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Come Rain, come Snow, come Hail, come Blow,
Come Thursday, comes Driftwood and on this particular Thursday it brings the good wishes of its staff for a Christmas without weather of the tough variety and a New Year without a slippery road to be seen.



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VALERIE



WEE BARBARA



WALLY



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PHYLLIS

Merry Christmas

To All

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE NAMED

The Department of Human Resources announces that an Advisory Committee of Salt Spring Island Citizens has been appointed. The appointment of this Committee is in keeping with Departmental policy in requesting assistance from local citizens in formulating changes or expansion of its present programs to meet local needs.

The following Salt Spring residents will serve on this committee for an interim period: Mrs. Annabella Savage, Steven Anderson, Mrs. Agnes Bacon, Henry Schubart, Jr., Norma Barrington, Geoffery Martin, and Dr. Bill Schoichet.

A new Social Worker, L. MacDonald, will be replacing R. Barnes on Salt Spring and the Outer Gulf Islands. Office hours in the Government Building at Ganges will be each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., until further notice.



ANOTHER PICTURE OF A SALT SPRING SCHOOL OF YESTERYEAR

There is no question of when this picture was taken. How many readers recognize the people in the picture? It is another old picture unearthed by Harry Reynolds, of Ganges.

Joyous Christmas

The delightful holiday season is here! May you enjoy every moment with family and friends

Dale & Lois & Lisa Codd
Aladdin Travel Services Ltd.
Fulford Harbour 653-4410

VISITOR IS MYSTIFIED BY IT ALL

Christmas, what it means? I just don't understand this Christmas thing. People they are all over at downtown streets. You can't even walk without bumping into people. Every year and same day this strange things happen.

All of sudden this old fat men in the red suit and with long beard are so famous, they are all over the place, on the streets and in the pictures.

Other things I don't understand that the kids on the street they love him, they love that fat man with red suit. People on the street smiling at each other. Everywhere I look there are some special signs saying "Merry Christmas".

They've created the same kind of magic music to express their feeling of that special day. When I scream at the people they've scream back and when they go around sing by the people door steps they get invited in for refreshments.

Look what they done to this beautiful trees, this is getting too far, they have gone nuts!! They had hang those red around balls and the colourful lights, they've put the trees in their houses and cover them with the white cottons to make them look like snow. Why can they just leave it outside! Christmas is so hard to figure out!

They give each other beautiful boxes of papers and then proceed to tear them to piece, I get punished if I even tear a newspaper. They even have special food for Christmas and they find such delight in the food of this season, they throw parties so everybody can enjoy the food together. And to make sure that nothing interferes with that day they cease everything even my favorite candy store.

ACTION NOW

Why do we procrastinate
Be so lax and obstinate
Though we know that we should act,
Bring out each detail and each fact,
Change conditions e'er past mending,
Everywhere the message sending,
Still we waste our time complaining,
Compromising and explaining,
Then awaken, all despairing
When the harm is past repairing.
- A. M. Spencer.

What is it that inspires the beautiful day? I wish I could figure it all out! Maybe next

I'll find out when I older!!

Merry Christmas
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR
from
Salt Spring Safety Patrol

THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY A KOREAN GIRL IN THE ISLANDS. IT IS COMPLETELY ORIGINAL.

Christmas then I'll be four years old because they told me

Greetings to All!

Enjoy each happy moment of this family holiday. HAPPY NEW YEAR TOO!

DON & LOIS
DICK'S RADIO & TV

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

FROM RON & STAFF
RON LEE SHELL SERVICE

Spanish Christmas Customs Have a Realm of Enchantment Found Only in Iberia

In Spain, song and dance dominate all the Yuletide celebrations, which begin on Christmas Eve, called "Noche Buena" or "The Good Night." The birth of the Christ Child is heralded in a gay and festive manner by crowds of young people singing and dancing in the streets to the accompaniment of tambourines, guitars, gourd rattles and castanets.

During midnight church services, tambourines and guitars blend with the organ music and the spirited voices of the congregation.

Christmas Day is devoted to family reunions. There is much feasting on such delicacies as almond soup, truffled turkey with chestnuts or roast turkey with apples and raisin stuffing. The traditional Christmas sweet is turrón, a nougat of almond candy.

After dinner, the family gathers around the Nacimiento, or Nativity scene, which has been lighted with candles, to sing lively Spanish carols, most of which date back hundreds of years. Spirits are further whipped up by the noise of the "pandereta" (tambourine) and the "zambomba," a drumlike instrument with a reed stuck through the skin which, after being moistened, is moved up and down, producing a deep monotonous sound. The children join in enthusiastically, singing and dancing around the Nacimiento.

The Nacimientos have an individual Spanish look. A typical Spanish bull and a gray donkey occupy stalls near the Babe of Bethlehem. The procession of the three Wise Men and their retinue bearing gifts are all represented. There is always a little stream or river, made of silver paper or real

water, to show where women kneel and do the family laundry, a typical Spanish scene. Besides the innkeeper and many animals, there are sometimes figures of famous bullfighters and politicians.

According to Spanish folklore, the Wise Men traveled through Spain enroute to the stable at Bethlehem. They play a leading role in the Spanish Christmas celebration. Instead of Santa, it is the three Wise Men who bring gifts to children on Epiphany Eve. Just as American children write letters to Santa, Spanish children write letters to the Magi. On the night of January 5th, their shoes, filled with straw for the camels, and a plate of turróns are left on the balcony. In the morning they find their shoes, filled with goodies and surrounded by presents.

Climax of the festivities is the annual "cabalgata," a colorful parade which marches through the center of town with floats depicting the birth of Christ, the Magi, shepherds and related personages.

AGE FOR ANGLER'S LICENSE REDUCED TO SIXTEEN

The age requirement for licensing anglers will be reduced to sixteen years. British Columbia residents under sixteen will be able to angle for fish free of charge. Canadian residents and non-residents under sixteen will be able to angle for fish free of charge, provided they are accompanied by a member of their family who is in possession of an appropriate, valid anglers licence(s).

Lithuanians cover their Christmas Eve dinner table with layers of straw in memory of the night in Bethlehem.

Merry Christmas

To all our friends

Ron Cunningham

**TRACTOR
SERVICE**

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Joyous Greetings

May this Christmas bring you
spiritual peace and contentment.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

H.J. CARLIN INSURANCE

Well of the Wise Men

There is a "Well of The Wise Men" on the outskirts of Bethlehem where, according to legend, the three discouraged Magi found their lost star reflected and continued their quest.

To All Our Friends &
Customers

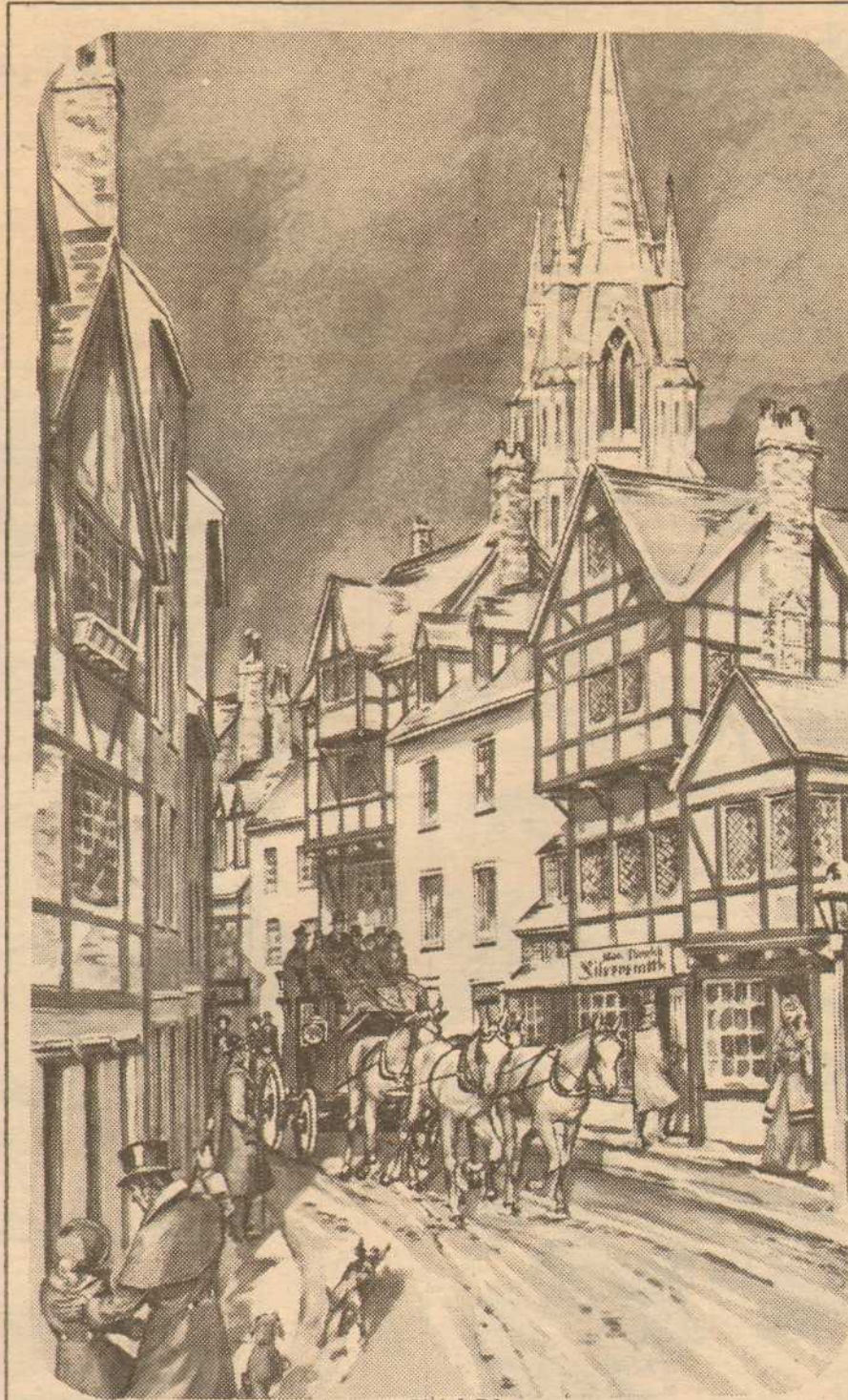


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CHRISTMAS**

and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

John, Chiyo & Sachi

at
**VESUVIUS
STORE**



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CHRISTMAS

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IT'S HOT - IT'S SUNNY - IT'S CHRISTMAS

BY BILL RICHARDS

The sun is brilliant in a deep blue sky. It is hot, hot enough to attract everybody to the ice cream vendors, or the fruit juice sellers, or the bars, for soft or other drinks. Everybody is in a happy humour, gay laughter mixes with the cries

of the street-sellers, drowns the music being pushed out from the loud speakers hung on the lamp posts. Flowers are everywhere, adding to the usual gaiety of the seasonal decorations.

It's Christmas, it's Peru, and, again, it's hot. In the long main shopping

street of Lima, the traffic has been diverted, and the street is crammed with people

chimney in a land where chimneys are just not built. Their cards show Santa in a

ing and preparations have to be over in time, and to the accompaniment of bells and carols, half Lima makes its way to the crowded churches where they hear the Christmas message in the truly Christian atmosphere of peace and good will.

HOLIDAY ON THE BEACH IN PERU AT CHRISTMAS SEASON

dressed in light summer dresses or light summer suits, pushing, nudging, edging their way along, held up by the street sellers on the sidewalks, held up by those going in the opposite direction, by the barkers from the big stores, but ambling, squashed and pushed, happily on, to look, to buy, or to wish for the bargain they hope for.

Children, lost in the longer legs of their elders, held on to by hand or hair or dress, even by straps or string, are all engaged in the apparently meaningless effort of working a way through the swaying mobs of people. From the bars and drug stores and restaurants comes the noisy interchange of a happy people in a holiday mood, taking a brief rest from the press of pedestrians outside, totting up their accounts, making adjustments to their shopping lists.

Rich or poor, there is something for everyone, and everyone's engaged in finding it, and in making a big day of it at the same time.

Now, on Christmas Eve, the feeling is evident that time is running out, that on this day the final decisions and the final purchases must necessarily be made. Last minute Christmas cards and there is no snow on these cards, no suggestion of a 'traditional' picture - why should there be? These people have never seen snow; do not know what a sled is; cannot imagine the kind Santa Claus coming down a

warm climate, lightly clothed in red, sun and people beaming their welcome at him. Jesus himself is, naturally, not a white man, so why should Santa impose his colour and foreign preferences upon them?

And on goes the throng. Not a let-up anywhere, while for once the stores tend to stay open all the day, for once the long lunch hour of summer, 12 till four, is largely ignored to cater for the thousands who must spend their last centavos on gifts, on toys, on food for tomorrow's big day. It's Christmas!

By nine, already three hours after nightfall, the crowds are lessening, walking has become easier, stores are closing, street sellers are offering the bargains earlier shoppers had hoped to see, and soon the throngs will have dissipated, as the people, each in his own way, begin the lengthy preparation for the feast that is, to a Peruvian, the family feast. Primarily in the heart of each, the feast of tribute to the Father of all, and the feast of the children, when for once in the year, the children are truly the rulers, and regulations can be relaxed.

Most people start their big day at Midnight Mass. Cook-

Religious observation over they are back home again to celebrate Christmas dinner, a meal of beef, pork, goat or other delicacies, even, from western influences, of turkey or fowl, with great salads, rice, cakes and desserts, until replete at last, they turn to the exchange of presents and cards. And so to bed.

Christmas morning starts late. It is greeted in almost every home by the traditional hot chocolate and fruit loaf, which means to a Peruvian what Christmas pudding means to the people in the north of the world.

Out in the sunny streets kids ride new bicycles, scoot on new scooters, ride new dolls in new prams, play with new bouncy balls, whatever it is that the family budget has managed to provide, while the older folk get dressed and ready for the beach. Now, almost as at a signal, Lima seems to move itself, and, by car or bus or taxi, by any possible means, the people descend to the beaches. Miles and miles of sandy or stony beaches, miles and miles of kiosks selling coke, beer, spirits, ice cream, all sorts of food, but mainly the national dish, ceviche, a kind of very highly-spiced
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We echo the joyous voices of the carolers in bringing you Season's Greetings for this time of peace and harmony.

THE MANAGEMENT & STAFF
DUTCH BEAUTY SALON

Our Motto is: We are not satisfied until you are satisfied.
Nellie Schwagly

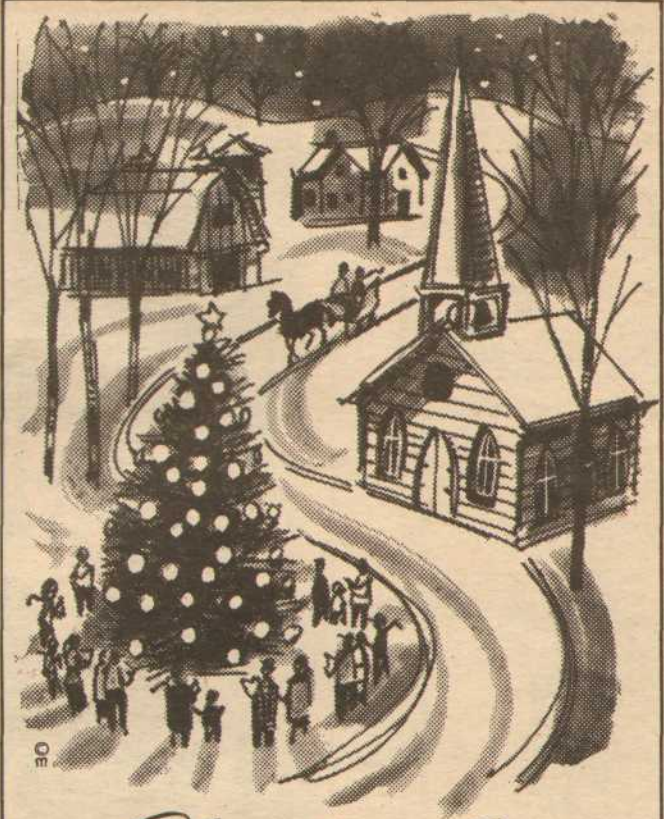


Christmas GREETINGS

Tranquility. Serenity. Peace. May these treasures blanket this joyous season.

Mac Mouat

YOUR **Esso** AGENT

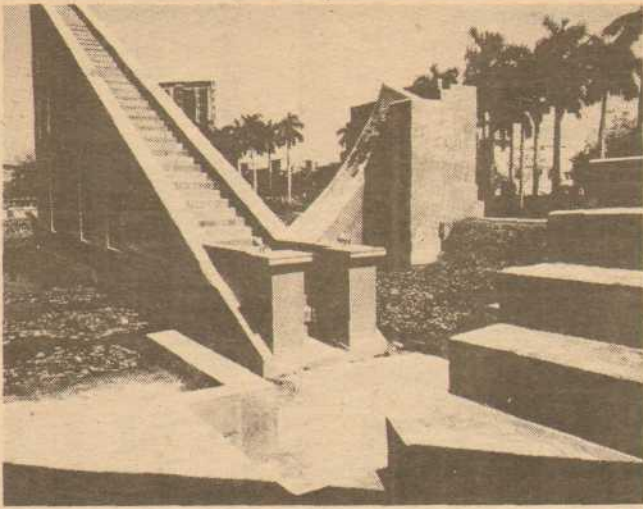


Christmas Joy!

Everyone! Join in the spirit of a very Happy Holiday with friends, family. For the pleasure of serving you, our heartfelt gratitude.

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT
VALCOURT BUILDING CENTRE

CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 31



The Jantar Mantar observatory in Delhi is one of five such structures built in India by the astronomer-king Jai Singh during the 17th century. Instruments installed in these observatories are difficult to match even today for sheer accuracy.

Observatories of India still best time-pieces

DELHI, India — Time is something just about everyone takes for granted in this day and age.

There are a variety of clocks, wrist-watches and other time pieces to help us get where we're going at the appropriate hour.

And frantic radio disc-jockies motivate people to get to work in the morning by offering frequent time-checks.

In short, we have little excuse for being late. Back in the 17th century, however, there were few time pieces — and certainly no radio announcers. Yet in India during the 17th century, Maharaja Jai Singh, a great astronomer-king, built five observatories in various parts of the country, installing instruments which still record time with an accuracy which is difficult to match. The

observatories were built in Delhi, India's current capital, Varanasi, Jaipur, Mathura and Ujjain.

In Delhi, the Jantar Mantar Observatory consists of six huge instruments in masonry devised to study the movements of the sun, moon and planets. Built in 1725, time at the observatory was, and still is, told by means of a sun dial.

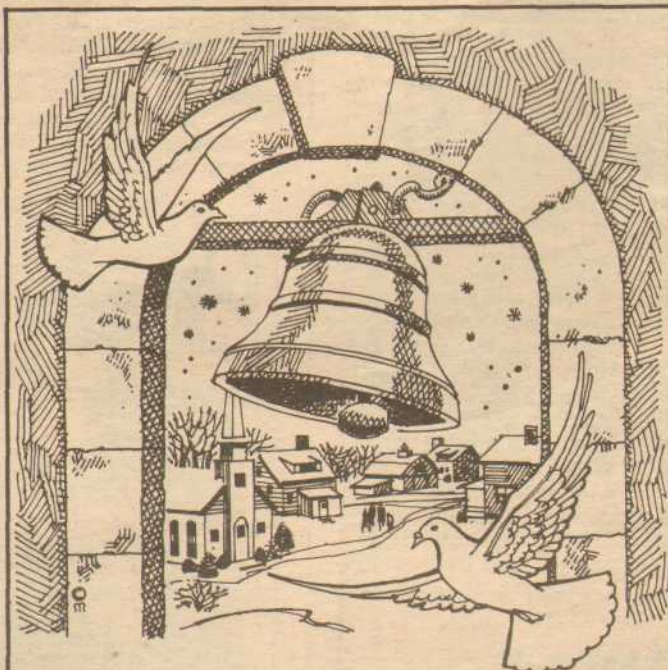
Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan State, was named after Jai Singh who designed and founded the city in 1727. He also built an observatory here which intrigues tourists. Highlight is the Sanrat (Prince of Dials) which is 90 feet high and most accurate.

These ancient structures always attract visitors, and their accuracy is a topic of conversation. You can set your watch by the observatories of the astronomer-king.

HE WAS SEARCHING IN PUNCH YEARS AGO

In 1878 the English humorous magazine, Punch, depicted Santa Claus peering into the darkness with a lantern. The venerable Christmas figure explained that he was looking for peace on earth and good will.

He is probably still searching.



BEST WISHES AT Christmas

We're hoping the holiday brings you many joys shared with loved ones. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

Roy, Jeanette, Gordon, Sandra, Michael
ROY LEE PETROLEUMS LTD

DOWN UNDER CHRISTMAS

BY KIM THORP

Christmas morning in New Zealand usually starts at about 5:30 a.m. on December 25 with the shrieking of small children finding out that Father Christmas (Santa Claus) really had come during the night. By 7:00 a.m. they're "rat racing" up and down the streets on their new 1, 2, 3 and even four wheelers.

Then it's back to wake up Mom and Dad and, in most cases, off to church at 10 am.

This may sound no different from a Canadian Christmas except that by this time it's about 75 degrees F.

The main Christmas meal is usually at mid-day and is most often either a cold leg of ham, hot turkey or a hot leg of lamb, sometimes served under the trees in the garden or at a cabin on the beach.

Christmas cards still come with snow and sleighs on them and good King Wenceslas still looks out on his deep, crisp, even snow.

Stores are open till 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve and this is when true Christmas spirit really comes out.

Santa is normally in town on the back of a fire engine throwing candy to the kids and there are people clad with lanterns and shepherds' crooks singing carols at various points along the streets.

Stores are jammed with

NEW SCHEDULES FOR SCHOOL BUSES ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

New schedules are to be drawn for school buses on Salt Spring Island to meet the need of students when the elementary school is ready.

There will be no provision for the transportation of kindergarten students at midday. To provide such transportation, explained Tom Davidson on Monday would necessitate bringing out all the buses, for the extra trips.

people who forgot to get something for Aunt Mae and everyone has a hot, tired but joyous feeling.

So, even though seasons are opposite, Christmas seems to have the same meaning in all corners of the world.



Greetings

Hearty greetings are sent your way, and so are heartiest thanks!

GULF ISLAND WINDOW CLEANERS



Merry Christmas

We extend old-fashioned good wishes and earnest thanks to you, our valued customers.

Bob, Edane and Barbara Blundell

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and
GULF ISLANDS PROPANE GAS

Christmas Will Be Thin For Former Patients

Christmas will be thin for a small segment of the islands population. They are the five patients kicked out of the extended care unit at Lady Min-

to Hospital, for whom there are no facilities available. Hugh Curtis, MLA for the Islands, has been accumulating correspondence from isl-

ands residents who are left to seek new accommodation for relatives and friends discharged from the extended care unit on the grounds that they cannot be cured. The extended care unit was expected by many islanders to take care of elderly relatives indefinitely. This has not been the case and many very aged patients have been obliged to find alternative accommodation.

There is a desperate need for personal care facilities or some similar type of intermediate care establishment on Salt Spring Island to serve the Gulf Islands, Curtis believes.

"My file on this subject is quite bulky," he commented. His notes show that Health Minister Denis Cocke was "surprised to learn that there are well over a thousand residents of Salt Spring Island alone who are over 65 years of age," he commented.

Among the cases which have caused MLA Curtis some concern has been a 97-year-old island woman discharged from Lady Minto Hospital because she is classified as non-eligible.

This particular patient is a woman in possession of all her faculties, said Curtis and she has been able to look after herself to a considerable degree. Unfortunately, the MLA adds that the ability to which this particular patient is able to tend for herself is in large part attributable to the health care she enjoys in the Extended Care Wing of Lady Minto Hospital.

An 87-year-old man who is able to walk to the bathroom with some mechanical assistance is to be discharged although he only came to the wing because he was beyond the facilities of the ordinary rest home. This patient probably only sits up for two hours of every day and is in need of constant nursing attention.

Writing to the minister, Mr. Curtis urged that he was not suggesting special consideration for the older patients of the Gulf Islands. He is emphasizing that conditions in a rural area are very different from an urban setting.

A 90-year-old woman was discharged from Lady Minto Hospital's extended care wing and sent home on the pretext she could now look after herself. The patient is almost stone deaf and she is as infirm as her years would justify. After being discharged from Lady Minto Hospital on the grounds she can now look after herself she has been a patient in a Victoria private hospital.

The minister was sympathetic but he proposed that a personal care home might be built on Salt Spring Island with the co-operation of service club or philanthropic group.

"I cannot see why we should arrange for a different set of standards for this hospital in Ganges," he told Hugh Curtis.

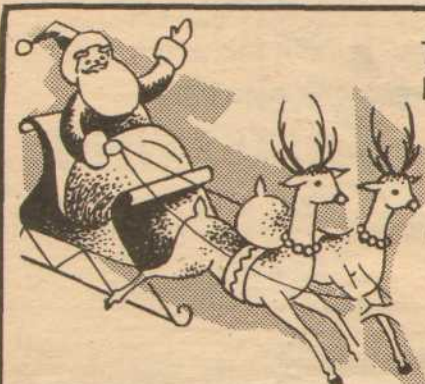


GOOD WISHES

Holiday greetings are heading your way from Santa... and us.

To All Our Friends & Customers

GULF ISLAND CLEANERS



To All Our Friends
In The Community
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AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Mr. & Mrs. Satermo

PARK DRIVE GUEST HOUSE

Merry Christmas

& HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
& CUSTOMERS



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A Very Merry Christmas

AND

Happy New Year

To All Our Customers

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A year or so ago Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ellis were planning to build such a facility. The necessary change in zoning took about a year and the couple did not proceed with their plans in face of the long delay.

There is a long waiting list, reported the minister.

Islanders are still hopeful that facilities for the ailing elderly patient will be provided here.

Decorator Icing

2 cups confectioner's sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 egg whites
Food coloring

Beat egg whites until stiff. Gradually beat in sifted confectioner's sugar. To add food coloring, divide into individual bowls. Add coloring to each bowl until correct shade is obtained. Spread with knife or use decorator tubes or "paint" on with paint brush.

Egg Yolk "Paint"

2 egg yolks plus food color
Apply with paint brush.

Islanders Protested Lease

When an unknown applicant advertised in the Sidney Review a quarter-century ago for the lease of foreshore rights in Ganges there was a prompt objection from Ganges.

Twenty residents and property owners of Ganges wrote to Lands Minister E. T. Kenney protesting the application and explaining that it was the intention of the community to clean up and beautify the waterfront property in the community.

Following is a copy of the original letter to the minister. It was brought to light recently by W. M. Mouat, whose name appears on the list.

The undersigned, being residents of Salt Spring Island and owners of property in and around Ganges Harbour, have noticed advertising appearing in the "Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands Review" to the effect that certain parties are applying for a lease of foreshore fronting on the government road in and around the centre of Ganges, and we feel that the amount of accessible foreshore fronting on government road in Ganges is limited and should be reserved for all time for the use of the public and for your information it is the intention of the undersigned (who are mostly local business people) to sponsor a movement to clean up, beautify and improve the said beaches for the use of the public, and we wish to respectfully notify you that we are opposed to the granting of any foreshore leases fronting on government roads in Ganges Harbour."

The statement was signed by the following, H. T. Peter, Mouat Bros. Ltd., per W. M. Mouat, pres. Cecil W. Baker, A. Francis, MD., Salt Spring Motors, per M. R. Young; W.

S. G. Alexander, of Ganges Pharmacy; G. Macmillan, Devon Lodge; G. W. Meyer, M. D., Salt Spring Island Trading Co., per Frank L. Scott, president; Salt Spring Island Creamery Co. Ltd., per A. W. Drake; Emma Bittan-court, per L. A. B., A. Bittan-court; Alice Hougen and Charles Hougen, of White Elephant Cafe; N. F. Eburne, barber; Fred G. Wheldon, Gavin C. Mouat, W. A. McAfee, J. L. Johnston.



Peace

Serene good wishes
and sincere thanks.

Spencer & Isabel Marr
and Hattie Stewart

**MARR
ACCOUNTING**



best
wishes
this
Christmas

Wishing you the
joy of a real
old-fashioned
family holiday.

REC CENTRE & BARBER SHOP

Report From Toronto The Good In 1871

BY FRANK G. RICHARDS

A man named Henry Potter was found in the store of Joseph Clegg and was in the act of extracting some money from the till when his dishonest intentions were frustrated and he was asked to capitulate himself to the custody of PC Ennis.

So wrote the reporter in Toronto in 1871. The report appears in the Daily Telegraph of August 29, 1871. It goes on to describe the manner in which the culprit, now in custody, removed part of his clothing and hanged himself. When the other prisoners called the police to the cells Mr. Potter was unconscious. "At length, he recovered to his normal state, no doubt much benefitted by the result of his little experiment."

The English is high flown, even for the period, and the reporter was not required to write more than the bare facts of the matter.

Copies of the aged eastern newspaper were taken from his pumphouse recently by George Wills on North End Road, Salt Spring Island.

Police court was simple to report.

Catherine Regan was drunk on Saturday night, but this being her first offence, she was discharged. Charles Deady, a young man of intemperate habits was allowed to go.

The reporter saw no pressure from Women's Lib on that one. Owen Halligan was allowed to go on faithfully promising the court to take the pledge.

Ben Bangal, John Hinton, W. B. McIntosh, Thos. Forest, Eliza Nolan, Agnes Ellis and Ann Burns, a lot of disreputable characters, were placed in the pen. They had been arrested in a house on Bolton St. by PC Stephenson. They were having a general carouse and drunken spree. They were each fined \$3 or 30 days at hard labour.

It was not Toronto the Good for nothing!

When an Irish barrister appeared as a witness in an assault case in which he was the victim there were roars of laughter during the examination.

The witness was finally bound over to keep the peace.

Chippewa is an excellent steam coal and is unexcelled as a domestic coal. On the other hand, Willow Bank is unsurpassed as a steam coal and is also an excellent family coal. And the advertisers

should know.

Nearly one hundred people were declared by coroner's juries to have died from starvation or privation last year in the metropolitan county of Middlesex.

That was part of the news from England, now nearing her climax in power and might.

In 1868, stated the report, there were eight verdicts of this nature in that county. In 1869 the figure rose to 16 and to 37

the following year.

"Unhappily, they are only typical of the real destitution and misery endured by thousands of the population of London.

A gentleman said to an old lady who had brought up a family near the Merrimack River, I should think that you would live in constant fear that some of them would be drowned. "Oh, no," she replied, "We only lost three or four that way."

There goes another century.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all our friends and customers

NELS DEGNEN — BULLDOZING



Best Wishes for the New Year.
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THE NEW PHARMACARE PROGRAMME FOR THOSE 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER IS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974.

What is Pharmacare?

Pharmacare is the new prescription drug programme of the Province of British Columbia.

What does it cost to join?

There is no cost of enrollment nor are premiums necessary.

Who is eligible?

All British Columbians who are 65 years of age and over and who satisfy the 90-day residency requirement are eligible to receive a Pharmacare Card. The benefits provided must be for the sole use of the person to whom the card is issued. Individuals over 65 who are in the same family group will each receive their own card. Dependent children and spouses not over the age of 65 years are ineligible.

How do you enrol?

If you are 65 years of age or over and are presently enrolled in the B.C. Medical Plan, M.S.A., or C.U. & C. you will automatically receive notice of eligibility.

If you are 65 years of age or over and have resided in British Columbia for at least 90 days but are not enrolled in any of the above medical plans you must apply for eligibility. Application forms are available from your pharmacy.

What will Pharmacare mean to you?

If you are eligible, Pharmacare will provide — without cost to you — selected prescription drugs chosen for you by your doctor.

When you receive your personalized eligibility card, sign it at once. Your card is for your use only.

Pharmacare
THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Merry Christmas

Best wishes of the season, friends,

LITTLE GNOME NURSERY

Isabella Pt. Rd.

It's Never Cold In Nigeria

Hello to our friends on the Gulf Islands from Nigeria.

Little did I think, two years ago, when Gordon answered an ad in the Montreal Star for experienced men to sign up with C. E. S. O. (Canadian Executive Service Overseas) to give voluntary work in underdeveloped countries - that I would be sitting in Nigeria today.

We left Mayne Island on September 29 with a three-day break in Vancouver and Montreal. Then five days in Manchester, England, where Gordon spent his time catching up on a Viking Foam Machine plant.

It is a very interesting piece of machinery. They mix chemicals and pour the liquid onto brown paper. It immediately starts to thicken and comes out at the other end in a huge block. It is then cut into mattress-size-cushions and all the scrap is made into

chips for pillows. There is no waste.

Then we went on to Amsterdam for two days - and that's about enough at the prices of today. But we did enjoy three tours: one of the city, one of the canals and one out to two old villages, Marken, Volendam, passing through mediaeval Monnickendam. The costumes are most colourful as they still maintain their old customs.

We visited a home over 200 years old and also a cheese factory - situated on a farm. It was excellent cheese.

Amsterdam's population is 800,000 and bicycle population is 500,000.

Then we flew on to Lagos arriving Sunday at 5.15 am on October 14. We stepped out from the cool plane onto the tarmac and into 85 degree temperature.

From the airport to the Air-

port Hotel is about five miles and you just can't believe your eyes - the little mud huts, only one room, thatched roofs, no windows, no doors, sitting on red sand. Some of the natives are in native dress and some in Western dress, and up to about 10 years old, no dress at all!

We spent one day in Lagos, which is situated on an Island. The very centre of the city has many high-rise buildings. It is very modern and the streets are fairly clean. We were introduced to the Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. Wardrup who comes from Duncan.

There are several department stores - but they are closed from 12-2 pm during the heat of the day.

The streets are paved but there are no traffic signals and no stop signs. I wouldn't drive for any money. In Can-

ada we don't know what a traffic jam is, compared to here.

We flew from Lagos to Benin City in the West Central State. Here you really see

meal is ready, you're at the table.

We spent five days in Benin City, being shown around and giving us a chance to catch up in lost sleep and to get

Mayne Islanders Peggy and Gordon McKenzie left this fall for a two-year stint in Nigeria. Here are Peggy McKenzie's views on her travels and new, though temporary, home with C.E.S.O.

and smell Africa: all open sewers; the open markets with all the flies. But we came knowing it was going to be a challenge and experience and it is certainly going to be that. When you see these open markets and smell them you wonder if you'll ever eat again but when the next

used to the climate. Had a trip to Nifor which was the British Palm plantation. It is huge and well cared for, with date palms, coconut palms, oil nut palms, and wine palms.

The wine palm leaves are tapped like they do the maple trees in eastern Canada and this is bottled. The Nigerians drink it readily, but a very little glass is enough for me. It is powerful!

We left Benin City by car for Umunze. For the first 100 miles the road is like any second class road in Canada, but when you cross the long bridge over the Niger, it becomes a nightmare. You folks on Mayne Island who think the road into Bob Aitken's is bad.. it's a first class highway!

After crossing the bridge you also enter the East Central State which was Biafra. The state which took all the pounding of the war. There are bombed-out homes, stores, roads, schools and hospitals, and the money is very scarce, so the rebuilding of Onitsha will take years.

After 65 miles, over terrible roads, you come to Umunze. It sits on a plateau between two branches of the Niger River, very green.

We are living in the guest house right across the road from the Chief's Palace which houses himself, his four wives and 17 children.

We landed here at the end of the rainy season with plenty of thunder and lightning storms, but now it's started into Homilon, as they call it here, when it gets dry and strong winds blow down from the Sahara Desert.

We have seen one of the old tribal displays of clearing the village of any devils - you better be ready to part with a few Kobo - or you'll get the whip along with anyone else.

Two men dressed in old tribal costumes wander through the village. It lasts for about six hours.

How about some one dropping us a line to let us know how you are all doing.



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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 aliases, 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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Know Your Neighbour

Mouat Looks Back On 88 Years

William Manson Mouat has lived on Salt Spring since he was six months old.

Only one other resident has lived here longer than that; a friend of long standing, Mrs. Leon King.

Mr. Mouat is known affectionately on Salt Spring as "W. M." He was named for his maternal grandfather.

It was in 1885 that he was brought here with his family and since that time has seen many changes; from those days of the Indian canoe and oxen to this age of superjet and TV.

"Progress will continue despite protests and it is foolish to try to prevent changes," he believes.

When he was 12 years old

W. M. attended his first Liberal political convention and has been a staunch and active Liberal ever since. As proof of his continuing activity he is shown in the picture with Doctor Mladin Zorkin, Liberal candidate from Nanaimo, and J. J. Chretien, Minister of Indian Affairs, before the 1968 election.

When I arrived at his home, Mr. Mouat was outside working with his shovel and looking as fit as a much younger man. He'll be 90 next birthday. While I was there a family of quail walked through the flower garden looking for their afternoon tea. This pleased W. M. since, with many of us, he regrets the decreasing wildlife on our island.

The Mouat family came to Salt Spring from the Shetland Islands. Mr. Mouat's father was a stone mason and the dust affected his lungs. The head of the family decided to come to Canada to farm and they settled in Nanaimo, where they had relatives and friends.

Mr. Mouat's father worked for a Joshua Broadwell who had some property on Salt Spring, near St. Mary Lake. When Mr. Mouat, Senior, came to the island and saw the property he made up his mind this was where he wanted to settle. They moved over here on February 5, 1885 and this has been W. M.'s home ever since.

The winters, on the whole, were more severe in those early days, he recalls. The winter of 1893 he remembers as being the coldest ever. St. Mary Lake was completely frozen over. His father and brother had to go down and chop holes in the ice in order to get water for the considerable number of sheep and cattle. On the last day of January it began showing and it snowed all February. It was the year when the snow stayed on the ground until May, four feet of it. Many cattle perished within a few hundred feet of the farms.

"I hope not to see such a winter again."

The Mouats stayed at St. Mary Lake until 1907. At that time Mr. Mouat's younger brother, Gilbert, was working for Malcolm and Purvis who were owners of the present Mouat's Store.

Mr. Purvis decided to sell, since his partner, Malcolm was ill. Gilbert wanted to buy the store. However, their father had died at 45 of pneumonia but their mother still had the farm. She mortgaged the farm in order to finance the purchasing of the store. The mortgage was \$5,000, which served as a down payment on the full price of \$8,500. Thus the Mouat's bought the whole Point. Later, they got into financial difficulties because too many people bought things but didn't pay for them. This sounds familiar today.

At an even later date the Mouats were in danger of losing the whole business. W. M. was attending Columbia College at the time, hoping to go into law. However, when his mother wrote, asking him to help, he came home. He was able to borrow \$2,000 from an uncle in Spokane, where W. M. had been born. They went ahead to the time when they had a prosperous business, employing 40 people.

For 25 years they were the agents for the Model T Ford and Imperial Oil which is still retained in the family. They were also agents for Buckerfield's Feed business.

Because he came home when

needed, W. M. is now a retired merchant rather than the judge he might have been, he reflects, but he could make no other decision but to come home.

Later he was able to sell a piece of property his mother had given him and he repaid

\$1,000 to his Uncle Gavin, as part of the loan. His uncle forgave him the other half.

With the continual growth of the business, it became evident that the Mouat's needed a secretary. It took quite a time to answer letters in long-hand. Among the applicants



W. M. Mouat is seen with Hon. J. J. Chretien, left and Dr. Mladen Zorkin, of Nanaimo. Picture was taken during a recent Liberal election campaign.

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GREETINGS

& BEST WISHES for THE HOLIDAY SEASON

To Gulf Islanders & All Our Friends
May you always have a green thumb!

Fred & Irene Hartley

ST. MARY LAKE NURSERY

Of Island Life

was Miss Effie Wayne of North Vancouver.

"She came, she saw and she conquered." In 1913 she became Mrs. W. M. Mouat. After a long and happy life together, Mrs. Mouat died in October, 1967, aged 81. They had four children. Gilbert was drowned and their daughter, Grace, passed away last year. Of the two remaining sons, Oliver is in Seattle and will retire from Sears Roebuck next January.

Their youngest son, Ivan, was attending Normal School when the second World War broke out and they persuaded him to finish his training before joining up. When he received his commission in Yorkton they both went to his graduation.

Ivan was later transferred from the RCAF to the RAF. His career in the air was short. He was shot down over Belgium and landed, unhurt except for

an injury to his knee. He was sheltered by kindly peasants but the Germans knew he had come down and they searched and found him. He was a prisoner of war for nearly two years. In 1945 he was freed by the Americans and came home.

Ivan is now in Edmonton with the Department of Indian Affairs.

W. M.'s three nephews, Dick, Tom and Manson Toynbee are now owners of the business in Ganges. His sister, Mrs. Jessie Toynbee, lives in Ganges and her house is just visible across the harbour from his home. Another sister, Mrs. Wood, lives in Campbell River.

The Mouat crest is an oak tree growing out of a rock and their tartan is the Sutherland, explained the octogenarian.

W. M. exercises regularly. He is still playing golf, though his two remaining partners have given up the game. At one time W. M. weighed 218 pounds when he was sitting behind a desk. How he tips the scale at 150 and is full of energy.

"Golf keeps one fit," he asserts.

"I find myself the last of many organizations."

For 46 years he was on the board of Lady Minto Hospital. He and Mrs. Warren Hastings, are honorary members. They fought the good fight, long and hard, for the present hospital when it became obvious that the old one: now the Dormitory: was no longer adequate. He was on the school board for many years, too.

"Ganges was the last school district to be established on Salt Spring, believe it or not."

For the last 40 years W. M. has visited friends in the hospital on Sunday afternoons.

"I don't think we should try to prevent people from coming to our fine environment. We have clean air and clean water so far, and I hope we'll be able to keep it that way."

W. M. isn't very happy about the Land Commission Act. He considers it too dictatorial and arbitrary.

"They'll be forced to make amendments because of the opposition that has built up all over the province."

Agriculture Minister David Stupich has been a long time

friend but W. M. disagrees with his friend's policy in this regard.

"There is no incentive for young people to stay on the farm. This bill is not going to encourage farming." The senior islander is still concerned over transportation.

"I'm in favour of having the ferry terminal moved to Isabella Point," he explained, "We could then have an hourly service. There are going to be more cars and more people coming here and the ferry route should be at the shortest distance between here and Swartz Bay."

W. M. has an honorary membership in the golf club. He values it, not only as exercise, but as a meeting place of friends. The bridge club to which he belongs meets at the golf club during the fall and winter seasons and he is an avid bridge player. He also reads a good deal--especially Hansard from Ottawa. He admires David Lewis' intelligence but is a little sorry for Robert Stanfield, partly because of the cartoons. The Conservative leader, he feels, is doomed to remain in the opposition.

"Minority governments often put through worthwhile legislation.

MacGregor McIntosh, an old friend, was the member from the Gulf Islands for years. He was the son-in-law of Sir Richard McBride but was lost in a flight up north.

The two Collins brothers are the only two of his original school friends left.

Out in front of the present store there was a cedar stump which was blasted out," recalls the veteran island merchant. "An Indian skull was found underneath. There is no way of knowing how old that skull is but it must have been hundreds and hundreds of years old."

W. M. thinks that, on the whole, Indians have not been badly treated.

Deep Significance

Authorities disagree as to what kind of sheep existed at the time of Christ. Three varieties exist in Syria and Palestine today, sprung from the three wild sheep groups still found in Asia.

(1) The Asiatic mouflon, depicted on Sumerian vases from early Babylonia, supposed to have been domesticated around 3,000 B.C.

"Indians are likely to complain -- they're apt at it."

He remembers when the Indian women would wade out into waist high water in St. Mary Lake for the rushes. With these they'd weave mats and whatnot

while the men remained idle in tents nearby.

In August William Manson Mouat's sons and other members of the family helped him celebrate his 89th birthday. Many friends and neighbors were there to share his pleasure.

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Christmas Greetings

and a
Happy
New
Year



ART & MARJ. CADE

FORMER ISLANDER DIES IN CROFTON

Former Galiano Islander, Alec Stanley Killick passed away quietly in his sleep early on Saturday, Dec. 8, at his home in Crofton.

Al was a safety engineer for large mills. He was born in England, and he and his wife spent many years in Trinidad before

coming to Canada to work here. He spent some time at Kitimat, then moved to Gold River and from there he retired to Galiano.

From the Tahsis Company he took early retirement, and at Galiano he joined the staff of Salt Spring Lands as a real estate salesman, and his wife was secretary for that firm at the Galiano office.

From 1967 to April of 1973 they lived quietly in their near home on Whalers Bay, then moved to Crofton.

Mr. Killick leaves, besides his wife, Dorie, at home in Crofton, three sons, Alec, jr., in Crofton and Peter and Robin on Galiano; five grandchildren and relatives in England.

Memorial services were conducted at Hirst Funeral Home in Duncan at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10. Private service was followed by cremation.

In England, Boxing Day, the first weekday after Christmas is so named from the practice of giving boxes of food, gifts and money to tenants, tradesmen and servants.

SEASONAL GREETINGS
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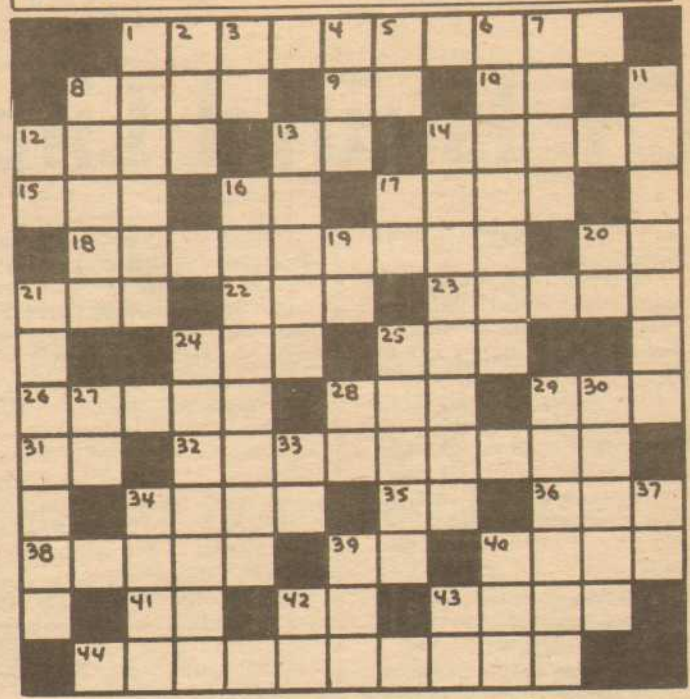
Cheery Greetings
Hoping your season's dreams come true, and your holiday is filled with joy, peace, love.
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and a
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May your holiday be as bright and cheery as your Christmas tree.



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CROSSWORD ~ ~ ~ By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS**
- 1 - Rattler
 - 8 - Pray
 - 9 - Pronoun
 - 10 - Society of Aerialists (abb.)
 - 12 - Russian mountains
 - 13 - Aloft
 - 14 - Quivering
 - 15 - To err
 - 16 - Like
 - 17 - North American lake
 - 18 - Immortal
 - 20 - Musical note
 - 21 - Pledge
 - 22 - Social party
 - 23 - Additional
 - 24 - ... Galahad
 - 25 - Incumbents
 - 26 - Gaze with exultation
 - 28 - ... angle
 - 29 - Attila, the ...
 - 31 - Proceed
 - 32 - Equip
 - 34 - Lose luster
 - 35 - Thoroughfare (abb.)
 - 36 - Regret
- DOWN**
- 1 - Heavenly body
 - 2 - Lamprey
 - 3 - Sun god
 - 4 - Mischievous child
 - 5 - Iron (chem.)
 - 6 - Aids
- ACROSS**
- 38 - Tower
 - 39 - Be quiet!
 - 40 - Loose soil
 - 41 - Chinese unit of measure
 - 42 - Greek letter
 - 43 - To strip
 - 44 - Purveyors of gloom
- DOWN**
- 7 - Yawn
 - 8 - Satisfaction
 - 11 - Fireplace ornament
 - 12 - Pronoun
 - 13 - Escort
 - 14 - Incendiary enthusiast
 - 16 - Disposition
 - 17 - College degree
 - 19 - Musical note
 - 20 - Tellurium (chem.)
 - 21 - Most expansive
 - 24 - Jungle jaunts
 - 25 - Of Erin
 - 27 - Behold!
 - 28 - Truth North (abb.)
 - 29 - Valorous men
 - 30 - Normal
 - 33 - In reference
 - 34 - Rasp
 - 37 - Printer's unit
 - 39 - Entirety
 - 40 - Net-tickler in tennis
 - 42 - Musical note
 - 43 - Addendum in letter-writing

ONE DRINK AN HOUR FOR DRIVERS

As you raise a cup of cheer with family and friends to toast the season, remember that more than half of all fatal traffic accidents involve people who have been drinking, warns the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles. It takes your body about one hour to eliminate the alcohol in just one drink.

Stick to the rule of just one drink an hour or one hour for each drink before driving. If you are hosting a party, close the bar an hour before you expect guests to leave to give that extra margin of time needed before taking the wheel.

Driving after drinking greatly increases your chances of an accident and the possibility of loss of licence. It is just plain asking for trouble. The best advice is - never drive after drinking. Let someone else drive home or call a cab. If you don't follow this advice, drive as though you were seriously handicapped, because you are.

Remember pedestrians celebrate too. Be on the lookout for them.

The Donkey, A Family Favorite

The donkey, or ass, was the most valuable animal to the biblical family, and also the most economical, since he ate only a quarter as much barley as a horse. The most menial of animals, he was famous for his stamina and sure-footedness. Humble as his status was, he would bear the cameler on his back, and lead the long, stately strings of camels across the desert.

Even poor families, like Joseph's of Nazareth, could afford one donkey, which they trimmed with blue beads and red wool to show their pride of ownership. This simple beast was their mode of transport into Bethlehem and later for the Flight into Egypt.

Joyous Greetings
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
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WEDDING ON MAYNE FOR MAINLAND COUPLE

A wedding of interest to Mayne Island, the mainland and Vancouver Island was solemnized when Joan Lorraine Neuman and William Westman exchanged vows at St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican church on Mayne Island at 4 pm on December 1.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Fred Anderson of Ganges, and the beautiful organ music was played by Stan Chatwin, of Mayne.

The bride looked charming in a lovely soft white wool gown topped by a matching cloak and hood. She carried a bouquet of red and white carnations.

Pat McFarlane, the bride's only attendant wore a turquoise gown of nylon with a shirred bodice and carried a nosegay of tiny flowers. The best man was Andrew

Perriment, a long-time friend of the groom.

Attending the wedding ceremony at the church, followed by the reception at Mayne Inn were 150 off-island guests who spent the week end on the island, staying at both Mayne Inn and Springwater Lodge.

The Inn was beautifully decorated for this happy occasion and the guests enjoyed a delightful evening of dancing preceded by a delicious supper.

For her going away outfit the bride chose a brown velvet pant suit with gold blouse.

The happy couple left on a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas

and Solana Beach, California. They expect to be back in time to spend Christmas with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hampshire of Miners Bay.

After the New Year the Westmans plan to settle in Vancouver, where the bride will resume her work as registered nurse at Vancouver General Hospital and the groom will continue as Art Director of Sign-O-Lite Company, Richmond.

Attending the wedding from Calgary, were Joan's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Neuman.

There's A Life Or Two Left

BY MARY BACKLUND

Some cats have all the luck. They go for car rides, and even a boat ride, and manage to get back to their mistress's home safe and sound. Not too

long ago, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bellhouse acquired a beautiful honey-colored cat. He crawled under the car, and sat on the spare tire, until the next morning, when he was discovered.

They tried to find the owner, but to no avail, and they grew very fond of the cat. So they decided to keep him, which was just what clever cat wanted. He lived there in peace and happiness for some weeks, until he decided to take another ride.

But this time it was not the same.

The car was going on the ferry to Vancouver, and the cat jumped out on the deck of the ferryboat. He was, fortunately, seen by one of the crew, who likes animals. He put the cat in the van, and took him to his home on Salt Spring.

Then he decided to phone me, and see if I knew about a wandering but very pretty cat.

After several phone calls, we decided that it was the Bellhouse's cat.

The crew member brought him back to his home on Galiano.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

In England, Christmas is said to have been observed first as a holiday in 521 A.D. when King Arthur celebrated his victory in retaking York.

DISMAL MAYNE MONTH

BY DOMINION WEATHER OBSERVER W. W. HUNT-SOWREY

November was a rather damp and dismal month. Our average rainfall over the years is rather over 4". November, 1972 was drier than usual, but although the evening rainfall figure was usually very light, meaning that most of the "B. C. sunshine" fell during the night.

There were two periods of snowfall during the month, but neither period gave any real ground covering and disappeared within a day. There was hail on one day, and one thunderstorm, a rather brief one.

Generally speaking, the temperatures for the month were fairly high, with five nights recording white frosts and below-freezing-point readings at ground level.

The heaviest rain was on the 27/28th, when a total of 1.77 ins. fell within a 24-hour period. It is not the heaviest I have recorded on this station, but only three or so readings were heavier.

The writer's winter creek began to run on Nov. 11, so the land in this area is saturated.

Total precipitation amounted to 6.96 ins., of which five inches of snow represented 0.5 ins. precipitation.

There were 23 days of rain and the year's fall to date now stands at 19.87 ins.

In November, 1972, the month's rain was 2.08 ins., without snow. There were 15 days of rain and year's total stood at 26.42 ins.

NO GIFTS IN TINSEL

I bring no gifts in cellophane, no tinsel rain, No brave red ribbon, mistletoe; no altar glow, No tryptich and no Gobelin - only my sin. Other have brought you spruce and holly.

I bring my folly, My greed, my pride, my hot conceit lie at your feet. They cost me all my meagre hoard. Receive them, Lord, - Jennie M. Palen.



& May every port of call in the New Year hold wonderful things for everyone... plus our sincere thanks.

Bob & Anne

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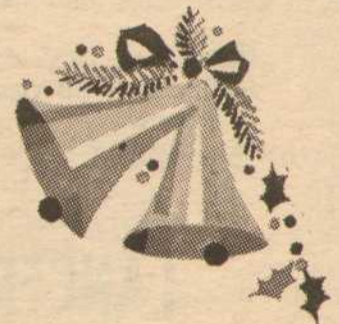
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How To Have A Happy Christmas

BY PASTOR DAVID LOW

Christmas trees, mistletoe, brightly coloured lights, Santa Claus and presents are all a part of a very particular time of year known as Christmas. Never, at any other time of

the year, have the stores been so full both of people and potential gifts, nor have so many pictures been taken of kids on a fat old man's lap. In fact Santa seems to be as ageless as God Himself. Always ready with an open ear to receive

your requests. Truly all people must admit that Christmas is a most peculiar time of the year. It never ceases to amaze me, if Christmas is such a fun time why people try to drown their memories a week later, in a bottle.

Have we strayed from the original purpose of Christmas? I suppose if I took a poll of the entire island and enquired as to the real meaning of Christmas, 99% would answer that Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. If this is true, then we should not be content to put Jesus in the back corner of our mind. The following is an illustration of what most people do at Christmas. Many people were gathering in a large dining room. They all seemed to be very happy, giving each other gifts, playing games and preparing for a rather large feast. I asked them what it was they were all celebrating. One lady spoke up and said that it was her son's birthday. I asked her where her son was as I wished to congratulate him. To my astonishment the lady said that he was at home, but she justified the gathering by stating that she had wished him happy birthday just before she had left for the party.

Are we guilty of generously giving Christ one hour of our time at church before we scurry off to our own select celebrations? It was God who originated Christmas. And it is God's son's birthday. Therefore Jesus should be in the centre of all celebrations.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son. This is truly the 'good news' that the angels were referring to when talking to the shepherds. Imagine, the Messiah coming to earth in human form just because he loved us. We can exchange presents with Jesus this Christmas. We can give Him our life, and in return he will give us joy and happiness, peace and salvation. To put meaning into Christmas, is to know the Saviour.

TWO STUDENT TEACHERS

Two student teachers have been authorized to practice at Gulf Islands District schools this year. Student teachers will be paid an honorarium of \$100 per month during that period. The period would usually extend over four months. Both will be from Simon Fraser University.

Bridal-veils of pearly-white satin
Sit on a seemingly endless, breezy dream-voyage,
Pass lazily over the plush, green-velvet mountainside.
Such tranquil beauty, scarred but momentarily
By the foamy vapour-trail furrows of
A phantom jet,
- Gladys Whitman.

Merry Christmas

Rejoice, it's Christmas. To you, glad greetings, with gratitude for your kind patronage.

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HOW CAN I???

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make my own fancy candles?

A. With melted paraffin and used candles. Pour the wax into milk or cream cartons, or tin cans such as frozen-juice cans, or other containers of various sizes. Let it set, then remove the carton which has acted as a mold, and decorate the candles with drippings of other colored candles, sequins, metallic paper, etc. Apply the decorations with straight pins.

Q. How can I remove stains from plastic dishes?

A. If conventional detergents and soaps fail, soak them for twenty minutes or so in a gallon of warm water to which a cup of bleach has been added. Wipe with a dishcloth, then wash in the usual manner. You may also try rubbing the stains with dry baking soda or with salt. Many other such helpful cleaning hints are included in my new household manual.

Q. What is a good way to baste barbecued meat or fowl?

A. A splendid basting tool is one you can make yourself. Tie a bit of clean white cloth to a long-handled fork or stick—and you have a perfect swab.

Q. Is there any way I can prevent my bathroom mirrors from

clouding up when I bathe or shower?

A. A light coating of glycerin over the glass will usually keep your mirrors clear.

Q. How can I quickly cure chapped hands?

A. By rubbing into them, after washing, cornmeal or oatmeal. It absorbs the mixture and tends to heal the cracks in your skin. In the course of a week your hands will be soft and in good condition again.

Q. How can I drive a nail into a wall without crumbling the plaster?

A. By dipping the nail in hot water or melted paraffin. Or, put crisscross cellophane tape over the spot before hammering the nail in at the intersection of the tape.

Q. What is a good way to cool angel or sponge cake baked in a tube pan?

A. Place the tube over the neck of an empty soft-drink bottle. This raises the cake high enough to allow the air to circulate all about it.

Q. Any tips for the loosening of tight screws or bolts?

A. Try placing a few drops of peroxide on them and letting this soak in for a few minutes.

NATURE'S CHRISTMAS TREE

The children went for Christmas trees
Out in the nearby wood,
There they found a small, clear spot
In which a fir-tree stood.
The snow was deep around it,
The tree was frosted white;
Already trimmed with snow-birds,
They eyed it with delight,
Instead of coming home with it,
They left it standing there;
And on its branches they hung food
For all the birds to share.
-Celia V. Reynolds.

The Irish place lighted candles in their windows on Christmas Eve as a guide and an invitation to all, who like Mary and Joseph, may be seeking shelter.

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On every glistening leaf
A sparkling dew drop fairy sat
Swiftly gliding down
to the still blue waters
of the clear but silent night.
-Melody Cue

CINQUAINE

The waves
Rolling endless
Until splash on the rocks
A neverending, graceful thing
The waves.
-Janice Hull, Gr. 7

CINQUAINE

Hey You!
Is that you there?
You better come out now
You better come out now or
else
Hey You!
-Karen Bird, Gr. 7

HAIKU

In the Autumn cold
A crisp red leaf floated by
In a bitter wind.
-Barbara Watson, Gr. 7

CINQUAINE

I ride
I ride a horse
To see a sight of trees
Where no one has travelled
before
Then home.
-Donna McFadyen, Gr. 7

HAIKU

Bright and ugly flames
Wrecking everything in sight
Dreadful ugly fire.
-Trudy Buckley, Gr. 7

HAIKU

Quiet... then the hawk,
flew to the top. Down again
across the wheat fields.
-Janice Hull, Gr. 7

HAIKU

Springtime in April
Nature waking up slowly
After the long winter.
-Janice Hull, Gr. 7

BEAUTY

Beauty could be pictured in a
person's mind
Or perhaps it's just the natural
things on the outside.
I guess there's beauty in most
everything
Even if one must disagree
To me beauty is the natural
things
But what is it to you, is it
everything?
-Janice Hull, Gr. 7.

Frances Anne Pickett
Small but nice, smells, talks
and sees.
A human being.
-Susan Mout, Gr. 7.

HAIKU

My mind is a lake,
It reflects all my thoughts
Like sun on water.
-Brenda Murray, Gr. 7.

TANKA

The slender tree shook
Like a small child shivering
The tree seemed human
Standing alone in the cold
Like a small child with no
friends.
-Brenda Murray

TANKA

Kids think drugs are great
They think they solve their
problems
But I don't think so
They go on "trips" to escape.
The problems are still there
though.
-Brenda Murray.

HAIKU

People are like sheep
They do what everyone else
does,
Afraid to be different.
-Brenda Murray

CINQUAINE

City
Concrete jungle
Full of filth and hatred
With the rat race at full speed
Prison.
-Brenda Murray

CINQUAINE

Giant Towering Beast,
Looking down upon us,
As though he's king of all the
land
Mountain.
-Brenda Murray

HAIKU

A sadist, the fool
Sits watching Alice Cooper
Rip apart chickens.
-Carolyn Ramesay, Gr. 7

TANKA

A fifteen-year-old
Sits seeing a complexion
Black heads blemishes
Much like putrefied lava
And grease enough to fry eggs.
-Carolyn Ramesay, Gr. 7

CINQUAINE

Negroes
Black strong proud tall
We call them niggers, blacks.
And why?
-Carolyn Ramesay, Gr. 7

The Legend of Christmas Tinsel

According to an old legend, a poor peasant woman, with many children, decorated a Christmas tree with such humble trimmings as she was able to gather, mostly berries and nuts and such odds and ends as she had managed to save up during the year. She labored far into the night trying to make her tree as beautiful as she could.

While she was asleep, spiders came and crawled from branch to branch trailing their lacy webs behind them. To reward the woman for her devotion, The Christ Child blessed the tree and all the spider webs were turned into gleaming silver.

RED HOLLY BERRIES

A legend relates that on the first Christmas night, when the shepherds went to the manger, a little lamb following them was caught by the holly thorns, and the red berries are the drops of its blood that froze on the branches.

FALLEN

First the colourful leaves fall,
Then great torrents of rain fall,
Chilling air causes a snowfall,
Then no longer can we say
"Fall,"
"Winter's" here, with early
night fall.

The Canadian Council of the Girl Guide Association was incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1917.

Discarded Christmas Trees Help Prevent Beach Erosion

Each year, hundreds of volunteers from several Long Island communities gather discarded Christmas trees in order to implant them in the fragile dunes of Fire Island across the bay, which helps to prevent the sand from being blown off and washed away.

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Christmas Is More Than Its Trimmings

By Fred Anderson

Minister, Ganges United Church

It's really interesting to experience Christmas south of the equator, especially when you live in a culture that doesn't have a long Christian tradition.

We had a chance to do this nine times during the years we lived in Zambia. No cold weather, no snow, no holly, no evergreens, none of the familiar symbols of Christmas. Some one occasionally would get into a Santa Claus suit, but he sure looked out of place in the middle of Africa! A picnic and a swim were more appealing than a big turkey dinner on a hot Christmas day.

At first it felt strange, and we really missed many of the things that we take for granted as part of Christmas in this country. As the years passed, though, we began to experience Christmas in a new way. The familiar yuletide trappings and symbols didn't mean so much any more, but the reality behind the symbols began to take on more meaning.

This may be easier to understand if we think of it in terms of marriage. If I asked you to name some things that are symbols of marriage, you might suggest a wedding ring, or a marriage licence, or perhaps a home. But we all know that the reality of marriage is much more than these symbols. The reality includes things like unbalanced cheque-books and dirty diapers and birthday parties and lost car openers and high school graduations and camping trips on rainy days.

The reality of Christmas, too is much more than the symbols. It's more than just December 25, or an office party, or

Christmas cards, or even a manger.

The reality, the miracle of Christmas, happens every day, all around us. A phone call to a lonely neighbour, a comforting word to a frightened child, a shared insight that transforms a life, -- these are part of the reality of Christmas. So too when a child brings you a spontaneous gift, or when a shopkeeper struggles to be both competitive and honest, or when the dedicated skill of a surgeon saves a life. You see,

-- the reality of Christmas has to do with love -- God's love. And the miracle is that, for all of our failings, we are still able to receive God's love and reflect it to those around us.

That's Good News, and when that kind of good news gets to you, it doesn't really matter whether we have snow on Christmas day or not! It'll still be a Merry Christmas. And that's my wish for you all!

Board Protests Tax Boost

Trustees of Gulf Islands School District are incensed over massive tax increases this year brought about by provincial legislation.

Chairman C. M. Baltzer was directed to write to the Minister of Education, Eileen Dailly, to protest rising taxes and demanding help.

Mr. Baltzer's letter follows:

The Board of School Trustees has requested that I write to you in order to express our concern over the potential effects on local taxation of the recent amendments to the Public Schools Act.

The Board does not differ with the principle of equity involved in these changes. For instance, there appears to be no fair reason why industry in one school district should enjoy a taxation advantage over industry in other school districts. However, since this district has almost no industry the Board is concerned about hardships which may fall on other groups of taxpayers. A typical taxpayer here would be

a retired person, on limited and relatively fixed income, who has established his residence here within the framework of taxes and other costs as they have existed. Such persons do not have the ability to adapt quickly to drastic changes in taxation.

The question arises also as to whether it is worthwhile to make changes now which will have severe effects on residential taxpayers who may be relieved entirely of school tax costs in the near future. The Board would suggest that the discretionary powers in Section 201 should be used to maintain a level mill rate for this district until some decision is made on the future of school taxation on real property.

For the purposes of fiscal planning the Board needs to know the intentions of the Government. The attached table illustrates some of the problems facing this district and the potential effects of the mill rate amendments.

Potential Mill Rate Effects of Bill 114

	1973 Actual Mills	1974 Provi- sional Mills
Basic Levy	17.30	24.70
Other - Excess costs, Capital, etc.	5.08	** 11.00
	<u>22.38</u>	<u>35.70</u>

** Estimated on 1974 Provisional Budget.

FULFORD TIDE TABLES

DECEMBER 1973					
DAY	TIME	HT.			
21	0510	11.1	24	0645	12.0
	0855	10.3		1145	10.4
FR	1255	11.0	MO	1420	10.6
	2100	2.2		2235	1.9
22	0535	11.6	25	0715	12.1
	1010	10.5		1235	10.3
SA	1325	10.9	TU	1515	10.4
	2130	2.0		2310	2.0
23	0615	11.9	26	0745	12.1
	1100	10.5		1320	10.0
SU	1350	10.8	WE	1550	10.1
	2205	1.9		2345	2.2
			27	0810	12.1
				1410	9.5
			TH	1640	9.7
			28	0015	2.7
				0835	12.0
			FR	1455	8.9
				1730	9.1
			29	0050	3.4
				0905	11.9
			SA	1545	8.2
				1830	8.4
			30	0120	4.2
				0915	11.9
			SU	1625	7.3
				2010	7.8
			31	0150	5.3
				0935	11.7
			MO	1705	6.3
				2205	7.5

HOPE

Because I am old,
My strength is less,
I stand aside
As people pass.

I wistfully wish
That I could know
their hopes and dreams
And their problems too.

I would like to know
Where they've lived before,
And what they have done
And their native lore.

But I am old
And unattractive,
I'm glad they've come,
Young, strong and active,

To build a future
On things that last,
Using the good
From out the past.
-Mildred Norton.

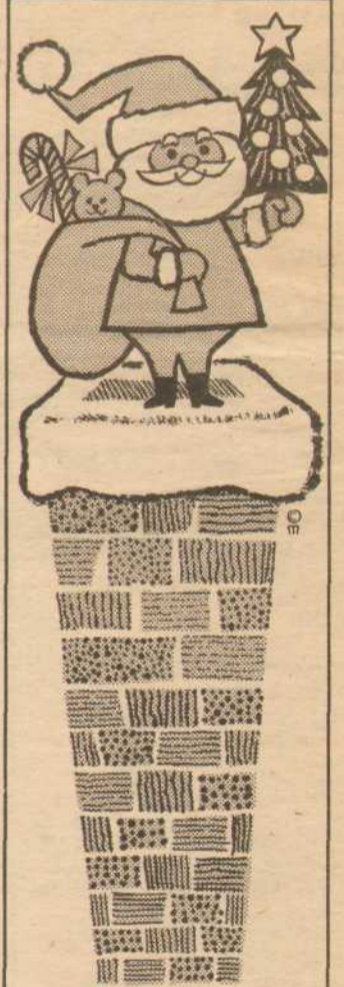
HOT CHRISTMAS

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marinated fish, which everyone will eat on paper plates in a brief interval from bathing, volley-ball, or just lazing in the hot sun.

It is truly a Christmas which shows apart from other feasts, a Christmas of laughter and good humour.

This, then, is Christmas as another land sees it, a feast which is a mixture of Christian observance and of human enjoyment, but which reflects in all its duration the easy forbearance of the people and their natural movement towards happy comradeship which is the basis of the South American nature. Christ comes to us once a year, but how nice to have his influence in some measure all the year round.



Merry Christmas

May Santa find your home bright with happiness at holiday time. and

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SECOND SECTION

Thursday, December 20, 1973

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Three Plans Near Readiness

Community Plans for Salt Spring Island, South Pender Island and Galiano Island are in various stages of processing to bring them in line with Provincial Government policy so that they can receive approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

All three, which had been sent to Municipal Affairs Minister James Lorimer late in 1972, later had to be revised because of the Provincial Government's Land Commission Act which stresses preservation of agricultural land.

The Advisory Planning Commission on Salt Spring Island now faces the problem of reconciling approximately 2,760 acres of agricultural land shown in its original community plan with about 7,600 acres of farm land shown there in the Regional District's Agricultural Land Reserve Plan.

The revised plan for South Pender Island was approved by the Regional Board on November 28 and delivered to Mr. Lorimer's office on December 4. To the credit of the people on South Pender Island, its plan contains 460 acres of agricultural land compared with only about 370 acres which the Regional Board included in the land reserve plan.

The Galiano planning committee adjusted its agricultural land figure upwards from about 1,030 acres in the first version of its community plan to about 1,945 acres in the modified plan which has now been sent to the Municipal Affairs Minister.

Regional Board Chairman Jim Campbell said he hopes the Salt Spring plan will be ready for amendment and approval by the Regional Board early in January, so that it too can be forwarded to the Minister.

STORMS LASH ISLANDS

Communications were at a low ebb on several occasions last week when the unusually heavy winter storms kept ferries in port.

The islands were short of mail and short of transportation several days last week and many telephones were also out of service.

The same heavy winds and rain cut out power supplies for brief periods during the week.

Major Hike In Taxes Looming

— COMMERCIAL PROPERTY UP 150%

Commercial operations on the islands are facing a major increase in costs, with taxes likely to jump to three times last year's level.

Already announced is the likely school tax level in the islands, 50% above the 1973 level. This increase will affect all property owners here.

The provincial government has also announced a 50% increase in assessments of commercial and industrial proper-

ties. Instead of being assessed at one-quarter of their market value, they are to be assessed at 50% of that value. This will automatically double their taxes next year, without consideration of the school tax hike.

The commercial property that paid \$1,000 taxes in 1973 will pay about \$2,500 in 1974 on the presently known mill rates looming.

The operator will either increase his prices to meet the hike or he will face a drop in wages next year of \$1,500.

This hike covers all commercial properties, from the minute Driftwood operation to the largest in the islands, such as Mouat's. Not left out are the resorts, whose assessments will be boosted to the same degree next year.

The government's decision to increase commercial and industrial assessments next year is intended to raise greater tax revenues from corporations in the province. It will hit all commercial operations.

The increase in school taxes is blamed by Education Minister Eileen Dailly on the individual boards.

The minister has stated that she is perturbed over the enormous increase in school budgets. The province-wide figure of school board costs is up by \$82 millions, compared with a \$53 million increase last year and a previous annual average increase of \$30 millions.

The increase in school budgets from 1972 to 1974 indicates that boards in general are not exercising the degree of fiscal control she had hoped for, said Mrs. Dailly.

The figure of \$82 millions is taken from the provisional budgets. Mrs. Dailly commented that she hopes the boards will pare their final budgets down to avoid this increase.

Mrs. Dailly set the government pattern when she established a government's share of school costs next year at 8.9% above the 1973 level. The government is not restricting wages and salaries and any increase won by school employees will be aided by the province to that figure. Beyond an increase of 8.9% the taxpayers are required to pay.

GOLDEN AGE IS 87 WHEN IT COMES TO BOWLING AT LEISURE LANES



JANUARY CHAMBER MEETING

Annual general meeting of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce will be held in Ganges on Wednesday evening Jan. 23.

Meeting was due this month, but problems facing the organization necessitated the postponement of the meeting to January.

Golden Age for bowling is 87. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cranswick are 87 years of age and they find their age no bar to good bowling. On Friday afternoon both received their bowling certificates from Lucy Moore. They were among the large number of older islanders taking part

SEQUEL TO LONG COURT BATTLE OVER AIRSTRIP

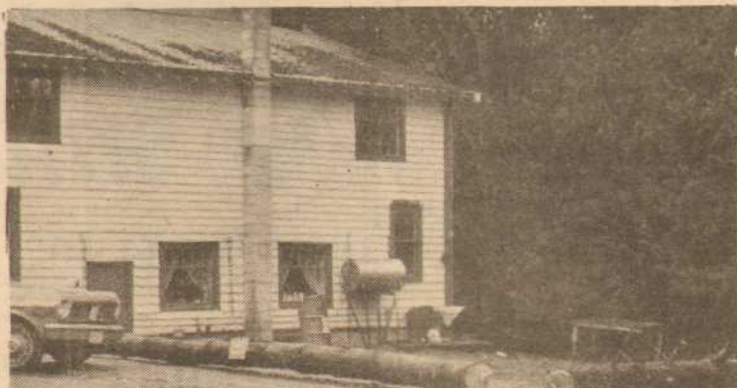
WATER AND PARKING ARE STOPPED AT FULFORD

Two Fulford properties went dry last week when their source of water ran out.

Fulford Community Hall and the Anglican Parish of St. Mary's were left high and dry. Gordon Cudmore, owner of the system which had previously served both properties for the past 40 years stated that the pipeline supplying both users had plugged up and he is spending no more time and money on the community until the Regional Board cooperates with him.

When he had protested the inclusion of the three-acre hall parking lot in the agricultural reserve, Cudmore explained, he had been denied relief. Second parcel, between the church and the Telephone Co. property, purchased as a commercial parcel is also listed as farmland despite his protests. The parking lot is listed as farmland and taxed as a parking lot, he protests.

He was also indignant at being denied access permits to his Fulford property by the department of highways engineer in Victoria.



Logs lie around the parking area at Fulford Hall after they had been placed there by owner Gordon Cudmore. He explained that the action was a protest against criticism of airstrip.

The action follows a long island controversy. The Burgoyne Valley Airstrip has been the subject of petitions, both for and against, and a legal action that has been ploughing through the courts for two years. Many owners of adjacent property are vigorously opposed to the airstrip. Other local property owners are in favour of that use of the land. Cudmore has long identified the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission and Director Marc

Holmes with the lawsuit brought against him. Awaiting a hearing in the B. C. Supreme Court is the appeal by the Capital Regional District against an earlier court ruling that the Regional District has no jurisdiction over airports. The shortage of water was settled at the week end when Tim O'Donnell tapped into his own water system to supply both church and community hall. Volunteer crews worked

through the wet week end to install a new pipe line.

Curious feature about the Fulford controversy is that Cudmore was among the volunteer crew who laid the original pipeline to the hall in 1936. At that time the land was owned by the Shaw family and when Gordon Cudmore bought the property many years later he acquired the water system and parking lots at the same time.

Director Holmes, this week, explained that the inclusion of land in the agricultural reserve, after an appeal was made, was the result of a soil survey of the property by a soil scientist. When the scientist ruled that the land was or was not suitable for agri-

culture the board members accepted that ruling.

"If the community wants the parking lot they can go to the Regional Director and ask him to clear up the problems of water and highway access," stated Mr. Cudmore on Monday.

ART SHOW

Despite the heavy rains a considerable number of viewers visited the Ganges United Church Hall on Saturday to view the exhibits at the sale of art. Exhibiting local artists sold an impressive number of paintings.

Display closed early when the downpour discouraged further visitors.

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FOR STAFF ANNUAL HOLIDAYS.

SWANSONG

Marc Holmes Looks Back Over Four Years

The Editor has kindly invited me to write a "swan song", and I will take this opportunity to be candid rather than express polite pleasantries.

At the onset may I say it is my hope - and that of my wife - that Driftwood readers will read less of me in future than they have during the past four years.

I have served during the

period when Salt Spring passed from an easy-going, very slowly developing rural community to something startlingly different. Over-loaded ferries all winter, traffic problems in Ganges, four million dollars in building during 1973 - all this despite restrictions such as the ten-acre subdivision freeze.

"You can't stop progress,"

(and should not try) and "a man has the right to do anything he wants with his own land," (regardless of how it affects the community's future?) were the angry cries directed at me initially. But I hear this less and less as time goes on.

"If this is progress perhaps we don't need it;" "Make haste slowly regarding development;" "Protect open space, the foreshore and the lakes;" "Leave something unravished for the next generation." These remarks I hear more and more frequently, so I think we have nearly all advanced in our thinking. We are taking a more far-sighted point of view in our role as stewards of the land.

Despite suspicion on the part of some, I have found the Provincial Government and the local MLA sympathetic and helpful in efforts to protect the Gulf Islands. But Islanders who want to retain their way of life must remain vigilant. Greedy and short-sighted people will always be with us and they may have accountants, lawyers and public relations experts working full time to wear down the local representative and confuse the public.

At the moment parks are out of fashion in some circles, partly because of misbehaviour by a small minority. But let us not throw out the baby with the bathwater. Preservation of open space must remain a goal and there is nothing wrong with leaving land in its natural state. The establishment of Ruckle Park is an enormous benefit for the future and should be copied on other Islands. Critics of parkland miss the point that we will soon be subject to enormous pressures from three or four million people surrounding the Gulf Islands who will want to come here for rest and recreation - regardless of whether our land is owned publicly or privately. How to deal with them may be our biggest problem. Certainly there is a limit to the number of tourist cars we can accept. Perhaps passenger-only visitor ferry service, conceivably to areas without road connections to our settlements - would provide an answer.

The future should soon see final implementation of varying Community Plans for the Islands which should go a long way to prevent unwise land use and guide our development in a co-ordinated and intelligently planned manner. It was at a recent meeting of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hugh Curtis, MLA, and myself that the final breakthrough came although many others played their part.

These plans are a source of great satisfaction to me and others, like Jim Campbell, who have worked so hard to bring about their adoption, although a term other than "Community Plan" was used at the beginning. We have achieved some protection by a zoning by-law and will soon have a new subdivision by-

law, the first rough draft of which was prepared some time ago.

The battle to protect St. Mary Lake, destined to be the water supply of the majority of residents in future - seems to be won. What a battle! But all lakes on these water-short Islands need constant guarding against further encroachment.

The airport issue is still unsettled and Island opinion is divided. I suggested some time ago that the public should decide by referendum but the promoters did not respond to the offer. I think the important question here is whether the Islanders should have the right to be consulted as to whether or not they want an airport and if so, where and how extensive it would be. Presumably the Courts will eventually give us the answer and that answer may affect communities right across Canada.

I have, in conjunction with Lady Minto Hospital Board Chairman, Paul Layard and members of his Board, been working on an intermediate - Personal care proposal to look after those elderly people who cannot look after themselves at home. The cost of constru-

ction and daily care is about half the amount required per bed for the extended care service. Various elected and appointed officials have conducted initial studies and I am cautiously optimistic regarding further results.

I cannot thank by name the many people who have helped and supported me. Despite noisy minority groups, I learned that most Islanders do want to protect their beautiful and unique surroundings. Serving them has been a great privilege. I also enjoyed being the first electoral area representative on the Executive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities.

I thank the faithful members of the Advisory Planning Commission and the Community Planning Association, as well as Adrian Wolfe-Milner, who served as Alternate on the Regional Board.

I extend my congratulations and best wishes to George Heinekey, my successor. He will be called on to do a great deal of work for his community and I know he is prepared to do this cheerfully and well.

Finally, I wish all Islanders a pleasant Christmas and a good 1974.

Sincerely,

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to be frank



By Richards

Radio announcers sometimes mix their metaphores, like this prize from last week: "If you have a weight on your mind - give me a call and get it off your chest!"

Danny Akerman got into the hotel business through the back door last week. Selling Christmas trees and winter storms brought half the island to his temporary back door.

Way I've got it figured I'm almost a Lord. You sell a Canadian newspaper and then you buy something in England, like the Smethwick and East Dudley Advertiser and before you know it, you're a Lord. I'm half-way to being Lord Richards already. Two fellows came into the office last week and started off, "Lord! Richards! What's this you said last week?"

We know England doesn't

own Canada and we know it doesn't belong to the Queen, but since the energy crisis nobody seems to really know who it belongs to. It seems to me there's a link somewhere between prairie oil and off-shore rights. Once we know who Canada really belongs to, maybe we can trace the connection.

This was the month I was planning to fly to Europe and shiver my way through the holiday season. Then the Arabs decided to put on the pressure and the trip was off for fear of getting stranded there. Now, as the reports come in from England and the story unfolds of how the British are now pulling their own country apart, I know the decision to not was a wise one. Tragedy of the whole thing is that the British are breaking England so much more readily than

She Lived At Ganges 62 Years

Mrs. Violet Case-Morris passed away in Lady Minto Hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

At the turn of the century, Charles Lang, with his wife and family, came to Salt Spring Island from Cornwall, England, to reside. Mrs. Case-Morris was the daughter of the pioneer islander.

Hitler could do it.

Only thing worse than a heavy windstorm is listening to the CBC news after the ferries have all been tied up for the day and when everything is at a standstill and the report comes through that storms subsided this morning and all ferries are back on schedule.

And there's only one thing worse than figuring out who owns Canada and that's learning from our friendly neighbours that Britain does. Like in the art and news service sold by a large United States company. There are two British communities of the name of Christmas, said the publication, and one of these is in Nova Scotia.

Except for a short time in Victoria, Violet Case-Morris, nee Lang, had resided here continuously for 62 years.

She was predeceased by her husband, Vernon, a few years ago.

Mrs. Case-Morris was well known for her work in the Anglican community of Salt Spring Island.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. (Daphne)

Bradley, of Ganges, Mrs. Winthom Dillon of Victoria; four sisters, five grandchildren, seven great-granddaughters and a host of friends.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Peter McCalman, Friday, Dec. 14, in St. George's Anglican Church. Cremation followed. Goodman's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HOLIDAY TO BE MARKED BY LIBRARY

For Salt Spring Islanders who plan a quiet holiday season, with good books for companionship, here is something to note.

The library at Ganges will be closed for the whole of Christmas week and through to January 2.

Borrowers are advised to stock up before then and those who wish to return books in the period are reminded that there is a book slot in the wall at the side of the entry door. Any books which are stamped as due back during the closing period will be accepted without fines on re-opening.

New fiction and non-fiction titles are added every

week, and recent arrivals include "The Infernal Grove", second volume of Malcolm Muggeridge's "Chronicles of a Wasted Life", "Ten Lost Years", Barry Broadfoot's history of the depression period in Canada, "The Fascinating World of New Brunswick" covering some of Stuart True-man's amusing experiences in that province, "The Devil's Lighter", a topical novel by John Ballem who is a Canadian legal authority on oil and gas matters, and a suspense novel "The Carbon Copy", by Anthony Brennan, a professor who once taught at UBC and is now at St. Thomas University in Fredericton.



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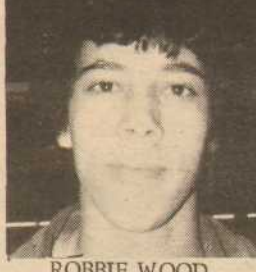
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A Happy Christmas

It's Christmas! And the Jaycees are bringing to the islands the true meaning of Christmas, according to a radio report, Santa Claus and all his reindeer.

It's Christmas! And peace and goodwill ride a-broad as if they owned the place.

It's Christmas! And every street in every town is brightly clad in colored lights and cardboard Santas.

It's Christmas! And every table groans under the weight of western wealth.

It's Christmas! And the only stockings with holes in them are hanging up for Santa.

It's Christmas! And the liquor store is doing a roaring trade.

It's Christmas! And we all feel the pressures of goodwill and some peace.

It's Christmas! And Arabs and Jews have little reason to note it.

It's Christmas! And peace and goodwill are scarce in Vietnamese communities.

It's Christmas! And we are all fighting fit for fighting.

It's Christmas! And the Northern Irish haven't heard.

It's Christmas! And we can be thankful among the islands that we know the season well.

It's Christmas! And we can look with goodwill on the storekeepers and businessmen who keep us supplied the year around; the service and repairmen at our call every day of every year; the highways crews and utilities men who keep everything coming and the ferry crews who do the same thing.

It's Christmas! And we can spread the goodwill to the police and rescue workers living to serve us.

It's Christmas!

Letters To The Editor

ABHORRENT PLAN

Editor, Driftwood,
This writer has had property on Pender Island for many years and at long last is about to become a permanent resident; therefore this Mad Hatter international park idea is even more abhorrent than the number of other iniquities that have been foisted on our Gulf Islands. It could be understood if our US cousins were alone promoting this, but to have alleged Canadians subscribing to, what to some extent could be another Yanke take-over, is inconceivable. And all this without any opportunity for islanders to submit a significant opinion.

One can have sympathy with the people on Point Roberts, even the absentee Canadian property owners, but it is, nevertheless, US soil and not the real responsibility of Canada. Let Canada give them help in their real need, but let's not go overboard because US developers are creating an untenable situation in order to make a Fast Buck. If the State of Washington can not control their own Soapy Smiths it is their problem and not the responsibility of Can-

ada to bail them out by prostituting our Gulf Islands.

To those who are impressed by the International Park phrase, I would suggest that they visit some of the residents of Banff, Jasper and a few other parks. The imagined idyll would soon explode. The master hands of governments are not kind to share-croppers.

Those who think in terms of Peace, Brotherhood and Hands across-the-border should gaze a little more intently and realize that the only significant hands-across-the-border are the corporate fists from the south that come to grab everything possible. Let us not put our islands into this sphere of influence for "no valid reason".

Doubtless, there are areas in B. C. that should be preserved, as nearly as possible, as they are. But let us do it for ourselves and in a manner consistent with the wellbeing of those who have had the foresight and courage to live in these areas; in some instances for generations. It can be done. All that is required is more of an HONEST try and less bureaucratic botchery. Let our legislators listen to the people whose feet are in

DOUGLAS SPEAKS ON ENERGY

At long last the Parliament of Canada is taking the first steps toward developing an oil policy designed to serve the needs of the Canadian people rather than the profits of the foreign multi-national corporations. For decades the oil industry has virtually made its own policy. It has dominated supplies, manipulated prices and squandered our oil reserves with the result that we have only about a ten year supply left.

For example the Big Four U.S. major oil companies persuaded the Conservative Government in 1961 to divide Canada into two oil regions. West of the Ottawa Valley was made a captive market for western Canadian oil at prices higher than imported oil. East of the Ottawa Valley became the dumping ground for Venezuelan oil which was difficult to dispose of because of its high sulphur content. The consequence of

that policy is that Canadians living East of the Ottawa Valley are now at the mercy of the oil importing countries, both with respect to supply and price.

Another example is British Columbia where our oil refineries are designed mainly for the production of gasoline. Three quarters of the oil coming through the Trans-Mountain Pipeline has been going to the United States and we have been dependent upon that country for our supplies of heating oil, diesel oil and bunker fuel. Now we find ourselves in the position of having to buy back the petroleum products made from Canadian oil at very high prices.

The results of the policies pursued by the major oil companies are now apparent. Over 50% of our oil production has been going to the United States and only the constant protests of the New Democratic Party forced the Government to place controls on the export of crude oil and gasoline. Moreover the price charged Canadians for the privilege of using their own oil was based on the Chicago Market and set by the multinational oil companies.

On May 28th I introduced a Motion in the House of Commons calling for export control. (Turn to Page Twenty-Three)

sion transgressed against parents. He speculates that religion made the same mistake when it fantasized beyond the simplicity of the ten commandments about the roles of God, mothers, fathers and children. He further speculates that education made the same mistake when it accepted the responsibility for "what" children thought and felt which should have remained the speciality of the parents working with a practical religion. The school had failed in not keeping to its own hard currency - the skills of "how" to think!

Ron Stacey,
Quebec Drive,
R. R. 1, Ganges,
December 17, 1973.

the soil (or on the rocks) of the Gulf Islands.
E. Chisholm,
#205, 700 Chilco St.,
Vancouver, B. C. V6G 2P1
December 12, 1973.

PUNISHMENT

Editor, Driftwood,
I would like to ask people advocating authoritarianism or corporal punishment for children a question.

Does it work?
If the answer is yes, may I say that I have often observed the contrary. I have tried to treat my three daughters since babyhood with the respect and consideration too often reserved for adults and the result has not been anarchy; rather gentle, loving children.

I have been told by Mrs. Howland that I am simply lucky. Well, I don't think so, I happen to think that children respond in much the same way as they are treated.

In reply to Mrs. Dixon may I say that I have for some time found that a person's mode of dress was not the definitive statement on the important qualities of kindness, industry and yes, even deportment.
Joan McClean,
Box 458,
Ganges, B. C.
December 13, 1973.

TO EACH ITS OWN

Editor, Driftwood,
I would like to commend Mrs. Rowena Dixon on her fine letter to the Driftwood. A parent who faces the realities of child rearing, complicated as they appear to be at times, gives the educator a chance.

However, fantasies that are recognized as such and that look a century or two ahead are sometimes worth indulging in.

Let us suppose that we are now living in the late 21st century and that men as well as women have been completely liberated. Not only the technology of test tube babies but also the technology of test tube adolescents has been nearly perfected. Parent persons by design or chance at any time of the year initiate a test tube embryo. Hospital boards, for sound economic reasons, have decreed that the hospital year begins the first of September after two months holiday and that each doctor, assisted by a nurse is assigned 20 to 30 test tubes of this year's crop or a previous year's crop to service in the appropriate uniform sized test tube for each year of culture. The hospital and staff, including the transportation and extra medical activities, manipulate the test tubes for five to eight hours a day and the test tubes are returned to the parent persons when the parent persons can be found or identified. When parent persons aren't available, parent person substitutes working in day care and nightcare centres take over. Difficulties do arise!

Doctor's abilities are taxed beyond their limits when popping the wide assortment of pills for the soul, the mind

and the body into the contents of the 20 to 30 individual test tubes, all present in the same room or open area at the same time. The test tubes, almost from the beginning show a marked inclination to rattle against each other as well as against the doctor's fingers but since this has been judged to be a good thing for the child's social development it is encouraged.

Doctors and nurses make mistakes popping the wrong pills into the wrong test tubes at the wrong times. Many test tubes are dropped and much glass is broken.

The most serious problem however is the failure on the part of medical science to synthesize the "identity pill". Because the content of the open test tube is served pills by parent persons, as well as doctors, all wearing pants, often breathing smoke and alcohol fumes, while the test tube is either rattling against its fellow test tubes or sitting in front of TV it stares through the haze confused. It does not know whether it's going to become a he or a she, a full-sized cracked test tube or bit of a pill. People are not happy with doctors!

An experienced old doctor of the 21st century looks back to his youth in the 20th century and selfishly wishes for the good old days when the doctor could bury his occasional unavoidable mistakes instead of having to live with them. This old doctor also wonders if he isn't just a victim of the inflation and devaluation brought about when his profes-



Church Services

ANGLICAN PARISH			
Dec. 23	9:30 am	St. George's	Ganges Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism
	11:15 am	St. Mary's	Fulford Holy Communion
	7:00 pm	St. George's	Ganges Community Festival of Lessons and Carols
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve			
	7 pm	St. Mary's	Fulford Holy Communion
	9 pm	St. George's	Ganges Holy Communion
	11 pm	St. Mark's	Central Holy Communion
Dec. 25 Christmas Day			
	9:30 am	St. Mary's	Fulford Holy Communion
	11:15 am	St. Mark's	Central Holy Communion
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
Christmas Day	Midnight Mass		Our Lady of Grace, Ganges
9:00 am	Holy Mass		St. Paul's Fulford
11:00 am	Holy Mass		Our Lady of Grace, Ganges
UNITED CHURCH			
Sunday, Dec. 23,	10:30 am	Ganges	Christmas Family Service
COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH			
Dec. 23	7:30 pm		Sunday School Christmas Program
Dec. 31	10 pm		Watch Night Service, 45 minute film will be shown - refreshments.

FIRST CONSIDERED IN ALBERTA

Many people on Salt Spring Island suppose that the concept of an island library originated on the island itself. This is far from true, as the decision which enabled Mary Young Hawkins to create her library, was made following a good deal of discussion, at Cold Lake in Alberta, Lat. 55N Long. 110W, almost identical with that of Lake Baikal in Siberia, excepting that the longitude of Baikal is 110 East.

Cold Lake is approximately 150 miles N. E. of Edmonton, and almost on the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary line. The lake, itself, with Lac La Biche, 50 miles west, discharges into the Beaver River, which is the main headwater of the Churchill.

I had taken Mary to Cold Lake in the spring of 1952, and was for the following two years Resident Engineer for the Department of National Defence on the construction of eight concrete and steel hangars, capable of housing the largest R. C. A. F. and American Army planes; and of all the other buildings and services, including four messes, a 50-bed hospital and a central heating plant with four boilers of 25,000 pounds per hour capacity.

In the spring of 1954, when the five feet of ice on the lake began to thaw, and envelope our four-square-mile construction area in a cold mist, I put Mary on one of the RCAF planes, bound for Calgary, where she had many friends. She would spend a week or two there, and then on to Victoria to see flowers and birds again, and more important, bask in sunshine.

Four or five weeks later she returned, radiant and excited. She had discovered Paradise! Paradise I queried? Victoria? Oh no, not Victoria, Salt Spring Island! I, of course, knew it was one of the Gulf Islands. She had maps and a

sheaf of cuttings from Victoria papers extolling the charms of life on the Gulf Islands. Moreover, she had listings of properties on Salt Spring which might be acquired!

She began her campaign at once, and, with unabated enthusiasm. We were living in a brand new two-bedroom bungalow, oil-heated, and connected to the power and telephone systems, located on the edge of the future married personnel area. It was, when we arrived at Cold Lake, the only permanent structure on the complex, and was, for a year or more, half a mile from any habitation. I had, before being persuaded to take on the Cold Lake Airbase job, stipulated that this bungalow should be the first building on the project. It was on the south bank of a brook which flowed into the Beaver River, and on moon light nights, if I should be detained in my office, which frequently occurred, Mary could listen to a dozen or more coyotes, howling their woes to the Homeless Snows on a high rock bank about 500 feet away across the brook. It was very lonely for her until I got a second car, in which she could drive to Grand Centre or Bonnevillie, a French-speaking small town, 20 miles away, which she often did.

Normally, I left the bungalow at 7.30, lunched at one of the numerous contractor camps, and returned at six quite often with two other men, for dinner and bridge. These bridge sessions were her only diversion. The winters were long and could be very cold, bottoming at minus 50, and it seemed reasonable that after 30 years of this sort of thing, she should long for a home of her own in more congenial surroundings.

One evening when we were alone the debate continued. "Why not retire now or in a few months," she said; "You

are very nearly 70, and have been working for ten or more hours every day for two years? I began to quiz her: what was the population of Salt Spring Island? was there a bank; a liquor store? A fairly competent service and repair garage, restaurants, hotels? Yes, she said, all of these.

"So this magic isle has everything that the heart can desire?" "No, she said, "it hasn't got a library, but it will have one."

"What federal or provincial government is going to squander \$10,000 or \$20,000 on a library for a few hundred on a 50-square mile rocky island?"

"No government," she said, "but remember the Chinese proverb, Even the tallest towers spring from the ground."

She was irresistible, but I continued my quiz.

What the Hell do people do there?

They sail and fish and have beautiful homes and gardens and golf, and bridge and have a lovely restful life. This hint at restfulness alarmed me as I had never really been a restful type, but I finally capitulated, and mailed a cheque to Salt Spring Lands for the St. Mary Lake property, where she has for nearly 20 years lived so very happily. By doing that I laid the foundation of her beloved Salt Spring Island Library.

In many of the places in which she had lived, until she finally marooned me on her dream island, she had been actively interested in libraries: St. John's, Newfoundland; Quebec City, Swift Current, Sask. and finally, Fort St. John, B.C. She loved to read good books and biographies and for relaxation, English Who-done-its; a few American ones and perhaps now and then a translation from French.

She was the eldest in a family. Turn to Page Twenty-Eight

BEST WISHES

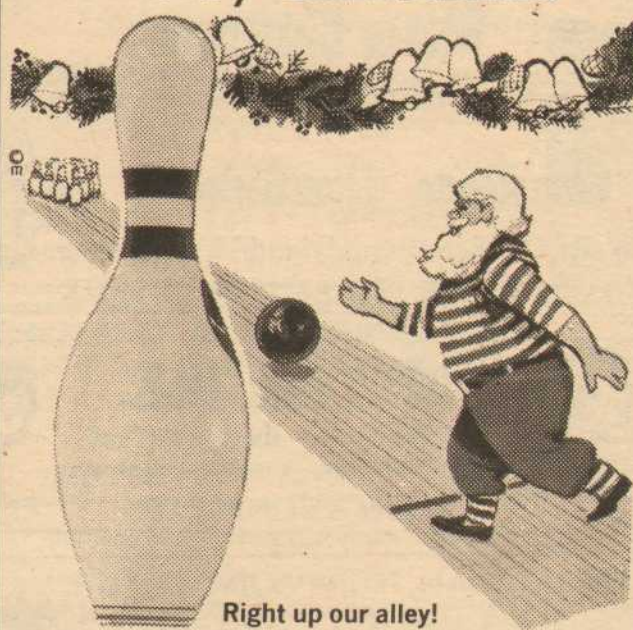
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THIS IS WHY ISLANDERS OBJECT

Mrs. Ann Henshaw, of South Pender Island, has summarized the recent public hearing in Victoria when an international islands park was considered. Here are her views:

 Your plan for the creation of an International Park System in this area has met with a negative response. The reasons seem obvious. When you suddenly tell people, many whom have owned and loved their property all their lives, that you are going to buy them out, you couldn't expect any other reaction. Also it sounds like the wrong kind of park to anyone interested in the preservation of all life that goes to make up the islands and the surrounding waters. If it was based more on the system in England, where the Trust gradually acquires land as it comes up for sale, or is given outright to the Trust, and is then kept in its natural state. These parks are for people and wildlife, not for machines, so the people who cherish nature will always be able to be a part of it, and the people who want

? Inquest ?

BY PASTOR DAVID G. LOW
 QUESTION: I have heard that the three wise men did not see Jesus at the same time the shepherds did, but much later. Is this true?

ANSWER: The visit of the wise men occurred up to 2 years after the birth of Jesus. (The Bible does not state how many wise men there were but we assume there were three). The wise men visited King Herod to find out where Jesus was. They pointed out the Old Testament prophecies stating that Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem but they wanted to know where Jesus was now. Later, when the King wanted to have Jesus slain, he knew that some time had passed since the birth of Jesus so he had all the male babies slain, from two years of age and under. The Bible also records that the wise men entered into the house where they were. We know that Jesus was born in a stable, so Mary and Joseph must have travelled back home to Nazareth.

All this does in no way alter the meaning or the purpose of the unusual visit of three men who were actually astronomers. They had travelled a long way, leaving home and friends just to see a baby. But they realized that they weren't searching for just any baby, but the Son of God, who was born to die for the sins of the world.

If people of low stature, no education and no wealth (the shepherds) saw their need of the Saviour, and people of high social standing, wealthy scientists (the three wise men) saw their need of a Saviour, do you not think that you should search for Him? We all have needs, Jesus can satisfy.

Please send all inquiries to Box 61, Ganges, B. C.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and
 HAPPY NEW YEAR
 To All Our Friends
 On Salt Spring Island
 and the other
 Gulf Islands

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and, until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Ian & Elsie Macdonald
 Ganges Hill

easy transportation and all the facilities and comforts will make use of the city parks, and private marinas, or the national parks throughout B. C.

Mr. Dan Evans of Washington State said yesterday in Seattle, that the residents involved have got the wrong impression of what the International Joint Commission is; that it is not a Super International Agency that can tell people what they have to do. This statement and the impression of the facts as presented here in B. C. are in absolute contradiction. The way I read it, you've got your money, and you've chosen your targets, first second and third priority.

Your first concern seems to be for the urban dwellers, but mine is for the islands themselves and for future generations that hopefully will be less mechanized, more energetic and of simpler pleasures. Even if you dispose of all the islanders involved, take the lands and make them available to anyone on wheels or keels, put in marinas, boat ramps, camp sites, picnic tables, etc. there will be nothing left in a few years to distinguish your park from any city park or playland. We all know that people are renewable, but these islands may not be.

This is my impression of your plan, and I hope it's wrong. But most plans made from afar, dealing with unfamiliar territory tend to be unpractical and bungling, and in this case a bit dictatorial.


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 We Wish
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 & HAPPY NEW YEAR
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 AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
 To All Our Friends & Neighbours
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Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR
 TO ONE AND ALL
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To All Our Friends on Salt Spring Island
Merry Christmas
 &
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 WAYNE & DORIS BRADLEY
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**Christmas
 Wishes**
 and a
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 To all our friends and ferry personnel
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Season's Greetings
 TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
 Rita, Ken, Lorraine &
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 To All Our Relatives,
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR



To all my friends & neighbours
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MERRY Christmas and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all my Friends & Neighbours



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- An Enthusiastic Child Spoke Those Precious Words To Me This Day, Therefore to My Salt Spring Islanders I say

FOR CHRISTMAS & THE NEW YEAR
GOODY, GOODY, GUMDROPS
GOD BLESS. Marg. Johnston

DOUGLAS AND FUEL CRISIS IN CANADA
(From Page Twenty)

rols. I urged the establishment of a two-price system which would freeze the price of oil to Canadian consumers and an Export Tax so that the difference between the Canadian price and the Chicago price would go to the Federal and Provincial Governments rather than to the oil companies. I also called for the abolition of the Ottawa Valley Line. These three proposals have now been adopted.

On October 25th I moved another Motion calling for the

Season's Greetings

TO ALL MY FRIENDS ON SALT SPRING ISLAND



Anne Dyer, Fernwood

setting up of a National Petroleum Company to ensure a Canadian public involvement in the oil industry which at present is 91% controlled by foreign corporations. My motion called for the extension of the oil pipeline to Montreal and the public development of the Alberta and Saskatchewan oil sands on a joint basis by the Federal and Provincial Governments. The Trudeau Government has now agreed to take steps toward implementing these proposals.

For some time the Conservative M. P. s made it known that they were going to move a non-confidence motion on the Government's oil policy. On December 5th I made it clear, on behalf of the New Democratic Party M. P. s, that our vote would be entirely dependent on the Government's commitments concerning three vital matters: -

1. Maintain the price freeze on Canadian-produced oil beyond January 31st when it was due to expire.
2. Bring in legislation establishing a National Petroleum Company for the purpose of developing, producing, refining and marketing oil under public ownership as a public utility.
3. Develop the oil sands in conjunction with the Provinces so that this last great reservoir of oil will be owned and controlled by Canadians for the benefit of the people of this country.

Prime Minister Trudeau replied the next day, December 6th, in the House of Commons Dr. Samuel Johnson once said that nothing concentrates a man's mind like knowing he is to be hanged in the morning. Mr. Trudeau has agreed to a continuation of the freeze till spring; legislation will be brought in at the next session to establish a National Petroleum Company; and the Federal Government is prepared to involve itself in the development of the oil sands.

All this doesn't mean that the battle is won. The outside of the package is no guarantee as to the quality of its contents and we shall work on the premise that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating." But it does mean that the Government is now committed to placing restraints on the oil industry and to a growing measure of public involvement so that Canadians will increasingly be masters of their own resources. More must be done, but we have made a modest beginning toward freeing ourselves from the tentacles of monopoly control. Many hard battles lie ahead but I believe we have taken an important step along the road toward economic emancipation.

May I wish you and yours the Season's Greetings and may 1974 bring all mankind closer to Peace, Security and Human Brotherhood.

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To My Relatives And All My Friends
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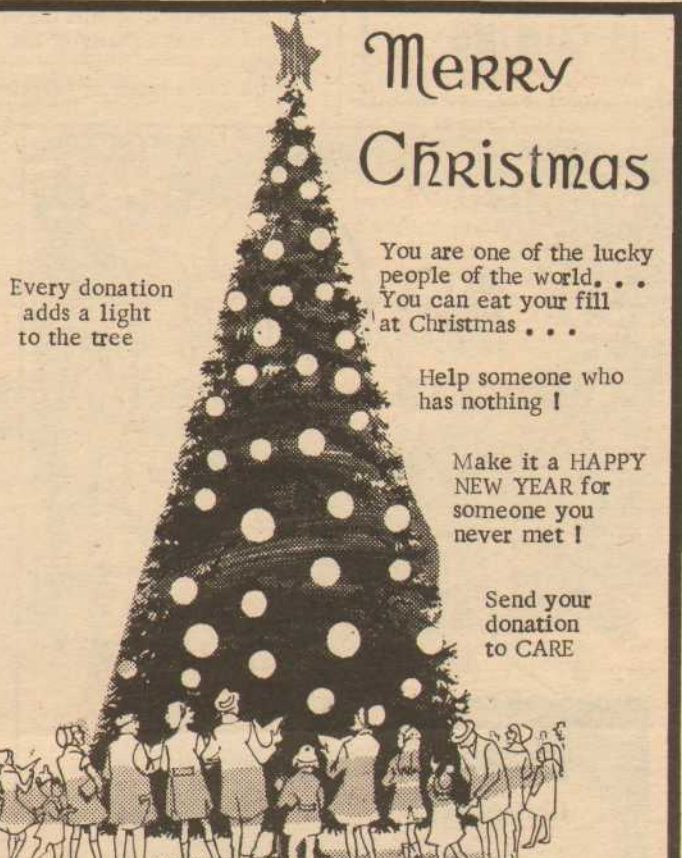
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THE WARM CYNIC IS MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE

Famous Writer And Humorist

BY FRANK RICHARDS

He sits back by the french doors and looks out over the water. It is a beautiful place to live, this Salt Spring Island, he says, nevertheless, he will pack his bags in March and return to his cottage in Sussex for the rest of his days.

The setting is Vesuvius Bay and the main character is Malcolm Muggeridge, English journalist and commentator.

WILSON IS COMING

Sharing the stage in Vesuvius Bay is Mrs. Muggeridge, equally warm, equally happy and equally busy.

He writes; she types. They are a new Vesuvius Bay team.

Muggeridge is a name familiar to readers the world over and to millions of television viewers in the English-speaking world. He is a notable British commentator with a sharp mind and a sharp tongue. He is a journalist and he has worked for British newspapers in many lands. Widely known for his four years as editor of Punch, the British humorous magazine, he has attached less importance to this experience than have many of his readers.

With the advent of televi-

sion, he became a commentator on home affairs and has appeared in various programs of his own making and for others in various countries.

He has a flair for using the right word at the right time and he has a long experience to draw on. If he is the journalist par excellence it is because he has always been a keen observer.

As he approaches his 71st birthday, he is continuing a life-long practice of looking ahead. His concern today is in what lies ahead. "Why am I here?" he asks, "What comes next?"

Before the Second World War he made many trips across the Atlantic. He recalls the five days or a week from Southampton to New York and he compares those days with the passage through life.

For the first day or so the young men in the passengers' lists would be checking out the attractive, unattached young ladies. Passengers would be jostling for a seat at the Captain's table and the coming voyage was filled with mystery.

During the voyage, the searching males would find the attractive young ladies and the aspiring passengers would be seated at the Captain's or another table.

Came the final days of the voyage and the attractions of shipboard life would pale in competition with the appeal of the port. Everyone would be living in advance, the hour of arrival.

That is life, he explained. He has lived through the journey through life and he is now casting his mind ahead to the time of arrival.

He has not forgotten the present. Malcolm Muggeridge has spent his life as reporter in many countries. He has seen and written of war and internal strife. He has watched the world teeter between western capitalism and eastern communism.

Today he analyzes the values which lie behind the movements of nations. There is no crisis but a moral crisis, he maintains. The economic crisis occurs because the basic

moral pattern is abandoned. People have never lived universally by any moral pattern, he observes, but in the past they have accepted the existence of that code of values.

Muggeridge has a keen eye for the humour of the situation, even if the humour is ironic. He finds it interesting that Australia, once "in a black era" a convict settlement, is now so wealthy that it is far beyond the rest of the western world. Every commodity to be found in Australia is commanding a handsome price on world markets.

He was in Russia recently when he did a television series on Russian classics. He was granted a visa with a group of television personnel. The group was travelling from Canada. When it transpired that he was the English Muggeridge of that name, the Russian atmosphere cooled sharply, he recalls, although the pattern soon settled back to normal.

As a British newsman he had not always been welcomed with open arms in Moscow.

Perhaps because he has few illusions about the Communist system anywhere.

In Czechoslovakia a free referendum would eliminate Communism tomorrow, he asserts. There are about 100,000 fervent communist-supporters and 30 million who would throw off the yolk. Com-

SILVER MAYNES

BY ELSIE BROWN

The tea sponsored by the Silver Maynes Senior Citizens group was a very happy occasion and greatly enjoyed by all who attended. A steady stream of people came and went during the afternoon on Saturday, Dec. 15, bringing to a close the group's activities for the year.

Convening the affair was Edona Medcalf and her official greeters were Geraldine, Clementine, Clarissa and Wilmina who also took turns at the coffee and tea pouring duties during the afternoon.

In charge of the kitchen duties was Vi Hamilton, assisted by Maude Smith, Doris Campkin, Anne Connors, Doris Gardner, Effie Piggott, Betty Fry and Kay Sutton.

Doreen Ferguson assembled the sandwiches and assortment of cake, cookies and pastries on individual plates, assisted by Florine Hart at Doreen's home.

Decorating and setting the tables was in charge of Kathleen Dought, Kay Adams, Ivy Reagh and Marguerite Menzies.

In charge of the raffle tickets on a decorated candle made by Maxine McClure, and beautifully iced-fruit cake made by Edith Griffiths and decorated by Florine Hart were Meg Drummond and Ruth Zuest.

After a delightful afternoon the draw for the door prize and raffle was made. Winners were door prize, Ron Pither, a ceramic Sant a Claus made by Edona Medcalf; the cake, Fred Dodds; candle, Marie Demeester.

The proceeds for this function will go to the children's Christmas Tree which will be held at the hall on December 20 at 7:30 pm.

Edona Medcalf was most grateful for the support given to this event and would like to thank all those who helped make it such an outstanding success.

Congratulations to the "girls" who made such a hit with the menfolk.



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Malcolm Muggeridge and Kitty outside their island home.

munism rules by fear, he explains. If the Communists should decide to move through Europe nothing could hold them back, says the Vesuvius holidaymaker, except, perhaps, American nuclear power.

Could they then hold it? In 1945 there was no westerner to believe that Russia could hold Poland, Hungary, Roumania, Czechoslovakia by force of fear. But they have.

All these things are far removed from the peace and quiet of Salt Spring Island. Its only shortcoming is that it is too far removed, he suggests.

Civilization is like a great creature spreading its tentacles over the world. Salt Spring Island is almost beyond the reach of the tentacles, he feels. There is remoteness in its placid, gentle pace.

There are a lot of hippies in the islands, he has observed. They are following a long tradition where a group withdraws from society, he commented. The churches offered an opportunity to do this, he recalled, with the provision of various orders. In this instance, the group had to be able to sustain itself, whereas the partial withdrawal from society tends towards parasitism, he added.

Talk with Muggeridge and you take a quick trip through recent world history, but without rancor, without bitterness.

He sees, he disagrees, he deplores, but he does not hate.

Picture in Britain is ugly today and there is little hope for the young, looking for a home. Homes are for exploiters, not young couples, he fears.

Inflation and scarcity of homes has resulted in the same spiral that has hit the Canadian scene. Prices soar and building or speculation has become a tremendously profitable business.

A former university professor who became a newsman, commentator, humorist and author, Muggeridge is one of Britain's great wits.

His eyes are the first thing you see when you meet him. Brilliant blue, they see everything around him just as his mind is keenly aware of everything he encounters.

A keen brain and certainly in the past, a cynical brain is Muggeridge. Today he is acutely aware of world affairs, vitally concerned and eagerly seeking a logical explanation of everything.

Beyond this evidence of a deep-thinking man, he is warm, hospitable and constant-

out being reminded of the commandment, "Love thy Neighbour". It's a pleasant relief from so many intellectuals who worship at the cold shrine of pure science.

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The Friendly Beasts

Jesus, our Brother, strong and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude.
And the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus, our Brother, strong and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
"I carried his mother up hill and down,
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town,
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the cow, all white and red,
"I gave him my manger for his bed,
I gave him my hay to pillow his head,
"I," said the cow, all white and red.

"I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave him my wool to keep him warm,
I gave him my coat on Christmas morn,
"I," said the sheep with curly horn.

A Christmas Carol by ROBERT DAVIS

From ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIBLE LIFE —
by The Millers, published by Harper & Row

ON THIS DAY

"Merry Christmas," we say
without due thought
Of the chaos that greed and
lust have brought.
Dire reports of private collu-
sion,
Political intrigue and confu-
sion,
National Leaders caught in
deception,
Evasive tactics elude detec-
tion,
Everywhere, nothing but
trouble and strife,
Power pressures, vengeance
and hate are rife,
Never before has the need
been greater
To ask for guidance from our
Creator.

At this season of the Holy
Birthday,
We all should unite and earn-
estly pray
That the Birth that promised
Hope, Love and Peace,

Awaken courage to demand
surcease,
That Justice and Reason at last
take sway
And bring back the meaning
of Christmas Day.
- A. M. Spencer.

THE PARABLE

This is the tale the wanderer
told,
As he warmed by a small,
beach fire.
We watched a Heron's fishing
dance,
While he spoke of man's sig-
nificance.

"If all the Ocean, deep and
vast,
Were Mankind, present, future,
past,
Each life would be one mole-
cule,
Rich or poor-man, wise or fool.
Who can tell me, seer or serf,
How much each molecule is
worth?
Yet, if you could, remove
just one,
It would deplete the total sum.
And so it is with a single man,
My worth is simply that, I Am.
No one can add to, or delete,
Each life just makes Mankind
complete."

This was the tale the wanderer
told,
He was gone with the morning
sun.
If your worth you would decry,
"Great", or "Small", do not
apply.
- S. S. Millen.

SHEAF OF GRAIN A SCANDINAVIAN CUSTOM

Scandinavian farmers traditionally practice the cus-
tom of attaching a sheaf of grain to a pole and placing it
out in the snow as a Christmas feast for birds, often with
suet added as an extra treat. It is said that no peasant
would sit down to Christmas dinner until the birds had
been provided for.

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Bowlers of the week, at Lei-
sure Lanes in Ganges last week
were Marilyn Ryles, 253, 186
and 306, for a total of 745,
and Alex Marcotte, whose
168, 315 and 207 totalled 690.

High scorer for a single
game was Shane Heinekey,
with a 336 game. Bunty Mc-
Nally was up to her usual form
with scores of 284, 258 and
305 for a score of 847.

WIND BREAKS

In 1935, the first large scale
shelter belts and wind break
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the Conquest, Saskatchewan
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CHRISTMAS TRYST

Down through the years the
Christmases
Have quickly come and gone
But still the need for kindly
deeds
Goes on, and on, and on.
At Christmas time we bow our
heads
In silent "thank You, Lord"
That friends and family meet
again
Around a bounteous board.
At least there's once in every
year, when people show
goodwill -
So, though the winds of
change roar out,
may we keep Christmas
still!
- Celia V. Reynolds.

MARY HAWKINS

From Page Twenty-One
ily of four, living in Kingston,
Ont., where the Youngs had
settled after being driven from
the vicinity of Albany, New
York, after the Revolution.
They sailed their own boat
down the Hudson, into the
St. Lawrence, and finally with
some difficulty got her to
Kingston, where she became
one of a small fleet of sail
boats, bringing American
prairie wheat from Duluth to
Kingston; thence, by other
boats to Montreal, and finally
by ocean sail, to Bristol.

She lost both her brothers
in the 1914-18 war, the young-
er, Clarence, in his second
year at Queen's University,
and at 19, a single-seater pil-
ot in the Royal Naval Air Ser-
vice, flying in the Dawn Pat-
rol Squadron. Over the Chan-
nel he crashed in a dense fog
at 7 a.m. near Dover, re-
turning from patrol, on the
morning of Nov. 11, 1918, and
the Young family in Kingston,
received a cable from the
Dover field at about noon of
this first Armistice day, tell-
ing them of his death.

The elder brother on a sev-
en-day leave in Egypt, during
the Gallipoli disaster, sailed
up the Nile with several com-
panions, and after returning
to Cairo developed symptoms
of some obscure disease, which
after his return to Canada was
identified as sleeping sickness
and which slowly attacked
both body and mind, until his
death, some years later.

Generally, Mary rather av-
oided poetry, excepting for a
few lines from The Shropshire
Lad.

"With Rue my heart is laden,
For Golden friends I had,
For many a roselipped maiden,
And many a lightfoot lad.
By brooks too broad for leaping
The lightfoot lads are laid.
The roselipped maids are
sleeping,
In fields, where roses fade."

This could still move her
to tears, as she has never for-
gotten the tragic death of her
"Lightfoot Lad", Clarence, the
gallant young knight of the
skies, sans peur et sans re-
proche.

A CAUTIONARY TALE

Mary had a little lamb,
With gravy, on a platter.
She put it all upon her plate
Saying diet did not matter.

She followed this with berry
pie,
Then topped it off with cheese.
For Mary was a wilful child
Who never tried to please.

TRAFFIC TICKETS

Two traffic violations were
recorded last week by Ganges
Detachment, RCMP. Mark
Lott was issued a violation tick-
et for speeding in Ganges
and Mark Wiebe was charged
with speeding on Upper Ganges
Road after a single-car acci-
dent on December 2, in which
his car sustained damage am-
ounting to \$800.

TEETOTALLERS' COCKTAILS

SCARLET SLING: Season
chilled tomato juice with
dashes of Worcestershire,
Tabasco, lemon juice and
celery salt. Insert a celery
stick stirrer.

RUSSIAN SOUR: Mix
equal parts of chilled strong
tea and cranberry juice.
Add frozen, concentrated,
undiluted lemonade to
taste. Add an egg white for
every 4 cups and shake un-
til frothy. Serve with orange
slices and maraschino cher-
ries.

Poor Mary got so very fat
No clothes they bought would
fit her.
She shunned her friends be-
cause she said
Her size would make them
twit her.

Then Mary's mother took a
stand -
She made her daughter diet,
She fixed her meals of leafy
things
And told her just to try it.

Mary did - and ate it all -
She found it satisfying.
"If this will make me slim",
she said,
"I think I'll keep on trying."

This story ends quite happily
With Mary back to dainty size.
When tempted now she shuts
her lips
And only feasts her eyes.

-Grace A. Wright.

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THIRD SECTION

Thursday, December 20, 1973

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ARRIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SHIP

Christmas Ship arrived in Ganges on Saturday afternoon shortly after 5 pm, the earlier it has shown up in years.

The Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce ship made no call at Sidney this year, thereby cutting back on its own delays.

The setting at Ganges was changed and the appearance of Santa Claus in the school gymnasium was a new venture. It also gave Santa considerable breathing space.

Directing the overnight stay as well as the entertainment of Santa and his pirates was Shane Heinekey, of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

The American Good-Neighbour visitors also took Santa Claus to Lady Minto Hospital

at Ganges to meet the patients.

On Sunday morning at 8 o'clock the ship sailed for the Outer Islands, spending between half an hour and an hour at each.

Children were given presents and candies and each island contributed candies or fruit to the ship for later use.

It was the 23rd year of the Christmas Ship.

VANCOUVER BY FULFORD

On January 7 the Queen of the Islands will sail into Fulford harbour. She will establish a precedent with the first time in the history of Fulford that three ferries have been tied up.

The change, early in the new year will be brought about as a result of the closing of Long Harbour. The Long Harbour terminal is being closed for repairs. The wing

wall is falling away and sliding into the sea.

Repair crews will require all the space they can find. For two weeks the harbour will be theirs.

The Queen of the Islands will be a familiar sight to Fulford residents until January 19, when Long Harbour will reopen.

The two-week switch will be followed by the introduct-

ion of the Bowen Queen to the Fulford-Swartz Bay run, scheduled for early February.

Bowen Queen will carry more vehicles and she will ride rougher weather than the Salt Spring Queen.

ONLY ONE GRANT ON ISLAND

Only one Local Initiatives Grant has been allocated to Salt Spring Island. The Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club project for clearing the stream beds in the Fulford Creek has gained support.

The club hopes to improve the stream for the benefit of both fresh-water fish and salmon.

This year LIP is administered through the federal riding of Nanaimo-Cowichan-the Islands, instead of being direct from the federal government.

The islands have not benefited from the change. Last year about six projects were operated here, where the level of unemployment is notably high.

BOATMAN DROWNS IN HARBOUR

Newcomer to Ganges, Donald Frederick Slocombe was lost from his boat when he was out in Ganges Harbour salvaging logs on Wednesday, Dec. 12. His body was later recovered from the harbour.

Mr. Slocombe went out during stormy weather and had already picked up a log when it appears that the tow rope fouled his propeller.

Observers from the shore reported that his boat was drifting and that a second boat was drifting nearby. It was surmised that Mr. Slocombe used the smaller boat to inspect and free the propeller and that the heavy weather washed him overboard.

Police from Ganges Detachment, RCMP, picked up the two boats before searching for the missing boatman.

The deceased had recently come to live on Ganges Hill. He was 48 years of age.

Memorial service was held in Ganges United Church, when Rev. Fred Anderson officiated.



Crowded floor greeted the Bellingham Jaycees' Santa in the high school gymnasium at Ganges on Saturday.

Santa was Tripo Costello of Bellingham

TRAFFIC ENQUIRY

Traffic pattern in Ganges has aroused the concern of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

The highways committee will discuss the problems of traffic with the police and other agencies.

The crossing from the Trading Company to the Fire Hall and the road from Turner's Store to Harbour House Hotel were all under fire.

MAYNE CHARTER NIGHT

Mayne Inn was bursting with Lions and their ladies and friends on Saturday night, Dec. 8, for their second charter night dinner and dance.

President Fred Flick welcomed the large group, and gave the blessing.

Toast to the Queen was called by Dan Imrie, and toast to the ladies by Bill Hortie. Response was made by Mrs. Edona Medcalf.

A note of sadness was marked by the silence in memory of first president Fred Greenslade. Mr. Greenslade passed

away early on the morning of December 8, and president Fred Flick said that he would be the first one to say, "carry on with the dinner", so that is what was done.

It was noted that Percy Frampton is in hospital in Victoria, and was unable to attend this night. Past District Governor Tom Portlock gave the official welcome.

Lions roll call noted Lions from Central Saanich, Vancouver Burrard, Galiano, and the following from the sponsor-

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Next Driftwood Will Be Published January 17

Heck of a time of year to take an annual holiday...but we are going on holiday!

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On & Off The Island

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Anderson have Mr. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Margaret Anderson of Newcastle-on-Tyne, with them for the Christmas season. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sturdy

and 16-month-old daughter, of Toronto, are spending Christmas with Mr. Sturdy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sturdy, of Drake Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Singsby have returned home from a two-week holiday in Hawaii.

Gunter Burger of Arbutus Court is glad to be back after a visit to Germany.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. O. Howard of Woodland Drive were Jack and Irene

Wilson Is Coming



Merry Christmas

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Howard of Vancouver, Irene is the author of the book, Bowen Island.

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WHEN CHRIST CLIMBED DOWN THE TREE

from poems by Lawrence Ferlinghetti (submitted by Peter McCalman)

Christ climbed down from His bare Tree this year and ran away to where there were no rootless Christmas trees hung with candycanes and breakable stars

Christ climbed down from His bare Tree this year and ran away to where there were no gilded Christmas trees and no tinsel Christmas trees and no tinfoil Christmas trees and no pink plastic Christmas trees and no gold Christmas trees and no black Christmas trees and no powderblue Christmas trees hung with electric candles and encircled by tin electric trains and clever cornball relatives

Christ climbed down from His bare Tree this year and ran away to where no intrepid Bible salesmen covered the territory in two-tone cadillacs and where no Sears Roebuck creches complete with plastic babe in manger arrived by parcel post the babe by special delivery and where no televised Wise Men praised the Lord Calvert Whiskey

Christ climbed down from His bare Tree this year and ran away to where no fat handshaking stranger in a red flannel suit and a fake white beard went around passing himself off as some sort of North Pole saint crossing the desert to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in a Volkswagen sled, drawn by rollicking Adirondack reindeer with German names and bearing sacks of Humble Gifts from Saks Fifth Avenue for everybody's imagined Christ child

Christ climbed down from His bare Tree this year and ran away to where no Bing Crosby carollers groaned of a tight Christmas and where no Radio City angels iceskated wingless thru a winter wonderland into a jinglebell heaven daily at 8:30 with Midnight Mass matinees

Christ climbed down from His bare Tree this year and softly stole away into some anonymous Mary's womb again where in the darkest night of everybody's anonymous soul He awaits again an unimaginable and impossibly Immaculate Reconciliation the very craziest of Second Comings.



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On Friday, Dec. 14, a very successful Bingo and Christmas Bazaar was held in the Legion Hall, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary and assisted by the Men's Branch.

The hall was packed and early patrons enjoyed the exhibits of home baking, holly and novelties.

Two draws were held--one on a Christmas cake donated by Mrs. J. Emerslund, who also made the Afghan, and beautiful cushion donated by Mrs. A. Ryan.

Winner of the cake was Mrs. G. St. Denis; winner of the afghan was Mrs. J. Tomlinson, while Dot Waddell won the cushion.

Mrs. Vera Nicholls, president, expressed her thanks to all those who assisted in setting up the tables and stalls and those who manned the stalls and assisted with the refreshments.

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COOKING FOR CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas again and Jessie Sayer, of Fernwood is thinking of Christmas dinner, again. Here are a couple of her recipes for a copious Christmas.

PIQUANT BEETS
2 cups diced beets drained and heated (1 can)
Add 1/2 c. crushed pineapple, 2 tbsp. vinegar, 2 tps cornstarch. Mixed together and add to beets, and pineapple and cook and stir

until clear. Add 2 tps butter, salt and pepper to taste. Good hot or cold with fowl or meat. ***

ECONOMICAL CHRISTMAS CAKE
1 c. butter
1 c. white sugar
1 c brown sugar
3 eggs
3 c. all-purpose flour
1/2 c. coconut soaked in 1/2 c. milk.

1 lb. sultanas
1/2 lb. fruit mix
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp. vanilla, almond and lemon (each)
Soak milk and coconut, mix shortening sugar and eggs as usual. Use 1/4 c. of the flour to dredge the fruit. Add flour alternately with milk and coconut-fruit last. Bake at 250 degrees, 3 to 3 1/2 hours in 9x9 pan.

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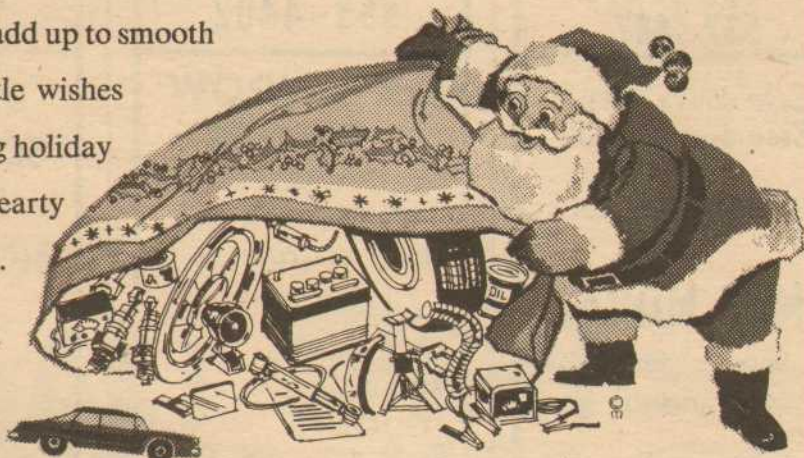
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FROM ALL THE STAFF AT

S.S. ISLAND GARAGE

SANTA DINO GIVES WITH THE GIFTS



Santa looks bashful as Billie McCaffrey sits on his lap. Santa Dino was playing Santa for Salt Spring Lions on Friday night.

MAYNE

BY ELSIE BROWN

It is Christmas Season again and time to wish our friends the traditional Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our thanks to those who have sent cards and letters.

The annual visit of the Bellingham Christmas Ship was made to Mayne Island on Sunday morning and the children had their long-awaited visit with Santa. A large gathering was on hand to welcome Santa and his helpers and for once it wasn't raining. The ship carrying its cargo of joy was the S. E. S. Discovery, loaned by Bellingham Sea Scouts under command of skipper, Don Wight. In appreciation, the Mayne Island Agricultural Society presented them with a couple of boxes of mandarin oranges, an item not available in the USA. We are grateful to Salt Spring Island for supplying the fuel, much needed "energy" to the crew of the Christmas Ship.

Islanders were pleasantly surprised by a group of Carol Singers who made the rounds of the island this past week end. Among the singers were Heather and Gail Martin, Sarah Tauber, Darcie Wilks, Sandi Piggott, Kristine Halvorson, Freyja Berghorson and Sheryl Piggott. The proceeds from the contributions received will go to UNICEF. A thank you to the children for their thoughtfulness at this time and it will be a happier Christmas for them knowing they have helped a very worthy cause.

Glad to hear Mrs. Nancy Jones is making satisfactory progress after surgery in Royal Jubilee Hospital. She expects to be discharged before Christmas and hopes to spend it with her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Firth in Washington.

Christmas greetings to hospital patients who are from Mayne Island and now located elsewhere. Mrs. Kitty Hunt-Sowrey and E. C. Hambley, Lady Minto Hospital, Mrs.

Stanley Robson, Sidney; Mrs. Harold Reid in Victoria.

We understand that Harold and Hilda Reid plan to stay at Sidney Hotel between Dec. 23 to 29, where they will be glad to receive friends from the Sidney area and Mayne Island.

Christmas Service will be held in St. Mary Magdalene church, Sunday, Dec. 23 at 11:30 am. Rev. O. L. Foster in charge of service. Mrs. Foster at the organ. A good attendance to help with the Carol Singing will be appreciated. Communion.

My thanks to Bob Sauerberg for getting my copy over to Driftwood whatever the weather and providing me with some interesting news items.

The Senior Citizens, Mayne Island, will be meeting in the Springwater Lodge on the first Monday of January at 2 p.m.

GALIANO

BY MARY BACKLUND

Instead of news this week, here is my annual message from your correspondent for Galiano Island.

May I say most joyous and happy Christmas to you all, especially my understanding boss, Frank (and his wife), who gives me this job to do every week.

To all of the readers, who give me encouragement and criticisms, those who bother to tell me when they like something, or when they do not. To all of the men and women who make up our most essential services, who have to work when we can play, the members of the RCMP, B.C. Telephone, B.C. Hydro, Highways crews, and masters and crews of our friendly ferryboats. On these our glorious Gulf Islands, we are dependent on all of you, to keep us going from day to day. Our doctors and nurses in the hospitals, and those who run the ambulances, and many friends who come to us in hours of need, we are thankful to them all.

A special thanks to those who run our charter boats, to Bob and Mike and all others who run water taxis throughout the Islands. May we all look forward to a healthful and happy new year.

WARM WATER AND A SLEEPING MAT

Whoever on the night of the Celebration of the birth of Christ

Carries warm water and a sleeping mat

For a weary stranger, Gives wood from his own fire To a helpless neighbour, Takes medicine to one Sick with malaria,

Brings words of peace To one who is bound with fear, Gives food to children Who are thin and hungry,

Provides a torch for a traveler In the forest, Sings a new song For the young people Dancing under the stars, Visits a timid friend Who would like to know about Christ -

Whoever does these things Will receive gifts of happiness Greater than that of receiving a son

Returning after a long absence, So that though he live to be so old

That he must be helped into his hammock And someone light his pipe for him,

And his wives and sons all die, So that he stands as a trunk stripped of branches, Yet life will be sweet for him, He will have peace, As one whose rice harvest is great,

And who hears his neighbours Praise the exploits of his youth.

So will you receive happiness If you do these acts of love and service

On the night of the celebration of Christmas, The birth of Christ, -Liberian Drum Chant.

SHAKTI

(aboard the H. M. S. Salt Spring Queen)

Early-morning salty mist Separating the glassy, all-reflecting sea

From a collage of paradise blue sky

And popcorn-puffed clouds. Our gliding dolphin cutting thru the sea

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- Gladys Whitman.

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The Energy Situation: B.C. Hydro's Approach

THE "FOREVER" RESOURCE

At the present time about 20% of British Columbia's energy requirements come from electric power, and of this over 90% is hydro-electric. About the same amount - 20% - comes from natural gas, and the balance is almost entirely oil.

It is important to recognize the differences between these three energy resources. Oil and gas are fossil fuels in limited supply. Unlike an oil or gas well, a hydro-electric plant, once built, goes on producing energy essentially forever.

This characteristic of hydro-electric energy is of extreme importance. It distinguishes it from all other sources. It is, of course, energy from the sun and as long as the climate and the physical structure of the country remain unchanged, the hydro-electric energy will be perpetual.

The general prospect for energy use in British Columbia and, generally speaking, throughout Canada, is one of a fairly steady but gradual transition from a primary dependence on the fossil fuels to a majority use of electric power. This transition will not take place suddenly; it will probably take at least thirty years, and possibly fifty, but we in the electrical industry must plan for this transition. While the overall increase in energy use on a per capita basis will be quite small, the change from oil and natural gas to electricity, will mean a growth rate for electrical energy of about 8.0% per year for years to come.

While the cost of electricity will continue to rise, as the cost of materials and equipment that go into the system increase, it is important to recognize that once a hydro-electric plant is built and put into service, the cost of the energy from that plant will remain essentially fixed in price for the life of the plant.

In British Columbia we are fortunate that we can meet the next several years of growth in our electrical loads, including the replacement of oil, from hydro sources. B.C. Hydro is studying the wide range of alternatives available, including geothermal

power and energy from forest products and municipal wastes.

ENERGY PRIORITIES

There is little need to argue today that energy is something to be conserved. It is quite clear that as far as British Columbia is concerned the priorities should be, first, to reduce oil consumption, secondly, to conserve gas resources, and thirdly, to economize on the use of electric power. While both oil and natural gas are diminishing resources, hydro-electric plants will continue to provide electric energy for literally hundreds of years.

Our fundamental approach must be, therefore, to use each form of energy in the field in which it has greatest value, or for which it is uniquely suited, and at the same time to use the minimum amount of energy that will meet our reasonable needs. This point of view is, of course, a revolution in the thinking of power utilities. Over the early history of virtually every power and gas utility there was a major emphasis on selling energy. This was probably justified in the past, since it was impossible to provide energy at low cost when the use was small.

B.C. HYDRO'S GOALS

B.C. Hydro is taking steps to help people to understand better the appropriate use of energy and to encourage them to economize in its use.

B.C. Hydro is concerned with supplying electricity and natural gas to the people of British Columbia according to their needs. Hydro urges its customers to use this energy responsibly.

Some of the resources involved are limited in supply: all of them require the dedication of large amounts of capital and human labour to secure the energy supply. Hydro must develop the required resources with the maximum of efficiency, taking into account the availability of the resources themselves, of capital, and of labour and the fundamental obligation to use the environment with a minimum of disturbance.

To achieve this general objective, B.C. Hydro has accepted several important responsibilities:

1. To anticipate and meet demands for power required to sustain the standard of living expected in British Columbia and to ensure a reasonable security of energy supply.
2. To provide service in a manner which recognizes the needs and concerns of customers individually and the public generally, and to fulfill this responsibility with appropriate regard for the environment.
3. To operate efficiently so that cost of service to the public is maintained at a reasonable level.
4. To keep the public informed of Hydro's services, goals and policies and to encourage public participation in the development of programs.
5. To provide customers with the best information available about the efficient use and benefits of various types of appliances and equipment.
6. To foster installation and equipment standards which will result in economical and efficient use of energy.
7. To develop patterns of use which improve the efficiency and economy of Hydro's generation and distribution systems.
8. To encourage operations which have a direct relationship to the protection of the environment, and the conservation of other resources in addition to energy.

Hydro expects to allocate an increasing amount of manpower and money to carry out these obligations. To a limited extent almost all these steps have been undertaken in the past, but it is our intention to adopt a new and dynamic attitude, particularly to those that relate to the efficient use of the energy.

**This is the first of periodic communications on the energy situation. Subsequent messages will deal with practical suggestions on efficient use of energy.*

**The above is based on excerpts from a speech to The Vancouver Board of Trade on November 26, 1973 by David Cass-Beggs, Chairman of B.C. Hydro.*



Daily Trip Between Islands

Problems of school transportation were thoroughly aired

on Monday afternoon, when Gulf Islands School District

examined the need for daily transportation between Salt Spring Island and the Outer Islands.

Same problem arose later in the meeting when trustees were invited to comment on Pender Island parents' plan to have correspondence courses made available to 10 to 15 pupils next September.

Dr. E. R. Dixon went out on a limb. There would never be daily transportation between the Outer Islands and Salt Spring Island, he averred. He modified that length of negative time to within the next five or ten years.

Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck, who has been engaged in discussions with the BC Ferries was more optimistic. Only island left out in the cold would be Saturna, he warned. Only effective means would

NAMES MARGERY RUSSEL

The Pender Island W.I. held its annual meeting at the Port Washington Hall.

The following slate was elected; president, Mrs. Margery Russell; vice-president,

be a hovercraft, insisted Dr. Dixon. Trustees agreed that fuel was not likely to be forthcoming for such a venture at the present time.

Re-scheduling of the Mayne Queen to make a stop of Fulford would bring secondary students to Salt Spring Island, it was suggested.

In the meantime, parents who want daily transportation to school from the Outer Islands should write to the minister of education or the minister of communication, asking for it, stated Chairman Charles Baltzer.

Mrs. Helen Grimmer; secretary, Mrs. Jean Grimes; treasurer, Mrs. Bernice Hogarth.

The Christmas Ship was discussed. It was decided to buy the usual Japanese oranges for the crew and for the gifts to children on the American islands. The ship was able to make its usual trip in spite of the strict rules against the use of fuel in the U.S.A.

A visiting committee was appointed to call on the many new families who have settled on the island. It was felt that the ladies might be pleased to meet the older residents of the district and might perhaps enjoy visiting one of our meetings and become acquainted with the members.

Members are to meet for lunch on January 10.

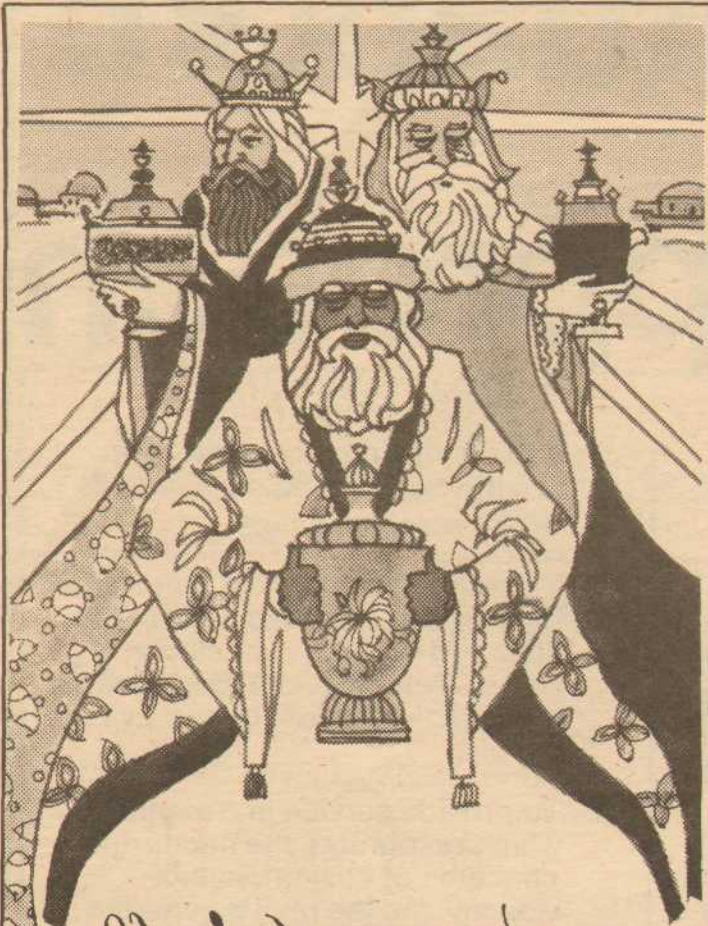
The Fall Fair was discussed and it was felt that now that the Fair has grown to such an extent that all societies on the island should share in the work of preparation. Up until this last year the Farmers' and Women's Institutes have been entirely responsible and the duties have become very onerous.

This year the Chamber of Commerce relieved the W.I. of the providing of tea.

Members were delighted with the results of their bazaar. It meant a great deal of work for a number of members during the year but when all expenses were paid about \$700 was realized.

The new library was discussed and \$100 was voted to be used to help in any way the Library Committee saw fit. Already over 1,000 books have been donated.

After the meeting was adjourned the members were able to meet and welcome Mrs. Ellen Corbett and other new members.



Christmas Joy

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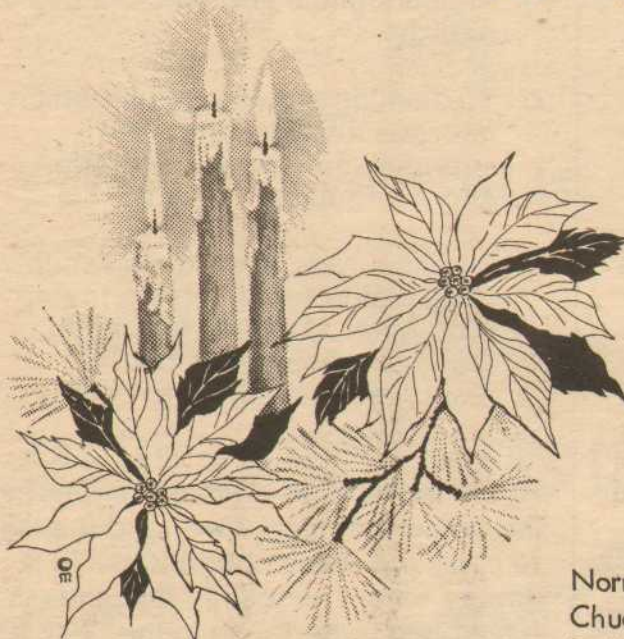
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ROLLER HOCKEY

On Saturday, Dec. 15, 1973, Registration for those boys wishing to play ROLLER HOCKEY in the 1974 season, were held at Fulford Hall and Mahon Hall.

The turn out, despite the weather, was good. If any boy wishes to play, but could not make it to either of the above places to register, he can take his \$5 with application form to Mrs. Elliot, the secretary of Salt Spring Elementary School.

Further news was received regarding roller skates. Mrs. Bob Tara has written many letters to various sports businesses about the prospect of obtaining the above equipment. She has received a couple of answers which have given the feeling of optimism. Any parent who wishes to purchase a pair of roller skates may get in touch with Mrs. R. Tara at 653-4435 or R. R. Anderson at 537-5339.

Here's wishing all the boys a happy holiday, and we will see you when the season begins. Remember to practice skating when you can!

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A man child born of Mary
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To bring to earth the message
Of God's abiding love.

This was the time the world stood still.
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GALIANO LIONS LOSE POWER

Despite heavy rain, and more than one problem behind the scenes, the Galiano Lions had a wonderful evening, overcoming all of the problems with apparent ease.

MAYNE LIONS

(From Page Twenty-nine)

ing Salt Spring Island Lions Club, Bill Trelford, Gilbert Humphries, Bruce Fiander and Jan Harkema, and Tom Portlock.

Two-year perfect attendance pins were awarded, and the newest Lion, Bert McWilliams was welcomed.

Zone Chairman Irv. Armstrong, Central Saanich, introduced guest speaker Tom Portlock, who presented an impressive history of his work for Lions in the past.

Mr. Portlock paid high tribute to past president Fred Greenslade, saying that he has left his imprint as a Lion on Mayne Island. He added that he was very happy to see the success of the Mayne club in the past two years.

He referred to the ambulance service, a Lions contribution appreciated by islanders more than any other activity they have in the island. He paid tribute to the secretary, saying that the spirit of Lionism is broad and deep all over the world.

Gordon Ducklow thanked the guest speaker, and Ron Mitchell presented entertainment of the evening.

Mr. Mitchell appeared as Hugh Heffner, complete with two Bunny girls, Joyce Mitchell and Doreen Ferguson. His entourage of Bunny Girls were Bob Sauerberg, Fred Bennett, Fred Hansen and Bill Ferguson. The evening ended with dancing to music provided by an orchestra from Victoria.

Due to the rain and wind, some of the guests did not come over, and the ones who did, had to go to Swartz Bay, then come on the Mayne Queen, arriving too late for the dinner.

On top of this the caterer did not show up, and after the ladies had had to pitch in and cook the dinner, the lights went out, right in the middle of the entertainment. Carry on they did, in true Lions fashion. President Frank Basarab welcomed the people, and all of the Lions were helping him in many capacities.

Invocation was given by Irv. Armstrong, toast to the Queen given by the president.

Head table guests were introduced, Zone chairman Irv. Armstrong and his wife; Past District Governor Tom Portlock and his wife; Galiano president Frank Basarab and his wife; Secretary Bill Bamford, and Mrs. Thompson, Cabinet chairman Jack Tang, Willie Eng, Mayne Lions president Fred Flick and his wife.

Roll call of clubs included Victoria Chinatown, Central Saanich, Salt Spring, and sponsor club Mayne Lions.

Something new was introduced, with president Basarab giving pins for the ladies, which is a new thing, as most clubs present distinguished guests with gifts, but it is now established that Galiano Lions honor the ladies with their lovely gold pins.

Then problems happened, - the lights went out, just as the entertainers came in the door.

It seems that things got mixed up in the naming of the Lion of the Year, and so the old man of the sea had to swim over the Gulf, and he took so long that he grew a huge long beard, white with age. He even carried a long rope of kelp, picked up on the way, and lost so much weight that Tom Carolan's wet suit did not fit.

Coming bouncing in behind

him, dressed in a diaper and a little baby hat, was the big fellow who came to help the old man. He also had the bag that held the name of the Lion of the Year. The baby was six foot two, the well-built wrestler, Dave Oliver.

Dave handed the president his bag, and after shaking out a fish, and some kelp, Gary Lupton was named the one.

Irv. Armstrong then introduced the guest speaker, Tom Portlock, who is no stranger to Galiano, and was well-received by the audience.

Mr. Portlock paid tribute to Galiano for their first year's work, and said that he was pleased to see Lions clubs on three of the islands now.

Mr. Armstrong thanked Mr. Portlock for his speech, then Galiano president Basarab said that it is a myth that our Lions cannot sing... and to prove his point he introduced Tom Carolan and two Lions, Charlie Head and Gary Lupton to sing the popular Lions song. All of the crowd joined in with this catchy song. Tom then gave a short demonstration of his trick roping, and the president gave over the master of ceremonies to Pat Weaver.

Dancing was enjoyed to the "Kinfolk Five" from Langley, who had to go from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay, then on to Galiano. High tribute was paid to the people who pitched in to cook the dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Knudson and two daughters, Donna and Julia, Mrs. Dorothy Lupton, Mr. and Mrs. Geordie Georgeson, Mrs. Cam Prior, Mrs. Dave Oliver, Mrs. Charlie Head, and several more friends who helped in so many ways to make this night such a success.

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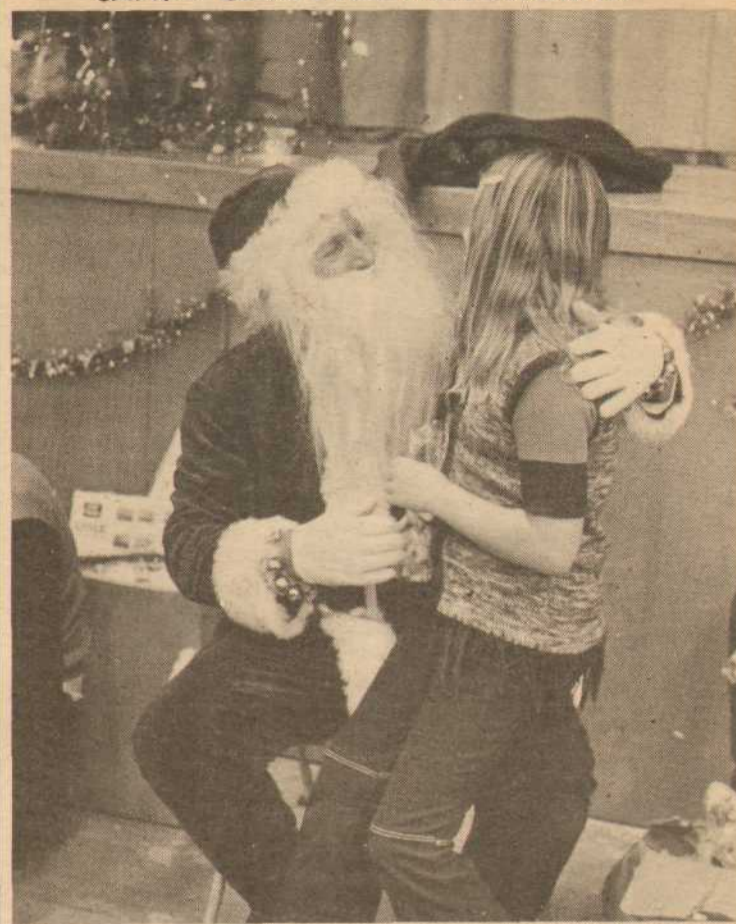
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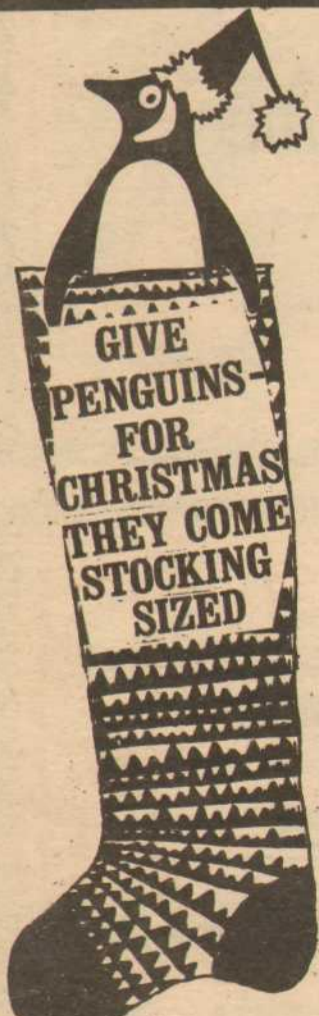
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