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## Pirate Days Again

The pirates are back. Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce will stage a week's program this summer on the pattern of Pirate Days, presented several years ago.

Pirate Days will include water sports and seashore activities. The chamber will ascertain that events are presented in an orderly manner to avoid overlapping.

In charge of the Pirate Days program are Major Gordon Matthews, Bob Akerman and Cam Bastedo.

All Salt Spring Islanders will be invited to support the project.



Dennis Beach winner of the International Pancake Race in Ganges last week towers above Mrs. Mickey Kirkham and Mrs. R.D. Griffin, who staged the annual races. Mr. Beach, who ran the course for Island Garage is holding the Frying Pan Trophy

## CHAMBER PROTESTS

### Phone Rate Increase—No

An island voice has been raised in strong opposition to projected increases in telephone rates.

On Monday morning Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce approved a resolution to the Board of Railway Commissioners of the department of transport. The resolution vigorously opposes any increase in

the rates charges by the B.C. Telephone Company until the service on the island is comparable with the service offered in the larger populous centres.

In discussing the motion, Bob Blundell suggested that in view of the financial statement filed by the telephone company the rate increase was not justified at the present time.

## SAWYER RETIRES

The executive board of the Salt Spring Island Ratepayers' Association has accepted the resignation of William A. Sawyer as president of the organization. Mr. Sawyer has been under medical care for a heart condition since December.

A unanimous motion of thanks for his outstanding service as Charter President was recorded at the regular meeting of the association held Monday evening. Mr. Sawyer has been succeeded as president for the balance of the term by Wayne Cooper. Wayne Pearce will continue as vice-president.

## Pollution Guide Is Planned

Salt Spring Island Planning Association is taking a close look at pollution in every aspect.

On Monday evening Ray Hill, chairman of the pollution sub-committee, reported that his committee is planning the publication of a guide to housewives on the effects of various commodities and the manner in which pollution can be avoided.

The committee has already considered pollution on St. Mary Lake, the Alaska tanker threat, garbage disposal, sewage disposal.

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## Village Green For Ganges

—AND RESTRICTED TRAFFIC

Is a village green or pedestrian mall desirable in the Ganges downtown area or is the traffic pattern through Ganges satisfactory?

Two Salt Spring Island groups were asking this question on Monday.

Monday morning the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce asked whether the road layout at Ganges could not be improved before gardens were permanently developed in the traffic islands. It was felt that the pattern of traffic through Ganges was confusing to both visitor and resident and that a new routing would benefit the community.

On Monday evening the Salt Spring Island Planning Association heard a similar comment when the preparation of gardens was considered.

The chamber of commerce had visualized a simple "T" junction without the sections running past the drug store and fire hall. Department of highways spokesman had criticized such a proposal, reported Jack Russell, because of the danger of traffic backing up from the junction, at busy periods.

Both organizations are giving the matter some consideration.

It was generally agreed that an additional route is necessary in the downtown area. Henry Schubart envisaged a by-pass for all through traffic with restrictions on motor vehicles in the shopping area. Bob Blundell asked for access from Jackson to Drake Road to afford a means of

traffic circulation at present impractical.

## SNOW EVEN!

### MARCH BRINGS STORMS

March came into the islands like a cold lion.

Friday night brought an unexpected fall of snow to the islands and Saturday was a bitter winter's day. By Saturday evening the temperature had dropped still further and a fall of snow starting about 10 pm caught many motorists.

By Sunday morning roads were slippery and cars were abandoned in every direction. Car Ganges was squarely and neatly parked in the ditch at Robinson and Churchill, while an imported car stood on the roadside opposite, facing the wrong direction.

Wreckers were kept busy until Sunday afternoon, when the snow had disappeared from all but shady side roads.

On Monday night the storm increased in severity and a further fall of snow blanketed many parts of the islands by Tuesday morning.

Fall recorded at Ganges during the week end amounted to

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be observed at St. Mary Magdalene Church on Mayne Island at 2:30 pm, Friday, March 5.

## MOVIES COMING BACK?

Movies are coming to Salt Spring Island again.

On Monday morning the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce heard a proposal from Henry Schubart that the chamber sponsor the presentation of regular shows in the Ganges area.

The program will be investigated on a no-profit basis.

Members agreed that a recreational and entertainment program would be of benefit to the community throughout the year.

Dave Pauls referred to the outdoor film shows in the national parks and other places and suggested that a similar pattern of shows could be arranged here.

**NO!**  
**NO!**  
**NO!**  
WIRE  
WRITE  
BENNETT  
TRUDEAU  
NIXON  
**NO OIL PLEASE**

Transport of oil from Alaska to Washington by means of a fleet of giant tankers has been protested by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

On Monday the chamber approved a resolution by Henry Schubart that the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce be urged to use its good offices in conveying to the government the dangers in transporting oil to Puget Sound by tanker. The resolution also asks the provincial chamber of commerce to work with the United States groups having similar aims.

A copy of the resolution will be sent to the Dominion government, the provincial government and to Paul Layard, president of SPEC on Salt Spring Island.

Chamber felt that the transportation of oil through the protected route will result in the destruction of sea shores from Alaska to California in the event of serious accident or disaster. An overland pipeline would be safer and offer greater benefit to this country it was noted.

## THREE CABLES

Telegrams are to be sent to Premier W.A.C. Bennett, Prime Minister Elliott Trudeau and United States President Richard Nixon protesting the transportation of oil by tanker from Alaska to Cherry Point in Washington.

Ray Hill reported that his committee planned to wire their protest, deploring the plan to sail tankers so close to Canadian shores, since spillage is a certainty sooner or later and some alternative plan must be found.

The resolution nearly founded on the rocks of protocol as the association argued whether the resolution came within the terms of reference.

It was finally approved with only two opposing it, on the grounds of being out of order.

## TO JACK DAVIS

The Salt Spring Island Ratepayers Association has written to Environment Minister Jack Davis deploring the proposed shipment of oil from Alaska to Washington through island waterways.

## STREET NAMES ALIKE

There is confusion in street names on Salt Spring Island. On Monday evening the Salt Spring Island Planning Association heard a report that the names of Fulford-Ganges Road, Upper Ganges Road and Lower Ganges Road were confusing.

Suggestion was made that the main north-south road might be entitled Admirals Road in keep-

ing with the original name of the island.

## SPRING SPRUNG?

Prime Minister Trudeau's desk in the House of Commons was decorated with a bouquet of daffodils on March 1 when British Columbia officially declared that spring has arrived in the province.

CENTENNIAL MEMO - Alexander Mackenzie, the first man to cross continental North America by land, left his native Scotland with his parents when he was 10 years old.

## Fund Launched For Centre

BY PENSIONER  
Old Age Pensioners' Organization voted \$200 to open a

building fund for a "drop-in" centre and meeting place for Salt Spring Island's senior citizens.

The proposal was made by the group's hard-working secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Elsie Thacker.

Overriding Mrs. Thacker's firm objections, it was agreed unanimously to name the fund, "O.A.P.O. Thacker Drop-in Centre Building Fund". Two members made an immediate joint donation of \$25 to get the fund rolling.

In 1958 a half dozen old age pensioners at Cusheon Lake formed themselves into the O. A.P.O., Cusheon Lake Branch. In June of that year Mrs. Thacker was invited to join the group. A month later she was made secretary-treasurer "without so much as 'by your leave'" said Mrs. Thacker.

The energetic new officer set about securing the necessary ten members to gain a charter. They were all Cusheon Lake residents, and the first meetings were held in a cottage by the lake.

More members were added, and the meetings moved to Legion Hall, later to Mahon Hall. By now, the branch had been re-named Salt Spring Island Branch 32.

Still more members joined, and about ten years ago, the branch moved to the present meeting place in St. George's Parish Hall. Membership now stands at 180, with a target of 200 members by end of 1971.

First bank balance of \$7 has grown considerably over the years, due mainly to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Thacker, who is still the group's valued secretary-treasurer. Apart from the money placed in the building fund, some \$600 remains to cover cost of summer outings, help with transportation to meetings, and other aids to members during the year.

The purpose of the proposed drop-in centre is to provide a



comfortable, centrally located place where pensioners can go for a rest and a cup of tea, with perhaps a game of cards, or checkers as well. The centre would also provide the O.A.P.O. branch with its own meeting place.

Donations to the fund from interested persons will be most welcome, and may be sent to Mrs. Thacker.

Salt Spring Island businessman was married last week in a mainland church wedding.

Wedding took place in Vancouver on February 27, at St. Andrew's Wesley United Church, of Barbara Peagram of St. John's, Newfoundland and Russell Thorburn of Salt Spring Island. The reception was held at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Peter Gregory, 4212 Granville Street, Vancouver. The bride and groom are honeymooning in Hawaii.

CENTENNIAL MEMO - Dr. J.S. Helmcken, one of the three British Columbia representatives who negotiated terms of Union at Ottawa, at first opposed Confederation.

### ORDER HONOURS MEMBER AT ISLAND LODGE MEETING

Trincomali Chapter No. 93, Order of the Eastern Star, honored Mrs. Bernice Evans on Saturday, February 27.

Mrs. Evans was a Past Matron of Trincomali and this year is Grand Organist of the Grand Chapter of B. C.

Jack Evans, Past Patron, was a former Principal of Ganges Elementary and Secondary Schools.

In spite of snow and gales there were about 32 guests from off-Island. Among them were the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Margaret Johnston, her husband Ralph Johnston of Chilliwack; Worthy Grand Patron Jack Thomas and his wife of Burnaby, and other distinguished visitors.

### HOCKEY



Hockey caster Danny Gallivan calls the shots on CBC radio's Sunday night hockey. He started his hockey commentating career in Nova Scotia in the '40s, and this month will chalk up his 1000th NHL broadcast.

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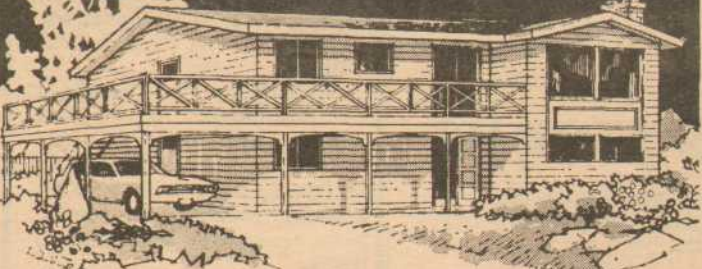
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# to be frank



By Richards

Traditional family business is back on Salt Spring Island. The Underwood family have moved in on the Salt Spring Bakery. Bert and Bernice are operating the island bread business with daughter Donna in the bakery and sons, Rick and Doug who help in the bakery and on the road. Brother-in-law Geordie Webster was part of the family business, but his interests are more sharply focussed on his south Salt Spring Island property.

There's a lot of shooting cougars, lately. This week a group of islanders are even shooting editors. They invent a set of rules for publishers and then complain that we don't conform. If the strongest opposition to shooting cougars develops into a debate as to whether a writer has the right to write, then the original argument seems to be a bit empty. They should decide whether they want to keep cougars alive or newspapermen dead, not get sidetracked.

June Knowles, who spent a year or so with DRIFTWOOD is entertaining herself in a new venture. She was making newspapers at that time. Then she took a course in Batik and made bright colors for a hobby. Lately she was at the Salt Spring schools and becoming keenly interested in visual aids until the budget cuts cut out the teaching resource centre, most of which she was. Now she is turning back to a long-standing enthusiasm for sewing. June is the islands agent for a Victoria company selling and servicing sewing machines. Sew that's what she's doing, eh?

It was cold on Saturday... no mistake about that! Around the Centennial Park were Jim Merston and his gang selling herring for the Lions Club. Not all the vendors were Lions. Some were very young ladies. They were all cold as they stood in the raw wind transferring cold herrings from boxes to bags. "I'm never going to wear my hands again,"

commented one cold-fingered girl.

Tom Marcus was retelling his favorite tale of civil service tree conservation on Monday night. He told Salt Spring Island planners of the time a senior civil servant came to inspect the proposed Peter Arnell Park on the Stewart Road switchback. Marcus pointed to an aged, rotting tree. That could come out and improve the view, he suggested to the government man. The parks department spokesman was horrified. "That tree is for the woodpeckers," he snapped, "If you take it out, what are the woodpeckers going to do?" Marcus recalled that he had imagined the dignitary to be jesting, but he was in earnest. Trees are for the birds.

Salt Spring Island grocer who meticulously acquired his 1971 license last week was less meticulous in attaching the new stickum tape to his car. Parked outside the Ship's Anchor Inn on Monday morning, his red station wagon proudly showed its 1970 license.

What with oil liners across the frozen wastes and atomic underground explosions again, the tourist agencies should be cashing in on Alaska... "See Alaska while it's still there!"

Women's Lib lost out on that one. It is no longer Women's World Day of Prayer. It is now simply World Day of Prayer. Seem to have taken as big a beating over that as if it had been women's lib!

When a group of Salt Spring Islanders were laying plans to entertain the entertainers their plans fell flat. Bill Trelford, who did all the spade work for the very successful Barkerville Show, had laid on a party afterwards at Harbour House. The party was fine, but the guests of honor all disappeared up the road to another party, unaware that they had left Bill and his gang high and dry.

## SAFETY AWARDS FOR SHIPS

More about safety this week. Last week was reported the awards of safety plaques to operations of the BC Ferries. This week there is a little more news on the same subject.

Marking accident-free years were the shore establishments of the BC Ferries on the Gulf Islands. The islands terminals are under one heading and all marked an accident-free year.

Three minor vessels made the grade. They were the Vesuvius Queen, including all shifts, the Mayne Queen, all shifts and the Mill Bay.

In the engineering department, awards went to the Queen of Victoria and the Queen of Sidney. In the deck and catering, Prof. Wm. Maier and Mrs. Maier, Mrs. Isabel Murphy, Mrs. Sophie Rustad, Mrs. Mary H. Taylor; still talking of the BEAVER and the Campbell flowers.

Back at the mill, Pender hose relaxed for a few minutes - Jack Bridge, the Ted Brookers, Richard Campbell, scribe Helen Claxton, Mary Coleman, John Copley, Nan Dodson, Rev. O. Foster and Mrs. Foster, May Georgeson, the Archie Grimes, Dorothy Grimmer, Helen Grimmer, Mrs. Roy Guild, Capt. and Mrs. Ron Jackson, Dot King, the Victor Menzies, Mildred Pert, Joan Purchase and Vancouver guest Jeannie MacDonald.

Next move, stir their stumps, and batter; in whirlwind preparations for the pancake pack-in, at 5.30, - it being Shrove Tuesday.

ing department only island award was won by the Secheit

Queen, Capt. Fraser's "B" shift. The winning crews and personnel, with their wives, were entertained on two separate occasions.

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## Historians Are Gallivanting

BY CULTUS COULEE

Mrs. A.P. Coe, B.C. Historical Association, led the Galiano group that came gallivanting off the 12.50 ferry, at Otter Bay, Monday Feb. 22, as president Donald New, Gulf Islands Branch, and Nan, were in Japan.

Hurrying with them, to Port Washington Hall, was Mayne's mainstay, Annie De Rousie; chronicler, Gwen Hayball; and the Cliff James - their first visit on Pender, and Cliff's first B.C. H.A. meeting.

Saturna sent vice-president Rev. John Dangerfield; wife Elsie, and Tracy Pillsbury.

Meanwhile, the Campbells' ANNE ELIZABETH docks at Hope Bay, and Jim and Lorraine from Saturna Beach, with Harvey and Priscilla Janszen, and a carton of slides, pile into Frank Plunkett's little car.

Priscilla overflows into Gert-rude Bennett's mini-car, already up to the gunnel with South Pender's Grace Ashthorpe, Bea Campbell and Connie Swartz.

Capt. C. Claxton, MC, got things going, pronto. Padre

Dangerfield read a paper on the BEAVER; Jim Campbell showed wild flower and scenic slides; tea was engulfed; and host cars whisked visitors to the 3 pm ferry.

Gallivanters who boarded the MAYNE QUEEN at Montague at 10.45, disembarked at 5.25. Among them, Mrs. Coe, Mrs. Harold Dyer, Mrs. Jim Jones,

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## WHERE DO WE STOP?

There is something a little naive about the provincial approach to advertising. The Social Credit and the New Democratic parties have found themselves in the same bed over the advertising of alcohol and cigarettes. Both parties object to the advertising of these commodities on the grounds that they are a threat to the welfare of the people and therefore their use should not be encouraged by advertising.

It is a matter of morality and not of economics. Both are agreed.

The same thinking, however, should not be turned off at that point.

It is internationally accepted by an ever-increasing majority that certain commodities and chemicals are a threat to the whole of society. The danger of chemicals in public waters has alarmed many ministers and Canadians in less prominent positions. The danger of oil, of atmospheric poisoning, of nuclear plants, of all the modern, recently-discovered detriments to living has brought a new wave of awareness and of fear to the world. How long can we survive? There is fear in these facts.

While we are particularly anxious to avoid pollution of the sea from oil, we yet read and listen to announcements on the relative values of gasolines. The loss of oxygen following the loss of vegetation is alarming many. Automotive emissions are a cause of great alarm in many places of the world. Yet all these things are advertised and no action is taken.

An informed government, concerned for the welfare of its citizenry must act in good conscience to safeguard that citizenry. As, we are confident, it does and it will.

Yet, to close the door on two commodities in respect for the harm they threaten is a small part of the current picture.

We may ultimately abandon tobacco. We may turn our backs on the bar and the beer parlour. The government's action will have borne fruit.

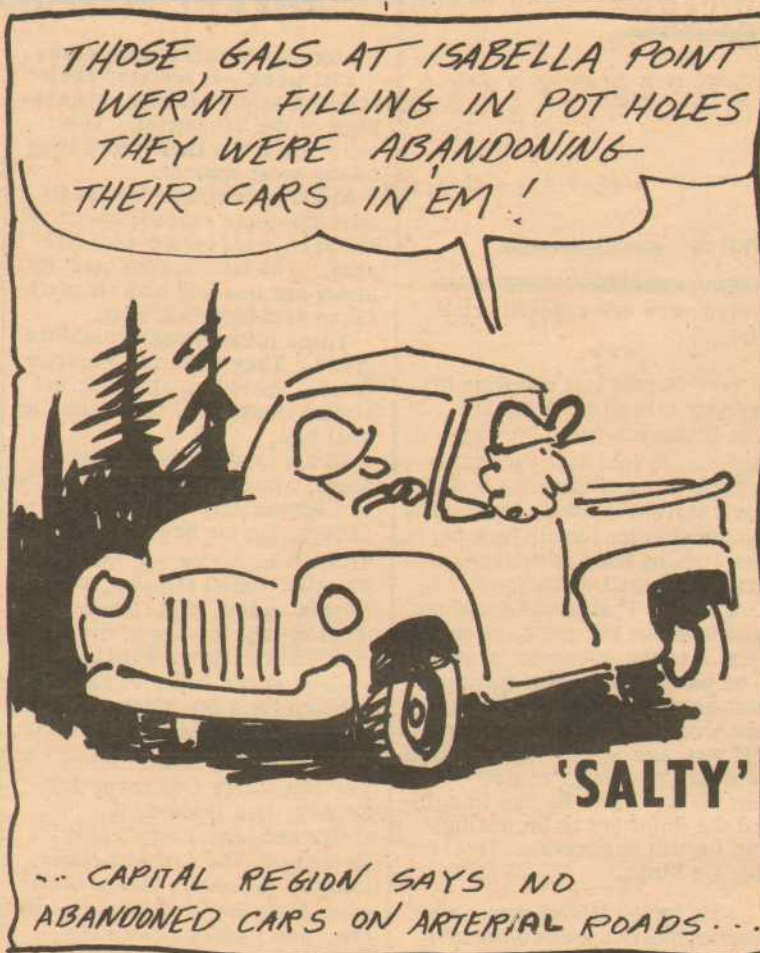
But if we fall through the ooze of oil and fecal effluents which once was the Strait of Georgia, choking on atmospheric filth, better we had continued our evil habits and died from a more pleasant cause.

## Letters to the Editor

### THEY NEEDN'T DIE

Editor, Driftwood,  
We think that it is unfortunate that you deviated from one of the ethical standards of journalism by allowing a regular Driftwood contributor ("To Kill a Cougar" by Bea Hamilton, Feb. 21, 1971, page 8,) to directly attack a letter to the editor (Lynn Regan, "Must they die", Feb. 11, 1971 issue of Driftwood)  
The following comments we now address to Lynn Regan: Thank you for expressing your concern over the destruction of the wild cougar. People all over our planet are just now becoming aware of the loss of so many animal species, and the threat to so many more. You have had the courage to ques-

tion a "fact of life" on Salt Spring that has gone on, unchallenged, for far too long. We should make a positive effort to become informed about all of our natural environment and seriously make attempts to recover it. Why don't we, on Salt Spring begin with the cougar?  
The encyclopedia Americana (Canadian Edition) says that the cougar is more cowardly and less dangerous than the other large carnivores. It is asserted by authorities in good standing that it generally flees from man except in defence of the young.  
Marlin Perkins, a world-renowned zoologist, on his TV program "Wild Kingdom" Sunday February 28, 1971, dealing with predatory cats emphasized



that the puma is extremely wary of man, making it difficult to even get a chance to see him. He also emphasized the importance of their predatory role in nature. The puma maintains a balanced population in other animals by killing the slower, older or otherwise unfit ones. This ensures that the strains remain strong and healthy.

According to expert opinion, (Encyclopedia Americana) it takes no skill or courage to shoot a cougar.

The Duncan representative of the SPCA, in a conversation on Sunday, February 28, told us that the animal kills for food only and shies away from any human contact unless his normal food, such as rabbits and deer, has been depleted. He feels that the cougar should be tranquilized and removed to a more wild area, mainly to protect it from man (however, he deplores the fact there are no public funds provided for this in British Columbia). He believes the animal should be destroyed only if it is old and crippled. He stressed, "People shoot cougars because they like to kill. It's as simple as that!"

We agree, Lynn Regan, the pathetic and terrible part of this incident was the sick display. Even if this killing were necessary, why could it not have been a simple execution? Instead it was turned into a pagan exhibition that was not confined to just the contemptible roadside display. Did you know that elementary school children were taken out of their classes to view the dead cougar? What is shocking is that the school system gave tacit approval to the destruction of a wild animal. We can only hope that some teachers made students aware that there should be alternative methods of dealing with the cougar and discussed the fact that all animals have a place in the natural scheme of things.

The fact that you are a new-comer, Lynn Regan, certainly makes you no more nor less an expert on cougars than the locals. The various reactions to your letter should confirm this quite clearly. You should know that a little fact with a lot of fancy makes a better story. You should be amazed that this fancy hasn't before now produced a "wild, red-eyed, rampaging, menacing, hot-tempered criminal, blood-lusting, mauling,

misfitted, elusive, renegade killer who threatens blind dogs." Sue Turner, Carol Southward, Eric Donnelly, Ganges, March 1, 1971.

### THANKS TO LIONS

Editor, Driftwood,  
Through your paper I would like to say thanks to Bill Trelford and all those members of the Lions Club who helped him with local arrangements for the Barkerville '71 Show. Their hard work, combined with a first rate production and an enthusiastic audience, helped to make an evening that was a lot of fun for young and old alike. Thanks, Bill. A sell-out crowd of 750 people must be something of a record for the island. Fred Anderson, Chairman, Salt Spring Island Centennial '71 Committee, Ganges, March 1, 1971.

### WE ARE APATHETIC

Editor, Driftwood,  
Seeing as how my letter (Feb. 1/71) seems to have brought forth attacks on my way of thinking, I thought I should write a reply. I know as well as the next person that the island is too small for predators to be allowed to live on it. I would not feel particularly at ease walking about knowing a cougar or two could be a threat to mine and others' lives. What I do object to is the killing of these animals. We are far more of a threat to their existence than they are to ours. How

## CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1971

<b>ANGLICAN</b>			
St. Mary	Fulford	Holy Communion	9:00 am
St. Mark	Central	" "	11:00 am
St. George's	Ganges	CONFIRMATION	4:45 pm
<b>ROMAN CATHOLIC</b>			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9:00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11:00 am
<b>UNITED CHURCH</b>			
Rev. Fred Anderson	Ganges	Worship Service	11:00 am
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Wednesday, March 10			
United Church	Ganges	Ecumenical Service	7:30 pm
<b>COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL</b>			
Rev. M. V. Gilpin	Ganges	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	10:30 am
		Evening Service	7:30 pm

many human lives have cougars taken compared to the amount of cougars we have killed?

For that matter, have you any idea how many species of animals we have eliminated for the sake of fashion, money, or safety; in other words for our own preservation?

In the past 100 years we have killed the Great Auk, which is now merely a legend, we have all but eliminated the sea otter, and the golden eagle. Which one will be next? The animals are but a small part of which we destroy. We destroy not just by the very fact of our growing population which forces us to expand and take over the forests and grasslands and oceans. We naturally eliminate part of the animal population by our growth.

The cougar could have been shot with a tranquilizer instead of a bullet. It could have been removed instead of displayed, dead.

We are all too apathetic to really do anything. Either we have no means or no ambition. I have no means, to do much other than write goofy letters to the editor. If I had the money, I would have removed the cougar.

Seeing as how I'm on the subject of ecology, I have a few more questions to ask.

How many of you use organic soap instead of detergents for your washing? How many of you use DDT or malathion in your gardens?

If you really care at all about any future generations you would do something, but as I said before, our apathy will be our ruin. Perhaps not our ruin, but something else will suffer for it.

When someone finds a way to make money out of ecology: it will be the most popular science and hobby on earth.

Lynn Regan,  
R. R. 1, Ganges,  
February 24, 1971.

### BARBARIANS?

Editor, Driftwood,  
You have had a number of letters pro and con regarding the killing of the cougar on the island.

The answer is so simple.

When the barbarians entered Rome they destroyed much of the statuary. A thing of beauty has always been a psychological threat to some.

Jim Southward,  
Fulford Harbour,  
February 25, 1971.

### OIL TANKERS

Editor, Driftwood,  
I do not think we can stop our neighbors south of the border from shipping oil from Alaska to Cherry Point.

They have all the rights, according to international law to do so. They even have the right to ship the oil right through the Straits of Georgia if they want to do so. I do not think writing letters to various ministers will (Turn to Page Five)

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

That the dictionary defines the word "opinion" as... "a belief less strong than positive knowledge"?

How then does one describe the expression "public opinion"? Public opinion is frequently the incomplete summing up of individual opinions often colored by bias. Why?

The answer is simple. People just do not bother to find out what is going on. Often as not they do not care. Only the most responsible citizen bothers to go to an authority for information concerning something he does not understand or condone.

Indifference and hearsay are detrimental, discouraging and downright frustrating to those charged with administration in the public interest.

True public concern is welcomed by the administrators. It is welcomed by your Board of School Trustees.

Hearsay has no place in a court of law. Why then should public opinion, so called, based on hearsay, be tolerated?

Eight months ago this column requested enquiries from the public on anything and everything concerning our schools, their administration and maintenance. In all this time there has been one query by one citizen.

Here is another chance. Ask us anything. Do it now!!!!

**more readers' letters**

( From Page Four )

help either, I am afraid they are in a pretty helpless and hopeless situation.

There is one hope though. I believe the oil companies have agreed to pay damages in case of an oil spill.

Can our conservation societies like SPEC etc., take written guarantees from the parties involved, that in case of an oil spill we have the right to stop oil tanker operations?

If this guarantee is taken in and under the auspices of an International Court all the better.

Who wants damages in case of

an oil spill? The oil companies are pretty sure of not having an oil spill, let us ask for a guarantee to stop the tanker operation in case of a spill.

Having worked on a tanker for a period of time, I can say that the ships of this size, though beautifully built and having all the modern technical advances, still have to cope with human beings of different mental capabilities and aptitudes. And, lastly, there is that act of God, too, with which even merchant seamen, ministers and heads of various organizations have to cope.

P. K. Bhattacharjee,  
R.R. 1, Ganges,  
Feb. 27, 1971.

**SOME QUESTIONS**

Editor, Driftwood,  
I would ask those who advocate a Municipality of Salt Spring, what advantage there would be over our present system. This may save money for the Province of B.C. but would certainly increase our taxes.

One of the many reasons I moved to the Islands was the cheaper taxation, and I am sure the taxes on my present home, if moved to the Mainland, would be six times my present rate. I have lived in many towns, cities and villages in B.C. and every one of them is in debt, with many of the areas mentioned on pages 6 and 7 of the Feb. 18 Driftwood, and none of these, with their compact areas, can compare with the scattered area of Salt Spring Island.

I would ask these "Advocates"

**Death Of Colonel Alan-Williams In City Hospital**

Military man who left Salt Spring Island to serve in the First World War died in Victoria on Saturday. He was Lieut.-Col. A. C. Alan-Williams, M.C.

Col. Williams was born in Warwick, England, 82 years ago. He came to Canada as a young man and was operating a garage at Ganges when the first war broke out.

He responded to the call immediately and left for England to serve in the Warwickshire Yeomanry. He took part in the landing at Gallipoli. In the Second World War he commanded a battalion of the Cheshire Regiment.

For the past decade he had lived in Victoria and Salt Spring Island. He devoted considerable time to the work of the Commonwealth Society.

At the time of his death he was a patient in the Sandringham Private Hospital in Victoria.

He leaves his wife, Violet, in Victoria; daughter and son-in-law, Mamie and Dick Lloyd and two granddaughters in England.

Funeral service took place

who would pay of our hospital and education (which items are not mentioned) or would these costly items be paid from the Prov. Homeowners grant.

I would also ask the advocates if we would require a Town Hall or would the Gov't donate the present Gov't Building. Would the Gov't also donate the present Public Works Yard, plus all their trucks and equipment. Would we also be exempt from vehicle licenses, gas and oil tax and motor vehicle insurance all of which I understand the Prov. Gov't does not pay. Would the present Public Works employees (who did such an excellent job during our last snow storm) be content to work for a Municipality. Would we be required to pay salaries for a Mayor and Aldermen. Have the "Advocates" considered that government grants are usually late, which means a Municipality must borrow from a bank, in order to carry on, and when the bank loan is repaid, all of the bank interest must be paid by the Municipality. It is noted that a deficit of \$11,000 is shown in the Oct. 8/70 Driftwood, whereas no deficit is shown in the Feb. 18/71 issue. This appears to be arrived at by reducing Public Works expenditure by \$12,000. This may be good bookkeeping, but I fail to see how the February estimate can be \$12,000 more than the October 1970 estimate. I ask these "Advocates" if the estimates for the first three items can increase \$13,000 in four months, how much would they increase in a year?

Although Police costs may vary considerably, I submit that \$30,000 is inadequate considering not only police salaries, but also judge's salaries, lawyer's salaries, prisoners' expenses, including meals, guards and matrons.

I do not mention the Outer Islands, as I am sure they would not consider joining a District Municipality with headquarters at Ganges.

No, Mr. Editor, despite all the figures, mill rates, and algebraic equations published in Driftwood, the sole result of forming a municipality, would be a drastic tax increase.

A. J. Dillabough,  
Box 376, Ganges,  
February 22, 1971.

in the church of St. Mary at Oak Bay on Wednesday, with

Rev. H. J. Jones officiating. Cremation followed.

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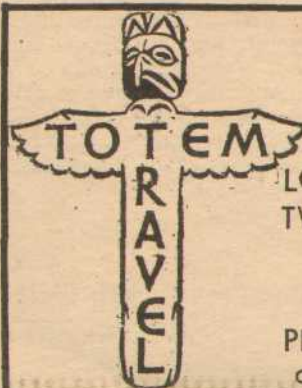
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# KEN BUTTERFIELD MARKS 48 YEARS

It was March 1, 1923 when young Ken Butterfield went to work for Mouat Brothers at Ganges.

A Yorkshire engineer trained in Glasgow, he was farming on Salt Spring Island before he became a bookkeeper.

This week he marked his 48th year with the island company.

He wasn't always a bookkeeper, he explained. For the first four weeks he drove a truck.

Gavin Mouat would take half a load to the top of Ganges Hill

and Ken would meet him with the Model T truck and the other half of the load. They would then load the rest of the merchandise on the old truck and off he would go to Fulford.

Coming back, he was on his own.

If there were too many sacks of potatoes and eggs for the little four-cylinder engine of the truck he would take off half the load at the bottom of Lee's Hill. He would take off the other half at the top. Down the hill to

pick up the first half and back up the hill to collect the second half and he was away to Ganges without a further stop.

Four weeks was enough and he went into the office.

Mouat's was never the same. In those days there was the main floor at ground level and above was a balcony. Stairs led up to the balcony, where Gilbert and Gavin had their offices and where the new bookkeeper had his money centre.

All that was money came to Ken. The store had a little aerial tramway. Each clerk placed the money and counter check in the canister and shot it to the bookkeeper. He would enter the sale, make the correct change and shoot it back.

Later, recalls the early bookkeeper, they switched and put in a cable system. Instead of the clerk and the cashier pulling strings to shoot the cash, it consisted of canisters on a constantly moving cable. It worked well enough, but the cable was always breaking and throwing it out of commission.

Eventually cash registers took over and the direct-to-cashier system was abandoned.

It was a matey system, he recalls. He could sit in his office and see all his friends coming in to the store. Over the years the balcony grew bigger and the spy-hole grew smaller until the second floor became what it is today.

The engineering Yorkshireman met a number of Canadians during the First World War and when the war ended, he elected to come out here. The prospect of going back into a mechanical world held little appeal.

"Mexico is now one of the most progressive countries in the world. Huge social progress everything must be 'Hecho en Mexico' now. We hope to get back, soon."

Meanwhile, the Martins enjoy it here. Bill is a director of the Golf Club.

"We meet a lot of people. Always find things in common, fishing, photography."

Principal Guild wants to show Bill's travel slides at the school.

Small world: Ann, from Loughborough, Leicester, near Spalding, Lincoln, finds that Pender pioneer Arthur Spalding had, as a farm pupil, Lord Loughborough, with his tutor. Most of Lough's farming was done on the tennis court and at picnics.

Ann golfs, when she isn't knitting bales of heather mixture socks for Unitarian Services. "There's a large group of knitters on Salt Spring," she says. The Martins have had two Korean girls, since 1960, and get monthly letters.

Field glasses and Western Birds, are handy. Ann is also a ship-watcher; and Swanson Channel provides all, from sail,



For a time he farmed at St. Mary Lake in partnership with a friend. The partnership was abandoned and the other partner sold the farm and left.

Looking back on 48 years, Ken

sub, and Orient Liner, to whales.

Bill came here to take it easy. A dreamer, he has to hire builders to finish their house, while he is dragged, muttering, to other jobs, that an electrical contractor, with a heart of mush can't refuse.

Roy Guild, V E 7 F N (Friendly Neighbor) is a ham, too; as are Salt Spring's Barney Ashten, Gus Nitsch, Norm Porter, Al Sheffield, George Wells, and the newest call, V E 7 A F, Dr. Fred Saunders.

"It's the only hobby, when frequency allocations come up, that takes a seat in a worldwide conference, along with the jurisdictional powers of all nations. There is no generation gap; no barriers. From kings to paupers - all talk together; 99 per cent speak English," he reports.

Unlike Tony Hancock, Bill's pencil is ready, while waiting for a Mayday.

"I got Haifa; a man named Israel. 'Where are you located? Can you see the refineries and the Haifa Harbour?' 'Oh, yes, I'm half way up the hill, overlooking the refineries and the harbour.' 'No problem,' I told him. 'I know just where you are!' And I could see the whole thing - from Pender Island."

BY BEA

## FULFORD

HAMILTON

BY BEA HAMILTON

A flash of lightning, a clap of thunder, and a snow storm, and February puts on a going-away show the last two days of her stay!

The crocuses were looking quite perky as they poked purple spikes through the thin snow and it's all quite seasonable really, for we remember many a year when a little snow fell in crocus time.

I prefer sunshine of course,

but the weather man doesn't consult me unfortunately, but as the song says "Oh, don't the wind blow cold?" It do. I think he's overdoing it - this low temperature is not normal!

I hope everyone who can write has remembered to put in a written protest against oil danger on the seaways? Or sign a petition or something. It is dreadful that we have to face such hazards on the sea - our lives depend on the seas, when it comes down to facts.

Kill all the marine life and pouff, goes our oxygen supply, but of course that can be stopped IF we all voice or write our protests against pollution, oil specially, but it would be well to do it NOW. Tomorrow may be too late!

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BY CULTUS COULEE

## VE7MT IS ON THE AIR FROM PENDER

William McLaren Martin, born in Bonnie Dundee,

Took great care of his mother, though he was only three.

That was 1914, prior to the war, when the MONTCALM took William Martin, Sr., and his family, to Canada.

In Galt, Ontario, Mr. Martin, superintendent of P.W. Gardener, Ltd., shipped plywood doors to B.C.

Bill took electronics at U. of Toronto. When war came, he was grabbed from his job at Hamilton, for radar work; signed

### WHERE'S PENDER ISLAND?

up at Toronto's Manning Depot, December, 1939, and in 1940 was attached to the RAF, at Leighton-Buzzard, as Radar and Technical Officer.

In the RCAF, Bill was CO, Quassim radar station, some 100 miles from Cairo. He got around Turkey, Syria, Haifa and Jerusalem; Luxor and the pyramids. He visited the tombs of Tut and Nefertiti in the Valley of the Kings, all now moved to a hill some 500 yards away, before the Aswan Dam flooded the Nile Valley.

Bill says, "I met my wife in the Sahara Desert." Annice Roulston, who trained at London's Dreadnought Hospital, was with S. African Nursing Sisters, on exchange, when war broke; they met, in 1942, at Quassim.

"It was itchy feet, brought me west. We married in Vancouver in 1949. I was manager of MacKenzie, White & Dunsmuir's electrical appliance division; and later opened the Victoria branch."

There, Bill went back as CO 2455 AC&W Squadron. He left the Air Force, 1952, to join Yarrows as electronics foreman. Annice made six trips to her parents in Leicester. Bill went along, three times. He retired in June, 1969.

Where to live?

"By a freak of nature," Bill says, "we came here. In a camper, and staying at Prior Park. We found an acre on a bluff, looking at Moresby and the Olympics. We built on a rocky ridge, but part of the lot is loamy." Here Ann is in her glory; flowers; and vegies to last the winter.

Bill spends many hours in the hamshack; (den, in a normal home), listening and calling, with his \$3,000 equipment. "I have \$500 up there, in the air! A rotating beam; 145 ft.

"CQ is a general call, meaning 'anyone hears this - answer me.' I decide which ones I'll talk to. There's never been a station on Pender, and right now it's the most widely-known station in the world. I get cards from every country. People want to know who and what and where, Pender Island is." Bill sends out cards, telling them.

"I got a request for help, from Victoria, which I carried out; and a friendship began with X E 2 I L, Navajoa, Mexico.

"We've visited them twice; and they flew to Victoria. We went from Nogales to Hermosillo, Guaymas, Obregon, Navajoa and Alamos."

And from Los Mochis, on the fantastico, mountain railroad, Autovia, electric-diesel train; they spent 13 emotiva hours to Juarez and El Paso. It is wild terrain! deep ravines, very few tunnels; mainly going around the edge."

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Butterfield is happy. It has been a pleasant life in a pleasant place. He has lived here contentedly with his family and one day he'll retire...but not for a couple of years, yet!

## Swimming Lessons To Continue

At the regular meeting of the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission last Monday, the commission decided to continue its children's swimming instruction program even though this may mean the curtailment of grants to sports and the Old Age Pensioners Organization.

A new system of grants from the Community Recreation Branch of the Department of Travel Industry will not be announced until April 1.

The grants received under the previous system were the commission's only source of income and until new grants are allotted the commission has only limited funds available.

The annual meeting and election of members of the commission will take place on March 29.

Interested members of the public are urged to attend.

## THE HALL?

### THREE PLAN TO RETIRE THIS WEEK

BY BEA HAMILTON

Kudos should ring out for long-time Fulford Hall Committee members, Jean Hollings, Nancy Patterson and yes, Kit Moulton, who have been on the committee for ten years - Kit not quite as long, but nearly.

"But that's it," says Jean, "we've had long enough" and they will not be taking office again.

Now, she says, it is time for the younger parents and older young people to take over.

"We need both men and women on the committee."

And that makes sense. So young people, if you want a

Community Hall for your youngsters - to continue all the sports and recreations, it is your privilege to step forward and do your bit to keep the hall up and the community rolling.

If the younger people do not come forward and take over; if they do not bother to carry on, they will lose the hall altogether, warns Mrs. Hollings.

An uncared for hall soon runs to ruin and, well, you know what happens when a community hall is left uncared for, it gets sold out from under your noses.

We have great faith in our young people and hope they will turn out in full strength to

and Mrs. P.R. Bingham, Churchill Road were Major and Mrs. J. McManus, Winnipeg, Com. and Mrs. K. MacKenzie, Victoria and Miss Heather Anne Bingham, New Westminster.

## Ganges

Visitors to the Island last week were Mrs. A.E. (Mackie) MacWilliams, a former resident of Salt Spring, who was accompanied by Mrs. N. Walsh, Victoria.

Len Mitchell and Brad Cunningham, Maple Bridge, B.C. were visitors last week of Mrs. Fred Kirkham, Walker Hook Rd.

Visitors of Mrs. T.W. Mouat, Scott Road last weekend were her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mouat Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Lauga all from Vancouver.

Mrs. Olive Matheson, Vancouver, a former resident of Salt Spring spent several days on the Island visiting friends.

Mrs. W.G. Stone, Scott Road returned home Sunday after spending a few days in Nanaimo the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Winsby.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Motion are home after visiting their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Bob Motion, Whitehorse, Yukon.

The Motions travelled on a charter flight from Vancouver taking in the special event of the year in Whitehorse, "Sour Dough" and "Rendezvous week". Jack Webster also travelled with them on the same flight. Weather was cold with 33 degrees below zero.

Mrs. Sharron Scott with Andrea and Ian, Victoria were visitors last week end of Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dermott Crofton.

Visitors last week end of Col.

## Hockey

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

With an 8-7 victory over Central Junior Hawks on Sunday, the Ganges Gulls took over first place. They had previously tied 12-12 with the Fulford Cougars in the first League game.

The stronger Gulls had a small edge on the play from the beginning but the Hawks put up a good fight considering that they have yet to have a practice.

Top scorer of the game was Julian Valcourt who scored 6 of Ganges goals with Jay McManus scoring the other 2. Bob Empey and Robbie Wood each got 2 for Central with Clive Coels, Brian Bogdanovich and Jim Taylor getting 1 each. Both goalies played very good games - Rene Valcourt stopping 44 for Ganges and Pat Hind-Smith 47 for Central. The stars of the game were Jay McManus, Bob Empey and Julian Valcourt.

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the Fulford Hall meeting on Saturday night at 8 p.m.; give a vote of thanks to those who have carried the ball for so long and step forward to show what they can do to help their community.

It is clearly up to the young people today to keep things moving to match the pace set by this jet age. How about it, young people? It is quite a challenge, isn't it?

On the present hall committee with the three retiring members are Rosemary Reeves, Bob Akerman, Bob Tara, R. Reynolds, and Ray Simard. A vali-

ant lot and deserving of great credit in their years of service, all of them!

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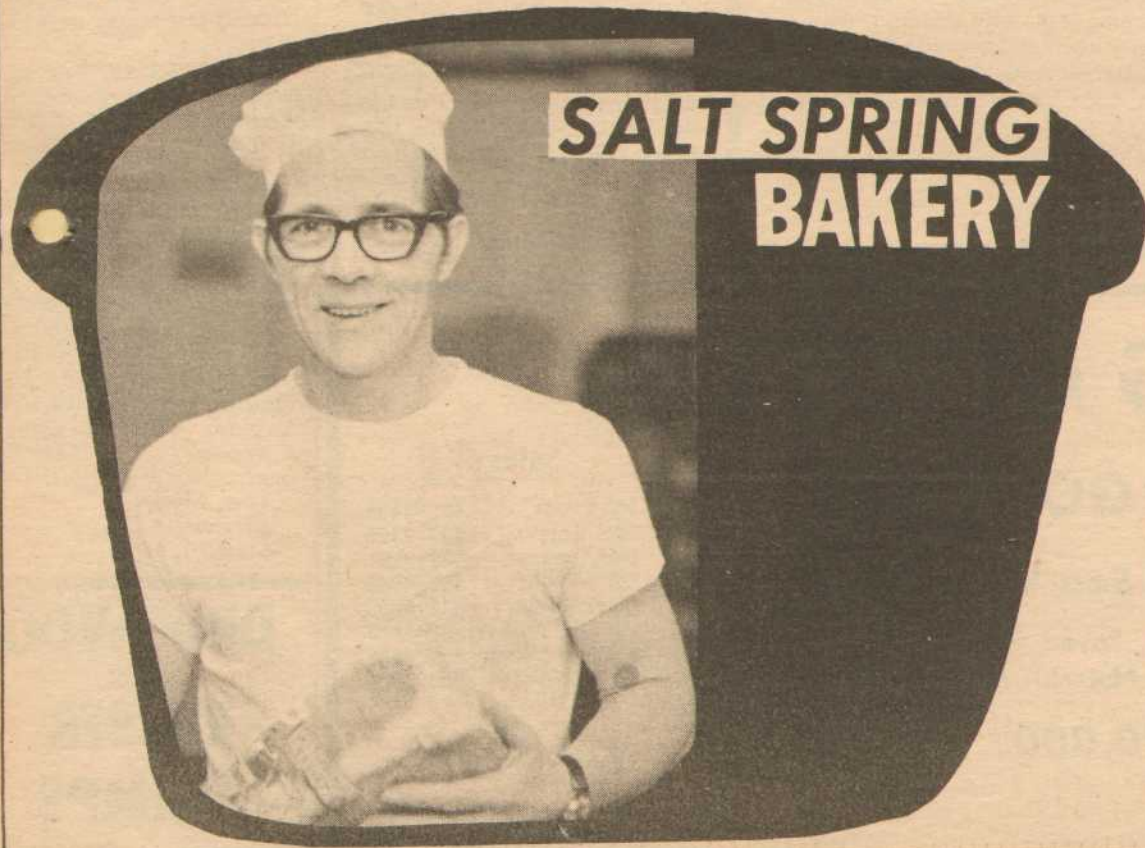
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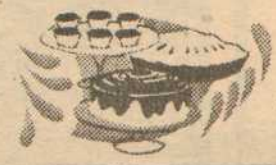


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# ANNUAL REPORT

- HOSPITAL AUXILIARY HEARS FROM CHAIRMAN

Mrs. E. A. Jarman presented the 1970 annual report of the Women's Auxiliary to the Lady Minto Hospital at its annual

meeting.

Her observations are as follows:

We had a most successful year due mainly to the hard work of the members of this auxiliary and the excellent co-operation of the residents and business people of the community.

In 1970 we had eight regular meetings with an average attendance of 25. We have two life

members.

Hospital day was held on Friday May 15. Members of the Auxiliary toured visitors through the hospital and served tea in the board room.

The 15th annual bargain sale Sept. 19, was again held in the High School Auditorium. A great deal of effort by members was put into the sorting of the donations for this sale. The gross for our one day sale was close to \$2,500.00, exceeding all our hopes and expectations. The expenses were less than \$150.00 this due mainly to the volunteer work by members and their families. Donations for raffles at the sale, were received from Mouat's Trading Co., Ganges Pharmacy, Ganges Florist, The Bay and Eaton's. All the money from the sale is used for the benefit of patients and staff of our hospital.

Articles purchased during 1970 have been, a commercial meat-grinder \$295.00, meat slicer \$125.00, a refrigerator for the laboratory \$215.00, one dozen thermal blankets \$87.00, cassettes for the X-ray \$400.00, a recording device for the auto-clave \$300.00, a hyfrecator for the O.R. \$138.00, a portable TV for the children's ward \$135, and a cabinet TV for the sun-

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Meetings of the executive of the Salt Spring Island Ratepayers' Association have been held in private homes or in the conference room of the Provincial Building. Future meetings will be in a more public location and the association will advertise its meetings to encourage more attendance. A notice

will be published in the March 24 issue of DRIFTWOOD with details of the meeting to be held on Monday March 29.

Items for the consideration and action of the association should be, if possible, sent to Mrs. A.W. Sneedon, Beddis Road (tel: 537-2075) at least five days prior to the meeting.

### MORE LETTERS

(From Page Five)

#### PLANNING SATURNA

Editor, Driftwood,  
 The Regional planning board's meeting on Saturna Island, Feb. 26, solved nothing. Miss Purchase and her high priced aide did their best to sugar coat the pill but failed to tell us how we were to pay the 1971 taxes, and keep our people eating.

We did not get the answers to the real problems.

Is the planning board prepared to take over the waterworks on Saturna, the garbage dump, and provide a freight service?

What useful function do the planning board provide for Saturna, and what are the salaries of the planners? Come out in the open and give us the facts!

So far Mr. Dan Campbell and the planning board have brought stagnation to Saturna, besides putting every stumbling block in the way of the men who are trying to do something.

This Island is ideally suited to retired residential living, but according to city regulations these people would force on us, 98% of our land area will not pass for building sites, unless we put in sewers to pollute the sea, as Victoria, Saanich and Vancouver are doing, under planning board guidance.

We have tried every democratic way to be left alone but these damnable people still insist on dragging us into their cesspool.

Had we been given a vote on the matter and the majority of Saturna people wanted to be run by Victoria and Saanich well and good, but we were not allowed to vote on our own destiny.

Since you have taken away our right to make a living by stopping all development, and are polluting our fishing, and clam beds, raised our taxes, and failed to solve any of our problems, either do the honest thing expropriate our land, so as we may go to court and arbitrate a fair price, or leave us alone.

Let Salt Spring, Galiano, the Penders, Mayne run their own affairs and leave Saturna to run her own.

Let Mr. Dan Campbell lift his 10-acre freeze club, do the honest thing take over the Island and run it to suit himself, don't put a rope around our necks and force us to strangle ourselves.

Put a 10-acre freeze on all of B.C. so as only the wealthy will be able to enjoy a home of their own, and put the rest on welfare. Either you people run the Island 100% or leave us alone!

J. E. Money,  
 Saturna,  
 March 1, 1971.

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### PLAY READING AT PENDER IS VERY POPULAR

BY CULTUS COULEE

John Copley's loghouse, overlooking Hope Bay and Navy Channel, was packed with Pender Players, Thursday, Feb. 18.

Director Gertrude Bennett chose one-actors. CAMPBELL KILMOHR by J. A. Ferguson, set in the Highlands, 1746, the year of Culloden, had links with Edith Robertson Pearson, whose forebears were from Perth; and Helen MacGregor Claxton, of Inverness ancestry.

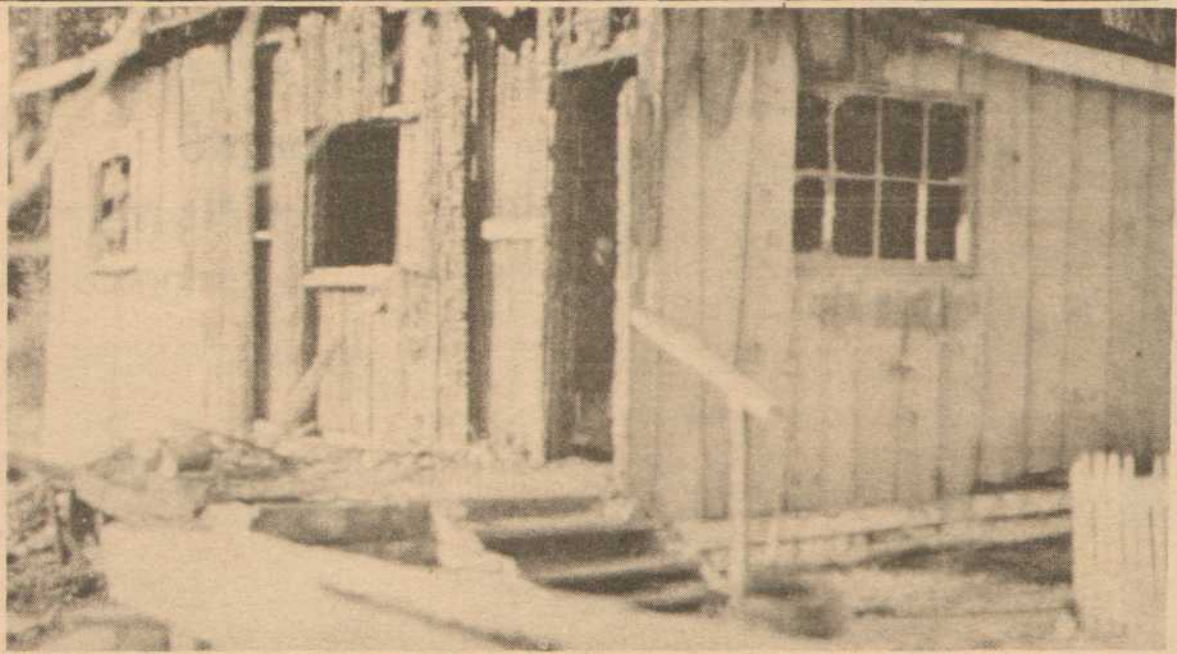
Readers of the tragedy were Jack Bridge, Capt. S. Claxton, turning on a Highland accent, Helen Claxton, ditto; Alex Gray, George Pearson, and Constance Swartz.

ELDORADO by Bernard Gilbert a farm story, a seed-potato as hero; and the chicanery of all, gave a bushel of laffs.

Frank Plunkett, chief chicaner, in his element, as always, no matter what the role; Dorothy Grimmer, holding her own among the gypsters; host Copley, son of the farmer, dubiously following in farmer's footsteps; and Gertrude Bennett, a vixenish daughter, giving everyone what-for.

Others having fun, Flo Bridge, Maude Adams Baird, Jamie Scott Corbett, Nep Grimmer, Marion McKechnie, Mildred Pert, Joan Purchase and Daphne Stevens. Joining the party late, off the Vancouver ferry, were Gertrude Bennett's daughter, Monica Mitchell and guest Rick Gordon, UBC philosophy department.

\*\*\* Anne Cameron, Vancouver, daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Ben-



nett, South Pender, as Madame Yvonne, had the lead in V.L. T.A.'s THE LAUNDRY. The story, by France's David Guerdon, 1962, is based on the Cretan myth of the Minotaur, a mixed-up bull that got taken to the cleaners. Calling the play controversial, puts it mildly.

Critics admired the actors, without getting the meaning. Anne's part was excellent, though the plot as hard to follow as clothes in a spin dryer. Winner of B.C.'s best actress award, DDF, 1969, Anne has never turned in a performance that wasn't right on.

## SATURNA

BY PAPAJOHN

This is a Sunday a.m. to be thankful for, we have no one (as of now) in hospital. Bob Steeves is home and is doing much better than expected. George Morgan is home and his last hospitalization seems to have made a new man of him. Danny Lawson got out of Lady Minto but his diet at home is the same so he is none too happy about it. The only one who will be in a hospital in the foreseeable future is lovely Lorraine Campbell and she will be in Lady Minto for a couple of hours attending the Board meeting in

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Had the nostalgic pleasure of riding on the old Pender Queen and when she "hooted" for a landing she sounded like a real old asthmatic who wasn't sure whether she would have breath enough to make the wharf. It was jolting to our memories of the once proud Motor Princess.

Visiting at Benny and levilish Donna Begon's home is Benny's mother melodious Maime Begon, who can still go for a long walk with levilish Donna every day and is not the least bit worried about her diet as long as there is lots of food around.

It was no mansion, but until Thursday night it was home to J.R. Evans, Cusheon Lake Road. Fire which ent flames 30 feet into the air was attributed to an electrical failure. Fire broke out at about 10 pm when Mr. Evans was warned by the smell of smoke. All his possessions were lost in the blaze. The building, owned by Mrs. Charles Watmough, was insured.

Notice that some of the ladies most enthusiastic weight watchers have taken up a very sedentary hobby, namely painting???

Home from a week's holiday to their old home town of Everett, Wash., are Ron and lavish Lucille Brotten.

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### FERRY TO STAY AT FULFORD

Provincial government has given its blessing to the retention of a ferry service into Fulford.

With the announcement of its plans to rebuild the ferry landing at Fulford, the department of highways has refuted any suggestion that it might favor the move of the Salt Spring Island ferry terminal to Isabella Point, as has been proposed in past years.

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has been among the warmest opponents of the present terminal on the grounds that the present vessel could make an hourly run to Swartz Bay from Isabella Point instead of the two hourly run maintained to Fulford.

Controversy over the ferry terminal on the grounds that the present vessel could make an hourly run to Swartz Bay from Isabella Point instead of a two-hourly run maintained to Fulford.

During the winter months the ferry runs full only on predictable trips. The north-bound run on Friday afternoon is usually operated at full capacity as is the southbound sailing on Sunday evening.

When a large number of heavy trucks are on the 9.30 sailing from Swartz Bay in the morning there is sometimes difficulty in getting on the ferry.

Problems increase in the summer months and sponsors of the campaign to change the terminal have cited the summer delays as their justification.

Last week many in the Fulford community were jubilant with the impending start on a new wharf at Fulford. Augmented parking area is expected to reduce the burden on limited parking space on the hill down to the wharf.

New ferry landing will be about 80 feet south of the present wharf, according to the provincial government plans.

Public relations committee has been established by Gulf Islands School District in order to broadcast its message to residents of the islands.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beach is chairman of the one-man committee. Former radio personality and public relations officer in Vancouver, Mrs. Beach urged that the essential news disseminating service must be the trustees themselves.

### FULFORD TIDE TABLES

MARCH 1971

DAY	TIME	HT.	
5	0215	10.3	
	0655	9.4	
	1805	2.5	
6	0300	10.5	
	0845	9.0	
	1035	9.1	
SA	1910	2.7	
	7	0345	10.6
		0930	8.6
1210		8.8	
SU	2005	2.9	
	8	0420	10.6
		0955	8.1
1335		8.8	
MO	2055	3.1	
	9	0455	10.4
		1025	7.7
1445		8.8	
TU	2135	3.3	
	10	0455	10.3
		1045	7.1
1540		8.9	
WE	2205	3.7	
	11	0520	10.2
		1105	6.5
1630		9.0	
TH	2235	4.3	

### No Change Sought In Name

— POST OFFICE

Ganges Post Office it is and Ganges Post Office it should remain.

On Monday directors of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce expressed opposition to a change in name of the post office.

It had been mooted last fall that when the new post office is built at Ganges it should be renamed "Salt Spring Island Post Office". The postal authorities were happy with a name change to fall in line with the name of the community.

W. J. Mason, area supervisor, had assured the chamber of commerce that there would be no suggestion of closing the Fulford Post Office.

When mail arrives, addressed to Salt Spring Island it is sorted to Ganges at the present time, he explained. If it is intended for Fulford, it is then sent on the south end of the island for delivery the following day. This pattern would remain unchanged said Mr. Mason.

On Monday the chamber was split down the middle and Chairman Spencer Marr made the deciding vote.

Members felt that any change might convey to Fulford patrons that the Ganges business community was stealing their identity.

Retention of the present name would lead to more harmonious community relations, it was urged.

### POLLUTION GUIDE

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al and herbicides.

The pollutant guide will be offered as soon as it has been prepared.

Mr. Hill was among the committee chairman outlining their plans for the coming year.

W. J. Stepaniuk reported for the transportation committee, explaining that his committee was looking into the possibility of bringing a bulk freight service to the islands.

Mr. Stepaniuk also reported that a public transportation service had been considered on the island but that it would not be feasible at the present time.

The meeting in Mahon Hall heard reports on parks, zoning and land use.

### BISHOP TO VISIT GANGES

Bishop Roy Gartrell of British Columbia, whose diocese covers Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, will administer the ancient rite of confirmation in St. George's Church, Ganges this coming Sunday at 4.45 pm.

Candidates who have been receiving instruction from the rector for the past four months, are Mrs. Kathleen Bryan and her son Stephen; Susan and Patrick Byron; Bruce Baker; Gail Horrocks; Peter Layard; Douglas McDonald; Joy McPhee and Anna Mollet.

A reception will be held after the service in the Parish Hall to enable the parishioners to meet both the newly confirmed and the bishop. A meat tea will be served by the Chancel Guild of St. George's Church.

### NO RHYME: NO REASON

To me, some poetry's a crime. It has no reason and no rhyme. Often conceived without a plan, Rough and ragged, it does not scan.

One reads the words and lets them go - If thought is born it does not grow.

I like to read a verse with swing That makes one want to dance and sing.

But if I want to write for fame Or money, I must do the same And write, not about the season But obscure things without reason.

-Grace A. Wright.

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### NUCLEAR PLANT LEADS TO LOCAL MISGIVINGS

Misgivings have been expressed over a possible power plant in the Duncan area and the effects of pollutants poured into the atmosphere and the waters. This has been evidenced in so many areas of the United States where nuclear power stations have been established, Salt Spring Island Ratepayers Association learned on Monday evening.

Don Layard volunteered to undertake a fact-finding mission with government, industry and SPEC sources in order to provide accurate information on these and related matters of pollution of the area.




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"Do you permit your wife to have her own way?"  
"No, sir. She has it without my permission."  
Wee Sandy MacDonald went into a shop and bought a brief case. "Shall I wrap it up for you?" asked the clerk. "Oh, no, thank you," replied Sandy; "Uncle Ian said, 'Ye can put the paper and string inside.'"  
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