie Turner, has a small oil of book, lamp and glasses. A larger oil is bold as brass candlestick, cosy as copper kettle bright with fall colors; an orange plate and matching flowers.

You stand back from Lorna Tweedale's Beach Bonfire, or smoke gets in your eyes.

Her painting is more clarified and more sensitive," says Macdonald. "Her Gossip Island is beautiful."

Some rely on observation," the critic says. "some rely on imagination. Some make an interpretation of reality. Some create their own reality."

Jim Macdonald has a studio on Galiano. "I come over and criticize once or twice a year. Each brings about six pictures and we discuss one person's work at a time."

It is evident that Professor Macdonald is a morale-builder, extraordinaire.

### They Still Speak Aramaic, The Language of Jesus

In the village of Ma'lula in Syria, where the houses of heavy native stone are tinted blue, one would hardly notice the passage of time since the birth of Christ, over 2000 years ago. The people have changed little, in dress and habits, and more importantly in their speech. For it is here in Ma'lula, as well as in two other villages in Syria, Jebadeen and Bakhaa, that one can hear the Aramaic language Christ used during His life on earth.

Aramaic was spoken throughout ancient Palestine, and the lands that are now Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, southern Turkey, and northern Iraq. But after the Arab conquest of these lands in the seventh century, Aramaic was gradually replaced by Arabic. In Syria, only those three villages, all in the Qalamon valley not far from Damascus, have preserved the ancient language of Christ to the present day. The population numbers only a few thousand, two-fifths of them Greek Orthodox, another two-fifths Greek, and the rest Moslem.

Philologists of the University of Beirut tell us that while the Aramaic dialect of these three villages has been intermixed with Arabic, the villagers would have understood, and been understood by, Christ and the people of His time.

Naturally, the people of Ma'lula are very proud of their Aramaic language and take pains to keep it alive and flourishing. Many families speak only Aramaic to their children until the youngsters are five years old and must go to school, where they learn Arabic, the national language.

Outside Syria, Aramaic is spoken at Urmia, in Turkey... by the Chaldean Catholics of Bartelle in northern Iraq... and by the villagers of Malabar in southwestern India. And Aramaic is still used in the liturgy of certain churches which began in the Middle East, such as the Maronites and Syrian Orthodox groups.

Carcross, 45 miles south of the capital city of Whitehorse, Yukon gained its name from an abbreviation of "Caribou Crossing", the name the Indians gave the settlement because of the tens of thousands of caribou that used to migrate across the narrows between Bennett and Tagish Lakes.



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**Marzipan:  
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Holiday  
Sweet**

Marzipan, which is basically a simple combination of almonds and sugar, is considered the peerless confection for holiday tables, all over Europe. It appears in many forms — not only exquisite bonbons, usually shaped into fruits and vegetables, but also as the delicious bittersweet ingredient in all sorts of cakes and cookies and pastries.

Marzipan has an ancient history, having been created by the Persians and Egyptians shortly after the birth of Christ. It has always been associated with elaborate dishes and decorations, especially at Christmas. Then, bakeries display cakes and cookies trimmed with holly leaves and figures of Santa Claus in colored marzipan. Some of the fine patisseries create elaborate sculptured displays showing entire scenes.

**BAN ON MISTLETOE**

Mistletoe is almost never one of the greens used in church decorations, because it has always been considered pagan, as the badge of the Druid.



**Merry Christmas  
&  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS  
ON THE ISLANDS

Frank & Jean  
Cunningham

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**Score Yourself On  
This Christmas Quiz**

See how well you can score on the answers to questions about Christmas and its customs! Then check the answers:

- Research says that Christ's birthday occurred on:
  - December 25
  - an uncertain date
  - January 6
- Sending Christmas cards is a custom that started in:
  - Germany
  - England
  - the U.S.
- Hanging mistletoe is a custom that began:
  - in the 18th Century
  - in Scandinavia
  - among the ancient Druids
- Decorating a Christmas tree has its origin in:
  - Germany
  - Czechoslovakia
  - Norway
- The first people to set up a decorated Christmas tree in a public place were:
  - Portuguese
  - Flemish
  - Americans
- The custom of burning the Yule Log originated with:
  - the Vikings
  - the French
  - the Slavs
- The meaning of the word "carol," as used in England in the Middle Ages, was:
  - dancing
  - singing
  - dancing in a circle while singing
- The use of the creche, or crib, as a Christmas symbol was introduced by:
  - the French
  - the Italians
  - the Swedes
- Exchanging gifts for Christmas was not practiced until:
  - 800 A.D.
  - the latter part of 19th Century
  - about 200 years ago
- The character of Santa Claus was first known as:
  - Father Christmas
  - St. Nicholas
  - Pere Noel

**ANSWERS**  
1—b 2—b 3—c 4—c 5—b 6—c 7—c 8—b 9—b 10—b

**SCORING**  
8 or better gives you an A; 5 to 7 is average.  
Less than that—return one Christmas present!

**SYLLABUB, ANYONE?**

That popular holiday-party drink known as egg-nog is a modern version of an old English drink called syllabub, which was a spiced mixture of wine and milk.

**Christmas Dinners in  
The Good Old Days**

How many people today could manage such a menu as this one? Here it is, right out of the diary of a Dixie plantation owner:

"We had for dinner oyster soup, besides boiled mutton, ham, boned turkey, wild ducks, partridges, plum pudding, sauterne, burgundy, sherry, and Madeira."

And what gourmet cook would care to cope with this one? It was served to hearty-eating miners in the Rockies in 1858. After oysters and pork, which were conventional "openers," the menu went on to elk, antelope, buffalo "smothered" and grizzly bear a la mode. In addition, there was Black Mountain squirrel, prairie dog, and mountain rats — followed with swans, cranes, and quail — the whole lot accompanied by wines.

**Scots Celebrate Hogmanay**

What's Hogmanay? It's the Scottish name for New Year's Eve — and first footing is what they call the tradition that dictates Scottish hospitality for the New Year celebration.

The first person to cross the threshold of any house on that occasion is supposed to do so bringing gifts to his or her host — gifts of food or coal, both tokens of

warmth and friendliness. In return, the first-footer receives a drink.

But that's not all. People used to compete vigorously for the honor of being a first-footer, and ran races from door to door. Their hosts might or might not be happy to welcome the visitors. If the first-footer were a woman, it meant bad luck

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Be happy and full of good cheer now and throughout the holiday season.

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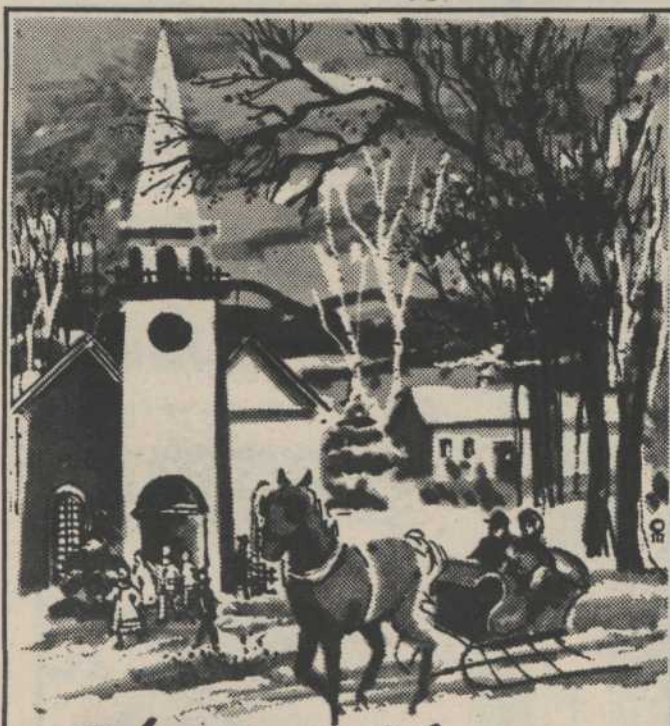
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NAME OF THE GAME IS SOCCER IN GANGES ON SUNDAYS



Almost every Sunday afternoon during the fall a group of soccer fans have played in Ganges. This picture shows the two teams hard at work during a game before the snow came.

IT IS A TIME OF GLADNESS

BY FRANK SUTHERLAND, O.M.I. (Catholic Rectory)

To all my parishioners, to all my friends and to all the other churches and clergy - I wish a very happy and Holy Christmas this year of 1972.

Christmas is a time of Joy, Love and Forgiveness.

Joy because "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son to us."

God loved us so much that "He became man".

Forgiveness, too, comes into the picture. We gather together in Joy and Love to celebrate this great Feast and we forgive anything in our hearts against relatives and others. So, we come home for Christmas.

The Feast of Christmas was established in the year 391 A.D.

just when the Roman Empire was turning over to the "Sign of the Cross". December 25th was chosen as the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, and it has always been the great Feast Day of the church.

The Baby Jesus and then our own children, - all the years - a time of joy and gladness. So to everyone on Salt Spring Island - a very happy and Holy Christmas.

GIFT-GIVING VARIES

In most European countries, families give presents either on St. Nicholas' Day, December 6, or on Christmas Eve, or at Epiphany - January 6. Only the English and Americans customarily choose Christmas Day itself for gift-giving.

FOR COLLECTORS

For the first time in Canada a starter kit for stamp collecting and a comprehensive reference book on Canadian stamps will be available from the Post Office Department. The two items have been released November 27... just in time for Christmas.



Merry Christmas

To all our friends:

Ron Cunningham TRACTOR SERVICE 537 - 5310

Merry Christmas

We rejoice in the sound of the words and the glory of the message: "— on earth peace, goodwill to men." But we do not always feel the meaning in our hearts and put it to work in our lives.

One who did was Henry Van Dyke, the late American clergyman, writer, and poet whose famous "Story of the Other Wise Man" has brought joy and inspiration to thousands of people over the years. Among his writings is a piece called "The Spirit of Christmas," and we think you'll like it as much as we did. We are happy to print it, from us to you:

"We are thinking of you today because it is Christmas . . . and tomorrow because it will be the day after, and so on through the year. We may not be able to tell you about it every day, but that makes no difference, the thought and the wish will be here just the same . . ."

"Because it is Christmas" — so many things follow. "Because it is Christmas" — the world stands still for a while, in reverent memory of the Christ child's birth. "Because it is Christmas" — we hope anew for peace on earth, goodwill to men. "Because it is Christmas" — we resolve that the Spirit of Christmas will stay with us throughout the year.

Of course, the Spirit of Christmas should not be confined to a single day — nor is it. For all those who truly believe in "good will to men" honor it in their hearts and live it in their lives, every day of the year. They cherish the continuing warmth of friendship, the ever-new rebirth of the Babe who lived to teach us peace and love. And though friends may be far away or seldom met, that too "makes no difference" — the steady flow of hope and good will continues to bind together those who put their trust in the power of loving kindness, and in all that we mean by humanity.



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Merry Christmas to All!



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# SALT SPRING FANTASY

The recent crisis on Salt Spring Island regarding local autonomy for Islanders has ended in a dramatic move by a self-elected group of Salt Spring residents.

A proclamation was read by Colonel Desmond Crofton which announced that as from St. Swithin's Day, Salt Spring Island will cease to be a part of British Columbia or of Canada and is, (provisionally) to be a Crown Colony.

The entire design for independence has been worked out under cover for many months so that on the announcement a cabinet was sworn in immediately. The intention at present is to retain the monarchy and H.M., the Queen has been requested to appoint Col. Crofton as Governor-General.

The Prime Minister of the new government is Mr. Ted Gear and he has appointed the following Cabinet Ministers pro tem:

- Lord Chief Justice: Mr. Laurie Phinney;
- Minister of Internal Security - Col. Peter Bingham;
- Minister of Finance: Mr. Jim Merston;
- Minister of Foreign Affairs: Mr. P. K. Bhattacharjee;
- Minister of Urban Development: Mr. Gil Humphreys;
- Minister of Telecommunications: Mr. C. Baltzer;
- Minister of Education: Mr. Bob McWhirter;
- Minister of Health: Dr. Bob McCaffrey;
- Minister of Agriculture: Mrs. June Johnson;
- Minister of Arts and Crafts: Mrs. Olive Clayton;
- Minister of the Mass Media: Mr. Jack Webster;
- Minister of Welfare: (not yet appointed as it is hoped to overcome this problem.)

Other ministers will be appointed in due course and as the need arises.

The proclamation urged the people to keep calm and to carry on, on a business as usual basis. All industries not owned by islanders will be taken over by the Government of Salt Spring, including Hydro, BC Tel., and the Liquor Store. The head of the new Liquor Control Board will be Mr. Don (Goody) Goodman. Any overt act against the new government will be severely

## Part One

By Justin Phunne

punished and will result in deportation and exile.

Immigration and Custom Posts will be set up at Long Harbour, Fulford and Vesuvius. The ferries will no longer run, as such as they have been taken over by the navy under the command of First Sea Lord, Capt. Donald Fraser who will stand by to repel attack. No information is as yet available as to the type of armaments they will carry except that such armaments will be of a most unpleasant nature. Beach patrols are being organized in case of invasion. So far there has been little to no comment from Victoria or Ottawa, many people being ignorant of the whereabouts of Salt Spring Island and the coup has gone more or less unnoticed except by ferry passengers who waited in vain for transportation at Tsawwassen, Swartz Bay and Crofton.

Interviewed on the street in Ganges, Mr. Normie Twa said "We will fight them on the beaches, in the streets, in the pub!"

Mr. Alex Laing said, "We'll show the-----!"

Without a doubt the inhabitants of Salt Spring present a solid and united front against all outsiders. It was reported that a few dissenters, believed to be spies from the mainland, were hustled out of a public meeting and tossed off the wharf.

On being rescued by kindly onlookers they were charged before Lord Chief Justice Phinney and deported immediately by water taxi to Mayne Island.

Prime Minister Gear later issued a statement the gist being that there is no room on Salt Spring for troublemakers and there will be no leniency shown in future.

"Our aim is Law and Order and Harmony between all. How can you have Harmony if you've got people arguing and complaining?" he said.

He further stated that this is a "No Nonsense Government". He said, "The world will come to recognize Salt Spring Island as an example of Self-Deter-

mination." In his telegram to Mr. Trudeau and to Mr. Barrett there was no compromise. "Enough is enough, Buster. We go it alone!" These deathless words will resound around the world in the months ahead.

The Prime Minister's charming wife Daisy, is organizing the women of Salt Spring into a strong and worthwhile body whose main function will be "to see a chicken in every pot" (at least on Sunday). She has appointed Mrs. Rita Dods and Mrs. Foulis as executives on her committee to ensure that no Salt Springer will go hungry.

Senior Citizens will be co-opted into a body of Elders where their invaluable experience and advice will be available to all members of the Cabinet. Their spokesman and leader will be Mrs. Elsie Thacker.

Mr. Charlie Baltzer and Mr. Stan Sage will take over control of BC Tel. (henceforth known as Salt Spring Tel.) No outside calls will be possible for some time, although a Hot Line will be maintained between Victoria and Mr. Gear's office.

The spiritual needs of the people will be maintained and attended to by Father Sutherland, (now elevated to the rank of Cardinal), Rev. Peter McCalman, (appointed Archbishop and Primate of all Salt Spring), Rev. Fred Anderson, (now Moderator of the United Church, Salt Spring), Rev. Mr. Gilpin will be in charge of all Pentecostal and Gospel Halls on the Island.

The aforementioned clerics have issued a joint request to the government pressing for compulsory attendance at church three times on Sundays.

Chief Constable Bingham has suggested re-introducing the

stocks for malefactors, to be located in Centennial Park. "We mean to stamp out all crime on our Island and we will take drastic action against all lawbreakers," he promised.

At a public meeting Mrs. Sharland and Mrs. June Knowles suggested the banning of all motor vehicles and the introduction of horse-drawn conveyances.

Owing to a blackout on all outside news and the jamming of all radio and TV circuits

little information is available on the reactions of the outside world.

Next week we hope to have a detailed account available in this newspaper, subject to releases from the government Public Relations Officer whose name has not been released.

### FRESH IDEA

Baskets of fresh fruit solve "what to bring the holiday hostess" problem.

Merry Christmas & A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS & CUSTOMERS

Les & Mary Mollet  
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Greetings

Santa's cycling off with our good cheer and thanks to you!

Shane & Vicki Heinekey



Christmas GREETINGS

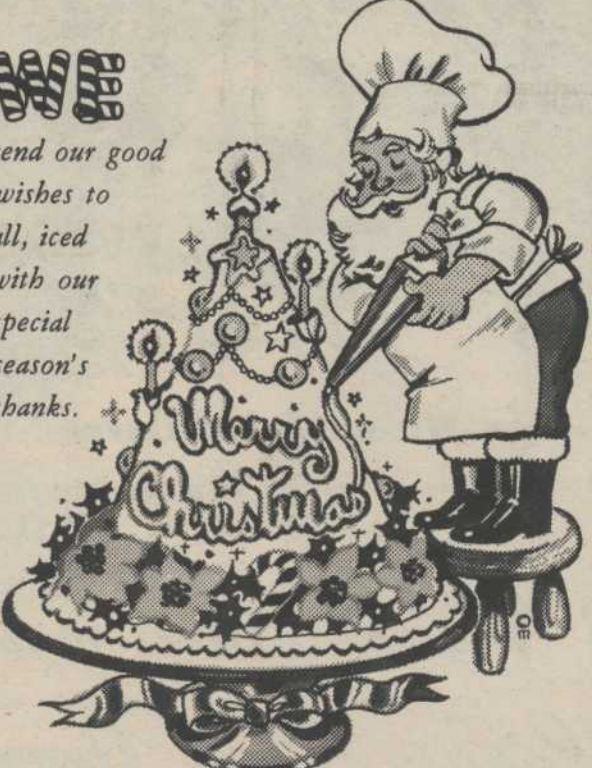


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# MINISTER REFLECTS ON STORY OF FIRST CHRISTMAS

BY M.V.G. GILPIN  
(Community Gospel Church)  
It is Christmas time once again. We are in the midst of hurry and excitement in preparation of the festive season. Families will be gathering together with loved ones and friends to enjoy the fellowship and happiness which this season of the year brings.

Probably we should take a little time now to pause and reflect upon the One who brought it all about.

In St. Luke's Gospel Ch. i, we have a beautiful picture, of joy and happiness, in the visit of May the expectant mother of Jesus to her cousin Elizabeth, who was also with child and soon to bear, John, the fore-

runner or the announcer, of the Christ.

The MAGNIFICAT is the response of Mary, following this lovely greeting of Elizabeth. Mary says: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden: for behold from henceforth all nations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that revere Him from generation to generation. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away.

In chapter two of this same Gospel, Mary is at home again. Now we see the Divine hand of God directing Joseph and Mary to leave Nazareth to go to Bethlehem where the child Jesus would be born according to prophecy.

Here we have a picture of these two young people sharing the hardships and disappointments of travel and the inability to find adequate lodging. They arrived at Bethlehem tired, dusty from the long journey only to find that there was no room for them in the Inn. Others had arrived earlier and taken up all available rooms. It was tax registering time. The only available space left was where the animals were sheltered; a stable courtyard. Here, in this humble cattle stall, was the birthplace of the King; the Child Jesus, the Saviour.

The story continues to unfold as the shepherds, out on the hills near the village, watching their flocks of sheep during the night. Suddenly, great things began to happen before them: the Angel of the Lord came upon them and the Glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were scared; they did not know what was happening. They had no idea what this manifestation of light and power meant. However, their fears were soon quieted as the angel

## THAT WAS WINTER AT FULFORD

In the long past of Salt Spring Island, when Fulford Inn was a sentinal at the head of the harbour, the hostelry took its water from pumps and a water tank. The tank stood on Fulford-Ganges Road, just behind the hotel.

Even in those days th the weather got cold as this picture shows. It was the hotel water tank in the winter of 1949 to 1950, when records were broken and set.

Mrs. E. Lacy took the picture when the weather beat the water tank.



## THEN HE WAS OLD

Old Crow, Yukon, 75 miles inside the Arctic Circle, derives its name from an Indian Chief, Te-Tahim-Gevtik, which means "Walking Crow". Following the chief's death in the 1870's, his people named

spoke to them and explained by telling them: "We bring you good tidings and great joy, which shall be to all peoples. Today, in Bethlehem, the City of David, a Saviour is born which is Christ the Lord.

They were told where they could find Him and how they would recognize Him. Which they subsequently did and we have the account in this same chapter.

All this, took place some 2,000 years ago and still the story lives today and is a precious portion of God's Word to all of us. We know, as we read the account of this Child's life that He grew to manhood and did many great miracles.

In the prime of life He made the greatest sacrifice for all men this world will ever know. He gave His life as a sacrifice once and for all for the sins of men.

This Jesus, who came to us as a Babe in swaddling clothes, lying in a humble cattle manger, gave His life in exchange for yours and mine.

Yes, this Christmas time is a joyous time because there was One who has made it possible. Would you receive Him into your festivities, meet Him and fellowship with Him also?

May we all put more of the Christ into Christmas!

the river, mountains and general hunting area "Old Crow."



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**12 YEARS AGO...**

Cpl. Spencer Smith, nine-year veteran of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and skipper of the police boat at Ganges for the past three years, has resigned from the Force in order to take up police work in New Zealand. He is joining the New Zealand Federal Police and hopes to take up criminal investigation. Spencer Smith is a New Zealander, who trained in Canada with the Royal New Zealand Air Force during the war.

Colin Byron, 32, was killed in a logging accident at Kelsey Bay on Vancouver Island on Wednesday. A sapling fell across him while he was bucking a fallen tree. Death was instantaneous. Colin Byron was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Byron, of St. Mary Lake. He owned a farm on Beaver Point Road, the former Ted Akerman property. He had planned to retire from logging and take up farming full-time next year.

Home of Mrs. H. Hartree on Walker Hook Road was completely destroyed by fire on Christmas morning. Only occupant was Bill Swanson who had no time to recover his clothes and came out in his night attire. The phone was gone and when he ran to Butch Taylor's house, they discover-

ed that the Taylor phone was also put out of commission. Alarm was finally turned in 30 minutes after the fire was discovered. Fire Chief Fred Donaghy reported that the house could have been saved if the report could have been made earlier.

When Pender Island students were asked to write the name of the Premier of B. C., five children wrote Earle Westwood according to the Pender school's magazine.

**10 YEARS AGO...**

Rain in 1962 was 10 inches less at Salt Spring Island than

in 1961, according to H. J. Carlin, Dominion weather observer at Ganges.

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**FIVE YEARS AGO...**

B. C. Hydro crews were commended by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce last week. Peter Arnell spoke warmly of Hydro and B. C. Telephone crews who had maintained a service despite severe storms.

Desmond G. Crofton is the new president of Salt Spring Progressive Conservative Association.

Members of Salt Spring Island and Recreation Commission paid tribute to Col. M. F. Peiler and Salt Spring Island Centennial Committee for their contribution to the community.

Penguin seen on Salt Spring island by G. S. Humphreys

and three companions was more likely a murre, according to Capt. V. C. Best. The Murre is a northern bird,

whereas the penguin is strictly a south pole resident. The murre closely resembles the penguin, but it is smaller.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
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 Mr & Mrs Satermo

**THAT'S CHRISTMAS!**  
 BY DORIS ANDREWS

Christmas is

Not to fret and fuss  
 about  
 cards  
 ...and gifts...or  
 about  
 being alone when others  
 are going somewhere  
 for the Day...

but  
 a  
 choice...  
 to sit...ever so quietly,  
 and  
 Rejoice!

Not bells, carols,  
 greetings gay...or  
 shiny  
 tinsel detours,  
 but  
 Man  
 ...stirring again  
 in  
 his  
 quest of the Infinite  
 ...the Gift...and  
 quietly...exultantly,  
 finding  
 Joy!



**Who thinks  
 about emergencies  
 at Christmas?**

At a happy time like Christmas none of us like to think about an emergency but all of us should. Telephone traffic is extremely heavy at Christmas time, especially Christmas Day. B.C. Tel will have a full staff on the job, but... due to the heavy holiday load you could find it difficult to reach an operator immediately. To protect your home and family keep a list of emergency numbers handy by your telephone.

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### GREY CUP FANS EAT HEARTY FOR TWO HOURS BEFORE THE GAME

Breakfast went on for hours when Salt Spring Island Rotary Club watched the Grey Cup on television. Here are the breakfasters, eating and talking while they wait for the game to start.



### Know What "Wassail" Means?

This ancient word, familiar to us from song and story, comes from the Anglo-Saxon words "Wes hal" — which means "be whole," or in more modern terms, "Good Health." It was used as a toast, before lifting one's glass — and by extension came to mean a drinking song.

Alabama was the first U.S. state to make Christmas a legal holiday, in 1836.

### SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

BY A. M. Spencer

Mistletoe and holly berry,  
Joyous, Happy, Merry-merry:  
Meetings, greetings, lots of  
sweet things;  
Battening on much-to-eat  
things;  
Some grow high on bottled spi-  
rits,  
Others sigh for tummy fill-its.  
Far-off wars one day forsaken  
While this holiday is taken.  
But what's it really all about  
If we leave the Christ Child  
out?

To Mr. and Mrs. Richards and  
all the staff:-  
May Christmas, as you hoped  
'twould be,  
Memorable, as it should be,  
A twelve month blessing may  
it be.  
Newsworthy New Year come to  
be  
A pattern of good things to be.  
Frankly speaking, missed  
you'll be,  
Welcomed back you know  
you'll be!

### Napkin Holder

Make holiday napkin rings with 2½-inch-sections cut from a paper towel tube. Paint the rings in Christmas colors and decorate them with plastic holly.

If extra napkins are needed, one yard of 36-inch-wide cotton fabric will make 16 (9-inch) square napkins. Sew a ¼-inch hem on all four sides.

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### CHRISTMAS TREES AND TOYS

## RECYCLING TIME!

BY SPECTATOR

How about recycling your Christmas tree?

It takes six years or more to grow a Christmas tree on a tree farm, then we use it for a week or so before we burn it. If a live tree is planted in a fairly large pot, it can be used for several years and then planted in the garden. In addition, a live tree is less hazardous than a cut one because it is less likely to catch fire.

And what about recycled toys? There are two operations in Ganges for toy repair. Bring any repairable toys you have to the Recycle Depot at the wharf in Ganges, and they will go to the Victoria depot to be repaired (by volunteers) and distributed to underprivileged children in the Capital Region. They will also be accepted by Vern's Interior Decorating in Mouat's Mall and Salt Spring Island volunteer firemen will repair them. Don't forget to save the stamps from all those Christmas cards.



Used stamps are collected by many charities and service groups and if you're not already saving them for someone bring them to the Depot.

And above all: 'Tis the Season to be Sensible. In the spirit of the holiday we don't stop to think about the useless waste of the world's resources. Before you buy something this year, ask yourself:

"Will it last for many years to come?"

"Can it be re-used? If not, can it be recycled?"

If not, don't buy it!

### GROUP DEBATES PROBLEMS FACING SOUTH PENDER

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, the South Pender Community Club met at Ingo's Corner, home of Allan and Betty Brooks, to discuss island problems.

Present were Don Anderson, Gertrude Bennett, Jack and Kate Edwards, Vicki Craddock Gillespie and son, Michael; Rick Gordon, Ann Pender Henshaw, David Mole and his wife Gillies Melnarich and John and Eve Smith.

**This is Christmas**  
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Holly wreaths. Snowflakes.  
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# And that's just the beginning.

Let's be optimistic and assume you don't have an accident. Or hit any parked cars. Or speed. Let's assume you stay at the party longer than you planned and had three or four drinks—enough to drink to make you legally impaired. All in good fellowship. All without malice. And for some reason, you are stopped.

Here's what to expect:

**1 Breathalyzer** Police officers are extremely adept at spotting impaired drivers. There are dozens of telltale clues. If you are suspected, you will be asked to submit to a breathalyzer test. This is mandatory and refusal can result in serious charges. If you have consumed enough to give you a .08 reading, you can be charged with impaired driving.

**2 Jail** Very likely, you will be jailed overnight. For the average citizen, this is a terrifying experience. Impaired driving comes under the Criminal Code, and that

is just how you will be treated. You will be fingerprinted, asked for alias, relieved of your belt, tie, shoelaces, and personal possessions, allowed one phone call, and be placed in a cell. In the morning, your breakfast will be slid under the bars of the cell door. You will find the night harrowing and have plenty of time to reflect. In the meantime, your wife and children will be worried, distressed and slightly mortified.

**3 Fines** The arresting officer's report, corroborated by your breathalyzer reading, will normally result in a conviction. The number of convictions is increasing every year. Over 12,000 are expected in British Columbia alone this year. If the Judge lets you off with a \$250 fine for the first offence, you can consider yourself lucky. For having accumulated ten penalty points, the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles will assess you a charge of \$25.00 which will be used to pay for public information

messages like the one you are now reading. Add to this the \$50 to several hundred dollars you'll spend on a lawyer and you've dropped quite a bundle.

**4 Suspension** Even if you have never had so much as a parking ticket in thirty years of driving, you can expect to have your right to drive reviewed by the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles. On his judgement and your driving record, your suspension may be one month, three months, six months, or even indefinitely.

**5 Insurance** The costs don't stop at fines and lawyers. When your insurance company hears all about it, your insurance premium will be surcharged. That means your insurance rates will soar until you can prove yourself a good risk again. That could take years if you have no more problems. And here's another point to ponder. *Had you injured or killed*

*someone while impaired, your liability coverage was void anyhow.* Your insurance company will pay the claim, but they may demand repayment from you.

**6 Publicity** Criminal courts swarm with court reporters. In some smaller communities, your conviction will make front page news. They will list the details of your arrest, trial, conviction, breathalyzer reading, fine and suspension. They will print all this, along with your name and address, for all your friends and business associates to read. It is the coup de grace you can expect about one week after the trial.

These are the hard cold facts of how a jovial evening can turn into a nightmare. The police have seen too many dead children to have much patience. The courts have heard too many tragedies to give you much mercy. And that's the way it is.

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**MARR IS NAMED AUDITOR**

Spencer Marr was named auditor for the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting on Thursday evening last week.

Mr. Marr is a past president of the Chamber and has recently set up his own business here as an accountant.

**Christmas Greetings**

May the best of this joyful season be yours to enjoy now and throughout the coming year.

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THE NATIVITY — a detail of the altar frontal at The Cloisters. German tapestry, dating from third quarter of the 15th Century. From the Life of the Virgin. Done in wool, silk, and metallic threads on a linen warp.

**HUMAN CIVILIZATION IS SKIN DEEP**

BHABESH DAS GUPTA

How civilized is the civilized man of today? How far has the teaching of great religions and social efforts of ages succeeded in sublimating man's instinctive impulses, and making him a different being from his remote fore-father, the caveman?

Indeed, we do not approve jungle law, now do we subscribe to the view that might is right. Nevertheless, in times of stress and conflict, we find it convenient to overlook the accepted moral standards, and find some way of rationalizing our anti-social conduct.

Social scientists hold that where people are crowded together in a small confine, conflict is bound to erupt, even from insignificant causes. Yet, is it not under such circumstances that patience and self-restraint are most needed?

Instincts of self-preservation, self-perpetuation (sex-impulse) and the desire to dominate over others, latterly termed "Will to power" are as strong in human nature today, as they were in the primitive man, only their forms of expression in our socially oriented, restricted set up are varied.

The rise to power in Commerce, Industry and Politics is a ruthless game, and is often achieved at the cost of less astute people who happen to be in the way of the man bent on achieving success.

While all the means employed in this drive for success

may not have legal or moral sanction, the "hero" does not fail to attract admiration.

In times of famine or food shortage, it is fair game for the less crafty man to deprive the wealthy to obtain what they want on black market, often to the detriment of social well being. The two World Wars have shown black-marketing thrives in times of scarcity, even in most patriotic societies, and despite stringent laws.

All the great religions have stressed the sanctity of human life, yet through the ages unrestricted killing and wholesale slaughter have been resorted to in the name of religion. That often politics makes religion its hand-maiden, remains discreetly veiled.

So, where are we? Are we very far from the caveman, the archetype of human race? The only difference is that the caveman had no feeling of guilt in following the dictates of his instinct, while we are burdened with the consciousness of our guilt, and try to gloss over our actions with noble motives.

The growth of industry at the cost of craftsmen is termed progress, the ruin of the small trader for the rise of "big business" is termed national prosperity, and the annihilation of political opponents is dismissed with the dubious excuse of security of state. The disruption of the "native's" way of life, his moral code and ethical value is garbed under the cloak of civilizing, and so on, ad infinitum, in every walk of life and human activity.

**IS IT REALLY VALID**

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Is abortion the taking of life?

Tommy Douglas, MP, has circulated a questionnaire this week and one of his questions is "Do you agree that a woman should be allowed an abortion if her doctor believes that it is necessary in the interests of her physical and mental health?"

The question is interesting. It brushes off any nonsense about whether abortion is, in fact, the taking of life. It passes the question from the abstract to the Aesculapius.

If Mr. Douglas is right and that there is no question attached of pre-natal life, then who could argue?

And he couldn't afford to be wrong. As a politician it would be embarrassing and as a minister of the cloth it would be incompatible.

I enjoyed reading the questionnaire, but I didn't enjoy the questionnaire. The major part is too closely linked with the money in my pocket. There must be problems more urgent than those.

But I don't like being asked to decide whether the "soft" drugs should be made generally available to the public. I have a number of prejudices on the subject, but I don't really know the first thing about them.

Nobody does. We read a little and we figure out a lot, but this is not getting wise; it's just getting bored.

Because we don't know, we get scared. So we all tell our man in Ottawa that we want to keep the thing tightly sewn up and be damned to the problems of those who go to gaol for these things. If we're right then that's the only answer. But he sits in Ottawa with all the official information on drugs. He knows whether they are worse, as bad or better than they are reputed to be. We don't know.

Or we figure, because lots of information has been published explaining they're harmless, Ottawa should lay off and let them loose. Maybe we're wrong and we're heading into troubles. We don't know; only Tommy Douglas knows.

So the only answer he's going to get is based on emotion with a minimum of information. Is that the way to govern the country?

I like the idea of politicians circulating information and seeking opinions. The questionnaire leaves too much to the emotions and the greed of his electorate.

On reading it through, it makes for good reading, but it is not really very valid.

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*May every port of call in the New Year hold wonderful things for everyone...*

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CHRISTMAS THEME IS FOUND IN ANCIENT TAPESTRY FROM FRANCE



(Above) THE ADORATION OF THE MAGI — French tapestry of the late 15th Century. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Lillian Stokes Gillespie Collection.

TEACHERS FOR NEW COURSES ON ISLAND

In co-operation with the Gulf Islands School Board, Victoria's Camosun College plans to offer a credit course at the first-year university level for Salt Spring Island residents.

Possible range of study being considered for the first course would include introductory psychology, Canadian history, European history or English literature.

The actual course selection will, however, depend upon public response and preference. The class will be held at the Gulf Islands Secondary school, two evenings per week, for approximately 11 weeks.

Tentative plans are for classes to begin late in January and run until April. The course will be open to adults or to teenagers, 16 years of age or over.

It will be a regular college course, taught by qualified faculty, and bearing full credit toward a college diploma or transfer toward a university degree. Persons wishing to audit the course, to attend on a non-credit basis without assignment or exams, are welcome.

The cost, whether taking the course for credit or auditing, will be the regular non-resident fee of \$15 per credit or \$45 for the three-credit course. There is an initial application fee of \$10 which entitles the student to take further Camosun College courses either on or off campus.

This is an opportunity to earn college credit towards a diploma without leaving home or to expand one's own knowledge and areas of interest for personal reasons.



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If the response to this initial course is favorable, Camosun College plans to offer additional courses, academic or vocational, in subsequent semesters.

Any reader who has a specific course he would like to see offered, or who has questions or suggestions, may call Olive Layard, 537-5455 or Pat Floyd, Director of Liberal Arts, Camosun College, Box 490, Victoria.

this wonderful season be yours, and may the new year bring you every happiness.  
Mary Backlund,  
Galiano correspondent.

CHRISTMAS AND THANKS TO ALL

BY MARY BACKLUND

As this year of 1972 draws to a close, I look back on one of the busiest times of my life.

The whole year seemed to just fly, and now it is time to say a hearty thank you to some of the special ones.

First, thank you to my Editor and his wife, for their help and encouragement all of the time.

To the members of the R.C. M.P., for keeping our corner of the world a safer and better

place to live, and to our doctors, and the staff at our own Lady Minto Hospital, for making us better when we get sick.

To our roads crews and B.C. Hydro, and B.C. Tel, all who go out to work, and keep our important services in good operation. To our ferry captains and crews, they have had quite a busy time all through the year, but continue to give us excellent service. Out special thanks to Bob, Mike, John and Jack on our smaller charter boats. Thanks to the mailmen, too.

And the most important of all, our friends. They are always there when we need them, to assist us in our daily chores, and help in so many ways, never for any thought of recognition, but just because they are friends. Without them we could not live, this I am very sure of.

To our readers, whose help, support, and sometimes criticism we need, and appreciate.

To each and every one, I say, may all the blessings of

CAROL SERVICE AT ST. GEORGE'S

A most joyful and heart-warming event took place on Sunday evening, Dec. 17, in St. George's Anglican Church, at Ganges, when about 150 people, young and old, gathered together to sing Christmas Carols.

The singing was led by a combined choir of the Anglican and United churches.

The choir sang several lesser known carols and were joined by the congregation in many old familiar and well loved Christmas hymns. The choir was directed by Philip Sawford and the organist was Norman Hind-Smith.

The Lessons were read by a student, Peter Layard; a member of the United Church, Connie Arnell; a bank clerk, Lois Phillips; a church warden, Harry Newman; a member of a church Guild, Dorothy Crofton; a member of the A.C.W., Laura Bannister and finally by the Rector, Rev. Peter McCalman. Many teenagers and young children joined in this happy event.

STAFF WANTED

Camosun College invites applications from qualified persons for part-time positions on Salt Spring Island for the months of January - April in the following areas: English, Canadian History, Modern World History, Human Geography and Psychology. A master's degree is usually required.

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**Ancient Ceremony For New Rector**

St. George's Anglican Church at Ganges, was the scene of an old and impressive service on Friday evening, Dec. 15 when the Rev. Peter McCalman was instituted and inducted as Anglican Parish Priest of Salt Spring Island by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Roy Gartrell.

Taking part in the service were the clergy of the Cowichan Deanery, of which Salt Spring Island Parish is a part, Archdeacon Flagg, of Nanaimo

preached the sermon. Following the Induction the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Bishop.

The Induction Service as performed at St. George's was a modern version of an old ceremony.

The service began in the Sanctuary, where the priest's principal duties will take place. Then, led by church wardens, it proceeded to the font, where the appropriate scriptures in regard to baptism were read by the Bishop.

During the course of the service Mr. McCalman was led to different parts of the church where he will carry out his various duties, including administration of the Holy Sacraments at the altar and the preaching of the Holy Word from the pulpit.

He was presented with the

keys of the church by the Church Wardens and, in making his vows, he was joined by the whole congregation, who were charged with the responsibility of supporting him in carrying out his vows, with God's help.

The service was very well attended by members of the congregation and members of other denominations. Young members of the Explorers and children of the junior choir of St. Mary's, Fulford, assisted the choir in the musical part of the service.

Archdeacon Flagg recalled that he had known Mr. McCalman before his ordination and said what a happy occasion it was for him to take part in the service of induction for his old friend.

After the service there was a fellowship hour in the Parish Hall.

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**PIRATES KEEP BOYS ON TOES**



One of the pirates from the Christmas Ship is looking for boys, and girls, keeping them busy while they wait for Santa.

**AN ISLAND CHRISTMAS CAROL**

The way down to Fulford's a track through the brush - Impatient horses stamp new snow to slush.  
Down at the harbour, a-glitter with light,  
Only one tiny cabin this calm Christmas night.  
A few Cowichans there to join revelry -  
Christmas in Ganges, eighteen sixty-three...

The way down to Fulford's a highway today -  
The Santa Claus ship will soon be in the bay.  
The children will sing - cash registers ring -  
And hope for the good things that money can bring.  
"A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you!"  
Christmas in Ganges, nineteen seven-two...

The way down to Fulford's a memory now -  
Concrete abutments where men used to plow.  
A computer directs how the traffic will flow  
Across the great bridges as men homeward go,  
To the High Rises' tall, a-glitter with light -  
Christmas in Ganges, "First Exit on Right."  
- S. S. Millen.

**WHAT LIFE WAS MEANT TO BE**

BY FRED ANDERSON  
(United Church Manse, Ganges)

Christmas, for many people, is a distressing and unhappy time of the year. And this is so in spite of its being a season of good will and generosity and joy. Or perhaps because of it. While most of us manage to maintain a pretty cheerful front deep down inside we live with feelings of pressure and guilt.

Christmas is a busy time. We feel the pressure of so much to do. And we feel guilt about the things that don't get done.

Christmas is a time of giving and receiving. We feel the pressure to give beyond our means. And we feel guilt because we'd really like to do more.

Christmas is a religious time. We feel the pressure to share in religious experiences. And we feel guilt because the imagery of stars and angels and shepherds all seems so meaningless and irrelevant.

Pressure and guilt. If only someone would lift this burden and give us a glimpse of what life was meant to be! Ironically, that's what Christmas is all about.

**JOY BELLS**

The Christmas season's hoverin' It's due 'most any day  
The snow the ground is coverin' -

So Santa won't delay.  
We have a Christmas tree pick- ed out -

A trim, yet bushy fir.  
The fragrance of its branches stout

Is just as sweet as myrrh!  
We'll hang our star on the high est tip

We'll handle it with care -  
On the tree, bright bells we'll slip

\*Twill seem a lot more fair.  
And when our tree is glistenin' With trim of every hue -  
For joy-bells, we'll be listen- in' -

I think they'll ring, don't you?  
-Celia V. Reynolds.

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11 YEARS TO ISLANDS

# Santa Claus Is Second Generation

His name is Tripo Costello, but his fans call him Santa Claus.

For the 11th time in 11 years, he was seated in state in Santa's chair in Mahon Hall on Saturday night. Tripo Claus is the man from Bellingham who entertains the children every year.

And he is good. Not only good because he can talk to the young children and offer them hope for Christmas, but because he talks to them like their uncle here for Christmas.

But he's done that every year for 11 years so what's new?

It's this. When Santa Claus came round the islands on Saturday and Sunday he was talking to youngsters of every age. Some of the youngsters are the children of those youngsters he greeted 11 years ago. Tripo is a second-generation Santa Claus.

He's part of the crew of the Christmas Ship, but a very important part. The Christmas Ship, decorated, staffed and victualled in Bellingham by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, came through the American San Juan Islands to the Canadian Gulf Islands to bring presents and amusement to children of all ages.

During the day the ship could be seen approaching each port, with its bright lights and Christmas music drifting over the water. At night the music and bright lights identified it.

Accompanying Santa Claus are his boisterous pirates. The pirates roar around the scene keeping the youngsters occupied while they queue up to meet Santa.

Every confiding child received a gift and a bag of candy.

## Engineers Appointed By Board

Ker, Priestman, Kennan and Associates Ltd. have been appointed by the Capital Regional Board to carry out the sewer survey in Ganges.

The engineering firm was responsible for earlier feasibility studies.

The Regional board will pay the costs of the survey and these will be added to the cost of installation if the project ultimately goes through.

The engineers are expected to advertise early in the new year for a permit to discharge sewage into Ganges Harbour. A spokesman for the company explained that there is a delay of about four months in the handling of such applications and an early publication results in an earlier processing of the application.

The application comes before a public hearing and then must meet with the approval of the Pollution Control Board. Approval of the Pollution Control Board does not give the green light to the sewer project. It has to be presented to the ratepayers in the form of a referendum before it can proceed.

The famous Klondike Valley scene of the most spectacular gold rush in the world, was originally pronounced "Thronduik" by the Yukon Indians. It meant "Hammer-Water" because native fishermen hammered stakes into the Klondike River, near the present city of Dawson to catch salmon as they made their way up stream to spawn.



This Santa is a great guy when you get to talk with him.

Christmas Ship was at Sidney before coming across the water to Ganges. Running within half an hour of so of schedule she arrived at Ganges around 7 pm.

Santa Claus and the pirates were taken off and driven to Mahon Hall, while the ship tied up for the night.

The crew were entertained by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce during the evening.

Chamber committee was headed by John McManus, who was responsible for arrangements at Mahon Hall, where children filed through to greet Santa, one at a time.

On Sunday morning at eight o'clock, the Christmas Ship sailed for Galiano to greet island children for 50 minutes.

Each island had a scheduled time for Santa Claus. Where an exceptional number of children showed up the ship would be delayed. This variation accounts for the lateness of the ship at some points. Santa will hurry through the lists if time is lagging, but no child is turned away for the sake of haste.

On Sunday morning the ship called at Mayne, North Pender and Saturna before leaving the Gulf group and setting out for the United States islands again.

It's a familiar story. For 22 years the Christmas Ship has sailed through the islands on an international voyage of good will. And for 11 years Santa has been Tripo Costello,

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# VALDY - MUSICIAN

BY LILLIAN HORSDAL

It isn't too often one has a chance to write about one's own son but here we go.

Today, in a letter from Valdy's father, Paul Horsdal, I learned that beside his award for Best Song of the Year, which he won with the title song of his album, Country Man, he has won another.

Valdy was chosen Song Writer of the Year in Canada.

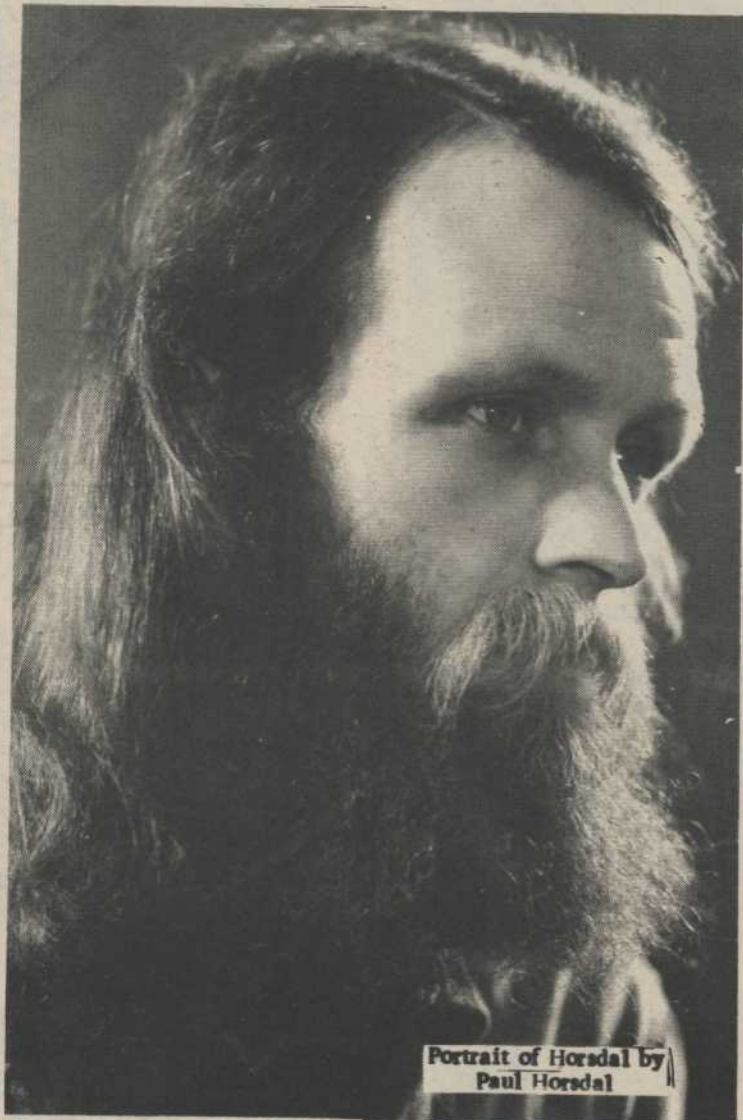
In another letter from a friend I was told that in Lethbridge he was given a standing ovation. He deserves to do well. He has worked hard and long.

In 1965 Valdy came out here to Salt Spring and worked at just anything he could find. Victoria offered more opportunities but he has always enjoyed this island.

A clerk in a record shop in that city, where I finally was able to buy one of Valdy's albums, said, "It's always good to know a local boy has come into his own." When I told Valdy about this he just shrugged and said, "What difference does the name of the town make?"

On his last tour of six weeks from Vancouver to Ottawa with shows in between, he saw many old friends and quite enjoyed the tour, "But it is always good to come home."

Keith Lawrence of Haida records is Valdy's agent. Something else I learned through the son of a friend is that Valdy is writing songs for a TV



Portrait of Horsdal by Paul Horsdal

show. Which one? I don't know.

But most important of all is that he is happy. Because of

the life style he has chosen I think he will continue to be happy. This, at any rate, is a mother's wish.

## THE BEAN KING

In parts of France, Spain, and Mexico they still eat a special 12th Night cake, in which a single bean has been concealed. The finder of the bean is hailed as Bean King — a survival of an ancient pagan custom which chose the King of the Saturnalia by lot in this way.

## HE WAS BEAUTIFUL AT HIS WEDDING

The groom was beautiful in a black suit of wool with matching lapels pressed down sharply against the chest. Peering out of the left breast pocket were four tips of a cleverly folded white linen handkerchief. On the left lapel, quaintly held by placing the stem through an unused button-hole and securing it with a small silver hat pin, was a white carnation.

The groom's shirt of white nylon, severely plain, was held together at the front by little buttons of plastic. Around his neck and under the collar was a tie of black jersey, knotted carefully in a decorative style and held to the shirt front with a clamping device of gold-plated brass. The cuffs of the shirt sleeves were closed with links of the same plated material. On his left wrist he wore a mercury battery powered watch, a wedding gift from his father.

His trousers, of a simple pleated design, matched the coat and were supported by a belt of black goat-skin. His shoes, of black hide, covered socks of some dark material, and were held to his feet with nylon laces cunningly fastened with a bow. He wore no hat and his hair was combed back and then forward from the forehead in a slight wave with no visible means holding it in position.

The bride wore the customary white.

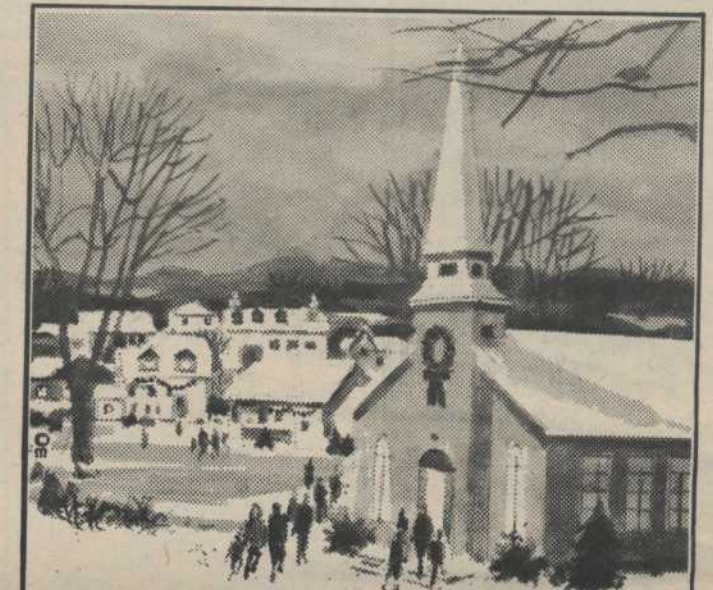
- Anon.

## BACK HOME FROM ENGLAND

Mrs. F.E. Edgell, North End Road, has recently returned home after spending seven weeks in England visiting friends and relatives.

Valdy has been entertaining Salt Spring Island audiences for several years. He is always popular here and he has been the sole attraction at some presentations. His recent successes are presented by his mother, Lillian Horsdal, while his father, Paul, provides the picture.

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# Gulf Islands Driftwood

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## ISLAND BLOOD DONORS

There were 135 candidates for the blood donor clinic in Ganges last Thursday. Of this total, 114 were accepted. The remaining 21 who volunteered were turned down for various health reasons.

Thirty-five of the volunteers were students from Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Target set by Salt Spring Island Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion was 175. Minimum quantity sought was 125 pints. The Legion sponsors the Red Cross Blood Clinic regularly.

Clinic will open in Ganges again in May next year.

## GANGES COURT ROOM GUTTED BY FIRE



Interior of the Court Room after Saturday morning's fire had destroyed panelling and fittings.

Court Room at Ganges was gutted by fire on Saturday.

Interior of the magnificently panelled court room was completely destroyed. The seating and drapes were destroyed as well as the wall panelling and ceiling.

Fire was contained within the near-air-tight room and volunteer firemen were on the scene before it could spread to the rest of the Court House building.

Fire was attributed to electrical failure.

Alarm was turned in at 7.30 on Saturday morning.

Remainder of the building was still rank with smoke fumes on Monday, when the staff returned to work. Smoke damage was extensive in the Judge's Chamber and the witnesses' room.

Court Room was finished in wood panelling, with heavy carpets and drapes.

Fire marshal's office was carrying out enquiries this week to confirm the cause, and the origin of the fire.

### NOMINATION PROTESTED

#### RICHARDS SHOULD NOT SERVE

Charge that Frank Richards should not be permitted to serve as a director of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce was raised on Thursday evening by Mrs. Phil Valcourt.

When Richards was nominated as a director of the chamber, Mrs. Valcourt asked why he was nominated when he had admitted finding a "conflict of interest".

Chairman during the election was Hank Schubart. He

ruled the question out of order. "The propriety of Richards' running for office is a matter for the nomination committee who nominated him," said the chairman.

Mrs. Valcourt had the privilege of naming an alternative and voting against Richards' election, explained Mr. Schubart.

The protester took neither course of action.

## Two Major Planning Topics

Developing Community legislation and refuse disposal will be considered by Salt Spring Island planners in January.

Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association will hold the regular monthly meeting on January 8 at 8 p.m. in Room 6 of the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

This meeting is to be the last before the election of officers takes place in February.

It is proposed to discuss at length the concept of declaring Salt Spring Island a Developing Community at the January meeting and to re-introduce this topic at the annual meeting in February to see if the residents of Salt Spring Island will accept the provisions of a developing community for this region.

Also on the January agenda they will look at the problems of refuse disposal on Salt Spring Island and the role of the Regional District in this area.

Interested citizens who would like to see the Planning Association in action should attend the January meeting and

participate in the elections to be held in February.

## EMPLOYEES SETTLE FOR 8.9% HIKE

New contract has been agreed with the non-teaching school staff of Gulf Islands School District, reported Trustee Charles Baltzer on Monday. Wage increases of 8.9% this

year and 7.5% next year are the basis of the agreement. Employees are represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

### TRUSTEES DO NOT AGREE

## School Buses Under Fire

School buses on Salt Spring Island failed to negotiate part of Beaver Point Road during the recent snow.

On Monday trustees of Gulf Islands School District heard a letter from James B. Stewart, Beaver Point Road, criticizing the inadequacy of vehicles.

He suggested that before another winter comes, the board should make a change in its equipment and provide buses which are capable of making their ordinary runs in all weathers.

Bob Marshall, chairman of the transportation committee, did not agree with him.

"If the bus driver says it is not safe to go up a specific hill," said Mr. Marshall, "we must accept that it is not safe. These gentlemen have done an excellent job and we should not be swayed by this letter."

Board will write to Mr. Stewart telling him the drivers have done an excellent job.

Mr. Marshall extended his congratulations to the department of highways who have co-operated with school bus drivers to the utmost.

### GOVERNMENT CRITICAL

## End Of Garbage Service?

There will be no further garbage collection service on Salt Spring Island after January 10, unless the Pollution Control Branch can be persuaded to delay condemnation of the garbage dump.

Requirements of the Pollution Control Branch of the provincial government have priced him out of business, reported Wally Twa, of the Salt Spring Garbage Service on Thursday.

Mr. Twa presented the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce with a notice he had received from the Pollution Control Branch requiring new equipment and additional services.

Unless the garbage dump on Salt Spring Island is operated as a "Level B" operation it will close down on January 10.

Penalty for failure to do so, stated Mr. Twa, is \$1,000 a day.

He estimated the cost of equipment required to fulfill

the requirements would be in the vicinity of \$20,000. In addition, he would require a full-time man on duty at the dump at all times it was open and the area must be fenced.

These costs are beyond him, he explained.

The dump is located on his own property on Balckburn Lake Road.

Bulldozer is required, he told the meeting, to compact the garbage in layers and to apply a cover of soil of six inches after each layer, with a three-foot fill when the depth

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## NOVEMBER DRY AND MORE SUN

November was notably dry this year, reports Dominion Weather Observer H. J. Carlin at Ganges. It was also characterized by exceptional sunshine.

There were 14 days of rain, instead of the average of approximately 21 days.

Maximum was 57 deg. and the mercury went down to 32. Maximum mean was 49.2 and minimum mean, 38.3 deg.

Precipitation amounted to 2.3 ins.

Figures for November of other years are shown here:

1971, high, 52 deg. low, 31 deg. precipitation, 5.38 ins.

1970, high, 66; low, 24; precipitation, 5.71 ins.

1969, high, 55; low, 30; precipitation, 1.95 ins.

## Sewer System Will Not Be Taken Over

Capital Regional District will not take over the sanitary sewage systems of Magic Lake Estates on North Pender Island.

At the last meeting of the board it was agreed to adopt the report of the director of engineering which urged that the system not be taken over but that support be given to any application by Magic Lake Estates to form an improvement district.

The regional district is authorized to take over any sewer system by Part XVI of the Municipal Act, reported Engineer Bill Gerry, if it is not located within a municipality.

Both the Pollution Control Board and the department of municipal affairs have supported the adoption of Magic Lakes system by the board, said Mr. Gerry in his report. This would ensure that a responsible and permanent public body would be committed to operating and maintaining the sewage disposal facilities in a clean and efficient condition.

If the district were to take

over this system, warned the engineer, it would be under strong pressure to take over any existent plant in the district, some of which might be of a sub-standard construction and therefore expensive to maintain.

Request to have the regional district take over the system was made by Magic Lake Estates in July. It was held up while the executive director and district solicitor reviewed the proposal and an on-site inspection of the system was carried out by the engineering department.

The site visit, reported Mr. Gerry, confirmed that the system had been poorly constructed. A list of deficiencies covered three typewritten pages, the board was told.

The developers have not installed the systems properly, reported the engineer nor do they seem to be very serious about making the systems fully operational.

In October the estate company wrote to the board asking for the attitude of the board towards the formation of a sewerage improvement district.

The board agreed with the engineer that such a plan should be supported.

### HEAVY RAINS WRECK CULVERTS

Torrential rains on Monday night brought a freshet down Ganges Hill.

On Tuesday highway crews were busy replacing culverts washed out by the storm.

## RECORDS BROKEN DEC. 3

On December 3, Ganges records for cold were all broken. With a fall of two inches of snow, the mercury fell to 20

deg., with a high of 29.

Figures were recorded by Dominion Weather Observer H. J. Carlin, at Ganges Hill.

## CUBS WILL BE THERE JANUARY 6

Cubs will be right there with the bottles.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, Salt Spring Island Cubs will be driven around the island to collect the unwanted pop and beer bottles left over from the festive season.

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## FIVE HAMPERS MARK FIVE YEARS HERE



Harbour Grocery Store celebrated five years of service at Ganges last week.

Five grocery hampers, (one for each year of business), were drawn by raffle on Sunday night by two pretty young Salt Spring ladies, Glenda and Barbara Woodley. Though they

failed to draw their own mother's name, they were successful in drawing five winners.

Winners of \$10 hampers of groceries were Bill Hague, Mrs. Charlotte Keeping, L. J. Kreissl, Dennis Andrews and Mrs. Ed Marcotte.

## ONE-DAY CLOSING IS APPROVED BY SCHOOL TRUSTEES

One-day closing of Salt Spring Island elementary school was approved by Gulf Islands School board on Monday.

Elementary school will be closed all day, Wednesday, Jan. 10, for parent-teacher conferences.

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## TRUSTEES SUPPORT PLEA

# Move Elections To November

Plea for annual elections in November has been made by Gulf Islands school board.

On Monday the trustees approved a resolution from Mrs. Bertha Matthews pressing the British Columbia School Trustees Association to ask the minister of municipal affairs to change the annual elections to November.

Weather in December is usually of a nature to discourage voters from attending the polls, explained Mrs. Matthews. A November election would bring more people out to vote and would have no effect on the

term to be served.

Representatives of the community would then be elected to office in November and still take their seats in January.

Trustees supported the proposal unanimously.

## MINOR ACCIDENT

Minor automobile accident occurred on Galiano Island on December 12.

Cars driven by Mike Lane and W. H. Burton, both of Galiano, were in collision. There was no injury.



Best Wishes

this Christmas

May the season be abloom with peace and love for

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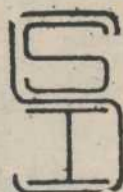
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**to be frank**



By Richards

Bill Sampson had no camera when he watched Santa Claus slamming in the goals on the ice at Vesuvius Bay Road. Two small boys were playing hockey when the pond was frozen. One player was clad in a complete Santa Claus suit and skating around as if he had all the reindeer after him.

"There's the Christmas Ship," said Tom Toynebee and I followed his hand. Five minutes later I learned I was looking at the Christmas decorations around Art Dawe's house.

I shot more than 20 first-class pictures on Friday. Only trouble was that I'd forgotten to load the camera. Worse: I had to admit it!

When Mike Alexander came to grief in a soccer game his teeth suffered as well as Mike. But there's a snide rumour around that it wasn't soccer at all. The rumour has it that Mike stepped off a bus in the big city of Victoria and got tied up with a dog leash, in between the dog and the owner and that while the dog stood firm and showed his teeth, Mike fell down and lost his. Only the owner of the teeth really knows.

Hank Schubart entertained a number of musicians when a concert was offered in his Scott Road home recently by Gulf Islands Community Arts Council. Chatting with the group, he recalled the dark days when music was a near-impossible means of making a living. He remarked on his earlier association with Diamond when that New York musician was hard-pressed to find additional employment to stay alive. After the concert a number of the visitors were shown around the island. Going over the Simpson property on the Fulford-Ganges Road, they found a number of old papers and magazines. Idly, Hank lifted a 1940 copy of PM. First story he found related the problems of Bar-tender Diamond. The story carried a by-line. The writer was Hank Schubart's brother.

Comment from Goody: daily newspaper advertising "cuddly St. Bernard dogs". How cuddly can a giant hound get? asks Goody.

Friend of mine is dynamite on telephones. When his young family commenced answering the phone, he would demand that they announce who they were, clearly and concisely, just as they did in the Navy. As the family grew, so their telephone manner declined until they reached the point of grunting a muted "Hullo!" and then waited. Papa had occasion to call his home from the office. When he heard his daughter's almost inaudible grunt, he blew his top. "Haven't I told you for years to answer the blasted phone properly?" he stormed. "Indeed, you have not?" replied the indignant wrong number.

Gordon Cudmore's airstrip at Fulford has not been prominent in the news lately. On Thursday he was thumbing through his visitors' book in which most arrivals are listed. Interesting feature of the book is the number of island visitors who have been using the airstrip to call on their families and friends. Among the airborne visitors have been Bill Lamport, visiting Lloyd Kinney, from Williams Lake. He flies a Cessna 180. C. E. Hughes, from Vancouver, has flown in several times to call on his brother, Roger Hughes, who lives next door to the airstrip. Pat Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McConnell flies in frequently from her home in Powell River. She usually comes in aboard a flying club-owned Cessna 150.

Marshall Sharp can't get the swans out of his system. He has made up his own Christmas card featuring the long, long neck of the trumpeter swan in Ganges Harbour. Swan is a rarity here, but there are enough pictures of it now to perpetuate its memory for decades.

There has been a lot written about the air crash in the North West Territories when one man out of four survived the disaster and the sub-zero cold of the arctic gales.

It brings to mind other crashes and other incidents. Not the same kind of crash, but another loss and another search.

There was a plane crash in the coastal range and aircraft

from all parts of the coast were taking part in the search. Not unlike other crashes, the searchers did not honestly expect to find any survivor.

I was a guest at a coastal air base at that time. At the bar a fellow declined a drink, explaining he was back on search in the early hours. He wasn't exactly happy about it. He didn't fight the search, that was part of the job. But he did protest the circumstances which led up to it.

Any Canadian can have a licence, he ruminated, as long as he can get off the ground, stay in the air and get back on the ground. The licence that permits him to fly from town to town across the prairies entitles him to fly over mountains, where no train keeps on a straight track. He can then fly over the water, where there isn't even a fish to take his bearings.

Then a pilot crashes because he has flown out of his depth, complained the service pilot, and every plane in the area is thrown into the search.

As a result, machines which were designed for almost any purpose except browsing over the mountains are sent into conditions for which they are totally unsuited and in which the hazard is at its highest. The expensive machine and

the lives of its crew are hazarded because someone was told he could fly when he couldn't navigate, concluded the saddened searcher.

He wasn't fearful. He was indignant.

Can't say I care for the ten-

or of Paul Layard's vaunted books. Sounded a bit scurrilous to me.

I didn't utter say anything, but Nonie Guthrie asserts that the otters are back in Booth Canal. They probably figure (Turn to Page Twenty-One)



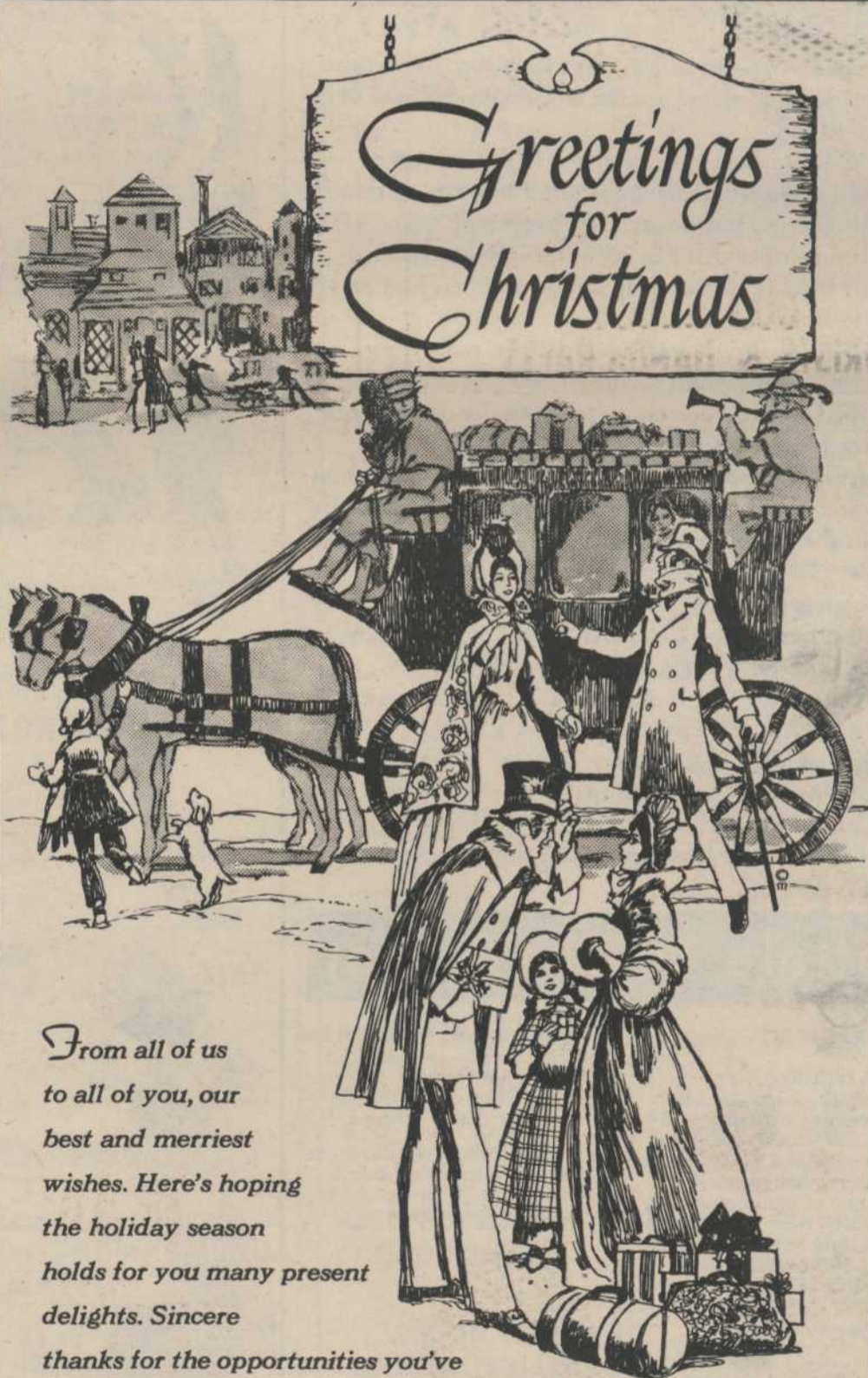
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AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## CHRISTMAS IS MORE

Christmas is a season of peace and goodwill, but it's sometimes a sentiment from the bottom of the heart and sometimes from the bottom of the bottle - with glowing words and warmth of wine.

Many of the givers of gifts rather like giving. Many of the receivers of gifts would rather be at that end of the line. It's all exciting and significant and savours of our earliest traditions. But it never has been peaceful or characterized by goodwill.

If there's anyone around hungry he'll be fixed up and nobody in the community need be without food at Christmas. Mostly because it's too close to the doorstep. But peace and goodwill and fellow-feeling only go so far...

Except for one islander, who is in many ways the very spirit of Christmas. He is George Pearson at Pender Island.

For George Pearson Christmas is the season of goodwill. He finds peace of mind in helping others, even though he has never seen them and never will. The picture of a child in some far-off land being without food is sufficiently strong to press him on to do something about it.

On Pender Island he raises his tree with lights and marks the gifts he collects for CARE. He doesn't work for George Pearson. He works for the people in other lands who need help.

And while most of us will drink a little more than usual and eat a little more than usual and will enjoy the tinsel and glow of a 20th century Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson will be doing something about their concern for the less fortunate in far-off places.

That is peace and goodwill. That is Christmas.

King George V once said in one of his last Christmas messages, learn to distinguish between sentiment and sentimentality.

Perhaps we have all learned. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson have heeded the warning. They follow their interpretation of a strong Christmas sentiment.

Puts the ordinary sentimentality of the season to shame!

## Letters To The Editor

### BLOOD CLINIC

Editor, Driftwood,  
On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross and Salt Spring Island Branch No. 92, the Royal Canadian Legion, I would like to thank the 135 ladies and gentlemen of our community, who offered their blood at the Blood Clinic held in the Legion Hall on December 14. Thirty-five of this group were students of the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

A total of 114 donors was accepted. The 21 who were not accepted were registered for future clinics.

I would also like to thank the local service clubs, businesses and the many individuals who help publicize this clinic. My thanks to you, Mr. Editor, for your assistance in bringing this clinic to the attention of the community.

The next clinic is planned for May, 1973, and it is hoped

that at that one, the ladies and gentlemen who so cheerfully offered their blood on December 14 will be joined by the many who missed this one.

Peter R. Bingham, Chairman  
Blood Clinic Committee,  
Salt Spring Island Branch 92,  
Royal Canadian Legion,  
Ganges,  
December 17, 1972.

### LIBRARY HOURS CHANGED DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Salt Spring Library at Ganges will be closed for the holidays on Saturday, Dec. 23 until it opens again on Wednesday, Dec. 27. There will be no service Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

It will also close its doors on Saturday, Dec. 30 and Monday Jan. 1.

## LEAVES SCHOOL OFFICE AFTER 15 YEARS



After 15 years with the Gulf Islands School District, of which 12 have been spent as secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J.R. Sturdy retires at the end of December.

On Monday afternoon a presentation was made to Mrs. Sturdy by the chairman, Mrs. Ione Guthrie.

Speaking on behalf of the trustees, Mrs. Guthrie explained that they knew that Mrs. Sturdy had her favorite church and her favorite painter. The presentation was a painting of St. Mark's Church at Central by Caroline Hamilton.

The board owes Mrs. Sturdy a warm debt of thanks for looking after the affairs of the school district as she has, said Mrs. Guthrie.

Mrs. Sturdy is seen in the picture taking the gift from Mrs. Guthrie during the afternoon board meeting.



## Church Services

### ANGLICAN

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Communion	7:00 pm
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	9:00 pm
St. Mark's	Central	Holy Communion	11:00 pm

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Communion	9:30 am
St. Mark's	Central	" "	11:00 am

Sunday, Dec. 31

St. George's	Ganges	Parish Communion	11:00 am
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Sunday, Jan. 7

St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Communion	9:00 am
St. Mark's	Central	" "	11:00 am

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

Sunday, Dec. 24

" "	Our Lady of Grace, Ganges	Holy Mass	9:00 am
" "	St. Paul's Fulford	" "	11:00 am
" "	Our Lady of Grace, Ganges	Confessions	10:00 pm
" "	" "	Midnight Mass	12 pm

Monday, Dec. 25

" "	Our Lady of Grace, Ganges	Holy Mass	9:00 am
" "	St. Paul's Fulford	" "	11:00 am

Sunday, Dec. 31

St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9:00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	" "	11:00 am

Sunday, January 7

St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9:00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	" "	11:00 am

### UNITED CHURCH

December 23	Ganges	Christmas Communion	7:00 pm
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December 24	Burgoyne Bay	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Ganges	Family Worship	11:00 am

December 31	Ganges	Worship Service	11:00 am
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January 7	Ganges	Worship Service	11:00 am
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### COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH

Dec. 24	Open session and Worship	10:30 am
Dec. 31	" "	10:30 am

No evening service either Sunday

TO BE FRANK

(From Page Nineteen)

it's as near to Ottawa as they will ever get!

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When Bill Evans gave away a pup, this is the report he got on the pup's progress: Little mounds upon the carpet, Little puddles on the floor And it seems each time I clean up,

There's still a hundred more! I have tried to train my puppy To go outside and do his bit, But every time I look around He's had another sit. I wouldn't mind the bathroom, The kitchen or the hall, But where he picks to do it is none of those at all! He always picks the bedroom: To keep him out I've tried And to make the matter so much worse... It's always on MY side!

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Salt Spring Rotarian has lost his keys. Charter president of the island service club has found them. Bunch of keys bearing a Rotary medallion are awaiting the owner's collection in Harbour Grocery. They were found two weeks ago in Ganges Post Office. I hope this will introduce two members of the same club.

GARBAGE SERVICE THREAT

(From Page Seventeen) of garbage reached eight feet. Only help offered by the Pollution Control Branch was the recommendation that he truck all garbage to Richmond by ferry, he told the chamber.

Members of the chamber expressed deep concern for the loss of a service on the island. The new restrictions will lead to unprecedented wayside dumping of garbage and other abuses, they felt.

After various proposals had been withdrawn it was agreed to appoint a committee to look into the problem and to take whatever action might be indicated.

Committee members are Cliff Hatch, Gunter Burger and Hank Schubart.

The Chamber had earlier this year discussed the threat to garbage collection service and had asked Regional Director Marc Holmes to seek the support of the regional board in delaying the new regulations until the regional study of garbage disposal has been completed. It is scheduled for April of next year.

Mr. Twa was not optimistic of gaining relief by writing to the author of his warning letter, P. F. Scott.

Mr. Scott is paid to apply the regulations, he warned the

Chamber, and not to phrase them.

The proprietor of the service asked that any action be directed to the minister and not to a staff member.

"If they shut him down here, do they give any suggestion as to what we can do about garbage?" asked Mr. Schubart.

Only suggestion came from Mr. Twa.

The cost of garbage collection should be levied against taxes, he told the meeting, and then the contract should be let to the lowest bidder.

If it were a community charge the costs of establishing a suitable dump would be

FUNERAL FOR H. C. CARTER AT ST. MARY'S

Former Salt Spring Islander H.C. Carter died last week in Edmonton. Funeral services will be on Salt Spring Island.

At 2pm on Thursday, Dec. 21, services will be held in St. Mary's Church at Fulford, with Rev. Peter McCalman officiating.

He was predeceased by his wife 15 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter were at one time engaged to housekeep for the late Henry Bullock.

borne by the community and not the contractor. At the present time it is not clear whether there is any property on the island which is acceptable to the Pollution Control Branch, as a garbage dump.

"I can't guarantee garbage collection after January 10," warned Mr. Twa.

MODERNISE WITH PROPANE

New Year's Eve Dance Fulford Hall MUSIC BY THE RUSTLERS DANCING: 10pm - ? TICKETS: \$10 a couple Tickets at: Ganges Pharmacy Patterson's Store MIDNIGHT SUPPER



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Christmas**

We're hoping the holiday brings you  
many joys shared with loved ones.  
It has been a pleasure to serve you.  
FROM ALL THE STAFF AT  
**K & R** YOUR FOOD STORE

Merry  
Christmas

to all  
our friends  
and  
particularly

to the hundreds of people  
on and off Salt Spring Island  
who have offered their  
encouragement and support  
for the project at  
Fulford private airstrip.

Gordon Cudmore  
Laura Stephenson

## MAYNE LIONS MARK FIRST YEAR

Glittering happiness was the theme for Mayne Island Lions' first anniversary dinner and dance on Saturday night, Dec. 9.

People crowded into Mayne Inn for one of the most notable evenings the Inn has seen for many a day.

Sixteen people went over from Galliano, most of them charter members from the newly-formed club on the island.

They went on Ron Ree's big ship. The group was met by two big cars, who transported them to Mayne Inn, where they had a special table waiting for the newest Lions group.

They came from Salt Spring Malahat, Saanich, and Washington, all joining in the festivities.

Salt Spring Lions sponsored the Mayne Lions one year ago; since then they have been busy working on many projects for the people. Following the sumptuous meal, expertly served by the busy waitresses, came time for the awards.

President Fred Greenslade said that one of the hardest things he had to do was to help choose the "Lion of the Year". Chosen was Lion Jack Evans. That it was a popular choice was evident by the ovation he got when his name was announced.

Guest speaker was Multiple District Secretary Gordon Smith, who came especially, with his charming wife, for this occasion.

Lion Smith paid high tribute to the work done by Mayne Lions, especially to the work done in forming a new Lions Club during the first year. He said that many clubs go for 10, 15 and even 50 years without forming a new club, and this newest Lions club was formed during the first year of Mayne Lions' operation.

This achievement, plus the fact that there is such a high percentage of members for the population of Mayne is commendable.

Then came the entertainment. It was superb. Lionesses Joyce Mitchell, Doreen Ferguson and Margaret Bennett spent many hours making delightful costumes, and their ingenious craftsmanship was a delight to see.

As the lights dimmed, on waltzed three gorgeous belly dancers, complete with top hats, little bikinis, and jewellery in the right places. When they took their top hats off, they were Bob Sauerberg,

Fred Hanson, and Ron Mitchell.

Then came a fashion show with an unusual twist. All the models were men. They displayed fashions for the coming year, and even the latest, ladies' very brief nightgown. They were the belly dancers, again, and Bill Ferguson.

Star of the show, with hardly anyone knowing who it

was, came a saucy strip tease, "Gypsy Rose Lee", who paraded around the floor and took off several articles, but remained nicely dressed, despite cheers of "Take it off". This tantalising swinger turned out to be none other than Freddie Bennett.

Dancing rounded out the evening, to finish out the first year of Mayne Island Lions.

## On & Off The Island

Mrs. Frank Schwagly has been a patient in Lady Minto Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barnes are flying to New Zealand, Australia and Fiji. They expect to be away three weeks. While in Australia Mrs. Barnes will be visiting friends.

Herb Skuce is making a good recovery, says Mrs. Skuce. She visited him in Nanaimo and he was able to have lunch with her in the cafeteria. He is using a wheel chair and is getting around very well.

Joining them for the Christmas vacation, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jordan, of Maliview Drive at Walker Hook Road, will have their three daughters and three grandchildren; Penny Trott with Kelly, Pandora and Jeremy will travel here from Kenora, Ont.; Gill Holland is from Penticton and April Hoiland from Trent University, Peterborough, Ont.

Other guests are expected from eastern points all adding to St. Nicholas' burden of remembering where his many recipients will be expecting him.

Mrs. Alf Sheffield of Fulford Harbour is reported to be in critical condition in Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. She was transferred to the Victoria hospital after being a patient in Lady Minto.

Miss Mary Harkema is a patient in the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. She has undergone a major spinal operation.

## SATURNA

BY PAPAJOHN

This looks like a grand week ahead. Christmas Ship from Bellingham manned by the Jaycees of that wondrous village, will be in by the time our good wives get back from ye Kirk. Out Christmas Party will be over and our Candle-light Dinner.

There is no one in Lady Minto as yet.

So to make this the shortest column of the year we will close by saying, "A Real Merry Christmas and a Grand New Year to everyone and we mean everyone, whether they like us or not as at this time of year we will try extra hard to live up to this belief."

## PRESENTATION TO PASTOR

(CONTRIBUTED)

On Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Community Gospel Chapel, in Ganges, members, parents and friends joined the Sunday School in singing carols.

The children sang Christmas songs and several played the piano and other musical instruments. A pin could have been heard to drop during the showing of the Christmas film.

In appreciation of their Superintendent, Mrs. Dorothy Kyle, the Sunday School presented her with a poinsettia.

On behalf of those present and other friends, Deacon Reg

Taylor presented a monetary gift to Pastor and Mrs. M. V. Gilpin. It was an expression of the affection and esteem of the congregation, and of regret that they are leaving the island very soon.

The Community Gospel Chapel wishes everyone a Very Happy Christmas.

## WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

BY GRACE A. WRIGHT

I do not go to Church today because  
The Church today's not what it was.  
Any excuse will really suffice -  
The weather's too nasty - or too nice.  
The church is too hot - or else it's too cold.  
The preacher's too young - or maybe too old.  
He talks too long, or he doesn't say much.  
He's looking for ways our pockets to touch.  
I know a person who often goes there,  
And she's no saint, I'm willing to swear.

I'd feel lost if the church moved away -  
It's really MY church, I joined it one day.  
Of course I don't pay when I'm not there,  
And how can I go with no time to spare?  
But when baptisms, burials, weddings I need,  
Don't I turn there with incredible speed?  
Yes, it's my church - long may it live -  
As long as the OTHERS are present and give.

"Illegal removal of trees of any species from Crown land is an offence punishable by fine up to \$500," reports W. C. Phillips, Chief Protection Officer of the British Columbia Forest Service.

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

May the sweet joys  
of Christmas fill the hearts  
of you and yours, now and evermore.

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# THE DEER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**BY  
BEA HAMILTON**

Along the twisting Salt Spring Island roads, over a hill or just around a bend, there is sure to be a real-life story in Nature's wild wood.

It could be an animal or a bird, even an insect, but the story is there, poignant, dramatic, sometimes amusing, and often tragic.

From the Beaver Point district at the southern end of Salt Spring Island in British Columbia, comes the almost unbelievable tale of a family of deer and two human beings who loved animals enough to rescue fawns from starvation and sickness, bring them up on a bottle and wean them onto cut-up fruit and vegetables. And letting them have the run of the house.

Bruce and Gladys Campbell gave up their city life in Vancouver, B. C. for a greater part of the years, to settle in the old farm house on the edge of the woods.

Here they opened their doors to lost deer, and when the animals were well and strong, gave them the freedom of the woods, to come and go as they pleased.

The story I have to relate is the most unusual and heart-warming of all their deer tales for it tells of Christmas and the four-footed family, who instead of bringing Santa Claus to the traditional party, came themselves...one can almost hear the words. -

"T'was the night before Christmas, when all through the house "Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.."

Christmas Eve... and from the windows came spicery smells, the rustling of papers and tinsel, and the sound of merry voices.

Down below on the patio Nipper the Mule deer buck and Tammy the Black Tail doe, stood sniffing and gazing upwards, fascinated by the sound and enticing smells and the colored lights which shone down upon them.

The big buck "snoofed" inquiringly as he lifted his head, his antlers still in the "velvet". His extra long ears twitching a little.

Nipper stamped a little restlessly, torn between curiosity regarding the room above and the mystery of the forest beyond the fence; he hesitated a few moments, - then stalked away, lured by the dark shadows of the pine trees which were more in keeping with his nature.

But Tammy, her female curiosity all agog, shook her head and perked her ears forward. She trotted up the steps to the door. It was closed but that didn't matter - the deer were used to opening doors...

Tammy mouthed the handle and after a try or two, the door swung open and the deer stepped daintily within and vanished from sight.

Inside the living room, she hesitated but a moment, her large soft eyes gazing at the glitter and sparkle of the Christmas decorations.

On a small table stood a tree - and such a tree! Tammy had never seen anything like it in all the woods on Salt Spring Island. It looked good enough to eat - and Tammy stepped carefully across the floor to do just that. She stuck her nose in the tree. SKUFF! She sneezed, and gazed with troubled eyes at the sparkling stuff that looked like frost but tasted like dust, WHOOSH! Tammy sneezed again and looked around for more tasty fare.

Then she caught sight of a box of Kleenex tissues. Ah, ha! Now this was more like a

This unique Christmas story which appeared in The Lady, a London, England, magazine, in 1963 is re-told here in memory of the late Gladys Campbell, who, with her husband Bruce, looked after stray fawns and brought them up in their farm house in Beaver Point in the early 1960's. This was the farm home of the late George Stewart and although Gladys has gone, and the deer also, their story is likely to live on and form a fascinating part of the Island history.

This is a true story and the author was there at THE DEER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

- Bea Hamilton.

gift for a hungry deer! Tammy grabbed a mouthful and munched happily - delicious. She pulled some more out... and more...and more... Tammy was having the time of her life.

Then Dolly the fawn came in, followed by Tiny, and that was how Bruce and Gladys found them a few seconds later.

The deer had already ripped open their parcels of candy

and fruit, so the Campbells joined in on the fun.

The deer were most enthusiastic about everything.

Dolly even climbed onto Bruce's knee.

There were papers everywhere, tossed by the deer as they munched candy and fruit. Tiny tried climbing onto Bruce's knee too, but her long

legs got tangled. Tammy (Turn to Page Twenty-eight)

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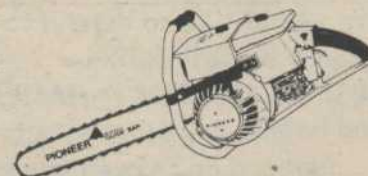
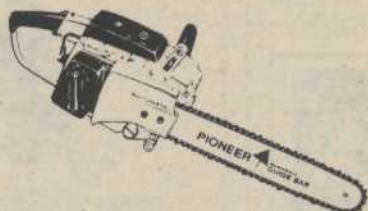
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"May the road run straight  
 before you,  
 And the wind be always  
 at your back".

**COMMUNITY CENTRE AND CHRISTMAS**

BY NEIGHBOUR

The beautiful old legends  
 of Christmas, interspersed  
 with Christmas carols came  
 to life again at the Commu-  
 nity Centre on Friday.

There was the Legend of

The Christmas Rose, the  
 Christmas Candle, Christmas  
 Day and finally as Jean Ander-  
 son played the last carol the  
 Legend of Christmas Music.

Sharon Anderson and her  
 father came closest in the  
 guessing contest as to the  
 weight of the Christmas cake.  
 It weighed 5 lb. 9 1/4 oz.  
 Their guess was 5 lb. 8 oz.

The Community Centre,  
 generally open three Fridays a  
 month from 2-4 pm, closed  
 down for the holidays and will  
 remain closed until further  
 notice.

The sponsors of the Centre,  
 the U.C.W. of the United  
 Church extend warmest wishes  
 to all for a Very Merry Christ-  
 mas and a Happy New Year.



To All Members  
 of the  
 Salt Spring  
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 Walter Luth  
 President

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
 To All Our Friends & Neighbours  
 Charles & Winnie Watmough

Mrs Winnie Stewart  
 Wishes all her friends  
**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**  
 and New Year

TO ALL MY FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS  
**Merry Christmas**  
 And A Very Happy, Prosperous & Healthy New Year  
 Mrs Erna Kolb, Charlesworth Road

**Merry Christmas** & Happy  
 New Year  
 To Relatives & Friends on the Island  
 Gavin, Eileen, Linda Bilton & Edith Simington

**Christmas Greetings**  
 TO ALL OUR FRIENDS  
 JOAN & CHARLIE BUCKLEY AND FAMILY

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
 to all my friends on Salt Spring Island  
 ISABELLE DEVINE

TO ALL MY FRIENDS ON SALT SPRING ISLAND  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 and a Happy New Year  
 Mary Corbett

**Merry Christmas**  
 to all my friends  
 Mrs Bill Evans

**Merry Christmas** & HAPPY  
 NEW YEAR  
 To all our Relatives, Friends and Neighbours  
 EVELYN & RONNIE LEE, FULFORD

We would like to extend to all our good  
 friends on Salt Spring -  
**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS**  
 and good health and prosperity for the New Year  
 Norman and Gwen Hind-Smith and Family

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 & A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
 Les and Mary Mollet & Mrs A.J. Mollet

**A TRUSTEE LOOKS BACK**

BY ELIZABETH BEACH

When one is elected to pub-  
 lic office he accepts a very  
 real responsibility. It is never  
 easy. It is however almost  
 always a worthwhile experi-  
 ence. Two years ago, upon  
 being elected to represent  
 Galiano Island on the Gulf Is-  
 lands School Board, I knew  
 these things to be true.

Has it been easy? Not al-  
 ways, but it was never really  
 difficult. Was it a worth-  
 while experience? Yes, in-  
 deed it was.

As to the accepting of a  
 real responsibility? I have  
 felt throughout my term that  
 such responsibility is more  
 real, more personal and more  
 demanding than the similar  
 responsibility of a trustee serv-  
 ing on the Board of a large  
 school district.

Being a part of a small  
 community the trustee is  
 known to everyone connected  
 with the school. There is a  
 close liaison between the trustee  
 and the school. It has  
 been a great pleasure for me  
 to know all the children and  
 work together with the teach-  
 ers. A trustee in a large dis-  
 trict could have only a super-  
 ficial contact with the chil-  
 dren and the teachers.

I believe School District  
 No. 64 to be unique. It is  
 small, with a school popula-  
 tion under 900. In this day  
 and age, of consolidating,  
 organizing and streamlining  
 administration, it is amazing  
 that such a small district has  
 been allowed to continue and  
 not be absorbed by a bigger  
 district to make such district  
 bigger than ever. In my  
 opinion School District No.  
 64 has survived as such be-  
 cause it is an efficient, well-  
 run operation.

For this very reason the job  
 of Gulf Islands trustee is more  
 demanding than their counter-  
 parts in other districts. They  
 must work that much harder,  
 study that much more, and  
 be that much more aware of  
 all that is going on in the  
 ever-changing world of edu-  
 cation.

I have seen this in action  
 during the two years I have  
 sat on the board. The board  
 of School District No. 64 (Gulf  
 Islands) is made up of hard-

working people dedicated to  
 the provision of the ultimate  
 in education for the children  
 of the Gulf Islands.  
 I wish them continued suc-  
 cess.

**A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT**

The world has a heart of a  
 child today  
 In snow trodden city and coun-  
 try way,  
 And love that we bring has  
 made kindness king,  
 And memories dear of the rip-  
 ened year  
 Are causing the lips of the  
 world to sing  
 and feeling the music, a  
 friend of mine  
 That pictures before me that  
 image of thine  
 And with nothing to do but old  
 thoughts pursue,  
 I journey o'er lanes and snow  
 painted plains  
 In fancy I stretch out my hand  
 to you,  
 - Max Ehrmann.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
 TO ALL OUR FRIENDS  
 Rita, Ken, Lorraine &  
 Loretta Dods

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 &  
 A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
 To All Our Friends  
 & Customers  
 Wayne, Doris, Yvonne,  
 Kathleen & Leanne  
 Bradley

**Christmas Greetings**  
 THELMA and OSCAR  
 WALLACE and Family

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 AND A PROSPEROUS  
 NEW YEAR  
 to all my friends and  
 neighbours  
 J.D. FLETCHER

**THE CARE TREE**

**Do You Care?**

All contributions  
 buy food for a  
 hungry family  
 somewhere....

AND bring a happy  
 New Year to some  
 starving family some  
 place in the  
 world

Every donation  
 adds a light  
 to the tree



Send your contribution for CARE of Canada  
 to George Pearson, Pender Island, B.C.  
 And light another lamp on the CARE TREE

**Merry Christmas**  
 AND A  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR  
 Friends & Neighbours  
 Mel, Lorraine, Debbie  
 & Derek Topping



# TENTING WITH JESUS

BY PETER McCALMAN,  
Rector, Salt Spring Island  
Anglican Parish

I gave a ride to a young person a week or two ago who is tenting this winter near the top

*Merry Christmas*  
&  
A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



To All Our  
Friends & Neighbours  
Beth & Nels Degnen



TO ALL MY FRIENDS  
A VERY  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
& PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR  
Betty Drummond

*Christmas Greetings*



and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
to all my  
Friends & Neighbours  
Margaret Westcott

*Merry Christmas*



and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ONE AND ALL  
JOHN & MARY  
INGLIN



*Merry Christmas*  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Liz, Jon, Stephanie  
& Kathleen Sneyd

*Season's Greetings*

To All Our Friends on  
The Islands  
From  
Jim, Theresa,  
Jane & Heather  
Rooke

of Mt. Tuam in a teepee. If the weather is going to continue as it presently is - snow, ice and heavy rain - it will be quite an accomplishment to stay warm and cosy until spring.

To go camping in summer, let alone winter, requires the help and co-operation of everyone. But also, because tenting together means virtually we live in a house with no bathroom walls, no bedroom walls, no kitchen walls and no sitting room walls, our very lives and bodies are much closer. Our little whims, idiosyncrasies and aggravating characteristics are exposed which at home we can cover up in the privacy of our own little closet. If when tenting father gets one of his moods or mother a headache, the love and patience of all is surely tested in such close quarters!

Jesus was born in a stable - he started tenting early in life -

*Merry Christmas*  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To All Our Friends &  
Neighbours  
Johnny & Ellen Bennett

To Our Many Relatives  
&  
Friends on the Island  
We wish them a Very  
**Merry Christmas**  
HAPPINESS,  
CONTENTMENT  
in the NEW YEAR  
Laurie & Isabelle Mouat

**MERRY Christmas**  
and  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To All Our Relatives and  
Friends on the Island  
Maggie & Hudson Lee

*Merry Christmas*  
and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
to all our friends  
on Salt Spring  
THE BEDOCS —  
in Hungary

*Christmas Greetings* TO ALL OUR FRIENDS  
Especially to the Staff of Lady Minto Hospital  
and Dr. Thompson  
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Skuce

but from the very beginning drew men to his tent, both shepherd herds and kings. He was the super camper who showed us the way how man can live close to man, even though it cost him his life.

Tenting is the christian's way of life, living close to Jesus and always ready to move to help our neighbour.

May the spirit of Jesus be with us and in us this Christmas so that not only my friend on Mt. Tuam but also the whole world will take to tenting in the new year. No walls, just acceptance of each other which is God's love. - Peter

## BIG NIGHT FOR LIONS AND AGED

Big night for Lions and big night for pensioners was Tuesday, when the Salt Spring Island Lions staged its annual dinner for lonely pensioners.

There was a change in the project this year. Ganges Crest Restaurant took part in the dinner by providing all food at cost.

Dave and Sonja Hill, of the Crest had contemplated something of the kind themselves and were eager to take part. The Lions provided transportation and entertainment for all guests.

Hall was donated by the Royal Canadian Legion. In charge of the evening's program was Goody Goodman.

## CHEQUE FOR FAMILY IN NEPAL

Miss Doris Anderson, of Beaver Point has sent to the Mendies family in Nepal another cheque for \$100, which she hopes will arrive for Christmas.

This comes from donations from kind people on Salt Spring Island, from the collection at Nan's Coffee Bar after showing slides, and from sala picking.

Betty Mendies writes that they have managed to rent a larger home and that they are enjoying running water and a flush toilet. "It is a great help when you have 14 children," said Miss Anderson. Last Christmas, when I was staying with them, all they had was a pipe which came in through the bathroom window with cold water."

## DESTRUCTION BAY

Destruction Bay, Yukon, got its name because so many boats were wrecked during the gold rush of 1898 as they rounded the point of the bay in Kluane Lake.

TO ALL MY FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS  
on and off Salt Spring Island -  
especially to all members of the fire  
department, the Hospital and the Service  
Clubs who have worked hard in the past  
to make this Island a better place to live,  
I WISH THEM ALL A  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
& **HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Kevin Luton

To My Relatives And All My Friends  
I WISH THEM  
*Seasons Greetings*  
Ann Jameski



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS ON SALT SPRING &  
MAYNE ISLAND  
We Wish A **Merry Christmas** & A Happy  
New Year  
DOT & AL BARTLE - Duncan

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS ON THE ISLAND  
WE SEND  
*Christmas Greetings*  
And Wish The Best  
of Everything  
In The New Year  
Doug & Bessie Dane



*Merry Christmas*  
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To all our friends on Salt Spring  
Ron and Kaye Knight



*Merry Christmas* & HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
To All Our Friends and Acquaintances on Salt Spring  
GEORGE & JOYCE LAMPIER



*Season's Greetings*  
to neighbours, friends and associates  
TERRY & MARG. BYRON & FAMILY





Gordon, Lotus, Gwen and Nan Ruckle  
Wish All Their Friends & Customers  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR




*Merry Christmas*  
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To All My Friends & Neighbours  
Mrs Alice Bennett



ARTHUR G. SMITH  
WISHES  
COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON  
To All Members of the Garden Club  
& Other Friends on the Island




**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS  
From George and Hazel Truefitt in Texas

*Merry Christmas*  
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To All Our Friends on Salt Spring  
Dot & Bill Anderson —Duncan



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To all our friends and ferry personnel  
Jim and Evelyn Napper



## TOYNBEE HEADS CHAMBER

Tom Toynbee was elected president of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening when no other candidates appeared.

Gunter Burger was nominated for the office, but declined to seek the president's chair.

Also elected by acclamation were the officers and directors

of the chamber. Vice-president is Mr. Burger and secretary treasurer, John Newton.

Directors are, one year, N. J. McManus and F. G. Richards and two years, Frank Cunningham, Jerry Bourdin, Shane Heinekey and Allan Hardie.

Two long-term members of the chamber withdrew from the

board of directors. They were Hank Schubart and Tom Harcus. Mr. Schubart has taken an active part in the planning committee and the employment opportunities committee.

Mr. Harcus has been chairman of the parks committee for the past five years. He has been the Chamber's authority on Salt Spring Island parks and he is acquainted with every park and every piece of public land on the island.

Both former directors are active in other community organizations.

He hoped that the Chamber had lived up to members' expectations, during the past year, suggested retiring president Cliff Hatch.

"Thank you for coming here," he said "and thank you for your support during the past year."

Tom Toynbee explained that the incoming president must speak more briefly than the outgoing man.

"We will act as far as possible as a unifying influence on the island," promised Mr. Toynbee, "and we will all work for the best interests of the community."

## HARCUS MAP ON FRONT

Map of the islands on the front page of DRIFTWOOD this week is the special map drawn by T. E. Harcus of Ganges.

The map shows the area as if it were photographed from above and not directly above.

Ganges teacher and a map-maker by hobby, Mr. Harcus spent many years in the preparation of his map. It was not until he had completed it that the electronic systems of calculation appeared. The many hours of mathematics could have been eliminated with a computer to make the calculations.

The map is available in two sizes from DRIFTWOOD. The larger size is to be seen in Mouat's Mall, where it graces one of the walls in that shopping centre.

## Collectors

Stamp buffs have a perfect opportunity to add to their collections every Christmas season.

As greeting cards from friends pour in, so do unusual postage stamps. Some may depict Nativity scenes.

There are several special issue stamps commemorating the holidays.

The whole family can be on the look-out for these collector's items. Sometimes even foreign stamps appear in the bundles of Christmas mail.

## WE'RE SAFE WITHOUT JAMES BOND HERE IN CANADA

BY F. G. R.

We are well guarded in Canada! Canadians who have been fed a strong diet of guns and knives and fights between secret agents of the United States and enemy agents and the nonchalant, consummate skill of Mr. Bond may have wondered where Canada stands in all this.

This week we learned with gratitude from the New Westminster Columbian that we, as a nation, are just as far ahead as any. We also have a band of secret agents, armed to the teeth and ready to die the death for the preservation of the Canadian way of life.

Mind you, they are not as well-armed as their American counterparts, perhaps. They may not be as internationally famous as James Bond, but they have their moments.

Of course, they weren't travelling incognito in foreign lands, when the information came to light, but they were guarding national secrets of Canada.

These intrepid secret agents of Canada were engaged in a matter of great secrecy and vital importance. They were, in fact, the Columbian tells us, accompanying some garbage to the dump.

The post office had made a mistake in printing calendars. No one had recited the poetry about the number of days in the month and, naturally, the Canada Post Office had gone and printed a few too many. This is where the secret agents were called in. They weren't actually called to find the dastards who made the error.

We have it on good authority that they were required, first of all, to ascertain exactly

## HIS GIFT

Once again we celebrate  
The birth of the Holy Child  
We sing of the wise men from afar  
And the shepherds, meek and mild

We sing of the lovely star of the east  
Making the whole world bright  
Guiding people from near and far  
To the lowly stable that night,

We sing of the gifts, the wise men brought,  
Riches from other lands,  
While a gift for all people on this earth  
Was in the Baby's hands.

As the travellers gazed in wonder  
At this miracle from above  
They knew not then, that the Baby had brought  
The greatest of all gifts, love.  
-Margaret Thornley.

## QUICK PARTY SWITCH

Lions on Salt Spring made a quick switch on Friday in their location for the annual Christmas party.

Party was scheduled for the Legion Hall and the Lionesses and others were already clearing the decks at the Legion when the boiler blew up.

A frantic series of telephone calls and a quick preparation by Hostess Rita Dods set up the party in the Golf and Country Club.

Santa Claus was the Belle of the Ball when Muriel Stacey and Wilf Cantrell provided music.

how many days there are in a Canadian February and then to guard the secret.

All the way to the dump, Canada's secret agents were guarding those errant calendars. Shades of Jimmy Bond... Lord save us!

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Price quoted is to be per vehicle. Instructions, bond requirements, contract agreement forms, etc. will be available on or after December 21, 1972 at the Capital Regional District Office, 209 Burnes House, 26 Bastion Square, Victoria, the Capital Regional District Building Inspection Department, 670 Granderson Avenue, Victoria or from the Capital Regional District, Building Inspector, Salt Spring Island.

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# MORE THAN 150 FOR DIAMOND JUBILEE

On Sunday afternoon, December 17th, more than 150 people came to Galiano Hall to wish one of Galiano Island's most esteemed couples happiness on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Stanley and Dorothy Page were married at Mayne Island, on December 18, 1912, and have spent the entire ensuing years on Galiano.

They have both done much to help in all community efforts, and everyone on the island loves them both.

Besides their family, who came from all over to see them, their two bridesmaids were there, too. Mrs. Page's sister, then Miss Muriel Cayzer, (now Mrs. John Page), and Miss Nesta Steward, (now Mrs. Nesta Hall) came from Victoria and Mayne Island,

respectively, to be with them on their diamond day.

They received telegrams from Lieutenant-Governor J. Nicholson, Tommy Douglas, M.P., and Premier David Barrett, besides several others read by the M.C. for the day, Fred Robson, who is one of their many nephews who took part.

The huge crowd stood in a circle to sing the anniversary song, then honored guests went to the decorated table on the stage, centred with the three-tiered wedding cake, baked by daughter-in-law Mrs. Ron Page.

The bride of 60 years looked lovely in her green crepe dress, with chiffon sleeves, and she had a yellow orchid corsage. Crawford Twiss gave

the toast to the couple, responded to by Mr. Page. A lovely poem was also read, composed by their grandchild, who was unable to attend.

Their four children were present, daughter, Mrs. Paul Griffin, and husband, from Vancouver; sons, Captain Ronald and wife, from Cedar; Kenneth, with wife and son, John from Nanaimo and Leslie and wife from Gabriola Island.

Ronald and wife had with them one of the couple's only great-grandchildren, little Tracey Clarke.

Another branch of the family came from Victoria; nephew Harold Page, with wife and four daughters and nephew Brian Page and his family. Close friends of the family

for many years also came from Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Murcheson, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Twiss, Lyndon Twiss and son, Michael; Mrs. Grace Fari Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Ketcham, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clarke, and many more.

Gift of the family was a round-trip plane ticket to Palm Springs, and gift from all of their host of friends on Galiano was the huge bouquet of flowers and a box of chocolates.

The reception was arranged by Mrs. Ed Callaghan with the help of several ladies to make this one of the nicest and most enjoyable afternoons for many a day, to honor this happy couple.



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&  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
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## New Lions Club Formed At Galiano

BY MARY BACKLUND

Mayne Island Lions were at Galiano in force on Saturday night, Dec. 16, to sponsor the Galiano Lions on their Charter night.

Lions came from other places, too, from Salt Spring, Victoria, Malahat, Vancouver and Vancouver North, to join in the most important festivities. Some even came from Washington.

Some stayed for the night, and on Sunday morning, there were 62 hungry people for Tail twister Tom Carolan to feed.

Program was under the direction of Zone Chairman Norman Magee.

Following the singing of the national anthems, the blessing was given by Fred Greenslade, and more than 100 people enjoyed the full-course turkey dinner. Dinner was cooked by George Chapman and his wife.

Toast to the Queen and President of the United States, was given by Fred Greenslade and Norm Magee introduced the head table guests.

Roll call of clubs was made

by Multiple District Secretary-Treasurer Gordon Smith.

District Governor Tom Portlock, of Salt Spring, presented the Charter to Galiano President Frank Basarab.

Then came the presentation of paraphernalia to the new club. Multiple District Cabinet Chairman Jack Tang introduced guest speaker, the District Cabinet Chairman Ray Sheward. Norm Magee thanked the guest speaker for his address. Tables were cleared, and dancing to a six-piece band concluded the evening's festivities.

During the intermission, they were treated to the highlight of the evening. Jack and Bessie Tang came out to tell the old, old Chinese tale of the beautiful lady who is stranded on an island, and rescued by the old man. The talented couple with their clever makeup and beautiful clothes add-

**NO MAJOR PROBLEMS MONDAY**

No major property problems faced Gulf Islands School board on Monday.

A dry well at the Pender Island teacherage had responded to more rain and pumping out. Work on the basement of the Pender Island school is also progressing and it is hoped to have everything finished by the end of December.

Grass is growing on the Ganges school playing fields, but Mayne Island playground, planned by the island Lions Club has slowed down in the face of recent weather.

New portable classroom for Mayne is awaiting the necessary order-in-council.

At Saturna the school basement had flooded and investigation revealed some shortcomings of construction, trustees were told.

**Two Trustees Receive Two Gifts Monday**

Presentation of a rhodonite pen-stand was made to each of two retiring Gulf Islands School trustees on Monday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beach, of Galiano and Mrs. Bertha Matthews, of Pender were both recipients of a gift from their fellow trustees.

Both will withdraw from the school board at the end of the year.

ed to the success of the evening.

President of the newest Lions club in the District is Frank Basarab; secretary, Bill Bamford; treasurer, Geordie Georgeson; Lion Tamer, George Tully; Tail twister, Tom Carolan; first vice-president, Bob Knowles; second vice-president, Jim Ripley; one-year director, Cam Prior; two-year director, George Chapman.

Charter night committee chairman was Bob Knowles, who really worked hard to make this a most successful evening.

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# THE DEER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

(From Page Twenty-three)  
kept on sampling the Kleenex tissues despite Gladys' efforts to tempt her with fruit and



**Warm Christmas Wishes**

May the happiness of friendships be re-kindled this Christmas. Thank you for your patronage  
**DORIS & ENID THE SHOPPE**

candy. Merry Christmas? It was the maddest, merriest Christmas ever! And the most unusual.  
Then at mid-night, almost as if by some signal, Tiny and Dolly slipped out of the front door and stood sniffing the night air.

For them Christmas was over. It had been exciting, and different, and some of it had even tasted nice, but there was nothing like the hush of the dark woods, the whisper of the breezes in the tall pine trees, the frogs croaking down by the pool, and the slight rustle which told of a passing stranger - a raccoon or another deer, and over all, the spicy smells of underbrush and sweet smelling trailing arbutus... These were the things a deer could understand. The night closed around the two young deer as they merged with the shadows of the fir trees at the edge of the forest.

But Tammy was different; completely at home with her beloved people, she stepped quietly down the passage and found an empty bed in a back room. With a SNOOF of con-

tentment or was it indigestion? Tammy sprawled on the bed and gave a slight cough. This was the life for a pampered-deer... comforts, and lots of food.

Tammy grunted again. After all SOME of the things were hard to digest, and it had been a most unusual day... strange glittering things that tasted like dry moss, only worse... Tammy sighed and closed her eyes.

The sound of soft music came through the walls, and Tammy could hear her people moving around as they cleared away the ribbons and papers. Strange creatures, people, but VERY kind and useful.

Tammy was content... it had been a very merry Christmas all round.

\* \*

Out on the patio  
The sounds of good cheer  
Were heard by young Nipper  
And Tammy the deer.

The rustle of paper  
And ribbons and bow  
The holly and berries  
And white Mistletoe..

Tammy crept in and saw  
At a glance,  
The brightly lit tree  
Where lights seemed to dance.

The tinsel all shining  
And lights oh, so bright  
No star in the heavens  
Could shine with such light!

The smells of the spices  
In bubbling pots,  
With cake in the oven  
All steamy and hot..

And all in a heap,  
She found on the floor  
Gaily wrapped parcels  
And presents galore.

Before one could wink,  
Tammy nibbled a piece -  
Tasted the ribbons  
And started to feast...  
On tissues and candy and  
Fruit in a dish -  
Oh, this was a Christmas  
No deer should miss!

## DEATH OF ERIC ROBERTS

Author of a history of Salt Spring Island, Eric Arthur Roberts died at his home on Salt Spring on Monday, Dec. 18. He was 65 years of age.

Mr. Roberts came to the island many years ago and then wrote a history of the early days here.

He published "Salt Spring Saga" in co-operation with Woody Fisher, then publisher of Driftwood.

Mr. Roberts was a free man



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of the city of London.  
He leaves his wife, Audrey at home; two sons, Maxwell, Montreal and Peter, at home; a daughter, Mrs. M. (Christa) McDonald; three grandchildren two sisters in England.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Dec. 22, at 1.30 pm, in St. Mark's Anglican Church, with Rev. Peter McCal man officiating.

Goodman Funeral Homes is in charge of arrangements.

## IN THE COLD

Switching in of the new B.C. Hydro substation on Atkins Rd., on Salt Spring Island left north of the island in the cold on Monday morning.

Power was off most of the morning while linesmen and other crews worked at the island transmission lines.

Saturna Island was included in the blackout, losing its power on Monday morning.



## Christmas Greetings

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To All Our Friends & Customers

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# Fulford

BY BEA HAMILTON

Holly is for Christmas and lovely variegated holly, with its bright red berries, used to hang on gates on Christmas morning along the milk route when the Shaw family used to deliver the daily bottles of fresh milk with its rich cream that went half way down the bottle.

Those are nostalgic, pleasant memories and all the family - Gladys, Cree and William Shaw, and Betty Drummond, stay warm in our thoughts each Christmas season as we look back on the lovely, Used-to-be days...

No, we don't wish them back but how nice that the by-gone days have left such a perfect imprint on the records of Time!

Would that we all could leave some kindly deed that when people think of you in the future, they would say...

"Ah, yes - I remember them well - good neighbours and friends..." Pleasant memories of people are precious...

Tradition plays a great part in Christmas from the cooking of spiced foods to singing Carols...and in this, the plum pudding stands out as a real stirring part of the festivities. Everyone within reasonable distance has to have a vigorous stir, swishing the large wooden spoon around in a Christmas-wishing swirl. It's fun, especially when the neighbours dash in for a quick stir - that happened last week at Dromore. The pudding was ready for this old-fashioned custom and the neighbors were willing.

On a casual invitation, "Want to stir the Christmas Pudding?" they came for a quick "once around the pudding bowl" and that old pudding really had a dizzy time, I'm telling you.

Mixed with rum and milk, it was a heady aroma that sent the neighbors reeling back home, wondering a bit about those old English customs - maybe they weren't so bad, after all...bit of a rum business, what?

Finally, tied up in a cloth, they bubbled and steamed all evening in a steamer and when at last one comes to the festive table, it will be alight with blue flames from a splash of brandy and a sprig of holly on top...that's what helps to make a Merry Christmas.

The main reason for Christmas, we mustn't forget, is to celebrate the Birthday of the Christ, and in keeping with the age-long custom, several Carol services have been held in various churches on the island, with more to come before and on Christmas weekend

Starting St. Mary's church off in the Christmas theme, were the CGIT girls with their candle-light service which was delightful. Soloist Miss Gail Horrocks was splendid and the organist, Miss Angela Brigden, outstanding.

We look forward to a return visit next year, and offer our sincere thanks and good wishes for Christmas.

On Monday next, Christmas Day, there will be an early

Communion Service at St. Mary's at 9:30. Can you get up in time to join the early risers? You would be very welcome and it would be a nice start for the day.

On Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, there will be a family service, carols and Holy Communion, and here the children are joining in the carol singing, and the very young St. Mary's choir, will be there. All children may go up to the Altar rail for a blessing even though they are too young to partake of communion. Quite a number of children are expected, and did not Jesus Christ say, "Suffer little children to come unto me!...? I think that's nice."

There are two robins, two thrushes and one black hen out on the lawn - the hen is interested in bulbs and there comes the seagull! Oh, well, it's nearly Christmas and time to be jolly. I wish the big birds would jolly well keep Christmas in their own backyard! They eat too much.

A Merry Christmas to all readers of DRIFTWOOD and a Happy 1973!

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Bill Arnold is alive and well and living in Ottawa.

The long-distance runner, whose coast-to-coast run was started but not completed, has sent a Christmas card from Ottawa. He sends greetings to all the people of Salt Spring.

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A couple of days later, another card for a parcel arrived and then I said to myself, "Good old Aunt Phebe! I knew she would come through!"

Hustled to the Post Office and lo! and behold! It was another telephone book! Yesterday, I was mailing my last cards and believe me, there was another parcel card for me -- so, practically knocked down the other folks in beating my way to the counter.

BIG FINE FOR SHOPLIFTING ON SALT SPRING

Christopher White, of Ganges, pleaded guilty in Ganges Provincial Court on Wednesday, Dec. 12 to theft under \$200.

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Student Council at Gulf Islands Secondary school have debated the problem of getting teams to sports events and the students have come up with the proposal.

On Monday President Peter Layard suggested to the school board that the students would undertake to raise part of the cost and that service clubs and other groups were to be invited to contribute.

The school district has no money for such a purchase, it was explained.

BALD EAGLE AT ISLAND LAKE

Bald eagle at St. Mary Lake was reported on Monday by Mrs. R. M. Sloan at Black Diamond Resort.

Mrs. Sloan, who recently came to the island from the mainland, spent a long time on Monday eagerly watching the big bird.

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# WHAT'S WITH SANTA ?



When Santa Claus sailed in from Bellingham on Saturday he met many young Island admirers.

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Some are eager; some are happy; some are fearful and others are leery.

# Old Pagan Traditions

Twelfth Night is the popular English name for the Feast of the Epiphany, which falls on January 6, just 12 days after Christmas. The word "Epiphany" comes from a Greek word meaning "appearance," usually used in reference to the appearance of a deity in visible form.

The earliest reference to the festival, according to the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, was in the later years of the 2nd Century, when Clement of Alexandria, in Egypt, spoke of certain Christians observing the 6th of January in memory of the baptism of Jesus. The actual date seems to have been chosen in order to rival some of the popular pagan festivals of that day.

By the beginning of the 4th century, orthodox Christians in the East were observing the festival as a triple celebration. It became an all-inclusive feast, honoring the birth and baptism of Christ, and His first miracle at Cana of Galilee.

### Arrival of the Magi

In the West, however, the particular commemoration assigned to Epiphany was the visit of the Magi. During the Middle Ages, the Epiphany festival was widely observed by the performance of miracle plays in the churches about the Three Kings or Magi. Particularly in England, the day was marked by dramatic productions, though not necessarily religious ones, and this custom survived into the Elizabethan period. Shakespeare took the popular name of Twelfth Night for his play of that title, which was written to be performed on that date.

Since Epiphany concludes the Yuletide festivities, and its date coincides with many ancient pagan customs, it was often celebrated with strange ceremonies in which those customs mingled with Christian rites.

Still celebrated in the Shetland Islands is an old Viking ceremony known as "Up-Helly-Aa." The name means "end of the holiday," indicating that the event comes some time after Christmas, actually at the end of January.

The ceremony itself is very dramatic, since it takes place at night, by torchlight. Men in the old wild Viking costumes, complete with high horned helmets, tow a huge 30-foot Norse longboat through the town, in a torchlight procession... then the boat is set ablaze on the beach.

### Haxey Hood Game

Haxey is a place in Lincolnshire, where they still play this famous old hood game, on January 6. Its origins hark back to pagan times, and the "hood" itself is thought to represent the head of a bull.

In the game, 13 men take part, one called the "fool," another the "lord," and the eleven others, "boggins." A two-team scrimmage takes place, the object being for each man to succeed in placing a folded canvas hood into a particular goal, one after the other. The very last hood, the 13th, called "The Haxey," has to be fought towards the final goal—an inn where there are drinks for all.

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**DIRECT LINE TO VICTORIA**

Direct line is to be instituted between the Gulf Islands and the Victoria office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Instigator of the new communications line was the newly formed Salt Spring Island Citizens' League.

The league called on Tommy Douglas, MP., to inaugurate a direct link with the unemployment office.

The League made their request on November 17. On December 11, a letter from Mr. Douglas' Ottawa office confirmed that Bernard Fournier, secretary of the Commission in Ottawa, had agreed to the request.

The League is also hoping for government approval of its request for a similar link with the Canada Manpower office in Victoria.

Mr. Douglas's comments on

the request are as follows:

It seems to me that this is a reasonable request. People who live in the Gulf Islands do not have ready access to Federal Government Offices in the same manner as do those who live in Nanaimo or Duncan districts. I see no reason why the people in the Gulf Islands shouldn't be able to phone free of charge to the various government agencies and particularly to Canada Manpower and U.I.C. Offices, whose business is mainly concerned with people who are out of work and consequently in no position financially to pay for telephone calls.

I am taking this matter up with the Honourable Bryce Mackasey, Minister of Manpower. As soon as I receive some reply from him, I will be writing you further. In the meantime, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

**COUGAR SHOT ON MOUNT BRUCE**

Large male cougar with no taste for mutton was shot last week on Mt. Bruce.

Cougar was tracked down by Ted Akerman and a visitor from Ladner, Henry Stevens. The two men used an Akerman dog which they had sold previously to Mr. Stevens.

They tracked the animal through the snow during the afternoon and left the trail at

dark. About eight o'clock they returned to the woods and found the track again.

It was wild country, reported Mr. Akerman, and when they found the cat, it was big and full of fight. Animal measured a full seven feet.

The stomach was filled with deer meat, but it had been killing sheep as it encountered them. Several sheep in the valley had been killed by the animal the same afternoon.

**FULFORD TIDE TABLES**

DECEMBER 1972/JANUARY 1973					
DAY	TIME	HT.			
			1	0530	11.3
				0935	10.6
			MO	1220	10.8
				2100	2.4
22	0745	12.5	2	0600	11.6
	1255	10.1		1030	10.6
FR	1625	10.8	TU	1300	10.8
				2135	2.1
23	0005	.7	3	0630	11.8
	0820	12.5		1110	10.6
SA	1405	9.3	WE	1355	10.8
	1735	9.9		2210	1.8
24	0045	1.8	4	0700	11.9
	0855	12.4		1140	10.5
SU	1510	8.3	TH	1415	10.7
	1840	8.9		2245	1.7
25	0125	3.1	5	0720	11.9
	0920	12.2		1225	10.2
MO	1625	7.2	FR	1510	10.5
	2005	8.0		2320	1.8
26	0210	4.7	6	0745	11.9
	0950	12.0		1305	9.8
TU	1715	6.1	SA	1550	10.1
	2215	7.5		2355	2.1
27	0240	6.2	7	0805	11.9
	1020	11.8		1350	9.1
WE	1805	5.1	SU	1640	9.5
28	0050	7.8	8	0025	2.7
	0320	7.6		0820	11.9
TH	1045	11.6	MO	1440	8.3
	1840	4.3		1810	8.8
29	0250	8.9	9	0055	3.5
	0445	8.9		0840	11.9
FR	1110	11.3	TU	1520	7.2
	1920	3.7		1920	8.1
30	0440	9.9	10	0125	4.6
	0610	9.9		0910	11.8
SA	1140	11.1	WE	1600	6.1
	1950	3.1		2115	7.7
31	0505	10.7	11	0200	6.0
	0805	10.4		0915	11.8
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**IT IS THE FIRST TIME!**

Chairman Ione Guthrie will not serve a further term in the chair of Gulf Islands School Board.

On Monday afternoon she told her fellow trustees that she would not accept a further term as chairman. Among other factors, she said, was the retirement of Mrs. J. R. Sturdy. Without Mrs. Sturdy's secretarial guidance, she would be lost.

"I don't know how I could manage without Roma," she explained.

It had been a "pretty fair year" she told her colleagues and the board is now well on the way into a building program.

"Hopefully this coming year will see our months and months of work come to fruition," she told her board.

Major project has been the preparation of a community centre in Ganges in conjunction with the new elementary school activity room, said Mrs. Guthrie.

It is a first of its kind. Nowhere in the Capital Regional District and possibly nowhere else in the province has a school board worked so closely with the regional board on a joint project.

"Marc Holmes tells me he knows of no other," said the chairman.

She referred to her plans to relinquish the chair.

"All I ask is that the new chairman will let me stand by his side when ribbons are cut," she stated, "It has been very close to my heart!"

**PRAISE WILL ALSO BE PASSED ON TO UTILITIES**

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has invited comments and criticisms of B. C. Telephone service and of the B. C. Ferries.

The Chamber has urged islanders with beefs to jot them down on a piece of paper and mail them to P. O. Box 111, Ganges.

Readers who wish to express commendation as well as condemnation are invited to write

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**BOWLERS OF THE WEEK**



Ladies High score for the week at Leisure Lanes, was Sig Emerslund with 197, 234 and 214 to total 645.

Men's High was rolled by Peter Bingham, with 256, B4 and 312 for a 752 total.

The Salties, of the Tuesday Ladies League, qualified for the province pin tournament with 304 pins above average.

All bowlers try to be consistent in their score or better their average. Bob Taylor bowled 199 for three games. This was also quite a bit above his usual score.

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