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Zoning Is Now In Force On Salt Spring Island

HE IS VITALLY INTERESTED

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DIRECTOR MARC HOLMES REPLIES

Director Marc Holmes of the Capital Regional District does give a damn. The Salt Spring Island director explains that he has tried to help Bill Arnold to re-locate his mobile home, but it is a matter of legislation. Mr. Holmes denied vigorously a number of statements made in DRIFTWOOD last week. His summary of the situation follows:

I reply to your main story and editorial in last week's DRIFTWOOD concerning Mr. Bill Arnold and his mobile home. I trust you will extend your usual courtesy in giving reasonable prominence to the reply to the very serious charges made.

Your following statements are simply not true: "Islander loses his home" -- "Lost his home and his savings to planning" -- "Between the time of his buying the home and moving it, building regulations came into being" -- "There were no building regulations in force at that time" -- "No law is being broken -- only a promise" -- "It's cost him his life's savings" -- "No one in the Capital Regional District gives a damn."

I believe that all of the above charges are false. You could have found this out before printing them had you cared to check the facts by calling me or the Regional Engineer, Mr. Gerry, who has been helpful to you in the past.

I bitterly resent your implication that I, or the Regional Board, have broken promises.

You use the unfortunate situation concerning Mr. Arnold as a club with which to beat planners and planning.

Planning has absolutely nothing to do with Mr. Arnold's difficulties. In fact there was no planning legally in effect for Salt Spring Island prior to last Wednesday.

Only then was fourth reading and final passing of the Salt Spring Zoning By-law effected; and in my opinion not a day too soon.

The B.C. Government had withheld approval for around ten weeks while they investigated the by-law thoroughly and added a useful amendment concerning development areas in rural zones. Furthermore, the zoning by-law does not prevent a mobile home from going anywhere a house may go.

The problem is purely a matter of the National Building Code and the Regional building inspection department. The Provincial Government passed legislation some time ago making the building code applicable to the Gulf Islands. It later turned it over to the Regional District for enforcement. The Code is designed to protect occupants of buildings.

Both the Directors and the staff of the District are required to follow the law and cannot apply the code where and when they choose.

The building code states plainly that houses or mobile homes may remain indefinitely where they are regardless of the code, but if moved must be brought up to minimum code standards.

This, apparently, Mr. Arnold cannot do; and this is the root of the problem. He bought the mobile home nearly three months after enforcement of the building code was widely advertised in DRIFTWOOD. But I am sure it never occurred to him that he could not move it to another lot and I am sincerely sorry for him.

"He has appealed to the Salt Spring Island Regional Director", you say, correctly.

Mr. Arnold and Mr. Spencer Marr (who is closely connected with the matter) each spoke to me once - several months ago.

In effect, I told each of them to try to work with the building inspector to work out acceptable modification to the mobile home in question. I also told both of them that if no progress could be made, to let me know; and I would attempt the difficult task of finding another answer.

Neither party communicated with me again so I gave the matter no further thought.

Your statement, "Nobody gives a damn as Islander loses his home," is extremely unfair. I have spent many hours trying to solve hardship problems and have been rewarded with fair success. I have assisted others with building code - mobile home problems.

The important question is: WHAT COURSES ARE NOW OPEN TO MR. ARNOLD?

1. He can legally move the mobile home to a licenced local trailer court. There is one on the Island at the moment.
2. He can legally move it to any licenced court in the Capital Region.
3. He can move it north of the Malahat or to many parts of the mainland, where the building code does not apply to rural areas.

4. He can sell it.
5. He can stay where he is indefinitely if only the property owner will lease or sell. But I believe this has been refused.

Finally, there is hope that the Regional Board committee that is studying the subject, and its legal counsel, will come up with a feasible change of statute that could take care of a number of hardship cases in the Capital Region. I am cautiously hopeful that something will be worked out.

IT'S A LADY IN THE CHAIR

There's a lady in the chair and Gulf Islands School District Trustee George Lampier was hesitant.

"Mrs. Chairman..." he called.

"Madam Chairman," suggested Mrs. Guthrie. There was a pause.

"O.K. George," prompted the chair, less formally.

LONG JOURNEY

APPROVED LAST WEEK

Zoning by-law is in force on Salt Spring Island. The interim zoning by-law was given its final adoption by the Capital Regional Board on Wednesday last week.

Born of bitter dispute on Salt Spring Island, the by-law was entirely revamped half-way through its course and then suffered a long delay at the hands of the provincial cabinet.

Planning Salt Spring Island was a project of the island

chamber of commerce. It is nearly 18 months since the chamber sponsored a public meeting to invite the residents of the island to establish what they wanted in the Salt Spring Island of the future.

Born of that meeting was the Salt Spring Island Planning Committee. Almost simultaneously, the municipal affairs minister, Dan Campbell announced the ban on subdivisions around the islands and the handing over of planning responsibilities to the Capital Regional District.

The first project of the planning committee was the preparation of the questionnaire which was circulated on Salt Spring Island. Throughout its 50-odd questions, the list asked for an expression of opinion on what was desirable and what might not be.

The questionnaire was prepared and analyzed by the planning consultant of the committee, Henry Schubart, of Scott Road, architect and community planner.

Hailed in many parts of the province as a pattern for bringing

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IT'S SCARCE AROUND HERE

Unemployment Money

Unemployment insurance is something you never get.

Many unemployed men on the islands have asked for assistance when laid off, but many report that they have gone weeks and still have received no help.

One youth was laid off in November and applied for assistance. He completed a form and returned home from Victoria. In due course he received a second form in the mail. He completed it

and returned it. Once again the mail brought him a form and he filled it in and sent it back.

Last week he started work again, but he has had no help from the government agency.

Many unemployed islanders report that they have applied and gained no assistance.

Smart men, explained one applicant, don't claim unemployment money. They go to the welfare office and get more money more promptly.



Vesuvius ferry is covered with snow as dock is thick. Picture was taken just before the thaw last week.

END OF STORM

Snow Totalled 36 Inches

Winter came and went last week.

Temperatures dropped sharply at the beginning of the week as the cold snap brought snow. By Thursday a total of 36 inches was recorded at Ganges by Dominion Weather Observer H.J. Carlin.

Cars were stranded and ditched everywhere and residents were stranded in their homes when

driveways proved impassable.

Highway crews worked night and day to keep the roads clear and wreckers spent long hours hauling in the lost and the stranded.

On Wednesday majority of Ganges businesses closed their doors as traffic was near a standstill.

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LIBRARY NEVER CLOSED

Like the Windmill Theatre in London, it never closed. Salt Spring Library maintained its regular hours of opening throughout the snow storms last week.

Volunteer staff showed up on time every day.

Library lent out 21,000 books last year to a membership of better than 500 islanders.

Bennett Is Richer And We Get Poorer

HIGH
COST
OF
CASH

"This is the time of the year when we borrow and pay interest to allow Mr. Bennett to collect interest on his money," George Lampier told his fellow school trustees on Monday. "He finishes up richer and we finish up poorer!"

The board was seeking authority to borrow \$60,000 until August in order to meet its operating costs during the early months of the year.

Funds paid by the government from taxes and grants fall short

of the actual costs. Each district is required to borrow money during the beginning of the year to meet its costs.

Several years ago the Gulf Islands School District refused to borrow for several months, when a former trustee, J.M. Campbell of Saturna, steadfastly opposed the pattern.

George Heinekey proposed the board borrow the money.

"I won't second it," said Mr. Lampier. "I will," said Mrs. Betty Ross.

"We would be in bad shape without it," commented Chairman Ione Guthrie.

"That doesn't say I have to agree to it," retorted Mr. Lampier.

HIGH COST OF FIRE

Improved fire protection at Salt Spring Island's two schools looms as a big expense.

Third hydrant has been recommended for the secondary school. Main must be laid in rock and George Lampier reported, "You'll be lucky to get away with \$10,000."

Modifications sought to the elementary school are estimated at \$23,000 to \$25,000.

ISLANDS HIDE BENEATH THE SNOWS FOR DAYS



This picture shows the snow on Lower Ganges Road last week. It is taken near the entrance of Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

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Application For Rezoning * * * THIS IS HOW IT WORKS ON ISLAND

BY FRANK RICHARDS
New planning pattern now in force on Salt Spring Island will prove restrictive to the property owner who seeks a change in the use of his land.

The same restriction will be welcomed by the property owner who fears an unacceptable use of nearby land.

Planning requires the approval of the community before any change is made in the community.

If a landowner wants to open a store on his residential property he must make formal application to the Capital Regional District.

The application is then assessed by the professional planners, representatives of the various technical departments and by the advisory planning commission in the community.

It is considered to be reasonable and feasible in terms of planning principles, water supply, sewage and other aspects. The local commission is invited to assess the application in the light of local knowledge.

The request must now be presented to a public hearing. There must be a meeting at which residents of the area may express their views.

Any resident "who deems himself affected" is entitled to be heard at such a hearing.

The island advisory planning commission, the formal planning body on the island which includes four island residents, then makes its report and recommendations to the regional board. Chairman of the planning commission is also regional director for the island and reflects the views of islanders.

The board makes its decision following receipt of this final report. It is not obliged to follow the local preferences. It is not tied to local opinion. It is not normal for an administrative au-

thority to act contrary to local requests unless for a very sound reason.

Delay in gaining sanction of a new project may be frustrating to the applicant, but it is a machinery which is established to protect the individual from an undesirable development.

RECRUITMENT IS NO PROBLEM IN GULF ISLANDS

There is no problem finding teachers for the Gulf Islands and Gulf Islands school trustees will not take part in Trustees' Day at the University of B.C. of the University of Victoria.

Senior education students are interviewed on Trustee Information Day.

"Others go with a view to teacher recruitment," observed G.M. Heinekey "and it's a wasted effort for this board."

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DRIFTWOOD

to be frank



By Richards

Thinking of television ads -- if you were -- there is only one kind of head would grow fat hair and that's a fathead.

Things have changed in Vancouver since Judy Luddington left Salt Spring Island. A holiday visitor to the island, Judy was at the Scott Road home of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luddington. Versatile pop singer, Judy spent the holiday singing with the piano or the guitar. She sings her own compositions as well as current pop songs.

Jack Webster, the Laird of Cranberry, came out on TV on Sunday complete with new beard. Last time I saw him he had a stubble on his face and a nail hole in his foot. He looked like a stumble-bum, unshaven and limping. By Sunday night the beard had grown bigger and the hole in his foot had grown smaller. Odd thing is that if he had changed his voice as much as his appearance, I'd never have recognized him. Imagine him with an English accent!

Art Simons never spoke at great length on his European tour by bicycle. Last week he opened up a bit and recalled the availability of tourist campsites all over Europe. He also recalled the BC honey on the shelves of a French epicerie, and the muscles in the legs after taking up cycling late in life.

Car rolled into the ditch on Ganges Hill last week before the BIG THAW. A wrecker was called and hauled it back on the road. "We'll read nothing about this one in DRIFTWOOD," jeered a passing motorist. He was wrong. So was I. It was my car.

Ken Whyte took a short cut to hard work. Over the holiday he and Mrs. Whyte went to Richmond to their family. Came the snow and the house was buried beneath its white cover. Came a high wind and the snow landed on the patio. Came next day and there was Whyte shoveling the white stuff.

See there's another Popish Plot. The Americans have imported just about every British antiquity now.

"My car will just walk it out," bragged Ken Dods last week when called on to help move a snow-bound pick-up. He engaged all four wheels of his four-by-four and let her have it. Nothing moved. He was held solid in the snow!

Marc Holmes faces up to cold weather like another summer's day. Last week it was blowing a blizzard on the Pender Queen while he nonchalantly put chains on the tires to get home from Fulford.

Staff had taken a holiday to enjoy the heat wave, announced a message on the locked doors of the Bank of Montreal last week. They had gone swimming, the notice added.

There's always someone to do it the wrong way. When motorists everywhere were baulked by the snow, one driver was baulked by her car. When Alice Hammett tripped up on Tripp Road, it wasn't the snow that stalled her. It was just that the car decided to break down despite the snow.

Frantic call for help was sounded to a local wrecker service. So sorry! The wrecker was out of commission... it was stuck in the snow at Beaver Point!

Fred Rhodes was back on Salt Spring Island at Christmas. Complete with family. Then the lights went out. It was the same night. Happily policing Revelstoke, he was happy to meet old friends on the island. Talk about luck! They drove all the way here and all the way back without encountering the remotest sign of a storm.

Old joke: Fellow picked up a friend to ride on the back of his motorcycle. Passenger protested the cold, so driver suggested he turn his coat back-to-front to stop the cold from getting in.

FULFORD

BY BEA HAMILTON

Capt. Les Mollet arrived from Hospital just before the heavy snow fall and is now happy to be recuperating in front of the fireplace while he looks out at the sloppy melting snow where others trudge gingerly. Some people know now to arrange things beautifully. Welcome home, Les!

Holiday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nadin from Canim Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stevens celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on December 29, and finished up the Old Year amongst relatives and neighboring friends who came to wish them well. Proposing a toast to the happy couple was Captain Les Mollet, who has known them since childhood.

So this week we offer congratulations to two-nice-couples -

WHAT JOB? WHAT MONEY?

When Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce ran out of funds in 1970, a Ganges store agreed to run the tourist information centre at no charge to the chamber.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL FOR CAMPBELL

Vancouver Island branch of the B.C. School Trustees' Association has warmly endorsed a move on the part of Gulf Islands trustees to name J. M. Campbell a life member.

Mr. Campbell, of Saturna, is a former chairman of the islands district, former president of the B.C. School Trustees' Association and charter president of the B.C. Educational Research Institute.

Proposal to offer him life membership was supported unanimously by the Vancouver Island group.

Shortly after the change, they skidded and both fell off. Driver recovered consciousness to see a crowd gathered around. He shook himself and then enquired of the welfare of passenger. His passenger lay still on the ground "He was alright a minute or two back," explained a helpful bystander, "until we turned his head round the right way."

Publisher of the far northern Vancouver Island weekly newspaper came to Salt Spring Island recently. Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Shanks, of the North Island Gazette arrived in an ancient hunting nightmare, for a few days in the warm south before returning home.

CENTENNIAL MEMO - Active Pass was named after a U. S. survey vessel which was the first naval steamer to use the passage between Mayne and Galiano Islands in 1855.

The information centre was, accordingly, moved to Mod'n Lavender and the service was maintained free of charge by Hilda Grain and Mary Miller. The chamber was responsible for the bureau telephone and for the cost of moving the sign.

This week they were hopping mad. Location of the centre in their store had deprived some young girl of a summer job, they had been told.

"What young girl wants a summer job without pay?" they asked, "For that matter, what store wants a year-round job without pay?"

Financing of the tourist bureau will be considered at the annual meeting of the chamber on February 10.

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A BY-LAW IS PASSED

When the Capital Regional District passed a planning by-law last week it was helping Salt Spring Island to pass a landmark. The by-law was the interim zoning by-law for Salt Spring Island only. After a long and controversial preparation, the zoning by-law was adopted.

What is the effect on Salt Spring Island?

The first and immediate effect is to require of all island and property owners that they use their property only for the purpose for which it is zoned. The owner of rurally-zoned property may not establish a store or any other business on that property. The owner of a general store may not convert it to another use.

Such changes can only be undertaken subject to the approval of the community and the community planning department of the Capital Regional District.

In the longer term, the effect is to ensure that an unpopular use of land will be prohibited.

The terms of the by-law may be considered in this negative light by many.

By the majority of islanders it will be seen positively. It will come as a means of protecting the islands. The way of life, the pattern of living and the rural environment will be protected.

Industrial uses of island properties may no longer be freely undertaken. The residential character of the island will be maintained without fear of spoiling.

Also in the longer term is the looming relaxation of subdivision restrictions. For some eighteen months it has been impossible to subdivide island land into lots of less than 10 acres. That regulation still obtains. Yet, with the introduction of planning and zoning, the time is in sight when the ban may be lifted or modified.

The minister of municipal affairs stated last fall that the control of subdivisions was now a function of the regional district and that his department would no longer exert a control. Within a year the regional district will have prepared its long-term zoning by-law, covering a pattern of planning based on future island development and land-use trends. This final plan for the island will be the blue print for future subdivision.

Islanders have asked in some volume for a retention of present conditions. We have now passed the first milestone on the road to protection of that environment and every planner, Director Marc Holmes, Mr. Adrian Wolfe-Milner and Mr. Henry Schubart, as chairmen of the island planning committee and the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce may well take a bow. It is their accomplishment.

Letters to the Editor

NEVER AGAIN!

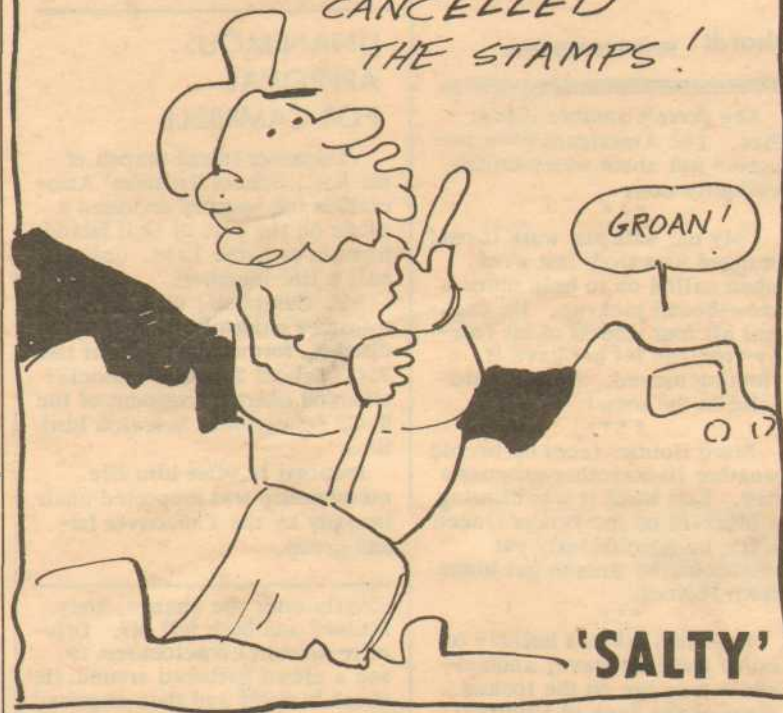
Editor, Driftwood,
When we moved here in June our Victorian friends wagged their heads and said, "Very nice in the summer, but what's it going to be like when winter comes?"

"Beautiful and quiet," we said. And we were right. It is very beautiful and almost excessively quiet (except for the

screaming of our small children and the barking of all the neighborhood dogs at 7 a.m.).

But let us not carry things to extremes! It's not really necessary to cut off all the telephones. It isn't vital to keep the snow plough off our hill every time it snows. And please - don't stop the presses ever again. The noise doesn't reach us in Vesuvius, and when the news doesn't

NOW I WOULDN'T SAY
OUR WEATHER WAS BAD...
BUT LAST WEEK OUR
POST OFFICE EVEN
CANCELLED
THE STAMPS!



GALIANO SNOW

SNOW IS FOR KIDS!

BY MARY BACKLUND

Snow is for children...very little children...and I guess, those who are young at heart, and those who really enjoy being out in the stuff. But snow is not for those who have to shovel it, of THAT I am really very sure.

Shovel it off of the roof, the car, and sometimes to dig the car out of a mud hole. Walking out was virtually impossible for a short and dumpy reporter for the past week; it was too deep, and I spent the time doing things that should have been done some time ago. Then when I did get to walk out, it was quite a chore. Tires have no respect for time or snow, of that we are sure, too. Just as everything seemed to be going hunky-dory, blam, a tire blew, and nothing for it but to change it. Helping a friend is something we all do, and especially in bad weather, so it was not long before willing hands were stopping to help, and have a little visit, too.

Not everyone cursed the snow; Mrs. Maury Lupton thought it was all right; she got out her skis, and went skiing around the South End. Reggie Brannan came over to and from his home in The Valley, and he just hopped on his horse, and rode down the road, as he always does. He didn't have to worry about a tire blowing out...and many more coped with the sudden cold and snow really well.

We were grateful to the boys from B.C. Hydro, for getting the power on in a short time, in the middle of a big storm, too!

They must have had to work long into the night, in the cold and wet to repair the lines.

The ferry crews are working hard these days too, not that they don't all of the time, but when the ferry has to go into Montague Harbour, they make sure of transportation for the

reach us either, we are indeed in limbo.

Driftwood, we miss you!

Mary C. Williamson,
R.R. 1, Ganges, B.C.
12th January 1971.

foot passengers. This is pretty thoughtful, as it is a long walk to anywhere from Montague Harbour.

The road crews were hard put to keep the main roads clear, and they also had some breaks in machinery; all machinery gets cranky in the cold weather, so making a tough job even tougher.

Many residents have chosen this time of year to go for holidays to a warmer climate like the Bambricks of Galiano. They are in Mexico, along with the Fred Mallets; we noticed that they have a new grandchild, born before they left Victoria where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robson flew to Mill Valley, California where they visited Mrs. Irving Sinclair and then the three of them went to Hawaii, to spend two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. D.A. New are also down that way, on the first leg of a trip that will take them to many parts of the world.

Miss Catherine Brannan is now attending school at Ganges, and is at the dorm with other Outer Islands children. Neighbors were glad to see Mrs. Alice Morissette come back home to Galiano, after some time in Victoria and Vancouver. Robin Killick has now taken a job up in Brakendale wherever that is. We saw Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wickens of Victoria over for a few days wearing twin Indian sweaters, looking smart and warm too. We have just heard that Bill Bamford, of Vancouver has been at the Alcal Point property for the past two weeks helping the Hume's care

book review

QB VII, by Leon Uris, Double-day. \$9.50.

What Uris had in Mila and in Exodus just hasn't come to the surface in QB VII.

In Mila, the book took the reader through the tragedy that was Warsaw and built a triumph out of the dying ghetto.

Exodus showed the lot of a group of Jewish people looking for refuge in Palestine and balked by the British. These two books had two features in common. Both revolved around the tragedy of the European Jew, persecuted and without a home and both took the reader into the heart of his characters which was the heart of his tale.

In this latest work from Uris, the magic has gone. The tale is there...the horrors of a concentration camp and the extermination of his people.

Jadwiga Camp in Poland was notable for its experiments on living people. By experimentation and surgery the camp medical staff were seeking a method of mass sterilization. The system included operations without anaesthetic and brutality on the part of the doctors responsible.

There are all the ingredients...as well as a proven narrator. Unfortunately, there is no point in the book where the reader is let into the secret. He meets various characters, good and bad. In order to retain the suspense character of the book, the book characters are kept in suspense.

There is no introduction to the workings of the mind of the man who works for the Germans or the man who suffers from the German policy. Each individual is introduced in his turn, but the reader never learns anything of him.

There is a clinical acceptance of the conditions which are the subject of a libel suit. The author describes incidents through his characters as if nobody can really think about them.

The pattern of the book is excellent. The theme is horror in modern times, but the answer lacks plausibility and the reader is even a little hardened to the horror by the time he reaches the end of the story, because he has been given no cue to revolt.

Not one character is seen reacting except in a wooden third-rate-movie manner. QB VII is number Seven Court of Queen's Bench and the pace is kept up reasonably well. It is far from his best book. -F.G.R.

for the gas station, and shovelling snow, too.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Zala; they are just about finished building their new store at the North End corner, and Mr. Zala's mother died in Victoria last week. sympathy also goes out to Bill Beach, on the loss of his brother at Salt Spring Island.

Maury Lupton is doing quite (Turn to Page Five)

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 1971

ANGLICAN			
St. Mark	Central	Holy Communion	8:30 am
St. Mary	Fulford	Family Service	11:00 am
St. George	Ganges	Evensong	2:30 pm
St. Mary Magdalene	Mayne Is.	Evensong	2:30 pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9:00 am
St. Paul	Fulford	" "	11:00 am
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Rev. Fred Anderson	Ganges	Communion Service	11:00 am
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Rev. M. V. Gilpin	Ganges	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	10:30 am
		Evening Service	7:30 pm

YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

QUESTION CORNER

DID YOU KNOW

Your School Board is attempting to give local students every opportunity to view cultural presentations that are not readily available on the island.

On February 1st, Horst Bohme will present a Puppet Play to all Elementary students, and The Playhouse Theatre will present two plays on April 7th.

Other presentations of this type will be encouraged in the future.

STUDENTS TO PAY

Two Shows For Schools

Spring is entertainment season. At Salt Spring Island schools there will be two shows in coming months.

On February 1 a puppet show will be offered at the elementary school. On April 7 and 8 the Playhouse Theatre will bring two plays to the secondary school.

Trustees were asked on Monday evening of their views on charges to be made.

There will be a charge of 30 cents per pupil for the puppet show. A total fee of \$160 is payable for the theatre group, based on admission fee of 50 cents.

Trustees approved the levies.

Principal D.L. Hartwig noted that in an earlier year trustees had ruled that costs of such entertainment would be borne by

the district and no charge would be made to students.

Trustees replied that there is an economy drive on this year and that the students must meet the costs.

"We're broke!" explained George Lampier.

It was decided that the district would be prepared to meet the cost of bringing in students from the outer island schools. They would arrive on the noon ferry and return on the 4.30.

SATURNA

BY PAPAJOHN

What a beautiful Sunday morning. Most of the snow is gone; it's raining and all the little birds are ignoring all the feed on the front porch.

The sad news looks a lot healthier this week. Slim Vollbrecht is home, George Morgan is doing fine in Victoria and Rosealeen Sumislawski should be home soon. But our Dr. E.R. Dixon decided on Wednesday a.m. that although he may be English he wasn't going to be a mad dog, and cancelled his visit which was just as well as no one could have made it down to the hall anyway.

One person that ALL the Saturna Islanders are thankful for having on the road job is Jack Musselwhite. He must have worked about 25 hours a day and with the equipment he had darn near succeeded in keeping all the main roads open. Our thanks, Jack!

Another good citizen was Arne Rasmussen who while delivering oil to the Kirk shoveled all the snow away from the front porch and steps.

Forgot last week to thank tantalizing Taimi and all her pupils who made cards for me while I was in Lady Minto and thanks to all the other folks who sent me cards.

My two lady friends from next door went to ye kirk with Granmarie this a.m. but would not leave until Granmarie "smelled them up".

Well, we guess that this is about the shortest "epistle" we have done yet!



When the Old Age Pensioners marked Christmas with a party they formed their own entertainment group.

CABLE AND POWER AND WATER

Regular problem child of islands power is the cable linking the islands to Vancouver Island. Submarine cable runs between Vesuvius and Crofton.

Cable burns out with regularity.

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The ceremony took place in White Rock at Holy Trinity Church with Archbishop W. Barfoot, a long time friend of Mrs. Keenlyside's family, officiating. Archbishop Barfoot baptised Mrs. Keenlyside, the infant's mother, 26 years ago in Edmonton.

A hand-embroidered heirloom robe was worn by the tiny principal who is the three-month old granddaughter of Judge and Mrs. Harold Keenlyside of White Rock and Saturna Island and Lt.-Col. William Buxton of McMasterville, Que. Her god parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Keenlyside of Vancouver and Mrs. Stewart McDonald of North Vancouver.

A small family luncheon followed. Mr. and Mrs. Keenlyside returned to Calgary last Wednesday where Mr. Keenlyside has just successfully completed his final examinations for his Doctorate in Archaeology at the University of Calgary.

STUDENTS OFF TO FRASER VALLEY

When a group of Saturna school students take a tour of the Fraser Valley with their teacher, Taimi Hindmarch, the trip will be financed at their own expense. On Monday evening trustees of Gulf Islands School District agreed to find a replacement for Mrs. Hindmarch during their absence.

GALIANO SNOW
(From Page Four)

well in Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, and Roy Harding is still very ill in hospital in Vancouver General, Heather Pavilion

Gary Lupton is over from Vancouver to visit his mother; Mrs. McEwan of Victoria has just been to the Island home for a visit. Glad to see Gerry Steward is out and around, looking better.

★★★

Sometimes it is difficult to figure out the workings of the complex known as the mail service. Usually we are reasonably happy with the way the mail is handled, and then something comes along to make you wonder, just a little bit. Happened this way...

Our jovial mailman, Bill Langley and his wife, went on holiday early in November to the Canary Islands and to England... and being the thoughtful guy that he is, Bill sent us all postcards from the exotic places that he went to. I was on the list, and as soon as I saw Bill, looking tanned and rested after his return, he said... "Did you get my postcard, Mary?" I hadn't, and it was nice to hear all about where he had been for the past month. Today, - January 16, 1971, there was the card in the mailbox! It was written on November 4, 1970, and mailed from the Canary Islands!

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Davey Committee And The Weekly Press

Top four television shows in the French language network of CBC are made in Canada.

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Not so in the rest of Canada.

English language media are headed by the newspaper. In British Columbia majority of people look to the daily newspaper for information on what is happening. They look to radio for first news of an emergency and to television for recreation.

The pattern of thinking in terms of information has its effect in the considerable difference between Quebec and Ontario in terms of mass media.

In Ontario are 48 daily newspapers. Quebec boasts a population of about one million fewer, but there are only 14 daily newspapers there.

On CBC, Seven Days was popular; Forsyte Saga has gone into its second time round. But these shows are chicken-feed in comparison with the massive audience of La Rue des Pignons.

Without French language television there might have been no future for Rene Levesque or dozens of others. They got their point over to their fellow Quebecois by television.

Mass media in the province of Quebec are different from the rest of Canada and not only in language.

Report of the Special Senate

Committee on Mass Media illustrates the difference.

Quebec has its own Top Forty its own sex goddesses, its own feature film industry, its own penny dreadful press. North America has Bobby Dylan, Quebec has Robert Charlebois.

When Johnny Carlson sings, he does so in English and if French sound is dubbed, Johnny Carlson is gone.

Yet, while English-speaking Canada drools over American imports in its entertainment, Quebec imports remarkably little from France. Television and printed media are more inventive in French Canada than in any other part of the country.

Montreal and Quebec are two cities in North America where new newspapers have been launched in recent years and survived. Two cities... both in Quebec... setting the pace on the continent.

Montreal has more daily newspapers than New York. Furthermore, there are few newspapers in North America with the prestige of Montreal's La Presse or Le Devoir.

The committee, still looking at Quebec, found a shortcoming in Quebec newspapers where they are almost wholly concerned with Quebec news. The English press looks without depth into Quebec and the French press returns the compliment.

The committee, headed by Sen. Keith Davey, enquired into many aspects of Canada's news media. Members came up with a variety of criticisms, commendations and recommendations.

They also came up with a very readable report. The report is not identified with the trade and is not restricted to any special jargon. It looks at newspapers, radio and television, but in doing so it looks at the Canadian scene and merits the attention of many outside the

business.

In fact, the value of its report is contained in the theme which runs through it, that the news business is everyone's business. And it is. Few Canadians speak of "our" doctor, or "our" butcher of "our" shoemaker. Yet, thousands speak of "our" paper, daily or weekly or whatever.

This intimate link with the public merits special consideration, asserts the committee. It merits a governmental board which should decide whether a newspaper merger is in the public interest. It merits a press council within the trade to sit in judgment on its own members. These are but two of the recommendations.

There should be adequate opportunity for study by journalists specialising in a specific field. There should be better pay opportunities for newsmen. This won't be bitterly argued by many newsmen.

Chain ownership can be oppressive, suggests the committee, although it need not be so. Inadequacy of a medium is considered and even cited, but inevitably some rival service arises to offer a better information and draws off subscribers from the errant service.

Of the underground newspapers such as Georgia Straight in British Columbia, the committee is keenly aware.

The underground press is a new entry into publishing and is the only form of medium which is far removed from the establishment. It is also the only medium which is hounded by local authorities across Canada, the reader is told.

The Georgia Straight has repeatedly experienced intimidation and harassment, recalls the committee. In 1969 22 charges were laid against the newspaper its editor or its employees.

Harassment of Georgia Straight has established "what we regard as a regrettable legal precedent". City's withdrawal of a business license for "gross misconduct" has been upheld by the courts.

Under this legislation, notes the Senate committee, the Sun and the Province are under a strong legal obligation to comport themselves as the mayor sees fit.

"We wish they wouldn't call policemen 'pigs' quite so much and sometimes we even wish they weren't quite so dirty," concludes the summary.

Weekly press came out with a warm commendation.

Weekly newspapers in Canada have an overall circulation of around three million, says the report; and "heaven knows how many readers... probably fewer than the weekly newspapers

themselves claim but more than the advertising agencies suspect.

"Anyway, we're all for them." The weekly newspaper is a national institution in a country which has far too few national institutions, the committee suggested.

Nothing else is able to foster the sense of community accomplished by the weekly press.

At times they were in too deep.

In referring to the problems of industry, the committee quotes Jerry Rubin on his days as a young reporter. It was a six-month career for the American Yippie and he summed it up this way:

"I came on really full of fire.. everybody was bored at the paper. People just sat around doing nothing... their lives were just wasted.

"They weren't happy with what they were doing, they had nothing to look forward to except maybe a three-week vacation. They knew they weren't going to rise in the newspaper hierarchy, there was nowhere to go."

The production of a weekly newspaper is demanding. It entails long hours, hard work and an hourly rate of pay that would scarcely meet provincial minimum standards. Of the close to 1,000 weekly newspapers across Canada, there must be more than another hundred offering these hours and labours with small recompense. Yet, they are happily produced and eagerly scanned by their producers.

The committee is wrong in suggesting that the Rubin pattern is realistic. I have known few reporters who had time to sit around or who were incapable of enthusiasm over a good story or an attractive assignment.

Report concerns itself with the finances of the news business and comes up with some striking comments on the earnings of some of the larger operations in Canada. The people who write the material are underpaid and the industry is overpaid, suggested the committee.

Radio and television come in for their blows and blessings, and the committee speaks of the training of personnel, advertising business and many parallel operations.

Its style is light and entertaining and some of its scathing comments are delightfully expressed. Of one paper it refers to the "disinterested publisher and the bored readers".

The report is in three parts, although the first volume is the most immediately interesting. It is available to anyone who wants to read it at the cost of \$3.50.

TWO INTO FIVE WON'T GO

Maximum term permitted a director of Salt Spring Island Library Association is five years. But elections are for terms of two years. Why, asked Chairman George Wells on Monday, was the term broken?

Probably to permit a trustee to resign instead of being voted out of office, suggested Mrs. S. H. Hawkins amid laughter.

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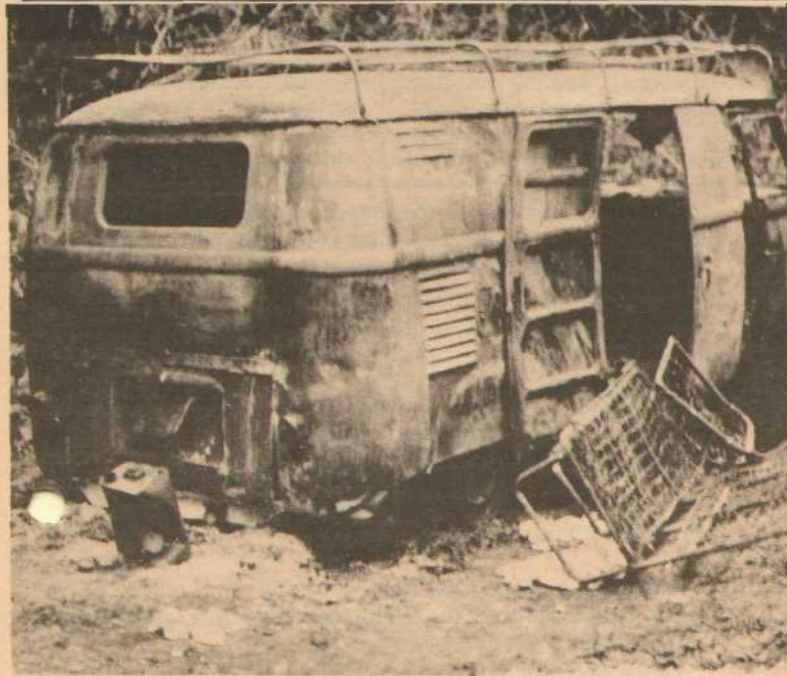
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RCMP at Ganges are investigating the fire which destroyed this Volkswagen in Mouat Park. Bearing Florida plates, the vehicle is owned by an American living here. It has been suggested that the vehicle was deliberately burned by hooligans.

Library Is Down But Not Out

- GRANT CUT BACK BY PROVINCE

Salt Spring Centennial Library is left out in the cold. It is down but not out. Funds provided by the provincial government will no longer be available to the island library. On Monday afternoon the Salt Spring Island Library Association heard a report from Chairman George Wells that the provincial grants will be cut back to \$187.50 per annum in future. The previous system offered up to \$1,000 per annum.

Grants will only be available in the future to the larger centres, where a library can afford trained staff.

Among the facilities demanded in future by the government for grants is the installation of a telephone. Grant allowed for this facility is less, stated Mr. Wells, than the cost of the telephone.

Members of the association approved in principle the proposal to dissolve the association and to reform as a private library.

A private library gets no help from the government and must carry on under its own steam. It is also free of government control.

For 10 years the library has enjoyed government support, but has still depended largely on local contributions.

The library possesses a total of 8,110 books and there are some 500 members. The building on McPhillips Ave. is owned by the library and staff is volunteer. It was established as a centennial project in 1958. It survived the 1966-67 centennial, but the 1971 centennial year has spelt the death sentence to its official existence.

Library centennial conference in Victoria was announced during the afternoon by Mr. Wells. Theme of the conference will be "Libraries vital to tomorrow's world", said Mr. Wells.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE NOT YET DECIDED HERE

Defensive driving course is still mooted for Gulf Islands Secondary School. On Monday evening trustees heard a letter from J. C. Javorski enquiring about the decision on the course.

It is being discussed by the district staff and as soon as a decision is reached Mr. Javorski will be advised.

ZONING IN FORCE NOW

(From Page One)

ing planning to the residents of a community the same questionaire was later used as the basis of a series of questions circulated around the outer Gulf Islands.

The massive undertaking of making a summary was carried out by volunteers and the findings were presented to a public meeting in Ganges.

The capital district had by this time named a Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission.

Professional planners with the Capital Region met with the is-

"I don't think they know that," came a retort from the floor, "with what they are doing to us!"

Special committee will investigate the reforming as a private library. Same committee will also report on joining a regional library or seeking public support for the island library out of taxes.

Membership in a regional library would necessitate forfeiture of all books donated to the library here. There is no provision for branch ownership of books in such a library.

Membership on a regional library would also preclude residents from using the open shelf of the provincial library. A private library on the island would leave this service open.

Committee will include one member of the charter library committee of 1960, when the present building was brought into use. She is Mrs. S.H. Hawkins. Serving with her are Mr. Wells, Mrs. Connie Porter and Mrs. C. W. Archer.

land committee and prepared a draft by-law last spring. The first proposal set Ganges, Fulford and Vesuvius as commercial centres, with the remainder of the island zoned for rural purposes.

There followed a violent dispute when owners of businesses on the island protested a by-law which would leave their operations as "non-conforming" and therefore without protection.

The by-law was then prepared again, with provision made to zone all commercial operations accordingly.

The final by-law pattern met with a number of protests and the chamber of commerce supported N. J. McManus in his protest at the failure to zone commercial a lot on McPhillips Ave. Chamber asked the Lieu-

tenant-Governor to withhold approval until an investigation had been made into planning on the island.

The by-law was submitted to the provincial cabinet in October and approved in January.

Last week the by-law was returned to the Capital Region with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor.

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BY AN ISLANDER

Mrs. Ena Davidson after a brief illness passed away early a.m. January 7, 1971. It was back in 1906 that she as Miss Ena Baynes came to Pender as our school teacher, and it was on Pender she met Mr. Andrew A. Davidson and they were married July 14, 1908 in Vancouver. After living a year on Pender they moved to Vancouver and lived there till 1941 when they returned to Pender and lived at the Clam Bay farm where Andrew had come with his parents in 1892.

They had one son Bruce, who became a sergeant in the R.C.M.P. He passed away in 1952. Other members of the family were Miss Jean at home and Mrs. (Helen) G. Rogers of Vancouver.

When Ena's husband Andrew died in 1959, she went to Vancouver to live with her daughter Jean. The old farm was sold.

A few years ago, Jean and her mother secured a site on the hill top overlooking Browning Harbour, and enjoyed the quiet life of Pender in their new home.

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The program is part of a province-wide expansion undertaking which will cost more than \$12.3 million in 1971 -- by far the largest in the company's history.

At Ganges, cable placements to provide improved service will cost \$41,000. Improvements will be made to power facilities at the company's Salt Spring Island microwave site at a cost of \$32,000.

The major Gulf Islands expenditure will exceed \$300,000 to establish a new telephone office to provide local service to North Pender Island customers.

Included is a 200-line switching office and the installation of related feeder and distribution cable through which to connect these customers, now served

through a submarine cable connection from Mayne Island.

Also included is a 12-circuit transmission system to Victoria

via Salt Spring Island to provide North Pender customers with improved long distance service.

Long distance service from the

entire Victoria District region will be improved during the year with a 72-circuit addition between Victoria and the mainland to handle increased volumes of both operator-handled and customer-dialed long distance calls.

Special switching equipment required to handle customer-dialed calls, and trunk cable additions to handle toll traffic will be installed in the long distance centre in downtown Victoria, which serves the entire region.

READ EX

Of Books and the Joys of Reading Therein

by Stanley Orris

There is a rumour around that weekly newspapers, the smaller daily newspapers, and books will, in the next few years, become things of the past, succumbing to an audio-visual process of communication that is now well on the way in development. The rumour was started by Marshall McLuhan in his writings on the future of mass communications.

It is true that the audio-visual concept of learning in schools and universities is and will make ever-growing inroads on text-book learning in these institutions of education. It is also true that the future of television will see changes take place in that medium of communication.

In a few years, all television sets will be manufactured with equipment allowing the television viewer to see and hear programs of his own choosing. These will be in the form of cassettes of sound and sight tape and film. The viewer will have an extremely large selection of cassettes from which to purchase what he wishes to hear and see. In fact, those in charge of the development of this process, state that all of man's knowledge, all his literature and all his drama, will be recorded on these tapes and available to him.

Does this mean that the book, the weekly newspaper and the small daily will become obsolete when these developments come to fruition and are available to every man? No, of course not!

The smaller daily newspaper and the weekly newspaper fill a need that no other media of communication can attempt to fill. The editor of any weekly or smaller daily can tell you of the hundreds of former residents of his community who subscribe to the paper year after year, whether they have moved just a few miles or thousands of miles away. And his local readers will angrily storm the newspaper office or the local post office if the paper is as much as a few minutes late. I will write more of these phenomena in a later column.

As far as books are concerned, there are more and more being published each year and they are more and more being purchased and read each year. The population of the world is, of course, also increasing and whether or not that increase is more than the increase in the sale and reading of books, might be questionable.

The residents of the rural areas of Canada are just as cultured, just as intelligent, and just as interested in reading as residents of the urban or metropolitan areas, whether it be newspapers or books. Unfortunately for readers and booklovers in these rural areas, there is a general lack of

communication between the makers of books and the readers of books and it is this lack that your local editor intends to fill by publishing this column, called READ EX.

This column will be filled with news, views and gossip of books and authors, the weekly press and the smaller daily press. There will be personality bits about rural editors and writers, perhaps even of yourself or your next door neighbour if you are interested and active in any of the above fields. Our main objective in writing this column every week is to bring to the residents of the non-metropolitan areas of Canada a greater familiarity with the printed word and the wonderful joy of reading.

Here are a few brief notes on new and recent books which could be just the thing for Christmas giving. Most of these titles will be reviewed at a later date.

Pierre Berton's THE NATIONAL DREAM is a two-volume history of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The first volume is subtitled The Great Railway and deals with the years 1871 to 1881. Published in October, it is already a national best seller and will probably be the best selling book in Canadian history. This "biography" of a railroad is probably the best researched and one of the finest written major Canadian books yet published. Its appeal is to almost everyone: Canadian history buffs, railway buffs, the thousands of railway pensioners across the nation, as well as the general reader. Sooner or later, almost everyone in Canada will read this great book. The second volume is to be published next year. THE NATIONAL DREAM by Pierre Berton. Published by McClelland & Stewart Limited, Toronto. \$10.00.

A REASONABLE DOUBT by Edgar Smith. The author of this gripping story was convicted on June 4, 1957, of the murder of a 15-year-old girl and the past 13 years of his life have been spent on Death Row in the New Jersey State Prison. The novel is more or less a day-to-day documentary account of the events leading up to the committal of a very repulsive sex crime and the days following dealing with the search for the criminals and then the days in court.

This book is excellently written and makes quite engrossing reading, but, as it contains a great deal of lurid sex, I do not know if it should be recommended to anyone under the age of 17. On the other hand, though, I feel it might be an excellent deterrent to any youths who are flirting with easy sex and free love.

A REASONABLE DOUBT by Edgar Smith. Longmans Canada Limited, Toronto. \$7.95.

A TORONTO ALBUM: GLIMPSES OF THE CITY THAT WAS by Michael Filey. This is exactly as the title states, a photograph album with a very adequate descriptive text from the 1860's to the 1950's, of the city of Toronto. Although it is entirely about Toronto, it is that type of book which anyone will enjoy if he is prone to have nostalgic feelings towards the early days. Many of the photographs remind me of Winnipeg around the turn of the century, and if the snow piles were not shown in some of the photos they would remind anyone of the early days in Vancouver or almost any other large city. Old Torontonians, wherever you are, this is for you. I'm willing to wager that if this book is left on a coffee table for easy access, it will be the most used and the best loved piece of memorabilia you have around the house -- even if you are thousands of miles away from the great city of Toronto.

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SURPRISE FOR ANNIVERSARY

BY BEA HAMILTON

Well known residents here, David and Gladys Slingsby, were in for a real old fashioned and mod surprise on Saturday, Jan. 16 when family and friends sprang a surprise party on them to celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary, with Pomp and Circumstance (the circumstance being the heavy snow that kept a number of friends from attending).

The Pomp was spontaneous, and fun came 'bustin' out all over' as neighbors and friends brought out many hidden talents to entertain the honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Slingsby.

There were the three, Art Moulton, Pat Kyler and Bill DeLong, who produced scintillating music on guitar and mouth organ; while the guests sang along with them. Miss Marlene Van Herwarden accompanied herself on her guitar as she sang Maori songs and folk songs. Walter Bridgen treated them to poems of Robert Service.

Most of the guests brought refreshments and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the evening as congratulations poured in on the guests of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Slingsby's children, Gail, Pat and Linda, with help from Marlene and Martin Ogilvie, Mrs. Webster Davidson, and Mrs. J. French, arranged the party.

Present at the party were Mrs. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mossop, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bridgen, Mr. and Mrs. French, Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeLong, Mr. and Mrs. H. Byron, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kyler, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roland, Mrs. Denis Seward, Mrs. Gyves, Mrs. Rosemary Reeves, Pat Slingsby, Miss Marlene Van Herwarden, Mr. and Mrs. Ken McLean and Martin Ogilvie.

CENTENNIAL MEMO - Ploughs were breaking ground in the Comox Valley as early as 1862. The Indian word "Komox" is said to mean "land of plenty."

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 Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. E. Thacker,
 Sec. Tr. 2-1

KLONDIKE NIGHT Saturday
 January 30th 8 p.m.
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ANNUAL MEETING OF SALT Spring
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WE THANK ALL THE PEOPLE who
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ON SALT SPRING

New School Needed Soon

New elementary school is becoming more urgent on Salt Spring Island every year, George Heinekey told his fellow school

trustees on Monday evening. Elementary school population is now within 70-80 of the level when the secondary school was built. Prior to that time both schools were accommodated in the same building.

"We have already been planning for a new school," stated Mr. Heinekey, "and now Mr. Bennett has been easing up on referenda."

The board must consider the dormitory at the same time, he continued. It is full and another eight or nine students are being boarded out.

"We should consider both and make one project out of it."

School population will be up to 900 before very long, he forecast.

THREE MEN BEHIND PLANNING

Planning is now a way of life on Salt Spring Island.

Authors of community planning here are Henry Schubart, Adrian Wolfe-Milner and Director Marc Holmes.

Original plea for planning was to protect the rural and residential character of the islands.

The three planners have contributed many hundreds of hours to the project.

LEASE OF GROUNDS FOR CENTENNIAL PROJECT AT GALIANO

Lease is being prepared to allocate school property on Galiano to the use of the Galiano '71 Centennial Committee.

On Monday evening school trustees approved the final details and authorized the preparation of the 21-year lease.

Under its terms school property will be set aside for park purposes.

HOLE IN ONE FOR DR. BARNER AT GALIANO

After playing golf for many years, Dr. H.D. Barner had to come home to Galiano to get a hole-in-one.

It happened at the Galiano Golf Course, on December 30 on the second fairway, a distance of 109 yards.

He was playing with Peter Darling and Arthur Platt, when the lucky stroke landed in the cup. He was delighted for golf is his joy.

SHE WILL MISS SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Mrs. June Allan, of Pender has served as a school trustee for two years. On Monday evening trustees of Gulf Islands School District heard a letter from Mrs. Allan recalling her association with the board with great pleasure.

"I shall miss it," she assured her former colleagues.

CENTENNIAL MEMO - Bella Coola, 65 miles N.E. of Bella Bella, was visited by two famous explorers - Alexander Mackenzie and Captain George Vancouver, in 1793. They missed a dramatic meeting by only a few weeks. Mackenzie came by land, Vancouver by sea.

DEADLINE FOR DISPLAY ADVERTISING-MONDAY

Weather Baffled Hydro

B. C. Hydro could not make the grade last week.

Before the snow storm the hydro crews brought over a supply of cable to make repairs to the Crofton cable. The new cable was on two massive drums.

Last week the hydro crews spent the week working on the submarine cable which feeds the islands.

When the hydro decided on Thursday to withdraw the crews and wait for better weather, they couldn't get across to Crofton for lack of a ferry.

On Friday night power on the north end of Salt Spring Island went out with a flourish as equipment burned out with an explosion and showers of sparks.

Later the same night further power failures were experienced when the storm brought trees down across distribution lines.

On Saturday morning power was restored to most parts of the island.

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ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 1, 1971

MAHON HALL

8P.M.

THE S.S.I. COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD THE 1st ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS ON MONDAY FEB. 1st

Our committee is anxious to insure that the Committee Membership reflects as broad a spectrum as possible, of Island opinion. It is ESSENTIAL that this aim be achieved, if planning when it comes, is to be favorable to the island people. Your co-operation will be decisive..

CHAIRMAN IS NAMED

Mrs. Ione Guthrie was named chairman of the board of trustees of Gulf Islands School District at Monday evening's meeting. She assumes the office formerly held by G. M. Heinekey.

Mrs. Guthrie expressed her appreciation of the appointment and warned new trustees to "do their homework". She urged all newcomers to the board to study the Public Schools Act and the

trustee's manual.

Mrs. Guthrie also noted that a trustee is powerless to observe the wishes of his electors on his own. He can only act with his fellows as a board, she warned.

Four new trustees took places at the board table on Monday. They were Mrs. Matthews, of Pender; Mrs. Elizabeth Beach, of Galiano, Mrs. Sheila Fraser, of Ganges and Robert Marshall, of Ganges.

Of the nine seats, five are held by women.

"Man alive!" said George Lampier, "I'm surrounded by Women's Lib.!"

He is the only man on a five-man committee.



Trustees of Gulf Islands School District took their places on Monday evening for the first time this year. They will meet in open meeting the second Tuesday evening of each month in the School Board office at Ganges.

COLD WEATHER

(From Page One)

Unknown athlete came down Ganges Hill on skis. Another snowman on Galiano also used skis.

It was a time of short rations for birds and many residents made an effort to feed them.

Confused hummingbird came to the home of Mrs. W. Trelford, where she set out a large red tumbler of honey.

Outer islands were snowbound, although the fall was lighter. At Mayne Island, Walter Hunt-Sowrey, who records the weather for the federal government reports a total fall of 14 inches. Of this total, 11 inches fell between 5 pm on January 10 and midnight on January 13.

Fall is usually heavier on Salt Spring Island, he noted.

He can recall only rare occasions when there has been a snowfall on Mayne in excess of two feet during the past 25 years.

So far in January, Mayne Island has recorded a total precipitation of 3.18 inches, of which 1.4 inches fell as snow. Ten in-

CUT BACK OR DROP DEAD

Pressure Is On School Board To Cut Back

Cut back, or perish.

Gulf Islands School District must keep its operating costs within 10% of last year's figure, or there will be no Gulf Islands School District, warned George Heinekey this week.

School grants from the government are based on the average cost, per pupil across the province. This figure is gained

from last year's operation. Unit of measurement is a "teaching unit" and each district is entitled to so many teaching units according to its school population.

The allocation of funds to the school district is determined by its number of teaching units. Once this allocation has been established by the department

of education the district may not exceed the figure by more than 10%. In the event of the board preparing and approving a budget which is, in fact, over 10% more than the arbitrary allocation, then any group of 100 ratepayers, or more, may petition the government for a referendum before the budget is accepted.

Ratepayers of the district vote on the acceptance of the budget. If the vote is favorable, then the board carries on. If it is not favorable, then the budget is scrapped and a new one must be prepared, to come within the limits set.

Gulf Islands School District has cut back on its budget \$45,000 to come within the limits.

"The department of education is hoping to introduce amalgamation of school districts," reported Mr. Heinekey, "and adjacent districts are hoping for it."

Failure to come within the prescribed financial limits would be used as a lever, asserted Mr. Heinekey.

LIBRARY BOARD

Two Are Named For Year

Two directors will serve again on the board of Salt Spring Isl-

ches of snow represents one inch of rain. Ferries were affected by the weather. On Wednesday the Vesuvius Queen stayed in her berth at Vesuvius Bay for much of the day.

On Thursday came a change in weather and a roaring gale blew out the last of the snow.

By Monday of this week the pessimists were already forecasting further snow ahead.

and Library Association and a third will join them.

Re-elected at Monday's annual meeting were Mrs. W. C. Carlson and Mrs. Campbell Caroll. To serve with them is W. L. Hardie.

Mr. Hardie assumes the seat left vacant by the retirement of Mrs. L. Kyle.

Fourth Candidate for office was Mrs. H. Emerslund, who finished in fourth place in the election for three members.

Mrs. Kyle was given a round of applause for her "outstanding job on the personnel side".

CENTENNIAL MEMO - Roderick Finlayson was made Chief Trader at Fort Victoria in 1850 and Chief Factor in 1859.

FULFORD TIDE TABLE

JANUARY 1971

DAY	TIME	HT.
22	0430	10.4
	0630	10.4
	1035	11.0
FR	1930	2.3
	0530	10.9
23	0745	10.8
	1115	11.1
	2020	1.6
SA	0550	11.2
	0855	10.9
	1215	11.2
SU	2105	1.0
	0620	11.4
25	0950	10.7
	1320	11.2
	2150	.5
MO	0625	11.5
	1040	10.3
	1420	11.1
TU	2230	.4
	0650	11.6
27	1130	9.6
	1525	10.7
	2315	.7
WE	0715	11.7
	1225	8.7
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To Call Changes

Committee of trustees will meet with the ferry management to discuss a modification of outer island ferry schedules.

Purpose of the discussions is to evolve a system whereby students might be transported from one island to another within the ordinary school day.

On Monday evening new board of trustees of Gulf Islands District agreed that the matter must be attended to promptly, while schedules are being prepared.

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