

DRIFTWOOD

"Christmas is the Season of the Heart

The time of forgiveness for injuries past,

The sacrament of sharing without balancing the deed,

The moment of remembrance of graces forgotten,

The poem of joy making light the spirit,

The sense of renewal restoring the soul,

The day of thanksgiving for the goodness of God,

Christmas is the season of the heart. "

Howard Thurman.

Merry Christmas

May the spirit  
of Christmas  
abide with you  
throughout the  
coming year!

PEACE

GOODWILL

JOY

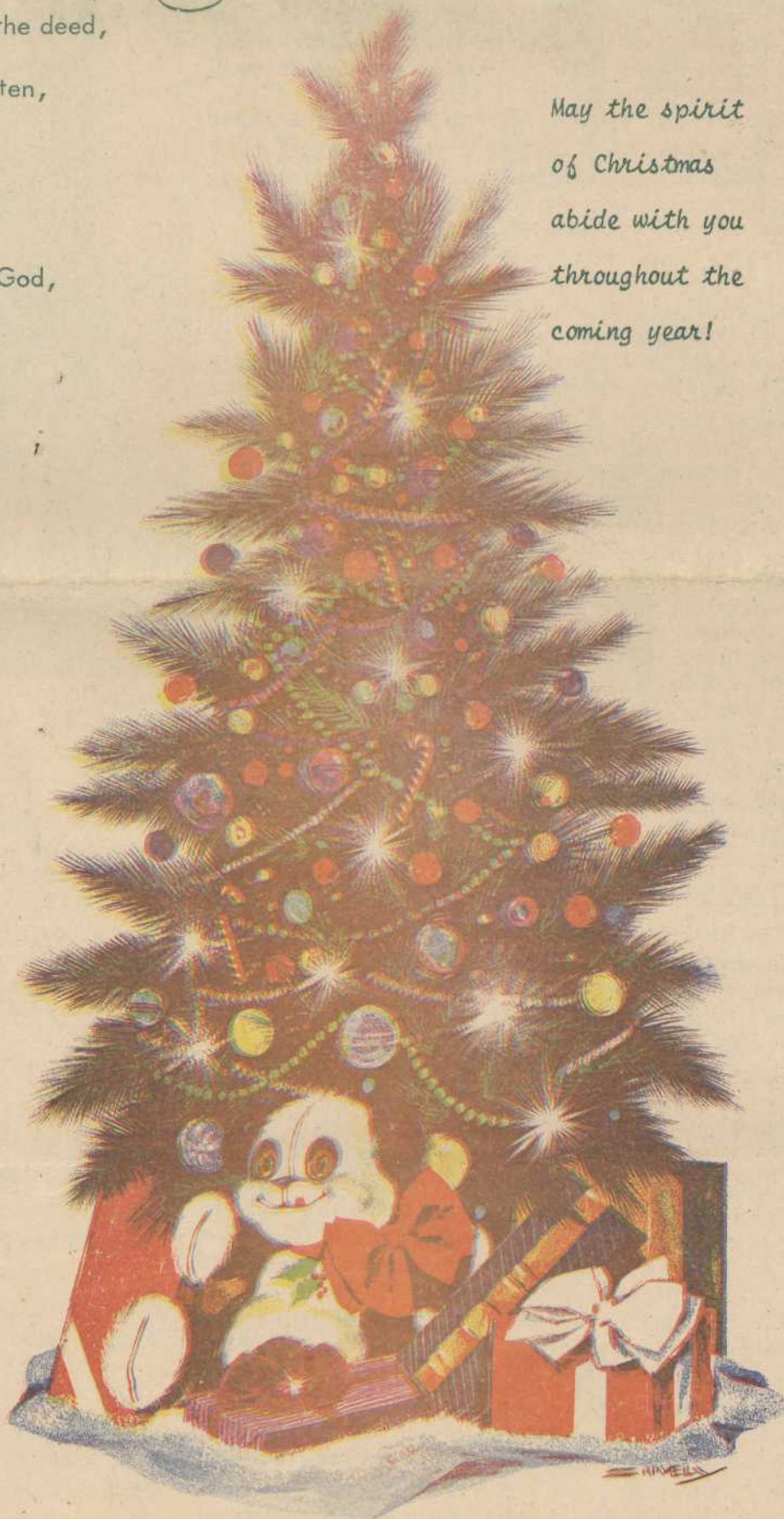
Yes, Christmas is a time of the heart.

It is the time of the year when these words are spoken with real feeling. It is the time when we know what they mean in genuinely simple terms. Peace and goodwill are not suspect. Joy and giving are not clouded with duty, but are felt in the spirit.

May the spirit of Christmas

be with you through the year.

May peace prosper in our world. May the spirit of giving be extended to mean the gift of goodwill to all mankind.





# MEMORY'S NOTEBOOK - by Elsie Worthington

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

There can be few Canadians born in the first two or three decades of this century who have not, at some time during childhood, enjoyed, tolerated, or suffered their way through a Sunday School Christmas concert.

Memories of this custom of a bygone day are no doubt as varied as the temperaments of the participants. Circumstance played a part too, as I so well remember.

Most of my childhood was spent in an Ontario town in the years preceeding and during World War 1. For two years of that time I had a foot in each of two religious camps; attending my own (Anglican) Sunday School each Sabbath morning and the nearby Presbyterian mission school in the afternoon. Mother went along with the idea and no doubt welcomed this diversion which kept an active little girl busy on dull Sunday afternoons. (Lively outdoor play on Sunday was frowned upon in our town at that time.) However, when Father came home from the war he soon put an end to the spiritual two-timing!

But it was fun while it lasted. For one thing I enjoyed two Sunday School picnics and two Christmas parties each year—an advantage not to be lightly dismissed in those days. And the experience taught me many things, although the lessons did not become apparent for some years.

Looking back, I realize that Anglicans and Presbyterians of that time would have found it difficult to worship with an easy mind in each other's churches. Although holding a common belief in God, their views on the proper way to worship Him seemed poles apart. Their differing philosophy of life could be detected to some degree in parties arranged for their Sunday School children.

Christmas "treats" at the "English" church left hazy memories of a relaxed and happy mixture of Santa Clause, magicians, games, and bags of oranges and nuts.

Presbyterian parties were really concerts followed by refreshments. They were more formal and we were required to stay with our classes. But the Presbyterians served the most luscious food! Currant buns were the good old standby at Anglican picnics and parties. On the other hand I recall so well the mouth-watering iced cakes—each piece topped with a fat half walnut—served by Presbyterian ladies!

My two Presbyterian Christmas concerts stand out so clearly in memory because of the devastating attacks of stage fright suffered on each occasion. Our little mission Sunday School joined with the large downtown church school for the Christmas concert, held in the church.

Countless others have shared the experience of a little girl, who, having learned her "piece" word perfect, mounted the platform oozing self-confidence only to have every vestige of that same self-confidence drain away as she saw before her an endless sea of faces in a long narrow church. Somehow memory remained true, the quaking knees did not collapse and I was able to recite my "piece" "loud and clear" as directed.

This trying ordeal served the purpose of cushioning an even more paralyzing experience in the same church the following year.

Four girls from my class were teamed with a quartette of boys from a corresponding age group, and trained for several weeks to sing a special Christmas song. Came the night of the concert and in due time our names were called. We were seated half way down the church with the boy's class behind us. We four girls trooped up to the front, fully expecting the boys to follow, but to our consternation found ourselves alone on the platform. Two of the boys refused to leave their seats. One boy started up the aisle but finding his comrades had deserted him he changed his mind. A second boy, after much persuasion left his seat, but seeing the first boy turn back, his courage also failed, and he too, beat an ignominious retreat.

Meanwhile, our teacher, seated at the piano and faced with the fiasco, decided to make the best of the situation. She played the opening bars and gave us the chord to start. Dead silence greeting her efforts. We were too terrified to sing. Besides, we had depended on the boys' voices to lead



before giving the chord she hissed: "Sing! You can do it!"

Obeing the peremptory command four thin quavering voices began "Hark the Christmas Bells are Ringing." Returning courage and strength seeped into the second verse. I am sure a wave of sympathy from the vast audience engulfed us and helped us to find full voice for the third and remaining verses. The applause was tremendous—and sweet! And each of us received an extra bag of candy at the end of the evening.

The old-fashioned Sunday School concert has become, by and large, a thing of the past. Nowadays where Sunday Schools mark Christmas it is usually with a pageant centred on the Nativity; which is as it should be, for the Nativity is the heart of Christmas. Children taking part are undergoing the same joys and fears, depending on temperament and circumstances, and will recall their experiences with varying degrees of pleasure as they leaf through the pages of memory's notebook in the years to come.

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## SHORT MEETING

The Board of School Trustees surprised themselves Saturday, December 14th by getting through their agenda in jig time. New trustees, Mr. J.R. Clarke, Mayne Island and Mr. C. Moat, North S.S.I. were introduced at the meeting.

Miss Eileen Green was appointed matron of the new dormitory and Bob Bidwell was awarded the post of custodian at Mahon Hall.

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## CLOSING HOURS

Get all those extra supplies you'll need for Christmas soon. DRIFTWOOD is advised that Mouat Bros. and S.S.I. Trading Company will be closed Christmas Day and Bosing Day and again the following week, New Year Day and January 2nd.

Shell Service and Island Garage will close Christmas Day and New Year Day. They will open for light service only



## ANGLICAN W.A. ANNUAL MEETING

An invitation to hold the June board meeting on Salt Spring Island will be extended to the diocesan W.A. Board by the Anglican W.A., following the decision taken at the annual meeting held Dec. 13 in the Parish Hall, with the Rector, Rev. S.J. Leech in the chair.

The treasurer, Mrs. Harold Price, reported a budget of \$900. handled during the year, with most of net proceeds going to missionary objectives. Thankoffering amounting to almost \$60 was presented at a special St. Andrew's Day service, on Nov. 30. Extra Cents fund, totalling \$34.62 was sent for use among needy churches of the diocese.

Mrs. H. Ashby, Dorcas secretary, reported knitted garments valued at \$124 were turned in to W.A. headquarters. Dorcas, thankoffering and extra cents projects were shared with Vesuvius Circle.

Following is the slate of officers chosen for the coming year: Mrs. S.J. Leech, honorary president; Mrs. G. H. Holmes, past president; Mrs. W. Norton and Mrs. Eric Faure, 1st and 2nd vice-presidents respectively; Mrs. N.A. Howland, treasurer; Mrs. Wm. Palmer, secretary; Mrs. J. H. Laurie, educational secretary; Mrs. H. Ashby, Dorcas; Mrs. A.W. Barber, sewing; Mrs. V. Jackson, Extra Cents; Mrs. W. H. Saunders, thankoffering; Mrs. Eric Faure, Living Message; Mrs. George Laundry, tea convener; Mrs. E. Adams, at present in Vancouver, will be asked to act as prayer partner secretary. Delegates to the diocesan annual meeting will be appointed at a later date.

A vote of thanks was given to the retiring treasurer, Mrs. Price, who has held the office for the past fifteen years.

Following the meeting tea was served by Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Laundry.

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## CRACKERS

In Paris, an Englishman, Tom Smith, discovered the bon-bon - a sweetmeat or fondant wrapped in tissue paper. Back in London he pursued the idea and made bon-bons of tissue paper wrapped around sugared almonds. When the season for sugared almonds declined, he boosted sales by putting sugared love messages inside the wrappers as well as almonds. Ultimately it became clear the trade was really a Christmas one & he proceeded to elaborate the Christmas cracker as we know it today. Musing on his Paris exploits by his yule fire, he nonchalantly kicked the log, the series of 'bangs' and 'pops' from the burning wood gave him an inspiration. Two years of trial and experiment resulted in the cracker that will be pulled at many Christmas tables on the '25th'.

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## ABOUT TURKEY

Despite its name the turkey is not, and apparently never was, a native of the land on the Bosphorus. In fact, the Turks refer to it as "that American bird." North American Indians enjoyed turkey drumsticks at least as far back as 1,000 A.D. The Conquistadores took turkeys back from Mexico to Spain in the early 16th century, thus introducing the bird to Europe.

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## EDITORIAL

Was Ebenezer Scrooge's philosophy regarding Christmas and its so-called goodwill towards men so very far wrong? Even today there are many who cry, "Bah, -humbug!" They become increasingly depressed as the day draws ever closer with the desperate thought of all the things they feel forced to do pressing them.

You address and mail a long list of Christmas Cards, then worry about missing someone, You rush through crowded stores to get those last few gifts. You are asked to respond to this and that appeal to help someone or something you never heard of and know less about. All of this to the constant background of shouting commercials from the TV and radio brainwashing you to buy more Dove soap so you can be odorlessly dry-cleaned for Christmas. No wonder you get a little sick and wish you could chuck the whole thing. It gets to the point where you think Scrooge never had it so good.

Could be one of the reasons for this growing emptiness toward Christmas and what it is supposed to mean, is that we are content to wish goodwill for about a week, rather than to do something about man's inhumanity to man all year round. Like the weather everybody talks about it but no one has figured out a way to do something about it.

So far as the meaning of Christmas is concerned, man hasn't come very far from the first Christmas. He hasn't learned to translate this nice sounding warm philosophy into an active way of life.

Could be another reason for the deadening sameness of each successive yuletide is that we have allowed our worship of scientific technology to outstrip our understanding of, and appreciation for human personality. We are losing our birth-right of choice and reason to the computer that is silently taking over. We can solve any problem except the problem of ourselves and our relationship to society. We just don't know how to go about it.

We insist on excusing ourselves for our oversights and transgressions in our relations with our fellows by adopting stock answers and catch phrases such as, "That's the way the ball bounces", or, "It's human nature". Personally we object to the widespread belief that you can't change human nature. And many of us who do try to change, start at the wrong end . . . with someone else instead of ourselves.



### HANGING UP THE STOCKING

This originated from a custom that grew in French convents during the Middle Ages. On the Eve of St. Nicholas young nuns would hang a silk-en stocking on the door of the Abess's apartment, then pray to the saint. Next morning when they found the stocking filled they would give thanks to Santa Claus.



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## WHAT'S COOKING ON SALT SPRING?

by Elsie Worthington

For some people a jellied salad forms a necessary part of the Christmas dinner, while other welcome its colorful appearance on the table at any time during the festive season. The following recipe can provide the main course for one of the lesser meals during Christmas week:

**SHRIMP SALAD:** Mix 1 packet lime jelly powder with 1 cup of boiling water and 2 tablesp. vinegar. When partly set add 1 cup of salad dressing; chopped celery and diced cucumber to taste, and 1 can of shrimps. Use individual moulds if preferred, and serve on lettuce, endive or fresh parsley leaves.

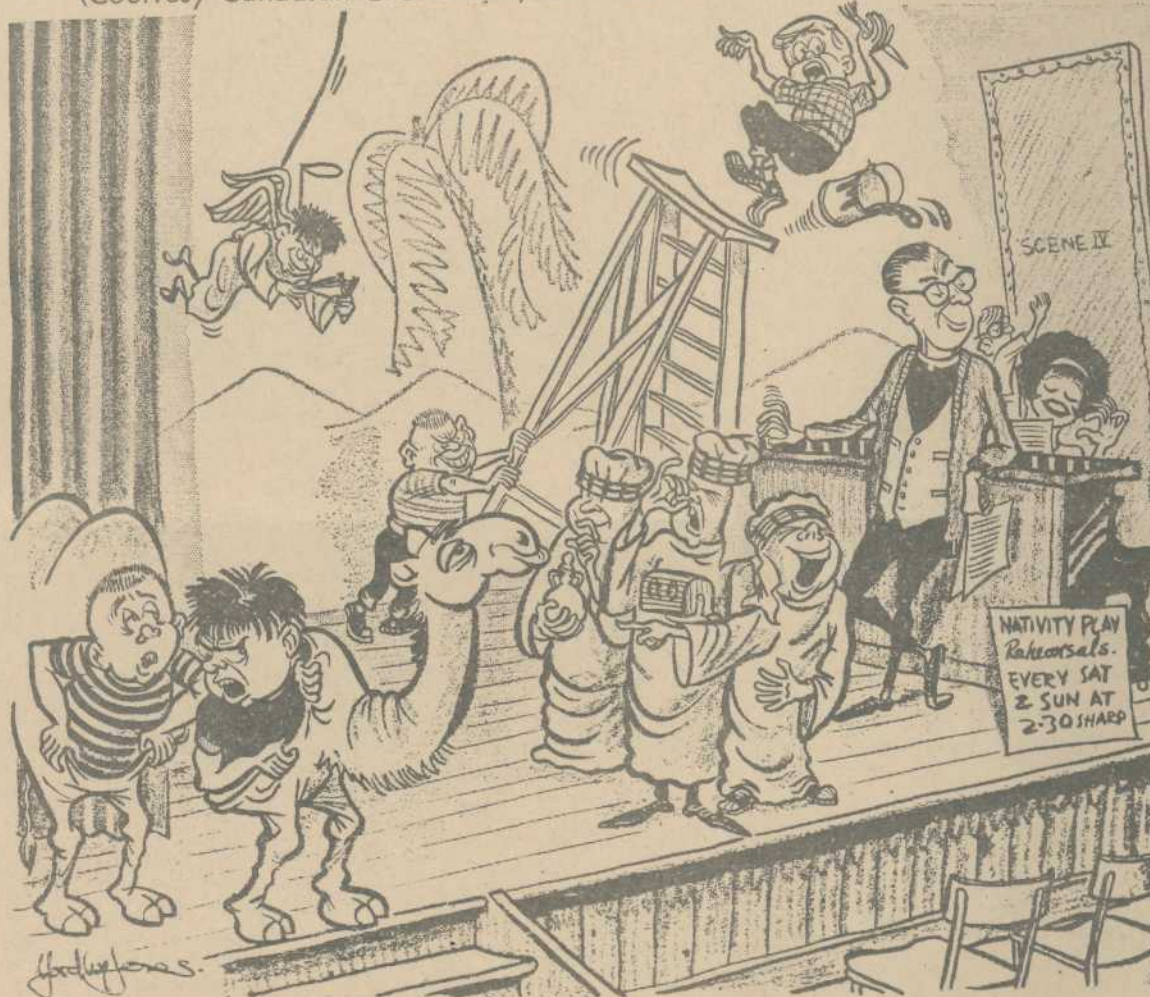
This second recipe takes longer to make but will provide a gay and welcome addition to rich Christmas fare:

**CRANBERRY SALAD:** Put 2 cups raw cranberries and 1 peeled orange through the food chopper, using medium blade. Add 1 cup sugar, 3/4 cup crushed pineapple and 1/3 teasp. salt. Let stand about 2 hours. Drain off juice which should measure about 1 cupful. Add water to make 1 1/2 cups liquid. Bring liquid to boil, add 1 packet orange jelly powder and stir until dissolved. Cool until partly set then add cranberry mixture. Turn into lightly oiled mould and chill.

Each of these recipes will make 6 to 8 servings.

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(Courtesy Canadian Churchman) Dec./63



"One more crack from those three wise guys and the camel won't be the only one with lumps."



A Merry, Merry Christmas AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

S.S.I. CHAMBER

COMMERCE



#### IODE MEETING

Full support for adoption of the Red Ensign as Canada's national flag has been pledged by IODE chapters across the nation, Mrs. V.C. Best, regent of HMS Ganges Chapter, informed the members at the meeting held Dec. 10 in Ganges United Church Hall.

IODE members are urged to make known the Order's stand on the issue, said Mrs. Best, and to write to their member of Parliament stating personal views.

Mrs. Earle Hardie reported on the marathon bridge now concluded, and stated willingness of herself and Mrs. Ed. Richardson, as conveners, to organize another game in the New Year.

More than \$60 was voted by members to be sent to Korean and Overseas relief funds and to other IODE objectives.

It was decided to hold January and February meetings on the second Saturday afternoon of the two months, to give all members the opportunity to be present for

Holly was originally believed to be magic. Thorny holly hung in the house meant

the husband would rule through the year;—smooth holly meant the wife would rule the nest.



nomination and election of officers.

Following the meeting tea was served by Mrs. M. Fellows, who was also in charge of the talent table for December. Mrs. F. K. Parker and Mrs. J. H. Laurie will take charge of the table for January and February respectively.

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#### EXPLORERS' EXPEDITIONS

The 9-11 year old girls of Ganges United Church Explorers, through their weekly expeditions are learning about other people in an interesting manner, through expeditions held under direc-

tion of their leader, Mrs. Gordon Scarff.

During a recent expedition Mr. W. A. Tymchuk of CNIB gave a demonstration of Braille reading; discussed the meaning of his white cane, and showed the girls how he, although blind, could tell time by his wrist watch.

As part of their studies the girls learned about work among deaf children. They discovered the marvelous and delicate composition of the inner ear and how hearing aids work. They also learned something about sign language.

In their craft work, Explorers have been busy making Christmas-card work books for Mother. These contain Explorers favourite recipes.

Promotions to Red Star were won by Angela Brigden, Roberta Coels, Allyson Foulis, and Veronica Nickerson. Blue Stars were awarded to Terry Anderson, Patsy Archer, Lenore Lorentsen and Rita Rogers.

A Christmas party was held Dec. 17th. Expeditions will resume Jan. 14th.

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White Elephant will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day - Staff Holidays.

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**SOCIAL CLUBCARD PARTY**

The last of a series of card parties held by the Social Club, sponsored by Royal Canadian Legion, took place in Legion Hall, Dec. 11. Guests at six tables

played their choice of card games. Lucky ticket no. 85 was held by Mrs. A. Villadsen, who was presented with a Christmas cake.

It was decided by those

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Mrs. H.M. Daniels wishes to extend her deepest gratitude to Dr. Jarman and Miss Ferguson, & to all the hospital staff Also to Dr. Norah Hughes, to Rev. & Mrs. Leech, the Legion Auxiliary and many kind visitors, & for cards, chocolates and flowers received.

Mrs. W. H. Jackson wishes to express her thanks to Dr. T. Jansch, Dr. Jarman, Matron, Nurses and Staff of the Lady Minto Hospital and to the many friends who sent flowers and cards during her recent illness.

To All My Friends-Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the lovely cards, flowers, and Christmas Greetings sent to me since I became a patient in Lady Minto Hospital - Mrs. Scot Clarke.

**LOST**

Lost between Vesuvius and Ganges a Man's left hand leather glove - Finder please phone 224.

In or around Harbour House Hotel Saturday evening, Dec. 14 - ladies white French style wallet. Contains important papers. Finder please mail to Box 137, Ganges.

**COMING EVENTS**

THURSDAY-December 19th- O.A.P.O. meeting and Penny Fair-Parish Hall - 2:30 P.M.

SUNDAY-December 22nd- Festival of Carols-St. George's Church - 3 P.M.

TUESDAY-December 24th- Carol Singing under Lion's

Christmas Tree-Ganges.

TUESDAY-December 31st- New Year's Eve Cabaret and Dance - Fulford Hall starting at 10: P.M.

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We do know. He was the very embodiment of God's character. This Jesus has shown us God. We need not speculate, we have seen that God is love. And what love! Love willing to go to the depths with men. Never again can he be far off to us. He understands our life from the inside because he is part of it. That is the message of Christmas. God involved with us in 1963 and in 1964 when it comes.

We know more. This baby lived to show us what men are. Men are beings of inestimable value to God, and they can be like the man Jesus became. This, too, is the Christmas message.

Put these two together and they sound the note of hope heard in the "Peace on Earth" of the angels. Peace is possible because man is capable of reaching out for it, and because God is concerned in it. That is realism, not fantasy. Nothing is impossible to God, and the coming of Jesus demonstrated his willingness to go to all lengths for man. Our confidence is not in ourselves only, we have made a mess of things. The difference comes when we decide that we will work with God in his way. Then we will hear again the rejoicing angels. We, too, will have become Wise Men glad that we have found the Christ.

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Newrich (to his son's tutor):  
"There is no sense in teaching the boy to count to 100. He can hire all the accountants he wants to do his book-keeping." "Yes, sir," replied the tutor, "but he'll want to play his own game of golf, won't he?"

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## FULFORD NEWS

I went to the big Banquet at the Ingraham Hotel on Saturday night, and I was a guest of the Canadian Author's Association, there were over 100 authors, would-be-authors, budding authors and columnists there, all talking shop, including Mr. & Mrs. Eric A. Roberts of the Salt Spring Saga, so Salt Spring was well represented. We had a nice supper and everything was fun. John Windsor who wrote Blind Date, was there, guided around by his wife, and sometimes by Grey Campbell, Victoria's Book publisher. There is only one thing about being amongst such sizzling brains—you wonder what these writers are thinking up as they meet each other—you wonder if you'll see something in a column about the next person—because for a writer, there is a story in everything that happens—even if it happens to be you.

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**C**hristmas Greetings we send to you—  
**R**eaders and friends, both old and new.  
**E**veryone joins to wish you the best—  
**D**irectors, Staff, and all the rest.  
**I**t's always a pleasure to wish you good cheer—  
**T**he best wishes for Christmas and for the New Year.



**U**nder the Umbrella, the best friends meet  
**N**ow is the time these friends to greet—  
**I**f we can't meet in person, we want you to know  
**O**ver the miles, our best wishes go.  
**N**ear or far, where you are, go our wishes sincere—

-TO ALL MERRY CHRISTMAS - A HAPPY NEW YEAR-

*Salt Spring Island Credit Union*

## CGIT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Eighteen girls and their leaders took part in the Canadian Girls in Training national Christmas Vesper Service held Dec. 15 in Ganges United Church, with Mrs. C.W. Archer leader of the junior group, in charge.

Traditional Christmas hymns were sung with the church choir in attendance and Mrs. J.A. Tomlinson at the organ. Louise Lorentsen gave the call to worship and the invocation. Scripture readings were given by Linda Anderson and Carol Bennett. Miss Mary Corbett, senior leader, told an imaginative and appealing story of Mary's life prior to the nativity.

Candlelighting ceremony was performed by Jean Bennett, Linda Archer and Marilyn Brigden. The offering, which will be used by the national council for CGIT work, was taken up by Anne Harvey, Sandra Earwaker, Rosemary House and Jean Stevens.

Next Sunday, Dec. 22, the CGIT will sing carols at Lady Minto and Dr. Francis' Hospitals, and Wildwood Nursing Home at Fulford.

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## CHRISTMAS SAILINGS

M. W. "PENDER QUEEN"

DECEMBER - 23rd and 30th.



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## IT DID HAPPEN

Forget for the moment all the trappings of holly, miseltoe, plum-pudding, turkey and the rest of it.

IT ACTUALLY DID HAPPEN. God took upon Himself our nature, our human flesh, and He was born in squalid surroundings that would make a twentieth century doctor shudder.

But Christmas is much more than just a yearly reminder of some great happening in the pages of history.

Christmas Day is more than the commemoration of the Birth of Jesus, it is HIS BIRTH IN US that is the cause of our rejoicing.

"O Holy Child of Bethelhem

Descend to us, we pray.

Cast out our sin and enter in,

Be born in us today."

Here is the urgent message of the Christmas Gospel. BE BORN IN US TODAY. Left to our own devices, our hearts become filled with greed, lust, envy, self-pity, jealousy; and there is no more room for Christ on those hearts now as there was in the stable then.

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem"—be born in us today is our prayer for Christmas; this is what matters in the end, more than all those things which the world associates with the Festival.

We shall kneel at the altar-rails on that day with out-stretched hands, alongside our fellow-men, to worship the Infant King, and to bring Him ourselves—our souls and bodies.

Then, like the shepherds, we shall return, glorifying and praising God for all the things we have seen and heard.

Keep "CHRIST" in Christmas—and it will be a happy Christmas for you. S.J. Leech.

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### MOVING DAY FOR SHELL (Photo by Whitelock)

Dec. 12th marks an historic day in the life of Shell Service on S.S.I. when the old building that has stood on the corner since 1931 was moved to the back of the lot by Heaney's of Victoria.

Construction is underway on the new service station.

### ROD & GUN CLUB

Cold and wet weather last Sunday didn't stop turkey shoot enthusiasts. About 40 people joined the shoot.

Two special features of the day were a 'Lucky Shoot', won by Louie Lorentsen, second Mac Mouat; and a 'Balloon Shoot', won by Mac Mouat.

Winners of the regular shoots were as follows: 1. Louie Lorentsen; 2. first, Pete Frattinger, second, Mac Mouat; 3. Jack Reynolds; (lucky shoot) 5. Mrs. Marg Frattinger; 6. first, Don Reynolds, second, Bill Sampson; 7 first, Gavin Reynolds, second, Mac Mouat; 8 Pete Frattinger.

On Sunday, December 22, the Rod & Gun Club will hold a Trap Shoot (shot guns only) at Mouat's field, Mowbray Subdivision, Vesuvius.

Another Turkey Shoot at the Club house will be scheduled for December 29th.

### WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever." Psalm 145:2.

For meadows silver-white with hoary dew;  
For sheer delight of tasting once again  
That first crisp breath of winter in the air;  
The pictured pane; the new white world without;  
The sparkling hedgerow's witchery of lace;  
The soft white flakes that fold the sleeping earth;  
The cold without, the cheerier warmth within;  
For red-heart roses in the winter snows;  
For all the flower and fruit of Christmas-tide;  
For all the glowing heart of Christmas-tide---  
We thank Thee, Lord! - John Oxenham.

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A wolverine loped into DRIFTWOOD Office & sneaked out leaving a message for fellow club members. DRIFTWOOD prints the message, without fear or favour - but is "not responsible for establishment or continuation of any such non-service club" . . .

NOTICE:- The Wolverines, an organization established on Salt Spring in 1908 and the oldest non-service club in existence on the Island, will hold its annual meeting at Harbour House on Monday, December 23rd at 3 p.m. Pledges for membership will be received by P. D. Humphreys prior to this date, or they may be made in writing to J. Fletcher, recording secretary. Applicants for membership must be over 21 years of age, and have served at least two years before the mast or equivalent service in the bush.



### REMINDER

S.S.I. Centennial Library will be closed for the holiday. The hard working volunteer librarians will be off duty for a week, from Friday afternoon until the Thursday after New Year Day.

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"I bring you good tidings of great  
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For unto you is born... a Saviour".  
Then a multitude of shining angels  
joined to sing of "peace on earth,  
good will towards men".  
Was the message of the angels  
really true? Where then can we  
find this peace today? The dark  
skinned pagan of far off lands gives  
one more sacrifice to his heathen  
idol in hopes that at least this will  
bring peace. But no, there is still  
only terrible fear of evil powers  
and dread of the unknown. They  
have never heard that a Saviour was  
born.  
In our wonderful land of en-  
lightenment we have heard but  
still we ask, where is peace? While  
hours are spent over peace confer-  
ence tables, fortunes are being  
spent to create weapons of dis-  
truction. While church bells peel  
forth beloved Christmas carols,  
drunken revellers "celebrate" the  
Lord's birthday, then stagger home  
to frightened children and disillusion-  
ed families. No, this isn't peace.  
Peace dear friend, is a personal  
thing and it can be yours under any  
circumstance or in any place. It is  
found only by accepting the "Prince  
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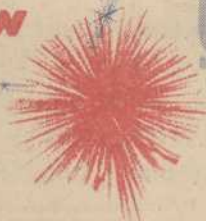
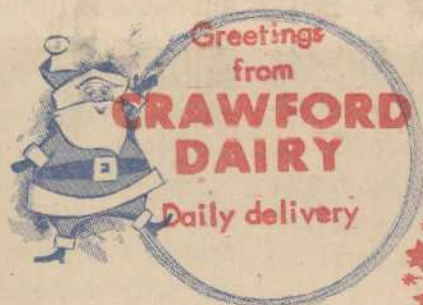


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# Merry Christmas





### IODE BRIDGE WINNERS

Mrs. T. J. Sharland and Mrs. Arthur Jobin won first place in the recent HMS Ganges chapter IODE bridge tournament. Second prize went to Howard Carlin and Nels Westin, with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morris in third place. Another marathon bridge is under consideration for the New Year.

### A HAPPY CHRISTMAS PARTY

by Bea Hamilton

It was a very nice and happy Christmas party in the Fulford Hall on Friday night - there must have been about 80 children there, from tiny tots to teenagers.

The big Christmas tree was gay and colorful, with bulging balloons which fascinated small children.

Games were played and in the charge of Mrs. R. Kitchen, while Jack Roland kept a watchful eye on all, adults, children, and even old Santa - Jack made a very good M.C.

The children sang carols very nicely, with Mrs. A. House at the piano. Then Santa came with his bells a-jingling and a bag of gifts - he was received with shouts and a mad scramble as he handed out gifts to every child there.

Then refreshments were served in the dining room and more games played until it was time to go home.

Mrs. A. Moulton was in charge of a bean guessing contest - how she got 668 beans into that small bottle, is amazing - not only that it takes patience, but it didn't look as if there were more than about 300 or so beans there - guessing the number was crazy - we went from 200 to 900 - but H. Kyler came the closest - he guessed at 650, so he won the coveted Christmas cake. Mrs. Sally Larmand made the cake and Isobel Moulton decorated it. And you know who will eat it. The older folks at the party had a cup of coffee and cookies after the children has been fed, and - oh, yes they made \$5. on the bean guessing contest. And just about everyone you know helped to give the children a good time.

### DOG TRIALS

School ended last Friday, Dec. 13th at Central Hall for eight dogs and their trainers with a graduation trials judged by Mrs. A. Best of Chemainus.

Mr. S.R. Collicutt, Vesuvius Bay, with his German Shepherd, Sheba, won the trophy with a score of 182 in the 'brush-up' companion dog class.

Mrs. H.F. Chubb of North end Road, with King, a shepherd, in the beginners C.D. class also took a trophy with a score of 178.

Mr. W.B. Shaw, Cranberry Road, and his beagle, Louis with a score of 175 won much praise from Mrs. Best for their co-ordinated performance.

170 points is required to pass the test.

Gifts of appreciation were presented to President Bill Evans and Trainer, Mrs. J. Hawksworth for their untiring services. The evening ended with tracking dog, Kim, the beagle owned by Mr. and Mrs. H. Hoffman, giving a demonstration of advanced training in jumping hurdles and finding lost articles. Spring classes will begin next March and it is hoped that interest will be shown to begin a tracking team at that time.

How would you like peach blossoms to decorate your Christmas table? Mr. Nels Westin of McPhillips Ave., reports that his peach tree is blooming right now in spite of frost, snow and other wintery weather. The tree is growing under the eaves of the house and the spray of blossoms is about 2 feet below the eaves.

### COMING AND GOING - by Elsie Worthington

Mrs. H.T. Minchin, Vesuvius Bay, is leaving this week for Costa Rica where she plans to spend the next two months. Mrs. Minchin will be accompanied by Mrs. Edith McGill Clark of Vancouver.

Friends of Mrs. Scot Clarke, who is presently a patient in Lady Minto Hospital will be pleased to know that she is making excellent recovery following her recent serious illness. Her daughter, Mrs. L. Boulton, and son, Mr. Bruce Brock, came from Vancouver at the week end to visit their mother.

Included in the number of Island families welcoming absent members home for Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wolfe-Milner, Scott Rd., whose sons, Sub.-Lieut. Terence Wolfe-Milner, Patricia Bay, and Patrick, at Brentwood College will be here for the Yuletide.

Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander, Ganges Hill, will have all their family with them for the holiday: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Alexander with Annette and Teresa, and Miss Sally Alexander from Vancouver, and Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Parker, with Glenn and Gerald from Duncan.

Coming from Victoria to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. D.K. Crofton, Ganges, will be Lieut. M.L. Crofton and Miss Sharron Crofton. Other guests will be Mrs. Crofton's sister, Mrs. J. Stewart Williams, West Vancouver, and her son, Cadet John S. Williams, HMCS Venture.

Mrs. H. Ashby, Ganges Hill, will entertain her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ashby, Vancouver, at Christmas.

Joining Mrs. J.W. Baker, and family, Robinson Rd, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fletcher, around the festive board will be Mrs. Baker's brother, Dr. J. Neil Fletcher, Courtenay, and Miss Helen Mellor, Victoria. Daughter, Miss Linda Baker, will be home from Victoria for the holidays.

Spending Christmas with Mrs. C.D. Devine, Ganges, will be her sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Storback, Campbell River, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Giegerich, Vancouver.

LAC Ivan Abolit, Bagotville, Quebec, is spending a month's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Abolit, Alders Ave., Ganges, and will be with them for Christmas.

### DORMITORY MATRON APPOINTED

Miss Eileen Green will take over the duties of Matron at the new school dormitory on Ganges Hill January 1st. Miss Green has recently arrived to the west coast from eastern Canada where she was formerly matron of Moulton College and summer business manager of the Y.W.C.A. in Toronto.

The dormitory will be open to students Sunday, Jan. 5th, just prior to school opening. School Secretary, Mrs. Roma Sturdy will be sending along further information to the parents of students affected.

### THE DEVIL'S DICTIONARY - Ambrose Bierce

Meanings here will never be found in any regular dictionary. **TURKEY**, n. A large bird whose flesh when eaten on certain religious anniversaries has the peculiar property of attesting piety and gratitude. Incidentally, it is pretty good eating.





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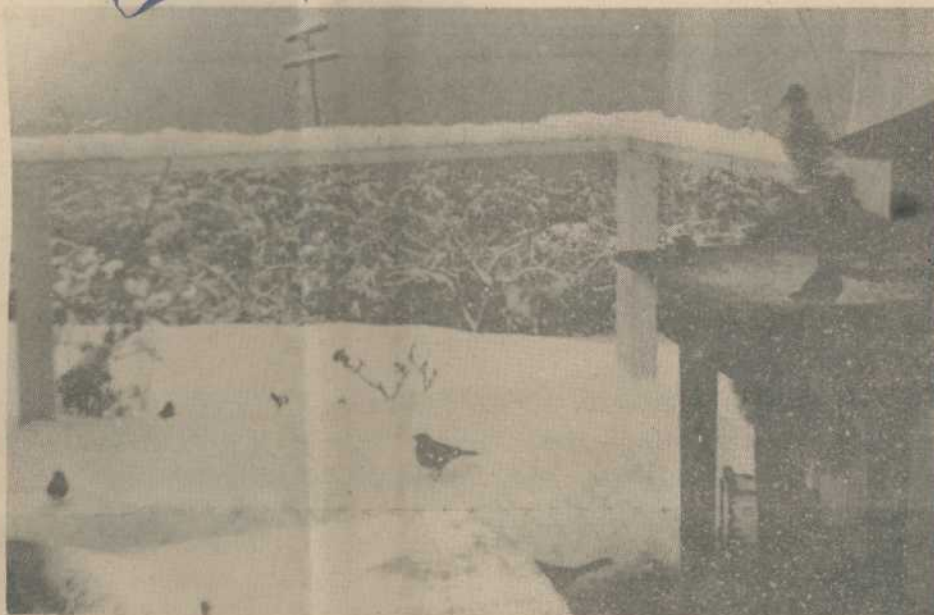
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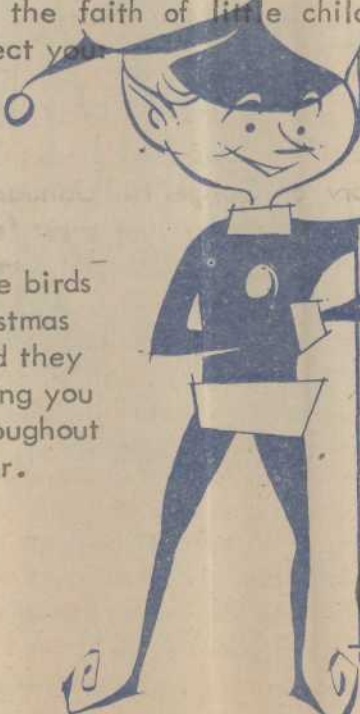
If I could wish you a Merry Christmas the way a Christmas Wish should be,  
 I'd wish some lightly falling snow and singing birds on every tree:  
 I'd wish the love of life around you, for those who love you and respect you,  
 I'd wish the faith of little children to surround you and protect you.

And I'd wish the Peace of God to live with you forever more-  
 And always happy inspiration come laughing gaily thro' your door.  
 So I wish that all these things be yours on Christmas Day,  
 And that you may have a Christmas in the good old fashioned way. Merry Christmas to all - Bea Hamilton.

To draw water from a well on Christmas Day is to draw Happiness for the whole family.

Feed the birds a Christmas Day and they will bring you joy throughout the year.

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Christmas Eve, December 24th. (Midnight)  
Holy Communion (Choral)..... 11.30 p.m.  
Christmas Day.  
Holy Communion..... 9.00 a.m.  
Sunday after Christmas, December 29th.  
Matins..... 11.15 a.m.

##### St. Mark's Church, Centre -

Sunday, December 22nd.  
Holy Communion..... 8.30 a.m.  
Christmas Day.  
Holy Communion (Choral)..... 10.00 a.m.  
Sunday after Christmas, December 29th.  
Matins..... 9.30 a.m.

##### St. Mary's Church, Fulford -

Sunday, December 22nd.  
Family Service..... 11.00 a.m.  
Christmas Day.  
Holy Communion (Choral)..... 11.30 a.m.  
Sunday after Christmas, December 29th.  
Carol Service..... 7.30 p.m.

##### St. Nicholas' Church, Hesbious Bay -

Sunday, December 22nd.  
Carol Service..... 7.30 p.m.  
Christmas Eve, December 24th.  
Holy Communion..... 7.30 p.m.

##### New Year's Eve, (Midnight)

St. Mark's Church, Centre..... 11.30 p.m.

Arrangements may be made for any sick or aged person to receive Holy Communion in their own home.

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Sunday's - December 22nd, and 29th.

Our Lady of Grace: Holy Mass, 10:45 a.m.

St. Paul's - Fulford Harbour - 9:00 a.m.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Sunday's December 22nd and 29th.

Mahon Hall - 11:00 a.m.

#### FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL.

Friday, December 20th.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM..... 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas Program.

Sunday's December 22nd, and 29th.

Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Evening Service  
7:30 p.m.

#### JEHOVAH WITNESSES.

Sunday's December 22nd and 29th.

Mahon Hall, 2:00 p.m.

### GANGES UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA CHRISTMAS SERVICE 1963

Sunday, December 15th.

WHITE GIFT SERVICE..... 11:00 a.m.

Gifts will be sent to be used by First United Church Vancouver in its Social Service work at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS VESPER SERVICE..... 7:30 p.m.

Canadian Girls in training will hold their Christmas Vesper Service under the leadership of Miss M. Corbett and Mrs. C. W. Archer.

Sunday, December 22nd.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE..... 11:00 a.m.

Carols, Story and Christmas message.

BURGOYNE BAY..... 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Service at Burgoyne Bay United Church.

PENDER ISLAND..... 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Service at Pender Island United Church. The congregation of the Anglican Church on Pender Island has been invited to join with the United Church congregation at the Pender Island United Church. Service conducted by Rev. Dr. N. L. Hughes, Sermon by Bishop Coleman.

Tuesday, December 25th.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE..... 10:00 a.m.

This is a family service. All children are very welcome. Small children are encouraged to bring one of their precious new toys with them. Carols, story, message.



Christmas 1963.



"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." . . . St. Luke 2, 11.