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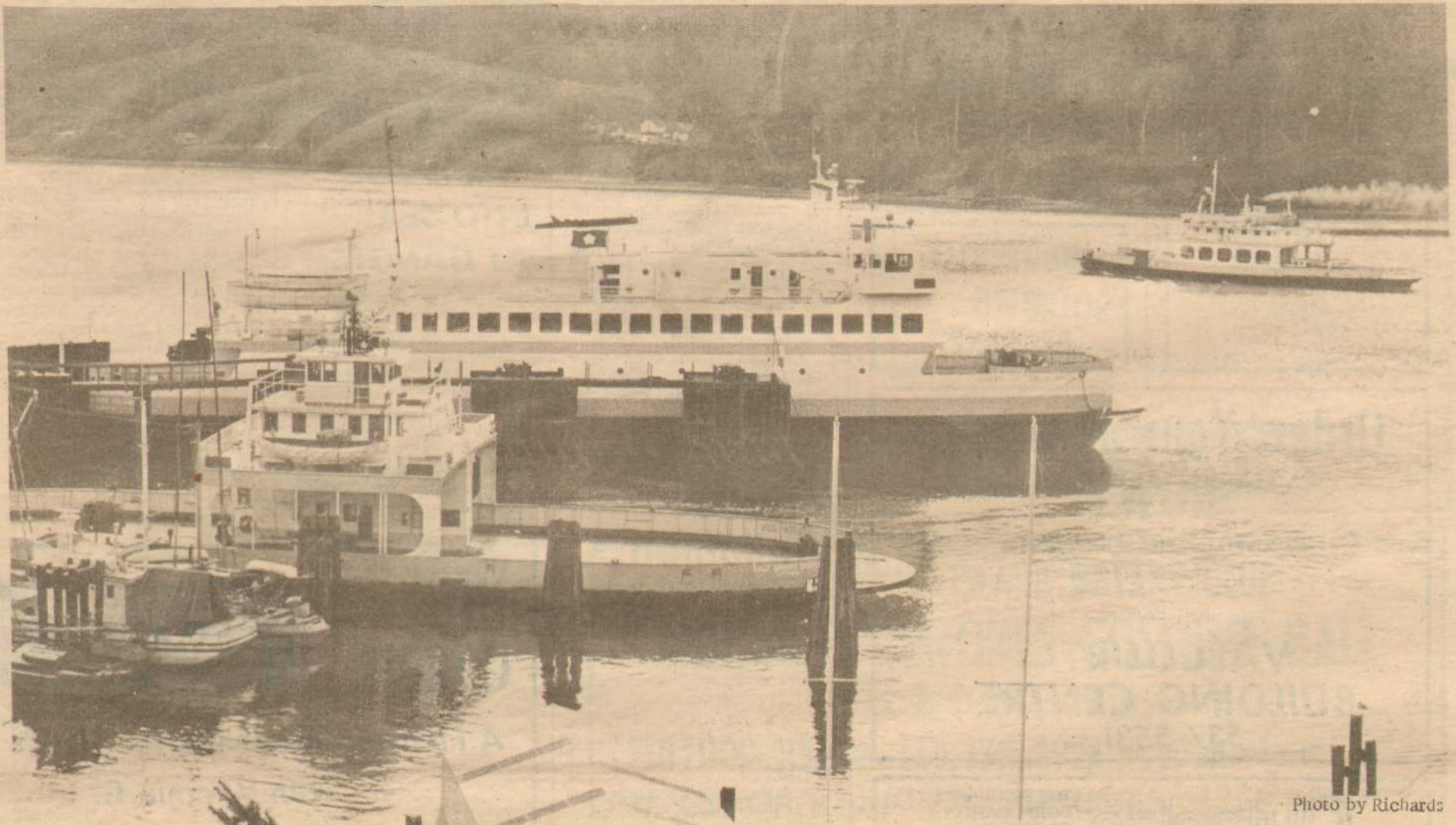


Photo by Richards

Seen tied up at Fulford are the Queen of the Islands, a temporary visitor to the south Salt Spring Island port and

the Salt Spring Queen. Steaming away down the harbour is the Pender Queen, on her way to Swartz Bay. The pic-

ture was taken last week before the Queen of the Islands returned to her berth at Long Harbour. Since that time the

Pender Queen ran amok on Monday and charged the mudflats. She was taken out of service for repairs and the

Bowen Queen went into service between Fulford and Swartz Bay a day early on Tuesday.

GROUP THREATENS STRIKE

PARENTS WANT SHARE IN SCHOOL DECISIONS

Salt Spring Island parents want a share in the decisions when the island schools are administered. And they are prepared to take any measures necessary to gain a hearing, even to the point of taking their children out of school.

The dissentient group of islanders protest that they have been denied a share in local decision-making and that the school is administered by civil servants whose decisions are dutifully rubber-stamped by trustees.

The parents' committee at

Ganges, headed by Harold Leighton, John Menzies and Yvette Valcourt, have asked the trustees of Gulf Islands School District to reinstate a

TWO PLANS GET NOD

— ADOPTED

Two island community plans have been approved by the province and by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. The plans now in force apply to South Pender Island and Galiano Island. Still under final amendment is the plan for Salt Spring Island. Other island community plans have yet to gain the approval of residents and the Capital Regional Board.

Hugh Curtis, MLA, who has been pressing the minister for a long time to adopt the plans and to settle the uncertain climate of island development was jubilant.

"I am tremendously pleased for the people of both Galiano and South Pender," he told Driftwood. "And now I am very hopeful for Salt Spring Island."

He had hoped for approval before the end of the year,

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teacher whose work with their children produced exceptional results. The trustees have declined to make the appointment or to further discuss the matter.

Mr. Leighton referred to the four months during which Miss Barbara Persson taught their children as an exceptional period in their schooling.

Miss Persson was appointed temporarily to the school staff when Mrs. Davies was on leave of absence. Parents of her grade five class were under the impression that Mrs.

Davies would return to take up the same class.

In the meantime the school (Turn to Page Fifteen)

OVER 500 IN THREE YEARS

More New Homes in 1973

— FIGURES SOAR TO \$5 MILLION

Building permits issued on the islands last year were valued at five and three-quarter millions. They covered a total of 203 dwelling units, as well as other construction projects.

Figure is more than one and a half-million dollars over the previous year's total.

In 1971 there were 182 dwelling units constructed on the islands at an estimated value of \$3,625,745. In 1972 the figure rose to \$4,153,696. This figure included a total of 197 dwellings.

The total number of new island dwellings in the past three years amounts to 582 among the islands.

Salt Spring Island took a marginal lead, with 299 new dwelling units and the Outer Islands came close, with 293. For the purposes of analysis the Capital Regional District makes a breakdown of permits on the basis of Central Mortgage and Housing statistics. These are not broken down into areas, but are split into "unorganized" or "municipal." All the islands come into the first category.

In 1971 a total of 326 dwelling units were constructed in all the rural areas of the regional district and no apart-

ments. In the municipal area during that period, there were 709 dwellings approved in municipal components of the regional district and 2,068 apartments.

Last year saw 458 dwellings in unorganized territory and 12 apartments. In the same period municipalities constructed 1,011 dwellings and 2,528 apartments.

The 84 buildings on Salt Spring Island in 1971 amounted to \$1,853,089. Total of 98 on the Outer Islands the same year were valued at \$1,772,656.

The increase in cost per home has no direct relationship with spiralling costs, but the trend was already apparent by 1972, when 93 dwelling units were constructed at a cost in permits of \$2,135,822. Same pattern could be seen on the Outer Islands, where 104 dwelling units were started at a cost of \$2,017,874.

Last year the number of homes on Salt Spring Island rose to 112 and the estimate of permits went up to \$3,759,576. It will be noted that this total value included the school construction permits at Ganges.

The Outer Islands were down to 91 permits last year with a price tag of \$2,012,329.

FURNACE IS SOURCE OF FIRE AT GANGES STORE

Flooded oil furnace at Turner's Store in Ganges brought out the Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department on Friday morning last week.

The fire was confined to the furnace room.

SUMMER TIME LOOMS

February 3 is the beginning of summer. At 2 am, on that Sunday the clocks will be put forward one hour for an early summer time.

Provincial government had previously planned to make the change in January.

Lots of Support for Church Group

BY OLIVE MOUAT

Mizpah's January meeting was light-hearted. The work of 1973 was finished; much had been accomplished; new friends had been made. The work of 1974 lies far enough ahead that, just for a day, no one worries very much about it.

"How nice!" exclaims Mrs. F. D. Artiss, the new President, looking happily at the 23 women who are seated around her, "there's lots of support."

She greeted her associates, old and new, and crowned her welcome by reading a thought-

ful poem entitled, "Friendship."

For the devotional period, Mrs. S. K. Claibourne had chosen a selection headed, "I have to live with myself." In humorous and cheerful words this poem drove home lessons of kindness, honesty, and devotion.

After a hilarious roll call, everyone was plunged (even though this was the carefree January meeting) into plans for work.

Marion Woolley will be responsible for missionary envelopes; Doris Gibson will convene a committee to prepare for the Congregational tea-coffee-and-dessert party which is to precede the annual church meeting on January 24.

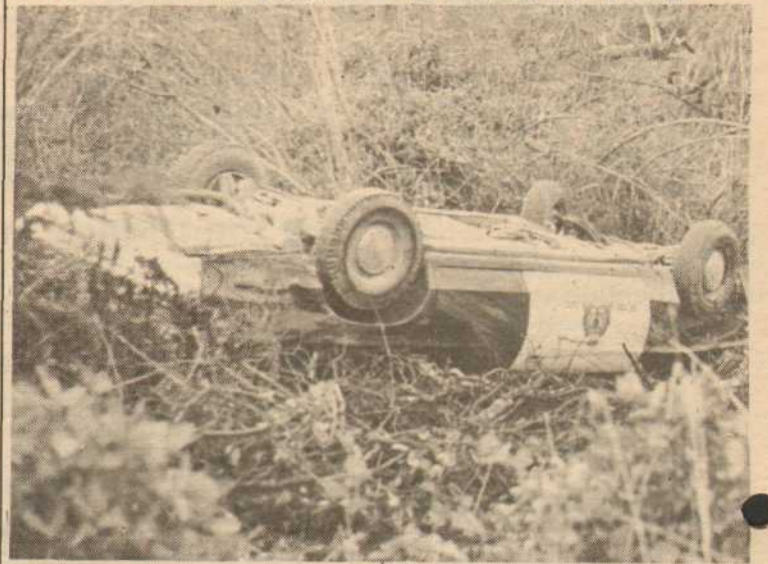
Ruby Johnston will be responsible after March for flowers in the church. Jean Artiss passed around an attractive Christmas card holder as a suggestion for an item for next fall's bazaar. Two members offered rides to the meeting for those who do not drive. Margaret Mayo, Adelaide Sibley, and Olive Mouat will prepare tea for the next time that the Friendship Group wishes it; Helen Reid and Ethel Claibourne will take charge of after-church coffee for the next Sunday, with a planned rotation of servers to follow--all volunteers.

The whole group joined in prayer for men and women around the world, and especially for the people of Britain in this time of difficulty, and the "least coin" was dropped into its jar with silent, individual petitions.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction: "May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other."

Tea and refreshments were served by Mrs. J. R. Gibson and Mrs. R. Bidwell.

PATROL CAR ROLLS OFF GANGES ROAD



CAR IS RUN INTO SEA AT GANGES

On January 19, a complaint of wilful damage was reported to the R. C. M. P. Detachment at Ganges. A vehicle, parked at the Esso Garage had been pushed over the embankment. Upon the return of the tide the car was partially submerged. Police investigated and several youths were accused of the act. They admitted the offense. No charges were laid.

Const. J. Garbutt was the driver when the patrol car from the RCMP detachment office on Ganges Hill went out of control on Upper Ganges Road Friday evening last week. Wheels went on the soft shoulder, and the car skidded across the road when the young officer sought to recover. The patrol car hit a stump and spun over onto the top. Driver was unhurt.

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Tribute to Myrtle Holloman

BY GOOD NEIGHBOUR

The evening of January 12 marked the occasion for a heart-warming surprise party in honor of Myrtle Holloman, Walker Hook Road, who was marking her 71st birthday.

Plans were laid under the direction of Mrs. Thelma Wallace.

Relatives and friends gathered at the Fernwood Store and a cavalcade of cars then proceeded en masse to the Holloman residence to find Myrtle preparing for a quiet evening of reading and radio.

Within minutes the party was in full swing. Music and dancing was followed by a buffet supper.

She was presented with a large bouquet of long-stemmed roses from the C. B. C. A corsage of pink carnations was sent by L. Bowden, a long-time friend who was unable to attend due to illness. Another old friend, Mrs. Margaret Westcott, also unable to attend, signed the guest card ahead of time.

Fourteen-year-old Kathy Taylor, daughter of Mrs. Pat Taylor, baked the cake which was beautifully decorated in colors of pink, white and green and suitably inscribed.

Guests included Peter Allies and Betty Donaldson of the CBC Hourglass; Josephine Durand; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. Reg Griffin; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Cunningham; Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Baker; Joyce Bowden; Winnie Wood; Elizabeth Sampson; Dorothy Wadell; Ruby Amison; Ada Ryan; Mary Marcott; Mary Irwin; Vi Bowlby; Pat Taylor; Christ Walters; John Waterfall; Ian Taylor; Louis Larmand; Don Harker.

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| # 101 - Millstream Road | # 117 - Sooke Lake Road |
| # 66 - Gillespie Road | # 82 - Kemp Lake Road |
| # 79 - Otter Point Road | # 148 - Sooke River Road |
| # 112 - Munn Road | |

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| # 14 - West Coast Road (Sooke to Port Renfrew) |
| # 68 - Renfrew Road (Shawnigan Lake West) |
| # 150 - Shawnigan Lake Road |
| # 141 - Shawnigan Lake - Mill Bay Cross Road |
| # 155 - Telegraph Road |
| # 26 - Cameron - Taggart Road |
| # 59 - Cobble Hill Road |
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to be frank



By Richards

Don't try those beets! In the Christmas issue of Driftwood the recipe submitted by Jessie Sayer explained how to prepare beets for the festive season's feasting. When it should have said tablespoons, however, it said teaspoons. If you haven't tried them yet, try two tablespoons of sugar. It helps the beets to go down.

Greetings from Jim Rooke! And his family! The instructions which I received from Jim just before Christmas were lost in the journey back to my office. As a result Jim and Teresa never did get their Christmas greetings in the December 20 issue. They are in Victoria now.

Thinking of the Mounted Police reminds me of the Christmas tree spelt out in lights which graced the RCMP boat, Sidney, during the season.

Biggest problem in B. C. today is all this Foulke medicine.

I'm plugging for tooth paste. Every time I watch a show on TV I have to put up with a blurb on some particular brand of the stuff. Well, now, I don't mind putting a word in. After all, I used all the brands there were right up to the time I got my false teeth. Which means, to me, that none of them worked a hoot for me.

Labour ranks a degree higher than land taxes. You can figure it this way. The provincial government pays \$50 a day for members of Courts of Revision to sit. The same government pays \$100 a day

for members of the Labour Relations Board. The latter is more exclusive.

New Zealanders make good pets. Two New Zealand exchange students, John Spiers and Kim Thorp have been entertained by Salt Spring Island Rotary Club under their student exchange program and both visitors have been excellent ambassadors from the southern hemisphere.

I have a dog that is not really mine but he lives with us. He likes to loll about the living room and they figure me for a hundred per cent grunch that I don't want him in the living room. Mainly on account of his habit of finding the wettest, muddiest spot on the lot and lying there happily every hour of the day when he's not in the living room.

They told me there was more to the British scene than just a few disgruntled miners. When my half-Spanish twin brother was staying with me he warned that early closure of television stations in Britain would result in a population increase. Now the Family Planning Association in England is being quoted everywhere on the same thing. What with a three-day work week and no late television they are waiting for a colossal upswing in the birth-rate. Which is all to the good; they'll need those extra bodies to slow down production a quarter-century from now.

You tell a man what radio station you listen to in the morning and it's like admit-

ting you voted Social Credit. Everyone used to vote that way but no-one would admit he did it. I listen to CBU every morning, but when I'm talking with someone from one of the other stations I like to pretend I listen to them all. I'm like a lot of island listeners, at that. I like listening to CBU in the morning and I keep it on right up to the time when someone starts to cough or to breathe nauseously out of the speaker or tell me the secrets of washing filthy linen. Then I switch off and enjoy the novel silence. I live by advertising, as does every newsman, but I don't like listening to advertising. I don't like the decibel rise when advertising comes on. I don't like advertising with television. If I have the choice I'll buy a black and white TV with a video-tape player rather than a color television. Fortunately, I can't afford either. When someone says he wants radio without advertising as an alternative to radio with advertising I can only tell him very warmly that we're dreaming up the same tree.

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WRITE A PLAY AND WIN A PRIZE

The Ottawa Little Theatre has announced the 35th Annual Canadian Playwriting Competition, which is open to professional and non-professional playwrights resident in Canada.

Full details are available from the Chairman, Mrs. Roy MacGregor Watt, 244 Powell Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 2A5.

Briefly, the conditions are as follows: The play shall be an original one-act stage play of 25 minimum and 45

maximum minutes playing time. Estimated playing time is one minute per typewritten page; therefore, the play should have at least 25 typewritten pages to qualify. Specimen pages are available for guidance.

Closing date for entries is March 15 and each entry must be accompanied by a \$1 entry fee. Mrs. Mary Williamson has a brochure which she will be glad to show any interested writers, but she recommends a request to the chairman at the earliest possible date.

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A LANDMARK IN HISTORY

The present provincial government has taken a number of steps in the past year which have alienated many islanders.

Car owners are, by and large, paying more for their insurance than has been the case. Islanders are, in many instances, paying more land taxes this year than has ever been the case. Not every islander can be convinced that he is likely to derive benefits from these increases in proportion to the additional costs.

It is a relief to find a move on the part of the government which will meet with almost universal approval among the islands. With the governmental approval of the Community Plans of South Pender and Galiano Islands the participation of the man-in-street has been at last recognized.

Although the government sees this approval as being an endorsement of the work of the Capital Regional District, this is only indirectly so. The Capital Regional District two years ago agreed to pass the responsibility on to the individual island communities to draw up a plan of development.

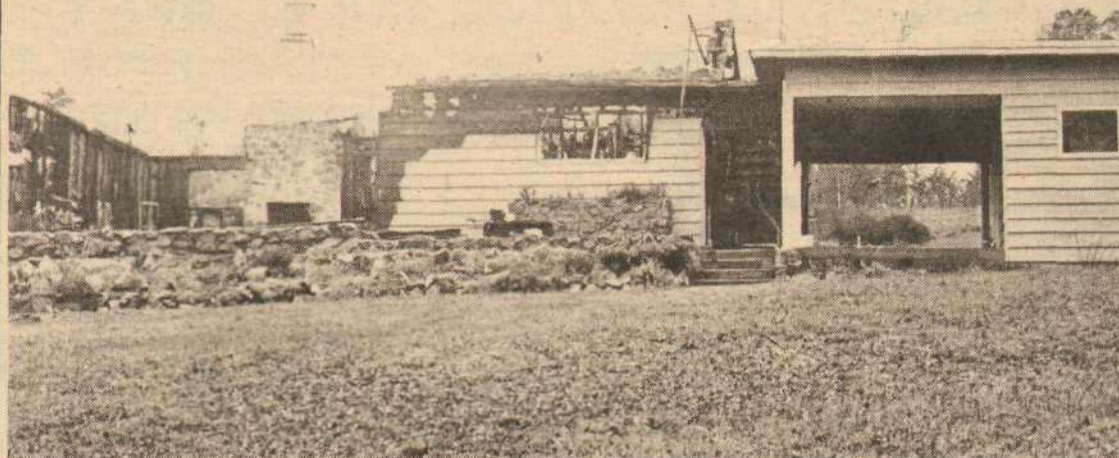
The endorsement of the Galiano Community Plan and the endorsement of the South Pender Community Plan represents the closest link ever established between the man-on-the-island and the government in Victoria. These regulatory laws were prepared, not by a functionary in a carpeted city office, but by a heated exchange between islanders in a draughty hall, time after time, month after month. In a society long devoted to the search for government by the people, this is an accomplishment of some note.

There is one shortcoming to the government's action so far. First community to evolve its own hard-fought community plan was Salt Spring Island. The Salt Spring Island proposal is the one of three initial plans which has been delayed. The delay is, however, a short one. Salt Spring Islanders have been assured by the Regional Director, Mr. George Heinekey that the community plan will be passed to the provincial government as soon as the necessary modifications are completed. Each plan had to conform to the requirements of the Land Commission Act before it could be given final approval, explained Mr. Heinekey.

The approval of the first two and the looming approval of the third island community plan is a tribute to the work of many. It is a tribute to the islanders who fought and relinquished their stand in compromise; it is a tribute to the committees on each island who stayed with it through dispute and furor; it is a tribute to the islands directors who presented their case to the Capital Regional Board. It is a tribute to Mr. Hugh Curtis, M.L.A. and to Mr. Marc Holmes, former director, who pressed the government for approval. It is a tribute to Mr. J. M. Campbell, chairman of the Regional Board, who first introduced the idea of an official community plan and who stayed with it to the bitter end.

The list is endless, perhaps, but this approval is a landmark in island development. It is the turning point between free movement and controlled development. It is possibly the first time in provincial history that a community has told the administration what controls to impose and how to impose them.

REMAINS OF THE ANDERSON HOME RAZED BY FIRE LAST WEEK



Letters To The Editor

OVER-TAXED

Editor, Driftwood,
Following is a copy of the letter I have sent to Premier David Barrett.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I am writing to you to complain about our taxes. Our property is not over-assessed but over-taxed.

I understand your Government Policy is expropriation by taxation. This is an unjust and inhuman policy when it hits people like my husband and myself - old age pensioners who have owned this land since 1919 - paid our taxes, worked and cared for the land, loved the land. In turn it has cared for us by producing timber for our small cash needs, provided logs for our log house and fuel for our fires; a garden to produce fruit and vegetables - at one time chickens to produce eggs and meat; however the mink put a stop to that.

Certainly my husband has worked at logging; for Hydro; on Tugboats etc., when he was younger; but our property has always been our anchorage - our security.

In 1950 we came to live - and in the last 23 years have cleared land all by hand, built our own home - with the expectation of spending our old age in it; and when we go we wish to leave the land to our two sons and their children.

On January 8th we visited Mr. Clarke, the Tax Assessor at Ganges. Using LAST YEAR'S Mill Rate on the new Assessment our taxes have risen from \$262.53 to \$1,398.00 - 5 1/3 TIMES. This is a difficult fact to face when you realize that all we have is the Old Age Pension.

It would be impossible to meet these taxes without outside help.

I strongly recommend a change of policy.

Yours truly,
(Mrs) H. A. Spalding,
South Pender Island,
R. R. 1, Port Washington,
January 11, 1974.

APPRECIATION

Editor, Driftwood,

This is an expression of appreciation of the high standard of seamanship and public service shown by the captain and crew of the Mayne Queen when, on Tuesday, Dec. 11, leaving Swartz Bay, on the 2.15 p.m. Island Service, they tried very hard to take us Islanders to our various Islands with a gale blowing and in heavy seas.

Landings were made at Mayne and Saturna and the Galianos and Penderites were brought safely back to Swartz Bay after six hours of hard work.

Thanks also to the B.C. Ferries administration and George Hurry of the Swartz Bay Terminal for promptly and courteously taking care of us and looking after us for the night.

John Liver, Galiano,
December 12, 1973.

POPPY FUND

Editor, Driftwood,
We are happy to advise you of the results of the recent Poppy Campaign: Proceeds from the sale of wreaths, also cash donations in lieu, \$408. From sale of poppies, \$713.04 Total, \$1,121.04. Paid to Vetcraft for wreaths, poppies, posters, etc., \$350. Sundry admin. and publicity expenses \$21.63, totalling \$371.63; net receipts \$749.41. Disbursed in last 12 months to local veterans and dependents in need, \$302.19.

These monies are not the property of the Legion. They are held in a separate bank Trust account on Salt Spring Island for the use of needy veterans and their dependents only.

Paul Layard, President,
The Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 92,
Salt Spring Island,
Box 15, Ganges,
January 7, 1974.

ONE-MAN-RULE

Editor, Driftwood,
It is certainly shocking that the School Board, elected to represent island citizens, appears to be rejecting the expressed wishes of a large group of concerned parents who have given much time and careful consideration to educational decisions affecting their children. Apparently the School Board accepts instead the authority of one man, an Inspector employed by the Department of Education, and this at a time when active participation by citizens is being encouraged by the government. We feel that the School Board should certainly re-examine its decisions, or the community should re-examine the school board members.

Ray and Beth Hill,
Ganges,
January 22, 1974.

GALIANO

BY MARY BACKLUND

Mei Spouse has returned from Hawaii, where he and his son Bill have had a most enjoyable two weeks in the sun. More good news! True to James Lorimer's promise, our Galiano Plan has now been accepted, and headlined radio

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ISLAND POET FEATURED

BY BARBARA MCLAUCHLIN

Phyllis Webb of Salt Spring Island is one of ten women poets and writers featured in Mia Anderson's delightful spoof on Canadians and Candiana, Ten Women, Two Men and A Moose.

The Bastion Theatre is bringing the show to Victoria for one performance only Sunday, February 3 at 8 p.m. at the McPherson Playhouse. Tickets go on sale January 19.

The one-woman show features the many faces and multi antics of one of Canada's best actresses -- Mia Anderson, who has managed to bring earnest and funny poetry to an instant life. Among poets represented are P. K. Page of Victoria, Miss Webb, Ethel Wilson of Vancouver, Phyllis Gottlieb, Violet Anderson, Michel Tremblay, Brian Moore, Gwendolyn MacEwan, Margaret Atwood, Joan Finnigan, Judith Copithorne, Martina Clinton and Elizabeth Snowdon.

Ten Women, Two Men and a Moose is a show about us -- Canadian women, men, snow, the CPR, pregnancy, troubles, joys and whatever else her poets and prosers have discussed in works that Miss Anderson brings to an instant life.

news for the past week, too. For those who worked so very hard on this plan, it is a happy day!

As Gulf Islands Director on the Vancouver Island Publicity Bureau, I attended a meeting at the Empress Hotel on January 18. President Les Hammer of Alberni, expressed his sorrow at the death of Walter Herzog of Salt Spring Island, and we all stood for a minute's silence in respect. Plans were made for the annual meeting to be held likely in Nanaimo, as this is the central point for the directors from up-island.

We note with pleasure the new waiting room now installed on the Sturdies Bay wharf, but it still is not open... wonder why, in these cold days! Also note a public telephone installed at Zala's Corner Store.

Church Services

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1974

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	9:30 am
"	"	Annual Meeting	10:15 am
No service at St. Mary's, Fulford.			
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9:00 am
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	11:00 am
UNITED			
Rev. Fred Anderson	Ganges	Worship Service	10:30 am
Box 461, 537-2439	Burgoyne	" "	9:00 am
COMMUNITY GOSPEL			
Pastor Low,	Ganges	Sunday School & Morning	
537-2622	"	Worship	10:30 am
	"	Evangelistic Service	7:30 pm
	"	Midweek Fellowship	7:30 pm

Thursdays -

WEDDING AT FULFORD



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mollet with their attendants, Miss Wendy Lindsay and Michael Spencer, are seen leaving St. Mary's Anglican Church, Fulford, where they were married December 29.

Mrs. Mollet, nee Ann Ross, is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ross, Old Scott Road, Ganges; the groom is the younger son of Captain and Mrs. Leslie Mollet, Fulford. The young couple will make their home in Victoria.

TWO ARE MISSING

Two boys are missing after a boating mishap in island waters.

Missing from a canoe trip are John Robert Budd and Rick J. Marriott, both of the Delta area.

The persons were reported overdue on a canoeing trip from Long Harbour to Prevost Island.

The search began after the loss was reported at 9 am, Monday. Search and Rescue crew, hovercraft and RCMP Boat, Sidney, were used. Not until Monday afternoon was any trace of the whereabouts of vessel or passengers located, when Tony Capaduca, skipper of the beam troller Silver Bear, reported an upside-down canoe of the similar description floating south of Prevost Island and north of the Chan-

nel Islands. Search was resumed on Tuesday with the R.C. C. hovercraft and helicopter, and Police Boat and helicopter. There has been no sign yet of the missing boys.

CHURCH CONCERT

A special concert will be held at the Community Gospel Church, Drake Road, on Friday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 pm.

A group of 15 young people from Victoria, will be visiting the high school at lunch hour to put on a concert for the students.

In the evening they will present a concert at the church. They are an interdenominational group, singing music for the young, accompanied by piano and guitars.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (GULF ISLANDS)**

NOTICE OF MEETING

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 1974 COMMENCING AT 1:00 p.m.

This meeting will deal with the appointment of a teacher for the Alternate Programme, other unfinished business, and any new business which arises up to the time of the meeting.

W.J. Peck,
Secretary-Treasurer

Islanders Take Second Spot

The Golden Age Bowlers Club of Ganges went to Chemainus last Thursday to challenge the Golden Age Bowlers of Vancouver Island for the

zone championships. The opponents to the Ganges team included bowlers from Victoria, Ladysmith, Nanaimo and Chemainus. There were six teams in all. Chemainus won the championship, while Ganges came in a shining second.

For the two oldest club members, both 87 years old, this is their first year of bowling, and their first taste of competitive bowling. They took to the sport enthusiastically, along with everyone else who enjoyed and are looking forward to another such outing

Bowlers were, women, Bessie Linklater, Pearl Petersen and Lucy Moore; and men, Ernest Cranswick, Al Woodley and Ed Miller.

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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Pursuant to Section 766AA of the Municipal Act, the following text of By-law No. 159, "Building Regulation By-law, Amendment By-law No. 5, 1974", is hereby published.

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BUILDING BY-LAW NO.43, AS AMENDED BY BY-LAWS NOS. 57, 82, 133 and 138

The Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Add to Section 4, following Section 4.3 the following clauses:
 - 4.3.1 The fee for a permit to move and establish a building other than those described in Section 4.3.2 or Section 4.3.3, shall be as specified in Appendix "A" hereto and the total value of the work shall be 100% of the value of the completed building in its rehabilitated condition at the new location. The value of the completed building shall be the market value determined by the Director of Engineering of the Capital Regional District.
 - 4.3.2 The fee for a permit to move and establish a factory built house which has been certified by Canadian Standards Association prior to the placing on the site, as complying with C.S.A. Standard No. A277 shall be based on 75% of the value of the completed building installed at the new location. The value of the completed building shall be the market value determined by the Director of Engineering of the Capital Regional District.
 - 4.3.3 The fee for a permit to move and establish a mobile home which has been certified by Canadian Standards Association prior to placing on the site, as complying with C.S.A. Standard No. Z240, shall be based on 75% of the value of the completed building installed at the new location. The value of the completed building shall be the market value determined by the Director of Engineering of the Capital Regional District.

2. Delete from Section 3, Appendix "A" the following clause:

The fee for a permit to move a building within or into the area of jurisdiction covered by this By-law shall be \$20.00. Plus the fee based on the value of work required to install and rehabilitate the said building in its new location.

3. Add to Appendix "A" the following clause:

REINSPECTION FEE

The fee for reinspection of building and plumbing work necessary because of failure of the work to comply with Capital Regional District regulations shall be \$10.00.

A copy of the complete by-law may be viewed during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, at the office of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C.

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LEGION HALL - GANGES

Roller Hockey News

FROM FULFORD HALL

BY B. E. PINCHIN

On Sunday Jan. 20, the hockey season got under way at Fulford Hall. Four games were played, Pee Wees, Intermediates, Bantams and Juniors.

Each week one game will be called "Game of the Week". In this, a more detailed story will be told, and it is hoped that by the end of the season, all teams will be fully covered.

All games will be played Saturday and Sundays, with all Pee Wee games scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. and

Sundays at 12 noon. Intermediate games at 1:30 pm, Sundays; Bantams at 3 pm, Sundays and Juniors at 4:30 pm, Sundays. Players are all asked to be at the hall a half hour before game time in order to suit up and warm up.

A comprehensive set of hockey rules has been set up, and the results of the first day indicate that all the boys have adhered to them very well. There were very few penalties and warnings handed out.

There are three teams in the Pee Wee division, Bears, Rangers, and Flyers; two intermediates, Bruins and Maple Leafs; two bantams, Blazers and Canadians and two juniors, Barons and Canucks. GAME OF THE WEEK: Pee Wees: Rangers vs Bears, Referee, Alan Marsh.

The Ranger team comprised of goalie David Marsh with

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Pursuant to Section 27 of the Highway Act and the Department of Commercial Transport Act, the following load restrictions are hereby imposed on the following roads on the Gulf Islands in the Saanich Highway District, effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, January 17th, 1974, until further notice:

A. Legal Loading

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- Long Harbour Road - Saltspring Island
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Christmas Trees Yield \$236 for Sports

BY JUNIOR

The annual Salt Spring Island Christmas tree sale on behalf of the junior sports program was a great success again this year, having raised \$236.40.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who bought trees or gave outright donations to the fund. We would also like to say an extra special Thankyou to the K & R management and staff who allowed us to use their premises and so kindly took the time, at a very busy season, to collect the money for the trees.

teammates Michael Cue, Rowan Dixon, Victor Valcourt, Jim Buckley, Calvin Fraser, Scott Fraser, Kenneth Marr, and Kerry Walker and Steven Pidcock who were borrowed from the Flyers. The team is coached by Larry Fraser.

The Bears team includes goalie Allan Sinclair and teammates Bobby Dunn, Phillip Kitchen, Tom Moulton, Keith O'Donnell, Shane O'Donnell, Dennis Simard, Jamie Sinclair, and Eddie Horel. The team is coached by Ron Spencer.

In the first period of play, the Bears had 11 shots on the Ranger's goal, against their three. There was one penalty and two goals were scored against the Rangers.

Tom Moulton opened the scoring, with Shane O'Donnell getting the second goal.

In the second period the Rangers outshot the Bears 9 to 7, each team picking up a penalty. The Bears outscored the Rangers, when Tom Moulton scored two more goals. In the third period, the Bears outshot the Rangers, 6 to 3 and scored one goal by Jamie Sinclair. A tremendous effort was put on by Rangers to prevent a shut-out with the result that Kerry Walker scored the lone goal.

David Marsh, the Ranger goalie, must be commended for stopping 24 direct shots on goal. A good game by all the players with the final score Bears, 5; Rangers, 1.

In the second game, Maple Leafs vs Bruins, the Bruins opened the scoring, and lead the Maple Leafs at the end of the first period, 2 to 1. In the second period, the Bruins dominated the play, scoring three more goals to Maple Leafs' one. The third period was quite different with Maple Leafs scoring two hard-earned goals.

Scoring for the Bruins, were Gordon Lee, 2 and Jay Bourdin Brian Kitchen, and David Tar.

Dennis Andersen scored 2 for the Leafs, with singles by Doug Andersen, and Michael

The annual meeting of the church of St. Margaret of Scotland was held at the church on Monday, Jan. 21. Rev. O. L. Foster took the chair.

Miss Jean Lockwood was appointed secretary, to take minutes of this meeting.

It was reported that a new water system has been installed at the vicarage, and is now working most satisfactorily. Arthur Platt reported that all insurance of churches in this Diocese has been put under one blanket policy, and adequate insurance is now carried.

A question of keeping the rectory open was raised, and one parishioner said that she could not figure out why it was kept there, when the clergyman could be kept over night at the hotel. After some discussion, it was felt that having a rectory for visiting clergymen, and also for the rector when he comes to the Island was most desirable.

Miss Lockwood said, in her report of the Altar Guild, that enough money has been raised during the year to pay necessary expenses, to repair the church steps, to put up signs and to buy flowers for special occasions.

Report of the cemetery committee, submitted by Mrs. Joan Callaghan, was read by Mrs. I. A. Murphy. A lawn mower has been bought; clearing of land around the edge of the cemetery has been done and raking and grass cutting done during the year.

Mr. Foster then gave his brief report, saying that he is leaving this church after almost four years, and expressed thanks to each and every one of his friends, especially Miss Lockwood for her help during the years. He said that he and his wife leave with regret and they are both deeply appreciative to all.

Miss Lockwood and Professor

Fraser.

Both goalies, Wayne Reynolds for Maple Leafs, and Dan O'Donnell for Bruins, played an excellent game, stopping many hard shots. There were two minor penalties against the Bruins and the final score was 5 to 4, Bruins.

The third game of the day was between the Bantam teams Canadians and Blazers. The Canadians opened strong, scoring three unanswered goals in the first period. The second period was different, with the Blazers controlling the play. Score at the end of the second period was 4 to 3 in favor of the Canadians. The third period was very equal, with each team scoring a goal.

Doug Elliot scored two for the Canadians with singles by Stephen Anderson, Norman Valcourt, and Tom Toynbee. Scoring for the Blazers were Tom Shelby, Andy Lawson, Mike Lawson and Dwayne Reynolds.

Goalies Danny Reynolds for Canadians, and Paul Albhouse for Blazers had to stop many difficult shots, making it a very enjoyable game for the spectators. Final score was 5 to 4, Canadians.

The fourth and final game of the day was played between the Junior teams Canucks and Barons. Good show in the first period by the Canucks was a shocking experience for Barons as Canucks scored four

or W. J. Maier both expressed thanks to the Fosters, and wished them all the best for the future.

Miss Lockwood was appointed Vicar's Warden, Professor Maier, People's Warden; Arthur Platt, treasurer and Mrs. John Liver, secretary.

Committee members are C. F. Webb, A. Platt, Mmes Liver, J. Bow, M. Backlund, J. Bellhouse, J. Emery, C. Morshead, G. Phillipson and J. Callaghan; delegate to Synod, Mr. Platt; alternate Miss Lockwood. Mrs. Callaghan was elected chairman of the cemetery committee and other members are Mrs. I. A. Murphy and C. F. Webb.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs. O. L. Foster for her faithful work of playing the organ for services during the years.

WALTER YOUNG IS NAMED BY DAILY

Dr. Walter D. Young, Chairman of the Department of Political Science at the University of Victoria, has been named chairman of the Committee on University Governance set up last August by the Minister of Education to examine the internal and external forms of university governance and to recommend appropriate changes in the Universities Act. Dr. Young has spent many summers in the islands. He is a veteran of Salt Spring and Pender Islands.

Minister of Education, Eileen Dailly said that she had asked Dr. Young - a member of the Committee since its inception - to accept the chairmanship because the committee is now involved in public hearings.

quick goals in the opening minutes, finishing the first period with six unanswered goals. In the second and third periods, the Barons settled down, and although being outscored, played a hard game and prevented a shutout by scoring in the dying minutes of the game.

Mark Lowe and Bob Empey scored three each for Canucks and Billy Anderson and John Hazenboom each made two with one goal by Jimmy Hull. Lone Barons' goal was by Dwayne Reynolds.

Goalies Mark Hughes for Canucks, and Billy Vigue for Barons played a good game. Especially Billy Vigue, who stopped a tremendous amount of shots. Final score, 11 to 1, Canucks.

The referee for the Intermediate, Bantam and Junior Games was Morry Akerman.

BIGGER OR NEW HALL AT GALIANO?

A short meeting of the Galiano Club was held in the board room of the hall on Sunday, Jan. 21. President Jim Ripley was in the chair.

The club now has 97 members, believed to be a record for this oldest club on the island.

Plans were made for the coming annual meeting on Feb. 20. A recreation director is needed for the coming term.

There will be a report on the administration of the garbage dump, and a report on the future of the hall building.

During the past year, people have been doing a lot of talking on the enlarging of the hall, or else building of a whole new hall, so a committee was struck, and people were invited to write in their suggestions. A report will be made to the annual meeting of the findings of this committee.

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REGISTRATION Pre-registration by phone is requested to determine whether numbers will be sufficient to commence classes. In some cases numbers may be limited.

PLEASE PHONE MRS. D. LAYARD, Director of Adult Education at **537-5455**

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TIME 7:30 - 9:30pm unless otherwise stated. No classes on holidays or when school is closed for holidays or weather conditions
Where commencement dates are not shown dates will be set when pre-registrations are sufficient.

MATERIALS Certain school equipment is made available but fees do not include materials students may require.

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR
ADVANCED POTTERY 4 Days \$35.00 Feb. 9th, 10th, 23rd, and 24th. 10:30 a.m. Mahon Hall Board Room Class limit of eight students. Students are requested to bring some of their own work to discuss.	Carol Southward
ART FOR BEGINNERS 10 Sessions \$15.00 This session will be mainly outdoor sketching and painting as weather permits.	Roberta McKibbin
BABY SITTERS COURSE 4 - 2 hr. Sessions \$4.00 Date to be set. This course for teenage babysitters is being presented in conjunction with the B.C. Safety Council. A certificate will be issued on successful completion of the course.	Mrs. N. Merkley
BASIC SAILING 15 hrs. \$30.00 12 hrs. practical, 3 hrs. classroom. Classes will commence when weather is suitable. Register early.	Tony Dobson
BALLROOM DANCING - BEGINNERS 8 Sessions - \$22.00 per couple, \$15.00 single Wed. Jan. 30th, Room 1. A repeat of this popular class. Register now to avoid disappointment.	Bill & Charlotte Bartsh
BALLROOM DANCING - INTERMEDIATE 8 Sessions - \$22.00 per couple, \$15.00 single. Monday, Jan. 28th, Room 1. For those who have attended the beginners class.	Bill & Charlotte Bartsh
BALLROOM DANCING - ADVANCED 8 Sessions - \$22.00 per couple, \$15.00 single. Tuesday, Jan. 29th, Room 1. For those who have completed the first two classes.	Bill & Charlotte Bartsh
BREAKFAST AT THE BEACH \$3.00 per person, \$4.50 per family. Wayne Campbell, Assistant Curator of Birds & Mammals, Vic. Prov. Museum Lecture and demonstration of the cooking and preparation of food resources of the sea. This will be followed by a field trip to collecting areas with emphasis on conservation. Register early, numbers are limited.	Wayne Campbell, Assistant Curator of Birds & Mammals, Vic. Prov. Museum
BRIDGE - DEFENSIVE 10 sessions \$15.00 Date to be set. These classes are for students with some knowledge of the game. Five lessons will cover defensive bidding and the other half will emphasize defensive play.	Gordon Crosby
CAKE DECORATING FOR FUN 6 Sessions \$9.00 Date to be set. You don't have to be an artist to decorate beautiful cakes. Learn to make professional borders and flowers during these practical lessons. Students will have to purchase a minimal amount of supplies through the instructor.	Margaret Howell
CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR RECREATION EDUCATION PROGRAM 10 lectures \$5.00 April - Pre-registration necessary. Of general interest to all ages enjoying the outdoors whether it be for fishing or boating, camping, hiking, sports, or hunting. The course is mandatory for people wishing to acquire a hunting licence for the first time and for all fourteen year olds wishing to handle firearms. Course material provided. Crests and certificates issued on successful completion of course. This is being offered in conjunction with the S.S.I. Rod and Gun Club.	
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DEFENSIVE DRIVING 4 - 2 hr. Sessions \$10.00 Date to be set. Offered in conjunction with B.C. Safety Council. Course material will be provided.	Mr. J. Javorski
YOUR FAVOURITE DISH No Fee An informal Get Together of people who love to cook and would like to share their interest.	

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR
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ELEMENTARY SIGHT READING No Fee Wed. Feb. 6th School Band Room Enjoy group singing more by learning the basics of reading music.	Ruth Barker
EXERCISE THROUGH MUSIC AND MOVEMENT 10 Sessions \$15.00 Date to be set. Keep fit while learning all the basic elements of rhythm and music through movement.	Joan Raeside
GENEALOGY 2 Sessions \$3.00 Date to be set. Have you ever wanted to trace your family tree? Help will be given at the classes to show you how to go about it.	Mrs. Agnes Bacon
GLAZE MAKING 3 - 2 hr. Sessions \$5.00 Date to be set. Workshops designed to give the potter the basics in the theory of glaze making	Gerry Clayton
GOLF 10 Sessions \$20.00 Date to be set. When weather permits. Register early. Classes can be arranged for both beginners and those wishing to improve their game.	Gordon Hutton
GRAPE GROWING Mon. Feb. 25th - 7:30 pm No Fee. Discussion of types suitable for growing here along with instructions for pruning and general care.	Jack James Horticultural Representative for Gulf Islands.
KARATE CLUB OKINAWA SHORIN RYU 12 Lessons per month \$15.00, Frank Lickso second member of family \$7.50, High School Students \$10.00 Commencing February The art of karate promotes development of body, mental alertness, self-defence and physical fitness. Additional classes will be offered consecutively with the final goal being to attain the yellow belt level.	Frank Lickso
OUTBOARD MOTOR MAINTENANCE 6 Sessions \$9.00 Date to be set. Deals with trouble shooting, testing maintenance, emergency repairs and tune up for spring. Practical work on your own small motor.	Steve Nelson Nelson Marine
PRE-SCHOOL SUPERVISORY TRAINING 52 hrs. \$50.00 Date to be set. The first of a series of courses required by pre-school and day-care centre personnel. Interested parents welcome to attend. Certificates issued on the completion of courses by the Community Care Facilities and the Department of Human Resources.	Dr. Guille Libresco
RUG HOOKING 4 Sessions \$6.00 Date to be set. Learn to design and make your own rugs economically using material scraps	Joan Raeside
SALT SPRING ISLAND SINGERS Every Monday 7:30 in School Band Room If you enjoy music this is an opportunity to join and sing. Enquiries - Mrs. Ruth Barker 537-2217.	
SATURDAY CRAFTS 10 Sessions \$8.00 Date to be set. Young people and parents welcome. Creative handicrafts encouraging children to use their imagination. Cardboard weaving and tie-dye, hand building with clay included. Nominal amount of materials required.	John Greenwood
"SEW HELP ME" 10 Sessions \$15.00 Date to be set. A basic sewing course covering pattern layouts, cutting, assembling garment of students choice and use of new fabrics. Assistance with alterations if desired	Mrs. Inga Villadsen
SIMPLE LOOM CONSTRUCTION AND WEAVING 10 Sessions \$15.00 Date to be set. An introductory course to Salish and Inkle loom weaving	John Greenwood
TENNIS 10 Sessions \$15.00 To commence when weather is suitable. Register early so groups can be arranged according to experience.	Loes Holland
WOODCARVING 10 Sessions \$15.00 Date to be set. Another session by request offering individual instruction in the students choice of project.	Tom Volquardsen

Reporter Impressed with Modern

Reporter was impressed by the changes in the newly refurbished elementary school at Ganges. It is a new school and a new approach to learning she found.

On entering the school the new look is evident. There is a liberal approach to design and to the colour scheme. The walls were once clothed in the drab, dull paint of tradition. That is gone for good. So is the traditional pattern of learn-

ing. The child is living in a new age and the school is keeping apace, she discovered.

The student has the same things to learn and the same books to read, but the environment is changed.

The almost new school is breathless in carpets and couches and warm living. No expense has been spared. The child is offered a new surrounding and if he learns the better for it, then every penny was

well-spent.

Chaos and quiet in the classroom; students learning independently, yet dependent on the teacher and the district for help and materials: it is a new

pattern of schools.

The atmosphere is freer today. The child is the more contented for it. But this change can only lead to one end. The students and the

teachers have a new environment as they work together towards the end of school.

She could almost wish she was back there to start her studies again.



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Not every visitor was in love with the refurbished elementary school at Ganges. School board critic Hal Leighton noted this week that the school still does not accommodate all students and that the portable classrooms are still in use.

Mr. Leighton also cited the instance of a student in the elementary school who was lost in the mud. The boy was on his way from the portable classroom to the elementary school he reported, when he fell into a mud hole. His companions pulled him from the waist-deep mud, leaving his gum boots and socks in a watery grave.

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BY PASTOR DAVID G. LOW

The world, unfortunately, is all too familiar with dishonesty and fraud in business and government. Yet it has been shocked and distressed at the events concluding the tenure of United States Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew.

Mr. Agnew says he is guilty only of tax evasion, but serious charges, including his allegations of unfair treatment, have been buried by agreement with the prosecution. This seems to shout that right and wrong are actually less important than the expedients on both sides which would

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS BACK IN USE AFTER RENOVATIONS PROGRAM



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SLOW START FOR LEGION

Exhibition Soccer Leads to Tie

LEGION, 2; SAANICH WANDERERS, 2

Despite a long layoff, Division 4, Salt Spring Legion returned to soccer and dominated the visiting Victoria Fourth Division team whose coach admitted their great good fortune with a tie.

Legion's agonizingly slow start cost an early deficit of one goal when Saanich moved in behind the defence and made scoring against Legion look simple.

Legion soon made it evident that there was really no energy crisis on Salt Spring and began to play their more characteristic methodical and dominant game which culminated in powerful thrusts through the centre of the field.

Upon one of these thrusts Jay Bourdin was tripped in the penalty area and Marty Legg made no mistake with the penalty shot and equalized the score.

have made a trial embarrassing. There is another issue here so broad and basic, however that it has been largely overlooked. The same essential flaws which led to Mr. Agnew's downfall are present in all of us. They constitute a foe which no man ever defeats without the aid of outside help.

Not one is without the seeds of sin. And wherever sin is present, unless God intervenes, death and disaster follow. Disclosure may come before a judge's bench, in a Skid Row gutter, in the breakup of one's home or in the emptiness of a conventional but wasted life.

Ultimately each man makes his choice. Either he turns to Jesus Christ or he permits sin to run its tragic course. There simply are no winners among those who fight alone.

At the 20-minute mark of the first half, with the full-backs and half-backs playing with increasing confidence and the inside forwards holding and carrying the ball with greater frequency it was no surprise when Legion took the lead. In text-book style, Legion's defence pushed the ball to inside forward Dave Woodley, who made a square pass to Marty Legg. The inside forward, gaining momentum, drew the Victoria defence to the left but passed in the opposite direction to Jay Bourdin who, anticipating the play, was cutting through the defence on the right and cracked the ball past the bewildered Victoria goalkeeper.

Legion dominated the second half and particular mention should be made of the defence and its increasing power throughout the game. They even created thrills in attack. Victoria equalized towards the end of the game on a defensive mishap when a good clearing header rebounded off another Legion defender to the feet of an opponent who easily scored.

The entire Legion team deserved praise for their individual performances and combined team play which is a good omen for the forthcoming Saturday Sun Cup game.

SATURNA BY PAPAJOHN

We know our Saturna Island school kids are smart but it takes good teachers to bring out the best in them. Well, Taimi Hindmarch and Mike Hayes have done just that. Our Gulf Islands Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion had an essay contest. The essay was "What Canada means to me" in honor of Remembrance Day. On Monday, Jan. 14, the Legion met in our hall and our favorite Padre, Rev. J. Dangerfield, on behalf of the Legion presented the following prizes to these gifted students: Sandra (Sam) Crooks (one of my lady friends from next door) received a First for Grades 3, 4 and 5. Money as well; for grades 6 and 7, Laurie Cunningham received a second and Oolijah Bisset received a third; for grade 2, Elizabeth Scruggs also received a prize. A special award went to Roger Johnson for a grand effort. In recognition of excellent efforts, Erin Bosser, Kelly Crooks, Shawn Crosby, Jimmy Money, Norma Scruggs, Jean Scruggs and Leah Smith each received 50 cents. When you consider that the above list comprises most of the children in our school you can understand why we opened this column with a wee bit of pride. The mothers served cookies, sandwiches and tea. The children also saw the impressive closing ceremony of the Legion.

Unrehearsed entertainment was provided during the presentations when Uncle Art Ralph's chair collapsed under him. No injuries, but as Uncle Art put it, "I got into the act anyway."

Many of us don't agree with Shamus Campbell but we were pleased to see his first term efforts rewarded by electing him for a second term as Chairman of our Regional Board. Am afraid that we are sometimes very clannish on Saturna in our pride at seeing one of us rewarded for his or her efforts (That one should be worth four bits at least, Shamus!)

Bill Vincent of Everett has been visiting his mum and dad Devina and Jack Vincent at East Point. Like his Dad and Mum Bill is a very friendly guy so it is a pleasure to see

you again, Bill. Come up often.

Well, let's get the sad news which is not too bad this week Tom Harvey was in hospital and had an operation but is now home feeling good. Frank Froese is in Shaughnessy for a complete check-up. If we had some Shamrocks or four leaf clovers handy we would send you one, Frank, but, then again, you probably won't need it, but we always think that they are good things to have around.

Our Padre asked me the other day why I didn't "bellow" out as usual at the well-attended Christmas Choral Serv-

ice. Bill Lawson who sat beside me asked the same question and as I told Bill if I had I would have started to cough and when I cough I drown out everything else. So I sang sotto voice and this wonderful service went off without interruptions from me.

One person who can laugh at herself is Granma Louisa Gal Money. A week ago on Saturday there was about a foot of snow around so Louisa Gal swept all the snow off the Church verandah and steps and cleared a path from the road in. On Sunday morn, lo and behold there was no snow, as it had rained in the night and it all had gone. All Louisa Gal did was laugh. Instead, me, I would have gone shooting at the weatherman.

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On & Off The Island

Mr. W. H. Van Buskirk has been a patient in the Lady Minto Hospital since Friday.

Miss Darlene Marcotte was home from Vancouver on the weekend to stay with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. Marcotte, Vesuvius Bry Road.

Mrs. V. Grant and Mrs. G. De Beck from Penticton have been staying on Salt Spring for the last three weeks at the Reinhold's residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold have returned home from a three-week visit in Hawaii.

Gordon and Evelyn Grier from Fairbridge Farms in Duncan were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bond on the weekend.

Bob and Ann Heron of Melfort, Saskatchewan, were vis-

itors of the R. Dayments of Fulford for the weekend.

Mr. R. Dayment of Fulford Harbour, has been a patient in the Gorge Hospital for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rastchild and Mr. and Mrs. K. Kennedy from Victoria visited the E. K. Andrews on the weekend.

Dr. and Mrs. R. McGaffrey have returned home to the island after a holiday in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Layard are also back home from Hawaii.

Statement attributed in last week's Driftwood to Jake Javorski was not made by Mr. Javorski, who was not present at the meeting concerning assessment increases.

SALTIES WIN TWO GAMES AT ALBERNI

BY HOCKEY FAN

The Salties Roller Hockey Team went to Port Alberni on Saturday, Jan. 19 to play two games at the Glenwood Sports Centre.

The Salties won both. After some celebrating of the first win the second game was quite a show. Although the Port Alberni Alply's were a younger team they made a good effort. Playing conditions were a little different for the teams and a bit hazardous for the spectators as the games were played in a gym, leaving no boards on the side which was the only place for fans to watch. No one was hit and the team and the fans had a fun weekend.

Players for the Salties were Danny Akerman, Rick Kitchen, Bernie Reynolds, Paddy Aker-

man, Rick Kitchen, Bernie Reynolds, Paddy Akerman, Brian Lee, Karl Kitchen, Ken Underwood, Roger Kitchen,

Julian Valcourt, Dave Moulton, Murry Henderson, Terry Slingsby and Goalie Merv Waldie.

Retires after 25 Years

On Friday, Jan. 18, Jimmy Stevens' family and friends held a surprise party at the Legion Hall in Ganges in honor of his retirement. Mr. and Mrs. George St. Denis, John and Mary Inglin and Bill Eagles came to wish him well. Wilbur Deacon was here from Mayne Island and Mr. and Mrs. Hector Gerow came from Victoria.

Jim was born and went to school on Salt Spring Island,

and spent some time as a logger before he joined the Air Force. He came home to Salt Spring and has worked for the department of highways for 25 years. He always had a ready smile and a wave when he passed in his truck.

Bert Brackett presented him with a skill saw and June Beamer presented Mrs. Stevens with a corsage. Jim and Olive plan to be as busy as ever on their property on Atkins Road.

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The change in the earnings ceiling means that the maximum retirement pension will rise from \$90.71 for pensions effective in December 1973 to \$134.97 for those whose pensions will begin in December 1975. As the maximum earnings levels for the years after 1975 continue to rise, so will the maximum retirement pensions in those years. There will also be increases in the maximum values each year for disability and survivors' benefits.

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Point Roberts Decision

The International Joint Commission has delayed decision on the question of an international park centring on Point Roberts. After running into considerable opposition at public hearings in both countries, the I.J.C. has decided to delay its final decision on the controversial problem, which involves the Gulf Island and American San Juans.

The recommendation for the establishment of an International Park covering this area is also delayed. Much of the criticism came from the public hearing held in Victoria in early December, when a small group of concerned citizens from Salt Spring, Galiano, and Prevost Islands went to testify.

Most of the residents said that they do not want anything to do with the problem of Point Roberts, and that they do not want to be included in an international park. Most strong opposition came from Hubert DeBurgh, owner of a large portion of Prevost Island which was the first on the list of land to be acquired for a park.

Fred Robson of Galiano spoke strongly against any more acquisition of Islands for parks, saying that they should look farther afield and use the land they now own, instead of upsetting people on Islands that they have owned for generations.

The International Joint Commission will review its proposals and return to the coast for discussions with those involved. Islanders have expressed the

hope that, when the commission returns it will be to hearings open to the public and advertised well locally in advance.

SOCCER

DIVISION 6: LIONS 5
DOMANS OF DUNCAN 0

The first game of the Sun Cup play-offs was played Saturday, Jan. 19, in Duncan and the Lions won in impressive fashion.

From the opening whistle Salt Spring dominated the play and were rewarded with two quick goals by right-winger Brent Dawe, who alertly tapped in rebounds, resulting from hard shots by the Salt Spring forwards.

In the second half the Lions again went on the attack and right-half Tom Pringle made it 3-0 with a hard shot off his own rebound.

Centre forward Tom Shelby put the game completely out of reach with two goals late in the game. In each case Shelby was put in the clear by through-passes from Mike Lawson and Stephen Anderson and he finished off with hard, well-placed shots.

Domans did not play up to their usual standard but they did have several fine scoring chances which Carl Larsen, on the Lions defence thwarted with excellent last-man tackles.

Lions next Sun Cup game will be played on the February 2 week end.

MEETING IS OPEN

PARENTS ARE CONCERNED TODAY

BY MARG SIMONS

"What's Happening in Education?" This was the topic at Claremont Secondary School in Saanich, last Thursday night. I noted in Driftwood the general public was invited so decided to hear what was going on outside our School District.

Parents are in revolt, I learned. They are demanding more involvement with the education of their children. Gone are the days when the child was sent off to school, then left to be cared for by the teacher. Parents today are taking more responsibility and questioning education. They are demanding more of their trustees, and the department of education.

It was agreed that this is a healthy and democratic sign. Better still, they are being heard, and causing change. Apathy of the past is gone.

When I questioned the frightening power of the position of one man, the District Superintendent, to control the evaluation of a teacher, I was told to fight, to boycott, to speak up and be heard. Better still, to be heard as a group.

How can progress take place when the hang-ups of one person control the destiny of another? Again, it was pointed out, unless parents demand more of their trustees, and the bureaucracy beyond, changes won't be made.

The panel for this forum on education, sponsored by Saanich and Islands NDP, were school trustees from Districts 61, 62, 63 and 64; teachers, the principals of Victoria's two alternate schools (more and less) and Jack Flemming, deputy minister of education.

Each speaker was asked to give a brief talk on some aspect of education of special concern or interest to them.

It was apparent things are

happening in School District 61, where concerned parents are being heard, and two alternate schools are now in operation.

Dr. Philip Ney, chairman of the board of trustees in that district, is a psychiatrist, and a very active member of the parent revolution.

As the trustees from Districts 62 and 63 spoke and during the question period following when the audience angrily responded; it was just as apparent the voters were not being heard in those districts. It was a very aware audience, made up of educators, students, and parents who know glossy speeches and beautiful buildings are not the solution to learning problems.

On Thursday night they made their point very clear and if their trustees weren't listening, come next election they don't deserve to be re-elected.

Clare McAllister, was the trustee for our School District, and she spoke of problems facing students and parents living in areas at a distance from their high school, and having to board. Clare also spoke on the training of volunteers.

For a deputy minister, forums such as last Thursday's are very important, if they are to keep in touch with the people they are representing.

It was a good meeting.

LEGION DRAW PRIZEWINNERS ARE LISTED

The Royal Canadian Legion's Christmas Cheer raffle was drawn at the Legion Hall on New Year's Eve.

The winners were, first, Jack Smith; second, George Lampier; third, Chelsey Bingham and fourth, Andy Kinnear

TWO ASKING FOR USED STAMPS

Two island groups are looking for used stamps.

On Salt Spring Island the Order of the Eastern Star is collecting stamps for ultimate sale for the benefit of cancer victims.

The stamps are sorted and sold and proceeds go to the Cancer Institute for research.

On Pender Island Mrs. Vivienne Menzies collects stamps to be used for the benefit of

those suffering from leprosy.

Mrs. Menzies has been concerned with the Leprosy Mission of Canada and has frequently emphasized the common incidence of leprosy in many countries of the world.

The Ganges organization depends on the work of Mrs. Edith Barber to prepare stamps for sending them away. She urged that the stamp be cut off the envelope with about one-quarter of an inch of paper around it.

Ganges Pharmacy is a collection point for the Order of the Eastern Star and stamps or envelopes may be left there.

Mrs. Menzies will accept contributions of stamps at Pender Island or they may be left at Driftwood.

DAY CARE CENTRE TO BE VISITED

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, the executive of the Salt Spring Island Day Care Society will be receiving a visit from two officials of the department of human resources.

They will be meeting at the School Dormitory on Ganges Hill, at 10.30 am., and after the tour of inspection of the premises, it is hoped that the visitors will be able to stay for a pot luck lunch.

Any parents who are interested in the proposed Day Care Centre, or members of the community who wish to support this venture, are invited to the Dormitory at 12 noon on Wednesday, and if they wish to have lunch, any contributions of food or refreshments will be welcomed.

This will be the first opportunity for the island centre of showing the visitors from Victoria how real the need for a Day Care Centre is, and all parents planning to use the service are urged to turn out and make the visit a memorable one. The parents are also asked to bring their children.

Some people in Victoria seem to think the island is inhabited by only the tired or the retired, commented a day care spokesman.

FIREMEN CAME TO RESCUE WHEN TREE HITS HOUSE

When a tree fell on Salt Spring Island home the volunteer firemen at Ganges were called to the rescue.

The tree was blown down and fell across the house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Macey, on Quebec Drive. Firemen cut the offending tree and let it roll to the ground.

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TEAM CHECKING HISTORY SITES ON ISLANDS

men is engaged in listing sites on the islands.

Assistant Provincial Archaeologist Gordon Hanson is running the project with the help of two archaeologists, Brian

Ancient history of the island is being checked.

A team of archaeologists was on Salt Spring Island last week and is working on Pender this week. The team of two

Seymour and Stephen Cassidy. They all want help.

Mr. Hanson has appealed to islanders to let him know of any archaeological sites on any of the islands. They are particularly interested in sites away from the water. The inland or upland sites are less common and more difficult to recognize.

The two men spend a lot of time walking around, searching for evidence of earlier settlements.

Hanson breaks down the story of the past into two convenient categories.

Archaeology deals with early human settlement of the island he told Driftwood and history refers to European occupation.

Present checking out of sites here will go on for three months, initially, and may be later extended. The team, and the archaeologists' function is to preserve the various sites in the province.

"To protect them," noted Hanson, "we must know where they are."

The sites they are particularly eager to learn of are those less easily recognizable or hidden away. Readers knowing of such sites are urged to write to the Provincial Archaeologist, c/o Provincial Museum, Victoria, B. C.

The team is working closely with the Indian bands who had traditional sites on the islands, said the assistant archaeologist.

The sites are, of course, of interest to all, he added.

On the negative side of the search is the provincial statute which prohibits the destruction,

defacement or alteration of any sites or relics of an earlier occupation.

Islanders have been always conscious of the value of early relics. On Salt Spring Island a group of residents have been engaged in copying Indian rock drawings all over the coastal area. They are headed by Ray and Beth Hill and Art

and Margaret Simons and their children have also taken part.

The Hills unearthed an early burial ground when they started building a house last year. They carefully dug the foundations by hand in order to preserve any artifacts or remains they found. They were in possession of the required permit to dig.

ISLAND GIRL TAKES PART

The charm of the 1920's returns to Vancouver when the University of British Columbia's Musical Theatre Society presents the new 1925 production of No, No, Nanette. Charm of Salt Spring Island will return to the same stage when Islander Darcy Saunders plays a role in the musical.

Such features of the 1920's such as the Charleston, soft shoe, tap, tea dancing and the strumming of ukeleles all come back to life by a company of 35 flappers and dapper dandies who guarantee to make the evening one of the most nostalgic and beautiful of this year's theatre season.

It is the 58th anniversary of the University of British Columbia's Musical Theatre Society and it will be their most extravagant and elegant production. The company has been assembled from students and alumni from all corners of the province.



Darcy Saunders, one of the dancing chorus members, brings a new and fresh vitality to the 58th production. Darcy graduated in 1971 from Gulf Islands Secondary School.

No, No, Nanette opens January 30, in Victoria for five performances at the McPherson Playhouse and returns to Vancouver, February 6 to 10 at the University of British Columbia's Old Auditorium. Tickets are being handled in Victoria by the McPherson Playhouse and in Vancouver by Concert Box Office, 687-2801.

SCHOOL

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appointed another teacher to the class in question and allocated Mrs. Davies to other duties. An entirely new teacher was appointed in the place of the teacher whose work had won the support of parents.

The parents involved protested the change and asked trustees to make the necessary arrangements to place Miss Persson in the classroom again. Trustees refused.

They refused, charges Mr. Leighton, without information on the situation or on the qualifications of the teachers concerned. "The protesting parents," he asserts, "have been met with evasions and false information."

Trustees are not making the decisions, he continued.

"The superintendent made the appointment and the trustees applied their rubber stamp," he asserts. It was not until after the appointment was made that the trustees learned that the former and popular class teacher, Miss Persson was in possession of her master's degree in counselling, he told Driftwood.

The parents' committee asked to meet the school board and to discuss the matter. They were given the opportunity to speak, but the board then went into committee to discuss it. This policy of discussing it in committee left the parents high and dry, he charges: the board discusses nothing, it simply listens and makes its own decisions.

Letters sent to the trustees by parents from the community never reached the board, continued Mr. Leighton. The school board secretary, Will Peck did not pass them on to the members of the board, he charges.

Decisions in the Gulf Islands School District are shared between Mr. Peck and Superintendent Cain Stewart, stated the dissenting committee spokesman.

The committee is most unhappy with the entire pattern of education on the island, said Mrs. Valcourt. She cited instances of graduate students who are still unable to write clearly or spell properly.

The committee is not concerned at present with specifics, both spokesmen explained, but the negotiations with the school trustees have result-

ed in a collection of complaints from parents on every island.

Parents on Galiano Island have repeatedly complained of conditions faced by students but they have reached the same impasse as the parents on Salt Spring Island, added Mr. Leighton.

Trustee must discuss these matters with the parents concerned or they must take the consequence, he warned.

He explained that among the consequences will be a strike and children will be kept out of school in protest at the manner in which they are being run.

"The parents are absolutely disgusted with the apathy shown by the trustees," he told Driftwood. "They are still trying to keep everything in committee. We feel all school board-parent relationships should be brought out in the open."

The superintendent and members of the board have made completely erroneous statement, he claims. The board of elected representatives should not try to adjudicate on any matter until they are fully in possession of all the facts, he added.

The committee has discussed their complaint with the deputy minister of education and with Hugh Curtis, MLA.

On Tuesday Chairman C. M. Baltzer told him that the board would re-open the case, reported Mr. Leighton. He emphasized that the case is far from closed at the present time.

In conclusion, he asserts that the board has made its

CHAIRMAN AGAIN

Charles Baltzer is chairman of the Board of Trustees of Gulf Islands School District for a further term. He was elected to head the board at the inaugural meeting recently. Also re-elected was Mrs. Nonie Guthrie who will continue to serve as vice-chairman.

Committees have been appointed by the chairman as follows: building and grounds, Mrs. Guthrie, Robert Marshall finance, E. R. Dixon, Mrs. E. Vasilev; personnel and contract, T. Davidson and Mr. Baltzer; education, Sheila Fraser and Clare McAllister; transportation, Mr. Marshall and Pearl Brau.

CONSIDERED BY PLANNERS HERE

Application by Gordon Cudmore to fill a property at Ganges Harbour was considered last week by a joint meeting of the Salt Spring Island Planning Association and the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission. Subsequently, the recommendations on the subject were made to Capital Regional District to consider in detail.

The planning Commission is not at liberty to announce its recommendations prior to their submission to the Capital Regional Board.

own decision and has denied recognition to the legitimate representations of parents. There are a number of trustees who are unlikely to remain in office after the next election, he warned.

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ADJUST ASSESSMENTS SAYS CURTIS

Government Could Aid Taxpayers Yet

Islands spokesman in the Legislature, Hugh Curtis, MLA, has urged the government to direct courts of revision in the province to adjust downwards.

"Without doubt," Curtis told Driftwood, "thousands of British Columbians are now in a state of shock and extremely angry over dramatic and unwarranted assessment increases for land categories, other than residential."

Many of the examples which have been quoted and already reported are unreasonable in the extreme, he said.

One, involving privately-owned recreational land in the Gulf Islands staggers the imagination. For 1973 taxation purposes this particular parcel, comprising just under 25 acres, was assessed at \$6,459 (land) and \$2,445 (improvements).

"The assessment increase for 1974 has produced a staggering \$67,105 (land) and \$2,715 (improvements)." Assessors now have no legal basis on which to adjust the assessment figures, having completed their assessment rolls at the close of 1973, he noted.

"One course of action open to the provincial government,

having realized the serious impact these increases have on many individuals who are not land speculators, is to direct all courts of revision throughout the province to make some downward adjustment.

"This authority is available to the government and the courts of revision in each area could follow that instruction. It is ironic that the type of land owners towards which Bill 71 was directed, that is the large corporate speculator, is the owner most capable of absorbing this year's increase in the hope that this long term investment will subsequently produce a profit."

Many, individual owners, or fixed incomes and of modest means, are faced with the prospect of selling their land at whatever price they can realize, warned the islands member. These people must, otherwise, seriously deplete their personal cash position in order to meet property taxes later this year.

"In the absence of any Legislation prohibiting sale of land to foreign investors, the present situation may well achieve precisely the opposite to the goal announced by the Government in 1973," observed Curtis.

"I join with others in the opposition side of the House

FIVE DOGS SHOT BY FARMERS

Five dogs were shot on Salt Spring Island last week. All were killed while chasing sheep. The three sheep killed by dogs during the past week were part of the annual toll taken by marauding dogs.

Farmer is entitled to shoot any dog he finds attacking his sheep. The owner of the dog is then responsible for the loss in dollars and cents.

Annual toll attributable to dogs on Salt Spring Island averages 50 sheep per farmer, a spokesman for the farm community told Driftwood.

The loss of each sheep represents another few cents on the bill when the housewife buys a roast of lamb. The mass slaughter of food animals is costly to the consumer and the taxpayer as well as exposing the sheep to a slow and painful death.

RCMP Detachment at Ganges has appealed to dog owners on the islands to keep close tabs on their pets and to ensure that they are not involved in sheep-running.

who have urged the implementation of a Special Commission or Legislative Committee to examine the entire question of assessments on real property throughout British Columbia in order that some new direction and common sense can be introduced into the present chaotic situation."

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TWO PLANS GET NOD

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he admitted, but it took a little longer than he had hoped for.

Had the provincial government not recommended the plans it would have led to widespread disillusionment in the islands, he commented. It is difficult enough with the assessments picture, the refusal of the plan would have been the last straw.

"I would like to pay tribute to Marc Holmes who went with me to see the minister," said Curtis, "and that's when we

started to get some progress."

The plan for Salt Spring Island is held up because the island is larger than the other two and requires a greater deal of work on the part of the staff of the Capital Regional District to have it brought into line with the Land Commission Act, explained Director George Heinekey on Tuesday.

In addition, there were more changes sought and won by Salt Spring Island property owners when the land commission maps were first introduced.

"The two other islands were comparatively simple," he told Driftwood, "whereas Salt Spring Island presents more complex problem."

It should be completed in a month at the outside, he added.

FULFORD TIDE TABLES

JANUARY 1974

DAY	TIME	HT.
25	0725	11.4
	1300	8.3
	1705	9.3
	2350	3.3
26	0730	11.4
	1335	7.6
	1800	8.8
27	0020	4.1
	0750	11.4
	1415	6.7
28	1915	8.3
	0055	5.1
	0805	11.3
29	1455	5.8
	2025	8.0
	0125	6.1
30	0820	11.2
	1535	5.0
	2205	8.0
31	0155	7.2
	0845	11.2
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	0225	8.3
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