

# SPOTLIGHT

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## EDITORIAL

We were interested in the story that a mine of manganese of potential good commercial value had been located on Mt. Tuam, so we sent out sub-editor, the Spaniel, to do a bit of digging. This is what she unearthed;

The original find was made as far back as 1917 by Newbugging 'Gran-pere'. Nothing much was done about it as at that time there was not a great market for the basic metal found there. However, with enhanced prices and greater demand, the possibility of developing a paying proposition decided Newbigging 'Pere' and his son John, to start digging away at the overburden in order to prove values.

This mine is located on Big Creek somewhat west of the government road. The Newbiggings are carrying out the necessary yearly stint required by the Government before they can get title. The area staked is 1500 feet square and encloses a large 'mound' which appears to be an old volcanic vent.

Immediately below the overburden

lies a heavy deposit of Bog Manganese. This varies in thickness and is about 8 inches average. The main ore body consists principally of Manganese ore, but this again is highly mineralized and is an amazing example of nature's prodigality in favoured spots. Among the metals and minerals so far identified are, in addition to Manganese: Asbestos, garnet, quartz, silver, copper, pyrites, rhodocrocite and others.

There is evidence of intense heat with the accompanying fluxing action, and this leads to the assumption of volcanic activity.

Work of proving only goes on for a couple of weeks each year, the Government requiring \$100 worth of work to be done in 12 months for a period of five years.

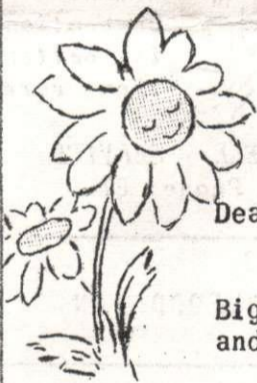
There is an old abandoned silver mine somewhere between Big Creek and Cape Keppel, and it would appear that it might be worth while to prospect the general area more thoroughly. The present outcrop is considered to be part of a vein running across the Narrows to somewhere

back of Lake Cowichan on the Island.  
GULF ISLANDS IMPROVEMENT BUREAU

The Secretary of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, Miles Acheson, attended a meeting of the Bureau on 5 Nov. and the Secretary of the Bureau attended a Council Meeting of the Chamber on 6 Nov.

At the Bureau meeting, it was pointed out that the economy of the Gulf Islands was based on Vancouver, and that the withdrawal of a Vancouver connection would be a disaster. The view of the Bureau could be summed up in the Speech made by Mrs. (Grace) Hume, who said that it seemed that the C.P.R. in Montreal was against the Gulf Islands-Vancouver connection for economic reasons but that the C.P.R. on the West Coast was in favour of the connection being continued: It would be logical, therefore, to support the West Coast officials and tell the Montreal officials that the Gulf Islands do not want ferries. Resolutions were passed on the basis of this policy.

Gavin Mouat denied at the meeting that he had recommended that the



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Elaine be withdrawn (Capt. Denroche said that he had got this information direct from Capt. Williams, C.P.R. Coast Manager) and Capt. Craddock denied the same statement on behalf of his father. Miles Acheson pointed out that the Salt Spring Chamber could, by its constitution, speak for its own district only, and had never pretended to speak for any other.

Gavin Mouat told the meeting that he had no information as to what the C.P.R. intended to do, but that he hoped that the C.P.R. would continue to serve the Islands.

The delegates to the meeting were: C.R. Underhill, Charles Murrell, C. Lord, Capt. Denroche, E. Bambrick, A. Carr, J. Campbell (President), J. Money, W.S. & Mrs. Hume, J. Freeman, J. Bridge, Capt. Beech, G. Pearson. The visitors were, G. Mouat, D. New, M. Acheson, Capt. Craddock and a representative from the "Province" CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COUNCIL.

The Secretary of the G.I.I.B. Capt Denroche, visited a council meeting of the Chamber on 6 Nov. and found the Chamber in accord with him that the breakage of the Vancouver link would be a great blow to the Gulf Islands, including Salt Spring. He said that a Retreat Cove connection with Vancouver Island would be good for Galiano, but that this should not be considered as a substitute for the Vancouver link. The Council agreed.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

There is no accurate information as to what is going to happen, but the problem facing the C.P.R. is that a boat big enough to cross the Gulf is too big to operate profitably in the islands. The problem facing the islands, including Salt Spring, is that stores buy wholesale from Vancouver and that tourists come from there at present.

If the Vancouver-Gulf Islands sea route is discontinued, the possibilities are (1) the daily Vancouver Sidney (or some point from Sidney to Swartz Bay) boat would stop at one point on the Islands - say Mayne, it is anybody's guess -- and there would be a feeder service from there or, (2) a service connecting the northern islands with north Vancouver Island and the southern Islands with south Vancouver Island or, (3) nothing at all.

The Gulf Islands Ferry Co. (1951) Ltd. has bought a boat subject to change of flag. If the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry went to Retreat Cove which is a completely land-locked harbour the roads between Retreat Cove and South Galiano and also between Retreat Cove and North Galiano would have to be improved to take the traffic. That is to say, they would have to be widened & tarred.

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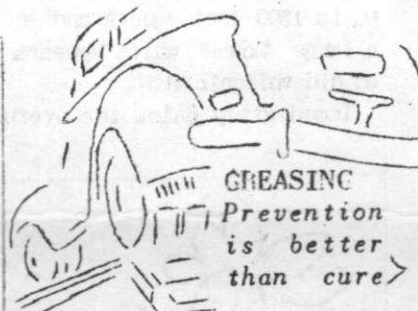
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Mrs. C. Mouat was in the Chair and 81 members were present. The Treasurers report showed a balance of \$380.51.

Mrs. H. M. Jackson was installed as a new member.

Final arrangements were made for the Legion dinner on 11 Nov. Mrs. G. Heinekey will be in charge with Mrs. Jessie Bond assisting her.

Miss Layton projected on a screen pictures she had taken of the Fashion Show.

Mrs. E. D. Smith has made a child's patchwork quilt which will be a prize in the Lucky Contest at the next Auxiliary Meeting.

Mrs. A. E. Duke was appointed Official delegate to the Provincial Executive meeting at Mission 21 Nov.

Mrs. C. Mouat will convene the Veterans Christmas parcels and will be assisted by Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Acland, and Mrs. Francis.

There will be a food shower at the next meeting for the Christmas parcels.

**FULFORD SOCRÉD**

At a meeting held at 'Tarnbrae' on Thursday Nov. 6, the Fulford group carefully considered the draft of a letter which it was proposed to submit to the editor of the Spotlight, for the purpose of exposing the true facts regarding the Crofton meeting which received some publicity of a misleading nature in the last issue, and which was repeated in a recent issue of the Gulf Islands Review, beneath a picture of the Constituency Association President, headed, in very poor taste 'Fire!'. A lively discussion ended with unanimous approval of the final draft. (This letter has been received. However, the official explanation is 'The reason why Mr. Brewster is recognized as President of the Constituency Association by the Fulford and some other groups is that these groups consider that, for technical reasons, the action taken by the Crofton meeting in ousting Mr. Brewster was unconstitutional'. Ed.)

A later request for clarification of the Ganges report, received from a Socred member in that area, indicates the necessity for placing the facts before the public and the rest of the Social Creditors, many of whom appear to have been misled. On Saturday night, Nov. 8, another Socred sponsored film show was given before a gratifyingly large audience. The two films, 'Sing and be Happy', (in which the audience wholeheartedly joined in the singing of popular songs) and the comedy 'Curtain call for Cactus Creek' were very well received. Thanks are due to Mr. Fred Tanner of the Victoria Photo Supply who very kindly loaned free of charge a brand new sound projection

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outfit. The use of a proper screen would have enhanced the presentation but this was not available. Refreshments donated by a number of local ladies, were served at the close of the show. A silver collection cleared expenses and indicates that this type of entertainment is much appreciated.

## STREET LIGHTD.

A very satisfactory report has been received from the Street Lighting Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Sufficient money has been raised to pay all amounts immediately needed.

## WHARF SHED.

We understand that the Department is considering shifting the Ganges wharf shed from its present position to a suitable one. This will be an excellent move.

## SCHOOL BOARD.

We went from the G.I.I.B. meeting on J. de Rousie's Fisher Lass to Galiano, and from there covered the School Board meetings.

On Mayne there was complaint about the water in the school. The supply is a spring which flows into a well and it is some distance below the school. Plumbing is wanted in the school.

The Board said that if the spring was deepened to 8 feet this 'would receive the approval of the Board'. In other words, 'Yes, if you deepen the spring'.

Among those present were W. Wilks, W. Morson, Charles Murrell, Mrs. D. Vigers, L. Garrick and others. The meeting was in the Mayne Community Hall and while the main part is very smart, the beaverboard is beginning to come away from the ceiling on the stage where the meeting was held and the piano looks rather sad.

We inspected the marvelous telephone installation kindly shown over by Leslie Garrick, which is there because a voice on long distance gets faint if it isn't boosted up by a machine like this.

It consists of a mass of wires and sockets neatly arranged in grey tin boxes on a frame some 10 feet high by 30 feet long, and there's a special gadget by which they turn on the charging generator from Vancouver.

In the church there's a wooden plate just north of the font with the words (in Chinese) 'Happiness' and 'Long Life'. We thought it a good, and apt description of Mayne.

## PENDER.

At the meeting W. Shirley and E. Allan brought up the fact that a number of children have to walk too far to school, and the Board said that if the parents would bring this up to the Board, the Board would see what could be done.

G.B. Jennens was re-elected trustee.

The trustees were asked about the water. It has been tested and is drinkable. Also they were asked to have a telephone installed in the school (we were told there were as many as 18 people on one line at Pender) and this is being negotiated with the Telephone Company.

The trustees were given a vote of thanks and tea was served by the P.T.A. Among those present were Mrs. Cousineau, N. Grimmer, C. & Mrs. Hogarth, V. W. Menzies, Percy Corbett, R. & Mrs. Allen, Mrs. A. Taylor, G. B. Jennens, E. Shirley.

A lot of work had been done on the school since we were last there. The basement floor has been cemented, a

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James Graham of the Bank of Montreal has been transferred to the Merritt Branch. We shall miss him. Good luck!

Mrs Springford & Mrs Mitchell wish to remind their many customers that they have flowers for all occasions

water tank put up, the walls of one of the basement toilets have been boarded over and, what we thought was a smart move, a rectangular hole has been cut in the fence and the hole edges covered by boards. Why? To give the kids ni excuse to climb the fence, of course!

On Pender we dropped in to see J.D. & Mrs. Bridge and Percy Corbett.

## SATURNA.

On Saturna we had a cup of tea with Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, and then Claud Connery gave us a lift down to the school - which is in excellent shape, by the way, and reflects great credit on the newly appointed teacher, W. Peters. Among those present were, William & Mrs. Money, R. Banner, A.M. Ralph (who has the sole store there now), Mrs. Drappier - and sorry, I've forgotten.

## NORTH GALIANO.

We didn't go to North Galiano because we had to be at the G.I.I.B. meeting. However, we hear that the foundations for Stretton's new store have already been poured. (The store was open in the shed the day after the fire!). Those present at the meeting were Mrs. Baines, J.H. Kolasoff, Mrs. Reims (apologies if this last name is incorrectly reported).

## GALIANO.

The new school is a building any community would be proud of. It's built in modern style with a flat overhanging roof and we understand that at the opening all the official bigwigs will be brought over to show what can be done if you really try.

There were 28 at the meeting. Don New was Chairman. Mrs. Scoones proposed by Mrs. Hume and seconded by E. Bambrick was re-elected trustee. The main questions were, When will the new school open? (A week after the power is led in). What about having new furniture for the new school? Could there be a school bus from North Galiano? A vote of thanks was given the Board.

We stayed at Fred Robson's Galiano Lodge, which is comfortable and modern and then looked over Eddie Bambrick's new store which has a big basement for future expansion. Garner's store is now kept by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, and we dropped in to see them. We sampled Robinsons Shortbread made on Galiano. Mary Lee makes shortbread at Fulford. Both are very good.

On this trip Tom Fowler became a grandfather once again.

## GANGES.

Forty-seven ratepayers were present, S.J. Wagg (proposed by W.M. Mout, 2nded by T.F. Speed) Colin Mout (proposed by H. Bradley 2nded by A.M. Brown) and Mrs. E. Gear (proposed by Gavin Mout 2nded by E. Ashlee) were elected trustees, and D.S. Harris, Auditor. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Dermott Crofton for her many years of service as trustee on the Board.

Austin Wells said that the Trustees report laid too much stress on the financial aspects and not enough on education. In a community like ours, it was no surprise that the marks were high. The tragedy was that the Provincial standard of education was too low, and the trustees should concentrate on trying to raise it.

## SQUARE DANCE.

The Square and Oldtime Dance which was held in the Fulford Community Hall Nov. 1, was attended by about 100 people under the convenership of Mrs. F.L. Jackson and Mrs. Ronnie Lee. The dancing was to music from records lent by Miss B. Hamilton, relay-

ed over the PA system and Art Hepburn was in charge of the calling. Refreshments were in charge of Mrs. M.C. Lee, Mrs. M. Gyves, Mrs. George Huish and Mrs. D. Baldwin helping.

Fifty-seven dollars was raised for the Christmas tree fund at the door and by donations, and a further \$20. (in all \$65 clear after expenses had been paid) by the sale of homemade candy by Mrs. Fergus Reid at the dance. Fergus Reid and W. Bridgen were at the door.

**E.A.**

Robert Thomas Loosmore has taken his B.A. in History. He is continuing his studies.

**ISLAND CONSTRUCTION**

On Galiano we met Realm Dept. Public works Engineer Grimble taking soundings for the new Galiano Wharf. The present one has raised planks across the right of way which makes car traffic uncomfortable.

On Mayne we noted that the new wharf seems to have been designed for transshipment purposes.

There is a strong rumour that the chance of a bridge between North & South Pender is, to put it mildly, likely to be delayed. The total cost including approaches is said to be in the region of \$37,000.

**ARMISTICE DAY**

In spite of pouring rain, about one hundred people attended the service at the Cenotaph in Ganges. In the evening was the Legion Dinner - turkey, apple pie & whipped cream - prepared by the ladies of the Auxiliary. There was a roll call and each man gave his name and unit. After the meal there was a singsong and entertainment.

**PINK OCTOPUS.**

We are advised that a pink octopus is washed up on the shore outside the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lefevre, Ganges. It is four foot across. (We are told by the Spaniel that it is good to eat).

**PENDER ISLAND**

The PTA had a Halloween Party on Friday night. There was a large firework display. Big bonfires near the Hall burned up the rubbish from the Bees held in the summer. Refreshments were served after in the Hope Bay Hall. Mr. Les Bowerman, R. Brackett, Jack Ruck, D. Taylor and Cliffe Brackett were recently away on a hunting trip. Lyall Brackett is meeting Capt. Alex Brackett to go on their annual hunting trip which is usually up the Cariboo.

The Legion held their meeting recently in the Hope Bay Hall, and Mr. MacDougall of the DVA addressed the meeting. There were thirty-three in attendance. Refreshments were served afterwards.

**MAYNE ISLAND** The Gulf Islands Branch No 84 Canadian Legion held its first smoker for several years at Mayne Island Community Hall on Saturday evening October 25th. Owing to the difficulties of night transportation between the islands at this time of year, the turnout

was somewhat smaller than anticipated, but nevertheless a most enjoyable evening was spent.

On the afternoon of 29 October the Branch held its last inter-island meeting for this year. Combined activities will resume the last Wednesday in April 1953.

Mayne Island Horticultural Society held its annual Chrysanthemum tea on 30 October at Grandview Lodge by courtesy of Mrs Naylor.

Despite the extremely dry season this year, blooms exhibited were of a high order. Prize winners were: Singles C. Murrell, Mrs. Payne Doubles C. Murrell, Mrs. Normington Best Collection, C. Lord, Mrs. Normington.

Iced Christmas cake -- made by Mrs Higginbottom & iced by Mrs Norton was won by Mrd Naylor.

Thanks for the success of the show are due not only to the above mentioned but also to Mrs Foster, Mrs C. Lord, Mrs Maynard, Miss Arline Salmon & others whose combined energies provided such an excellent tea.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**GALIANO - November 19th**

There will be an infant and Pre-School Clinic at Galiano at the house of Mrs Bambrick 10.30 a.m. to 12.00, and on

**PENDER AND SATURNA November 26th**

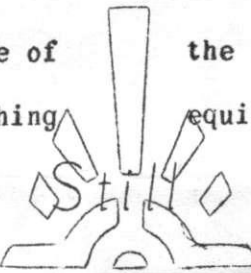
At Pender Island at 10 a.m. the place to be announced later, and at Saturna at 1.15 p.m. at Mrs. Peter's house.

**GALIANO** About 15 fathers and proxy fathers with as many sons sat down to a pie and icecream feed in Bambricks old store on Saturday the 7th. The object of the get together was the formation of some sort of Boys Club on the Island. A Committee was formed under George Rennie who was present as a proxy-father to one of the Kellenberg twins.

G. Rennie in his younger days played lacrosse with the Salmon bellies and is very keen on teaching the younger generation sports.

Five men and one bulldozer raised forty power line poles in 5 1/2 hours on Sunday 9th from the old Mission Room to close to the old school, including a secondary line to the

Some of the new washing equipment is still not yet here



**GULF ISLANDS CLEANERS**

new school. It is hoped the power will be in by the end of the month.

**FOOD DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE. COME AND SEE THE CHILDREN'S EXPERIMENT**

The children of Grade 6 of the Ganges School have carried out nutritional experiments under Mrs West and Mr Weeks. Of four rats, - two were fed a correctly balanced diet, the other two were fed plentifully but incorrectly. These rats will be on display at Mouats on 22nd November to show the difference correct feeding makes. All four rats are the same age.

**SOUTH PENDER.** We learn from Dr Giovando who has been interested in the proposed Pender-South Pender bridge that the Department of Public Works has finished their survey.

The over all picture is this: Last year the Department of Public Works spent \$1509.28 on South Pender. The land taxes amount to \$290 and the school taxes \$511.29. The population is 32.

The bridge would need 4 3/4 miles of road costing \$18,000 and the bridge would cost \$19,000.

It has to be remembered that Pender would also benefit from this bridge and we understand that Dr Guovando is doing what he can.

**FULFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.** Ten ratepayers attended. F.L. Jackson was elected Chairman. Mrs Laundry passed a vote of thanks to the teaching staff for their good work during the year.

The question of fencing the school grounds at Fulford was brought up. It will be done.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR.**

Dear Sir; Your November 1st issue contains instructive information from Dr William Plenderleith's report on Ganges Consolidated School.

We are all interested in education if not as parents, then as ratepayers and it is gratifying to know that this costly social service is, in the local area, achieving better than average results; it is observed however, that further improvements are suggested. You append an editorial note to the effect that the School Board is 'doing a good job... tied by the amount of MONEY at their disposal'.

In view of the apparent high ethical and technical standard of the teaching staff, would it be too naive to assume that the vocation of educator was chosen, by some at least, not entirely for its material rewards? That their opportunity for character-building in the rising generation -- without which mere education is a fatuity might be esteemed a privilege as well as a responsibility? That there still exists, in this mercenary age, a remnant of professional pride, amenable to appeal?

If such there be, I suggest that altruism might substitute effectively for cash... and even transcend the latter in the quality of satisfaction returned. To be explicit; that members of the present teaching staff might each, voluntary, assume duties a little in excess of stipulations to the end that Dr Plenderleith's recommendations be given effect, in whole or part, without increase in cash cost. One feels that such an arrangement would be well within their intelligence and ability if the will were there. What is it, after all, but the 'increased production' so widely prescribed as the cure for

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Incidentally, it would be a most refreshing change to see that docile milch cow, the rate payer, for once given a break.

(Signed) J.H.KELSEY

GALES On 14 November the gale was so strong that the Fulford wharf, was shaking and the Cy Peck did not run. The waves lashed over the foreshore, and the spray beat on the windows of Mary Lees Snack Shop.

On the 13th one of the scheduled planes (we hear Mrs Wells of the Ganges Pharmacy was on board) was unable to land in the harbour and had to return to the safety of Vancouver.

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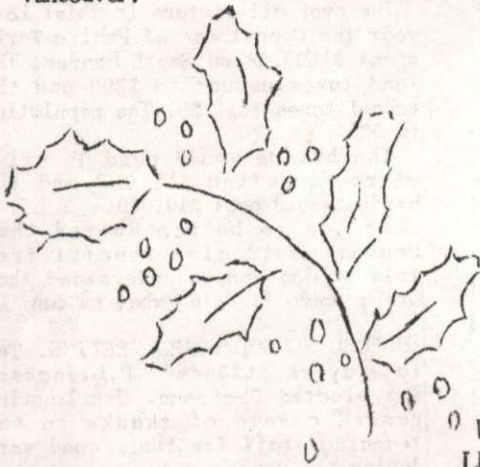
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GALE. As we write, we get a report that the small wharf at Fulford (NOTE NOT the Cy Peck Wharf) is getting washed away by rough seas.

RUMOUR DEPARTMENT. The Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada Ltd has plants near Trail where lead zinc and magnesium (powder) are produced. The report is that one of their trucks was seen on the Cy Peck, and the rumour is that they drill to see how much ore there is. Incidentally, we apologise to Mr Newbigging for a misspelling of his name on the first page.



The ANNUAL 500 PARTY will be in the Mahon Hall, Fri. Nov.28 at 8.15 p.m. Under the Auspices of the C.W.L. & the Catholic Men's Organization

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