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## RATES ARE UNFAIR

### PROTEST BOX HIKE

Post office patron who lives within a mile of a rural post office pays for the privilege.

Gulf Islands Joint Council has petitioned the postmaster-general protesting the recent increase in fees for lock box rentals.

Council warmly approved a report from J. Allan Clarke, of Galiano, pointing out that the city resident enjoys street delivery at no extra charge. The rural dweller enjoys a rural mail delivery at no extra charge. The resident of the rural community, living in close proximity to the post office has to pay for the rental of a post office box. Not only does he have to pay, but the fee has been raised without justification.

Postal box represents the easiest of all services for postal employees, agreed delegates.

"It is an unfair treatment," charged the spokesman for Galiano Chamber of Commerce.

## ROBERTS BANK DEVELOPMENT

### WORKERS FOR ISLANDS

—JOINT COUNCIL HEARS FORECAST

Development of Roberts Bank will have a major influence on the development of the Islands, Gulf Islands Joint Council was told on Saturday afternoon.

Long-term forecast of economic development has the islands cast as the residential area for the near-mainland, J. A. Clarke told his fellow delegates.

Industrial development of Roberts Bank will bring an influx of workers to the mainland area, observed Mr. Clarke, of Galiano. The workers are likely to be established on the islands and to commute to the mainland by hovercraft or similar transportation.

Population of some 20,000 workers are expected ultimately to live on the islands and work on the mainland, he forecast.

Islands groups was discussing the problems of pollution and development.

Delegates agreed that minimum lot sizes should be sufficient to absorb their own effluent with a septic tank system.

Islanders must be acutely aware of the dangers of pollution and rural desecration,

warned John Rainsford, of Mayne Island.

Joint council consists of nominees from Chambers of Commerce or community groups on each island and serves as a liaison group where islanders may discuss problems affecting all the islands.

The new project at Mayne Island has not yet gone ahead, reported Mr. Rainsford and neither water supply nor sewage disposal plans have been officially approved.

Where a sewage system is installed the ultimate upkeep of the system is a matter of concern to islanders. What is likely to be the upkeep cost and who will be responsible, asked delegates.

Letter from Anthony Roberts, director of the Capital Region

Planning Board, explained the advantages of planning and the manner in which a planning system could be adopted.

Committee of representatives of each island is to investigate further the possibility of a planning district here.

The planning district could be established under the aegis of the Capital District he explained. In such a case there would be one district for the islands and another for Salt Spring Island, as they represent two electoral districts.

Planning district would enable each island community to regulate the manner in which subdivisions are approved. Minimum lot sizes and other aspects of community development could be set by property owners of the islands.

## PANCAKE



Brilliant sunshine greeted the pancake runners on Tuesday as the annual Salt Spring Island Pancake races were run off.

Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion sponsored the affair for the eleventh year. Members basked in the sunshine while entering the names of winners.

Legionnaires were involved and fielded a team to referee the winner.

Veteran announcer Charles Horel was on hand with a bull horn and a Hawaiian tan.

Large crowd of participants failed to come up in numbers to the large crowd of watchers. Races were staged on the car park outside the Centennial Park and both sides were lined solid with watchers.

Top man of the day was Dave Roberts, who took the perpetual frying pan for BC Ferries in the final International race. Lucky man of the day was A. M. (Buzz) Brown, who took home the electric frypan.

One stooped.....

## ISLANDERS DEBATE HUNTING

### BUCKSHOT ONLY AT PENDER

Outer islanders have discussed the recent petition circulated on Salt Spring Island in which approval of the recreation minister to restriction of rifles was sought.

Petition asked for the restriction of rifles for sport shooting on all of the islands.

Last week representatives of various island organizations generally agreed with the terms of the petition.

Vernon Ruddock reported that the Penders are restricted to the use of shot guns and buckshot.

He added that a number of island sportsmen were out of sympathy with the restriction and shortly after its innovation petitioned the provincial government for a reversal of the ruling.

Islanders were informed that the government department was convinced that the restriction was a move in the right direction and no change could be approved as this would represent a retrograde step, reported Mr. Ruddock.

John Rainsford reported that Mayne Island Ratepayers Association, Mira, had asked for a restriction to shotguns on Mayne. The association had been informed that the regulations governing the use of firearms on the Gulf Islands was under review by the fish and game branch and no change would be made until the review was completed. No further action has been taken by Mira, or by the government, he reported.

Some islanders wondered whether the fish and game branch was the obvious department to adjudicate in the matter.

When Mira stages its annual meeting on Saturday, April 7, a spokesman from the fish and game branch will be invited.

## NO MORE MUD

Surfacing of part of the elementary school property at Ganges will be undertaken this year in order to reduce the quantity of mud brought into the school.

## RACES



.....One wept

## SHIPS IN SHIP SHAPE

### PENDER QUEEN IS OFF

Little ships are back in ship-shape.

This week brings the Salt Spring Queen back on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run after her annual refit.

Pender Queen has been on the Fulford run for many weeks, filling in for both the Salt Spring Queen and the Vesuvius Queen.

Passengers have enjoyed the greater speed of the Pender Queen, although the heating plant appears to be usually inadequate for the season.

Many passengers have suggested that the Pender Queen would be better on the run permanently. For many years the Pender Queen sailed as the Motor Princess. A decade ago she was placed on the islands run by the Gulf Islands Ferry Co. Initially she served the Fulford-Swartz Bay run while the Cy Peck sailed around the outer islands. Later the company switched the two ships and the Motor Princess served the more distant ports.

It was old hat to the Motor Princess. She had been around the Gulf waters for many years. While in the service of the CPR she had served the Sidney-Steveston schedule. At that time she had a more bulky appearance and provided a dining room with red carpets.

During her service with the ferry company, the Motor Princess carried a coffee bar attendant and provided light snacks.

Today she carries an empty counter around empty shelves. And it remains empty as she is tied up to remain in reserve.

## RED CROSS

Red Cross Drive on Salt Spring Island will open on March 1.

The island is one of the few last outposts of independent Red Cross campaigning. In majority of communities Red Cross and Red Feather have been amalgamated and the annual drive is made towards the close of the year.

Islanders have refused to take part in a combined campaign.

In charge of the campaign here will be Mrs. P. Lazenby, of Vesuvius.

## ARTCRAFT

### 69

Highly successful Artcraft exhibition is to be repeated this year.

On Wednesday evening last week the board of Gulf Islands School District approved the use of Mahon Hall for the purpose during the summer holidays.

Artcraft 69 will be open to exhibitors from all the islands and work in every form of art will be welcomed for display.

The exhibition permitted artists to set a price on their work and patrons were encouraged to buy.

Artcraft 69 will be staged and maintained by Gulf Islands Arts Council.

## THERE IS ONE NOW

Last year trustees of Gulf Islands School District approved the admittance of adults into Gulf Islands Secondary School.

In January a trustee enquired how many had been enrolled. He was told that no adult had taken advantage of the opportunity.

Last week the picture had changed.

Trustees discussed the application of an adult resident to attend certain courses. Warm approval was given by the board of trustees.

First candidate is going ahead.

## NO PRIZES

No prizes are offered at Gulf Islands Secondary School for attendance.

Principal Donald Hartwig told the school trustees last week that the objection to attendance awards is that they encourage students to attend school when they are sick and should be at home in bed.

# I.O.D.E. IS 69 YEARS OLD

On February 13 the I.O.D.E. (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire) celebrated its 69th birthday.

The I.O.D.E. is a Canadian women's organization, which seeks to contribute to the unity of Canada, and to the betterment of mankind. It is

comprised of over 25,000 women. This National organization raises and disburses annually a \$1 million for education, emergency and disaster relief.

Over \$350,000 was spent on education last year, and this figure increases considerably each year.

There are 1,950 Canadian schools receiving I.O.D.E. aid.

All of the schools in the Northwest Territories receive substantial aid from the I.O.D.E. In order to combat the high drop-out rate in all of the eight secondary schools, serving Eskimo and Indian pupils in the Northwest Territories, "Incentive Awards" are given to encourage the students to return to school to complete their courses.

The Canadian arts continue to be supported financially and include the National Ballet,

National Theatre School of Canada and the National Youth Orchestra.

It is encouraging to note the continued increase of membership in the Junior Chapters. The members have stocked a Dominica Bookmobile with over 4,000 books. Recently Junior Chapters have acquired a new project called "Operation Surusikuluit" meaning "dear little people". Educational toys and supplies will be sent to all pre-school classes in the Northwest Territories.

I.O.D.E. assistance has expanded to include schools of nursing, art, music, teacher training, ballet, theatre, and to community colleges, schools of technology and design.

Salt Spring Island women interested in the organization may attend meetings of the local chapter. Next meeting will be on March 14 at 2 pm in Ganges United Church Hall.

## ONE MOTHER ASKS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Transportation difficulties at North Galiano have a number of parents worried over pupils' inability to get to school.

When the mother of a grade two student asked for school approval of a correspondence course the teacher at Galiano school provided the necessary assignments.

D.A. New, Galiano Trustee reported last week that the highway department had undertaken to keep close watch on the school bus and to guarantee its success in travelling between the two ends of the island.

## IS IT DUE ?

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Our Open House, February 12, in St. George's Hall was really well attended. There is no meeting, just a get-together to have a chat, a game of cards or checkers or what have you, and we hope, to meet others, perhaps, looking for a little afternoon enjoyment.

A cup of tea is available and a door prize and we hope to meet more people looking for a meeting place. Everyone is welcome and please phone 537-5317 for transportation and this will be arranged.

Mrs. Jocie Hayward attended to the tea and cookies and chose her own attendants.

Mrs. M. Vanbuskirk had a birthday and so was presented with a lovely cup and saucer. Geo. Parkes won the door prize.

These little gifts are donated by members.

There is a committee, led by E. Cranswick and Archdeacon and Mrs. G.H. Holmes, always on hand to help. See you on the next second Wednesday, March 12.

The general business meeting of the Branch will be on Thursday, February 27. Membership fees are due.

## LOW COST RINK

Projected curling rink and recreation unit for Ganges was offered at a new low price last week when a report was published in DRIFTWOOD. One cypher disappeared to leave an estimated cost of \$25,000.

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ROAD CREWS WORK FRANTICALLY

**ROADS COLLAPSE**

Near-record winter weather has brought near-record spring road upheavals.

Gulf Islands lag behind no part of the province in their road problems. On every island there are seas of mud beyond which no traffic can pass and there are potholes and mud-pockets which restrict movement.

Accompanying the road collapse in so many places are vigorous criticisms of the department of highways and road crews.

"Side roads we expect to bring troubles but not even main roads are usable," protested one Mayne Island resident.

On Saturday spokesmen for various islands gathered at Pender Island to exchange notes.

At Galiano hardest hit is the North End Road. Long stretch of soft mud has hit schools hardest. Students at North Galiano have missed several weeks of school owing to the condition of the road.

J. Allan Clarke, spokesman for Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce at Pender, explained that the road is long-standing sore point among Galiano Islanders. Present highways agreement with islanders provides for one mile of new blacktop road each year, he recalled. If all construction of roads on Galiano is devoted to the North End Road it will take 17 years to complete it, he observed. During that 17 years nothing else will be done in terms of top surfacing anywhere on the island.

Islanders are particularly hostile to the department of highways over this section of road, he told the other delegates, because they have been pressing for road work on the section for several years.

The road condition establishes an unbreakable system, said the delegate.

It is a particularly bad section of road and there are constant complaints about it. Crews are engaged in filling

holes and patching up the surface all the time. The result is that not only does the road remain poor and inadequate for lack of a proper construction program, but every other road on the island suffers when crews are tied up on this bad section.

Only means of resolving the problem would be a special allocation of funds for proper construction, he asserted.

Pender Island has a number of sharp problems due to the frost coming out of the ground. Road to Magic Lakes needs a magic carpet. Islanders are relying on specialized vehicles to negotiate the sea of mud on the approach. Otherwise a section of road near the cemetery has collapsed and traffic is apparently passing through a field along a road that was.

Mayne Island's hardest hit section is the section that was rebuilt last year from Miner's Bay, Georgina Point Road. The new surface has disappeared within itself and residents are hopping mad. They are using private property to get past the marsh and the owners of the property are not very happy, DRIFTWOOD was told.

Saturna Island has its problems, although it probably has less paved road than any other island.

On Salt Spring Island the hardest hit are Beaver Point Road, where some residents have avoided returning to their homes for fear of being trapped on the road; Southey Point Road, passable only by a few vehicles. One driver coming through Rainbow Road resorted to chains to get out of the mud that is a road. Canal Road has been deep and North Beach Road, though sloppy, is still passable.

Sections of Fulford-Ganges Road are rough, but usable. Isabella Point Road has been closed to school buses and Beddis Road has roused the ire of users.

**CREWS ARE STILL BUSY**

Hired equipment as well as department of highways crews have been working on the North End Road consistently to keep it open, reports the highways department.

Spokesman for the department stated that a grader, two tandem trucks and a loader had been engaged in repairs to the road. It is passable and the northern section is clear, he reported.

Suggestion that there had been any stoppage in the constant battle to keep the road clear was absurd, DRIFTWOOD was told.

Road crews are working frantically to keep the roads open, but little work can be



Discipline of ferry travel was very clearly emphasized to a Salt Spring Island driver one day recently. Driver reported that he was on his way to Crofton in order to reach Salt Spring Island at an agreed time.

Approaching Crofton the driver was brought to a standstill by a roving pig.

He passed the animal and proceeded on his way, well aware that he should stop and warn the next house that there was a pig loose, but also aware that he would miss the boat. He drove on.

A mile or so further down the road he saw a car in the ditch and a telephone pole precariously swaying. He stopped sharply and climbed out of his car.

"Anyone hurt?" he enquired. Two young men said that there was not. He ran back to his car reluctant to leave until there was someone else there in case of necessity, but yet heading out for the ferry.

Ferry travelling is a tight disciplinary control.

Oil-soaked beaches are a problem to many in California. They are a threat in British Columbia and coastal residents are acutely conscious of the

accomplished until the water has cleared from beneath the surface.

All islanders were agreed on one point. There is inadequate equipment on most islands to accomplish a better job of roads and the policy of undertaking new construction out of maintenance grants prohibits improvement.

Mr. Clarke exerted a dampener when he cautioned that islands pay little in road taxes and that cost of work done probably exceeds the amount of taxes paid for the purpose.

Vernon Ruddock, of South Pender, agreed to chair an inter-island sub-committee to examine the road question on an overall basis.

"Government tends to set one island against another in order to avoid carrying out additional road work," he suggested.

**GANGES**

Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Horel, Cusheon Lake Road and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lowe, "Lake-ridge", Robinson Road, returned home last week-end after a month's holiday spent touring the Islands of Hawaii, Maui, and Oahu. They enjoyed perfect weather and all have golden sun tans, the envy of all their friends.

Visitors last week-end of Mrs. Arthur Gale, Atkins Road, were her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. P.D. Crofton, Victoria, also Mrs. Gale's brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Donald Corbett, Painter's Lodge, Campbell River.

Mr. and Mrs. G.T. Simpson are in Mexico for a month's holiday.

Over last week-end to stay with Miss Denise Crofton from Burnaby was Mrs. Peter Knight.

dangers. Last week Mrs. Ada Ryan was wondering whether the problem was already here. Mrs. Ryan found a dead duck on the beach. Cause of the death? Oil-soaked feathers. The bird had been so soaked in oil it could no longer fly or fend for itself and had died.

**NO MORE BROWN - OUTS !**

No more brown-outs! Gulf Islands Joint Council was told last week that the problem is solved. Instead of brown-outs, with their costly damage to electrical equipment, there will be black-outs.

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## WHERE LIES THE BLAME?

The road is out... who shall we blame?

The road crew? They are on the spot and they are struggling to keep traffic moving.

The department of highways? Every success and every failure must be the responsibility of the department.

The minister of highways? He holds the purse strings and the more he is prepared to spend, the better will be the road.

The local member? He is a man of great promise, but did he promise better than this?

The weatherman? He brought some pretty punk weather for the winter.

Or shall we be elective and pick out one or two victims to carry part of the blame?

Does it really matter? Islanders are more indignant over the fact that long drawn out projects have broken down under the strain of near-unprecedented weather.

At Galiano the problem of the North End Road would never have been so fierce had the road been completely built in the past. It was not and possibly never will be in the foreseeable future. At Mayne the condition of Georgina Point Road is blamed on the department who did not send the equipment the job merited.

These things have contributed to the state of our roads today. The essence of the complaints may be directed at islanders for not being in larger numbers to meet the costs of building modern main highways and to the islands themselves for a dearth of good, solid gravel.

It is easy to be annoyed, but it is tough to allocate the blame.

## HUMPHREYS REPORTS

# NEW PHILOSOPHY TEACHES SUCCESS

Former trustee of Gulf Islands School District, G.S. Humphreys was presented with a travelling case by his colleagues on Wednesday evening last week.

Presentation was made by the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J.R. Sturdy.

Chairman George Heinekey spoke warmly of the contribution made to the board by Mr. Humphreys during his long service.

Mr. Humphreys then made a report on his attendance at the national school trustees' association meeting in Ottawa last fall.

He had enjoyed his attendance and he had learned a considerable amount of problems

faced by school boards across the land, he reported.

The present provincial conference rang a familiar bell, he remarked. Last year's convention had considered something of the same pattern. The school trustees had felt that they would welcome federal assistance in education, but they would not tolerate federal government interfering in school policy or administration, it had been stated.

It was also asked how money might be raised on a local scale without recourse to land taxes. There was no immediate answer.

Top feature of the convention, reported Mr. Humphreys, was the address by Lloyd Dennis

who spoke of his new philosophy of education.

Dennis teaches success, said the speaker: traditional philosophy teaches failures. He explained that if a student under the present system is weak in a subject he is warned he may fail his grade for lack of that subject. Under the Dennis system he selects an alternative subject in which he is more proficient and thereby ensures his success.

The Salt Spring Island former trustee spoke of his contribution to the election of J.M. Campbell as vice-president of the organization.

"It needs a man like Jimmy Campbell," he told trustees, "the association lacks cohesion. I am confident that if anyone

can bring it together, Jim Campbell can."

## CHURCH SERVICES

FEBRUARY 23rd, 1969

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	8.30 am
St. Mark's	Central	Morning Prayer	11.00 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Evening Prayer	2.30 pm
St. Margaret of Scotland			
	Galiano	Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Matins	11.00 am
UNITED CHURCH			
	Ganges	Divine Worship	11.00 am
		Sunday School	9.45 am
	Burgoyne	Divine Worship	7.00 pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9.00 am
St. Paul's	Fulford	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



## RENTAL HIKE

When the post office staff sorts the incoming mail, places it in a large bag, sets out in a motor vehicle and subsequently on foot to deliver mail there is no charge to the recipient.

When the postal staff hands the incoming mail to a rural mail courier, delivering by contract under an archaic system of promoting slave labour, to sort it, place it in his car and deliver it several miles to the recipient, there is no additional charge to the addressee.

When the postal worker picks up the letter and places it in a rack with many other letters, there to be picked up and riffled through every time a patron comes into the post office, there is no charge to the recipient.

When the postal clerk sorts the mail into a box within feet of the sorting table, there to leave it until the recipient walks into the post office and collects it himself, there is a charge made. That charge has been doubled.

In the first instance the letter is delivered in a city by a letter carrier; in the second case it is carried by a rural mail courier; the third case is mail sent to General Delivery and the fourth is the holder of a letter box or drawer in the post office.

Gulf Islands Joint Council has protested the illogicality of paying most for the least. And well they should!

## Letters

Editor, Driftwood,

As island dwellers, Salt Spring residents are in a position to understand the tragedy taking place in Santa Barbara, California. I refer to the giant oil leakage from offshore drilling.

First off, imagine having to look at the ugly oil rigs offshore. Then imagine finding a baby seal dead on the shore from oil clogged lungs—and this was even before the real tragedy. Then comes the proof of the mess—a leak—and miles and miles of ocean covered with oil.

Beings of all kinds watch horrified as the oil washes on shore. Birds lie dead, and others oil soaked and unable to fly. Thank God for the local zoo, "A Child's Estate" which set up facilities to clean off the birds that people could find, and keep them until the beaches are again safe. Experts don't even know how extensive or of what duration this massive destruction of marine life is. I know, though, that nothing visible lives in the tide pools any longer. I know, too, that watching the waves break black instead of crystal clear is enough to move many to tears.

Walking the beach is no longer white sands, colorful sea weeds and shiny shells. It's now "No admittance—water contaminated" signs, or where you are allowed, it's black mucky sand and rocks and piles of straw to soak up some of the oil. Some fisherman, too, are out of work, and harbor boat residents are out of homes for the time being.

We in Santa Barbara have several battles going. One to clean up the mess as soon and as effectively possible, and two, to get the greedy oil companies out of one of a city's few remaining natural wonders.

The residents overwhelmingly want the oil out. There are GOO (get oil out) petitions all over and at least 20 letters a night in the local newspaper—chosen out of many more. But fighting big money is not easy.

Letters to President Nixon, or Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel from any concerned person anywhere would help. As a past resident of Salt Spring and a present resident of Santa Barbara, I ask for your help. We all do in this city of the oil slick. Thank you.

Mary Ellen Lee,  
3675 Montalvo Way,  
Santa Barbara,  
California  
February 14, 1969

FAREWELL

Editor, Driftwood,

Before leaving this fair isle I'd like to express appreciation for the kindness of many good

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JOHN TISDALLE, M.L.A.

# REPORT FROM VICTORIA

EXCERPTS FROM BUDGET SPEECH DELIVERED IN THE LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 18, 1969

For a few minutes I want to speak to you this afternoon about living your life and mine on a holiday, on a weekend in an automobile on our highways. Manufacturers have done a lot for automobile safety and the government testing stations are doing everything they can to keep it safe.

Highway building has become a science for safety but while many are working to keep those motorists alive, others are working equally hard trying to kill them. Living is an emotional thing, death I haven't experienced, so I can't say; but to those who remain death is also emotional and I don't presume to keep the emotional out of the facts of death on our highways while I speak about it this afternoon. Here are some of the facts:

The New York Times in 1966 printed two columns under the caption 'One Cocktail Helps Driver'. The same article offered much encouragement to the so-called social drinker, for it cited statistics purporting to show that drivers who had had a single cocktail or bottle of beer had fewer accidents than those who drank no alcohol at all.

It quoted Robert S. Borkenstein of the Department of Police Administration at Indiana University who conducted the research. Again that headline said 'One Cocktail Helps Driver'. For the records, the research on which this report was based, was paid for under a grant of American Distillers. The news conference at which this announcement was made was summoned by the licensed beverage industries Incorporated Public Relations Arm of Liquor Distillers Wholesale Retailers and Package Store Owners.

Yet, when Mr. Borkenstein was subsequently confronted with the statement that 'One Cocktail Helps Driver', Borkenstein said the writer of the newspaper article had been too free with his interpretation and said "It is my opinion that alcohol, no matter how small the amount consumed, has never improved a driver!"

Mr. Borkenstein was then asked, "Is it true, as the article states, that motorists with one or two ounces of alcohol in their bloodstream are safer dri-

vers?" He replied, "Unequivocally NO."

I have listened respectfully to those who say a little alcohol is a lubricant which makes the world turn more smoothly. Now I ask that they listen with similar respect to this — the permissiveness which they endorse. Dr. Albert Schweitzer said drink is commercially our greatest waste, socially our greatest criminal, morally our greatest enemy.

Most conservative estimates are that 4 1/2% of all Canadians are alcoholics, and 2% are problem drinkers. Alcoholism is fatal to 11,000 Americans every year and probably these statistics can be pro-rated with our population. More than half of all drivers killed in single vehicle accidents were drunk.

Drinking by drivers and pedestrians causes 800,000 crashes and kills 25,000 Americans every year. The Government's Department of Transportation cites drinking as the largest single factor in traffic deaths.

There is an increasing evidence that the Roman Empire fell because Romans drank themselves to death. Recently a University of California Scientist Dr. James Sundneier reported to the American Chemical Society at Atlanta City that chemical analysis of the remains of ancient Romans showed high quantities of lead. Roman aristocrats lined their liquor kegs with lead and poisoned themselves.

Britain tried to cork the bottle with a new law of last October, and we have similar laws here. How well they are working has yet to be determined, but in Britain any motorist involved in any accident is required to take a road-side sobriety test, or after any violation of traffic regulations a breathalyser test.

Breath analyser tests on all suspect drivers reduced traffic deaths 23%, and traffic injuries 16%, in the first three months. I hope there will never be any liquid lunches on our ferries or in this place for that matter.

Many times while waiting on the parking lots of the ferries I have observed far too much drinking in cars by teenagers and adults to make me feel anything but comfortable while I am driving home from this city on the Patricia Bay Highway and meeting the ferry traffic.

It shouldn't be necessary, but it is, to remind the other driver that he holds someone else's life in his hands rather than just

the steering wheel. One thing about it — the students who flee into drink or drugs or sex, and the others who accumulate jail records because of drink and drugs, and the others who link their names to dishonourable organizations all those who consume themselves with their own excesses, are going to leave a lot of room at the top for the disciplined, dedicated, hardworking handful.

I wish every youngster could know the degree to which his today's will shape his tomorrow's. Significantly the anti-cigarette campaign presently being conducted by the American Cancer Society does not recommend moderation — it urges abstinence.

What about the so called social drinker? The University of California at Los Angeles researched him — he is intoxicated only 6 times a year for only a few hours at a time, yet his death rate is two and one half times greater than for non-drinkers his age.

I am here as a public defender in defence of the nameless young people I have never met, and will never know, but they need to be reassured by somebody that any skid row wino can drink, so it's not smart; it is not grown-up; and God knows it is not necessary, somebody has to say so, so I have said so for our wonderful Province, which has so much to give, would not last long or survive under unsteady hands.

There is no profit statement big enough from liquor sales to ever compensate for the life of an individual snuffed out by alcohol directly or indirectly.

We give licenses for manufacturing death on our highways

## REV. J. B. HASLAM BUILT EARLY ANGLICAN CHURCH

When DRIFTWOOD recently referred back to a pioneer clergyman of Salt Spring Island, Rev. E. F. Wilson was described as the minister who built St. Mark's Church.

Church was built in 1892 by Rev. J. B. Haslam, noted W. M. Mouat. Mr. Wilson came to the island in 1894.

Mr. Mouat remembered the initial years of the church. He used to go there for lack of a Presbyterian church here.

and I don't mean the plate attached to your car. That car is quite harmless under proper control. It's only a bucket of bolts, but a glass of alcohol in you guts can make you an unwilling killer. Who is to blame — well, you answer it — I have to my satisfaction.

But now I would like to deal with financial responsibility. At least the living and the crippled living, the maimed and the halt should be compensated, and so once again in this House I re-

commend that a levy be placed at the manufacturing source of liquor that is responsible for approximately 65% of the deaths on our highways, and that this fund be used to compensate for the loss of life and health according to the percentage of the responsibility attributed to alcohol in the accident. I use the word accident advisedly, and I doubt if there is such a thing as an accident when alcohol is involved. This should reduce the cost of insurance to all of us.

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### MORE LETTERS

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friends, especially for "lifts" which have been very helpful. After my recent "snake" letter I felt sure that most of those who read it suspected I was "bugs". The rest, having keener perception, were sure of it. Yet, and perhaps for that very reason, they were, if anything, a little kinder.

Anyhow, I had second thoughts about that snake business. Knowing that misguided persons such as myself, like to "pull your leg" I see now that snakes would be at a disadvantage.

Alas! I confess I have been annoyingly subcutaneous, not with malice afore thought but generally because I got a kick out of it.

And now, in the words of the well-known hymn, I hope "that we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again".

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TRUSTEES STATE POLICY HERE

Trustees of Gulf Islands School District were invited last week to close the school during inclement weather when only part of the student body could reach their classrooms owing to the problem of operating school buses over poor roads.

J.B. Stewart, of Beaver Point Road wrote to enquire of the policy of the board under these circumstances.

The students who depend on the buses cannot all get to school in inclement weather, he explained, and perhaps the schools could close at such times, he suggested.

"School is not a competitive field and we should keep the doors open if we possibly can," commented Chairman George Heinekey on Wednesday.

If only 45 or 50 per cent of students can attend school they

are still serving their purpose, he added.

While schools are kept open buses will be run wherever possible, it was agreed.

Biggest current problems, it was agreed, are the Beaver Point and Southey Point areas, where buses cannot get through.

## SNOW AND SCHOOL

# DRIVER CRITICAL

When a private motorist could pick up eight children and bring them to school during the snow, he felt that the "professional" drivers of school buses could have managed the same effort.

In a letter to C.W. Hatch, chairman of the transportation

committee of the Gulf Islands School District, L.G. Kelly was critical.

The situation was out of hand, he charged.

Mr. Kelly had picked up children along Beddis Road while no school bus was running. He would then take them home again in the afternoon. If he could drive successfully along Beddis Road, why couldn't a school bus, driven by a professional driver, make it, he asked.

Further, protested Mr. Kelly, when he enquired of the school district office for information he was informed that only the senior bus driver could tell him anything and he would have to contact the driver at his home after working hours.

The bus driver had proved himself a competent driver by not driving under the prevailing conditions against his better judgment, suggested Chairman George Heinekey.

Mr. Hatch felt that Mr. Kelly had a legitimate complaint over the difficulty of reaching a responsible officer. The district office should have ascertained the information and passed it on, he suggested.

## SPRING AWAKENING

Elisie Baldwin, columnist in the Maple Ridge—Pitt Meadows Gazette, tells the following legend of the snow-drops.

"The angels it is said, felt sorry for Eve, when she was sent from the garden, and sent little flakes of snow to comfort her. When the flakes of snow touched the earth, they were changed to flowers. The little touch of green signifies that, after winter, spring will come.

B. Saunders, of Ganges, was inspired by the story to write the following poem, already published by the Nelson Daily News:

### SPRING AWAKENING

I went to look-see  
Snowdrops in bloom  
In my garden.  
"All nature in tune!"  
Small brown bulbs  
Planted as you fell  
To sleep, now awake  
A devote story tell.

Oh, divine innocence  
Your dropping head  
So fair in your  
Snowbound bed  
Pure as a child  
Your spotless beauty  
Rain or snow  
Have done your duty  
Lovely flowers so frail  
"How long will you linger?"  
Light as a snowflake  
Of spring you sing  
Soft snowflakes  
A little streamlet  
Flowing steadily  
Till the sunsets.

# GALIANO

BY MARY BACKLUND

We are all happy to see Mrs. I. A. Murphy home again after spending the past three weeks visiting her daughter and family in Chilliwack, Mr. and Mrs. George Tully, they accompanied her home for the week-end, and also Mrs. Murphy's son, Sergeant R. W. Murphy, who has recently returned from army service for the past eighteen months in Tanzania.

Ronald Page is down from Nanaimo visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sater, with Ivor, Nola, Erin and Lisa, spent the week-end visiting Mrs. Sater's brother and family, Ronald Callaghan, in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Maury Lupton are busy these days moving over to their home on Galiano, as they have sold their Vancouver home, Mrs. Lupton will live now on the island, Maury and son will commute to Vancouver. Maury is well-known for his wonderful piano stylings.

Road crews worked during the past week-end to try and get the North End road in shape as

## TURKEY SHOOT AT GALIANO

Annual meeting of the Galiano Rod and Gun Club held recently in their club-room, saw Dave Laughlin elected president for the coming term, Earl Young, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, W.H. (Bud) Day. Committee includes Peter Denroche, Dan Petty, Fred Robson, Gerald Steward, Ollie Garner, and also Alan Steward, of Galiano and Mayne Islands.

It has been decided that a spring turkey shoot will be held at the Gun Club on Sunday, March 2, at 1.00 pm.

soon as possible. There are several extra men and some more equipment on the job now, we are all grateful for their efforts.

## VALENTINE TEA AT ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

Parish Hall, Ganges, was decorated in an attractive red and white valentine motif on Friday, Feb. 14 when the Anglican Church Women held their annual Valentine tea and sale.

The affair was opened at 2 pm by the rector, Archdeacon R.B. Horsefield, Mrs. S. Bannister, president of the A. C.W. was hostess and general convener. Mrs. E. Barber convened the tea, assisted by Mrs. G.S. Truefitt, Mrs. S. Thompson, Mrs. E. Ledger, Mrs. E. Harbin, and Mrs. W.H. Saunders.

Pouring tea during the afternoon were Mrs. F.L. Jackson, Mrs. Guy Cunningham, Mrs. E. Barber, Mrs. M.V.G. Gilpin, Mrs. Fred Anderson, Mrs. D. H. Hook, Mrs. H. Henderson, and Miss Mary Corbett.

In charge of the two stalls: home cooking, Mrs. G.H. Holmes and Mrs. G.H. Laundry; and needle work, Mrs. V. L. Jackson and Mrs. W. Norton.

Mrs. Harold Price and Mrs. L. Horrocks were at the door. The sum of \$82 was realized during the afternoon.

## SHOWER FOR SYLVIA IMRIE AT MAYNE HALL

A very nice gathering of relatives and friends of a forthcoming bride-to-be, Sylvia Imrie, met in the hall on Mayne Island last Tuesday to honor her at a shower. Hostess was Mrs. Jennie Botterill assisted by Mrs. Danny Imrie and Mrs. Norman Deacon.

Mrs. Neil Imrie, Sylvia's mother also assisted and was responsible for the beautifully decorated table featuring containers of daffodils and hyacinths. A most enjoyable evening was spent and delicious refreshments served to the guests by Mrs. Botterill and her assistants.

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Alex H. Turner Deputy Minister  
Hon. Cyril M. Shelford Minister of Agriculture



And it's What are we waiting for? They are waiting for the beginning of the race.



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It needs a lot of concentration to keep the pancake in the pan.

**FERNWOOD FEED**

**JUST TRY THIS !**

By JESSIE SAYER

**POTATO SCONES**

- 2 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 c. mashed potatoes (not creamed)
- 3/4 c. milk
- 2 tsp. melted shortening

Mix and sift dry ingredients, blend in mashed potatoes, add milk and shortening. Mix into a ball and pat out on board 3/4" thick and cut into about 12 pieces. Bake in fry pan on top of stove turning over when brown and stand on sides to make sure they are baked through, about 10 to 12 mins. in all.

**SPECIAL RATES FOR STUDENTS AT MAINLAND THEATRE**

Vancouver Junior Club for the Performing Arts is offering special rates for students at its presentations.

The invitation was extended through local schools, but with the suggestion that students be accompanied by their parents, rather than go in a school group.

The purpose of the offer is to encourage a wider range of interest among students in various forms of art and music.

Special rate has been offered by an enthusiast who wanted a wider interest among students but not at the expense of the presentation, the school board was told.

It was left open to parents to decide.

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- 1/2 c. white sugar
- pinch salt
- 1 c. hot water
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# BRIDGE

by ALICE HAMMETT

### LEADS:

By looking at a hand it is impossible to say what opening lead one would make until the auction is completed. The opening lead can make or break a contract. It is often a tremendous relief to find that one's partner is on lead. With the same hand a lead against a No-trump contract and a suit contract could be quite different. Against No-trump one has timing and against a suit contract one must promote cards quickly. For instance, holding KQ9752, against No-trump the lead should be the fourth highest (7); against a suit contract the lead should be the King, hoping the Queen will make on the second round of that suit. Against a suit contract the end cards would be useless, from a trick-taking point of view.

When partner has bid, particularly an overcall, which should be a lead-directing bid, one should lead that suit even if the contract is in No-trump and the declarer has made the No-trump bid over the overcall. Your partner wants to get that suit established and to lead any other might take out his entry card and prevent him from making end-cards in his bid suit. To lead any other suit (unless one has a very good reason for doing otherwise) gives declarer timing on the hand to set up another suit while having control of your partner's bid suit. Holding Ax; Kx; Qx; or any doub-

leton one should lead High-low but holding Axx; Kxx; Qxx or Jxx, against a suit one should lead the Ace always but against the other honors the third card should be led or, if holding four cards, the fourth. Holding a sequence, play the higher of two touching cards. The old lead was "always lead the highest of partner's bid". This is now considered unsound and illogical. Partner has bid Hearts and declarer is playing No-trump. By leading the top of partner's suit bid the declarer gets two tricks instead of one, also partner may figure you hold only Qx:-

	N.	
	84	
W.		E.
Q73		A10965
	S.	
	KJ2	

The lead should be Heart 3.

When one is making a blind lead try and promote a trick in your own hand and failing that, from the bidding, attempt to promote tricks in your partner's hand. Against No-trump leads the top of a sequence of three or the fourth highest card of your longest suit. This brings one to the Rule of Eleven. This is very important at all times and not only against No-trump. By subtracting the size of the card led from eleven the balance shows the number of cards higher than the one led, held by "dummy", third player and declarer. Suppose partner leads



Vehicles on Pender used a temporary by-pass when the road was too wet to accept traffic.

an eight and dummy shows say KQ9 and you hold A1053 you know at once that the lead was "top of nothing" and partner does not want that particular suit returned. "Top of nothing" isn't considered a good lead but when holding AQxx; Jxx (trump 853 and KJxx partner must realize the eight was led for the want of a better lead and should lead up to weakness in the dummy. The following hand will show what can happen when the Rule of Eleven is disregarded:-

	N.	
	K64	
	AQJ2	
	852	
	Q86	
W.		E.
Q1087		AJ93
754		K93
Q643		974
J5		J107
	S.	
	52	
	1086	
	AK9	
	AK1032	

West leads Spade 7 to S's 3 No-trump contract. What card should East play? By using the rule of Eleven East knows South does not have a card higher than the seven so should underplay the seven and let West lead again. E/W will take four Spade tricks and One Heart trick to set the contract. Should East carelessly overtake the seven then South will make his contract.

Another idea many players have is that partner's original lead should be returned. Third

## SATURNA

Pinch hitting for Papajohn again. He is a bit under the weather and I think it's the result of trying to grow sideburns and they're sapping his strength. Anyway, he is on the way to recovery.

Sorry to report Mrs. Hindmarch, Mrs. Littler and Mrs.

Connor all in hospital and we hope they all have a speedy recovery.

This summer weather is beginning to bring back our week end visitors from Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. F. Blane and from Everett, Washington, Dr.

R. Radke, who spent last week in their Earl Point summer cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whiting celebrated their wedding anniversary in Vancouver last week. We wish them many more happy years together.

Week end guests Tony Tucker, Vancouver, visiting Debbie McDonald and Doug Punnett, of Duncan, home last week end with David Connor.

The Moneys and Mrs. Papajohn spent a few days at Harrison last week where there are still large heaps of snow to remind one of winter.

By the way, why did this paper report the results of Saturna voting as Douglas, 48 and no others? This is completely wrong. I think the result should be, Douglas, 46; Winch, 35; Verbrugge, 5.  
— L. Money.

made with overtricks. Why not return to weakness in dummy, the unplayed suit, hearts but be careful to lead the Queen so that S. cannot duck and end-play West. Had West originally lead any other card than the top of a sequence his partner would be justified in returning his lead, not knowing where to place the King.

Holding xx; Axxxxx; Qxxx-xx; x. Against No-trump underlead the Queen to promote that suit and keep the Ace as an entry card—sometimes it works.

There is a great deal more to leading but that will follow at a later date.

player should be on guard not to set up a suit in dummy or when there is weakness in dummy and the declarer seems to be avoiding that suit, if possible, play through the declare and disregard partner's original lead if it is obvious it will enable declarer to make his contract. The following hand will show more clearly what is meant:-

	N.	
	A7	
	108	
	AK6	
	AK10985	
W.		E.
QJ1083		542
AJ93		Q753
732		984
6		Q72
	S.	
	K96	
	K64	
	QJ105	
	J43	

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N.	E.	S.	W.
1C.	P.	1D.	P.
3C.	P.	3NT.	P.
P.	P.		

Opening lead Spade Q:

North takes the first trick with the Spade A. then runs off four Diamond tricks, W. discarding Club 6. S. now realizes the Club Q. must be protected in W and gives him the second Club trick. Declarer now has six tricks and must have the Spade K (W. having led the Queen) so if E. returns his partner's original lead (Spade) the contract will be

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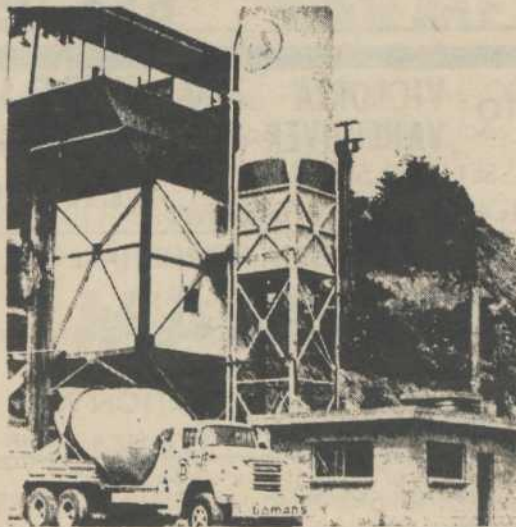
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## SCHOOL BUSES ARE FOR USE OF STUDENTS ONLY SAYS BOARD

School buses cannot be used by the general public.

This was the ruling made by trustees of Gulf Islands School District last Wednesday evening. Trustees had been invited to express an opinion on the use of buses by pensioners who had no other means of getting into Ganges.

"If we pick up anyone," cautioned Chairman George Heinekey, "we'll have to pick up everyone."

Chairman of the transportation committee, C.W. Hatch agreed. He could feel sympathy with those who asked for the use of the buses when they were not filled, but he could not see how a bus could pick up some and not others.

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in trouble recently when a sink was plugged. The water was reluctant to run away and she called for help. The stoppage was annoying, but not desperate. It was probably the vent pipe stopped up, said Ernie Booth and as soon as the weather softened he promised to

check. Last Friday morning, early, the land shook in a slight tremor. No damage was reported by the Beddis Road resident, but the water ran swiftly from the sink. The tremor had moved the restriction.

## THEY DIDN'T NEED A DELEGATE

When trustees of Gulf Islands School District last week discussed the annual convention of the Canadian School Trustees Association they did

not have to send a delegate.

J.M. Campbell, trustee from Saturna Island, is president of the British Columbia School Trustees' Association and will take part in the national gathering. Mr. Campbell also holds office in the national association.

## POT LUCK SUPPER AGAIN FOR MARCH AT LEGION HALL

A pleasant evening was enjoyed at the Legion Hall, Saturday, February 15 by Branch 92 — L.A. members, and their spouses for a pot luck supper.

Thirty members attended, each bringing a variety of dishes from casseroles of every description to salads, chicken pot pie, shepherds meat pie, home made rolls and others.

The hall was decorated for the occasion with a Valentine theme. After the buffet supper there was dancing and a sing song. The L.A. plans a St. Patrick's pot luck supper on Saturday, March 15.

## FIRST TIME

Re-routing of the Mayre Queen via Long Harbour on Monday mornings is the first time B.C. Ferries have made any change in schedule for the special benefit of school students, observed Robert Hindmarch.

"Gavin Mouat held the Friday ferry for three hours at Ganges to wait for outer island students," he recalled. "When the ferry authority took over there was no longer an immediate recognition of education needs."

Present change is the first time.

Send DRIFTWOOD to your friends and relatives. Let them know what is happening on the islands.

## VALENTINE DANCE AT GOLF CLUB ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Successful Valentine Dance was held at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club last Friday, Feb. 14.

Everyone enjoyed the dance music played by Steven Barclay of Victoria on his Electro-home organ.

The door prize was won by Mrs. R. Dixon. Spot prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woodley, Mrs. R. Webster and Mrs. Hill.

Notable among the lovely long and short gowns worn by the ladies, was a pink and silver metallic pant-suit worn by Mrs. H. Bryan, Mrs. Ronald Stacey looked charming in along evening gown of black with a gold and red brocaded top. Evening gowns, too numerous to mention, were worn by the ladies and they all looked charming.

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## ROLLER HOCKEY

### SENIOR HOCKEY

On Tuesday, Feb. 11 the Central Hawks defeated the Ganges team, 7-6. Ganges took the lead in the first period scoring four goals in the first 10 minutes of play but after Central changed goalies they only scored two more in the game.

The Hawks pounded 68 shots on goalie Pat Jorgenson and only his excellent goal-tending held the score down. Rick Carlson stopped 44 shots for Central. Scoring for Central were Rick Carlson and Wayne Taylor, one each; Rick Kyler, two and Eric Booth, three.

Ganges scorers were Andy Mitchell, Alan Menzies and Allan Jackson, one each and Dave Stacey, three.

Referee Pat Slingsby picked as stars, Eric Booth, Allan Jackson and Wayne Taylor.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, the Hawks again defeated Ganges (who were playing short-handed by the score of 18-8.

### PEE WEE HOCKEY

The Northend Canadians increased their first place lead by winning two games last week. On Thursday they defeated Ganges Mounties, 10-2, taking a 3-0 lead in the first period, scoring three more in the second and finishing with four more in the third. Carl Willis shot in two goals in the second period for Ganges.

Northend scorers were Doug Lewis and Mark Coels, one each; Gary Bogdanovich and Bob Empey, two each and Philip Kyler, four. Stars were Philip Kyler, Bob Empey and Greg Knoblauch.

On Saturday, the Canadians beat Fulford Warriors, 9-3 in a very fast game. Roger Kitchen scored all the Fulford goals and scoring for Northend were Richard Cawker and Gary Bogdanovich, one each; Bob Empey and Mark Coels, two each and Philip Kyler, three. Stars were Roger Kitchen, Mark Coels and Tom Langdon.

### GIRLS SENIOR

Friday's game resulted in another win for the Fulford Tigers but by a close margin, score 3-2 against the Central Hawkettes. Stars picked by Referee Rick Saunders were Sherry Scotton, Sue Langdon and Carol Moulton.

### INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Saturday's game between Ganges and Fulford ended with a 5-2 score for Fulford Snipers, Ganges playing a good game despite the loss of several players leaving them short-handed. Stars were 1 John Craig, 2 Paddy Taylor, 3 Jimmy Moulton. Referee was Mike Snyder.

### GIRLS SENIOR

Fulford Tigers lost their first game this Sunday against Ganges, game was tied in the third period until the last two minutes when Linda Anderson scored the winning goal. Stars picked by Referee Allan Willis were Barbara Moulton, Linda Anderson and Joanne Moulton.

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The ad that filled this space was withdrawn because it brought results!!!

## TEACHER LIVING IN VICARAGE

Teacherage...or Vicarage? Pender Island school principal Allan Trainweiser is living in the vicarage...because there is no teacherage.

Now it appears likely the vicarage will be needed.

Last week trustees of the Gulf Islands School District debated the problem of building quickly.

Mr. Traunweiser can find no suitable accommodation on the island, reported Mrs. June Allan last week.

The necessary funds for a teacherage were voted last year, but no further action has been taken.

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## COMING EVENTS

BEAVER POINT COMMUNITY Association, Annual Meeting, Wednesday, February 26, 8 pm Beaver Point Hall

Burgoyne Bay U.C.W. SPRING TEA  
 Home Cooking - Hamper Friday, Feb. 21, 2.30 pm, Nan's Coffee Bar

ST. PATRICK'S TEA AND Bake Sale, will be held at the United Church Hall on March 13, starting at 2 pm.

LADY MINTO HOSPITAL Women's Auxiliary Annual Meeting and election of officers, Tues. Feb. 25 at 2 pm, Hospital Board Room.

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## MAYNE CHURCH SETS OUT PLANS FOR FUTURE

By ELSIE BROWN  
 A very successful meeting of the combined Anglican congregations of Galiano and Mayne Islands was held last Tuesday, at Springwater Lodge and was well attended.

Luncheon was served by Mrs. Joan Drummond assisted by Mrs. Meg Drummond at 12 noon, a most sumptuous repast which put us all in a good mood for the business at hand.

People's Warden, Dick Pugh chaired the meeting which took place after the luncheon. Archdeacon Forth of Victoria was present and was introduced by Donald New of Galiano. Following Archdeacon Forth's remarks the report on the meeting held at Galiano last month was read by Miss E.M. Hopkins of Galiano. It dealt with the problem of Mayne's indebtedness to the diocese, which includes St. Margaret of Scotland on Galiano and St. Mary Magdalene on Mayne. Due to our interrupted ferry service, weather conditions, health problems, road conditions and other abnormal winter problems we were not able

to arrange services, and hence had no income.

Our decision in January to discontinue services until the Spring was not acceptable and so this meeting was called to discuss this matter. Mr. Fream was unable to attend the meeting but has taken services at St. Mary Magdalene for the February 2 and 16 dates as scheduled.

Discussion took place to clarify the extent of our indebtedness and try to decide on a reasonable amount with our limited congregation as well as our limited means. Treasurer of St. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano, W.J. Maier gave the treasurer's report. Question and answer period followed and suggestions were made. A reduction of Mayne's debt was discussed and one-fifth, instead of one-third, was the amount decided on.

The envelope system was also discussed and was decided on. A great deal was accomplished as a result of the meeting and we hope that more get-togethers of this sort will be arranged periodically to iron out

# MAYNE

Activities have resumed after the winter freeze-up which has kept everyone house-bound, wives as well as husbands, and most of us would like about a month somewhere in the South Seas where road conditions may or may not be better.

At least it would be a change and a "change is as good as a rest". We all know about the conditions which existed on the mainland or elsewhere since we saw it all on TV but that doesn't alter our conditions which we hope will be rectified to the satisfaction of everyone, EVENTUALLY.

The road crews are not to blame and we see by DRIFTWOOD, February 6, that John Tisdalle, MLA, has been speaking out in the legislature. Let's hope someone is listening, because someone had better pretty soon!

There are enough irate housewives here on Mayne to make a few of them sit up and take notice over there in Victoria.

We don't need to hear the results of the Commission on the Status of Women to find out whether we have a voice. We've got the VOTE and that's the main thing!

We are looking forward to a visit from Mr. and Mrs. P.G. James of Salt Spring Island who will be on hand at the hall on Thursday evening, Feb. 20.

Mr. James is Provincial Agriculturist and will give a lecture on gardening tips, insects and their control. Slides will be shown and there will be a question and answer period. The time is 7.30 pm, admission is 50¢ and refreshments will be served.

A wedding of interest to the islands and as far away as Saskatchewan will take place on Saturday afternoon at St. Mary Magdalene Church when Sylvia Imrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Imrie will be united in marriage to Charles Arthur Head, of Galiano. Reception will be held at the Imrie residence, Bennett Bay, following the ceremony and Open House will be held in the evening. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple!

A week end visitor at the Harvey Drummonds' residence was sister-in-law Mrs. Elmer (Opal) Drummond of Calgary. She came out with a friend by plane and they have visited in the Vancouver area and Victoria. Rev. Benjamin Fream was

a guest of the Drummonds this past Sunday.

Guests of the Al Braus, Georgina Shoals, were Pearl's brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Thompson of Vancouver. They report they are still coping with snow on the mainland.

Resident at Bennett Sub-division units while they build on the island are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Campkin of Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale, also of Vancouver.

Recent visitors to the island were Al and Leonie Bablitz of Carmanah Light Station, formerly of Active Pass. They were on their annual holiday and had spent Christmas with Al's folks in Alberta. The weather at the Light Station hadn't been too severe before they left. Little Bud will be one year old in April.

Mayne Inn staff report a busy winter despite adverse conditions and they are proceeding fairly well on schedule with their renovating. Work at present is being done on the upper floor and they hope to be all finished by spring. The lower hall is very attractive with walls of a rosy wine shade with trim of antique white. A crystal chandelier completes the picture.

Springwater Lodge has been busy all winter with hydro or telephone personnel coming and going at various times. Joan and Al had a short holiday at the close of the summer season and are making preparations for the busy season ahead.

The John Rainsfords are busy clearing land adjacent to their home overlooking Active Pass. John spent most the month of January rescuing stalled cars on the Hall's Hill section of Georgina Point Road.

The Ray Cheeks of "Tanglewood" were over to their property this week end and report a very happy time over in England over the Christmas season. They left Vancouver on December 20 via Air Canada, making stops at Toronto, Montreal, Shannon, Prestwick and London. Visited all their relatives and stayed at Stevenage, Bromley, Knockholt, Ramsgate, Tunbridge Wells, Charing, Lydd, Portsmouth, Fareham and Christ Church. They were pleased to find their garden not too badly affected by the cold weather. Ray says they may have lost their dahlias and azaleas.

The Charlie Barrons and Mr. Barron, Sr., of "The Boulders" were over for the week end. They will no doubt be making their regular visits from now on.

Floy flying at Foy Miles' home by the sea so she must have been in residence.

Lots of commuters were over this week end among whom were the Ian Grays, the Jack Dunnes, the John McLoughlins and many others too numerous to mention.

News items would be appreciated. Both stores will accept them, or phone 539-2480

difficulties which arise from time to time. Our thanks to Archdeacon Forth for coming over from Victoria to listen to our problems and to the congregation of St. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano, for their assistance.

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## FIRE DESTROYS SALT SPRING HOME

One of the oldest buildings on Salt Spring Island went up in flames on Saturday. Almost completely destroyed by fire was the North Beach Road home of Col. and Mrs. C.E. Bailey.

House had stood overlooking Trincomali Channel since 1856.

On Saturday afternoon Col. and Mrs. Bailey were in Victoria when the alarm was sounded. Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department was called and brought the flames under control but it was too late to save the building or the contents.

Fire was attributed to a malfunction of the furnace. Mrs. Bailey, on Sunday, was still dazed by the loss, but she expressed satisfaction that there had been nobody in the house. The Colonel's favorite chair was alongside the furnace, she said.

In addition to the loss of the house, Col. and Mrs. Bailey are reviewing the antiques and heirlooms they had stored in their home.

Loss was assessed at about \$15,000 and it was mostly covered by insurance.

### CONCERT GROUP PLANS FAMOUS MARIONETTIST

Feature attraction of the 1969-70 Overture Concert Series in Ganges will be Daniel Lloids, international marionettist. He has a spectacular company of 700, costumed in mink jewelled silks, iridescent brocades — performing against a background of fountains, electrical skyrockets and "perfectly polished artistry". He has been cheered in the concert halls of forty nations for his fantasy of figures and fingers.

The local executive met on Thursday with Overture Representative Doreene Purcell to discuss plans for the coming year.

The next membership campaign will be held from April 14 to May 31, 1969, and Doreene Purcell will return then to

assist the local committee.

Other attractions to be offered next season will be announced at the final concert on March 23, "Moods of Man".

### Fulford Tide Table

Day	Time	Ht. ft.
20	0040	4.7
	0720	10.8
TH	1400	4.9
	2010	8.6
21	0115	6.1
	0750	10.7
FR	1450	4.3
	2140	8.5
22	0150	7.3
	0805	10.5
SA	1535	3.9
	2330	8.8
23	0240	8.4
	0825	10.2
SU	1620	3.6
24	0135	9.3
	0350	9.2
MO	0835	9.9
	1715	3.5
25	0305	9.9
	0600	9.7
TU	0900	9.7
	1815	3.3
26	0325	10.4
	0830	9.5
WE	0945	9.5
	1905	3.1

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## FERRY PLAN FLOP DAD, YES --- SON, NO!

Parents and their students children were not entirely in agreement over school transportation between the outer islands and Salt Spring Island.

Robert Hindmarch, Saturna, told the Gulf Islands Joint Council last week that the re-routing of the Mayne Queen via Long Harbour on Monday mornings will be continued for another month. It has not been successful.

Rerouting was sought by some parents in order that students from the islands attending Gulf Islands Secondary School could leave later for school.

The students affected were to be those from Galiano, Saturna and Mayne Islands.

Students found it less than attractive. To take the early morning ferry from Saturna some of the youngsters were getting up shortly after 4 am,

he explained. Majority continued to use the Sunday afternoon connection via Swartz Bay.

Students found no objection to the long trip, reported Mr. Hindmarch. Many did their homework while traveling, he added.

In the meantime the Mayne Queen sails into Long Harbour on Monday mornings, with a mere handful of students.

"It was a complete flop," he reported frankly.

B.C. Ferry Authority had made the change in response to the request from the chairman of the transportation committee of the joint council, added the chairman of the committee. Other islands had not been given prior notice of the change because it was a last-minute decision, he noted.

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