

# Gulf Islands Driftwood

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## DOUGLAS, M.P.



New member of parliament for Nanaimo-Cowichan and the Islands is T.C. Douglas national leader of the New Democratic Party. While many had expected Mr. Douglas to hold the established NDP riding, his margin of victory over Liberal Eric Winch and Conservative Magnus Verbrugge was far wider than even his own supporters had expected.

The NDP candidate even took a majority vote among the islands, traditionally far removed from Socialism.

From the first count on Monday evening the pattern was clear and a Douglas victory was evident.

Surprise to majority of observers was the margin between the top candidates and the trailing Conservative.

Mr. Douglas will return to Ottawa to take the seat previously held by the late Colin Cameron. Mr. Cameron's death last July necessitated the by-election here.

## LATE FERRY WANTED

Salt Spring Islanders are still looking for late Friday evening ferry service.

Island chamber of commerce told Terminal Agent R. R. Anderson last week that the ferry authority can logically afford to keep on the late Friday evening sailing to Fulford from Swartz Bay.

Last year, despite a long ferry strike there was a substantial profit shown, commented Chamber President Gavin Reynolds. This year the profit figure will be about \$2 million, he forecast.

"One trip a week wouldn't hurt them," he suggested.

T. W. Portlock reminded the terminal agent that the lodges and clubs on the island which at one time used the late ferry in order to attend Friday evening activities in Victoria.

## EARLY FERRY

## TWO CARS CAME

Although there were still no large numbers of students using the Mayne Queen on her Monday morning trip to Long Harbour this week, there were two cars.

The car owners were from the outer islands enjoying the unusual opportunity of an early call to Long Harbour.

The ferry calls at Long Harbour on the Monday morning run to bring students to Gulf Islands Secondary School from Saturna, Mayne and Galiano.

First week of the new schedule there were three students aboard. This week there were about five, with two cars as well.

Islanders asked for the schedule in order to avoid students' having to leave home on Sunday to get to school on Monday

## QUEEN OFF FOR REFIT

Newest addition to the islands ferry fleet, Sechelt Queen, is off for a refit.

The big islands ferry may not be back before Easter, Driftwood was told, but the job is a big one.

Refit will include recover-

ing of floors and repainting as well as refurbishing of all passenger's accommodation.

In the meantime the familiar Queen of the Islands is back on the Long Harbour run for which it was originally designed.

## FERRY AUTHORITY RETREATS

## TRUCKS TRAVEL ON TICKET

—POLICY TIED TO EXEMPTIONS

B.C. Ferries blustered its way out of an embarrassment last week when it was caught with its plans down.

"Reports that rates were to be changed are untrue," said a ferry official.

While the official in Victoria was denying the reports ferry officials elsewhere were explaining them to the travelling public.

The picture of administrative confusion was cleared this

week with the announcement that the rate change never contemplated would not be enforced.

Only change will affect commercial vehicles of less than 6,000 pounds.

Since the provincial government acquired the islands ferries in 1961 use of commuter tickets has been provided for travellers between Swartz Bay and the islands. Early in their history representation was

made to the ferry authority asking for extension of the privilege to include light trucks used by islanders solely for personal transportation purposes. This was approved and light trucks have travelled on commuters tickets.

Two weeks ago the ferry authority suddenly revealed plans to make a change.

Young truck driver arrived at Swartz Bay with a book of tickets and no cash. He was refused admission to the ferry compound and returned to Victoria. The Swartz Bay officials had told him that commuter tickets were no longer acceptable for small trucks. When questioned, officials explained that the ticket agent jumped the gun and that changes were not yet in effect.

A story appeared DRIFTWOOD two weeks ago, explaining the mooted changes.

On Wednesday meetings were held at Galiano Island and at Salt Spring Island to protest the changes. Islanders asked for a continuation of the privilege of using commuter tickets for privately-operated light trucks.

Terminal Agent R. R. Anderson explained at Ganges that there had been a constant increase in the numbers of commercially operated light trucks using commuter tickets and that the ferry authority had decided that some change had to be made.

Changes date back to last August, said the spokesman for the ferries. It was noted that the campers were getting bigger and bigger and a new measurement of tariffs was introduced for campers. They were rated at \$1 per trip for a vehicle up to 16 feet in length and 15¢ for each additional foot.

At the same time the rate on vehicles towing trailers was also revised. A trailer-towing vehicle was charged a fixed rate according to weight, with a further charge for the trailer according to length.

Effect of the new regulation was to bring the attention of the owner to other traffic. Neither the camper nor the trailer-towing truck was permitted to use commuter tickets although the change in rates applied to all ferry operations, whether they were in the commuting area or not.

Effect was that a passenger would say to the ticket agent, "Look at my camper and compare it with the BC Hydro or the BC Telephone truck there!" The ferry authority did, in fact, start to look, said Mr. Anderson.

The same vehicle hauling goods was using commuter tickets.

The proposed change was made last November and has been awaiting an order-in-council and the printing of the schedules, added Mr. Anderson.

The present complaints deal mostly with the small (Turn to Page Three)

## TWO ISLANDS ARE GRATEFUL

## GOOD WORK IN SNOW!

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday authorized a letter to the dis-

Department of highways roads crews were warmly commended by residents of two islands last week. Ten weeks of winter had been a heavy burden for the department, it was agreed.

strict superintendent of highways drawing his attention to the manner in which the roads had been kept clear during the unprecedented winter here.

Many members of the staff had worked into the night ploughing snow off the roads, commented President Gavin Reynolds.

"The community owes a big debt of gratitude to the crew and to Mr. Hector Gerow," said Mr. Reynolds.

At Galiano also on Wednesday the chamber of commerce expressed gratitude to Roads Foreman John Shaw and to Ralph Stevens for their work during the winter months.

## 1968 VOTE

The results of Monday's by-election here are still fresh in the mind. It is difficult to recall earlier results without a reminder and here is a reminder of how it went last year.

In 1968 there were four candidates. In the by-election the Social Credit party did not field a candidate.

Cameron (NDP) 15,273  
Zorkin (Liberal) 11,378  
Brock (P.C.) 8,773  
Lee (Social Cred) 1,193.

\* \* \*  
Poll-by-poll results of the election on Monday are published on page eleven.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

On January 28 the Provincial Government set the period of Daylight Saving Time for this year. It will begin at 2:00am on April 27 and end on October 26 at 2:00am.

## CHEAP FARES HERE

Cheap ferry fare mainland will be in effect on the Long Harbour run during the middle of the week.

Passengers travelling to Vancouver on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will pay a fare of \$1 instead of the standard fare of \$2, Premier Bennett announced last week.

## NO ROAD..NO SCHOOL

— AT NORTH GALIANO

There will be no school bus for children at North Galiano until the road to the south end of the island has been repaired.

Long a thorn in the flesh to North Galiano residents, the road is broken up into a deep sea of mud. On Tuesday morning the school bus was bogged down and the driver has refused to make any further attempt to travel to the north end.

Children were rescued from the mired bus on Tuesday by truck and returned to their homes.

Residents are hopping mad. For months they have pro-

tested the condition of the long highway linking the two ends of the island. They have asked for the road to be filled and some gravel has been used, DRIFTWOOD was told. Had the highways department used rock the road would have been usable, they contend.

School District has also urged the department to bring the road into a usable condition.

Students went to school for two days in January, one parent reported. In February attendance will be sharply curtailed while the road is impassable.

"Children will now have to wait until the weather clears up," explained a resident.

"This is a ridiculous situation," she stated, "as there is no work being done at all!"

There is no alternative road between the two ends of Galiano. The north end is completely isolated.

# BIOLOGY STUDENT CULTIVATES PENICILLIN

Glen Timbers, biology 11 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, last week repeated Sir Alexander Flemming's accidental discovery of the antibiotic properties of penicillium molds—the source of the drug, penicillin.

In a routine exercise Glen noted a greenish colored mold

colony on the nutrient agent in the dish.

When he learned it was a type of penicillium mold, he asked to try to repeat Dr. Flemming's discovery.

Results shown in the above photograph speak for his success.

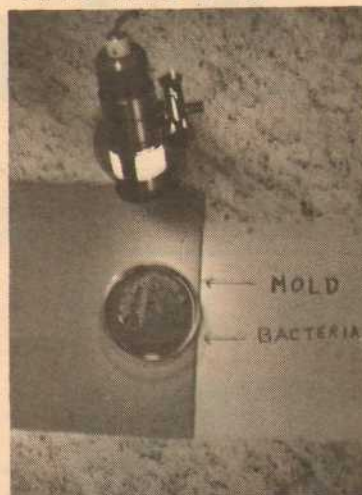
Glen now plans to carry out

further investigations using pure cultures of many bacterial types.

Glen is fortunate to have the equipment necessary to follow such avenues of interest but his problem is that he would have to complete third or fourth year university bacteriology courses to identify the bacterial species he will be using.

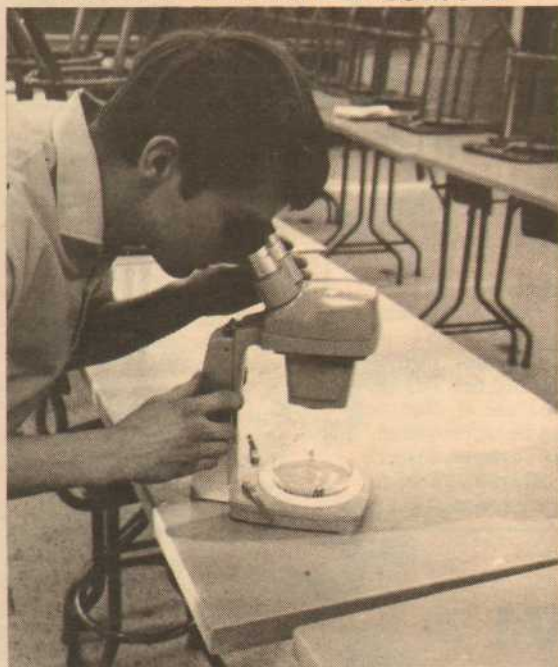
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## AND HERE IT IS



This is what Glen saw.

### STUDENT EXAMINES CULTURE



Glen Timbers examines Ager plate showing bacterial growth inhibiting characteristic of mold he accidentally cultured.

### RECORD WEATHER

## TEN WEEKS OF SNOW

Snow on the ground for 40 days represents the longest period of snow on Salt Spring Island in recorded history here.

Since December 21 there has been constant snow. It has cleared for short periods in the open areas, but there has been snow in evidence on roadsides and beneath the trees for more than 10 weeks.

January low temperatures and high snowfall figures have contributed to the record.

According to figures released by H.J. Carlin, Dominion weather observer on the island, there were 27 days of freezing temperatures during January.

Precipitation of 5.31 inches included 29 inches of snow dur-

ing the month. Ten inches of snow is the equivalent to one inch of rain.

This fall is part of the total of six feet of snow at Ganges since December 21.

Lowest temperature at Ganges during the month was 13 deg. on January 29 and the high, 51 deg. on the fifth. Mean maximum was 32.5

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and the mean minimum 25.3 deg. Compared with January of last year the weather was from another place. In January, 1968, low temperature was 22 deg. and high, 56. There was precipitation of 11.4 inches, including five inches of snow. Maximum mean was 48.7 and the minimum mean, 39.1.

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### PEOPLE AND PLACES

By Monday the placards had mostly been torn down, because one may not advertise party preference on voting day, but the south wall of Ganges Barber Shop was divided in its loyalties last week. It bore a sign urging voters to support Liberal Eric Winch as well as a message from his supporters to elect Tommy Douglas. The Conservative message was missing.

Something was bound to happen to Papajohn. After writing scrupulously for many months of Grandmarie's attendance at church on Sunday mornings, he caught the urge and went to church with her last Sunday. Result? No column from Saturna. Papajohn's earthy talent shrivels in a spiritual atmosphere.

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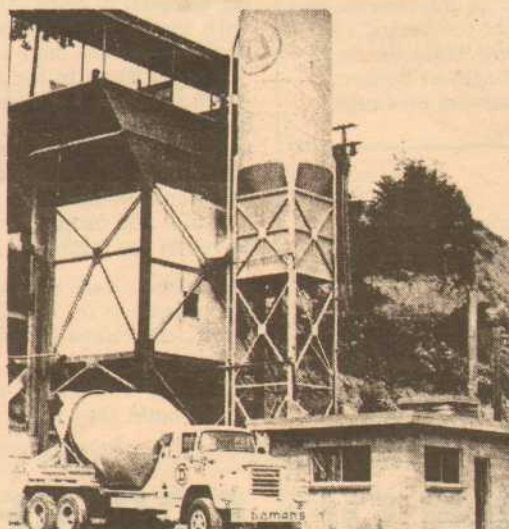
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New Procedure

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FERRY RATES

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truck used for private purposes, he noted.

Ganges meeting closed with the decision to send a delegation with the Gulf Islands Joint Committee to attend upon highways minister Wesley Black.

On Friday the plans were outdated. The ferry authority had listened and heard and the changes in charges were to affect only commercially-operated light trucks.

GARDEN CLUB

First meeting of 1969 for the Garden Club will be Wednesday, Feb. 19, at United Church Hall at 8 pm.

Meeting will include a discussion of several items of vital interest to the Club, a sort of "Where are we going?" discussion.

In addition we hope that some one will be able to make suggestions as to what we can do to rescue our gardens from the ravages of ice, snow and deer this past winter.

We hope for a good attendance.

improved facilities at the Stewart Road look out, Mouat's Park and Mount Maxwell Park.

So far there had been no progress in any negotiations opened last year by the late P. H. Arnell, said Mr. Harcus, but he was still keeping in close touch with the department.

LEGION IS VERY ACTIVE IN LOCAL AFFAIRS THEY SAY

Headline in last week's DRIFTWOOD annoyed a number of members of the Royal Canadian Legion.

When the Salt Spring Island branch decided not to appoint a voting officer for civic balloting recently, the headline stated, "Legion will not take

part in Local Affairs".

The Legion takes part in almost every local affair, DRIFTWOOD was told. It was in civic matters that the Legion elected to avoid participation when its own membership might well be in sharp disagreement.

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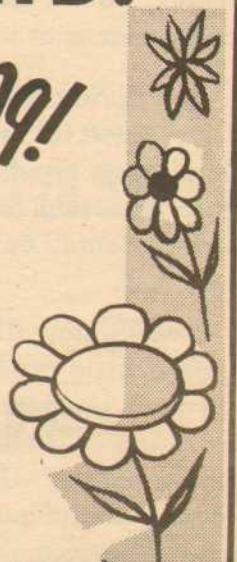
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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Last week about 20 members of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce attended the annual meeting. They elected a new slate of officers for the coming year and they discussed, with a few members of the general public, the implications of the ferry authority's plans to increase ferry charges for privately operated pick-ups and light trucks.

Of the membership which approaches 200, a score attended the annual meeting. In fairness to the membership it must be acknowledged that the meeting was heralded with little publicity. No announcement was made the previous week, although earlier warnings had been sounded.

The chamber of commerce failed to field a sufficient number of members to elect a full slate of directors.

At the present time the chamber of commerce is the only organization which embraces the entire area and exists to represent the ambitions and projects of every resident of the island. It is the only such organization and it has the ear of the government, subject to an ear being available to all, both on its own merits and as part of the province-wide and dominion chambers, of which it is an affiliate.

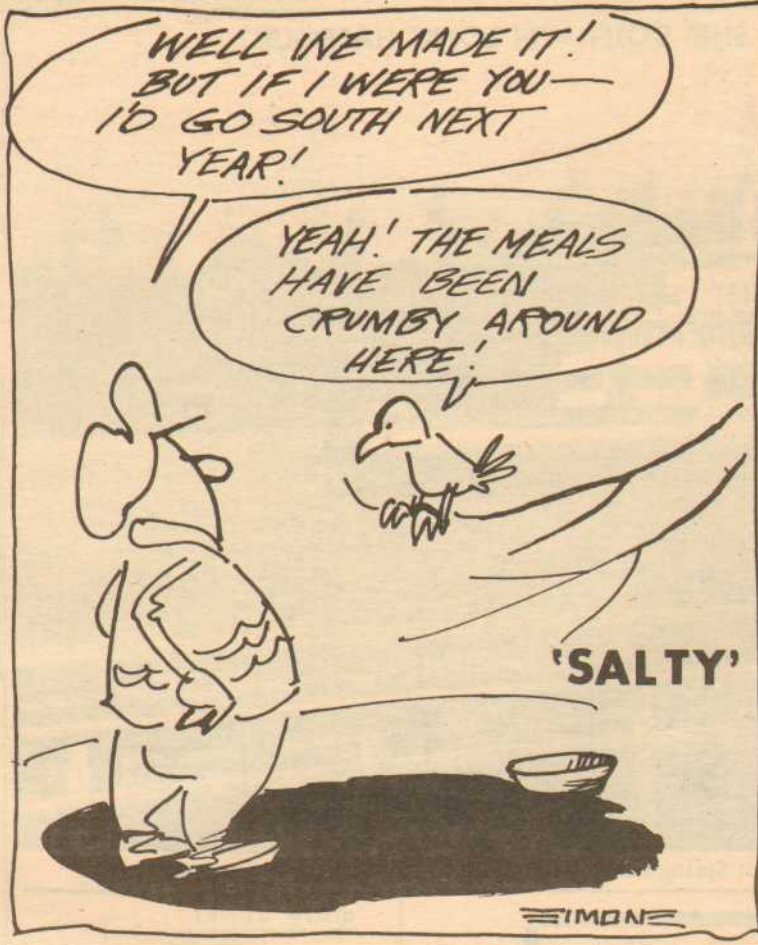
The annual meeting elected officers. The chamber invited a ferry authority spokesman to address members on the subject of ferry rates. The organization failed to publicize its plans and the meeting was something of a flop.

For several years the chamber has been falling back from public acceptance. This year will tell the tale. This year must tell the tale. Either the chamber will blossom out again and enjoy public support and acceptance or it might as well close its doors.

The commercial section of the island is patently disinterested in island affairs. Few merchants take part in the chamber activities. The rest of the island is represented by some resort operators. Bank, merchants, public services, garages, contractors, leave empty places at the chamber's deliberations.

Salt Spring Island people, and certainly those of the commercial section, appear interested in nothing. Despite the urgency of such matters as roads, clean water, communications, parks, tourist services and an unprecedented development, the community couldn't care less.

It would pay all the merchants of the community to care a little more or they will pay later, and heavily, for their laziness. In this era of rapid change almost anything could happen. The likelihood is that it will unless each of us takes a little more interest in community affairs and devotes a little less attention to his own selfish interests.



## AFTER THE POLL

Little Tommy Douglas sat upon a poll:  
Wiggle! Waggle! went his tail  
And he hopped to his goal!

by FRANK RICHARDS  
What happened Monday?  
Question is popular these days around Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands.

It is asked with different inflexions.  
The New Democrats are asking it in triumph as they reflect on the return to Ottawa of their leader, Tommy Douglas. The triumph among the New Democrats is less evident for the fact that majority of supporters were confident of the outcome.

Liberals are asking the question with acute concern, for the majority of voters and workers were in complete agreement that the only threat to Mr. Douglas' candidacy was the Winch team.

Conservatives have least reason to ask the question because they never expected to take the seat, anyway, and many had no particular enthusiasm for the entry of a candidate in the party's name. What did happen?

Firstly, the long association of the Douglas name with Canadian affairs undoubtedly served him in good stead. For over 30 years the name of Tommy Douglas has been linked with sharp repartee, bitter wit and unrelenting support of Socialism. Many voters, and particularly those who are themselves new to the riding since its change of boundaries, knew no other name. He was familiar by name if not by residence.

Secondly, the riding has been traditionally NDP for many years. Although the Conservatives took the riding for two elections, it is still basically a centre of the New Democratic Party. A receptive electorate, coupled with a prominent candidate was a formidable foe to the other two candidates and the Douglas supporters knew it.

Quiet and hard-working, Liberal's Eric Winch made his way around the riding, conscientiously and happily, avoiding promises he might not have been able to keep. Mr. Winch's best speeches

were those impromptu replies to questions from the floor. It is possible that he might have won a greater support if he had spoken impromptu at the various meetings he addressed.

Biggest barrier to success for the Winch team was the government record.

Prime Minister Trudeau was returned to office last summer with an imposing majority. He made virtually no promises. Since he was elected he has kept none of the promises he was too astute to make. Record of the government has not been particularly impressive, but it is the record in one direction which has lost Mr. Winch a substantial vote.

On the coast here the Trudeau government is closely identified with the French Canadian bid for a nationwide usage of the French language. The Liberal government is the sponsor of bilingualism and the majority of coast people are frankly fearful of the implications of bilingualism.

This prejudice against use of a language which would be of little use to the province and one which would undoubtedly bring strife and disagreement everywhere.

It was a bad time for the

## ELECTED



Gavin Reynolds, Beaver Point sawmill operator and sheep farmer was named to a second term at the head of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting last Wednesday evening. He was unopposed.

The 26 persons present included a number of sheep farmers and others who attended in order to make a protest against the proposed change in ferry rates for pick-ups and light trucks.

Vice-president is Joe Nickerson and treasurer, Kevin Luton.

Directors are Phil Knowles, T. E. Marcus, Frank Richards, Reg Taylor, Robert Akerman, James Stewart and Alfred Temmel.

election. Had the Prime Minister called the election for last October it is even feasible that the Liberal candidate could have made it. By now the west coast is looking askance at the work accomplished in the past 12 months and the picture is less than inspiring.

The entry of a mainland doctor into the campaign, under the banner of the Conservatives had a considerable effect on the results. A two-way fight was anyone's guess. A solid Socialist front facing a split right-wing vote was unlikely to help beat a right-wing candidate. It didn't.

Many workers are licking their wounds. All are striving to know the reasons behind the result.

It is the same picture as that which we may see all over the province before too many years are past. In the event of a completely resuscitated Liberal party in the provincial picture could see a strong right-wing vote divided between Liberal and Social Credit candidates while the NDP simply take up the slack and gain the seat.

If it can happen to Tommy Douglas, federally, it can happen to any one of the constituencies provincially.

## CHURCH SERVICES

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St. Mark's	Central	Morning Prayer	11.00 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Evening Prayer	2.30 pm
St. Mary			
Magdalene	Mayne	Holy Communion	11.00 am
St. Margaret of Scotland	Galiano	Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Evensong	3.00 pm
UNITED CHURCH		Ganges	
		Divine Worship	11.00 am
		Sunday School	9.45 am
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.00 am
COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL		Ganges	
		Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes	10.30 am
		Evening Service	7.00 pm
INTERDENOMINATIONAL		Hope Bay	
		Family Bible Hour	10.30 am

PROBLEMS OF WINTER

# BUSES AND ICE AND SNOW

With the bad weather and hazardous road conditions which have obtained during the past month, the transportation staff of Gulf Islands School District has been faced with many difficulties.

Conditions of Beaver Point Road and Isabella Point Road made it necessary for the buses to cease travelling these routes until they were passable, although whenever possible and safe the buses went to Fulford and returned, said a School District spokesman.

The Southey Point - Sunset Drive and Vesuvius runs were maintained almost without a break, as well as those to Long Harbour and Canal Road. The North End and Walker Hook runs had to be cancelled on several occasions.

With the exception of one day, Monday January 20, the school remained open for those who could get there.

Having the school open, with only a partial enrolment, has caused comment on the part of parents of students who were not able to get to school, and the Board has received written communications in some cases regarding this.

The parents feel that their children are counted 'absent' and lose instruction given to students living nearby who get to school.

The written communications will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The transportation staff is very aware of the efforts made by the Department of Highways to keep roads in passable con-

dition, and wish publicly to acknowledge this.

"The unfailing courtesy and help of the highways department is of great assistance at times like this," DRIFTWOOD was told.

## WINTER BEAUTY

Ephemeral is the beauty of the forest in the snow. Trees stand like tall choir boys in white robes, row on row. Asleep, 'neath the snowy blanket Lie all little living things. And finding shelter in the trees Are birds with shimmering wings.

At evening as the sun goes down She sheds her robes of gold Sending rays of pink and amber Through the forest's icy cold. The snow like a mighty prism Is alive with wondrous light. While the soft brown velvet Eyes of the deer, Close for the long white night. The forest stands in silence Awaiting the dawn's pale light. Holding the promise of Spring-time, In her bosom soft and white.

—Margaret Thornley

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JOHN TISDALLE, M.L.A.

# REPORT FROM VICTORIA

Province should be up-graded from 'A' to 'Aa'. This rating is (Turn to Page Eight)

I like to think of the people of British Columbia as shareholders in a great company and each shareholder should be interested in the financial statement of the company and what it is all about.

Premier Bennett, as president of the company, last Friday afternoon read to the members of the legislature, who could be classified as directors of the company, a full disclosure of the company's activities and financial programme. He emphasized that the measure of benefits the shareholders were receiving was a direct result of the Provincial Government's steadfast fiscal and resource development policies carried out over the past 16 1/2 years.

He stated our natural resources are the property of the people and will remain their property not just for the benefit of those who are here today but for all generations to come.

He quoted from a London, England, Weekly Journal called "Truth" of September 1, 1881, which said British Columbia is a barren, cold, mountain country that is not worthy of keeping and he said again in 1940 the Royal Commission on Dominion Provincial relations under (Rowell-Sirios) reported the province as having the highest per capita deadweight debt and the highest tax rates of any province in Canada and living on its capital.

It was not until this large deadweight debt of the Province had been completely provided for, in 1959, that the development policies of this administration had changed our economic lot from a "have-not" province to a "have". Tax rates are the lowest or among the lowest of any province in Canada. For example, gasoline tax rates in all other provinces are from 15% to 92% higher. Reports from other governments indicate a general worsening of their financial position in relationship to their expenditure needs.

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# FERRY TIMES

Fulford ferry leaves at the wrong time.

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce was generally agreed last Wednesday evening that the Swartz Bay ferry would be better scheduled on the hour instead of the half-hour.

At the present time the ferry leaves Fulford at 6.30, 8.30 and throughout the day at two-hourly intervals. A driver seeking a Vancouver connection has a wait of almost two hours at Swartz Bay before the mainland ferry sails.

Robert Akerman, Fulford sheep farmer, explained that the Long Harbour ferry leaves too early to load his truck. He then takes the 8.30 from Fulford. He arrives at Swartz Bay between 9 and 9.30 am. The Vancouver ferry leaves at 11 and he reaches the packing plant in Vancouver some six hours after leaving Fulford. If the ferry sailed on the hour he would take the 8 am ferry, arrive in Swartz Bay at 8.45, take the 9 am ferry to Vancouver and be through in the city before midday.

Terminal Agent R.R. Anderson explained that the half-hourly sailing was adopted to reduce confusion at Swartz Bay.

The 8.45 arrival clashes with the Vancouver boat at 8.40 and debarking and boarding passengers from the two ferries increase the confusion at the terminal. Furthermore, the Long Harbour ferry, with a capacity for 80 cars, is normally

carrying about eight out of Long Harbour, whereas the Swartz Bay ferry is loaded even during the spring and fall seasons.

Additional problem was the passenger who expected to transfer from the islands ferry to the mainland ferry without going to the end of the line-up. Mr. Anderson agreed that this was a less substantial objection.

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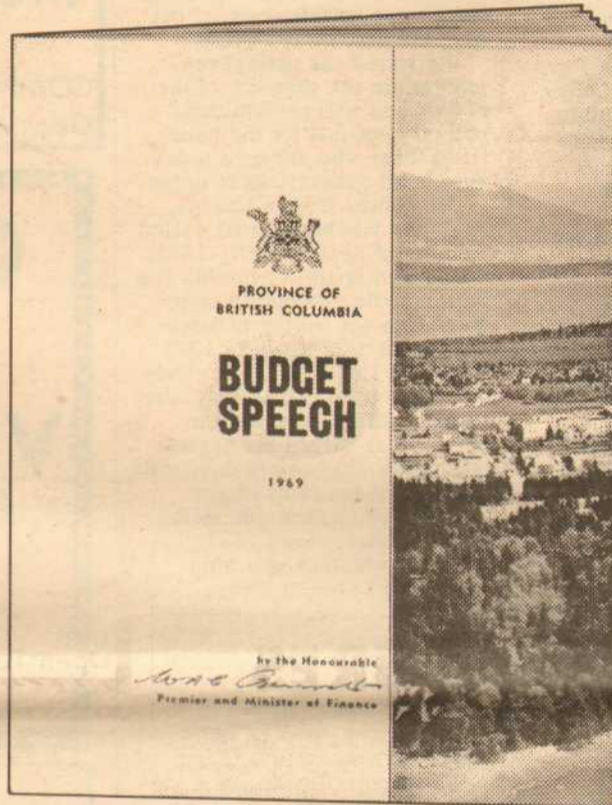
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## MINISTERS EXCHANGE LOCAL PULPITS

Continuing the tradition established four years ago, the various churches of Salt Spring Island will be combining in worship on the Wednesday evenings of Lent at 7.30 pm.

The schedule will be as follows:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 19 — Community Gospel Church with Rev. Kevin Wiseman preaching.

Feb. 26 — Our Lady of Grace Church, Rev. Fred Anderson preaching.

Mar. 5 — Ganges United Church, Archdeacon R.B. Horsefield preaching.

Mar. 12 — St. George's Church, Rev. William Mudge preaching.

Mar. 19 — Community Gospel Church, Rev. Ernest MacQuarrie preaching.

Mar. 26 — Our Lady of Grace Church, Rev. M.V. Gilpin preaching.

The addresses will be on the events of Our Lord's life in the week preceding his resurrection.

Two former island ministers are among those taking part. Fr. Mudge was parish priest at the Catholic Church on Salt Spring Island several years ago, Mr. MacQuarrie was United Church minister at Ganges until last year.

Mr. Good is survived by his family, Bruce, at home on Galiano; Arthur, in Saskatchewan, and Brian, in Australia; four daughters, Mrs. Ross (Connie) Parminter and Mrs. L.G. (Margaret) Robinson, on Galiano; Mrs. L.H. (Jean) Bellamy and Mrs. J.H. (Kathleen) Jones, Vancouver.

There are 18 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by Goodman Funeral Home, Ganges, followed by cremation.

Pallbearers were: Steve Riddell, Ross Parminter, Galiano, L.H. Bellamy and J.H. Jones, Vancouver.

Rev. Benjamin Fream officiated at the service, and paid high tribute to the memory of an outstanding and esteemed citizen of this community. Mr. Good was well-liked, and he will be missed by his host of friends.

# LAST RITES FOR BOER WAR MAN

by MARY BACKLUND

The Church of St. Margaret of Scotland was filled with friends who went to pay their last respects to one of Galiano's most loved citizens, Lancelot Good, on Thursday, Feb. 6.

Mr. Good passed away in Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, on February 3.

Mr. Good was born in London, England, in 1881, and at an early age, emigrated to Canada, soon finding a job with the Winnipeg Exposition, as secretary to the managing director, F.W. Heubech.

From there he decided to go west, and walked from Fort McLeod, Alberta, to Pincer Creek, where he found work on the survey crew of the Crows Nest Railway until that winter's freezeup, when he returned to Pincer Creek, to work on a large ranch on the Old Man River. There he worked until the Boer War, when he joined the group of volunteers from that area.

After his demobilization, he worked in a large department store in Johannesburg, South Africa, thence back to Saskatchewan to take up a homestead, thence to England to marry, and return to the home on the prairies.

They retired to Galiano in 1947, after spending several holidays on the Island in summers before that. Mrs. Good died in 1947, and shortly after, Mr. Good took a trip to visit a son in Australia.

# Annual Meeting

by MARY BACKLUND  
Fred Robson will head Galiano Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

Annual general meeting of the Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce was held in the Galiano Hall on February 6, president C.F. (Chuck) Webb in the chair.

Mr. Webb asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. L.H. Good, a charter member, and also C.H. Fredrickson, a council member, both who passed away recently.

Membership chairman, Mrs. C. Williams, reported that there were 97 members for the past year.

The president's report showed that the past year had been very busy, and many things were accomplished.

The ferry dock received a new deck, a stretcher was purchased for North Galiano use, a healthy first-aid fund we have now.

A street light was installed in the village, paid for each month by this Chamber, and a new notice board was also installed.

A successful auction was held, and a visit from B.C. Telephone officials.

A magnificent picture, given by artist Irving Sinclair, was hung in the post office, the frame purchased by this Chamber.

A Christmas party for the children was held, with the help of the other two clubs on the Island. Reports from various chairmen were then heard.

It is hoped that some action will be taken in regard to re-

moving old and unsightly automobile wrecks from the roadside.

Traffic on the ferries has greatly increased, and will no doubt increase during this next year. Grateful thanks were extended to roads foreman John Shaw and Ralph Stevens, for their work during the bad weather.

Elected president for the coming term was F.E. Robson with vice-president, Steve Riddell; secretary, Mrs. A. Platt treasurer, Glenn Stahl; council Bill Beach, Bob Clarke, Jim Deas, Fred Mallett, Bill Stafford, Charlie Morshead, Mrs.

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A hearty vote of thanks was given to retiring president, Chuck Webb, for his work during the past year.

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There were no major fires at Galiano during 1968, annual meeting of the Galiano Island Volunteer Fire Department was told on Thursday last week.

Meeting was held in the Galiano Hall, with C.D.A. Tweeddale in the chair.

Mr. Tweeddale opened the meeting with condolences to the Good family, whose father had passed away on Sunday.

He thanked very warmly Mr and Mrs. Chester Williams, whose job it has been over the past year to keep the books so well; thanks to Miss Jean Lockwood, for printing the various notices on her duplicator, and to Mel. Spouse for auditing the books for the group.

Mr. Tweeddale paid warm tribute to Robert Bambrick, the fire chief, for the many things he has done over the term.

There were no major fires on Galiano during the past year, and all of the equipment is in good shape, the meeting learned.

It was unanimously decided to ask the present officers of the department to carry on for the coming year: Robert Bambrick, Mr. Tweeddale, F.E. Robson, Chester Williams, and George Georgeson.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the lively group of volunteer firemen, who are ready at all times to answer any fire call on the south end of the Island, and who make the Island a safer place in which to live.

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Proposed curling rink and recreation centre for Salt Spring Island will cost an estimated \$25,000 and will be an addition of about three mills to taxes if it is approved by rate-payers.

T. W. Portlock gave the estimates when he summarized plans for the centre at the annual meeting of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

The figure allowed for a considerable margin of unforeseen expenses, he stated.

Home assessed at \$4,000 would pay slightly less than \$12 annually towards the project.

Persons paying taxes below the home-owner grant figure would pay nothing added Mr. Portlock.

Recreation centre was the project of Salt Spring Island Lions Club. It was supported by the chamber shortly after its first formative discussions.

**OPEN HOUSE FOR NELLY SCHWAGLY AT DUTCH BEAUTY SALON SATURDAY**

The Dutch Beauty Salon on Park Drive was like a flower garden with masses of beautiful cut flowers and potted plants Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8 when Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwagly held "Open House" to their many friends and customers on the occasion of Mrs. Schwagly's 40th anniversary as a hair dresser.

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 (From Page Five)

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Usually second mortgages

penalize the borrower but again another dividend is offered to the home purchaser with a rebate, for promptness in payments.

Education takes the biggest part of the cake — 32% of the total budget with \$325,274,000.

There are now 28 regional hospital districts incorporated and last year a total of 660 new beds including 282 extended-care beds plus improved and expanded diagnostic and treatment facilities were added to hospital accommodations in the province.

The federal government does not share in all benefits offered under the province's comprehensive voluntary medical plan. The senior government does not contribute towards the service of chiropractors, osteopathic and naturopathic physicians, optometrists, oral surgeons, orthopticians, physiotherapists, podiatrists, Canadian Red Cross, Victorian Order or Special Nurses and, of course, the Medical Care administration costs are paid entirely by the province.

As a result the federal contributions to tal medi-care cost is slightly over 40% and not 50% as popularly thought.

Last year the Leader of the Opposition said we would never get 400,000 people in the scheme. Presently there are 1,981,000 or 97.7% of the provincial residents, including federal employees, covered by Medi-care.

No-one likes a surplus bet-

Frank will be a trip to Holland next Christmas for three weeks to visit her mother in Rotterdam who will be 90 years old January 1, 1970.

Nelly Schwagly received telegrams and cards from relatives and friends from all parts of Europe, as well as flowers from Victoria and island friends.

Among those attending the reception Saturday afternoon were Mrs. V.C. Best, Mrs. Beth Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Davidge, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richards, Mr. and Mrs. P. Valcourt Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blundell, Mrs. Mary Pike, Mrs. Graham Shove, Mrs. Doreen Morris, Mrs. F. Westcott, Mrs. W. Westcott with Helen and Eddy, Mrs. T. Windsor, and Leo McNeill, all from Salt Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Arie Kool from Virden, Manitoba.

On Sunday the Schwagly's entertained at a luncheon for their family and friends.

Members of their family present were their son-in-law and (Turn to Page Eleven)

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## STORM DELAYS FERRIES

Stormy season Friday dismayed many travellers and delayed many ferries.

The Queen of the Islands, back on the Long Harbour run, was the first to suffer. Friday evening trip to the mainland was cancelled and she discharged her passengers at Village Bay. They were then picked up by a Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen boat.

On Saturday morning the Queen of the Islands made a run to Swartz Bay, transferring her passengers to the mainland ferries there.

By Saturday afternoon the weather abated and the Queen went back to her normal schedule.

Same day saw the Pender Queen forging her way across the Strait as if she liked the storm. The old Motor Princess

is on the Fulford run while the Salt Spring Queen is in for annual refit.

Big ferries even felt the weather. Steve Alexander, back home for a very short holiday at Ganges, reported that the Swartz Bay ferry from Tsawwassen was rolling so much that two cars slid on the wet car deck.

## FERNWOOD

by JESSIE SAYER

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kennett have returned home after a wonderful month's holiday trip which included bus, plane and a cruise ship to the South Indies. They spent a few days in New Westminster before coming home.

The roads in some places are in terrible condition, one of the worst being North Beach Road.

We know our road crews are working hard to make repairs but it will be some time before conditions are back to normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sturgis paid a short visit to Mrs. Sturgis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bailey. They brought their baby son, Christopher Charles for a first visit to the grandparents.

## TOO SOON IS TOO SOON

ROADS BREAKING UP SAYS REYNOLDS

Blacktopping of roads before they are ready is poor economy, President Gavin Reynolds told Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce last week.

## Ganges

by DOREEN MORRIS

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Cruickshank, Vesuvius Bay, this past week were Mrs. Cruickshank's brother-in-law, Pat Ward, Victoria, also Weldon Hunter, Neepawa, Manitoba.

Mrs. Dahl Mackay has returned to her home in Vancouver, after spending the past three months with her son-in-law and daughter, Col. and Mrs. P.R. Bingham, Churchill Road. Also visiting the Bingham's for a few days was Major J. McManus, Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. A.V.H. Agar, Harbour House, left last week end for a three week holiday in Palm Springs, California. During their absence, Percy Jones, former postmaster at Fulford, will manage the hotel.

Miss Linda King, Victoria, was a visitor last week end of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cunningham.

Recent guests at Harbour House Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Sample, D.W. Shields, N.R. Biscoe, all from Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. P. Elliot and J. Edwards, Vancouver; B. O'Callaghan, Prince George and K. Kainz and F. Fisher, of Alcan, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Evans, Salt Spring Way, have returned home after a three-month trip to California, Arizona and Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Melish are back home on Salt Spring Island after a holiday in the United States.

## HOCKEY

FULFORD DEFEATS NORTH END 16-4

PEE WEE LEAGUE

Fulford Warriors played two games over the week end, losing one and tying the other. Friday they lost 16-4 to the North end Canadians, who led right from the first period. Roger Kitchen scored all the Fulford goals while Northend scorers were Doug Lewis and Gary Bogdanovich 1 each, Mark Coels 3, Bob Empey 5 and Philip Kyler 6. Tom Langdon stopped 20 shots for the Canadians while Ken Tara stopped 29 for the Warriors. Referee Gary Moulton picked Mark Coels, Roger Kitchen and Philip Kyler for stars.

On Saturday the Warriors tied with Ganges Mounties, 3-3, and outshot them 31-13. Scoring for Ganges were Carl Willis 2 and Greg Knoblauch 1. Fulford scorers were Gordie Lee, Roger Kitchen and Bruce Patterson. Referee Herk Roland selected Dick Eng, Roger Kitchen and Carl Willis as the stars.

He cited Beaver Point Road. The surface was topped last summer, he recalled. After the winter frosts much of it will have to be resurfaced, he told the chamber.

"People squawk about a bit of dust," he commented, "So they black top it too soon and the whole thing has to be done over again the next year."

This year will see blacktopping of Beaver Point Road as

well as Beddis Road at its southern end, he reported to the chamber on Wednesday evening last week.

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## NEW EXECUTIVE ST. MARK'S GUILD

by M.K. CUNNINGHAM  
Owing to the snow, the combined quarterly and annual meeting of the St. Mark's Guild was held in the Parish Hall, Ganges, on Friday, Jan. 31. The president, Mrs. J.R. Sturdy was in the chair. Thirteen members were present. The president commended Mrs. Cunningham for her Annual Report, as secretary.

From the very good bank balance shown by the treasurer, Mrs. Tiffin, a cheque for \$300 will be forwarded to the parish funds, \$25 to Canon Martin, Hong Kong, for his special project with the children there, and \$10 to the Cancer Fund in memory of the late Mrs. Louis F. Nicholson.

The Guild is very grateful to Charles Moat and Mrs. Tiffin for their generous donations to the guild funds.

Nominations for the executive having been handled by Mrs. H. Stafford. Archdeacon R.B. Horsefield then took the chair during the elections. Results were as follows: honorary president, Mrs. R. Horsefield; past president, Mrs. J.R. Sturdy; president, Mrs. Guy Cunningham; vice-president, Mrs. F.I. Atkins; Secretary, Mrs. Stafford; Treasurer, Mrs. L.O. Tiffin; executive committee, Mrs. J.B. Acland, Mrs. W.A. Brown and Miss F. Aitkens, assisted by Mrs. Dennis Seward; annual spring and fall cleaning and weddings, Mrs. Howard Deyell; silver and communion vessels, Mrs. J.B. Acland; brass, Mrs. W. A. Brown; linen, Mrs. C. Springford and Mrs. Acland; tea convener, Mrs. Dennis Seward.

The newly elected president then briefly thanked the members for the honour conferred upon her and asked for their support throughout the year. Mrs. Stafford, as secretary, asked for an assistant in doing publicity for the various affairs.

Members were reminded of the annual parish meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13 and asked to welcome any Anglican newcomers to the island.

Mrs. Cunningham then took the chair while a discussion took place on the spring tea for the Primate's Relief Fund which will be held on Wednesday, May 7, with details to be given later.

A committee meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Foulis shortly to look into details of this. Mrs. Deyell was elected convener, assisted by Mrs. Foulis.

As a former past president for many years, Mrs. Springford conveyed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Sturdy in recognition of her work in the two years she held office as president.

The next meeting of the Guild will be in the Guild room of St. Mark's Church on Wednesday, March 26 at 2 pm. The meeting adjourned with a bread and butter tea served by Mrs. Seward.

White swans which have been swimming and feeding at Ganges Harbour during the wintry winter are from Lake-ridge Resort. They haven't simply fallen for the environment at Ganges. Reason they have come to the harbour is that they are very fond of swimming and the ice is a barrier at Bullock Lake.

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### ELECTION

POLL	DOUGLAS	WINCH	VERBRUGGE
St. George's, Ganges	137	128	53
Legion Hall, Ganges	287	173	70
Fulford	164	56	15
Salt Spring (total)	588	357	138
Sth. Galiano	88	48	9
Nth. Galiano	23	7	3
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South Pender	16	15	1

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**COFFEE HOUSE RE-OPENING** Saturday, Feb. 15, 7.30-12. United Church Hall. In future, every second FRIDAY commencing on Feb. 28.

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 Mayne, Galiano & Pender Islands.

**Dr. Jarman will make the** next scheduled trip to: Pender on Feb. 26  
 Mayne & Galiano on Mar. 5

**CALLING ALL ANGLICANS**  
 The annual general meeting of Salt Spring Island Parish will be held in the Parish Hall Today, Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7.30.

**A SINGER SEWING REPRESENTATIVE** will be on the Island (Salt Spring) on March 1st & 2nd for parts or service. For information phone 537-2484

#### LOST

**NEW WHITE COOPER SK 10,** Junior Hockey helmet at Fulford Hall about February 1st. "G. Knoblauch" printed on elastic strap. 537-3012, or leave at BA Station.

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## PANCAKE RACES

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday is next week. All over the world Pancake Day marks the last day before Lent and was once the time of feasting when the food which would not keep was consumed before the lenten fast opened, and rich foods were not eaten.

On Salt Spring Island, as in a few places around the world, it also marks the annual Pancake Races.

At Ganges next week the races will be staged at mid-day and islanders of every age and occupation will manhandle a frypan through the course.

Contest is easy and there is no entry fee. Each competitor must toss his pancake throughout the race. While tossing the pancake, the runner tries to reach the finishing line first.

Shrove Tuesday is named after the old English scrifan, to shrive, or to grant forgiveness. Besides a time of feasting, it

#### CARD OF THANKS

**WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS** our gratitude to our friends and relatives for their help, expressions of sympathy and flowers on the occasion of the death of our son, Sharyn and Ray Hanson.

**WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO** relatives, friends and neighbours for their help and sympathy at the time of the sudden passing of my mother, Mrs. Brewsaugh. Jack Hayes.

**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL** my wonderful customers and friends, for all the lovely flowers, their presents, and cards, and all who came for this special day. My Deepest gratitude to you all, and many more years of service to you.

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was also an occasion of preparation for Lent and the old English Christians would go to confession at this time, to seek forgiveness of their sins in readiness for the next 40 days.

Eating of pancakes is a widespread English practice on Shrove Tuesday and is centuries old. Pancake races, called by the Pancake Bell are still practiced at Olney.

The races have been adopted for the past decade at Ganges, although the English Pancake Day featured of street football, still played in many communities has not come to Salt Spring Island.

On Tuesday there will be events for everybody and prizes for every event. The races are sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, with assistance from the Legion and others. It is financed largely by the annual raffle of a frypan.

The hot feet will toe the line on Tuesday.

#### more about

#### OPEN HOUSE

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daughter Mr. and Mrs. Bram Oudshoorn and two small daughters Michelle and Anne Marie; another son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith; their son Frank Schwagly and his fiancée Miss Pamela Smith; also their son and daughter Ellen and Henry Schwagly, all from Victoria.

Other guests present at the luncheon were Mr. and Mrs. Art Hepburn, Fulford Harbour, Mr. and Mrs. Don Goodman, Ganges; from Victoria were Mrs. Schwagly's cousin Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ponsioen; also Mr. and Mrs. E. Learoyd, Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Adrians.

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**DORMITORY MATRON**

The Board announces the appointment as dormitory matron to the Gulf Islands Dormitory of Miss V. Eileen Green.

Miss Green will be replacing Mrs. Priscilla Schramade, whose resignation took effect on January 31.

Miss Green was dormitory matron here at Ganges for three years until resigning in 1967.

Miss Green has found quite a change in the appearance of the dormitory. It has been newly decorated during the summer of 1968. The dormitory was painted throughout and has floor covering through the entire building.

Attractive light fixtures were installed, drapes were

completely renewed, beds and bed-side tables were painted in colours compatible with the rooms.

A gift of patch-work quilted type bed-spreads was gratefully received from a trustee, and a stove and dining-room furniture from another trustee.

The dormitory accepts students from Grades 9 - 12, and in some cases also students in Grade 8.

The cook at the dormitory is Mrs. Jacqueline Hagan and it would be difficult to improve on the meals, according to students.

The students are required to have study hall every evening and are supervised by the matron in this work.

The students arrive on Sunday evening and remain in the dormitory until Friday, when they go home for the week end ends. No dormitory service is maintained between Friday morning and Sunday evening, when the students return.

A parents' auxiliary to the dormitory is in the process of formation, and about three meetings have been held up to the present.

The board of trustees, although taking no part in the action of the auxiliary, has welcomed its formation. Suggestions from parents regarding dormitory operation will be well-received, said a School District spokesman.

**NEW POSTAL HOURS**

It wasn't last week, it's next week.

Ganges Post Office was all set to follow the new routine last week, but when Wednesday came the staff went. Patrons bent on trying the new system found a dark office behind locked doors.

Next week will see a change, however, DRIFTWOOD was assured by Postmaster I.L. Cawker.

Next Wednesday will have the post office open all day at Ganges, with midday closing on Saturday. The Saturday service will include the sorting of first class mails and daily newspapers, with general delivery, sale of stamps and money orders as well as acceptance of items for mailing.

It is part of the vast changes announced in postal services last fall by Postmaster General Eric Kierans.

Federal Cabinet is expected to make a final decision on whether Canada should adopt the metric system, according to Heavy Construction News. The system is now used by over 90% of the world's population.

**ANGLICAN DEANERY MEETS HERE**

The Anglican clergy of the Cowichan Deanery met on Salt Spring Island on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Following the receiving of Holy Communion at St.

George's Church, they held their monthly business meeting at the rectory and remained for lunch as guests of Archdeacon and Mrs. R.B. Horsefield.

The Deanery comprises the parishes of Ladysmith, Chemainus, Duncan, Quamichan, Cobble Hill, Shawnigan Lake and Salt Spring Island.

**FULFORD TIDE TABLE**

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	1530	10.2
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	1150	7.6
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**MINISTER INACCESSIBLE**

Provincial ministers are no longer available to the public Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce was told last week.

Report to the annual meeting recalled an earlier letter from John Tisdalle, MLA, in which he stated that he was unable to make an appointment with Recreation Minister Kenneth Kiernan.

**"WE ARE GOUGED FOR EVERYTHING"**

Meeting at Ganges last Wednesday in protest against mooted ferry charges brought a vigorous criticism of transpor-

tation charges from a Salt Spring Island farmer.

Outspoken former Mayor of New Westminster, Mrs. Jack Wood, viewed the spiralling costs of island farming with alarm.

The fiery speaker explained that she and her husband are farming on Salt Spring Island because they believe that Salt Spring Island has been neglected in the past. Other places and communities in the province have been carefully planned by the government, but not Salt Spring Island, she warned.

Islanders pay a premium of four or five cents a gallon for gas, she explained. There is a premium on everything.

"We are gouged for everything we put into livestock here," she stated. "We are gouged again when we take it off the island to sell it."

The islands are closer to Vancouver than is Kamloops, but it takes longer to get there.

"If we are going to have to pay more for our supplies and our trucks, then we're out of business," she asserted.

It was unfair and unjust of the toll authority to boost the rates without discussing it, she stated.

"They need a few piddling dollars and we are not prepared to pay them."

Commercial users meeting the new tariff will not pay for it out of pocket, remarked T. W. Portlock.

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