

## Facts, fables & foibles

One of our favorite spies, living in the Palm Springs area, sent us clippings and pictures of the B.C. goodwill tour. While we saw no mention of S.S.I.'s unofficial mayor, Chuck Horel, we noted that Ron Worley, Ass't. Gen. Mgr. of the ferry boats was billed as "Assistant to the Prime Minister".

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According to a dispatch from Mrs. D. Foard, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Jones and sister of Mick Jones, Guernsey, Channel Islands, the exceptional winter in the Old Country has cost them at least 50% of their wild birds. She also reports that vegetable prices have gone sky-high with cabbages selling at 6 shillings each (Over a dollar!)

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A Spring joke: Two birds built a nest with a hole in the bottom. Another bird came along and asked them why. They said they built it that way because they were crazy about marriage, but didn't want children.

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At the Recreation Commission meeting last Thursday night, a mammoth audience of five people were there. And that included one person who thought it was a Sacred meeting.

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And speaking of recreation, would someone please claim the pool table now resting in the freight shed addressed to the S.S.I. Recreation Club. We have Recreation Commission & Recreation Holdings but no Club.

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The 50-mile Walk-athon craze has finally reached S.S.I. High schoolers D. Byron and Alan Perry have invited all 8th to 12th graders to join with them to walk 50 miles beginning at the Cenotaph at 5 p.m. on Friday March 15th.

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### SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST

Primary grades one to three stole the show at the 3rd annual school oratorical contest held March 8 in Mahon Hall. Speeches, under three minutes in length, were delivered by this group and intermediate grades 4 to 6 in clear voices that were easily heard at the back of the hall. The audience was captivated by the simple self-confidence of the young orators and their obvious enjoyment of the occasion.

The children composed their own essays, unaided by teachers, and committed them to memory. Subject matter was gathered chiefly from classroom encyclopedia. The speeches revealed good composition and imaginative use of factual material. Judges Dr. T.L. Jansch, Mr. A.W. Wolfe-Milner and Mrs. A.M. Brown declared Denis Blais, grade 3, primary section winner with his speech, "The Great Blue Heron". Rhonda Byron, grade 5, won intermediate honours with an address on "My Career".

Essays in Junior section grades 7 - 9, and Seniors, grades 10 - 12, gave evidence of deep thought and careful research. Most of the speeches dealt with profound subjects and some senior students came to grips with controversial national issues. Unfortunately most of the orators in junior and senior sections spoke softly and were barely audible beyond immediate vicinity of the stage. This was regrettable as the 3 to 5 minute speeches held much of merit and interest. Marcel Blais won the junior award with his speech, "An-

### Golden Wedding

Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Mouat, well-known Salt Spring Island pioneers are receiving congratulations from a wide circle of friends on their approaching 50th wedding anniversary. They were married March 19th 1913 in Ludlow Street Baptist Church, West St. John, N.B. and have lived all of their married life in Ganges.

Mrs. Mouat, nee Effie A. Wayne, first came to Salt Spring in 1912 from her home in West St. John, returning to the Island as a bride the following year. She and her husband, from the start of their marriage, have been devout members of the Methodist, later the United Church, Mr. Mouat acting as treasurer of the Ganges Church for 40 years.

Mr. Mouat served for 46 years on the Hospital Board, including eight years as chairman. He was active with the Agricultural Association in the early years of the century and was a founder of Gulf Islands Board of Trade in 1919. He served as one of the first three trustees for Ganges School, retiring in 1936 after 20 years on the School Board.

In 1949 Mr. Mouat retired from active business following 40 years association with his brother Gilbert in the firm of Mouat Bros., serving as secretary-treasurer of the business. He is now chairman of the board of directors of the firm.

Mrs. Mouat has shared her husband's busy community life. She is a charter member of Lady Minto Hospital W. A. and holds life membership in three women's groups: Hospital W.A. IODE, which she joined in 1914, and United Church Women.

Mr. & Mrs. Mouat have two sons and one daughter: Oliver, Seattle, Wash., Ivan, Baker Lake, N.W.T., and Miss Grace at home; also six grandchildren.

"Open House", to celebrate the golden jubilee, will be held in Ganges United Church Hall during the afternoon of March 19th to give the happy couple the pleasure of greeting a host of friends made during the busy and fruitful years. DRIFTWOOD extends felicitations to Mr. & Mrs. Mouat on this happy occasion.

cient Sculpture. Colin Booth captured senior honours with a discourse on "Nuclear Test Ban Treaty." Adjudication was given by Mrs. R. C. Hill for the primary, and by Dr. Jansch for the remaining sections. Elementary and intermediate choirs led by Mrs. G. G. Burge, and secondary girls choir under Mrs. W.J. Seymour entertained during intervals with selections

prepared for the Music Festival in which the choirs will participate this week at Victoria. Heather Anderson & Susan Fellows were pianists for the evening. The affair, sponsored by PTA to mark Education Week, was chaired by Mrs. A. McManus. Contestants included the following: Primary: grade one, Scot Step-aniuk, James Pringle; grade

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2, Philip Jansch, Demetri Stevens; grade 3, Denis Blais, Susan Byron; intermediate: Grade 4, John Buitenwerf, Ellen Harkema; grade 5, Rhonda Byron, Colleen Addy; grade 6, Ann Harvey, Eric Booth; junior: grade 7, Kirsti Satermo, Pat Moan; grade 8, Janet Haigh, Freda Nobbs; grade 9, Patty Wilson, Marcel Blais; senior: grade 10, Theresa Mollet, Melody Dyer; grade 11, Rosalind Hildred, Gail Slingsby; grade 12, Lois Hedger, Colin Booth. E.W.

**MRS. HILDA PRIOR**  
Mrs. Hilda Prior, well-known and widely respected resident of Pender Island, and former school trustee, passed away in Port Washington at the week end.

Mrs Prior was well known on Salt Spring, having served on the School Board for almost ten years, taking a keen interest in the education and welfare of all the children of the district, and was a faithful trustee for Pender Island.

Besides her husband, parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Frank L., at home, Mrs. Morris, Lower Ganges Rd. Prior is survived by one son and one daughter; two stepsons and one stepdaughter; 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 13 from St. Peter's Church, Pender Island.

#### EDWARD ROSMAN

Funeral services for Edward Rosman, one of Salt Spring Island's early settlers, will be held this afternoon from St. Mark's Church.

Mr. Rosman, aged 90, passed away in Victoria on March 10th. Born in Metchosin, he came to Salt Spring

as a boy in 1885 and later acquired a homestead at Fernwood, where he farmed for most of the 44 years he lived on the Island.

Mr. Rosman is survived by five sons and three daughters, 19 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Last rites will be conducted by Rev. S.J. Leech. Interment in Central cemetery. Funeral arrangements by Sands Mortuary Ltd., Victoria.

Mr. & Mrs. David Ker, Vancouver, spent last week on their Sunset Drive property, prior to Mrs. Ker's departure for Denmark where she will visit her mother for a few weeks.

Mrs. P. Weeks, Vancouver, accompanied by her two children, is spending a few days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. & Mrs. G.S. Humphreys, Robinson Rd.

Miss F.M. Aitkens has returned to her Bittancourt Rd. home after spending the winter in Victoria.

Bob Morris, Vancouver, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Frank L., at home, Mrs. Morris, Lower Ganges Rd.

Mr. & Mrs. Campbell Carroll, Beddis Rd., returned recently from a visit to family and friends in Montreal, Washington, D.C., New York and Toronto.

Mrs. E. Jutras, North Burnaby, accompanied by her children, Deena and Michele, spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. E. Davidson, Vesuvius Bay.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Cavaye, Sunset Drive, have returned home after six weeks spent in Honolulu.

CPO Jack Hayes, son of Mrs. Clyde Brewsaugh, is home on leave from the U.S. Navy. Jack is on his way from the west coast to Rhode Island where his is to be assigned to a new ship.

Taking advantage of sunny weather Tues., the Brownies passed tests in ball throwing & skipping. Jennifer Humphreys, Wendy & Judy Luddington enacted a play "How to Cross a Street". The Gnome Six won a table laying contest.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF  
RECREATION COMMISSION

Mrs. Dennis Deacon was elected chairman of S.S.I. Recreation Commission at the annual meeting held March 7th. Other members of the Commission include: Barney Lukas, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. A.M. Brown, Mrs. V. A. Bishop, Fred Hollings, Tom Butt, Robert Patterson, Ivor Ginn, Mrs. B. Hughes.

Reports showed that several forms of recreation had received assistance during the year. Ping-pong tables were installed in three community halls; judo mats and archery equipment was purchased; transportation assistance given to O.A.P.O.; and ceramics kiln and projector screen provided for community use. The junior art class and the Brownie group also received help.

Organizations desiring help with any recreation project are invited to submit their requests in writing to the Commission. The Commission receives government grants totalling \$600 annually, to be used only for recreational purposes.

## ANGLICAN W.A.

Sixteen members answered the roll call at the March meeting of Anglican W.A., held at the home of the president, Mrs. E. Worthington, Ganges Hill.

Mrs. G. Laundry assisted with the devotional period and later read a letter from the branch prayer partners, Rev. Canon and Mrs. D.

Whitbread of the Arctic. Mrs. N. Howland reported on visits to Lady Minto Hospital.

It was decided to hold the annual Wayside Sale of plants and home baking on April 22 at the Parish Hall. Plans were made for a musical concert to be presented early in May by Mrs. Beth Morrison, Miss F. Baker & Gordon Lund of Vancouver.

Following the meeting tea was served by the hostess.

## - I O D E -

Mrs. V.C. Best will serve as Regent of HMS Ganges chapter IODE for the coming year. Other officers elected at March 8th meeting held in Ganges United Church hall included: vice-regent, Mrs. O.L. Stanton and Miss Mary Lees; secretary, Mrs. J. Parsons; assistant secretary, Mrs. H.J. Carlin; treasurer, Mrs. M. Fellows; educational secretary, Mrs. D.M. Abolit; standard bearer, Miss F.M. Aitkens; Echoes secretary, Mrs. E.H. Gear; conveners: Services at home and abroad, Mrs. G. St. Denis; Commonwealth relations, Miss Aitkens; world affairs, Mrs. G. H. Holmes; public relations, Mrs. E. Worthington; membership, Mrs. B.E. Hardie; hospital, Miss Lees; tea, Mrs. Laurie Mouat.

Mrs. Best and Miss Aitkens were chosen as delegates to attend Provincial chapter annual meeting at New Westminster in April.

Following the meeting tea was served by Mrs. Parsons, assisted by Mrs. Fellows and Miss Dean.

## SCIENCE CLUB

S.S.I. Science Club will hear an address on "The Philosophy of Science" to be given by A.L. Cartier, Dept. of Education, on Mar. 15 at 8 p.m. in grade 7 room at the school. The meeting is open to the public.

Spring Hat Bar will be a fascinating feature of St. Patrick's Day Tea to be held March 16 at 2:30 p.m. in Ganges United Church Hall by U.C.W. Mizpah Circle. Home cooking will also be sold.

Mrs. E.A. Jarman has arrived home from Ottawa where she attended the funeral of her father, Dr. L.R. Braden.

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## editorials

In these modern times it is most reassuring to know that ethics of certain professions are such that the necessary exposure of raw wounds of this thing called Life are of a confidential nature and will only be known to you and your confidant. Such is the case of a patient and his doctor, a client and his lawyer.

To keep our nosy neighbours at bay, we need the same sort of high standards in another profession - garbage collection. The tales he can tell!

Only he, as he opens the lid to your crammed can, can surmise, with a great deal of accuracy, how much liquor was consumed since his last visit. The amount of broken glass gives him a reliable clue to how wild a party was held on the week-end. Steak bones and an empty imported wine bottle will tell him you got a raise and a number of empty spaghetti boxes will let him know that you are broke. He knows who is on a diet by the Metracal cans or who should be by the chocolate boxes or the busted, discarded girdle.

You may fool your friends by your library of classics, but your garbage collector sees the girlie magazines. You may tell your girl friend the diamond came from Tiffany's but your garbage man has seen the Woolworth's sales slip.

As his experience grows, he will eventually know who takes tranquilizers, who uses sleeping tablets, and why some people never have children. He will know who visits whose house when a spouse is away, and he knows when you throw away someone's gift of fish you wouldn't clean or a vegetable you wouldn't eat.

For us timid types, who bury our whiskey bottles in the garden, shred our pornographic literature and burn the labels off our medicine bottles, a well-publicized code of honour or an oath of office for all garbage collectors would relieve our minds and we could become as uninhibited as we are with our lawyer or our doctor.

### C H U R C H E S

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1963

ANGLICAN - St. Mark's: Matins, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; St. George's: Holy Communion, 8:30 a.m., Evensong, 7:30 p.m.; St. Mary's: Evensong, 2:30 p.m.

UNITED - Ganges, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC - Our Lady of Grace, Holy Mass, 10:45 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE - Mahon Hall, 11:00 a.m.

FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL - Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

JEHOVAH WITNESSES - Mahon Hall, 2:00 p.m.

### SLAINTE

I	For old Ireland
R	Her sons of Renown
E	For her songs and Endearment
L	Who with her colleens we Love
A	Charming these Irish with a friendly Approach
N	Always a proud Nation
D	In our hearts we hold Dear.

Tom Power

(Slainte in Irish means Good Luck)

(A speech from the Oratorical Contest)

### THE OLD STONE HOUSE by Rosalind Hildred Grade 11.

I would like to say a few words about one facet of Saltspring Island's fascinating history. I have in mind the legends connected with the old stone house on Stone-cutter's Ridge at Southey Point.

A little over a hundred years ago, when the cities of Victoria and San Francisco were being built, sandstone was in great demand. At that time, five men operated a quarry at Vesuvius Bay which supplied stone at eight dollars a ton.

It seems that a man named Mr. Jones had a quarry nearer Southey Point from which he and his helpers cut stone for the Victoria Parliament buildings. It was here that Mr. Jones built the stone house.

Flat rocks were piled and fitted together to form four solid walls and the peaked slab roof was held in place by wooden rafters. A window was made by cutting a hole in the centre of a rock and placing it in the wall. There was a heavy wooden door which swung on wooden hinges.

Mr. Jones had an arrangement for a schooner to take the stone away to the cities, and legend has it that once he went along with the boat to San Francisco on a business trip. There he was killed by a falling block of his own sandstone as it was being unloaded. Such was the end of the man and the enterprise, one of the Island's first business ventures.

There is rather a strange story connected with the old house. It dates back to about 1860, when the first settlers took up land on Saltspring, and there was trouble with cattle-rustlers. In an old newspaper there is a story of a schooner skipper, who,

curious about the empty stone hut, went in to explore and, in the gloom, stumbled over a pair of human legs protruding from the dirt floor. Victoria policemen, upon investigating, later found no trace of a half-buried body, but the story has it that the cattle-rustling stopped and one man was never seen again. It is quite likely that some cattle-owner had meted out his own justice to a rustler whose identity he had discovered.

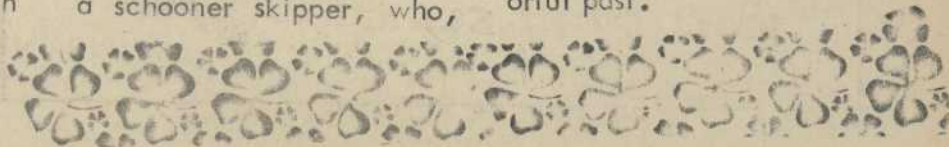
The old house was forgotten and over the years disintegrated until only the walls and fireplace were left. Quite recently, bulldozers pushed these remnants down.

On exploring the site,

I found that the floor-plan of the house is still vaguely outlined and all around there are obvious signs of where the rock has been cut away in huge slabs. On some of the remaining stone surfaces there are drill holes which were made to split the sandstone. On the sloping rock face, which is now covered with moss and small cacti, there is a path hewn out of the rock. This path leads right up to where the door of the old stone house once opened.

Among the piles of rubble, bits and pieces of the belongings of Mr. Jones and his men have been found. My brother and his friend found a rock-splitting wedge and a few pieces of clay pipe-stem. A metal kettle-hook was found buried in the dirt around the fire-place, & a grindstone which was used at the quarry is still in existence.

These were commonplace items to Mr. Jones and his rock-workers, but to us they are associated with they mystery and adventure that is part of Saltspring Island's colorful past.





## ORATORICAL SIDELIGHTS

by Elsie Warthington

A chuckle rippled through the audience when Philip Jansch, grade two, speaking on "Volcanoes", suffered a lapse of memory and exclaimed, "Wait a minute!" as he made a mental search for Mt. Et-na.

A buoyant note was struck by Susan Byron, grade 3, who delivered a speech on "The Porcupine" with serious voice and solemn mien and then broke into a happy smile as she uttered the last few words.

A bouquet should go to Gail Slingsby, grade 11, who courageously tackled the controversial subject of nuclear arms in her speech, "Federal Election". Gail's point of view was well thought out and ably presented.

Praise is also due to Colin Booth, grade 12, winner of the senior section, who stepped into the breach on the day of the contest and produced a well-organized address on "Nuclear Test Ban Treaty".

The ratio of boys to girls in the list of contestants proved interesting. Five boys and one girl spoke for the primary; fewer boys than girls took part in the intermediate and junior sections, ending with five girls and one boy competing for senior honours.

It was a pity that the speeches of two students in the junior-senior section were interrupted by persons leaving and entering the

side door. Perhaps next year a request could be made from the platform that such movements be restricted to times of applause, and a notice to that effect posted outside the door.

To the uninitiated the thought of sitting through 24 speeches in one evening seems appalling, but in reality it proved to be an interesting and delightful experience.

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Miss Nancy Diffin, Victoria, spent a few days recently as guest of her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. T.W. Mouat, Welbury Bay.

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Archdeacon and Mrs. G. H. Holmes spent a few days in Port Alberni with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Toombs and granddaughter, Laura Ann.

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Attending the Anglican W.A. Annual diocesan conference held this week in Victoria were: Mrs. G.H. Holmes, Mrs. Harold Price, Mrs. W.H. Saunders, Mrs. W. Norton and Mrs. E. Worthington.

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Names of five ladies taking part in the recent World Day of Prayer service were omitted by mistake from last week's report. Apologies are due to: Mrs. M. Sober, Mrs. F. Agnew, Mrs. F. Empey, Mrs. A. House & Mrs. A. Davis.

A group of Seattle folk, who for fifteen years have visited the Gulf Islands annually by kyack, changed their mode of transportation this year and spent the last week end cycling around the Islands. Arriving by ferry from Vancouver the party of twenty, led by W. G. Bauer, established headquarters at Log Cabin Hotel, Ganges. Former excursions by Kyack have taken the travellers along the B.C. coast as far as Barclay Sound and Queen Charlotte Islands.

IODE marathon bridge Class B finals will be played off this week, with Mr. & Mrs. Thos. Atkins competing against Mrs. A. Jobin and Mrs. T. Davies.

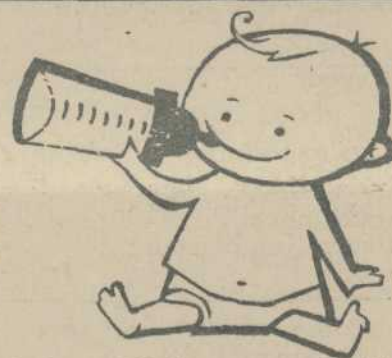
Dr. R.B. Bourdillon will speak on "Ways of raising I.Q. in Infant Training", at PTA meeting, March 18 at 8:15 p.m. in Home Economics room at the school.

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Saturday, March 16 - 8 p.m. - C.W.L. Bingo Game in Catholic Church Hall. Prizes 50% of proceeds less tax deduction. Proceeds for renovation of church. Refreshments.

Branch 92 Royal Canadian Legion Dance, Mahon Hall 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Door prize. Refreshments. \$1.00 per person. Orchestra - "Gulf Islanders". Friday March 15, 1963.

Be sane - Vote Dane

Annual meeting, Central Hall, Wed., Mar. 20, 8 p.m. Please come & support your hall.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Mauat extend a cordial invitation to all Salt Spring Island friends to Open House in Ganges United Church Hall, March 19 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary.

## COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, March 14 - Fulford W.I. meeting, 2 p.m. home of Mrs. Low.

FRIDAY, March 15 - Science Club, 8 p.m. grade 7 room, School. Legion Dance, Mahon Hall, 10 p.m. (Gulf Islanders Orchestra)

SATURDAY, March 16 - Roller Skating, Fulford Hall, 2 - 4 p.m. and 8 - 10:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Tea, 2:30 p.m., United Church Hall. C.W.L. St. Patrick's Bingo, 8:00 p.m., Catholic Church Hall. Card Social, 8:15 p.m., Beaver Point Hall.

MONDAY, March 18 - S.S.I. Sale & Tea, 2:30 p.m. home of Mrs. Ronnie Lee. P.T.A. meeting, 8:15 p.m., School.

TUESDAY, March 19 - Sunshine Guild, 2:30 p.m. Board Room, Mahon Hall

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 20 - Central Hall annual meeting, 8:00 p.m.

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A dispatch from our roving correspondent and unofficial mayor, Chuck Horel, who is on the goodwill junket of B.C. mayors, aldermen and tourist officials to California.....

You remember when I was running alongside your car tapping on the window trying to tell you something? What I was trying to tell you was that I was going on a B.C. Government Goodwill Tour to California. The Department of Recreation is trying to promote more tourism, especially from California because that's where over half of our Tourist dollars come from, so they hired the bus and we delegates pay our own expenses.

The American Consul came down the the Vancouver Hotel to wish us luck when we left on Friday morning - I'm not sure whether they do that for everyone that is going to get out on these freeways.

We stopped for lunch at Seattle and Alderman Geoff Edgelow of Victoria held up our departure for 15 minutes, so he's had a bad time ever since with various demands that he perform penance by washing the bus, or buying us all steak dinners.

It rained thru to Roseberg, Oregon, where we spent the first night, and the next morning it rained thru to Grant's Pass where, just for variety, it snowed. However, at Redding Calif., we came out of the hills onto the inland plain, and the air warmed up, and I saw my first palm tree. (I have divided these

palm trees into two classes, the first, shorter type, looks like an overgrown swordfern plant stuck on top of a stump; the second, tall type, looks like a telephone pole with a wig on.)

We stayed at Stockton, Calif., on Saturday night where I overheard one of our delegates saying, "Well the first good work of the Goodwill Tour has been done; I've persuaded a local chap to visit B.C., and he's persuaded me to come and live in Stockton".

On Sunday we ran thru hundreds of miles of superb irrigated, farmlands, and on to the Riviera Hotel in Palm Springs. This is a little place with 400 rooms arranged around a swimming pool a bit smaller than St. Mary's Lake. Sunday evening was free so we all had dinner at the Chichi Night Club featuring Mamie Van Doren in the floor show. I can report that she is very young-looking, very attractive, has an enormous amount of energy, & three fillings in the upper right teeth. Outside of that I hardly noticed her. The management practically made it a B.C. night with some of the floor show plugging B.C. The local C. of C. host-

ed us to lunch today, and a grand lot of people they are. The President of the C. of C. here is an ex-Newfoundlander. Alderman Geoff Edgelow gave a fine pitch for B.C. and redeemed those 15 minutes. Mayor Pete Maffeo of Nanaimo, Short-house of Nelson and C. Day of Kamloops presented the local mayor with a Kitimat manufactured gavel. The Palm Springs Mayor Frank A. Bogert is a big cowboy type with a sharp sense of humor. Oh, yes, Mayor Bill Rathie of Vancouver here, too. Radio and press coverage. TV producer of a talent show, (Cont'd to p. 8)

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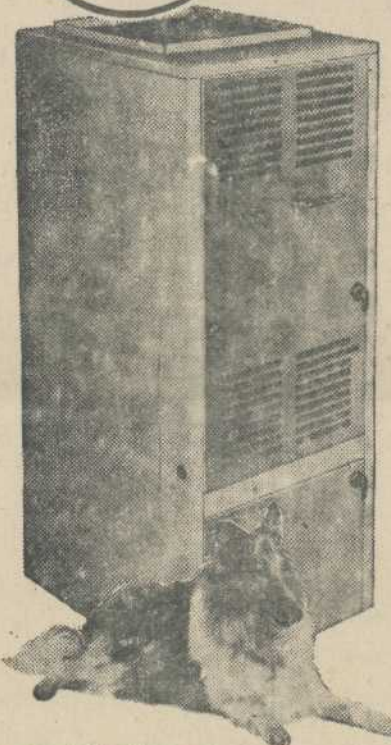
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## JUNKET

...(cont'd from p.7)

Mr. Gordon of Los Angeles explained how he is using B.C. talent to promote B.C., and is offering prizes of a holiday in B.C.

Tonight (Monday) was billed as a very informal Chuck Wagon Dinner, we were guests of the town of Palm Springs. I wore my old slacks and borrowed a T-shirt. We drove out to a lovely gulch in the desert, festooned with gas lanterns and a couple of bonfires, & a mechanized grill. Mayor Frank Bogert proved a formidable MC; he introduced each Palm Spring resident to our group, carefully insulting each of his own people as he did so, from judges, lawyers and bank presidents, to Lindsay Crosby and his manager, and Bill Morrow - (Who the heck is he, Woody? - manager - friend or gag writer for Bing Crosby, who was supposed to be there but didn't make it?)

Dinner was very tasty steaks grilled right there, followed by some Western & Hawaiian songs by Johnny Boyle & his wife. Then Mayor Bogert produced a tiny Mexican under a gargantuan hat, who he claimed was the best guitar player in the world, and I wouldn't be surprised if he were right - that little man made a guitar sound like a symphony orchestra. Back to the hotel by 10:30 p.m. Tomorrow on to Palm Desert, then Los Angeles.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Two pages of Victoria Colonist, dated March 10th, 1915, were discovered at the back of a picture dismantled recently by Harry Loosmore, Scott Rd. Some extracts from

the news of almost half a century ago may be of interest to DRIFTWOOD readers.

"Aletha Club first late dance ... 8:30 till 1 o'clock ... jitneys at the hall at 1 a.m. for convenience of those living at a distance".

"Mrs. Baxter, Superior St., will not receive this week."

Prices in the old paper provide an interesting comparison. Five acres of farmland overlooking the sea at Gordon Head were offered at \$1100 an acre.

Romano Theatre advertised "The Win(k)some Widow", admission 10¢.

"Ladies and gents suits made to order, \$14", stated another advertisement.

"Strong, well-made garden set, hoe, rake & spade" could be bought for 50¢.

"Dux cigarettes" were sold at 10 for 10¢ and "Dux tobacco" at two ounces for 25¢. Grocery prices seem unbelievable: Ivory soap, 5¢ bar; No. 1 California walnuts, 2 lbs. 25¢; salmon, large can 10¢; Blue Ribbon tea, 3 lbs. \$1.

## WHAT'S COOKING ON SALT SPRING?

by Elsie Worthington.

Potatoes and eggs form a staple part of the family diet at any time of the year and are especially useful for lunches in early spring, when salad vegetables are so expensive. I have found the following recipe helpful many times for providing a

tasty and filling lunch.

**NEST EGGS:** Allow one medium size potato for each serving. Boil in salted water, mash with butter, pepper and a little chopped parsley. Stir in one tbsp. grated cheese for each spud. On a well-greased baking sheet arrange one mound for each serving; shape into nests with a fork, making a depression large enough to take a poached egg. Brush lightly with cooking oil or melted butter; bake in 400 degree oven until brown. Slip a poached egg into each nest and serve. Eggs may be baked if desired. Break an egg into each (browned) nest, spoon a little oil or melted butter over top, return to oven, baking at 350 degrees about 10 minutes, depending on state of egg solidity desired.

Mr. & Mrs. L.F. Nicholson, Scott Road, received word of a new grandchild. A son, Mark Allan, was born March 5 to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. F.K. Spencer, in St. Johns, Newfoundland.

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## FULFORD NEWS

by Bea Hamilton

Mrs. J. Fraser and her mother, Mrs. A.J. Mollet, paid a visit to Mr. & Mrs. A. Soderquist at Duncan recently.

Miss Dora Payne, director of the Victoria Book Mobile, was a weekend guest of Captain and Mrs. G. Maude. Tony and Christopher Maude are staying in the Maude's guest house, & being looked after by Mrs. T. Robertson of Victoria. The two little boys' parents Mr. & Mrs. G. Ashley Maude of Sidney are currently vacationing in the United States and are expected home shortly.

Three names of workers on the Fulford Hall stage & floor were somehow left off the list printed in last issue - they were Wally Lasseter, who gave time and labour, Ernie Booth, plumbing & heating, and Alec McManus, paints and hardware. Any other names? They all deserve a place on the list.

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Horne, and their daughter Althea, of Union Bay, B.C. were luncheon guests of the Hamiltons and Davis's at Dromore on Monday. The Hornes returned to Union Bay on Monday night.

The W.I. meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. W. Low, Isabella Point Rd.

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One of the most moving things seen in Fulford over the week end were four small boats which were launched from the ramp at the head of the harbor - local fishermen are preparing for the summer pleasure fishing.

## MIZPAH MEETING

At the regular meeting of the Mizpah group U.C. W. held Thursday in the (Cont'd to P. 10)

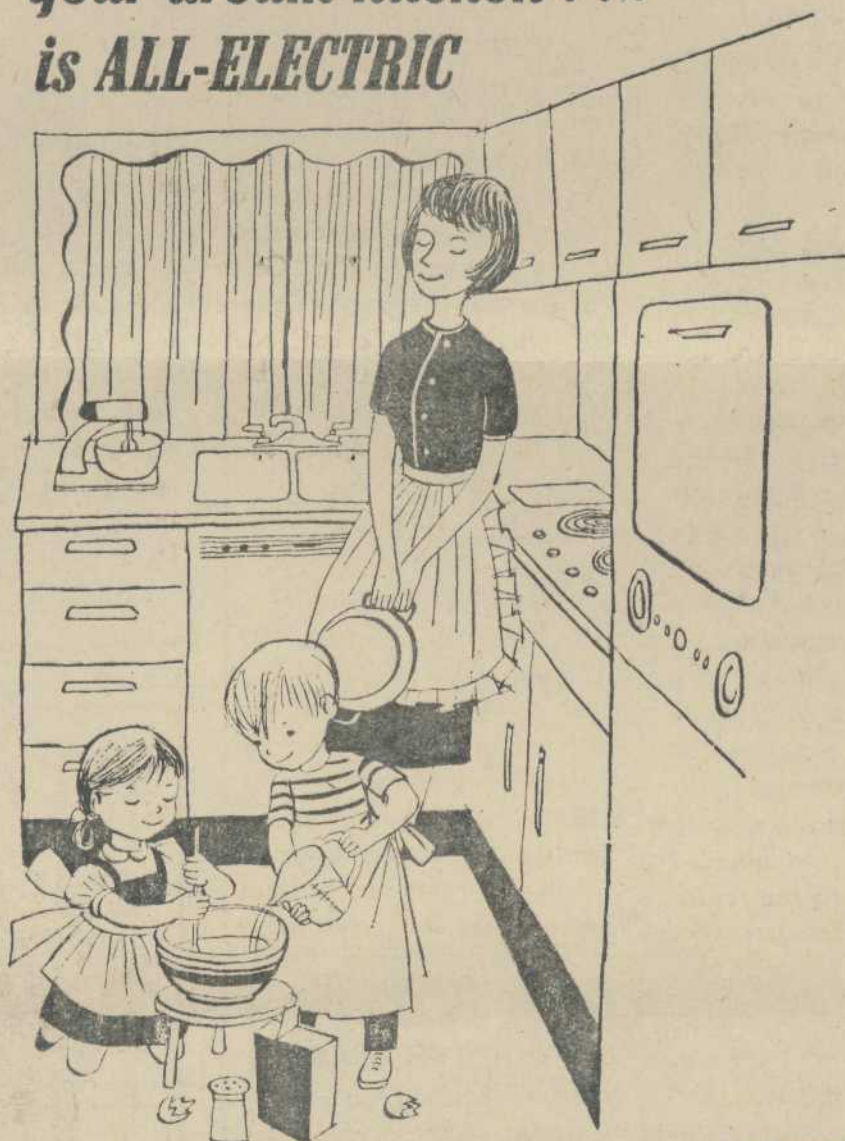
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MIZPAH (Cont'd from P.9) United Church hall, 17 members were present. The president, Mrs. Young was in charge of the devotional service, taking her theme from the 12th chapter of Romans.

For our missionary study on Taiwan articles and stories were read by Mesdames James D. Reid, H. Ashley, W.M. Mouat, G. Scarff, J. Catto and E. Parsons.

The members agreed with Miss Herd's pleasant idea that each member have a "mystery pal" among the members to whom she will send cards on occasions through the year, divulging each one's identity at a year's end party.

There will be a meeting of all the United Church women on March 25th and Miss Herd, Miss M. Lees and Mrs. C. Leggett were appointed for program and refreshments.

Mesdames Catto, C. Zenkie and Scarff will be on the nominating committee for this year.

Coming events were discussed - donation tea for the manse in April and one for the Fall Bazaar in early June and the annual strawberry tea at the end of June or early in July.

Plans for the forthcoming Shamrock Tea which will be held on Saturday, March 16th were completed. Tea will be served in the basement hall along with the home cooking stall, while upstairs, there will be the

Spring Hat Salon complete with facilities to try on, admire & buy your new spring hat. Be sure to come and see them.

Following the meeting, tea was served by Miss H. Dean and Mrs. L. Holloway.

The Monday March wind raised a little havoc and a lot of the Vesuvius docking facilities. The ramp has now been put back in place & the ferry schedule is back to normal. Also on Monday the "Pender Queen", whose Chief Engineer is out playing politics, decided she needed a rest after her overhaul and she laid at Ganges most of the day with a temperamental engine befitting of her new rank.

Doug Dane, local boy & Socred candidate will be making his maiden "home town" speech at a Socred rally to be held at Mahon Hall on

Tues., Mar. 19 at 8 p.m. W. M. Chant, Minister of Public Works will be guest speaker. Doug will appear at Galiano on the 20th, & Mayne & Saturna on the 21st.

Dr. R. Thompson, Social Credit leader will be in Nanaimo on Mar. 26th for a luncheon. Gulf Islanders wishing to go, phone Doug at 20-T or L. Armstrong, Pender.

The swallows returned to Fulford on March 12th. Also the famous white robin was seen.

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