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GAVIN COLVIN MOUAT.

Funeral services for Gavin C. Mouat, Salt Spring Island's outstanding citizen, were held yesterday, Wednesday, November 29th, at St. George's Anglican Church in Ganges. Services were conducted by Archdeacon G. H. Holmes, assisted by Rev. Dr. Norah Hughes of the United Church. Burial was in Union Cemetery. Mr. Mouat passed away early on the morning of November 26th at Veterans Hospital in Victoria.

Mr. Mouat was born in Nanaimo August 24th, 1893. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Mouat were early pioneers of Salt Spring Island, having come from their native Shetland Islands to settle on a farm at St. Mary's Lake in 1885.

Gavin received most of his education in Nanaimo and on graduating from High School began working in the store at Ganges which the Mouat family had purchased from Mr. P. Purvis in 1907. His chief duty was as engineer of the family boat, the "Ganges", and Gavin knew well the hazards of Gulf crossings to Vancouver. At the age of 19, Gavin was a shareholder in the store and also had his own real estate business.

Gavin volunteered for military service in 1915 and served in France with the 51st. Battery, Canadian Field Artillery. He received the Military Medal for meritorious conduct under fire, when his platoon was under a heavy gas attack. Gavin was hospitalized but afterwards served with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

On his return from the war Gavin again joined his brothers in the store, but after ten years sold out his interest there and turned to farming. He bought the old Broadwell farm and through hard work, clearing and cultivating, in the depression years, made it possible for the present lovely "Mountain Park Farm" to come into being. During the 1940's Gavin felt the call to business again and organized and headed Salt Spring Lands, Ltd. and in the ensuing years built up a large business in timber brokerage and real estate.

He is survived by his loving wife, Winnifred Torrie, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. R. (Gladys) Pringle, S.S.I. and Mrs. H.B. (Evelyn) Friele, Jr. of Seattle; one son, Norman of S.S.I., two sisters, Mrs. R. Toynbee, S.S.I. and Mrs. Clinton Wood of Campbell River; two brothers, W.M. Mouat and Tom W. Mouat of S.S.I; eight grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: C. Horel, W. Thorburn, P. Cartwright, G. Groft, Des. Crofton and W.M. Palmer. Honourary pallbearers were: Capt. G. Maude, John Caldwell, Henry Ruckle, Vernon Case-Morris, Robt. Woods, T.F. Speed, Wm. Evans and S.T. Conery. Arrangements were by Hayward's Funeral Home.

Hundreds of people, from all walks of life, paid their last respects to Mr. Mouat. Not only his many friends on Salt Spring Island and the Gulf Islands, but many friends throughout the Province. The Hon. Phil A. Gagliardi, representing Premier W.A.C. Bennett, attended the funeral as did the Hon. W.F. Matthews, M.P., and many other Government officials.

So many of the local improvements on Salt Spring Island were initiated by Gavin Mouat and interwoven with his career, that it is difficult to find any that did not feel his inspiration and assistance. He spearheaded the drive to consolidate the various small schools on the Island into one at Ganges, and donated the land to put the building on; in the 1930's he was one of the group that persuaded the Nanaimo & Duncan utilities to bring electricity to Salt Spring Island; in 1948 he reorganized the old Ganges Water Company into the North Salt Spring Waterworks and by subscribing heavily himself and getting other businessmen to participate, he secured enough capital to renew the mains and extend the service to Vesuvius. He was very proud of the fact that this Water District never financed itself by taxation. When it came time for the drive for the new hospital, he donated the site and worked for the approval of the plebiscite. One of his last acts was the creation of the Mouat Park in Ganges, on behalf of the Mouat family, a fine 80-acre tract near the village. It was Gavin Mouat's keen interest in the transportation problems of the Gulf Islands which made him so well known in latter years, not only in the Gulf Islands, but also in shipping circles and Government offices throughout the Province.

It is a rare thing when a small community, such as Salt Spring Island, produces an individual with such outstanding characteristics as those of Gavin Mouat, to the extent that while making his home and his career entirely on this small island, he gained wide recognition throughout British Columbia. Salt Spring Island would not be what it is today, if Gavin Mouat had not lived here.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR DEPT "Dear Sir:" Through the medium of Our paper I would like to thank the many residents and non-residents of Salt Spring Island who have con-Salt Spring Island who have con-

ment. This is encouraging to those more intimately connected with the Scouts, not only from the point of view of the intrinsic value of the gifts and cash donations received, but also from the point of view of interest in the movement which is evidenced by these thoughtful gestures.

For the acquisition of our boats we have to thank Ernie Watson and his contacts with Nelson Fisheries Ltd. of Steveston, and Nelson Fisheries themselves for donating the boats. Then we must thank Ganges Boat Yard and Mouat Bros. for their respective donations of storage space and paint, John Sturdy for obtaining a donation of oars from the Foss Towing Co. of Tacoma and Island Tug and Barge Company and Dick Royal for their transport between Tacoma and

The various trips the boys have had during the past year have frequently been the result of thoughtfulness on the part of people not directly conected with the Scouts: Captain Maude and Alf House for the launch and sailing cruise last summer to Bedwell Harbour, Mr. and Mrs. Acland through their nephew Captain Victor Brown RCN, for the recent trip to HMCS Assiniboine and the Esquimalt Naval Dockyard, John Sturdy for the cruise on HMCS Stetler last spring and Doug Dane for the visit - and lunch - at his house to enable the boys, through his short wave receiver/ transmitter, to talk with other Scouts all over Canada on the occasion of the 4th Radio Jamboree-on-the-Air.

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donars to the bottle drive and last but not least the use of the Fruitvale Barn as a Scout Meeting Hall through the generosity of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Parsons. In addition the Royal Canadian Legion, sponsoring body of the Sea Scouts, makes the Legion Hall available when for various reasons it is not convenient to use the Barn.

This thank you would be incomplete without mentioning the 16 Islanders who contributed their cars and time to the bottle drive, to the Islanders who shelled out nearly 10,000 bottles, to the firms and individuals who transported some 600 dozen beer bottles to Victoria and to Mouat Bros. and the Tracing Company who, at considerable inconvenience to themselves, accepted storage of 230 dozen pop bottles until the soft drink companies were able to pick them up.

Thanks are also due to Scouts' parents who from time to time have been asked to supply transportation to the weekly meetings in the winter or for trips off-Island. As one would expect, the response to these calls has always been good, and the cooperation has been appreciated by those directing the Scouts' activities.

In closing may I express the hope that I have not omitted to mention some kindness received. If so it is entirely unintentional and should reflect on myself personally and not on the Scouts or the Group Committee. Finally, Mr. Editor, may I thank you for your continuous cooperation in making the columns of "Driftwood" available at all times for news of the Ganges Sea Scouts. (Signed) A.W. Wolfe-Milner, "

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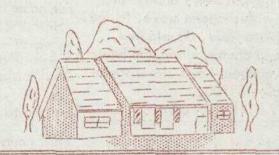
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IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND by Bea Hamilton ... We all liked Gavin Mouat and now he's off on is last great journey. I always think, when a loved one, or any person, even if he or she is unknown to one personally, passes into the Beyond, how nice that there are so many over there to greet one. Every person has a Guardian Angel, and that is one of the great and mysterious provisions made by the Creatorand the same God who looks after us here on earth, from the Eskimos known to people like Canon Whitbread at Spence Bay in the far North, to people here in beautiful British Columbia, and in every part of the world - to those in the wilderness and us in our snug little homes, God is always there. Always the same. And it's a great comfort when someone we like passes from this earth life. What better farewell could we say to Gavin Mouat, who has dedicated his life to helping the conditions and people in the Islands for so many years, than to send him a prayer for peace and wish him "Bon voyage"? And to the family whom he has left behind - how proud they must be to be able to say, "Gavin belonged to us", even as we are happy to say, "Gavir was, and still is, our friend".

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BROTHER, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE by Bea Hamilton...Canon D. Whitbread of the Arctic Diocese, who was in the pulpit of St. Mary's Church lest Sunday, gave an enlightening talk on his eleven years in

Church last Sunday, gave an enlightening talk on his eleven years in the Far North. He travells at least 2000 miles a year to visit all of his parishoners, spending several days with each distant group once a year. Canon Whitbread, with his wife and three children are at Spence Bay, where the Diocese is situated. The Canon was the first to enlighten the Eskimos in that area, and found many of them quick to learn. One elderly Eskimo travels about the Diocese when the Canon is otherwise engaged, and also holds services in his Igloo. In other parts of the Far North, teaching has been going on for 100 years, and four out of five teachers are Anglicans. The chief mode of travel is, of course, by dog sleigh, and supplies come into the districts once a year by boat.

Canon Whitbread had to teach the natives in their own language before he could teach them in English, and they have now established a school. The natives love it and come eagerly forward to learn, and to be baptized into the Church. The Canon at first had difficulties, and number one trouble makers were the Witch Doctors. But all got straightened out (after he had tamed and converted the Witch Doctors, one gathers). And here's something that will make all loggers thankful that they are in B.C. – the nearest

Canon and Mrs. Whitbread were in B.C. five years ago, when they spent part of their honeymoon on Salt Spring Island. They are now spending a month at various parishes before returning to the far North.

Sidney's Dog Trials last Saturday proved once again that the S.S.I. club could bring honors to the island when "Lassie", owned by young Barry Marcotte came home with the silver cup given for best junior handler. Lassie is the mother of "Rebel", also of Walker Hook, who last year shook his purebred classmates with outstanding awards. Mr. Bill Evans, president, wishes to announce the winter trials will be held this Saturday, December 2, 1961, at Mahon Hall, beginning at 10:30 a.m., with Mr. G. Donaldson of Victoria and Mrs. A. Best of Crofton judging.

The members of the Catholic Womens' League will hold a special Christmas Bingo on Friday, Dec. 15 commencing at 8 p.m. In addition to the usual prizes, special prizes of Christmas Baking will be given. The JackPot will be \$50. This will be the final Bingo for the year.

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St. George's - Evensong - 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's - Evensong - 2:30 p.m.

UNITED Ganges - 11:00 a.m. ROMAN CATHOLIC

Our Lady of Grace - Ganges - Holy Mass - 10:45 a.m. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Mahon Hall - 11:00 a.m. JEHOVAH WITNESSES - Mahon Hall - 2:00 p.m.

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Nanaimo Symphony Orchestra, for several years now, admitted to be the largest all amateur symphony orchestra in Canada, is preparing two performances: one on

Sunday December 3rd for students only, and the second on Sunday afternoon December 10th for the public. Both concerts will take place in Nanaimo Senior High School with the students' concert starting at 2 p.m. and the December 10th concert at 3.

Although the Nanaimo Symphony Orchestra was given signal recognition by Canada Council two years ago when Sir Bernard Heinz included it in his cross Canada tour...the only amateur orchestra's concert he attended...surprisingly few people know the story of the orchestra.

Seldom fewer than 60 musicians turn up for rehearsal every Sunday afternoon - this year in Hare-

wood firehall auditorium. Not only are none of the musicians paid, but many of them travel entirely at their own expense from as far away as Victoria, Mill Bay,

Port Alberni, Vanccuver, Courtney and all the points in between. Some are professional musicians who are free on Sunday afternoons, some are amat eurs who have taken up their instruments again after years of neglect. There are music teachers who enjoy the change of playing rather than teaching, once what his age or experience, and use him in the a week. Some bring their students with them to play in the crchestra. There are some very young pupils, and some established grandparents: beginners and old pros. But all are members of the Nanaimo Symphony Orchestra because they love to play and because of the conductor. Especially because of the conductor. Knowledgeable people who see the conductor in action for the first time are invariably

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of British Columbia, with no money, official backing and the obviously limited talent available in a thinly populated area, should be a genius, no one knows. But one is always surprised by the brilliance of this conductor, nevertheless.

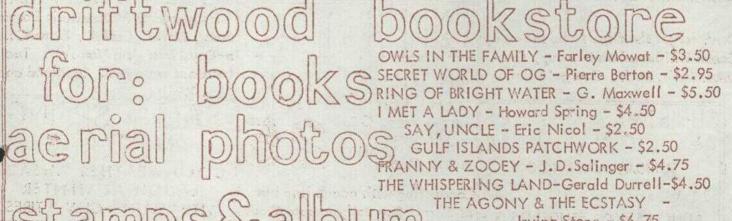
Maestro Maurice Kushner is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music in London, England and while there won several of the Academy's top awards including bronze and silver medals and the Cobbett Prize which is open to all string quartettes. He played under Sir Henry Wood in the London Sr. Symphony. Mr. Kushner also made a name for himself with the B.B.C. both as a violinist and a com-Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. poser and was presented with a bea-

lutiful violin when he left to return to his native Canada. Since coming to Nanaimo more

than 20 years ago he has had remarkable success developing musical talant and has seen more than a score of his students win top marks in international examinations and several receive scholarships to British and American colleges.

His ability to take any applicant, no matter symphony orchestra is the wonder of his colleagues. Professional musicians who play for him admit that they have been given a real "work-out"; small fry playing especially simplified parts, work just as hard and then run home to practise for another hour.

With the present ferry schedule, any musician on S.S.I. with the desire to play in a symphony orchestra, could attend the rehearsals in Nanaimo.



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AWARD-WINNING FILMS -- The Ganges Film Committee, together with the National Film Board, are proud to present to Salt Spring Island a special exhibition of award-winning films in two showings -Monday, December 4th at Mahon Hall in Ganges at 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 5th at Fulford Hall, 8:00 p.m. At Ganges the featured films will be "Blood and Fire", "Life in the Woodlot", "Lines Horizontal", and "Universe" - all winners of major awards, and an extra - "Malayan Seashore".

Included in the Fulford exhibition will be "Railroaders", "Man on the Assembly Line", "Le Merle", "High Artic: Life on the Land", and, as an extra -

"Bright Land".

VESUVIUS NEWS - Mrs. A. Thompson left Vesuvius Bay on Wednesday to spend two weeks with her Nov. 30 = United Church Xmas Bazaar - church Hall son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Trimm, at Renton. Mrs. Thompson will then fly to Tucson, Arizona, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Everell, until the beginning of February. During her absence her home will be occupied by Mrs. W. Watmough. Mr. Frank Smith and his sister, Miss Emily Smith, returned on Friday to Vancouver following a short visit to Vesuvius Bay where they were guests at Arbutus Court. Mr. Courteney Britton returned to Vancouver on Wednesday following a few days visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Britton.

BENNETT - BRACKETT

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bennett wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Faye, to Mr. Herbert Daniel Brackett, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brackett of North Pender Island. * * * * * * * *

FULFORD - The Burgoyne Bay United Church W. A. held a very successful tea and home cooking stall at Nan's Coffee Bar on Tuesday. The proceeds of the day come to \$90. The tea was opened by Mrs. R. Bidwell of Ganges, who was introduced by Mrs. A. House, president of the W. A. at Fulford. Rev. Norah Hughes was present to greet the guests. Convenors for various activities were Mrs. E. Campbell, Mrs. H. Dickens, Mrs. H. Skuce and Mrs. M. Ryan, with members of the W. A. assisting.

Don't forget the films to be shown by Canon Whitbread on Monday, December 27th, in St. George's Hall!

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Dec. 2 - 500 card party-Beaver Pt. Hall-8:15 p.m. Dec. 4 - N.F.B. Special Films-Mahon Hall-8 p.m.

Dec. 5 - N.F.B. Special Films-Fulford Hall-8 p.m.

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Dec. 7 - So.S.S.I. Women's Institute

PICTURAMA CONT'D from P.1 - Color prints, Class 2 - Flowers and/or gardens: Honourable mention, Mrs. V. Sholes. Class 4 - Animals: Honourable mention, Mrs. D. Abolit. Class 7 - Special Effects: Honourable mention, F. Duncan. Black and white prints: Class 1 - Scenic - 1st and 2nd, Mrs. Kline, Mayne Island. Class 3 - Children - 1st and 2nd, B. Lukas; 3rd, Mrs. M. Wells; Honourable mention R. Bidwell. Class 4 - Animals: 1st, Mr. Drinkwater, Honourable mention, Miss B. Hamilton. The door prize of photographic equipment was won by Mrs. C. Wakelin.

VESUVIUS BAY CIRCLE - The Vesuvius Bay Circle of the Women's Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. M.W. Copeland, with 16 members present. Mrs. G. H. Holmes opened the meeting with prayer and Archdeacon Homes read the lesson. The Annual Meeting was held after the regular meeting with the following officers elected for the coming year - Mrs. R. T. Meyer, Pres., 1st V-Pres., Mrs. H. Minchin;

Sec. Mrs. A.G. Wilkins; Treasurer Miss Margaret Motherwell; Darcas Sec., Mrs.T. Carlyle; Extra-Centa-Day, Miss Ann Van Pelt. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Copeland and Mrs. Wells.

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