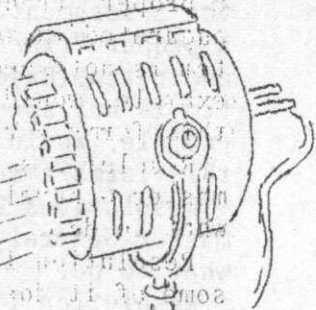


SPOTLIGHT



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Some people like getting up early in the morning and others don't. And in this Gulf Islands boat question, widely different views also are held strongly. Your editor considers the matter one of dollars & cents: the run doesn't pay (even with only 2 island ports of call it probably still doesn't pay), Can we make it pay, & if so how?



And others don't.

Or must we aim for an inter-island car ferry, to run at a profit (or at any rate at less loss!) which will meet the fast CPR boat? Or are we going to be left without any good communications at all? It is not a pleasant thought. But some chaps have entirely different views. Some don't want the islands to go ahead: perhaps they look on their island as a quiet retreat and want to keep it that way; or can just get by with things as they are now & think that any improvements are going to bring up the cost of living. There are fellows who'd like the islands to become a SuperAtomic Gladrag Holiday Resort -- with all the trimmings; others want them to be inhabited exclusively by retired people. Some again would bar dogs (sheep), or children (taxes), or pigs (Bang's disease) or liquor stores (liquor). Mayne Island Community Association (Spotlight 15 Dec.) brought out a new

line of thought. The Minutes of the meeting start, "Transportation is the life-blood of a community, by which it must live and grow." give a sort of summarized history of worsening communications and lead to a conclusion: "As an obvious consequence of the lack of transportation, property values on Mayne Island must be adversely affected". THEREFORE (the words "either ..or" here are inserted by your editor to make the reasoning clearer; they do not appear on the original -- there were apparently 2 schools of thought)..(either)

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Annual General Meeting, 31 January 1952, 8 pm. Mahon Hall Board Room.

Among things done,

Getting street lighting for the island,
Getting an abatement of airplane noise in Ganges Harbour.

Business concerns,

Election of Officers
Condition of floats at Ganges
Comfort station at Ganges
Garbage disposal
Position of a Treasurer.

If you have anything you want done, turn out and support your

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The ISLANDS FARMERS INSTITUTE Annual General Meeting is today, January 15, Tuesday, 8.30 p.m. at the Fulford Community Hall.

the assessment for taxes should be reduced (or) a proper "transportation system" (should) "be inaugurated" (Resolutions 5 & 6). The type of system is not specified: a scheduled airline, for example, would come under the terms of 6. All this forms a reasoned argument.

Resolutions 2, 3 & 4 tell the MP, MLA, Postmaster General & Department of Public Works what to do.

Resolution 1 opens a new line of thought, but some of it doesn't seem right to your editor. While agreeing that the change of schedule has caused personal inconvenience, possibly hazard & certainly financial loss, your editor thinks that the description of a decision to reduce the number of ports which have not paid over years, as "arbitrary" cannot be sustained: it is, unfortunately, the obvious thing to do. And later on, other non-paying ports may be cut out too, Ganges & Pender for example. Who knows? And The CPR cannot be blamed for losing confidence in the islands (if they have lost confidence) seeing the boat has not paid, apparently for years. Here is the resolution: "We deplore and condemn the lack of planning & lack of confidence in the development of these islands evidenced over a period of years by the CPR and do further deplore the arbitrary decisions made by the officials of the CPR with regard to services & schedules, which have caused serious personal inconveniences, hazard & financial loss." "Lack of planning ... in the development of these islands"? If the CPR is to plan our fate the obvious line of action is for everybody to pawn the family bulldozer, buy CPR stock, and go and chew blades out of the Directors at the next CPR annual general meeting. It's held in Montreal at the beginning of May.. Suggested reading for the trip: Carnegie's "How to make friends and influence people."

SOUTH PENDER.

Mrs Grace Hume tells us: Those home for Christmas were; Geraldine & Peter Dobbin - with their parents for the holidays; David Spalding visiting his folks; Larry arrived Christmas day & left on the 26th, - he spent the time with us of course; we went to town on the 29th and spent the new year with my mother & dad, and sister & Larry; Mr Plaquette spent the holiday with his young daughter Hilary who boards with the Teeces - he was the Teeces' guest. Mr & Mrs Teece also had a party for about 20 guests on

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Saturday Dec 22, games & refreshments, and Marilyn Murray was "Little Jack Horner", & opened her Christmas pie and had a treat for everyone out of the pie; Mr & Mrs William Murray were also house guests of the Teeces. Mrs E. Pritchard left for Vancouver via Victoria.

GALIANO

For one reason or another the news report which was posted all right hasn't been delivered yet, so we had to get the news by phone. The recent big wind did a lot of damage, and as one Irishman put it "blew down a lot of trees that had never been blown down before". It knocked out the Power & Telephone services along Gulf Drive. On the other hand there hasn't been more than 8 inches of snow anywhere on the island. There's still a bit up at the north end, but the south end is clear. Where your editor is, there's snow all over the place and it's snowing now. It's not snowing in Galiano.

Quite independently of Salt Spring, Galiano has solved its garbage problem. The Galiano Development Association took the matter up and wrote to the Powell River Co which owns a lot of the island asking whether the Company would allow lot 14, which is on the way to Taylor Bay, to be used as a garbage dump. The Company very public-spiritedly gave their permission, so the garbage problem is solved, -- on one island of our group at least.

Tillie of Bloomsbury was performed to a full house, and was very well done. A.B. Hodges, who was helped by Frank Johnstone, did a good job as Director. (Your editor did this job once -- and never again. It's frightfully hard work.) The characterization was very good; the costumes were pleasant; and the actors spoke well -- it was easy to hear every word at the back of the hall. Fred Weaver, who is well known in Vancouver, played the piano during the intermission.

Eddie Bambrick has bought out Jack's Coffee Shop and we understand that it may open up under a new management in due course.

The only effect of the new boat schedule on the Galiano mail is to make the mail delivery ¼ of an hour later than it was before. Credit for this is due to Martinich's very efficient boat service which carries the mail. And also, of course, to the Postmaster General!

CORRESPONDENCE

M.K. McTighe has a very good reason for kicking. He writes he went down to the pay phone (presumably at Fulford because the Ganges pay phone isn't on a party line) to make an important call at 8 pm. There were 4 chaps ahead of him. Well,



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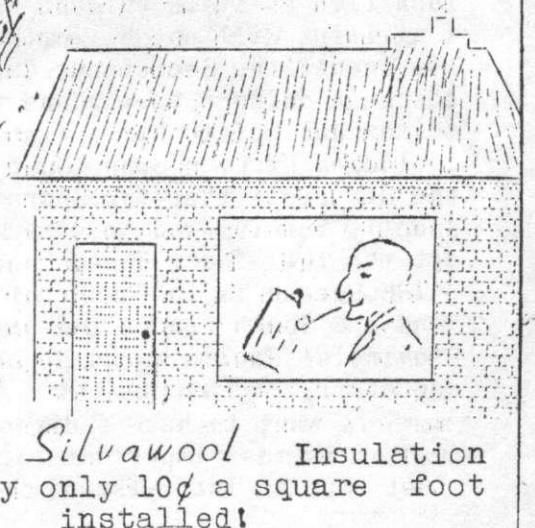
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the routine was they'd lift the receiver every five minutes, and every time they did so there were a couple of ladies talking, so the line was busy. After a bit, the other fellows got fed up and quit, but McTighe had to get his call through & he waited. When that line was free, he got through and (you've guessed it!) the other line was busy. And when he finally got both lines clear which was around 9, an hour late, the other fellow had got tired of waiting for him to call and had gone out, so there was no answer. We've all had experiences of this nature and they are maddening. But it seemed stupid to have a pay phone on a party line, so your editor phoned the Company. They agreed it was inconvenient; but said it would mean running a line the whole way from the exchange to Fulford, which would be expensive. So we asked a pal. He suggested that anybody who used a line for more than 3 minutes should immediately be hanged from the nearest telephone pole. So we phoned the Company again. The idea's no good. Not enough poles.

We also got a few letters about the Spotlight. The advertising is for cash -- some of the larger papers charge an extra 25 cents if you don't send the money in with the order. It isn't that people don't pay -- there would soon be no Spotlight if that happened, -- but the amounts are so small that it is an expensive nuisance to write out bills for them. Also chaps forget. So Spotlight advertising is for cash. The "vast profits" one chap referred to go into the family piggy bank to help buy the spaniel a dog licence.

SALT SPRING

St George's Altar Guild Annual Meeting. 7Jan. The following Officers were elected: Mrs V.C. Best, Pres; Mrs Stephen King, Vice-Pres; Mrs W. Norton, Sec; Mrs A.R. Price, Treas; Mrs S.H. Baker, Flower Conv; Mrs G.C. Kingsbury, Work Conv; Mrs Laurie Mout in charge of altar linen. Among the activities for the year were: the new lighting in St George's church, fitting choir pews with book racks, preparing a memorial tablet for Mr C.H. Trafford -- in whose memory the flood lighting of the chancel was installed by Mrs Trafford. It was arranged to hold a tea on St Valentine's day at the rectory to raise money to present to St Mark's Chancel Guild to augment their funds; this is the 60th anniversary of the consecration of St Mark's. In future the St George's Altar Guild meetings will be on the 1st Monday of each month.

GULF ISLANDS IMPROVEMENT BUREAU

(9Jan) It is logical to put all the various bits under this heading -- bits of news, your editor means -- as the majority of them are connected with the Bureau's activities. The Bureau passed: "The Bureau goes on record as approving the CPR's effort to improve the Gulf Islands service until such time as it is evident that suitable wharf facilities will not be forthcoming." But behind the scenes the Secretary, Captain I.G. Denroche, has been doing a tremendous amount of work. Your editor has before him a list of 16 people (not including Dr Lynn Gunn about getting a doctor for the district) that the Secretary has either personally interviewed or else written to in order to get the full facts on the boat situation.

THE Bureau is in favour of a bridge between Pender & South Pender (we are told that men of the Provincial Public Works Department are looking the gap over), and at present the members want to have a direct Vancouver connection (which is most important to all the islands) and feel that an inter-island ferry might be offered

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as a poor substitute.

There is a certain amount of feeling against the "Mayne Island" declaration (and on Mayne Island itself). The document was published in full in the Sidney & New Westminster papers and possibly in others.

We are told that Frank Pruden who is a marine engineer is closing the wharf store and going back to his old job, but that Fred Jackson who is the owner is going to reopen it.

SALT SPRING

GUIDES. Joan McDonald has been selected as one of the 2 Guides from the Saanich Division to represent the Division at Ottawa, and Arlene Reynolds has been asked to stand by in case of accidents.

FULFORD Hall Committee held a New Year's eve dance (your editor was snowed up that night and couldn't get out). The orchestra was Butler's from Victoria and the supper was supplied by Mary Lee Snack Shop. It was a good supper. Mrs Gyves was convener & Fergus Reid & Walter Brigden were at the door, where, incidentally, paper hats were given out. Nearly 200 people turned up.

They're alike in many ways - budgets & rivers. Sometimes they're full and run smoothly; at other times they just dry up. Very often - as with rivers - it's a seasonal problem.

Many Bank of Montreal customers have come across it. Some have found that Christmas expenses make January a "thin month". Others have experienced a shortage of ready cash after paying insurance premiums or mortgage interest. And they've worked out a solution along conservation lines.

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VESUVIUS Grocery has been taken over by Mrs R.T Britton & Mrs R.M. Heath. Good luck to them in their new venture! Mrs D. Gorgoni the former proprietress has gone to California.

We're sorry to hear that W.L. Rogers has not been well, and is now in hospital in Victoria. His father J.S. Rogers returned from a trip to England a little while ago.

SANTA CLAUS at Ganges. He arrived by plane & was escorted to the White Elephant where children lined the verandah and windows to welcome him. One day there were about 200 children. As last year, it gave a great deal of pleasure. The prizes were won by Mrs Maunsell, radio; Mrs Kwasnycia, Electric clock; Harvey Reynolds, box of chocolates; Vic Beddis, 2 cases ginger ale (quarts); Donnie Goodman, \$2.50 Gift Certificate; Mrs Beth Peterson, dry-cleaning job at Gulf Islands Cleaners; Jack White & Mike Haspola 2 1/2 lb bulk candy each. Elvin Walters donated his services as Santa Claus, and the helpers were Mrs George Hurst, Mrs Hobday, Mrs Stan Wagg, Mrs Hughie Stewart, Mrs Hougen, Donnie Goodman. \$91 was collected in all which went to pay for expenses & some gift parcels to families, and there is \$25.18 in hand.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Council (Executive) meeting Harbour House Friday, Jan 18, 8pm.

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