

SATURNA SCENE by Papajohn

The Lions Lyre:
At our Tuesday night dinner we had a gastronomic Saturna style dinner. The Gourmet Generals in charge were Myrtle Maskow, Lori Bouch and Granmarie McMahon. Guests were Johnny Copeland, Ron Ginter and Danny Bouch. Have a complaint here, Mr. President, our Tail Twister never fined Danny Bouch once, which is discrimination in the worst way.

In the draw for the monthly Texas Mickey Ron Ginter won and his brother Les had won the previous month, we must all have wrong names or maybe the Ginter Clan has a pull with Pierre Elliott or sompin.

The party where our Lions will take the Islands Kids into Victoria will be well posted. Also our New Year's Eve Party will be well posted around. As this is the last issue of the Driftwood until next year we are unable to be more specific about times, prices etc. etc.

Lions Facts: Our new Club have done a tremendous amount of WORK in '74. Our President, John MacDonald and his executive gang and Lion Members wish to say "Thank You" to all the other Islanders who have helped us do what we have done and a Merry Christmas and another Lions Year. We, as Lions, are willing to do the JOB and we appreciate all the Help we can get.

The Hall is really decorated up this year, thanks to Jim Money who, as always, provided the tree and the boughs, etc. to decorate the Hall. While we are at it Jim also produces the greenery for the Church. Jan Crooks and Debbie Graham were the geniuses

who decorated the hall Christmas Tree and told the male helpers they had where to put what in decorating the hall.

The Christmas Party in the hall on Saturday night was sponsored by the Women's Club, the Community Club

and the Lions Club. As usual in these parties there is a lot of credit due to our school teachers, Taimi Hindmarch and Mike Hayes and Mike's charming wife, Maggie; Jan Crooks and Debbie Graham and their helpers. We don't know who the Santa Claus was but he was GOOD. ALL the KIDS got Christmas presents.

The Jaycees of Bellingham brought their Christmas Ship in on Sunday and as usual they put on a wonderful show for all the kids from 2 to 90.

We are going to love another good Islander, Eugene Marshall has been transferred to Stewart, B.C. Who the new road foreman will be, we

don't know yet. If this wasn't the Christmas issue and we had more time we would like to say more about Gene.

That being all we can use at this time may we say to use the Irish Rovers expression "May you all be in heavin' before the devil knows you're there."

DAY CARE SOCIETY

Salt Spring Island Day Care Society Inc., staged its second annual meeting in Gulf Islands Secondary School on Wednesday last week.

The highlight of this second annual meeting was the contribution made by Betsy Wood from Vancouver.

After listening to the president's account of the many frustrations encountered by the society in its efforts to gain a licence for the school dormitory, the visiting speaker confessed that she had suffered similar experiences at the hands of the several government and civic agencies concerned with Day Care Centres.

"Much of the information out of Victoria is misinformation," she had found, and some of the regulations enforced are not even legal.

She told a small but enthusiastic audience of the 11-day "occupation" of one centre in Vancouver. In another instance a threat to sue the Health Department brought a satisfactory out-of-court settlement.

Upon the president's revelation that islanders feel very isolated from resources available in the city, she assured the group that the same legal and architectural services could be available for a purely nominal fee.

Two booklets were brought to the notice of members: "Design for child-care", prepared by the Urban Design Centre, and "Cuz there ain't no Daycare (or almost none) she said", a book about Day-care in B.C.

The president read the draft of a letter which is to be sent to C.B.C., Toronto, as part of an in-depth study of Day Care Centres to be carried out in the New Year by Michael Enwright, host of "This Country in the Morning".

This was received with applause, all members present signing their names in endorsement.

Further signatures will be welcome at Ganges Pharmacy or Vesuvius Store until Saturday, Dec. 21.

Three new directors were appointed: Hillerey Cronin, Helen Hurst and Reid Wescott, and the president and secretary resigned their positions, while expressing their willingness to remain on the board of directors for another year.

Spencer Marr will audit the society accounts. Fund-raising projects were discussed.

As the society marks its second annual meeting it reviews no accomplishment. Every effort to establish a day care centre on Salt Spring Island has been frustrated.

Christmas Greetings

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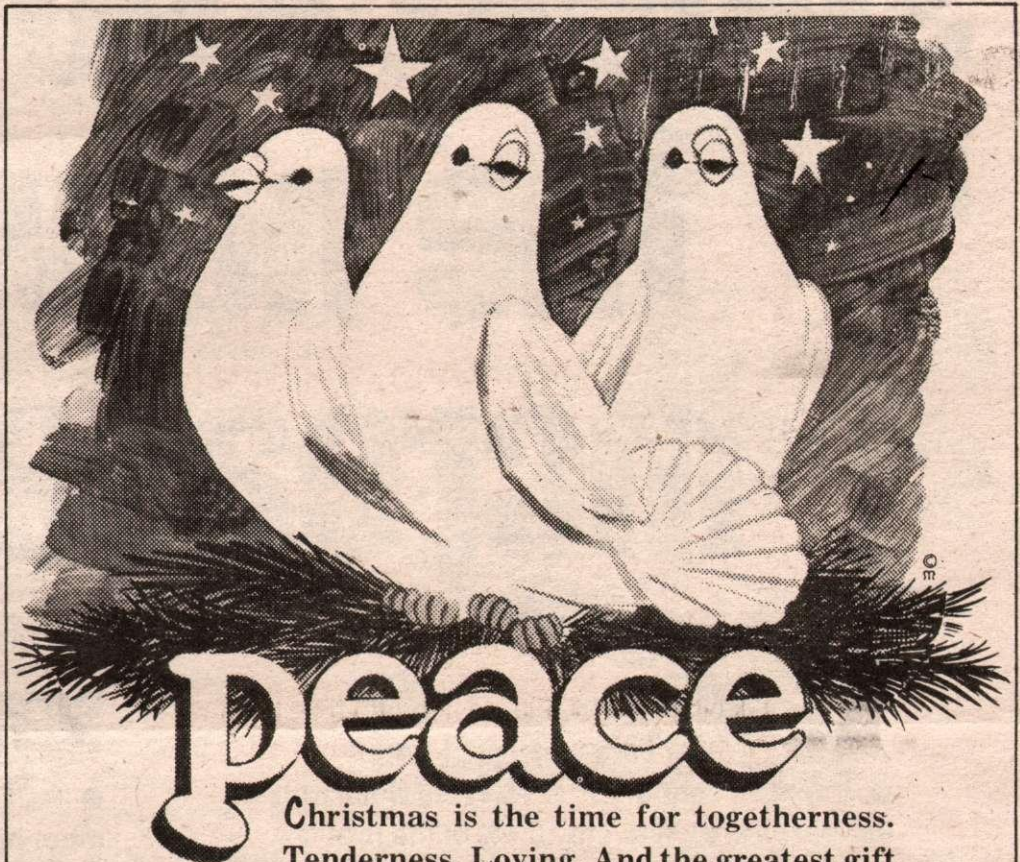
Sincere Good Wishes

for the

New Year

from

Tommy and Irma Douglas



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

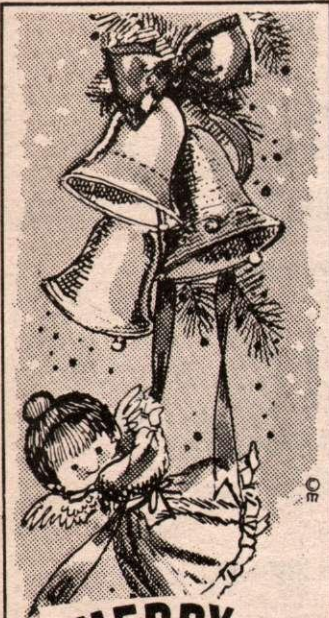
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and
HAPPY NEW YEAR
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There are a few things you should know about the new rent increase limit

THE RULES:

- Effective January 1, 1975, residential rent increases are limited to 10.6% of the rent presently being charged. This rule applies to any dwelling containing two or more rented units, and will be administered by the Rent Review Commission. The rule also applies to single family dwellings.
- Tenants can legally refuse to pay any rent increase over the 10.6% limit, subject to the exceptions specified in the legislation. Tenants cannot be evicted for non payment of illegal rent increases.
- There must be at least a twelve month interval between one rent increase and the next, and tenants must be given at least three months' notice of any rent increase.

Questions relating to landlord-tenant matters other than rent increases should be directed to the Office of the Rentalsman,
525 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3H7
Telephone: 689-0811 Out of town, call collect.

SOME EXCEPTIONS:

- Half a duplex, when the owner lives in the other half (or basement suite, when the owner lives in the remainder of the house) is exempt from the 10.6% limit.
- Certain major renovations may entitle an owner to increase rents over the 10.6% limit. These improvements must have been started since May 3, 1974, and do not include normal maintenance and repairs. Landlords may consult the Rent Review Commission for details, particularly if planning renovations which might justify rent increases.
- Residential premises being rented for the first time on or after January 1, 1974, are exempt from the 10.6% rent increase limit for a period of five years.
- Premises renting for more than \$500 per month are exempt from the 10.6% increase limit.



If you have questions about residential rent increases, contact the
Rent Review Commission
P.O. Box 9600, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 4G4
Telephone: 689-9361
Out of town, call collect.

THERE'S MORE TO LIVING THAN MONEY

BY PAPAJOHN

About 50 years ago I was managing Barber Drug in Chilliwack. I boarded and roomed, for \$30, at Mrs. Edmundson's.

Closing the drug store one night, I was in a bad humour as I had just finished making a batch of blistering plasters for Dr. McCaffrey (our Dr. Bob's uncle) and my fingers were pretty well burned from the blistering ingredients.

Old Dr. McCaffrey walked home with me and soothed me down a bit by telling me what a good druggist I was.

Walking in the back door and into the kitchen of Mrs. Edmundson's old home, I was glad she had made toast and jam with tea for me.

Also sitting in this large old fashioned kitchen was a well known little lady in the Valley called Grandma Edmundson. She was the seventh daughter of a seventh daught-

er and had Gaelic Second Sight. With my Celtic background, I treated her with Gaelic respect.

After my tea Grandma Edmundson asked me to stand under the drop light in the kitchen. I did. She commiserated with me about my burnt fingers then told me that I would never be poor, have

a heart attack from which I would recover, and I would live well past three-score-years-and-ten and that I would die a RICH man.

The fact that Grandma Edmundson had told my fortune was in the pages of the Chilliwack Paper the next day.

Well, I have passed my three-score-and-ten; had a heart attack 25 years ago and

in these latter years have begun to realize that dying a rich man meant some thing else than money. Now I believe I am a rich man; rich in having Granmarie for a wife; rich in having our son and his wife; rich in my grand sons and rich in all the friends I have.

So this Christmas and all the years ahead I wish the same "RICHNESS" too for you, one and all.

JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Christmas should be a holiday of Joy—in observance of its joyous origin, joyous in its expressions of good fellowship and cheer. The spirit of Christmas is best caught in the crinkle of a smile or the twinkle of an eye. Christmas is tradition, preciously cherished or brightly born. It links the anticipation of a child with an adult's reassuring comfort in a long-familiar ritual of goodwill. Each year Christmas

Choose Right-Size Turkey This Year

Count on a half pound of whole turkey per serving, and that means about one pound per person if you want second helpings. Thus a 16-pound turkey will feed sixteen to twenty. But, if you want leftovers, buy a 20-pounder, which is a good size for taste and tenderness, too.

A 20-pound bird takes three to four days to defrost in the refrigerator, or about 12 hours in a sinkful of water. In either case, leave the turkey in its original plastic wrapper until it seems thawed. Then unwrap as soon as possible, and pull out the package of giblets from inside the turkey. Often these are still frozen, indicating that the inside of the turkey is also still frozen. Finish thawing either at room temperature or, if you are not in a hurry, in the refrigerator. Keep thawed turkey under refrigeration, since it spoils more rapidly than fresh turkey, and plan to roast it within a day, or at most two days, of thawing.

repeats its message of peace and goodwill. A joyous holiday, spiritually and secularly.

AND BEHOLD THE



The Three Wise men would never recognize the Star of Bethlehem this Christmas.

But it's there, in plain sight—though now fragmented into the planets Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, and Venus. A popular astronomical theory is that two or more of these planets appeared to come together in the heavens so that they looked like a single star to the Three Kings. Astronomers offer this explanation—among others—in the assumption that the Star of Bethlehem was in fact a genuine celestial object.

Some Biblical scholars, however, argue that when the Three Wise Men talked about a star, they were actually using the word in an allegorical description of a spiritual experience.

St. Matthew described in the Gospel how a star guided the Magi to the Christ child in Bethlehem: "And behold the star which they had seen in the east, went before them until it came and stood over where the child was. And seeing the star they rejoiced with exceeding joy."

Astronomers say that the star

was really a conjunction or apparent coming-together of several planets. They point out that, due to changes in the calendar since then, the birth of Christ was really about 7 or 6 B.C.

Other explanations—that the Star of Bethlehem might have been a supernova or exploding star, or that it was an exceptionally bright meteor—are discounted because none of the many professional stargazing astrologers of the time mentioned any such observance.

EIGHT ASSOCIATIONS

First and foremost in Christmas is its religious significance. The other seven are: burning the yule log, the Christmas tree, the Christmas carol, the greeting card, the Christmas stocking, hanging the mistletoe, and Santa Claus himself. Since that was written a quarter of a century ago the world has changed, but these symbols remain unchanged.

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Toynbee reviews past year



HAPPY CHRISTMAS
EVERYBODY
Gladys, Cree
and
Willie Shaw

Retiring president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, Tom Toynbee, summarized the past year's activities at the annual meeting last week.

Of tourism, he reported that an excellent information map was erected by the Chamber, with the proceeds of tourist brochure advertising and donations of labour and materials by local business.

Total of 10,000 brochures were distributed in response to requests and numerous letters had been answered.

May Day was an outstanding success, thanks to the untiring work of the Chamber committee and the enthusiastic participation of dozens of local organizations, said Toynbee.

Activities ranged from steer raffles to the performing arts with something for almost everyone and an estimated 3,000 attended.

"It was certainly the big event in the Chamber year," said the retiring president.

The Chamber held four meetings with B. C. Ferries on different aspects of transportation and are currently awaiting reply from the Minister of Transportation re the problems of aging ferries and wharves plaguing our links with Vancouver Island.

The Chamber also initiated meetings with the R. C. M. P. and department of highways concerning parking, road safety and highway drainage but the department of highways in Victoria has failed to complete the study promised in our meeting of a year ago.

The Chamber held a public meeting to protest property taxation and, specifically, the doubling of assessments on commercial and undeveloped land.

Many assessment appeals were filed by local property owners and although few were successful it did focus attention on the basic inequity of

the current assessment formula "It is cold comfort," he admitted, "but we have the satisfaction of knowing that the basic arguments presented to the government in the Chamber letters of December 31, 1973 and January 15, 1974, have now gained wide acceptance."

"Unfortunately, neither the government nor the opposition is yet ready to deal with the politically unattractive aspects of property tax reform."

The chamber maintained a liaison with the building inspection department throughout the year and stressed the need for the continuation of the system of having a resident building inspector.

Very successful annual dinner featured the presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award to a very worthy

choice, Mike Byron, he recalled.

"Bill Lane was the excellent guest speaker," continued Toynbee.

The chamber sponsored or co-sponsored well attended meetings on the Federal Election, the Gulf Islands Trust and local school board and island trust elections.

Membership rose from 47 to 64. "Keep it growing!" he urged.

In addition such things as sewers and the International Park proposal had been the subject of strong opposition concluded the retiring president.

Other matters considered by the organization were the proposed fish processing plant at Ganges; local public transportation; wharves; garbage; the walkathon.

"All in all, it was a good

To All Friends, Neighbours, Relatives
on Salt Spring Island
MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU
Gilbert, Georgina, Donnie, & Collette Marcotte

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
To All Our Friends & Neighbours
BILL, DORIS & GEORGE deLONG

Merry Christmas
And A **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
To All Our Friends on Salt Spring Island
Mel, Lorraine, Debbie & Derek Topping

Season's Greetings
TO ALL
OUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS
THE SNEYDS - Jon, Liz, Stephanie & Kathleen

Merry Christmas & A Happy
New Year
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS &
NEIGHBOURS
Webster & Ethel Davidson, Alders Road

Merry Christmas AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
Betty Drummond

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS
TO EVERYONE ON
SALT SPRING
Doug & Bessie Dane

MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR
To Relatives, Friends & Neighbours
Les, Mary and Anna Mollet

JIM and EVELYN NAPPER
Wish Everyone A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

BEST WISHES from TEXAS
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS
ON SALT SPRING
George & Hazel Truefit

To All Our Friends & Neighbours on
Salt Spring
GREETINGS FROM NEW ZEALAND
Jessie & Lin Sayer

Give Special Care In Toy Selections

Attention should be given to the proper selection of toys any time, but with the emphasis on toy buying at Christmastime, special care should be taken at this time of year.

A Division of Consumer Protection warns that children's games and toys can be as deadly as dynamite. Electrical toys can electrocute a child in a fraction of a second. And toys that use heat, can maim a child easily.

Do not select toys which have toxic substances, especially those painted with lead-base paint.

Be sure the toy is too large to be swallowed or put into a child's mouth and that it has no small parts that can come off and lodge in the windpipe.

Purchase toys that are not highly flammable. Avoid buying toys operated by alcohol, kerosene or gasoline.

Avoid toys with small, loose or sharp parts, rough or unfinished surfaces, cheap plastic or glass parts that can be easily broken, dangerous spikes or pins used to attach eyes, ears, etc. on dolls or stuffed animals. Also, avoid parts activated by a spring or motor that may pinch fingers or catch hair.

Reserve electrical toys for older children. If buying electrical toys, however, be sure it has been tested for fire and shock hazards and may be considered safe for handling.

Inspect toys for safety—before you buy!

TO FRIENDS
AND
NEIGHBOURS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR
Charlie, Joan, Trudy
and Jim Buckley

Merry Christmas
& BEST WISHES
FOR THE NEW YEAR
To All Our Relatives,
Friends & Neighbours
Evelyn & Ronnie Lee

To All Our Friends
Merry Christmas
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Laura Stephenson & Gordon Cudmore

To All My Relatives, Friends & Neighbours
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
from Ann Jameski

To those we love and see each day
And other loved ones far away,
To all good friends whose friendship means so much
And those with whom we're somehow out of touch,
MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR
With Best Wishes from ERNA KOLB

MERRY CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS ON SALT SPRING
Ron and Kaye Knight

Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ONE AND ALL
from John & Mary Inglin

To My Dear Friends On Salt Spring Island -
BEST OF WISHES FOR A
Merry Christmas A VERY
and HAPPY NEW YEAR
Yours Sincerely, Charlotte Maude Woodward

Season's Greetings
and a
HAPPY NEW
YEAR
to all my
Friends & Neighbours
Margaret Westcott

SEASON'S
GREETINGS
From the members of
BURGOYNE BAY U.C.W.
and a sincere thank you to everyone on
or off the Island who donated time and
money towards the preservation of the
little Burgoyne church.

work

year although there were a number of other things that might have been done and in some cases we might have done things better---this simply means there are plenty of objectives for the Chamber in coming years.

"I have enjoyed my two years as president, largely because of the people who have acted as officers and directors. They have been positive, enthusiastic and generally good humoured (a big asset) and have worked hard when hard work was demanded."

He said a special thankyou to Les Ramsey, director; Spencer Marr, treasurer, and Gunter Burger, vice-president, who have served well and are not running for re-election.

"A very special thankyou to Secretary Roma Sturdy, who truly has triumphed over adversity."

'OSHOCASTU' Japanese Style

In many ways, the Japanese New Year celebration resembles Christmas in the Western World. Business establishments are closed for three days and it is a family festival in which devotion to the home is uppermost.

"O shogatsu" is the leading holiday in Japan. Houses are given a thorough cleaning before they are decorated. Both pine and Bamboo have a place of special importance to the family as symbols of long life. Ropes of twisted rice straw mean strong family ties, and, when tiny Japanese oranges are added, they signify "roundness and smoothness."

Families dress in their best clothes to pay visits to their friends, and never fail to pay tribute to their ancestors and departed members of their family on this day.

Dried beans are tossed into the corner of every room to signify that evil spirit is dispelled, to be replaced with good fortune. Toys are used at New Year's to decorate the branches of trees and are carried about for children to enjoy, who later receive them as gifts.

CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR ELDERLY

BY PENSIONER

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, Mrs. Elsie Thacker entertained in her home as Counsellor on Aging.

Decorated in Christmas style the group were entertained by carols, for half an hour, and after a delightful refreshment in Christmas decoration.

Old experiences were exchanged, looking back to younger days and to children and grandchildren.



OLD CHRISTMAS

From Christmas Eve until the Eve of Epiphany, or the day before "Old Christmas," the observance of the Yuletide in Italy is of a religious nature. But on the Eve of Epiphany it is different. It was on this night that La Befana was supposed to come. She is the only one figuring in an Italian Christmas who could be compared to Santa Claus.

La Befana was a woman, and not "a right jolly old elf." She was said to possess a stern nature and a rather forbidding appearance. On Twelfth Night, or the Eve of Epiphany as it is known in Italy, she entered through the chimney and into the room where the stockings were hung. She carried a cane in one hand and a bell in the other. She announced her arrival with the bell. So, when the little children of Italy heard the bell ringing they would hurry off to sleep before Befana comes.

In the stockings of the good little girls and boys she would put gifts. But in the stockings of the bad children she would leave only bags of ashes! It was a scramble early in the morning of Epiphany to see whether their conduct had been approved or disapproved by wise Befana.

MOCK PISTACHIO NUTS

In small bowl, mix 10 drops yellow and 4 drops green food coloring with 1 teaspoon cold water. Add 1 cup finely chopped blanched almonds; toss well to distribute coloring evenly. Store remaining nuts in covered container in refrigerator. Recipe can be halved.

MAGIC OF MAGI

Believed to have occult powers, the Wise Men were called Magi, the root of our words magic and magician.

Magi were held to be magicians or soothsayers. They were also ancient priests who travelled far away to many lands in order to establish a following.

Through the medium of Driftwood I would like to extend to my many friends whom I shall be unable to reach by mail before Christmas -

Hearty Good Wishes for a HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON
W.M. Mouat

Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR
To all our friends
Beth & Nels Degnen

Mrs. Margaret Cunningham was at the piano and rendered a Christmas solo.

Mrs. Joan Hayward passed tea, and all had a good time.

A. Smith gave a vote of thanks to Mrs. Thacker for her efforts to bring the elderly together. With 18 in attendance it was a "full house."

ISABELLE & LAURIE MOUAT

Wish to extend to all their family, relatives and many friends on Salt Spring

A HAPPY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a most contented & prosperous New Year

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To All Our Friends On Salt Spring Island
Norman and Gwen Hind-Smith

HARRY NICHOLS wishes his friends a MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a BRIGHT & HAPPY NEW YEAR

LIONEL and MAUDIE MILLER WISH TO EXTEND

Season's Greetings TO THEIR FRIENDS ON SALT SPRING

A MERRY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

To all our friends on the Islands
Johnny and Ellen Bennett

Merry Christmas & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
From John and Betty Helme and Anne Dyer

WISHING OUR NEW FRIENDS & ACQUAINTANCES ON SALT SPRING

A Very Merry Christmas & A Prosperous 1975
Bruce & Connie Hardy

Season's Greetings

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
From Barry, Betty, John, Julie & Jay Pinchin

Wishing All Our Friends & Relatives

Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR
The Bedocs Family

Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
Rita, Ken, Lorraine & Loretta Dods

Merry Christmas and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

To All Our Friends On The Island
GORDON, LOTUS, GWEN & NAN RUCKLE

Christmas Greetings

AND BEST WISHES FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS ON SALT SPRING AND THE OTHER ISLANDS

from Ian and Elsie Macdonald - Ganges Hill

MERRY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

To All Our Friends, Relatives & Neighbours
GAVIN, EILEEN & LINDA BILTON

SEASONS GREETINGS

To Our Friends, Neighbours, & Customers
DICK, ANNE, AND SCOTT ROYAL

Merry Christmas

& A HAPPY NEW YEAR
To All My Friends & Neighbours
Mrs. Alice Bennett

MR. & MRS. C. WATMOUGH WISH ALL THEIR FRIENDS ON SALT SPRING & THE GULF ISLANDS

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS & GOOD CHEER

To Friends - Neighbours - Relatives
From Dave, Donna, Keith & Laurie Winter

To All Our Friends - GREETINGS at CHRISTMASTIME
PEACE & HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR

Edith & Harry Peverell - Sidney

Seasons Greetings

To all our friends on the Island
Jim, Theresa,
Jane & Heather Rooke

MRS. ETHEL SHOWER

Wishes All Her Friends
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Reverend Thomas and Grace A. Wright wish to extend to all their friends and neighbours the joys and blessings of the Christmas Season with every good wish for the coming year. We also take this opportunity to sincerely thank Dr. E. R. Dixon, The Gulf Island Clinic Staff, The Lady Minto Hospital Staff, the ambulance attendants, and Keith and Les Ramsey for their helpful care and consideration during the past year.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL IN EVERY WAY

WHEN PENDER QUEEN WAS HOLED AT SWARTZ BAY

There's a hole in the ship! The first picture shows the hole which was left in the hull of the Pender Queen when the drive shaft broke loose about 15 years ago.

The old wooden hulled ship was coming into Swartz Bay one evening when there was

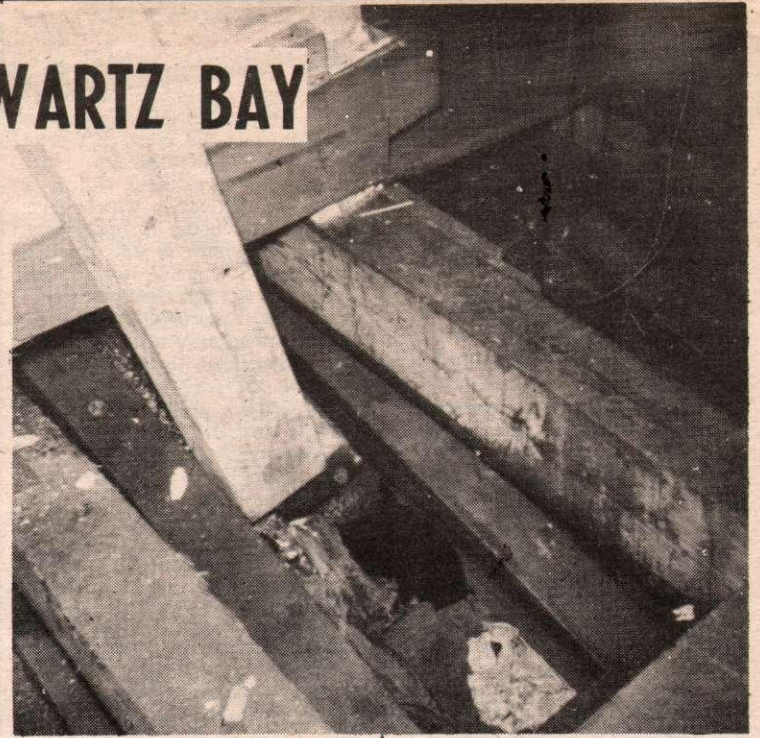
no response to the engines. She was backing in to the wharf and her captain, the late George Maude telegraphed instructions to the engine room, where Doug Dane was Chief Engineer.

The 525 hp engine stopped dead as the tail shaft broke free and whipped into the

hull. Mr. Dane recalls the incident, even to the personnel on duty at the time. With him in the engine room was Raymond Young, as oiler. Mate was Les Mollet, but he could not recall the name of the deck hand.

Cause of the breakdown was a crystallized bolt which snapped and let go. The ship was repaired at the wharf and it was back on the run next morning.

The lower photograph shows rescuers. The Sidney Fire Department came to the wharf and pumped out the bilge. They stood by for several hours and they are seen enjoying a coffee in the coffee room. The picture of the sign is notable for the prices listed.



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In spite of our heritage, we make very little of the turn of the year. The vague feeling remains that it is an occasion to be recognized, the sense that it is

a time when people should get together, as families do to celebrate a birthday. Just because it is a holiday that once focused men's deep emotions about the past and the future and the continuity of time, the New Year may again become important with meaning. A world society that must take into account the lingering traditions of all people may come to observe it as a day in which humanity can celebrate a common birthday in time.

PASTOR SENDS GREETINGS

Rev. Frank Sutherland, OMI, Pastor of the Catholic churches on Salt Spring Island was brief in his message to readers for Christmas.

I wish everyone on Salt Spring Island a happy and blessed Christmas and may 1975 be a great year, bringing the blessings of God, the Father; God, the Son and God, the Holy Spirit on all of us.

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GOD'S GIFT AT CHRISTMAS

The good news of the Christian faith is all about God's gift of Himself to mankind in the person of Jesus Christ born of a humble Hebrew woman in a lowly manger at Bethlehem of Judea 1974 years ago. The verse of scripture which probably best sums up this good news is John 3:16 -- "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life". This verse gives us the kernel of the Gospel in the most succinct and beloved form we know. If you know and accept the truth of this verse you hold the key to the kingdom of heaven in your hand. Blessed is every person who so knows and believes.

"God so loved that He gave". Here is the crux of the matter at Christmas time. As Christians the emphasis in our Christmas celebrations should always be on "giving" and not on "getting", because to give generously and graciously is of the essence of God Himself whose nature is always to create and to give. In the act of creation at the beginning of time God gave of his power to bring order out of chaos; He further gave of Himself when He created humanity in His own image and gave mankind dominion over the earth and its creatures. And when man disobeyed his Creator and broke the divine law, God gave personally of Himself in Jesus of Nazareth who came to this earth to save fallen humanity from sin and death. To give, then, is the essence of God's nature and if we would draw closer to God we must do likewise.

Unfortunately, in the course of time and the evolution of

human affairs the main emphasis in many Christmas celebrations today seems to be on the matter of "getting" rather than "giving". To many children and adults the central figure of Christmas is Santa Claus, that lovable old elf who brings me and my family presents in his big bag of goodies. Santa is fine in his place but he should never be allowed to take Jesus' place as the central figure around whom Christmas revolves. If we want to play Santa Claus ourselves and give gifts to others, all well and good, but if all Santa means is lots of presents for ourselves with little or no thought of others then it is not good, but a perversion of the Christmas spirit.

So, if you really want to get into the spirit of Christmas you will spend much more time thinking of what you can do for others at this blessed season of the year. And not just for your loved ones or relatives or friends, from whom you are expecting to receive nice presents in return. Surely Christmas is more than exchanging gifts with relatives and friends who already have almost everything they need. This kind of giving or exchanging doesn't go nearly far enough if we are serious about emulating the action of God at Christmas. Remember, God gave Himself totally to mankind in the person of His Son Jesus, born in a manger to die on a cross. God did not have to do this; Jesus did not have to do this; He chose to do it in order to save humanity from sin and death. "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us".

To really get into the spirit of Christmas do something this year for those who have little

or no claim on your time and resources, i. e. who are not related to you by blood or

marriage or business. Send a CARE parcel to a hungry family in drought-stricken central Africa and light up another bulb on George Pearson's Care Tree on Pender Island; make a generous donation to help feed the starving people of Bangladesh (the offerings at both our Community Carol Services on Dec. 20 and 22 will go to this cause); send or take a food hamper to a low-income family or pensioner on Salt Spring Island; go and worship gladly at your local church's Christmas services; go and visit several sick and shut-in people over the Christmas holidays; send presents anonymously to people who have served or helped you in 1974; invite some single persons or an isolated family in for Christmas dinner; and make a commitment of your time, talents and resources to God and His continuing work of "giving" in 1975.

These are just some of the things you can do to get into the true spirit of Christmas. Others could be added; make your own list. And if you do and follow through I guarantee that yours will be a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year which is my personal wish for all of you at this blessed Christmas season. Finally, a verse by Helen Steiner Rice: For only What We Give Away, Enriches us from day to day.. So let's live Christmas through the year. And fill the world with Love and Cheer.

In any Language Make it 'Happy'

The most important holiday in January is New Year's Day. It is observed in the entire world, regardless of race or religious beliefs. Around the globe the greeting is "Happy New Year!" The language is different — but the greeting is the same.

- "GELUKKIG NIEUW JAAR" — Dutch
- "BLAIDHAN NUA FE MHAISE DHUIT" — Irish Gaelic
- "SHIN NEN O-ME DE TO" — Japanese
- "KUL EID MILAD WA AN-TUM - KEKHAIR" — Arabic
- Egypt.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

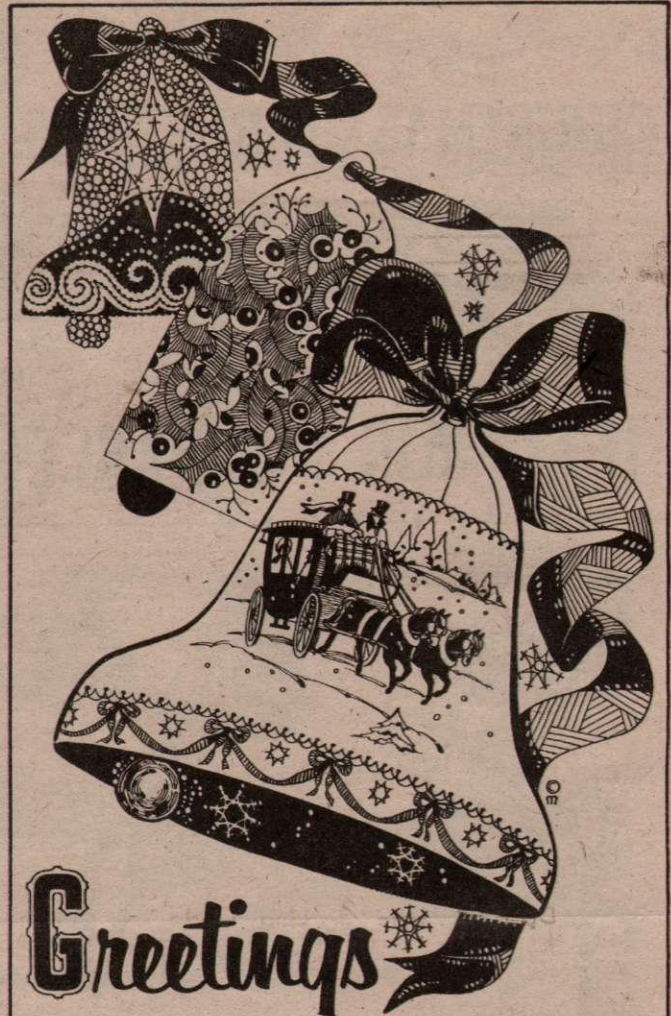
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The New Poor

It started in Winnipeg and it has been picked up by various columns in British Columbia and here it is: a report on the New Poor of Canada. It is from the St. Vital Lance, of Winnipeg.

Most people in North America, particularly those born in the early 1930's, early enough to have some recollection of the depression, have grown up with a fear of being poor. It was the worst thing that could happen and was often noticeable first because to a young child it was a mark of considerable import to be able to afford (or have parents who could afford) a barbershop haircut.

But fear of being poor, like hairstyles, is being rapidly changed. In fact, nowadays you can qualify for subsidized housing if you are poor, and get a house that is often better than the middle class can afford. If you are poor, your

health needs are more completely looked after than if you are middleclass. All this is humane and kind but, perhaps in our desire to cure poverty, we may have created another problem group - the middleclass.

Belonging to the middle-class means that whatever new government programs are announced to help the people never apply to you. As a result, no one wants to be middleclass anymore. The middleclass has an awkward amount of money, too much to be eligible to live as well as some of the poor, and too little to live as well as rich.

Instead of living downtown (like the rich and the poor) the middleclass wage-earner has to buy a suburban lot (the only thing he can afford) and spend the rest of his life trying to pay his bills, educate the kids and meet the mortgage

because nobody will help him out.

In fact, poverty may soon become attractive enough to have Mr. Middle asking his boss for pay cuts. Not big enough cuts, of course, to wipe out all advantages of working, just enough to qualify for some of the benefits of poverty.

A possible conversation was printed recently in the Florida Peace Officers Association Journal. Here is part of it:

"Boss I wonder if I could speak to you for a minute?"

"What is it, Middle?"

"It's about my salary, Boss. I wonder if you could give me a decrease?"

"You had a decrease only a year ago, Middle."

"I know, sir, I wouldn't ask if it wasn't important, but I could sure use less money."

"What size decrease did you have in mind?"

"I was hoping for a \$25 cut in salary."

"Twenty-five dollars! That's a big slice, Middle, what have you done to deserve it?"

"I've worked here 23 years, Boss. I've never let you down. My work has always been up to standard."

"I realize that, Middle, but \$25! Wouldn't you be satisfied with a \$15 cut? We have a budget right now and the directors are getting furious, taxwise."

"Boss, a \$15 cut is better than nothing, but my wife and I had our hearts set on a \$25 decrease."

"If I made \$25 less, we'd be eligible for an apartment in the city's new development, the one downtown with a pool, sauna and tennis court. Besides, my son would qualify for a government scholarship and we could get his teeth fixed."

"You drive a hard bargain, Middle. But you win. You get your \$25 decrease on this condition; if your work slips, you'll take a \$10 raise, no questions asked."

"Bless you, Boss."

"And, Middle, will you invite me over for tennis and a swim some night when you get into your new place?"

"Certainly sir, I believe the poor should share with the less fortunate."

MAYNE

BY MARYANN

It was standing room only for the School Christmas Concert at the Community Hall last Friday night.

Ms. Takagaki's class charmed the audience with a portrayal of Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer and their singing of Carols.

Mr. Rubin's class is to be congratulated for their great performance in a play titled, "The Woodcutter and the Three Kings of Christmas".

Ms. James's class showed great acting ability with a superb pantomime of the Nativity Scene.

Santa climaxed the evening for the children with bags of candies.

The Christmas Pirate Ship from Bellingham made its annual stop last Sunday. In spite of inclement weather, the children enjoyed a frolicsome time with Santa and his Pirates.

The Firemen held their Christmas Party last Saturday night. Jim Ross was presented with a plaque for his past service as Volunteer Fire Chief. Many thanks to Paddy and Mrs. Lambert for cleaning and decorating the "Old Schoolhouse" for the occasion.

The Lions Christmas Bingo will be held on Saturday, December 21 at the Community Hall.

Besides a jackpot of \$125 and other money prizes, there will also be hams, bacon, turkeys, etc. to be won. Come out and try your luck!

The parents of Galiano, Mayne and Saturna, earlier in the year, formed the Inter-Island Co-ordinating Committee to prepare and present a brief to the Board of School Trustees. This brief outlined the reasons for the establishment of a Middle School on Mayne Island by September 1975.

Pender Island submitted a separate brief offering similar reasons for the establishment of a Middle School but proposing that it be built on Pender to serve all four Islands.

The Board of Trustees of Gulf Islands School District suggested to the Pender Parent Teacher Club that it try to unite with the other islands in providing a unanimous approach. Such a unified approach has not materialized.

The board endorsed the brief submitted by the IICC and asked the department of education for its approval.

At a subsequent meeting between the school board and officials of the department of education, it was recognized that the proposal would require continued communication with families, teachers, the board and the department. Department recommended the appointment of a co-ordinator to prepare an analysis of all factors, including alternative methods of providing education in the higher grades to smaller schools. Such an appointment is now under study by the school trustees.

New Year Gives Meaning to Time

To a certain extent the heightened sense of the meaning of time at New Year's is related to the invention of calendars, and people who have no script and no calendar for measuring regular intervals over a long span have a more limited conception of time. For them time stretches back only as far as memory does and forward into the lives of their grandchildren, and it is only the seasons that come again and again. Time goes back to the beginning, when people came into being.



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SPONTANEOUS GESTURE WAS ENJOYED BY 200

Approximately 200 children and parents enjoyed a huge bonfire while devouring free hotdogs, sandwiches, soft drinks and candy bars at a Hallowe'en party. The party was the brainchild of Ronald Turner, who, realizing that nothing had been planned for the children and with the help of Kenneth Scholes and John MacAndrew, within 24 hours, prepared this gala celebration for the residents of the Penders the entire costs being borne

by Mr. Turner. This contribution to the pleasure of the Pender citizens certainly deserves commendation, Driftwood was told, and

it is suggested that one of the many organizations on the Penders take note and furnish this type of entertainment on future Hallowe'ens.

CHRISTMAS TEA BY EASTERN STAR

Trincomali Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star held a Christmas Tea in St. George's Hall, Ganges, on December 11. It was convened by Mrs. Norman Walker.

Many stuffed toys, Christmas decorations and gift items were sold. Winners of the draws were Mrs. James Reid, Vesuvius Bay, the turkey; Mrs. James Sargent, Isabella Point, the ham dinner; and Mrs. Joan McCauley, Cudmore Road, the cushion door-prize.

Plans have been made to send a donation to the Save the Children Fund at the next meeting of the Chapter.

A Very Merry Christmas & A Happy & Safe New Year From All of Us
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CHAPTER GOES OUT TO TEA

BY MILDRED NORTON

H. M. S. Ganges Chapter, I. O. D. E., held the December meeting in the United Church hall on December 6, when Mrs. A. Howell presided

After the opening, an invited visitor, Mrs. J. G. Tessman gave an informative talk on River View Apparel Shop which the Chapter has helped to support with donations. Mrs. Tessman had been on the staff of River View and is still interested in the work being done there.

Miss Olive Mouat, Citizenship Secretary, told the chapter about a special four-year University course for Native Indians who wish to become teachers in Indian schools.

The course was arranged for 45 students but 11 more well qualified students were accepted making 56 students enrolled.

There are 26 provincially certified Indian teachers qualified to teach in B. C. schools at present.

Mrs. K. Parker, education secretary, gave her report and the members arranged for the Christmas treat to be sent to the adopted school.

Mrs. F. Elliott read an excerpt from the Echoes magazine concerning the gratitude and help still being shown to members of the Underground in Europe by downed flyers who escaped capture by their aid in the Second World War.

Mrs. L. Sayer displayed some of the decorated boxes which will contain the Merry Christmas gifts from the IODE

H. M. S. Ganges Chapter, I. O. D. E. has accepted an invitation from the management of Harbour House Hotel to an afternoon tea.

On December 10 the Afternoon Tea was enjoyed by 18 members who can vouch for the artistic skill of the Harbour House Chef and the delicacies served on candlelit tables which were decorated with Christmas motifs.

The IODE is the first of many organizations to receive this invitation to Harbour House Hotel for tea. The management has planned to invite several other ladies' organizations during the coming month.

The IODE January meeting is cancelled but an executive meeting will be held on January 21 to consider annual reports for the year ending January 15, 1975.

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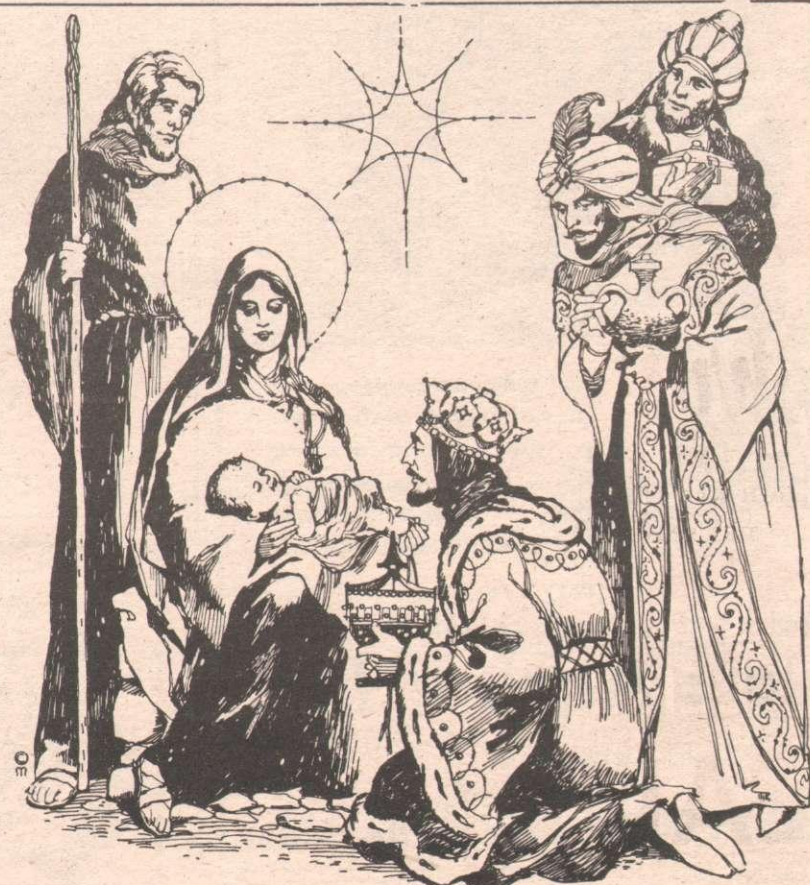
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BOOK REVIEW

ISLAND COUPLE'S BOOK ON INDIAN CARVINGS

"Indian Petroglyphs of the Pacific Northwest, by Beth and Ray Hill. Hancock House. 314 pp. \$17.50.

What is a petroglyph? Beth and Ray Hill asked that question one day, several years ago when they were driving

through Nanaimo. They stopped off at the Petroglyph Park and their new book is a result of that stop. Beth has studied archaeology as a result of that curiosity. It is a safe assumption that Indian rock art has changed their lives.

The carvings in the rock aroused their interest and when there was an opportunity, later, of pursuing an investigation into Indian rock art, they took it.

They have travelled by car and ferry and small boat through the quiet waters of the British Columbia coast and through the stormy waters of the same coast. They have basked in sunshine and they have shivered in the cold blast of coastal gales as they went through the procedures of collecting rubbings of Indian art. Ray also photographed every example.

The Salt Spring Island couple have discussed the art with many Indians. They have been warmly received and they have been met with hostility and bitterness, but they have stayed with it, asserting that the history of the B. C. Coast Indians is as much a part of Canadian history as that of any other part of the country.

They read what was available and learned what they could. The book is a summary of their findings. The oddest thing to their studies is the realization of how small is our knowledge of the early coast dwellers. Equally surprising is the limited knowledge of the people who made these carvings.

The drawings of sailboats and of the SS Beaver are readily dated. The crude sketches of humans and animals are difficult to categorize. After spending years in the heart of the rock art of the coast, the authors have come up with an impressive collection of rubbings and examples, but the background is still lost in history.

The attraction of the book is the presentation of this vast range of art work as much as the story of the work.

Originally the work of the island couple was devoted to the rock art to be found in British Columbia. When the book came up for preparation, they were urged to include the Pacific coast from the United States to the United States, and Washington, Oregon and Alaska came in for honorable mention.

The limited knowledge of this early art has been closely examined by the authors and the book examines every find, not only in the light of the



Ray and Beth Hill happily examining a carved rock.

authors' own experience, but in comparison with similar work in other parts of the Pacific and other parts of the coast

Of course, I have my own theory. All these carvings were carried out in the vicinity of early gentlemen's toilets and represent a prehistoric scribbling on the walls.

Every rubbing and every photograph is scrupulously identified and the interested reader can quite readily examine some of these carvings for himself. Some are only accessible to the devoted student of Indian art.

The book is nicely produced and provides a very impressive new addition to the story of Canada on this west coast that is so new and yet so old.

And, finally, if the book does not tell you the precise story of Indian carvings in west coast rock, remember that the authors are in the

same boat. They have successfully passed on to every reader the same query mark that buzzes in their own minds which was probably about half the purpose of the book.

The authors live in the cottage they built on the edge of Ganges Harbour. Beth is a former librarian at Gulf Islands Secondary School and Ray taught, at one time, in the Duncan area.

Ray builds houses when he is not using his darkroom equipment and Beth finds other pursuits. The rest of the time they are entertaining and being entertained among the island's collection of interesting people interested in people. Which is a nice way to live. -FGR.

When Queen Victoria married German Prince Albert, Christmas visits of St. Nicholas (and the gift-giving) came back to England, three centuries after Henry VIII had banned the traditions when he broke away from the Catholic faith and formed the Church of England.

TO THE CAPRICORN
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from Carol

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CHRISTMAS SHIP MAKES 24th CRUISE

Despite large crowds of small children, Santa Claus kept close to his schedule when he sailed through the islands at the week end.

Aboard the decorated, illuminated ship and heralded by Christmas music, Santa sailed into Canadian waters on Saturday afternoon. His first Canadian port of call was Ganges where the big ship, the SES Discovery lay overnight.

The ship sang its way up Ganges Harbour within 30 minutes of its scheduled time. There were hundreds gathered at the wharf to meet him and while Santa Claus and his pirates were transported to Maher Hall, the gathering moved on foot.

The visitors then made a call to the patients at Lady Minto Hospital, before enjoying the hospitality of the island for the remainder of the evening.

At 8 am on Sunday, the ship sailed out of Ganges and started its tour of the Outer Islands. First Sunday call was at Galiano, where children were up and on the wharf at 8.40 am.

Outer Islands children see the Christmas Ship in its full-

colour decoration. Except for the occasional early riser, the children on Salt Spring know the Christmas Ship as a sailor-by-night and recognizable only by the lights.

Sunday morning was Outer Islands morning. From Galiano the ship sailed to Mayne, North Pender and Saturna, to return to United States waters after an absence of almost an even 24 hours.

This year was the 24th visit of the Christmas Ship. The project was launched Christmas 1950, when the Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce had the idea of sending Santa Claus to children in the more remote communities of the coast. The annual cruise has grown with the coastal communities.

Santa Claus is Tripo Costello, of Bellingham. He has performed this role for many years, bringing candy and small gifts.

The program distributed by the visitors outlined their enthusiasm for playing Santa Claus across the international line.

"Throughout the past 23 years, the Bellingham Jaycee Christmas Ship has brought

the spirit of Christmas to many thousands of people. In this 24th running we share with you the Peace and brotherhood that we believe in and that this Season teaches.

"The beauty of the sights, sounds, smiles, tears and warmth of Christmas will brighten the lives of all who are present."

The sponsors also had a message for the island people, Canadian and American.

"We wish to thank you, the Islands residents for your undying support. Seeing your happy faces and grasping your outstretched hands makes this Season more meaningful for us. May God grant us health and happiness until we meet again next year."

The cruise of the Christmas Ship next year will mark the first quarter-century of the annual sailing.

FIRST CHRISTMAS NIGHT

The first Christmas night
In Bethlehem town
The star in the east shone bright,
And snow lay all around.
That night in a stable, a babe was born
Destined one day to be the Saviour
Who would die for you and me
No fanfare hailed the son of God
So humble was his birth,
But Oh the impact of His coming made
On men all over the earth.

Remember the first Christmas night
As the tinsel and trees are aglow
You are celebrating the birth
Of Christ the Lord, born so long ago.
-Margaret Thornley.

ONLY GENTLEMEN

On New Years Day in early Amsterdam, great bowls of punch were set out surrounded with cookies and cakes made from cherished family recipes, and Dutch wives donned their best dresses and sat in the parlor to await callers. They were holding the first "open house". It is interesting that only the gentlemen went calling; the women had to stay home to receive guests until some practical soul arranged a list of calling hours so the women could get out too.

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PASTOR WRITES OF CHRISTMAS

SHE WAS MAIN CHARACTER IN STORY

BY DAVID LOW

Usually in an article about Christmas, we centre our attention on the birth of the

TO BE FRANK

(From Page Nineteen)

pay for members of parliament I don't know what the fuss is about. I used to play bridge with a man from Ottawa and he had one slogan, oft-repeated, "Get yours first!" Every time I think of Ottawa I think of that slogan and it's obvious I'm not the only one. Unfortunately, it is a harsh blow to us simpletons to learn that the parliamentarians in Ottawa are paying lip service to a battle against inflated pay hikes and price jumps, while showing us very clearly that they have not the slightest interest in it. And it all hurts so much because it is very difficult for a small business to increase its revenues to keep pace with our masters.

Fresh-air fiend Mary Harkema caught cold the other day. She moved indoors and left the window open.

I opened a magazine and idly read its report on the Irish dispute. I figured the writer was leaning a little far backwards in expressing such strong criticism of the early characters involved, but that was his view. I found myself jeering at myself when I looked at the date and saw the magazine was nearly four years old. The world has changed but not the conflict in Ireland.

In Saskatchewan you can't even advertise accommodation for a man or woman. You have to share with whoever comes along. Sounds quite interesting!

There is really no excuse in the newspaper business for getting a man's name wrong. It is done occasionally, but there is no excuse. Like when Donald Fairweather was elected trustee to the Gulf Islands School Board from Pender and he was named in Driftwood as Donald Fairchild. He suggested that he preferred his proper name. If ever there should be occasion to print it again, he suggested. Of course there would be occasion to print it again. How else could we make the correction and admit our sins?

Lord Jesus. But this year I want to approach Christmas from a different angle. We will look at what the Lord did for a principal character of the Christmas story, who was directly involved in the incident: Mary.

I don't know Mary's last name, but I can easily identify her. She's famous. For one never-to-be-forgotten night in an acrid, strawy stable, in Bethelhem, Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ.

And the world was never to be the same again.

Strange really, that Mary should be one of the principal characters of a world-changer. About nine months before Christ's birth, Mary was just a quiet, unsuspecting young woman (likely still a teenager) living in Nazareth. Mary entertained no foolish visions of grandeur; all she wanted in life was to please God and to please Joseph, her fiance. People in Nazareth would have laughed if you had told them that Mary would one day be famous.

Outside of Nazareth, they would have said, "Mary who?" Not many, even in Nazareth, paid much attention to Mary.

But there must have been more to Mary than most people realized. For Luke tells us that Mary "found favour with God".

And it was through Mary that God sent His Son to change the world.

The facts are these: God Himself came upon Mary, causing her, a virgin, to be supernaturally impregnated; God the Son, in foetal form, actually lived in Mary's womb. God the Son emerged from Mary's womb as Jesus, the One who came to save the world. Deity was encased in human flesh! The thought is awesome.

But think of this: A similar thing happens to you when you accept Christ's sacrifice on your behalf, for your sins.

Simply by asking Jesus into your life to become your Lord and Saviour, God lives in you. And from out of your life He wants to emerge to save the world.

And this is what Christmas is all about. The salvation of mankind by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. (John 1:12-13; 4, 6 I Corinthians 12:13).

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Other notable three-game totals were Bunty McNally, 742; Ruby McConnell, 703; Al Clarke, 718; Bob Akerman, 768.

Christmas in Italy is more a festival for grownups than for children. Families gather together on Christmas Eve and talk around the fireplace while they watch the "appo," the Christmas log throwing sparks up the chimney. Then they sit down to supper, the "cenone", there is no meat, for Christmas Eve is a fast day but there are dishes prepared in every way imaginable. The meal ends just before twelve when all go to midnight Mass.

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FINALE AT SATURDAY EVENING'S COMMUNITY CAPERS PROGRAM IN GANGES ACTIVITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY EVENING



RECREATION AND ONE FROM CHAMBER

Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission is making progress in its drive to bring all island recreation into one channel.

Hal Leighton addressed the Chamber's annual meeting last week and explained the Commission's role. He also asked for a Chamber member to sit on the commission.

The recreation commission may come under the aegis of the Capital Regional District, said Leighton. Director George Heinekey has been working with the commission in this possible absorption, he added.

MERRY BINGO FOR MERRY CHRISTMAS

It will be a Merry Christmas Bingo at Galiano on Saturday night.

The bingo and the Merry Christmas will take place in the Galiano Hall at eight o'clock. Prizes will be turkeys, Christmas cakes and other seasonable fare.

Evening's program is sponsored by the Galiano Club and proceeds will be used to repair and maintain the hall.

FIRST TIME EVER FOR CURLERS

It was a first time, ever, for the RCMP Detachment at Ganges.

The detachment sent a team over to Nanaimo to take part in the RCMP Curling Bonspiel. In the team were Cpl. Ray Stelter and Const. H. Garbett, from Ganges. Const. Mel Mitchell took part although he has been stationed at Courtenay since setting out as an island curler.

They made up the team with one volunteer from Nanaimo.

And that was that. They went, they curled and they came back. The score? There was nobody bragging about it.

COMMUNITY CAPERS

"MADNESS"

With a degree of audience participation and the procession of players through the hall, Community Capers savoured of the earlier shows on Salt Spring Island by the original players' group, Summer Madness.

Community Capers was on Saturday evening in the Activity Centre. Director and producer, Gwen Hind-Smith was stricken with a sudden illness shortly before curtain time, but the presentation continued in her absence.

Opening the evening's program was the band which marched, in Madness style, from the rear of the hall.

Led by David Stacey and his trumpet, the band included tuba, accordion, banjo and a variety of other instruments.

The band was followed by the hermit who appeared from scene to scene with banners of helpful advice. Two notable offerings from Hermit Lanny Howard were, "Get Sin off the Streets... Put it back in the Home, where it Belongs" and "Support your local RCMP... Commit a Crime Today!"

The Barber Shop with Barbers Les and Keith Ramsey, Fred Anderson, Aage Villadsen and Mike Stacey sang. The band was delightful and the barber shop cut no hair. They had one thing in common. Both groups gave the impression of thoroughly enjoying the sound they made. As the audience went along with it, it was a happy blending.

Gerry Scheff, the man with the tuba, revealed his wine cellar as the tuba got wheezy and he got thirsty.

The audience couldn't recognize the fact, but in a number of the turns, Gwen Hind-Smith had been scheduled to appear. They went through without her. She was to have followed Alf Howell who followed the piper. The music hall went through anyway. She was also to have been in the skit on auditions.

Watching and commenting was not easy because it was very tough to recognize a lot of the characters. Pat Lee on the accordion was easy... and light, and popular.

Mike Stacey, as the Dirty Old Man in a bowler and fur coat and armed with a broom, crossed the stage regularly with a lecherous pursuit of innocent actresses.

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ISLANDS TRUST TO BE THRESHED OUT

— AT GANGES MEETING JANUARY 10

Two Salt Spring Island local trustees will not attend the first meeting of the Islands Trust without full knowledge of what islanders want of their

On January 18 the first official meeting of the new Trust will be staged in Victoria and trustees from all islands affected will attend.

On Salt Spring Island Trustees Johnny Stepaniuk and Mike Larmour will call a public Consultation Meeting the week before in order to learn what islanders are expecting of them.

The consultation meeting will be in St. George's Hall, Ganges at 8 pm, Friday even-

ing, Jan. 10. This meeting will examine the issues confronting the Islands Trust.

The Salt Spring trustees have plans to stage such a meeting at irregular intervals to keep closely in touch with islanders' wishes. They will consult with residents before major decisions are made.

"Since we are pioneering in the Islands Trust we are looking forward to your active participation," explained Trustee Stepaniuk.

The trustees outlined some of the matters they expect to hear discussed; property taxes and their effect on island life; transportation, in terms of roads and ferries and the options of building to meet present needs or to cope with future growth; water supply and the future; agriculture and the need for help; residents' views on land use and shore lines; type of development acceptable in green belts and the preservation of parks and wild areas.

Sites are Examined By expert

Galiano Housing Society has gained governmental approval of a site for its housing project. At the society's meeting last week it was reported that Ray Pitt, of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation had been to the island and inspected three sites that were available. He suggested that the site opposite the fire hall should be the society's choice as there would be a well drilled by the owner and the price is within the budget.

It is very necessary to keep the costs as low as possible, the meeting agreed. Otherwise the rents will not be acceptable.

Society is expecting to hear soon from the Registrar of Companies of the incorporation of the organization as a non-profit society.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the building fund, to keep costs down, may send contributions to the secretary, Dr. Morley Whillans, Galiano Is.

STATE OF THE REGION

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DIRECTOR ADDRESSES CHAMBER

Annual meeting of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce heard a report on the state of the Region on Thursday evening last week from Regional Director George Heinekey.

He explained that he would speak of what had taken place and what lay ahead. He was happier to make his report through the Chamber than through any other organization in the community, he noted.

Heinekey reported that the Subdivision By-law for Salt Spring Island will be finalized he hopes, by the first week in January and will be on the municipal affairs minister's desk for his signature.

The 10-acre freeze, which has been in force among the islands for seven years, will automatically be lifted with

the minister's signature to the subdivision by-law, he added. There will be no need for further legislation or action by the minister, or the regional board.

The Salt Spring Island director is also hopeful of a final report from the Pollution Control Board in respect of the Ganges sewer proposal.

The scheme may not be the final answer, he admitted, but he feels the system proposed is a good one.

"It's not perfect, but it can be improved as we go on," he told the Chamber.

The system is really needed in Ganges and it must go ahead, he added.

Sewer scheme has been drawn up by engineers and a permit to discharge effluent into Ganges Harbour was issued by the Pollution Control Branch. It was later challenged by SPEC and the Pollution Control Board, the appeal body, has suspended the permit until extensive, further studies have been undertaken.

The solid waste disposal scheme of the Capital Regional District will include Salt Spring Island, said the director. The district has just purchased the Hartland Road garbage dump on Saanich Peninsula and all islands garbage, including old cars, will be shipped out to the central disposal site.

The new system should be in operation for all islands by June of next year, he reported.

Garbage disposal throughout the Capital Regional District will cost approximately \$800,000 a year, he said.

In conclusion the regional director invited anyone with a problem to see him.

"That's what I'm here for," he told the meeting.

SHOW TOOK TOLL

Production of a talent show proved a heavy burden for Gwen Hind-Smith on Saturday night. President of Salt Spring Players and director of the Saturday evening's Community Capers, she collapsed shortly before curtain time.

She was rushed to Lady Minto Hospital. The show went on in her absence.

Her collapse was attributed to the pressures of the production. On Sunday she returned home to a diet of quiet and no plays for the time being.

A TRIBUTE

HAROLD VAN BUSKIRK

BY CHARLES HOREL

It is hard to believe that Van is gone, just as it was hard to believe he had reached his 81st year. His black hair, sparkling dark eyes, his ready laugh and zest for life, cheated the years of their normal toll.

He cheated death too, in his own way, of its long hospital vigil and impersonal terminal room. He left the hospital and went back to his Cranberry home and his gentle wife Marjie. He got up and took a bath, then clean, refreshed and smiling, he had a nap and met his end.

In 1893 the little log hut that housed the Canadian prairie's first newspaper, "The Edmonton Bulletin" had a second use. It was also the temporary home of the Van Buskirk family while their new house was being built. It was in this home-cum-newspaper office that Harold Van Buskirk was born on 12th Sept. of that year. The building itself has been preserved and is now in the centre of the re-constructed RCMP Fort in the Edmonton Park.

The Van Buskirk family were entertainers - singers, dancers and musicians of the early West. While Van grew up mainly in Edmonton, the family travels carried him as far afield as Boston, and into all the big and little towns along the way.

Van developed his own act and toured the show circuit as a young man for several years. He was a handsome, dashing figure of a man, and he led a handsome, dashing life. It is perhaps indicative of the difference between that era and our own, that Van could so zestfully pursue the high life in the cities and towns of the United States and Canada, and still retain the child-like enthusiasm, the glowing optimism and the fine perception of right and wrong, that he held all his long life.

Van also took up carpentry and cabinet-making quite early, and refined them with his own creative flair.

In 1928 he devised and built the first horsehair dancefloor in Watrous, Saskatchewan, and later installed a similar floor in the Palomar Cabaret in Vancouver.

Along his way, he scattered off other innovations and inventions, including an improved dancing shoe, a milk bottle lock for home deliveries, and a more efficient sawdust burner; but Van was too impatient, too busy enjoying life, too involved with his next project, to stop and make money.

Almost thirty-five years ago, Van and his pretty wife Marjie, came to settle in the Cranberry district of central Salt Spring Island. Van continued with his construction and finishing work, on and off the Island at the same time operating a small mixed farm.

The pair caught the affection of their neighbours from the first; Marjie, because of her quiet grace and patience, Van because he befriended everyone, argued with everyone, charmed everyone. Van, at first construed as a likeable, unpredictable eccentric, finally became the Dean of the Cranberry and one of the most cherished characters of Salt Spring.

Children of all ages had an affinity for Van, partly be-

UNLUCKY

The Guise Dancers, at Cornwall-St. Ives, blacken their faces and still dance in the street in the first fortnight of the New Year. At one time they entered the houses too, and for a house to be overlooked was regarded as very unlucky.

cause he almost shared with them the child's belief in the magic of the impossible, and partly because his genuine affection for everyone he met showed most plainly with the young.

To a listener, Van was a wry comic, a wilful eccentric, a bright originator and a master charmer, but one always derived a brighter outlook, the buoyant feeling that out there somewhere the world was still a wonderful, fresh and shining place, where some new idea, some one man's innovation, might be accepted by millions of people, or could produce some made, merry, exhilarating aspect in life.

It was probably this exuberant optimism that made him so likeable and kept him so youthful for eight-one years.

On & Off The Island

A large representation from Salt Spring attended the matinee performance of the Ice Capades in Victoria on Saturday. Included were Mrs. Betty Pinchin and children; Mrs. Lois Perkins and children; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Althouse and family; Mrs. Bev Byron and children; Mrs. C. McFadyen and children and Mr. and Mrs. K. Byron and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Kopp and daughter are visiting Mrs. Kopp's family, Mr. and Mrs. T. Byron.

Miss Cathy Andrews is presently in the Gorge Hospital, undergoing therapy but expects to be coming home to Ganges in about a week.

Miss Laura Jean Kreissl of Edmonton, Alberta, and Miss Terry Kreissl of McMinnville,

Oregon, will arrive this Saturday to spend the holiday season with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Kreissl, Margaret Drive, Ganges.

N. Schoonderwoerd of the Hague, Netherlands, is a guest at his nephew's home, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hazenboort of Ganges for four weeks.

OUR CALENDAR
Calendar is a word derived from the Latin "kalendae" (calends), literally, the day on which the accounts are due. The calendar now used for civil purposes throughout the world is called the Gregorian calendar, after Pope Gregory XIII, who introduced it in the sixteenth century. Early man required a calendar primarily for religious observance although, of course, when he settled in agricultural communities he came to need a civil calendar as well.

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BY MARY BACKLUND

With this Christmas issue, comes my last weekly contribution to Driftwood, so it is with sadness and gladness that I lay the pen down for the present, and am assured that news from our Island will carry on with bright new eyes, and a new slant on happenings here.

May I take this opportunity to say a million thanks, to everyone for their help and co-operation during the years.

I am justly proud to have had the same editor for these years; he has put up with such a myriad of things that it is unbelievable, late copy, poor spelling, sending pictures without identifying people in them, and so many others... to him and his staff go the first thanks.

Secondly, to those near and dear to me, who have helped and criticised and generally I could not have done without

their kindness. It is impossible to name names, so many people do so many things for me, that I would hate to miss one important one.

There have been a lot of laughs, some tears, and through the medium of the newspaper world, I have had the privilege of meeting lots and lots of really nice people. I have travelled this great land of Canada from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and attended newspaper conferences all over, making lasting friends along the way.

I was the president of Media Club, Vancouver Island branch for several years, and also Regional Director for British Columbia, on the National Executive for two years, this enabled me to get a greater insight into all types of news work.

If this all sounds a little boastful, it is meant to be. I am proud to have done these many things on your behalf, and truly know that now some-

one else will do the same things, much better, I am positive of that.

Even though my life will be quieter, I do hope to write from time to time, and I will always cherish these years of work with the editor.

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The Oldest Holiday

Both primitive and civilized people have noted New Year's as our oldest holiday. The Day has always been recognized with some sort of festivity and numerous traditions and customs are associated with its arrival.

Business, kept to a minimum, consisted of a satisfactory financial report. Departing guests were presented by Mrs. McNally with attractively decorated bags into which they could put, during the year, "old nylons for stuffing toys, items to sell at the bazaar, money, even ideas because we badly need ideas."

Those who worked in the kitchen appreciated the electric stove and electric hot-water heater that had been added this year.

Mizpah's officers for next year consist of: president, Mrs. R. H. McNally; vice-president Mrs. Stephen Miller; secretary treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Woolley; devotional, Mrs. S. K. Claibourne and Mrs. Vern McEachern; social, Mrs. J. R. Gibson; mission study, Mrs. H. Ashley; reports and advertising, Miss O. Mouat.

wisked away the dishes while others racked their brains.

The convener of this most successful event was Mrs. S. K. Claibourne. (She has been definitely decided upon to convene the Christmas luncheon next year).

POT LUCK LUNCHEON

BY OLIVE MOUAT

Since the Bazaar was over, and since next year's problems could wait for next year to come, the members of the Mizpah Unit of the United Church decided to replace the regular monthly meeting with a pot luck luncheon for the ladies of the congregation with a special invitation to the Burgoyne Group to come as guests.

Outside, the wind howled and the rain dripped. In the church hall, Christmas decorations and Christmas music supplied the background for happy fellowship. Mrs. Frank Artiss, president of Mizpah, welcomed the guests; Mesdames S. K. Claibourne, J. R. Gibson, R. H. McNally and S. Miller set the tables; Mrs. J. T. Johnston arranged table decorations.

Grace was said by Rev. Vern McEachern, after which 45 guests lined both sides of the serving tables

A Christmas contest occupied all but the committee whc

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BY MARY BACKLUND

We are sorry to note that Tom Head, Sr. is a patient at Lady Minto Hospital, in Ganges; we hope for his early recovery.

The little Church of St. Margaret of Scotland was filled to overflowing for the Christmas Carol service on Sunday evening, Dec. 15.

Rev. James Daniels welcomed the large group, and especially the school children, who took part in the service. Traditional hymns were sung, with the little voices adding to the lovely spirit of this wonderful season. Students gave scripture readings, and they sang three carols during the service.

A most sincere "thank you" at this Christmas season to all who work to make our lives safer and happier in this great land of Canada. To members of the RCMP, especially the boat, M. P. 53, the Sidney, who keep the law and order in our scattered Islands at all times of the days and nights. They are on call, and do a great job of keeping the peace. To our game wardens and park attendants, who have had an especially busy season, and our essential people from B.C. Telephone, BC Hydro, and BC Ferries; we need all of you, and are thankful for each and everyone.

Thanks to our own roads crews, who work every day to keep the roads in good condition and are so cheerful. To the taxi boats, who keep on running around the Islands and helping us.

To all the readers of this column, a happy, happy Christmas and may the New Year bring you everything you ever wished for.

FIA FIA TA'A FA'OU

(Season's Greetings in Tonga)

From Emma, Tupou, Heneli, Mele, Langaola, Sita, Mila, Samueli, Simi, Unga and Toni



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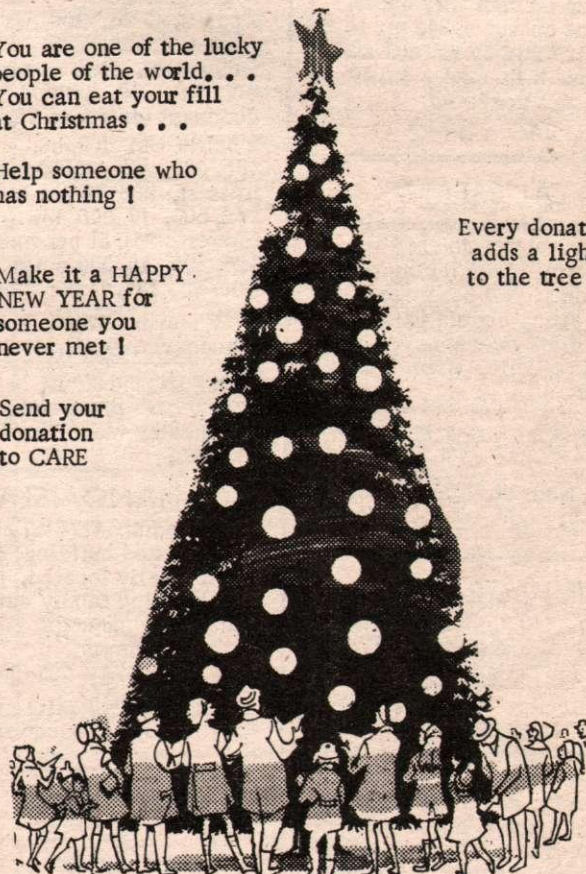
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TODAY'S DANCE AND THOSE OF YESTERDAY

BY LILLIAN HORSDAL

Mahon Hall was the scene of a recent delightful party.

Christmas decorations added a festive note to the gaiety of the combined members of the Ballroom Dancing Classes who formed the group. Mrs. G. A. Maude and I were permitted to make up the audience of two. It was a colourful and happy occasion.

Mrs. Maude remembered other dances in Mahon Hall of

an earlier era when oil lamps afforded the soft light. Guests from the outer islands arrived, in formal dress, chilled to the bone from the trip in their boats. An enormous sheet metal stove radiated what heat there was in the hall and around it everyone gathered with outstretched hands or their backs to its warmth and a blissful expression on their faces. Of course there was no indoor plumbing so trips outside to brave the elements were necessary.

In those days everyone work-

ed hard for long hours but that didn't interfere with their enjoyment of the dances. Sometimes an extra collection was taken up so that the orchestra would play longer.

This is what happened at the dance held recently and Deg Degreoot, well known artist on the piano and organ, provided music for an extra hour.

Those earlier dances would sometimes end just in time for young mothers to go home and prepare their babies' formulae for the ensuing day. The men would go right to work after a quick change of attire.

At the recent dance there were foxtrots, two-steps, waltzes and tangos. The dancers whirled and twirled with obvious pleasure. It was a truly graceful affair due to the excellent tuition of Bill and Charlotte Bartsch.

The highlight of the evening was a tango performed faultlessly by Miss Margaret Ashenhurst and Bill Bartsch. Miss Ashenhurst was celebrating her 90th birthday. She certainly tripped the light fantastic. In her youth Miss Ashenhurst toured and danced all over this contin-

ent. It was a joy to watch her. She and Miss Margaret Robertson had come over from Victoria specially for this occasion. Miss Robertson, too, gave a lovely demonstration. All in all, it was a night to remember.

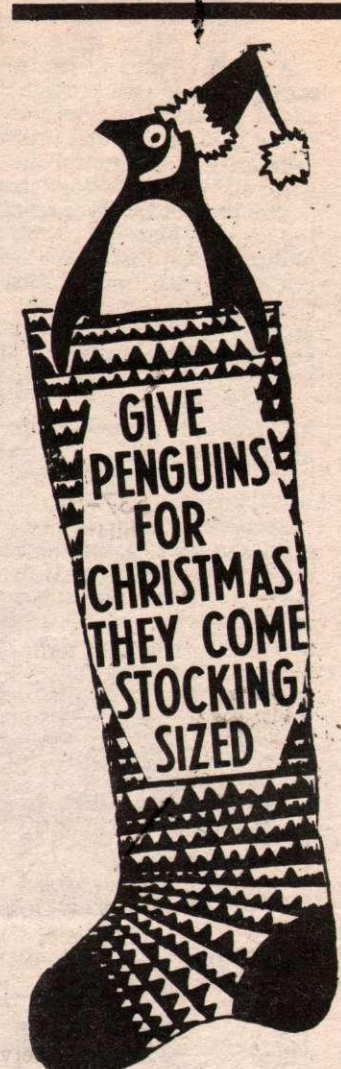
I understand that next year, due to Olive Layard's influence Old Age Pensioners will be able to join the classes at a reduced rate. What an opportunity! The Bartsch team are remarkably accomplished dancers, who give effective lessons.

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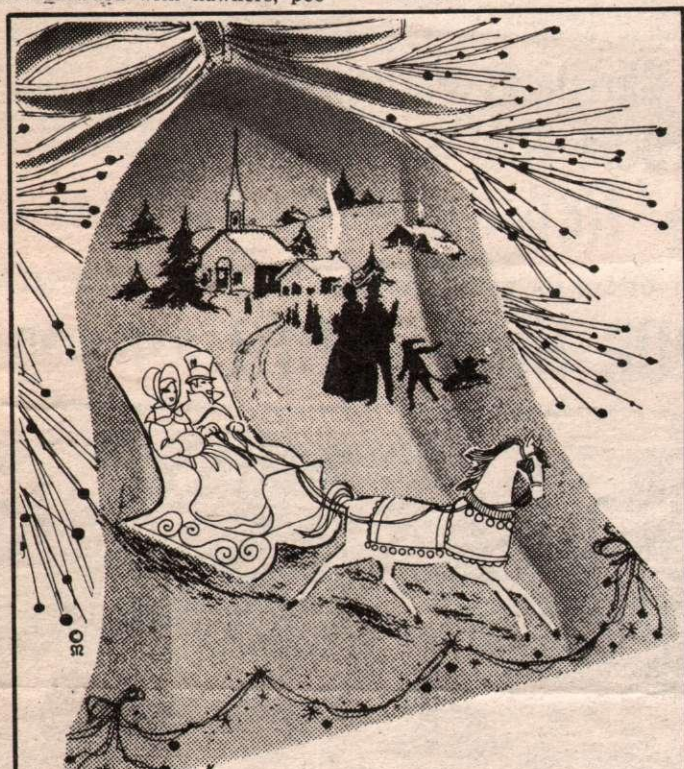


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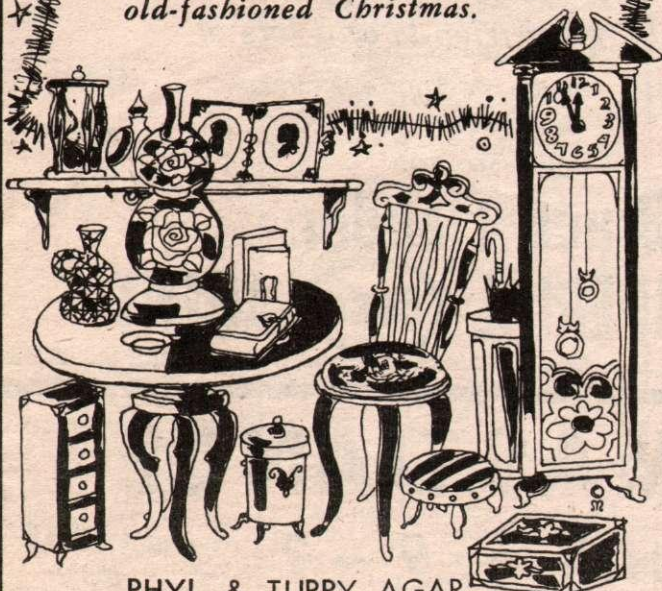
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POWER SERVICE TO BE BOOSTED

A B. C. Hydro project to start this week will provide added capacity for future electric load growth and improve reliability of service for the north end of Salt Spring Island.

The project involves rebuilding approximately 6.3 miles of distribution line along Lower Ganges Road from Harbour House to Central, on North End Road as far as Fernwood and along Vesuvius Bay Road from Central to Sunset Drive.

The three-month project is the first stage in preparation of all of the north end of Salt Spring for eventual conversion to 25,000-volt service.

Larger conductor will replace the wire now in use, and the existing single and two-phase service will be changed to three-phase. One hundred new poles will be required for the renewal and 45 dual-voltage-type transformers will re-

place the existing 7.2 kv transformers.

In designing the new line special consideration was given to minimizing damage to trees. "We've been able to design the line to avoid removal of any trees," said Hydro sub-district manager John Thomson, "but some trimming of danger trees will be required, especially along North End Road."

Mr. Thomson explained that much of the work would be

done "live", but that customers would experience periodic interruptions in electric service. These would be kept to a minimum and whenever practicable customers would be notified, he said.

The work will be done by B. C. Hydro construction department crews.

TO BE SEEN ON SHOW

Salt Spring Island authors will be featured on the Bob Switzer Show on television on Monday, Dec. 23.

Beth and Ray Hill will be interviewed regarding their new book and in connection with the Indian rock carvings of the Pacific coast.

CAPERS IS MADNESS

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Hospital skit set out to make a few changes in the appearance of the patient.

Redolent of the London music hall were the Smiths as the Pearlies. They were undoubtedly the senior members of the cast. They were certainly greeted as such!

Bookstall skit where the vendor's description of the books brought two young females about his neck, was Lanny Howard's presentation with Pat Desbottes, Lois Phillips and Olive Clayton.

Harvey Hendrickson went for big game and shot down a chicken.

The outstanding performer was undoubtedly Yvonne Toynbee. With the professional aplomb developed in years of theatre, she entertained and took part in a brief skit even while singing.

Two pianists took part. There was Bryan Smith, who talked and played the piano and there was Dave Stacey who played the piano and said nothing.

Final farce was Rinderella. From the close of the farcical interpretation of the fairy tale, the cast came off the stage and walked through the hall, singing.

Evening closed with Christmas Carols.

It would be difficult to select one participant or one presentation as better than another. They all contributed to as successful an evening as any put on by Players or Madness. - FGR.



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