

# Gulf Islands Driftwood

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## WALK-WALK-WALK-WALK \* \* WALKATHON SATURDAY

Saturday is the day of the sore feet.

Lions Walkathon will be staged in Ganges on Saturday when the enthusiasts will run a steady eight-mile course to get in on the prize money.

The more sedate will walk the eight miles to prove they could.

For the fifth year in succession, the Salt Spring Island ser-

vice club will stage its money raising event with a start from Ganges.

At 1.30 pm the walkers will set off from Centennial Park. They will walk to Stark Road at Robinson Road, back along North End Road to Canal Road and into Ganges by Rainbow Road.

There will be a check point every mile and the Legion

Ladies will provide refreshments for walkers.

As in previous years the walkers are sponsored by an individual or businesshouse who guarantees a specified amount of money for each mile completed. The sponsor's guarantee goes to the club.

The walker competes for money prizes in the class in which he is walking.

There is a prize for walkers in each category and there is a special prize and trophy for the walker with the greatest sum of money wagered on him.

Walkers must walk. Bicycles, horses or motor-driven aids are ruled out.

Walkathon is like most other contests. Everyone starts off together in a mass of walking. They return in a long-drawn-out procession of runners, walkers and stragglers in that order.

Lions use proceeds from the contest for various projects in the community.

## REPORTS OF MORE DESTRUCTION

### SHEEP LOSSES GOING UP

Sheep losses this year on Salt Spring Island are running into the hundreds.

Recent reports from farmers at the north end of the island showed a loss of about 60 animals suffered by two or three farmers.

Bob Akerman, at Fulford, estimates his losses at about 40 and he figures that his son, Ted has lost something in the same range. All were killed by dogs.

Five sheep farmers have reported deprivations by dogs during the past week.

During the week end a dog shot by Mr. Akerman had killed a North Country Cheviot ewe and lamb as well as a thoroughbred Hampshire ram. Second ram of the same quality was mauled and is being treated for its injuries.

If the second ram should die the dog's owner faces a bill of \$280. In any case he will be responsible for the loss of the other three animals.

There have been no reports of big kills during recent weeks but the loss to dogs has been

steady and persistent.

The pictures show the animals after being attacked by roaming dogs.

Shepherd Akerman can recognize at a glance whether a sheep has been killed by a dog or a cougar, he explained.

The cougar kills quickly and eats his kill, at least partially. The dog wears his prey down, biting its hindquarters and hamstringing it. When the sheep can no longer use its hind legs, the dog tears its throat out.

## Dogs Can Be Danger

Watch your step if you interfere when a dog attacks a sheep warns Fulford Farmer Bob Akerman. Many dogs in such a situation are vicious and can be dangerous, he says.

The dog reacts as he would if a stranger takes his bone away. He goes for the stranger.

On Saturday Pop Lloyd-Walters at Fulford was attacked by dogs when he tried to stop a dog chasing sheep over the cliff into Fulford Harbour.

If the ex-Mountie had not been carrying a cane, he might have suffered a mauling, warned Mr. Akerman.

It is particularly dangerous for a child to try to defend his animals from marauding dogs, added the Fulford sheep farmer.

A Fulford man was at Burgoyne Bay a week ago when he saw three dogs attacking a lamb. He left his car and went to drive off the dogs. He was very thankful to be able to scurry back into his car, reports Mr. Akerman.

The victim of the dogs went to the Akerman home and reported the incident to an incredulous Bob Akerman. They promptly returned to Burgoyne Bay.

"They came at us with their teeth bared and ready to take after us," said Bob on Monday.

He shot the dogs, but the lamb was already dead.

## CALL COMMISSION

Any group wanting use of the school grounds outside of school hours should call Ed Williams, chairman of the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission or Mrs. Gail Secor, commission secretary.

Gulf Islands School District has left the disposal of the school grounds to the commission.

## CANDIDATE TO TOUR ISLANDS

Eric Sherwood, NDP candidate for Saanich and the Islands, will tour the Gulf Islands April 6, 7, and 8 with his wife, Anne; his campaign manager, Molly Phillips and her husband.

The party will spend Thursday afternoon on Mayne Island. In the evening they will go to Galiano as house guests of Clare McAllister. Jean Lockwood will host a meet-the-candidate open house.

On Friday, April 7, the candidate and his wife will visit the residents of Saturna in the afternoon and on North Pender in the early evening. They leave for Salt Spring where they will spend the night.

Activities on Saturday will culminate with a pot-luck dinner to be held at the United Church in Ganges, where Tommy Douglas will be guest of honor.

## PREMIER HERE ON MAY 19 TO OPEN HOSPITAL

Premier Bennett will come home to Salt Spring Island on May 19 to open the new extended care wing of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

The ceremony will take place at 3 pm, when provincial, regional and community representatives will take part.

The new wing has been built to the north of the original hospital in the form of an "L".



## M'AIDEZ MAY DAY HE ASKS

May Day is going to be a Mayday to remember. Ask Bob Foulis... he'll tell you! That's his call sign, "M'aidez! M'aidez!

Mr. Foulis is organizing the May Day activities in Ganges this year for the Chamber of Commerce.

Starting early, the chairman of the May Day committee has already asked for entries for the May Day parade and for volunteers to help with the day's program.

The celebrations will be held in Ganges on May 20, the Saturday of the May 24 week end.

May 24 falls on May 22 this year.

## BALTZER SPEAKS ON REFERENDUM

Total of the school building referendum votes planned for May will be \$752,000, unchanged from December. Only change will be that the vote will be presented as two, instead of one.

The votes are equally important, asserts Charles Baltzer, trustee of the Gulf Islands School District.

The home economics and industrial arts rooms at the high school are too small and overcrowded, he told a small meeting in Ganges on Saturday.

The industrial arts room defies adequate supervision, he explained, and the home economics room is too small for the number of students using it. The elementary school has

to be brought up to standard.

If it is neglected much longer the district will be obliged to acquire a new building at many times the proposed cost, he asserted.

A new school of the requisite size would cost about a million and a half, said Mr. Baltzer, whereas for a quarter of the cost, the present structure can be brought up to standard and made safer.

Part of the referendum provides for re-roofing of other schools in the district.

The district pays half of the total referendum figure and the other half is met by the province. The cost to the islands is a little more than \$350,000, he explained.

The trustee added that the total is not charged to taxes immediately the referendum is approved. Tax levy is made only as the money is actually borrowed, which may be spread over a number of years.

There is some urgency in the school building program, the

meeting was told. If the elementary school project is to be undertaken it must be done during the summer holiday period in order to avoid any disruption of school work.

Mr. Baltzer stated that he felt that an activity room, or small gymnasium, is a necessity in an elementary school of that size.

The activity room is planned. (Turn to Page Sixteen)

## HOSPITAL PICTURES WANTED

What do you know? If it's all about Lady Minto Hospital, let's have it!

The hospital board is looking for reminiscences, anecdotes or pictures of the island hospi-

al since its inception prior to the First World War.

Information or pictures may be sent to Administrator Harold Hoffman, at the hospital in Ganges, or to DRIFTWOOD.

**BINGO TO BE STAGED EVERY MONTH AT GALIANO HALL BY CLUB**

Galiano Club held another successful bingo night in the community hall on March 25 under the capable leadership of vice-president Jim Ripley. He was assisted by members of the committee, with ten games being played, and winners taking home a portion of

the money. Georgie George-son won the big blackout prize

Coffee was served by Mrs. Corrine Snell and Mrs. Betty Fairbanks.

It is hoped to have these bingo nights every month. The next is scheduled for April 22.

*Laura Secord*  
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**INDIAN SONG IS PART OF RITUAL**

BY LILIAN HORSDAL

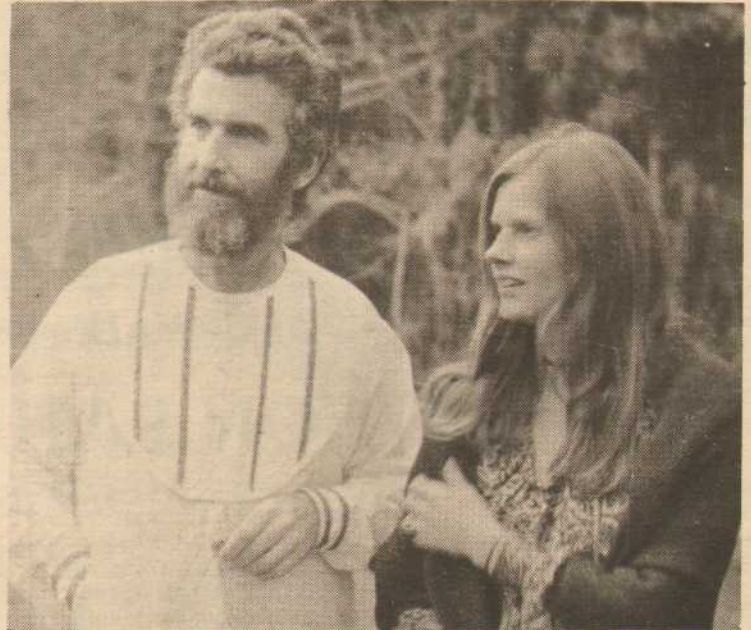
Saturday, March 25, dawned cold and frosty with a snow flurry or two. But in the early afternoon, despite the inclement weather, many guests assembled to wander among the white violets and little star-shaped flowers known as glories of the snow.

In this picturesque setting a garden wedding took place on Salt Spring Island. John Stack and Miss Mary Lynn Soini exchanged vows in a simply ceremony. It was a marriage outlined by the two principals, Rev. Fred Anderson, of the Ganges United Church officiated.

As part of the ritual the Navajo Song was recited by us all. It encompasses the whole life span of man:

"On the trail marked with pollen may I walk, With grasshoppers about my feet may I walk, With dew about my feet may I walk, With beauty may I walk, With beauty before me, may I walk, With beauty behind me, may I walk, With beauty above me, may I walk, With beauty under me, may I walk, With beauty all around me, may I walk, In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, lively, may I walk, In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, living again, may I walk, It is finished in beauty."

The bride designed and made her beautiful Indian print dress with intricate stitching around the yolk. The full-length dress hung in soft folds accentuating Mary Lynn's careless grace. She also made the groom's costume



— Photo by Ray Hill

of white tunic and trousers. The reception was held in the garden, where tables were spread with a variety of foods. Guests kept wandering back

**LACROSSE GROUP SETS PLANS FOR NEW SEASON**

Minor Lacrosse Association on Salt Spring Island held a meeting Monday.

It was decided that the box should be painted and the fish netting which was only temporary should be replaced as much as possible with linkwire. Some of the posts need straightening and bracing, but this can easily be done, it was agreed.

This year a new league is being formed; the Cowichan Valley Lacrosse Association. League games and practices will be held in Fullers Lake Arena after the ice sheet has been removed.

Arrangements are underway to meet with the Chemainus organization to work out a schedule which will be the best for Salt Spring teams.

Practice dates will be announced soon.

The next meeting of the Lacrosse Association will be in April and the date will be announced.

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**Classification**

Before the start of the Walkathon, each walker will designate the Award Classification for which he will compete. This letter classification will be entered in ink on the face of the Pledge Card.

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|--|----------------------------------|
| A - First male, over 21                | G - First male, 16-13            |
| B - First male, 20-17                  | H - First male, 12-10            |
| C - First female, over 21              | I - First male, nine and under   |
| D - First female, 20-17                | J - First female, 16-13          |
| E - First married couple               | K - First female, 12-10          |
| F - First family or organization group | L - First female, nine and under |

There will also be prizes for the OLDEST COMPETITOR to finish... the YOUNGEST to finish... the MOST ORIGINAL COSTUME to finish and a SURPRISE CLASSIFICATION.

Prizes of \$5 & \$10 will be in the form of vouchers to be spent with island stores and businesses.

**GENERAL RULES**

**SAFETY FIRST:** Walk on the WEST side of the road. Wear suitable walking shoes. Set a safe walking pace.

**START:** Centennial Park, Ganges  
**TIME:** Saturday, April 1st at 1 pm.

**CARRY YOUR SIGNED PLEDGE CARDS** so that the route judges can check off your pledge cards at each check station, every mile along the route.

**REFRESHMENTS...** free refreshments for Walkers are available at the half-way point along the route and also at the finishing line at Centennial Park.

**WALKERS** do not receive the money from the pledges but walkers are eligible for the awards shown.

**FINISH:** Turn in your Pledge Cards at the Centennial Park Finish or at the furthestmost Check Station along the route that you complete.

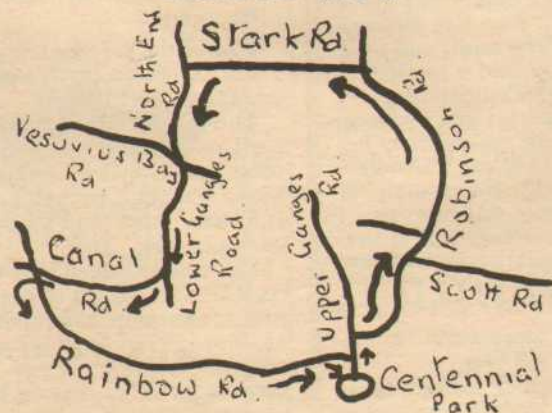


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By Richards

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As dishes washed are gleamingful.

But to the view I'm leaningful

That meaningless is mean-  
ingful.

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Ralph Alpen is picking up the  
chores of reading meters pretty  
smartly. Only trouble is the  
Cadillac is fighting the bends.

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The offices of secretary and  
treasurer have been separated  
by Salt Spring Players. In the  
past they have been combined.  
They are still pretty close,  
with the Rumsey-Ramsey ap-  
pointment.

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I want old papers. Particu-  
larly old Sidney Reviews. For  
17 years, winter, summer, day  
and night I worked for the Sid-  
ney Review. For years I was  
the best reporter they had.  
That was when I was the only  
one. But I kept no record.  
Only copy I kept was the one  
when the paper won a lot of  
national newspaper prizes.  
Now I wish I had. If any reader  
has old copies of the Sidney  
Review they don't want, I'd  
be grateful. Prior to 1967 be-  
cause that's when I quit.

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I'm hostile to Bruce McFee.  
He works outside Gulf Islands  
Propane painting gas cylinders  
grey when they are turning  
brown. Me, only way I could  
stop turning grey is to paint  
my hair brown. Why must he  
rub it in?

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mine, it's always been Queen  
Joseph's and it always will.

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It pays to advertise. On  
Friday Ken Whyte was driving  
home from Ganges, when he  
saw a small bird on the road  
and steered clear of it. He  
looked behind and the bird  
was still on the road. He back-  
ed up and found a budgerigar  
happily resting in the middle  
of a busy road. Once home,  
he called DRIFTWOOD and ex-  
plained his discovery. Ken  
was excited at finding the  
bird and his two pet cats were  
delighted. They are both  
particularly fond of budgies.  
While Ken called DRIFTWOOD  
Birdmaid Paula nursed the  
budgie in the pickup. But Ivy  
Cranswick had already sound-  
ed the alarm. Her bird had  
flown. Half an hour later, the  
budgie was back home, indif-  
ferent to the furore he had  
caused.

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Bumps Irwin never read an  
advertisement with greater  
pleasure. He and Dorothy  
were happy to read a B. C.  
Tel ad last week. They skip-  
ped some of the words and con-  
centrated on the pictures. Not  
that Bumps can't read... it  
was just that the message was  
in the picture. And the pic-  
ture showed four-year-old Scott  
Irwin on the floor, with Mum-  
my, Daphne Irwin in the pic-  
ture as well. Scott, the boy  
in the telephone advertisement  
is the Irwin's grandson and Da-  
phne is their daughter-in-law.  
They really went for that ad-  
vertisement.

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The horse had something.  
Reminds me of the milk deliv-  
ery wagon drawn by a horse  
and guided by a milkman. One  
of the horse's customers came  
to work one morning looking  
as if his pet canary had bitten  
him. He explained to the rest  
of the crew that his wife had  
been having an affair with the  
horse's boss. They egged him  
on to revenge and he decided  
he would take the man to task.  
Next day he came to work  
beaming all over his face.  
"You took the boots to the  
milk man?" asked his compan-  
ion. The victim of the deal  
shook his head, "No," he ad-  
mitted, "But I gave his horse  
such a kick he sat down on the  
road!"

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Herb Skuce has come up  
with a fish from time to time.  
Not on Sunday. Like a lot of  
other fishermen he went to  
Weston Lake to get one of the  
big ones. For eight hours he  
kept warm rowing up and down  
Weston Lake until he knows

**IT'S THEIR HALL ALRIGHT**

Central Hall trustees present-  
ed the provincial government  
with a list of 12 questions last  
year and the answers were read  
out on Wednesday for the bene-  
fit of the annual meeting.

The hall is the property of  
the community and not of the  
Crown, although it stands on  
Crown property.

Trustees of the hall do not  
represent the Crown and are  
free to act as the community  
might wish.

The attorney-general may  
not assess island properties for  
the upkeep of the hall: only  
the regional district or depart-  
ment of municipal affairs may  
do so.

The hall was originally built  
as an agricultural hall. There  
is no grant available from the  
recreation commission towards  
its reconstruction. Nor is  
there any money available  
from the province for this pur-  
pose.

Trustees cannot raise money  
on the value of the hall be-  
cause it stands on Crown land  
and cannot be used as collat-  
eral.

The hall may be sold, but  
the land cannot. If it should  
be sold, the hall would have to  
be moved from the property.  
The building may not be used  
for commercial purposes be-  
cause it stands on Crown land.

Mrs. Margaret Cunningham,  
secretary of the hall commit-

tee, had prepared the list of  
enquiries.

The hall is the property of  
the community, explained Mrs.  
Cunningham, and there is no  
necessity to put renovation  
costs on taxes if the funds can  
be raised voluntarily.

The hall needs repairs to the  
roof after the big storm last  
month and some attention is  
required to the big windows.  
There is no adequate heating  
system and there is no plumb-  
ing.

Last year there had been no  
drive for funds, reported Mrs.  
Cunningham. The late Ed  
Stephenson had donated \$100  
to the hall, she recalled, and  
the Gulf Islands School District

had donated two dozen chairs.

The hall costs about \$100 a  
year to operate, the meeting  
was told. Current assets  
amount to \$669.69.

Don Cunningham, president,  
has another two years to serve,  
and Mrs. Cunningham remains  
in office as secretary.

Four trustees were named:  
June Johnson, Lou Rumsey,  
Robin Johnson and Charlotte  
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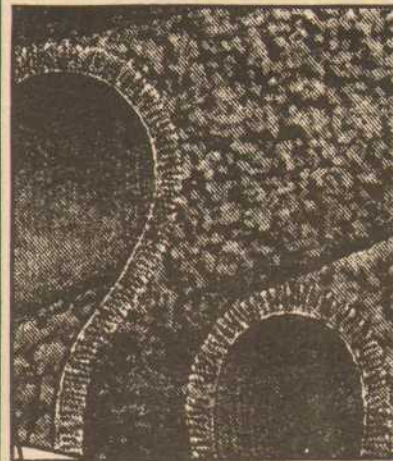
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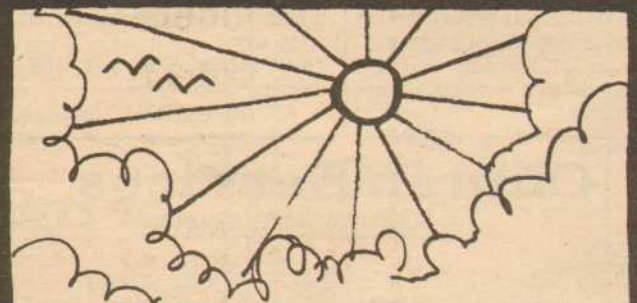
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## TELL HIM, WHY DON'T YOU!

You got a dime: you spend a dime.  
Then you get older.  
You got a dollar: you spend a dollar.  
Then you get older.  
You watch where your money goes. Most islanders have reached this state of mind.  
The islands have more stores than they boasted in the past.  
Then comes the squeeze.  
Many islanders make the majority of their purchases on the islands. Some do not.  
It's a free country!  
There are two aspects to the pattern of spending the odd buck.  
First, if you feel that prices or services are less than you hoped at any business house, say so!  
Don't mumble in your beard and go somewhere else.  
If you have a criticism, tell the businesshouse how you feel. That way, there's a fair chance of getting straightened out. Say nothing and you help nobody: not you; not the merchant; not the rest of the islanders.

If you feel a merchant is an unscrupulous gentleman of uncertain parentage, tell him so. Either it's news to him, or he's known it for a long time. Either way, he's a fool if he isn't grateful for your views.

The island businessman is seeking to make a living on the island. He is trying to live next door to his own customers. Maybe you see more of his business than he does. Tell him what you see.

Everyone needs groceries at home, on the islands. Everyone needs a last-minute egg; a loaf of bread; a bottle of milk. They need these things suddenly.

A man needs a sheet of plywood or a board or a handful of nails in a hurry. For all these things, he is thankful for a local store.

So is the store thankful that he needs these things.

And if nobody goes to the local store, there will be no local store. Then everybody takes a beating: the storekeeper, the islander and all his neighbours.

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is planning a campaign to remind islanders of the local services and stores.

And don't forget...an island storekeeper works longer hours to make the same living as his city counterpart and he's further away from his suppliers.

If you got a beef...beef!

But let the victim know all about it.

Before long, a sorehead looks just as sore on the outside! Don't get that way; pass the complaint on to the man you figure deserves it! Before you know it, you won't have it.

No merchant is entitled to your patronage. But a strong silent man who only beefs to everyone else doesn't help very much at all.

## Letters To The Editor

### FED. GOVERNMENT REHABILITATION

Editor, Driftwood,  
I am worried about some of our O.A.P.'s thinking they might like to earn a few dollars accepting the offer to take some of those who have broken

the law.

It seems to me, we are asked repeatedly to find entertainment, meals on wheels, handicraft and other things to occupy the aging.

Surely something could be done, perhaps the unemployed, those on welfare, would be

EIGHT MILES! I CAN'T WALK  
EIGHT MILES! THIS IS CRUEL!  
I PROTEST! I'D WRITE A  
LETTER TO THE EDITOR - BUT I  
HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN ON THE  
ISLAND LONG ENOUGH!



glad to earn a few dollars. Even the farmers; what better place to re-adjust, "than on God's acres".

Why tempt the "Old Folks" instead of giving them enough to live on to the end. They are to be asked to earn it.

Please don't misunderstand me, I think rehabilitation is a wonderful thing. Who of us has not offended even once in our lives? But Please! Please don't tempt the "Old Age Pensioners".

Elsie Thacker,  
Ganges,  
March 25, 1972.

### PLANNING IN PIECES

Editor, Driftwood,  
It seems to me that Civic Action groups, associations, committees and organizations invariably fail to influence, for more than a brief period, the course of municipal and local development.

They merely raise the decibel level of the background noise.

The report that large company land concessions have been lifted out of the province of regional planners, at the time that all islanders are struggling with planning options is typical of the trend.

The flaw in island civic organizations is their assumption that they represent a common interest - that of the general public. However, as soon as one hears discussion on the first item of any agenda, it becomes clear that a diversity of conflicting and often hostile views are concealed in the community group.

The old-timer, living on pensions and holding a large land parcel has some views in common with the small lot owner and some views in common with the corporate developer.

The lot owner agrees with the developer that it is wrong to give a land tax advantage to someone who pays little or no income tax but occupies a large fortune in property. The old-timer and the small lot owner fear the congestion that will result, if the developer has free rein. And so it goes.

The red herrings generated at almost any meeting are issues close to the hearts of some people and therefore of paramount importance to them. However, they conceal the real issues, those which determine what problems we will face tomorrow.

The decision made a year ago to remove Crown Zellerbach land on South Pender and similar property elsewhere, from Planning Board control is one of those large issues on which we should have a common stand.

It is not possible, in my opinion, to produce a meaningful

plan for the use of the Gulf Islands, if a large percentage of the property involved is not subject to the plan. Surely we plan an island as a whole, not in pieces.

The areas for which Mr. Williston's department is now responsible are not identified in the list of options provided to the public for comment.

W. H. Willison,  
R. R. 1, Port Washington,  
March 24, 1972.

### THE EASTER MESSAGE

Without Thy Risen Power, O Christ,  
This life would be an empty thing.  
The grave would triumph over us,  
And death would hold its sting.

Without Thy Risen Power, O Christ,  
This earthly life would be our all.  
Dark sin and fear would be our share,  
With none to lift the pall.

But with Thy Risen Power, O Christ,  
Our lives are changed immeasurably.  
With faith by prayer renewed each day,  
We come at last to Thee.  
-Grace A. Wright.

### LATE CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SEVEN AT GANGES HOME

On Sunday, March 26, Mrs. Elsie Thacker, entertained seven widows to lunch at her home. It was a delayed Christmas party.

The hostess was in hospital for the festive season, but was determined these ladies would not miss their treat.

Turkey and English-style plum pudding was served and everyone enjoyed their treats. Lunch was followed by music.

Christmas decorations adorned the room.

## Church Services

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1972

### ANGLICAN

Good Friday Noon St. George's, Ganges, 3-hour Service		
Apr. 2: St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Communion 8:30 am
St. Nicholas'	Vesuvius	" " 9:00 "
St. Mark's	Central	" " 11:00 "
St. George's	Ganges	" " 11:00 "

### UNITED

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### ROMAN CATHOLIC

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Our Lady of Grace Ganges " " 11:00 am

### COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL

Rev. M. V. Gilpin, Box 276, 537-5330 Ganges

Easter Sunday Service (child care provided) 11:00 am

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30 am  
Evening Service 7:30 pm

## FULFORD

BY BEA HAMILTON

Mrs. C. L. Abbott has returned home after spending some weeks visiting her people in the Edmonton area.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Arnold of Ganges on Sunday morning in Lady Minto Hospital. The infant weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. and they have named him Khristen. Both mother and son are doing well. There are three other children in the family to greet the new baby, two boys and a girl.

A "Come as you are" cabaret dance is scheduled for April 7 at the Fulford Hall, with an exciting new orchestra (new to us) from Victoria, - the Cascade Orchestra. This will be a gala night, at \$7 a couple; \$4, single. The Fulford Hall Committee is in charge.

Geese were seen flying north last week and a large number of ducks was in the harbour on Friday. Can't see them today (Monday) but they may be near shore. Hadn't seen so many for years and it was a treat.

They were after the herring spawn it seemed. My purple finches were back for a day; they come, look my bird-dining table over, take what they fancy and away they go - maybe they'll be back - maybe not. These lovely little birds are a little on the picky side.

I can hear all kinds of birds staking out their territories and singing away amongst the trees. We have the red hummingbirds in the huckleberry bush. Where are the swallows? Not here--not yet, anyway. Probably figured we had hit a spot of winter and shied off for a while.

We do have two sparrow hawks or kitty-hawks, as they are often called. They like mice and grasshoppers and little birds. They are handsome fellows. They upset the crows out at the back and sit on trees, one on each side of the compost-heap, which the crows frequent, and seem to love to set the black rascals cawing.

Sometimes they chase the crows and then it is quite a sight. The crows are bigger, noisier and have to dodge when the hawks dive-bomb at them. Seems to be a game and no one gets hurt, yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Nik Casperson are spending the week end with Mrs. Casperson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John French. Sr. in Burgoyne Valley. Jayney and Nik left the land of snow at 100 Mile House to come to our land of sunshine(?) which is promised for tomorrow, and the weather man had better be right! Nice to have you home Jayney.

### STAR SONG

The friendly silver stars look down  
Upon the quiet sleeping town.  
They see the people where they lie,  
And gently croon a lullaby.  
Their faint sweet voices seem to say  
"Rest safely, children, till the day."  
- Mary Garland Coleman.

# CLASSES ARE THREATENED

Trying to play "catch up" in any area of a school is a difficult job, but not catching up at an adequate rate has finally caught up with the industrial education facilities at the Gulf Islands Secondary School. To the older readers this is the class in skill with tools.

For economy reasons, when the Gulf Islands Secondary School was built seven years ago, no industrial education facilities were provided. Since that time a single portable shop was built to replace the two shops which school enrolment demanded.

## SOUTH PENDER

BY CULTUS COULEE

At Penisle, the Nep Grimmer's farmhouse, Pender Players had a cosy evening Thursday last week.

Jessie Cornaby chose J. B. Priestley's *The Rose and Crown*. Cockney comics Daphne Stevens and Frank Plunkett got lots of laughs, aided by George and Edith Pearson, Alex Gray, Mrs. Cornaby and Douglas Harker.

Laurence Housman's *The Rose and Thorn* was read by Maude Adams Baird, hostess Dorothy Grimmer and Betty Harker.

Applauding were president Olive Auchterlonie, Nep Grimmer, Mildred Pert, Connie Swartz and John Copley, who brought the sandwiches. Gert-rude Bennett sent cake.

A joy, as David Frost would say, to welcome the Douglas Harkers. Their experience is a great asset. At St. George's the Harkers formed an Arts Club and invited boys to their house for play-readings. These were very popular, especially with 11- and 12-year olds. The readings are being continued by Alan Brown, the new headmaster.

Good to have Frank Plunkett back in the fold. If only all spoke up like he does!

On Wednesday March 15, there was more fun and games at Port Washington Hall with painters on their own. Hope Jennens, the model, takes it in good part when they make her look like a teacosy with a face, or a rabbit without ears. Several regulars were at other meetings.

That left Diana Pollard Beeg an who did well with pencil drawings; Nell Bradshaw, a good oil; Ann Pender Henshaw with charming watercolors; president Ora Symes with an excellent oil, and Corrie Swart with vague impressions.

## ST. MARY'S GUILD PREPARE FOR EASTER SERVICES

Members of St. Mary's Guild met at the home of Mrs. F. L. Jackson recently with ten present. Mrs. Gladys King, president, took the chair and in the absence of the rector, she gave the Guild prayer.

The members decided to keep to the present lighting in St. Mary's for a time as there was a question as to the advisability of getting more powerful and different fixtures.

Members were reminded that the Easter Service will "get all up with the sun" as it will be held at 8:30 a.m. in St. Mary's. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Jackson and the Sunday School Choir report by Mrs. E. Lacy. The children are doing well and there are 15 in the choir.

A picnic for the choir will be held at Mrs. John French's place, kindly sponsored financially by Mrs. A. (Mabel) Davis. "This is a great help," said Mrs. A.D. Dane, superintendent of the choir, "as we

Over the seven years, class sizes have increased and the inadequacy of the facilities has become all too apparent.

This year - for the first time - the school faces the distinct possibility of having to refuse industrial education courses to boys who either need the course for graduation or to those who want to take a course as an elective. The shop at present is taxed beyond its limits, both in class size and in actual use but, with no way to expand the present shop, the only possible solution is new facilities.

By law, class sizes in shops are limited, primarily for safety reasons, and when all the equipment required for courses from Grades 8 through 12 is placed in one room, these regulations become increasingly significant.

In our present society the demand for vocational training is increasing and if Gulf Islands Secondary School students are to be able to take their place in the labour force, it is essential that we provide an adequate industrial background.

## ELSIE THACKER IS COMMENDED BY PRESIDENT

Old Age Pensioners' Organization at Salt Spring Island has offered full support to the new Vancouver publication, "Willing Hands".

Magazine is the organ of Pensioners for Action Now. The island Organization has enlisted 100%, reports Secretary Elsie Thacker.

Vincent Yates, president of B.C. Old Age Pensioners' Organization has offered his support to Pensioners for Action Now.

In *Willing Hands* he is quoted as supporting the action group. "I would like to take this opportunity of commending Mrs. Elsie Thacker, Provincial Board

couldn't manage without extra financial help." The children look forward to their Easter Egg Hunt and treats.

A donation was voted on to send to the Vancouver School of Theology.

The meeting has picked June 7 for the garden tea and sale of home cooking to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Hepburn, who so kindly lent their grounds last year. I think the home cooking stall will hold chiefly pies and bread. Hope I'm right!

One thing, I'll soon hear if I "ain't"! It was a very nice meeting and the gracious hostess, Mrs. Jackson, served a delicious tea after the meeting adjourned.

The children's choir Easter picnic will be held at the home of Mrs. J. French on Thursday, March 30, after school. -B.H.

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## CELEBRATE 25 YEARS TOGETHER

Golf and Country Club was Byron land on March 18 when Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Byron marked their 25th wedding anniversary.

The family and their friends staged the party for them.

During the course of the evening the couple received gifts from the assembled guests. Their son, Darrel, called from Trenton in Ontario, and Terry's brother Kenneth, telephoned from Wainwright, Alta. Both are in the armed forces.

Toast to the couple was called by Arthur Rhodes, from Victoria.

Celebration concluded with a dance.

The couple have spent most of the quarter-century on Salt Spring Island, with an interlude in Victoria.

Member from Salt Spring Island who has constantly been hammering away at the provincial board for more publicity. Thanks to her hard work, we have now got that publicity, in spite of some opposition."

## CHANGE

Retirement was no good for Mac Mouat. He's back in business again.

M. T. Mac Mouat retired when Mouat Bros. Ltd. was sold to Mouat's Trading Co. Ltd.

For a year or so Mac kicked his heels up.

Now he's not only back in business, but is at the head of a business long associated with his name.

Imperial Oil Ltd. report that they have no agent in British Columbia with a longer connection with the company.

Since before the First World War, there has been a Mouat linked with Esso products on the island.

Agent for the past eight years was Norman Mouat. This week he leaves the oil business.

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# GOVERNMENT AND NONSENSE ON COSTS

From the Vancouver Daily Province

By **BOB McCONNELL**  
Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA — There is a lot of damn nonsense being spouted here about education costs in B.C. and most of it comes from the government.

It has been clear for some time that the government had decided its basic education responsibility is to protect the taxpayers rather than the education system itself.

To get maximum political mileage out of that position, it has to make sure the taxpayers know and appreciate the government's efforts on their behalf.

As a result, cabinet ministers and government back-benchers are solemnly warning the legislature about an imminent taxpayers' revolt against soaring education costs and taxes.

But if there is such a revolt, it is one that has been carefully nurtured and encouraged by the government itself.

Over the last five years the government's tactic has been to bypass local school authorities and place education cost controls directly in the hands of the taxpayers through mandatory spending referendums.

Then, by almost every utterance they make on education, cabinet ministers have encouraged the taxpayers to vote

against these referendums.

Changes that will be made in the Public Schools Act at this session of the legislature will further this process. They will make ratepayer approval necessary for any teachers' salary increase above a maximum level to be set by the cabinet, and reduce the budgetary leeway the school boards now have before they must go to referendum.

In defending these changes, Education Minister Donald Brothers has warned solemnly that education, health and welfare costs will bankrupt the government by 1980 unless something is done to curb them.

To prove this point, he makes use of some highly misleading statistical projections of government costs and revenues. One of them is in the form of a graph that shows these costs overtaking projected provincial revenues by 1985.

The graph has so little detail that it is hard to figure out exactly what numbers it is based upon. It is obviously intended for public distribution, though — the caption at the top of it, in large block letters, reads: 'Can we let this happen?'

What the chart does not show is that in the last decade health, education and welfare costs actually took up a steadily declining portion of provincial revenues. It's only in the future projections that the costs appear to move ahead faster than

the government's income.

To get this result the government statisticians pulled a neat little trick. They projected a revenue increase in line with that of the last couple of years, and a cost increase to match.

But in the last couple of years the government suffered a revenue slump, in the 1970-71 fiscal year. At the same time it suffered a sharp increase in welfare costs, as a result of high unemployment and in health costs, as a result of the adoption of medicare.

It's only on the basis of those few highly untypical years that Brothers' forecast of doom can be supported.

The B.C. Teachers' Federation, which has gone into the problem a little more thoroughly than the government has, produced a set of figures recently that puts the whole situation into a much clearer perspective.

In 1962 elementary and secondary costs amounted to 23 per cent of the provincial budget. Next year they will be less than 20 per cent. Over the last decade, elementary and secondary education costs have risen by an average of 13 per cent a year, while provincial revenue growth has been nearly 16 per cent a year. The cost per pupil over the decade has grown at a fairly modest seven per cent a year.

There are reasons, which the government has obviously ignored, why these costs will continue to level off.

In the last decade, the B.C. school system has absorbed two pressures that will not be repeated in the 1970s — a sharp increase in the school age population, and a similar increase in the proportion of youngsters who complete a full 12 years of public schooling.

The latter figure, known by educators as the retention rate, is now so close to 100 per cent that it can hardly rise any farther. And, as a result of the drop in birth rates in recent years, the number of children of school age is becoming a declining proportion of our population.

Of course, there has been a rapid growth of post-secondary education, which will continue.

In the other fields, there will continue to be an expansion of medical services and costs, as well as greater and more expensive range of social services.

But the suggestion that these will drive this little government to the poor-house deserves a loud horse-laugh.

Over the last decade, the government has totalled more than half a billion dollars in budget surpluses, and the outlook is clearly for more of the same.

This government isn't being bankrupted by its responsibilities — it's laughing all the way to the bank.

## PALM SUNDAY AT ST. MARY'S

BY BEA FAMILTON

St. Mary's Church on Sunday morning was crowded as many turned out to celebrate Palm Sunday Children's Service at 11 in the morning.

There were 15 children in the choir and about 66 in the congregation.

The training of Sunday School and Choir under the direction of Mrs. Bessie Dane and Mrs. Mollie Lacy is having excellent results. The children came into lay their palm leaves of evergreen ferns in the Chancel.

The service was for the children and the first lesson was read by Kirk Arnold, the sec-

ond Jesson by Christine Lacy. Both did well.

Collection plates were also in the young people's hands and Lorrie Hughes and Terry Horrocks here officiated.

The banner bearers were Angela Taylor and Cathy Jones.

The story of Easter and Palm Sunday was told to the children by the Rector, Archdeacon R. B. Horsefield.

During the service, a pot of chrysanthemums was presented to Mrs. J. Taylor, who has played the organ so often, in the absence of the organist, Mrs. C. L. Abbott.

The choir offered the flowers as a token of thanks and appreciation.

## Fernwood

BY JESSIE SAYER

Mrs. J. V. Kyte, of Richmond, was a recent guest of Mrs. E. Burr and enjoyed a week visiting with her old friends.

Mrs. E. Adams has returned from a long holiday spent in the Florida sunshine visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Rider and family.

Mrs. Frank Waterfall enjoyed a visit in New Westminster at the home of her son, Dick, and family. She took good care of the grandchildren while the parents travelled south.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyal Thompson of Kamloops spent several

days with Lyal's mother Mrs. Alice Thompson.

The aftermath of the big storm is still evident with huge trees on the beach and all homes on North Beach Road will have firewood for a year or more.

As you all know temperatures are really cool but spring must be here as so many spring flowers are in bloom and the hummingbirds are here for sure.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dicks and daughter Natalie, of Thunder Bay, Ontario, are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. W. DeLong. Mrs. Dicks is Mrs. DeLong's sister.

— Despite talk of "April showers", April is not the rainiest month in Canada — in fact, in most parts it is one of the least rainy.

## VISITORS TO MASONIC LODGE ON SATURDAY

Over 70 members of the Masonic fraternity from all parts of B. C. gathered together at Ganges on Saturday evening, March 25, to assist in receiving four new members of the fraternity into the local Ganges lodge.

These new members were all from Saturna Island and were accompanied from there by nine others from various Masonic lodges in Canada who are now retired on Saturna.

Following the meeting which was conducted by the local lodge under the direction of Hugh Ross, a reception was held at the Golf and Country Club.



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Mr. and Mrs. Rick Kitchen are seen cutting the wedding cake after their wedding on Saturday in St. Elizabeth's church at Sidney. Bride is the former Pamela Webster. Former Salt Spring Island priest, Rev. Wm. Mudge officiated. Photo by A. M. Sharp

## IT'S BIG BUSINESS

School business is big business.

Each year the trustees of Gulf Islands School District spend three-quarters of a million dollars on the operation of schools among the islands. How is it all spent?

The money is used to bring school facilities to 781 students

Instruction costs \$515,456.  
Administration is \$60,903.  
Operation amounts to \$79,112.

Repairs and maintenance take \$42,052.

Transportation of students takes \$41,220.

Auxiliary services account for \$21,650.

That's what the 1972 budget says.

And it all amounts to \$760,903.

If a well-qualified teacher started work in the Gulf Islands Secondary school next September at \$12,000 per year he would have to work for 60 years to earn what it costs to operate the islands schools each year for operating costs,

and not including new buildings or capital expenditures.

And he would take home no pay in that period. It would all be taken up with the school operation. There are not many who would try it.

### RIDERS PLANNING TRAIL RIDE NEXT THURSDAY

Riding Club on Salt Spring Island is looking for members of the club and all horseowners and people interested in horses and horsemanship next week.

On Thursday, April 6, there will be an all-day trail ride.

Riders will meet on horseback at Fendall's on the Cranberry, at 11 a.m. Riders will bring their lunch and will be required to carry it themselves. Further information about the trail ride may be obtained from Mrs. June Knowles at 537-2565 or Wendy Lindsay or Valerie Knowles at the high school. Club wants the trail ride to be a success and has urged everyone who can come to take part.

### CHARACTER BY MAIL

## ALONG THE RURAL ROUTE

BY LILIAN HORSDAL

Have you looked about you as you've driven around on our country roads lately?

All too frequently we become careless of our observations or just don't take time to allow what we see to register. Mailboxes along the way tell their own tales.

Some, like ours, hang sagging crookedly on posts that lean this way or that.

Some swing listlessly giving the impression of loose connections. Sometimes when you attempt to turn them as we are requested to do, after removing mail, you find them quite stiff with age and erosion. Once when I tried to turn ours it came completely off its perch.

Fortunately a friend was there with many odd shaped spokes. He quickly replaced the one that had rusted through and for a while the mail box looked alert and attentive.

There are some very artistic ones here and there about the island with designs on them--Canada geese in flight, flowers which befit the new generation and geometric patterns decorate others. We seemed at one time to break out in a contagious rash of red mailboxes and there are more than one or two painted a bright yellow. This all makes for a happier appearance and must make the daily route of the mailmen and mailwomen more varied.

The printing on some is almost entirely obliterated and sometimes, even though the name is clearly legible it isn't necessarily the name of the family in residence. It might be the name of the original owner some three or four generations ago.

How lucky we are that the postman delivering rural mail knows who lives where.

The red, white and blue type of mail box looks as pert as a sweet young thing in her Easter finery. These come equipped--the mailboxes that is--with little flags that pop up or lie down automatically to indicate whether or not the box is empty. They make our older, leaning ones look even more neglected by comparison. This is especially noticeable where, in a group, the brightly coloured one stands next to one with its flap drooping down on its hinges, engendering the proverbial picture of the village idiot.

Wind can blow in and whip the mail out, scattering it on the wet ground and if it happens to be raining the mail inside becomes a sodden mess that must be dried before it can be read.

Someone once told me you could tell the characters of the owners by the conditions of the mail boxes. This can't possibly be true. I know some well organized individuals with boxes that should, in accordance with the quoted opinion, be standing straight and tall. They're not; so there goes another favoured fallacy!

On the other hand, some quite potty people have mail

boxes that are always at attention with their mouths closed.

Next time you drive along a rural route you may find speculation about the mail boxes rather fun. Your speculation might help me too. I'm interested in "AND WHY DID YOU COME TO THE ISLAND" but will miss far too many if you all won't suggest residents. There are as many reasons for coming to Salt Spring as there are people here. Please let me know why you came or suggest a neighbour, friend or cousin who might be kind enough to tell me their separate reasons.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON PAGE 10 OF THE PUBLICATION

"

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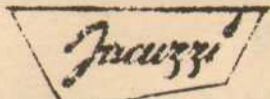
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I've got this theory that God started the whole thing when he was a nipper. He then got bored and simply walked away. We've been on our own ever since. Doesn't that explain a lot?

When the Austrian half of me pauses occasionally from his pre-occupation with the nose-bag, the Englishman takes time out for a kind of digestive rumination.

Here I am, sitting amidst my seven wild acres in one of the last strongholds of natural beauty on this planet. The small

clearing in the dell is recovering nicely from an attack of piratical logging which must have taken place some thirty or forty years ago. Given half a chance, Nature is a tough old bird. She also has a mind of her own. Unlike the popular myth, I doubt whether she'll ever enjoy a rape she can't avoid.

Apart from the Lady Elizabeth's organic flower and vegetable garden, and the new orchard cleared from the bush only two years ago, I've spent five years in clearing a network of Nature trails extending roughly a mile in length. The general idea was to resurrect Paradise without the snakes. With this in mind I bought wild flower seeds from all parts of the world and planted them in clearings along the trails. They were to be Nature's equivalent of the fairy grottos in the Vienna Prater. There were wild flowers from California and from the desert of Arizona, flowers for sun and shade, ground cover and climbing vines; even an ornamental thistle from Scotland that a friend sent along with the

comment that it was a damned nuisance back home but would probably do well "out there". It didn't. I planted it in carefully prepared soil mixed with organic compost, watered it and radiated T.L.C. It gave one look at the salal and the salmonberry and gave up the ghost. So did all the rest.

I've thus learned for myself what any old gardener could have told me. You can't force

years men have been perfecting better strains of roses, tulips, orchids and the other domesticated flowers.

There was a time in the eighteenth, and particularly the nineteenth century, when we still believed in the perfectibility of man as well as of plants. There isn't much talk of that nowadays; nor much evidence that it's happening. We skitter around eugenics

For donkey's years it's been a truism to concede that "We are what we eat". We say it and do nothing about it. In so far as there is room in a cheerfully pessimistic nature for single strands of strong faith, I now believe strongly that there is a direct and demonstrable link between food, health and morality.

During the war I worked for an outfit that dealt in most of

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# WHEN GOD WAS YOUNG

Nature. Since then I've modified the plan. I'm now collecting and massing the indigenous wild flowers of the island: the white and the scarlet varieties of campion, which the islanders call "Elephants' Ears": the wild tiger lily and the beautiful flame-coloured columbines. They are the Dead End Kinds among local vegetation. They know how to hold their own among bullies like the salmonberry.

Now it may simply be the self-deception of a powerfully radiated wish, but I fancy that some of the wild flowers are doing better since I moved them from where they came from.

The size and colouring of the scarlet campion is a case in point. This has pleased me enormously. I also felt a little surprised, though I've been dimly aware that for hundreds, possibly thousands, of

like a virgin taking a short cut through a brothel. Occasionally, we take tepid steps to prevent the mating of the unfit, but we shy away from a conscious program to breed better men and women. Huxley's "Brave New World" did unwitting damage, and Hitler's stalion pens put the kybosh on it for the foreseeable future.

It seems to me therefore unlikely that we'll move man towards kinship with the angels by direction. At least not in my lifetime. What remains is personal choice. That's the point where God got bored and walked away to some more interesting sandpile.

Is there any evidence that man might ever be as perfectible as the rose? I think there is, and I'm not talking about the cold-blooded cracking of the genetic code and factory assembly of the "right" gene combinations.

the devil's grabbag of tricks. It wasn't pretty, but it was necessary. Whatever illusions I might have had about God and Man would have been shattered beyond repair had it not been for a single small group I was lucky enough to encounter. They were intelligent, idealistic, courageous, loyal, honest, and - mark you - vegetarians. We made a deal with them and not once did they let us down. Identification serves no particular purposes beyond stating that they were an internationally oriented ginger group of the left. That's a pretty bare description that does them less than justice, but it's the best I can do from the outside. You can't really describe people; you have to know them. But I can't resist saying they were the sort of people a divine Frankenstein might have put together in his lab while playing Mozart instead of Bach. Many of them are now dead, among them Rene B., who once expounded to me on a Swiss mountainside his doctrine of "Ethical Realism". This meant that while aspiring to the fulfilment of your ideal, you're not afraid to face up to unpleasant realities along the way. Example: If you happen to be St. Peter slumming on a terrestrial picnic and a man comes at you with a gun, you don't pretend it's a feather, or not there at all, or turn the other cheek, or writhe to no effect like Job. You defend yourself as best you can. You might even kill your adversary in the process. Then you carry on towards your ideal.

This very day I see Rene's doctrine working in such men as Willi Brandt and a few, regrettably few, members of the British Labour Party who were also influenced by this group.

Before the English half gets lost in politics, I'd better let the Austrian half drag me back to my muttons. I said that members of this group were vegetarians. They were, but not the sort of crackpot vegetarians who listen for the suppressed squawk of the unborn chicken in every egg. They just didn't eat meat. They did eat fresh vegetables whenever possible, half of them preferably raw. Also fruit, milk, nuts and cheese. Their bread was whole grain. The usual breakfast was a dish of Muesli or a close cousin. And some of their cooked vegetable dishes were beyond compare.

Just before the end of the war two of the group, Walter and Jenny Fliess, started a vegetarian restaurant in Leicester Square called the "Vega". The meals served there were simple, nourishing, inexpensive and delicious. Stafford Cripps used to eat there, chewing moodily under the burden of insupportable rectitude. The "Vega" was, in fact, a sustained virtuoso performance in vegetarian nutrition. Now, alas, it has passed into less worthy hands and gone out of business. But the spirit lives on in the superb vegetarian cookbook written for the Penguin series by the Fliess's. It costs less than a dollar and offers considerably more practic-

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al advice than both the Old and the New Testaments.

Back to the group. They were 'absurdly healthy' - I never knew one of them to have a cold. Their energy was boundless. One of them paid us a visit on Galiano Island during the present summer. She's a lady in her mid-sixties and was returning a visit we had made to her in the high mountain valley of the Tessin where she lives. This is the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland. One of her hobbies is restoring the drywall Alpine huts on the high meadows, which are falling into decay as young people desert the hills for the cities. The hut she is currently rescuing is reached by a good hour and a half's walk up a fairly steep slope. One of the few remaining village workmen is rebuilding some of the walls. The same man is also working on the lower chalet, in the course of which he misplaced the one and only ladder. It was about seven o'clock, after supper. The ladder was needed and couldn't be found. Our friend observed, casually, that she'd just run up the hill and ask the workman where he'd put it. The word was "run". And she would have done too, if we hadn't managed to dissuade her. It's women like that who make you feel so damned inadequate.

Of course, we came under the spell. For two years the Lady Elizabeth and I lived as full-blown vegetarians. During that time we never had a cold, we slept like logs and rose like larks, our energy was never-ending and our enthusiasm spread in all directions. We ate of life itself.

And then? Regrettably, one day we lapsed. A steak was offered and accepted. Somehow we never got back up on that high plateau, though every fibre of intelligence dictated a return to what we had proved to be the better way of life. However, we never abandoned it entirely. Walter and Jenny's cookbook is well-thumbed. We eat Muesli for breakfast and plenty of fresh, raw fruit and vegetables. But we're no longer numbered among the pure. When I think about it, the English half has nothing but contempt for the Austrian half who just won't do without his damned Schnitzel. Curse the fellow, and his whipped-cream substitute for a soul.

Now I'd like to generalize a bit, despite the warnings of H. G. Wells Esq. Has anyone else noticed that there are other groups of men and women who seem to be made of finer stuff? Mountaineers, for example. Or bee-keepers.

Somehow men who climb mountains seem to me keener-eyed, loftier, more generous, inspired, vivacious, visionary.. I could go on at length. I'm not saying that the Dutch are irretrievable clods because they grow tulips at sea-level. I'm equally open to persuasion that the lad with his finger in the dyke was an admirable specimen of clogged youth. But over all, plainsmen seem to me a breed inferior to mountainmen. And mountainmen tend to found their drive largely on a vegetarian diet, as does both the elephant and Francis Chichester.

Up in the Himalayas, the Hunzas are said to be the healthiest people on earth. They are vegetarians and mountainmen. They are also lucky enough to grow their fruit and vegetables on a limestone formation. The result of all three factors seems to have produced a healthy, happy people.

Oddly enough, across the river there's a related people, the Nagys. These are stunted where the Hunzas are tall, and subject to goitre and all kinds of diseases unknown to the Hunzas. The only traceable difference appears to be the rock on which the soil is based. Where the Hunzas have a soil based on limestone, the Nagys have a soil based on granite.

There is, I believe, a sci-

ence in the making which will trace the connection between soil, health and morality. Where the rock formations dictate a certain kind of soil, the people will be found not only to grow accordingly, but to behave accordingly. The French recently traced a correlation between the potash/magnesium ratio of geological formations in various parts of the world and the incidence of cancer. Plotted on maps, the co-incidence was remarkable. Egypt has lots of magnesium and little cancer. France, which is patchy, shows the same co-incidence. Similar maps plotted to show potash distribution match up with the cancer grid.

Let's look beyond that. Suppose for a moment that there may be grounds for linking the mineral analysis of soil with the bellicosity of peoples subsisting on such soil.

Nearly two thousand years ago Tacitus commented on the furor teutonicus of the Germanic tribes beyond the Rhine. Frederick the Great gave to this fury discipline, and Bismarck direction. In this century our Continental cousins, the Prussians, have already erupted twice, to the liberal sprouting of cenotaphs on both sides. Our own mixture of Angles, Saxons, Jutes and all the others that make up our mongrel strain, have done some pretty fancy infighting within the family, but are not to be compared, in terms of international roughhousing, with the Prussians. We're lucky. Or perhaps it's the Channel. Or the diet. Germany is loaded with potash and has relatively little natural lime. England is relatively rich in lime, from the white cliffs of Dover through Dorset to Lands End.

Halfway round the globe, the Japanese made a late start in misdirecting their national spleen, but made up for it. Geologically, they have something in common with the Germans in that their soil is lime-deficient. It consists mainly

of volcanic ash. The food grown on this deficient muck, quite apart from the social system, is obviously connected with the stunted growth of the average Japanese. Only recently has fish been added in sufficient quantities to produce a significant improvement in height and physique.

It seems to me that instead of adding to the height of our ivory towers, we might usefully devote some research to the subject. It might well have a bearing on whether our children and children's children may be spitted on some atomic shishkebab.

Some years ago a well-meaning Canadian engineer threw up his job and founded the Canadian Peace Research Institute. He felt that war was like measles. Once you could diagnose it, you could cure it. It struck a chord, and there was a flurry of interest which soon died. Such reports as were issued were derisively naive. Not once was the possibility considered that soil might have something to do with war and peace - not the soil you fight over, but the soil on which you grow food.

If there is anything in the

idea at all, the peace of the world may be a matter of dietetics first and politics second. With adequate research we might prove it one way or the other. If true, we'd know which medicine to concoct and who should swig it. Maybe there would be a role for the U.N. after all. And that, as Rene B. would have said, is Ethical Realism.

To bring things full circle, it grieves me to find that on this paradisaical island in the Gulf of Georgia, shaped by God's little finger moments before he got bored and walked off, the soil should be so woefully deficient in the elements that matter. But there's nothing to stop us taking over where God left off. The balance can be redressed here, as it can elsewhere. In our own case there's abundant seaweed, oystershells, starfish, fishgut, kitchen waste, and compost. And anybody who can afford beer and rotgut in the quantities that seem to be dragged off the ferry, can presumably afford an additional bag or two of lime or dolomite.

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BY BEAVER POINTER

At the recent annual meeting of Beaver Point Hall Committee the following officers were elected to the committee - secretary-treasurer Reneth Morrow; social secretary Gladys King and member at large Bly Kaye. President Bill Arnold and member at large Leon King will carry on from last year.

The committee will present a wide range of activities for the community in the year ahead starting with a card-party on April 5 and a general games night on April 12. These two activities will continue on alternate weeks till summer and then be resumed in the fall.

The annual Bean Supper will take place on Saturday, June 3. A sunny day always overflows the hall to the lawns.

It is also hoped that with help from the local community a start can be made on providing the hall with a better water system and flush toilets; which would be a big improvement from the present privy out back.

The children of Beaver Point need a playground with swings etc.; we have the ground, all we need now is some industrious family men with hammer and nails.

What about a Luau in August - the Kanakas were the first to settle many parts of the island including Beaver Point and a traditional Hawaiian celebration with roasting pig and all would be a great way to acknowledge this fact.

**SWIMMING AND SPIRIT CLINIC**

Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission has two main plans this year, according to president, Ed Williams.

They will concentrate on swimming classes, which have been the function of the commission for many years. They will also sponsor a series of sports clinics. An expert in each mode of sport will be invited to the island to offer students a good workshop in that particular sport.

First of such workshops was offered to badminton players and Abdul Shaikh, coach of the Canadian women's team came over to Salt Spring Island.

These clinics will be held in co-operation with Gulf Islands School District.

**FROM PERU**



W. A. Bill Richards, from Lima, Peru, is spending a holiday at Ganges with his brother, Frank Richards. He is no stranger to British Columbia. He lived on Vancouver Island for a time about 20 years ago. He plans to outstay his welcome before leaving for England, to re-join his wife and daughter.



It was Kopp's all the way on Sunday.

Garry Kopp came in with his near-three pound trout in the Fresh Water Derby staged by the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club.

Second place was taken by Bill Sampson, with a two pound eight ounce fish. Third place was taken by Darlien Kopp with a fish slightly less than two pounds. There were only three fish entered.

The Sampson trout was taken in St. Mary Lake... the easy way.

Bill Sampson leisurely walked to the lakeshore, threw in his lure and waited. In 20 minutes he was on his way home again, his second prize-winner clutched in his hands.

Consolation prize, drawn by Garry Kopp, was won by Edwin Kopp. Two Kopp fish came from Weston Lake, caught the hard way.

**NAW RUZ AT GALIANO HALL**

Steve Fletcher and Terry Bruyens welcomed members and friends of the Baha'i faith to their Naw Ruz celebration held in the Galiano Hall on Monday night, March 20. It was a quiet inspirational and harmonious evening.

There were music and singing with food offered to all then a

**FOOTPATH IS GOING AHEAD**

The footpath between Crofton Road and Ganges commercial area is well in hand. Salt Spring Island Ratepayers Association president Wayne Cooper told a Ganges group on Saturday that the sidewalk was likely to be completed within the next two months.

A number of Salt Spring Island organizations have asked for provision for the footpath and the department of highways has started it.

multi-media presentation, Spiritual Spring, with Steve Fletcher playing the flute, Terry Bruyens reading and playing the guitar, and another friend showing slides, all at once.

It was most effective, with the pictures depicting the awakening of the world from deep winter to the wondrous spring-time.

Members of the Baha'i faith meet every Thursday evening at the home of Steve Fletcher.

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The association's enquiries elicited the same reply from the operators of the Peninsula bus service and the Public Utilities Commission.

A more positive schedule cannot be promised, the association was told, because ferry passengers are not sufficiently positive.

In the past the ferries have radioed Swartz Bay and a bus has been held back until the ferry arrived, only to learn that the passengers met friends on the ferry and no longer need a bus.

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**SATURNA**

BY PAPAJOHN

Everyone has relaxed after last week's barbecue and now the boys around the Fire Hall are talking of barbecuing an ox or a camel. If they do this, there will be enough meat to feed all the outer islands.

Glad to see Jim and happy Hilda Yates home from hospital. Didn't have a chance to talk to them yet but happy Hilda's cheerful hand wave was as vigorous as ever.

Our Fair Ladies of the Women's Club have everything organized for their Bake Sale and will have commissionaires stationed at all doors to regulate the traffic. Remember, folks, that if you don't come early, 2 o'clock is the time, you may miss some of the best goodies. Yours truly will, for a cash consideration, slip you in through the doctor's office early??

To the Mayne Islanders: wonder where the Lost Ten Tribes got lost? Why some of them got lost on Saturna. We have a

**CROSSWORD** By A. C. Gordon

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  - 18 - Eject
  - 19 - In equal degree
  - 20 - To unite
  - 22 - Aquatic propelling device
  - 23 - Insects
  - 25 - Exist
  - 26 - Either
  - 28 - Ocean vessel (abb.)
  - 29 - Thus
  - 30 - Is contrite
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  - 33 - Performs with a horn
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  - 38 - Window part
  - 39 - Parent
  - 41 - To serve
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  - 5 - Singing voice
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46 - Department  
48 - Sluggards  
49 - Most fastidious  
51 - Silver (chem.)  
52 - Rigid  
53 - Exclamation
- 7 - Containers  
8 - Parent  
10 - Float along  
11 - Musical note  
13 - Preposition  
14 - Scrutinize  
16 - Time periods  
20 - Encourages  
21 - Immaturity  
23 - Item of value  
24 - Robust  
27 - Thing, in law  
28 - The sun  
30 - Flower  
32 - Prophetic sign  
34 - Propelling in an aquatic manner  
35 - Lacerated  
37 - A surging onward  
39 - Ministerial dwelling  
40 - Demeanors  
43 - A brewing grain  
44 - North American lake  
46 - Musical note  
47 - The beginning of science  
48 - Samarium (chem.)  
50 - Preposition



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day a.m., none of us knows what is in store for us, emanating from our hospitable hosts I thought it prudent to write this epistle early.

Two new residents on the Island from Mission, are Bruce McTavish, Steve Maskow's nephew, and Annisley Evans. They have found jobs at our B.C. Lightweight Aggregate Plant and are living on Lyall Hill in George McTavish's cottage.

Shamus Campbell and Shamus Money's columns and letters are sure to the point. From our grapevine we know this also. Does Regional Board realize from the number of answers they have in, just what a small proportion of replies they got? No, they think 400 or so replies represent the feelings of over 4,000 people. The negative response, in our opinion, shows how much faith anyone has in our Regional Board.

Shining Shirley Money has plans for opening up ye Thrift Shop for the season. It will not be open on Saturday, April 1, on account of ye Women's Bake Sale. "BUT" if ANYONE wants to get in just contact shining Shirley at Jim Money's Store.

I expect to wake up Sunday morning in Jim Reid's home at Vesuvius Bay after going over to Salt Spring Island (with my winter underwear on) with ten or so fellow Saturnalites to attend Adminal Lodge, where Barry Crooks, Johnny Money, Tom Davidson and Neville Bouch will finally become Master Masons. As at this writing, Satur-

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## THREE ARE ELECTED BY GOLFERS

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Reports were heard from the various committees and all were well received by those present.

The following were elected to the directorate for a two year term to replace those whose term had expired: A. M. ("Buzz") Brown, Bill Henderson and Bob Marshall.

Ray Parsons is Men's Captain and Dorothy Sneddon, Ladies' Captain.

Highlight of the meeting was the presentation to the club of

### AWARDS TO FOUR STUDENTS AT GALIANO SCHOOL

Members from Branch 84, Royal Canadian Legion, came to the Galiano School on Monday, March 20, from Mayne Island to present prizes to winners in their Remembrance Day essay contest.

Principal Basil Bengier welcomed the guests, and introduced president of the branch, W.W. Hunt-Sowery, who presented a first prize to Geoffrey Bessler, for his essay in grades six and seven section.

A first prize also went to Susan Besler, and second to Roddy Wilson, for essays in grades four and five section.

Norman Blomly won a second prize for his poetry.

Maj. John Dought brought along a tape of band music, which was recorded at Salt Spring Elementary School.

A well attended annual meeting of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club was held in the Clubhouse on Thursday, March 23.

The president, Bob McWhirter reviewed a very successful year just past and predicted an even more successful year for 1972. The president also gave a short report on the work now

a trophy for Senior's competition. This trophy is to be known as the Ted Parsons Trophy, in honor of one of the Club's oldest and most respected golfers.

The trophy was presented by his son, Ray, on behalf of the three Parsons boys, himself, Douglas and Gordon and will be for competition by golfers 55 years of age and over.

## WINE AND CHEESE AND CAR

Salt Spring Island Lions Club is planning two events for April. Both will take place the same day.

On April 28 there will be the Wine and Cheese Party at the high school gymnasium.

On April 28 there will be the draw for the ex-ambulance in

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**IT'S NOT NEW HE ASSERTS**

Log dumping in Burgoyne Bay was less than it appeared to be, according to Wayne Cooper. President of the Salt Spring Island Ratepayers' Association, Mr. Cooper investigated applications for dumping logs and storing and sorting logs in Burgoyne Bay recently.

**LEARN OF MEALS ON WHEELS**

BY PENSIONER

Two minutes' silence was observed by Old Age Pensioners Organization in tribute to a valued member, James L. Spencer, who died recently in Ganges. Mr. Spencer's name will be entered in the Book of Memory of the local branch.

President R. D. Griffin reminded members of the Drop-in Centre open Monday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 1 pm to 3 pm in United Church upper hall. A warm welcome, companionship and a cup of tea awaits anyone who cares to "drop-in".

Mrs. Elsie Thacker, Counsellor for the Aging, advised all who are over 65 and are renting accommodation, to take advantage of the \$50 annual rental grant to be paid by the provincial government in April.

Annual Daffodil Luncheon will be held April 12 at 12.30 p.m. in St. George's Hall. Provincial President, Vincent Yates, will be guest speaker at the affair. Mr. Yates will discuss the aims of the newly formed group "Pensioners for Action Now", an organization that is rapidly gaining Canada-wide interest and membership.

Congratulations were extended to several members who celebrate birthdays in March. Special ovation was given to Miss Helen Dean, who recently marked her 88th birthday.

Mrs. Griffin gave an interesting and comprehensive report on hospital visits she has made during the past month.

Delegates to the Provincial Convention, to be held in Campbell River in June, will be first and second vice-presidents Mrs. Edith Barber and Mrs. Joan Hayward, and secretary Mrs. Elsie Thacker.

Members learned that two ladies, Mrs. O. L. Stanton and Miss Lassie Dodds, are considering the need for a service of "Meals on Wheels", a plan which would provide a hot meal delivered two or three times a week for a nominal sum, to people who have need of, and would welcome this service. Members knowing anyone in such a position are asked to telephone Mrs. Thacker.

**GALIANO**

BY MARY BACKLUND

Miss Clair Bennett is home on Georgeson Bay after spending several months on holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gautier, of Vancouver, spent the past week end at their new little cottage on the north end road having purchased property near the Rod and Gun club.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gorst, of Burnaby, were out for the

An experiment involving transportation of members from the Fulford area to monthly meetings by bus will be conducted for two months. If response shows a need for this help; the project will be considered on a permanent basis.

At the end of the business session, an Easter Bonnet contest, organized by Mrs. W. S. Anderson, provided plenty of

fun. Bonnet trimmings corresponded with song titles. Winner was Mrs. Eva St. Onge, whose bonnet depicted "Over the Rainbow". Judging the original and attractive creations was Mrs. Nita Brown.

Tea convener Mrs. S. Kit-chener, and her committee served a welcome cup of tea and delicious refreshments.

**PSYCHEDELIC SEAGULLS**

Psychedelic seagulls are sought.

John Nord, of the Zoology department, UBC, has been responsible for tagging a number of seagulls. His birds have coloured buttons on the wings. They are described as "psychedelic orange and blue".

Islanders seeing these birds are invited to let Mr. Nord know at the university.

Tagging is to ascertain details of the migratory habits of the birds.

Young and old have had the treatment. Young seagulls are mottled brownish and the adults are grey and white.

**PARK STAFF**

There will definitely be a summer supervisory staff at Mouat Park in Ganges. The staff will maintain order and the gates of the park will be locked at 11 pm.

The park has been cleaned up inside and some work is to be carried out this year in an effort to clean up the outside area.

Salt Spring Island Ratepayers Association has been in close communication with the provincial government in Victoria on the subject.

week end working hard on their new home on Whalers Bay.

Al McNott left on a long journey last week. He is going to Toronto and Montreal, where he hopes to find a market for his musical instruments. He has been making them for many months. He took several with him in a heavy pack.

Nice to see Mrs. Laura Silvey home again, after being a patient in Ladysmith Hospital.

We notice that our own little Garden Cafe, which has been closed for the winter months, will open on March 31. This is welcome news for all.

Seems as though the mumps have been going around the Islands lately, and some of the older ones are not escaping, either. Mrs. Geordie Georgeson has been quite ill with a case of mumps, just as her family had finished them.

**ROLAND ANOTHER YEAR**

BY BEA HAMILTON

Twenty people showed up at the Annual Fulford Hall meeting in the hall on Thursday, March 23.

With the writer in the chair, the following officers were elected - Jack Roland, president; Bob Tara, vice-president; Rosemary Reeves, secretary; Lois Codd, treasurer. Committee includes Pat Slingsby, Roy Lee, Bernie Reynolds, Marlene Slingsby and Ray Simard.

Jack Roland tried to get out of the chair but they wouldn't let him. His steady leadership has often been the key to problems. He's well liked and he is a good man at the job. Thanks to him for accepting the post once again!

The entertainment committee will be headed by Roy Lee. Ways and means to raise money will be the big question as the hall won't function without finances. The committee expects a busy year ahead but more about that later.

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### LAWSON TO HEAD LIONS

Bob Lawson was named president of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club at the annual meeting recently.

He will be assisted by Ed Williams, first vice-president; Aage Villadsen, second vice-president and Mel Topping, third vice-president; Phil Sawford, secretary; Norman Hind-Smith, treasurer; John Water-

fall, Ted Gear, Peter Cartwright and Paul Layard, directors.

Bill Trelford is tail-twister and Don Cunningham, Lion Tamer.

Past president is Jim Merston.

### REFERENDUM (From Page One)

ned to take the place of an activity room built in 1950 and later converted to classrooms when the available space in the school was too little.

The meeting was puzzled how to encourage a greater awareness among islanders of the school needs here. The service clubs are representative of too small a part of the population to adequately spread the message, suggested Maj. Gordon Matthews.

A public meeting last fall drew only a small attendance, recalled Wayne Cooper, president of the Salt Spring Island Ratepayers' Association.

A long list of figures is merely rather frightening, he cautioned the school board spokesman.

"The majority of people have never seen \$100,000 and probably never will," he commented.

There is a tight control on costs, explained Mr. Baltzer in reply to a question. Every aspect of the building program is checked by the department of education before a referendum is approved, he explained.

By the time the vote is presented there are few questionable aspects left in it, he assured his listeners.

The original figure was close to \$900,000 and it was pared down to \$752,000 after a series of criticisms by the department, he added.

### CARDING WOOL WAS NEVER SO GOOD



### TALLEST TREE

The tallest Douglas fir officially recorded in British Columbia, reports the B. C. Forest Service, was 305 feet high. It was located near Woss Lake on Vancouver Island.

Members of Mrs. Smith's grade three class are busy carding wool. Others appear eager to try their hand at it.

### LATE SPRING MIDDAY SERVICE

Further changes in the Gulf Islands air service, in effect from April 1 to May 31, are announced by John R. Sturdy, agent for Victoria Flying Services.

The afternoon flight to Vancouver will now leave the Gulf Islands at 4.25 p.m., and for Victoria at 5.55 p.m. From Vancouver to the islands the last flight departs from the Bayshore Inn at 5.30 p.m.; from Victoria Inner Harbor at 4 p.m. These flights operate daily, except Saturday.

An additional mid-day flight Friday only, has been added to the late spring schedule. This leaves the islands for Vancouver at 11.55 a.m., and for Victoria at 1.25 p.m. From Vancouver the Friday flight departs at 1 p.m.; from Victoria at 11.30 a.m.

The daily, except Sunday, morning flights are unchanged.

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### PLAYERS NAME OLIVE CLAYTON

Salt Spring Island Players had a successful year in 1971. They made \$2.58, according to the annual statement presented on Wednesday evening last week.

The players held their annual meeting in Central Hall to summarize the past year, plan the new year and to elect officers.

The group entered 1971 with assets of \$582.14. They enter 1972 with \$584.72. These figures do not reflect the capital assets accumulated in the year, such as costumes and stage settings, it was emphasized.

The players gave \$50 to Central Hall for its use during the year. Mrs. M. Cunningham expressed the gratitude of the hall committee for the painting and cleaning undertaken by the players last year.

New officers are Olive Clayton, president; June Johnston, first vice-president; Doug Anderson, second vice-president; Marg Ramsey, secretary and Lou Rumsey, treasurer.

There were 26 members

present, including 12 students. New 1972 Madness will be presented later in the year as a revue, with a roving island as the basis. Other projects are also planned.

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MO	0230	9.0
	0615	9.5
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### The Light Touch By H.J. CARLIN

A man was studying the menu at a restaurant. "What's the difference between the blue-plate special and the white-plate special?" he asked. "The white-plate special is 10¢ extra," explained the waiter. "Is the food better?" asked the customer. "No, but we wash the plates," replied the waiter.

How about the long haired professor who wore a hearing aid for three years and then found out he only needed a haircut!

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### 12th Annual Firemen's Ball Friday, May 12, 1972 High School Auditorium



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