



# Gulf Islands Driftwood

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## BY-LAW MEETS A BOO-BOO !

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### AMENDMENT CONFLICTS WITH ITSELF

Jim Stewart, of Beaver Point Road, threw a wrench in the works last week when a public hearing was staged at Ganges to enquire into an amendment to the Salt Spring Island zoning by-law.

Hearing was invited to comment on the change whereby mobile homes should be used as seasonal cottages.

Could a property owner have two mobile homes on one property? a ratepayer asked.

Director Marc Holmes explained that the purpose of the hearing was to establish this point. At the present time the main home on a property may be a mobile home, he explained, but the cottage had to be of conventional construction.

"If this amendment is passed there can be one large mobile home and one small one?" enquired E. W. Watson.

That was correct, agreed Chairman Holmes.

Two or more mobile homes on a property constitutes a trailer park, observed Mr. Stewart and quoted the section of the same by-law which governs it.

To incorporate the amend-

ment into the by-law would require a further amendment to avoid an anomaly, commented T. E. Harcus.

Mrs. Kay Javorski was surprised that an amendment to avoid the confusion would not need a further hearing.

The board can amend sections of the by-law if it is done for the purpose of clarification, explained the chairman. In such cases there is no public hearing.

Mr. Watson referred back to the use of two mobile homes

"If the by-law permits more than one mobile home on any property it will detract from the island," he asserted, "It is foreign to our way of life. If there is a possibility of two mobile homes, I, personally, will oppose it."

He was applauded by Mrs. W. E. Delmonico.

The hearing had enquired into the meaning of a seasonal cottage. It is defined as a home occupied by a person who has his permanent residence elsewhere.

This definition had been under fire at a Pender public hearing last fall when Director Jim Campbell had pointed out that if an occupant were to lose his permanent home in a fire, then he would be living in a seasonal cottage illegally. Provision was originally included in the by-law to permit the construction of a cottage on any property over three-quarters of an acre, in order that guests might be accommodated in accordance with a pattern of use already recognized all over the islands.

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## QUEEN LUCY RULES THE LOCAL LANES

Queen of the Lanes Contest at Leisure Lanes over the last week has been won by Lucy Moore, of Ganges.

She bowls in the Tuesday afternoon Ladies League.

This was for pins-over-average. Her total was 129 pins over her average in a three-game total.

There were 58 women competing.

## McWhirter Heads Planners

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## SOMETHING HAS BEEN ADDED!

Something has been added. When Mouat's Trading opens its doors on Monday it will have a new look.

The old post office has been modified beyond recognition and is now part of the main floor merchandizing area of the island store.

The changeover will be effective on Monday. It is part of the company's plan to improve the facilities of the long-established business.

## PRESIDENT AGAIN



HAROLD BRYAN

Re-elected to the presidency of the Salt Spring Island branch of the Royal Canadian Legion last week was Harold Bryan. Mr. Bryan has been an active member of the Legion for many years. He is a member of the staff of the Crofton Mill and commutes by ferry daily. Mrs. Bryan is secretary of Gulf Islands Secondary School at Ganges.

## FIRE FUND OVER \$600

When the Salt Spring Island family of Laszlo Bedocs lost their house in a fire a few days ago Rev. Frank Sutherland, OMI, promptly launched a fund to help them.

This week the fund had reached over \$600.

The fund will remain open for the rest of the week. It will close on Monday afternoon. Contributions may be left at the Bank of Montreal in Ganges.

## Options Starting Back

Capital Regional District staff members have started their tabulation of replies to the questionnaire contained in the publication "Gulf Islands Options".

Board Chairman, Hugh A. Curtis, says that the response to the questionnaire, mailed to property owners and residents in late January has been "moderate but steady".

"We received the first responses within a few days of the mailing", Curtis said. "Each day since then the mail has brought us a steady, if not sensational, flow of suggestions for the future."

"So far, the comments on the questionnaire and attached

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## Hearts Are Trumps

Hearts are trumps in Tuesday's game.

All islanders who have hearts have been invited to the Heart Symposium in the high school auditorium on Tuesday evening.

The program will include various illustrations of conserving the strains on the heart and visitors will be invited to ask any relevant questions.

Symposium, which will commence at 8 pm, is sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club.

## ISLANDS SERVICE BOOSTED

# Quarter-Million Telephone Improvements

Telephone facilities serving the Gulf Islands will be improved this year at a cost of more than \$240,000, according to the B.C. Telephone Company.

Customer Service Manager L. A. Huxtable in Victoria District, said expenditure of this amount is required to keep pace with growth in the demand for services provided by B.C. Tel.

The budget includes funds for expansion of telephone facilities on Saturna, Mayne and Galiano Islands. It will provide for installation of facilities to serve new developments on North and

South Pender, and for increasing the number of long-distance circuits between Salt Spring Island and Victoria.

Total cost of all projects planned throughout the province this year is \$131 million.

The largest single project in the Gulf Islands will entail spending \$98,000 to increase circuits for local telephone traffic on Saturna, Mayne and Galiano.

Cable will be installed to serve a 140-lot subdivision at East Point on Saturna, a 38-lot

development on Galiano and a 234-lot subdivision at Bennett Bay on Mayne.

In addition, submarine cable will be laid from Mayne to Galiano.

On North Pender, new cable will be placed to serve the area south of the central office building, including South Pender. More cable will be installed in the Bedwell Harbour area of South Pender, to keep pace with growth and to enable subscribers to have individual and two-party service instead of being restricted to multi-party

service.

Cost of these projects will be \$58,000.

Additional circuits between Victoria and Fulford Harbour will also be provided during 1972, at a cost of \$86,000.

This latter project is part of a \$1 million program to expand and improve long-distance facilities in the Victoria District this year.

Additional amounts budgeted in other areas for long-distance facilities include \$295,000 to meet anticipated requirements for Victoria-Vancouver circuits.

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## Chamber To Meet Wednesday Evening

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce will

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elect a new board of officers and start into a new year.

It will be the second phase of the annual meeting. The meeting was opened in January and adjourned for one month in order to ascertain whether more retail tradesmen and island businessmen would take a stronger part in chamber affairs.

In the meantime various businesshouses on the island have been invited to take a greater part in chamber activities.

In January President Frank Richards asked retailers on the island to attend and to take a greater interest in the affairs of the commercial life of the island.

An active retail merchants committee, he suggested, would enable Ganges stores to exchange views on the needs of the shopping area and to encourage a greater interest in island commerce from other residents of Salt Spring.

In recent years the chamber has concerned itself almost exclusively with community betterment and civic affairs. Operators of tourist resorts and other facilities were also urged to form a strong committee to represent them and to provide a liaison group among themselves.

At the January meeting the members made it clear that they wanted an active and strong Chamber of Commerce on the island and a committee was struck to discuss the chamber and the community with businessmen in readiness for the February meeting.

The chamber of commerce has been an active force on the island for many years. In the past it has represented islanders in negotiations with both provincial and federal governments and the chamber has brought about many changes in island communications.

The chamber of commerce provides street lighting in many parts of Salt Spring Island.

The chamber of commerce initiated the beautification program for the downtown Ganges area and sponsored the Centennial park at Ganges.

The Chamber of Commerce initiated the sewer survey for the Ganges area which was later rejected by the property owners.

The chamber of commerce has been responsible for numerous services to tourists including the information bureau and the island tourist folder.

The chamber of commerce has worked with the provincial government for 10 years to ensure the best possible ferry service for the islands with the available equipment.

The chamber of commerce sponsored the Youth '71 program last year when federal government funds were allocated to the island for a youth employment and incentive program. The chamber is currently sponsoring the Youth '72 program.

In practical terms the chamber of commerce brought into being the toilet facilities at Centennial Park in Ganges as well as the boat launching ramp.

The chamber of commerce initiated community planning on Salt Spring Island, and was responsible for the establish-

ment of the island planning association.

The chamber of commerce has for many years worked closely with the department of highway, adding local pleas and preferences to the department's plans for road work and maintenance.

Of the total listings since 1970, there are 34 downtown Ganges businesses in the chamber of commerce. Included in the total of 200 members are a number of businessmen outside the Ganges area. Many of the members are associated with a business on the island or in other parts of the country. Some have no business connection at all and are chamber of commerce members in the hope of making a contribution to the community.

At next Wednesday's annual meeting all members are urged to attend and to be prepared to take some part in the year's activities.

For the purpose of the meeting all members who were paid up in 1971 will be considered eligible to vote, as well as those who have already paid their fees for 1972. Adjournment of the January meeting has delayed the call for 1972 membership.

New members may enrol at the Legion Hall on Wednesday.

Businesshouses pay a membership fee of \$15. For a family membership the fee is \$5 and individual, non-business membership is \$4. Membership fees are payable at Harbour Grocery at any time.

### TO OFFER PROGRAM FOR SINGLE PEOPLE

Gatherings for unmarried residents are planned for Salt Spring Island.

Tentative plans have been made to hold such gatherings twice a month on Friday evenings. The program would probably open with a pot luck supper and lead off from there to games or dancing. Sponsors are hoping to use the old school dormitory building.

Interested single people are invited to call 537-2160 for more details.

Are You Interested In "LIVING" On Salt Spring Island?

If so - See Page 5

## PENSIONERS ARE SHOWN PICTURES

BY ISLAND OUTLET

Old Age Pensioners' Organization Open House was held in St. George's Hall, Ganges, on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Approximately 50 members attended. The afternoon was spent viewing Mrs. Elsie Macdonald's slide pictures taken on her travels through the British Isles. Most of the viewers came from England, Scotland or Ireland.

They were thrilled when remembered scenes appeared on the screen. Mrs. Macdonald's accompanying talk was delightful and filled with historic detail. Her pictures are superb. The chair-borne travellers expressed their appreciation of the free tour in a hearty round of applause.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Edith Barber and Mrs. Joan Heyward.

With improving weather, we hope for a good attendance at our next "Fun and Games" day, in March.

## BAND CONCERT

An added feature in the Band concert to be presented at the Gulf Islands Secondary School will be a couple of selections, during the intermission, by a beginners' group, mainly from the elementary school. The program will include a wide variety of selections.

The concert will be held at the High School auditorium at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23. Tickets will go on sale on Thursday, Feb. 16 and may be purchased at the schools or from band students for 50¢ each.

Because of the seating limitations of the High School auditorium, only 450 tickets will be printed and sold.

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**to be frank**



By Richards

Gordon Matthews was warmly commended by the Rotary District Governor this winter. Harry A. Brenn, of Sequim, Washington, told Salt Spring Rotarians, "Your good fortune in having a Maj. Matthews would be the envy of many clubs in the district." In addition to being a Rotarian, Gordon is a painter of note. His work was on display in the Crest when Harry Brenn was visiting here.

Talking of Rotarians, they have too much of the Rotary breakfast in their make-up. I went to the Valentine dance on Friday night but by the time I got home it was breakfast-time

Cubs on Salt Spring Island lost nothing from the theft of their empty bottles last week. Before DRIFTWOOD was two days old Marg Johnston had sent them a cheque to compensate for the loss.

Fellow I feel sorry for is Harry Woolley. Bet he's biting the typewriter ribbon by now. He worked up a fine head of steam and took a violent swing at the "old goats" who wouldn't support a recreation referendum and then found that they had! The tenth-mill referendum had a late pass.

Looks like it's going to be a patriotic seagull either side of the international border. Jonesy reports seeing a young seagull marked in red and blue. The red mark is a disc and could have been painted on, said Jonesy. The bird has no white feathers yet, he added.

You can get lost on Salt Spring Island. Fellow left the Pool Hall on Friday night to head out to a friend's house near Vesuvius. Few minutes later he was parked on Walker

Hook Road beating his own brains out to remember where he was supposed to be heading.

Septic tanks and chimney, too, Plumbing, pipes and furnace, Access road and getting through These permits really burn us! Wiring, zoning, I'll be bound, We're all mixed-up and worried.

Let's put the wiring underground With the permits...buried!

Spencer Marr at Cusheon Lake Resort was reminiscing the other day about his stint at Kitimat. His boat sank one day after being crushed against the dock. First thing he heard was a call on the local radio, "Hey! Spencer! Your boat's sinking!"

Tom Toynbee has come up with Option E... give it back to the Indians.

Ed Underwood, Chief for many years of the Tsaout Band at Sidney, died a few months ago. Ed was among the best spokesmen for his people. Witty, outspoken and a champion of his own people at all times, some of his comments will live for ever. Best I recall was when he went to the dentist at the Indian Hospital in Nanaimo. He had an appointment in the morning, but he didn't see the dentist until the afternoon. Finally he sat in the chair and the dentist looked at his shiny pate. "Are you sure you're an Indian?" asked the dentist. "You're the first bald Indian I've known." "Are you sure you're white?" enquired the chief promptly. "You're the first doctor I knew on Indian time!"

You can never come out ahead of the international game. Leaving Canadian soil, you jump at the chance of tobacco on the cheap. Duty-free cigarettes, duty-free cigars and duty free alcohol are offered. So I get them and when I get back I say, Look at these duty-free English cigars and my friends say Who are you kidding, They're from the States. And they were. Duty-free from Britain, clearly marked "American's Finest"

It could be worse. Like during the war when you landed a job in the kitchens. First thing in the morning one man had to scrape the steam bugs off the top of the porridge, where they had died in the night.

In serious vein; last week the name of the late Gladys Corbett was inadvertently confused in a brief story. These things happen. But I had known Mrs. Corbett over the years and held her in warm esteem. And that simply makes it worse.

What's T.A.P.S.? Several readers have enquired. Easy! Tom Wright says, "Trans-Alaska Pipeline System."

**Two Failed To Report**

Two cases of drivers failing to report an accident have led to charges being laid by police on the islands.

Pender Island driver has been charged with two offences following an accident on Pender Island in December.

RCMP at Ganges investigated an accident when a vehicle struck a power pole on December 14. Driver left the scene and failed to report the accident, according to police officials.

Last week the detachment identified the driver and charged William D. Turnbull, of Pender, with failure to report an accident and driving without due care and attention.

Second accident in which the driver failed to report occurred on January 26 on Salt Spring Island.

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## IT COULD DO EVEN MORE

Some islanders look askance at the Capital Regional District and its administrative powers. There are islanders who contend that the district has too much authority and insufficient local representation.

Yet, the islands would benefit if the region took on the responsibility for all licensing.

If one licensing authority were responsible for every building permit, construction, health, highways and electrical, the homeowner or his contractor could find a complete liaison.

There is conflict between permits and issuing office at the present time. One permit must lead the way to another and one man must await the convenience of another.

In the cities, where administrations are readily reached, the conflict is less obvious. On the islands it can become very confusing, indeed.

There can be no doubt but that if all permits came from the same source, with only one official concerned in their preparation, life would be smoother for many people.

## Letters To The Editor

### KEEP IT UNIQUE!

Editor, Driftwood,

I want to make a special plea to all those that are concerned about school taxes. My plea is that they take the long view and make sure that this local School Board has the money to do a good job.

If the local school board is not supported locally the alternatives mean much higher taxes.

We live in a unique school district. It has some special problems, but it has the resources to deal with them. Although the per pupil costs are well above average because of low density of small units the mill rate here is well below the provincial average. This is because of relatively small total numbers of pupils in relation to the total tax base.

Saanich with a much higher proportion of pupils to property requires a large grant from the Provincial Government in order to operate even with a mill rate 9.83 mills above ours, in 1971. The Provincial Government would be pleased to extend the Saanich School District boundaries to include the Gulf Islands. Mr. Brothers has said so. The best possible case is that the local taxpayer won't support the local Board. If Saanich took over the Gulf Islands the Saanich mill rate would go down a little and the Gulf Islands mill rate would go up a lot, probably about 7 mills. The total amount available to education would remain the same.

Because of the way the education finance formula works a part of the Provincial Government grant to Saanich would be replaced by the increased taxes paid by the Gulf Islands.

If you don't want to pay much higher taxes in the future, support this School Board. You can be sure that if the community it serves will not support it, the Minister of Education will be happy to use the power he has to abolish it.

The Gulf Islands School Board has faults, but extravagance is not one of them.

Stinginess may be high on the list. Teachers' salaries are out of the control of the School Board and were set by the workings of a Provincial Government statute, and the increase is the same in most parts of B.C.

There are few places in B.C. where the taxpayers get a better overall bargain than they do in the Gulf Islands.

-J. M. Campbell,  
Saturna,  
February 14, 1972.

### THANK YOU

Editor, Driftwood,

Through the medium of your paper, I would like to thank the people who elected me to the "Planning Board".

Both as a property owner, and as a businessman, I will try to do my share in seeing that both get the best for themselves and our "Island".

Please feel free to come and see or phone me with thoughts and your suggestions.

Again "Thank You" for your confidence.

-Ed Chew,  
Ganges,  
February 12, 1972.

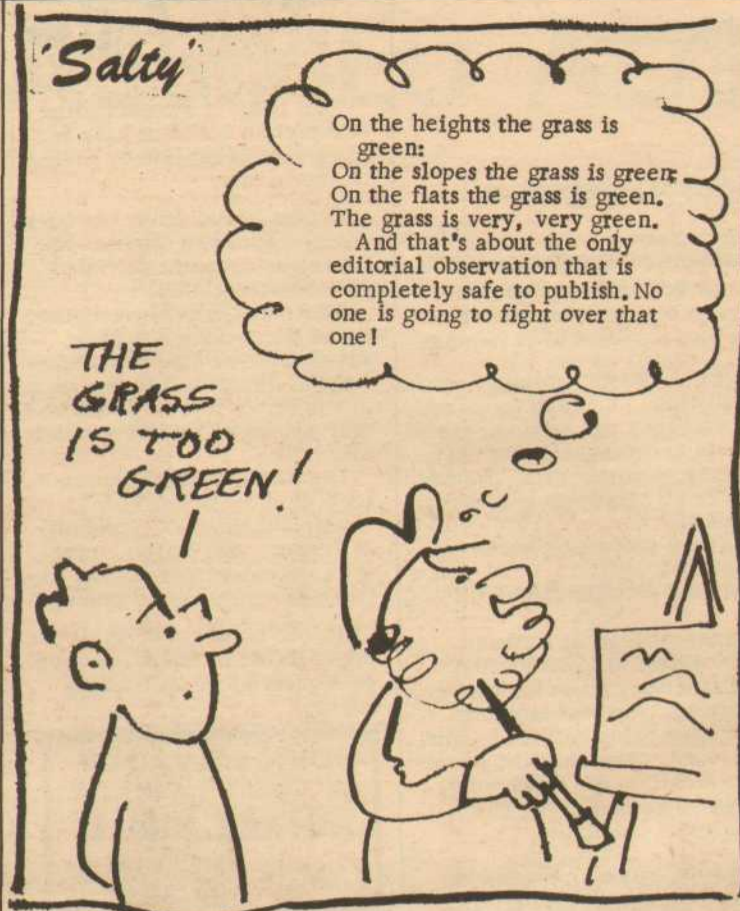
### MISINFORMATION

Editor, Driftwood,

It is disturbing to see careless misinformation published, but doubly disturbing to see it picked up by one who does not understand it, and to see it repeated in your columns.

If misinformation is printed often enough it may become accepted as the truth. To avoid this the executive of the local Gulf Islands Teachers' Association feels that an item by item correction of Mrs. Gately's letter (printed on February tenth) is essential.

Item 1  
Isolation pay is not paid to teachers on Salt Spring Island.



A small isolation bonus is paid to teachers on the outlying islands. A salary differential with Victoria (seven dollars and fifty cents per month for ten months) is now paid to local teachers. This reflects a financial formula used to set salary scales, and partly offsets the extra duties common to rural districts when compared to urban centres. This type of differential exists in one form or another throughout B.C.

Item 2  
The highest-paid teacher in this district, with six years of university training and 28 years of teaching experience, is paid a gross salary of \$15,037.00 per annum.

The head of the R.C.M.P. in British Columbia is paid in excess of \$25,000 per annum. This figure is available to the public.

By contrast, a teacher with three years of university and one year of experience is paid \$7,307 per annum.

It is perhaps worth noting that while the salaries in this district are in line with those throughout the province, the teachers of this district are among the best-trained in British Columbia. The secondary staff is the fourth highest qualified of the entire 80 school districts of B.C. The elementary staff is the second highest qualified staff in B.C.

Item 3  
The 7.6% salary increase awarded (in arbitration!) to the Gulf Islands teachers is in line with increases throughout the whole province. One has only to look at the inflationary wage demands in all segments of the community throughout B.C. (for example, a recent demand for 27% increase) to see why teachers, (like everyone else) are caught in an inflationary wage spiral.

To suggest that teachers should be the first to break the spiral may seem a reasonable suggestion, but don't be surprised if teachers just as reasonably suggest that there are other segments of the community who might better be able to cope with a relative decrease in income. Look at a breakdown of income groups to see why!

Item 4  
Bill 3 (which says local taxpayers should pay salary increases beyond 6.5%) is not yet law. Hopefully it will not become law. If it does, it is clearly an unwarranted intrusion into the process of bargaining and arbitration to which every group should be entitled. It should then be fought by every citizen.

Item 5  
This district has traditionally spent at least 118% of the ar-

bitrary, government-decreed "Basic Education Program," a list of expenses which the government will "accept." This amount of spending has been necessary to keep a reasonable standard of education in this district, as the government formula makes no allowance for our higher operating costs per pupil, largely due to the costs of operating small schools in the outer islands.

The decision to hold expenditures to 110% last year resulted in a drastic cut from 118%, not a gain. This massive cut in the level of operational expenditures directly caused the loss of the school librarian, non-replacement of a teacher, cuts in supply and book budgets, loss of travelling funds, cuts in maintenance, and removal of groundkeeping funds.

There is no doubt that a further cut to 108%, or even a continuation of the 110% restriction would have a very detrimental effect on education in this district.

Mrs. Gately's references to "sharpening pencils" and "past concessions" simply display lack of understanding of what is already a serious situation which may well spell the end of this school district as a functioning unit. It gives very little credit to a hard-working school board and teaching staff, who have been trying to maintain high educational standards in the face of unrealistic financial restrictions.

The Executive,  
Gulf Islands Teachers' Association,  
D. Chase, Secretary,  
Box 129, Ganges,  
February 14, 1972.

### SAME OLD STORY

Editor, Driftwood,

Re: Saltspring and the Outer Islands "subdivision Carve-up" as featured in your paper.

It is the same old, old story "Money! - Make money, no matter how, But Make it!" It has happened everywhere

## THEY WILL BE MISSED BY ISLAND

BY DEVINA BAINES

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 68 invited guests enjoyed a smorgasbord style supper at North Galiano Community Hall.

A supper, which included hot chili, hot stew, deep fried codfish, barbecued spareribs, and wieners, scalloped potatoes, salads, buns and coffee was prepared by Mrs. Verna Hume as their "farewell thank you" to their many island friends. Reg and Verna, who had hosted many beautiful dinners and several parties in their short stay with us had endeared themselves to us all and will be sadly missed. It is only on account of health reasons that the Hume's are leaving us.

After a rousing vote of thanks was tendered, they were presented with a silver cream and sugar set with tray engraved "to Reg and Verna with Happy Memories of Galiano, Jan. 1972 accompanied by a bouquet of red and white carnations.

The Bamford boys, from Galiano and Sidney, played for an enjoyable dance which followed.

Verna, who is a trained nurse, was often called upon to use her skill as fishermen came in with badly cut hands, hooks in their eyes and many things that happen in a community.

She was never too busy to answer a call for help at any time or day or night, and Reg, although having a heart complaint, was ever ready to "lend a hand" whenever needed. A hot cup of coffee was a welcome sight for cold fishermen and customers. They were hard workers in our Community Club, too.

Yes! Reg and Verna will be missed!

else...and still we never learn.

Benevolent Nature is raped - ruthlessly...

It presages the rapid demise of the lovely Islands - that once were.

"We know what is coming... when the "carpet-baggers" take over.

The signs are already in the wind...

"FOR WHERESOEVER THE CARCASE IS, THERE WILL THE VULTURES BE GATHERED TOGETHER..." (St. Matthew 28-24.)

Faugh! I can already smell the carrion!

-Gilbert James McLennan,  
M.R.A.I.C., Architect  
(ktd),  
Box 251, Ganges, B.C.  
February 10, 1972.

### NOT ME! NOT ME!

Editor, Driftwood,

After eight years as Salt Spring's meter reader for B.C. Hydro, I have resigned because of illness. My replacement is based at Duncan, and future queries concerning meter readings should be made to the B.C. Hydro office at Duncan. My photographic business will continue as usual.

- Marshall Sharp,  
Ganges,  
February 15, 1972.

## Church Services

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1972

### ANGLICAN

St. George	Ganges	Holy Communion	8:30 am
St. Mark	Central	Morning Prayer	11:00 am
St. Mary	Fulford	Evensong	2:30 pm
Wed. Feb. 23: St. George's	Ganges	Compline	7:30 pm

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

### UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Fred Anderson	Ganges	Worship Service	11:00 am
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### COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL

Rev. M. V. Gilpin, Box 276,	Ganges	Sunday School and	
537-5330		Adult Bible Class	10:30 am
		Evening Service	7:30 pm

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

The teachers' salaries which have been set for 1972 are as a direct result of an Arbitration Award?

Any Owner-Electors wishing to find out what the individual teachers' salaries are, can see these in the School Board office which are posted there in conforming to the Public Bodies Information Act. The figures presently posted are for 1970. The 1971 figures will not be posted, under the Act, until June, 1972. For the year 1971 the arbitrated award to the teachers of this District resulted in a 7.3% increase. For 1972, the arbitrated award to the teachers of this district resulted in a 7.6% increase.

Published as a Community Service

**Letters**

**CUBS ARE GRATEFUL**

Editor, Driftwood,  
On behalf of the cubs' executive we would like to thank all contributors to our bottle drive of Saturday, February 5. If we didn't call at some of your homes it was because of shortage of help.

To all those who did help, a thousand thanks.  
An especial thank you to Marg Johnston, who on hearing 45 dozen of our toil were removed, donated \$10 to replace the loss.

-Marion Thomas (Mrs.)  
The Group Committee,  
First Ganges Cub Pack,  
February 14, 1972.

**VALENTINE TEA SATURDAY AT CHURCH HALL**

The Anglican Church Women, held a short meeting before the Valentine Tea on Saturday, Feb. 11 to arrange for the delegates to the Church Annual Meeting being held at St. Mary's Church, Victoria in March.

The delegates are Mrs. E. Barber, and Mrs. N. A. McPhie, alternates, Mrs. Price and Mrs. W. Palmer.

Despite the bad weather, beautiful daffodils graced the centre table and Valentine dolls on the small tables.

Pouring tea were Mesdames R. B. Horsefield, E. Barber, G. H. Holmes, D. Crofton, N. Hind-Smith, H. Newman and M. Cunningham. Rev. T. A. Wright opened the tea.

**ELLEN BENNETT IS PRESIDENT**

Ellen Bennett is back with the sportsmen. On Monday evening Mrs. Bennett was elected president of the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club.

Annual meeting was held in the clubhouse on Scott Road. Other officers elected by the club are, honorary president, Vic Jackson; honorary vice-president, Gavin Reynolds; secretary, Darlene Kopp; treasurer, Clayton Brown; committee members, Bernie Reynolds, Evelyn Lee, Vern Christenson, Norma Christenson, Alex Shelby, Helen Shelby, Con Acker-

man, Poppy Norman, Gil Norman, Rosemary Reeves, Edith Davison, Garry Kopp, Vic Jackson and Al Brown.

Rod and Gun Club meeting will be held on the second Thursday of each month. There will be a committee meeting on Thursday, FEB. 24 at 8 pm in the clubhouse.

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR RAY UNDERHILL AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH**

Funeral services for Raphael (Ray) Underhill were observed on Friday at St. Mark's church with Legion honors.

Mr. Underhill died at his Fernwood home on February 7. He was born in Tipton, England, 83 years ago. He came to Canada in 1912 and in 1914 enlisted with the Canadian Army. He went overseas and returned home in 1919.

Following World War One he entered the Quebec Bank, in Quebec. He later transferred to the Royal Bank in Vancouver and retired from that bank.

He leaves his wife, Evelyn, at home on Walker Hook Road, a son John, Calgary; a daughter, Mrs. F. (Jean) Doolan, Winnipeg; a sister, Mrs. Jessie Fredrickson, Victoria and a brother, Rev. George H. Underhill, Calgary and nine grandchildren, a great-grandchild and nephews and nieces.

**Feathered Mystery**

**WHAT BIRD WAS SEEN THERE ?**

BY BEA HAMILTON  
There is a mystery in Beaver Point district and it's a bird, at least Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Arnold think it is; or was.

It all happened one day last week. Mrs. Arnold looked out in the yard and there was a bird a long-legged bird, standing about three feet high and with a dark, shiny, green back.

It had a long white neck and head and a tuft on top. Was it a peacock hen? Was it a heron?

It didn't seem afraid and its walk was awkward; the legs were black along the thighs and white down to the wide spread feet that were not webbed, so it couldn't be a sea bird - or could it? Mrs. Arnold was puzzled.

It had a short beak, which didn't help to unravel the mystery.

The Arnolds' young son, Kirk got within two feet of the bird but it was taller than he was, so he decided to get no closer, though he wanted to lasso the bird to hold it until his Daddy could come and identify it.

The bird settled things by taking off awkwardly on wide spread wings and landed on the fence for a few minutes before vanishing into the bushes. And that was the last they saw of him or her.

The Arnolds are keeping a sharp lookout for a return visit and Mrs. Arnold said, if it hadn't seemed ridiculous, she

would have thought it was of the ostrich family.

Bird books reveal no bird that looks like the Arnolds' mystery - except the Writers' Encyclopedia, - and that shows a secretary bird, and everyone knows they live on the African veldt. But it does have the black thighs, white legs, wide feet, short beak, tuft on the head, dark back, (looks black but could shine green).

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**TOPS COMES TO GALIANO AS THINDERELLAS**

Organizational meeting of T.O.P.S. (Take off pounds sensibly) was held on Galiano on Sunday. The new chapter will be called the Thinderellas

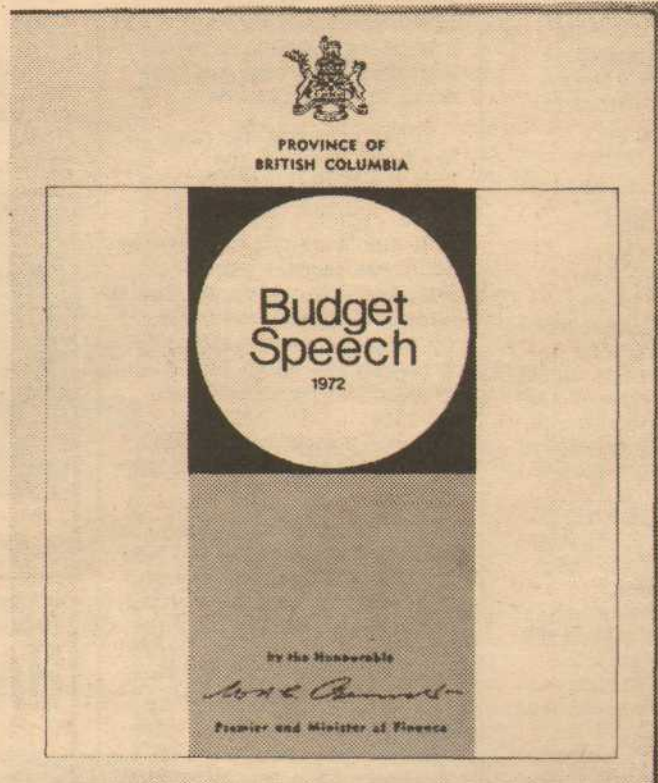
under the leadership of Mrs. Ed. Lee and Mrs. O. J. Garner.

There are now ten members and they are looking for more.

Over the silent snowfields,  
Empty of life and heat,  
See how the tracks go winding  
Tracks of the swift small feet!  
Here in the silent snowfields,  
When there is no man near,  
Many a furry rabbit,

Many a gentle deer  
Come on their own strange  
errands,  
Vanish swift as they came,  
Leaving for human travellers  
This signature of their name.  
-Mary Garland Coleman.

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An increase of \$48,788,000 to a total of \$388,813,000.

**Green Belt Protection Fund**  
A \$25,000,000 fund to preserve green belt areas throughout the Province.

**Powerline Beautification Fund**  
\$10,000,000 to encourage underground power lines in municipal areas.

**Medical Services**  
\$85,000,000 provided for the fourth full year of operation of the Medical Services Plan — \$32,401,000 more than was spent in the first full year of operation.

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# OF REGIONAL DISTRICT

There's the benign face, wreathed in glad smiles, that serves as a buffer between the islands and the provincial department of hospital insurance.

Islanders are warm towards this supervisory body that brings them a co-operation in the running of Lady Minto Hospital.

Turn the other way, Oscar! Now just take a look at that face! Not so good is it, now? That's the Capital Regional District!

The big eyes are from looking at planning around the islands. The big nose is to sniff out problems. The cringing comes from taking so many beatings.

And there's a sight more brickbats than bouquets in the regional district business.

For Islanders there's no two ways about it... Capital Regional District spells planning and some Islanders don't want planning period! Many don't want it the way it is set up.

The islands look at the region with a calculated sinister sneer, denoting distrust, distaste and be damned!

Yet, the regional district exercises only two functions in respect of the islands. It is responsible for planning, both local and regional and it has established regulations for the discharge of firecrackers in the region. So, in the islands we can't crack fire and we must have planning. In addition, now, it administers a recreation impost.

Look away, a few miles. The same Capital Regional District is concerned with regional planning, but not local planning. The same regional district administers the same firecracker restrictions. The same regional district administers the parks by-law, where it has been approved by ratepayers.

Each municipality contributes a half-mill every year towards acquisition of park land under this by-law.

The same regional district is surveying the sewer needs of the region. The islands have no park contribution and sewers on Saanich Peninsula are unlikely to help the islands overly much.

The region gets rid of a lot of sewage but it collects none. Which is an accomplishment.

In the conurbation of Greater Victoria, the district doesn't do much else. Except regional planning. But it's spending so much time and effort planning the islands the rest of the region is lagging behind. Although nobody is complaining. At least not noisily.

There, in a fair-sized nutshell, is the picture of the Capital Regional District.

Around the islands there is blood in the eyes of many. Planning is controversial. It brings out the emotional reserves in all of us. We cry; we shout; we weep. And we point fingers.

Chairman Hugh Curtis gets a lot of pointing. As chairman he is the man at the wheel. As the guiding spirit he is the primary target.

The planners take a beating "They shouldn't foist it on us!" The Regional District is a whipping boy for its own offences. It is at times whipping boy for the government.

It was the government that gave birth to this sprawling infant of administration. If it is ailing, then the cure is up to the government, even if the abuse goes direct.

In Victoria Hubert Beyer wrote in the Daily Colonist: "The Capital Region Board is moving steadily to acquire new responsibilities and greater power."

He explained that the district is health conscious and has sticky fingers. The fingers are reaching out towards the Greater Victoria Metropolitan Board of Health. Sanitation

and health services may soon be administered by the regional board.

Social services, shared by province and municipality, are swinging in towards the regional district's capacious arm.

The two functions would come close to home. Islands are healthy and social.

So much for what the regional board does and what it may yet do.

The municipal act, under which the regional board operates, says it can do a heap more.

Parks, planning, fireworks control, health and sanitation, recreation services and programs, library and cultural services, co-ordination of regional services are the suggestions offered by Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Campbell in his summary of regional districts published last fall.

Then he suggests that services may be provided by the regional board and shared by member districts; water supply... which the islands would not likely see; trunk sewers, stopping sharply at Swartz Bay sewage disposal; garbage collection; fire protection; ambulance.

Islanders are uncaring and unsharing in most of these. We get a lot of garbage from the regional board according to the critics. But services offered to a metropolitan area are rarely in good condition after dunking in the sea.

In the contract services, unorganized territory stands to gain nothing.

In the final list of potential services, the islands can be provided with water services, sewer services, fire protection garbage collection, recreation services and street lighting. These would be all local projects.

The brochure explains that this list is by no means complete.

The Daily Colonist report on the region carried some criticism of its structure. The islands have also criticized its structure over recent years.

The municipalities send their men to the region by painless appointment.

Each names as many as it can to the regional board, so that each municipal member of the regional board is wearing two hats from the word, "Go".

He has his weekday hat with the municipal emblem on it and his week end hat marked "Regional Board".

On weekdays he serves his own community, regardless, and at week ends he is all things to all men.

As an elected member of a local council he must serve his people first. As an appointed member of the regional board he must be primarily concerned with the interests of the region, including other municipalities and communities.

Easy, says the municipal act. Can't be done, aver many Gulf Islanders.

Inner wards name 11 directors to the board. Outer areas have seven. Inner wards are the populous municipalities. Outer areas are the thinly scattered electoral areas of Outer Gulf Islands, Salt Spring Island, Colwood, Langford, Metchosin, Sooke and View Royal.

Most of the board have a parochial outlook, charges Mr. Beyer in the Colonist.

Most of the board look away from the islands, charge many Islanders.

Mr. Beyer looks askance at Chairman Hugh Curtis, Mayor of Saanich and an able administrator. He is a strong figure and the most powerful on the board suggests the Victoria writer.

Last leery glance of the islanders takes in the numbers.

## EIGHT GAMES HERE

A large crowd of spectators was treated to some exciting basketball on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon when the Gulf Islands Secondary School Junior High students hosted four teams from Burnett Junior Secondary School in Richmond.

While the local teams won 6 out of 8 games played, most of the scores were very close and the calibre of basketball showed a marked improvement over previous years.

All students involved had a very enjoyable time and plans are being made to have the local school visit Burnett early in March.

## LIBRARY SAYS THANKYOU

Salt Spring Centennial Library Board met on Friday for the first time following the annual general meeting reported last week.

The new board joined in a special vote of thanks to George Wells, who has retired after four years, serving as chairman each year. They expressed appreciation of his continuing work as a volunteer.

A. Marshall Sharp was elected chairman, with W. Les Hardie continuing as treasurer. Mrs. Campbell Carroll will continue to look after book purchases and book donations

"There's too many of them and not enough of us!"

Two island directors, Marc Holmes and Jim Campbell sit with another 16 directors.

A determined movement in the board to impose any arbitrary form of planning on the islands could leave the islanders stuck with it.

The city and suburban beef is that the directors are appointed by the councils. Some islanders' beef is that they are appointed at all.

Jim Money, at Saturna, has been a warm critic of Curtis and has kept warm criticizing. Jim Campbell, also of Saturna, was a warm critic and was elected to the regional board, certainly in part due to his stand against the chairman's policies.

With a dominant chairman and a parochial membership, the Colonist writer is fearful that the tail will end up, wagging the dog. He foresees the administrative officials exercising a greater influence on the board's affairs than they should. They know their business; the elected officials do not. The staff know the district, the officials do not. Where does efficiency end?

A lot of islanders would like to be sure.

## CHURCH OFFICERS NAMED

Annual meeting of the church committee of St. Margaret of Scotland was held at the church on Monday afternoon, Feb. 7, with Rev. O.L. Foster in the chair.

Mr. Foster reported that the past year's progress has been strongest at Mayne Island.

"I wish to thank the faithful few who attend regularly each week. My greatest thanks go to the little Guild, which has been a tremendous help, and I am deeply appreciative to all the ladies who work in it," he told the meeting.

On the fifth Sunday of each month, there will be a hymn sing and plans will be announced soon.

Officers for the coming year are Miss Jean Lockwood, Vicar's Warden; people's warden, W.J. Maier; committee, Donald New, Mrs. Joan Callaghan, Arthur Platt, Eddie Bambrick, Mrs. Jessie Bellhouse, Mrs. Al Killick, Mrs. Mary Backlund, Mrs. George Phillipson and Mrs. W. J. Maier.

Delegate to the synod is Mr. New and alternate, Mr. Platt.

Delegates to Ruridecanal conference are Mrs. Backlund and Mrs. Callaghan.

Votes of thanks were given to the organist, Mrs. O.L. Foster; to Mr. Maier for his work as treasurer, to Mr. New for electrical work installing outside lighting, and to Mel Spouse for auditing the books.

and Mrs. W. C. Carlson the volunteer rota. Mrs. A. N. Porter is secretary.

During this year special efforts will be made to increase the Library Building Extension Fund which has already benefited from many donations.

Mr. Foster gave a vote of thanks to all who worked in any way.

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## Dave Roberts International Winner

Dave Roberts stepped up from second place to first to win the International Frying Pan Trophy at Tuesday's Pancake Day races in Ganges.

Running for B.C. Ferries, Dave beat out Bob Timbers, Salt Spring Volunteer Firemen and Mrs. Lyle Brown, L.S. Brown Construction.

The winner had taken second place in the 1971 races.

Entries were low this year, but enthusiasm was still spilling over among the younger contestants.

Weather remained clear and cold winds of recent weeks had abated as 13 races were run off. Events started off at 12 noon and the last race was run at 12.50 pm.

The annual event is staged by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion at Ganges. In company with the races an electric frypan is offered each year to finance the day's events.

This year's frypan went to Ann Bolton, of Calgary.

As in past years, there were big crowds both sides of the Centennial Park compound to watch the events.

Winners of the individual races were kindergarten, 1, Lyle Brown; 2, Joanne Madison; 3, Keith O'Donnell; girls, 6-7, 1, Linda Kyle; 2, Tarene Kaye; boys, 6-7, 1, Tony Kaye; 2, Mac Klina; 3, Steve Oman; girls, 8-9, 1, Glenda Woodley; 2, Karen Mouat; 3, Kathy Jones; second race, 1, Teresa Byron; 2, Cathy Arnold;

3, Andrea Simard.  
 Boys, 8-9, 1, Joe Toutant; 2, Brian Duncan; 3, Colin MacLean; second race, 1, Doug Luke; 2, Robbie Cannon; 3, Lorne Black; girls, 10-11, 1, Susan Mouat; 2, Tracy Stibbards; 3, Christine Lacey; boys, 10-11, 1, Jay Bourdin; 2, Alex McManus; 3, Marty Legg; girls 12-13, 1, Brenda Mouat; 2, Gail Duncan; 3, Cheryl Crane; boys,

12-13, 1, Bobby Empey; 2, David Woodley; 3, Ross Stacey.

Women's open, 1, Penny Quesnel; 2, Isobel Marr; 3, Phyllis Meagher; men's open, 1, Denis Beech; 2, Dave Roberts; 3, Bob Timbers; grandmothers, 1, Nellie Miller, 2, Mrs. Art Moulton.

Legionnaires and their auxiliary looked after preparations and the day's events.

## Hearing Skirts round Flying

No direct reference to an airstrip was made during a public hearing in Ganges last week, although majority of persons present were very conscious of the relationship between permitted uses of land and the establishment of an airstrip.

Hearing in the Legion Hall was inquiring into an amendment to the Salt Spring Island zoning by-law whereby the definition of outdoor recreation was clarified.

Chairman was Director Marc Holmes, who explained that a clarification of terms was needed.

I. C. Shank agreed. A lot of these things had been left out, he felt.

The original draft of the by-law, which was adopted, referred to outdoor places of recreation, added Regional Planner George Atamanenko. "The intent is to come to grips and to re-define outdoor recreation rather than leaving it hanging."

E. W. Watson was puzzled by the wording.

"If you own a rural piece of land, surely you can walk on it without having to zone it?" he asked.

He couldn't imagine any purpose more rural than riding a horse, he added.

Ray Hill observed that the amendment would restrict the use a man could make of his land.

It would be impossible to define precisely which activities can be done, he added.

Mrs. Yvette Valcourt wanted a definition of the people who would make use of outdoor recreation facilities.

"I object to its use by outsiders," she stated.

The amendments cover the whole population of Salt Spring Island, commented Mr. Watson. Except for a small number living on commercial lots, all islanders live on rural property, he explained.

Director Holmes stated that he could not discuss the amendment, he could only listen to comments.

W. E. Delmonico suggested that water skiing be added as a permitted recreation as well as land skiing, airplane flying... "and I'd like to put 'etc.' at the end."

"I'd like to add sex," suggested another speaker.

## MAINLY MAYNE

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Another blow to the local fishing enthusiast was struck this week by the Fisheries Department. All herring fishing for non-food purposes has been stopped during the last few years to allow the herring, the favourite food of the salmon, to increase. Now, a catch of 105,000 tons of spawning herring is announced as a quota for the purpose of shipping roe to Japan.

Beginner's art classes, under the instruction of Joyce Mitchell, have attracted great interest. Ten to twelve budding artists turn out, rain or shine, at the hall Friday mornings and are proceeding at a great pace with their lessons.

Plans for an advanced class

in May, under instructor David Anderson of Saanich are being made by the Paint and Sketch Club.

Wishes for a speedy recovery to Irene Girardi who is a patient at the Surrey Memorial hospital. Get well soon, Irene we all miss you!

Chris and Maxine Andress are finding life on Mayne Island a change after their previous three year stint at Discovery Island Light Station. Chris is the new Assistant Keeper at Active Pass Station where he is finding the hours are longer but the life is much less isolated. They also find that travel to the city by B.C. Ferries is a lot more comfortable than going by small boat across the three miles of the meanest water one could wish for, just off Oak Bay. Chris says they some times arrived with half a boat load of water. Mayne Islanders welcome you Chris and Maxine and hope your stay here is a happy one!

Don't forget to turn out early for the best luck at Lions Bingo Saturday night. A good time for young, old and in between, too, is planned and at the hall 8 p.m.

All the activity around Springwater Lodge lately has got people speculating. Hammering and sawing, hustle and bustle. What does it mean?

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## Lodge Makes History

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Masonic history was made on Saturna Island on Saturday, Jan. 29 when Admiral Lodge No. 170, from Salt Spring Island, held a meeting there.

This was the first Masonic meeting ever convened on this Island. Special authority was received from Grand Lodge to hold this meeting in order to accept four residents of Saturna as members.

The District Deputy Grand Master, Norman Work, was on hand with 13 members from District No. 5, Nanaimo. These together with 23 from Salt Spring Island, made an impressive gathering on Saturna.

There are only eight members of the Masonic society living on Saturna but they were all on hand to give us outsiders an overwhelming reception.

Prior to the meeting, we were treated to a dinner in the Community hall and after the meeting, a reception at the home of Jim Money.

Warm billets were found for all of us who stayed the night on Saturna as well as a pan-

cake breakfast the following morning. Following this breakfast we all attended St. Christophers Anglican church where we were warmly welcomed by Rev. Jack Dangerfield.

The entire successful week end was due to the hospitality and cheerful work of John McMahon, Walter Bavis, Bob Hindmarsh and their wives. Sincere thanks from us all.

## INSTITUTE LOOKS TO SKILLS

The Pender Island W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Grimes on February 3; with Mrs. Hogarth in the chair.

After the reading of the Mary Stewart Collect the president called for a few minutes' silence in memory of Jaime Scott Corbett, for many years a very active member of the W.I. who had died late in January.

When business resumed two new members, Mrs. G. Berry and Mrs. M. Milton were introduced.

After the regular business of the reading of minutes and financial report, Mrs. Grimes sewing convener, told the members that they had been assigned to different groups where their special abilities would be effectively used. These groups

included toy-making, knitting, quilting and sewing.

A long discussion took place on the various things to be made by members. This group has always sent many sweaters each year but this year they plan to send bayettes as well. A very large pieced quilt made to Dr. Hitchmanova's specifications was shown to the members.

Mrs. C. Claxton read an interesting paper on Founder's Day.

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manuscripts have been of extremely high calibre, rational and sensible. Hopefully that trend will continue in order that the planners will receive some very positive guidelines from Gulf Islanders as to which way they wish to go in the future".

Curtis said it was too early yet to forecast any trend in the responses.

"We have received quite a few inquiries --and compliments--from individuals and various groups", Curtis said. "The latest, received just a few days ago, came from Roger W. Soderstrom, Co-ordinator of The Task Force on Urbanization and the Future.

In requesting additional copies of the Options for information and study, Mr. Soderstrom noted: "We are very impressed with the kind of publication this is, and your method of getting as much participation as possible in the establishment of a Regional Plan for your Capital Regional District".

Curtis said university urban geography departments had, like the Task Force on Urbanization and the Future, quickly grasped the intent of the publication.

"It was always intended that the publication would encourage maximum participation by the people before any plan proposal was put on paper", he said. "I'm sure I speak for the Board when I express the hope that responses will continue to come in increasing numbers. As far as we know this is the first time anything like this has been done in Canada. If the response is as we hope it will be, we shall finish up with a Regional Plan tailored to the wishes of the people.

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## GALIANO

BY MARY BACKLUND

Mrs. A. P. Coe has returned from a trip to Hawaii, looking really well and happy.

Mrs. Sophia Rustad left last week for Hawaii for two weeks. It is a dream of many years come true.

We also hear that the Dr. Bill Stevens family have been over to Hula-land, and spent the past week end at their summer home on the Island, from Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick, of Vancouver, are pleased with the beginning of construction of their new retirement home on St. Andrew's Crescent, overlooking the Golf Course.

Charlie Morshead has been ill at home for some time.

Al Killick has recently had extensive surgery in St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria. His wife is in Victoria to be near him.

Meeting dates...Saturday, Feb. 19, Galiano Club annual meeting in Galiano Hall.

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2 annual meetings, Galiano Rod & Gun Club, in their clubhouse, and Galiano Golf and Country Club in their clubhouse. In the absence of president Max Wells, Peter Darling will be in the chair.

## FOOTPATH WON'T BE SIDEWALK

The footpath to be constructed between Pioneer Village and the commercial area of Ganges will be very limited in its scope, DRIFTWOOD learned last week.

Paved, elevated sidewalk is not in the mind of the department of highways. It will be a widening of the roadway to allow more room for pedestrians.

## NORTH GALIANO

BY DEVINA BAINES

Mr. and Mrs. David Weatherell were on the Island over the week end.

Ben Hume, of Vancouver, spent the week end with aunt and uncle at the Home Oil Station.

Recent visitors for the day were Elsie Lantinga of Vancouver, Rene Sweiger and Derek Beattie, of Toronto and George Leer of Vancouver.

Bob and Joyce Hope of Vancouver, who will soon be North End residents, were recent visitors.

Harry Baines, Jr., spent the week end with his sisters in Ladysmith.

Mrs. L. Baines and children spent the week end at Sooke with her husband.

It is still noisy here as the boys hammer and blast away at Romulus Rock in the Pass. Severe winds and extreme cold held up work for a while.

We were glad to see Eddy Gandy on the Island last week after being so very ill this winter.

## ROTARY STAGE VALENTINE COSTUME BALL AT FULFORD



Tuppy Agar and Mrs. Fred Gurney are easy. Any guesses on the sheik and ladies in purdah?

## NO REFERENDUM...NO PARKS SAYS SHANK

Salt Spring Islanders may be invited to contribute to the purchase of park land through the Capital Regional District.

Hiking trails on Salt Spring Island were investigated last year by the committee for recreation, parks, and cultural activities of the Salt Spring Island Planning Association. Members include I. C. Shank (Chairman), Mrs. Ruby Alton, Robert McWhirter, Mrs. Norman Walker and Dr. R. D. Bird.

Mr. Shank reported the work of the committee at the annual meeting on Monday.

During the past year the committee investigated the possibility of establishing hiking trails on the Island as the 1970 survey had indicated a high interest in this form of recreation.

"We soon came up against the problem of how to establish such trails when 94 per cent of the land is in private hands," he explained.

"If a trail is established how do you go about preventing pollution and vandalism?" The problems involved were beyond the possibilities of the small committee, and if trails were established a separate organization would have to be set-up to deal with it which would have a broad base of public support, he observed.

"We offered to organize a public meeting to accomplish this end but received little response so the idea was abandoned."

There will be no more public parks, or improvements of existing parks until Salt Spring Island contributes tax-wise to the Capital Regional District. A referendum should be placed before the property owners at the next election, urged Mr. Shank.

"We would like representations to be made to the provincial government for the establishment of cycling paths within the present road right-of-ways. This is not government policy now but they might change it if enough public pressure was applied," continued the committee chairman.

As a result of several requests from the public and letters to the Editor in the local press the subject of banning the use of motor boats and hunting on our fresh water lakes was discussed at a public meeting on May 3, last year.

The meeting indicated a significant section of the population opposed any further restrictions so the committee has

not made any recommendations on the subject to any administrative body.

No further complaints were received, said the speaker, "so perhaps, the public meeting served to impress upon the hunting fraternity and water-skiing enthusiasts the need for responsibility and restraint otherwise they might lose their present privileges."

We have continued to press for suitable restrictions that would ensure in perpetuity that adequate green areas are retained to retain the physical character of the island.

To expect that some 7,000 acres of land now controlled by lumber and other companies will never be sold for urban development, and remain as it is, is a "naive expectations," he told the meeting.

Any company, and individual, will sell out if the price is right, he asserted. "We also hear the argument that because a good deal of this land includes areas with slopes of 30 degrees and more it is most unlikely that building will be done in these areas," he added. "This has not been the experience of other communities, where building has been done on slopes up to 40 degrees."

Any plan which is finally accepted should ensure that sufficient green areas are retained to protect the environment and preserve present amenities, he urged.

## DEATH OF MRS ZORA McPHAIL ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

Mrs. Zora Laird McPhail passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 9. She was 80 years of age.

Widow of D. Murray McPhail, she had formerly resided in Vancouver, Bellingham and Seattle. She was born in Quahna, Texas.

She leaves her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Doug F. Thomas, Ganges; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Ned Ballinger, Bellingham, Wash. and a brother, C. W. Laird, Gandusty, Ohio, USA.

Memorial service was held in St. George's Anglican Church, Ganges, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 11, with Arch-deacon R.B. Horsefield officiating.

Interment of ashes will take place in Seattle.

Goodman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

On Friday evening Salt Spring Island Rotary Club presented its first Valentine Ball. Majority of guests were in costume and the Fulford Hall was nearly filled.

Gordon Matthews met visitors at the door in his authentic Arctic furs.

There were a number of men in women's dress as well as a few who were almost unrecognizable.

Steve Polywkan and his wife appeared as rabbits. He was responsible for the evening's program.

Top prize-winner was Tom Toynbee as a mobster with his violin case to hold his Tommy gun.

The pictures show one or two costumes seen during the evening.

Rotarians were content with the support and are already looking to staging a similar event next year.

## A LOT OF WINTER IN JANUARY

There were 21 nights of frost during January, according to Weather Observer H.J. Carlin. It was a cold and windy month.

Although the cold was not a record, the month was persistently wintry.

Mercury recorded a high of 50 deg., with a low of 18. Precipitation was below average, with a fall of 5.02 ins., including 12 ins. of snow.

The figures came close to those recorded in January, 1971 when the high was 50 deg. and the low, 19. Last year brought 6.53 ins. of precipitation, including 32 ins. of snow.

Earlier figures have been furnished by Mr. Carlin, of Ganges:

January 1970:  
-High, 55; low, 28. Precipitation, 5.97 ins. (2 1/2 ins. snow).

January, 1969:  
High, 51 deg.; low, 13. Precipitation, 5.31 ins., including 29 ins. snow.

January 1968:  
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18	0025	4.6
	0700	11.2
	1340	4.2
FR	2010	8.9
19	0105	5.9
	0735	11.1
	1425	3.2
SA	2125	8.9
20	0150	7.3
	0805	11.0
	1520	2.6
SU	2320	9.2
21	0250	8.5
	0825	10.8
	1620	2.2
MO		
22	0110	9.7
	0415	9.3
	0915	10.4
TU	1725	2.0
23	0240	10.3
	0625	9.6
	0955	10.1
WE	1830	1.9
24	0325	10.6
	0810	9.4
	1110	9.7
TH	1935	1.9

**PREMIER TELLS STUDENTS**

# You've Got To Preserve The Islands

Premier W. A. C. Bennett spoke to Salt Spring Island students on Monday when he referred to island planning. "You've got to preserve the islands and you've got to share them," he told 47 students from Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The students were from Grade 11 on Salt Spring Island.

It was a near-miss on Monday morning, when the bus left without them. The students and teachers used their own cars to head for the Fulford wharf at the last minute. The cavalcade disgorged its burden of students when the ferry was about to pull out.

First call in Victoria was the provincial museum, where the islanders spent an hour delving into British Columbia's past glories and present resources.

At 11 o'clock they all trooped into the legislative buildings. The queue was so long that many gave up on signing the guest book because they were holding up so many other visitors.

They went into the Legislative Chambers, where a lot of visitors tried the members' seats for size. They were entertained by J. D. Tisdalle, MLA, who answered students' questions.

Lunch-time interrupted the program and at 1.30 they returned to the government buildings to sit in the gallery.

Islanders watched the members take their places. Most showed up after the Speaker had already taken his seat.

The speaker was preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, who with white gloves carried the mace and placed it on the table while shouting, "Make way for Mr. Speaker!"

The youngsters heard Public Works Minister W. N. Chant speak of his department's achievements while Social Credit members thumped their desks in approval. He was followed by Leo Nimsick, of Kootenay, an opposition member who offered a long criticism of the budget speech.

Students were not wholly impressed.

A number expressed concern at the lack of attention paid by members when another man was speaking.

One young lady counted the nude statuary so popular this session. Several students questioned the prayers before the opening as being out of place and at least one island student was "pretty sure half the members didn't know the words of the Lord's Prayer," if he could judge by their rendering.

It wasn't all important government business.

Several young ladies from Gulf Islands Secondary School counted the people in the press gallery, above the Speaker's desk. There were seven men, one goodlooking man and one woman.

After listening to Mr. Nimsick for a time, the class was invited to meet the Premier. Mr. Tisdalle had risen on the House to announce that the students were present and the Premier left his seat to talk to them.

How many were going to university? How many to technical school? The Premier asked them questions. Many students volunteered to be a hippy and to roam across Canada.

The Premier was quickly asked what he thought of bridges to the islands.

He is "very much opposed to them" said the government leader.

A student complained of the lack of recreation facilities here and suggested that the secondary school gymnasium could serve a useful purpose.

Premier Bennett urged Mr. Tisdalle to pursue the matter with education authorities to see whether it could be opened up at the week ends.

Class returned on the 5.30 ferry from Swartz Bay.

What was the most impressive feature of the day? Question was posed to an island student. Reply was prompt. The decor of the Legislative Chambers, with red carpet and natural woods.

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