

SPOTLIGHT

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EDITORIAL

The Gulf Island service will certainly be changed and the more we think about the transportation problem the more we feel that it resolves to the simple question of finding out what we can get, and building on that.

As has already been reported the Victoria Chamber of Commerce is getting interested in the Gulf Islands.

We cannot struggle against the hard economic facts which face anybody who tries to run a transportation service from Vancouver over the broad stretch of water to our islands. Island after island has been dropped from the run.

This is not an argument that a change to the Vancouver Island connection is desirable - it is a fact that we must realize no time should be lost, in finding out exactly what our future transportation service is likely to be so that we have time to plan ahead.

NORTH SALT SPRING WATER DISTRICT

The proposal has been put forward by the Water District that the whole of North Salt Spring (the dividing line goes south of District lots 35, 36, 37, 11, Section 14, R4E, R5E, R6E) and the north half of DL83

of South Salt Spring which holds Maxwell Lake should be included in the Water District.

This has been done in accordance with a motion passed at the last general meeting, where it was also stipulated that the taxation, should the district have to be supported by taxation, should not be more than 2 mills. In other words, should the district have to come on the taxes, a man who pays \$15 now would not have to pay more than \$2 then.

In effect, the chance of getting water in the district has to be weighed against the chance of having to pay without getting water.

There are two opinions drawn from the same set of facts; one is that the repayment of the capital and interest of the debentures is too much for the income of the district; and the other is that the income which will arise from the new installations will be ample to pay interest and capital in due course.

The income for the year ended 28 Feb. 1952 showed an increased income of \$782.32 over 1951, but owing to increased expenses the working deficit was \$1575.91. The total gross income was \$9537.42.

On 28 Feb. 1952 the debentures position was: Authorized \$120,000. Redeemed \$800. Held by Public \$78,200. Unissued \$41,000. They bear interest at 4% and will have

to be redeemed over the next 20 years.

On the other side of the picture: the new pipeline through Ganges to Vesuvius should bring in more revenue; the map of the present water district looks like some strange dragon and ought to be cleaned up; and joining the water district does not mean that you have to pay 2 mill but only that you might have to if things go wrong; that joining the water district gives you a voice in its control, and that being in the Water District is a desirable point when it comes to the sale of sub-divisions.

LETTER FROM . . . J.M. LARNIE
Dear Mr. Editor;

Immediately after Christmas I would suggest you get on the right side of the Spaniel, and have him go into the bare facts of our Islands problem.

The transportation difficulties we are faced with are most serious but we must face the facts, that, to quite an extent we are to blame, for we cannot sanely expect any transportation company to give service, to find at the end of their financial year - they only see Red. We have to get busy ourselves to put our houses in order, as a lot of our troubles are internal. For instance we can hardly expect a modern house-keeper to give up all her home latest conveniences, in a populated

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Apparently there is not enough Vitamin D in summer milk, butter or eggs. However, it can be got in sufficient quantities from a daily ration of 3½ oz of salmon, sardine herring, tuna etc. Cod liver oil etc. supplies this vitamin.

Of the Ganges school children only 53% had enough milk, 18% enough vitamin D, and 44% enough Vitamin C. Grade 6 has shown us how rats are stunted by not getting the right food. Do we want the same thing to happen to the children?

IT HAPPENED IN 1921. The regular monthly meeting of the South Salt Spring Island Women's Institute was held in Burgoyne Bay School on 16 July, the President Mrs Maxwell being in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting and also the correspondence was read.

A letter from the Shawnigan Women's Institute asking for help with a petition to the Government that the number of children per teacher in a one-roomed school be reduced from 40 (as it then stood) to 30, was endorsed for transmission to Mr Jackson MPP.

Arrangements were made for the Fall Fair. The Committee for getting up the prize list was: Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Mollet, Mrs Gyves, Mrs Reid. The date of the Fair was to be 2 Sept. but other details were to be decided at the next meeting.

It was moved by Mrs Mollet and 2nded by Mrs Crealy that the meeting



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SCOUTS AND CUBS STALL. We were glad to see the Cubs and Scouts, in action. The Cubs were outside the Trading Co calling out their wares like seasoned barkers (they were selling plants) and inside was the Scouts stall. While every one of the Scouts & Cubs helped, we noted Donnie Reynolds, Garrie Kaye Bobby Patchett, Bennie Greenough, Barry Davis, Ian Wells, Bobby Morris Parker Okano, Lyle Brown, John Sturdy, & Larry Morrel as being there when we were.

There are 25 Cubs in all. The things which were being sold were donated by relatives, friends and neighbours.

There was a white iced cake decorated with pink icing to have its weight guessed. It looked very gay. The people guessed its weight. J. Mitchell, Mrs L.K. Davis and V.C. Morris. The cake was cut in three!

The group committee wants to thank the donors very much and also those who patronised the stalls. The funds will go towards Scout & Cubs Camps.

GULF ISLANDS FLORISTS OPENS. We turned up for this opening. The counter is right opposite the door, and then you turn left to the room where the flowers are.

The room is painted green, and the big flower stand has the window behind it so that the light shines through. There were chrysanthemums carnations, roses etc. and special blooms which had been sent down from Victoria by people who wished the Lefevres good luck.

There were many other flowers of course, but flowers aren't much up your editor's alley, and what interested him more was some very attractive brass and copper ware for sale. There were also pictured made by the careful fitting together of curiously grained woods of many different kinds; pictures of mountains, of deer, of forests and lakes.

Austin Wilson was O/C door prize. Mrs E. Parsons won the first prize, a dozen Better Times roses; Mrs W.E. Greenough won the large Cattelya Orchid; Mrs Menhinick also won an orchid as third prize.

200 people attended the Opening.

WARNING. We have been informed on the highest authority that the public habit of trying to get run over is to stop. Pedestrians or motorists not obeying the traffic signs are liable to be hauled before the beak, and this is particularly likely to happen in the villages. & in school Zones.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. The bazaar which was held by the Women's Auxiliary, was convened by Mrs G.H. Holmes and opened by Archdeacon Holmes. There was a large crowd and the receipts were around \$220.

Among those helping were: Mrs J. Mitchell, Mrs L. Spencer, Mrs D. Perry, Mrs Popham, Mrs V.C. Best, Mrs W. Eagles, Mrs J. Byron, Mrs H. Price, Mrs W.M. Palmer, Mrs W. Norton, Mrs A.R. Price, Mrs S. Bannister, Mrs J.C. Kingsbury, Mrs E. Adams, Mrs C.W.

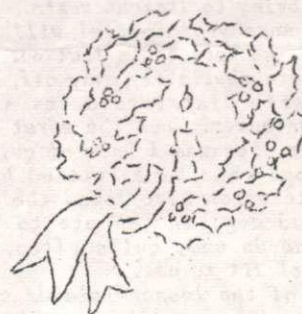
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area, and come to the Islands to hibernate, owing to the fact that the smaller islands there is no water or lighting facilities, plus the lack of shopping attractions.

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I am sure your Spaniel will come up with the bare facts that our land values are absolutely away off, compared with districts a few miles from Vancouver. But the worst need is water, because I know of quite a few people who have settled here, and afterwards have found the well they had dug, inadequate to fill their needs and, quite often, the water not fit to use.

Each of the lesser islands could quite readily have a dam and assure incomers this Number 1 necessity, & we can be assured of technical assistance in this venture by the experts of our Provincial Government.

Your Spaniel will find also the population of the smaller islands is dropping as compared with former years, and I hope she comes up soon with all the answers we are seeking.

ST MARY LAKE. This lake, generally reputed to be bottomless, has a maximum depth of 55 feet. It is 150 feet above sea level, is 1.9 miles long, has a maximum width of .7 miles and an area of 32 acres.

The lake is inhabited by small mouthed Bass (bass over 2 1/2 lb) are frequently taken) put there originally in 1920, and sea-run cutthroat trout which have come up the outlet (Duck Creek, Stuart Channel Vesuvius Bay) to spawn and have been cut off by the drying up of the outlet. The cutthroat average 1/2 to 3/4 lbs in weight.

In order to allow more cutthroat to enter St. Mary Lake, it was proposed to clear the outlet which for the first 150 yards is an undefined swamp of sedge, tullees

and willows. This was opposed by tourist camp operators and others who feared that clearing a channel through the swamp would lower the level of the lake, and thus make a smelly muddy foreshore quite apart from rendering present wharves etc. unusable.

The Rod & Gun Club had this investigated, and G.C. Stevenson, of the Game Department forwarded a report made by R.F. McMynn from a survey made in October 1952. The conclusions reached in effect were

1. Clearing the channel will not lower the lake more than a few inches because the lake is largely spring fed and if the water does not flow out through the swamp in summer now, it won't when a ditch is dug through it.

2. Clearing the channel will not add to the trout population, for if it makes it easier for them to get in, it will also make it easier for them to return to the sea.

3. The best solution might be a control gate at the road culvert which would hold back the water during early summer. This would involve flood gate, stop log and ladder construction.

4. The lake is full of well fed bass. They ought to be fished.

As a matter of general interest, during the glacial period the Piedmont glacier flowed south through the Straits of Georgia and out at the Strait of Juan de Fuca. (C.H. Clapp 1912). The warm period following the ice was 3000 to 7000 years ago; 4500 years ago the land was apparently between 250 and 600 feet higher than now. It reached its present level some 2500 years ago.

UG AND MUG. If you don't get the right kind of food, you starve. And that is quite irrespective of how much the food may have cost, as has been shown only too well in arctic expeditions where men have died surrounded by plenty of the wrong kind of food.

Ug and Mug (two white rats) were in the same boat. They were fed all they wanted from the lunch boxes of Grade 6 (the adults helping in the experiment were Mrs West, Miss Layton & Ken Weeks) but they were not given proper food. They had candy, pop, white bread etc. Their colleagues in the experiment, Shriek & Streak were given a balanced diet and grew to twice the size.

Grade 6 did a mural in coloured chalk on the history of this, and a booklet in verse decorated with spatter work. On 21 Nov. they took it in turns in 2 hour shifts to introduce the public to the rats and show the effect of diet. David Ashlee, Garrie Kaye & Donnie Reynolds were on duty when we got there. -- at Moutats.

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THE UNITED CHURCH EVENING CIRCLE monthly meeting was held 24 Nov. in the Church Hall with 18 members present and Mrs McGill in the Chair. The meeting opened with Devotional taken by Mrs McGill.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$208.25.

They are going to purchase silverware for the church kitchen and have also arranged to pay a half of the fuel costs for the church for one year.

The tea hostesses were Mrs E. Reynolds & Mrs C.Wagg.

ROD AND GUN CLUB. We saw the Consolation Prize for the Hunting Derby in the White Elephant. It is a very nice picnic box valued around \$40. The tickets are 50¢ each. There is a prize for the heaviest deer and also for the best set of horns.

Only one tail has been turned in so far in the Coon Tail Contest. The Club bounty is 50¢ a tail until 80 tails have been turned in.

The Members Dinner is at Harbour House on 3 December.

A LEGION BEE takes place every Wednesday and the Ladies Auxiliary serves tea. This is at the old United Church which will be the new Legion Hall.

There is enough money to pay for the materials but very little to pay for labour, so help is wanted.

The building is being extended back 16 feet to make room for kitchen and wash rooms; a septic tank has been put in and water is being laid on. The wiring has to be renewed, and a ceiling put in. The floor and foundations are sound, but the walls are thin.

DR GIOVANDO MLA and Dr Morrison President of the Nanaimo Conservative Association dropped in. Dr Giovando told us that he had taken up the question of the delay in rebuilding the Saturna Wharf with General Pearkes.

He said that he would be coming to Salt Spring soon to discuss local problems on that Island.

GANGES PTA Monthly Meeting with

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SPOTLIGHT.

Mrs L.G.Mouat in the Chair heard an appeal from Mrs G.Reynolds for more parents to join the organization. Present membership is 63.

The list of future engagements and guest speakers was presented by the programme committee Miss O.Mouat Miss R.Oulton and G.Nelson.

Mrs G.Parsons submitted the 1953 budget of \$425.

One big money making effort will be made at Easter instead of the usual small stalls.

There will be a dance on Boxing Day with Testar's Orchestra under the convenership of Mrs Ashlee.

Miss E.Layton Public Health Nurse read her official report of a diet test on 55 children at Ganges school. The per centage of those getting sufficient quantities of dietary necessities in each food group was higher than in the Province as a whole.

Miss O.Mouat is Christmas candy bag convener. The pennant was won by Miss E.Spence's class.

Vocalsolos, accompanied by Mrs E. Ashlee were given by Mrs L.G.Mouat & E.Avery and G.Nelson gave a piano solo. Coffee hostesses were Mrs P. Cartwright, Mrs S.Donkersley, Mrs C. Wagg.

THE EMERGENCY INTERRUPTION on Tuesday morning Nov. 25 from 3 am to 4 am, affecting the entire Nanaimo-Duncan system, was required to effect essential repairs to a pole on the double 60,000 volt circuit supplying the Nanaimo-Duncan Power district. The pole on this circuit at the corner of Wakesiah Ave. & 2nd Street, Nanaimo was hit by a car on Nov. 21.

MRS H.A.SPALDING WRITES: Your notes in Nov 15 issue are not helpful to our efforts. These half truths do not give a fair picture of the situation.

In the first place, why not mention that to benefit a community of 4000 people by cutting off 2 hours travelling time to Vancouver, South Pender call was cut out, always with the promise of a road & bridge to Port Washington first.

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here and not much of that. We have 5 miles of road and are asking for an extra 2½ miles, a total of 7½ miles for 23 property owners at least if not more, all paying taxes. Correct me if I am wrong, but doesn't 90¢ on every \$1.00 go out on taxes?

We give \$511.29 every year for education throughout B.C. Our own school has been closed since 1941.

The road & bridge is an absolute necessity. The money has been collected many times (over) in the last 60 years. We are asking no favours but it is time we benefitted from our taxes as other people do throughout the Province.

The quitting of a mail and passenger service after 50 years to South Pender is having a crippling effect on our whole way of life. These are some of my own personal experiences. Travelling down from Galiano a distance of ten miles \$7; to get to Port Washington \$3.35; Sidney \$8. etc.

I hope the Spotlight will pull for us and our cause. Our money, labour, homes and interests are here and are being threatened with extinction.

PENDER ISLAND. In Otter Bay there is a herring saltery. This year they were so busy that they had to bring men over from Vancouver to help out. About 1000 tons of herring

were packed.
INSPECTOR BIRCH has been appointed Stipendary Magistrate.

JAY VAN BUSKIRK who was in the Art Harmony Seven Orchestra which won the plaques as 1st Best All-round Orchestra in Canada & 3rd in U.S.A. (he later took over the orchestra from his brother-in-law, Guy Watkins) has settled on Salt Spring. He plans to give lessons in tap-dancing, guitar, banjo & trumpet.

UNRAVELLING OLD NYLON STOCKINGS and re-weaving the threads into woven cloth & other goods will provide work and rice for Korean destitute families. 2½ pounds of old useless stockings will provide one day's work for a widow. These will be collected, too. See adv. front page.

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THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S League and the Men's Organization held their Annual 500 Party in the Mahon Hall. The 1st prize was won by M. & Mrs Gyves, Fergus & Mrs Reid; the 2nd by Mrs Westcott & Mrs White, Frank White & William Westcott; the 3rd by W. & Mrs Jameski, J. & Mrs Nelson. The Consolation prizes were won by Bud & Mrs Conery, G. & Mrs Huish. The Lucky Chair prizes by Ted Gear & F. Messier. The Tombola prizes were won by Mrs M. Gyves, Mrs Ormond & Mrs W.H. Phillips both of Victoria, J.E. Bennett. The Candies were won by F. Kaye. There were 15 door prizes.

The two organizations enjoyed having their guests (there were 24 playing tables & six more could easily have been laid) and want to thank them all.

ON 17 NOV. THE MISSION BAND held a concert in the U.C. Sunday School Hall. The piano the Junior Organizations wanted so much has now been bought.

A VESUVIUS SOCIAL CREDIT GROUP has been formed: Col. Byng Hall Pres; V.J. Harraway Vice-Pres; E. Ball Secy J.F. de Macedo Treas.

THE VESUVIUS BAY CIRCLE Annual meeting elected Miss C.T. Motherwell Pres; Mrs Lowther Vice-Pres; Mrs Vivian Ramsay Secy; Miss Muriel Harrington Treas; Mrs T. Carlyle Dorcas Secretary.

Miss H. Barchet, an authority on Chinese village life, spoke on her experiences in a Japanese internment camp.

THE ELKS are having meetings in t Golf Club every 2nd Friday of each month. The first meeting was on 14th.

R.C.M.P. CONSTABLE E. BELL has arrived in Ganges and has taken over the boat duty.

THE FIRE BRIGADE fond that the fire at K. Tahouney's had been put out by Eva 16 & Frank 14 with a hose.

Dear Folks,

We were so pleased so many of you came to our Opening, & deeply appreciated your good wishes & warm expressions of approval.

We are sorry some of you couldn't squeeze in but do feel free to pop in anytime to enjoy the plants and flowers.

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ACROBATIC DANCING The acrobatic dancers who will be at the Hospital Dance will be Diane (aged 16) and Marie (aged 7) Tippett. They were on Salt Spring for the 24th May celebrations at Fulford.

Diane, who studied under Miss Velda Willie, has been dancing since she was nine and has given over 500 performances as an entertainer. For three consecutive years she won top honours at the BC Dance Festival (Acrobatic Class).

Both will be seen at the Christmas Pantomime at the Royal Theatre during December.

The Hospital Dance will also have Dave Boyes in the male quartette - their first public appearance since Dr. Boles returned.

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