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## ISLAND BAND IS SECOND

The Gulf Islands Schools Band played at the Cowichan and District Music Festival on Friday, March 8.

Although the band was delayed considerably because of late ferries and stormy weather, they did manage to get to the school in good time.

The band played as well as always and, to quote the adjudicator, were "An excellent musical group with good all round playing, balance, contrast and musicianship."

They placed second, losing to Mount Prevost School Band by only one percentage point.

The adjudicator also remarked that the bands were very evenly matched and the final choice was extremely difficult

## Time to quit says Douglas

- SQUEEZED DRY

It is time the NDP abandoned their support of the Liberal government, New Democrat Tommy Douglas told a small meeting in Ganges on Sunday afternoon. "We've got about all the juice we can squeeze out of the orange," he added.

He listed a number of concessions gained by the NDP "without stepping on the toes of the big corporations".

Douglas listed three measures which would win further support from the NDP, who hold the balance of power in Ottawa.

Government must be prepared to take the power to apply a partial price freeze; it must impose an excess profits tax. He cited several recent profit reports, including oil companies at a profit increase of 56%, Garfield Weston, with an increase of 186%, International Nickel, up 169% and another with a profit increase of 700%.

Finally the Trudeau government must take a stand on the oil sands of northern Canada. Are they to be retained for Canada or handed over to an American multi-national corporation.

"If we are going to buy our own oil from the corporations, we might as well shut up shop," he commented.

## HONKYTONK ISLANDS SERIOUS THREAT

### Park proposal far from dead warns Douglas

Only one line of defence stands between the Gulf Islands and the projected international Point Roberts-Gulf Islands Park. Last defence is the federal government.

On Sunday T. C. Douglas, MP, came to Salt Spring Island to express his strong opposition to the park proposal.

The Nanaimo-Islands member of parliament also explained

that adoption of the International Joint Commission recommendation meant two vastly different things in the two countries concerned.

When the Canadian govern-

ment signs a treaty with another country that treaty is in force as of the time of its signing, he warned islanders. In the United States the signature requires the endorsement of the government.

The signing is a final step for Canada, but a step requiring further legislative discussion in America, said the member.

The assurances that the park proposal is far from dead did little to brighten the audience of about 60 people. There was no expression of opinion in favour of the venture.

The pattern of gloom was deepened by a report from Norman Wright, of Prevost Island.

Wright explained that he had sought legal advice before the public hearing in Victoria by the international water commission. He had intended to seek an injunction prohibiting the commission from holding the hearing, he reported. His legal adviser had informed him that the hearing could not be stopped by any Canadian, other than a member of parliament.

The international commission has powers far exceeding those of any national government function, said Wright.

The only method left of combatting the international park proposal is to seek the support of the House of Commons in safeguarding the islands, he told the meeting.

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## EXCERPT FROM LOCALLY WRITTEN PLAY PRESENTED AT GANGES



This is a scene from Lanny Howard's play, Neighbours. It was seen on Saturday and Sunday in Ganges. Story is on Page Fourteen.

## PRICE GOES UP TO \$5 A YEAR

Subscription rate to Driftwood has been increased from \$4 to \$5 per year, effective this week.

The rate for subscriptions in foreign countries will remain unchanged at \$7.50.

Although the constant increase in prices and wages is the spiralling factor that has brought about the grave danger of inflation in Canada today, it is impossible for a small

business to continue without meeting the steadily increasing costs, both of production and living.

Individual papers will still be priced at 15 cents.

## DAVID LOTT LEAVING FOR GHANA

Island veterinarian is preparing for a new term of service in Africa.

Dr. David Lott will leave Ganges in April for Ghana. He will set up rural veterinary clinics in northern Ghana and teach para-veterinary students to operate them.

Dr. Lott is making his third trip to Africa. He has worked among the African people to help them to control disease in their herds. His new term in Africa will bring him close to the rural communities and he expects to live among the people.

Mrs. Lott will not join him until the end of the school term.

## Wet but no record at Ganges

First two weeks of March brought rain to Ganges, but no records. Precipitation to March 15 was 3.68 inches, which is well above average. March, 1973, was below average with 1.28 inches, reports Dominion Weather Observer H. J. Carlin.

Total precipitation for March in 1971 and 1972 was 7.18 inches and 6.42 inches. If the weather carries on, March this year could be a record breaker for rainfall, says Mr. Carlin.

## FOURTEEN NEW HOMES IN FEBRUARY

Fourteen new homes were approved in the islands during the month of February. Permits issued by the Capital Regional District numbered nine on Salt Spring and five in the Outer Islands. All five were on Pender.

All 14 new homes are single family dwellings. There were 17 permits for plumbing and other purposes on Salt Spring and eight in the Outer Islands.

Total value of new houses started on Salt Spring for February, not including plumbing permits, was \$224,437.

Value on Pender was \$75,438 Miscellaneous building on Galiano was valued at \$9,600 and Mayne, \$7,288.

For the year up to the end of February Salt Spring has had 20 building permits issued for single family dwellings; Pender, nine; Galiano, three and Mayne, two.

Three mobile homes have been established on Salt Spring this year.

There were two miscellane-

ous permits for Pender and other Outer Islands together brought figure up to four. Salt Spring Building Inspector Nels Deggen issued 12.

Value of permits on Salt Spring, not including plumbing, was \$560,853. On Pender, value was \$141,120; Galiano, \$80,732 and Mayne, \$52,761.

## SEARCH FOR WOMAN AT GALIANO

RCMP boat MP 53 was called to Galiano on Monday afternoon after reports were received of woman wandering on Galiano Island apparently intoxicated.

Police were unable to find the woman and left Galiano after several hours.

Later reports indicated that the woman was taken to a doctor on the island.

## MAY DAY PROGRAM TAKING SHAPE

# THEY ARE PEERING AROUND THE CORNER

May Day is just around the corner. Peering round the corner are the joint chairmen of the Salt Spring Island gala day planned for May 18, Jack Albhouse, of Ganges and Ray Simard, of Fulford.

The festive day at Salt Spring Island will offer a full day's entertainment program, starting with a pancake breakfast.

Pancake breakfast will also include a pancake eating contest.

The morning will be filled from breakfast time to noon with various new projects.

Parade of floats will be the midday event, with a formal opening at the same time and the crowning of the May Queen.

The afternoon's program will be carried on in two fields to maintain a lively interest for all visitors.

New on this year's program are a talent show running continuously. Any and every islander with a talent for singing, dancing, fighting or any other entertainment, will be featured in a continuous performance. It is hoped to have mu-

sical offerings as well as karate and other spectacles.

Salt Spring Players are to be invited to make an offering during the afternoon.

Also new is the showing of livestock to be undertaken by Mike Byron's students. Children of any age will be invited to take part and compete for prizes. The children's event will be self-supporting and

all revenues received will be returned to the youthful contestants in the form of prize money.

The day's program is sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and net revenues received by the chamber will be set aside for the recreation complex area.

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# FREEZE AWAITS NEW BY-LAW

Report on the Community Plan for Salt Spring Island last week was premature. The official community plan has been adopted by the Capital Regional District following its approval by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. Its adoption does not lift the 10-acre freeze.

Regional Director George Heinekey explains that the adoption of the community plan paves the way to the lifting of the freeze but that a subdivision by-law must be adopted before the government is likely to ease the freeze.

Mr. Heinekey forecast a further four months' work on the subdivision by-law before it will be ready for adoption. In the meantime, the 10-acre freeze remains in force.

The lifting of the freeze is not related to the regional district. It was imposed by an order-in-council and it can only be relieved by a similar order.

# MUGGERIDGE GOES HOME

BY FRANK RICHARDS

A Salt Spring Islander left last week to make his way back to Britain.

Malcolm Muggeridge, who has lived at Vesuvius and become one of the island's quickest legends in a brief three

months, has returned to the BBC and the ITV.

In those months of hard work on the island, he met many islanders. Most, indeed almost all islanders who met him, were delighted with the encounter. And that is a strange fact. What is there about Muggeridge that turns people on?

The English man is a man of letters. He is probably far better read than his island neighbours. He is a man of wide and extensive travel. He is quick to speak of other lands and other people because he has been there and he has known them.

Russia and the Russians he has known; America and the Americans he has lived with. He has close ties with the Orient and the southern hemisphere was, more than once, his backyard.

All these things add to his stature in both his utterances and his writings, but they don't determine his popularity. And he is welcome everywhere.

He has a warmth that is evident the first time you meet him. He is invariably friendly. He has a sharp tongue on a typewriter but there is no vitriol in his make-up.

He is very assertive in his public statements as well as in his writings, but he rarely offends. Of course, he speaks with authority on many lands and many subjects, but with deference.

Like many Islanders, I have enjoyed meeting him. That is quite surprising. In a lifetime of interviewing people, it is not a regular experience to meet someone who stays with you after he's gone.

His wisdom, his wit, his experiences are part and parcel of his television appearances. His natural charm is not always so evident on the screen.

Whether or not I agree with him, I cannot challenge his sincerity. It might be easier to brush off his statements at times, but he is the kindly cherub of English letters and it would be no easy task to dislike him even if you wanted to.

With a wealth of information on a variety of subjects he becomes a controversial figure in many settings. Muggeridge on religion; Muggeridge on abortion; Muggeridge on oil... all these things become subjects of challenge and dispute. So we fight him. But you simply can't hate him.

On reflection, this liberal cynic of conservative persuasions has brought more note to Salt Spring Island than this island could lend to him. Which is another reason to resent the fellow!



# GARDEN CALENDAR

By A.G. Smith, F.R.H.S.



FROM S.S.I. GARDEN CLUB

As soon as the soil becomes dry enough to work easily, it is now time to sow the first seeds in the vegetable garden. These are parsnips, onions, lettuce, Swiss chard, early carrots, early peas and broad beans (if not sown earlier). Apply 2 ozs. of superphosphate or fine bonemeal per yard run, per row, at the time of sowing. A few early potatoes may also be planted if one has a well drained and frost-free site, otherwise, wait until mid-April. Strawberry beds need lightly hoeing, and a dressing of 6-8-6 between the rows. All herbs now need their annual trim up! Old sage, thyme, and marjoram plants need cutting back to where new buds are visible. Lavender rosemary and santolina treat likewise. Rue should be cut right back to where it shows green, usually quite close to ground level. Mint needs spading around to keep in check or if getting too old, digging out and a new bed started by transplanting some of the new young outer growths. Chives should be lifted, divided and replanted, but leave at least one old clump undisturbed for early picking. Garlic sets may be planted now, in a hot, dry spot in the garden! Radishes are best sown in the parsnip rows. These germinate quickly and are ready to use by the time the parsnips need thinning out; and as parsnips are slow germinating, the radishes in-

dicating the row, which is useful in a weedy garden.

To repeat what I said last month, late-flowering shrubs should be pruned NOW! But remember that all shrubs do not need to be pruned each year, especially if dead and rotten parts are removed as seen; often it is just a matter of thinning out and shaping, unless the plant is hopelessly overgrown, then it is best to cut back hard to the base and start again next year. Shrubs to prune severely or otherwise are as follows:

Severely: indigo bush, butterfly bush, althea, hydrangea, tamarix, privet and Japanese quince.

Lightly: honeysuckle, spirea, pearl bush, deutzia, and kerria, also weigela.

Remove old wood only: coral berry, snow berry, Persian lilac, spirea, philadelphus, and dogwood.

Remove 1/2 of last year's growth: spirea Anthony Waterer, hypericum, all varieties, and all the shrubby potentillas.

It is important to remember that most shrubs have their roots very near to the surface, so do not dig between established plants, but hoe lightly, and then feed with a complete fertilizer, low in nitrogen but high in potash content, and top dress with any available, manure, compost, peat, top soil, decayed sawdust, tree bark, oyster shells or what-have-you.

Old overgrown laurels, bays, hazels and Ionicera nitida may also be cut completely down now, and will all regenerate quite happily before next spring. In the case of laurels grown for a screen it is good practice to cut alternate plants, wait two years and cut back the remaining old plants when new growth is vigorous on those previously pruned.

Hypocrosy is a homage that vice pays to virtue.

## WINTER HYACINTHS

BY ANNE ROSENDALE FORSYTH

There's a hyacinth in bloom  
In my cosy winter room,  
And it brings a glow and cheer  
To all our hearts.  
While without is cold and snow,  
Inside is this flower's glow,  
That a cheerfulness to every-one imparts.

Outside, there is cold and snow,  
Outside, wintry breezes blow  
Outside, there is only frost and storms that sear.  
Inside there's the pure delight  
Of a flower, blooming white  
Inside there is warmth and glow and cheer.

What a lesson we could learn  
If our thoughts we'd sometimes turn  
To the flower, that is blooming humbly there,  
While without is frost and show  
Inside is this flower's glow,  
That shows love and all its joys to share.

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to be frank



By Richards

Only a government department could do it. Tommy Douglas was saying on Sunday that the Consumer Queen, Mrs. Plumptre is accomplishing little because her hands are tied. Only a government would think of putting a woman at the head of an organization and then carefully emasculating her office.

Bill McClean has run out of calendars. After living on Bull Island for some time he came back to Salt Spring Island last week for a dental appointment. He was too late, however. He thought it was January.

After hearing weeks of reports on radio of Soldier Nixon it was a relief to find he was in Russia when the Watergate troubles all started.

I have sock troubles. I haven't figured out yet, but in a drawer at home I have 19 socks all different. They went into the washing machines all mated up. After the cycle of cleanliness, they came out all different. You end up with five blue socks. The machine ate the sixth, obviously. But all five are different. They are different colours, styles, shapes and sizes. Same with the brown sox. All different: all odd. Is it just my machine and my luck, or do other people have the same problems?

When I was out of school but into very little else I became a private soldier in a reserve unit of the RASC in England. I didn't like it and the parades were boring, but I soon quit. Those were the simple days of the private soldier. Today the prominent underdog of commerce is the private sector. As a private soldier I had no occasion to think for myself and as long as

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I kept my nose clean I was headed for a soft billet. It's odd, but in the private sector I must follow a uniform pattern, with a regiment of problems facing me and the softest billet seems to be getting out.

It's only a few hundred years since the odds were that any Roman minstrel was likely a roamin' Catholic!

I'm no fighting soldier of the right wing, but I find some opposite views less than convincing. When Tommy Douglas told us last Sunday that some corporation profits had increased as much as 700% my blood boiled, with the rest. When it cooled off I came to the unpleasant reality that much as it may gripe me to think that a corporation is sucking my blood, the effect of a seven-fold increase in profits on the part of one concern will have less immediate effect on my well-being than a massive increase in wages on the part of a national union. Profits are less indicative of inflation, I figure, than wages. Then I get polarized again when I compare my profit figures.

Fellow I really weep for is the unfortunate striker in France who has given up work after they moved the airport 15 miles further away from home.

While I'm weeping I shed a few extra tears for the unfortunate Canadians who are not allowed to export their products without permission from Washington. It's bile day, that's what it is!

From a woman with a pen: "A whistling dame and a crowing hen Is neither good for God nor men." So a whistling hen and a crowing dame One must presume is much the same. And that could be one of a good many, couldn't it? I

**FERNWOOD**

BY JESSIE SAYER

Fernwood area, around the water, was very active these last two week ends.

Last week end, which was very stormy, saw a party of scuba divers from Vancouver brave the chilly waters on a fishing derby.

Pleasure boats, the Salt Spring Queen, a few freighters and a few sail boats and fish boats enjoyed the calm waters and sunshine.

A friend from Seattle, with three other friends, spent a cool week end on an island above Wallace Island, on a camping trip.

Another change has come to Fernwood as Mrs. A. Thompson has moved to Kamloops to live with her son.

**POST OFFICE LOSING ON JUNK MAIL**

Canada Post Office may become a Crown Corporation, a meeting in Ganges was told on Sunday.

"Postal service has gone backwards since they stopped using carrier pigeons," quipped Tommy Douglas, MP.

Addressing the NDP-sponsored meeting in the school, Mr.

mean the writer, not the crowing dame.

Nothing to do with it is the trouble I have faced with credit. And it's not just that I don't pay my bills. It's the electronic age. I get a bill from one outfit and they print March 18 as the deadline. So I pay it on March 20. I pay all my bills on the 20th of the month. The post office takes two weeks to deliver it to the eastern offices of the company and next bill I get shows 43 cents interest on an unpaid account. So I argue. It's a funny thing, but my lovely collection of credit cards is shrinking fast. I'm down to the oil companies who accept my cheque on the 20th of the month. I'm down to various cards which don't keep my account utterly confused. And the hell with the rest!

Comox visitor to Salt Spring Island picked up a Colwood paper in Victoria and found a reference to a Salt Spring Island consumer written by Penny Wise. Proposal was that glass jars used for food packaging be standardized and re-usable for canning. Penny Wise was impressed with the suggestion and has passed it on to both provincial and federal departments.

Douglas observed that the post office had made a big profit out of first-class mail, but was losing money on junk mail and on newspapers and periodicals.

He had more sympathy with newspapers than with junk mail he added and he would support any future plan to give a continued assistance to local papers.

When the federal government accepted Readers' Digest and Time as Canadian periodicals, they handed the publishers a cheque for \$1,800,000 in reduced mailing charges, he said

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## NO MORE CANADIAN FLAG!

Combined force of the Canadian and United States governments is directed against the Gulf Islands. On Sunday Mr. T. C. Douglas, MP, visited Ganges to warn islanders that the earlier debated plan to exploit the islands as a recreation area, under two national flags, is far from dead.

While Mr. Douglas was warning islanders of the imminence of their loss of identity, Mr. Norman Wright attended from Prevost Island to tell the meeting that the Canadian citizen has no rights of objection or appeal against an international commission. The International Joint Commission is not subject to the laws which govern the ordinary citizen, he reported and an injunction cannot be issued to restrain it in any way.

The Sunday meeting outlined the islanders' position very clearly. While the American community of Point Roberts is without water, the islands will be sacrificed to bring Canadian water to the United States peninsula. With the peninsula and the islands tied into one vast international park, the Point Roberts area can claim Canadian water and the Point Roberts population will soar.

In the meantime every recreational facility will be opened in the islands and Coney Island will have its west coast contemporary.

And there is nothing the Canadian people of the Gulf Islands can do about it, the meeting was warned. The only agent left to assist islanders is the House of Commons, which is currently pre-occupied with the morality of playing American football.

Mr. Douglas urged islanders to write to their federal and provincial representatives to protest any handing over of islands sovereignty to an international commission. It is their only hope.

The recommendation of the International Joint Commission is unlike the normal legislative procedures. It requires no public debate. No elected representatives are required to vote on it until it reaches parliament for its final approval.

Come and take a good look at the islands in the next few months, Mr. Trudeau. None of us may have another chance!

## Letters To The Editor

### TEMPORARY

Sir,  
May I thank you for the excellent coverage you provided regarding the recent change of ministers of the Ganges United Church.

I would however, like to bring to the notice of your readers, that my appointment is at present entirely of a temporary nature and on a month to month basis.

This information is provided to avoid any possible wild speculation in the event that I may be suddenly called upon to relinquish the position should a permanent replacement become available in the near future.

Fred Sibley,  
Ganges,  
March 19, 1974.

### BATHING

Sir,  
I enjoyed reading your article on Baths. I can remem-

ber when I was a youngster, having my bath in a huge tin bath in front of an open fire. One had to be careful that you did not get your back against the tub side that faced the fire, as you would get burnt. I was brought up with three brothers, who were ordered to go for a ride on bikes. Then they would come back and have their baths, after I had gone to bed.

When I was in the Air Force during the first war, we were stationed in some old barracks at Dover. The baths were made of concrete, and one had to carry buckets of hot water from the canteen kitchen, "pretty rough on the rear ends." Toward the end of war we found out we could go to town to some local public baths. We called it the two-penny hot, and we had to go in our time off, no special leave.

In the second World War, I was stationed at Calshot, off



NIGHT SCHOOL CLASSES IN KARATE AT GANGES

## On & Off The Island

Mrs. H. Walsh, a resident of Salt Spring Island for many years, has left to take up residence in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cook and their children, of Crofton, were visiting their many relatives on Sunday.

Eddy Kalahiki and Lacy Mundo of Hawaii were visitors last week at the Kreissl residence.

Allen Cunningham of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. K. Bulmer, of Langley were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. Cunningham, St. Mary Lake.

Bruce Hildred has left Salt Spring to go herring fishing on the west coast.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard of Vancouver, were the recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. D. Howard, on Woodland Drive.

Miss Dorothy Lanterman and friends of Seattle, Wash., were recent visitors of Mrs. R. Eveleigh, Old Scott Road.

## VISITING MINISTER AT GANGES

The Community Gospel Church at Ganges will enjoy a return visit to the church, by Mr. and Mrs. Jon Taylor this week. They will minister on Sunday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Taylor has ministered in the church at various times when the late Rev. M. V. Gilpin had to resign due to failing health.

The visiting minister is bringing with him nine youngsters, ranging from the age of eight to 18, who will take most of the meeting by singing and playing musical instruments. A pianist and organist will also accompany the group.

The young musicians are from Duncan, while the Taylors are from Maple Bay.

the Isle of Wight. There were only three baths, for about 150 girls. It was no good being prudish, as the baths were in a line in a long cold shed. We did have hot water, but when you were drying the shed was so cold, you could have had a cold shower. Especially when it was a cold freezing day, we would come out of the hut and dash over to billets, and make a huge fire from the debris of smashed up planes. It seemed to take a long time to get warm. And yet we never got colds. We only had one bath a week. More would have killed us.

D. M. Jones,  
P. O. Box 893,  
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March 12, 1974.

Miss Lanterman is Mrs. Eveleigh's granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Nadin, of Canim Lake, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lee of

Fulford.

The swallows arrived at Fulford on Sunday just in time for breakfast, reports Mrs. R. H. Lee.

Claude Hamilton, of Isabella Point Road reports sighting four otter. He was far from home at the time, because they were off Ganges.

## SATURNA

WRITTEN BY PAPAJOHN  
ON THIS BROTH OF A DAY

The International Lions Clubs have a new club here on Saturna and as we will be writing their activities for ye Driftwood we are going to call the Club's news: - "the Lion's Lyre".

Last week we held our second dinner meeting in the hall it was put on by three of the members' wives, Irene Lawson Laura Coombs and Debbie Graham. The next meeting will be a cold plate affair with the members doing the work and will be free. The ladies will take their turns in groups of three. It was, as always here, a good dinner.

At the meeting following the remaining officers were elected. Directors, Don Davidson and Bob Hindmarch, with Gene Marshall as Lion Tamer. There followed a series of proposals from the membership with the primary one being to help our Community Club build an addition to the hall.

When the question of the annual dues came up, one of the members suggested a 10% discount for sexy senior citizens. A letter was read informing us that we were the 27,000th Lions Club to be formed. More about that later.

About all the local news this week is "going to be" news On Saturday, March 23, we will have our Firemen's Barbecue in the hall. Tickets are \$3 for adults \$1 for children under 13, and kindergarten age, free. The dinner will be around 6 pm and refreshments are served at 5 pm. You should get your tickets early as we always sell out. They

are on sale at each store. The pig is a little beauty and will make mouth-watering morsels. Of course, there are other mouth-watering edibles such as the home-made buns that our ladies make and cannot be duplicated anywhere. Come on out and get your self a good feed.

On Monday, March 25 we have our annual meeting of our Community Club and election of officers. There will be several important decisions to be voted on so come out and let's hear your opinions! This is everyone's Community Club and the dues are only 50 cents a year, so why not come out and give your elected officers the support they need to make our club continue the wonderful work it has done in the past.

Karen Boser is home after a series of tests and is just waiting now to go in and have an operation. She has her mother, Mrs. Olsen, visiting here with her and Art Boser is just about the busiest man on the island.

This week's news could have been a lot more animated if we, as Irish Canadians, had had a few cups of Irish coffee. Stop shivering, Rob Dixon, there isn't a drop of Bushmill's or Jamieson's on the island, because if there was, I would have nosed it out!

Home from hospital in Nanaimo is Frank Copeland with wife, Mary. Frank looks good and says he feels good. It is a fine time of year to live in your Boot Cove cottage, Frank, and we all hope you and Mary enjoy your retirement!

## Church Services

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1974

### ANGLICAN

St. George's	Ganges	Matins	9:30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Eucharist	11:15 am
St. Mary Magdalene	Mayne	Morning Service	11:30 am

Wed, March 20:

St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5:00 pm
St. Mary's	Fulford	Lenten Service	7:00 pm

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

### UNITED

Mr. F. W. Sibley,	Ganges	Worship Service	10:30 am
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537-2622		Worship	10:30 am
		Evangelistic Service	7:30 pm
		Midweek Fellowship	7:30 pm

Thursdays -

# AUXILIARY ENJOYS BUSY YEAR

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital was held in January, with 53 members present and Mrs. F. Scorgie presiding.

The auxiliary has several divisions. Each is staffed by volunteers who have contributed many hours' work in the past year. Two women look after the patients' flowers every day and there are books and magazines on the flower cart.

The Candy Strippers are there, too, helping out in many ways and Mrs. Dino Facca reports they will soon be wearing caps.

Mrs. L. Oliver decorates the patients' trays on special occasions. At Christmas each one received a gift.

In the Extended care ward Mrs. Paul Layard and her staff have been making handicrafts with the residents. These were sold to the public and the proceeds bought little extras.

The Thrift Shop in the capable hands of Mrs. O. Tiffen,

has been a tremendous success. The net proceeds of this project were \$16,149. for the year. Most of the money is spent within the hospital and has purchased wheel chairs, an emergency lighting system and general equipment.

Mrs. D. Gear, heading the nominating committee, brought in the new executive for 1974: president, Mrs. P. Chester; vice-president, Mrs. W. Petapiece; secretary, Mrs. I. Brown; treasurer, Mrs. A.

Laing; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. Shandro.

In the coming year, Mrs. L. Yellowlees will be in charge of the Thrift Shop and Mrs. W. Davidson in the extended care ward.

At the close of the meeting the draw was made for the afghan, made and donated by Mrs. J. Taylor.

Winner of the raffle was Mrs. Shandro.

Tea was served by Mrs. J. Gilson.

## Down Through The Years - - - With DRIFTWOOD

1960...

When a chimney fire started at the home of Miles Acheson last Sunday, the fire trucks of Fulford and Ganges were having a practice in Ganges. The Fulford truck led the way to the fire with the Ganges fire trucks tailing in a close chase to the scene. There was no damage at the Acheson home caused by the fire.

Today you are reading the

first issue of DRIFTWOOD, a weekly, to be published every Thursday, at Ganges. We promise never to use Driftwood as a "privileged pulpit". We will attempt, at all times to show both sides of controversy equally and fairly. Providing we have the space we will print all "Letters to the Editor" whether bricks or bouquets, if they are in good taste and do not violate the libel laws.

J. H. P. Frederick, manager of the Ganges branch of the Bank of Montreal since October, 1958, has been transferred to Kelowna.

1964...

The George Sinden trophy for junior piano was awarded to Judy Luddington on the stage of the Cowichan High School auditorium at the final night performance.

Mrs. F. K. Parker will serve as regent of HMS Ganges Chapter IODE for the coming year.

1969...

Capt. and Mrs. P. A. T. Ellis are leaving Galiano Island, after eight years' residence. They are moving to Victoria.

The Penders' Red Cross drive is on, with chairman Jamie Scott leading the charge, for her 30th year. Mrs. John Freeman, as usual, is canvassing for South Pender. Helping Pender to hold its honoured place are Miss Alice Aulterlonie, Mrs. Dorothy Darling, Mrs. Mary Garrod, Miss Marion McKechnie, Miss Joan Purchase and Mrs. Audrey Taylor.

Mrs. Alan Hedger caught a 200-pound halibut, lost it, fished again and caught it.

### MINOR COLLISION

A minor accident occurred at Ganges during the afternoon of last Monday.

Car driven by Elaine Low ran into the back of Wm. Simpkin's car. Mrs. Low was charged with tail-gating, or following too closely. Damage amounted to \$400, but there were no injuries.

## FARMS ARE GONE AT NIAGARA

Need for preservation of farmlands is world-wide, Nanaimo-Islands MP, Tommy Douglas told a Ganges meeting on Monday afternoon.

He recalled taking his family to the beautiful Niagara Peninsula in the 30's. They toured the vineyards set against the background of the Great Lakes.

He knows the same country today.

The vineyards are gone, he stated, and their place has been taken by industry. Where grapes grew in sight of the beaches, now stand factories in full view of the pollution warning signs.

Canadian wine is now made from California grapes, he told the meeting.

Canada is one of the few lands left where arable land may be freely abandoned to development, he observed.

### PLAY AT SAANICH AND ALL GAIN AWARDS THERE

On the week end of March 8 and 9 the Midget boys and girls and Junior boys and girls participated in an invitational tournament at Claremont Secondary School, in Saanich.

All teams played well and made the finals.

All-Star awards went to: Kitty Byron, Cathy Anderson, Barbara Mouat, Alec McManus, David Woodley, Kellie Bourdin, Jenny Byron and Jimmy Taylor.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT will be held at 8.00pm on

**Tuesday the 2nd day of April, 1974**

At the Canadian Legion Hall, Ganges, B.C.

- BUSINESS:
1. To receive the report of the trustees.
  2. To elect two trustees for a term of three years each.
  3. To elect an auditor for the ensuing year.
  4. Any other business.

P. Cartwright (Secretary)

# LIONS AND SEAFOOD MIX WELL AT GALIANO

BY MARY BACKLUND

Galiano Lions said last week that the seafood smorgasbord would be bigger and better

than last year, and, sure enough, bigger and better it most certainly was. More than 140 people came to enjoy the fine food and

dancing at Galiano Hall on Saturday night, March 16.

Credit goes to those who put in long hours catching, cleaning, and preparing all of the mountains of different food, produced entirely by the Lions. Fortunately, Lions are also good fishermen, and they were lucky enough to catch an abundance of codfish and salmon as well as digging clams and oysters. They caught their own crabs, too. Frank Basarab, Lion presid-

ent, was food convener, ably helped by Lionettes Sylvia Head and Judy Oliver, who co-ordinated this huge smorgasbord right from the start. Cam Prior was ticket chairman, helped by Gary Lupton and Bill Bamford.

Other Lionettes Mary Knudson, Marg Basarab, Rosemary Georgeson, Betsy Baines, Dorothy Lupton and Lions Geordie Georgeson, Bob Knowles, Ken Silvery, Cam Prior, Gary Lupton, Dave Oliver, were the main helpers, with Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Knowles and Mrs. Silvey. Tom Carolan also cooked some salmon.

Gary Lupton and George Head and Mike Lane decorated the hall and Roy Harding sold tickets most of the evening. All of the rest of the Lions helped. John Liver met boats bringing visitors, as did Al Lantinga.

Many of the dishes were cooked at members' homes, and then taken to the hall.

When it was time for dancing tables were cleared and the next several hours were spent dancing to the fine music of the "Kinfolk Five", a group of musicians from Langley way.

Visiting Lions came from Salt Spring, Pender, Sidney and Central Saanich.

Some of the prize winners were Vic Sampson, who was unable to attend because of

## BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Bowlers of the week at Leisure Lanes in Ganges were Georgina Gibbs, with 234, 217 and 216 for a total of 667 and Bob Atkins, whose 219, 228 and 271 totalled 718.

Honorable mention was made of Carol Kaye, 709; Buntly McNally, 719; Ruth Bedford, 754 and Lucy Moore, 728.

## IN PRAISE OF SPRING

BY CELIA V. REYNOLDS

Sing a song of Springtime-- of blossoms in the air-- Of varied hues of all the trees of apple, peach and pear! Also, be sure to mention the singing of each bird. From early dawn to sunset, their gay, bright tunes are heard. Fields grow green and glisten, beneath the rising sun. So, sing a song of Springtime before her tasks are done. Let your voices lift and lilt, in praise of all good things-- For beauty of the earth and air that Springtime always brings!

sudden illness; Bob Sauerberg, of Mayne Island, Mrs. G. W. Georgeson of Sidney and Jackie Hawthorne, Galiano. A great crowd is followed by a cleanup and this was done by Lionettes who worked Sunday and Monday.

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## MAYNE

BY ELSIE BROWN

We may not be "Tip Toeing Through the Tulips" but we have lots of other spring flowers on the island and are a close second to Victoria. Gardeners are busy poring over seed catalogues and a large number of islanders are taking advantage of the space available at Wilbert Deacon's farm for vegetable gardens.

There are still plots for those who would like to participate. For information contact the executive of Silver Maynes, Hugh Campkin or Harry Adams.

Canadian Packers have donated fish net to fence the Community Garden to keep out the deer. It is very much appreciated.

Coming events are as follows Saturday, March 23, Lions Bingo at the hall, 8 pm. Lots of prizes.

Thursday, March 28, Shoppers' bus, sponsored by Silver Maynes. Mayne Queen leaves Village Bay at 11:35. Bus meet ferry at Swartz Bay, 1:45 pm. All islanders are welcome to this service.

Winners of the Maggie and Jiggs Tournament held by the Carpet Bowlers at the hall were Meg Drummond and Bill Ferguson. They share a wooden rolling pin suitably inscribed. Congratulations to them both! Ladies' singles, men's singles and a rink game are in progress and results of those games will be published at the finish of the season.

Kay Adams has returned home after her stay in hospital and is improving gradually, we are glad to hear.

A Lay Service held at St. Mary Magdalene church last Sunday was very successful. Participating in the service were Don Vigurs, Rector's Warden; Mrs. Joan Whitfield, Mrs. Jean Beaumont, Jesse Brown and Mrs. Nancy Sutton at the organ. The next service will be at 11:30 am, Sunday, March 24 with Rev. Wm. Mundy officiating.

Red Cross canvassers are out in full force and the co-operation of residents is requested. The fine weather is a boon to those without transportation. We may be a small island but the area is scattered. We can't let Galiano get ahead of us. Come on Mayne Island we can do it! Our quote is \$300.

 **HOW CAN I???**  
 By Anne Ashley

Q. What causes my iron to stick to the clothing as I press it?

A. Either too much starch, clothes not properly rinsed, or dirt on the bottom of your iron can cause this. If it's the bottom of your iron that's at fault, rub it with a damp cloth when cool. Polish with a dry cloth. For stubborn cases, use silver polish, or run the iron over a little table salt spread on waxed paper. In the case of rayons and other synthetic fabrics, too hot an iron will cause sticking.

Q. How can I relieve tired and aching feet?

A. Boric acid in the foot bath will not only relieve tired, perspiring feet, but will also remove any unpleasant odor.

Q. What have you to say about the idea of soaking clothes before laundering them?

A. Don't soak them so long that the dirt is distributed through the fabrics. If soaking overnight, be sure the sudsy water is cold, or your clothes will take on a poor color.

Q. How can I prevent window glass from streaking as I wash it?

A. Adding a little vinegar to

your wash water will avoid streaking, and will also make the glass sparkle.

Q. How can a woodcarving hobbyist harden the wood that has been cut out and sculptured into the desired shape?

A. By boiling the pieces in pure olive oil for eight to ten minutes. Many other such "hobby hints" are contained in my household-hints book.

Q. How can I prevent Chinese and Indian matting rugs, as well as bamboo curtains and furniture, from yellowing?

A. By cleaning them with salt water.


Q. Can you suggest an easy repair for small holes in linoleum?

A. Oftentimes a good filler for such holes is provided by a mixture of finely chopped cork and liquid glue.

Q. How can I remove stubborn stains from my kitchen or bathtub?

A. Try rubbing over these stains with table salt dampened with turpentine or mineral spirits, then rinsing with clear water.

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# Continuing education continues n

## NIGHT SCHOOL ATTRACTS MANY ISLANDERS

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Karate: the science of self-defence. You see them all there practising. The sharp decisive movements are all part of the routine so well-ordered that it will enable a young girl to leave a larger man helpless on the ground.

Karate in Ganges is a small part of the routine of adult education, or night school or evening classes. And all these terms add up to the current official name of Continuing

Education. Continuing education adds up to classes in the Gulf Islands Secondary School and Mrs. D. Olive Layard, the gal behind the scenes.

Tuesday night a photographer made the ground tour of the high school and around. First stop was the self-defence, where the students obligingly went through the routine of the movements. Every movement is a carefully devised exercise to bring some part of the body into quick, sharp

movements as effective as a weapon.

Two students both dressed for the part, showed the routine of attack and defence. One moment the attacker is ready for instant victory and next minute he lies on the floor wondering what hit him.

Meantime the rest of the class carries on with the long routine of jerky but flowing movements of power. These are most noticeable in the quick fling of the arm with the edge of the hand used as the only weapon, and in the unmistakable sharp kick.

The basketballers were not playing a tournament. They were playing a scratch game and warming up.

If watching the ball and the self-defence exhausted you, you could repair to the home economics room and watch Baruna Bhattacharjee cooking a supper. The aroma was too strong a temptation to try a meal not even cooked yet. It's a happy kitchen when the dishes of India are brought, appropriately, to Ganges, and she is a happy cook.

The most nearly traditional evening class was the child-care course. While Dr. Guilk Libresco presided, a large group was gathered around the circle considering the influence of alcohol in given circumstances.

Bill Bartsch and his wife, Chris, were as happy as a far-eastern cook but they couldn't keep still. They operate classes in ball-room dancing and with the prospect of a picture they put a new record on and they worked at their steps while the camera snapped.

Further afield, the outboard engine mechanics were watching Steve Nelson strip down a carburettor and show them the pitfalls. Mainly male, the class included one young lady. This probably made up for the single male in the cooking class.

Continuing education, 1974 style, was a happy routine and most of the students were thoroughly happy. Even Ernie Jarman, who left the room to have a smoke when they were discussing a carburettor not found on his motor.



These pictures show various classes in operation at the Continuing Education classes in and around the high school at Ganges. At the top are the Child Care classes and Baruna Bhattacharjee who is joyously cooking. Lower pictures show Karate and the throwing of a grown man by a young woman and Steve Nelson expounding on carburetors.

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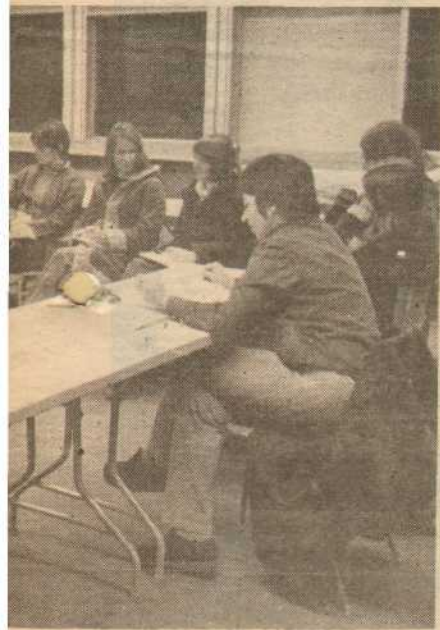
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This group has been formed to offer outdoor activities to the younger segment of Salt Spring's population.

A hike is planned in the Regional Hill area of Fulford Harbour. The group is to meet

at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. and will return at 3 p.m. They will need a lunch and suitable footwear.

Any interested young person is welcome but each hiker should call 537-5323 or 537-2280 to permit the arrangement of transportation.

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# ISLANDS FACING RUIN FROM PROPOSAL

(From Page One)

In addition, observed Wright, there have been two national parks organized in the past decade by the Canadian government.

The first was in New Brunswick. Since its inception 80% of the residents of that area have left. The park administration has destroyed their livelihood and driven them out, he recounted.

Second venture by the federal government in the past 10 years is in Manitoba. On an island in Lake Winnipeg is a Finnish community, reported the islander. The village was established by a group of settlers from Finland. The village was so characteristic of their background that the government decided to preserve it. It became a national park.

At the present time, he reported, the park is the subject of litigation between the parks administration and the irate islanders.

This is the background to any park established among the islands, warned Mr. Wright.

In conclusion, he asked Mr. Douglas whether he would speak for islanders in the House of Commons. He most certainly would, replied Douglas.

The member referred to the manner in which the Joint Commission had passed on its responsibilities to the Point Roberts Board.

"I am not a neutral observer," warned the speaker, "I think it's a bad report."

"I have no wish to exaggerate or to get anyone into a panic," said Douglas. "Yet I wouldn't want to wake up and find that the recommendations of the board had gone to Ottawa and Washington for final approval."

The commission had authorized the Point Roberts Board to carry out an investigation of the conditions at Point Roberts. Within 18 days that board had returned to ask for an extension of its terms of reference. It was at this point that the islands came into the picture.

Basic purpose of the enquiry was to solve the water shortage of Point Roberts. It was a logical matter to be referred to the international commission in view of the fact that Point Roberts is an American community which can only be reached by road through Canadian territory. The board was given an extension of its range and authorized to investigate an international park with Point Roberts as its headquarters.

Proposed park would cover 3,000 square miles of Canadian and United States territory. "It is a desirable recreation area," commented Tommy Douglas, "with 2,998,000

people to use the park. "This figure would increase in 10 years to 3,200,000, he commented.

Douglas quoted from the board's report.

"Never in my life have I read anything like this," he commented, "It reads like a tourist brochure."

The proposal would make the islands the Disneyland of the north, explained Mr. Douglas. "It is not a park to preserve the area, it is a park to exploit the islands."

The Americans have used their coastline down to California, he noted.

"Here you have the last unspoiled area on the coast."

If the government wants to preserve the area this can be done without turning it into an international park, he added.

As an international park it would be administered without regard to local wishes or opinions, he noted.

"If this is what you want, that's your privilege," stated the parliamentarian. "But I'm going to oppose it. All I'm anxious about is that you don't get sucked into something."

Douglas was critical of the manner in which the commission had gone about its proposal. Little had been brought out into the open. Provincial government, regional districts, local authorities; none was given a copy of the board's report. The advertisements for the public hearing gave little information on the purpose. "There is no doubt," he continued, "that the Commission will accept the board's report. It will go to the Canadian and the United States governments."

Write to the governments, federal and provincial, he urged. Tell the members of both governments where islanders stand in this business.

A letter is better than a petition, he added. The Capital Regional Dist-

RICT is fully behind Tommy Douglas, reported Regional Director George Heinekey.

The federal member reminded his audience that community planning can protect each island, but it cannot protect the waters between the islands. This is a federal responsibility. He also warned that community plans would be thrown out if an international park was established.

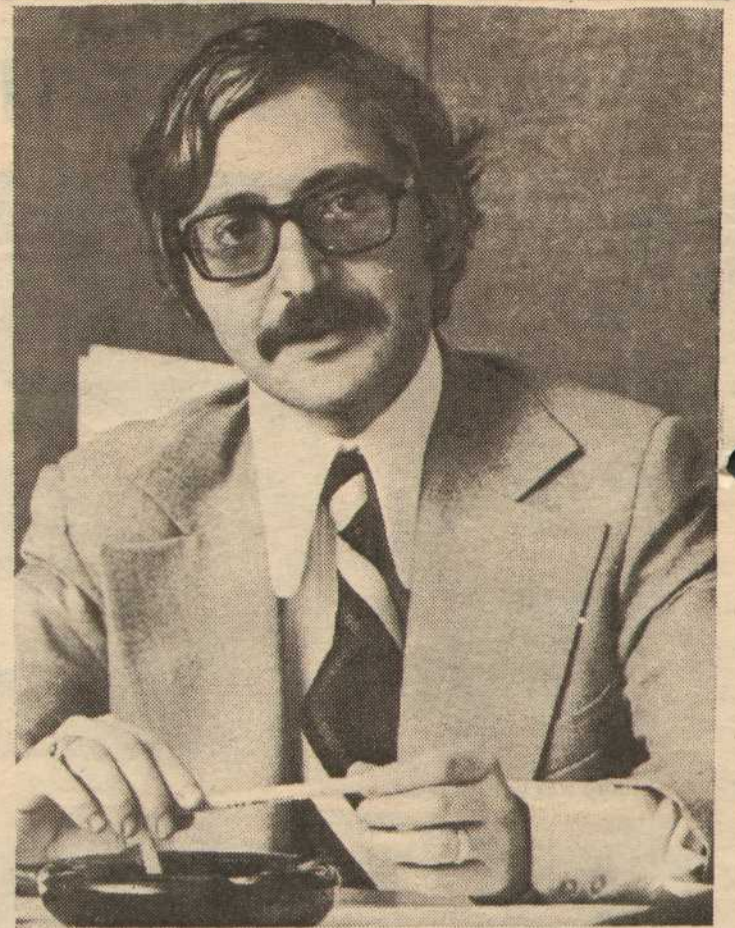
Mr. Wright reported that as a result of his protests at the public hearing in Victoria he had received a 30-page questionnaire on the International Joint Commission.

"Are you prepared to go back to the House of Commons and tell them that the Canadian people of the islands in the Gulf Of Georgia want no part of this proposal for a park?" asked Wright.

"I can ask the Canadian government to instruct the Canadian section to refuse to approve the resolution of the board," replied Douglas, "and that I certainly will ask for."

He was dealing with Mitchell Sharp, the secretary of state, observed the man from Ottawa.

"I could make a better backbone out of a banana," he commented.



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# ROLLER HOCKEY

PLAYED AT FULFORD HALL

BY M. B. PINCHIN

There was a player change this week, with two players moving from Bantams to Intermediates, to fill vacancies caused by players moving away.

The first game was played Saturday, March 16; Pee Wees, Rangers vs Bears. Referee was Alan Marsh.

In goal for Rangers was David Marsh, stopping 29 shots on goal and scoring for Rangers was Scott Fraser, with one goal.

Allan Sinclair was in goal for the Bears. He stopped 26 shots on goal. Scoring for Bears were Phillip Kitchen, 5 and Tom Moulton, 1. The Bears had three penalties. Final score was 6-1 for the Bears.

The second game was also played March 16. Barry Pinchin was referee when Bruins met the Cougars.

Fast-moving, exciting first two periods saw Bruins ahead, 7-5. In the third period, Bruins scored another eight to make the game 15-7. Bruins' goalie, Danny O'Donnell stopped 38 shots and Jean Mark Valcourt stopped 57 shots for Cougars.

Scoring for Bruins were Brian Kitchen, 5; Colin Byron, 7 and Wolfgang Temmel, 3. For Cougars, Thomas Reynolds made 2; Alfred Draper, 1; Ian Lacy, 3 and Todd Farup, 1. The Bruins had two penalties and the Cougars, 1.

Calvin Fraser was in goal for Rangers when they met Flyers on March 17. He stopped 33 shots. Dale Hoffman stopped 43 shots for Flyers.

Scoring for Rangers were Scott Fraser, 3 and Kenneth Marr, 1; for Flyers were Steven Almond, 3; Rickie Andrews 3; Brian Burke, 2 and Glenn Sollitt, 1. Final score was 9-4 for the Flyers.

Maple Leafs played Bruins in the Intermediates on March 17. Referee was Larry Fraser.

It was a very exciting game all the way through, ending in a tie, 9-9. Scoring for Maple Leafs were Dennis Andersen, 1; Doug Andersen, 6 and Randy Howard, 2; for Bruins were Gordon Lee, 4; Dan O'Donnell, 3 and Wolfgang Temmel, 2.

Danny Reynolds was in goal for Canadians when they met Blazers. He stopped 23 shots. Andy Lawson was in goal for Blazers, stopping 44 shots.

## BIG ATTENDANCE AT PENDER FUNERAL

More than 100 residents of Pender Island gathered at St. Peter's Church on Saturday, March 9, to attend a memorial service for John Blake Bridge, M. C.

Many members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 239, of which Mr. Bridge had been a long-time member, turned out wearing their medals and decorations to honour the memory of their old comrade. The Rev. O. L. Foster conducted the service and said that Mr. Bridge was well-known

and most highly regarded all over the Penders, and offered sympathy to his widow, daughter and their family who attended the service.

For many of Mr. Bridge's years on North Pender Island he operated the general store at Port Washington. At a Church supper in January, this

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WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS our sincere thanks and gratitude to all our friends and neighbours for their quick response and help when our small son Sam got lost in the bushes. Thank you all again, it was really appreciated. Chester & Virginia Reynolds and family 10-1

MANY THANKS TO DRS. McCaffrey, Dixon and Rowell the matron and hospital staff for excellent care received during my recent stay in hospital. Thanks also to the many friends that sent cards, flowers, etc. -Nancy Patterson.

### OBITUARY

BAIN, DONALD JOHN, former resident of Southey Point who passed away suddenly on January 29 during a visit to North Wales. Memorial services will be conducted by Rev. P. McCalman, St. Mark's Anglican church, Ganges, on Saturday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m.

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LANNY HOWARD - PLAYWRIGHT

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In 1967, he retired and with his wife, set out to explore the country to find a home.

They began in Montreal then journeyed to Europe, where they travelled by trailer for a year from east to west. With trailer and enthusiasm the Howards went back to Florida where they had visited for many years. After staying only four months they decided to return to Canada once more.

Living on the southern areas of Vancouver Island they heard of Salt Spring where they have lived for six years. Lanny is still unsure whether it is what they had in mind. Good Neighbours was a "home sickness" when he was away south. He hopes to write more.

PLAYERS OFFER WORK OF

Salt Spring Players established a new first at the week end when the island group presented a one-act play written by an islander.

Neighbours was written by Lanny Howard and he took the lead role on the island stage.

The play is a light fantasy woven around the collapse of the United States forces after someone pushed the wrong button and blew everything up.

An occupying force is sent out to Spring Island and lands on Salt Spring Island by mistake. In charge of the force is Col. Ben Snell, played by Lanny Howard. With his 2IC, Capt. Dan'l Eager, and sundry soldiers including Don Cunningham, he sets down to win the islanders over.

The play is lively with local and topical references and jeers at almost everyone and everything.

There is Col. Arthur Finch (Reg Taylor) who is "as Cana-

dian as the Red Ensign" and Mrs. Elizabeth Barton, president of the Chamber of Commerce (Olive Clayton) who is asking for 500 gross of contraceptive pills because of the time of the year.

Constable Jean Perkins, RCMP (Kerry Simpson) issues the invading force with tourists' permits and ultimately defeats the invasion. The play is lively and amusing. It rarely shows down. Di-



Col. Ben Snell (Lanny Howard) runs from Mrs. Foley's (Gwen Hind-Smith) pitchfork.

SEMESTER IS HERE TO STAY

The proposal to abolish the semester system at Gulf Islands Secondary School was withdrawn last Wednesday in deference to students' pleas.

Trustee Sheila Fraser had given notice of motion on the grounds that subjects such as English Literature and Biology were hard to acquire and remember until the university years begin many months later. Cam Stewart cited the pos-

sible cultural activities that are forfeited by the semester system.

Hal Leighton spoke of the young adults who may be in the school building when fire occurs and the difficulty of tracing the whereabouts of students when it is uncertain whether they be in the burning building or at the village with a coffee.

A member of the students' council, Tracey Poole presented a brief which warmly endorsed the divided year. A questionnaire presented to the students of the grades 11 and 12 was returned showing 65 in favor of the system and only one opposed.

Miss Poole offered a tongue in-cheek analysis of the fire hazard. The best hour for a fire in the school was four a.m., she suggested. The accounting for students absent during fire could never be certain, she warned the board.

Bob McWhirter listed the classes that offer half-year and full-year time, including 50% of the subjects.

Mrs. Nonie Guthrie said the concern shown by parents in regard to the semester should be less important than the support shown by the students and teachers who approach the system happily.

Alternate class no alternative

The school dormitory will continue to be used as a temporary facility for the alternate school program in Ganges.

Mooted for an alternative facility by school trustees last week was Mahon Hall, originally given to the school district to be used by the school and by the community.

Donna Watt, a participant in the alternate school program claimed the hall could no longer be used for any other function but a classroom once set up for the purpose. This would be detrimental to the school and community, she asserted.

Both groups use the hall in cultural and sports activities. Mother of a child attending the new school program complained of the moves and temporary buildings which her child has undertaken.

The old dormitory, when assessed by the fire district,

required gyproc and third and basement levels sealed off. This has already been done, and fire escapes have been moved.

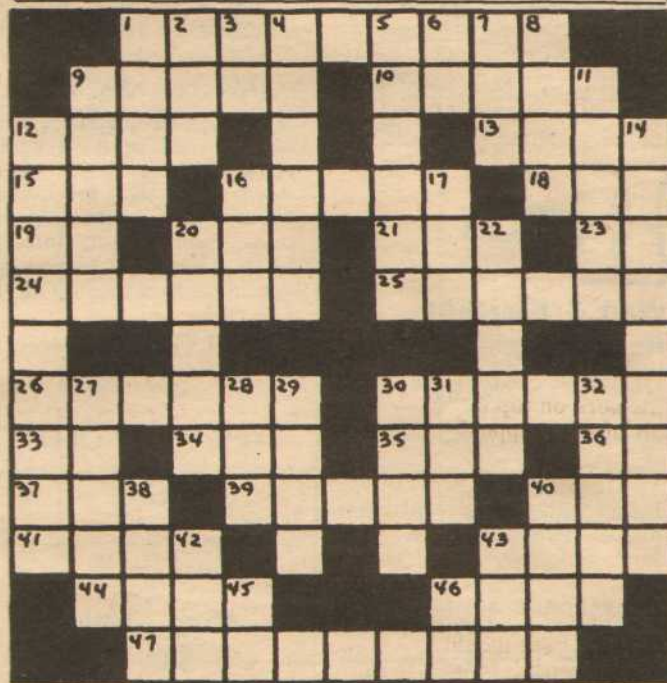
For classroom use, the health authorities stipulate a 45cps lighting, which would be installed if the building is to be permanently used for the program.

Charlie Baltzer concluded

that the dorm will continue in use for classroom purposes until the end of May, when the new gymnasium and Mahon Hall are allocated to various other uses.

Bob McWhirter commented on the shortage of space already for activities such as dancing and sports and for the 43 ballet dancers who go to the United Church basement to dance now.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS

- 1 - American sport (poss.)
9 - Forerunner
10 - Navigates
12 - Beast of burden
13 - Stimulant
15 - Noah's craft
16 - Varnish ingredient
18 - Pallid
19 - In reference
20 - In favor of
21 - Harden
23 - College degree
24 - Cupid's missiles
25 - Tormenter
30 - To span
33 - Preposition
34 - Theatrical sign of a full house
35 - Aquatic propelling device
36 - Preposition

DOWN

- 1 - To frustrate
2 - An adept
3 - Compass point
4 - Blunders



- 5 - To aid
6 - Musical note
7 - Cover
8 - Leisurely
9 - Soup
11 - To set apart
12 - Endurance contests
14 - Vigorous
16 - Tier
17 - Born
20 - Dupes
22 - South American animal
27 - Members
28 - Time period
29 - Sway to and fro
30 - Affect with enmity
31 - Escaped
32 - Prisons in Britain
38 - Seizing instrument
40 - Tree
42 - Equality
43 - Social function
45 - Parent
46 - Aerial train

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# ISLAND AUTHOR AT WEEK END

ologue is well maintained and the play is an excellent introduction to local contributions. With a little more polish the play could be entertaining to off-island audiences.

I thoroughly enjoyed the play and the constant flow of humour and cracks.

The play was directed by Olive Clayton.

Equally light and an excellent filler was Rise and Shine, by Elda Cadogan. The setting was very attractive and the play ran from fantasy to farce without hesitation.

Theme is worthy of Evelyn Waugh, when the hero is making advances to his great-great grandmother. Philip Sanford Grant (David Phillips) was killed in a car accident. He is late in rising at the last trump as also is Hepzibah Mercy Jones (Susan Talman) who died a century earlier. Having little to do and discovering their problems in common, they eye each other amorously.

It is centenarian Henry Joseph Jones (Trevor Wheeldon) who puts the kybosh on their

philandering as he thoroughly enjoys their relationship, tracing Grant's ancestry. Jones' second wife, Jane Morrison Jones is played by Prue Wheeldon.

Director was Doris Andrews.

Final play in the Three for the Show was The Rats, by Agatha Christie. Despite the efforts of husband-and-wife team Reg and Marilyn Taylor with Sheila Fraser and Harvey Hendrikson, the play was the weakest of the three, but it is a play without any strength of its own.

The four players have to work hard to bring the pattern into being and particularly for Marilyn Taylor as Sandra Grey the weaving of the pattern was strenuous. She has already exhibited a capacity for emotional roles, but in The Rats, the audience is not readily in sympathy with the theme. Truth of the matter is that Agatha Christie's play is long out of date.

Reg Taylor was David Forrester and Hendrikson played Alec Hanbury. Sheila Fraser

was the gossip, Jennifer Brice.

The audiences on the two evenings enjoyed the presentation, but it was not the best choice of play.

Rats was directed by Yvonne Townbee.

General production manager was Gwen Hind-Smith. Stage manager was Gwen Johnson, scenery, Charlotte Keeping; make-up, Annette Keeping and lighting, Andy Roberts.

## Galiano

BY MARY BACKLUND

Nice to see Mrs. Pat Weaver home after a bout in the hospital at Ganges. Visiting Kitty and Pat for a few days is their daughter, Mrs. Lorna McLeod, who flew out from London, Ontario.

Mrs. Bernard Stallybrass is now in the Extended Care wing of Lady Minto Hospital at Ganges. She has been in Vancouver for the past 15 months.

Peter Darling had a fall from his horse on Sunday afternoon. He and his wife and friends were riding on an old road near Salamanca Point, when he was thrown to the road. His hard riding hat saved him from serious injury to his head. He is now resting at home for a few days.

Stanley Page is in hospital at Ganges. He is a little better and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

On Sunday, March 17 a most enjoyable shoot was held at the rod and gun club with several shooters coming from Mayne and a couple from Vancouver. Some people have all the luck. At the Christmas shoot, lucky target ticket was sold to George Georgeson, of Sidney by Mary Knudson. This time he bought another from her, and again, he won a big turkey. Winner of the lucky target is determined by the number of pellets in one of the many squares marked off on the back of the target, and shot at with a shotgun.

## FOUND IN TEARS

On Monday, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Reynolds, Ganges, went missing. The police were notified at 4 pm. Neighbours were informed and a search was made of the Dukes Road area.

Sam was eventually located near Blackburn Lake, unharmed and in tears.

Women must have their wills while they live, because they make none when they die.

## Will rate go down here?

When a Salt Spring Island half-time resident wrote to the Premier of British Columbia recently, he sent Driftwood a copy. It is published here for the benefit of other islanders, similarly placed.

When the furore arose over the large assessment increases for non-residential properties, you were quoted in the press to the effect of telling us not to get excited... that these were just assessment notices, and that it didn't mean that our taxes would go up correspondingly. That wouldn't be known until the millrates were established.

So I didn't write you about the 1974 assessments for our Salt Spring Island properties being 218% of the year previous. (We have three half-acre serviced residential lots, one for each of our school-aged children, that we are buying on time and hope to have them paid for in a few more years, to pass along to each of the children for their seasonal use and perhaps later retirement. Meanwhile they could be considered as our contribution to a green belt and open spaces).

Nor did I appeal my assessments to the Court of Revision I was prepared to, but after a chat with the assessor over there, felt that it would be futile and would give him a lot more work on top of the hundreds of other appeals he was deluged with.

It was with great interest that I later read Mr. Lorimer's letter of Jan. 29 addressed to the Mayor and Council of all municipalities. He emphasized that "the mill rate levied for general municipal purposes in the current year should be lower than it would otherwise be as a consequence of the increase in "the assessment values placed on industrial, commercial and unoccupied real property, which have risen substantially over the previous year".

Since Salt Spring Island is "unorganized territory", the mill rate is established by the Provincial government.

Can I have your assurance that you too will "recognize that the mill rate... should be lower in the current year than it would otherwise have been"????? ... especially when there is probably a higher percentage of vacant and non-residential lands within your taxing jurisdiction for unorganized territories, and therefore a substantial increase in the total assessments than for the organized municipalities that Mr. Lorimer gave instructions to.

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However, Income Tax will never be the easiest or most enjoyable thing in anyone's life. And it will always present problems in some areas, for some people. That's expected and understandable.

So, what we want to do now is really work on those problem areas. And the best way to do that is to work with you, individually, on whatever part of Income Tax that causes you difficulty.

And that's what April Aid is all about. It's a help system and its primary objective is to ensure that whenever or whatever you need help with, you can get it. And know how to get it.

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If you live outside the office area, call the Operator and ask for Zenith 0-4000. She will automatically connect you to your own District Taxation Office. Remember, all calls are free, all questions are answered, and if you have queries, we want you to call.



**Third.** Some people prefer to talk things over in person. If you're one of them and have problems, drop by for free help. Anytime. The address of your District Taxation Office is below.



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# MARKET BOARDS ARE GOOD

Principal of marketing boards is good, according to Tommy Douglas, MP. He recalled the problems of selling prairie wheat many years ago. As the grain went to the elevators the price would drop heavily, he recalled and the only farmers who could get a fair price for their harvest were those who could afford to store their grain until January, when prices start to rise again. The marketing board stopped that, he recalled.

He quoted the hog breeder: "When there are pigs, there's no price and when there's a price, there's no pigs!"

THIS WAS ONLY 40 YEARS AGO...AND LOOK AT THEM NOW!



the Harbour House Hotel and discussed the mechanics of the day's program.

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## Sunken fish boat raised at Galiano

BY MARY BACKLUND

Many Galiano Islanders watched with interest from Gossip Island Reef when a salvage job was carried out in Whalers Bay, last week.

The F. R. Smith Towing Company brought up the sunken fishing vessel, "Respond" which sank in 80 feet of water on March 1.

The 51-foot ship was loaded with 30 tons of herring. The

salvage company, with another tug, "Defender", searched for some time before they found the sunken ship.

It was with some difficulty, then, that two divers, Melvin Smith, son of the company owner, and Don Geisser, an independent diver, worked to secure lines. They placed the one-and-one-half-inch rope slings, around the ship, ready for lifting. They had to be especially careful, with the

weight of the herring in the hull.

Sam Larden, owner of "Respond" was there along with his brother, and several other friends. He did not know why the ship sank, and was lucky to get away in the small dinghy with only the clothes he stood in.

They are independent fishermen, and are members of the Pacific Trollers Association, fishing the herring while the unionized boats were out on strike.

When they finally got the ship to Whalers Bay on Monday night, they had to wait for low tide, to begin pumping out. The operation was hampered by the load of herring. They got most of the water out and she was towed to Van-

cover with two bigger boats. There was apparently not a great deal of damage, and a possible reason for the sinking was a leak in the stern of the boat, but it has not been definitely established.

### MAY DAY

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dy launched by the island Lions Club.

Running through the day will be the Flea Market, when visitors will be invited to bring anything for sale and the public will be invited to buy anything. There will be a 10% rake-off by the Chamber for the day's proceeds. Maypole dancing is to be revived and children's sports will be directed by Alan Marsh. Last year's successful baby show will be repeated.

Big project for the day will be the steer raffle. Mike Byron will provide the steer, weighing some 600 pounds and tickets will be sold up to the time of the draw.

The sponsors are asking for the support of islanders, clubs and organizations in all areas. They are calling for entries in the parade and the running of booths.

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MARCH 1974

DAY	TIME	HT.	
22	0435	9.9	
	1015	5.7	
	1630	9.0	
	2205	5.0	
23	0435	9.9	
	1045	4.8	
	1710	9.2	
	2240	5.6	
24	0450	10.0	
	1115	3.9	
	1805	9.4	
	2320	6.3	
25	0505	10.0	
	1145	3.2	
	1855	9.6	
	26	0000	7.0
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1225		2.5	
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27	0040	7.6	
	0550	10.1	
	1305	2.1	
	2105	9.7	
28	0125	8.2	
	0620	10.0	
	TH	1350	1.9
		2205	9.8

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MINUTE MAID - FROZEN  
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**PAPER TOWELS 2roll pkge 68<sup>c</sup>**  
WESTERN FAMILY  
**MARGARINE 1-lb. pkge 3/1.00**  
SWIFT'S 12-oz. tin  
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