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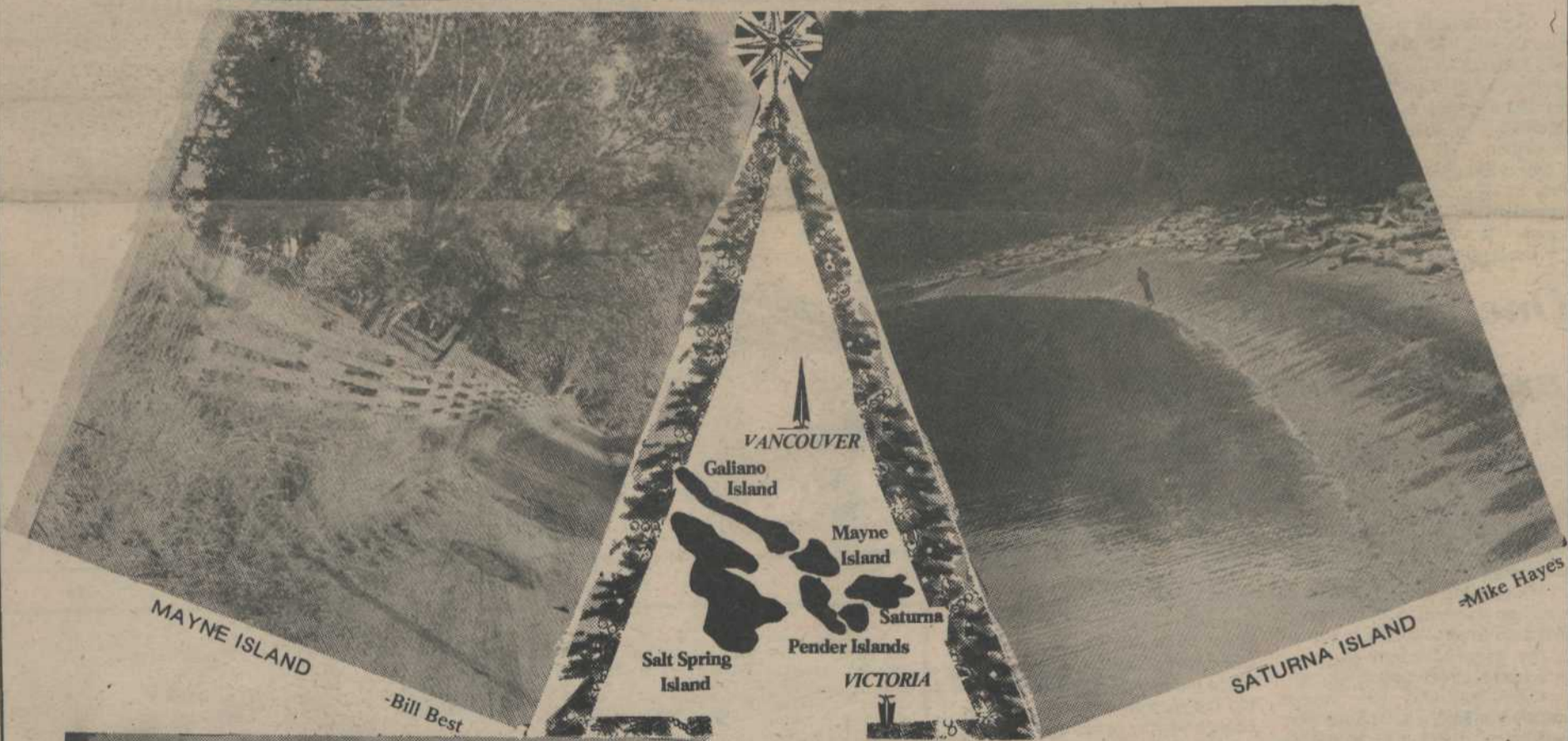
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CHRISTMAS IN THE GULF ISLANDS



SALT SPRING ISLAND

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Cooper, Eisle Macdonald and Driftwood correspondents, Winnie Liver of Galiano; Elsie Brown, Mayne Island; Eleanor Harrison of the Penders; Maggie Hayes, Saturna; Devina Baines, North Galiano; Jessie Sayer, Fernwood.

SATURNA SCENE

Candlelight dinner success

Just a few days left till Christmas. Everyone is busy - selecting trees, stringing lights, putting orders in for a turkey, and doing last-minute shopping.

Corkill's-store at the government wharf has its welcoming tree, brightly illuminating the harbour.

The candlelight dinner, an annual Christmas tradition, was a great success, held in the Community Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 17. Tables were beautifully set with seasonal decorations. The Women's Club prepared and served a delicious dinner. The singing of Christmas carols completed the evening.

Friday was also the last day of school. The children celebrated with their own Christmas tree and a special holiday luncheon and party when gifts were exchanged.

Christmas sees a number of islanders returning home for the holiday. Em Coombs is back, as is Marie McMahon who enjoyed her California trip. Kathy Sheffield is home, after visiting friends and family in New Mexico and Texas.

John MacDonald too has been over for a short stay.

Tuesday was a big night for the Lions Club. It was a first for the Saturna Lions, because it was also a Ladies Night, and attended by the District Governor, Gerry Metcalf and wife, Edona. Zone chairman Bill Kendal, of the Central Saanich Lions, was present, as was Ron Drayton, acting president of the Central Saanich Lions.

Local guests were Polly and

Graham Howarth, and Graham's mother, Leah Howarth, Marie McMahon, Bernice Crooks, and John and Melanie Gaines.

Several relative newcomers to the island were also in attendance: Len and Margaret Hobbs, who are caretaking the Fraser property at Church Cove, Bob and Muriel Wilkinson, who have bought the Dangerfield property, and Peg and Alex Mitchell, who now own the Froese property. A belated welcome to everyone.

There were a number of draws held during the evening. The Pot of Gold was drawn by District Governor Metcalf and won by Saturna Lions President Neville Bouch.

A Texas Mickey was won by Earl Horner, son-in-law of Saturna Lion John Silvester.

Proceeds of a raffle of Christmas cheer, along with those from the dinner, went to the Saturna Island Transportation committee. Gerry Metcalf was the lucky winner. He donated the "Christmas Cheer" back to the club for a Chinese raffle, with its proceeds going to CARE. Laura Coombs was the successful bidder, and she donated the bottle back for another Chinese raffle, with proceeds going to CARE. The eventual winner and keeper was Lori Bouch. CARE received a donation of \$25.

The entire dinner was catered by the Saturna Island Transportation Committee. Island school children served the meal, and cleaned up afterwards.

Upcoming events are, the New Year's Eve Party, and Robbie Burns night in January.

Further details will be announced.



CHILDREN and their parents welcomed Santa Claus at Saturna Island last week.



SANTA (Walter Brigden) gives Mrs. Wallis a reassuring pat, as husband, Joe Wallis, looks on with a smile.

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One charge withdrawn as driver returns to island

Brian Stevens, of Ganges came back home on Wednesday to answer to two charges in Ganges Provincial Court.

One charge he could understand. The second charge, he could not.

He pleaded guilty to failure to report an accident. Second charge of failure to pass such a report on to the superintendent of motor vehicles was withdrawn.

Court was told that Stevens ran his car into a telephone pole on Mansell Road at 2.30 am on October 30. He explained that he broke a guy wire and assumed that the damage was less than \$200, relieving him of the liability

to report an accident.

Evidence showed that the blow to the pole had been transmitted through the wires to the next pole, which had cracked under the strain.

If there had been only the one charge he would have paid a voluntary penalty of \$35 rather than come to the island from Chilliwack, said Stevens. He could not do this as neither he nor his lawyer could understand the charge which was cancelled out.

Judge F. Green told him he had no sympathy.

"I still consider your act in leaving a telephone guy wire broken an act of recklessness on your part."

He imposed the penalty of \$35 in recognition of the cost and inconvenience for the accused driver in coming back to Ganges to face the charges.

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NELSON MARINE



LEARNING THE intricacies of the highland dance are, front row, from left Morven Neish, Clover Lynn Hampton, Cindy Walker and Sandra DesBottes; back row, from left, Glenis Kiner, Shenna MacLeod and Debbie Sime.

-Driftwood photo

Victoria dancer instructs class in highland dancing

BY CRAIG MCARTHUR

At 15, Kathy Bradshaw's enthusiasm for highland dancing is boundless.

She's from Victoria and is presently conducting a class of 10 youngsters, ranging in age from five to 16 years, in highland dancing in the community centre every Saturday afternoon at Ganges.

The class has been functioning for the past six weeks and Kathy hopes to attract other interested youngsters on Salt Spring as well as in the Outer Islands.

Though the class has been working on "a shoestring", Kathy is determined to make her dancing venture a success.

"I'LL DO IT"

She was taking bag-pipe lessons from Angus McLeod of Ganges, when she was first approached about the idea of launching a class in highland dancing. She was encouraged by a group of parents and her enthusiasm was so keen that she

said unhesitatingly, "I'll do it!"

Her assent may have been given on the spur of the moment, but she has applied herself avidly to her dancing class.

"She has followed it through with a determination that is a credit to her," said her father, Fred Bradshaw, who was onhand at Saturday's dancing class.

"One of my goals is to bring a group of young dancers to a level where they can put on their own concerts at homes and in hospitals," said Kathy.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Her own accomplishments in highland dancing have been many so far. She has been dancing for the past six years and first became seriously interested in the highland dance in Calgary.

She has won about 35 medals and six trophies in highland dancing competitions held in Calgary, Ottawa, Victoria and as far away as California.

Her ambition is to continue her studies for a teacher's certificate in highland dancing. To this

end, she is presently taking advanced instruction from Adelaide Duncan of Victoria.



KATHY BRADSHAW of Victoria dancing stances as she instructs two of her students.

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Monday, Jan. 3

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Merry Christmas

AND BEST WISHES FOR 1977

CHRISTMAS TREE FAMILY OF FULFORD

They're the Christmas tree family of Salt Spring Island.

This week a closely knit family --- Bob Russell, Florence Hep-

burn, Bob and Mhora Zelter --- climaxed four weeks of harvesting Christmas trees on the Hepburn farm at Fulford Harbour and shipping them to market in Victoria.

The idea for what eventually became the Centennial Tree Farm

germinated in the fertile mind of Arthur Hepburn many years ago. Florence Hepburn's husband, Arthur, who did so much on the farm, died in 1973

The tree farm was started because the family wanted a viable operation for part-time that

Since all trees are grown from seed, the tree farmers soon realized that they could not count on any quick return from their venture.

Consider that first the seeds must be sown in seed beds where they remain for the first two



ART HAZENBOOM

wishes all his customers, friends and relatives A Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year



MHORA and Walter Zelter hold one of the thousands of Christmas trees which are grown on the Centennial Tree Farm at Fulford Harbour.

would keep the land from reverting to bush.

They settled on the growing and rearing of Christmas trees. Fortunately there were many large old Douglas firs on the place

years. After that, the small seedlings are transplanted into a transplant bed where they remain for a further two years. Following the first four years, the little trees are finally moved out into the

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Lv. Brentwood (W. Saanich and Wallace)	9:06	1:51	6:11	7:41
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Lv. Swartz Bay (Ferry Terminal)	9:45	2:25	7:05	8:25
Lv. Sidney (Bus Station)	9:55	2:35	7:15	8:35
Lv. Saanichton (Prairie Inn)	10:06	2:46	7:26	8:46
Lv. Brentwood (W. Saanich and Wallace)	10:10	2:50	7:30	8:50
Lv. Cordova Bay (Cordova Bay and Doumac)	10:30	3:06	7:45	9:05
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Family climaxes harvesting of trees for shipment to market in Victoria

and the supply of seed was assured.

YEARS OF WORK

They went to work with Bob Russell, who had gained his bachelor of forestry degree in the late 1960's, to supply the know-how. The family knew full well that there would be many years before they could start to see any return for all the hard work which must go into the project.

On Centennial Tree Farm three types of evergreens are grown -- Douglas fir, Pine and Norway spruce. The biggest seller, of course, is the Douglas fir; but the Norway spruce is considered the most beautiful tree of all.

field.

The trees are not ready yet for harvesting until they are nearly 10 years old.

During their growing life, the Christmas tree must receive the same care as any other young plant. They must have adequate watering and well drained soil conditions.

Another important fact for Christmas tree rearing is the adequate control of rodent and insect pests.

The pruning of the trees is of great importance, too. Each year they are 'sheared' and this is a method used not only to prune the

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Boy sells holly on farm to earn Christmas money

BY CRAIG MCARTHUR

Enterprising youngster living in the Fulford Harbour area has turned a favorite Christmas emblem into a busy road-stand business.

He is Doug Hamilton-Horne, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hamilton-Horne, who is earning his Christmas money

through the sale of fresh red-berried holly.

With the help of his father, Doug is caring for about 30 holly trees on the 25-acre dairy farm, more familiarly known as the old Lee place. The farm is leased by the Hamilton-Hornes.

The hard-working youngster was helping to prune the trees

one day recently when his father suggested to him that he take over the care of the holly trees.

Doug eagerly accepted and soon was selling the luxuriant holly, packed in "poly-bags", from the roadside in front of his home.

"I hope to sell enough holly to buy some Christmas presents and also to fix up my bicycle," said Doug. So far he has earned about \$30 from the sale of the holly. He expects to make a lot more by the time Christmas is over.

His parents, Lyle and Margaret Hamilton-Horne, are proud of their son for his perseverance in caring for the holly and in trying to sell it locally to people passing by his stand on the Ganges-Fulford highway.

The trees on the farm are about 20 years old and to the layman they couldn't look better.

The Hamilton-Hornes don't profess to be experts in the growing and caring of holly trees. The trees were neglected to some extent before they came to Salt Spring Island about five months ago.

Nonetheless, young Doug is doing his best to prune and care for the trees. Some help comes from his father, though he's keeping busy most of the time with farm chores and with his duties on the Salt Spring Queen, as an employee of B.C. Ferries.



FROM A road-stand, young Doug Hamilton-Horne sells packaged holly to earn money of his own for

Christmas and to repair his bicycle.

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tree but also to shape it into the accepted form of a Christmas tree.

So it is readily seen that the professional growing of Christmas trees is a very demanding job and one which requires plenty of back-breaking work, the help of six helpers during harvest time, and a lot of capital.

In the case of Centennial Tree Farm, the family early decided that it was necessary to have outside work with which to provide needed funds and living expenses.

Florence Hepburn had been a teacher on Salt Spring Island for many years, though she is now retired.

Her daughter, Mhora and her husband, Walter Zelter, left their home in Vancouver, where Walter had been connected with the stock exchange, and moved to Salt Spring. Now Walter devotes his full-time to the farm.

Once on the island, Mhora, who like her mother, is also a teacher, began teaching on the island at the Gulf Islands secondary school.

The other founding member of the business, Bob Russell, works for the federal government at the forestry department in Victoria.

There's another member of the Hepburn family and he is

Mhora's brother, Duncan, who is a cancer researcher-nuclear physicist at Chalk River, Ont., for the Atomic Energy Commission.

Each year Duncan spends his holidays on the farm, and the family figures that in the time he is there he does the equivalent of several month's work.

The care of young Christmas trees is a year-long operation as all members of the family will testify.

So while other people are busy decorating their Christmas tree, the Hepburn family will already have started on another year of work, preparing their trees for other Christmases.



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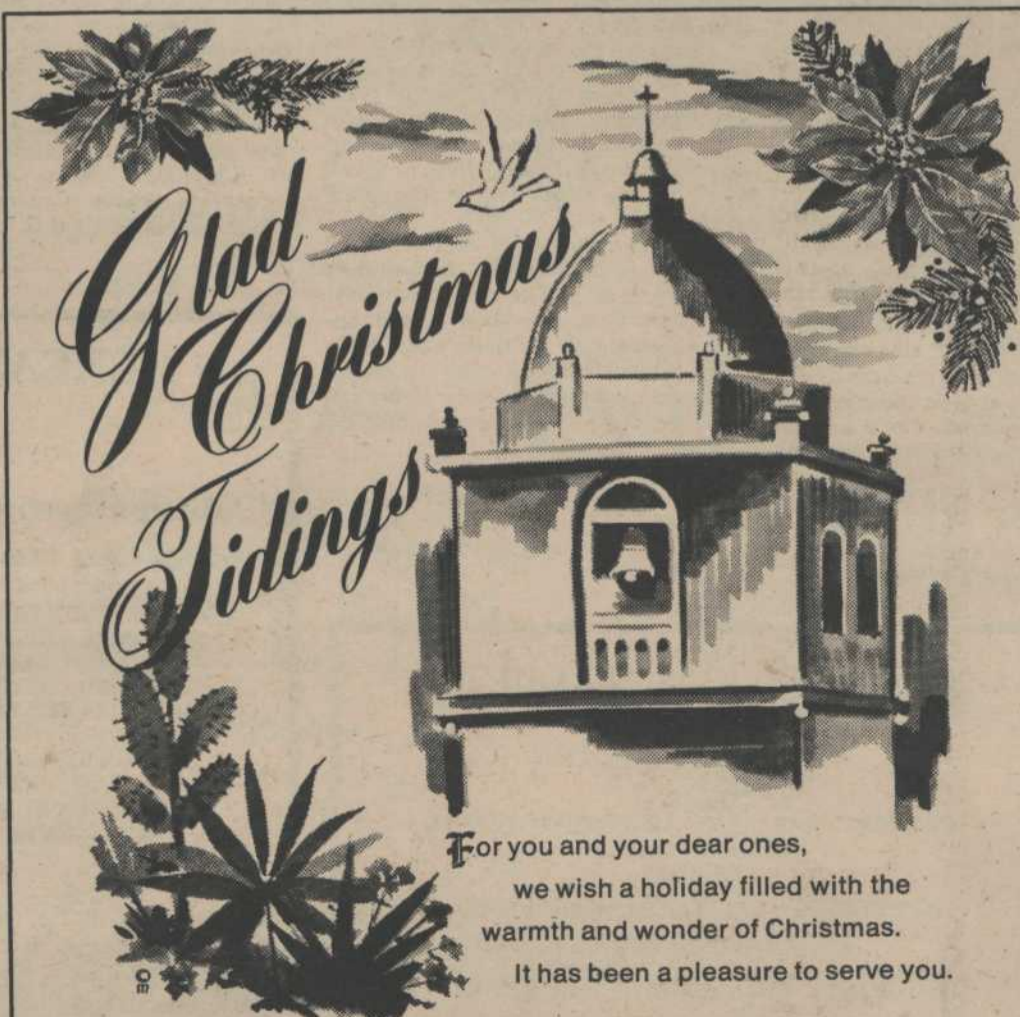
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Galiano children's Christmas party

NEWS FROM GALIANO

BY WINNIE LIVER

Ladies Service club meets

A meeting of the Ladies Service Club was held last Monday at the Galiano hall. President Peggy Chunn opened the meeting. The treasurer Ivy Morshead read her report. Donations to different charities were discussed and it was decided to donate \$100 to the children's Christmas party, and to pay for the cablevision at Lady Minto Hospital plus money for the bingo prizes for the extended care ward. Donations were also sent to the United Appeal, Salvation Army, and the Central City Mission.

The Galiano Club held the children's party last Friday afternoon. The school children are to be congratulated on the terrific concert that they put on. They opened the concert with a song called "Galiano" which was written by the Principal Mrs. E. Gould. The older children played a chess game and then the school finished with singing, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." Then Santa arrived and what a welcome he received. Linda Laughlin and Florence Dodwell were his helpers.

The Church service will be held on Sunday at 9 am. This will be the Eucharist Service.

Betty Trimmer and Frances Druce are back home. They had a fabulous holiday in Europe and Great Britain.

Nan and Bob Day have returned from Hawaii. Welcome home travellers.

A tent caterpillar was seen last Sunday in a fir tree. This is most unusual as they make their appearance in June.

A meeting of the Galiano Club was held at the hall on Sunday afternoon. Over 150 people were present. The president, Jean Lockwood, opened the meeting and asked Donald New to speak on the beginning of the Bluff Park.

Mr. New said that the Park had been bought by the islanders for \$1,000. There are 380 acres. The Park has been logged approximately six times since 1900.

It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend the general in February and stand for election.

The W.A. to the South Galiano Fire Department held a successful bake and book sale last Saturday.

IT WAS FUN, WITH BELLS ON

JOAN M. RAESIDE

I have discovered that in life nothing ever comes up to expectations, pretty near them but not quite as good as I can imagine it. I now take this back.

I had heard so much about the Virginia and Ray Newman productions and couldn't imagine it was that much fun-but I now find it certainly is, with bells on!

I have just had one of those parties one reads about in old books that last for four days and no hang-over. It has been the greatest fun and I am so glad I was included in it all. If this be "Christmas Madness" then, play on Ray and Virginia....

How they got such order out of the rabble that met first time almost beats me but I think I may have found out the secret. Virginia really cares about each member of her cast and asks for their opinions, even the smallest one is encouraged to pipe up, and then she is lavish with her praise if we earn it.

If someone is obviously capable of more she gives them more, if anyone shows a tendency to dry up she cuts out a bit or asks them to suggest something they'll "feel comfortable about saying". I heard her say this often and the result is that everyone does feel comfortable - or else they are better actors than I take them for. They seem to me to be a happy crowd.

The last time I was on stage was when I was a long-haired gawky schoolgirl, now, umpteen years later I am still gawky and long-haired but I am enjoying this much more. In fact, I am in danger of giving up writing plays for strutting around in costume, just as soon as I master the technique of walking up steps in a long gown. At the moment I tend to walk up inside the skirts, thus becoming even more gawky!

It is my belief that if the Newmans (what a family!) announce they are about to do this Scrooge thing every year they will be inundated with people who want to help. They'll have to institute a roster system and people will put their babies down at birth as they are said to do in England for the more exclusive schools.

If anyone left the Old Central Hall not feeling the spirit of Christmas there is no doubt there is something wrong with them, poor souls. Make a note to be part of the cast next year is my advice.

While on the subject of shows, may I say how much I enjoyed the two Christmas shows at the Elementary School. Congratulations staff, each year it is bigger and better.



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Little-Gobin wed in Ganges

Two Salt Spring Islanders, Thomas James Little and Diane Doris Gobin, were married on Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Provincial Court House in Ganges. A reception was held later at

the home of Daryl and Lois Little, brother of the groom.

Following a honeymoon to Saskatchewan, the newlyweds will reside at Ganges.

Elizabeth Lake and Jocelyn Holmes

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Meals for elderly on Christmas Day

Mrs. Kay Smith, co-ordinator of Meals on Wheels services, together with other volunteers, will be on duty Christmas Day delivering meals to the elderly who have a need for this service.

Meals are delivered three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays but this week Friday's meals have been cancelled in order that islanders may enjoy having a meal delivered to them on Christmas Day.

Deadline for Classified Tuesday Noon

Merry Christmas

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Galiano Club issues statement on proposal to harvest timber in park

(Here is the statement issued by Jean Lockwood, president of the Galiano Club, concerning the proposal to harvest timber on section four, in Bluffs Park. --- Editor)

At every annual meeting of the Galiano Club within the last 10 years the state of Bluffs Park land has been discussed. In early October, 1962, Hurricane Freida swept across the southern half of the Island, leaving a trail of devastation which will long be remembered by residents. Thanks to several public-spirited men who put in many hours of free labour, Bluffs Road from the junction of the old sawmill road down to the original garbage dump road was eventually cleared of fallen trees and reopened to the public. At the same time these men cleared the side road up into the bluffs proper and the initial park property was tidied up and restored to the condition it is in today.

The northeastern portion of the Park land, however, has never been touched since the storm. The roads and trails through that part, built when section four was logged off in 1948, were completely blocked by windfalls, and in the 14 years since then they have grown up with alders and brush to such an extent that it is next to impossible to get into the area. This has been a matter of deep concern to the executive committee of the Galiano Club because of the threat of a forest fire getting out of control, and the fact that the land is of little or no use to the people of Galiano in its present state.

GRANT REFUSED

Some years ago the club agreed to the application for an LIP grant to open the forest roads lying within section four, which would at the same time give work to the many unemployed young people who had come to live on the island. The grant was refused and the land remained undisturbed.

Three years ago strong pressure was brought to bear on the Galiano Club by the Weavers Guild and the Senior Citizens (among other organizations) to provide more adequate facilities for their meetings and workshops. The club committee began actively to investigate ways and means of complying with these demands. Our treasurer, Mr. Platt, has given a comprehensive report of the time and effort which has gone in to the planning, and about some of the problems we have encountered along the way.

While the reopening of section four as part of the park has been a continuing topic for discussion, the suggestion that the club could realise some financial return through harvesting the timber was not seriously considered until the early spring of 1976. At that time representation was made to the club officers by a group of residents who were of the opinion that the Galiano Club should not be begging financial assistance from Island people when it should logically (according to them) do something about the timber assets which it controlled.

Members of the club commit-

tee and various interested persons have tried to go into section four to get some idea of the lay of the land and the amount of merchantable timber which might be available. As reported earlier, it was impossible to do other than skirt around the area, and reports which came back were vague indeed. In reply to the residents urging that something be done about section four, the committee argued that until the area could be inspected by experienced woodsmen, and an actual timber cruise taken, we were not in a position to deal intelligently with the matter.

At the October meeting of the committee it was agreed to ask Lauren Logging Company partners, Laurence Baines and Rennie Weatherell, to go into section four and to give the club a report of their findings. A brief written report was subsequently given the president by Mr. Weatherell, also additional information which

would be of value when the whole question would be decided upon. VIEWS CONSIDERED

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Dear
Patrons,

The management and staff at this special time of the year would like to take this opportunity to express their warm appreciation to their patrons, and others in this community and beyond.

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Our menu for Christmas Day will be traditional turkey with savoury dressing or honey glazed ham with all the trimmings. For your added enjoyment of Christmas Day, Bryan Smith will be playing the piano.

In order to give our staff time to be with their families over the holidays, the hours that our Dining Room will be open are:-

Christmas Eve 5 - 7 p.m. **New Year's Eve ? - 8 p.m.**
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