

# DRIFTWOOD

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## A NEWSPAPER FOR SALTSPRING!

### FULFORD FIRE TRUCK BEATS GANGES' TRUCK TO FIRE AT ST. MARY LAKE!

It looks like the old smoke-eater, ex-chief D. Goodman, got a little tired of waiting to see how the fire department worked without him. On March 11th, he built such a good fire in the fireplace, a chimney fire started. In a matter of minutes the fire truck was there, but the fire was out upon their arrival. Either the fire just upped and died from fright when the siren blew, or "Goody" knows more about getting a fire stopped than started. Mr. Goodman was impressed by the Fire Department's efficiency.

The report of a chimney fire at the Miles Acheson home, Sunday, March 13th, got more than the usual fine action of the Ganges Fire Department. Upon the alarm, two engines went racing to the scene, with the Fulford fire truck leading the way.

It so happened that both fire trucks were in Ganges for a practice session and the Fulford truck was in a better position for a flying start.

The fire department reports no damage caused by the fire.

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Today you are reading the first issue of DRIFTWOOD, a weekly newspaper, to be published every Thursday at Ganges. DRIFTWOOD will be delivered through the mails to every home on Salt Spring Island. It will be free.

We hope for three things: that you will like DRIFTWOOD, that we improve with each successive issue, and that we can be of service to Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands.

Our policies will be based upon our love for the Gulf Islands. We feel there is no finer place in the world than these enchanting islands. Five years ago we came to the Gulf Islands to spend a month. We are still here, hopelessly trapped by the magic spell of these islands.

We promise never to use DRIFTWOOD as a "privileged pulpit". We will attempt, at all times, to show both sides of a controversy equally and fairly. Our paper will always be open to anyone with something pertinent to say.

Providing we have the space we will print all "Letters-to-the-Editor", whether brick-bats or bouquets, if they are in good taste and do not violate the libel laws. We will accept no anonymous letters, but will withhold your name on request. We reserve the right to edit letters, only if we do not have the space for an entire letter.

We will have a "Con-  
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### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED AT VESUVIUS

March 16 - - Mr. and Mrs. A.E.Duke, well-known residents of Salt Spring Island, were honoured on the occasion of their golden wedding at an afternoon party given by their Vesuvius Bay friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.J.Sharland.

The table, at which Mrs. R.T.Britton, Mrs. Gavin Mouat, Mrs. G.H.Holmes and Mrs. H.C.Giegerich poured tea, was centered with a large silver bowl filled with white carnations, yellow tulips, yellow freesias and mimosa, flanked by six golden candles in matching silver holders. The three-tier wedding cake was surmounted with yellow roses and maidenhair fern and decorated with golden leaves.

Daffodils, carnations, narcissi and jars of graceful branches of Japanese cherry and plum blossoms, effectively arranged, decorated the reception room.

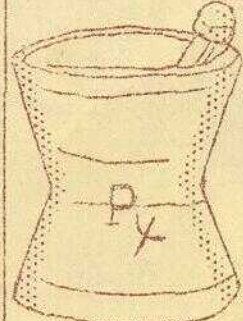
Mr. and Mrs. Duke were married in 1910 at St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, and lived in that city until they moved to Salt Spring Island and settled at Vesuvius Bay. They have one son, Mr. H.E.Duke, who is married and lives in Vancouver.

During the late afternoon Mr. Gavin Mouat made  
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(Cont'd from P.1) - - Newspaper - tributors Page". It will be for those who have a desire to write.

For this page we want articles, essays, poetry, stories, or anything that has literary merit and is of general interest. We would especially like to have some short articles on the history of Salt Spring, its people, their foibles and adventures. And humour would be best of all.

For all service and social organizations we will have a "Coming Events" column, where the clubs can list free their next event. We will also carry a free listing of church services.

For the former residents, your friends and relatives, we will have a subscription service. We will send DRIFTWOOD to anyone in Canada for \$2.50 per year. Anywhere else in the world - \$3.00 per year.

We will have a classified section, where you can advertise, at a low cost, whatever you wish to buy, or sell, or rent or whatever you desire. The cost is 75¢ for 1 to 20 words. Each additional

word - 3¢. A 20% discount, if ad is run for more than one week without change in copy.

Advertising is what pays for DRIFTWOOD. We would appreciate it if you would patronize the advertisers in DRIFTWOOD. Tell them you saw it in DRIFTWOOD.

We would like to ask your help in gathering the news. The little news items that are so important to a

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(Cont'd from P.1) GOLDEN WEDDING - - a short speech in which he conveyed the congratulations and good wishes of those present, all of whom have appreciated the friendliness, hospitality and kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Duke during their 15 years in the community. Mr. Mouat presented them with a gift from their friends at Vesuvius Bay and wished them many years of happiness in their present home, he then called on Archdeacon Holmes to add a few words and to give his benediction. The Archdeacon spoke briefly, made a prayer of thanksgiving and gave the blessing.

Amongst those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Irl Bradley, Mrs. H.C. Giegerich, Mrs. Neil Smith, Archdeacon and Mrs. G.H. Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. R. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Robinson, Major and Mrs. R.L. Gale, Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Lazenby, Mrs. Francis Agnew, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Bates, Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Britton, Mrs. T. Carlyle, Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Copeland, Mrs. Edith Davidson, Mrs. Jean De Macedo, Mr. and Mrs. J. Duhig, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Empey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Flewin, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Foster, Dr. and Mrs. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. George Heinekey, Mr. and Mrs. Finn Lepsoe, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Quinton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tretheway, Mrs. D. A. Lowther, Mrs. W. Loxton, Mrs. R. Malcolmson, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mellish, Mrs. R.T. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Minchin, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin C. Mouat, Mr. and Mrs. W. Napper, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Price, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Harvey and Anne, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Richardson, Mrs. V. Clarke, Mrs. A.J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Smith, Mrs. Mary Carlyle, Mrs. Anna Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Thorburn, (Victoria), Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. J. McNulty, Mrs. Winnifred Wilson, Mrs. R.M. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wright.

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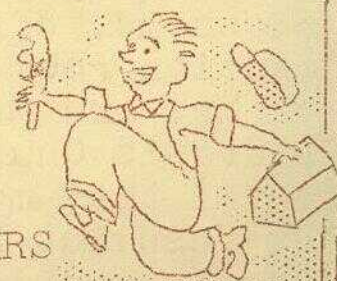
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(Cont'd from P.2) - NEWSPAPER - weekly newspaper. The news that is of interest to your friends and neighbours. Whenever you have out-of-town guests, give a party, when grandpa falls in the well, when you catch a big fish, or your daffodils bloom in December. Whenever or whatever, please phone 176 or one of our correspondents in your area.

Don't hesitate to send me your criticisms, suggestions or pats-on-the-back, but remember the main thing about the whole operation is, "let's have fun!!

#### BANK MANAGER TRANSFERRED

Mr. J.H.P. Frederick, Manager of the Ganges Branch of the Bank of Montreal since October, 1958, has been transferred to Kelowna, B.C. where he will assume the position of Assistant Bank Manager. A successor to Mr. Frederick has not been announced as of this time.

#### GOLF COURSE SOLD

Mr. P.D. Humphreys of A.E. Austin & Co., has announced that the Salt Spring Golf Course has been sold to Mr. Gavin Bilton and Mr. H.B. Rubbra. Mr. Bilton, of Burnaby, was a former resident of Salt Spring. The sellers of the property were Mrs. Loys Hayes

and her son, Mr. Jack Hayes. The new owners are planning to build a new clubhouse and have plans to establish a country club set-up.

There is no plan to licence the salt water fishermen "in the foreseeable future". Recreation and Conservation Minister Earle Westwood made this promise last week after talks between federal and provincial fishing authorities. The talks were held at Federal request, and it was widely rumoured that it was planned to issue licences for salt-water sports fisherman.

A group of interested business men of Ganges met at Mahon Hall on Tuesday, March 14th, to form a Ganges Businessmen's Association. Charles Horel was appointed Chairman, E.V. Fisher, Secretary, and Zenon Kropinski and William Trelford will assist the chairman. While the new organization is a separate entity, they intend to work very closely with the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

On Sunday, March 20th, about 4:00 PM, the Ganges fire truck was called to the Syd Clairbourne residence to put out a brush fire. No damage was reported.

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The Salt Spring Lions Club, one of the younger but energetic clubs on the island is putting on "A Cavalcade of Song & Dance" this week-end. This "whoop-de-do", ramrodded by Bill Trelford, the Projects Chairman, will feature song and dance routines from the Gay Nineties to modern times. Featured among the entertainment will be a barber shop quartet. There will be singers (chorus & otherwise) and group dancers doing everything from the Charleston to rock'n'roll. The Square Dance Club will put on a square dance exhibition. The show will be emceed by Bill "Fat Lip" Trelford, providing his injured mouth (he caught a jack-handle) is in shape.

May 6, in the hall. All veterans are invited to attend this affair, whether Legion members or not.

The Vancouver Island Regional Conference of the B.C. Hospitals Association has announced its intention of holding the regular conference on Saltspring Island. The Lady Minto Hospital Board and Staff feel honoured that Ganges has been chosen - the hospital here being the smallest in the region.

Administrators and Trustees will arrive on Friday, April 1st, and hold meetings. On Saturday, April 2nd, matrons, nurses, dietitians, accountants, laboratory technicians and librarians will arrive and will be

The Executive of Salt Spring Island Branch 92 of the Canadian Legion has received with regret the resignation of John Frederick, one of its council members. Mr. Frederick will be moving shortly to Kelowna on a managerial transfer by the Bank of Montreal.

Under the direction of V.L. Jackson, the concrete foundation for the storeroom addition to the Legion Hall will be laid this week, weather permitting, and the building itself, a gift from D.G. Mackenzie, will be moved to its new site from the creamery hill as soon as the concrete is set.

The Legion will donate a perpetual trophy for the "best sportman" in the forthcoming Silver Gloves Tournament to be held here under the sponsorship of the Salt Spring Island Boxing Club.

Dart Boards, recently installed in the Legion Hall, are proving popular, and a darts tournament for members is being arranged by W. Mailey, chairman of the entertainment committee.

The traditional V-E Day Smoker will be held this year on the night of

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greeted by the Chairman of the Regional, Mr. Cooley. Coffee will be served by the Women's Auxiliary of the hospital to all attending, at the Parish Hall. The gathering will then separate for meetings and meet for lunch again in the United Church Hall. After the luncheon, a business meeting will start, at which reports of committees that have been meeting will be received, the election of a new chairman and a new secretary-treasurer will take place.

The proceedings will come to a close by a tea up at the Hospital, served by the Women's Auxiliary, members of the Conference will be shown over the hospital, and will leave on a special ferry at 5:30 P.M.

Mrs. Doris L. Crofton, LRSM, and eight of her piano pupils, five juniors and three seniors, attended the Cowichan Musical Festival, in Duncan, last week. Against very stiff competition the seniors placed high, returning with two cups and two medallions. Susan Fellows came second

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Cont'd from P. 4 - - Music Festival in the Schubert class with 85%, against 11 competitors, and only lost first place by one mark. Heather Anderson topped ALL sight reading classes with an outstanding mark of 170 out of 200, for which she received a cup. She also received a cup for first place in the 14 year old piano class, and a first in her individual sight reading class. Pamela Cousineau made a good showing and was only beaten by the outstanding Dougan sisters and Ann Craig. Prior to the festival, a recital-rehearsal was presented in Mahon Hall when \$10.00 was taken in a silver collection and presented to the Cowichan Festival committee. Some 500 pianists were in competition and were adjudicated by Theodore F. Normann, professor of music at the University of Washington, in Seattle.

The Bean Supper to be held at the Beaver Point Community Hall next Saturday night, March 26th, has been an outstanding success since its inception seven years ago. For the first bean supper, the ladies of Beaver Point catered for 130 people and served that many. By last year they were feeding 300 or more people. The food is all home cooked and the beans are home-grown. All the food is donated and the proceeds are used to finance improvements and projects for the community hall.

#### WHY GIVE THE BURGLAR AN ENGRAVED INVITATION!

"You might as well give a burglar an engraved invitation to help himself at your house, if you leave valuables lying about," says John Frederick, manager of the Bank of Montreal's Ganges branch.

Mr. Frederick adds that behind the steel doors of a B of M vault is the safest place for valuables such as bonds, leases, stock certificates, insurance policies, deeds, birth certificates, passports and other important family documents.

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"Give the burglar a brush-off at your house," Mr. Frederick advises. "Keep your valuables in your personal strong box - it's exclusively yours - in the Ganges B of M vault."

Drop in soon and see Mr. Frederick about renting a safety deposit box .... it will set your mind at rest.

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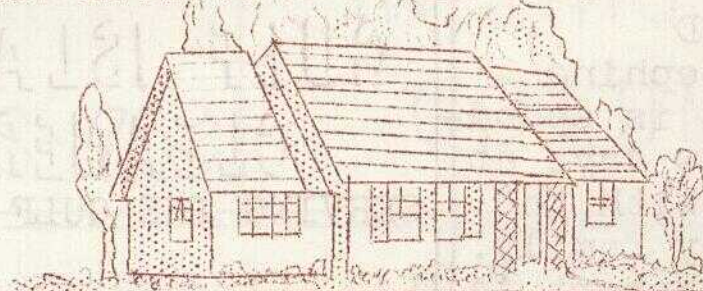
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Congratulations to Woody and Bobbie Fisher on the first issue of "Driftwood". We wish them many happy years of bringing the news to Salt Spring Islanders.

Sample of true news item you will NOT read because we won't tell Woody who it was: One of our local young ladies who has been drawing the Senior Citizens pension for several years, was heard complaining bitterly after the March snowfall, because the snow was so cold on her feet, while walking back from her morning swim.

We won't tell you either, but we will be pleased to show you or your friends any of the many fine waterfront lots we have listed.



Mr. G.S. Humphreys, upper Ganges Rd., has recently resigned his position with the Salt Spring Lands Co., to go into partnership with Mr. T. Ayers, of Vancouver, formerly a Salt Spring resident. Mrs. Humphreys and children will probably remain on Salt Spring until after the summer.

#### C E N T R A L

Mrs. J.C. Wood, well-known on Salt-spring Island, celebrated her 87th birthday on Sunday, March 20. Joint hostesses at a buffet luncheon served at her Grant Street home in Victoria, were her two daughters, Mrs. Lena Wood and Mrs. E. Forgue. It was a large family gathering and Saltspring was well represented by Mr. Robert Wood, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wood & daughter, Mr. & Mrs. R. Wood, Jr., and family; and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Marcotte and family.

Mrs. Marcotte reports that there was a fine display of four generations present, including four sons, five daughters, five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Marcotte's aunt, Mrs. Martha Mosley, returned with her to spend a few days at Central before returning to her home at Cranberry Lake.....

Mr. George Haddow of Victoria was a week-end visitor at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Guy Cunningham... Mrs. Cunningham also tellus that she is busy with preparations for the (CONT'D ON PAGE 6)



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Spring concert of the  
Saltspring Is. Choral  
Society. It will be held  
at Mahon Hall on Wednes-  
day, April 20, and pro-  
mises to be a fine programme of local  
talent.....Mrs. Fay Empey says she  
has been too busy entertaining 'flu  
germs' to make any news, but reports  
that her old friends and former Is-  
land residents, the Slim Thorburns,  
have become grandparents. The new  
arrival is a girl,  
born in Vancouver.

## FERNWOOD

Mrs. Josephine  
Reynolds is spend-  
ing a few days at  
Saturna with the  
J.E. Money family.  
Husband Robert is  
also at Saturna,  
working with  
John Stepaniuk...  
Mr. & Mrs. J.H.  
Harkima spent  
several days in

Vancouver last week...Mr. deLong of  
Fernwood Store, 4 months in a cast  
for a broken leg, still has a long  
slow recovery ahead. He gets about on  
crutches and is able to drive, thanks  
to automatic gear shift, but says  
that being helpless to tackle the  
Spring work is his worst problem  
just now.

## FULFORD

The infant son of Mr. & Mrs.  
Harold Lacy, of Brentwood Bay, was  
christened at St. Mary's Anglican

Church at Fulford, on Sat-  
urday, March 19th. Gordon  
Edward were the names giv-  
en to the baby, Archdeacon  
G.H. Holmes performed the  
ceremony. The baby's  
uncle and aunt, Captain and Mrs. Lacy,  
were God-parents. Amongst the members  
of the family present were the great  
grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. H.B. Harris  
of Victoria, Mr. & Mrs. A.O. Lacy and  
Mr. & Mrs. F. Grant, grand-parents,  
Fulford, and the baby's uncle, Mr.

Howard Grant, of  
Vancouver, and the  
baby's aunt, Miss  
Ruby Lacy, R.N....  
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Beaver Point, is  
Mr. John Klassen.  
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in competition on  
Saturday night in  
the Beaver Point  
Hall and highest  
score for the eve-

ning, was Mr. Bob Patterson. Supper  
was convened by Mr. J. Klassen & Mrs.  
G. Ruckle...Mrs. Ethel Smith of Vic-  
toria was a guest at Dromore, the  
home of the Hamilton & Davis Families,  
for a few days last week. Miss Florence  
Duncan also spent a few days at Dro-  
more and left for Victoria on Sunday...  
Mr. Howard Grant of Vancouver, spent  
the week-end with his parents, Mr. &  
Mrs. F. Grant, Isabella Pt. Road....  
Mrs. East of Vanc. returned to her  
home in Fulford last week.....

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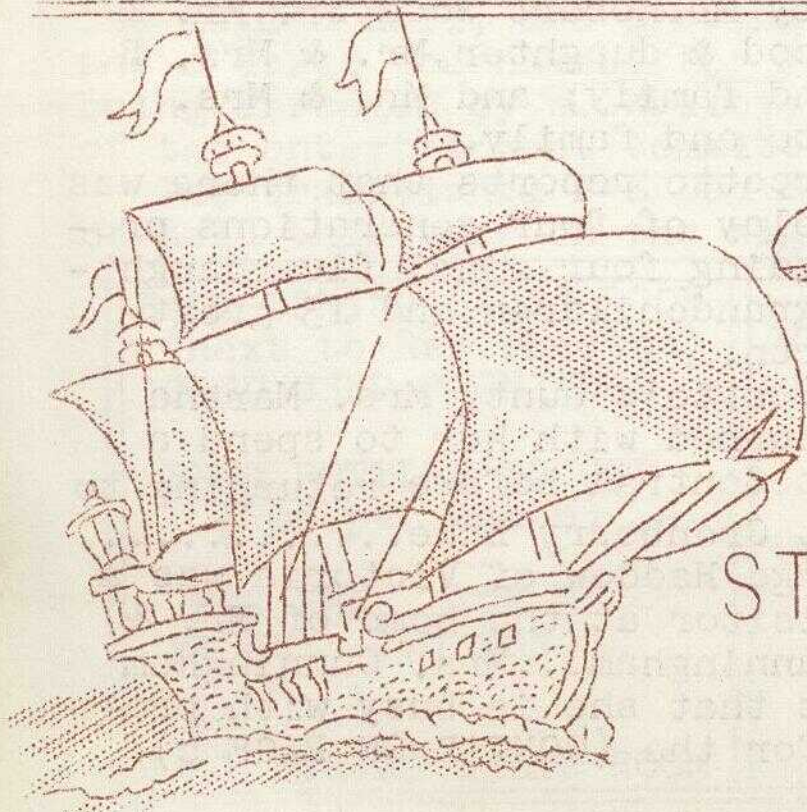
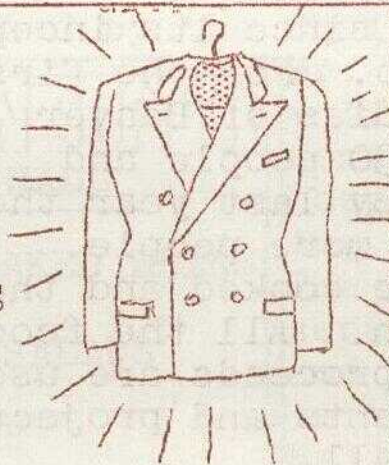
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- March 25 & 26: Lion's Club Cavalcade, Mahon Hall - 8:00 PM
- March 26: Beaver Point Bean Supper, Beaver Point Hall -6-7:30PM
- March 28: United Church Evening Circle
- March 30: Sea Scouts
- March 31: Girl Guides
- March 31: Bean Supper, St. George's Church Hall - 6:30 PM
- April 1: I. O. D. E.
- April 1: Camera Club
- April 4: Legion Meeting
- April 21: O.A.P.O. #36 Easter Tea & Bake Sale, Mahon Hall, 2:00PM

### JOHN WALTER WHIMS

Well-known resident of Walter's Hook, Salt Spring Island passed away on March 17th, after a short illness. Mr. Whims was in his 75th year, and had been a resident of Salt Spring all his life. He was the son of the late William (Bill) Whims and the grandson of the late Henry Sampson, J.P., who came to B.C. with the Hudsons Bay Co., in the 1860's. Henry Sampson was appointed the first constable of Salt Spring in 1872. Mr. Whims is survived by his loving wife, Evelyn of the home; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Moseley of Powell River and one brother, Robert C. Whims, of Victoria. The funeral services were held at the St. George's Church on Monday, March 21st, with Archdeacon G.H. Holmes officiating. Mrs. B.C. Best, organist, accompanied singing, "Abide With Me" and "Crossing the Bar". Pallbearers were Syd Clairbourne, G.C. Mouat, John Caldwell, Victor Sampson, Wm. M. Mouat, and Chester Martin. Interment followed at the Union Cemetery.

## CHURCHES

Sunday, Mar. 24th, 1960

### ANGLICAN

- ST. NICHOLS - VESUVIUS  
Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
- ST. MARY'S - FULFORD  
Matins with Holy Communion  
11:00 AM
- ST. GEORGE'S - GANGES  
Evensong - 3:00 PM
- ST. MARK'S - CENTRAL  
Evensong - 7:30 PM

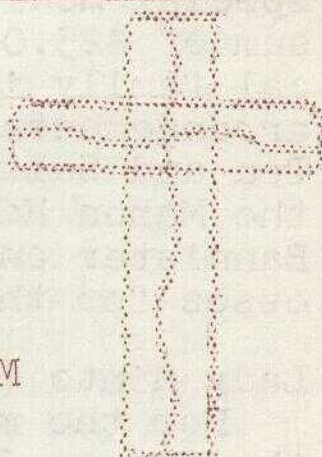
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### UNITED

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Father Wm. Mudge





### V E S U V I U S

Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Sharland returned to their home at Vesuvius Bay on Sunday following a 5 weeks Mediterranean cruise... Following a 7 weeks visit to California and Arizona, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Quinton have returned to their home at Parminter Pt., Vesuvius... Mr. Frank Smith returned on Friday to Vancouver after spending a few days at "Tantramar", Vesuvius Bay, visiting his sister, Miss Emily Smith... Mrs. Mary Carlyle, recently of Winnipeg and Victoria, has moved to Salt Spring Is. where she has taken up residence at "The Wee Hoose", Vesuvius Bay... Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Duke, who have been spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Duke, Vesuvius Bay, returned to Vancouver on Friday... Mrs. Mary Sjoquist and her daughter, Linda, arrived on Friday from Vancouver and are spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. & Mrs. R.T. Britton, at Vesuvius Bay... March 18 -- The regular monthly meeting of the Guild of Sunshine was held in the Board Room of the Mahon Hall with the president, Mrs. G. Lowe, in the chair and ten members present. \$10.00 was voted for the Red Cross drive and \$50.00 towards the expenses of a little girl needing special medical treatment. Also the sum of \$25.00 was voted to help a local family in an emergency. Final arrangements were made for the Spring Tea and Sale of Work to be held in the Mahon Hall on April 9. Mrs. S. Bannister and Mrs. S. Wagg were hostesses for the afternoon.

### Lady Minto (Gulf Islands) Hospital

For the month of February, 1960, there were 358 patient days, 1 new-born. Number of patients X-rayed, 28, number of films examined, 84, routine chest X-Rays, 55. Major operations, 2, Minor Operations, 28, Electrocardiograms, 13 and B.M.R. - 1. Donations were received from Mrs. Florence Patterson of Galiano, the Women's Institute replenished their basket for patients, donations from Mr. T. Atkinson, The Junior Red Cross, Pender Island.

On Wednesday, March 16th, The Cowichan Creamery Co-op Association held an egg candling demonstration at Mahon Hall for persons interested in egg production. Mr. J.A. Mutter, manager, and George Young, manager of the egg department, represented the co-op. Mr. Morris Randall, Inspector, Dept. of Agriculture, Poultry Division and Mr. Doug Hamilton, Inspector of Provincial Dept. of Agriculture, Poultry Division, showed slides and demonstrated egg candling. The demonstration was followed by a discussion period.

### G A N G E S

Mr. Hal Evelyn of Vancouver was a week-end guest of the J.H.P. Frederick's... Mrs. Gordon Benjamin, of Victoria, was the week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. Margaret White... Mrs. Joyce Parsons has joined the staff of the Bank of Montreal.....

Gavin Reynolds captured the first two shooting competitions at the Rod and Gun Club get-together, last Sunday, March 20th. In the third event, Mrs. B. Lorentsen out-shot her husband and the rest of the men to take that event. Colonel D. Crofton took the 4th event and Johnny Bennett captured the 5th and final shoot. The Rod & Gun Club wishes to extend an invitation to all people on Salt Spring, who are interested in Rod & Gun activities to attend their annual meeting, to be held at Mahon Hall, April 7th, at 8:00 pm.

March 22 -- Mrs. R.T. Meyer presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Vesuvius Bay Circle of the Woman's Auxiliary, held at the home of Mrs. A.G. Wilkins, with 17 members present. The devotional period was taken by Archdeacon and Mrs. G.H. Holmes.

The films taken by Dr. L.C. Lambert when on his Mexican trip will be shown in the Parish Hall following the Bean Supper put on by the men of the Parish at 6:30 pm, on Thursday, March 31, as a means of raising funds to pay for the structural repair work that has to be done to the basement of St. George's Church, Ganges. As this work will cost approximately \$450.00, it was voted that all money derived from the film showing will be given to this fund from the Vesuvius Bay Circle.

An invitation was extended to the members of St. Mark's Chancel Guild to attend the Donation Tea, to be held on Wednesday, April 6, at the home of Mrs. Thomas Carlyle, Vesuvius Bay.

The treasurer, Miss Muriel Harrington, read details of the financial report, which showed a balance of \$105.56.

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce relating to its calendar of Social Events.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Wilkins who, as delegate from the Vesuvius Bay Circle, attended the Diocesan Annual Meeting at Victoria and brought back such an interesting report of the proceedings. Mrs. Holmes also reported on a resolution submitted to the Provincial Government at the Annual Meeting regarding the Refugee Aid programme.

Tea was served following the meeting, the hostesses being Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. T. McDonald. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. Tretheway.

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# CONTRIBUTORS PAGE

Some selected excerpts from a Diary, said to have been found with sundry letters in rubbish removed from a derelict farm on Maxwell Mount-aid, Saltspring Island, 1959.

Being the Journal of Anthony Tripp, born St. Keverne, Cornwall, England, in the Year of Our Lord, 1846, the second Day of March.

15 of November, 1866 -

Being of a pensive turn of mind, though a poor scholar, I have determined to spend some of the little leisure time available to me in setting down a few written Notes, so that as I grow older, I may refresh my memory from time to time. Of a truth, there is little else to occupy me after dusk. I write, in a manner, with a heavy heart, for my father is clearly not much longer for this world. His experiences as a Miner in California sadly affected his health, if not his spirit and when he arrived in Fort Victoria, partly to seek the gold reported to be in Yale and Boston Bar and partly to escape the dreadful War in America, his days were already numbered. The soul, at these times, develops a clarity of perception, oft denied when a man is in more robust health. The truest things in Life draw men more surely than the gold which took them first to California and then to Vancouver's Island in 1858 and as he told me, these things are the tilling of the land, to provide the food that men might live, the enjoyment of the bounteous beauties which God has provided, above all in great measure in these Islands of the Canal de Arro and the striving for Peace with all men, whatsoever be their Race, Creed or Colour. The threat of a general War with the Indians has remained but a threat and given Good Will, shall we hope soon pass. Our holding, carved with so much toil and sweat, has prospered by Gods Will and the Apple and Pear Seedlings Bot. of Mr. Jonathan Begg, bid fair to mature within a few years, when we shall be provided with an abundance of healthful Fruits....

I remember well with what profound joy I was reunited with my dear father in Fort Victoria. My mother died when young and I was left in the charge of an aunt, together with my younger brother Richard, in St. Keverne, Cornwall, England. Josiah Tripp, my father, went as a Miner and Prospector to America, like so many other Cornishmen. When the time came to join him, I had perforce to travel the Cape Horn route, a miserable and a terrible Journey, of which I must set down more....

Within a few days, an event of Historical interest will occur, which it is hoped will bring diverse blessings to this Isle of Saltspring or Admiral Island, as Capn. Richards would have us call it or Chuan as some say. To wit, Vancouvers Island and British Columbia will be consolidated as one Territory. It is well, for in union lies strength and it was in this vein my father spoke at length with me.....

16 of November, 1866

My father hopes that we may never be called upon to consider and meet the manifold difficulties of the Defence of this Land against a resolute Enemy, for if sorely pressed by a Foe, help and succour from England would be slow of arrival, having to brave the Horn, for there is no quick route and not likely to be across Canada. He had in mind the Russians, against whom we fought so recently in the Crimea, who are a doughty race and but a few days sail up-coast. The Americans are exhausted by Civil War and cannot be besought for effective aid perhaps in our lifetime. My father is strongly in favour of the erection of a series of Forts on Vancouvers and these Islands, for there is nothing wrong in looking to Defence. They should be manned by a drilled and disciplined Militia. There are many who argue this to be a bogey, as the Indians are and will be a more pressing menace than the Muscovites ever shall be at any time.....

This diary will be continued.

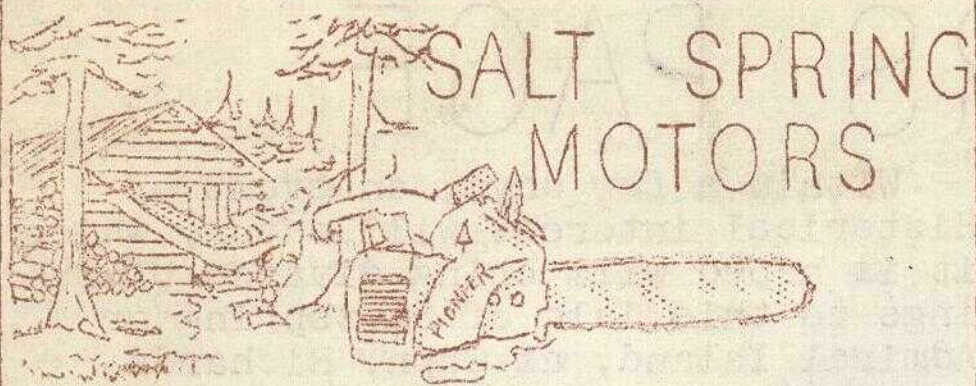
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### NEWS & VIEWS OF SALTSRING HIGH

by DOUG HEPBURN

In the Cowichan Music Festival last week Saltspring continued to make top marks. On Thursday, Grades 1, 2, and 4 went to the festival to sing. In Class 2, the Grade 4's won the cup with the song, "I Love Sixpence". Mrs. G. Burge conducted the winners. In Class 1, Grades 1 and 2 tied for second place. Grade 1 sang "Mother Duck". Grade 2 sang "The Dream Man". Mrs. M. Seymour directed the Grade 1's and Mrs. J. DeMacedo directed the Grade 2's. The Saltspring pianists also won many awards.

The choir, from now until May 4th, will be practicing in the hall. This is being done so that the choir can get used to singing from, and arranging themselves on the small stage. Last Wednesday for the first time the choir went through the songs of the operetta in sequence. It was a smooth performance.

Term examinations are rolling around again. The exams start on Tuesday, March 29th and will continue until Friday, April 1st. This set of examinations is the most important of the school term. All awards are based on the results from these tests. They also decide whether or not a student has to write the June examinations.

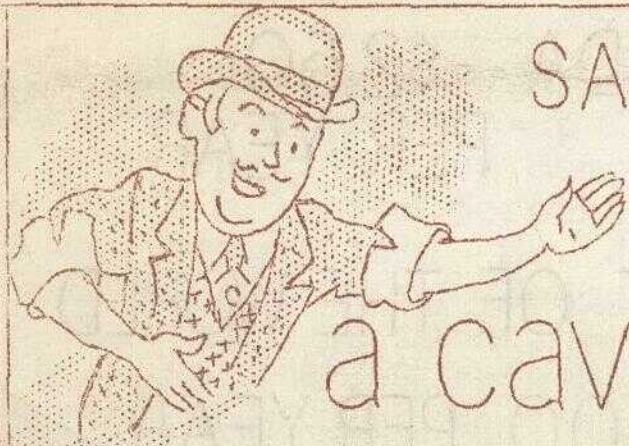
Here is the timetable: On Tuesday,

March 29th, Biology 91 is scheduled for the morning with no exams in the afternoon. On Wednesday, English language and literature for English 40, 41, 30, 31, and 20 students will be written. All the English languages are in the morning and all the English literatures are in the afternoon. On Thursday morning English 93, Co. 24 and Mathematics 91, 30, and 20 are scheduled. Thursday afternoon will see English 91, and French 10 and 20 written. Friday morning will bring History 91, Science 20, and Socials Studies 30 & 31. On Friday afternoon Physics 91, Co 34 and Socials Studies 20 will be written.

All examinations will be two and a half hours long. The morning session will be from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, and the afternoon session will be from 12:45 pm to 3:15 pm.

On Friday evening the Grade 10's were hosts for a St. Patrick's Day dance, with Grades 9 to 12 in attendance. The decorations were original and suited the St. Patrick motif perfectly. The dance was a great success.

Saturday, Grade 4 Choir and Grade 7 Dancers returned to participate in the final concert of the Festival in Duncan. Accompanying the troupe were Mrs. Burge, Mr. Wickens, and Mrs. E. J. Ashlee, piano accompanist. This trip was made possible through the cooperation of the Festival Committee.



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