

FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES. If you want to catch that late, late ferry on Friday night from Swartz Bay you have a choice of three sailing times and none of them seem to be correct. The Government's own printed schedule shows the time as 10:55 p.m. under the heading of Salt Spring Service. The ship is the "Motor Princess" returning from a long day servicing the Other Islands. However, under the heading of the Outer Islands, it shows the "Motor Princess" leaving Swartz Bay for Fulford at 11:45pm. And to make things more confusing, the schedule on the Government sign at Swartz Bay show the ship leaving there at 11:15 p.m. According to some reports, the ship hasn't used any of these three times for some time and last Friday it didn't leave Swartz Bay until 12:17. Overheard in a local store: Visitor from the Prairies: "Could you tell us where the swimming beaches are?" Clerk: "I am sorry, Madam, we have none to offer you, except Vesuvius Bay. But I am afraid you will find it very crowded. There are not any other public beaches." Visitor: Well, we would not have come here had we known that!" A vivid lesson as to why some of our tourist friends never come back to S.S.I.

. . . The growth, this year, is lush. Out Fernwood way, a clump of orchard grass was measured that stood 8 ft. 9 inches high. This grass, imported years ago, is the one old timers took 40 years to grow and the newcomers have been spending 15 years to get rid of. What people won't do to keep from paying the garbage man. Some sharpie, who has found out that it is unlawful to dump garbage along our roads, has been surreptitiously using the Chamber of Commerce garbage cans that were put out by the roadside picnic tables. When this character gets through stuffing the can full, the poor tourist has to carry his garbage home with him. Tonight at 9:00 pm on Channel 8 the "Tides & Trails" show is planning to feature a film of a clam bake at Southey Point on the property of MC. Hobbs.

. It is too hot, the fishing is too fun and we're too lazy to gather news. So, thank goodness for the lengthy, interesting letters-to-the Editor which will fill this issue nicely.

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR. "Dear Sir: I have read with interest Mrs. Hastings' article in "DRIFTWOOD" on "England Re-visited". As a Canadian of pioneer stock, but with British roots still very strong after One Hundred and Fifty years, I thought a view of Britain from one of this background might be of interest.

I lived for two and one-half years in England and Scotland fairly recently. During this time I visited nearly all parts of the U.K. with the exception of Ulster. For one and one-half years my headquarters were in London, where I worked and lived as a Londoner. Therefore, having met and conversed with a broad crosssection of the British public, I feel my opinions may be worth something.

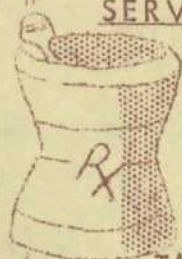
What Mrs. Hastings says about England is all true - especially her remarks about courtesy. That is what impresses one most. There is one point, however, which I should like to dispute with her: she gives the impression that England's hotels are inhabited by stiff old dowagers and gentlemen - each with his or her special chair and each enveloped in a strong armour of British insularness. Now, I have stayed in many hotels throughout Britain and am amazed that she found one predominately occupied by this type of people. True, I have seen them in the odd tea shop and restaurant (in Victoria one may find them even now), but in the places I stayed there were few. For example, I lived for three delightful months in a good residential hotel in Kensington, while working for The Society for Psychological Research. There

FULFORD HARBOUR TIDE TABLE								
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Aug.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.
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3	0107	7.4	0527	8.7	1226	2.7	1959	10.2
4	0151	7.0	0619	8.3	1300	3.4	2022	10.2
5	0237	6.5	0717	7.9	1334	4.3	2046	10.2
6	0324	6.1	0823	7.6	1408	5.2	2110	10.1
7	0411	5.5	0947	7.5	1444	6.2	2136	10.0
8	0456	4.9	1132	7.6	1530	7.1	2205	10.0
9	0542	4.3	1331	8.1	1636	7.9	2235	9.9

I met various types and found them all very friendly and easy to talk with. Among my table neighbours for a short time were The Honourable Miss something-or-other and a Lord and his Lady, all of the old generation. With these I had most interesting and stimulating conversations. The other people from all walks of life and country whom I met there were most friendly. At another time I stayed for a month in a high class small hotel in the New Forest, Hampshire. Here I invariably found most interesting and congenial people. True, they could not be made to believe that our climate on the Pacific Coast (Cont'd to P.2)

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was not all ice and snow, but with all that, they
were interested in Canada and especially up to date
on American politics.

In Kent, where I spent a winter with relatives,
I felt very much at home with the friendly, informal
and jolly people of the community
- doggy people, horsey people,
garden people, or all three com-
bined. Many were the bridge four-
somes at private homes, to which
we went about 6 p.m., after tea.
A cozy supper of sandwiches,
sausage rolls and coffee would be
brought in around the fire about
8 and then the game would be re-
sumed. The 15th Century Golf
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nice evenings - whist drives, etc.
The wide open fireplaces made it
homelike and the bar was always
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before leaving. Gay, indeed was
the annual Golf Club-Banquet, with
the M.C. at the head table frequen-
tly thumping his gavel and ordering
toast after toast in wine. After-
wards a dance, with the bar open,
and at the end, big tureens of soup
ladled out on leaving. Everyone
full of life and fun and hilarity, but absolutely no
drunkenness. I know that some will not believe me,
but it is true. In fact, I saw extremely little drun-
kenness in England. Of course it is there, and the
high-life orgies of Chelsea are well known, but it
is apart from the life of the general public.

I have left London to the last. London is full of
life, and young life. Youth abounds in London. I
worked as a shorthand-typist in all parts - temporary
posts varying from a few days to
six weeks - short hours at 5s/6d an
hour and a five day week. I was
free to stay off for as long as I
liked after a job, and go back

again for another from one of the many agencies in
London. This gave me a wonderful opportunity for
sightseeing, relative visiting and night school for
art and philosophy. I worked in offices all over
London, ranging from a Union Executive's (a bright
little cockney who drove my shorthand at a terrific
pace) to a whirlwind of a publishing
house near Saville Row, where cer-
tain career girls of well known fami-
lies talked of going to social affairs
where the "Queen Mum" was to be
present. Let no one tell you Londoners
are slow - they are very fast. The
old business offices are simply appal-
ling as viewed from Western eyes.
Usually I had to stack books under
me to reach the typewriter. However,
they reminded me forcibly of what I
had had to contend with when first
coming to Vancouver in 1924. Out
of that background they do most mar-
vellous work. Their many new office
buildings have everything of the lat-
est - very modern and sleek.

Talking of British youth, and not
of old-fashioned dowagers, I was am-
azed at the breadth of education of
the average British young person. For
example: I stayed for some months
at a bed and breakfast place in Barons
Court, where the landlady encouraged students. It
was cheap, as prices go in London, and that is why
I chose it. The lodgers were all young (with my
exception). There was a French Algerian girl teach-
ing French, a Swiss chap in the insurance business,
a bank clerk from Dublin, a manufacturing worker
from Aberdeen, a girl from Nairobi studying florist-
ry and two young Englishmen in business. The con-
versations at breakfast would have left the average
young Canadian far behind. Their
general knowledge of art, music,
literature and history was an eye
opener. They could evidently talk
on any subject (Cont'd to Page 3)



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LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR (Cont'd From Page 2). . . (including world politics) and talk well. Remember, these were not all teachers, but youths from the common ranks in all kinds of business. As a contrast and a very extreme type of the insularness one meets with in this country, a Canadian girl of seventeen, who had finished Grade X, asked me on the way back if I had not had trouble with the language barrier in England!

As to fashions, I can only say that two things struck me most on arrival back in Canada - the tremendous waste (no pun intended) and the trailing styles of one to two years back.

Truly, Britain is a young person's country - very much alive and tremendously enthusiastic. One example: a girl I know, with University degree, taught in London for two years. On returning home she took a year's course in education and found it very dull after Britain.

It amused me to read Mrs. Hastings's account of the stiff old dowagers of England who could not speak until properly introduced.

One finds the very same thing here on Salt Spring in certain quarters.

(Signed) (Mrs.) Dorothy King."

"Dear Sir: Many thanks for "Driftwood", they are coming through now, I received the copy of June 21st a few days ago. Being in another country, (Ireland), Driftwood is like a lifeline and everything in it is read.

On my departure I planned on getting a "U" Drive here, but it didn't take very long before I

decided against this, there are four kinds of traffic, small cars, very small cars, baby prams and people, I have only seen two traffic lights in the City of Cork, there are a few traffic Cops, but the rest of the City the people cross the street anywhere, they have all the time in the world too. Of the prams, they are about the size of the smallest cars, they have signs in the "Shop" windows "No Prams Allowed" so these are parked outside, I counted ten outside one store, and nobody could get in. They walk three and four abreast, and on the other hand the cars park on either side of the road depending on which shop they are going to, so you never know which way they are going. The taxis have meters but don't use them, the charge will depend on YOU, so I learnt to say

in Irish "How much did you say" and the fare drops 2/3rds. I made a quick trip to London, on my return after we got aboard one of the engines didn't get up speed, we were taken back to the Airport and 20 minutes later, got on the same plane again. There were a lot of white faces when we had a bit of trouble getting off the ground.

Coming into Youghal on the Bus the other day a woman stopped the Bus and asked if there had been a packet of pins put aboard in Cork City, the conductor after we got going again remarked "About three years on this run is the limit before we go to the nut house". Just before this happened a woman got off the Bus ahead and waved so we stopped, but she was only waving to the Bus that was ahead and nearly out of sight. I have a movie of the old Youghal Bridge, the sign at each end says "Speed 5 Miles per hour" and they mean just that. There are

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LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR (Cont'd from Page 3) drums of cement with a plank from them to the railing, these are placed first on one side and then on the other, so you drive zig zag and if you meet another car drop your speed to 5 feet a minute. However I have found the people here are so very kind and friendly, such a contrast to some of the people I met in London. We leave for Dublin in a day or so, then on to South Wales and Liverpool, then back to Eire and in September after a week or so in London will return via Southampton. The weather here has been cloudy and cool for the most part with the odd sunny day.

Please keep "Driftwood" coming, when away our mail is sent on to us. (Signed) Jack H.M. Lamb.

"Dear Sir: Re: "How high are those Mountains? Writer disputes figures in new history." (Salt Spring Saga).

I note that you publish a portion of the review made by Miss Bea Hamilton of the "Salt Spring Saga" under the above headlines in the Gulf Islands Review of the 11 July, 1962. I gave the height of only one mountain, Tuam, 1940 feet. The figure was taken from a map, obtainable by any interested reader, from the Legal Surveys Division, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Department of Lands and Forests, Victoria, B.C. It was revised 6 times between the years 1949-58 and it is probable the figures are more accurate than those of 1895 largely quoted by Miss Hamilton. With reference to the "boo-boo", I refer to a copy of my manuscript, which states quite clearly.... "(Mount Tuam), which is retained to-day as the name of Salt Spring's SECOND highest mountain, 1940 feet." The error appears to have crept in somewhere along the line from typewriter to print!

I see also that Miss Hamilton refers to the Rev. F.W. Wilson and I refer to the Rev. E.F. Wilson as Rector of Salt Spring when he wrote his highly informative book in 1895. It seems improbable there are two Rev. Wilsons and if the "boo-boo" was mine, I owe an apology to his descendants and

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relatives and to my readers.

With regard to the lady who preferred to remain anonymous, I claim that I have been as impartial as possible. Certainly no criticism of the white pioneers was implied because they did not produce teachers. I agree Edward Mallandaine was qualified to teach but there is no recorded evidence he did so on Salt Spring. He came to this island as a pioneer settler and his decision to set up school in Victoria was a purely personal matter and not to his detriment. With the community in the poor financial state it then was, he realised a school on Salt Spring would not be a paying proposition. The decision of the two settlers of colour, John C. Jones and Frederick D. Lester to teach between the years 1860-1869, when they were at last recognised officially and paid salaries, could scarcely have been inspired by motives of financial gain. It would be ungenerous not to credit them with a sense of dedication, not only to their chosen profession but to the educational welfare of the children of Salt Spring. The same principles apply to the voluntary work for education of Abraham Copeland, elected as a member of the first Board of School Trustees in 1869.

The opinion of the pioneer community on the work of these gentlemen appears to have been unanimous. I contend it is not unfair to conclude that it must have been of considerable merit. (Signed) Eric A. Roberts."

FOR PETE'S SAKE by Bea Hamilton.

Mr. Pete E. Roberts in last issue of the Review, July 18th. asks for the identity of the Rev. E.W. Wilson, mentioned in my article on How High are those mountains? in July 11th issue. It was a mis-print. I was writing about the Rev. E.F. Wilson, the one and only Edward Francis Wilson, a great scholar, author, writer and gentleman, who made history wherever he went, from Ontario down to the Coast of B.C. And in this day of quotes, I quoted Mr. Wilson's figures as he wrote them in 1895 or so - and that late gentleman quoted the Royal Geographical Survey (Cont'd To Page 5)

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FOR PETE'S SAKE (Cont'd From Page 4) figures of that century for the same - which don't coincide with 20th Century Maps - and Mr. Eric A. Roberts in his Salt Spring Saga, quotes still another figure, so we end up with three different heights for the same mountain - Mount Tuam!

Yet, the actual height of the mountain wasn't at stake in my seemingly disturbing remarks - it was the mis-statement in which said that Mt. Tuam was THE highest mountain on the Island - which she "ain't" - and now the author of that fine little book "Salt Spring Saga", clears his case a little.

Mr. Roberts Sr. tells us that his MSS clearly states that he wrote that Mt. Tuam was the SECOND highest mountain. So I presume that Mr. Roberts is also a victim of a mis-print.

I have only one wish about Mt. Tuam - and that is that it would please stay "put" at an official height. Mr. Roberts figure of 1940 feet is quite all right with me. I was fascinated by the statement in Mr. Roberts Sr.'s letter in the Review when he states that, and I quote: "the heights of Salt Spring mountains were obtained by lazy surveyors who dozed in deck chairs while very small boys flew very large kites from sea level." Do tell! I didn't know there WERE any lazy surveyors! But Mr. Roberts further assures us that "old times" declare that the ancient and unscientific Chinese method was never adopted on Salt Spring Island - a great relief, for such a thing could throw the whole Island, including the C. of C. into a tizzy.

Now I hope I have un-puzzled Pete. As for "Salt Spring Saga" - it is well worth reading. The author tells you frankly in his Foreword that the book was written for entertainment - and he warns the historically minded to regard the book so. And that book is so "this and that" that I like it. But may the Good Lord preserve me from writing history! There is always someone who knows better than the writer - but refrains from giving facts - until the printed word is out - and then it's too late.

I am not sure, but I think all this controversy would come under the heading of "making mountains out of Mole-hills."

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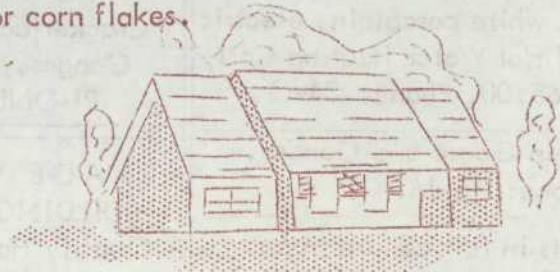
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- 9:00 pm.Senior's Golf Tournament - Qualify-
ing Rounds.**FULFORD NEWS** by Bea Hamilton.

A very successful Raspberry tea, sponsored by the local W.I., brought in the sum of \$85, proceeds from the teas and sales from a home cooking stall, and miscellaneous and vegetable stalls. Special visitors for the afternoon were some sixteen members of the Victoria, Brentwood and Craigflower W.I. and a lively skit "Thin Ice" was put on by the enterprising W.I. Drama Group from the Victoria W.I. Their amusing performance was much appreciated by those present, and a vote of thanks goes to the ladies who took part. Leading lady was Mrs. R. Colliss, Promoter was Mrs. R. Elkre, others playing were Mrs. R. Edwards, Mrs. E. Anderson, Mrs. McEwan and Mrs. F. Macra. Other visitors were Mrs. E. Berry, Mrs. Nelsen Brown, Mrs. M. Graham, Mrs. O. Sandford and Mrs. E. Hudson, the two latter were from Craigflower, and from Brentwood Bay came Mrs. E. MacFarlane, Mrs. D. Leigh, Mrs. A. Mollenaux, Mrs. E.G. Woodward, (editor of W.I. Newsletter) Mrs. M. Watt and Mrs. W.M. Parker, secretary of the W.I. District Board. Mrs. Watt, by the way, won a cake by guessing within ounces the right weight - so did Miss D. Mickleborough of Ganges - they came out the same so Mrs. A. Davis, who made said cake, decided to bake two more - one for each lucky winner - instead of splitting the big one - the cake weighed 4 lb. 9 1/2 oz. General convenor for the tea was Mrs. M. Gyves. On the stalls were Mrs. R. Lee, Mrs. W.Y. Stewart, Miss V. Salliss and Mrs. A. Davis. Mrs. A.M. Butt looked after contests, and in charge of teas were Mrs. A.D. Dane, Mrs. D. Slingsby, Mrs. J. Stewart, Mrs. V. Grant. Serving were the Misses Jayney French, Rosemary Brigden, Donna Daykin, Donna Dodes, Louise Stevenson, and Gail Slingsby. Members of the local W.I. escorted the visiting W.I. members to the 4 pm. ferry by cars. A celebrity who came to Fulford quietly and left the same way, Mr. Dick

Hersey, former art director of the Vancouver Sun Week-End. Mr. Hersey arrived with his wife and mother, Mrs. Mary Hersey. Mr. Hersey has just finished doing publicity art for the Commonwealth of Vancouver, B.C. on their production "The Sweet and the Bitter" which is ready for release in August. And he is now en route to Hollywood where he is to do drawings for MGM to publicize the "World of the Wonderful Brothers Grimm". The Hersseys left Salt Spring Island last week and were going to call at Victoria, Cowichan Bay and up Island.

Lieutenant-Commander Denis Hugh Pratt RCN, of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, has returned home following a 3 week visit with his mother, the Honorable Mrs. Marcus Crofton, Scott Rd., Ganges.

Mrs. Walter Hamm and children of Fort Nelson and Mrs. Hamm's mother, Mrs. G. Grieve of Vancouver, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. D. Abolit.

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The 8-member golfing team of the S.S.I. Golf & Country Club added 11 more points to their total to win the Bambrick Memorial Cup at Galiano last Sunday. The final score of the three rounds played on the courses at S.S.I., Pender and Galiano, was 31 for S.S.I., 19 for Pender and 18 for Galiano.

The third round, played under ideal conditions and highlighted by close scores in all matches, was won by S.S.I. with Sam Hughes, Jack Scott, Archie McCowan and Doug Cavaye winning two points each. Hart Bradley and Fred Morris who shot a fine round of 76, were beaten by their Galiano opponents by one stroke. Bradley and Morris won one point each as did Inky Humphreys who tied his

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match with his Galiano rival. Galiano scored 9 points and Pender was able to garner only 3 points in the third round.

The cup was presented by Ed. Bambrick to S.S.I.'s club president, Hart Bradley, who, in accepting, asked the Galiano club to be custodian of the cup since S.S.I. did not have a clubhouse or a suitable place to display the trophy.

The ladies of the Galiano Club served a bountiful buffet luncheon for the visiting golfers, wives and guests. 25 people from S.S.I. journeyed to Galiano to enjoy that fine sporty golf course. (Cont'd to P.9)

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GOLF (Cont'd from Page 8) All had high praise for the Galiano club members who were the perfect hosts and gave the visitors a very memorable day.

The Royal Canadian Legion stages its annual fishing derby this Sunday, and as usual the boats will be heading out from daybreak on to search for the king salmon and the lowly cod. Fishermen are advised to boat their catches immediately, because last year the "biggest fish in the world" which surely would have won first prize, was towed back into harbor, and thanks to the friendly seals, only the head reached the weighing scales. In this derby you can fish anywhere, as long as you bring your trophies in to Mouat Bros. store by 5 p.m. There are a host of prizes for men and women, along with a prize for juniors and one for the largest cod. Tickets are available almost anywhere on the island, and you must produce a ticket to win a prize, even if you don't fish, and just happen to be darn lucky.

FERNWOOD NEWS by Doris DeLong.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryant of Chicago, Ill. have returned home after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Holloman. Visiting this week with the Hollomans are Mr. & Mrs. Walter Butler of Louisville, Kentucky. Visitors for the past week at the home of Mr. M.E. Johnson were his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Palmi Johnson and grandsons Jerry, Dennis, Ian and David, from Cranberry Portage, Manitoba. Mr. Johnson's daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. T. Wilkie and grandchildren David, Kevin, and Tannis returned to Vancouver last Tuesday after spending a week at their summer home at Rainbow Beach. The Wilkie's, former residents of S.S.I., are just back from a three year stay in England. Mrs. M. Gerrits and son, Greg, of Concrete, Washington, Scott Gerrits of Snoqualmi, Wash., and Margaret Finken of Poulsbo, Wash. are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Thompson.. (Cont'd to P.10)

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FERNWOOD NEWS(Cont'd from Page 9).
Recent visitors of the M.B. Easts were their daughter, Valerie, Mr. Geo. Bennett and sons, Bruce and Brian, Mr. Al Higgins of Victoria, Mr. D. Gurton, Mr. & Mrs. T. Sparling and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bradley and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gurton and family, and Mr. T. Gurton, all of Sidney, Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell of Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Johnson and family of Port Alberni.

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intense desire to create more waterfront property, which will be selling at \$1000 per front foot, Chuck Horel will dredge out Booth Canal clear to Ganges Harbour and the Fulford Valley from Burgoyne Bay all the way to Fulford Harbour. This will create two new areas- The Booth Bay Backwater and the Fulford Flushway.
By the year 2000 the school budget will be so large that it will be more economical to close the schools and send all the children to the most expensive private schools in England, France and Switzerland. This will eliminate the need for an auditorium-gymnasium. The present school will be turned into a museum, which will feature such relics as the "Cy Peck", a strange, extinct mounted fish called a "Spring Salmon", a portrait of the "last of the old time loggers" (Dave McLaughlin) and a huge bust of the only Prime Minister of Canada from S.S.I., (Gil Humphreys, smoking his famous corn-cob pipe, the symbol of the party he formed "Humphreys' Hill-billies", when he failed to catch on with any of the old-line parties.
We also predict that Art Young may have his bridge to Vancouver Island, the Chamber of Commerce just might have their boat basin in Ganges, Dr. W. Lockhart will still be playing golf everyday, and the liquor store will still do the biggest business in town.

THE YEAR 2000, SALT SPRING ISLAND. At the rate of progress, evolution or destruction, (it depends on how you look at it) Salt Spring Island will be somewhat different in the year 2000. We will hazard some guesses.

First, our transportation problems will be solved by Harry Extell's Hovercrafts scooting back and forth and Fletcher Bennett's helicopters using the helicopter port on top of the "Ganges Hilton" hotel, a 20 story glass and chrome edifice situated at the present location of the Harbour House Hotel. With an (Cont'd to next column)

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