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McGILL'S BAKERY SOLD

CAVALCADE A SMASH HIT!

The Lion's Club First Annual Cavalcade of Song and Dance played to a packed house on both nights March 25th & 26th at Mahon Hall. The acts, covering music and dancing from the Gay Nineties to Modern Times, was greeted with roaring applause from the enthusiastic crowd. The opening was a special song by the chorus. This was followed by more chorus singing and then the Quartette took over with "The Sidewalks of New York" and other songs. This was followed by the excellent Flora Dore Girls. This highlight was followed by the chorus singing World War I songs; again followed by the Quartette singing old songs of that era. Then came the Charleston, one of the major attractions of the evening, followed by a xylophone solo by Mick Jones. A campfire sing-song preceded the intricate square dance done by members of the Salt Spring Square Dance Club. Next came a bass solo by Irl Bradley, followed by a "Couple of Swells", Bill & Allan Trelford, and a tap dance by Harold Van Buskirk. The chorus returned singing songs of the 1940 era and were followed by a roasting demonstration of "rock-n-roll," done by the same group who did the Charleston. After that came more songs by the Quartette & Chorus. Hart Bradley sang the final solo...Chorus members were: Les Baird, (CONT'D ON P. 2, COL. 1)

BEAN SUPPER DELICIOUS!

About 200 people sat down to a bean supper at the Beaver Point Hall on Saturday night, but there were beans a-plenty. In fact, there were beans left over. It was a delicious supper as usual. Miss Nan Ruckie was convener and was assisted by the ladies in the district. The men did their part and took charge of the Bingo and door. The sum of \$273 was taken in. Everything is donated; the beans are home grown and home cooked; so are all the pies and other delicacies which have made these Beaver Point Bean Suppers so famous.

Miss Gwen Ruckie was in charge of the decorations and her clever murals of Springtime scenes highlighted the walls. Spring flowers decorated the windows and tables, and cheery paper birds perched on vases and branches. Heather decorations were on the tables for luck and the effect was charming.

Mrs. W.Y. Stewart and Miss M.D. Anderson took charge of a miscellaneous stall. J. Klason, Dr. L. Lambert, Tom Butt and Andy Stevens handled the Bingo, while W. Loxton, Dr. Lambert and Don Fraser were at the door.

Door prizes went to Mr. Harvey Newman of Ganges, Mrs. Steve LaFortune of Fulford and Miss Nahti of Ganges. (CONT'D ON P. 2, COL. 1)

It was announced this week, by Mr. J.H. McGill, that the bakery has been sold to Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Bradley and Mr. Robert Taylor, all of Ganges.

"In the selling of the bakery," Mr. McGill stated, "It was my fondest wish to sell to local interests who will see that the same standard of quality and type of bakery products will be produced, that has met with the approval of the Gulf Island residents."

The McGill bakery was first started in 1939. Two years later the bakery ceased its operations when Mr. McGill entered the Army Service Corp. He served in the Catering Dept. as Messing Officer. He returned in 1946 and managed the old Ganges Inn, where later, in 1949, the bakery was re-activated at the Ganges Inn. In 1958 the bakery moved to its present location, to handle the growing business. McGill's bread and other bakery products are now featured in every store in the Gulf Islands.

The new company will be known as McGill's Bakery, Limited. The new management will take over as of May 1st. Mr. Bradley will be the President and Sales Manager; Mrs. Bradley will be Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Taylor will be Production Manager. Mr. McGill is remaining on as one of the directors.

Mr. McGill will be leaving Salt Spring Island around June 15th, to take up his new duties with Federal Way Shopping (CONT'D ON P. 2, COL. 1)

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(CONT'D FROM P. 1)--CAVALCADE--

Des. Crofton, Harold Hoffman, Earl Keys, Henry McGill, W. Mailay, F. Luddington, Hart Bradley, Irl Bradley, Wayne Bradley, T. Jansch, E. Richardson, R. Pringle, R. Vance, J. Hawksworth & J. Frederick... The Quartette: Irl Bradley, Wayne Bradley, T. Jansch & E. Richardson. The Flora Dora Girls: Susan Graham, Susan Alexander, Penny Peterson, Christie & Cathy Morrison, Coline Mout & Caroline Deacon. The Charleston & rock-n-roll dancers: Caroline Deacon, Susan Graham, Christie Morrison, Steve LaFortune, Garry Kaye, & Allan Trelford. The square dancers: Mr. & Mrs. Gavin Mout, Mr. & Mrs. H. Caldwell, Mrs. Audrey Jackson, Mrs. J. D. Reid, Mr. Ben Greenough & Mr. Arnold Lutz. Mrs. Neekes was the accompanist.

CONT'D FROM P. 1 - BEAN

SUPPER.... J. Green of Ganges, won the coveted hand made rug, donated by Mrs. A. Ruckle, and little two year old Joanne Lehbauer of North Surrey, won a hand made rug donated by Mrs. J. Klanssen.

The various committees did a splendid job all around and the evening was a great success.

CONT'D FROM P. 1 - BAKERY SOLD... Center,

south of Seattle. There he will manage the restaurant services and establish a bakery plant. Mr. McGill, who contributed much of his time to civic enterprises, is the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Civic Group of the Lion's Club, Member of the Legion, Trustee of the United Church and Chairman of the Salt Spring Is. Fire Protection District. Mr. McGill was the principal force in establishing the Fire Protection District. Mr. Bradley, also active in many civic enterprises, is a well-known business man on Salt Spring. Mrs. Bradley is a native of this island. Mr. Taylor, the other partner, has been

BEDDIS PROPERTY

It was announced last Tuesday that Miss Bordices Beddis and her brother Geoffrey, well-known old time residents of Salt Spring Island, and owners of the property on Ganges Harbour known as "The Wilderness", have turned their property over to the Salt Spring Lands Limited, for a sea-front sub-division. The parents of the Beddis family arrived on Salt Spring about 75 years ago and home-stayed on the present property. Their many friends will be glad to know that Miss Beddis and her brother are retaining a life lease on their home, and will continue to reside there.

working at the McGill Bakery for the past two years, and is known to be an expert baker.

EDITORIAL

Even the colorful editor, Amor De Cosmos, felt the need to apologize for his first efforts in publishing a weekly newspaper. In issue No. 1, Vol. 1 of the British Colonist, published Dec. 11th 1858 at Victoria, he printed the following: "Apology-Owing to causes beyond our control, many items of interest have been deferred, and our paper delayed. We will be careful that our next issue will appear punctually on Saturday morning, and contain a greater variety of reading matter." He even spelled a name wrong! DRIFTWOOD can do no less and we apologize for mistakes, especially to the people who had their name spelled wrong. Please do not judge us by the first few issues, for we are experimenting, trying to find the best way. Experiment #2, issue #2, is not the answer. Now for a spelling bee. How do you spell Salt Spring? (or is it Salt-spring?) Most of the business establishments spell it as two words, yet the government (CONT'D ON P. 4)

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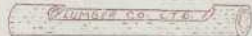
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Twenty years ago tomorrow, Apr. 1st 1940, 500 residents, visitors and schoolchildren gathered in the school grounds at Ganges to witness the formal opening of the new consolidated school building. The Hon. G.M. Weir, minister of Education, at that time, opened the new school with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Then he and Hon. G.S. Pearson, Minister of Labor, each planted a tree on either side of the entrance. (Are they still there?) The school at that time had a length of 137 feet, 60 feet wide, and a height of 28 ft. There were eight classrooms, principal's office, chemistry & science room, a room for home economics and domestic science, teachers' committee room, first aid & health rooms and TWO SPARE ROOMS NOT YET ALLOCATED FOR ANY SPECIAL PURPOSE.

For the many people, who called admiring the DRIFTWOOD masthead, we want to inform you that it is a pen and ink drawing by Mrs. Kay Lynen who lives at Duck Bay. She is from Petworth, Sussex and has been on Salt Spring Island for four years. Kay is a member of the Salt Spring Island Art Group, which was started in 1947. It still meets every Thursday afternoon, painting indoors during the cold months and outdoors in fair weather to capture the many lovely views on this Island.

FULFORD

Miss M.D. Anderson was the guest speaker at the meeting of the South Island Women's Institute meeting

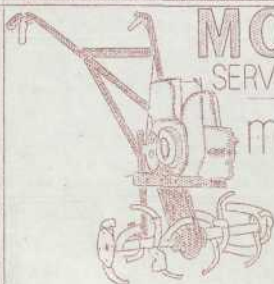
which was held at the home of the President, Mrs. J. Campbell on Thursday of last week. Miss Anderson, who is interested in World Refugee work, gave a most interesting talk on the Adoption Committee for aid to displaced persons in Europe. (Victoria Branch). A vote of thanks was accorded her for her address. Plans were made for the tea and home cooking stall to be held at the home of Mrs. R. Lee on April 1st. It was agreed to send dates of coming events to the Chamber of Commerce for the Calendar of Events being compiled. Tea was served by Mrs. R. Lee, assisted by Mrs. A. Davis... The Silver Gloves Boxing championships will be held in the Fulford Hall at 8 o'clock on Saturday night, April 2nd. Contestants from all over Vancouver Island are expected to compete. There will be a late ferry from Vesuvius to Crofton to enable visitors to return to V.I. after the match. The Salt Spring Island Boxing Club will be hosts for the evening... Miss Helen Ruckle and G. Henry Ruckle of Victoria, spent the week end at Beaver Point with their families... Mr. & Mrs. W. Eapty spent the week end at their home at Beaver Point. They returned to Victoria on Sunday night... Mrs. Ethel Smith returned to Victoria after spending a few days at Dromore last week... A few swallows arrived at Fulford on Saturday, March 19th.

Mr. J. Bruce, of Phoenix spent the week-end visiting his mother, Mrs. H. Deyell.

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Continuing the Journal of Anthony Tripp, said to have been found with sundry letters in rubbish removed from a derelict farm on Maxwell Mountain, Saltspring Island, 1859.

28 of November, 1866.

We are, I fear, poor Neighbours at this stage for my father, not liking to place himself under an obligation, has not encouraged the proffered help of our fellow Settlers, together which the trails to the other Settlers being vague, ill-marked and hazardous and with our time being fully occupied, we have neglected our obligations to maintain a civil contact, though all being in a similar plight, they are not much offended. Nevertheless and notwithstanding, we were today visited by a Gentleman from Australia, who offered to work a week for a bag of flour and some of our dried tobacco, which my father refused, the supply of flour being short at Mr. Jonathan Beggs Store. He was in no wise offended but regaled us with a description of Van Diemens Land and of Hobart, from which he hailed, his name being Welch, and his father an Engraver, at Launceston in Diemens Land and a maker of the Queens Stamps. And so the time passed easily and we were sorry to see him go, which he did at the forenoon, intending to make his way to Bergoyne Bay, a hazardous journey and liable to Ambush or Interception by Indians, though we had ourselves seen none.....

I prayed my father to possess himself of a Modern Fire Arm, there being no Constable on this Island to keep the Peace and the Justice of Peace, Major Biggs, being all the way to Champlain, a great distance. Our sole immediate Defence lay in axes and a Blunderbuss which belonged to my fathers father and which would not always fire but when it did, made a great explosion and much smoke. It would take small nails and pieces of metal, which did much damage to what they encountered but it was Ancient and of an unpredictable Nature. To which my father replied that the

Blunderbuss had been a gift by his father and he would not use it except in dire Peril or Extremity, for he had no lust for taking Life, which was Gods Gift.....(TO BE CONTINUED)

NEWS AND VIEWS OF SALTSRING HIGH by DUNCAN HEPBURN

Life has been quiet around the school this week. This is, of course, due to the fact that examinations begin on Tuesday morning, and they will continue until Friday.

On April 4th we shall be back to practicing on the track and to practicing on the operetta. On this day too, the elementary school students will be allowed back on the main playground and the little grade 1's can go back to their wild Indian games.

In March the Grade 11's made a trip to the Parliament Building. They saw the Provincial Museum and government in action. Mr. G. Burnett and Mr. J.M. Evans accompanied the class.

Report cards will be out on April 13th.

(CONT'D FROM PAGE 2 - EDITORIAL... yet the government insists upon the one word spelling. (Saltspring Fire District, etc.) Most charts show it as one word, yet when the name is abbreviated it is S.S.I. Thinking about it logically, the spelling would have to be two words. The island was named after the springs, which are salty. Salt only defines the springs, therefore the two words should not be combined. If combining a word and a qualifier is correct, we would have such pieces as "Palm-springs", "Palmbesch", and even "New-orleans" and "Newwestminster". I, for one, am in favor of the two word spelling, but unfortunately, I have printed thousands and thousands of DRIFTWOOD mastheads with the one word spelling.....

Mrs. C.W. Leggett & Mrs. J.W. Catto entertained at a birthday party for Mrs. Leggett, Mrs. Catto & Mr. G. St. Denis, last Thursday. 14 guests.

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The infant son of Mr. & Mrs. David Winter of Victoria was christened last Sunday afternoon at St. George's Church in Ganges. Archdeacon G.H. Holmes officiated as the boy was given the name of David Keith. The God-parents were Mrs. A.J. Bryant, Mr. A.J. Bryant and Mr. S. Winterbottom. A family tea was held, after the ceremony, at the home of the maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Laurie Mount. Among the out-of-town guests were the paternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. J. Winter from Deep Cove and Mrs. N. Carswell of Victoria, great-grandmother of David Keith.

That was quite a foursome spied on the golf course last Monday. It consisted of some of our more youthful citizens. Dr. W.T. Lockhart (92), Sam Adams (80), W.M. Mount (75) and the youngster, W.C. Walls (71). No score was kept, so the above figures are ages, not scores.

The Saltspring Centennial Library wishes to announce that a new consignment of books from the Public Library Commission has arrived and are on the shelves. There are two hundred books and include many interesting and varied titles.

The Library hours for Saturday have been changed. It is now open from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The weekly Library hours are as follows: Monday thru Thursday - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. -- Saturday - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, March 21... At the P.T.A. meeting, held at Mahon Hall, with Mrs. M. Sobor in the chair, the treasurer reported a balance of \$161.66 in the till. One of the major motions passed was to help the Cowichan Music Festival by giving a cup or cash donation. Membership in the P.T.A. now stands at 110 members. The Dental Convener reported that 100 children registered. Mrs. A. Lutz, Garden Convener, reports that seeds have been distributed to 64 children, who will compete in the P.T.A. Garden Contest. The guest speaker was Dr. L.C. Lambert and his subject was "Psychocosmetics", an interesting and informative speech. The P.T.A. May Fair will be held on May 13th this year at Mahon Hall. Mrs. Mary Fellows will be the head convener. There was a discussion of holding a series of sewing classes and anyone interested can get in touch with the president. The attendance pennant was won by Grade 7. The hostesses for this meeting were Mrs. M. Till, Mrs. Lutz, and Mrs. W. A. Jackson.

The Ganges Film Committee will have four movies on April 4th, at Mahon Hall (admission free). Two from

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the National Film Board titled, "Down North" & "Indian Family". The other two are from the Standard Oil Co., and are titled, "Water - Fountain of Life" and "Motoring in Mexico".

The Gulf Island Camera Club held their regular monthly meeting on March 4th. After a short business meeting, a program concerning the taking of home movies was presented (CONT'D ON P. 7)

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CONTRIBUTOR'S PAGE

ON LIONS AND ELKS

By Eric A. Roberts

Every now and again, my family and friends conspire together to winkle me out of the Shangri-La atmosphere of Saltspring. They insist that I am dreaming my life away and that at least, a trip to Vancouver would blow away the mental cobwebs. Although dubious of this advice, I am in due course thrown into what I see normally as a dark and menacing blob on the horizon.

Having overcome the notorious Gulf Island inertia and having accomplished the journey, I find the primitive instincts of self-preservation speedily re-awakened and by the end of the first hour, I am as nervous as a scalded cat. "Walk!" imperiously commands the traffic sign and I walk. "Don't Walk" orders the sign and I don't walk. Drivers with faces as red as beetroots start to beep and yielding to yells of "Scream", "Creep" and other hostile gestures I prefer not to mention, I return to the point from whence I started. Next time, I am ready and show a turn of speed which undoubtedly qualifies me to run in next year's Ganges pancake race.

I sought refuge and lunch at a cafe...Ye Olde Britannia Fish and Chips, with Tea or Coffee, 50 cents...a bargain! Well, perhaps not quite. The description of the fish was accurate. It was undoubtedly "olde" and had suffered grievously in the journey from Britain. The four chips had also had a bad time on their way out.

A little man sat at my table and promptly concealed himself behind a newspaper. A series of snorts and grunts seemed to indicate that he was displeased with the news. He lowered his paper suddenly and snapped, "What do you think of the Lions?" I had been forewarned that the Vancouverites were inclined to be touchy about their zoo. It called for the diplomatic answer, "I think," I said, "that away from their native haunts, they always give the impression of being miserable and mangy...not getting their proper food, you know, their teeth fall out and they become morose and bad-tempered....the whiskers of the males tend to droop and they no longer awaken amorous chords in the hearts of the females...don't you agree?" It was obvious that he didn't. He muttered something, either "nuts" or "Shucks", I could not be certain which and then he went and sat at another table. He also said something to the waitress and her attitude, formerly affable, became suspicious and unfriendly.

A bright, breezy young man took his place. He joked about the never-ending rain. Looking at me keenly, he said,

"I've seen you some place...were you with the Elks Tuesday night?" "No," I replied, "I was in Ganges. I suppose they don't mind being in captivity so much as the lions, though. That little man three tables away is devoted to lions; quite touchy about them, in fact." A blank expression spread slowly over his face. He did not speak again. The waitress hovered over me. "Your check," she said, rather rudely, I thought.

A great city, Vancouver, anything but stagnant. It may inspire affection, arouse dislike or even breed fear, according to the circumstances but it cannot be ignored. The visit to which I refer occurred before Christmas, when the first shoppers were on the prowl. The Vancouver housewives had a curiously intent expression on their faces and positively hissed their wishes or enquiries at the store clerks. The Vancouver males, on the other hand, bore a uniform air of martyrdom, peered nervously at the dwindling stock of dollars in their pocket books and gave a general impression that bankruptcy was lurking around the corner.

After dusk, Vancouver rapidly assumes a Cinderella role and it's myriad lights, reflected in the water, must fascinate the most blasé. One senses the enormous vitality of the place and it's capacity to harbour a thousand and one unique and interesting human stories. It is impossible even should you wish, to remain aloof. If time permits and the ear is willing, a single haphazard evening will produce enough to feed the imagination for a year. The characters attracted to this strange city may be good or bad but are rarely indifferent.

And with these thoughts in mind, I returned to the heaven of Saltsping, well content.

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- March 31: Girl Guides
- April 1: I.O.D.E.
- April 1: Camorra Club, Legion Hall
- April 1: So. S.S.W.I. Tea & Sale, Home of Mrs. Lee, Fulford.
- April 1: Wolf Cubs
- April 2: Hospital Regional Meeting
- April 2: Square Dance Club
- April 2: Boxing, Fulford Hall, 8:00 PM
- April 4: Legion Meeting, Legion Hall
- April 5: Legion L.A.
- April 5: St. Mary's Guild
- April 5: Brownies
- April 6: Vesuvius Circle W.L. Donation
Tea, Home of Mrs. Carlyle,
2:30 to 5:30 PM
- April 6: Sea Scouts
- April 7: Red & Gun Club Annual Meeting,
Mahon Hall
- April 7: U.C.W.A. Meeting
- April 7: Lion's Club Meeting
- April 7: Girl Guides

CHURCHES

Sunday, Apr. 3rd, 1960

ANGLICAN

ST. GEORGE'S - GANGES
Evensong - 7:30 PM

ST. MARY'S - FULFORD
Evensong - 2:30 PM

ST. MARK'S - CENTRAL
Matins with Holy Communion-11:00 AM

UNITED

UNITED CHURCH - GANGES
Services for Burgoyne & Ganges Congregations. A congregation meeting after the service to hear the report of the Pastoral Relations Committee. The Rev. Dr. R. McElroy Thompson of Victoria will preach the service at 11:00 AM.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF GRACE - GANGES
Services - 10:30 AM

CONT'D FROM P. 5 - CAMERA CLUB...by Mrs. Seymour. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 1st, at the Legion Hall.

PERSONAL...Mrs. G.B. Jennons of S. Pender is spending a few days with Mrs. W.J. Stepaniak...Mr. E. Reynolds has returned to Ganges after a few days in Vanc... Sonny Simpson of Port Angeles is holidaying with Mrs. C. Kaye...Mr. Verne Coebs of Vanc. visited his parents Sunday...





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ALBINO WHALE

A regular but elusive visitor to these shores was sighted last week by Pat Patterson and a group of boys at the North End. It was an albino whale, travelling up the channel with a group of ten or fifteen blackfish.

VE S U V I U S

March 26 -- Mrs. Harold Scott, who arrived recently from Winnipeg and is spending a week or two at Vesuvius Bay, the guest of Mrs. Thomas Carlyle, was honoured on Friday morning at a most enjoyable coffee party given by Mrs. Sidney Quinton and Mrs. A.E. Duke who, as co-hostesses, entertained about forty guests at the home of the former on Sunset Drive, Vesuvius Bay. Masses of daffodils and other flowers decorated the rooms. Mrs. Gavin Mout and Mrs. F. Trethewey presided at the lace-covered table

on which its pale green centrepiece was artistically arranged with pink and white carnations and Japanese plum blossom.

PERSONAL ITEMS...Miss Mary Corbett, Vancouver, is spending two weeks on Salt Spring Island visiting her sister, Mrs. J.P. de Macedo, at Vesuvius Bay...Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bassey have returned to New Westminster after spending a few days at Arbutus Court, Vesuvius...Miss Ann Lowther, who has been spending a few days at Vesuvius Bay visiting her mother, Mrs. D.A. Lowther, returned on Sunday to Victoria where she is on the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital...Mr. & Mrs. Brian Markham, accompanied by Mrs. Markham's sister, Miss Claire McLallen, spent a week-end at their Vesuvius home...Mr. & Mrs. R.T. Britton spent five days at Sooke last week, guests of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Atkinson.

CENTRAL...Saltspring has received some reflected glory from the British Columbia Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament, held at Vancouver March 25th & 26th. It comes by way of Al Curtis, winner of the coveted Golden Boy award, who is a close relative of the Jim Wickens family. Al is well known on the Island, where he was, for a time, a member of the local boxing club.

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