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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL.....

PIECE ON EARTH

Somebody goofed. Everybody knows that it's "peace on earth" you talk about at Christmas time. All you have to do is to check your Christmas cards, your Christmas carol song sheet, the signs in the department stores— or even your Bible! There in black and white or red and green, you'll find it— "peace on earth!"

But wait— or hark, if you prefer. Piece on earth is a type of graphic error made on purpose to draw your attention to some disturbing truth. Just look around. There are many persons who will be celebrating only a little piece of Christmas this year. For instance: there are the kids in Asia and Africa with the protruding bellies. The frequency curve of starvation. In Canada, a similar kind of belt-line configuration means something quite different. Different— like turkey, cranberries and mince pie. What those starving children could do with a piece of Canada's plenty— even the overflow into the garbage cans!

Then there are the lonely and anxiety-ridden. The suicide rate goes up at Christmas time. The small, one-roomed dwelling seems more cramped— perhaps because of all the space taken up by the basket carefully checked through the Christmas Cheer Index. What the belated and the isolated could do with a piece of real relationship. Friendship, love, understanding and empathy should come gift-wrapped too.

And don't forget the people in the developing and enveloping nations (identified by labels such as Rhodesians or Mohawks), who are striving after a piece of freedom. By the way, when



SANTA SHIP MAKES SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL VISIT

About 300 people, parents, children large and small, and others braved a raw, wintry, south-easter blowing up Ganges Harbour, Saturday evening, to welcome Santa Claus and the Christmas Ship from Bellingham, Wash.

An innovation this year was the change of its berth from the Ganges dock to the Boat Basin. The large vessel made a pretty sight as she came up the harbour and docked in spite of the inclement weather.

The moment the vessel was tied up, Santa, his clown and attendants came up the ramp to the Lions Club Christmas Tree where treats were distributed to the waiting excited children.

The annual voyage of the Christmas ship is fast becoming a tradition and is sponsored by the Bellingham Jaycees. The ship remained in port overnight before continuing its busy schedule of calls at the outer Gulf islands and in the San Juans.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Pope Julius, about the year 349 A. D., fixed December 25 as the date of Christmas. Two years later, after agreement on this date had been reached among church officials, some in favor of fixing the date in January or March, Julius decreed that Christmas should therefore be celebrated on December 25. In the 6th century A.D., the year 543, Christmas was made a legal holiday in Rome. But, even 100 years before that, the Roman government had required all theatres to close on Christmas day.

you use piece as an active verb, it means put together, form into a whole. And that's what Christmas is all about — Christ coming into the world to join mankind together into a harmonious wholeness. (From the United Church of

A GOOD NIGHT



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and may this
Christmas season
bring us all lasting
joy and peace



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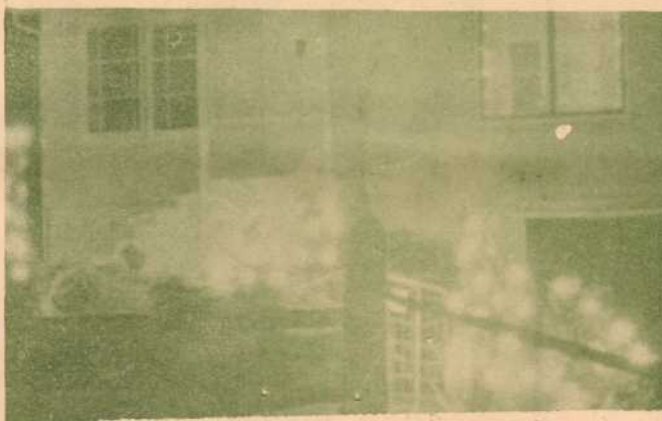


The Phil Knowles residence was spectacular, looking down on the Ganges Road near the head of the Harbour.

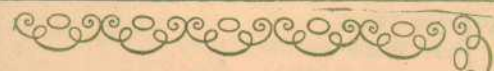
Ernie Booth, as usual had a roof top picture, this year with animation no less.



We hardly needed our flash equipment as the Dor McLeod lighting showed up the whole front yard.



Mr and Mrs Bob Motion must have put a lot of work into this display.



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We had always thought there should be some kind of extra rewards for a Santa that works so hard as as this one did on Saturday. Mrs. Doreen Jeffery provided reward here much to Santa's Delight.



This jolly clown, whose job was made doubly difficult in the dark, seems to be as much a part of the Santa Ship as Santa himself. He conducted the usual lively sing song for the kids accompanying himself on his ukelele.

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EDITORIAL PAGE MAILBAG

Dear Editor - "The scrolls found in the wreck of the Martian spaceship which crashed a few months ago in the Rockies have now been deciphered by Prof. Hyra Gliffik, and appear to be a report on the various forms of government on Earth. The following is a partial translation of that portion of the report headed Democracy.

Here we have a very queer system. As far as we have been able to follow it in this system the humans elect some of their fellows by placing a mark against a name on a piece of papyrus which is then placed in a box. These people are elected to carry out the business of their communities. They all gather together in places named City Hall, or

Legislature or Parliament. Now we are confused by their actions and it may be that we have missed some important point because of language difficulties. It appears that these councillors, legislators or empees as they are variously called first increase their rewards known as salaries, then they spend their time making rules which their masters are compelled willfully to obey; and to compel obedience include penalties which often are quite severe. The rules are called "laws". As we see it any of these empees can offer a "law" and if all the other empees think it will help to restrict the actions of their masters they put this "law" into the statute books. There are many volumes of these, so

many in fact that a special class of humans known as - lawyers - has had to be created to deal with them.

To our Martian minds, some of these "laws" are very hard to understand. As an example, humans must not gamble in their houses, or buy a chance in a lottery but are encouraged to do both at places which they call racetracks or stock markets. They must not carry on a game called Bingo, but it is not unlawful if it is done only occasionally. Space will not permit us to include many examples as there are so many.

The strangest aspect of this system is that when the masters dislike what their elected servants are doing, they cannot discharge them as we would, but have to offer them a very large papyrus containing many signatures called a petition which pleads with the servants to do things which the masters dislike. These papyri do not seem to be effective and only have the effect of confirming in the minds of the servants that they are the real masters. A very unhealthy condition.

Provision has been made for dismissing all the elected servants every few Earth years, but the queer humans then proceed to re-elect most of the same servants, so replacing the yoke around their own necks. They attempt to console themselves for this, by assuring each other that they have freedom.

We have learned during



PLEASING . . . Sure to please guests during the holiday season is the sight of the traditional punch bowl, symbol of hospitality and good cheer.

THE WEEK'S TATTLE

The prospect of another week's work was just beginning to make us feel a bit sorry for ourselves last Saturday when we had three visitors one right after the other who made it seem alright again. The first was a misery loves company sort of contact when a young mother arrived to tell us of a morning of saws whining, hammers banging and floor sanders screaming all at one time during house renovations; which was bad enough but then No. 1 daughter got up with mumps that day. We hope the family survived the day and are by now well on the way to being able to enjoy the holiday.

Then Miss Bryde Wilson dropped in to let us see with our own eyes a green pea fully 4 inches high, growing in the bumper of her car. Miss Wilson thinks it must have been one from a late fall pea shooter the kids were playing with. Anyway midst the frosts of December on Our Island it is making very good growth on a car bumper.

Right after that friend Jonesy from across the street dropped in to let us know that they will be delivering tender little flowers all during Christmas Eve. And we began to realize how lucky we are and faced the week with a determination to do battle and be ready for our holiday next week.

Which is an awfully long way to lead up to a reminder that you won't be getting a Driftwood next week. Our annual vacation is in full swing. Phone calls and reports of news can be sent in again starting January 3rd when we'll be back on deck. (and we hope, raring to go again).

Salutes to all my Martian brothers, signed, B. Wilderd.

Investigator I believe the translation is reasonably accurate. H. B. Dickens, P. Eng.

Dear Editor - On behalf of the students, The Students' Council wishes to thank the people of Salt Spring for the support they gave us for our Bazaarnival. With their help we were able to make our Bazaarnival a success. Thank you.

Sgd. Heather Humphreys, Secretary

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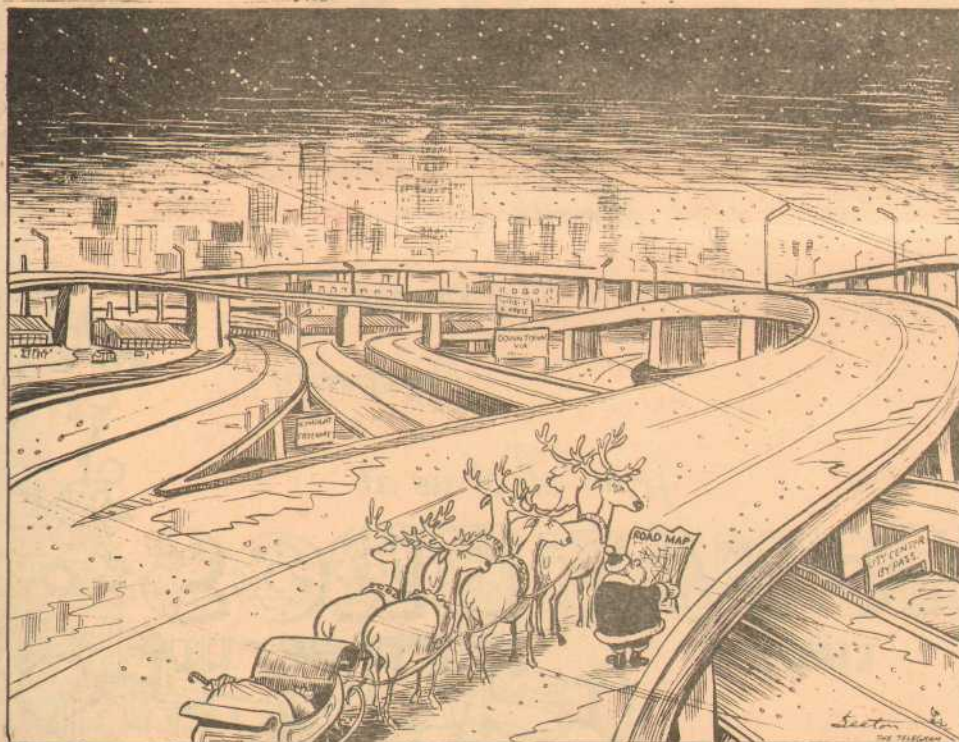
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BANK CLOSING HOURS - Mr. Jim Jeffery, Bank of Montreal Manager wants to advise customers that the Bank will close December 25, 26, and 27 all day.

LATE OPENING will be on Thursday, December 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 24 open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. ONLY.

Again the following week, December 30th, Thursday the Bank will open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday from 10 to 3 p.m.

(More on p. 16, col. 1)



FULFORD NEWS

by Bea Hamilton

The people of Beaver Pt. community got together in a real oldtime Christmas party on Friday night. Every game they could think of was played and "I never laughed so much in my life" said Gran-nennett (Mrs. Alice Bennett, Sr.) Everyone had a good time, delicious refreshments and fun.

In the Fulford Hall, the children flocked to see Santa and receive their gifts and candies from the very busy white bearded gentleman. Except on special occasions, Santa's reindeer are out-moded. The old chap now comes by ship, jet or by car, otherwise he would never make all points in time. But the children were happy and accepted the wonder of it all with unquestioning faith.

Before the arrival of Santa however the children sang Christmas carols, with Angela Bridgen at the piano. They sang well and never missed a verse.

Balloons were given to the children and they raised a regular hullabaloo with frequent bangs as the balloons burst. Tiny tots were quickly handed a second balloon when their own burst and tears were checked before they started. Older children helped entertain the very small brothers and sisters; musical chairs and balloon races kept everyone amused. Refreshments were served, after which Santa took over and the party ended with the magical disappearance of Santa when the

last gift was handed out.

A card party followed in the evening in the Fulford Hall, with a small crowd that filled 9 tables, but they had a good time despite the disappointing turn out.

Prize winners were - 500 - Mrs. Wm. Dods, Ladies first. William Shaw who had to cut with several others won the men's first. Mr. Wm. Dods and Mrs. A. Davison won the consolations.

Mrs. Eleanor Campbell

won the cribbage prize.

Bridge, Mrs. A.E. Rodd is first, Mrs. Norman Shaw second.

Refreshments were served by members of the Hall Committee and the W. I. who sponsored the party.

Old Carols

Many of our favorite Christmas carols are centuries old. "The First Noel" was originally a medieval shepherd song. "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" dates to the 16th century and "Joy To The World" was published in 1719.

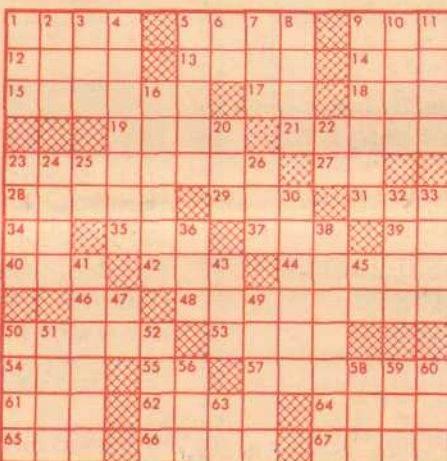
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Placed
- 5-Church service
- 9-Man's nickname
- 12-Military assistant
- 13-Leave out
- 14-Baker's product
- 15-Planted
- 17-River in Italy
- 18-Girl's name
- 19-Dillseed
- 21-Foot lever
- 23-Frightens
- 27-Pronoun
- 28-Box
- 29-Society girl (colloq.)
- 31-The urial
- 34-Faroe Islands whirlwind
- 35-Standing room only (abbr.)
- 37-High mountain
- 39-King of Bashan
- 40-Damp
- 42-Posed for portrait
- 44-Got up
- 46-For example (abbr.)
- 48-Heavy rain-falls
- 50-Sheen
- 53-Christmas carol
- 54-Soak
- 55-Babylonian deity
- 57-Makes suitable
- 61-Unit
- 62-Word of sorrow
- 64-Gull-like bird
- 65-Armed conflict
- 66-Temporary shelter
- 67-Silkworm

DOWN

- 1-Spanish plural article
- 2-Be ill
- 3-Artificial language
- 4-Leaves
- 5-Pattern
- 6-Part of "to be"
- 7-Drink slowly
- 8-Cease
- 9-Shovels
- 10-Opera by Verdi
- 11-Repeat
- 16-Goes in
- 20-Man's nickname
- 22-Printer's measure
- 23-Flat-bottomed boat
- 24-Woody plant
- 25-Cooled lava
- 26-Ocean
- 30-Trumpeted
- 32-Vast throng
- 33-Matures
- 36-Grain
- 38-Bishop
- 41-Seesaw
- 43-Measure of weight
- 45-Preposition
- 47-A state (abbr.)
- 49-Cook in oven
- 50-Develop
- 51-Girl's name
- 52-Flesh
- 56-Beverage
- 59-Through
- 60-Nahoor sheep
- 63-Indefinite article



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We wish the very best for the Christmas season and extend our sincere gratitude to all those (including Anonymous) who have been so very kind to us in both word and deed since our bereavement in October.

Mrs. Storey and Billy

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to my friends in Vancouver, Victoria and Salt Spring for their Birthday and Christmas cards. Norman Preston, Cushean Lake
I wish to thank all the staff of the Lady Minto Hospital and Dr. T. Jansch for their kindness and attention during my stay there. Also all friends who sent me cards and flowers.
Ethel Showers

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the doctor, matron and nurses and everyone else who works in the hospital for the special care, the kindness and friendliness shown to me, a newcomer to the community.
Thank you Helena Priester.

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YOUTH SCOOP

by Heather Warren
On Friday was the Christmas dance which went from 8 to 12 p.m. and was quite a success. The band was the Nites. Everyone was having their best with three girls in long gowns and all of them with pretty hairdos.
The exams are all over and on Wednesday we get out for the holidays. Monday was the day for report cards, as all of the parents well know!

Another dance is scheduled for Tuesday, for grades 8, 9, and 10 to be held in the school.

The school Newspaper, The Salt Shaker, came out last Thursday and every copy was sold. They were priced at a nickel and well worth it.

The dormitory students had a Christmas party Monday night. Everyone is get-



High School students enjoying the Christmas Dance last Friday night at Mahon Hall.
IT'S CHRISTMAS

The French say "Noel". The Spanish refer to "Navidad". The Italians say "Natale" and the Germans say "Weihnachten". But Christmas in our part of the world is derived from an old English term Cristes maesse (Christ's Mass), a term first used in the 11th century.

...ing in the spirit for Christmas.

ROAD BLOCKS COME TO SALT SPRING
Driftwood has learned that local police plan a series of road checks over the Christmas season. The checks will be for the purpose of investigating mechanical and drinking infractions of the Motor Vehicle Act.

EARLY CARD

The Christmas card is a Johnny-come-lately among our cherished holiday traditions. You can get

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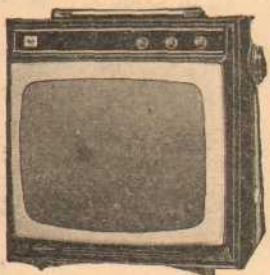
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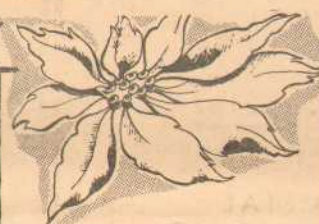
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2:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.

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8:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
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ADDITIONAL SAILINGS FRIDAY ONLY

11:00 p.m.	11:30 p.m.
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YEAR 'ROUND SERVICE

Lv. Saturna (Saturna Is.)	6:10 a.m.
Lv. Hope Bay (Pender Is.)	6:35 a.m.
*Lv. Village Bay (Mayne Is.)	7:10 a.m.
Lv. Montague Harb. (Galiano Is.)	7:45 a.m.
Lv. Port Washington (Pender Is.)	8:30 a.m.
Ar. Swartz Bay (Vancouver Is.)	9:15 a.m.
Lv. Swartz Bay (Vancouver Is.)	9:25 a.m.
Lv. Port Washington (Pender Is.)	10:10 a.m.
Lv. Montague Harb. (Galiano Is.)	10:55 a.m.
*Lv. Village Bay (Mayne Is.)	11:30 a.m.
Lv. Hope Bay (Pender Is.)	12:00 noon
Ar. Saturna (Saturna Is.)	12:20 p.m.
Lv. Saturna (Saturna Is.)	12:40 p.m.
Ar. Swartz Bay (Vancouver Is.)	1:50 p.m.
Lv. Swartz Bay (Vancouver Is.)	2:40 p.m.
Lv. Saturna (Saturna Is.)	3:55 p.m.
Lv. Hope Bay (Pender Is.)	4:15 p.m.
*Lv. Village Bay (Mayne Is.)	4:50 p.m.
Lv. Montague Harb. (Galiano Is.)	5:25 p.m.
Lv. Port Washington (Pender Is.)	6:10 p.m.
Ar. Swartz Bay (Vancouver Is.)	6:55 p.m.
Lv. Swartz Bay (Vancouver Is.)	7:15 p.m.
Lv. Port Washington (Pender Is.)	8:05 p.m.
Lv. Montague Harb. (Galiano Is.)	8:50 p.m.
*Lv. Village Bay (Mayne Is.)	9:30 p.m.
Lv. Hope Bay (Pender Is.)	9:55 p.m.
Ar. Saturna (Saturna Is.)	10:20 p.m.

*Interchange point to and from Pender-Saturna and the Mainland.



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1966 FERRY SCHEDULE FOR THE ISLANDS

Becoming effective January 1st, 1966 the new schedules that are published this week will go into effect.

These include Fulford sailings moving to the half hour leaving time. Vesuvius ferries will be easy to remember leaving on the hour all day from Vesuvius and the half hour from Crofton.

Inter Islands service with the new Mayne Queen will be much improved with dai-

FULFORD TIDE TABLE DECEMBER, 1965

Day	Time	Ht.
23	0713	12.1
Th.	1221	10.2
	1440	10.4
	2312	1.3
24	0749	12.0
Fr.	1325	9.9
	1510	10.0
	2347	1.6
25	0823	11.9
Sa.	1426	9.6
	1544	9.7
26	0020	2.1
Su.	0853	11.7
27	0055	2.7
Mo.	0922	11.5
28	0130	3.3
Tu.	0949	11.4
	1725	8.2
	1838	8.3
29	0209	4.1
We.	1013	11.3
	1747	7.5
	2027	7.7
30	0246	5.1
Th.	1034	11.3
	1812	6.7
	2230	7.4
31	0325	6.2
Fr.	1056	11.3
	1837	5.7

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

And a Merry Christmas to everyone.

Last year, we had a White Christmas, this year seems to indicate a green festive season but at least it will be colorful with all the decorated homes. Coloured lights reflect in windows, from the roof, from out of doors' trees, and in odd corners. It is delightfully sparkling and Christmassy. Even the people are bubbling over with the certain something that warms the heart at this time - I DO NOT mean from a bottle - there are other things besides that, like neighbours who go out of their way to help one out of difficult situations.

For instance, down the road was a lady in distress, her car got stuck, Eric Faure ran all over the place to get help. Another person wants a decorated tree

put up outside, Jack and John Roland go to a lot of trouble between their work to get said tree and decorate it (a lovely job too)

So it goes, warm hearted neighborliness that lives on this Island all the year, only seems to be more prominent at Christmas time. And so once more we swing into the gay Christmas week with every home that is decorated seeming to be sending out the message in the twinkling coloured lights "Merry Christmas."

The Church bells ring out "Peace on Earth - good will to all men" People are filled with friendliness, children live in a magical world where anything can

happen, and does. Doesn't Santa come and bring gifts? That he appears in several places at once only adds to the glamour and delight of the big mystery. No other time of the year can quite compare with Christmas week, this season stands out as the most important, most friendly and most warm-hearted of all. It is the simplicity of the Christmas spirit that means so much - even without a penny to your name, you can be the richest person on earth, if your heart is full of kindly love.

Your silent prayers to help others can be the most cherished gift of all, a smile, a word, or a hand clasp. They mean far more than the most costly gift and can convey a message of comfort to the lonely or the sick. For these are the gifts of God, and they are yours to give.

Nor can such gifts be counted in pennies - they have no price tag, only a little thought, a little time and a lot of love.

And now before old Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer comes pattering over the roof tops looking for happy little children who believe in him, have a nice Christmas and may your Christmas pudding bubble merrily on the stove to add to the festive spirit.

Night of Cakes
Christmas Eve is called the Night of Cakes in Ireland, because of an ancient custom of baking special Christmas cakes spiced with caraway seeds for eating on the night before Christmas.

TWO BIDS ON

WATER TANK

Only two bids have been received to date for the construction of North Saltspring Waterworks Storage Tank.

One bid from T. Lanibie Victoria was for \$24,532 and the other was from E.J. Hunter & Sons, also of Victoria for \$24,389.

POLICE NEWS

Martinus Kristiansen was fined \$5 for driving contrary to restrictions on his driver's license.

Sidney Tomlin was fined \$50 for exceeding speed limit on Fulford-Ganges Rd.

Robert McLellan was fined \$25 for being a minor in possession of liquor.

David Ryan was fined \$15 for failing to dim his headlights.

Albert Tom John Head was found guilty and Andrew Crocker pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance outside Galiano Community Hall on September 4. They were remanded for pre-sentence report.

Richard Gordon Dyck pleaded guilty to breaking and entering and theft at a dwelling on Sunset Drive last winter. He was remanded for pre-sentence report.

Police boat is investigating an apparent break-in at the property of Dr. J.K. Richardson on Galiano where a plywood skiff has been stolen.

MINOR ACCIDENT

AT FULFORD

About \$50 damage was done to a car driven by Mrs. Dulcie Morrison on the Fulford Harbour dock area on Monday.

The car was parked when a logging truck, driven by Richard Hamilton made a turn on Morningside Road. A log on the truck struck

the rear window of the Morrison car. No injuries were reported.

REMEMBER TO
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TO THE FULFORD
NEW YEAR'S DANCE SOON



May Christmas bring you happiness

and may peace

and joy be yours in the New Year

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MONDAY DECEMBER 27

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**MONDAY' DECEMBER 27
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There will be an extra sailing of the M.V. "Queen of the Islands" leaving Long Harbour 11:55 a.m., leaving Tsawwassen 2:30 p.m. No connecting bus service. For information and reservations, phone Tsawwassen 943-2255 or long distance Zenith 6444.



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CHRISTMASTIME, and once again we pause to wish good friends all the special joys and blessings of the season. May your Day bring an abundance of happiness and peace.

Jim & Arlene Ward
& Staff at
DRIFTWOOD



PEACE SYMBOL

Modern youth may never give it a thought, but the custom of kissing under the mistletoe supposedly began with the Romans, who considered the mistletoe a symbol of peace. Enemies, meeting under the mistletoe, were expected to embrace and declare a truce. Roman youngsters probably came up with the kissing idea.

ENDURING . . . The gaily decorated tree is an enduring Christmas tradition in homes across the country. This tree, decorated in turn of the century elegance, would still be in style today.

DRAW WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The L.A. to Royal Canadian Legion held the draw on their tickets last Saturday, December 18th at the Legion Hall.

Lucky winner of the turkey was Mrs. Roma Sturdy; Mrs. Ada Ashby won the hamper and the mystery prize was won by Mr. R. Honeybone, Fulford Harbor.

The ladies made about \$105 on the draw.

Overheard on the street (and not even New Year yet) - "Boy-o-boy, what a headache! I'm going to get a cup of coffee at the 'Pink' Elephant."

GUIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY

On another night this week, in the Legion Hall, Guide Commissioner Hedgecock heard five ex-Brownies pledge their allegiance to Guide Company. New Guide des Jackie Moat, Patsy Hedgecock, Joan Lowe, Wendy Lindsey and Ann Ross, having passed their Tenderfoot tests, were enrolled in a most impressive ceremony. The occasion was also a Christmas Party. The games and refreshments planned and organized by Marie Hughes, Doreen Reynolds, Janice Smith and Andrea Harkema, as a test for their Hostess Badges.

WAGON WHEELS

SQUARE DANCE PARTY

On Saturday, December 18th in Mahon Hall, the Wagon Wheels Square Dance Club had their Christmas party.

The hall had been decorated for a dance the night before and was kindly left for the party. There were at least 5 squares, the dancers including beginners under the guidance of Bert Barber, caller and Mrs. Barber.

Regular Club dancers and even a few visitors attended.

Adding tremendously to the fun of the evening was a visit from Santa Claus and his helpers off the Bellingham Jaycees Christmas Ship who surprised the dancers. Santa, his helpers and the performing clown joined the group for refreshments.

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and happy
New Year

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THIS NEW YEAR
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FOR HAPPINESS
IN THE
COMING YEAR

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SANTA CAME TO TOWN



C'MON, SANTA HURRY!



I DON'T THINK I LIKE IT.



GEE, HE'S A NICE MAN.



THE MISTLETOE KISS... Frigga, the goddess of love, is credited with transforming mistletoe into a symbol of love when she granted the favor of a kiss beneath a mistletoe branch. The tradition has been with us for some time—and seems destined to continue forever.

General Tree
One of the best known "living" Christmas trees is the General Grant, a giant sequoia tree located in the General Grant Grove in California. It is believed to be 3,500 years old.

Kissing Plant
The festive symbolism of mistletoe goes back to the ancient cults common to the Celts. Mistletoe once was universally associated with fertility, and is still associated with kissing and courting at winter festivals.

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DOUGLAS C. WATT

New Appointments Announced

Appointment of J. C. Carlile as Vice-President — Finance, and Douglas C. Watt as Vice-President-Staff Services is announced by J. Ernest Richardson, President and Chief Executive Officer of British Columbia Telephone Company. Both appointments are effective January 1, 1966.

Both Mr. Carlile and Mr. Watt are native British Columbians and both are graduates of the University of British Columbia.

Mr. Carlile has been Assistant Vice-President Finance and Mr. Watt has been Director of Staff Services since June 1 of this year.

In his new capacity Mr. Carlile will be responsible for financial and revenue forecasting and planning. Mr. Carlile graduated from the University of British Columbia in Electrical Engineering in 1944. He obtained his Commerce degree from U.B.C. in 1946 following service in the Canadian Army. His business career began in 1946 with Canadian Industries Ltd. From 1950 to 1954 he served with Brazilian Traction Light & Power Company in South America. He joined B. C. Tel on June 1, 1954 as an engineering assistant and has been promoted seven times previously. Among his posts were those of General Plant Supervisor, Coastal Division Engineering and Construction Manager, Director of Material Purchasing and Controls, and Director of Staff Services.

Mr. Watt will be in charge of future planning and engineering, plant and traffic and commercial operations. He attended elementary and high schools in West Vancouver and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from U.B.C. in 1941. After several months on the accounting and payroll staff of Burrard Dry Dock Co. Ltd., he joined B. C. Tel on August 6, 1945 as a development engineering clerk. After a brief period with another company he returned to B. C. Tel in February 1948 and has served the Company since in various capacities, including General Commercial Engineer, Coastal District Manager, Coastal Division Manager and Assistant Director of Personnel.

Merry Christmas
and Best Wishes
for the
New Year



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Greeting You

At this joyous time, when hope and good spirits are high, we express appreciation for your continued loyalty, and wish you the best of everything for Christmas as always. Thank you.

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Happy New Year.

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Christmas
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New Year
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HARBOUR HOUSE

COMING EVENTS

Friday, December 24 - LIONS CAROL SING & CHRISTMAS TREE, 3 p.m., Ganges Causeway (Mahon Hall if the weather turns bad).

Saturday, December 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 26 - Rod and Gun Club Turkey Shoot, Club Grounds, 11:30 a.m.

Friday, December 31st - New Year's Dance, Fulford Hall, 10:30
Supper Dance, Harbour House, 10:00

Christmas Greetings
and best wishes for the New Year

FROM MANAGEMENT AND STAFF AT
HARBOUR HOUSE

CHRISTMAS TIME

IN THE CITY

BY Dede

Timid woman went to town. Went to town for Christmas shopping, leaving a peaceful island to ride ferry and bus.

Arrived, she plunged into a seething, bewildering mass of urgent humanity passing in and out of busy shops - which displayed such an assortment of commodities that she was utterly confused. However somehow, she found herself laden with parcels, and, at long last, staggering with weariness she sought a hotel.

There in a quiet little room she enjoyed a good drink or two - or three --- then she took a bath, lying immersed in beautiful, hot water - in complete and blissful silence.

Refreshed and dressed, she entered an elevator where a man joined her, saying - "How long have you been around?" "Over 50 years!" she answered, trying to smile enchantingly as he playfully grasped her chin in a friendly hand. At that moment the elevator reached its destination and the doors slid silently open. Outside, in the lobby a crowd of people, carrying parcels, waiting to enter, stared. Unceremoniously the man dropped the timid woman's chin and disappeared abruptly --- but somehow she felt a little younger. She was soon plunging cheerfully into the confusing, overheated shops once more.

Something contagious about this Christmas Spirit!

She invested in two immense paper bags with strong handles, which slowly became filled with parcels. But what a battle it was, wedged among slow-moving crowds - endlessly waiting in line to pay bills. Excited voices and the heat pressing down on her head. Completely exhausted, she eventually fought her tortuous way out into the streets.

Dusk had fallen, bells rang, carols soared shrill above the steady way of traffic and frantic, heavily laden shoppers, she among them with her paperbags in either hand, pushed their way onto already crowded buses.

At last, the timid woman reached the depot, where massed people milled. Where the one cafe was bulging and coffee unobtainable. She pushed her way out of the depot to more buses in an icy cold yard, and was soon being driven again out amid heaving traffic, crawling along, bumper to bumper, like some great undulating caterpillar wriggling its way between high buildings, its rhythm broken only when one, two, three accidents occurred. A car had struck a hydrant coming to rest upside down under a torrent of city-water gushing from the broken water main.

The others with fronts stove in. The police sirens screamed and their red lights flashed. The usual gaping crowds gathered around them, for their peculiar entertainment.

However, the unending caterpillar streamed on thro' congested city streets with the bus part of the creature's rhythm.

The timid woman sat near the driver, who was

very calm and very large. They talked about the craziness of cities, of parking and housing problems, war and adolescent children and their problems. Coming to the conclusion as the bus left crowded streets and sped along a concrete freeway under an open, starry sky, past wide fields, white with frost, and stretching flat to the dark sea, that city life is far too complex. And who could wish for more than Christmas spent on a quiet, green island?

"I think," said the large calm bus-driver, "that I'll visit Salt Spring Island and buy myself some peace."

SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH FAMILIES

by Doreen Morris

Archdeacon and Mrs. G. H. Holmes will have with them for Christmas, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Toombs and daughter Laura, from Duncan.

Arriving Christmas Eve from Powell River for the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bradley, are their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. R. Wiebe with young daughter Leah, also their daughter Susan Graham and Mr. Joe Ortman.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Edith Barber, Rainbow Road were her grandson and wife Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kennedy and their daughter Denise from Kamloops, also Mrs. Carpentier and daughter from Ontario. Mrs. Barber is flying this week with her grandson, John Morris from Prince Rupert to spend Christmas with their family in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hawkins, Duncan, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Hawkins parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Carlin, Ganges Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Hum-

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GO TO YOU AND YOURS

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for the New Year*

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May the Joy and Peace
of Christmas
always be with you

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phreys and family leave December 22 to spend Christmas in Disneyland. There they will be met by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Corbett, and family. During their absence their house will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. E. Cook.

Marshall Heinekey, Mica Creek, B. C. and Shane Heinekey, Vancouver arrive Christmas Eve to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Heinekey, Vesuvius Bay.

Miss Barbara Newman and her brother Terry, Vancouver are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Newman, Ganges.

Major A. Gale, P.P.C. L.I. Edmonton, with Mrs. Gale and their three children will spend the next 2 weeks with Mrs. Gale's father, Lt. Col. D. Crofton

Miss Elizabeth Beech, Victoria, will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Beech, Ganges.

John Sturdy, Vancouver will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sturdy, Ganges Hill.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dermott Crofton during the holiday season are Mrs. P. Knight, Burnaby, Miss Denise Crofton, and Lt. Mark Crofton.

Visiting their parents Capt. and Mrs. V.C. Best for Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. G. Best and daughter Heather, Vancouver, also Mr. and Mrs. N. Best and sons Roger and Micheal, from Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. M. C. Calthrop is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Miller, North Vancouver, for two weeks.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thorburn, Vesuvius, are their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gregory and their three children, also their son Russell; and Margo Morris of Vancouver.



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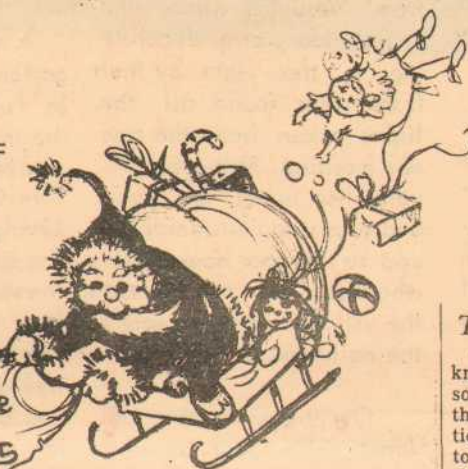
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VERSION OF

*'Twas the night before
Christmas*



'Tis the night before Christmas and everything's muffed -
The stockings aint hung, the turkey aint stuffed.
The tree in the corner leans precariously to port
The lights in a tangle will take ages to sort -
The kids all-excited just won't go to bed
But want to stay up for the late show instead.

"We'll never get through," says ma in despair
As dear dad gives another big snore in his chair.
When in through the door comes the sister and kid
And grandpa and grandma and old Uncle Sid -
And what as my wondering eyes are agog
They're followed along by four cats and a dog -

"MERRY CHRISTMAS", says ma, "So glad you got here".
So off with the coats mid greetings of cheer.
And Old Uncle Sid pats the kids on their heads
And ever so gently gets them tucked in their beds -
Then gramps with the magic of never a fight
Shakes out the cord and untangles the lights.

Dear old dad, now awake, straightens the tree, as he chuckles
When the darn thing falls over and he gashes his knuckles.
But the turkey gets stuffed and the stockings get hung
And there's still lots of time for an evening of fun.
And I hear Billy scream as we crawl into bed -
"O boy! Santa's been here, C'mon Jean and Ted".

(with sincere apologies to poets, lovers of poetry and versifiers)

THE CHERRY TREE

Almost every tree that we know, in poem or song, has in some way been associated with the Christmas season. No exception is the cherry tree. According to the well-known "Cherry Tree Carol", the cherry tree bent its boughs so the Virgin Mary could pluck its fruit.



Card styles have changed, but no one has improved upon the message inscribed on what is generally conceded to be the first Christmas card. The message, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You," has become a universal greeting.

Known as the Cole-Horsley card, the "first" card is in a private collection, the Hallmark Historical Collection, in Kansas City, Missouri. The card is named for Sir Henry Cole and John Calcott Horsley. Sir Henry, director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, commissioned Horsley, a noted London artist, to design the card, which first appeared in print in 1843.

The card is composed of three panels. The center panel portrays a family at Christmas dinner, the other two panels illustrate the Christian virtue of feeding the hungry and clothing the needy.

Season's Greetings

FROM THE

The S.S.I. LIONS CLUB

EVERYBODY WELCOME to the LIONS CAROL-SING

FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE AT 3:00 p.m.

AT THE **CHRISTMAS TREE** GANGES CAUSEWAY

(Celebrations will move to Mahon Hall in case of bad weather)

Santa
WILL COME TO THE
TREE WITH GIFTS
FOR THE CHILDREN



MORE TATTLE

The Bank will be closed all day Monday, January 3rd.

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Congratulations to Mr. Will Mackie of Vesuvius Bay who was specially mentioned on CBC program, "Now I Ask You" last week for his presentation of questions and answers from memory. The learned gentlemen on the program were most impressed that Mr. Mackie who is no longer able to see well enough to do research was able to send in questions from memory which they used on the program.

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Our new Goodkin press camera arrived last week just in time for this issue. After spending several evenings, our dark room duet have got it working almost to please them. A most impressive looking beast it is, and what, with all the bits and tables and knobs, etc. together with a long vacuum hose, we feel like we should bow to it every time we go in there. Of course all these new machinery gimmicks make us feel that way - which is probably one of the reasons we live on an Island where we don't have to look at the over-smart machines every day - the ones that spout out all the answers to things without half trying.

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Remember the LIONS CAROL SING Christmas Eve and the NEW YEAR'S DANCE at Fulford Hall. Still two days to get your tickets at Driftwood for the dance.

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Adult Education courses which have been in full swing since October have stopped for the winter recess. Post-Christmas courses will be announced shortly. So far, Mrs. A.M. Brown, who organizes the classes has announced two new courses for the second term. They will include a public speaking course to be conducted by Miss Jean Lockwood, Galiano Island and a course in navigation and charting which will be in charge of Mr. Hatch recently with the R.C.A.F.

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An unhappy and un-

Christmassy report comes from Vesuvius where one householder, after decorating a tree right by their front steps found all the lights taken from the tree one morning. This type of vandalism is not very funny and runs into considerable cost to the poor householder who would like to help make the village a prettier spot for the holidays.

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Our thanks to Mrs. J.P. Jones who sent us one of our own little calendars all beautifully decorated with a felt backing. It even has handsewn little rabbits on it, whose tiny ears will flap - a most delightful present, Mrs. Jones and we will appreciate it the whole year.

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Our visiting white swan has been reported on St. Mary's Lake this week by Mrs. Hartley.

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A wedding of much interest to Islanders took place in Victoria December 11th when senior citizens Mrs. Petronella Irene Gunterman became the bride of James Maunsey Lawrance.

The former Mrs. Gunterman was active in Island O.A.P.O. work before she moved to Victoria a few years ago. She served as president for 3 years here.

Mrs. Lawrance was one of the picketers during the recent postal strike for delivery of pension cheques.

The couple plans to live at the Chandler Hotel.

GOLDEN BARS, GOLDEN HANDS AND FAIRY GOLD

The Brownies were very busy indeed at their Christmas party this year. Besides entertaining their parents, they welcomed three new Brownies, Kim Bauslaugh, Serena Kaye and Mary Jane Olsen. They watched Brown Owl award Golden Bars to Mary Anne Rhodes, Christy

CHRISTMAS CAROLADE

by Bea Hamilton

A number of the congregation at St. Mary's Church in Fulford participated in the inspiring Carolade Service held on the Sunday before Christmas. Sir Philip Livingston as the Leader in the scripture readings, led the service, taking the story from the beginning to the present day era - It was well done and most interesting. Doing their part in reading scripture verses were the following: Bob Hamilton, Sharan McManus, Mr. A.E. Roddis, Miss Doris Anderson, Miss P. Stewart, Mrs. G. Laundry, Mr. Wm. Mosop, and Mr. E. Faure. Mr. Faure carried on with four readings.

In between the readings carols were sung by the congregation with special anthems by the choir, "Shepherd in the Field Abiding", and "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime". The Sunday School children sang "Away in a Manger" and "Once in Royal David's City".

The Rector gave the closing prayer and two verses of the "The First Nowell" ended the lovely service.

Finns Different
Evergreens, particularly the fir tree, were often held sacred in ancient times, but not by the Finns. In Finland, the evergreen is considered a sign of mourning and the Finns use straw rather than evergreens for Christmas decorations.

Lowe, Anna Mollet, Janet Lacy and Patricia Jansch and give a Golden Hand to a hard-working Brownie, Janelle Rozzano. The Fairy Gold was sent to the Colonist '500' Fund. The new Brownies bring the total enrollment to 28. Needless to say Brown Owl is most grateful to have a third leader, Mrs. Ryles (Grey Owl) for this very energetic pack.



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and all good wishes for

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Miss Chantelu Mr. Chantelu
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IN THE PAST AND MAY WE SERVE YOU
EVEN BETTER IN THE FUTURE



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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES

FOR THE COMING YEAR



**BLAKE M. MILLNER WED
IN VANCOUVER**
Saturday, December 11,
at 9:30 a.m. in St. Anselms
Church, Vancouver, Mr.
Brian Markham Millner took
as his bride, Dr. Amelia
Albino, both of Vancouver.
Mr. Millner is the son of
Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Millner
Old Scott Road, Ganges,
The bride is the daughter
of Mr. G.D. Albino and
the late Mrs. M. Albino of
Pampanja, Phillipines.
Reverend Desmond Kimmitt
officiated at the ceremony.

Given in marriage by
Mr. John Ellison of Vanc-
ouver, the bride was lovely
in an all-white gown dec-
orated with silver-thread
roses and white veil which
came from the Phillipines.
She carried a bouquet of
white gladiola. A pearl
pendant and wrist ornament
completed her ensemble.
Following the ceremony
guests gathered at a lunch-
eon to honour the couple,
given by the groom's aunt
Miss Margery Hardy. The
bride was toasted by Dr.
Said of Pakistan.
The couple will reside
at 1600 Beach Avenue,
Vancouver.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED
Mrs. Elsie Mauro is
pleased to announce the
marriage of her only son,
Kenneth to Miss Yvette
Linkest of Campbell River.
The wedding took place in
a quiet ceremony at Port
Alberni and was followed
by a week's honeymoon in
Vancouver, returning to
Port Alberni where they
have taken up residence.
Ken is the grandson of Mr.
C.W. Card of Vesuvius
Bay.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLDS
CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Ganges United Church
Sunday School held their
Annual Christmas Party re-
cently when 18 kindergarten
and primary children sat
down to a delightful tea
which was waiting for them
as they came from school.
Afterward games and
carols were enjoyed.
Mrs. J.D. Reid was in
charge of arrangements,
assisted by Margaret Reid.
Mrs. G. Bidwell, Mrs. A.
Hazenboom, Mrs. J. Evans,
and Mrs. G. Phelps served
the refreshments.

**O.A.P.O. HAVE A
CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Branch 32 held their
meeting in St. George's
Hall, Thursday, December
16th at 2 p.m. Followed by
a Christmas party. Every
member present received a
gift and final arrangements
were made for the Annual
Dinner, January 20th, to
be held in St. George's Hall
12:30 p.m. Tickets must be
obtained before January 10
Phone the secretary at 537-
5317.

Archdeacon Holmes
conducted the carols and
Mrs. Jeanne Proctor presen-
ted the gifts. Mrs. E. Thack-
er and Mr. F. Goddard pro-
vided the delicious refresh-
ments and Mrs. Krebs and
her ladies served tea.
There was marmalade,
Christmas puddings, and all
kinds of gifts for everyone.
Mrs. Jas. Thomson pro-
vided the music for the
carols. She will be leaving
the Island in January and
we shall all miss her.
MEMBERS - Don't for-
get your dinner ticket, it
is all free.

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for your appreciated year-round patronage
and friendship

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Christmas Day
is fun*

*And the coming year's
a happy one*

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Happy New Year*

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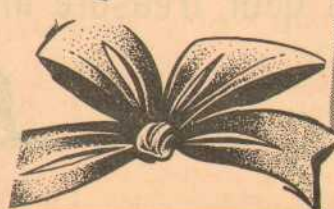
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CHRISTMAS AT THE ISLAND CHURCHES

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24th

ANGLICAN - Midnight Communion at St. George's

UNITED CHURCH - Carol Service followed by Holy Communion 8:00 p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC - Midnight Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, Ganges.

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25th

ANGLICAN - Holy Communion, Carols at St. Mark's, Central 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion, Carols at St. Mary's, Fulford 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th

ANGLICAN - St. Mary's, Holy Communion, 11 a.m.

St. George's, Carolade, 2:30 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH - Morning Service, Ganges, 11 a.m.

Burgoyne Bay, 2:30 p.m.

(No Sunday School)

ROMAN CATHOLIC - Holy Mass, St. Paul's, Fulford 9 a.m.

Our Lady of Grace, Ganges, 11 a.m.

FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL - Sunday School and Adult Bible

Class, 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 7:30



NEW YEAR'S EVE, December 31st

ANGLICAN - St. Mark's
Watchnight
Service



May peace be your gift at Christmas
and your treasure throughout the New Year

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd.

ANGLICAN - St. Mark's, Choral Communion 11 a.m.

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

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

UNITED CHURCH - Ganges Church, Sunday School 9:45

Morning Service, 11 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC - Our Lady of Grace, Ganges 11 a.m.

St. Paul's, Fulford, 9:00 a.m.

FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL - Sunday School and Adult Bible

Class, 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 7:30

