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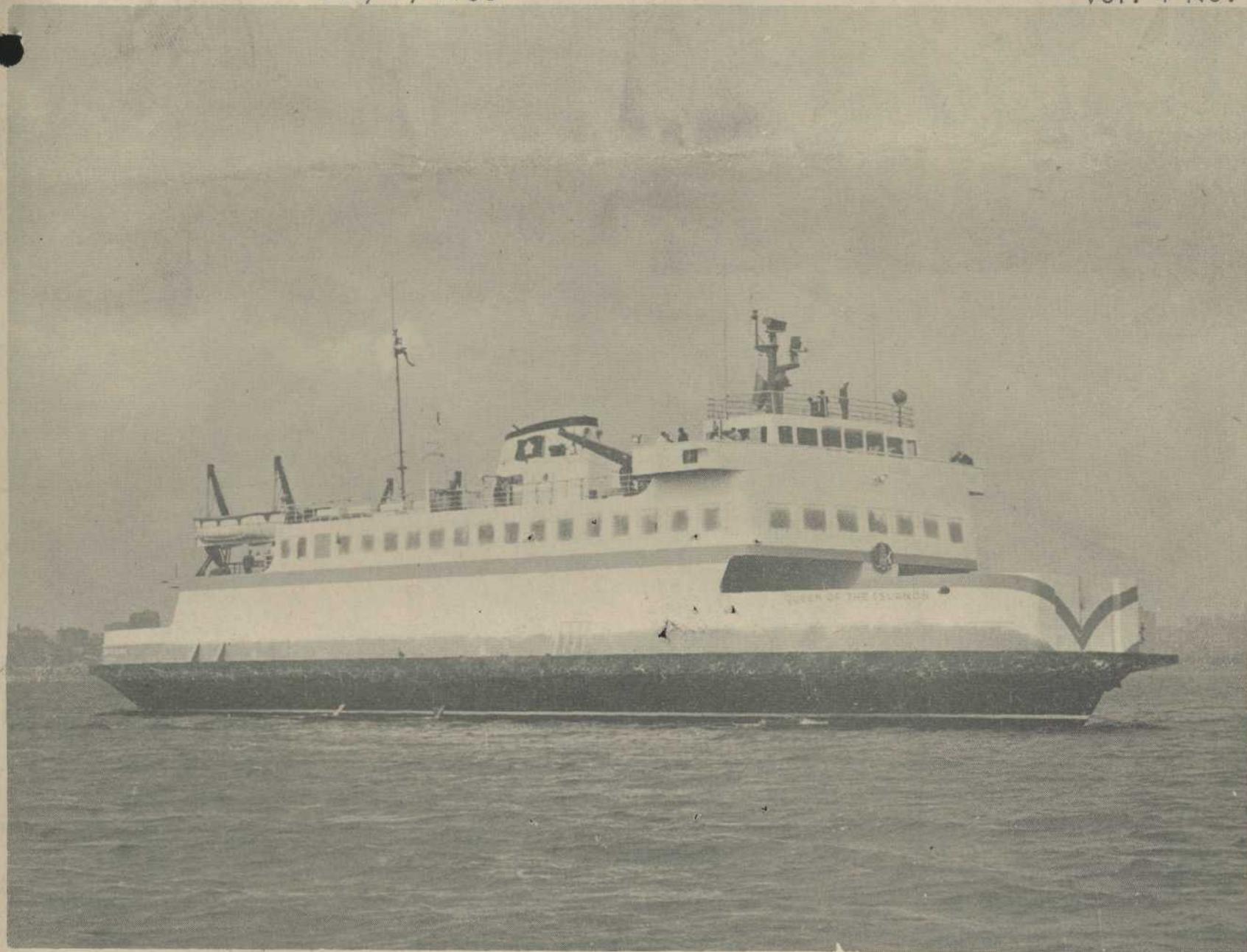
ACCEPTANCE CEREMONY
"QUEEN
OF THE ISLANDS"



July 4, 1963

Mr. Geo. Wells,
7 Front St.
Aylmer (East) Quebec.

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'THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH-----.'

To-day marks another step in improved ferry service for Gulf Islanders when MV "Queen of the Islands" sails in to Ganges dock at 12:20 p.m. on its maiden run between Tsawwassen and the Gulf Islands.

Ferries have always played a major role in the story of the Gulf Islands from the earliest days when each settlement had its own wharf. The C.P.R. ferries were an early transportation link for the Islands. When they abandoned the run in 1951, Islanders, under the leadership of the late Gavin Mouat, started the Gulf Islands Ferry Co. Ten years later the ferry service was taken over by the B.C. Ferry Authority.

MV "Queen of the Islands" will provide a fast service direct to the mainland. There will be two sailings each day, leaving Long Harbour at 6:55 a.m. and 4:55 p.m. and returning from Tsawwassen at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The new vessel is 236 feet long and can carry 40 cars and 400 people. It will travel at 15 knots and employs a

crew of 12. The ship is fully equipped with the latest electronic aids to navigation including long and short range radar sets, radio telephone and gyro-compass. A ship to shore telephone is provided for the use of passengers and a comfortable sandwich bar will be located in the main lounge. A special turntable which allows cars to load and unload from the same end is featured on the new MV "Queen of the Islands".

Enroute from the early run to Tsawwassen this morning, the new ferry will arrive at Sturdies Bay at 10:15 where Galiano residents will stage a water display in honour of the new ship. Mayne Island has arranged for a dockside ceremony when the "Queen of the Islands" calls there at 10:50 a.m. Following disembarkation of regular passengers at Long Harbour, the new ferry will tie up at the Ganges dock at 12:20 when the ship will be opened to the public.

Acceptance program will be held on the dock at 1:15 p.m. *

- A VACATION PARADISE

The Gulf Islands, sometimes known to the Americans as the "Canadian San Juans", are located in the Georgia Strait, about half-way between Vancouver, British Columbia on the mainland and Victoria on Vancouver Island. These emerald islands are just north of the International Boundary, which separates them from the San Juan Islands in the state of Washington.

The Gulf Islands are easily reached by several car ferries, the newest being the "Queen of the Islands" from Tsawwassen direct to Long Harbour on Salt Spring Island, with stops at Village Bay on Mayne Island and Sturdies Bay on Galiano Island. Ferries from Victoria (Swartz Bay) and Anacortes, Washington also connect with service to the Gulf Islands.

The Gulf Islands include six major islands and many smaller ones. The major islands are Salt Spring, Galiano, North and South Pender, Mayne and Saturna. Many of the smaller islands are uninhabited.

The Gulf Islands are unspoiled, untrammeled and virtually undiscovered by the majority of travellers. Here is beauty, serenity, peace and outstanding weather.

Here is the perfect water for cruising, with hundreds of sheltered coves to anchor in, retreats to explore, and island hopping at its best. Here is the fishermen's paradise, with the best salmon fishing in the world, and lakes with small-mouth bass and cut-throat trout. Here is the beachcomber's heaven, where the flotsam and jetsam of the Pacific come to rest. Weathered wood, Japanese glass net floats and other mysterious cargoes of the sea are here for the searching. Here is the place for the shell-fish gourmet, where oysters, clams and crabs abound. Here is the place for the hunter, for the islands are alive with deer and grouse. Here is the place for the man who wants to be alone along the seashore, among the forests, on top of the mountains, to explore, to loaf and to dream. With all its unspoiled beauty, its tranquility, there are modern accommodations for the most discriminating tourist. Motels, hotels, marinas, parks, cafes, grocery stores, good roads, water taxis, fishing guides, and camping sites are to be found on all the major islands. Living on the Gulf Islands is reasonable and slow-paced. Many people, on small pensions, come here to retire. With their house by the sea shore or nestled among the majestic fir trees, they lead the good life. Some of them live almost entirely off the land. With the mild climate and good soil they raise much of their food, and the sea provides fish, oysters, clams and crabs, and the forest gives them venison. For exploring, for fishing, for swimming, for boating, for loafing, for a wonderful family vacation or for living the good life, discover the Gulf Islands! You will never be sorry.

PORT OF ENTRY

BEDWELL HARBOUR on South Pender Is. is the official port of entry where yachtmen can go through customs and enter Canada. This convenient and beautiful port was used by hundreds of American boats last year on their way to cruise among the Gulf Islands. Bedwell Harbour, lying bet-

ween North and South Pender is only a few miles from Friday Harbour on San Juan Island, the American customs and check-out point.

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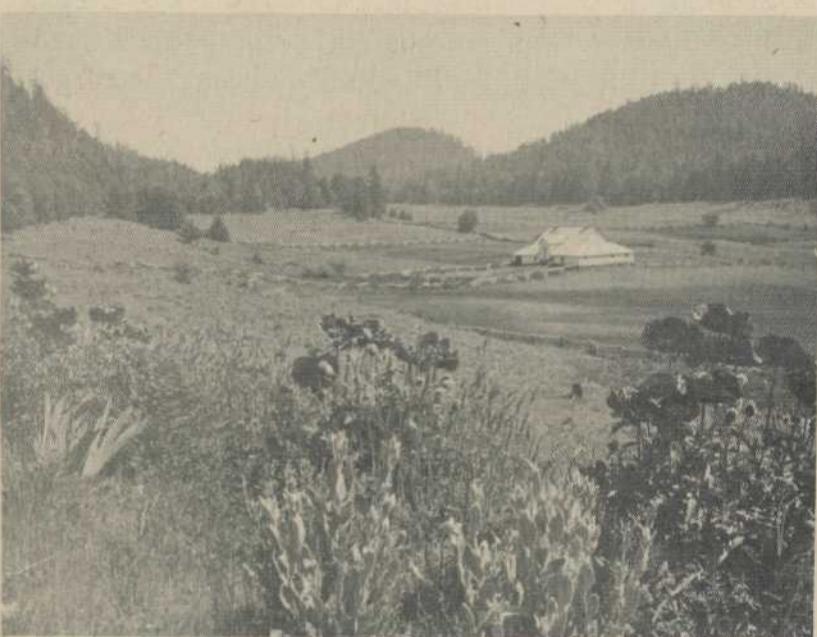


(Photo by M. Sharp)

"Salt Spring Queen" docked at Fulford, Salt Spring Island



Galiano Island's lovely 9-hole Golf course. Courses on Salt Spring Island and North Pender also welcome visiting golfers.



Wild Poppies growing on Mayne Island





PREMIER W.A.C. BENNETT



HON. EARLE C. WESTWOOD

C.R. HOREL
President, Chamber of CommerceA MESSAGE FROM PREMIER
W.A.C. BENNETT

The 4th of July will be a milestone in the history of one of British Columbia's most beautiful jewels, the Gulf Islands.

The new ship, the "Queen of The Islands", is the most modern of its kind and will give the residents of the Gulf Island's a service never before enjoyed. It will do much to develop the Islands in every way, and give comfort and convenience to all of the residents.

The commencement of this wonderful new service is also another milestone. It makes the fulfillment of the promise made by this government when the Gulf Island Ferry Service Ltd. was accepted from the late Mr. Gavin Mouat in a ceremony in the fall of 1961.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HON.
EARLE C. WESTWOOD

While ferry service to link the Gulf Islands with the mainland is not something new, there is no doubt the quality of the service, its frequency and modern equipment which goes into effect today certainly is.

As your member of the Legislature for The Islands, I am certain you share with me the tremendous satisfaction I feel in seeing this new ferry service inaugurated. You will be able to travel to the mainland and between the Islands in extreme comfort and with ample accommodation for your automobiles. In fact, I feel the service is the most significant economic step ever to be taken on behalf of the Islands by any government.

Twice daily sailings from Long Harbour to Village Bay on Mayne Island where Pender and Saturna Islanders will

connect with the service, to Sturdies Bay on Galiano and thence to Tsawwassen, will open a complete new avenue of interest for tourists and islanders alike. I foresee a greatly stimulated visitor industry for all of the islands and this will mean increase in the prosperity presently enjoyed by all of us.

In addition the Pender Queen will be operating on a new schedule to provide a superior integrated service which will include a direct link between Galiano Island and Swartz Bay on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. In short, the Gulf Island service will be something of which we can all be proud.

There is no doubt we are on the threshold of a new era. Some of the joys of island life will be diluted as more and more visitors come to these blessed islands. But in compensation there will be a richer way of life, a stimulated economy and more of the good things for a greater number of people. This is progress and it is progress that will be traced to this fourth of July, 1963, the day the Gulf Islands move closer to both the mainland and to Vancouver Island as well.

MESSAGE FROM C.R. HOREL,
President, Chamber of Commerce

For the past several years we in the Gulf Islands have watched the steadily improving network of highways on the mainland with approval not unmixed with envy, because we too have been isolated and fragmented from the rest of the Province. Just as were the interior valleys, until the construction of the new highways.

Roads were not of course, the an-

swer for us, but the Provincial Government finally moved to complete the transportation network by stepping into the car ferry field and there is no question that the sleek, blue & white vessels of the B.C. Ferry Authority have brought new standards of efficiency into automobile marine transportation.

With the construction of the M.V. "Queen of the Islands" especially for the Gulf Islands-Tsawwassen run, we, too, have been joined with the rest of the Province and we are now also coming out of isolation.

When mainland folk find they can drive aboard this new vessel, relax for two hours then drive off into a different world, with a mild climate, incomparable scenery and a leisurely way of life, we will soon have enough and to spare of both tourists and new residents to fill this ship.

It does take courage and faith to invest nearly three million dollars in a project such as this and we must give full credit to Premier W. A. C. Bennett and to our own representative, the Hon. Earle Westwood for possession of both in good measure.

The weather in the Gulf Islands is mild with no extremes. It has less than 40 inches of rain per year, and most of that in the winter. On the average we have one or two snow falls per year, and very few days of freezing weather. The summers are dry and sunny, with the temperature rarely getting over 80.

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editorials

Dear "Queen of the Islands",

We are very happy to welcome you as the newest member of our royal family of ships. We are sure that you won't need to make very many trips back and forth across the Gulf before you will become an integral part of our lives and will have found your own special place in our hearts, just as the rest of your family has done (way back in the years when they were only princesses and one royal gentleman without a title).

We beg of you that you will be kind to us. We think your builders and crew will already have told you something about us - about how glad we are that you can take us direct to the mainland to see our friends over there - about how timorous we are that you just might pull a boo-boo sometime and bring something to our lovely Islands that we are not yet ready for.

You see, it's this way:- We would like to progress and prosper with the rest of B.C., but we don't want some of the things that progressive, prosperous communities are afflicted with. We have a certain quietness and tranquillity in our Islands that we are loathe to part with. In fact, it is largely because of this atmosphere that most of us are here.

We'll try to explain to you, Queen of the Islands, so you can be on the look-out for us and perhaps, in some gentle and queenly manner, select only the "good" parts of progress and prosperity to bring to our Gulf Islands.

We like especially those who want to relax and take things easy on a vacation. We hope you bring fishermen who enjoy spending hours on a boat, exerting themselves only sufficiently to pull in a salmon now and again. Please don't bring many who are so afraid they will miss your afternoon sailing that they miss the greatest pleasure of "jus' fishin'". We hope you will bring us lots of people who love beauty. We really enjoy showing off the panoramic view from Maxwell park, the boats travelling through Trincomali and the twisted beauty of the arbutus trees. But please bring us those who can see these things rather than the ones who read about them in the tourist brochure while here (like the lady who stood under our fluorescent light one day and asked if there was electricity on the Island yet).

Bring us the people who love the things of nature in their natural state - who can enjoy the sight of a doe with her new fawn standing by a roadside - who can feel a thrill as a cock pheasant floats over a meadow. Don't let those on board who want to put up signboards - who want to roar over the roads in high power cars sweeping all before them - who want to litter our beaches and campsites with garbage.

We want the ones who can enjoy a few weeks just combing the beach - picking oysters, digging clams or just lying in the sun.

Other things we hope you will save us from:- high-rise apartment developers; 4-lane highway advocates and hurly burly carnival type promoters who would soon turn us into just another "tourist trap". The Gulf Islands don't need any traps.

Above all, bring us people who are not afraid to be real who have the courage to say and do what is right - who in-

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(Carolyn C. Marberry)

sist on living as individuals with integrity; sans snobbery, sans false trappings of status and prestige.

TAXI SERVICE TO LONG HARBOUR & FULFORD

Bill's Taxi will run a regular service for the convenience of the public to Long Harbour to meet the "Queen of the Islands", leaving the Taxi office at 6:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. The fare will be 60¢ each trip. To connect with the "Salt Spring Queen" at Fulford the taxi will leave Salt Spring Motors at 8:00 a.m. and 5:50 p.m.

Both these trips are being tried for the convenience of the public and unless adequate support is given them, will be cancelled after a trial period.

Those person who advocate and need public transportation service to the ferries please give support in order that these trips may be continued.

ISLANDERS TAKE NOTE
Summer ferry schedules are now in effect. Remember to pick up your new schedule.

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6. Meeting the guest-responsibilities. 7. Fountain products and service. 8. Care of equipment-coffee service. 9. costs and profits-portions and food waste. 10. Responsibilities-tourism. 11. Banquet-wine service. 12. Practical work. 13. Practical tests. 14. Theory examination. Age Limits: 17-35 Applicants from Lake Cowichan, Ladysmith, Chemainus, Gulf Islands, and Duncan areas will be considered.

Transportation to Duncan will have to be arranged by the applicants themselves. Pooling of transportation could possibly be arranged. A minimum of 15 students is required to conduct this very useful free course. The National Employment Service will assist in placing the successful trainees in suitable employment. Place: Quamichan Junior-Secondary School, Duncan, B.C. Beginning Dates: July 8th. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Length of Course: Two weeks. Instructors: A top-flight Manageress will coordinate and teach the course. Other trainers will be drawn from Government and Private Industry. A Certificate of Proficiency will be issued to those who qualify on the basis of personality development, ability, knowledge and progress in the course. It will not be issued from attendance alone. In fact, anyone who gives the impression of not benefiting from the course will be asked to withdraw.

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NOTICE

Anyone wishing to claim articles of clothing, etc., left at the Saltspring School may do so between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15th, 1963 at the school. Articles not so claimed will be turned over to the Hospital sale.

FOUND

Dinghy drifting off Churchill Point (Churchill Rd. Phone: 28-X)

GALIANO ISLAND - "The Pearl Of The Islands" Galiano, the first of a chain of lovely islands, is located in the Strait of Georgia. It is 18 miles in length and two miles wide.

The island is bounded on the north by Porlier Pass and on

the south by Active Pass. The latter is the regular steamship route between Victoria and Vancouver.

Miss Kathy Butt, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Butt, Beaver Point, last week took over management of Nan's Coffee Bar, Fulford Dock

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY - July 4 - "Queen of the Islands" Acceptance ceremony - Ganges Dock - 1:45 p.m. - Swim Classes at Deacon's Beach - 1:00 p.m. - Swim Classes at Fulford Beach - 3:00 p.m.

FRIDAY - July 5 - Swim Classes at Deacon's Beach - 1:00 p.m. Swim Classes at Fulford Beach - 3:00 p.m.

SATURDAY - July 6 - Galiano Island Fiesta - 12:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - July 17 - St. Mary's Guild Annual Garden Fete - Roseneath Farm (Shaws) 2:30 p.m.

AUGUST 9-10-11 - Pirate Days.

C H U R C H E S

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1963

ANGLICAN - St. Mark's: Choral Communion, 11:00 a.m. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; St. George's: Evensong, 7:30 p.m.; St. Mary's: Family Service, 2:30 p.m.

UNITED - Ganges, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE - Mahon Hall, 11:00 a.m.

FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL - Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.

JEHOVAH WITNESSES - Mahon Hall, 2:00 p.m.

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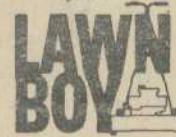
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SALT SPRING ISLAND PLACE NAMES

by Elsie Worthington

Salt Spring Island geographical names, like the Island itself, have a fascinating history. Surrounding waters and some places on land were named more than 100 years ago by Admiralty Surveyor Capt. G. H. Richards (HMS Plumper 1857-63). The names he conferred -mainly in honour of naval ships and officers-are in general use today with exception of his choice of title for the Island.

Cowichan Indians knew the Island as "Chu-an", meaning "facing the sea". Gov. Jas. Douglas called it "Chuan" in his 1854 report, and in 1856 referred to it as "Saltspring Island". Capt. Richards changed the name to "Admiral Island" in 1859. For almost half a century this name appeared on all official documents, but the settlers insisted on calling their home "Saltspring Is." In 1905 the government yielded and the name "Saltspring Island" was officially recorded by the Geographic Board. Although spelled in one word for all official purposes, popular usage has divided the name into two words.

Two Island mountains, Bruce and Baynes Peak (Maxwell) were named by Capt. Richards after two Commanders - in-Chief of the Pacific Naval Station: Rear Admiral Henry W. Bruce, 1854-57, and his successor, Rear Admiral Sir Robt. L. Baynes, 1857-60. Baynes Peak later became known as "Mt. Maxwell", after a prominent Burgoyne Valley cattle rancher John Maxwell, whose grandson, Fred Maxwell, lives at Fulford.

Name of HMS "Ganges" flagship of the Pacific Squadron 1857-63, and names of three of her officers were among those bestowed on Salt Spring by Capt. Richards. Ganges settlement & Ganges Harbour were named for the ship. (One early map shows Ganges Harbour as "Admiralty Bay" but the Geographic Board has no record of any such name.) Burgoyne Bay was named after Commander of HMS "Ganges", and Fulford Harbour for her captain. Parminter Point honours the ship's chaplain.

Capt. Richards also named the following places: Satellite Channel, after HMS "Satellite"; Sansum Narrows - Lieut. Arthur Sansum of HMS "Thetis" (Capt. Kuper); Trincomali Channel and Houston Passage - HMS "Trincomali" and her master, Capt. Wallace Houston; Vesuvius Bay - HMS "Vesuvius"; Southe Point and Cape Keppel named after friends in the service; Stuart Channel - after Capt. C. E. Stuard, Hudson's Bay officer sent by Gov. Douglas to help Cmdr. Prevost (HMS "Verago") with local knowledge; Walker Hook - after settler Edward Walker. Isabella Point appears on the 1858 Admiralty chart but there is no record of origin. Beaver Point was named for the Hudson's Bay Co. famous ship "Beaver".

The origin of Booth Canal and Cusheon Lake names is uncertain. It is presumed that Booth Canal was named after John P. Booth MLA and Speaker of the House; original settler and director of S.S.I. Agricultural Association in 1860 and that Cusheon Lake was named after J. D. Cusheon, prominent Victoria business man who pre-empted 1000 acres of S.S.I. in 1859, but by 1863 had left the land unoccupied for more than a year.

Central settlement developed where most of the early farms on the Island were situated. Fear, produced by repeated Indian attacks, and two murders, led to relocation of all the farms to less vulnerable points by 1869.

Research has failed to disclose more than three roads named in honour of S.S.I. pioneers of a century ago. Bittan-

court Road, on the harbour side of Ganges Hill, and Norton Road, which runs from the crossroad by Central Hall to the junction (at the sharp bend) with Vesuvius Bay Road near St. Mary Lake, were named after four Portuguese, natives of the Azores: Manoel and Estalon Jose Bittancourt and Joao (John) and Delarvo Norton, who settled on the Island about 1858. Stark Road perpetuates the name of Louis Stark and his wife Sylvia, former slaves, who came to Salt Spring from California in 1859, and brought the first cattle to the Island. Descendants of Bittancourt, Norton and Stark families still call Salt Spring "home".

It was surprising to learn that there are no place names on Salt Spring honouring other original settlers and stalwarts of those early days. In some cases descendants have remained in continuous residence on the Island up to the present day. Records fail to show any public recognition of three such pioneers: Henry Sampson, the Island's first constable whose grandchildren and great-grandchildren are well known residents; Joseph Akerman, who, with his wife Martha, settled in Burgoyne Valley on land now farmed by his grandson; Michael Gyves, staunch advocate of community freedom, whose son lives at Fulford. These were pioneers who a century ago put their trust in Salt Spring, and backed their faith with courage and toil of a kind unknown today.

According to official sources no recognition has been given to John C. Jones, Salt Spring's first school teacher.

One of the original negro settlers and possessor of a University degree, he taught school from 1859 for ten years, wherever there were children, at Vesuvius Bay, Begg's Settlement (Fernwood), Ganges and Burgoyne Valley, without government recognition or salary.

The name of Jonathon Begg does not appear on geographic records. His farm with those of Edward Walker and Henry Sampson, facing Houston Passage, formed Begg's Settlement, now known as Fernwood. Begg opened a store on his farm in 1859, and was, by all reports, a strong and influential character as well as a successful merchant and nurseryman. His advertisement in the Victoria Directory of 1860 is headed "Salt Spring Island Store, Postoffice and Nursery. "In the same year

he was listed as a director of S.S.I. Agricultural Association.

Also bypassed is the name of John C. Copland, Victoria lawyer, whose efforts were responsible for the early settlement of Salt Spring Island. A controversial figure and bitter critic of Gov. Douglas, he has been recorded as a staunch friend and supporter of the settlers and a wise and understanding counsellor.

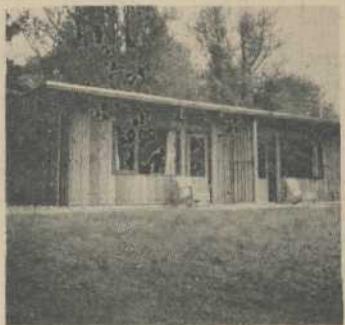
Perhaps, as new subdivisions are opened up, persons responsible for choosing names will be moved to honour these courageous pioneers who stood firm despite cruel and costly Indian raids, terrifying murders, official neglect and untold privations, until many years later there emerged the beginning of the law and order, peace and prosperity that Salt Spring Island enjoys today.

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Ganges Spit looking South East up Ganges Harbour past Castle Island.

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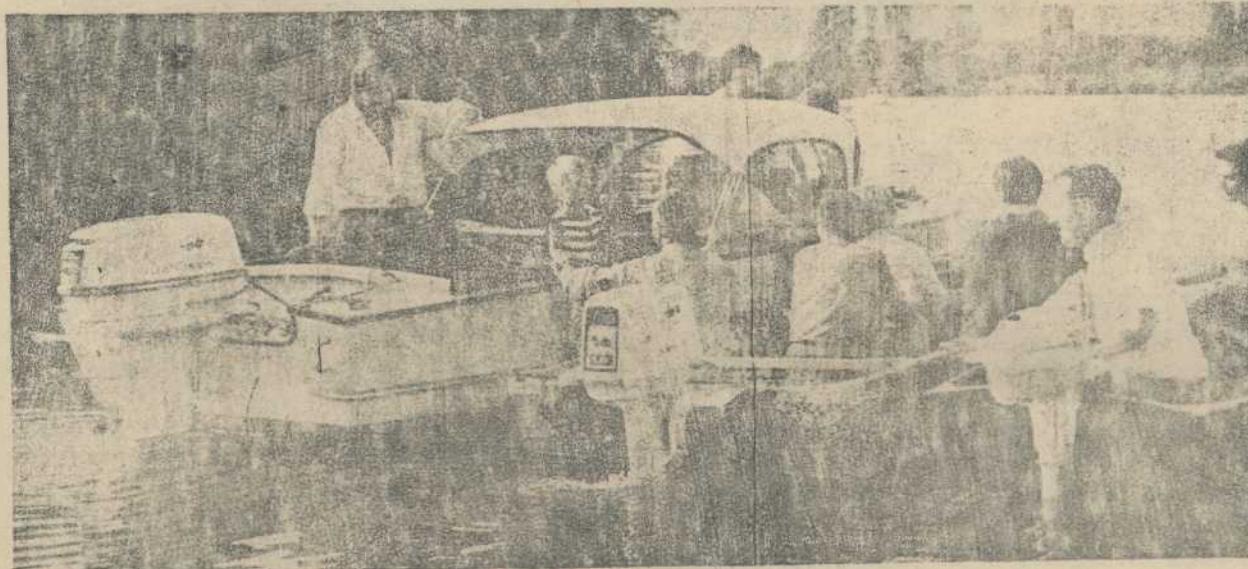
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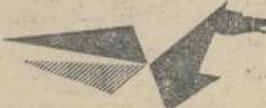
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Several informed people, including a late highly-respected resident doctor, have testified to cures effected for such trouble as rheumatism, sprains and chilblains, by use of the salt spring water.

One enthusiastic believer in the healing qualities of the mineral-filled springs was the late Mr. J. C. Lang, who purchased Fernwood Farm in 1910 from Mr. J. P. Booth MLA and Speaker of the House. In 1911 Mr. Lang obtained a complete analysis of the spring water and surrounding earth, and learned that the mineral

content is the same as that of the renowned Harrogate Spa in England.

Another firm believer in the medicinal properties of the springs is Mr. P. G. (Jack) James of Vesuvius Bay, whose family lived on the farm and maintained a seed-growing business there for several years. He recounted many instances of relief from pain afforded by the mineral water treatment. Tests have shown that the temperature of the water remains constant throughout the year, Mr. James told this reporter.

The spring bubbles up through a mound of rust-red earth, built up in the course of time by mineral deposits from the water. Seepage from the pool trickles down the slope and disappears into the adjacent salt marsh, where grows a curious dwarf succulent plant which appears at first glance to be a kind of grass. On closer inspection I was reminded of a miniature spineless cactus. This grey-green weed is quite salty to the taste.

A second spring, emerging from a smaller pool, is located about 1/4 mile away. Nearby is a third spring consisting of a mound of red mud, wet at the top where the spring oozes out. Here, in reality, was the mental picture I had carried of the salt springs.

Mr. & Mrs. Harkema are considering development of the larger spring and providing a road for public access. Their desire is to preserve the natural surroundings so that the salt spring may be seen, more or less, as they appeared to the first pioneers who settled on the Island more than a century ago. To share this natural wonder with the public would indeed commemorate the tenacious individualism of those early settlers who believed that the phenomena should be given recognition, and so, firmly rejected the official title, "Admiral Island", in favour of their chosen name for their Island home - Salt Spring Island.

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BLACKBERRY WINE: (For 1 1/2 gallon of wine)- 6 lbs. fruit; juice of 1 lemon or 1/8th oz citric acid (for blackberry only) 3 to 4 lbs white sugar; 1/4 oz. yeast nutrient, 2 campden tablets; 1 gallon water; wine yeast. Prepare wine yeast 3 to 5 days before preparing fruit. Yeast should be prepared in quantity according to how much wine you intend to make. This recipe may be multiplied to produce as much wine as you like.

Select ripe but sound fruit, especially reject any mouldy fruit. If you are making 10 gallons or less, crush the fruit by hand (after first removing stems and stones in case of apricots and peaches). Now dissolve the sugar in warm or hot water- 3 lbs. per gallon for dry wine or 4 lbs. per gallon for sweet wine.

Pour the sugar and water solution over the crushed fruit; add yeast nutrient; crush and stir in campden tablets (2 per gallon of water). Allow this mixture of ingredients to cool to room temperature, i.e. 70-75 degrees F. Then add wine yeast (do not stir in,) and cover this with a sheet of plastic held tight with elastic or string.

Stir the fermenting fruit twice daily for seven (7) days, then strain (press the pulp or squeeze as dry as possible before discarding); cover and leave to ferment another seven (7) days. On the 14th day strain into gallon jugs or a barrel and attach fermentation traps; rack after two months; bottle after six months. Wine should be kept at least one year for best results.

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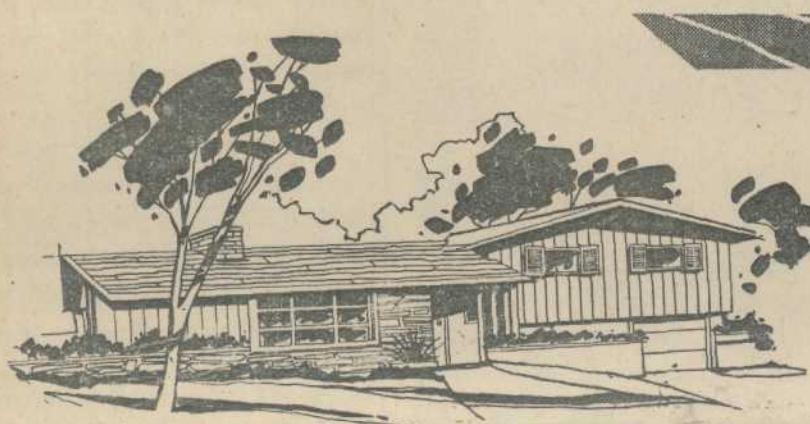
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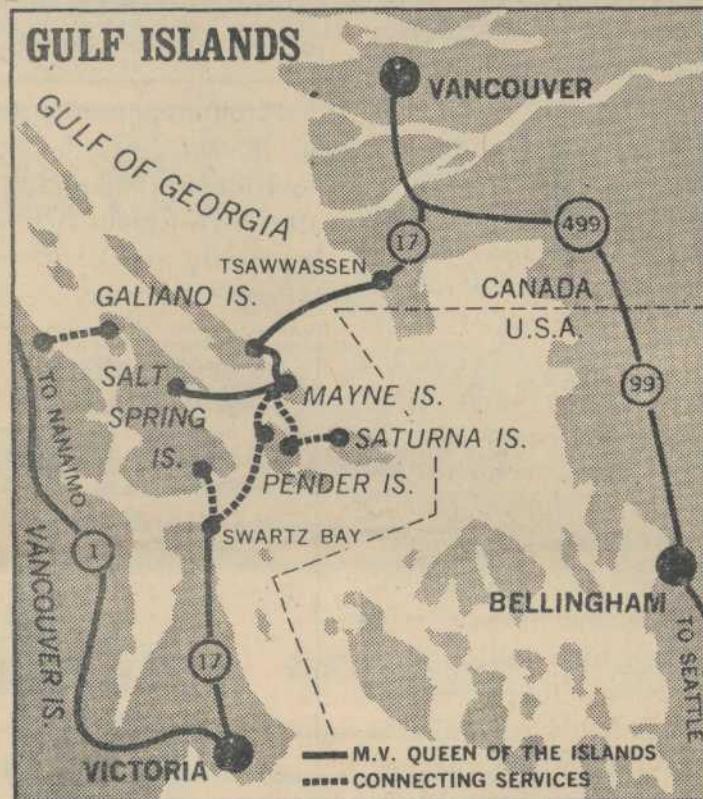
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Soon we will be able to read our newspaper at breakfast! All Fulford news items, please phone 110-W on Saturday or Sunday, that is, if you want to read it in the local papers, and thanks.

S.S.I. LINK

Diamond jubilee celebrations held June 23 for Brother Francis Joseph Bittancourt O.M.I. at St. Peter's Church, New Westminster, reach back to early days on Salt Spring Island.

The 88-year-old lay brother, affectionately known as "Brother Joe", and beloved by thousands of children throughout the lower mainland was born in 1875 at Vesuvius Bay: a descendant of one of the Islands earliest pioneer families.

Two brothers, Manoel Antoine and Estation Bittancourt, natives of the Azores, settled on Salt Spring about 1850, one locating at Vesuvius Bay, the other at the head of Ganges Harbour where Harbour House now stands. Brother Joe is a member of the Vesuvius Bay family. Mr. L. A. Bittancourt, Ganges, second cousin to Brother Joe, is a descendant of the Ganges branch of the family.

Brother Joe, the first British Columbian to join the Roman Catholic Order of Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is also the oldest living member among the 120 Oblate Fathers

SURPRISE VISIT

Many of the inhabitants of Ganges were surprised on Monday of this week to see the new ferry, "Queen of the Islands", sail into Ganges apparently two or three days ahead of schedule. As she was sighted and recognized in the harbour, many residents and tourists alike climbed into their cars and came down to the wharf to inspect and welcome her.

We thought maybe she was so anxious to get started on her job that she couldn't wait until Thursday when she was officially expected. She seemed to have some difficulty in getting acquainted with the dock as she made several attempts to get herself tied up with the help of her new handlers.

On further inquiry we learned that she was making runs to a number of her berths in the islands on this practise voyage. She was later seen down near Fulford and rumor has it that she even helped out with an overload from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen later in the evening. We were not able to check on the authenticity of this last report.

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The barbecue was brought to Saturna from Argentine. Brought to Saturna by a Scotsman! Jim Cruickshank, who had spent most of his life on

the Pampas in that far-off land, came to Saturna and introduced the art of Gaucho barbecuing. At first it was only an island get-together and Jim alone prepared the secret sauce and did the barbecuing for his friends. But as the word spread, the fame of Jim Cruickshank's strange and wonderful barbecue grew until it was no longer just an Island get-together. As it grew, Jim taught the people of the island the secrets of the sauce and showed how the barbecuing must be done. It wasn't long before Saturna Island became one of the major attractions in British Columbia on July 1st.

Always put off until tomorrow what you shouldn't do at all

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by Woody Fisher

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The tourist industry has lost customers; corporations have lost travelling salesmen and wives have lost husbands to the charms of Salt Spring Island. Many a blonde huzzy

has been blamed for the havoc done by the siren call of this lotus land.

Do not under-estimate the magnetic pull of this Island, if you want to return to your loved ones. In fact to be safe, you should not leave the protective confines of the ferry. Better still, don't even steal a glimpse of our Island from a port-hole.

Stick your nose in a book and for heaven's sake, don't get in conversation with a fellow passenger, who may claim to be an Islander. While he may tell you about our mountains and our beaches, his version may be unreliable.

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If you take the precautions outlined above and resist the urge to get off the ferry and explore this wonder land, you may be able to hang on long enough to buy a return ticket and return to that rat race you call life and the asphalt jungle of the city.

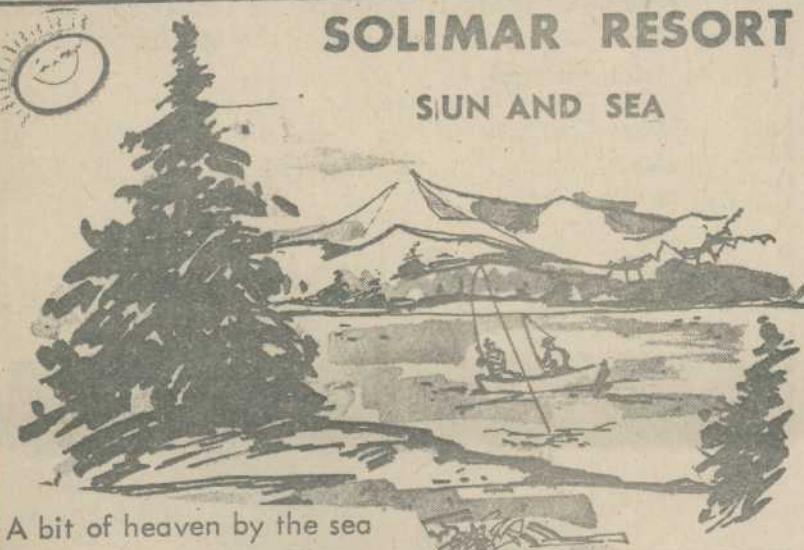
However, to give you a wee inkling of what you will be missing, we tell you this:

To the Indians of long ago, this Island was known as "Toketie Tenas Mahtwillie Chuck". The first white settlers, unable to pronounce the Indian name, changed the name to Salt Spring, naming it after some salt springs on the Island. This was what the Indian's were saying all the time; a perfect example of the native unable to communicate with the tourist.

Salt Spring Island was a tourist's paradise then as it is now. It, like the rest of the Gulf Islands, was one of the

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TENDER TRAP

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few places a brave could vacation in the rugged forest land while his squaw took her vacation at the sea; and both could come to the same place. This is the wonderful part of a vacation on Salt Spring Island. There is something here for everyone. There is fishing and there is hunting. There is boating and there is swimming. There are spectacular vistas from our mountain peaks and there is the serene beauty of green islands in blue seas. There are forests to explore and secret coves to hide in. There is driftwood to be found and seashells to collect. There are clams to be dug and oysters on every beach. There is camping and there are resort hotels; there is a history that is exciting and more so when an arrowhead is found. There is a climate that reminds some of the Mediterranean.

And there is peace. A tranquil life from the hurried

routine, the garish neon, and the alarm clock. Here the only time that really matters is when the tide goes out and comes in.

These are the things that Salt Spring Island offers for the tourist and retired person alike. A good life, an easy, pleasant life that is hard to find in other parts of the world.

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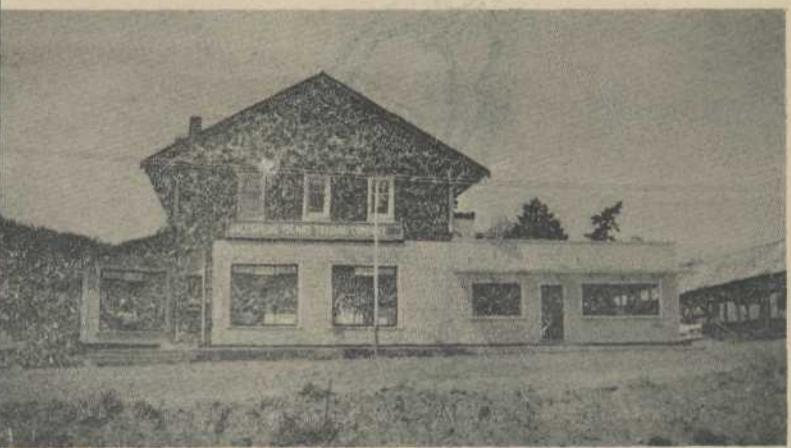
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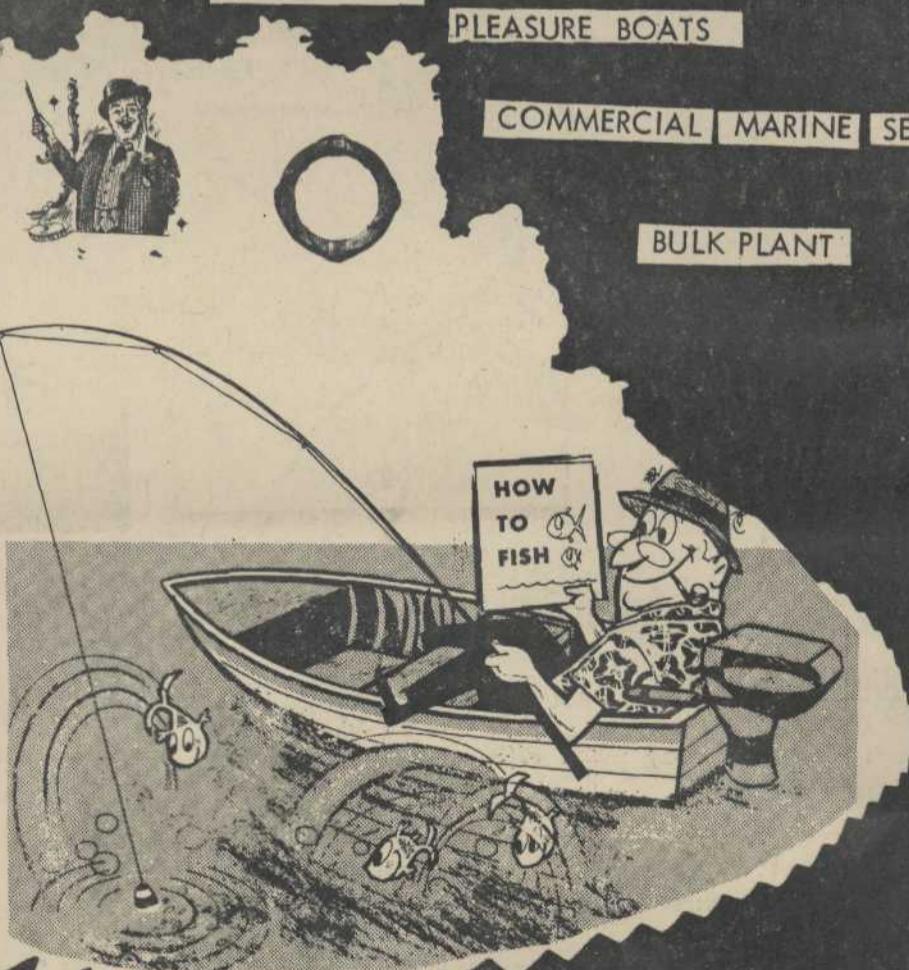
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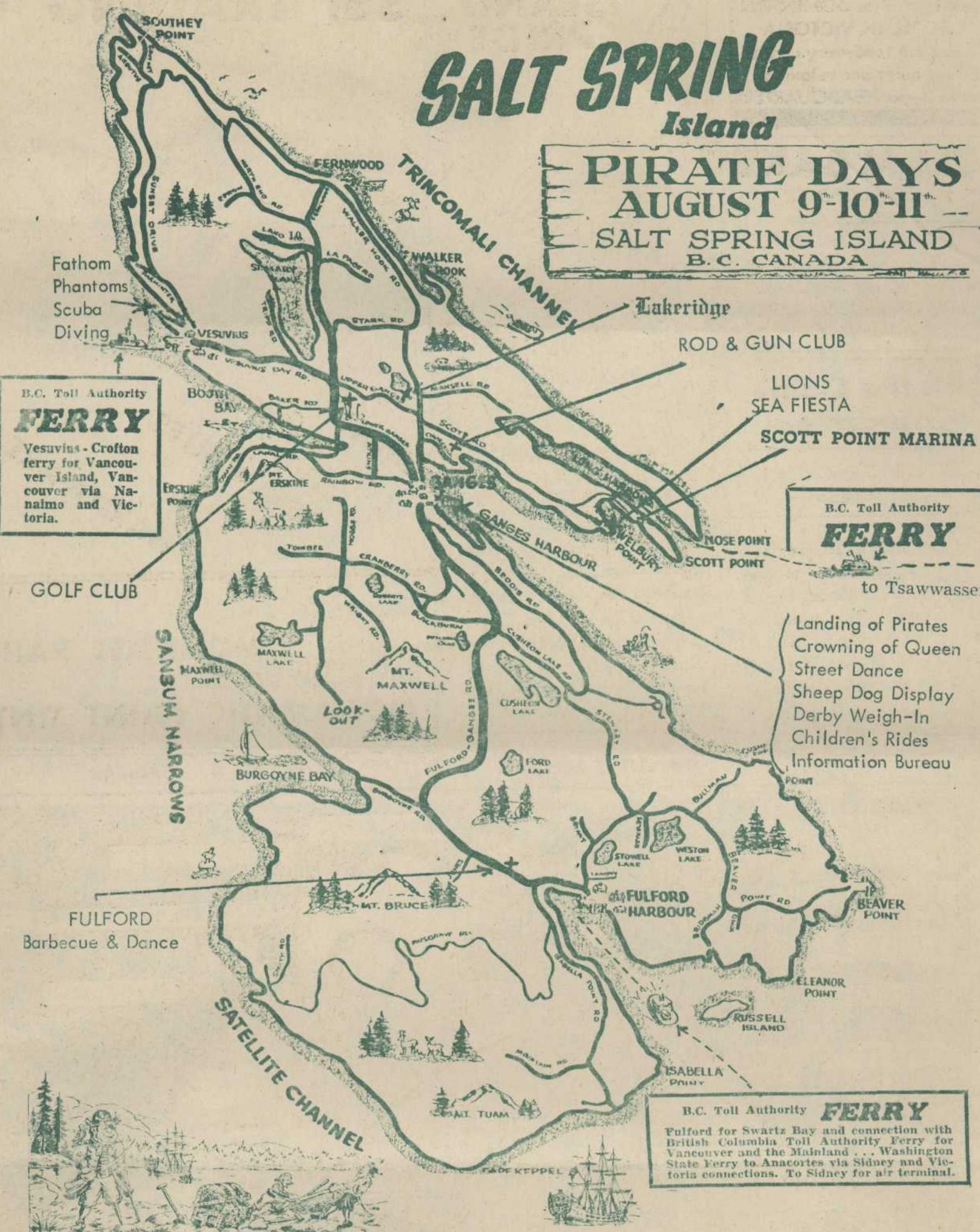
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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9.**

Air Sea Rescue Display
Landing of Pirates
Opening Ceremonies
Crowning Queen
Wagon Wheels Square
Dance Display
Street Dance

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10.
18-hole Medal Round Golf Tournament
Rod & Gun Club Archery & Rifle Contest
Indian War Canoe Races & Indian Dances
Smoked Salmon

SATURDAY EVENING
Fulford Hall Grounds
Sheep Dog Display
Sheep Shearing
Lamb Diapering Contest
Farmer's Market
Dance-Treasure Chest Award
Sheep Barbecue & Clambake

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11.

Legion Auxiliary Breakfast
Salmon Derby Awards
Beaver Point Beans & Buns
Scuba Diving Contest
Lion's Club Sea Fiesta
Boat Races
Water Skiing Exhibition

From dawn on Friday to Noon on Sunday will feature Royal Canadian Legion Salmon Derby with awards on Sunday at noon.