

CHRISTMAS IS COMING --- EARLY!

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or we're dead!

Gulf Islands Driftwood

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Of Course You Can Vote On Saturday If

REGIONAL DISTRICT Election of Director

1. All property owners.
2. All tenant electors and all resident electors whose names appear on the voters' list. There is no way a tenant or resident elector can vote unless he has registered as an elector at an earlier date.

All islanders will vote for a regional director.

There are additional features of the election to be observed.

On Salt Spring Island, voters may cast their ballots at

REGIONAL DISTRICT Activity centre and Recreation referenda

1. Property owners on Salt Spring Island only.
2. Nobody else.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM

1. All property owners on all the Gulf Islands.
2. Nobody else.

Fulford or Ganges, but not both.

Registered Tenant-Elector or resident-electors may be sworn in at the polls. All residents

GULF ISLANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT Election of a Trustee

1. Property owners on Salt Spring Island.
2. Property owners on Saturna Island.
3. Resident electors and tenant electors on Salt Spring Island and if their names are on the voters' list.
4. Resident-electors and tenant-electors on Saturna Island and if their names appear on the current voters' list.
5. Nobody else.

without property are entitled to register and be on the voters' list. It is not automatic and it must be done months before polling.

READY IN MARCH?

Hospital Going Ahead

Extension to Lady Minto Hospital is making good progress. Contractors, Farmer Construction Co. report that work on the extended care unit is right up to schedule. Insulating, plastering, and stucco work is now in progress. The project should be completed shortly before March 1, 1972. The black-top parking lot, with room for 40 cars is now available.

The well for the elevator is in place. A large elevator that will accommodate a full-sized bed, and will enable hospital staff to move food, laundry, supplies and beds more efficiently is to be installed.

The administrator will shortly announce the cost of furnishing an extended care room, or supplying prices of physiotherapy equipment so that interested individuals or service clubs may offer help.

The total cost of furnishings, meaning all movable equipment, will be about \$50,000. That includes furniture, beds and linen, as well as physiotherapy equipment. In the existing wing of the hospital, lighting in the operating rooms has been improved. Fluorescent lights have been installed.

PLAYERS

Christmas comes on Friday, for Salt Spring Players.

They will offer three presentations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Mahon Hall.

Islands Election Saturday

- ALL ISLANDS

Saturday is polling day for all the islands.

Polls will open at 8 am on Saturday and remain open until 8 pm.

Polling stations will be established at the School Board office in Ganges; Nan's Coffee Shop, Fulford; elementary schools at Galiano, Mayne and North Pender and at the Community Hall on Saturna Island.

All property owners on all the islands will decide the fate of the \$752,000 school building referendum.

Calling for a new activity room and home economics and industrial arts rooms at Ganges it also calls for the reconstruction of the Ganges elementary school.

The referendum provides for minor work at each outer island school.

Every Gulf Islands property owner is eligible to vote on the referendum.

All voters on the islands will choose a representative for the next two years in the board of the Capital Regional District. Director Joan Purchase in the outer islands and Director Marc Holmes on Salt Spring Island will defend their past performance in a fight for the two seats.

All voters on Saturna Island will elect a school trustee. All voters on Salt Spring Island will elect a school trustee.

Property owners only on Salt Spring Island will decide the two Regional District referenda asking for expenditure of funds on local projects. One-tenth of a mill is sought for the financing of recreation. Total of \$50,000 is asked for construction of an activity centre in conjunction with the elementary school activity room.

Regional District candidates are

OUTER ISLANDS
James M. Campbell
Joan Purchase (Director)

SALT SPRING ISLAND
Marcus H. Holmes (Director)
James R. Wilkinson
Elizabeth C. Wood

Gulf Islands School District candidates are:

SALT SPRING ISLAND
Charles M. Baltzer
Q. Harold Dibnah
Dr. Edward R. Dixon
Ione V. Guthrie
Jan H. Harkema
Raymond C. Hill
Dorothy M. Kyle
Margaret Simons
Marion Thomas

SATURNA ISLAND
J. Lorraine Campbell
Thomas Davidson

MAYNE WEATHER REPORT

BY W. W. HUNT-SOWREY

Total rainfall at Mayne Island during November amounted to 4.63 ins. In 1970 the corresponding figure was 4.74 ins., including 3.8 ins. of snow. Precipitation to date is 27.39 ins. in 1971.

The rainfall for the month was near average. There was very heavy rain on the 2nd and 3rd of the month, when 1.83 ins. fell in just over 24 hours, the heaviest rainfall I have recorded here for any 24-hour period.

Measurable rain fell on 19 days, but on seven of these days it was less than a tenth of an inch.

Frost was recorded on three nights. Temperatures were near average, and there was at least an average amount of sunshine. No snow was recorded this year during November.

Elections Are Family Affairs

Elections are a family business.

On Saturna Island Jim Campbell will face Director Joan Purchase in a two-way fight for the outer islands seat on the Capital Regional District board.

Lorraine Campbell, his wife, will be vying with Tom Davidson, also of Saturna, for the island seat on the board of Gulf Islands School District.

Jim Campbell has extensive experience of school affairs. He is a veteran of 10 years on the school board. He has served as chairman of the provincial association and as chairman of the research institute.

Mrs. Campbell is seeking to enter his former fields.



Here's a load of trouble for someone! When the new recycling box was established at Vesuvius the photographer invited these youngsters to get in the picture. Recycling is looking after their future so that they'll always be in the picture.

VANCOUVER REPORT \$79,100 OUT

IT COST \$900 SAYS HOLMES

- WRITER THOUGHT OF BRIDGES

Report on the islands in a Vancouver newspaper was out by \$79,100 last week. Cost of the publication to be distributed among islanders was estimated in a mainland story at \$80,000.

The real cost was \$900, said an indignant Marc Holmes this week.

The writer of the Vancouver story took the figure of \$80,000 from the cost of a bridge survey made by the then Highways Minister P. A. Gagliardi.

"It's a matter of record that I am totally opposed to the findings of that report", Holmes said. "To be blamed for the cost of it is a little too much".

Holmes said the estimated cost of the special publication which will present all options open to the Islands in planning the future is around \$900.

"I can understand minor errors made under the pressure of meeting deadlines", Holmes

said, "but there's a heck of a difference between \$900 and \$80,000". Holmes, in the middle of the election campaign, said the reporting error could not have come at a worse time.

"Fortunately my opponents in the race are pretty decent people", he said. I know that this error, now that the true facts are known, will not become part of the election campaign."

HEAT SHUTS OUT VOTING

Heat and vigour of the regional district electoral campaign on Salt Spring Island has drowned out the school board elections or the money by-law referenda.

In the heart of the battle are Director Marc Holmes and his two opponents, Jim Wilkinson and Mrs. Beth Wood.

Marc Holmes has held office for two years. He was elected by acclamation in December, 1969. Mr. Wilkinson is a former logger and construction man who has operated his own busi-

ness interests for many years.

Mrs. Wood is a former mayor of New Westminster. She has also served as school trustee in the mainland city.

Marc Holmes stands by his record of achievement as director and champions the cause of conservation, with few small lots and cautious subdivision policies. An orderly plan will be developed for Salt Spring Island, following the pattern of the Capital Regional planning department with local guidance, says Holmes.

Dirge for a Queen

BY GEORGE LIDLIFTER

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FOR
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VOTERS !

Beth Wood

Because my honor and my intentions have been attacked so viciously, by the supporters of another candidate; I must, in my own defence make the following facts known:

I AM honest, and I defy anyone to prove otherwise!

I AM concerned about all people, regardless of Race, Color, Creed, Or Position!

I believe that the people of Salt Spring Island need strong, experienced representation to uphold their right to determine the future of their island!

I DO NOT advocate Bridges or Tunnels!

I DO NOT have any Real Estate connections!

I DO NOT have any Land Development ties!

I DO NOT have any Financial Interest in land other than our farm!

I DO NOT recommend that Salt Spring Island form a Municipality!

I DO NOT believe raw sewage should be dumped into the sea!

During my years of elected office I fought for and was directly responsible for the following benefits for people:

The first increase given Mothers allowance cases in 25 years.

Operated monthly, for 12 years, a surplus food booth, to aid social assistance cases, old age pensioners, burnt out veterans and unemployed - the average monthly distribution:

3 1/2 Tons of Foodstuffs.

Successfully promoted a city built boarding home for 31 lonely aged men and women.

I humbly ask your consideration of the true facts, and I solicit your vote on -

DECEMBER 11 for
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

SIGNED
Beth Wood.

Mary Kingsmill is dead. The world today is a little bleaker, the rain presses more heavily, the sun seems more distant. For here was a woman among women, the true Queen of the Islands.

Her essence lay at the undiscovered heart of Women's Lib. She was lion-hearted in the way attributed to Richard, and of one thing I am convinced: she passed over the great divide, not to the rustle of lilies but to the blare of trumpets.

Furthermore, being the woman she was, she will have been as unimpressed by Peter's ponderousness as by the texture of angels' wings. Most likely her first reaction will have been to brush aside the formalities and come straight to the point: "Never mind your Leader: take me to your Gardens."

Of Mary Kingsmill it can be said that she left the world a better place than she found it. Scattered over half a dozen of our Gulf Islands are gardens she bequeathed to those of us lucky enough to follow in her footsteps. Her itchy feet, the urge to beautify and move on, must be counted among the blessings in which we have all shared.

I suspect that when Mary was born, the Fates and Furies reached into their collective grabbag and tossed into her cradle an assortment of qualities unusual even by the colorfully eccentric standards of the English background from which she sprang.

The commentary may have run something like this: "You're going to be a restless, high-spirited, impatient, argumentative, proud and foot-loose creature, Mary, but here's something to make it bearable: a sense of beauty, of justice, loyalty to your friends, a pox on your enemies, and a deep and abiding love for all things that grow in the earth."

The Lady Elizabeth and I can testify to all this, for we inherited, at one remove, one of Mary's gardens. It was the last one to which she was able to bring her full powers, and though the man to whom she

sold it never went near the place for nearly two years, when we first saw it, overgrown and thoroughly intimidating to the city windowbox gardener, the bones of underlying beauty were yet sufficiently apparent to make us fall in love with it on the spot. We bought it within 20 minutes of our first glimpse.

At the time we had not yet met Mary, but I suspect that it that moment of decision, some of her spirit still lingering in that derelict garden passed into us. Our thumbs turned green and began to twitch.

The Lady Elizabeth stooped down, and in that immemorial gesture, crumbled the earth in her hand as our ancestors must have done way back in the mists of time. We knew nothing, but we'd been inspired to care.

Though we knew it not, in that magic moment we were ourselves turned to seed, destined to germinate with a purpose. How else account for the chicken turned lion, the will to rescue a derelict woodland patch with lilywhite hands, to take on seven years of unremitting, backbreaking, glorious toil, the very prospect of which had made countless potential buyers before us quail and climb back into their mobile Detroit coffins of the living dead.

Now that I think back, and with age the case for rationality no longer seems quite so ironclad, I wonder if there really wasn't something from

outside that entered into us, something that hitherto the rational side of me has always refused to admit, a kind of spiritual trigger.

When we met Mary, both of us knew that we had by chance come across one of the half dozen people you meet in a lifetime who constitute the stuff of friendship. Acquaintances? Laid end to end, they'd girdle the earth and still be devil's meat. Friends? Ah, that's a different story. There's the gold.

Now to some extent we were prepared what to expect, because in the attic of the old Johnson cottage we had found a diary in which Mary had turned Pepys and recorded daily over a three-year period what she had done in her garden. Interspersed with notations on peas planted, carrots harvested and cabbages attacked by the unspeakable cabbage maggot, were pungent comments on visitors both welcome and unwelcome.

It has the cutting edge of Pepys or Evelyn at his best in "Brief Lives", both of whom must have lived within a relatively short distance of where Mary was born. Every page lives in imagery: direct, uninhibited and refreshing. I asked her if she wanted it back. It was, after all, private. She waved her hand. It was, said the hand, so unimportant, a thing of the past, a mere flick of the lion's tail.

It was shortly after this that
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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT RE . . . Elections of Island Candidates

QUESTION: WHO IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE 1971 ANNUAL ELECTIONS?

ANSWER: ONLY THOSE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE LIST OF ELECTORS AS POSTED AND PROVIDED AT THE POLL.

THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

- (a) An owner-electors who owned property as of September 30th, 1971 and who was entitled to have his name appear on the list. If this is the case, the person may swear an Owner-Declaration at the poll to allow a vote.
- (b) A resident or tenant-electors who filed a declaration on or before September 30th, 1971 for the year 1971 and who was omitted by error only. If this is the case, the person may swear a Resident or Tenant Declaration at the poll to allow a vote.
- (c) An owner of real property whose name does not appear on the list of electors but owned property as of December 10th, 1971 and provides satisfactory evidence at the Poll. If this is the case, the person may swear an Owner Declaration at the poll to allow a vote.

CAPITAL REGIONAL BOARD
PUBLIC NOTICE

to be frank



By Richards

I learned this week why everyone is so eager to get elected to the regional district. It's the BIG PAY! Marc Holmes took home last year \$625 in honorarium. The islands directors get paid expenses they incur off-island, but they pay for their own costs at home.

Luke Harrison is quite a salesman. But he didn't sell John McManus a Holmes election poster for his window on Saturday.

Fr. Frank Sutherland was beefing last month that he has a listing in the yellow pages of the directory and he gets the odd call from Victoria when someone wants a priest because he is the only one listed in that particular section. When he asked the telephone company to unlist him they explained, quite courteously that it was too late and the new directories had already gone to press. Now he isn't only still there, but his name comes right at the top of the column!

Phil Valcourt has lost the cast on his right hand. Only trouble now is that he's got to be so good with his left hand he can't decide whether to bowl right-hand or southpaw.

I watched Elizabeth R. on Sunday. I figure the presentation is an affront to the viewer by the CBC and General Foods. Who, in his right mind, would want to eat a pound of General Foods sausages or whatever they sell, after being spoon-fed the whole miserable tripe while trying to watch a show. When CBC presented the Forsyte Saga, they omitted advertising. When CBC offered the wives of Henry, the sponsoring advertiser had the courtesy to place his message fore and aft. On Sunday the show was sandwiched in bet-

ween assurances of what a fine bunch of boys were there, messing up the show. I saw the first and the last. I'd sooner leave it alone than go through that tripe every Sunday.

GALIANO

BY MARY BACKLUND

Mrs. Ragna Fredrickson has left on an exciting trip which will take her to Tehran, and many other exotic places during the next several months.

Mrs. Clair Bennett left home some time ago also from Georgeson Bay, on a trip around the world.

A laege group of friends gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Stahl last week, to honor Stanley Jackson, on his birthday. The group, spear-headed by Misses Donna Martin Judy Lee and Beverley Neuman decided that it should be a surprise at the Stahl home, the evening of Nov. 26.

Tom Carolan went to see Mr Jackson at the appointed time. Mr. Jackson followed Tom down the road to Stahl's, thinking they were going for a little visit.

There followed a most enjoyable evening, with singing and playing of piano and guitars by the talented people there.

Miss Martin made the beautiful birthday cake.

We are pleased to welcome the youngest member of the community, Joanne Dorraine Silvey. Born in Lady Minto Hospital, on Nov. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Silvey, she weighed 7 lbs, 8 1/2 ozs.; all parents are doing quite well. This is a 25th grandchild for Mrs. Laura Silvey.

A respected Galiano citizen decided to show the Islanders where his feelings were in the Grey Cup.

He got out his handsome white stetson hat, and to get his point over he made a little sign, "Stamps", that he put on his shirtfront. He was in the village to do some business very early on that Saturday morning.

He wasn't making such an impression; there weren't a lot of people around. He decided to leave. One of the ladies in the office, looked at him and said, "You are not going to go home now are you? You really must remember to get stamps at the post office, and it will not open for another few minutes!"

Juvenile Soccer

BY DRAW BACK
On Sunday, two of Salt Spring's Juvenile Soccer teams played on Salt Spring and two played off-island.
The team coached by Mike Roberts, division 9, played on Salt Spring and lost 3-1 to the Vikings. The game was played on a very wet field and Salt Spring continues to improve.
The team coached by Tom Toynbee and Doug Burke, division 7, played on Salt Spring and lost 4-0 to Chemainus. Honorable mention to Dennis Anderson, the goalie who played a very good game. He stopped (Turn to Page Ten)

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PLANNING IS IN THE BALANCE

In the Capital Regional District, insofar as the islands are concerned, Saturday's elections are not so much a matter of naming representatives for the next two years as testing the pattern of planning over the past two years.

Directors Joan Purchase and Marc Holmes are the test-tube babies. They will stand up and defend the policies of the past. The three opponents are challenging the two directors and seeking to wrest their seats from them, but more than that, they are challenging the past thinking and legislating on planning the islands.

If the two incumbents boil up badly in the election fires, the residue in the bottom of the test tube will be the whole pattern of planning.

The election picture is confusing at the best of times. On Salt Spring Island there is a movement expressing dissatisfaction with the Capital Regional Board for having proposed yet another questionnaire to islanders and for extending yet another choice here. Among the outer islands there is some disaffection towards the Capital Regional Board for having imposed a zoning by-law on the islands without further reference to islanders.

The regional district elections in both electoral areas, Salt Spring Island and the outer islands, are less concerned with personalities than with policies.

If the majority of islanders want a future based on cautious expansion today, they will re-elect the incumbents. If the majority of islanders are convinced that the cautious approach is unfair to property owners, then there will be a new pattern of representation in the future.

In the meantime, islanders must bear in mind that Saturday's election cannot control the future movement of people to the islands. Whatever we say or do today, there will be more and more people living on these islands in future years. Planning today will merely establish the pattern of future island living. Voting on Saturday will merely vindicate what has been accomplished or demand an entirely new approach to the whole subject of land-use controls.

Every eligible voter must, however, be certain of one feature. If he neglects to vote on Saturday, the other side could easily win! Just mind they don't! And it is only the voter himself who knows just who the other side is.

Letters to the Editor

IT COSTS MONEY

Editor, Driftwood,

I think the taxpayers of Salt Spring Island would like to know that there is some real evidence that continued development is going to cost them money.

The City of Palo Alto commissioned a very detailed study this year of all the open land, and the study proved that keeping land open was the cheapest thing to do even if all the land was purchased by the city at going market prices. If anyone wants to read the whole 190 pages, phone me. Here is one paragraph of its conclusions:

"Of the total of 22 different development patterns studied,

none yielded a positive net cash flow to the City. The cost of municipal facilities and services generally exceeded revenues from property tax, sales tax, utilities sales and other sources. Even though two-thirds of each property tax dollar is paid by non-residential development in Palo Alto, it was found that \$45,000 homes would have to be priced at \$62,500 and \$80,000 homes at \$116,500 if there were to pay their own way."

The subdividers on this island are the ones who will make lots of money, but the rest of us will be stuck with the costs, and some of us will be taxed off our land. We've got to fight against development and elect a representative who



is in favor of conserving the island.

-Raymond C. Hill,
Ganges,
December 4, 1971.

THEY HAVE EARNED RESPECT

Editor, Driftwood,

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Mr. Holmes for the tremendous job he has done as our director and also Mr. Schubart for giving us so much of his time and energy in helping us to get our planning under way.

There are few people on this island who, when joining a committee or organization, ask first "What's in it for me?" They work to help the community.

So these two men have done. I have worked with no finer men than these two. They are gentlemen in the true sense of the word. They have both endured, without recrimination, uncalled for abuse from a small group of people who are interested in no one but themselves. These gentlemen have always been honest in their dealings with the public. They give respect, so in turn receive respect.

Mr. Holmes gets things done but not by hectoring the Regional Board to do this or that as his opponents seem to think should be done.

I have yet to hear Mr. Holmes or Mr. Schubart say one derogatory remark about the group who so cruelly judged them in their own light.

If the people vote for Mr. Holmes on Dec. 11 they are voting for a man who can be trusted and who will not quit in midstream.

-Mrs. Betty Baker,
R. R. 1, Ganges,
Dec. 6, 1971.

AN OLD FRIEND

Editor, Driftwood,

During a visit to Salt Spring Island this summer, I was pleasantly surprised by the discovery of an old friend in the person of Kittyhawk 1, a P40 Curtiss Fighter aircraft at Fulford Harbour.

Having checked into the past I find that 1034 served for a time in the RCAF with No. 118 Squadron. Taken on strength in the RCAF, October 6, 1941, and Struck off Strength, August 23, 1946.

While in service with 118 Squadron, she suffered a major accident on August 29, 1942, however she went on to serve well for another 4 years.

A picture in the Canadian Military Aircraft Publication (QP), shows 1034 in previous

registry as AK803. I am reasonably certain that AK803 would be the RAF original serial number and 1034 was the re-register on transfer to the RCAF, probably from the Curtiss Factory.

I remember the Kittyhawks well at Patricia Bay during World War II. They also served in the Aleutians with the RCAF, but I am not certain whether 118 Squadron was in that theatre.

She seems to be in pretty good shape for her age, and it is nice to see that she has survived through these many years, thanks to her present owner.

-W. S. Hopper,
5105 Carson St.,
S. Burnaby, B. C. Dec. 3, 1971

BACKGROUND OF CANDIDATE

Editor, Driftwood,

It would appear that there are a number of residents of Salt Spring Island who for various reasons are unable to attend meetings, consequently there may be some who are not too well versed on some of the issues with which we are to be faced at the polls on December 11.

As I am most interested in the planning of our Island, I have attended meetings and I am indeed aware of the ability and sound judgment of Marc Holmes as Director of the Capital Regional District, and as he has consented to stand again for this office, it should be interesting to know some of his background.

After attending U.B.C. for two years, he served in the 2nd World War with the 8th Army Overseas, and in peacetime with the Canadian Army in Canada, U.S.A. and N.A.T.O.

He and his wife came to our island in 1962 and established home and fruit farm at Isabella Point. He soon became interested in community affairs and was treasurer of the S.S.I. Centennial Committee from 1964-1967 and served on the Hospital Board from 1968-1971.

I am sure that all conservation-minded islanders are most grateful to Marc Holmes for his constructive efforts thus far and hope that he will be re-elected to continue his excellent work with the Regional District Board in guiding the future planning for the preservation of beautiful Salt Spring Island.

-Maud I. Scott,
R. R. 1, Ganges,
Dec. 2, 1971.

SUBDIVISION

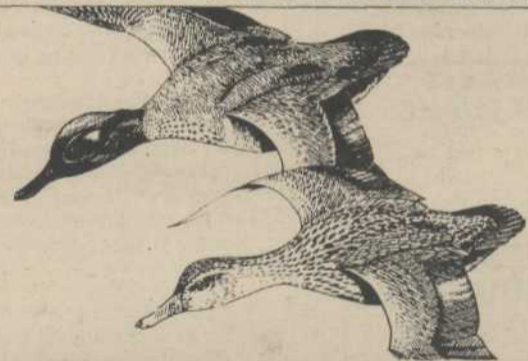
Editor, Driftwood,

We came here in September to stay until June. At this time we have no plans to stay

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MARSH WORLD

by ANGUS SHORTY
Ducks Unlimited



GREEN-WINGED TEAL (*Anas carolinense*)

Smallest of the dabblers, the breeding range of this trim little duck extends from the Maritimes across Canada and from the central U.S. to Alaska. It is an early spring migrant, arriving soon after first pintail and mallard and well ahead of the blue-winged teal. Nests are located on dry land, usually well concealed in a grass clump or beneath low shrubs. Southward migration is leisurely the birds lingering as long as marshes with good feeding spots remain unfrozen.

Church Services

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1971

ANGLICAN

St. Nicholas'	Vesuvius	Holy Communion	9:00am
St. George's	Ganges	"Joseph and his Brethren"	11:00 "
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Communion	2:30 pm
St. Margaret's	Galiano	Holy Communion	11:00 am
St. MaryMagdalene	Mayne	Evensong	2:30pm
St. Christopher's	Saturna Is.	Holy Communion	8.00 am
		Morning Prayer	10.45 am

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9:00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	" "	11:00 am

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		Evening Service	7:30 pm

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That December 11, 1971 is ELECTION DAY? Do you know where your polling booth is? Be sure to find out and vote! It is your civic responsibility to exercise your franchise. By comparison with 1970 the public response contesting the vacancies on the School Board has been outstanding. There are nine candidates for three vacancies on Salt Spring and two candidates contesting the Saturna seat. Let us hope such public response is duplicated at the polls on December 11. It is up to you to do your part. BE SURE TO VOTE!!! AND -- if you are a property owner vote YES on the referendum for School District 64 - Gulf Islands. The need is urgent.

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IN MEMORIAM....

(From Page Two)

we first heard the apocryphal story of how Mary shot the vicar's horse one dark and windy night, in the belief that she was repelling intruders. That's a story in itself. I made it last ten whole days in a rustic soap opera I was confecting at the time for the CBC under the title "Welcome Island". I never mentioned it to Mary; not that she would have cared.

She was a woman entirely devoid of humbug and ruthlessly honest, not least with herself. I remember once, on a particularly bleak day in January when nowhere on the island was there so much as a speck of color, we'd puffed up to lay some kind of green tribute at her feet, when lo and behold, there was Mary's front flowerbed, a resplendent vision of yellow tulips in full bloom. In January! We were so staggered that if she'd produced Merlin's wand from under her pinnie, or displayed hair on her palms, we wouldn't have been the least surprised.

The explanation was much simpler. Mary had bought a bushful of yellow Japanese plastic tulips and simply thrust them into the soil, where they made a fine showing. She made no bones about it and didn't attempt either to conceal the fact or to apologize for it. The flowers, albeit plastic, made her feel good. She wasn't kidding herself or anybody else.

In due course her own real flowers would burst forth in splendour. Meanwhile, here's a bit of makebelieve color to get us through the grey of winter. Where's the harm in it? The sheer glorious inconsistency of it takes your breath away. That's what I mean by naked honesty. Take one hand and count how many people you know who have it.

I did say "assorted qualities" didn't I? Mary was one of the two worst cooks I have ever encountered. She lived for gardening and dwelt in beauty, but beauty for her stopped short of the kitchen. Not for any stupid Women's Lib. reason either; she simply didn't care. However, even at the expense of a night writhing in invariable gastric agony, I'd no more have turned down an invitation to dine with Mary Kingsmill than I would have refused a dish of hummingbird tongues with Lucullus.

Ah, for another chance to have ghastrly, cold, congealed,

map updated. Though she couldn't see it, she could live it in her mind's eye, and we could feel that she was still with us, looking over our shoulder.

Mary made two more gardens after she left the old Johnson place, which we, perhaps tritely, re-christened "Sleep Hollow". We used to bring her large Chinese baskets of seaweed to her next place, but already her strength was waning. Soon she and Jack moved on to a small rented cottage overlooking the sea, which offered a magnificent view but was built on solid rock, which is fine for religion but poor for garden's.

It offered an unsurmountable challenge, though she struggled gallantly with a thin layer of soil from a truckload of soil bestowed by a sympathetic islander. Where she once was the reigning queen of acres, now she had less than a few dozen square feet. Yet still the soil responded to her touch, and whatever she planted took root and blossomed.

By this time her health had worsened to the point where Mary was forced to leave Galiano and move to a nursing home on Salt Spring. She could barely grasp a trowel.

When we visited her there, she looked out of the window at the apricot in flower and cried for all that was beyond reach. Bound as she was to the soil with every fibre of her being her lifeline began to slacken.

The fire of her unquenchable spirit still flickered from time to time, but the ashes were peeping through. When the end came, one is grateful for the word "sudden", last of the Furies' gifts. That's the way she would have wished it.

I see her greeting the Reaper with garden fork uplifted in the Zulu salute.

Bayete, Mary Kingsmill, gallant warrior, good friend, God's gardener on earth! We shall never see your like again.

CENTENNIAL MEMO -- In January 1862 the temperature fell to eight degrees below zero in the Alberni Valley and the canal was frozen 10 miles from its head.

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God-knows-how-old Christmas pudding served up as "Christmas Cake", smothered in the lava of white sauce only those of British heritage have the courage to inflict, with British fair play, on friend and foe alike. Or that gelloid mass passed off so nonchalantly as "home made Turkish Delight". Now, alas, we'll never know what it might have done to the Turks, but I know it always scared the hell out of me. But I ate it, For Mary.

As we got the feel of the place, Mary watched over us, as we learned and labored with love to subdue the jungle. Finally, as eager pupils are wont to do, we ventured to explore our own terra incognita, the places allegorically marked on old maps as "Here be Dragons".

Thus I built a mile or so of Nature trails, snaking in convoluted circles around the property, a sort of rustic, meandering Hampton Court Maze, where we can stroll for nearly an hour after dinner and still not glut our souls.

Small clearings full of wild strawberries in early summer ensure two weeks of breakfasts known only to Lucullus. The rest of the year the clearings fill with wildflower blossoms as we stroll along, three cats and a dog in line astern, pausing to admire each glade of earthbound heaven as we come to it. It brings back to memory the little boats in the Viennese Prater that wind their way through dark caverns until, around a bend, the first of many fairyland grottos burst upon you. No child can ever forget it.

Clearing the trails stretched me physically to the limit. The rate of progress was about eight feet a week end, cutting, chopping, hacking, slicing, rock-digging, levelling, and finally mowing. The secret lay in tackling only the twelve inches immediately in front of your nose, the way you climb mountains. Mary watched all this with a shake of her head. Her sentiments probably ran to the equivalent of the French General's tag: "Magnificent, but it isn't gardening". But she came to approve it.

In the end, when her failing health no longer enabled her to walk the trails, I made her a large-scale map. On it I sketched every tree, bush or new flower patch. Periodically I sent her a list of fresh plantings with which to keep the

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Salt Spring School Candidates Speak

CHARLES BALTZER

1. I have had experience on a school board in another district. I didn't want the election to go by default.
2. Changes are happening all the time. Since September, changes have happened in our own school.
3. I don't feel there is any need to stay strictly traditional as long as no harm is done under other methods.
4. Yes. However, the law allows that children may attend private schools or be taught at home under the auspices of the Department of Education. Public schools are not absolutely compulsory therefore. If a child is in an area where there are public schools and he does not follow the alternatives, he should attend public school.
5. Easily solved. In the district where I formerly lived, non-profit outside groups could



CHARLES BALTZER

use the building for free after school hours. These groups were responsible for cleaning up after themselves.

Q. HAROLD DIBNAH

1. No one seemed to be interested; last time they were scurrying for candidates. Having been a teacher myself, I'm vitally interested in education. I'm concerned about the fantastic cost of education and rising taxes.
2. Certainly. There should be many changes. We're living in a different world. There is too much laxity in demands. There should be higher standards and students should be made to meet them.
3. Yes. I'm not 100% in favor of the straight classroom. There should be a break in the 12 years of schooling. There should be more practical work outside the classroom as well as the theoretical work in the class. Students should be given a chance for breaks in education with a definite option to return.
4. Yes, yes, very definitely. You've got me on a loaded question. Without education people are missing the greatest things in the world; knowledge and understanding (there's a great need for understanding in the



Q. HAROLD DIBNAH

world today), communication. We are living in a material world. All children should be forced to try school, then they can choose.

5. I do not feel that educational facilities should be used for non-educational activities. They should be used for educational programs such as night classes. Non-educational groups must be willing to pay rental, clean-up, maintenance and repairs; otherwise the taxpayer will be paying for it.

DR. E. R. DIXON

1. I want to become more involved in the education system,

to become more aware of the problems and to help look for solutions. I'm dissatisfied with certain aspects of the present education system.



DR. E. R. DIXON

2. There must be a stronger emphasis on the quality of education. The present financing is resulting in an increase in the pupil/teacher ratio. What seems to be happening with the 110% arrangement is that the school board takes the easy way out by letting a teacher go. I feel the average voter would rather spend money on more teachers than on elaborate buildings. "Lifemanship" courses in sex education, birth control, smoking and drugs should be offered on a voluntary basis.
3. I feel that the present methods of education need careful looking into; for example, there is a disappointing rate of graduation, especially among male students. We see high unemployment rates among college graduates. The present grading system is prob-

Interviews of nine candidates for the school board were conducted by Salt Spring Island News. The interviews were taken for Dr. E. R. Dixon who replied in person at his home. Each candidate was asked the following questions:

1. Why are you running?
2. Do you think there should be a referendum on school education today?
3. Have you thought of any other than the traditional approach to school education?
4. Should school be compulsory for 15 years of age?
5. How would you solve the problem of the school building (especially old-fashioned. An initial assessment should start at the pre-school level so that children with problems can be picked up earlier and that children who are advanced can be put in the system earlier. I don't consider myself an expert, but I do think a great deal of thought should be put into these problems by experts. The school board's function is the financial operation and the principal's is the quality of education. The school board is too involved with the everyday running of the school and therefore undermining the position of the teachers.

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4. Yes. In an increasing technical environment the quality of education is most important. There is a need for a stronger sense of discipline in the schools. When I went to school you didn't learn what you wanted to, you learned or else. Why are children dropping out? What is it in our society that is so upsetting? Possible these are a result of over-

CHAIRMAN IONE

1. Hopefully to finish the school building program now under way. Also hope the referendum will pass.
2. Yes.
3. Concerning this school, there are at least modest alternatives offered in some elementary education classes. The school board appreciates these efforts. There are several teachers already involved in elementary alternative methods although the school building is traditional in structure. If the referendum goes through the reconstruction of the elementary school into a complex of flexible areas will allow elementary education teachers to innovate a great deal more.
4. Yes.
5. See DRIFTWOOD report of revised school board policy.

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permissiveness in the schools
and lack of interest on the part
of the parents.

5. I feel that school build-
ings are so costly and so under-
utilized that the amalgama-
tion of community school fac-
ilities is now of prime impo-
rtance. I don't think the public
can use school facilities with-
out cost. Such use has to be
financed locally and would
lead to a closer co-operation
between the school board and
the regional board in the expen-
diture of the tax dollar. Other
than the necessary renova-
tions for fire prevention at the
elementary school, the whole
concept of community needs
should be considered before
more money is spent. I think
the referendum should be sec-
tioned; as it is now an expen-
sive package has been forced on
the tax payer before the over-
all community needs have been
looked into. The fire hazard
is being used as the prime wea-
pon to pass the referendum
which blackmails the voter.

GUTHRIE



IONE V. GUTHRIE

JAN HARKEMA

1. I didn't want to see the
positions go by acclamation
to the other candidates. I am
against amalgamation with
Saanich.
2. There are many changes
happening already. I feel
changes are the teacher's res-
ponsibility. They are trained
for this.
3. There's a lot to be desir-
ed in alternative approaches.
There are many mistakes be-
ing made in alternative
schools that we can learn from

I think many new approaches
are not completely tested or
thought out.

4. Yes. Most children
need a certain amount of dis-
cipline. At least, they did in
my day.

RAY HILL



RAYMOND C. HILL

school library, for one instance
should be open evenings. Cost
for the use of the facilities
shouldn't be very high. The
taxpayer has paid for the build-
ing and should have access to
it.

DOROTHY KYLE

1. I have no pat answers. I
have four children, and I'm in-
volved in their welfare. I'm
a concerned citizen.

2. More teachers if funds al-
low; classes are too big. Expan-
ded facilities and more avail-
able to the students.

3. How many approaches are
there? Education involves
learning. There are up-to-
date methods and facilities (for
instance, television) that
should be tried out and avail-
able if proved to be helpful to
educate the young.

4. Definitely.

5. The cleaning costs and
overtime--the school board
should not be out to make mon-
ey but to cover costs. Why not
use the Provincial Building? It
is always available to the pub-
lic.



DOROTHY KYLE

MARGARET SIMONS

1. As a parent, I have a per-
sonal interest in education; I
have a son in elementary and
one in high school and a third
son who graduated last year.
As a resident of Fulford Harbour
I feel we should have represen-
tation from the south end of the
island. As a taxpayer, I am in-
terested in the school budget
and opposed to amalgamation
with Saanich.

2. The world has changed so
greatly in the last while; educa-
tion should be changing, too.
It should always be changing
and finding new ways.

3. Many teachers and parents
feel today's competitive educa-
tion is not the answer for all
students. Perhaps an alternat-
ive system should be introdu-
ced. The joy of learning
should be discovered for one-
self.

4. I'm undecided.

CENTENNIAL MEMO - Stanley
Park was saved from logging be-
cause the currents off Brockton
Point were considered too swift
for booming logs.



MARGARET SIMONS

5. The taxpayer has alrea-
paid for these buildings. The
janitorial fee should be the
ly cost and groups using the
buildings should have to pay
only the janitorial fee.

MARION THOMAS



MARION THOMAS

1. I have been asked by sev-
eral people to run for school
board and have spent a year
thinking over my decision to
do so. Anyone, but particular-
ly people with children, should
be interested in what's going
on in education. When I deci-
ded to run no one else had en-
tered, but now I am delighted
there will be a choice.

I cannot answer these other
questions over the telephone in
one or two sentences. They
are much too involved, but I
will expand upon them if ask-
ed to do so at the All-Candid-
ates Meeting Wednesday even-
ing.

- One hundred years ago gram-
mar schools were required by
order to take daily weather ob-
servations.

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MARC YOUR BALLOT X

The Light Touch By H.J. CARLIN

A group of carpenters working on a house were puzzled about a stranger who kept going to the window and yelling, "Green side up! Green side up!" After he had done this five or six times, one of the carpenters finally asked him what he was doing. "I have a bunch of real dumbbells working for me," the stranger said, "I have to keep reminding them how to lay sod."

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Victoria Flying Services brought "the Kloshe Beach Beauties," Allison, Andrea and Adrienne to the Dudley Huttons. Ted and Kay Madeley, Vancouver, are here with Charlotte, Theo and Greg's friend, David Isherwood. At one period Kay and sister, Mrs. Romeo Gratton, Marengo, Sask., near Kindersley, held down the Panabode alone. It was a second island visit for Thelma MacKenzie Gratton, and the first time since childhood the sisters were together in such a carefree scene: on their own.

At Bonheur with Henri and Clarice Renaud, are the Stan Barretts; Peter and Jean Wilde, Vancouver, and the Clarence McGuffins, North Vancouver, William and Ann Coulson of Victoria are making a first island visit.

John Nobles, from North Vancouver, have guests Steve and Betty Hewett of West Vancouver and Galiano.

With Connie Swartz at Clakili, are Wendy Lamont, Kelowna-Vancouver, and Bill Feys, Victoria, to inspect Wendy's Magic Lake property on Buccaneer Bay Road. Howard and Esme Davis, Victoria, have been here with Ralph White and his bride, Virginia Quindo from the Philippines. She is nursing in the Royal Jubilee Hospital. They brought her bridesmaid, Sheila Munieza. On Jennens Road, visitors at Mingulay with Mrs. Gertrude Bennett are granddaughter Cathie Ryan and her husband Ron, from Victoria. And from Squamish Mrs. Bennett's son Michael, his wife Helen and Michael Jr. 6, and Christine 4 and the children's honey beige Puggie.

The John Quintons, Vancouver, brought the Edward Swales for a holiday to their hideaway. Mrs. John Freeman and her daughter, Mrs. Geoff Jennens are back from a three-week trip to England and Ireland, over the pole.

On the South side a no-host dinner party was held by seven friends for Mrs. Grace Ashthorpe. Bea Campbell made her fab salads; Rita Gill her out-of-sight lemon pie; now you see it, now you don't. Grace was given a box of chocolates to nibble on the train.

Mrs. Ashthorpe has sold her Birdwood Lane property and joined her sister, Mrs. Frances Walkow in Winnipeg.

In the Valley, a community club meeting November 10 held at the home of Allan and Betty Brooks was attended by Joan Andersen, Gertrude Bennett, Vicki Gillespie, Rick Gordon, Ann Henshaw, Bill Plaskett, Eve Smith, Ian Smith and John Smith.

PLUMPER SOUND
Herbert Spalding is at Little Bay after a week in Summerland with junior Spaldings, Jane Elizabeth, Michael and Pam, while David and Isabel Spalding attended a meeting of game biologists at Prince George.

At the Stuart Wards' place, Joan's sister Betty and her husband Arthur Healey are here from Victoria in their camper. The Healeys have property opposite the Roddicks. They struck it rich when their famous well brought in 24 gallons a minute, drillers' top estimate, would probably settle to 15.

"It practically blew the drill out of the hole!" Arthur gloats. "One of the best ever brought in on the island." Near the Healeys Bill and Vera Norton have been lucky, too.

Marjorie Bailey and Evelyn Ladner, Vancouver, back and forth, and Evelyn's mother, Mrs. T. Ellis Ladner also enjoying Illahie.

The Ark, Robbie and Helen Andersen's new house, is high and dry on three acres of cedar, fir, balsam, oak, willow, maple, arbutus. Two fenced gardens outwit the deer

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LETTERS

(From Page Four)

longer, so, with no tax to mil here are some observations pertinent to the forthcoming Regional Directors' election.

At present this island has a population of approximately 4,000. When all present subdivision lots are sold the population will be approximately 8,500 to 9,500. These people will not be 'Islanders' by any description.

They will be people who are living in a subdivision first, and on an island second; living in a vertical Ladner with a view.

Their lots are small; their mortgages high.

The houses will be new and close together, the gardens straggling and rude. They will have a need for immediacy, ready-mades and instants.

They have no land for orchards, or vegetables, nor therefore, much desire to bottle, bake or can. No, their's will be a higher cost of living of a lower quality.

They need the large supermarket with the wide choices and frequent sales. They will be acutely property conscious and dissociate from their neighbors.

There will be a split between them and you (how can you assimilate double your numbers - into whose community?) The island will speed up; how else can you get three times the cars over the present road system.

Costs of services will treble and taxes go up. Taxes up - Farms down - down into lots which will... STOP.

It is possible that the sale of the present lots will go slowly and building on them slower, that these people will be assimilated and the Island adjust. However, if there is more development...

This may be the 'Islanders' last election. Marc Holmes talks strongly of conservation and his past official acts have been of that nature. Conserve this island; the 10-acre limit was not too soon, it may have been too late.

-Hamish, Kimika and Aaron Bruce, Ganges, December 4, 1971.

(Source of population figures from the Salt Spring Island Planning Association study by Mike Larmour).

WHO IS SHE?

Editor, Driftwood,

Who is this woman that stands before you and stares, not at her audience but over their heads as if seeing a vision?

Who is this person who hints without basis that some giant corporation plans to take over our Gulf Islands and run us all off?

Why does she try to instill fear instead of confidence in our people; dividing rather than uniting us in our effort to preserve our island way of life.

How in so few years on this island can she presuppose to lead us in serious decisions we who have lived here a good part of our lives know what we want?

Can she convince us that we need her in changing our destiny?

Don't be fooled by innuendoes and accusations. Let your good judgement guide you in choosing the man who has shown you his integrity in helping us retain our island beauty and rural atmosphere. Keep our growth controlled by continuing our expansion with careful zoning and proper land use.

The best known way of getting the honest majority opinions of the masses is by an honest unbiased questionnaire that can be filled in private, in the sanctity of your own home, at your leisure, without outside pressures.

-C. Quentin Wilson, Fulford Harbour, Dec. 6, 1971.

IT WAS SAID LONG AGO

Editor, Driftwood,

Your report in last week's issue of the Driftwood covering the public meeting held on Nov. 29, informs that all three candidates for the Regional Board referred to the planning questionnaire distributed two years ago on Salt Spring Island, and that one of the candidates, Mrs. Beth Wood, stated she declined to fill out the questionnaire because quote: "I was fearful of questionnaires and I held it in contempt." This is a rather surprising statement in view of the fact that at the time, her husband, Jack Wood,

was a member of the Community Planning Advisory Committee responsible for the distribution and compilation of the questionnaire. Mr. Wood resigned sometime later but I cannot recall that he or Mrs. Wood made any public objection either when the questionnaire was circulated or immediately thereafter.

As a total of 1013 questionnaires were completed and returned this would suggest that approximately 40% of the people on Salt Spring Island thought the questionnaire was a useful means of expressing their views on planning for the island. It was not the contemptible document as inferred by Mrs. Wood.

Mr. Editor, in your editorial of January 29, 1970 under the heading - DON'T FORGET TO FILL IN A FORM - your concluding paragraphs read as follows:

"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."

-I. C. Shank, Churchill Road, Ganges, Dec. 3, 1971.

CANDIDATES

Editor, Driftwood,

Having attended meetings at both North and South Salt Spring, and having carefully considered the statements of the three candidates for the position of Regional Director of the Planning Board, I have decided that there are two candidates favoring exploitation of our island and one who calls for conservation.

Vote as you please, but please vote!

-Marshall Sharp, Ganges, Dec. 6, 1971.

THEY CHANGED IT

Editor, Driftwood,

In reference to the meeting of the candidates on Dec. 3, 1971, in Fulford Hall, I would like to thank Yvette Valcourt, Noble John McManus, and Marg Johnson for turning a quiet and orderly meeting into utter chaos.

The mudslinging and accusations were truly top notch and we quieter living citizens went home quite lost, feeling the meeting had not accomplished anything other than satisfying a few out of order tempers.

I would like to point out that the most sincere of our candidates, Marc Holmes, attempted to put a stop to the mudslinging, while the other two candidates sat there with smiles on their faces!

-Elsa Fraser, Fulford Harbour, December 4, 1971.

OUTER ISLANDS

Editor, Driftwood,

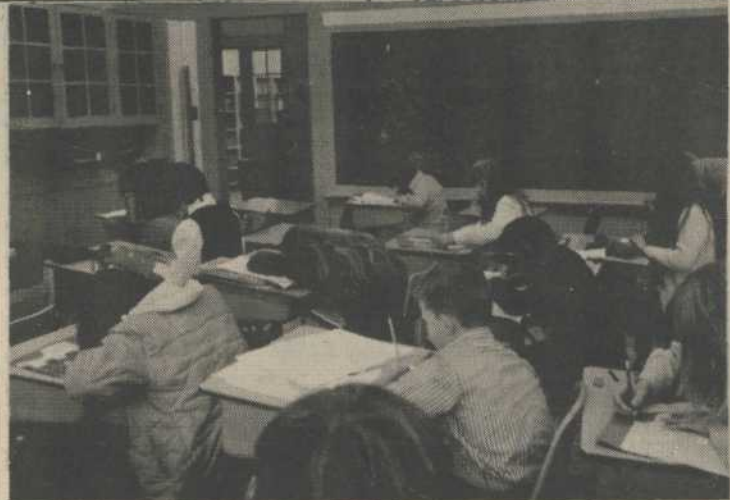
It seems that the method of preparing our Zoning By-law is being distorted in the current election campaign.

The structure of the by-law was suggested by the technical staff employed by the board.

The detail of the by-law was built around this structure by the Advisory Planning Commission on which served one representative from each island and who had his own committee on his home island.

On Mayne our committee consisted of 8 residents and 4 commuters.

The Advisory Planning Commission worked diligently to prepare this by-law in an acceptable form and I know its recommendations were supported by our representative and accepted in most cases by the board. We know it is not flaw



Alan Marsh's Grade 6 class is not allowing Christmas concert preparations to interfere with serious studies. Here the

pupils are working on Language Arts projects at Ganges elementary school.

less but feel it is satisfactory and is supported by the majority of the islanders. It has not been imposed on the islands by the board.

Having sat on the Advisory Planning Commission and not on my hands I am convinced that our current representative Miss Joan Purchase has done her utmost in taking and supporting the advisory planning commissions's recommendations to the board.

-John Rainsford, Mayne, Dec. 6, 1971

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1. Every owner of a proposed subdivision shall submit his plan of subdivision to the District for approval respecting fire hydrants to be installed therein prior to submission to the Department of Highways for approval under the Land Registry Act.
2. Before the Trustees of the District approve the subdivision plan as hereinbefore submitted, they may require the owner or owners of the proposed subdivision to deposit a sum of money or Government of Canada bonds and their guarantees, or Province of British Columbia bonds and their guarantees, as a guarantee that fire hydrants will be installed therein.
3. Every owner of a subdivision and every owner of land who subdivides any parcel of land within the District shall install at his own expense and at no cost to the District, and under the supervision of the Trustees of the District, or their representative, all hydrants deemed necessary by the District to provide an adequate supply of water for fire protection within the said subdivision, and shall pay for all engineering costs; the said fire hydrants shall become the property of the District.
4. Every owner who disobeys or fails to comply with any provision of this by-law shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.
5. This by-law may be cited as "Subdivision Fire Hydrants Regulations By-Law".

INTRODUCED and given first reading by the Trustees on the 17th day of December, 1970.

RECONSIDERED and finally passed by the Trustees on the 14th day of April, 1971.

(Signed) R. E. Lawson
Chairman of the Trustees

(Signed) E. Moore
Secretary of the Trustees

I hereby certify under the seal of Salt Spring Island Improvement District that this is a true copy of By-law No. 16 of Salt Spring Island Improvement District passed by the Trustees on the 14th day of April, 1971.

(Signed) E. Moore
Secretary of the Trustees

REGISTERED the 16th day of September, 1971.

(Signed) H. D. DeBeck
Comptroller of Water Rights

CENTENNIAL MEMO -- Point Elice Bridge at Victoria collapsed on May 26, 1896 under the weight of a crowded street car, killing 55 persons.

Suzuki Warns Of Misuse

Suzuki was great. Canada's famous genetic sci-

entist and impressive TV performer spoke in the high school on Friday night at Ganges under the continuing education program.

As Dr. Suzuki receives an average of three speaking invitations per day, we were indeed fortunate to hear him. If you missed this lecture you may read most of it in the latest issue of the B. C. Alumnae magazine, or Ray Hill will lend you the tape recorded on Friday evening.

Suzuki spoke of science as a two-edged sword; whether the weapon is used on behalf of man or to destroy him depends on us. He said that we must set up a means of screening technological innovation, that scientists must take responsibility for the application of their work.

He pointed out that the scientific community is one of the many elite groups in our society which is immune from criticism, and he advocated the involvement of other citizens in decisions about the applications of science.

Science's ability to clone (produce identical copies of living organisms) and the imminence of biological warfare make this imperative.

It's up to you and I to prevent nuclear weaponry and the use of viruses in war, and all misuses of science, he warned. How do we do this?

This is the nitty-gritty of it: we have to change. The power trip which is our main motivation will destroy us. Wealth and status are no longer acceptable objectives. Our greed is our own executioner.

David Suzuki wears the clothes and the hair of the hippy and speaks with the authority of the scientist. Will man survive the next 15 to 20 years, he asks? He answers with Pogo's words: we have confronted the enemy. Them is us. -B.H.

CENTENNIAL MEMO -- In 1873, the new vital statistics branch of B. C. recorded 164 births, 112 deaths and 88 marriages within the whole province.

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JUVENILE SOCCER

(From Page Three)
ped a great many shots and the four which got through were beyond his control.
The division 4 team played at Sherman Road and lost 5-0 to Stenmarks. The game was played on a very muddy field.
The team coached by Glen Woodley, division 6, played at Duncan, and tied 0-0 with Duncan Hudson. The game was played under very difficult conditions, a very muddy, wet and slippery field that made it impossible to play good soccer.

That favorite subject, Myself- J. Boswell

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UNITED CHURCH AT GANGES

Bazaar Up And Bazaar Down

BY OLIVE MOUAT

The United Church Bazaar was planned by the Mizpah Unit, convened by Mrs. L. A. Summers. It was strongly supported by the United Church Women, members of the Burgoyne Circle, and women of the congregation. A beautiful day was especially ordered for the event by Rev. Fred Anderson.

The C. G. I. T., under the leadership of Mrs. E. R. Olsen shared the downstairs hall with the older ladies. Just inside the door the girls had prepared a puppet show which doubled as a "sitting service" for the very small guests enjoyed it immensely while their mothers shopped or sipped tea.

Besides producing the puppet show, the girls ran a fish pond an ice cream sale, and a counter from which they sold stuffed toys which they had made, as well as miscellaneous and white elephant articles.

Workers were: Louise Bastedt Sharon Barber, Anna Mollet, Kathy Andrews, Elaine Henderson, Jocelyn Girard, Gail Horrocks, Wendy Croft, Sandra MacLean, and Mary Jane Olsen.

The Explorers held their own very successful bazaar in the upper hall at the same time as their older sisters held theirs downstairs.

The downstairs bazaar was opened by Mrs. Fred Sibley, introduced by Mrs. Summers. Tea was convened and served by Mrs. Harvey Henderson and Mrs. Ron McNally with the help of Mrs. Frank Artiss, Mrs. H. M. Dean, Miss Sally Mick leborough, Mrs. J. Paton, Mrs. Bruce Reid, Mrs. Stan Rogers and Mrs. Fred Anderson. Tea money was accepted by Mrs. Roy Howard and Mrs. R. Bidwell.

Burgoyne Circle's Country Store featured garden and house plants and vegetables.

Novelties were presided over by Mrs. J. D. Reid, Mrs. F. H. A. Reid, and Miss Josephine Overend. These ladies had been busy as bees, holding bees, in order to produce the toys and numerous novelties that they offered for sale.

The knitting stall, very popular and soon depleted, was served by Mrs. J. A. Catto, Mrs. J. W. Mayo, and Mrs. E. T. Walker.

Cards and calendars were sold by Mrs. E. W. Graham.

The candy stall, bright with glass and Christmas sugar canes kept Mrs. S. K. Claibourne, Mrs. Irl Bradley, Miss Rita Rogers, and Miss Olive Mouat extremely busy.

Last to be mentioned, but very good to eat, was the home cooking. Here the goodies were sold by Mrs. Ronald M. Brown, Mrs. M. Sober, Mrs. Richard Toynbee, and Miss Anne Hazenboom.

The cheery Christmas decorations in tea room and hall were planned and placed by Mrs. Harvey Henderson, Miss

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- 3 To handle all inquiries and complaints from the general public about hearing-aids or the way in which hearing-aids are advertised. In addition, and through the co-operative efforts of the hearing-aid retail industry, a pocket model hearing-aid and stock ear mold will be made available to all licenced hearing-aid dealers and consultants in the Province of British Columbia, and retailed at a price of fifty dollars (\$50). These will be available from January 1, 1972.

Hearing-aid dealers and consultants and their employers **must now contact** the Board to commence licencing and registration procedures. All interested parties are invited to contact the Board. Write:

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 Hearing-aid Board
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Galiano Pays Tribute To Mrs Barner

BY MARY BACKLUND

The widow of Dr. H. D. Barner who died on the island on July 3, was honored by the residents of Galiano at a testimonial dinner in the community hall last week. Mrs. Barner, a registered nurse, had

"been like a mother" to the islanders since she came here to live in 1958.

Dinner was sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce. President Steve Riddell quipped that the head table indicated a triumph for women's lib. He was flanked by Mrs. Riddell,

Mrs. Barner, Miss Marianne Busch, and Miss Jean Lockwood who read the tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Barner.

Only a hundred persons could be accommodated at the banquet, but many more signed the memory book which was later presented to the guest of honor. Written in pseudo-Biblical style, Miss Lockwood's tribute had the gathering rocking with laughter and at times close to tears as she enumerated a few of the many kind deeds rendered by this couple to the community. At its conclusion Mrs. Barner was given a standing ovation, and was obviously deeply touched.

Dr. and Mrs. Barner spent the early years of their marriage working with the Indian mission hospital at Bella Bella. They went to England in the late 1930's where Dr. Barner undertook advanced studies in medicine, and were caught up in World War II. They worked all through the Battle of Britain helping to alleviate the suffering on the home front, and three of their six daughters were born in England.

Dr. Barner had an extensive practice in Vancouver and came to Galiano in 1958 to recuperate following a coronary attack. They made their home here and Mrs. Barner and family stayed on while the doctor worked part-time with his city patients. During his four days a week absence, islanders called upon Mrs. Barner for every emergency and stories of her kindness in the field of medical service are legion.

On one memorable occasion she delivered a baby for the wife of a fisherman on a small boat en route to Lady Minto Hospital at Ganges, and the little boy was called Phil after her own name, Phyllis.

Mrs. Barner is spending the winter with her daughters in Vancouver, but promised she would re-open the haven, their

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family home, next spring.

At the same banquet, Max Wells of the Chamber of Commerce presented a plaque to Miss Marianne Busch in recognition of the improvement of her business premises, The Garden Cafe. This is an annual award made to local enterprises for their contribution toward preserving and beautifying the environment, and Miss Busch well deserved the honor for 1971.

General chairman in charge of arrangements was Mel Spouse, assisted by E. J. Bambrick, Mrs. E. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. A. Platt, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. W. Burton, Peter Darling and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Clarke.

along, if possible. Just take a drive anywhere and see for yourselves; it's beginning to look like a net in places, you know, a lot of little holes tied up with string, sort of thing.

Snow on Mt. Bruce and ducks clustering in the harbour, an Osprey spotted by Mrs. Ruby Alton on the beach and a seal coming in close to the shore... all these things last week made up a part of the scenery, with lovely streaks of sunshine through the rain... Christmas lights are gradually appearing and I suppose it's that time again; seems I just put the colored bulbs away. A year doesn't seem any time now...

Large fishing craft are in and out of the harbour and there is a great streak of green down the middle of the water - usually that means herring, but the seagulls haven't gone mad so it can't be.

We are sorry to hear that Nick Stevens is not very well. His home is in Ladner and Nick has been ill for some time. We hope there will be better news of him soon.

The W.I. Christmas meeting and party will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Truefitt on Thursday, 2 p.m. Each member please take a small gift for the tree.

We have some awful potholes on our Isabella Point road, really bad ones and they sadly need attention. How about a little solid action, Road Gang? We would appreciate more than a "little dab'll do you" touch, and before Old Santa comes

We are looking forward to the Salt Spring Players production on December 10, 11, and 12, so don't forget those dates at Mahon Hall. The writer is attending the Authors' Christmas banquet at the Century Inn in Victoria on December 12.

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