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## Neighbourhood Watch: crime prevention

BY CRAIG MCARTHUR

Ganges RCMP detachment is accelerating its Neighborhood Watch program to crack down on the criminal activity on Salt Spring Island.

Cst. Sean Lynch says that the aim of the program is to increase public awareness of crime and

how it can be stamped out by better co-operation between the public and the police. Basically, Neighborhood Watch is designed to teach people how to protect their homes from burglaries.

"Help us to help you," said Cst. Lynch, who added that the public must be encouraged to play an active role in crime prevention.

He stated that the Neighborhood Watch was essentially a community project, and listed a number of local businesses, organizations and service clubs as financial contributors to the program.

One of the most important aspects of the program is property identification. A relatively new practice is the use of electri-

cal pencils to engrave valuable items in the home. These engravers and decals are provided by police at block meetings of Neighborhood Watch participants.

Cst. Lynch said that he had held a number of these meetings, at which residents have been instructed in how to give "a protective eye" to their neighborhood, once it has been organized to cooperate in the program. To

burglar wants something which he can convert to cash, or he can transport easily," he added.

That is why the engraving of valuables in the home is so important. "If you consider you have no values worth marking," Cst. Lynch said, "then think of your house being suddenly emptied and how much it would cost you to replace the stolen items."

He added emphatically, "It's common-sense to participate in Neighborhood Watch. Unfortunately, people don't think to do it, until their homes are burglarized."

### HOME SECURITY

Cst. Lynch stressed home security: to safeguard the home and prevent illegal break and entry. He referred to sliding doors being too easily moved off their tracks, of windows left unsecured and garage doors unlocked.

Impractical locks are being used in many homes, he said. "Any money spent to replace these locks would be a one-time investment for as long as you lived in your home."

Optimistic about the success of Neighborhood Watch, Cst. Lynch said that already the program has been extended to provide protection for homes in areas on Mayne Island because of the "fine co-operation" received from the Mayne Lions Club.

"We intend to have all the Outer Islands involved in the program," he said, "and to have Neighborhood Watch signs and decals prominently displayed in island homes and at harbour facilities, as warning to the professional and would-be thief."



CST. SEAN LYNCH of the Ganges RCMP Detachment, holds an electrical pencil used to identify items and values in homes operat-

ing under the Neighborhood Watch program. Though the program is essentially designed for the protection of residential areas

it can also be applied to local businesses.

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**'Help us  
to help  
you', say  
police**

date only about a dozen small areas on the island have been organized for protection under Neighborhood Watch.

Islanders who want to participate in the program could get together and contact Cst. Lynch at the police detachment in Ganges.

### CRIME PREVENTION

"Once police entered the detection stage of a crime, such as a burglary," Cst. Lynch explained, "but now we try to come in earlier and get rid of the opportunity to commit a crime."

He said that thieves rarely steal items for personal use. "The

## 'YOUR BEST SECURITY IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR'

*No home is burglar-proof says Cst. Lynch of the Ganges detachment*

(Cst. Sean Lynch, of the Ganges RCMP Detachment, has been helpful in encouraging a Neighborhood Watch program for the Chemainus-Crofton area. Here is a presentation he gave recently to the Chemainus-Crofton Chamber of Commerce, which appeared in the Ladysmith-Chemainus Chronicle. -- Editor)

If you think your house is burglar-proof, police Cst. Sean Lynch of the Ganges detachment of Salt Spring Island is out to prove you wrong.

If you have sliding glass doors, lock them from the inside. Then go around to the outside and put your hand flat against the glass pane and push upwards sharply. You'll probably be able to push the entire door up far enough to be able to slide it out of its lower-track, or to release the small catch-style lock Lynch says.

Or if you have a door knob with the lock in the centre, Lynch says a strong grip may be able to twist the knob right off.

In a talk to the Chemainus-Crofton Chamber of Commerce on the new neighborhood watch program, Lynch emphasized that virtually no home is burglarproof.

### LOCK SYSTEM

"Your best security is your neighbour," he said. The next best security is to try to increase the amount of time the thief has to spend to enter a home by improving the lock system.

And if you mark your valuables with your social insurance

number, the burglar will be unable to convert the articles to ready cash, said Lynch.

"If you can deter a burglar, you've sent him off to an easier place," he said.

If you are planning on taking a holiday, Lynch had a few suggestions. Notify your neighbour and the RCMP detachment. Cancel your newspaper, milk deliveries, and set your lights on a timer.

Ask your neighbour to pick up your mail and perhaps to turn on additional lights or a radio inside the house periodically, said Lynch.

For more general home security, Lynch suggested that residents don't leave a key by the back door, not in the eaves trough, under the mat, in the clothespin bag, on the fifth step, or above the door.

Residents who are relying on serial numbers of cameras, radios, and televisions, and stereo sets for identification purposes are in for a shock, said Lynch. The numbers are usually easily removable.

The burned-in social insurance number is far better, he said. And residents hoping to be able to identify a valuable fur or leather coat should sew their initials on it in several inconspicuous places.

### SECURE WINDOWS

Don't leave any windows open when you leave the house, he said. Even second story windows are not safe, especially if you also

have a ladder outside or in an unlocked garage.

Worried about those sliding doors and windows? Lynch suggested adjusting the top screws in the top sliding track so that the door can just slide by, allowing no leeway to permit the lock to spring open.

Where the two doors or windows join together, drill a hole and pin the two units together with a long nail. He also suggested wedging a piece of wood along the inside track to prevent the glass pane being opened from the outside.

The best lock for a door is a dead-bolt lock, he said. It's hard to saw through, and penetrates the door frame far enough to be difficult to dislodge.

Lynch emphasized that no lock is burglarproof, but the better the

## Driver faces two charges in March

Stanley Shaughnessy, of Ganges, will face two charges when he appears for trial in Ganges Provincial Court on March 16.

He was remanded on Wednesday last week, by Judge F. Green in Ganges Court.

Charges are impaired driving and refusal to take a breath test.

locking system, the more discouraged a burglar will become, and

will head out for easier locks and greener pastures.



LEGION PRESIDENT Alex Laing presents Golden Anniversary Award to Jack Potheary for 40 years service to Royal Canadian Legion.

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# CHRISTMAS COLOUR SPECTACULARS

... Academy award photos first try

BY ROLLY FORD  
(Special to Driftwood)

It is Christmas morning. You are choked with emotion. They really did it -- went all out and bought you that new camera you have been dreaming about -- fabulous! Watch those tears, now -- let's keep our cool and load up that roll of film -- we won't see another Christmas morning picture opportunity for another year. And what a time for picture-taking!

If you are a camera buff of long standing you may already know how to operate your new camera. If even the slightest doubt exists -- read the instruction book that comes with the camera. Two reasons. You won't damage the camera. You will get better pictures. Similarly, read the little exposure data sheet that comes with the film. Set your camera to the ASA value printed on the film carton or data sheet. This lets the electric eye know the

## Name amended as driver is remanded

His real name was Sadler, asserted a Ganges man appearing in Ganges Provincial Court last Wednesday.

He explained to Judge F. Green that his mother had remarried and that he had adopted her last name until he was out of school. He had now reverted to his original name of Sadler, he told the court. He had been charged as Dixon, also known as Sadler.

The documentation was amended to read, "Thomas Sadler, also known as Dixon."

Sadler faced charges of driving with a blood alcohol count in excess of 0.08% and of driving while his license was suspended.

Court was told that he had already been convicted of impaired driving on two previous occasions.

When Sadler told the court he was not ready to proceed, Richard Law, for the Crown objected to further delay.

Accused explained that he had been unable to find legal counsel and told the Court that he had suffered from the effects of the accident leading to the charges.

Judge Green agreed to remand the case to January 5, with the proviso that there shall be no further adjournment.

exposure required for the type of film you are using. Automation information. You are now ready to start shooting.

Your Christmas camera documentary will need to show people opening presents, posing in new mink coats and gift negligee, family re-unioning, car-

## YOU AND YOUR CAMERA

ving turkey, riding new tricycles, putting new dolly into her crib -- all the usual stuff.

What do you have to add to these shots to transform your Christmas snapshots into a professional-like production? You take a leaf from the TV/filmmaker's notebook and you add some atmosphere shots. This can be as simple as shooting a few close-ups of Christmas cards -- the holly wreath on the front door -- the outdoor lights if you have them strung out -- the Christmas tree lights and decorations -- table decorations -- the poinsetta plant -- stocking hung by the chiney with care -- even the new batch of kittens if Santa has made an unscheduled delivery (with an evergreen branch to decorate the back of the kitten box).

You'll get so enthused with all the Christmas picture possibilities that you may well have to dash out to Ganges Pharmacy for more film and flashcubes. Great! The more pictures you shoot, the better your chances of winning the Christmas Morning Academy Award.

### SPECIAL EFFECTS

Your Christmas color shots can be super-spectaculars when you place a cross-star filter in front of your lens. This is the special effects department that produces long star-like bursts of light around every light-source in your picture. It is especially effective when you are photographing lights outdoors and on the Christmas tree. Your friends will be tremendously impressed. Your pictures are every bit as good as the ones on TV and in the photo magazines. Fantastic! Just use the cross-star filter on a few shots -- the ones featuring light sources. Cross-star flares beaming out of the pupils of your loved ones eyes can be a bit too much, especially after a round of rum and egg-nogs.

Red-eye flash problems? Red-eye portraits are caused by the flashcube or electronic flash being too close to the lens. Plastic flashcube extenders are now available for most of the pocket

cameras. Pistol-grip brackets are available to mount your electronic flash unit away from the axis of the SLK lens. Better still, use a long coiled synch-cord and get your flash unit arms height above and to one side of the camera if possible. This eliminates red-eye -- and at the same time introduces better light-modelling into any type subject you are photographing.

### JOT DOWN NOTES

Even the best of us tend to forget important shots when making a photo documentary. The pro invariably jots down a list of key pictures -- the back of an envelope will do -- and makes sure that his shots include everything on his checklist, plus additional inspirations that come to mind during the session. You can start making notes right now -- and add to them as inspiration strikes, from time to time between now and Christmas morning. When the chips are down, here is the real secret of becoming a skilled photographer. You plan your shots -- you visualize the story you want your pictures to tell -- and if you really work at it you may set your sights on a \$50,000 Canadian Film Development Corporation production grant some day. It can all happen if you set your sights high enough next Saturday morning. Merry Christmas!

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PHOTO CLASSES will resume Monday, Jan. 10, 7 pm at Rolly Ford residence, Creekside Drive. Bring pictures! Bring "photogram" props.

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**ANNUAL CHAMBER MEETING**

# Ruckle park low point of year, says committee chairman Baines

Committee reports from the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce last week were among the shortest on record.

Treasurer Jerry Stennes explained that he was unable to offer a financial statement as the fiscal year was not yet ended. He promised a detailed report after December 31.

His interim report indicated that the Chamber had finished the year in better financial condition than it began last January.

Joint report on May Day was submitted in writing by the

co-chairman, Steve Nelson and Gary McPherson. Report was too long to read out and was tabled for the use of the 1977 committee chairman. The two chairmen also offered recommendations for next year, as well as reports on earlier years.

**NO REPLY**

When a question was asked from the floor whether the Chamber intends to stage a May Day next year, Chairman Gerry Bourdin declined to accept the question and explained that the decision would be made by the incoming executive.

May Day is the oldest-established social activity on Salt Spring Island, having been initiated around the turn of the century at Fulford.

Pat Baines reported on the parks committee. He offered one report of near-success and another of near-failure.

The successful venture is the provision of a beach access at the north end of the island. He has two prospective sites lined up, said the committee chairman and he had firm offers of warm support and help.

**Remanded without plea**

Frederick F. Chisholm, of Cusheon Lake Road, Ganges, was remanded until January 19 for plea when he appeared in Ganges Provincial Court last Wednesday.

Chisholm was charged with impaired driving.

Unsuccessful was Ruckle Park. There is no access other than by foot to the facilities at the park, reported Baines. Taking picnic equipment and food, with a small family makes it almost unusable, he explained.

The facilities at the new provincial park and the prospect of the new beach accesses represent the outstanding features of his portfolio, concluded the indefatigable chairman.

Was he referring to salt water or fresh water, enquired Gerry Haarbrucker.

There is no general agreement on fresh water access, replied Pat Baines.

He offered the commonly accepted principle in connection with the fresh water areas of the island:

"Nobody should be allowed on the lakes and nobody should be allowed to do anything with them other than drink!"

In reply to a question, Baines reported that he had heard complaints about cattle and lakes, "but mostly at the south end of the Island."

He did not feel that this was really a big contention.

The "big thing" is people: people swimming; boats; septic tanks, he added.

**NO SINECURE**

Gil Humphreys was looking to a pleasant, easy job when he was named chairman of the transportation committee, he told the meeting.

Then came Jack Davis, he recalled.

In seeking redress from the government's harsh ferry increases, the island chamber made a better effort and enjoyed a great-

er support than any chamber on Vancouver Island, he told the meeting.

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**To appear in January**

Charged with possession of marijuana, Peter Glen Codling, Scott Road, Ganges, withheld plea until January 5 when he appeared in Ganges Provincial Court last week.

Remand was ordered by Provincial Court last week.

Remand was ordered by Provincial Judge F. Green.

**HIS LAWYER 1-18**

When a Squamish man appeared in Ganges Provincial Court last week, he told the court that he was unable to offer a plea to two charges because his lawyer is away on holiday until January.

Terrance R. Cyr, of Arrowhead Road, Squamish, was charged with causing a disturbance outside the Ganges Crest Restaurant on November 28. Second charge was causing wilful damage by breaking a window.

He was remanded to January 19 for plea.

**Greetings**

**Rolled up these warm wishes Packed 'em full of fun, For a Happy, Happy Christmas That's a really perfect one.**

**Thanks to you all.**

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**GREETINGS**

May peace and love be with you.  
Thanks for your fine support.

**Salt Spring Island Garbage Collection Service**

**Christmas Greetings**

**CHRISTMAS TREATS**

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**DRIED AND HONEY DIPPED FRUIT**  
*Papaya - Apricots - Pineapple - Raisins - Prunes - Figs - and Mixed*

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and a  
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HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
to all Yoga Students  
Peace to All  
**PHYLLIS COLEMAN**



**REV. PETER McCALMAN  
ANGLICAN PARISHES**

Each succeeding year I get more aggravated by the approaching Christmas season. I don't quite know what it is that annoys me. It seems that no

sooner have we passed Labour Day and school is back that there are Christmas rumblings on the horizon.

I find that unless I can plan my life for September, October or November before the summer, or almost before Easter, I am trapped and can do nothing till after the new year.

"Well, with Christmas coming up," Bob said to me a month ago, "maybe we should let it go till January", and so it goes on. Not to mention all the commercial sales literature bearing down on me.

Thank God we have our Carol Services before Christmas, because without this very special time to read the Christmas Story and sing the Christmas carols, I am sure I'd get to Christmas Eve totally swamped with low priority activities of our pre-Christmas madness, and totally unaware of

the incredible significance of the occasion.

But something happens! Every year! I don't know quite how or why, but it happens. The world does stop, just for a moment. Whether it is the singing of Silent Night or Away In A Manger, or the lights on the plastic Christmas tree that touches me for a moment; but it is God who speaks, incredible - but it happens.

I know I'll get even more aggravated next year if Christmas begins in August. All the more reason to sing Christmas carols in mid-summer when all the holiday makers are with us. All the more opportunity to proclaim "Yes, God is with us, - He showed us this through the babe of Bethlehem". Not a bad message for mid-summer or Christmas. Some will think we're crazy and perhaps a trifle revolutionary. It was the same 1976 years ago.

# A MID-SUMMER CHRISTMAS?

★ ★ ★  
*Chance to proclaim, 'God is with us'*


**christmas greetings**  
to our Friends, Neighbours and Customers  
**DICK, ANNE, SCOTT AND TANIS ROYAL**



**Merry Christmas**  
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR  
To all our friends on the Islands  
**JOHNNY AND ELLEN BENNETT**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
To All our Friends  
& Neighbours  
from Charlie, Joan, Trudy & Jim Buckley



*Merry Christmas*  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To all our friends and neighbours  
Barry, Betty, John, Julie and Jay Pinchin



*Season's Greetings*  
Thanks to all customers who supported  
THE FARMER'S MARKET  
AL HEDGER at the Red Van





*Merry Christmas*  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To all our friends on Salt Spring  
Mel, Lorraine, Debbie & Derek Topping




SEASON'S  
GREETINGS  
LES and MARY MOLLET




*Merry Christmas*  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
to all the family and friends  
WALTER and YOLANDE CANTRILL

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
TO ALL ON SALT SPRING  
We send love, peace and contentment for  
this Festive Season and good health for the  
coming year.  
DOUG and BESSIE DANE



*Seasonal Greetings to all . . .*

*To our customers - Thanks*  
*To our colleagues - Shalom*  
*To our friends - Love*

**THE WILLIAMSONS**  
(Mary, Harry, Timothy and Megan)



## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN HOLD LUNCHEON BY CANDLELIGHT

The annual pot-luck luncheon of the United Church Women, always a happy occasion, took on a new dimension this year.

Besides the beautiful Christmas decorations in the centre of all the tables, rows of white tapers glowed in the darkened hall. Hostesses and guests alike exclaimed at this festive touch, a cosy and friendly decoration not thought of in former years, "that little extra something that turns a meal into a banquet." Few there were to grumble at the wastefulness of candlelight. After all, there was no electricity and without the candles, the food would have been invisible.

Even the invitation to the tables was unique: "You had better come and get started; the oven is off and everything is getting cold."

Our pessimist was just a pessimist for everything was delicious. Every good cook had prepared her most delightful dish and every mouthful was a treat. There was little extravagance and no waste. It is amazing how a large group can bring food for a meal, judging so accurately that there is enough and yet very little to spare. The cookies that were left were laid away for another time.

The lunch was convened by Mrs. Charles Woolley; table centres were planned by Mrs. J.T. Johnston; between 70 and 75 members and friends of the United Church Women were present; and the hard-working group who set the tables and did the dishes were efficient and smiling.

## Christmas Blessings

The program consisted of charades representing Christmas carols or words associated with Christmas and of stories of very happy unusual Christmases.

The program concluded with the reading of the Christmas story from Luke's Gospel by Mrs. H.G. Komm, two Christmas hymns, and prayer and benediction by Rev. Vern McEachern. -O.M.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
LILLIAN AND PAUL HORSDAL



**Greetings**  
To All Our Friends and Neighbours  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY YEAR YEAR**  
LYLE, JEAN, LYLE and MICHAEL BROWN



**Merry Christmas**  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS  
**Laura and Gordon Cudmore**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and  
**A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
To all our friends  
and neighbours  
**BILL and DORIS DeLONG**



May your blessings  
be many  
Yours worries be few  
And your joys be  
abundant  
As these wishes for you.  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
HAPPINESS ALWAYS**  
To All  
From ERNA KOLB



**JOYFUL CHRISTMAS**  
and  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
to all our friends on Salt Spring  
and the other Islands.  
*May your tomorrows  
bring peace  
Your todays  
bring fulfillment,  
And your yesterdays return  
happy memories*  
Ian and Elsie Macdonald  
Ganges Hill



# Share God's love with others

*It's a special way of being alive*

**FATHER BERGIN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

God so loved the world as to give his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him may

not perish but may have life everlasting.

These words taken from St. John's Gospel contain the sum and substance of the Christmas

story - mystery of the Incarnation. This sentence begins with "love" and ends with "life". In the divine order there is no difference. God lives and loves eternally.

In a natural sense we live only because His love created us; in a supernatural sense His 'love is, indeed, our very life. That is why the same disciple that Jesus loved "tells us that if we do not love we do not live. He uses stronger terms. "He that loveth not abideth in death". Our final judgment is in those words.

Thomas Merton reminds us, "You are bound to be concerned with love because love is not just something that happens to you: It is a certain special way of being alive." This is so true that we can understand the meaning of life only in terms of love.

**SECURITY OF LOVE**  
We observe today an anxious concern about self-identity and self-fulfillment, an almost frantic search for the security of love. We cannot dismiss this phenomenon as merely peculiar to a "hippie" generation. It has deeper roots.

We are told that we are now living in a world "come of age". We wonder what age. How much maturity is there in a world unable to establish an order in which peace is possible?

This much we are sure of - if our efforts to establish peace are to prove successful - we Christians must seek a Christian answer to all the major problems of life. And the answer surely begins, "God so loved the world."

If we are in earnest about our commitment to this world, let us be sure that we can serve it only by love, simply because nothing less than genuine love is equal to the task. Why? Because "God so loved the world" and we dare not do less. The little word "so" is a whole commentary on the gospel of salvation. It answers the question, "How much". And the answer is "God so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son". The love that creates also redeems. The love that gave life is given to save life.

The love that made us creatures of God makes us children of God. The love that puts us on earth opens to us the gates of heaven. This of course, is the substance of the Christmas story, its message and its mystery.

**MUST SHARE**  
And let us not forget that we must share it with others "that whosoever believeth in Him may have life everlasting". Because we have received this good news we must bring it to others. The Incarnation is not a single past event. It is a continuing reality, always present, always reaching out, always seeking to possess and be possessed. For this is the way of love, and God is love and Christ is the Gift of his love to us.

His blood has made us blood brothers of all men because it was shed for all. Until we have learned this lesson, we will never really understand the meaning of Christmas, we will never really enjoy Christmas. God's greatest gift to man was His only begotten son - our gift to our fellow men - must be the same - God so loved the World that he gave His only begotten Son. "Go and do likewise." A happy, holy Christmas.

**Remanded  
to March 2**

Jack R. Hickin, Ganges, was remanded for trial to March 2, when he pleaded not guilty to a charge of driving while the blood alcohol content was over 0.08%.

He appeared before Judge F. Green in Ganges Provincial Court on Wednesday of last week.



**Season's Greetings**

To all my neighbours and friends

MRS. EDNA REED



**Merry Christmas**  
and

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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



**MERRY CHRISTMAS and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

TO Friends on Salt Spring and  
Riverside, California  
RON AND KAYE KNIGHT



**Merry Christmas**

EVELYN AND RONNIE LEE

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

To All Our Friends and Relatives

THE BEDOCS FAMILY

HARRY NICHOLS

Wishes all his friends

**A Merry Christmas**

AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



**Season's Greetings**

Wishing a very merry Christmas  
to my relatives and all my friends  
on Salt Spring Island

ANN JAMESKI

VICKI AND REG GRIFFIN  
of Fernwood Road

Wish all their neighbours and friends  
the very best Christmas ever and  
A Happy New Year!



Wishing all our Salt Spring Island friends

**A HOLY AND BLESSED  
CHRISTMAS**

May all your hopes and dreams come true  
for the New Year

KITTIE AND JACK MORTIMER-LAMB



We would like to wish all our  
many friends and relatives

**Merry Christmas**

AND Happy

**Prosperous New Year**

ISABELLA & LAURIE MOUAT



MRS. BETTY DRUMMOND  
WISHES ALL MY FRIENDS ON Salt Spring

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year**



**Merry Christmas**  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all our friends on Salt Spring Island  
GWEN & NORMAN HIND-SMITH

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

to one and all  
JOHN AND MARY INGLIN



**Christmas Greetings**

To all our Friends and Neighbours

GEORGE and HAZEL TRUEFIT

**Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year** to our  
neighbours and friends on Salt Spring  
and Outer Islands.

May the year "1977" be a happy one for all.  
Sincerely WEBSTER and ETHEL DAVIDSON  
Alders Ave., Ganges



CLIFF and CONNIE SCOTT

Wish Everyone a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

To friends, relatives and neighbours  
EILEEN and GAVIN BILTON



**Season's Greetings**

to all our friends and neighbours  
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# INTRODUCING . . . Mrs. Elizabeth Sampson



Mrs. Elizabeth Sampson

**BY LILLIAN HORSDAL**

Mrs. Elizabeth Sampson came to Salt Spring Island 64 years ago.

When I was fortunate enough to persuade her to let me interview her, Mrs. Sampson was on a lovely farm at the north end of the island. An enormous goose stretched her wings in the sun and flexed her leg to its warming rays. Her expression was almost human when we've found something surprisingly pleasant about limbering stiffness. Rabbits jumped about nibbling here and there. Perky hens pecked at their food while a cat warmed herself nearby, keeping watch all about her. The dog who had given voice when I drove up the lane apparently concluded I was harmless.

It was a tranquil, pastoral scene. There was an ancient pot-bellied stove in the garden that some of the grandchildren like to use now and then. Farther over, near the chicken house, was an enormous iron kettle upturned in the grass.

**LARGE FAMILY**

Mrs. Sampson is very alert, stands very straight and walks very quickly about her house. She was born in England in 1898. She has 13 children, 11 sons and two daughters. Naturally there are many grandchildren and great grandchildren. They all come home to visit.

Victor, one of the twins, exchanges chicken eggs from under the hen for goose eggs. The distracted mother hen gets so upset when the tiny goslings have hatched and go swimming. She keeps rushing about the pond calling to them to come out immediately.

The main reason for coming here with her mother from Sheffield was Mrs. Sampson's sister who had been widowed with two children. She had come out earlier to work at Mr. Bullock's

when a friend of hers was his housekeeper.

Whenever Mrs. Sampson was about to kill a calf, he always saved the sweetbread for Mr. Bullock since that old gentleman bought most of his meat from the Sampsons.

When Mrs. Sampson's widowed sister lived with them up

them in the buggy while she did the milking.

**ARDUOUS WORK**

"I was accustomed to hard work," she said. "Before my marriage, I had to be the man up in the Cranberry."

This meant felling trees, sawing them into lengths and chopping them. She built fences, pig pens and so on. All the things usually left to the men. The garden was her work, too.

They had a beautiful flower garden and grew all their own vegetables. They even had fresh tomatoes in the winter. The tomatoes were separately wrapped in newspaper, placed in boxes and stored under the bed. Every two or three days she'd check to see how many had ripened since they were stored green. They picked berries and preserved them. All in all they did very well foodwise despite the enforced hibernation.

Mail delivery then was a spot different to our service today. John Rogers would take it to his house, two miles away, and someone would fetch it from there.

When there was four or five feet of snow up the Cranberry,

## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

near Maxwell in the Cranberry, she walked to her work at Dr. Francis's nursing home in Ganges and back again after a long day's work. She is 77 years Mrs. Sampson's senior but just as energetic. That was in 1910 and she earned \$1.50 a day.

In that early era, Mrs. Sampson's mother would order groceries in October to last until the following March. This could simplify our lives today.

**TRAVEL HAZARDOUS**

Snow came early in those days and travel was hazardous if not impossible. The family had no wagon, car or other means of transportation. They just stayed up in the Cranberry during those wintry months. They owned 160 acres opposite Maxwell peak.

Jack Whims and Mr. Sampson delivered groceries to them by hauling it from Mouat's. That was before Mrs. Sampson married him in 1916 and they moved to their present farm.

The family laundry was done near the well which never went dry. They dipped water into the bathtub close by. It was clear, cold spring water.

When her mother was ill, Mrs. Sampson said she had to be taken to Vancouver lying on a mattress in a democrat.

Mr. Sampson farmed his own place and worked for neighbouring farmers, too. He was sometimes so tired at night that he'd go to sleep and let his horse take them both home.

The large upturned kettle I'd seen in the garden was used earlier for mixing food for the cattle. Later it was scrubbed clean, filled with boiling water and used for butchering pigs. Then, in turn, it was used for watering cows. When Chester brought Elizabeth to the farm as a bride, that kettle was already there.

It was Mrs. Sampson who took care of the animals. When the children were tiny she'd take

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## Years ago on Salt Spring Island

Mrs. Sampson would dig steps up to the roof to enable her to clean the chimney. They would take turns going to the well in a sleigh. If they failed to make the turn, they'd end up in the bush but that was all part of the fun.

When her children were old enough, Mrs. Sampson taught them all to dance to the music provided by their record player. She made all their clothes, too. If she started an outfit in the morning, she would stay with it until it was finished, usually the same day. "There were good times and bad times but we made the best of everything."

### BUCKETS USED

Once there was a fire at the Sampson farm and they were

down to two buckets for water. Mr. Sampson asked his wife to phone the fire department. She did but he continued his efforts to put the fire out and succeeded. Just as the truck was about to leave the hall, they were able to cancel it. Sometimes Mrs. Sampson would have to put a chimney fire out all alone. At one time there was a really serious chimney fire with pieces of burning wood falling through the ceiling. They managed to save their home by forming a human chain of bucket passing.

While I was there, Victor joined us and we talked about the changes on Salt Spring. There is less pride of accomplishment now than there was earlier. "We all knew each other and there was

GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD more general friendliness then."

He feels there is too much traffic now all over the island. Children can no longer play in safety except on their own places. "We need new and better cross walks and signs."

### SONS IN WAR

Six of the Sampson sons were in the second World War. When they came home, the family had a really big party at Central Hall. Two of her sons were temporarily stationed in the same house in Germany but neither were aware of this.

Other happenings remembered:

Central was built as a hall, never as a school. Music for gatherings was furnished by islanders playing whichever instrument he or she had.

The wedding party when Mr. and Mrs. Sampson were married required three dinner sittings and went on till daybreak. Outside, there were four feet of snow.

Helping her mother to put a tablecloth through the mangle, Mrs. Sampson crushed two of her fingers.

They made their own soap in those days too.

Mrs. Sampson's sister developed her own pictures with the sun.

There was a rule in the Sampson home that any money Mrs. Sampson made from sales of eggs, butter, milk she could keep.

Toward the end of her life Mrs. Sampson's mother lived with them. She kept a little black velvet bag hanging on her bed. It was filled with jelly beans for scratches and hurt knees. Sometimes those jelly beans helped hurt feelings. At times, too, they were just treats for no particular reason for her grandchildren.

## VICTORIA AIR SERVICE TRY TO LESSEN NOISY TAKEOFFS

"We are trying to avoid unnecessary noise during take-off of our planes from the Ganges harbor," says Ed. Davis, general manager of Victoria Flying Service.

He was commenting on a letter from Regional Director George Heinkey, supported by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, which complained of the high-pitched power take-offs of planes from the Department of Transport's float at Ganges.

Davis stated that pilots of Victoria Flying Service were instructed to taxi past the Esso fuel storage plant or as far as the "point" in the harbor before taking off.

He added that the harbor area is also used frequently by planes of other airlines doing charter work, such as Air West, West Coast Air Services, Air Span and Trades Wind Aviation.

The Victoria Flying Service manager said that he was contact-

ing these airlines to gain their cooperation in lessening the reverberations of power take-offs of those planes using the harbor area.

"We take off in different directions and try not to fly over residential areas," Davis said, in referring to pilots of Victoria Flying Service.



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## Damage estimate is factor

Breathalyzer reading of over 0.08% cost a driver \$450 when he appeared in Ganges Provincial Court last week.

James E. Fletcher, of Ganges, pleaded guilty to driving when his blood contained 0.19% and 0.18% alcohol.

Court was told that Fletcher rolled his pickup truck into the ditch and that investigation proved him to have been drinking.

Damage was estimated by police at \$500. There were no injuries.

Fletcher contended that the estimate of damage was high.

Judge F. Green suggested to him that if he had evidence that the damage was less, he should approach the superintendent of motor vehicles. The superintendent issues an order prohibiting a convicted driver from driving for three months. If damage is in excess of \$200, the ban is for six months.

The accused driver explained that the road was bad, it was raining and foggy and he over-corrected.

Imposing the fine, Judge Green observed, "I am concerned that you would be driving a vehicle with your blood alcohol that high: a man of your maturity."



## Christmas Greetings

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# The business of Christmas

BY REV. VERN MCEACHERN  
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First, let's spell business with a 'y' -- 'busyness'. For busy we are these days before Christmas.

People haven't changed that much during the 1976 years since Jesus was born. We are not that different from those who were then too busy with taxes and trade to find either time or room for Him in Bethlehem. Just as now, there were a few "faith-filled" enough, or curious enough, to seek Him out. But there was so little time and absolutely no room for Him in the inn. Most people were too busy to let the Christ into their lives.

How it must sadden the heart of God to look down upon His world today and see how we make time for our secular rituals and selfish concerns: untold hours of gift-hunting for people who have everything, of decorating lavishly to impress our neighbors, of planning and attending too many parties, of eating and drinking too much for our own good, etc. Yet we have so little time for the real business of Christmas.

And what is the real business of Christmas?

## Spirit of Christmas

BY CELIA N. REYNOLDS

One needn't be young to love Christmas; all one needs is a joyous young heart -

If we're born with, or develop one, we're off to a goodly start. The generous sharing at Christmas time; giving for humanity's sake -

This is the essence of Christmas; the rest, just icing on the cake. But to have a true, bubbling joy in this, this is a rarer thing -

To know there are such people on earth, must make the angels sing. One Christmas when I was much downcast, Dad came to spend the day.

He arrived like a jolly St. Nicholas, laughing, bright, and gay. Later, he stood by the Christmas tree, planning a children's surprise -

There I found the glow of all Christmases; it shone from my father's eyes.

God did what He did at Bethlehem that first Christmas to bring joy to the sad, hope to the despairing, courage to the fearful, succor to the needy, healing to the sick, forgiveness to the penitent, relief to the oppressed, grace sufficient for our needs, love enough to fill our lives and faith to lead us unto life eternal. That is the business of Christmas. It is our business too if we would call ourselves Christian.

Above the noise of careless revelry, the tumult of battle,

strife, and greed, the angels are still proclaiming, "Peace on earth goodwill to men." above the death and darkness of human folly. His star still shines. Are we too busy to hear, too preoccupied to see? One prays to God we are not.

"Look now! for glad and golden hours

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O rest beside the weary road,  
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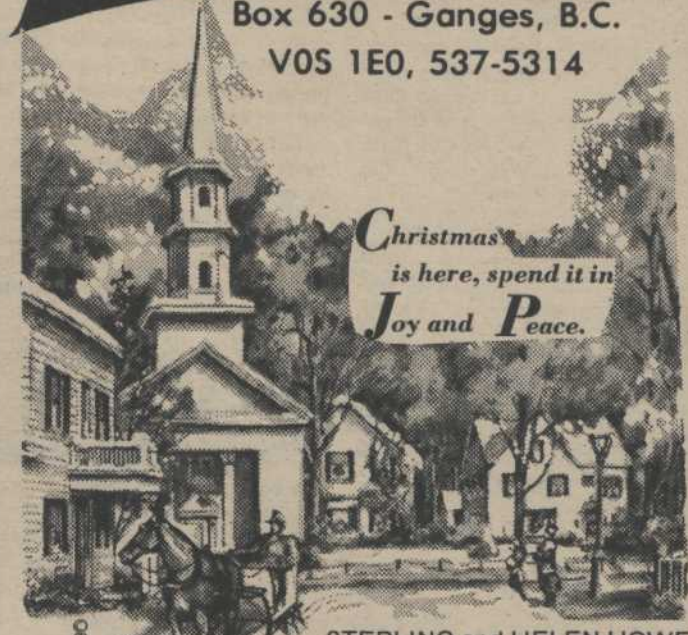
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# EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES . . . 400 people attend series of meetings

About 400 people attended the series of seven meetings on district educational objectives, held on Salt Spring, Mayne, Pender, Galiano and Saturna.

At each meeting, participants were presented with seven proposed goals to form the basis of discussions. These goals were not in any order of importance. It was generally agreed that the proposed goals were sound and appropriate to this district.

Ensuing discussions suggested the goals be grouped as follows:

Basic (mainly the prerogative of the schools): develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening; gain general knowledge; learn how to examine and use information.

Important (joint responsibility between home and school): develop an understanding of good physical health and well-being;

appreciate culture and beauty in the world.

Desirable Outcomes (as a result of other objectives): encourage pride in work and a feeling of self-worth; encourage a desire for learning now and in the future.

Although much of the discussion centred on the proposed goals there were many more suggestions made. Here is a consensus of these suggestions:

Every effort should be made to improve communications between home and school. This would ensure that any problems were discovered early and corrected quickly.

Good remedial programmes should be maintained with adequate staff and materials for all levels.

The more gifted students should not be neglected, and enrichment programmes should

be available to challenge these students.

Emphasis should be placed on good counselling, particularly in the secondary schools, so that students will be well prepared for post-secondary work.

Vocational courses relevant to the world of work should be available to all students, with work experience programmes as part of the training.

Meaningful consumer education courses should be available for all students.

Physical Education programmes should stress individual fitness with team sports being covered mainly as an extra-curricular activity.

Emphasis should be on providing students with a well-rounded education relevant to everyday living.

That district programmes reflect the concerns of students, parents, teachers and other resi-

dents of the Gulf Islands.

In addition to the suggestions summarized, the various islands had specific concerns. These were:

Salt Spring - Continuation of the excellent French programme now being offered in the schools; maintenance of good disciplinary practices.

Mayne - Improved communication with Salt Spring schools; too many choices at the secondary level, emphasis should be on a more basic offering.

Pender - Standards should be carefully monitored; the community school aspect should be stressed.

Saturna - Useless to discuss educational aspects when there

are other problems such as transportation, sewer system etc. which detract from learning situation.

Galiano - Important to prepare children for all aspects of life, not just a job; important that teachers be stimulating, talented people; schools are being asked to do too much.

Discussions at the series of meetings indicated a genuine concern to support the schools in providing quality education, reported School District 64 trustees. "Criticism was generally constructive and many helpful ideas were generated. It was felt that district programmes should now reflect the suggestions made in the meetings."

## Second conviction in two years

### DRINKING DRIVER GOES TO PRISON

When a Ganges man was sentenced in Ganges Provincial Court last week to two weeks in prison, there was a brief exchange between Judge F. Green and a spectator.

Sentencing Gregor A. Molnar to 14 days in Vancouver Island Correctional Institute, the judge referred to a previous offence and the amount of liquor he had consumed.

Dr. Scott asked for permission to address the court and told the judge that nobody had ever been sent to prison for drinking on this island.

"They have now," replied the judge. He then directed the Ganges veterinarian to be seated.

It was reported that Molnar had driven fast through Ganges

and had been apprehended in the K & R parking lot. Police had reported him as "grossly impaired by alcohol."

Breathalyzer showed 0.26% alcohol in his blood.

Crown counsel, Richard Law, corrected his original report of no previous convictions when he was handed a report that Molnar was convicted for a similar offence in April of last year. Accused driver admitted the offence.

#### LIVING IN DANGER

Molnar told the court that he is on a low income and does not often drive. He reported that he was under some emotional strain at the time of the offence and that the loss of a dock to tie up the vessel on which he lives had left

himself and his family in constant peril.

He had only been drinking beer at the time, he told the court.

"You have a very good capacity," retorted the judge.

"Your conduct gives me great concern," continued Green, "That there was no accident was probably due to good luck more than anything else. My concerns are that sort of previous conviction and the degree of impairment suggest a reckless disregard and almost an arrogance or an alcohol problem beyond your control."

In view of the fact that "it was his second conviction in a short time and the high breathalyzer reading," Judge Green imposed the prison term.

## Turning seasons

BY CELIA N. REYNOLDS

Autumn once again has come, there's an end to summer's heat. Crops are safely gathered in - apples stored, too, crisp and sweet.

Evenings, now, are growing colder. North Wind's blasts are growing bolder.


Foliage has turned to gold or red, fallen leaves lie brown and dead - Jack Frost is dancing about on earth, frosting the gardens with elfin mirth.

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It's fascinating reading to peruse the files of the Driftwood to see how the islands celebrated Christmas over the years.

Consider the item of Ivan Mouat performing in a play as Ambrose Peale, an American whose ingenious talents for advertising were the motive force of the play. This was in 1936.

Today Ivan is a trustee-elect and will be serving on the school

board next year.

A certain Victor Zala was master of ceremonies at a Boxing Day dance on Galiano Island. Where is he now?

### HODGSON'S STORE

Also 40 years ago on South Pender Island there was a store called Hodgson's Store who gave out Red and White tea to customers. Have you ever tasted red and white tea? To be truly patriotic they should have given out blue

tea as well.

At this time 40 years ago, Mrs. D.K. Crofton was thanked for the great assistance she had given teaching music to pupils at Formby House Private School. And isn't it nice that she is still going strong to this day. If all her pupils through the years were to surrender their certificates of music to her she could no doubt wallpaper her entire home!

Let us go back even further to

70 years ago. A certain Frank Westcott of Salt Spring had contracted typhoid fever and was in hospital somewhere up in the Yukon.

Seventy-four years ago Salt Spring had a green Christmas.

Fifteen years ago these were the advertisers who are still loyal to Driftwood: D.L. Goodman of Goodman Funeral Home; Island Garage and Esso Products still administered by our jovial Bill

Wednesday, December 22, 1976  
Trelford; the Dutch Beauty Salon; Shell Service operated by A. McManus and Aage Villadsen, our well known builder,

Ten years ago there was a Lucky Dollar store in Ganges. K & R store now occupies the site. Ten years ago Gil Humphreys, Chuck Horel, Pat Lee were wishing us all a Merry Christmas but where are the other eight employees? In those days, too, it would appear that Ernie Watson was a builder. Now he is involved in real estate.

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