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We suppose that most of you have heard or have read stories about persons being found, starved to death, in junk-filled shacks, with untold wealth hidden in the mattress. It must be shocking, to most of us, to read about such distorted sense of values, and it would be an additional shock if someone had the temerity to suggest that you or I could be living in squalor while not using the riches that surround us. But, yet, in a sense, that is exactly how many of us live on Salt Spring Island.

To explain, let us take a hypothetical person, who could be anyone of us. This person, somehow, someway, has found his way to Salt Spring Island. On that first approaching ferry, he breathes the exhilarating fresh air, gazes rapturously at the green mountains, savours the sight of miles of rugged coastline with its coves and tiny beaches, and longingly watches happy people fishing in small boats. Upon disembarking, he drives up a beautiful valley of farms, winds his way across the fascinating island, finds a beach, digs a clam or opens an oyster. He drives to the top of the mountain and inhales the spectacular view. He might even take a short walk through the cool green woods, spot a deer and marvel at the songbirds.

It isn't long until he is in love. In love with a new country that inspires in him a great desire to be a part of all this. His inspiration may be a sense of adventure, or tranquility, or a haunting, mysterious urge to be part of nature as man was intended to be. Here is the place to live! An Island! Full of beauty! The possibilities of The Good Life are too much for him to resist the charms of Salt Spring Island.

His life will never be the same again. He goes back to his regular mundane existence. There he plans, he figures, he strives and finally he finds a way to move to Salt Spring Island and he begins the beginning of a dream.

He buys a piece of land, he builds or re-builds a house. He landscapes and puts in a garden. He clears a little more of the land, he furiously burns and builds and digs. He attacks his work happily, enjoying every minute of building a new life. Soon everything will be shipshape and then he will really begin to use the island's riches. At first, he walks down upon the beach every day, and studies the wonder of sea life and the tides. He finds the best spot to dig clams and remarks on the succulence of "his" oysters. He rubs his hands together and gleefully says, "It won't be long now. Just as soon as I finish the guest room."

During the first few months, he meets people, gets invited to a cocktail party and numerous teas. He talks of buying a boat and he pumps the "old-timers" for fishing information. He likes the people, for they, too, came because of a love affair with Salt Spring Island. He joins his fellow Islanders in clubs of good endeavours or of good fellowship. Surprisingly, he finds his week-ends cluttered with relatives and visitors who took him at his word when he said, "Come to visit me on wonderful wonderful Salt Spring Island. Come anytime."

He finally buys a boat, a yachting cap, fishing tackle and binoculars. He sails forth, dumps his new line into the water and settles back to soak up the sunshine and await the tug of a fish. Soon he gets restless. The fish aren't biting and he thinks about (Cont'd. to page 2)

DOUGLAS - ROSVOLD

A wedding of local interest took place at Mahon Hall on Friday, April 20th, at 5 p.m., when Miss Patricia Elaine Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa W. Douglas of Ganges became the bride of Mr. Terrence Wesley Rosvold, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rosvold of Victoria. Miss Susan Fellows played the piano for the ceremony, which was conducted by Mr. Ames Rosvold, brother of the groom. The Hall was bright with floral decorations of yellow and white, arranged by Mrs. Scot Clarke.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a full-length dress of heavy white brocade with a fitted dropped waistline, full gathered skirt and lily-point sleeves. The neckline of the dress was outlined by small pointed scallops, below which was a narrow band and small bow. Her waist-length veil fell from a tiara headdress. She carried a bouquet of mixed spring flowers - yellow jonquils, silver chimes and Inglescombe yellow double daffodils.

Mrs. Glen Martinolich of Ladner, matron of honor, wore a sheath-style afternoon dress of mauve brocade with a matching headdress, and carried a bouquet of spring flowers. Bridesmaids, Miss Lorraine Douglas, sister of the bride, and Miss Crista Roberts of Victoria were full-skirted dresses of embossed nylon, Miss Douglas in blue, and Miss Roberts in yellow. Each wore rinestone tiara headdresses and carried spring bouquets. Miss Valencia Douglas, young sister of the bride, was the flower girl. She wore a pink nylon dress and carried her pet rabbit. Best man was Mr. Bruce Corbett of Saanich, and (Cont'd. to page 2)

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(Cont'd. from page 1). . . . the unfinished painting in the guest room, or the committee report for tonight's meeting. It isn't long until he goes back to shore to try another day. He doesn't even stop on the beach to pick up a half-dozen oysters. Too much trouble to open them.

Six months have gone by. Uncle Charlie and aunt Hattie and the kids come out to holiday. He proudly shows Uncle Charlie the oysters, the clams and his new home. He takes the kids fishing and fleetingly begins to live The Good Life. It is much better this way; to share his good fortune; to tell an appreciative audience of the good life on Salt Spring. He even takes Aunt Hattie to the top of the mountain, his first trip there since moving to the Island.

A year passes. His house is nearly finished. Not quite, mind you, for now he has thought of building a patio or a barbeque pit, or maybe a new dock. He is now a Vice-President of two clubs, plays a weekly game of bridge, takes a night-school course in Spanish, and heads up the drive for more funds for a worthy cause. It is late July before he gets the boat back into the water and he finds his Saturday afternoons are taken up with golf, with a regular foursome, just like it was back in the city. In that busy summer, with guests and all, he squeezes in three days of fishing, catches one salmon, three grilse, two rock cod and loses most of his tackle. He finishes the rock garden and panels the den. He buys a second car for his wife for one is not capable of handling the comings and goings that have become so necessary. Not once since that first trip, has he taken a day off to walk in the woods to spot a deer or to marvel at the songbirds.

Another year passes. By this time he has sold the boat, buys his fish at the market, and hasn't dug a clam in nearly two years. He is

now the President of one club, the secretary of another, and worries about his social calendar. He has almost forgotten that great desire to be a part of all this beauty. Not entirely forgotten however. He still relives it, when he is talking to others, but when alone, he does not have the time to reflect upon it.

The next winter he takes a three month holiday in Mexico and relives his dream by telling strangers and new friends about the wonderful riches that surround his idyllic home on Salt Spring Island.

He spoke of these riches and not one of his listeners could imagine that he could live in such wealth and never find the time to enjoy it.

A hypothetical man? Perhaps. But think back. When was the last time you dug for clams or walked in the woods or took the time to fish or to look about and see all the untold wealth that was your reason for moving to Salt Spring Island?

DOUGLAS-ROSVOLD (Cont'd. from page 1). . . . ushers were Mr. Rene Douglas, brother of the bride, and Mr. Earl Bridle of Langford, B.C.

Flowers for the wedding came from the gardens of Mrs. F. Mills, Mrs. J. Toynbee and Mrs. F. Hemmings.

Following the wedding, a reception supper for about 200 guests was held at Mahon Hall. The bride's table was centered by a three-tier wedding cake, topped by flowers and a miniature bride and groom. The cake was made by the bride, and decorated by the groom, assisted by Mrs. Hector Ramsay, of Creston, B.C., an aunt of the bride.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Douglas chose a two-piece dress of white silk with a blue and green paisley design, pink accessories, and a corsage of spring flowers. Mrs. Rosvold, mother of the groom, wore a pink lace dress and matching hat, and a corsage of (Cont'd. to page 3)



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Sowing the seed singly in rows 1 1/2 - 2 feet apart is usual with bush-beans. Seed is dropped 2 inches apart along each row. When pole, or runner beans are sown singly in rows, the seeds usually are placed 4-5 inches apart. When a wire trellis or fence is used for support, the spacing is often a foot between plants. Sowing the seed in hills is common with pole beans. The hills are spaced 3x3 feet apart, 4-6 seeds are dropped in each.

Cultivation should be shallow and repeated only often enough to control weeds. Injury in cultivation reduces the yield. Root injury may cause the blossoms to drop. The plants must not be cultivated when wet, since anthracnose and bacterial blight are easily, and very seriously, spread from plant to plant under such conditions.

A fair supply of moisture is essential while the plants are young. It is also necessary to maintain a uniform supply of moisture in the soil as the plants grow larger and as they begin to bloom.

The blossoms are likely to fail to set or may drop off if the soil becomes either too dry or too wet, thus affecting yield.

(Cont'd. from page 2). . . . spring flowers.

A wedding dance was held after the reception, and square dances were called by Norman and Mary Williams from Deep Cove.

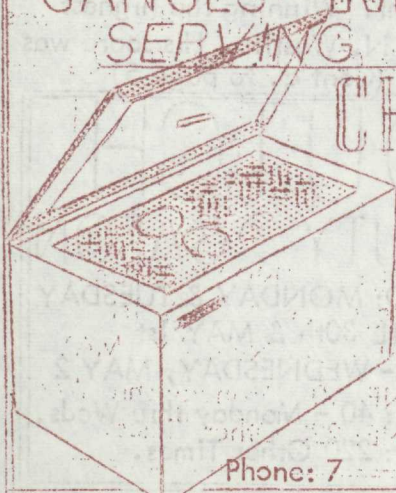
Out of town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. H. Ramsey, Creston, B.C.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Martinolich, Mrs. Molly Cosulich, Ladner; Mrs. L. Wigglesworth, sister of the bride, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, Newton; Mr. and Mrs. A. Rosvold, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rosvold, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bednarz, Parksville; Mr. and Mrs. R. Springette, Nanaimo; Mr. and Mrs. J. Fair, Courtenay; Mr. and Mrs. N. Cook, Chemainus; Mr. and Mrs. N. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gridle, Mr. B. Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bullock, Miss Susan Dale, Victoria.

GLADYS LUTZ

Gladys Lutz, age 37, passed away in Lady Minto Host. Apr. 23rd. She was born in Ontario and was a resident of Ganges for nine years. She leaves to mourn her loving husband Arnold, 2 sons, Barry and Daniel, two daughters, Judith Gail and Gladys Caroline, all at home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Barber, Ganges, three brothers, Wallace, Ontario, Albert, Ganges, Bernard, Victoria, and two sisters, Florence and Joyce in Ontario. She served with the R.C.A.F. (W.D.) during the Second World War and was a member of W.A. Canadian Legion, Ganges.

Services will be held in St. Georges Church, Ganges at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 26. Rev. W.H. Eifert of Duncan officiating. (Cont. p. 4)

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the people here. Gratefully, Don Thompson

DAVID WILLIAM MOSSOP

Little David Mossop, age 4, passed away in Lady Minto Hospital, April 23rd. He was born on Salt Spring Island. He leaves to mourn his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mossop of Fulford Harbour, two brothers, Tommy and Frank, one sister, Wendy, paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mossop of Manitoba and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olynick of Vancouver.

Services will be held in St. Mary's Church,

Fulford, on Saturday, April 28 at 2 p.m. Ven. Archdeacon G.H. Holmes officiating. Interment to follow in St. Mary's Church yard. Goodman Funeral Home in Charge of arrangements.

FULFORD NEWS by Bea Hamilton

Excitement in the air doesn't always come from our feathered friends. Recently, a helicopter flew in to Fulford with a heavy load hanging from it. It was carrying engine parts for the laid up MV Motor Princess. It was a rush order, the parts having been flown to Pat Bay from the East, so the helicopter brought it to Fulford with instructions to land - but where? The pilot couldn't find Shaw's field so he looked for it over Captain Maude's house, hovering and causing some doubtful moments of suspense to the occupants. Then the good Captain came to the rescue with a shirt and waved the man down to the proper destination. It was a little while before nerves got back to normal after that.

. The final cribbage game of the six months' tournament at the Beaver Point Hall, was played on Saturday night. Winning the highest over-all score was Mr. N. Westin. His score was 439. Mrs. L. Reynolds (Cont'd. to page 5)

A Letter of Appreciation to the People of S.S.I.

During the past three weeks I have had one of the most enjoyable vacations, met the most wonderful people, and the greatest time, thanks to all of you on S.S.I.

I came to S.S.I. having actually no idea where I was going, and wasn't sure whether I'd meet friendly people or hostile cannibals. Well of course, I met friendly people, so friendly in fact that I found it hard to believe that honest, down-to-earth, sincere people such as you still existed in the world of today's racketeers, and big phonies.

I feel that I owe a special word of thanks to the following people: Mrs. Vi Grant for her most wonderful hospitality and wonderful meals and good times during the past three weeks. Miss Bea Hamilton for the nice stories and Mrs. A. Davis for the coffee sessions and dinner at Dromore; Mrs. Helen Hippisley and Jimmy for the nice dinners and evenings of T.V.; Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Akerman for the nice party and good times; Miss Georgina Burge for many good times and her hospitality; Miss Lynn Akerman for the party and many evenings and days of good times which will never be forgotten; and to Roberta A., Max A. Teddy A., Sharon and Nancy R., Mrs. Davis, Mrs. "Fitz", Sonya A., Heather A., Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and to everybody else who has made possible my wonderful time, I give many personal thanks.

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(Cont'd. from page 4) . . . won the prize for the most games over the season. She won 23 games in all. There was also a prize for the loser of the most games - and that went to Mr. D.H. Ruckle. Supper hostesses were Mrs. L. Reynolds and Mrs. J. Klassen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lacy and children spent the Easter week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Grant. They returned to Victoria on Monday.

Mr. Nick Stevens of Ladner, B.C. was the guest of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevens at Beaver Point last week-end.

Mr. Don Thompson of Seattle returned to the Island last week and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Akerman and family.

Susanne and David Ruddick of Haney, B.C. are spending the holiday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Dane were able to attend the inaugural run of the "City of Vancouver" last Wednesday. They had a wonderful trip and went from Vancouver to Horseshoe Bay and other points, before returning home.

A very lovely Easter Service for the children was held at St. Mary's Church on Easter Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. Silvester and Douglas spent the week end on Salt Spring. They returned to Saturna Island on Monday.

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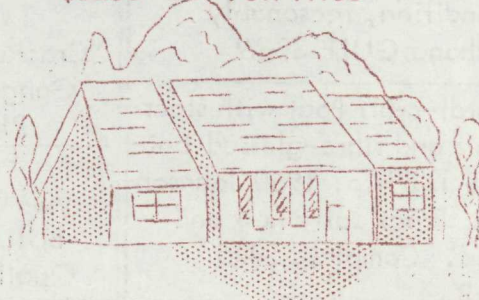
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A donation of \$10 was made to the Red Cross. Final arrangements for Daffodil Tea and Sale to be held April 27th at Mahon Hall, were made. Tea hostesses were Mrs. B. Krebs and Mrs. E. Lumley.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bradley on the birth of a daughter on Tuesday, April 24th. Their first child weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was named Yvonne June.

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Business: 1. To receive the report of the trustees. 2. To elect one trustee for the term of one year. 3. To elect two trustees for the term of three years. 4. To elect an auditor for the ensuing year. 5. Any new business.
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Hall, 8p.m. Bingo -Legion Hall 8:30 pm (auspices C.W.L.)
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Fri. Apr. 27 -Guild of Sunshine Daffodil Tea & Sale, Mahon Hall 2:30
Firemen's Ball, Mahon Hall - Dancing 10:30 pm to 1:30 a.m.
Wed. May 2 -Mum Society, United Church, 8 pm, Mr. Palmer speaker on Fuchsias
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St. Mary's, Fulford - Family Service - 11:00 a.m.
St. Mark's, Central - Evensong - 3:00 p.m.
St. George's, Ganges, Evensong - 7:30 p.m.
UNITED: Ganges - 11:00 a.m.
ROMAN CATHOLIC: Our Lady of Grace, Holy Mass - 10:45 a.m.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Mahon Hall - 11:00 a.m.
JEHOVAH WITNESSES, Mahon Hall - 2:00 p.m.
BIBLE CHAPEL - Sunday School - 10:30 a.m., Evening Service - Mahon Hall - 7:30 p.m.

FERNWOOD NEWS by Doris

DeLong. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alan Thompson and family from Aldergrove, B.C. and Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neill from England, are spending Easter week with Mr. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Thompson. . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. Loney and children of Vancouver are spending the week with Mrs. Loney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham. . . . Mrs. Wm. Mitchel of Redwater Alta., left Wednesday after spending a few days with her father, Mr. M.E. Johnson, and also visiting Mr. Johnson were his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. H. Johnson and children from Vancouver. . . . Alan Waterfall of Vancouver is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Waterfall. . . . Miss Ruth Leach of Victoria spent Easter week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leach. . . . Mrs. L. Sayer and her sister, Mrs. L. Fleming of New Westminster and Mrs. Sayer's grandson Bobby Sayer spent Easter week-end at the

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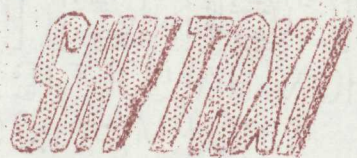
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Mrs. Josephine Skidmore, a Salt Spring Is. pioneer, and now a resident of Victoria, celebrated her 102nd birthday last Saturday. She was born in Godalming Surrey, England, and came here as the eighteen-year-old bride of the late Percy Brown. Her second husband, Thomas Skidmore, died in 1914. The Percy Brown's lived on Booth Canal, in the home now occupied by Mr. C.E. Baker.

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PUBLIC MEETING

At the Mahon Hall Ganges on Friday May 4th - 8:00 p.m. in the interests of the Liberal Candidate Mr. Jack Saywell of Cowichan Lake, B.C. for the Federal Riding of Nanaimo, Cowichan and the Islands.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend and hear the speakers discuss some of the issues of the coming election. Further particulars in next week's issue of Driftwood.

A re-organization meeting of the Salt Spring Island Liberal Association will be held the same evening at 7:30 p.m., and all members and supporters are kindly urged to be present.

Sayer's summer home here. . . . Sandy and Tom Butler-Cole of Vancouver are spending Easter week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gwennap in the Butler-Cole summer home. . . .

Louis Lorentsen was elected president for a third term at Salt Spring Is. Rod and Gun Club annual meeting in Ganges.

At the regular dance, held last week, members of the Wagon-Wheels Square Dance Club made plans for a special party for their next meeting. This will be a "hard times" dance with appropriate costumes. Norman Williams will be here to do the calling and all members, old and new, are cordially invited for Saturday, May 5th, at Mahon Hall.

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THOMAS REID

Mr. Thomas Reid, age 93, passed away at Dr. Francis' Private Hospital early Wednesday morning, April 25th. Mr. Reid, who was born in Scotland, has been a resident of Salt Spring Island for 51 years.

He is survived by two sons, John D. of Ganges, and Ferguson D. of Victoria, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The time of funeral services is not known at this time. Goodman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

GANGES NEWS. . . . Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Rixon, Janet, Patrick and Holly of Port Angeles, spent the Easter holidays with Mrs. Rixon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. St. Denis, St. Mary's Lake and with Mr. Rixon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Rixon of Southey Point. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Donald Corbett, Daphne, Geoff and Frank, of West Vancouver spent the holidays at Peel's Camp at Southey Point. . . . Mr. J.D. Loane of Kelowna spent the week-end on S.S.I. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Angus Ferreria of Powell River spent Easter week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Speed. . . . Wendy and Bob Morris were home for the week-end as was Sharron and Lt. and Mrs. Patrick Crofton. . . . Bill Spencer of Vancouver spent the week-end with his father, Mr. O. Leigh Spencer. . . . Mrs. Florence MacMillan spent the holidays at her home here. . .

On Palm Sunday, Archdeacon G.H. Holmes dedicated the new Sunday School room, the "Helen Spencer Room", at St. Mark's Church, given by O. Leigh-Spencer in memory of his wife. The Archdeacon was accompanied by Graham Shove and R.W. Taylor, wardens of the church.

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In addition, transept doors were dedicated to the memory of Rev. E.F. Wilson, first resident vicar of the parish, who served from 1894 to 1909.

The impressive services were the fifth annual Palm Sunday service held by the Salt Spring Sunday Schools. The combined choirs of St. Mark's, St. George's and St. Mary's led the service.

Mrs. H. Ashby displayed knitted garments donated to the Dorcas department, at the regular meeting of Anglican women's Auxiliary held recently in the Parish Hall.

Mrs. G.H. Holmes, president, conducted the opening devotional period. Mrs. Geo. Laundry gave a report on embroidery work done by Pakistani women and sold by diocesan W.A. branches across Canada. Mrs. Holmes reported on the Caroline Macklem Guest Home operated by the W.A. in Victoria. Small jars of jam will be donated as individual gifts for the ladies, by members of the branch during the summer. After the meeting, tea was served by Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Laundry.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fennell on the birth of their sixth daughter on Apr. 19, at Lady Minto Hosp. The girl, named Anna Lisa, weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 oz.

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