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## PLANNING REPORT NEARS

Report on the Salt Spring Island planning questionnaire will be presented to Salt Spring Island residents at the end of February.

Addressing residents of the north end of Salt Spring Island, Henry Schubart stated last Friday evening that the questionnaires now being distributed will be analysed and the summary will be offered at a public meeting about February 23.

Summary will then be passed on to the Capital Regional District Board for the information of community planners.

## END OF SEMESTER AT GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Students at the Gulf Islands Secondary School took time out last week to write final examinations in courses taken during the first semester.

For the first time government examinations were administered on a province-wide basis during January, although students wishing to write for government scholarships must wait until the June exams, when all scholarship examinations will be given.

Friday afternoon was spent in issuing textbooks, checking time-tables, and quickly running through the new timetable so that the new semester started on Monday without any of the usual disruption associated with school openings in September.

Through all of the changes at the senior secondary level, Grades 8, 9, and 10 continued to attend regular classes as they were basically unaffected by the break in the school year.

## FIREMEN NEED HELP

Fire Chief J.E. Money, of Saturna Island, has elaborated on island fire fighting problems following an earlier report in DRIFTWOOD.

Chairman of the Saturna Volunteer Fire Department, I was delighted to read on your front page DRIFTWOOD (Jan. 22) that a Saturna teenager was supporting our fire department.

However, I must correct several statements made about our fire department finances.

Funds raised to date are as follows:

Donations from non-resident property owners \$1,270.00.

Donations from residents on Saturna, \$524.55.

Funds raised at two dances, \$786.89.

Bank interest, \$25.05.

Catwork and property donated, \$1,700.00.

Donation to come from B.C. Lightweight Agg. and gifts, \$1,000.00. Total, \$5,306.49.

Your committee is far from losing interest and this month has purchased a ladder, pipe



Concert guitarist, Michael Sullivan, a sensitive, colorful musician will appear at the High School Gym, Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2:15 p.m. He will be featured in the last overture concert of the season.

## Music

PARED DOWN ONLY \$50

## BUDGET STANDS FIRM

— EDUCATION COSTS APPROACHING \$750,000

Last Wednesday evening trustees of Gulf Islands School District set out the pattern of the 1970 school budget. The budget calls for an expenditure of about \$70,000 beyond the guidelines set out by the department of education.

Under provincial department of education regulations a school district may set a budget this year representing 110% of last year's operating costs. If the new budget goes beyond this increase to 110%, then the rate-payers of the district may challenge it.

If more than 100 persons challenge the budget there must follow a referendum asking for

public support of the increase. A successful referendum authorizes the district to spend that sum of money. A failure of the referendum to pass means that the trustees must prepare a new budget coming within the limits established by the government.

Last year the district went over the limits and there were four protests. Chairman George Heinekey told DRIFTWOOD that the reason for the increase was the increase in operating costs. Salaries alone have risen \$20,000 this year, he observed.

After some deliberation on Wednesday, trustees reduced the figure by \$50. Any further reduction could only be made at the expense of student facilities, said the chairman.

Gulf Islands gain less support from provincial funds than most districts in the province. Formula on which provincial grants are made works to the detriment of the islands. Over 90% of operating costs come out of local taxes, with less than 10% from provincial funds.

School district here is in a unique position. While a number of other districts in the province operate schools on islands no other district is comprised entirely of an archipelago. In the interests of economy a school cannot be closed and

transportation provided to another area. Islands schools catering to a handful of students cannot be changed. A teaching staff, operating expenses, janitorial services must be provided for such a school.

This feature of the islands is not recognized by the department of education and no allowance is made.

TISDALLE AT GALIANO

## ROADS ARE TOO WIDE

Sneaking in a quick trip to the islands during the current legislative session, John Tisdalle, MLA for Saanich and the Islands, visited Galiano over the weekend.

He was impressed with the plea from residents of island developments that the requirement of a 60 ft. road be eased where it is not necessary.

The appeal was made at the recent Social Credit convention, he recalled and it was urged at that time that small developments on the Gulf Islands do not require 66 ft. roads to serve them.

Mr. Tisdalle also expressed disapproval of the practice of laying waste the full width of such a road and then metalling only a narrow strip. He termed it a "scorched earth" policy.

"The crews should use discretion and where it is possible, leave the greenery on either side," he suggested.

## NOT FINISHED YET

They aren't finished yet.

Critics have expressed dismay at the newly cleared deep ditches on Salt Spring Island roads. Last meeting of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce heard condemnation of the wide deep ditches on many roads of the island.

Roads Foreman Hector Gerow told DRIFTWOOD this week that the work is not yet completed. He explained that the next project is "shouldering" the roads, or filling the slope with gravel to narrow the ditch again and to provide a gravel section between the travelled portion of the road and the ditch.

Blacktop laid from Vesuvius to Blackburn Lake last fall is two feet wider than the original road, leaving a narrower shoulder. Next project of broadening the shoulder will result in a wider usable road.

Rumours prevalent on the island that the ditches were to be filled in were based on the fact

that the gravel shoulders are being added as well as the fact that the ditching has been suspended until spring.

Mr. Gerow was asked about his plans to two dangerous sections of road.

Alongside the Pioneer Village the shouldering will provide a footpath as soon as it is finished.

On Ganges Hill the hazard of small children walking on the highway will be reduced by the provision of a crosswalk from the school dormitory to the east side of the road. The road will this year be widened slightly between the police office and Ganges village. A yellow line will be painted on the road and students will be protected from traffic.

No complaints of flooding from swollen ditches, this year.

## SHE TOOK GULL'S LICENSE NUMBER

Who is Gull no. 34? Mrs. Grace Gilbert, of North Beach Road on Salt Spring Island, observed a sea gull last week whose wing bore the number.

She has heard no reports lately of tagging seagulls and is interested in learning when it was identified and where.

## WEATHER REPORT

### Record Dry Weather

Summer of 1969 passed without note. Weather was not especially warm and the only striking feature of the year's weather analysis is the fact that 1969 was the driest year at Ganges since 1963.

According to statistics gathered by Dominion Weather Observer H.J. Carlin, a total of 33.36 ins. of rain was recorded at Ganges. This compares with 1963, when a total of 32.61 ins. was recorded.

Complete figures for 1969 are as follows:

Month	High	Low	Precip.
Jan.	51	13	5.31*
Feb.	50	28	3.36
Mar.	60	31	3.27

Apr.	62	33	4.12
May	82	39	1.09
Jun.	86	48	0.90
Jul.	82	47	0.46
Aug.	76	45	1.45
Sept.	80	45	4.58
Oct.	66	36	2.12
Nov.	55	30	1.95
Dec.	50	32	4.75

Precipitation during the previous six years shows the pattern of rainfall.

1968	54.75 (incl. 54 ins. of snow)
1967	41.43
1966	43.99
1965	38.86 (incl. 36 ins. of snow)
1964	33.49 (lowest temp., 6 deg. above zero)
1963	32.61

## CHAMBER MEETING

Annual meeting of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce will take place on Wednesday evening, Feb. 4, in the Legion Hall at Ganges.

Election of officers will take place and a report on the past year's activities will be offered.

Completing two terms as president of the chamber is Gavin Reynolds, Beaver Point lumberman.



There was joy in Desolation Sound when this picture was taken. Shot under very poor lighting conditions, the picture shows A.D. Hedger of Ganges displaying the 40 pound spring salmon he had just caught.

## SCHOOL BUS

Students on Scott Road will get lots of exercise this year.

The school bus along Scott Road has been discontinued. Students using the bus have graduated or bought cars. And the bus is too early for most.

ABOUT 80 AT CENTRAL HALL

# SECOND MEETING ON PLANNING

Most expensive way to build a house is without blue prints and the most expensive way to develop a community is to dispense with blue prints, E.W. Watson told a planning meeting at Central on Friday evening.

Mr. Watson was speaking from the floor when the Community Planning Advisory Committee held its second public meeting.

The meeting was one of three on Salt Spring Island to gain a close impression of residents' views and opinions on the future needs of Salt Spring Island.

Meeting was opened by committee chairman, Adrian Wolfe-Milner and addressed by planning consultant Henry Schubart.

About 80 residents were present.

Mr. Wolfe-Milner outlined the manner in which the committee had come into being. Members were elected by a public meeting on November 26, he told the meeting. A letter had been circulated to various community organizations by Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. The committee has no connection with any other organization, he emphasized.

The committee is voluntary and advisory. It is without authority but is working, nevertheless, closely with the Capital Region Planning Board. The questionnaire which has been prepared by the committee will be carefully co-ordinated and the resultant summary of islanders' opinions will be presented to the professional planners in Victoria. It is the first time in provincial planning history that a community has undertaken such a preliminary research.

Architect and planner, Henry Schubart told the meeting that islanders were being invited to see their own community for the

first time, in a changing world.

First concern of islanders appears to be pollution, observed the planner, from Scott Road. He defined pollution as "man's intervention in the natural scene".

"Every time you put a home in a field you are changing the nature of that field," he observed.

Majority of islanders so far making any comment on the local scene have come to the conclusion that there is a need for planning here, said Mr. Schubart.

Most planning at present carried out on Salt Spring Island is undertaken by the B.C. Ferries, said the speaker. The introduction of sharply increased ferry services might well result in a greater flow of people to the islands. Similarly he suggested, curtailment of any ferry service would reduce the numbers eager to settle here.

Mr. Schubart went through the questionnaire, item-by-item, with the meeting.

Miss Marg Johnson suggested

that some consideration might be given to the shortage of roads giving access to the beach.

If the island population were established at 10,000 and large areas of land were left undeveloped who would pay the cost of retaining large tracts of undeveloped land, asked a questioner.

The question is justified, agreed Mr. Schubart, but the present questionnaire is seeking opinions on the ideal development of the island. For the time being the islander is being asked not "how would you plan it," but "what do you want?"

The practical application must come later, he explained, because every question leads into other considerations.

Why should this island be exempt from the population explosion? asked Bruce Barnes. He could not understand how population could be tightly controlled.

Mr. Schubart replied that he did not want to assert that the wishes of the community would necessarily govern what the community would get.

"A plan is a document that relates people to the land," he explained, "No plan is permanent. People change, so the community changes."

Mr. Schubart was applauded when he resumed his seat.

## DEATH OF JOHN FREEMAN OF SOUTH PENDER

Formerly postmaster at South Pender and resident of the island for many years, John Freeman passed away in the Veterans' Hospital, Victoria on Sunday, Jan. 25. He had suffered a long illness.

Mr. Freeman was born 77 years ago in Cornwall, England.

He leaves his wife, Bea, at home; a son, Geoffrey, in Portland, Oregon; two daughters, Mrs. Viva Flood, Robson, B.C. and Mrs. Joan Knapp, Portland, Ore. Also a brother, W. G. Freeman, Oak Bay and a sister, Miss Angela Freeman, Victoria.

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## Juvenile Soccer

All three teams were in action on Sunday. Previous games against the same opposition had produced close results and Sunday's games followed the same pattern.

S.S. Legion 2, Cowichan, 3  
S.S. Lions 0, Ladysmith, 0  
S.S. Islands 2, Duncan, 1.

Results of other league games played during the past few were as follows:

S.S. Lions 3, Greenhaven 1  
S.S. Lions 0, O.K. Tire 1  
S.S. Islands 0, Butler Brs. 1.

The Sun Tournament elimination competition is now under way and in division eight play, the Islanders were knocked out by Duncan Sporting Club. The Lions are matched against Stenmarks, the division six league leaders in a first round game to be played on Salt Spring at 2 pm on Sunday February 1st.

The Legion squad play at Duncan on February 7 against the very strong United team.

## JUNIOR GIRLS WIN SECOND GAME IN ROW

The Gulf Islands junior girls basketball team won their second straight league basketball game Monday afternoon at George Bonner Jr. Secondary School by a score of 53-16. The week previous the local school played at home and defeated Mt. Prevost Jr. Secondary from Duncan, 37-20. Before the league play started the girls won four of five exhibition games against schools in the area.

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**RESTRICTED LICENSE IS APPROVED**

School bus on Galiano has been inspected and approved by RCMP. Maintenance of the bus was commended.

Last week trustees of the Gulf Islands School District discussed the lack of a relief school bus driver.

It was stated that the department has relaxed its regulations to the extent of permitting the RCMP to issue a restricted "A" license subject to his passing all tests in the Econoline bus. The restricted license would apply solely to an Econoline with a maximum of 18 passengers for use on Galiano Island.

**ODE TO VANCOUVER**

Beautiful Vancouver's mountains bold  
Today embracing sun and cold  
Stand up so clear in air austere.  
Behold! The Lions so very near  
So freshly snowed, so very white  
They make indeed a pretty sight!  
Forty years I've looked these over  
Yet still today I them discover.

And here, below on city streets  
Where each in tasks of life competes,  
Now car and truck and poison gases  
Make us look like silly asses  
And traffic jams and decibels  
All as bad as any Hells -  
Lions! Come yet nearer to the scene  
And show us how to live serene.  
-Bob Stewart, Saturna.

**OVER \$100 RAISED**

Salt Spring Islanders have come up with a ready response to the needs of the Community Advisory Planning Committee. At the two public meetings called by the committee an appeal was made for funds. Total of more than \$100 has been donated towards the cost of the committee's work.

**SUBMARINE CABLE LAID TO PENDER**

Second phase of the loop power service to the outer Islands started on Tuesday. The submarine cable from Beaver Point to Pender Island was set down.

First phase was the re-stringing of lines between Ganges and Fulford, which is still in course of construction.

Final phase will be running new lines on the islands at other end of the water cable.

**FOX OF A DIFFERENT COLOR**

Oddly enough the Red Fox is often not red at all. He may be black, silver or cross which is a combination of black and red that forms a cross down the ridge of the back and across the shoulders. All four color phases may be present in one litter. The Black Fox appears to be the rarest. These small members of the dog family seldom weigh much more than 10 pounds. One subspecies or another of the Red Fox may be found almost anywhere in British Columbia. They are seldom, if ever, found on the western slopes of the coast mountains. The fox inhabits the forest edge in proximity to fields or natural clearings. The range of the individual fox is only a few square miles.

**TELEPHONE MEN VISIT ISLAND**

Telephone problems were top of the list on Friday last week when the B.C. Telephone Company came to Salt Spring Island in force.

R.C. Simpson, division customer service manager for the company, accompanied by his assistant, Frank Holmes, spent a substantial part of the day calling on island telephone subscri-

bers to discuss problems and complaints relating to telephone service.

Top of the list was difficulty with direct dialling long distance calls.

The company spokesman explained that once the call has been ended, there is no means of tracing where the fault occurred.

Common complaint has been the call which works as far as the operator and goes dead when the operator has ascertained the caller's number.

The reason for the failure can only be ascertained while the caller's phone is off its hook, said the company spokesman. Hence, when the caller later protests the incident there is no means of tracing the trouble.

Another common fault, suggested the company spokesman, is the failure of customers to report complaints. In many instances if the customer would

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find time to call repair service and report occasions when the service has failed corrective measures could be taken.

Mr. Simpson explained that a checking crew had recently assisted island maintenance staff with a blow-by-blow inspection of local equipment and had found no problems.

Two telephone men toured Salt Spring checking lines and people.

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## DON'T FORGET TO FILL IN A FORM!

New venture in community planning is being undertaken on Salt Spring Island.

The experiment in planning the island community has been undertaken by a small group of people in the community and with the support of a major proportion of residents.

At the present time there can be few islanders who are unaware of the deliberations of the Community Planning Committee here.

There are, however, only a handful of islanders who appreciate that this experiment in personal planning is new and that the Salt Spring Island community will be the first to establish an orderly pattern of development in accordance with the wishes of the community and not merely at the whim of a professional planner.

The program here has all the ingredients of a successful experiment. We have a sound and widely varied committee. We have an experienced community planner in the person of Mr. Henry Schubart, we have a number of volunteers to encourage a wide distribution of the question sheets prepared by the committee, and we have the ear of the planning authorities of the Capital Regional District.

Yet, with all the goodwill in the world, with all the efficiency and authority, this committee cannot speak for islands unless islanders make themselves heard.

It will go to nothing if residents fail to complete the questionnaire circulated by the planning committee.

On Salt Spring Island the response is even more significant than elsewhere at a later date. We can dictate the future development of our own community if we support this planning committee. We can also lay down a pattern for other communities in the future.

The islander who doesn't bother to complete a questionnaire is either without interest in the community or indifferent to the future.

Yet, his co-operation now might well govern his future.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ALCAVALA-1970

Editor, Driftwood,

The year 1970 opens with misgivings. The Federal premier blames Provincial Premiers, for inflationary legislation, and the people of Canada are slowly commencing to understand that all political parties have a common slogan, "We will give you all you want providing you pay the cost by increased taxation."

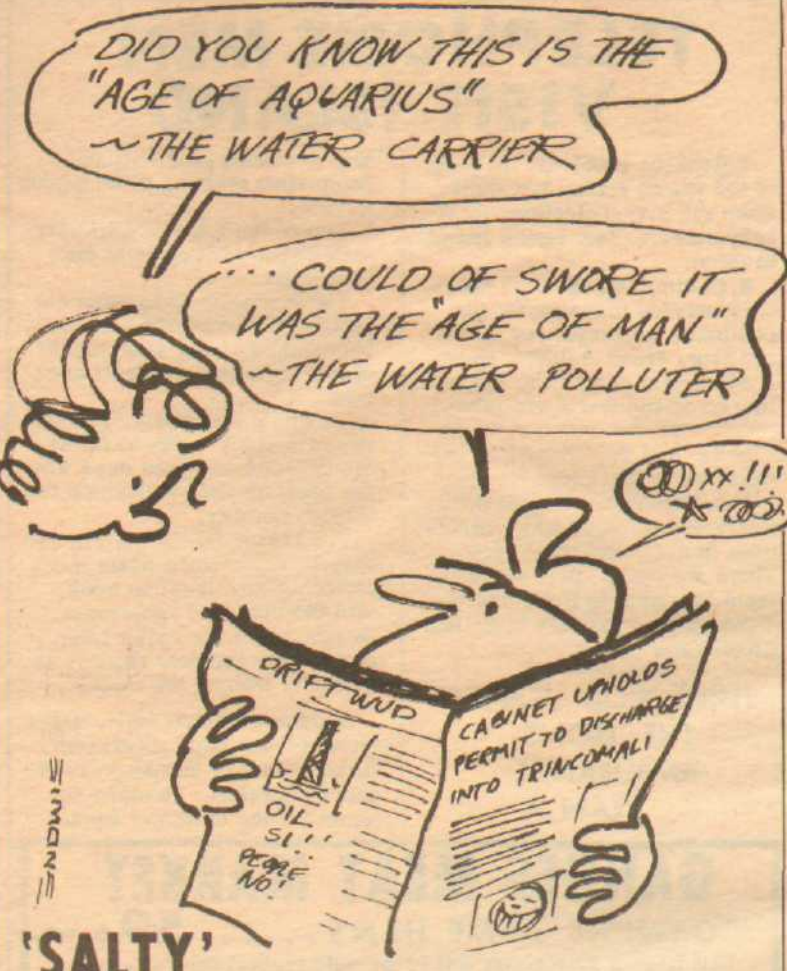
Inflation enables governments to balance budgets more easily, and to meet interest payments on National and Provincial debts with which the producing worker is saddled by his own unwitting consent. Industry escapes this penalty as it must show a profit which often assumes proportions of legalized theft.

Out Social Credit governments

are no exception. In B.C., the present chief aim is to increase provincial revenues by every means possible.

The new car insurance invites the driver to guarantee costs of hospitalization for the injured, who may already be insured under the Federal-Provincial scheme, and a widow is to be given \$5,000, when her husband is killed in a motor accident. Despondent would-be suicides, especially alcoholics, should note the value of this clause.

Similarly the B.C. government avoids its obligations by creating arbitration boards, which in all cases usually increase the wages of this workers, so-called. The members of the Social Credit party welcome these increases which are taxab-



'SALTY'

## JOHN TISDALE, M.L.A. VICTORIA REPORT

It was another red carpet day for the Queen's representative Lieutenant Governor Jack Nicholson, and it was the 29th Parliament for British Columbia.

Mathematically speaking it was the sixth Parliament for yours truly. For Prime Minister W. A. C. Bennett it was a success story that spilled right over on to the other side of the house,

le at five per cent, but they must not be blamed, at least publicly, for the increased wages.

The approximate increase of seven and a half per cent to school teachers in a large part of B.C., will produce as much revenue for the Bennett government, as the car licences of these same teachers, combined, more or less, and that is where the millions of surplus came from in the past year of operation, much to the surprise of the Bennett party. A reversal from five to three per cent would be of more value than revenues that are already above normal.

These alcavalas of social credit are not new. The three per cent of the Liberals, increased to five, by the Social Crediters, is now about fifteen per cent by inflation. Spain suffered from the same type of government from about 1341, until 1800, until the industry and commerce of that country was ruined. The details are given in The Britannica of 1890, under Alcavala. Napoleon went to the rescue of the Spaniards, who had no vote at that time.

Unfortunately there is no Napoleon at the head of the three other parties in B.C., but even the Social credit members will realise sooner or later the old Harvard dictum "The cure for high prices is high prices," as people will not buy. Mr. Bennett will then agree with Mills, the economist, whose saying, "Value is a matter of opinion," is the best obtainable. The post-war prosperity, now bolstered by inflation, reminds us very strongly of the decade following 1920.

-D. S. Morrison, (cum apologies),  
Isabella Point Road,  
Fulford,  
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where this Session, the government members will occupy former opposition territory.

It reminds me of 1956 when after that election the government had an overflow and I, along with several other M.L.A.'s sat on the other side of the House.

Right from the start it was easy to see that the opposition was going to use psychological warfare. Pleading from a position of weakness, the professional politicians in the opposition ranks will accuse the government of being callous and arrogant, steam rolling the little group of opposition members into the ground.

During the debate on the motion for a speaker, NDP Alex Macdonald stood high on the ladder of tradition, reaching for superlatives and digging into the past; he accused the government of breaking tradition in the order of nominating a speaker.

He said that traditionally, over hundreds of years, the nomination was proposed not by the Prime Minister of cabinet minister, but by a back bencher.

However, it should have been pointed out to the opposition that the position of Speaker of the House was not one that was sought after, but rather the job had to be filled by forcing the individual to take it. Speakers in those days feared for their very lives if they made decisions that might prove unpopular.

## CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1970

ANGLICAN			
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Communion	9:00 am
St. Mark's	Central	Choral Communion	11:00 am
St. Mary	Magdalene	Morning Service	11:30 am
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9:00 am
Our Lady of	Grace	Holy Mass	11:00 am
UNITED CHURCH			
Rev. Fred Anderson	Ganges	Morning Worship	11:00 am
Box 461, 537-2439	"	Informal Worship	8:00 pm
COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL			
Rev. M. V. Gilpin	Ganges	Sunday School & Adult	
Box 276, 537-5330	"	Bible Class	10:30 am
	"	Evening Service	7:30 pm
INTERDENOMINATIONAL			
	Hope Bay	Family Bible Hour	10:30 am

ar, and thus sought protection. Traditionally no one sought the post. So when Liberal Garde Gardom got up to say that he was ordered to receive the nomination, and would serve to the best of his abilities, tradition fell off the ladder.

It may have been a dull day outside, but His Honor's speech was anything but dull as the Liberal Leader would have you believe.

Ever since August 27, when the Liberal party broke down, McGeer has been turning to picturesque speech and the wearing of red vests to catch the public fancy. Maybe the protest march will come next.

His Honor's speech talked about ordinary things, - bread and butter policies for people, more money for housing for the have-nots; wider use for government second mortgage loans and grants on older homes, and other assistance for elderly citizen housing; more protection by legislation for wage earners who are unable to collect their wages; and further, fair play for the rights of individuals in relation to rental housing. Then children came into the act, with promised amendments to legislation for the protection of children, and the Adoption Act.

I was pleased to hear the announcement that increased social allowance for boarding home and nursing home rates will be made available, because I have been approaching the Minister for quite some time on the inadequacy of our rates.

The very busy subject of pollution and environmental control, was warmly approved by the speech, with new approaches and standards promised. Even the pollution of the mind came in for observation and the Government promised a new Motion Pictures Act covering censorship.

Words have a way of taking on unfair meaning; sometimes even curtailing the purpose of the good intention of ideas, and so does the Government's thought that the name of the Department of Social Welfare should be changed to a more uplifting and creditable description; I heartily concur.

The Government's ideas on road safety and auto insurance are not going to be allowed to stand still and a special committee has been promised to assess and evaluate this inseparable problem of highway safety and auto insurance.

And so, the House adjourned for tea at the Empress.

I was pleased to be greeted by so many people from the Islands who came to join in the social time and shake the Prime Minister's hand.

People have different ideas as to how long a journey constitutes a trip. However, the B.C. Automobile Association relates that most travellers feel that they have taken a trip if they go 100 miles or more, or stay overn-

TO CHOOSE PROJECT

# CENTENNIAL

Centennial project for Salt Spring Island will be decided at a public meeting in Ganges on Friday evening, Feb. 13.

Meeting will be staged in the Legion Hall at Ganges with Rev. Fred Anderson presiding.

Earlier meeting coincided with a school election meeting and was postponed when only a small group of residents attended.

Two projects have been mooted. George Wells, chairman of Salt Spring Island Library Association, has recommended an extension to the library in Ganges. The library was, itself, the centennial project 12 years ago, in 1958. In the intervening years it has grown out of room and an extension is urgently needed, he reports.

R.M. Akerman, supported by a number of community organizations, has asked the centennial committee to name Drummond Park, at Fulford, as the project. Mr. Akerman points out that all the island contributed to the 1967 centennial project, the park and Ganges and that it is fitting that the new project be a park at Fulford.

Park was donated last year by the late L.D.B. Drummond. Residents will enjoy the opportunity of choosing one of these projects or another which may yet be offered.

Third project, swimming and bathing facilities at Vesuvius Bay, was withdrawn by the proposer, W.J. Stepaniuk when he decided that it was too big a project for the committee.

## SURPRISE SHOWER FOR FEBRUARY BRIDE AT GANGES HOME

On Sunday, Jan. 25, Misses Marilee and Wendy Sawyer entertained at a surprise shower for Miss Karen Sater, whose wedding to Arthur Buckley takes place in Vancouver on Feb. 14.

Miss Sater and Mrs. C. Buckley, mother of the bridegroom were presented with corsages of red and white carnations.

Miss Sater's chair was decorated in the traditional red and white Valentine colors. The many gifts were presented in a decorated basket.

The lace-covered tea table was centred with the bride's cake made by Mrs. Buckley.

Present were Mrs. Joyce Taylor, Mrs. Jean Jackson, Mrs. W. Sawyer, Mrs. Buckley, Misses Trudy Buckley, Betty Fenell, Darlene Byron, Leslee Barnes, Darlene Marcotte, Marilyn Bridgen, Kirsti Satermo, Mrs. Linda Simpson, Miss Green, Miss Morro and Master Jimmy Buckley.

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# THE GHOST IS LAID

The ghost has been laid. Oldest house on Ganges Hill and reputedly haunted, the big building above Dean Road was destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon. The fire was calculated and firemen were on the scene before it started.

House was built by the late

## SOME THOUGHTS IN A LIBRARY

BY CONNIE PORTER

Bea Hamilton's book "Salt Spring Island" has been donated to the library by Mrs. H. Loosmore, in memory of her late husband.

Two copies of Ed Gould's new book on the Gulf Islands, "Bridging the Gulf" have been donated to the library by the author, one in memory of the late Peter Arnell and the other in memory of the late Mrs. Ingrid Temmell.

These books will bring up to date the large collection of British Columbia material our library has on its shelves.

In a recent letter to Mrs. S. H. Hawkins, Mrs. Gould, who is herself a writer under her own name of Jan Gould, wrote "your library at Salt Spring is superior to any other library we know" - quite a tribute from those who, by the nature of their work, use libraries for research as well as pleasure.

Bea Hamilton's book has been in demand ever since publication, and this gift copy will be added to.

New works of fiction and non-fiction are added every month, and a considerable number of books are donated. For this reason the library can boast a large number of valuable and often out of print editions of books which cannot be found in other libraries.

For those who haven't got the habit yet, a browse through the shelves can be very rewarding.

Reid Bittancourt about 70 years ago. It was the first to be built on the hill.

About 60 years ago the Rev. G.W. Dean came to Ganges and took up residence in the house.

In latter years the house has deteriorated and lain untenanted. It is now the property of the Catholic church here and Rev. Frank Sutherland suggested to Fire Chief Dave Smith that it be used for fire-fighting practice.

Although Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bittancourt could throw no light on the subject an earlier tenant of the house averred that it was haunted. A woman who identified herself as Florence Bittancourt was reputed to haunt the house. There is no trace of any Florence Bittancourt.

Practice fire brought firemen from Fulford as well as Ganges on Sunday as the spectacular blaze closed the door on another pioneer island home.

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BY RICHARDS

Many years ago the motor vehicle was the catch-all for unscrupulous local authorities. A strange vehicle attracted attention because it was so easy to invent a contravention of local laws and to impose a fine. The fine paid the police officer and

saved the community his wages. Long ago a driver would keep a \$10 bill folded into his driver's license. If he was stopped he would show his license and hope that the officer was dishonest. In such event he would lose his \$10 and nothing would be said

of the alleged offence. With the passage of the years these illegalities have largely disappeared. Today, the only injustice supported by legislation is the regulation requiring a deposit of \$10 before a driver may appeal a driving charge. Not only is he now assumed to be guilty until proved innocent, but if a man cannot afford the fee he must accept his punishment, knowing that the provincial law is concerned with no petty nonsense about justice. It's your money they're after! This is very evident when we realize that the \$10 levy was only introduced as a sop to the local authorities in the province who had been getting fat on driving offence fines and now lose that easy money. The practice may or may not have been just, but it was surely profitable.

When Rick Saunders came back to Ganges the other week for a post-Christmas holiday, he was full of his new job on the mainland. Living in Richmond, he is security officer at the PNE.

More beefs about driving offences lately. An island driver was in Vancouver and returned to his car to find a parking ticket on the windshield. Later examination showed that the offence was described as a "parking meter" showing its number. The square left for mention of the nature of the offence had been left blank. The driver mailed his fee and paid up without arguing. Strictly he was paying to avoid a summons for an unknown offence. While he was sufficiently confident that the offence was overparking, the ticket did not say so. Of course, he could protest. To do so he must go to Vancouver, stay overnight, appear in court, probably pay his fine and get home in the early hours. Parking meters are mechanical mulcters. They represent the new age of injustice, where majority pay, guilty or not, because it is cheaper. Truth of the matter is that the community is renting out its sidewalk and the local law enforcement agency is required to collect the rent. And you pay or go to jail. Most pay.

There are two sea lions near Vesuvius, said a caller. They would have made a good picture said another. But for weeks they have never been around when a camera was. They are like the flying saucers, camera-shy. Basis of the plea, really, was for tolerance. Last year a sea lion disported himself around the shoreline and played games with the ferry. Without effort, he endeared himself to many residents who gambolled in spirit with him. Then he was shot and left to die. Please let the two sea lions play, pleaded a Sunset Drive reader. They are not protected and they eat salmon, but they are an attractive part of the island wildlife. It is a fair plea. Could we?

To compliment its Swiss founder Henri Dunant, the international emblem of Red Cross, a red cross on a white background, is the reverse of the flag of Switzerland.

## GANGES

Mrs. Campbell Carroll returned last week to her home on Scott Road after a two month holiday staying with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Helms, Frankfurt, Germany.

Major Arthur Gale, P.P.C. L.I. leaves Friday after spending 6 weeks leave with his wife and family. Major Gale will be stationed at St. John's, Newfoundland, as C.O. in charge of the

Canadian Forces recruiting centre.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Layard and family returned last week from a month's Christmas cruise on the P & O liner, Oriana, through the Panama to the Caribbean Islands.

Miss Heather Humphreys returned to Vancouver Sunday after spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.D. Humphreys, Crofton Road.

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### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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# SATURNA

BY PAPAJOHN

It was a wonderful feeling to read an article by a teenager like John Rasmussen last week. There was one small error, more by an excusable lack of some facts. We raised over \$700 on our Firemen's Dances, BUT we had also raised over \$1700 by donations. The list of the donors has never been published due to the fact that some of these people wished to remain anonymous. So that no such misunderstandings will occur in the future the Fire Fund Committee are preparing a letter or announcement of our finances. So cheer up John, even a Babe Ruth never batted 100% and you sure can write up the week's news any time you or your friends wish to.

More wonderful news: The Florence Nightingale Chapter of the IODE who are the fairy godmothers to Saturna School had a contest last fall for the younger children. It had to be a picture or scene for a calendar. It was province-wide. The results were given out last week and two Saturna belles won first and second. Minikin Mary Jane Davidson, age six years, won first and her older sister jiggling Jennifer Davidson got second prize. It must be our salubrious air and southern exposure. Do'n you all know!

On Saturday, Jan. 24 we had a swell bingo game in the hall. Our Entertainment Committee was sure on the ball. Arne Rasmussen announced that jubilant Jan Crooks is also on the committee. At the bingo game spot-

ted Mrs. Brice, lithesome Leona Steeves' mother who has been on Island for quite a spell. I knew something nice was visiting and now I know.

**More Fire Hall news:** They have a new ladder and had a workout this morning. Now that the cement strike is settled we can finish building the NEW FIRE HALL. This is a new year and the Fire Committee will be having various dooooo's to raise funds to keep things rolling. DONATIONS will be more than welcome. Remember, all you taxpayers, that this EFFORT is not going to be on your tax bill. ANYONE with any suggestions to help us will be more than welcome to voice them. This is a community effort so please help us out and then we can help you out when and if you have a fire. It's as simple as that!!!

No sad news this week. Morris Littler is still in Lady Minto but is doing fine. Jubilant Jan Crooks is home and Grandma Tim is having a ball looking after both Crooks kids, her grandchildren. Jubilant Jan's mum and dad, Con and impish Irene Hungle over to help Granma Tim spoil the kids. I should talk but we will have a hec of a time next week getting these kids back to normal again.

There is going to be a lalla-paloosa of a dance, what else on sunny Saturna, on Feb. 14? A St. Valentines dance. Uncle Art Ralph and all the young people will be there. To Uncle Art and I there is no generation gap. The teenagers have just left childhood and we are approaching our second childhood so there is not too much of a gap at all. I think a lot of the kids will get that drift. Underneath they are pretty square.

## ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT AT GOLF CLUB

Second Annual Robbie Burns Night will be held on Saturday evening at six o'clock.

Pipe-Major and Mrs. James Marr and Pipe-Major and Mrs. Ian Duncan of Victoria, will be special guests and will pipe in the traditional Scottish Haggis on a silver tray.

Mrs. Duncan is a noted teacher of Scottish dancing and she is bringing some of her dancers to entertain guests after the dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson from Vancouver will also be special guests, - they will lead the singing of many old favorite songs. Mrs. Anderson is a pianist.

# NEW OPERATOR FOR GULF PLANT

There's been a change at the Salt Spring Island plant of Gulf Oil. New distributor is a Vancouver oil man, Alec Shelby.

Mr. Shelby took over the plant this week from P.H. Knowles, who has operated it for the past five years. Mr. Shelby has also acquired Ganges Marina from Mr. Knowles.

The oil distribution plant handles oil and gasoline, as well as marine fuel, but the marina is a separate entity, lying alongside. When Mr. Knowles came to Salt Spring Island he arrived from Vancouver where he had been engaged in the distribution of fuel.

Mr. Shelby comes here from Vancouver, where he has been engaged in the distribution of fuels.

Mr. Knowles was associated with the Shell Oil Co. Mr. Shelby was employed by the Shell Oil Co. That's all in the past, however, - now they are looking at a different oil company sign.

The new proprietor has been with oil distribution for the past 20 years. In fact, he was already two thirds of the way to a pension when he saw an advertisement in the Vancouver daily papers for an oil plant. He was

curious and enquired and having enquired he came.

When Mr. Knowles and his wife, June, came here five years ago there was no Ganges Marina. During the years they have built up the operation into a busy summertime business.

Mr. Shelby will bring his wife and three children here as soon as they have cleared up

their affairs in Vancouver.

The vendors are not heading for distant places. It is Phil Knowles' plan to stay on the island and to sell water and sewer system equipment. He has already started.

Mrs. Knowles has also set plans for the future. She is taking a long rest from the oil business.

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# PROBABLE PATTERN OF PLANNING

How does planning work? Many readers are curious as to the ultimate working of planning. If an area is planned, how is the plan enforced? There is no pattern for the pre-

cise routine here. Planning is a new aspect of Regional Districts. The entire planning picture is based on the pattern which has obtained for many years in municipalities. Based on the routine

in other areas, this is the probable pattern.

An overall plan is mooted, generally approved and adopted. That plan provides for the use of land within the district. Certain land may be allocated for commercial use. Other property for industrial development and the areas for residential purposes are so designated.

It is at this point many readers have expressed concern. If an owner of property with influence in Victoria wishes to make a change he may gain his wishes without consent of islanders, it is feared.

Local planning is a local affair.

Such an applicant would then be required to make a formal application for his project to the Regional Board. The board would then refer the application to the advisory planning commission through the regional director for that particular area. The commission would be formed of local residents named to that function by the government. They would assess the application and express their own judgment as to its merits. They would decide whether the plan was desirable now or ever and what would be its effect on the community. The commission would report back to the board. The technical planning commission would also examine the proposal. Formed of spokesmen for the various government departments affected, the technical planning commission would consider the proposal in its reference to health, highways and other services. That commission would also report to the board.

The board must then call a public hearing. The hearing is a meeting at which any resident who feels affected may express his views. The board may not act on the application until the hearing has been reported to members. The matter is then brought before the regional board and must be approved by a majority in order to gain consent. Some islanders yet feel that this is a control from outside the community. The only recourse is to establish a municipality here and gain local control of

## COURT OF REVISION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court of Revision respecting the assessment roll for the Gulf Islands Assessment District will be held as follows:-

School District #67 (Ladysmith), at Ladysmith, British Columbia, on Monday, February 9th, 1970 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Town Hall.

School District #64 (Gulf Islands), at Ganges, British Columbia, on Wednesday, February 11th, 1970 at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Provincial Government Office.

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# GALIANO

BY MARY BACKLUND

"It's such a pretty world today..." so goes a popular tune of our days, and how true it is. This morning we smell spring coming down Peaceful Valley, and are pleased to see the curious heads of some crocus sticking their delightful heads above

## AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

General meeting of the Mayne Island Agricultural Society held at the hall on Friday, Jan. 23 was well attended. President Jesse Brown was in the chair. The main item on the agenda was the setting of dates for forthcoming events. Committees will soon be appointed to take charge of the various activities planned and the following is a tentative list:

Saturday, Feb. 14 - Valentine Party, proceeds in aid of Heart Machine at Lady Minto Hospital Slides, John Dought.

Saturday, Feb. 28 - Lecture on bulbs, P.G. James, Salt Spring Island.

Friday, March 13 - Slides, Dick Randall. Arts and Crafts.

Saturday, April 18 - Flower Show.

Saturday, May 2 - Chrysanthemum sale and lecture.

Saturday, May 16 - Sports Day.

Saturday, June 20 - Flower Show.

Saturday, June 27 - Walkathon

Saturday, August 15 - Annual Fall Fair.

all local matters. Regional District was formed by the minister of municipal affairs in order to provide a more nearly local control of communities. Islanders who have in the past warmly favored the unorganized district have been convinced that an administrative control from Victoria was near enough. Incorporation is an escape route still open.

## EVOLUTION

BY A.M. SPENCER

Citing laws of Evolution, Science brings forth Man from Apedom. Why not switch original theory? Could not Man have evolved human? Apes would then be the mutator Or completely different species? From the slimy ooze came Life cells That produced all earthly creatures But the mammals vary greatly, Cows are not the same as horses. Primitive, Man surely started, But a questing mind developed. Centuries of steady progress Brought him to the present Space Age, While the Ape remained primeval, Much the same as his beginning. Man, the greater mind possessing, Superseded Ape, the weaker. Man he ever was and will be Proved by every unearthed relic.

the ground. Makes us real glad to be alive. And just so that you won't think that your old newshen has really gone off the deep end, let us hasten to remind you that it was not so this time last year... we had been through a very wet November, so much dang rain that we thought our house would float down the Valley, and at this time we had a lot of that stuff we talk about in whispers... the white, kid-pleasing, people-hating stuff... wears out tire chains, and makes life a tle harder to bear.

And furthermore... we were to have several more weeks of the same, so today, we are grateful for the gentle hand of winter, and say to each other "this is more like it"...

Mrs. Stanley Page tells us that they have no little lambs as yet, but we did see several over at Pender Island, in a field near Miss Joan Purchase's home. In her garden, a profusion of snowdrops and beautiful little violets.

We have the flowers on our island, too, some Aconite, and the Japonica at the post office. Oh, yes, that old frog down at Georgeson Bay is telling us that he is glad to have a gentle winter, too.

Young George Head made his parents very happy when he came back home from the Dorm at Ganges, with his certificate of proficiency for typing... 35 w.p.m.; he is in grade 11 this year, and will now go on to some more challenges in learning.

Mrs. Roma Sturdy, our popular secretary of School dist. #64, from Ganges, accompanied by trustee from Ganges, Mrs. Dick Toynebee, came over to the Galiano School on Friday on one of the many trips through the scattered schools of this Gulf Islands group.

Friends of Mrs. Channing Hawkins will be glad to hear that she has been awarded a \$300 grant from the Koerner Foundation to study at the Midlands Art Centre, in Birmingham, England

Mrs. Hawkins is the executive director of the Vancouver Guild of Puppetry, children's classes. She has been a puppeteer for 16 years, and is a past-president. When she comes back to her home in Vancouver, she hopes to give workshops to puppetry teachers.

Mrs. Hawkins has been coming over to Galiano for many years, on holidays with her husband. Her mother, Mrs. Flora Lee, lived for many years on Galiano. Now in her late nineties, she is also well-known on the Island. She now lives in Vancouver.

## LIONS' KLONDIKE NIGHT FRIDAY

Salt Spring Island Lions Club entertained guests from all parts of the island on Friday evening at the annual Klondike Night at the Golf and Country Club.

In charge of the evening's program was Norman Mouat.



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attended the funeral of Hugh Douglas Smith, 80, in Victoria, January 12. The Scotsman came to Pender to work for Victor's father, Albert H. Menzies, on his farm; and is remembered as "a good worker. A good, strong fellow."

Professor Geo Glyde and Mrs. Glyde, invited members of the Art Group, and their spouses, for a spot of holiday cheer, at their house at Otter Bay. Among those rehashing the season's classes and looking forward to more, were the Ted Brookers, Jean Corbett Froitzheim, Mary and Jack Garrod, May Duthie Gray and Matt, Jean Grimes and Archie; Bertine and Norman Haslam; Teddy Kent, Dot King, Helen Munn Mace, Marjorie Murray and Bill Ora and Frank Symes and Daphne Stevens and Gerry.

# REUNION OF DOCTOR'S FAMILY

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The golden wedding anniversary of a Pender man brought some 60 friends to Hycroft, McRae Avenue, Vancouver, on December 30.

The reception was given at Hycroft by Dr. A. Morris Menzies and his wife Irene, of West 40th, as it is headquarters for the University Women's Club, and Irene is a graduate of UBC.

Just as Irene's parents, Vermilyea, and their relatives, the Sweets and Sexsmiths, owned a lot of Vancouver, so did Morris's father, Albert H. Menzies, own a chunk of Pender.

Morris and Irene met in Vancouver. Later, when she was teaching in Winnipeg, and he was a medical student at the University of Manitoba, they married there, in 1919.

Morris Menzies was born in Springfield, Manitoba, 1889, and brother Victor, of Hope Bay, then nearly four, remembers the day. Children were born at home, then, as hospitals were too expensive. Three Menzies born in Springfield; three on Pender.

Morris' mother, Henrietta MacDonald, a North Dakota girl, who rode and hunted, met Albert Menzies when he farmed in Manitoba, near the border.

Albert Menzies came to New Westminster in 1890 when Morris was 1 1/2; and to Pender in April, 1893. There he farmed, owning the first three Jersey cows in Canada to qualify in the R.O.P.

Morris went to the new Pender School, built 1902. To take his high school entrance exams, he rowed 10 miles to Sidney, portaging from Browning to Bedwell Harbour, where now the Canal, is; across Swanson Channel, past Fairfax Pt. on Moresby, across Prevost Passage and through the little islands. He attended Westminster Hall, a Presbyterian college, in Vancouver. Then to Winnipeg to study medicine.

Dr. Menzies practised at Britannia Mines, B.C. Two nurses who were at Britannia in 1925, when he was, attended the reunion.

Later he was in Victoria with the Metropolitan Health; and

with Dr. Stewart Murray, in Vancouver, with the Metropolitan, until he retired, in 1954.

Dr. Menzies gave the minister's chair, highbacked and beautifully carved, to the Pender Presbyterian church. He wrote for A Gulf Islands Patchwork.

The Menzies' son, Dr. M. Albert Menzies, a Vancouver psychiatrist, married Nanette Broster, an English Public Health doctor.

Their daughter, Dora, graduate of U.B.C., is Mrs. Bruce Malloy, of Harey. Daughter Jean, is at Alberni; where her husband Arthur Tinney, teaches.

Victor Menzies, his sisters, Clara, Mrs. Howard Harris; and

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In April Dawn, Philip Johnson's lines were done proud by Dorothy Grimmer, in top form; Maude Adams; Gertrude Bennett reading cold, subbing for Edith Pearson; Jack Bridge, Joan Purchase and Frank Plunkett, always a professional combination.

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President Olive Auchterlonie brought the food; mini pancakes her specialty; too good, and too easy to eat. Others there, Flo Bridge, Helen Claxton and her sister Jessie Cornaby; Geo and Hilda Glyde, Nep Grimmer, Helen Munn Mace, Mildred Pert Jaime Scott, Blance Smythe and Connie Swartz.

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# SCHOOL LAND HELD UP

Site for a new school at Central has not yet been purchased by the Gulf Islands School District.

On Tuesday evening last week when the school board held its first meeting of the new year, a letter was received from the provincial department of education stating that in the face of the recent clamp on school building it had been decided not to permit the purchase of the property, yet.

Property is slightly more than 10 acres located at the Central

## THEY STILL RAN SHORT OF BOOKS

Some readers of Beautiful British Columbia will have to wait a few weeks.

Publishers of the provincial pictorial magazine have announced that the Christmas gift offer has exhausted supplies. There were 208,000 copies of the winter issue printed. It was a record press-run and a record sale. They have all gone.

Gift subscriptions which were not completed with the winter issue will commence with the Spring issue and continue for four issues.

Gift calendar will go with all subscriptions.

When you donate blood to the Red Cross it takes only 30 minutes from start to finish including testing, registration, rest and refreshment. The actual giving of blood takes only 4 to 5 minutes.

## FULFORD TIDE TABLE

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1970

DAY	TIME	HT.
30	0205	7.8
	0920	11.0
FR	1715	3.8
31	0145	8.9
	0300	8.9
SA	0925	11.0
	1800	2.9
1	0310	9.8
	0400	9.8
SU	0955	11.0
	1850	2.0
2	0445	10.6
	0710	10.6
MO	1035	11.1
	1945	1.2
3	0515	11.0
	0810	10.6
TU	1140	11.1
	2030	.6
4	0530	11.3
	0920	10.4
WE	1320	11.0
	2125	.2
5	0555	11.4
	1015	9.9
TH	1415	10.9
	2215	.2

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intersection.

Chairman George Heinekey stated that the department had countenanced an extension of

the option to purchase the property and that the school district has acquired an extension until May. Price of the property is \$40,000.

## PENSIONERS MEETING

BY PENSIONER

Quite a crowd turned out to the regular Old Age Pensioners' Organization meeting at St. George's Hall, Thursday, Jan. 22. It was a good start for a new year when two new members were enrolled.

Archdeacon G.H. Holmes, in the chair, called for two minutes' silence for Nels Westin, deceased since our last meeting. His name has been entered in our "Book of Memory".

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Joan Hayward, Mrs. Hazel Truefitt and Mrs. E. Barber for arranging the tables at the dinner. A special vote of thanks to Mrs. Vic Hadfield, for her efforts in producing for us the man of a "Million Musical Memories", Al Smith of Victor-

ia and also her own renderings.

Plans are being made to hold six mini "Bus Trips" during the coming season and interested members are asked to contact Mrs. St. Onge, 537-5458 or the secretary.

"Open House" will be Wednesday, Feb. 11 in St. George's Hall. Cards and various entertainments will be offered and tea will be served.

Mrs. Hazel Truefitt was the tea convener for the meeting and Frank Bostock was at the piano.

## WATER UNDER THE SEA

If Salt Spring Island should experience a shortage of water, could a supply be piped here? The question was asked at last week's planning meeting by Mrs. E.W. Watson.

Answer has been found by residents of Piers Island.

Water supply on Piers Island is piped from North Saanich through a submarine line from Swartz Bay.

## WILDLIFE AVOIDS VIRGIN FORESTS

A common delusion is that wildlife flourishes most abundantly in virgin woods and that the hunter gets his best reward where the logger's axe and saw have yet to operate. The truth is that in virgin forests animals and birds cannot find an adequate food supply as compared with areas of woodlands thinned out by periodical cutting. Judicious use of timberlands for industrial purposes produces the most favored habitat for all forms of wildlife.

## ESSENTIALS ARE RESTRICTED?

Department of education was caught with its syntax down last week.

Circular from the department to school districts was read to trustees of the Gulf Islands School District. The advice warned trustees that it will be the policy of the department to "restrict capital for essential purposes".

Donald New, of Galiano, sniffed at the statement.

"If it is essential, they cannot surely, restrict it?" he enquired.

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## FIREMEN

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been made on the construction.

We have not enough funds to build our fire hall, but we shall go as far as we can, and we will have more dances (good old orchestra!), and further appeals to Saturna property owners will be made.

Immediate needs are 150 feet of heavy duty 3/4" hose to fit chimney fire outlet on the truck and 200 feet 1/2" rope with spliced in hooks for rescue purposes.

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