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Christmas Greetings

The sea gulls are part of the island scene. Swooping, diving, gliding, they are almost never still as they form the background to the beautiful islands of Canada's west coast. What better messenger could we find to bring you the Season's Greetings from the staff of Driftwood in the heart of the Gulf Islands?



*Happy Wishes
for
Christmas*
And The New Year
Ron Cunningham
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EARLY CHRISTMAS EDITIONS OF DRIFTWOOD

In 1960 Driftwood celebrated its first Christmas. Woody Fisher took part in the celebrations and the event did not pass unnoticed.

The first Christmas number reports that when the MV, Karlac came in with Santa Claus,

from Bellingham, there were 200 people to welcome him at Ganges. Santa distributed 125 bags of candy on that occasion.

In less seasonal matters, Cpl. Spencer Smith, a nine-year veteran of the RCMP and officer in charge of the Ganges detachment, was leaving the force, leaving the island, leaving the country and moving to New Zealand to continue his work as a police officer.

The Cy Peck was moving in elegant circles. When a Black Ball ferry vessel was out of commission over the holiday season, the little island ship was loaned to Black Ball to operate between Horseshoe Bay and Langdale.

Driftwood had Santa shipwrecked. He was sailing through the islands aboard a log raft with three reindeer and towing a flating s and towing a floating sleigh. The apparent air disaster had left some recipients of parcels out of luck. They were floating on the sea while a solitary gull had perched on one of them. The art work was by Mrs. P. Lynen..

It was a 16-page issue, prepared as a mimeographed publication and it was the biggest project undertaken by Woody Fisher up to that time.

Gwen Ruckle had been busy prior to Christmas, 1960. She had undertaken the art work for the back page, and much of the art work between the covers.

It was the year when the Gulf Islands High School was publishing the High Spy and students wished everyone a

"Cool Yule and a Frantic First!"

The second year of Driftwood was in December, 1961. By this time Christmas was riding high over the islands.

It was the Christmas when the Santa Ship was shipwrecked. Christmas season in 1961 began with a bang, reported Woody Fisher. "We have had snow and rain and a gale that blew Santa Claus up on the mud flats in Ganges Harbour last Saturday night. The 73 ft. Karmac...again...came up the harbour and in the dark and stormy night went the wrong side of the Peninsula.

Christmas Ship grounded about 150 yards out of Ganges.

The RCMP vessel went to the rescue, but could not pull the larger ship free of the mud. By the time the tide had risen and the RCMP could take aboard the shipwrecked crew the children had mostly gone home. With the rising tide the Christmas Ship rose free of the mud and she was brought into Ganges. The volunteer firemen then pump-

ed water out of her and prepared her for the rest of her voyage.

The incident was of vital concern to Santa Claus and his Bellingham Jaycee staff. It was of great concern to many Salt Spring Island youngsters. Not the least concerned were the volunteer firemen who had just completed the construction of the Ganges Fire Hall after purchasing the two fire trucks, one at Ganges and another at Fulford.

The Island fire department marked its acquisition of the hall with an open house on Boxing Day, that year.

The second Christmas was a milestone in the career of Driftwood. It marked the end of free copies of the new island publication. Since that time the newspaper has maintained a mailing list and is only read by those who want to read it.

Which means it must have been a happy Christmas for Driftwood, despite the weather.

Merry Christmas
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&
CUSTOMERS
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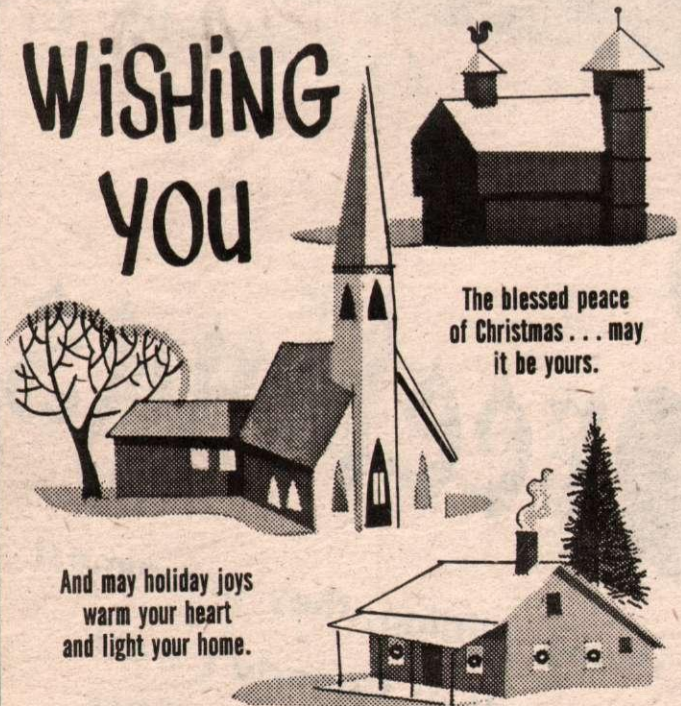
We want you, our valued customers, to know that it's a great delight to wish you a happy holiday.

Shirley, Bev and Debbie

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And may holiday joys warm your heart and light your home.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

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Make
Your Own
WREATH



You will need heavy-gauge wire for forming a circular frame or hoop, evergreen branches six or eight inches long, and light, flexible wire for fastening branches to the hoop.

When a hoop is completed, lay an evergreen branch face up on the left side of the hoop and wire the stem tightly to it. Then place the next branch so it overlaps the first, like shingles on a roof, and fasten again. Continue adding branches in a counter-clockwise direction until wreath is finished.

Decorate your wreath with cones, berries, nuts, seed pods, dried weeds, bows, bells or other ornaments. It is better not to use spray paint, glitter or artificial snow—your wreath will retain its natural look.

Wreaths, of course, can be hung on doors, in windows or used as table decorations.

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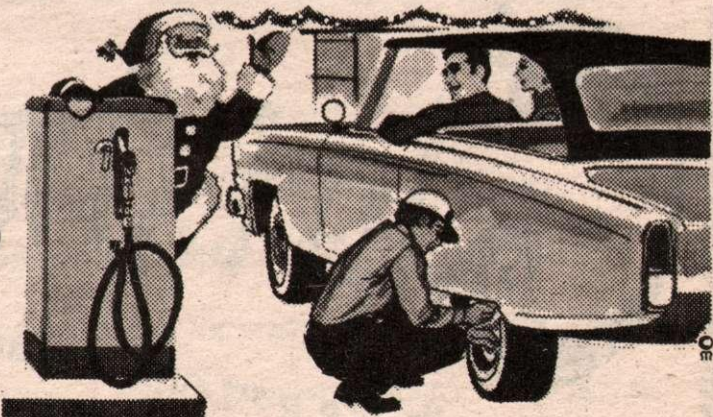
Rx A HEALTHY CHRISTMAS

May we prescribe lots of happiness to keep you in holiday spirits.

Keith & Les Ramsey & All The Staff at

GANGES PHARMACY

Merry Christmas



Merrily, you'll roll along with our best holiday wishes... and

**A VERY HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT

S.S. ISLAND GARAGE



MERRY Christmas

Santa Claus is here to say we wish you well in every way! And we appreciate being able to serve you... Thanks!

GULF ISLAND WINDOW CLEANERS

Test Yourself With The Christmas Quiz

See how many of these questions about Christmas subjects you can answer. Check answers below and score yourself!

- The distance Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem was approximately:
 - 5 miles
 - 70 miles
 - 20 miles
- The origin of the word Noel is:
 - French
 - Spanish
 - German
- The words manger, creche, and crib all have the basic meaning of:
 - a cradle
 - a stable
 - a rack for feeding animals
- The population of Bethlehem at the most recent census was:
 - 25,000
 - 11,500
 - 49,000
- The Church of the Nativity was originally built by:
 - Roman Catholics
 - the Emperor Constantine
 - Greek Catholics
- The actual date of Jesus' birth was:
 - December 25th
 - a date undetermined
 - January 7th
- Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem because:
 - Mary's home was in Bethlehem
 - The Romans were taking census
 - Joseph had work in Bethlehem
- Reindeer are found:
 - all around the Arctic Circle
 - only in Northern Europe
 - all over the world
- The large-scale conversion of Laplanders to Christianity occurred:
 - in the 19th Century
 - in the year 330
 - in the 17th Century
- The best source of water in the Nazareth of Jesus' time was:
 - Mary's Well
 - the Mediterranean Sea
 - a Roman aqueduct

ANSWERS

1-2
2-3
3-4
4-5
5-6
6-7
7-8
8-9
9-10

SCORING

8 or better is excellent — go to the head of the class!
5 to 7 is average. Less than 5 — return one Christmas present!

Double Sweet Gift For Special Friends

Double a gift of homemade sweets by gift-packing it in always welcome kitchenware, colorfully trimmed and tied. Line a

tall, clear-glass pitcher with paper, fill with goodies and top off with a bouquet of straw flowers and Christmas balls you've fitted with pipe cleaner stems. Or: stuff a large skillet with cookies and candies, cover and tie with jumbo yarn. Or: tissue wrap homemades and send them on their way in a wire salad basket or an apothecary jar you've lined with shiny medallions. Or: choose a red teapot for small sweets. Or: load a many faceted mold, turn it onto a wooden platter and secure with yarn.

Bright coffee mugs make perfect totes for sweets and are welcome in any home. Fill them with plastic-wrapped homemade sweets and top handle with a big bow.

Use a set of measuring cups as a sweet-gift container. Fill each of the cups with homemade candies or bite-size cookies. Pre-wrap them in plastic wrap before filling the cups. Then overwrap cups with plastic wrap or shiny foil and tie cups together at handles. Trim with paper flowers or tree ornaments.

Biscochos

MEXICAN CHRISTMAS COOKIES

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| 1 cup vegetable shortening | ½ cup finely chopped pecans |
| 1¼ cups granulated sugar | 4 cups sifted all-purpose flour |
| slightly beaten egg | ¼ teaspoon salt |
| 2 teaspoons grated orange rind | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| ½ cup fresh orange juice | ½ teaspoon ground cloves |

Cream shortening and granulated sugar until light. Blend in next four ingredients. Sift flour with salt and spices. Stir into first mixture and work until smooth. Chill overnight. Next day, roll out small amounts at a time on lightly floured surface to ¼ inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes with fancy cookie cutter. Bake on lightly greased cookie sheet in moderate oven (375) 8 to 10 minutes, or until golden brown. Roll in very fine sugar while still warm. They're good and the recipe makes about 10 dozen.



May your hearts be light... your holiday bright with happiness.
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GREETINGS

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Charles Bazzard & Staff at



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Merrily, you'll roll along with our best holiday wishes... and A Happy New Year

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FROM RON & STAFF
RON LEE SHELL SERVICE

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IT'S A SCARCE COMMODITY!

Once each year the people of the land are invited to join in an expression of goodwill towards their neighbours. The season of Christmas is traditionally a time when we cement the bonds of family and rejoice in the friends around us. In a sense, it is a season of recognition of the other fellow.

The season is a little overdue.

A quick glance around the world reveals a dearth of goodwill. Irish blood is still flowing after a thousand years of strife. In the middle east the sands are stained with crimson, very close to where the Christian feast of Christmas was born. In the far east blood still flows, even though the fighting has eased.

These are all far away and out of sight. Here, at home, at least we can mark the festive season with a surge of goodwill and a satisfaction that Canadian soldiers are not fighting a bloody war anywhere on earth. To the contrary; they are seeking to arrest one...or two.

During the month of November, the government of British Columbia paid out 18 awards totalling \$48,000 to victims of crime and violence.

Two children, whose father shot their mother dead, have been awarded pensions of \$60 monthly.

In the Fraser Canyon a 16-year-old was awarded a grant of \$15,000 to compensate him for the loss of sight in one eye after being shot with a pellet gun. A Prince George resident was attacked for no reason on a Chilliwack street and also lost the sight of one eye. He received a like sum under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act.

The list is impressive. It makes for good reading at Christmas. What sort of Christmas will be spent by the person responsible for stabbing a Victoria man to the extent that he has been awarded two grants of \$3,000 to meet the costs of surgery to repair his wounds?

In Squamish, a man gets compensation for having had a broken beer glass in the face. In Delta a man was attacked with beer bottles to the tune of \$2,000. Where is the Merry Christmas in the group of youths who attacked him?

They all read the same: stab wounds in Vancouver; beaten in a street attack; broken wrist in a street attack; unprovoked knife attack; beaten in a hotel; shot to death; beaten and robbed.

These instances did not take place in a far-off part of the world. They were here, in British Columbia.

Let us engage in the ordinary festivities of Christmas, but let us not blind ourselves to the fact that our own society is shaking on a weaker foundation than at any time in the past.

Perhaps it is timely to abandon the annual bleating about goodwill towards men and do something about it.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE WILD MEN

by W. M. Toynbee

The name 'Borneo' conjures up in most people's minds visions of wild men and headhunters. Borneo is popularly supposed to be one of the most civilized spots on earth, where little separates the indigenous human beings from their fellow creatures that swing from tree to tree through the jungle. Once there were headhunters in Borneo, and perhaps there still are a few. Certainly you don't have to travel far through the jungle to encounter folk who only gave up the head collecting hobby in very recent years. As for wild men, I have never managed to run into any, though I have met numerous primitive and unsophisticated folk.

Few valid generalizations can be made about the island of Borneo and its inhabitants. This huge island, the third largest in the world, is the home of peoples who belong to many races, and who speak countless different languages and dialects. Large tracts of Borneo remain virtually unexplored so that a visitor is likely to receive many surprises and to meet with some unexpected experiences.

My work as a group headmaster takes me far afield.

During last December and January I made an extended journey through a remote and sparsely populated highland area located near the Indonesian frontier. This region is reached by travelling up-river for nearly a week, and then hiking for ten days. Though it is located only three degrees north of the equator, the altitude of four to five thousand feet results in some surprisingly cool night-time temperatures. Blankets and a well-banked fire contribute to a good night's sleep.

People known as Kelabits make their homes in the fertile valleys that are to be found among the mountains of this remote highland region. Kelabits are charming, good-looking folk with muscular bodies resulting from many hours spent in hiking and carrying heavy loads. Isolation prevents Kelabits from enjoying many of the products of the outside world, but crops and livestock do well so that Kelabits generally have ample food.

The Kelabits are friendly, hospitable, and very religious people. About twelve to fifteen years ago they were converted to Christianity and as a result nearly all of them gave

up drinking, smoking, and chewing betel-nut. Prayers are held in each Kelabit longhouse at five o'clock every morning, and there are generally evening services held also. On Sundays and on the first Wednesday of each month there are additional services held during the morning and the afternoon. These religious observances are carried out by the Kelabits themselves as there have never been any European missionaries stationed in the area.

On the twenty-third of last December I reached the Kelabit longhouse at Long Datih (Dat-ee) where I was to spend Christmas and afterwards hold a course for Kelabit teachers. It was very pleasant to get to this resting point as the previous three weeks that I had spent in the highlands had involved pretty steady hiking during the course of which the leeches had taken their toll with the result that my feet had swollen to twice their normal size.

The warm welcome received from the Long Datih folk soon made me forget about the leeches. The school band playing its bamboo instruments serenaded us with Onward Christian Soldiers, God Save



Church Services

ANGLICAN

Dec. 20	7:00 pm	St. Mary's, Fulford	Community Carol Service
Dec. 22	7:00 pm	United Church, Ganges	" " " "
Dec. 24	7:00 pm	St. Mary's, Fulford	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
	9:00 pm	St. George's Ganges	Holy Eucharist (Contemporary Liturgy)
	11:00 pm	St. Mark's Central	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
Dec. 25	9:30 am	St. Mary's, Fulford	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
	11:15 am	St. Mark's, Central	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
Dec. 24	7:00 pm	Ganges United Church	Service of Carols and The Lord's Supper

UNITED CHURCH

Dr. V.E. McEachern, 537-5817, Box 330, Ganges			
Dec. 20	7:00 pm	Fulford	Community Hall, a Community Christmas Carol Service.
Dec. 22	7:00 pm	Ganges	United Church, Community Christmas Carol Service. All churches and ministers participating.
Dec. 24	7:00 pm	Ganges	Christmas Eve Family Service with Communion

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Tues. Dec. 24	11:45 pm	Our Lady of Grace, Ganges	Midnight (Christ's) Mass
Wed. Dec. 25	9:00 am	Our Lady of Grace, Ganges	Christmas Day Mass
" "	11:00 am	St. Paul's, Fulford	" " " "

COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH

Pastor Low, 537-2622, Box 61, Ganges			
Dec. 22	10:30 am	Ganges	Sunday School for all ages
Dec. 22	7:30 pm	"	Sunday school Christmas Concert & carol sing
Dec. 31	10:00 pm	"	Watch Night Service

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the Queen, and My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean as we walked the last few hundred yards to the longhouse. No sooner were we seated on the verandah than large basins of chopped pineapple and papaya were produced. We were in good hands.

Christmas day at Long Datih was a memorable experience. I was awoken shortly after four a.m. by the sound of women at work in the pounding-house making rice flour. It was still dark at five o'clock but the huge wooden drum was sounded to call everybody to morning prayers, a call which I must admit that I pretended not to hear. At about six-thirty I managed to pull my aching joints together and got up from my sleeping mat. During the next four hours I had Christmas breakfast with no less than seven families, and had to turn down invitations from at least another dozen families. Breakfast consisted of boiled rice, stewed pork or chicken, banana fritters, and rice cakes made of the flour that had been freshly pounded earlier in the morning.

At eleven o'clock the wooden drum sounded again calling everybody to assemble in the chapel. When we were seated the Christmas story was read in Malay by one of the deacons who then explained the story in Kelabit for the benefit of those folk who did not understand Malay. After the Christmas story had been read and explained there were some lengthy prayers followed by carols, sung in Kelabit and Malay. The setting was given a Christmas atmosphere by a lovely evergreen tree that had been placed at the front of the chapel. Such trees are seldom

found in Borneo.

Following the chapel service everybody assembled on the verandah of the longhouse for a communal banquet. About three hundred and fifty people, including quite a number of nomadic Punans from the surrounding jungle, sat down to the feast. Each family in the longhouse made a gift of food to everybody present. The gift was perhaps some boiled rice, a rice cake, a banana, some banana fritters, or a piece of cooked pork. Fortunately I had brought a good supply of candies with me so I too was able to make a gift to all those present. Naturally the amount of food that each person received was far more than he could eat at one sitting so much of it had to be put away for consumption later. The Punans who generally have an extremely meagre diet were almost overwhelmed by all of the food they received.

After the remains of the feast had been gathered up we returned to the chapel for another service. During this the school band played some carols with the children singing others, and I was called on to sing some carols in English. The rest of the afternoon was spent in families visiting with one another.

Just after dark we reassembled in the chapel for still another service of thanksgiving and praise, at the conclusion of which the candles that had been placed on the Christmas tree were lit. While this was being done the school band played the tune, "London's Burning", which seemed quite appropriate as it seemed that at any moment the burning candles might ignite the tree causing the chapel to go up in smoke. As the last candle

was lit the noise became almost deafening as people shook one another's hand and voiced the greeting, "Selamat hari Christmas!"

The centre of activity then returned to the longhouse verandah where preparations were being made for another feast. Once again every family gave something to all of the assembled folk, and I distributed another round of candies. It was then that the highlight of my Christmas day came. After giving candies to everybody I found that I still had quite a few left, though not enough for another round, so I asked the assembled people what I should do with the candy that was left. In answer dozens of people pointed to the Punans and said: "Give it to them. They need it more than we do."

It strikes me that the wise old-men of Borneo displayed an understanding of the meaning of Christmas that we might well try to emulate during this 1960 festive season. As we of one of the most richly blessed countries look out upon a world in which suffering and privation are still all too prevalent, perhaps the Christmas message on our lips should be: "Give it to them. They need it more than we do."



Season's Greetings

To Friends & Customers

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RADIO & T.V.**

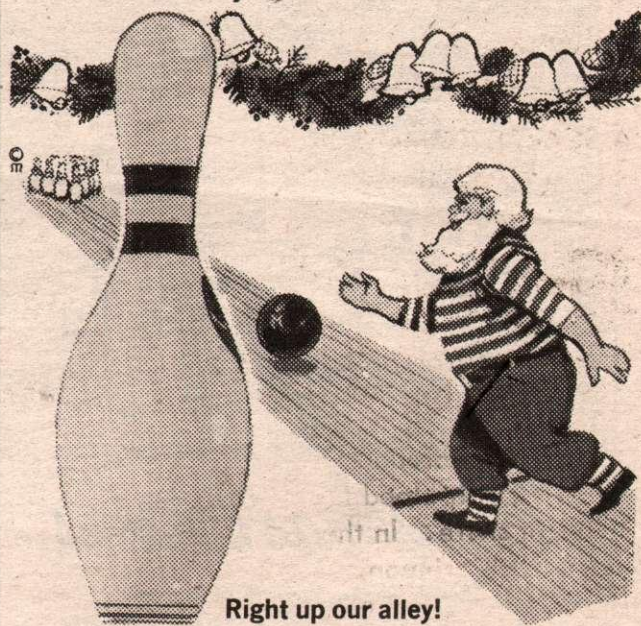
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wishes to extend

Season's Greetings
to all

CLOSED UNTIL 1975

Merry Christmas



Right up our alley!

THE BEDFORD FAMILY SENDS
SEASONS GREETINGS

To All Our Bowlers & Friends
On and off the Island

LEISURE LANES

Caramel Crunch Recipe

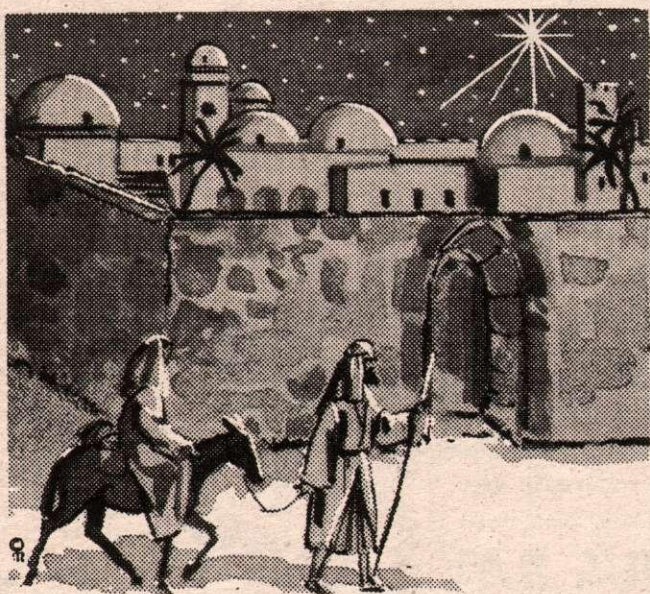
1½ cups sugar
1 cup butter or margarine
½ cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla

8 cups popped corn
1 cup pecan halves
1 cup whole unblanched almonds, toasted

In saucepan, combine sugar, butter or margarine, and corn syrup. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue boiling, stirring occasionally, till mixture turns caramel color. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour syrup over popped corn and nuts on shallow pan. Separate into clusters with two forks. Store in tightly closed bag or container. Makes about two pounds.

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Christmas Blessings

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Proprietors

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Peace
AND
HAPPINESS
IN THE
NEW YEAR

We wish you joy and
serenity, happy hearts
and happy homes
all through the
coming year...



STAY SOBER .. STAY ALIVE THIS CHRISTMAS !

The holidays are quickly approaching. Friends and families will be celebrating at parties, gathering in homes, driving to visit people and decorating Christmas trees. But all of the joy and excitement of the season can turn to instant tragedy when an accident strikes -- an accident caused by

excessive drinking, poor driving conditions or many other reasons. Warning is sounded by the Motor Vehicle Branch in Victoria.

The following are what police look for to recognize drinking drivers:
 Driving at excessive speeds,
 Driving at inconsistent

speeds -- slow, then fast, then slow again.

Taking too long or swerving too much when overtaking or passing another vehicle.

Unable to stay within his own lane -- drifting over centre line or into another lane.

Unusual swerving and driving on the wrong side of the road, especially on curves.
 Passing another vehicle with insufficient clearance.
 Lane hopping with excessive speeds.

Aiming vehicle; firm grasp on wheel, eyes fixed straight ahead, completely oblivious to horn blowing and other traffic.

Driving at exceptionally

slow speed, following the centre line or curb as a guide.

Driving on unpaved shoulder
 Disregarding traffic signs or signals.

Stopping with uneven motions or applying the brakes at the last moment.

Driving in low gear for no apparent reason.

Driving at night without lights.

Failing to start after traffic light turns green.

Driving after drinking greatly increases the 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.

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

YOU ARE THE KEY TO HIGHWAY SAFETY

Who holds the key to traffic safety? It is probably the same person who is responsible for accidents.

It is only human to want to shift the blame for an accident to someone else. It does no good to say that if conditions had been different it would not have happened. What counts is what the road-users do with conditions as they find them. It is those road-users who hold the key to safety.



Christmas Wishes

We're hoping this will be a warm, happy holiday filled with lots of cheer!
AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

Gerry Bourdin

Lancer Contracting Ltd.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

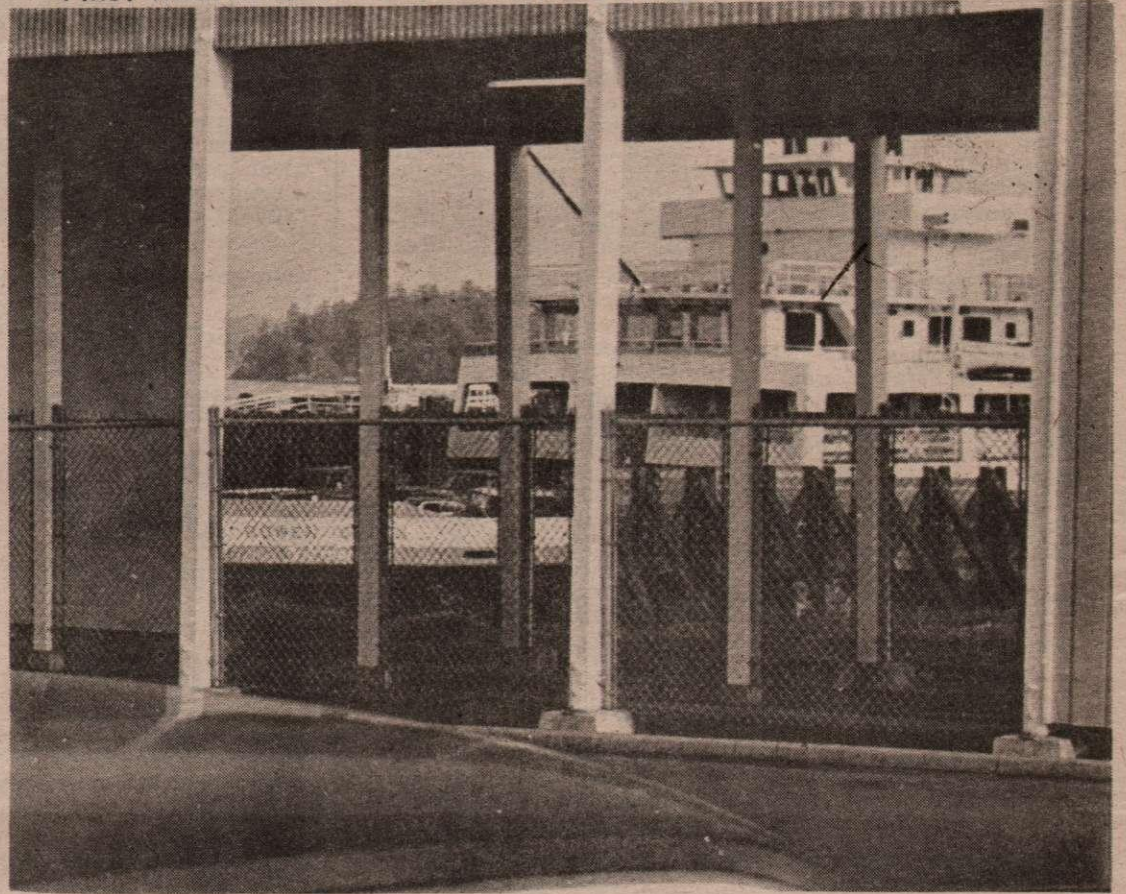
May you all enjoy this cheery season and add your own touch of happiness and goodwill to all those around you.
 Thanks, friends.



From All The Staff
 at

GANGES CREST

FIRST WARNING OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FERRY AT SWARTZ BAY



Whatever the island he is looking for, first view of the ferry is seen by the traveller this way.

Holy Night Flower Is Poinsettia

Mexicans tell the story of the broken heart of a young girl and from each drop, a poinsettia

plant grew. The poinsettia, traditional flower of the Christmas season, was known to the Mexicans as "Flor de la Noche Buena"—Flower of the Holy Night.

The Yuletide emblem was discovered by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, a native of Charleston, South Carolina, in 1828 while he was U.S. minister to Mexico and the flower was given his name.

Dr. Poinsett sent some cuttings of the plant to Robert Buist, a Philadelphia nurseryman, who specialized in collecting new plants. He named it "Euphorbia poinsettia" and later it was classified in botanical terms, Poinsettia pulcherrima.

The poinsettia has become one of the most popular Christmas emblems. Many people enjoy a gift of the potted plant and pictures of it appear on Christmas cards and ornamental wrappings.



Happiness is patrons like you. Thanks!

From Mary, Jean, Prue & Lanny

VESUVIUS BAY STORE



Edel and Karl Satermo extend
Season's Greetings

TO ALL THEIR FRIENDS ON
 SALT SPRING ISLAND

With all good wishes
 for Christmas

and the coming year

**PARK DRIVE
 GUEST HOUSE**

CHRISTMAS IS FOR THE BIRDS

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WHATEVER THE COLOUR OF THEIR FEATHERS

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Christmas is for the birds. Birds of every colour and species. They used to keep them in Bird Cages, but they weren't lofty enough to let everyone hear the birds sing.

The birds may be seen at any time, but they are never in better voice than in the early months of the year and the late fall.

Some bird-fanciers look to the colour of the feathers, while others are to be seen anxiously listening to the song. Both change from time to time. The light, pastel shades of the feathers darken with age. They may even change hue altogether, because the birds are constantly flying back and forth, exchanging feathers and songs.

The colour of a bird is never quite the same to different eyes.

The delicate shade of pink is often seen as red to bird-fanciers. Some fanciers have suffered from pink-eye even before following the birds. There are some birds, of course, which will turn quite red as they mature.

This same applies to the other colours. At the opposite side of the spectrum, the pale green varieties will darken appreciably and some of the bird fanciers on the other side of the cage attribute it to greed.

There are birds which change colour altogether. An albino will sometimes lose its

anonymity and show up in beautiful shades. The albinos rarely turn pink. Experience will teach the bird-watcher that the almost insignificant whites will usually turn to a green shade, often darkening after early experience. We have seen the pale green varieties change to pale pink, and on rare occasions a pink will turn green. The deeper shades however, rarely change.

Many bird fanciers have long been convinced that the green tints have more bird seed, but in recent years the pinks have been reaching out and pecking in the green feed bins.

That's when the whole cage is a -twitter. The fanciers get into the dispute at times and all hell breaks loose.

Life in the bird cage isn't all pecking at each other's feed. They spend a lot of time pecking at each other and then the feathers fly. You can recognize the losers by the number of feathers on the floor.

When they are not feeding, and pecking, they can play with a see saw. They have their own pecking order on the see saw. The green birds never fly to the same end of the board as the red birds. Pinks and pale greens keep to their own side usually. The pure whites and pure blacks tend to flitter from one end to the other, helping, first one side and then the other.

There have been attempts

over the years to bring in birds of paradise. They have the best of every colour without any pronounced domination. But the climate in this province is not suitable to the breed and they have not flourished.

It's a strange life in the cages. There are no drones. The fanciers and the bird-watcher do all the chores. There are a few hens. Many of the hens develop a sort of divine right of hens and sing a strictly soprano song. They even tend to peck a little indiscriminately.

Cock-o'-the-walk is shaded To his own perch-mates he is a pleasing pink. From the perches on the other side of the cage he appears almost scarlet. Not that he has any cares on that score. There are always a few birds to challenge him, but he knows his perch is a pretty sound structure and he hops gaily through many a dance to tantalize any young rooster who has eyes on his perch.

As I say, Christmas is for the birds. It is the only time when they all sing in harmony. Old feathers, new feathers; old songs, new songs; old perches, new perches; they all blend in one chorus and in the glow of Christmas candle-light you can't even recognize the colours.

That's Christmas, alright!



Gerry Coers - PAINTER

GIVE A DRIFTWOOD SUBSCRIPTION FOR CHRISTMAS

SEASONS GREETINGS

To All My Island Friends & Clients

WARREN OF CHURLEY MORN

CONTACT -

Mrs. 'Liz' Sneyd at 537- 2313

For Your Appointment

New Year Egg Nog



For a crowd!
15 eggs
4 quarts of milk
2 quarts egg nog mix

½ pint whipping cream
fifth of bourbon
½ pint light rum
Nutmeg for garnish

Begin with eggs at room temperature. Separate eggs. Whip egg yolks until very light. Add bourbon in a slow steady stream as eggs continue to beat. Beat mixture until creamy. Add eggnog mix and milk to egg yolk-bourbon mixture. Set aside. Beat egg whites until glossy peaks form. Fold whites into bourbon mixture, add rum and whipped cream. Just before serving, sprinkle nutmeg over all. If you don't have a very favorite recipe for egg-nog — do try this, it's very very good!



May we take this time to send you all our brightest greetings for the Yuletide season, and our sincere thanks for your kind support.

Elizabeth Lake at

MOD'N'LAVENDER

RE-LIVING CHRISTMAS

Candy canes at Christmas time, take me far down Memory Lane -

In my mind's eye; I then return to my childhood once again.

I see once more the stockings hung in long irregular rows;

Stuffed with apples, candy, nuts; while an orange stretched the toes.

I see the smile on my Mother's face in the glow of a coal-oil light;

And I hear again my Father's voice, filled with a lilt of delight.

The 'gifts of the tree' came later, in numbers they were few -

But given with love, and shared in joy, how much they seemed to do!

Dolls for each girl - when we were small, a knife or toy for each boy.

Do the gifts children get at Christmas now, bring them anywhere near such joy?

The notes of a song, the carols gay, touch my heart like a pleasant pain -

For they carry my thoughts back through the years, to old Christmases again.

-Celia V. Reynolds.



From Grant and Binda Carignan & All The Staff at

GULF ISLAND TRADING CO.

Merry Christmas

It's Yuletide Season . . . here's a hearty wish for the best holiday ever! Fill it with good times, high spirits, and lots of friends. It's been our pleasure to serve you. Have a happy!

Christmas Greetings

As the sights and sounds of the holiday season are upon us once again, may we wish all of you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

COMPLIMENTS

AWAY IN A MANGER

(Key of G)
 Away in a manger,
 No crib for a bed,
 The little Lord Jesus
 Laid down His sweet head.
 The stars in the bright sky
 Looked down where He lay,
 The little Lord Jesus
 Asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
 The Baby awakes,
 But little Lord Jesus
 No crying He makes.
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus;
 Look down from the sky,
 And stay by my side
 Until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
 I ask Thee to stay
 Close by me for ever,
 And love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children
 In Thy tender care,
 And fit us for heaven,
 To live with Thee there.



HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING!

(Key of G)
 Hark the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King,
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies,
 With the angelic host proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Refrain:
 Hark, the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 Late in time behold Him Come,
 Offspring of a virgin's womb,
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
 Hail, the incarnate Deity,
 Pleas'd as Man with man to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings,
 Risen with healing in His wings,
 Mild He lays His glory by,
 Born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth,
 Born to give them second birth.



WE THREE KINGS

(Key of G)
 We three kings of Orient are,
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 Following yonder star.

Refrain:
 O star of wonder, star of night,
 Star with royal beauty bright
 Westward leading, still proceeding,
 Guide us to thy perfect light.

Solo (Melchior):
 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
 Gold I bring to crown Him again,
 King for ever, ceasing never,
 Over us all to reign.

Solo (Gaspar):
 Frankincense to offer have I,
 Incense owns a Deity nigh,
 Prayer and praising, all men raising,
 Worship Him, God most high.

Solo (Balthazar):
 Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
 Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
 Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
 Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

ALL
 Glorious now behold Him arise,
 King and God, and Sacrifice!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Earth to the heavens replies.

SILENT NIGHT

(Key of C)
 Silent night! holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright;
 Round yon virgin mother and Child,
 Holy Infant so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight;
 Glories stream from heaven afar
 Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah.
 Christ, the Saviour is born!
 Christ, the Saviour is born!

Silent night! holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.



THE FIRST NOEL

(Key of D)
 The first Noel the angel did say
 Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
 they lay:
 In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:
 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
 Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
 Shining in the east, beyond them far
 And to the earth it gave great light,
 And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
 Three wise men came from country far;
 To seek for a King was their intent,
 And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
 O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
 And there it did both stop and stay,
 Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three,
 Full reverently upon their knee,
 And offered there in His presence
 Their gold and Myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
 Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
 That hath made heaven and earth of 'nought,
 And with His blood mankind hath bought.

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear,
 That glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near the earth
 To touch their harps of gold;
 "Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
 From heaven's all gracious king."
 The world in solemn stillness lay
 To hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
 The world has suffered long;
 Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
 Two thousand years of wrong;
 And men, at war with men, hear not
 The words of peace they bring;
 O hush the noise ye men of strife,
 And hear the angels sing.

SILVER BELLS

City side walks, busy sidewalks,
 Dressed in holiday style
 In the air there's a feeling of Christmas,
 Children laughing, people passing,
 Meeting smile after smile,
 And on ev'ry street corner you hear:
 Silver bells, silver bells, It's Christmas in
 the city,
 Ring'a'ling, hear them ring,
 Soon it will be Christmas Day.



O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM!

(Key of G)

O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by:
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 The everlasting Light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
 And, gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to God the King,
 And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
 The wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heaven.
 No ear may hear His coming;
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive Him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in;
 Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Emmanuel.

GOD REST YOU, MERRY GENTLEMEN

(Key of G)

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
 Let nothing you dismay,
 Remember Christ our Saviour
 Was born on Christmas day,
 To save us all from Satan's power
 When we were gone astray;

Refrain:
 O tidings of comfort and joy,
 comfort and joy,
 O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Jewry,
 This blessed Babe was born,
 And laid within a manger,
 Upon this blessed morn;
 The which His mother Mary
 Did nothing take in scorn.

From God, our heavenly Father,
 A blessed angel came;
 And unto certain shepherds
 Brought tidings of the same:
 How that in Bethlehem was born
 The son of God by Name.

"Fear not then," said the angel,
 "Let nothing you affright,
 This day is born a Saviour
 Of a pure virgin bright,
 To free all those who trust in Him
 From Satan's power and might."

Now to the Lord sing praises,
 All you within this place,
 And with true love and brotherhood
 Each other now embrace;
 This holy tide of Christmas
 All other doth deface.

JINGLE BELLS

Dashing through the snow
 In a one-horse open sleigh,
 O'er the fields we go,
 Laughing all the way;
 Bells on bob-tail ring,
 Making spirit bright
 What fun it is to ride and sing
 A sleighing-song tonight!

Jingle bells, jingle bells!
 Jingle all the way!
 Oh, what fun it is to ride
 In a one-horse open sleigh!

DRIFTWOOD



TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the First Day of Christmas my true love
sent to me,
A partridge in a pear tree.

On the Second Day of Christmas my true
love sent to me,
Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear
tree.

On the Third Day of Christmas my true
love sent to me,
Three French horns, two turtle doves and a
partridge in a pear tree.

On the Fourth Day of Christmas my true
love sent to me,
Four calling birds, three French horns, two
turtle doves and a partridge in
a pear tree.

On the Fifth Day of Christmas my true love
sent to me,
Five golden rings, four calling birds, three
French horns, two turtle doves
and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the Sixth Day of Christmas my true love
sent to me,
Six geese a-laying, five golden rings, four
calling birds, three French horns,
two turtle doves and a partridge
in a pear tree.

On the Seventh Day of Christmas my true
love sent to me,
Seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-lay-
ing, five golden rings, four
calling birds, three French horns,
two turtle doves and a partridge
in a pear tree.

On the Eighth Day of Christmas my true love
sent to me,
Eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swim-
ming, six geese a-laying, five
golden rings, four calling birds,
three French horns, two turtle
doves and a partridge in a pear
tree.

On the Ninth Day of Christmas my true love
sent to me,
Nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking,
seven swans a-swimming, six
geese a-laying, five golden rings,
four calling birds, three French
horns, two turtle doves and a
partridge in a pear tree.

On the Tenth Day of Christmas my true love
sent to me,
Ten lords-a-leaping, nine ladies dancing,
eight maids a-milking, seven
swans a-swimming, six geese a-
laying, five golden rings, four
calling birds, three French horns,
two turtle doves and a partridge
in a pear tree.

On the Eleventh Day of Christmas my true love
sent to me,
Eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine
ladies dancing, eight maids a-milk-
ing, seven swans a-swimming, six
geese a-laying, five golden rings,
four calling birds, three French horns,
two turtle doves and a partridge in a
pear tree.

On the Twelfth Day of Christmas my true love
sent to me,
Twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers pip-
ing, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies
dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven
swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying,
five golden rings, four calling birds,
three French horns, two turtle doves and
a partridge in a pear tree.



RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

You know Dasher, and Dancer, Prancer
and Vixen,
Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen,
But do you recall
The most famous reindeer of all...

Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer,
Had a very shiny nose,
And if you ever saw it,
You would say it even glows!

All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names;
They would never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas eve,
Santa came to say:
Rudolph, with your nose so bright,
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?

Then how the Reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee:
Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer,
You'll go down in history!

GOOD KING WENCESLAS

Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay 'round about,
Deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Tho' the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath'ring winter fuel!

"Hither, page, and stand by me,
If you know 'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what His Dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
By St. Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear Him thither."
Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament,
And the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, good my page;
Tread thou in them boldly;
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN

You better watch out, you better not cry,
Better not pout, I'm telling you why:
Santa Claus is comin' to town.
He's making a list and checking it twice,
Gonna find out who's naughty and nice,
Santa Claus is comin' to town.
He sees you when you're sleepin',
He knows when you're awake,
He knows when you've been bad or good,
So be good for goodness sake.
Oh! You better watch out,
You better not cry,
Better not pout, I'm telling you why:
Santa Claus is comin' to town.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

I'm dreaming of a White Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know,
Where the tree-tops glisten,
And children listen to hear sleigh bells in
the snow
I'm dreaming of a White Christmas
With ev'ry Christmas card I write,
May your days be merry and bright,
And may all your Christmases be white.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

Chorus:
Good tidings we bring for you and your
kin,
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

Now bring us some figgy pudding,
Now bring us some figgy pudding,
Now bring us some figgy pudding,
Now bring some to us here.

DECK THE HALLS

(Key of F)
Deck the hall with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la la la la la,
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la la la la la,
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la la la la la la la,
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la la la la la.

See the blazing Yuel before us,
Fa la la la la la la la la,
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Fa la la la la la la la la,
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la la la la la,
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,
Fa la la la la la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la la la la la la la,
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Fa la la la la la la la la,
Sing we joyous all together,
Fa la la la la la la la la,
Headless of the winds and weather,
Fa la la la la la la la la.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Sleigh-bells ring, are you list'nin'?
In the lane, snow is glist'nin',
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight,
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!
Gone away is the blue-bird,
Here to stay is a new bird,
He sings a love song, as we go along.
Walkin' in a winter wonderland.
In the meadow we can build a snowman,
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown;
He'll say, "Are you married?" We'll say,
"No, man!"
But you can do the job when you're in
town!"
Later on, we'll conspire,
As we dream by the fire,
To face unafraid, the plans that we made
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!



MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS &
CUSTOMERS
NELS DEGNEN —
BULLDOZING




christmas greetings

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

Jack and Pauline Kenton and son, Ken
Cedar Beach Resort

Christmas in Hawaii



Christmas was proclaimed a holiday in Hawaii in 1862 by King Kamehameha IV. That same year the first candle-light service was held. Today the Nativity scene is much in evidence in Hawaiian stores and at church and civic gatherings. Christmas carols have been sung with great enthusiasm ever since 1823 when an American missionary, Reverend Hiram Bingham, translated "Joy to the World" for the Islanders.

Evergreens do not grow on the Islands but every year thousands of Christmas trees are transported by ship from the Pacific Northwest. Often the trees are painted white to simulate the snow-covered trees Hawaiian children have never seen. They are trimmed with balls and tinsel just as on the mainland, but Hawaiian leis made of shells, nuts and flowers are added, too.

The Hawaiian greeting for "Merry Christmas" is "Mele Kalikimaha!" But this is only one of the many forms of greeting, for the Hawaiian citizens are of many races and tongues. They live on their beloved Islands in harmony, and at no time is this more apparent than at the holy season of Christmas when all unite in celebrating the birth of the Infant Jesus.

The boys and girls of our fiftieth state can only imagine what a snowy Christmas would be like. They often eat their Christmas dinner out-of-doors. Afterward, they take part in sports and games.

Let Your Table Add To Holiday

Your centerpiece may reflect the folklore of the holiday or it may be a classic dinner table arrangement. It may also be a tableau of objects that display your awareness of beauty in all things. Lower your artistic sights, however, if your centerpiece starts to rise above 12 inches. In order for your guests to see one another, keep your centerpiece low — and your candles high so that they will not flicker annoy-

ingly at eye level.

The size of your centerpiece will be geared to the size of your table, as will the space allotted for each place setting. If you have enough room, plates may be 30 inches apart — from center to center — otherwise 24; certainly never less than 20 inches, or your guests will really be rubbing elbows.

Lazy susans, pedestal cake plates, soup tureens, punch bowls, baskets or soufflé dishes are likely candidates as containers for arrangements, as is any long rectangular container. A grouping of small potted plants, or large, fat blossoms floating in a shallow bowl makes an attractive arrangement.

A patterned tablecloth or colored tablecloth helps set a festive mood for the holidays.

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ?

Christmas is one of a number of things,
An angel chorus, a child that sings;
It is Love who knocks at our hearts today
To show us a better, more Christ-like way.

It is Jesus who speaks and calls us by name,
For because of our guilt it was He who came
To give us the peace that our hearts desire,
To kindle within us His holy fire.

That we may keep Christmas as He would do,
And love in the way He taught us to,
Christmas is Christ and all that He gives,
It is wondrous peace in our heart that lives.

It is giving to those who need our care,
It is sharing with those who have little to share,
It is all of these things and much, much more,
It is Jesus who stands at our heart's closed door.

When we let Him come in, this Christmas Guest,
To abide with us always, we find the best,
The truest, most joyous way to live,
And then, with His help, we can learn to give.

To give of ourselves, our love and our care
To those who are dying in deepest despair,
Christmas is peace that will never depart,
It's a vision of love that is seen with the heart.
-Olive Davies.



'Mele Kalekemaka'

(Merry Christmas - in Hawaiian)

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT

HARBOUR HOUSE HOTEL

OPEN CHRISTMAS DAY

Baked Rum Balls
EASY AND GOOD



1 pound vanilla wafers
1 tablespoon cocoa
½ cup light corn syrup

½ cup dark or light rum
½ cup finely chopped filberts
Confectioners' sugar

Crush wafers fine and mix with remaining ingredients, except sugar. Shape in ball and divide in 4 equal parts. Shape each part in roll in 1" balls, put in covered container and let stand 36 hours. Put on lightly greased cookie sheets and let stand at room temperature ½ hour. Then bake in slow oven (325) 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Sift confectioners sugar over cookies while still warm. Makes about 6 dozen.

MORNING AFTER
I BURNED MY CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS — AND NOW HAVE NEITHER FOES NOR FRIENDS: FOR ALL THE LOVELY LIGHT BEGOTTEN, I'M PAYING NOW IN FEELING ROTTEN.



Greetings

Let's celebrate this Christmas season with sincere wishes for a simply wonderful holiday. To all our friends and neighbors go many thanks for your continued patronage and goodwill.

A.A.MELLIN AND ALL THE STAFF



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MERRY CHRISTMAS



To our friends and neighbors, all best wishes for holiday happiness.

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BANGERT CONSTRUCTION

CHRISTMAS LETTERS

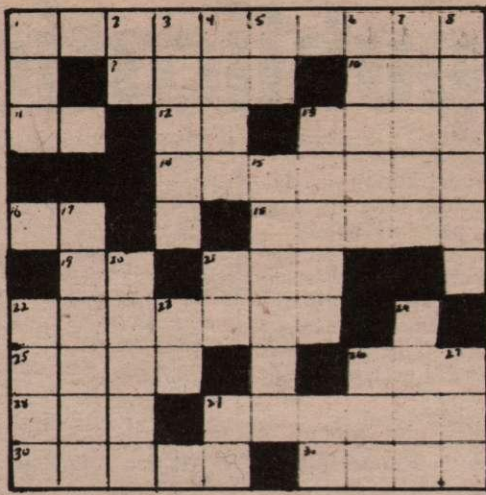
The day is coming when, no doubt,
 We'll have to send those letters out,
 Much easier we find the task
 When in our minds we need not ask
 How we can use the thing that's sent
 To be 'the gift that's different'.
 If our letters were strictly true
 We'd write: "Dear Nan, I'm thanking you
 For your present most exquisite"
 But tell me please - just what is it?"
 Or "Thanks, my dear, I write in haste
 And ask where it goes - around my waist?
 On the dresser? Around my neck?
 (I'll find some use for it, by heck!)
 While such gifts are sold they'll be bought,
 Our thanks are for the loving thought,
 To be too frank just would not do -
 Nor is there need in thanking you.
 -Grace A. Wright.

'Le Jour de Noel' For French Children

In France the Jour de Noel or Christmas Day is exclusively for boys and girls. Centuries ago the custom began of telling children how "le petit Jesus, Sauveur adorable, Le nuit de Noel" was born in a stable and the children came to believe that on Christmas Eve the heavens would open and Le Petit Noel would come down to bring them presents, if they were good children. In more recent times Le Petit Noel has been replaced by Le Pere Noel—Father Christmas—a heavenly personage who has charge of distributing toys and good things to well-behaved children. In many parts of France the children believe that Le Pere Noel has a companion, Le Pere Fouettard — Father Spanker—who carries a load of switches, a few of which he leaves for those children who have not been good.

The anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ is the greatest festival of the year, and is one of the few religious events observed by all His followers. Indeed, to all Christians the birthday of the Messiah shares with Easter the distinction of being one of the two most solemn events of all history.

CANADIAN CROSSWORD by Bryan Smith



ACROSS

- 1. Does this condiment jump in the Straits of Georgia?
- 9. Space
- 10. Born
- 11. Not likely!
- 12. United Appeal (init)
- 13. Stitched.
- 14. European and Edward follow the S.
- 16. Green light
- 18. Measured distance
- 19. Tommy Steele (init)
- 21. Golfer's mound.
- 22. B. C. Ferry employee
- 25. Cement
- 26. The implement lost its tail.
- 28. Seen on Salt Spring Island
- 29. Agreement
- 30. Home to us!
- 31. Married.

DOWN

- 1. Parents' lad.
- 2. French article
- 3. T is followed by corrosion.
- 4. Secure
- 5. Dad
- 6. Clumsy
- 7. This sheep is caught between the North Road.
- 8. Masculine and feminine
- 13. Accident cause
- 15. Our neighbor.
- 17. Trudeau H. O.
- 20. First woman caught between the Poles.
- 21. Cockney's thanks.
- 22. Ecology's watchdog.
- 23. Us.
- 24. The Warrant Officer Royal Engineers donned his uniform.
- 26. Haul.
- 27. Peculiar
- 29. Classified -----.

THE MISTLETOE

The custom today of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility.

Mistletoe traditions are said to have begun with the ancient Druids. They attributed great power to the plant. It was supposed to prevent disease and keep away witches. Mistletoe means "all heal."

ANSWERS ON PAGE FOURTEEN

CHRISTMAS
 Enjoy peace at heart and hearth for Christmas.

MARCOTTE'S GARAGE
 Stewart Road near Cusheon Lake

Silent Night
 From the MANAGEMENT & STAFF
EMBE BAKERY



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From our home to yours —
 an old-fashioned wish for a holiday filled with things happy memories are made of.

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Goodie & Isabel

Peace
 It's the greatest gift of all. On this special holiday, may you all enjoy the warmth and love that Christmas brings.
 Terry
T.A.HOCKLEY PLUMBING

Early Island publication

Christmas, 79 years ago, brought its own problems among the excitement of the season. In the December issue of Salt Spring Island Parish and Home, the Rev. Edward F. Wilson wrote of the autumn's



Merry Christmas
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS &
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Port Washington

pressures and problems as islanders looked to the festive season.

Parish and Home was published for a number of years on Salt Spring Island by the Anglican minister of the time. Its first appearance was made in 1895.

Annual subscription was 35 cents, or 50 cents if mailed. Three copies by mail would cost \$1.25 per annum. It was issued from Vesuvius Post Office.

Also offered by the publisher was "Salt Spring Island", an illustrated pamphlet with map. It was offered at 25 cents.

The remarkable character of the first issue was the number of advertisements inserted by business houses, mostly in Victoria. There were 45 announcements ranging from grocery advertising without prices, to lumber dealers, clothiers and undertakers.

Many of the advertisers are familiar names today. Charles Hayward was a funeral director and embalmer in the city

and James Maynard was an importer and manufacturer of boots and shoes.

The Province could be purchased for \$2 per annum on Broad St., in Victoria. Dr. Findley was a dentist practicing in Victoria. His announcement was unusual for a number of reasons. He was a graduate of Philadelphia, which was not out of the ordinary. He would sell you the best set of teeth in his possession for \$15 and he charged a mere 50

cents for an extraction and \$1 for a filling. In later years he would have been vigorously frowned on for warning his victims of the charges he planned. Most strange feature of all to his advertisement is that he didn't say where his office was located; nor did he list a phone number.

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Coffee and Spice

For a first-class meal at 25 cents, the reader was invited to visit the New York Restaurant and, again, no indication was offered of the location of this magnificent establishment. James Dominey was the proprietor. He was apparently new to the place because the advertisement also advised the reader that it was under new management. Best of all, there were no Chinese cooks employed and a book of 21 meal tickets was available for \$4.

Mr. Wilson wanted a parlour organ and he was offering a Remington Type Writer in exchange.

Lee and Fraser were realtors. Although there was no indication where they might be found they had a postal address. Only two advertisers listed their telephone numbers. Lawrence Goodacre, wholesale and retail butcher on Government at Johnson had a telephone. His was Victoria 32. The other listing was Victoria 28, for E. J. Saunders and Co., importers and dealers in groceries, provisions, liquors and cetera. They were successors to Henry Saunders and were located at 39 and 41 Johnson St.

Some of the names are familiar though no longer in business. E. G. Prior and Co. was later part of Mc and Mc. Shawnigan Lake Lumber Co. was a familiar name until recent years and T. N. Hibben was part of a prominent Victoria stationers until after the Second World War.

W. and J. Wilson were among the advertisers, offering hats, underwear, hosiery, gloves, ties, mackintoshes, etc. Pemberton and Son were busy selling real estate and insurance.

For \$1 a day you could stay at Mrs. Stevens' Church Hill Farm, a family boarding house. Mrs. Stevens also met steamboats.

The steamer "Mary Hare" was seen as a threat to the "Joan". The newcomer was sailing in conjunction with the Victoria and Sidney Railway. Travellers leaving Victoria at 7 am and 4 pm could then meet the Mary Hare and sail for other parts of Vancouver Island. On Mondays the steamer met the morning train and sailed for Cowichan, Maple Bay, Vesuvius Bay and way ports. She would return to connect with the evening train for Victoria. On Tues-

days she sailed for Ganges Harbour and way ports. Wednesday repeated Monday's schedule. On Thursday she was more daring and sailed to Nanaimo by way of Ganges and other ports en route. The Thursday run stretched over two days. She came back to Sidney, via Ganges, on Friday to link with the evening train from Sidney to Victoria.

It was not all advertising. The front page showed a sketch of the two Salt Spring Island churches, St. Mark's and St. Mary's. Churchwardens were W. E. Scott and E. Walter at St. Mark's. H. W. Bullock was delegate to the Synod and organist was Miss F. M. Wilson. Church committee consisted of H. Stevens, A. Walter, E. Rosman (secretary), A. L. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Mahaffey, Mrs. Norton and Miss K. M. Wilson. At St. Mary's churchwardens were F. Raynes and J. Nightingale. A. Cartwright was delegate to the Synod and organist was A. W. Cooke. St. Mary's church committee included Mr. Cooke, E. Akerman, Mrs. A. Raynes, Mrs. F. Raynes and Mrs. Rogers.



Christmas Greetings

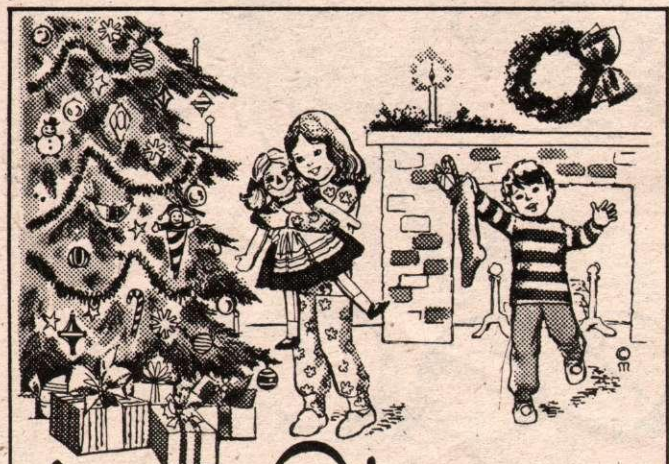
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NEW YEAR

To All Our Friends
& Customers
MARG & RAY BELL
SPANISH HILLS STORE
North Galiano



On course for a
MERRY
Christmas
& May every
port of call in
the New Year hold wonderful things
for everyone...

Nigel & Jean
PHILLIPS MARINE TRANSPORT



Merry Christmas

To the young and young-at-heart. Our holiday wishes..

From Gladys and Vic
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CORNER STORE GALIANO ISLAND

NORTH PENDER ISLAND
GOLD STAR CASH & CARRY
Wishes You The Very Best
For The Festive Season
and The Coming New Year
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Merry Christmas

and a very Happy New Year!

Norman and Linda Twa, Effie Twa and Jim Rooke

SALT SPRING ISLAND
GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE

DEC. 25	calls will be made	MON.	DEC. 23
DEC. 26	FRI.	DEC. 27
JAN. 1	MON.	DEC. 30

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

DECEMBER, 1895

There are a number of Japs employed as laborers on Salt Spring Island, but no Chinese.

Mr. A. Langley has erected a picturesque cottage as a residence on St. Mary's Lake within the past year.

The little spire shewn on St. Mary's Church in our illustration is a thing of the future - we hope the near future.

Mr. Joseph Nightingale is noted on the Island for his skill in breaking in young horses. He has at present in hand a pair of fillies belonging to Mr. W. Scott.

There has been some talk for a while past of erecting a Public Hall on Salt Spring Island, either at Ganges Harbour or at the fork of the roads near the Vesuvius P. O.

It is rumoured that the steamboat "Joan" is shortly to be withdrawn from the Salt Spring Island route, the passenger and freight receipts being so much reduced through the competition of the "Mary Hare." Many persons on the Island will much regret this.

Two sailing vessels have been at the Island during the past autumn loading with "props" for the mines in Mexico; the Douglas fir, which abounds here, being particularly suitable for that purpose. The first ship took on board 158,000 feet, and the second 120,000 feet.

There are now twelve families south of the Divide in the neighbourhood of Connery's Lake and the Cranberry Marsh, and among them are about ten children of schoolable age. An effort will probably be made in the near future, to establish both a school and post-office in the central part of the Island.

The deer have committed much depredation this past season on the farms near Cushon lake. Mr. Cartwright lost all his carrots, a patch of peas, and a part of his potatoes, his total losses being about \$75. Messrs. Johnson and Gage lost ten or fifteen bushels of wheat, two patches of potatoes, and fifteen cwt. turnips and carrots - loss about \$15.

The "Church Bee" held at St. Mark's Church November 6th, and again November 15th, was very well attended, there being three teams and seventeen men the first day, and four teams and nine men the second day. St. Mark's is built upon the rocks, and the object was to cart earth and make a level plateau in front of the church, which will be fenced in and have grass plot and

flower beds. It is proposed to hold another "Bee" Wednesday, January 6th, in order to complete the work.

Telegraphic or telephone communication with Vancouver Island would be a great boon to this island.

Mr. Alex. Wilson has added to the appearance of his residence by erecting a new front with a verandah.

Mrs. Macdonald, the oldest inhabitant of Salt Spring Island, died at her residence, near Ford's Lake, Nov. 3rd, at the ripe age of 84.

Rev. E. F. Wilson will hold fortnightly Friday evening services at Mr. Few's residence, near Connery's Lake, during the winter.

Willow and blue grouse are now out of season. The close season for deer commences January 1st, pheasants February 1st, ducks, March 1st.

The Bishop of Columbia will administer the rite of confirmation on the Island on Sunday, December 8th, St. Mary's Church, 10:30 a.m.; St. Mary's Church, 3:30 pm.

The dry weather this autumn has been unprecedented. Many wells are dry, and in some cases farmers have been obliged to team water from the lakes to water their stock.

By section 16 of the Game Act, 1895, farmers are allowed "to kill at any time deer depasturing within their cultivated fields." A great many farmers on Salt Spring Island would be glad if the above clause in the Act could be made to apply also to pheasants.

The cost of St. Mary's Church, Fulford Harbour, including seating, chancel fittings and organ, was \$705. All is now paid for, and a small balance remains in the Treasurer's hands. There are still needed a bell, bell tower, chancel, carpet, matting for aisle, lamps, etc.

Among recent arrivals on the Island are Mr. and Mrs. Collins and three children from Bristol, England, who have settled on a farm recently purchased by Mr. H. W. Bullock; and Mr. and Mrs. Few and four children from Manchester, England, who have bought Major Peter's land near Brown's Lake.

The wife of Mr. Edward Lee of Burgoyne Bay, died November 16th, and was buried on the 19th. There was a large following to the grave, the deceased lady having been very highly esteemed by all who knew her.

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TUESDAYS—For Ganges Harbor and way ports. Returning, connects with evening train.

WEDNESDAYS—Same as Monday.

THURSDAYS—For Nanaimo via Ganges Harbor and way ports.

FRIDAYS—Leaves Nanaimo at 7.00 a.m. for Sidney and way ports, connecting with evening train for Victoria.

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Funeral Director and Embalmer

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E. J. SAUNDERS & CO.

(Successors to Henry Saunders)

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, LIQUORS, etc.

A Very Merry Christmas

and a

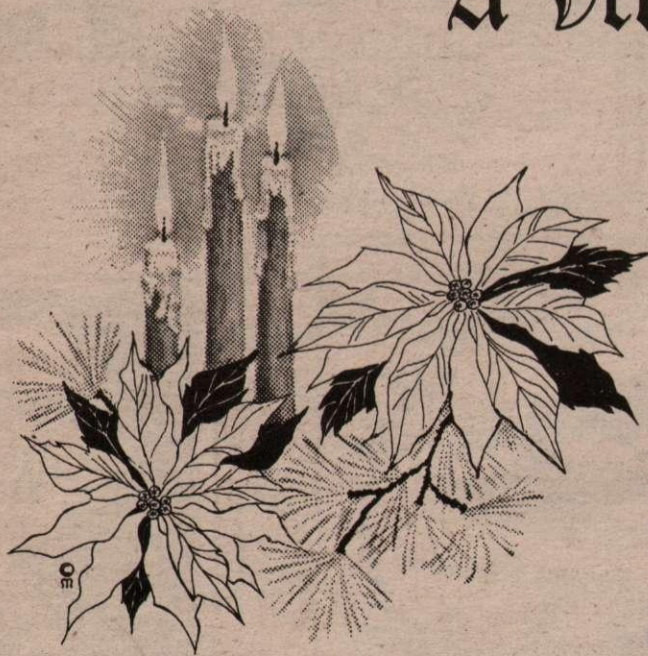
HAPPY NEW YEAR

From all of us

Norman, Carolyn, Brenda, Barbara, Susan, Karen and Kathy Mouat
Chuck and Vera Longeuy
Bruce, Connie and Russell Hardie
Slim and Alice Thorburn
Roy and Sophie Betts
Dennis and Marie Wood
Freddie and Peter Cartwright

at

**SALT SPRING
INSURANCE AGENCIES LTD.
& TRAVELWORLD**





Merry Christmas
and
Best Wishes for the New Year.
Mr. & Mrs. L. Kinney



The Christmas spirit reigns all over the land. Hope it fills and warms your heart with happiness.

SALTSPRING CABLEVISION
(1972) Ltd.

Edibles Favorite Yule Decoration

Decorating the Christmas tree with edibles isn't a new idea. It's been done for years. Early American Christmas trees were generally adorned with food-stuffs, including pomander balls made of apples stuck with whole cloves and tied on a string, strands of fresh popcorn, little dolls fashioned from corn shucks, clusters of pine cones and acorn and gingerbread cookies.

The Pennsylvania Dutch decorated their trees almost entirely with edibles. They simply ate from the tree through the holidays, dismantling it by the Twelfth Night. Norwegians baked a different cookie for each day of the season, but the Swedish thought it bad taste to over-decorate, especially at Christmas.

In Europe

At Christmas in Europe only the finest ingredients are used so the quality will be best for the Christ Child.

In the old days, doughs were used symbolically for blessings also. Doughnut dough for Epiphany, for instance, was tied in a white cloth and "baptized" by Syrian cooks in a fountain in the name of the Trinity. Then it was hung in a tree for three days to ferment without benefit of yeast. From this, small dough were made and placed where food was stored, furnishing "miraculous" leaven for the coming year.

RECIPE

- 1 cup friendly words
- 2 heaping cups understanding
- 4 teaspoons time and patience
- Pinch of warm personality
- Dash of humor
- Mix together. Keep temperature low. Do not boil. Season to taste with spice of life. Serve in individual molds.

THE GRAND ORCHESTRA

I'm glad that I have ears to hear
And mind and heart to understand
And eyes to see in all around
Musicians of this mighty band.

This band is heard o'er all the earth
In every land and clime
No where so sweet or clarion clear
As in these isles of mine.

The words and music are composed
By the Leader of this band
He calls the sun, the moon, the stars
To join and lend a hand.

The Seasons come and play their parts
Though not allowed together
They play both low and higher notes
And thus produce our weather.

The colours too must join the band
The red of dawn will first come in
The green of grass, and trees of every shade
And all the flowers that come with Spring.

The babbling brook, and waterfalls
Join cateracts that roar
And when at last they reach the sea
They spread from shore to shore.

And all the birds must have a part
They sing so loud and long
The hum of bees, and croaking frogs
The call of gulls, and corncrakes song.

The mountains join in somber tones
The hills with laughter play
The tides with endless rush and foam
Go ebbing out, come back each day.

And every day at even-tide
They make the whole world ring
With Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Lord of Lords, and King of kings

Man stands in silence mute with awe
As he hears this might band
And wonder, if he too, someday
Will really understand.

G. Pearson, Feb. 66.



Warm Christmas Wishes

We're wishing that you'll enjoy warmth and peace at your hearthside this Christmas.

JOHN TAYLOR — ELECTRICIAN

CROSSWORD ON PAGE ELEVEN

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Christmas Greetings

It's all around — that Christmas feeling! May it fill your holiday with warmth, joy and loving thoughts. We hope you enjoy this time to the fullest.

FACCA CONSTRUCTION LTD.



Christmas Wishes

Cheerio and away we go... bringing good cheer to our many friends.

and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

A.B. CONSTRUCT

Bring Springtime Indoors Early

In backyards all over the country are unassuming bushes called Forsythia: it may not look like much these winter type days, with a little attention you can make them burst with yellow



MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a Happy New Year
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
& CUSTOMERS
PATTERSONS STORE

blossoms.

It is not difficult to force the shrub into premature blooming. Take a mild day, preferably after a rain, go out and select branches that bear plump buds and cut them off. Snip down at a slant almost at soil level. The length will be impressive when the branches are indoors and standing tall.

Now pound the base of each branch with a hammer, or crush and shred it with pliers; this will help it absorb the needed water, then let it stand at room temperature for five or six hours. After that put the branches in a container of fresh water. Set the container in a basement or any other cool and dark place for two or three weeks. Replenish water frequently as it will be necessary during this time.

When the flower buds seem about to pop, they can be brought into the full light and warmer temperatures. You will have springtime flowers and fragrance during some of the dreary days following the colorful and busy holidays.

Merry Christmas* 

Best wishes to all
for a happy New Year!

KEN BYRON
EXCAVATING
537 - 2882

New Year: Day of Resolutions

New Year's Day is full of the promise of fresh beginnings and preserves, too, the Saturnalian wish for an alteration in the accepted pattern of life. Bells are rung, sirens sounded and whistles blown to celebrate its arrival and resolutions, sadly soon to be broken, made.

The New Year's celebration in Scotland receives more attention than Christmas. The big ritual of New Year's Day is First Footing. The first person, the First Footer, to enter the house uninvited on New Year's Day, often carrying symbolic gifts of bread, salt, coal and money and usually a piece of evergreen, bring good luck in the New Year. The requirements are strict: it must be a man, dark-haired, not flat footed or cross-eyed and preferably not a stranger. In Lancaster, for a female to be the first to enter the house was to let bad luck in for the coming year. Most important is to begin the New Year as you would like it to go on: have plenty of money in the pocket, dine well, rise early, pay your debts and lend nothing.

At Wick in the North of Scotland the old year is ceremonially burned out with great bonfires, the people gather round to dance and lighted torches are carried in procession.

In South Wales on New Year's Day the young men of the villages drew fresh spring water and went from house to house sprinkling all they met (for a few pennies) and would, if required, sprinkle those still in bed.

Word 'Manger' Has 2 Meanings

The Bible tells us that the newly-born Christ-child was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger," a word derived from the French "mangeoir" or frame to hold animal feed.

It is interesting that the other common English word for a cattle-feeder, crib, which is derived from the German krippe, also means a baby's bed.

Even the French word crèche, which is often used to describe the nativity scene displayed in churches, homes, and other places at Christmastime, has the double meaning of "mangeoir" and a public shelter for the care of infants.

Italian Foods at Christmas Vary According to Regions

Feasting is an integral part of the Christmas celebration, symbolizing not only rejoicing at the coming of Christ but, also, the spirit of sharing and brotherly love which is characteristic of the season. Like so many other aspects of Christmas, it is a blend of Christian and pre-Christian traditions, strongly influenced by local customs.

In Italy the dishes of the Christmas feast vary widely depending on the region. In the north, for example, the meal may begin with cappelletti ("little hats") stuffed with meat or tortellini, a sort of ravioli, followed by a main dish of meat, which may be anything from roast turkey with chestnut stuffing to zampone, a pork sausage packed in a pig's leg smothered with lentils.

In the area around Rome, the traditional dish of Christmas Eve is "capitone," a large female eel, roasted, baked, or fried, following a religious tradition which prescribes a meatless dinner on Christmas Eve, the Vigilia, or Christmas vigil. In accordance with this tradition, the Roman fish market, held the night of December 23rd, is a peculiar feature of the Christmas observance.

In the south of Italy, the feasting usually begins with macaroni with meat and tomato sauce, followed by chicken or meat in jelly.

Particularly characteristic of Christmas feasting in all regions are sweets: fruitcakes of various types (panettone) and other sweets in which nuts and honey figure prominently.

The Christmas season coincides with the lengthening day and the beginning of the New Year, and from ancient times nuts have been a symbol of fertility and a promise of the next year's harvest, also representing hope for increase in herds and flocks, and the family, as well. The use of honey, the most common sweetener in ancient Rome, was a traditional way of conveying the wish that the new year might be as sweet as the gift.



Merry Christmas
Here's hoping everyone, everywhere
enjoys a very happy holiday!
VILLADSEN CONSTRUCTION

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR
Andy & Roberta Kinnear
ANDY'S MEAT MARKET



Christmas Greetings
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR
The magical season of Christmas is here . . . joy and happiness to all.

Bertha & Jay McManus & the Staff
at
GANGES REC CENTRE




Merry Christmas
We're zooming right to you . . . happy and carefree . . . to bring you the best of good wishes and
A Happy Year to All
GANGES AUTO-MARINE



peace
Christmas is the time for togetherness. Tenderness. Loving. And the greatest gift of them all — peace. Live it fully this season.

Helen & Alex Shelby
Salt Spring Petroleum Products Ltd.
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MESSAGE FROM McCALMAN

BORN TO FLY AT CHRISTMAS

The world food Conference at Rome did not really get where people hoped it would - there was no massive commitment of food, money or materials by the "have" nations. Thousands in Bangladesh will continue to die of hunger. We ignore the prophets Isaiah and Micah "beat your spears into pruning hooks" We prefer guns to butter.

The ever-rising wages and prices continue to be a source of concern and growing aggravation to most of us. Wage demands are not about to stop; prices are not about to go down. We are getting nowhere. The whole thing is ridiculous. But we each continue to play games we do not ultimately believe in. We know where it is leading to, and we complain that we are powerless to change the system.

But it really has been our choice. For God's sake, what are we going to do this Christmas?

We can still choose; we can choose to be born again, and so choose not to follow the world's pressures of guns and greed; not to play games with ourselves; to choose to live today as though it were our last, the ultimate day, the day when the chips are down. Christian values are crisis values; the christian life is a crisis life. Today is crisis.

Be a seagull, perched on a tiny shelf on the face of a vertical cliff, two hundred down to the sea and no way up. You were born to fly, yet you have never flown. You are comfy on your ledge with your mother feeding you, and very secure. Yet you'll never grow and become what the Creator wills that you become

unless you 'die' from your life on the cliff and 'live' in the sky. The difficulty is that there are no engine warm ups or practice taxiing down the runway. The first jump into space is the jump into space. A crisis decision. And the second you make your death leap, you find fullness of life as your wings support you and a new world opens up for you.

To be born, as Jesus was in Bethlehem, is to emerge into this world. To be born again, as we can say Jesus was, is to live in this world knowing our ultimate destiny so that for us the chips are down every day in our lives. Death dealing leaps in Christian hope give life giving flights every day.

Jesus risked all, and gained life for us all.

It is time for us to leave the nest this Christmas, we can stay on the ledge no longer. We must jump just like the little seagull.

A blessed Christmas to you.
- Peter.

CHRISTMAS MELODY

The melody of Christmas fills the air.

No heart can help but join the swelling song.

For this brief time we rise above our care

And realize afresh that love is strong.

Yes, strong and sweet, the strength of innocence,

For this, if ever, is the children's time.

Their laughter rings through all the radiance

Of Christmas stories, Christmas song and rhyme.

How lovely are the trees with coloured lights!

The presents gaily wrapped their secrets hide.

With glad expectancy December nights

Await the night of all most glorified.


Through all the year our feet this way have sped,

To see a Baby in a manger bed.

-Mary Garland Coleman.

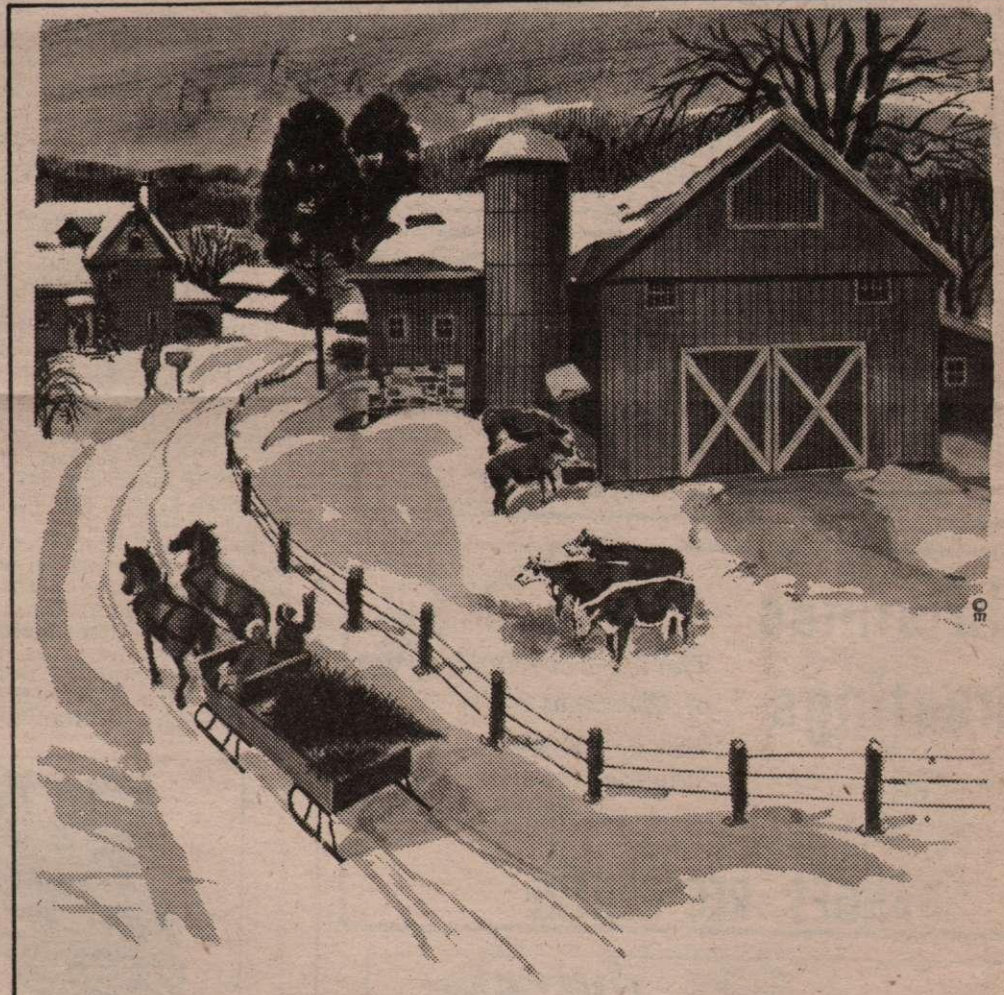
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All aboard for a joyous season! Thanks for letting us keep things ship-shape.

From
DAVE, DON & MIKE
STACEY CHARTER SERVICE LTD.



Greetings

The season's warm glow is filling the air with happiness and cheer, laughter and joy.

And as we celebrate this special time, we want to take a moment to thank you for your valued patronage and good friendship.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF
SALT SPRING LANDS LTD.

Gulf Islands Driftwood

Serving the islands that make Beautiful British Columbia Beautiful

SECOND SECTION

Wednesday, December 18, 1974

Page Seventeen

MOTHER-AND-DAUGHTER SHOW

The mother-and-daughter team of Mrs. Doris Mitchell and Miss June Mitchell of the Studio, Beddis Road, is exhibiting this month at the International Bazaar of Luxembourg.

They are two of the artists representing Canada. Canada

is one of the 23 nations taking part.

Mrs. Mitchell has just finished exhibiting and selling at the "Artists At Work" show at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. She is a sculptress and potter and Miss Mitchell is a painter.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVITED

Two ask for single Water District

One single water district to embrace all of Salt Spring Island and to be operated by the Capital Regional District was proposed by two speakers on Thursday evening last week.

Salt Spring Island's Regional Director George Heinkey told the annual meeting of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce that the Capital Regional District is prepared to bring

all the operations into one district for water distribution. Such a district would have to include all the water undertakings and not merely part of it, he commented.

In addition, the prodding would have to come from the island. The regional board would not initiate such a plan.

"We are not looking for them," he told the meeting. "But we will accept them."

The message was picked up by Jim Wilkinson, a trustee of North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

He is seeking a means of co-ordinating the distribution of domestic water, said the trustee.

There are people in the North Salt Spring area who have been denied permission to develop their properties for lack of a water supply, said Wilkinson.

The district needs a new line from Mount Maxwell, he reported. The cost would be a heavy burden on present users.

There are 10 water districts on Salt Spring that he was aware of. They all have one main problem. They have the water, but they have no means of transporting it from "Point A to Point B".

The possible cost of distributing water on the island could be in the range of a million and a half, "for openers", he suggested.

The Chamber of Commerce could be the vehicle for spreading it around, explained the speaker. He dissociated himself from the water board.

"I am speaking unofficially, tonight," he told the meeting. "But tell it to people and see if there is any interest."

The water system in North Salt Spring is a domestic system and nothing more, he warned the audience.

RECYCLING AND SALT SPRING ISLAND

Recycling is going more successfully on Salt Spring Island than anywhere else in the Capital Region.

At last week's annual meeting of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, Regional Director George Heinkey told members that recycling on the island "is away higher than a lot of areas we have."

GARY FIELD IS STATIONED AT GANGES RCMP

Const. Gary Field has joined the Ganges Detachment, RCMP. He takes the place of Mel Mitchell, who has been moved to Courtenay. Const. Mitchell spent most of the summer months on Pender Islands.

Const. Field comes to the islands from Chemainus.

Const. Roy Peach is away from Ganges, undertaking a course in musical riding. While he is on the course he

NEW SLATE IS ELECTED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT GANGES



ISLANDERS APPROVE LEASE

Government buys course

— AT GALIANO ISLAND

Galiano Golf Club is to be leased back from the provincial government after acquisition of the property by the province under the Green Belt provisions.

A special general meeting of the Galiano Golf and Country Club, on Saturday, Nov. 14, approved a proposal to lease the course from the government.

At Saturday's meeting it was unanimously agreed to accept the terms of the proposed lease of the golf course property as proposed to the club by the provincial government.

On December 2, the department of lands, forests and water resources offered to purchase the property under the Green Belt scheme from Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Aston.

A condition of purchase was the acceptance by local organization that it agree to lease the property back and continue its operation as a community facility.

It was announced at the meeting that the Astons had accepted the government offer. It is anticipated that the club will assume direct management on April 1, 1975.

In the first instance the appeal to the government to purchase the property came from the membership itself when it was announced that due to failing health the present owners were unable to carry on the operation of the golf course and it was to be sold privately.

There has been golf on Galiano since the 1930's. Local residents cleared the land to start the club. It has played an important place in Island social activities.

In 1974 there are 86 members.

Course is only nine holes, but it is considered a very challenging course and has catered to visitors and tournaments as well as local players.

PENDER ART GROUP HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Pender Island Art Group held their Christmas party at the Legion Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

There were games, and slides were shown of paintings, from European Art Galleries. A beautiful luncheon was supplied by the members.

The usual weekly gatherings

Here are the new members of the executive of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, with Past President Tom Toynee, centre. Named last week were, from left to right, Steve Nelson, Allan Hardie, President Gerry Bourdin, Bob Blundell and Bert Timbers.

CHAMBER ELECTS BOURDIN

Gerry Bourdin, Salt Spring Island contractor, is the president of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member and has been a director for the past several years.

Bourdin was named at the annual meeting in the Legion Hall on Thursday evening last week.

Vice-president is Allan Hardie; secretary-treasurer, Art Mellin and newly elected directors are Bert Timbers, Bob Blundell and Steve Nelson. All were elected by acclamation.

Past President Tom Toynee has served out his limit of two years in the president's chair and past vice-president Gunter Burger has withdrawn from the executive board of the Chamber because of the pressure of his work.

Mrs. J. R. Sturdy is relinquishing her office of secretary but she has agreed to continue into the new year. Serving as directors for another year are Jack Althouse, Ray Simard, Gerry Haarbrucker, Frank Richards and Dave Hill.

BACK HOME HE WORKS FOR RADIO

Temporary Canadian who went back to his native New Zealand, Kim Thorp is now working as copy writer with the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation.

Kim came to Salt Spring Island last year with the Rotary Club's international exchange of students. For a year he lived on the island with members of the Rotary Club and one member of another service club.

He is now writing and producing radio commercials.

"It is a very interesting and satisfying job," he reports, "even with its great pressures."

Thorp is hoping to come back for a holiday here, but he does not say when.

The year, 1973, was a memorable one for him, he recalls

POETRY RUNS IN FAMILY

Poetry runs in the family. Mary Garland Coleman, of Pender Island has gained many awards for her work. She is a contributor of long standing to various anthologies of verse.

It was not Mary Coleman who came up with the first prize in sonnets of the Alberta Poetry Contest. It was Michael Coleman, her son.

The successful verse is entitled "Michael: a song for my father". Michael Coleman lives in Duncan. The new sonnet refers to his father, the late Bishop Michael Coleman, of Pender Island.

WORKSHOP FOR PAINTERS

BY OLIVE CLAYTON

The Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild will sponsor a workshop in oils and water-colors, stressing basic principles of color and composition, on the week-end of January 25 - 26.

It will consist of morning and afternoon sessions. This has been arranged by, and will be co-sponsored by, the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria

Teacher for the workshop will be Mrs. Mollie Mitchell, a newcomer to the Victoria art world. Mrs. Mitchell is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art, a member of the Canadian Water Color Associa-

promises to "make us work" for the week-end session.

If you haven't done any painting for a while, or are just starting, or want a fresh approach, this workshop should be for you.

If interested, please phone Mrs. Underhill at 537-5353 or Mrs. Clayton at 537-2359.

Also being arranged by the local Painters' Guild in association with the local school, is a display from the Victoria Art Gallery showing Eskimo sculpture and graphics and Japanese prints. A representative of the Gallery will accompany the show and talk about the exhibits.

Treat:

Christmas Lizzies Are Easy

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| 4 cups sifted, all purpose flour | 4 eggs, beaten |
| 1 teaspoon nutmeg | 3/4 cup brandy |
| 1 teaspoon cinnamon | 3 cups chopped seedless raisins |
| 2 teaspoons baking soda | 1/2 pound citron (or mixed candied fruit), chopped |
| 1 cup butter, very soft | 8 cups pecans, chopped packed |

Sift flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and soda together. Cream butter. Blend sugar into butter then add beaten eggs, blending thoroughly. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with brandy. Coat pecans, raisins and citron or fruit with flour and add to batter. Drop by level tablespoons on to a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a moderate preheated 275-degree oven for 30 minutes. Makes about 10 dozen cookies which will keep for weeks (if you hide them) in an air-tight container.

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BINGO DRAWS BIG CROWD FOR LIONS



Nearly 300 people turned out on Friday evening to play Bingo with Salt Spring Island Lions.

The games were played in the Activity Room and tables were set up throughout the length of the hall.

The success of the evening

was attributed to the offering of turkeys as prizes and to the change of date from Wednesday to Friday.

The Lions Bingo was a week early and was staged last week to compensate for the fact that Christmas Day falls on the regular Bingo night.

In charge of the evening's operation was Les Ramsey. Calling the games was Denis Andrews, assisted by Bill Simpkins.

Picture shows the winners of the turkeys lined up after the games, standing in front of the turkeys they won.

Letters To The Editor

PLEASE! NO PIRATES!
 Sir,
 I took my son to see Santa Claus this evening but should have stayed home. As all three year olds, he has a vivic

imagination and was looking forward to seeing a fat jolly man.

Santa Claus comes in the door and right behind him come pirates waving swords and pushing everyone into line. Then a lady started tearing off her coat to have a mock battle with one of them. My son was terrified, thinking they were going to chop his head off, and wanted to leave.

When I was pushed I asked one of pirates if he didn't think that any kid who believed in Santa also can believe in men with swords.

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fighting. He told me to "go to hell." I thought Santa's helpers were elves - not pirates.

Here is what I read on the flyer "The beauty of the sights, sounds, smiles, tears and warmth of Christmas will brighten the lives of all who are present." Next time I want to see Santa, I'll go to Eaton's.

Sue Ondre,
 P. O. Box 699,
 Ganges, B. C.
 December 14, 1974.

THE BUSY OVEN
 'Tis the season when ovens are working overtime baking both holiday goodies and party foods. If your oven tends to get a bit over-crowded this time of year, arrange baking pans so they do not touch each other or oven walls. Also, never put one pan directly above another one. This allows for freer circulation of heat, more even cooking temperature and better results.

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PLEASE NOTE - This store will be closed all day Christmas Day, which is our family day together. This is the only day in the year we close. Please! No supplies of any kind. Have a nice Christmas yourself. Open as usual to serve you on Sundays, Boxing Day and New Year's Day at the usual hours. Thank You

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to be frank

By Richards

There's a satire on modern government elsewhere in this issue, picked up from the St. Vital Lance in Manitoba. The writer starts off with the comment that everyone has been fearful of poverty since the hard times. He's some lucky reporter. Every other reporter has suffered from poverty since the hard times.

Reader agrees on light bulbs. The reader is Wally Thomas and he reports changing a bulb several times in two months. Lot of consumers assume that the manufacturers are well able to design and produce a long-lived bulb, just like they used to decades ago. The same consumers also assume that the production of a long-lived bulb would put the manufacturers out of business.

It couldn't happen twice! I picked up Beth and Ray Hill's book on Indian rock art and I opened it while speaking on the phone. When

I had finished with the phone I followed by thumb. My thumb was resting squarely on the only typographical error I found. I won't say where. I'll let you find it. In a lifetime of reviewing books I have never done that before.

It appears that American English differs from the Canadian usage. Recently there has been a series of small fillers in Driftwood under the general heading of "Better English". They were acquired from an American source and used without close reference to the content. There should have been more reference. They are no longer with us.

Good eyesight: I was stopped by the Saanich police one day last week on Patricia Bay Highway. The patrol had noticed as I went by that I had an outdated inspection certificate on the windshield.

When I was stopped some time ago by a Victoria patrol I was less impressed. The officer explained that I should have braked hard at the time. I replied that the road was wet and I was fearful of losing control. "You have to try first," was the startling reply. "Then, if you go out of control, you know it's not safe to slam your brakes on." That advice was offered with two points. I kept the points and ignored the advice.

A member of the IRA suddenly appeared before Peter at the Pearly Gates. "Hullo," says St. P. "Who are you and where do you come from?" "I'm a member of the IRA," replied the newcomer, proudly. "The divvil yez are?" said Peter, who speaks all languages fluently. "This will ye just be sittin' there a whole while I go in and ask about yez, for Oi've no instructions about the IRA." "No, you don't understand," persisted the IRA man. "Oi don't want to git in. Oi'm here to tell yez that y've tin minutes to get out!"

I watched Kent Villadsen playing Bingo on Friday. I learned a lot. First he ate all the dough nuts. Then he did a little work, picking up cards and counters. Then he dozed off while the numbers were called and finally he com -

plained he had won nothing. He'd surely earned nothing either!

Ray and Ethel Horsefield have sent out a Christmas letter to many old friends among the islands. As always, their reminiscences are largely confined to the lighter moments of the year. Even their painful experiences are reviewed in the light of laughter. It would be plagiarism to mention it, but their story of jelly-making is worth the theft. On the electric stove was a boiling pot of blackberry jelly. On the oil stove was a dishpan of water to sterilize the jars, soon to be jelly jars. One mistake was made by the former island couple, at least, by one of them. The dishpan was plastic and instead of holding the jars and boiling them, it melted. As it melted it stuck to the stove. The jam-maker rushed to the rescue as the jars

threatened to disintegrate from the heat and the water ran down through the firebox and over the sides of the stove. In the excitement the bubbling jelly was forgotten until it boiled over and a thick cream of purple flooded through the elements into the oven and out through every crack and cranny on to the floor. And they are still enjoying the memory!

Another former islands couple are in Victoria. Clem and Dodie Sykes are operating a fish cannery for the sports fisherman. They will smoke or pack a salmon for the fisherman. They will even put on a label bearing the fisherman's name. The sports canners are on Russell St. out towards Esquimalt.

There's a lot of nonsense being said about the bump in

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Missing from this picture are Miss Jean Jenkins and Bill Anderson

Christmas

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