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OUR SAANICH POLICE

By Elmer S. Knight

"Call the Police!". Is the popular Cry when there is a disagreeable job to be done. Yet, normally, the public shows a wary reserve toward policemen, a mild resentment, regarding them as mere symbols representing restriction of individual liberties. But we are reminded, quite forcibly, upon acquaintance, that our Police men are people, just doing a job, anyone else.

Chief Josiah Bull, heads our Saanich Police Force of 13 men. The force is divided into three shifts, directed by Senior Sergeant Eric Elwell, and Sergeants Cecil F. G. Pearce and John Hamilton. The police office is small, but interestingly stream-lined, with neat filing cabinets, maps, finger-print and flash-camera equipment. Two of the four patrol cars are equipped with two-way radio, and one carries complete emergency apparatus.

Sergeant Pearce is the finger-print expert, Sergeant Hamilton supervises traffic tivities, and both Sergeants Pearce and ilton are trained in police photographic work.

While the police department might lean, justifiably, toward hiring men with previous experience, (they have men now from the B. C. Police and the R.C.M.P.) they do train their own officers. When a young fellow joins the force, he must be 21 to 35 years of age, physically fit, of alert mind, and possess a natural authoritative presence. He must put in a probationary period of 6 months, during which he receives instruction in routine 1 atrol, the use of fire-arms, crime detection and investigation. Then he studies the technical peculiarities of police work

in the B.C. Police School, under various instructors perhaps including F.B.I. men from the U.S.A. There's more to being a police officer than most people suspect.

A good policeman should view the populace as a large impersonal society, and enforce the laws fairly, without fear or prejudice. There are many distasteful tasks in a policeman's life, sordid, tragic, human predicaments, as well as violent, destructive elements to deal with. Police must think positively, and directly, in emergencies, and be able to handle all types of people, the aggressive, the quiet, the co-operative, the abusive, and do it without leaving room for future resentment. It's a "cop's" duty to prevent discordant elements from ending in blowups, which means, a policeman must constantly excercise prudence, diplomacy, have a knowledge of the law, and remarkable forebearance, in short, he needs the talents of a "superman."

And Saanich, being rather a chummy district, our police often go beyond the normal call of duty to mediate and be human and helpful. So, by the time our young policemen has been through all this training, he may be called to cope with anything from emotional maladjustments, riots and murder, to stopping woodpeckers from making holes in houses, capturing a swarm of bees, or parading on the 24th of May.

Two members of the Saanich police live right here at Cordova Bay. Constable, W. A. (Bert) Pearson, Cordova Bay Rd., and Constable, Robert Adrian, Doumac Avenue.

Bert Pearson is Probation Officer for Saanich. The job involves the highly

responsible task of re-establishing juveniles who are held in a state of delinquency and whose ages run up to 18 yrs. The police officer who temporarily controls the destiny of these youngsters, must have special training, including psychiatric and youth psychology.

Talking to Robert Adrian, one is impressed by his sincerity of purpose and realistic approach to police work. He has made recommendations to improve traffic conditions here at the Bay, and he is keenly interested in community activities and athletic contests, all of which, he says, help to build a more stable, lawabiding community.

A policeman is on call 24 hrs. a day, he can act officially at all times, take control in emergencies- or make arrests, and although a private citizen has the power to make arrests under certain conditions—who wants to, especially if the offender is bigger than you are?

If you think its easy policing this vast Saanich area at a ratio of one policeman to every 2,000 residents, try it sometime. Yet it is being done, and very effectively, by the smooth team-work and expertly coordinated efforts of chief Bull and his officers.

As we inferred at the outset, people too often adopt an attitude of indifference toward police work. They regard the force as an irksome necessity, or target for criticism, but rarely show appreciation or dispense thanks. Certainly, in the case of our Saanich Police, we have cause to feel proud, secure, and confident, in the excellent police work being done in Saanich.

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Editorial:

A PHILOSOPHY of HOPE seemed prevalent in the days of our grandfathers. The young grew up confident of going out into the world to make their fortunes, with no thought of empires collapsing behind them. Life seemed uncomplicated, with security, stability and unthreatened

Individual philosophy, as we see it, is a belief, or conception of realities, justified by experience—an aggregate of personal events. A Nation's philosophy, is just the same. A Nation can only think and act as the individuals in it think and act.

If each of us could learn to understand the evil in the world better, and bring courage, fortitude and strength to bear to fight it, we might, by developing a philosophy of hope, rid the world of this state of uninterrupted crisis.

Cordova Mail Carrier

It isn't just a matter of stuffing letters in a box, our mail carrier has an exacting and important job to do, because if there's one thing people are touchy about it's their mail. Mail must be sorted with great care and accuracy and arranged in the order that boxes appear on the route.

Mr. R. E. Travis who succeeded Mr. A. A. Lowe as mail carrier in this district assures us that the chief cause of delay in mail delivery, is improper direction on the envelope. It is therefore extremely important to have your friends and business correspondents put your correct rural mail-box number on all letters, so they can be easily and positively identified.



SPLASH!!

About three or four weeks ago, just off the beach below Parker Ave., one fish said to another, "I was swimmin' along, mindin' my business, when Splash! A prominent gent who lives up there on Parker Ave., sprawled out of one of them Kayaks right into the sea beside me. It was sort of chummy like, he didn't have no bathing suit on either, he was all dressed for a party, or speechifying. Seems he was chasin' one of them big rubber beach balls which was floatin' past his house.

He didn't say nuthin' much about this here duckin', so its just between us . . .

Juan Flounder

ASPIRIN PLEASE

Double-Talk has been dished out on the air and in picture dialogue, it is nonsensical, elusive, irritating, provoking and facetious-perhaps it can be amusing, too. Select an unwary victim, read the following aloud, and study the re-

CORDOVA BAY'S unwritten atturment and uctor observance of lartage, is a credit to the Avenders of this hydratory district-and, as namic oddle-apids have frequently pointed out, we have an islong-ibble atturment that makes Cordova Community risorial in all onates. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

MESSAGE TO A NATION

These lines were written by an old lady in England and there is nothing we old Codgers can add to the words which would render them more useful in times like these.

Help us to work and play, and think In terms of tolerance; and sink All self and prejudice and greed To see in each the other's need And love the other man-and then

Show us the way to peace.

L.M.K.

Club Meeting

The next general meeting will be ! on Wednesday, August 4th, at 8:30 in McMorran's Coffee Shop.

DANCE



On Friday, August 13th, at 9 p.m., we will hold our Second Quarterly Dance in McMorran's Pavilion.

Hilda Andrew

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COACH LINES

CONSTRUCT A PLAY-YARD

By Elmer S. Knight

A Play-Yard for the children is a | worthwhile project for parents to consider. The lay-out only requires a small corner of the lot and many Cordova Bay properties lend themselves perfectly. A Play-Yard must grow up as the child's interests develop and it should of course, keep toddlers separated from teen-agers or accidents are likely to occur.

A Toddler's needs are quite simple, but from the see-saw stage on, real thought must be given to changes in the Play-Yard or the child will lose interest. Marble rings, hop-scotch and swings, for instance, are old stand-bys and capture the fancy of children between the ages of 6 and 10 or 11.

Outdoor gymnasiums with hanging pes, rings, horizontal bars, etc., are sure to provide interest for teen-agers.

MAST TENNIS is a game packed with excitement and ideal for small play-Yards. A pole about 11 inches thick and 10 feet long is placed securely in the ground. Make a small loop at one end of a stout cord and put it over the head of a nail driven straight into the top of the pole, on the other end of the cord, tie an old tennis ball in a tight-fitting bag (or sock) so that it hangs about a foot from the ground. Using wooden paddles about 18 inches long and 3 inches wide, players stand on opposite sides of the pole and try to bat the ball past each other and cause it to wind up on the pole. MAST TENNIS provides plenty of action, skill and lively competition for almost any age group, and at no cost.

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shortened a little and still be depended upon to keep all ages occupied.

Darts, Archery, or even Golf-putting Cups, can be crowded into small areas.

This is only a brief outline of the project and a few suggestions, but it might help stir the imagination and assist parents in establishing a Play-Yard for their children.

Editor's Note:-

The following is quoted from the Victoria Daily Times of June 16, 1948:

TO GIVE PRIZES FOR HOME PLAYGROUNDS

The Greater Victoria Recreational Council's committee on home playgrounds will give \$10 as first prize for the best and most completely equipped home playground in Greater Victoria, with \$5 prizes to be distributed to winners in each municipality.

Entries must be in the hands of the director of the Recreational Council by July 1, and judging will follow within two weeks.

The sponsors emphasize that large gardens and expensive equipment are not necessary. Ingenious and usable equipment will rate high in the contest, as even the simplest and least expensive are often most used by children, the com mittee stated.

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L.M.K.

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I would like to thank you very much for your co-operation in publishing my reports on Cordova Bay P.T.A.

Whenever Spindrift arrives I settle down contentedly and read everything up to and including the "ads."

Best of luck to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Edith John

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Lilys of the valley All dressed in green and white So dainty on your slender stems You are a lovely sight.

Lilys of the valley
Pour perfume is so rare
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-Ethel Magaret Moore.

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She is a bride in her beauty, She is like a queen in her pride— Below her the ocean thunders Above her the great clouds ride.

But at evening she seems to soften, To become absurdly meek When the sun God, at his setting, Paints a blush on her cheek. Isabella S. Knight

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SOCIAL NOTES

A very interested group of ladies assembled on Mrs. B. Dyer's lawn, Tuesday, July 13th, when Mrs. I. Lester very ably described some of her experiences in an internment camp at Manilla. Although quite touched with several incidents which their guest related, the audience was very appreciative of her wonderful sense of humor by which she covered the darkest moments. Tea was served among the trees and miscellaneous articles sold.

Holiday trips to the Sayward District at the north end of Vancouver Island were taken by various members of the Community, including Mr. and Mrs. David Radford, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. E. Buckle, Mr. and Mrs. Bleasdale and their families.

Visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Radford, is Mrs. Radford Sr. from England.

Travelling by air to his home town of Kircaldy, Scotland, Mr. George Ross visited with his family after an absence of twenty years. While there, he and his brother made an extensive trip, stopping off at Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway, and Stockholm, Sweden. Other stopover points included Iceland and Goose Bay, Labrador, as well as many Canadian cities.

We welcome to the Bay Mr. and Mrs. W Huntley and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin and family, Walema Avenue.

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THE DOGWOOD GROVE

By Madge Nichol

There's a little path out here, that winds its way up the hill and into Paradise. As we enter the dogwood grove our voices are hushed. It is as though we might meet the Divine Gardener walking here, admiring the exquisite beauty of His garden. Even the golden singing of the birds is muted as if they too, are loath to disturb the pervading peace. All the petty worries of the turbulent world seem to fade away in this wonderland.

Through the trees we glimpse the dancing, blue waters of Cordova Bay. Bluebell skies are dotted with white puffs of clouds. At our feet lie a profusion of white Fawn lilies, while in the rocks the tiny Collinsia and Sea Pink nestle among the stonecrop. A towee scratches energetically in the underbrush, and an impish squirrel scampers up a tree and saucily dares us to come and get him.

In Summer and in Winter too, the grove has so much of beauty to offer. In the Spring it is a poem with the myriad bracts of the dogwood in their white perfection; in the Autumn it is sheer enchantment, the fairy-tinted leaves contrasting with the burnished, green leaves and red branches of the arbutus, that "Captain of the Western wood," companion to the dogwood in the grove.

In the distance the ringing sound of the settler's axe strikes a discordant note, and suddenly we are filled with a grim foreboding. Reluctantly we turn to descend the hill. We bid a sad and perhaps a last farewell to the dogwood grove.

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But I grew older day by day
'Till love came walking down my way,
I did no longer laugh and gush
O Love, O Mush!

Now Cupid is quite adipose,
A Bow and Arrow aint no clothes,
He has no shame, the graceless whelp,
O Love, O Help!

By Samantha Quince



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THE SENTINELS

It was a beautiful summer's day, the bees hummed a continual contented song. We walked far, exploring, and came upon a lagoon with rocky banks, richly carpeted with violets. Lost Lagoon, it was called, and we felt we were the original discoverers.

Still in an exploring frame of mind, we left our lagoon and continued on, all our energies concentrated on keeping dry as we crossed a small creek. Then it came as a sudden shock that we had left lovely green beauty behind, for directly ahead of us were acres and acres of black burnt out waste. We could no longer carry the illusion that we were discovering, for all around us was evidence that a logging camp had been there before us.

Continuing on, the heat by now oppressive, since there were no trees to offer shade, the path went around a bend and up a small rise, and there, standing straight and tall on either side of the path, were two massive trees, like sentinels and back of them the quiet tranquil beauty of inviting woods.

The sentinels impressed me most, and so, suporting their cause, I offer my impression in verse:

Ye two that stand on guard
Silently and yet so grand
With arms uplifted in quiet plea
This place to keep a wilderness
T'is that, Ah yes, now I see
And I for one will not trespass.

What thy prayer is, I now can guess, God do not let them sever our pines Let this be truly our domain Where wild things alone do reign.

Could men but see, as I do see
Thy bleeding heart in piteous cry
They would salute thee, Sentinels
In your last stand
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DREAM?

As Sports Director of the Community Club I have definite leanings towards Sport of all kinds and being afflicted this way I have dreams regarding a Sports Area in Cordova Bay. The natural and to me logical place for this area is the School Grounds where it would accompany the proposed Gymnasium-Community Hall. Behind the School I envisage a softball diamond with proper backstop and benches for spectators, with provision for football goals in the proper season. A tennis court or two on the higher ground for drainage purposes, these being properly enclosed and surfaced, and an outdoor badminton court with lights for night play, this court to have a hard tar surface for durability and economy of upkeep.

This dream also includes a lawn bowling green. I firmly believe this sport would be very popular in the Bay. I suppose though, many of us will raise our eyebrows and ask who will pay for this dream, and who will do the work?

These bothersome but necessary questions can no doubt be answered. I offer these answers: We, the people of Cordova Bay, will have to pay for the materials to go into this mythical Sports Area, but that is actually all we would have to pay for. I am quite sure that the labour will be forthcoming if we can raise the money for the materials.

If anyone has any ideas, or dreams, as I have, let us get together. This would be a worthwhile project for everyone in Cordova Bay. We have the people, the area and the right spirit to make this dream an actuality.

Noel Andrew

ROYAL OAK "TEEN CLUB"

Mrs. H. J. Reid sent us an excellent report of the "Teen Club" at Royal Oak, and extended a cordial invitation to Cordova Bay residents to attend their "get togethers," on any FRIDAY evening.

The Club has a junior executive and Adult Council. Two or more parents supervise every meeting. Club members enjoy dances and games and are encouraged to interest themselves in worthwhile activities. This summer, they are sponsoring their own baseball team.

Congratulations are due the young people of Royal Oak on their collective initiative, while Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Reid deserve high praise for their efforts in behalf of Saanich younsters.

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Samantha Quince

INCIDENT

One often hears fear expressed by adult members of our Community over the lack of responsibility displayed by the younger generation of today.

The following short story may assist in dispelling some of this fear.

On one of our few fine afternoons recently one of our local mothers busily engaged in hanging out a portion of the family wash on the clothes line when she was approached by her excited five year old daughter. The child had run out hurriedly from the house and burst forth with the following remark. "Mummy, Mummy-the house is on fire." the mother quieted the child and assured her that it was impossible for the house to be on fire as she herself had left it only seconds before. This explanation apparently satisfied the young lady as she immediately retired to the house in silence.

After completion of the clothes- hanging operation the mother retraced her steps to the house where she was greeted by her daughter as follows: "Everything is okay now Mummy. It wasn't the hot that was on fire, it was the washing machine, so I pulled the plug out of the wall. Then I opened the doors to let the smoke out, and then I picked up baby sister and carried her into the kitchen and revived her with a glass of water 'cos she had too much smoke."

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