

SPOTLIGHT

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EDITORIAL

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The advertising for the election brought in such a lot of dough that your editor and the spaniel went into conference. Our problem was: should we use the money to lay in a stock of bones for the spaniel, buy a new pair of socks for your editor and spend the balance in going to the movies together; or should we invest in new type.

We decided on the new type, so we're both feeling pretty virtuous. It happened this way. The spaniel had a friend who knew a Boston Bull who took care of a family the man of which worked for a firm which supplied the type which was used by the Chicago Tribune. And this Boston Bull offered to supply this type free gratis and for nothing except for cost, insurance, freight, commission for his Man and a couple of dog collars for himself.

We cabled Chicago several times, arrived at compromise, and can announce that your SPOTLIGHT is now printed with the CHICAGO TRIBUNE type.

The spaniel, who is darnin a pair of your editor's socks as we write, wants it to be clearly understood that no tin haloes will be accepted C.O.D.

We can't help feeling that the poor dog regrets the bones.

DR FRANCIS' ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating thirty years of continuous practice as a Physician and Surgeon in BC, Dr & Mrs Arnold Francis entertained the doctors of Salt Spring

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Island and their wives on June 29th.

The medical party met at the Yacht Float where photographs were taken by P. Watson. After a short cruise on Dr Francis' yacht *Arandee* to Montague Harbour, a buffet supper with an appropriately decorated cake was served in the apartment of the hosts at Ganges.

Dr Francis was presented with an inscribed tray, and each guest was given a printed serviette as a memento.

Those present were: Dr & Mrs Wellwood, Dr F. Brodie, Dr & Miss Lockhart Dr & Mrs White, Dr W.J. McAlister, Dr & Mrs Ankenman, Dr & Mrs Boyes, Mrs E. S. Kelman, Miss Barbara Mooney of Winnipeg and Mr & Mrs Degnen & Mr & Mrs. Whitehead.

Dr Wellwood was a class mate of Dr Francis.

POISONED PENGUINS NOT SO HOT

Alan Best, the Director of the Vancouver park Zoo, has had a lot of experience with penguins. And when a dozen from the Falkland Islands suddenly fell sick in Vancouver, he knew what to do.

The trouble apparently was some form of poisoning caused, it would seem, by a mixture of smelt and the unaccustomed heat. Two, Alan Best was unable to save, but the rest, due to his efforts and those of his staff, are now in perfect health.

The penguins' hospital was a refrigerator with a temperature of 34 degrees!!!

The cautious seldom err - Confucius.

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FIRE ON GALIANO

So far as we can find out, this was the largest fire in B.C. this year. And it was very efficiently handled.

George Butling at the Mount Bruce Look-out spotted the tall jet of black smoke at 8.40 p.m. on Thursday and immediately reported the fire. (Bob Laurie is the Ranger for Salt Spring and Howard Barker for all the islands.) Galiano organized a band of 30 firefighters, (actually there were more, both men and women). We mention Lloyd Walters, Fred Robson & Olie Garner with apologies to the rest. If we mentioned all the chaps who did good work, this column would read like a telephone directory. But it soon became clear that this was a 50 acre fire and that more help was needed. So D. Godman was woken up at 3.30 a.m. to get a crew together for 7 am. the next morning, and Miss Christine Humble went to Fulford in the early morning for the same purpose, and 30 men went over complete with pumps, flame throwers etc. (Incidentally these two took the look-out's mail and stores up to him later.

This influx of people from Salt Spring gave some of the chaps the impression that Salt Spring had taken over, but that wasn't so of course. The Forestry Service was in charge.

District Forester Taylor himself had a look at what was happening.

By 3.30 on Friday, there was a fire line round the blaze -- there were three cats on the ridge -- and the fire was brought under control. Mopping up operations are still going on.

The fire started above Montague Harbour.

LEGISLATURE

The Social Credit has the majority and Larry Giovando, Conservative, is our M.L.A. Just recently Larry Giovando was, it is said, attacked in his home

by a man with knives. The man is being held on a charge of attempted murder.

PENDER ISLAND HOPE BAY HALL

At the Annual Meeting of the Hope Bay Hall, Mrs H.G.Scott was elected President & S.P. Corbett Secretary.

The new directors are Roger Allan, George Dickason and P.G. Stebbings.

SALT SPRING LEGION CELEBRATES

1ST JULY

The Sports Day and dance netted between \$300 & \$350. The Salties won both softball games, beating the Hudson Bay 8-2 and the Legion 7-1 and also the tug-of-war against the Legion. We note in passing that the Legion team was wearing smooth-soled shoes.

The Entertainment Committee running the show was W. A. Trelford, H. Nichols P.D. Crofton, A. R. Layard, M. T. Mouat, W. Eagles, W. Hele & A. G. Lett. G. Heinekey A. G. Lett & G. Fyvie ran the sports; H. Nichols, J. Fraser & A. R. Layard the games, and Mrs Trelford, Mrs Bullock, Mrs I. Devine, Mrs E. Kropinski, Mrs E. M. Middleton, Mrs M. T. Mouat & Mrs W. Mailey the hot dog & ice cream stall.

While there were a fair amount of entries for the sports, one felt that there might have been more entries from the younger crowd.

The dance in the evening was attended by 250 people. The competition for the most beautiful legs was amusing because various men, Harry Nichols and Gavin Bilton amongst them, joined in the contest for a joke. It was actually won by Mrs Eileen Hepburn.

The waltz prize was won by V. H. Vanbuskirk & Mrs F. Brown, the jitterbug, by E. Wood and Kathleen Devine, the spot dance by Tommy & Mrs Clark.

Mrs G. Heinekey ran the supper, helped by Mrs A. M. Brown, Mrs A. G. Lett, Mrs W. A. Trelford, Mrs M. T. Mouat, Mrs A. Wilson.

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Dr. Larry Giovando, the newly elected M.L.A. for the Islands, wishes to thank all those who supported him, and those who worked for him during the past Provincial election.

Dr. Giovando will be on Salt Spring Island in the near future and hopes to see as many people as possible. He wants people, irrespective of their political views, to present local problems to him.

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Smith and Mrs Smith, all of Victoria, and Mr & Mrs McDonnell went up to Baynes Peak on Mount Maxwell with Desmond Crofton, President of the Chamber of Commerce. The peak is twenty minutes from Ganges, and the road has been graded right up to the summit. There is a visitors' book on the peak which has been put there by the Chamber of Commerce because the more people visit a Provincial Park the more money is likely to be spent in keeping it in some sort of shape; in the last twelve days one hundred and sixty people visited the peak and signed their names in the book.

Mayor Harrison was very impressed by the view, and said that he thought it the best in B.C. He was going to tell all his friends about it. He is a skilled mountain climber and with the aid of ropes went down the face of the cliff. The spangiel here remarks that she strongly advises the troops NOT to imitate him. If somebody breaks their silly neck, it would be a good excuse to close the Park --- which would be a pity. It's taken over fourteen years to get it open.

YOUNG PIGS GET DIAPERED AT SATURNA

LAMB BARBECUE.

From the accounts we got, this must have been very good fun. This is the third 1st July Barbecue at Saturna, and it is run jointly by the Community Club and the Saturna Women's Service Club. The Barbecue Committee was: J.M. Campbell, President; Miss Jean Howarth Secretary Treasurer, Mrs H. Ostrom, Mrs E.E. Gilbert & J.E. Money. J.E.

LAMB BARBECUE continued,

Money was also in charge of the sports.

The competition for putting diapers on young pigs was originally for men only (it was won by Mr Frank of Pearl Harbour) but the attempts made were so amusing -- the piglets of course wouldn't keep still -- and the women insisted on having a crack at it too. The prize was won by Mrs Gill of South Pender.

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