

Spotlight

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EDITORIAL.

A Merry Christmas to every body! The Spotlight comes to fulfil a community need. We all want to get the local news accurately, and without a newspaper that is impossible unless we attend every meeting that's held. The harassed secretaries of local organizations -- your editor is one -- have to get out notices from time to time and the labour, expense, delay, & frustration involved have to be experienced to be believed. Clearly, all this would be avoided if there was a local sheet. People want to make known that there are things they want to buy or sell -- wood or labour for example -- or things lost or found. (If the owner of the boots left in my mail box months ago will come and claim them he can have them back!) The Spotlight is to solve these problems. There will be another issue at the New Year and after that it will be monthly unless there is sufficient response to make it fortnightly. The aim is weekly. We shall also have colour, but your editor is scared stiff of the mimeograph machine right now, and daren't attempt it for this issue.

ROADS.

We've all been saying for years that if they'd only put in about a mile of good road annually, and neglected the rest we wouldn't complain because in the end we should have a highway which would stand up to both weather and traffic. They've done it this year and we still grouse. The Department calculated that our local men could do a better job - and cheaper - than a contractor could so the Road Gang spent four months and twenty thousand dollars making the foundation for the toughest stretch of road on the Ganges-Fulford highway. All the old cedar logs had to be pulled out of the creeks and proper concrete pipes put in for drainage. The pipes were big, 4 feet in diameter in two places 3 feet in one, 2 feet and eighteen inches in many and ten inches in front of people's gates. The result compares favourably with the foundation of the Swartz Bay Victoria Road. The Gang is now back on maintenance, using the two big trucks on the main roads and the small truck on the side ones. The programme is to work northwards after the Vesuvius road has been done. The Upper Ganges Road incidentally is very bad, so is the Peddis Road.

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THE CY PECK.

Stripped of its emotional clouds, the story of the Ferry is logical and makes good sense. A Company was formed called the Gulf Islands Ferry Company (1951) Ltd to take over the Cy Peck. Its Chairman is Mr Gavin Mouat, its Directors are Captain

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Maude, Colonel Desmond Crofton, Mr Joe Lautman. Mrs Matthewson is Secretary - Treasurer. This Company tendered in competition with the Mill Bay Ferry and although the price asked \$24,000 was higher, the Company was awarded the tender because it could give the service required. The rates are fixed by the government; the Company has nothing to say as to how much a car or a passenger should pay. And when the Company started operating the Ferry it put into effect the new rates among which was an irritating increase on trucks -- irritating because it depended on the weight of the load which could not be accurately determined, and also because any increase in freight rates eventually comes back to the consumer and the cost of living is high enough as it is. Naturally there were complaints, and a sub-committee consisting of Messrs Colin Mouat, H. Bradley, and Gavin Bilton, all from the Coalition Committee have gone to the Minister concerned, the Hon. E. Carson, to try and get some adjustment in the rates.

CANADIAN SCOTTISH.

A dance was held in the Fulford Community Hall on December 8th, which was one of the best we've attended in years. It was organized by Mrs Adam Kropinski and the Woman's League of Health and Beauty for the Legion. The pipers were Pipe-Major Andy Pollock, & ex-Pipe-Major Ian Duncan. Mrs Duncan brought six of her pupils with her and they danced the Foursome Reel, the Sword Dance and the Highland Fling among others. The Highland Fling was greatly appreciated and was encored twice. Of our local talent, Miss Helen Knobbs and Mr Charles MacGillevary sang. The four piece orchestra was good, and the Hall was very nicely decorated. The floor was gritty -- there must be some way of dealing with that, brooms? Vacuum cleaners? -- but nevertheless everybody had a very good time. There was an-

ARTHUR MILLNER GANGES 43K.

Turkeys -- cleaned 35 cents extra. Order early. Supply limited.

other reel, an Eightsome, in which anybody who wanted to could join. It is one of the most strenuous dances invented by man, and one group solved the problem neatly by taking it in relays and ending up as a Foursome. It is also a very easy dance to get lost in, and one then finds oneself being pushed through the gyrations feeling like nothing so much as a cheerfully bewildered performing bear.

The take at the door, including tickets was \$369.

The name of the boy who danced so particularly well is Ronald Marrs.

HOSPITAL.

The plans and the estimates are still in the hands of the architect, so the cost of the new building is still not known. The road to the new site -- between the McDermott's and Desmond Crofton's -- has already been bulldozed and surveyed, and Mr. Dipple the Secretary, tells us that it will be taken over by the Government, and ditched and surfaced by them. The land for the road was presented by Colonel and Mrs Crofton. A well has been dug and all concrete cribbed, and the water supply is good and plentiful. A drive for the collection of funds will be put under way in the next month or so.

POPULATION.

The special branch of the Red Cross known as the Disaster Service has made a survey of the island and finds that the population is now just under three thousand, which is an increase of a thousand over the figure shown on the Salt Spring Lands survey some three years ago. That survey showed too there were on the island approximately three hundred motor cars, telephones, and pigs! -- the connection between them is obscure. The officials of the Red Cross Committee

LEGION & AUXILIARY.

The meeting on December 5th was rather a disappointment because the projector had broken down and the films couldn't be shown. There were about 70 people present.

FLAMING GASOLINE.

A cigarette over twenty feet away caused the gasoline well at the Fulford Shell Oil to ignite as it was being filled from a truck. Mr R.H.Lee ran to the blaze and extinguished it.

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STREET LIGHTING.

Street lights are approved for
installation if the average
cost is approximately \$100 or
less per light installed. Our
lights would cost too much be-
cause there is too big a dis-
tance between them and the
extra relays and so on neces-
sary are expensive. So the sys-
tem has to be shortened, and an
amended tentative plan has been
put forward for recalculation of
cost. Under this Fulford would
have three on the Ferry hill
and three on the Hall-Inn road-
way. Vesuvius gets an extra
light (making six) from Ganges,
to be near Vesuvius Marine. The
lights at each end of Goodrich
Road add much to the cost.
Ganges will have no light south
of the top of the steep pitch
on the Ganges hill where Drake
Road meets it. There will be
no light at Jackson-Hereford or
Jackson-Rainbow crossroads, and
the lights of necessity cut out
will be redistributed in the
business section (more or less)
so as to make the existing
circuits cheaper. The tentative
redistribution is: one between
Anglican Church and Harbour
House, one between Salt Spring
Motors and Bill's Taxi, one in
the middle of McPhillips Ave.,
one opposite the Anglican
Church, and one by the White
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to help out Vesuvius.

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