

Traffic dangers Spinning children

# SPINDRIFT

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## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

### Interview :

Some people seek adventure, while others have adventure thrust upon them; Mrs. Liliast Ethel Lester is one of the latter.

Born the daughter of missionaries, in Shanghai, China, Mrs. Lester was educated in England and returned to China at the age of eighteen.

After her marriage to John Joseph Lester, who is associated with the Shell Oil Company, they lived in North China. In the year 1927, shortly before the birth of her first child, Chinese Communists rushed and looted their home in Kiu-kiang. Mrs. Lester took refuge on a gun-boat and thereafter returned to England for the birth of her son, Alan.

A short time before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour, Mrs. Lester and her three children started for Canada, but had only reached Manila, when the Japanese struck.

Much has been written about the internment camps and the hardships endured by the internees, but Mrs. Lester laid stress on other aspects of this grim experience. There were four thousand persons interned at Santo Tomas and these people, for the most part, did their utmost to help one another. One woman having obtained a mango, brought half of it to the Lesters. Mrs. Lester and her daughter, Barbara, soon found that semi-starvation and unsanitary conditions affected their health, but the boys Alan and Geoffrey, stood these things amazingly well, and Mrs. Lester feels that her children learned valuable lessons, albeit in a hard school.

About a month ago, after diligent search for just the right place, Mrs. Lester discovered Cordova Bay, and the comfortable little cottage which she purchased from Mr. Philip Jeune. Mr. Lester will soon join his family here.

Mrs. Lester spoke of her happiness in having a home and "a bit of our own earth," and of her real enthusiasm for Cordova Bay, so it is our fervent hope that members of the Lester family will find here with us, the contentment and felicity they merit, for surely, these are the "Valiant."

I.S.K.

## EX POSTMAN . . .

### from LETTERS to LOCKERS!

The other day we saw a little grey car at Lake Hill, and wondered, momentarily, where we'd seen it before, then, like recognizing a familiar face, we realized it belonged to Mr. Arthur A. Lowe, who for 21 years delivered mail to residents of Cordova Bay.

Mr. Lowe conducted us through the "Lake Hill Cold Storage Lockers," where his son, Mr. Charles A. Lowe, manages and supplies the technical know-how for this enterprise designed to be a community-wide service.

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This is only a small part of the story, the public is invited to call at the plant and receive practical money-saving suggestions on storing foods.

Closely associated with the development of Cordova Bay over two decades, Mr. Lowe's acquaintances here will be interested in the news that he is now connected with the ultra modern "Lake Hill Cold Storage Lockers," where the problems of processing, packing and preserving all kinds of foods have been licked.

Elmer S. Knight

## Russian Gun-Boat Alarms Victorians

Peaceful Beacon Hill Park, was the scene of much excitement in the year 1878. Russia and Turkey were at war and a report reached Victoria that Britain was about to take sides against Russia. Almost simultaneously came word that five Russian Gun-Boats were in San Francisco harbour. A line of look-outs were posted from Race Rocks along the shore to keep watch for hostile craft. Some time later, a boat was sighted flying the Russian flag . . . it was a Russian Gun-Boat.

Victorians in a panic collected their money and valuables and sent them off to Port Angeles for safety. Volunteers were called for and although Victoria only had a population of fourteen thousand, by afternoon of the same day, more than enough had offered their services in defence of their city.

A two-gun battery was installed at Finlayson Point and another in a part of Beacon Hill then known as Niss Point. The batteries were manned and supplied with ammunition. Meanwhile, the Russian Captain had proceeded to Esquimalt Harbour where it was learned that he had encountered an extremely rough passage losing one man overboard. Also it appeared that his mission was peaceful and he registered astonishment on hearing that there was a danger of war between his country and England. When he saw the business-like preparations, he prudently decided to avoid trouble and so took his departure in the dead of night. The next morning, Victorians perceiving the peaceful foe had fled, recaptured calm and settled down again.

I.S.K.

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## Editorial:

### CAN YOU SPARE A MINUTE? . . .

Everyone must be increasingly aware of traffic dangers through this Community. It is a busy thoroughfare, with traffic originating here and traffic travelling through from other districts, both commercial and pleasure, and with the summer season, schools will be closed and the usual influx of children and visitors, sharply accentuates the driving hazards. For approximately a mile through Cordova Bay Community, we have a thickly populated stretch. At the approaches to this danger area, are signs reading 20 miles per hour. It takes only a fraction over 3 minutes, at the legal speed limit, to cover the entire distance. Is that so long? 20 miles per hour seems a generous allowance. Moreover, the difference in time required to cover this distance as between the legal speed limit and breaking the law at say, 30 miles per hour is only about a minute. Surely, in the interests of safety, perhaps saving a life, One Minute Can Be Spared.

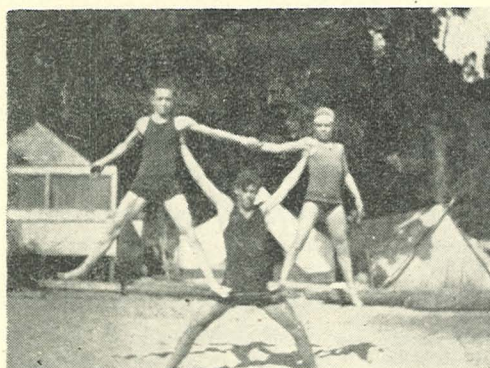
Accidents often occur suddenly, without warning. In this case, we are forewarned of potential danger, it concerns everyone, and the proper time to take precautionary steps, is before damage is done, not after.

The police check periodically on drivers through this area, permanent residents learn caution, we hope, but the checks should be far more frequent to make it clear to all the motoring public, that speeders, and otherwise irresponsible drivers, face inevitable penalties for reckless driving habits through Cordova Bay Community.

## IMPORTANT!!

### CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE NOTE

We have announcements of special interest which must not be out-dated. Therefore, it is imperative that all material be in on or before the deadline—June 15th. Please send in contributions **early**.  
Editor



We have had several inquiries, from justifiably suspicious persons about the appearance of our Editor, so we are happy to publish the above cut, showing our Editor in athletic mood.

Mr. Louis Schmelz generously supplied the cut. (Last month Mr. Schmelz's name came out misspelled, the fault of Grem-lins of course, but it caused us some embarrassment.)

You will notice that the Editor's bathing costume has the "new look," **long, that is**, and that his countenance is open, mild, ingenuous, yet determined, as he holds up his friends.

The action snapshot above, taken some thirty years ago, on the beach, proves nothing, except that our Editor was living once, while quite young, and should have been an acrobat.

#### Editor's Note:—

For security reasons, the writer of the above remains anonymous.

## LABOUR TROUBLE

The bees have been on strike, and our fruit crops will suffer from the wilful neglect of these radical insects. Let no one tell you that this dereliction was caused by the weather . . . we know better.

IT is the result of a subtle, foreign scheme to deprive us of cherry pie, fruit short-cake and plum jam; another phase of the "Cold War!" Bees and barren trees.

Join the "Cordova Bay Community Club." A fully organized, active and efficient Club, best represents the people of this area.

## Information Please, Edgar

Edgar Buckle, our manager, studies the stars

Can tell you the distance from Neptune to Mars

He should know the answers, so Edgar please say

What goes with the weather? Are the Planets O.K.?

Our tomato plants shivered until they expired

The battered old heater is not yet retired,

Our wood pile has vanished—so tell us one thing

Do you really know, what became of the SPRING?

Is the ice age returning? Has the Sun got a SPOT?

And why was it cold, when it should have been hot?

Elucidate Edgar, and give us the reason, WHY were we deprived of a beautiful SEASON?

I.S.K.

## Look . . .

The new look is now an accomplished fact. There are rumours that the clothing industry, having successfully bulldozed women into new wardrobes, might try the same trick on men.

Men do not dress rationally, or even as they'd like to, there is ample room for more variety, colour, and sensible **good-looks** in men's clothing, but if the industry can't produce something better than **Look** they gave women, we may all have to resist such a conspiracy.

We always supposed that real chic varied little with the seasons, and that reform for reform's sake seldom catches on—this assumption seems knocked over this time, the women had to have a change, no matter what!

And now, to get length, a lot of women's clothes appear too big for them . . . like kids in Ma's or Pa's clothes playing grown-ups . . . sagging, under-slung, baggy masses of cloth bulge voluminously when the lady walks, and there's enough, positively dowdy-looking lines, to almost obscure the odd slick-looking number.

Men are supposed to have better sense, buy less frequently, and expect better quality. If the time comes, we hope their natural conservatism will not prevent sensible, inevitable changes in male attire.

**NOTICE**

**CLUB MEETING**

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 2nd, at 8:30 p.m. (please note change of time).

**BEACH PARTY**

A Beach Party for members and their families will be held on Wednesday, June 16th at 8:00 p.m. on the beach in front of McMorran's Store.

**BAND CONCERT**

A Concert by the Shrine Band will be held in the School grounds on Sunday, June 27th, at 2:30 p.m.

Hilda Andrew

**ODE TO DON GALEY'S COW**

Calm art thou  
O Cow!

I would I were like thee  
But in this bosom rages  
Ambition like a fire  
It plagues, devours me—

Perchance now I may learn  
To quench this flame,  
I will lie prone in a meadow  
And chew and muse.

Calm art thou  
O Cow!

Samantha Quince

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*Have You Heard?*

Everyone has heard of Cordova Bay Community Club, but has anyone heard of "The Flying Fingers and Busy Doers Club? No? Well, here's the story. Nearly a year ago, two sisters, Winona and Sylvia Pearson, decided they would form a club of their own. Their mother, Mrs. W. Pearson and a friend, Mrs. E. John, were invited to join too. Since then, the group has met once a week—knitting and embroidery needles flash all around when they get together.

Last year the dues were 1c per week but what with inflation and all, the dues this year are 2c a week.

Last Christmas, mothers and favourite aunts received gifts that were made throughout the year.

Parties are planned so that every month in the year means a big celebration. Members of the Club include Nan Lawton, Anne Ganner, Donna Speers, Patsy Knapp, Phyllis Lowe, Winona and Sylvia Pearson, Mona Waistell, Susan and Joan Standen and Jean Brown.

Mrs. Edith John

**HOUSE-TO-HOUSE MAIL DELIVERY**

A few days ago, one of the Community Club members suggested that it might be interesting to find out what possibility there was, either now, or in the future, of obtaining a house-to-house mail delivery service in Cordova Bay. Acting on the suggestion, a visit was paid to the office of the Postmaster in Victoria.

The method of obtaining Letter Carrier Mail Service in a community is to petition the Postal Authorities. However there are several conditions to be met before the Post Office will consider a petition and as far as Cordova Bay is concerned it will probably be some time before we could qualify.

The first condition is the matter of sidewalks. The Post Office lays it down as a primary requirement that there shall be proper sidewalks on the streets. Admittedly, this is rather a technicality, but the Postal Authorities consider it as a very good way of assessing the development of a community. They consider sidewalks on the streets as a good indication that the community has grown up enough to warrant a letter carrier service. There are a number of districts in Saanich

now being served by letter carriers where the streets are without sidewalks but they are all operating as extensions of regular Greater Victoria City routes. The Post Office has no objection to extending an existing city route into a newly developed area providing the distance is not too great. Cordova Bay is, however, too far removed from the Central Victoria Post Office to ever operate as an extension of a city route.

At present Cordova Bay Post Office is operating as a "Commission Office." Commission Offices are small post offices usually operated by a store keeper in conjunction with his regular business, more as a service to the community, than for any great amount of profit he expects to get from his commissions on the sale of stamps, money orders, etc. To operate a letter carrier service here it would be necessary to convert the Cordova Bay Post Office from a "Commission Office" to a "Crown Office" with a fully accredited postmaster. Generally this is not done until a community has been incorporated as a town.

Chas. Howorth

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# The Large and the Small

An enquiry into the meaning of size and/or distance

(Part Three)

## THE RELATIVELY SMALL

By Edgar Buckle

In an earlier section it was suggested that, without optical aid, we could, by habitual reference to our familiar yardstick, closely estimate distances down to an eighth of an inch; indeed, by actual use of a good scaled rule we may measure a somewhat smaller distance than this. By devices such as the micrometer, mechanical workers commonly deal in thousandths of an inch, and this is done without optical aid, or the use of other than the familiar standards.

For the next step downward in size, another instrument is necessary, and for convenience a new unit of measurement is evolved. The microscope provides the seeing aid necessary for our eyes, and the first unit met with is the Micron, which is approximately one twenty-five thousandth part of an inch. Most of what we call Life is within the scope of these devices, though many bacteria are an exception by being invisible under the best standard microscopes.

The next instrument found necessary to aid our seeing, and provided by man's ingenuity, is the spectroscope, and the new scale needed is measured in Angstrom Units; this unit is about 1 two-hundred and fifty millionth part of an inch. This is getting rather small, but we are only part way.

The spectroscope, developed from Newton's demonstration that normal sunlight is a composite of all the colours, and done for us by Nature in the rainbow, serves as a bridge between two branches of physics. Optics, as the word implies, refers to what is visible to the human eye; the spectroscope reveals that the visible part of radiation is only a small portion of the total. For example, our cameras 'see' three times more of the angstrom unit range than does the human eye, but even this is only a small fraction of the whole. The human eye can detect radiation (or light) of wave lengths from 4,000 to 7,000 angstrom units, whereas

radio waves are hundreds of yards long, and X-rays on the other hand are about one angstrom unit. It would seem that all such radiation is energy having the characteristics of electricity, whatever that is. All this leads us to the branch of science which may be called atomic physics.

The molecule and the atom are the next natural steps downward in our ladder of size. A bright chap by the name of Bragg conceived the idea of arranging a marriage of convenience between the X-ray and the camera, with the result that he took pictures of atoms, using a magnification of 100,000,000. Atoms vary in size but they are a few one-thousand millionths of an inch in diameter.

Atom, meaning indivisible, was intended by the Greeks to signify the smallest possible particle in Nature, but modern research shows it to be quite a complicated unit, and in particular for our present enquiry, to be mostly empty space. It closely resembles our own solar system, except in the matter of size! A nucleus takes the place of the sun, and electrons flying around in relatively distant orbits play the part of the planets. Electrons, for example, may fly several hundred thousand times their own diameters with complete comfort within the atom. Now, as to size, electrons, having much the same size as the central nucleus, measure in decimals .00000000000004 inch. In weight they are equally astounding: a piece of dust one-thousandth of an inch in diameter is calculated to weigh as much as 1,000,000,000,000,000 protons, and these in turn weigh as much as 1840 electrons. These are the things of which we and the galaxies of stars are made.

In the next and final chapter we shall try to shake the cobwebs loose and endeavour to find where we are.

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She wakes each morning like a rose  
Unfolding to the light,  
And smiles serenely as she goes  
To meet a perfect night.

Oh, laughing, dancing gypsy June!  
Why do you hasten on?  
A soft caress, and all too soon  
We find that you are gone.

Madge Nichol

Join the "Cordova Bay Community Club."  
A large membership helps insure well-rounded programmes.

## CORDOVA BAY P.T.A.

Election of officers for the coming year will take place at the June meeting of Cordova Bay P.T.A. A special programme featuring pupils of the school will be presented.

Time—8:00 p.m. Place—Cordova Bay School. Day—June 24, 1948.

Mrs. Edith John,  
Publicity Convenor

## United Church of Canada

For the time being services are being held in the Minister's Home on Gordon Avenue, just off Walema, every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Hymn Books provided. Everybody Welcome.

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And now we hope the weather man,  
On that eventful night,  
Will do his very best for us,  
And make the moon shine bright.

L. N. Sharp

## EAR, HEAR, JUNE 27th

We're going to hear the Shriners' Band,  
There is no better in the land,  
Let's get our friends to come from town,  
To hear this band of great renown,  
And please remember one and all,  
The proceeds go towards the Hall.

L. N. Sharp

## SOCIAL NOTES

The closing Card Party of the season was held at McMorran's Coffee Shop, April 21st. Mrs. C. Price and Mrs. Buchanan were in charge. Bridge and Crib were played, the winners being Mrs. M. Smith and Mr. George Ross, Mrs. Bell and Mr. R. Ranson. Refreshments were served.

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Cordova Bay was sorry to lose Mr. & Mrs. Roy Maycock and family who have moved to their new home near Hillside and Cedar Hill Road.

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We are pleased to welcome home Chief Stoker R. Baldwin from his training cruise on the "Ontario."

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New, new arrivals to our community are William Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. "Bill" Plimley and Richard Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Simmonds.

Representing the Cordova Bay Pro-Rec group at the display in Vancouver on May 19th are Mesdames J. Walker, R. Roberts and Misses Del Leith, Shirley Nelson, Estelle MacDonald, Edith French and Mildred French. We know they will be a credit to our community.

On May 5th, the Junior Woman's Auxiliary of St. David's-by-the-Sea held a successful tea in the Church Hall. Tables were tastefully decorated with spring flowers, and dogwood and tulips made an attractive setting on the platform for the young artists. The entertainment featured members of the "Juniors" who gave recitations, piano solos and group singing. Stalls with articles for sale and hand work made by members of the group were in evidence. Proceeds from the tea and sale amounted to \$32.00. Miss E. French directed a short candle-lighting pageant. Mrs. A. Taylor introduced Mrs. R. C. Keane, Victoria diocesan secretary of Junior Woman's Auxiliary, who spoke on their work, following which Sandra Savage presented Mrs. Keane with a bouquet of flowers.

The early summer sale and tea sponsored by the Woman's Guild of St. David's by-the-Sea will take place on June 2nd in the Church Hall. Mrs. G. S. Niven, convenor of the Dorcas Department of the Diocesan Woman's Missionary Society will officially open the event at 2:30 p.m.

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An interesting concert with local talent was held in McMorran's Hall on May 7th, under the sponsorship of the Girls' Club. The Misses Elsie Neilson and Ann Howorth gave their impression of a radio programme and acted as announcers. A group of Cubs from the local pack participated, singing in groups, and solos. The group included Jimmie Anfield, Dick Price, Dennis Adrian, Brian Sinkinson, Ian Ross, Roy Kellow, David Genn, Earle Morris and Jimmie Waistell. Representing the Scouts, David McMorran played a piano solo. Jack Carmichael sang two popular pieces, and the young sisters, Joan and Susan Standen tap danced. The Misses Vivian, Norma and Almeda Lindstrom, delighted the audience with their vocal and piano duets. Congratulations to the Girls' Club and their leader, Mrs. McMorran. Receipts were \$50.00.

The remainder of the programme was given entirely by members of the Girls' Club. Skits, Burlesque Dance and a comedy play "Sylvia's Aunt" was presented by the girls. Taking part were: Evelyn Neilson, Donna and Jean Brown, Margaret Day, Anne Milewski, Judy deBlois, Shirley McKenzie, Marian Buchanan, Bernice Liddiard, Loraine Halliday and Ruth Thompson.

Lillian Ross  
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### CORDOVA BAY GIRLS' CLUB

The Cordova Bay Girls' Club, which recently celebrated its third birthday, was organized by Mrs. G. McMorran. The first meeting was held on March 15, 1945, at the home of the organizer, and was attended by eighteen girls. The name agreed upon was "S.O.S. Stitches meaning "Sowers of Sunshine." The object of the club, to sew and knit clothing for children's welfare. Officers elected were: Edith French, President; Agnes Milewski, secretary.

In the fall of 1945, officers elected were: Freida Nelson, president; Mildred French, secretary; Babs Walker, vice-president; Shirley Nelson, treasurer. Considerable sewing work was sent in during the year.

The first Christmas Tea was held on December 28, 1945, at the home of Mrs. McMorran. The proceeds were used to build a club treasury, which was considerably increased by a very welcome donation (\$7.50) from the disbanding A.R.P.

On March 15, 1946, the first birthday of the club was celebrated by a party in McMorran's Pavilion. The Boys' Club was invited.

The following officers were elected during September, 1946: Norma Lindstrom, president; Elizabeth Pottage, vice-president; Babs Walker, sec.-treasurer. Meetings being held twice a month in McMorran's Coffee Shop.

On December 30, 1946, the second Christmas Tea was held in McMorran's Coffee Shop. Miss Kirkendale of the Child Welfare Association poured.

During January, 1947, a basketball was presented to the Girls' Club by the C.B.C.C. Mr. N. Andrew kindly offered

to be our coach, so practices were begun on January 28, 1947.

March 13, 1947, marked the Club's second birthday, a party was held at McMorran's Hall, and the Boys' Club was invited.

Basketball practice ceased in April and the girls were grateful for another year's use of Mr. and Mrs. Henslowe's badminton court.

The regular meetings commenced again in September, 1947, and the officers elected were: Mildred French, president; Anne Howorth, vice-president; Freya Rodstrom, sec.-treasurer; Elsie Neilsen, sports convenor. The total membership, then sixteen, is now twenty-one—the highest membership recorded.

The Welfare work and basketball activities were continued, a box of stuffed animals was completed and sent in with several remade toys.

The girls resumed their basketball schedule and under the coaching of Mr. Andrew have greatly improved. Several uniforms were presented by Mr. H. Savage and were much appreciated.

An extra club activity of the year was the presentation of a play, songs and a piano solo at the Cub Concert, held early in November.

This year the Christmas Tea was held in McMorran's Hall on December 29, and proved a real success.

The Club's third birthday was marked by a costumed masquerade party and dance at McMorran's Hall on March 6. The basketball team and several others were invited. Mrs. Allan, a special guest, greatly added to the entertainment by reading palms.

Thus, at the end of three successful years, the Girls' Club would like to thank you all for your splendid support, and hope that we will continue to merit it in the future.

Freya Rodstrom

### PRO-REC NEWS

On Friday, May 14, at the Victoria High School, members of Pro-Rec gave a demonstration of their work, thus winding up the winter season. The exhibition of tumbling by senior groups of both sexes led by their instructor, Mr. Kelter, was quite daring, and, at times, breath-taking. The feats of balancing and tumbling by Verna and Larry Moore and their three year old daughter Darlene were excellent. Darlene, the youngest member of Pro-Rec in Canada "stole the show." Two small visitors from Vancouver gave a delightful acrobatic dance.

From the opening march, through the drill and country dances both the senior and junior participants showed a co-ordination and symmetry of movement which not only made a delightful spectacle, but emphasized the precision timing which make for perfect team work.

Cordova Bay was well represented in both senior and junior branches and it is fair to say that we of the Bay may be proud of our representatives. They well repaid the efforts of their instructress, Miss Birkenhead. Touching the very junior members, a great deal of credit is due to Miss Del Leith who has throughout the winter given so generously of her time and effort in helping the instructress in their training. Splendid work was also done by Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Walker, and Mrs. Lotzer in costuming the juniors and Miss Babs Walker as registrar for the juniors.

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