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EDITORIAL

This is the third issue, and while your Editor is rather weary after the spate of Christmas and New Year parties the SPOTLIGHT has survived. Answers to correspondents: Herd Law or Pound Law, Yes, we'll probably have a crack at that one of these days, but the subject needs quite a bit of research, a legal fence has to conform to certain specifications etc.; Yes, we're interested in the news you sent, thanks a lot; We've put it in this issue - FRIENDS ABROAD Sorry, We're out of stock of the first issue just now but we'll re-run a few copies shortly and send them to those who didn't get them. We can make neither head nor tail of the epidemic which is striking the dogs at Fulford. The facts are these: a number of dogs were taken ill with all the symptoms of phosphorus poisoning (rat poison) and some died but one was taken to a vet in Victoria who diagnosed a virus disease allied to distemper. Now one doesn't rule out the other: some dogs may have been poisoned and some may have been sick -- there's a sick one up Ganges way right now -- and the remedy in either case seems to be to keep the dogs at home. We've heard incidentally that it's no use injecting valuable dogs against distemper during an epidemic: they're more susceptible to the disease immediately after injection than they are normally.

We've heard from the grapevine that the Mounties are saddling their horses and that anyone they find with insufficient brakes on their car is likely to be hauled before the beak and fined. It's worth while having the brakes checked. These roads are enough to knock any car out of kilter, but that kind of excuse isn't accepted round here. The point is that a car must be safe on the road even if the road itself is in such bad repair that it isn't safe to be on. It's not a bad idea to carry a tow rope these days: even if you don't get stuck yourself it's a pretty fair bet that you'll meet some other poor fellow who has.

SMIFF! SMIFF!
I SMELL

BARGAINS

Ladies: Coats, afternoon dresses, pullovers, cardigans, blouses & slips (odd lines and sizes), wool stockings.

Men's: Frieze pants, hickory work shirts, broadcloth shorts.

Boys': tweed longs. Girls' & Boys': Sweaters (age 6 to 12), snow suits.



JANUARY

22 - 27

SALE

TURNER'S

<p>E. J. Ashlee GANGES BARBER SHOP</p>	<p>Meals and parties catered for at HARBOUR HOUSE</p>	<p>DENTIST There seems a very good chance that we'll have a dentist by the 1st February. Mr. W.M. Mouat and Dr. D.A. Boyes of the Chamber of Commerce Dental sub-committee have been negotiating for some time and at present the set up is like this. The dentist will be here for two weeks a month in private practice and also doing work on the school children. Half of his salary for work on the school children will be found by the Government and the other half will have to be found by the P.T.A., the School Board and the parents of the children concerned. We understand that a meeting will be held shortly so that the P.T.A. and School Board can take this matter in hand. Actually, there will probably be two dentists, Dr. W. Tahouey and his wife, Dr. Vance. Both are well known in Vancouver for the excellent quality of their work.</p>
<p>BILL'S TAXI Twenty-four hour service Telephone Ganges 25</p>		
<p>THE GANGES LAUNDRY Regrets that no further laundry will be accepted after January 15th as the business is closing. We would like to thank all our Customers for their patronage</p>		
<p>SPRING IS NEAR! For trees, shrubs and garden plants delivered at your door PERCY & BELL PURVIS P.O. Box 68 Ganges or phone evenings 68G</p>		
<p>HOBDAV'S MACHINE SHOP 92Y Have your small marine engines overhauled early to avoid delay at the Spring rush!</p>		
<p>THE GANGES PHARMACY recommends our Bronchial COUGH SYRUP. THE GANGES PHARMACY Phone 86</p>		
<p>FARMERS' INSTITUTE FALL FAIR The Secretary of the Farmers' Institute informs us that the prizes for the Fair amounted to over \$200; that all cash prizes except those due to Mr. A.S. Huntingford, Mr. G. Low, Mr. G. Manley, Mrs. J.I. Croft & Mrs. N. Smith (all of whom can get their prizes on application to the Treasurer -- Colonel D.M. Rourke, but now temporarily Mr. E.G. Wilson) have been paid. The cups due to Messrs. J. Bond, G. Manley, T. Butt and Mrs. W. Crawford are now ready for delivery.</p>		
<p>FRIENDS ABROAD Dr. and Mrs. F. Brodie who left Vancouver on the Aorangi in November have arrived in Auckland New Zealand. They planned to go to Rotorua and then to Wellington via Napier. It's summer</p>		
<p>PAN-ABODE Woodland Homes are on sale again! Representative, J.M. Lamb, Ganges 17 T.</p>		
<p><u>FIREWOOD</u> Good dry fir, \$12 a cord R. K. PRICE 30Y.</p>		



USE

Lost: Dodge Hubcap & white plastic wheelrim between Fernwood & Ganges, night Jan 6. Dr. Ankerman 79

Found: Blond well-bred male cocker spaniel with collar. Apply Bettis & Harker.

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For rent: Space for classified Ads, 65 cents each an issue.

there of course and the weather is fine. They should be in Sidney, Australia, right now, and mail addressed to them there C/o Tourist Department, Bank of New South Wales should reach them until their boat leaves at the end of February or beginning of March.

Edward de Jong of St. Mary's Lake has quit his job in Indonesia and is now in Rotterdam. He will be coming to California shortly, and may make his way up here if business permits.

We understand that Sir L. Mutton, the politician, may visit this island soon.

NATIONAL FILM BOARD.

Thirty-nine people turned out in spite of the weather and saw the films What's under the Label The House of Windsor, Sailing in Canada, Fibre Flax, Birds of Canada, Vancouver Island, All-Sooke Day, in the Mahon Hall on January 3rd.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The following were elected to office for the coming year: Mrs Colin Mouat President; Mrs Deyell 1st Vice-President; Mrs Francis 2nd Vice-President; (for three months) Miss Catharine Popham, Treasurer; Mrs H.W. Bradley, Secretary; Mrs Cartwright, Assistant Secretary; Mrs's G.L. Bullock A.M. Brown, C. Springford, Z. Kropinski, E. Booth, & Miss C. Popham Executive Officers. This is an up-and-going concern with about eighty members of whom 38 were present at the meeting. As this is an all-woman show, your Editor wasn't there

ROADS.

For a short time in the last fortnight, Beaver Point and Isabella Point Roads tied for first place as the Island's worst, but

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now they're just part of the field. The Road Gang is trying to be in a hundred places at once; the gravel trucks hare round to fill the worst holes and then the rain comes and destroys the effect of all the hard work.

Now this island has no natural resources, there are no mines, the soil is not very good, and there are few farms; the cost of freight prohibits it from ever being a manufacturing centre. Except for logging which will be over in a year or so, and sheep raising, there is no real industry except Tourism. And tourism brings money not only to the island but also to the Province and to the Country itself. But for tourism, good roads are a necessity: they are also a necessity if people are to settle here.

Now the amount allowed for road maintenance is all spent every year but in spite of the work put in by the Road Gang the roads have steadily been getting worse. The reason for this is two-fold. The road foundations were made for much lighter traffic than goes over them today -- one can see the long ripples in the asphalt where the foundations have given way --, and secondly it is not possible to do by man power what can only be done by machines. In other words our tarred roads will all have to be re-made, and what is needed for present road work is a bulldozer. Without a bulldozer it just isn't possible to ditch and level properly. To save expense, the bulldozer could also service the other islands. Then we'd all get something done.

It obviously isn't possible to do much repair work where the logging trucks are running so it would seem much best to tackle first the places where they have finished. Up at the north end things are pretty bad, and the part from the old school to Southey Point needs attention. The road from Ganges to Fulford is good as island roads go and anyone can make fifty miles an hour on it if he wants to break his fool neck.

FULFORD HALL NEW YEAR DANCE

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LEGION.

The following were elected to office: G.Heinekey, President; D. G.Crofton, 1st V-P; A.R.Layard, 2nd V-P; G.Fyvie, Secretary; D. Fyvie, Treasurer; H.Loosemore, Sergeant at Arms; H.Nichols, W.Ivan Mouat, Mac Mouat, H.Collet, C.W. Dawson, A.W.Wolfe-Milner, J.H. McGill, F.G.Wheldon, Executive Officers. The finances are in splendid condition, but the attendance at the Women's Auxiliary was better than here.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

A white flashing light was installed off Isabella Point (Village Island) on the 9th.

S.S.I.POTTERY GUILD.

The Guild has twelve members, owns its own wheel & kiln and (thanks to Mr. & Mrs V.C.Morris) has a comfortable basement to work in. Miss Hilda Ross who instructs advanced students in Ceramics in U.B.C. was on the island and gave the Guild lessons in glazing recently. This technique opens up interesting possibilities.

THRONE STONE.

Mr.H.Collet found a large rock dumped on his drive for a joke with a note that it was the boned throne stone of Scone. He had difficulty in getting his jeep round it. It is believed that some Scots are responsible for this!

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