

EDITORIAL

Your editor hates to commit burglary on Friday but there's one document he would really like to get hold of by hook or by crook. As can be seen elsewhere in this paper the Retail Branch of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce is making a study of the Gulf Islands with a view to improving trade.

Now a survey of this nature is a confidential paper. It studies the intended customers from all angles, their wants and needs, their strength and their weaknesses. And, of course, home truths aren't always what one wants to hear.

What we would like to know is whether it's true that the price of real estate here has discouraged many people from coming; whether prices of advantageous commercial lots are prohibitive, how retail and wholesale prices are in fact affected by freight, by bad roads, by credit and by delays in transportation.

Is in fact a farming community with cattle and sheep of good stock a possibility, or is it an unprofitable operation due to competitive prices? Would Home Crafts pay here as they have paid so richly in other island and rural communities elsewhere?

Your editor, as a resident, cannot answer all these questions but an outsider can, and often does. We can't help thinking that a good deal of that report wouldn't be nearly as flattering as some of our residents would like. But the spaniel disagrees: A good dog digs for its own bones, so who cares for reports?

We took this up with an elderly resident who happens to be a vegetarian. 'Carrots', he said, 'is what you people need. Carrots will bring all kinds of people'.

TRY SPOTLIGHT OFFICE FORMS. - ADVT

P. T. A.

20 October. The first Vice-President, Mrs. J. Reid was in the Chair. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$147.99. The sum of \$15.00 was donated to the School for magazines.

Mrs. D. Nelson was elected as Programme Convenor with Miss O. Mouat & Miss Oulton as assistants. Miss Spence's room won the pennant.

Dr. D. A. Boyce spoke on Mental Hygiene in the home, stressing that a successful home is built on love, duty, self-respect and respect for others.

Coffee hostesses were Mrs. E. Gear, Mrs. B. Greenhough and Mrs. C. Wagg.

DENTAL CLINIC

The P.T.A. is again sponsoring the Dental Clinic. The Committee is comprised of Mrs. D. L. Goodman, Chairman, Mrs. D. Nelson, Sec. Treas. Mrs. L. Mouat and a representative from the Fulford P. T. A.



An elderly resident who happens to be a vegetarian.....

OVERHEARD

Boss; 'Why are you so late this morning?' 'Overslept, sir'. 'What! You mean to tell me that you sleep at home, too!'

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SQUID

A squid or devil fish some six ft. long was seen in the water outside the White Elephant Cafe.

CANADIAN LEGION MEETING

It was a Monday night and a good forty turned up. Ken Fletcher was introduced as a new member and after the routine business was disposed of the meeting concluded with coffee and cake and a picture show.

Twenty-five dollars has been sent to troops in Korea for books, comforts, etc.

A memorial service will be held in St. Mark's at 11 o'clock on 2 Nov. when a plaque will be unveiled for those who fell in the last War.

All Legion members will parade at 10.50 at Central, if the weather is fine; otherwise they will go direct to the Church.

On Armistice Day the parade and supper will be as usual. Those with cars are asked not to forget those Comrades who have no means of transportation.

OVERHEARD

Second, to badly beaten boxer; 'I'll tell you how to win this round. Next time he hits you, hit him back!'

HOSPITAL.

On Oct. 18 an All Islands Hospitals Conference was held at Duncan. The King's Daughters Hospital very kindly acting as hosts.

Mrs. W. Hastings, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, and Group Captain W. E. Dipple, Administrator, attended. Lunch was served in the Alderlea Tea Rooms followed by a series of informative lectures. Tea was served in the Nurses' Home, after which all the guests were escorted in groups round the Hospital. Prac-

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tically all hospitals on Vancouver Island were represented.

OVERHEARD

Sir Josiah Stamp; 'Education is the inculcation of the incomprehensible into the ignorant by the incompetent'. Phew !

FULFORD P. T. A. Mrs. M. L. Jackson was in the chair. J. B. Foubister, C. D. Nelson and Mrs. E. G. Herron were present. Foubister made several suggestions on projects for the year (for example, new maps, supplementary text books, equipment strips for visual education), which will be taken up at the next meeting. He talked upon Effective Living as taught in the schools.

It was voted that the P. T. A. should cooperate with the South Salt Spring Island Women's Institute in making arrangements for the childrens' Christmas tree in December. A square dance will be held in Fulford on Saturday, Nov. 1 to raise funds for this purpose.

The meeting concluded with a showing of a pretty film, 'Peach Time in the Valley' by Doug Dane.

NOTE. In the P. T. A. card party Mrs. Walter Brigden's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of hostesses.

SOUTH PENDER. On 11 Oct. at 6 pm there was a mass movement of South Pender Island. Folks came by land and sea; in tractors, jeeps and Buicks and some, rode shanks mare. From Victoria, Vancouver, North and South Pender they came to the new home of Herbert and Mrs. Spalding.

The house is built of logs from the property itself which Herbert Spalding has run through his own mill, and the outside is log with a stone wall foundation, the stones gathered from his beach. The inside is lined, and has a lovely modern kitchen, spacious living room with picture window.

We were greeted by our host and hostess and a delicious, spicy odor of roast venison accompanied by all the trimmings down to the last pickle, - and salad. At 6.30 we all sat down to a table delightfully decorated with flowers and lit by candlelight. A. E. Craddock proposed a toast to Mr. and Mrs. Spalding after which the couple was presented with a gift of a barometer from all their Island friends.

A delightful evening was spent in singing and music.

Those present were, H. and Mrs. Spalding, Dave Spalding, John Spalding, Mrs. McGusty, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. & Mrs. Jennings and daughters Josephine and Janet, Bruce Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Craddock and daughter Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Winshio, Mr. and Mrs. Hume and

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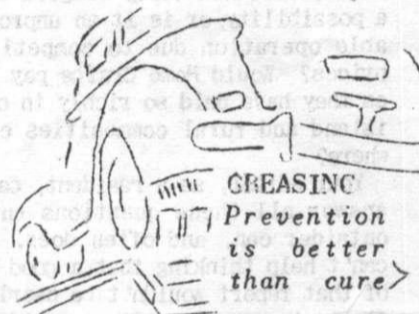
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This interruption is required to complete essential maintenance.

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son Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Dobbin, Mr. & Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. Tee J. and Mrs. Amie and daughters Margaret and Judy J. Freeman, P. Corsair, L. Paquette, W. and Mrs. Gill, Mrs. C. Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Parkin and son Tommy.

CHINCHILLA RANCH. J. Winship has brought his registered stock of chinchillas to his Shawwin Chinchilla Ranch on South Pender.

VICTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. One of the Committees of the Retail Merchants Section will study this year 'The promotion of trade with the Gulf Islands'.

CHILD ATTACKED BY BEES. Lillian Rita Cunningham, age 20 months, was attacked by bees. She was taken to the house where the stings were pulled out carefully, and bleach was applied. Although badly stung the child is now doing well.

NOT ADMITTED AS PATIENT. A coon which entered the basement of the Hospital & then went up to their kitchen was killed. No Hospital Insurance is collectible.

OVERHEARD
'When I read about atomic power it sure makes me think.'
'Yes, it is wonderful what atomic power will do.'

THE LABOUR PROGRESSIVE PARTY became the first party to nominate in Nanaimo constituency for the next Federal election, when it named Ernie Knott of 440 Kennedy St. Nanaimo as L.P.P. candidate. Knott, 33 yr. old son of a Nanaimo coal miner, works as boom man at Eureka Sawmills in the Hub City. One of the pioneer organizers of the I.W.A., Knott was a foundation member of the Nanaimo Joint Labor Council. He is married, has one daughter, Nita, who attends Princess Royal School in Nanaimo.

Knott was elected at a Public Convention held in Nanaimo Oddfellows Hall, which was attended by L.P.P. delegates from Nanaimo, Cedar, Chemainus, Nanoose Bay, Lake Cowichan, Duncan and Youtou. Nigel Morgan, L.P.P. Provincial Leader, and L.P.P. Standard Bearer for Nanaimo-Islands in the last Provincial election was guest speaker.

In accepting nomination, Knott stated that he would fight the campaign on a programme of peace, trade and jobs. 'As a woodworker, I know from personal experience how the war policies of the St. Laurent government are bringing unemployment and high taxes to the people of Nanaimo constituency', he said, 'It's time that a halt was called to this subordination of Canada's interests to U.S. war plans'.

Knott, who saw three and a half years service in the R.C.A.F., declared, 'We cannot continue to spend more than half our tax revenue on guns and at the same time raise the standard of living of the people. We must elect a government which will take steps to re-establish B.C.'s traditional empire markets, and reopen trading relations with all countries, willing to trade with us even on a barter basis. Continuation of the present policies of the St. Laurent government means

mounting unemployment. Markets mean trade, and trade means much-needed jobs', he concluded.

OVERHEARD
Mother, to small son; 'When you've had enough to eat at the party what are you going to do?' Small son: 'Come Home'.

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INSTITUTE. TECHNICIANS REPORT ON
ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION, by
A. L. WELLS

Herewith are facts for discussion at the next general meeting. There is no reason to suppose that the picture will change in the next two months.

(1) Artificial Insemination has operated at a financial loss in the past twelve months.

(2) In the judgment of the experts and authorities on the process the results have been extremely gratifying in terms of cows bred & quality of calves produced. The report of service for the year stands at the head of the list for efficiency in B.C.

(3) I am informed that it is not possible to discontinue the service at this point and that two years service is essential if the Committee's original intention of improving the breed, quality, fertility & production of the Island Cattle is to be realized in any worthwhile fashion. Artificial Insemination actually requires five years to achieve an absolute and lasting change in the cattle picture.

(4) In the true interests of the community therefore, there can be no question of discontinuing the service and the financial loss involved can be absorbed with the cooperation of the users of this service, nor are the present users of it disposed to return to their former methods.

The Technicians experience in

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the past twelve months prompt him to make the following observations, some of which may seem personal but which have a direct bearing on the question.

(1) In the first year he was not concerned with what it cost so much as bending every effort to achieve success in a task entrusted to him. Where extra expense was involved which could not under the terms of the original agreement be charged to the Institute he has borne them himself. These involved innumerable extra journeys, phone calls, consultations, medical, surgical, chemical and agricultural help of all kinds. This has been a drain physically, mechanically and financially such as the Technician, with limited physical and financial resources, cannot sustain at such a pace for another year.

(2) The results have justified it and the farmers who have been the beneficiaries can bear witness to the care, interest, and even to the diplomatic niceties, of the Technicians proceedings on their behalf.

(3) In June the freight rates on semen were raised from 50¢ a carton to \$1.50. This, with all it involved of extra outlay in the return of them also, doubled the monthly deficit on the service. A directors' meeting in August empowered the Technician to charge \$9.00 instead of \$8.00 for the first insemination. This charge it is believed will take care of this extra loss provided the customers demand remains constant.

(4) There remains the Technicians

difficulties. This really involves his inability to be at the two furthest points of the Island at the same time because two phone calls said 'come at once, she has been ready since yesterday'. This doubles wear and tear on person and equipment and on the chances of the animal to conceive.

(a) In the Fraser Valley a call received before 10 a.m. may be attended to that day (or at least the animal examined if a technician is passing) but the invariable rule is;

(1) That a farmer keeps records.

(2) That he knows when a cow is ready for service.

(3) That he informs the centre the day before so that 24 hours to 36 hours may elapse before the technician need arrive.

(4) That he does not expect to have cows successfully bred which are;

(a) Immature.

(b) Exhausted from calving.

(c) Sick or old.

(d) That he will not expect success from artificial insemination where he did not get it from a bull.

(e) That six visits to a problem cow is uneconomical for him and ruinous to the technician.

(f) That he shall pay cash at the time of service.

(5) In half the cows successfully bred one or more of the adverse conditions observed above have been present. Cows have been successfully bred on this Island in which all these conditions were present; in which, in spite of all these, the technician has been successful and

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The matter is past the experimental stage now and the technician must not be expected to justify his existence by such heroic measures in future.

(6) In the matter of payment; The majority of users are prompt in their payment. Users of the service fall into these classes.

(a) Those who pay according to rule.
(b) Those who wait until they are sure it is successful.

(c) Those who 'get around to it sometime'.

(d) Those who pay when bill is sent.
(e) Those who on one excuse or another do not pay at all.

(f) Those who feel the technician should buy them another cow if he is unsuccessful with that one.

(7) As has been pointed out, in the last year the technician regarded himself as on probation and the process as an experiment. For one reason or another, perhaps because the owner had no change or was not at home he has not collected the money and in no case refused service and in numerous instances has paid himself in order to keep correct in his reports and payments to the Centre & the Institute.

Whatever the committees and the community's decision the technician is willing to carry on if the Institute cannot stand the loss he is willing to carry on at his own risk providing he breaks even financially but the cooperation in phone calls, readiness of cattle, & breedability must be provided and above all prompt payment.

Finally;

(1) There is at the moment no question of finding a substitute, for a year's search has failed to reveal anyone with the time, financial resources, energy or inclination to undertake (after training) a delicate technical process which is far more difficult and chancy than it may appear and which, while it carries with it much appreciation from enlightened farmers, nevertheless carries with it much abuse and misunderstanding.

(2) The months of August & September were, by the technician's standards, relatively unsuccessful months. By all the information and reports he was able to collect himself and from other centres these were months of highest infertility for a series of reasons not the least of which was the unprecedented lack of pasture due to drought. This may affect cattle for a month or so yet.

Two Inseminations cost \$9.00. A third visit costs \$4.00. This must be the inflexible rule hereafter.

If a third visit is not successful a careful examination of the animal must be made, a report of measure deemed necessary to be taken given to the owner and some agreement reached with the technician as to how their cooperation can mend matters and a decision as to the extent to which time, effort, journeys and wear and tear can be invested in changing the picture.

It must be remembered that weather conditions in the next four months are likely to be adverse and there will be times when no amount of cooperation between us will produce a

plane out of a stormy fog.

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUPPER 24 Oct
About two hundred people were present and each brought food which went on the side table - hams, cold roasts & so on. Older people from Cusheon Lake were special guests.

There was entertainment. E. Avery sang, Mrs. W. Hastings played piano solos, Mrs. Larmour played the violin, Penny Trelford sang 'Alice Blue Gown', etc. Mr. Barker, Forest Ranger sang and Mr. J. Bate gave readings from 'Three Men in a Boat' etc. Mrs. E. Ashley and Scot Clarke accompanied the community singing which was conducted by Mrs. F. H. Baker. Mrs. W. Palmer accompanied the soloist singers and the violin.

There was square dancing and Mrs. W. Hastings and W. W. Hague played and W. Palmer called the dances. Mrs. Lautman and Des Crofton helped by supplying some much needed transportation.

IT HAPPENED IN 1921. Fulford Hall opening (continued).

The first number on the programme was a piano forte solo by C. Maynard. He was blindfolded and the keys were covered with a cloth. The number received tremendous applause. Mrs. F. Wright sang, 'Bells of Normandy' and little Adeline Crosley sang 'Kiss Me Goodnight, Little Darling'. W. Towell sang, 'Let the Rest of the World Go By'. P. M. Testsr gave a recitation and Mr. Haig followed with a solo, 'Dear Little Boy of Mine'. The chairman called on Bob Sloan, the Scotch comedian, and he sang, 'Aunt Kate', 'Old Black Joe', followed by River Shannon Flows'.

Then Mrs. Patchell officiated as accompanist and the chairman called on the audience to sing 'The Maple

Leaf'. They joined in heartily.

A dance followed, the grand march being led off by M. P. Jackson, M. P. P. and Mrs. Maxwell, President of the Salt Spring Island Women's Institute,

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The Salt Spring Orchestra was Leon King, violin, Mrs. Maxwell, banjo, Mrs. A. Ruckle, Pianist.

The committee for both concert and supper was Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. T. Reid, Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. Mollet.

They were helped by the members of the Institute.

THANKS A LOT !

The Spotlight wants to thank the Diamond Printing Machinery Company of 3057 East 61st St. Cleveland 27, Ohio, for help cheerfully given & good advice.

GANGES UNITED CHURCH. Forty-eight years ago the first United Church was built at Central and the building was later taken to Ganges where in 1932 it was sold to the Legion as a Hall—as a new Church had been built. The Dedication Service was held 24 Oct. and Dr. McPherson of Oak Bay conducted the ceremony assisted by the Rev. E. J. Thompson, Rev. Buckingham of Sidney and Rev. J. G. G. Pompas.

The Junior Choir was in attendance and there were solos by F. Hall and E. Avery. There was a large congregation among which we happened to notice Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Munro and J. B. Straith.

After the service there was a social hour at which the ladies served refreshments. Archdeacon Holmes brought greetings from the Anglican Church.

The opening Sunday services were held on the 26th with the Rev. E. J. Thompson, Rev. Wm. Allan as preachers. The attendance was about 145 in the morning and 135 at night which necessitated the opening of the folding doors and seating part of the congregation in the hall.

Miss Janice Pompas, R.N. was visiting her parents over the weekend.

THE NEW VICAR OF THE GULF ISLANDS.

The Rev. T. W. Muir is coming over to the Harvest Festival at Mayne on 2 Nov.

A TROLLER OVERTURNS. 15 Oct. The troller Spray I from Vancouver was overturned in Active Pass with Leo Carter, Miss M. Jones and Pat Little on board. Mrs. J. P. Hume heard their cries and Miss E. Clarkson, with E. J. Janbrick went to the rescue in the Islander. P. Denroche towed the Spray I to Galiano wharf where cable was passed round the ship and it was lifted a little by the piledriver to allow it to be pumped out with the new fire pump.

ROAD ACCIDENT. Thomas Atkinson was sitting next to Thorney Bellhouse in his truck when a lurch on a bad strip of road threw him out. We understand he broke his pelvis. He is now in St. Joseph's Hospital in Victoria.

GALIANO DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held to instruct the Galiano delegates on the Gulf Islands Improvement Bureau as to their feeling towards any suggestion that direct connection with Vancouver be curtailed or eliminated. Or replaced by different service. They were against it.

UNITED CHURCH HARVEST THANKSGIVING Dinner. The attendance of 208 people brought in over \$200.00 for the Building Fund of the new Church. The turkey dinner was served hot being prepared and cooked by H. McGill. Mrs. C. J. Zenkie and Mrs. H. McGill were General Convenors. W. M. Mouat & Mrs. J. D. Reid were at the door.

After the dinner Rev. J. G. G. Pompas introduced Rev. T. G. Griffiths who spoke of his incumbency on Salt Spring Island 39 years ago.

A short concert followed and among the entertainers were Irl, Mrs and Wayne Bradley, Mrs. E. Ashley, Mrs. Croft Haynes and E. Avery.

GANGES WHARF SHED. The moving of the Ganges Shed to its present position was a great success. It is beautiful off-white colour successfully prevents the weary traveller from viewing the sea over which he has just travelled. He feels himself carefully and tenderly surrounded by Mouat's store on one side, the ship on the other side, and the shed. However, should this prove too much for him he can, of course, leap over the new hoist being built and dive into the incinerator on the other side. We hope he takes the fellow who was responsible for putting the shed where it is now, with him.

POTTERY GUILD. Miss Molly Carter of U.B.C. has been giving lectures and showing exhibits to the Salt Spring Pottery Guild. She brought with her samples of weaving showing the contrast between traditional and modern art.

UNITED CHURCH EVENING CIRCLE

The regular monthly meeting of the United Church Evening Circle was held for the first time in the new United Church Hall 27 Oct. An inspiring devotional address was given by Mrs. J. Tomlinson on this special occasion. There was an attendance of twenty, and three new members, Miss Layton, Mrs. Lett and Mrs. Talbot were welcomed by the President, Mrs. McGill. The Treasurer's report showed \$173.75.

Hearty thanks were expressed for A. Mason's work in constructing the cupboards.

A kitchen shower and tea will be held in the new Church on Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m. 2 Nov.

The present way of raising money is selling regal cards so there will be a display of these cards - - an extra nice selection of general and Christmas cards - - at the tea on Saturday.

The tea hostesses at the meeting were Mrs. Francis and Mrs. J. Tomlinson.

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SCOUTS' AND CUES' STALL

The Cubs and Scouts will be having a food and rummage Stall in the Trading Company during the middle of November. Anyone having anything suitable in the way of food or basement salvage please get in touch with the Scoutmaster, Mr. E. Wells or the Cubmaster Mrs Sturdy.

The exact date will be announced later

ELECTRIC LIGHT AT BEAVER POINT

A meeting was called in the Beaver Point School to investigate the possibilities of getting electric light at Beaver Point. Mr Doug Dane was elected President and Mr H. B. Dickens Vice-President. We understand that the meeting was under the auspices of the Social Credit Group.

The last survey of the district is some years old but at that time the facts were approximately these: There were from 25 to 30 families in the region under consideration, and some of them did not want electric light. The B.C Power Commission at that time estimated the cost at around \$47,000 or \$1,300 per house.

Now however the position has changed and more people want light. There is already a telephone service. A new survey will have to be made, and new costs calculated. It is thought that there would have to be five miles of line along the main road, and possibly as much again in feeder lines to the various homes.

There were about 25 or 30 people at the meeting.

We understand that this question will also be taken up with the Chamber of Commerce.

Autumn was the first inventor of the loose-leaf system.

GANGES CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL. The following report by School Inspector Dr William Plenderleith has been received from the School Board.

"The Saltspring district's consolidated elementary-high school at Ganges is a modern building, excellently designed to meet the educational needs of the students who are attending that centre.

Classroom supplies and equipment have been adequately provided by the Board; and supplementary equipment is being supplied, as finances permit, to meet special requirements of the curriculum.

The staff is effectively organized into teaching units and the students are grouped at proper levels where they can obtain the greatest educational value from their instructors.

BUDGET

Consideration might be given in next year's budget to:

1. The provision of a part-time teacher at the Saltspring elementary-high school to relieve the Principal of some of his teaching load in order that he will have more time for classroom supervision.

2. The provision of a small, ungraded opportunity class, at the Saltspring elementary-high school, where 10 or 12 elementary students who (because of unavoidable absence, illness or other reason) have not been able to maintain their proper age-grade levels. In this opportunity class the students would be able to receive individual instruction more suited to their personal needs.

A report will be given on the other elementary schools in the Saltspring district at a later date.

EXAMINATION RESULTS VERY GOOD

The results obtained by the Saltspring high school students on the recent university entrance examinations are worthy of the highest commendation. All students who wrote the examinations passed with commendable marks.

Miss Maureen Twa, an outstanding Saltspring high school student, was one of the highest ranking students in the Province. Her results are worthy of special attention:

French	91
English literature	91
English language	94
Mathematics	98
Social Studies	93
Science	95

Results such as these reflect great credit not only upon the student, but also upon the Principal, the teachers, the School Board and upon the parents of the district.

COMPARED WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

In addition to the matriculation

examinations, a special composite achievement test was given to the 5,197 students enrolled in all grade 12 classes throughout the Province.

While the individual results of this test are of a confidential nature, the following average raw scores will indicate how the 22 Saltspring high school students stood in relation to the other matriculation students who wrote the test, the first figure showing the B.C. average score and the second showing the Saltspring high school average score;

Scholastic Attitude	114.0;	117.4
French	34.5;	36.8
Language & literature	60.8;	66.4
Social Studies	48.9;	56.9
Punctuation	17.2	18.4
Mathematics	27.8;	28.9
Science	58.7;	69.1

The results of these tests indicate that very thorough instruction in these subjects is being given by the staff of the Saltspring high school, and that the grade 12 students of the district must have been given a sound background in the work in order to achieve such excellent results."

WE TAKE the above report as being a balanced judgment drawn from facts, and think that the following conclusions are justified;

- In this district,
1. Parents are interested in seeing that their children get a really good education.
 2. Teachers are teaching well and maintaining a high standard. They are confined by the courses laid down by the Department of Education.
 3. The School Board is doing a good job to increase facilities for students. They are tied by the amount of money at their disposal.

The standard of education in this Province, which is now such that the Senior Matriculation is roughly equal in standard to the Junior Matriculation in England is slowly being raised by the Department of Education; and it follows therefore that parents, teachers, School Board and pupils will all have to be on their toes to keep pace with modern times.

And this report shows that so far we have all successfully met the challenge. Ed.

FERRIES FOR THE ISLANDS ? Captain I. Denroche reports the following events;

On 21 Oct he met the following C.P.R. Officials: Mr Lisle, Vice-President Montreal, Mr Manson Vice President Vancouver, Mr James Passenger Agent, and Captain Gillison.

These officials went to Port Washington and Mayne accompanied by Captain Denroche, and then to Ganges. At Port Washington and Mayne they were met by representatives of the Local Development Associations etc and at Ganges they were met by Gavin Mouat. They then went to Fulford and back to Vancouver Island via the Cy Peck.

The suggestion was put forward that the direct connection between the Gulf Islands and Vancouver should be replaced by ferry services between the islands and Vancouver Island.

From the point of view of the Gulf Islands Improvement Bureau, Captain Denroche said, such ferry services would be to the immediate disadvantage of the Gulf Islands because their whole economy was built on a direct Vancouver connection; and that a sudden breakage of that link would certainly mean a long period of re-adjustment with immediate loss of tourist and other markets.

The Secretary of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce when asked whether this suggestion started from his Chamber, replied, No! 'The district, at the express wish of the other Islands, includes Salt Spring only,' he said, 'We attend to the affairs of our own island and do not meddle in those of others. That is their wish and we respect it scrupulously.'

PENDER ISLAND. The Farmers Institute held their meeting in Port Washington Hall on 17 Oct.

The Guild of St Peters Anglican Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs Don Cousineau on 17 October.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion held their meeting at the home of Mrs Ruth and discussed the sending of a Christmas parcel to a soldier in Korea.

FULFORD SOCIAL CREDIT. A well attended meeting of Group 2 was held at the home of H. B. & Mrs Dickens. Doug Dane, President, was in the chair. Group membership is now 32, and a Women's Auxiliary was formed.

Due to the huge success of the last social evening held at Fulford Hall with the showing of the motion picture Music for Millions it was decided to hold another similar evening on 8 November. It will be a Western Nite with the showing of the western comedy Curtain Call at

What shall I give for a Christmas present ?

What shall I give for a Christmas present ?

What shall I give ?

Why, Spotlight printed notepaper, of course !

Cactus Creek. This will be followed by refreshments. All will be welcome - the kids, the young ones, middle-aged ones and oldsters.

On 28 October representatives of the group met with Beaver Point residents at the old school house to discuss the problem of light and power for that area. The recommendations and decisions made will be forwarded to the authorities concerned.

On Wednesday afternoon an Executive meeting of the Group was held at the home of Doug & Mrs Dane. Ed Brewster, President of the Constituency Association, and Social Credit representatives from Victoria were present.

GANGES SOCIAL CREDIT GROUP 3. A well attended meeting of the above Group was held in the Mahon Hall on 28 October.

The routine business of the Group having been completed, the President, Mrs F.H. Newnham, addressed the meeting with reference to the Constituency Convention at Crofton 10 Oct. The minutes disclosed that; Mr Brewster, upon a motion by Mr. F. Hodgeson seconded by Mr M. Lee son was asked to resign, but failing to do so, was voted out of office by a majority of 12 to 5.

(Editor's note: This meeting consisted of Mr Brewster, 10 delegates from Nanaimo, 4 from Fulford 2 from Fulford, none from Saturna)

Mr H. Dickens took the chair temporarily. Nominations were called

for the office of President. Mr H. Dickens, Mr Huish & Mr Pudson declined nomination & Mr F.H. Newnham was elected and agreed to hold office pro tem or until a member more conveniently located could be elected.

The meeting was adjourned to the 24th (We have no news of this ED) when resolutions could be received and delegates nominated for the Provincial Convention which takes place 27, 28, 29 Nov. in the Georgan Auditorium Vancouver.

After the President's address, F.H. Newnham made a report on the Island area Council Meeting at Duncan 15 October.

The Group agreed to collect an assessment on all members of 50 cents to augment Constitution Association funds. This will make membership in Group \$1.50 a year

WE POINT OUT A DISCREPANCY. The Fulford Executive meeting was later than the Crofton meeting which was reported by the Ganges Group, but in spite of this, E. Brewster is still described as 'President of the Constituency Association' by the report.

VOTE AS YOU LIKE BUT VOTE! The times of the school Board Meetings are below; a report of school activities is on page 7. You have facts to go on. And elect reliable sound people as trustees!!

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DENTAL CLINIC

Parents of pre-school children ages 3 to 6 and of school children grades 1 to 3 inclusive, wishing to take advantage of the clinic, should register their children's names with the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs Goodman, and send the money before November 30, 1952. The annual fee for each child is \$4.00 and covers dental work up to June 30, 1953

The Staff and Patients of Dr Francis Private Hospital acknowledge with thanks the following donations recently received: Fruit, Mr & Mrs E. O. Aves, Miss Florence Howard, Miss F. Aitkens, Mrs N. E. Garrod. Flowers, United Church. Flowers, Fruit, Ice-cream & Tobacco, Guild of Sunshine Magazines, Mrs G. Lowe, Mrs H. Sparks & Mr Rixen. Pillow-slips, B. C. Funeral Co

The second infant and pre-school clinic will be held at the Public Health Office Ganges on Thursday November 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.

SCHOOL MEETINGS

Public Meetings of all qualified voters of the Saltspring School District No. 64 will be held at the following places and times:

Ganges 3rd November 1952 in the Mahon Hall at 8 pm to elect trustees for two years each. Mr Colin Mouat's and Mr Stan Wagg's terms of office are expiring on 31st December 1952; to elect one trustee for one year in the place of Mrs Dermott K. Crofton who has resigned.

Mayne Island 5th November in the Mayne Island Community Hall at 8 pm.

Pender Island 6th November in the North Pender Island School at 8 pm to elect one trustee for two years. Mr G. B. Jennens' term of office is expiring on 31 December 1952

Galiano 7th November 1952 in the south Galiano School at 8 pm to elect one trustee for two years. Mrs A. E. Scoones' term of office is expiring on 31 December 1952.

Fulford 12th November in the Fulford Hall at 8 pm.

Also the trustees will be glad to meet ratepayers of North Galiano 5th November in the school at 1 pm. and

Saturna 6th November in the school at 1 pm.

The purpose of these meetings is to transact the following business:

1. To receive and pass the Annual Reports of the Trustees,
2. To fill vacancies on the Board of School Trustees as mentioned above,
3. Other matters of business as are brought before the Meeting pursuant to the Public Schools Act.

T. Fowler
Secretary.