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Floats removed from harbour

Government floats in Ganges Harbour were transferred on Tuesday when the Canadian Government ship Essington II pulled them out and relaid them in the small boat harbour.

It was the first time in memory that the government wharf, between Mouat's Store and the K & R Food Store, had been without mooring floats.

A small crowd attended to watch the operation, mostly boat owners whose moorage disappeared with the arrival of the government ship.

PROTEST

Indignant protest was sounded by Darryl Georgeson, of the Sophia. Georgeson said he had tied up to those floats for the past 40 years and his father had used them before that.

He expressed sharp regret that the government had taken out the floats with little advance warning. Larger vessels tied up to the floats in question could not get into the shallow water in which they were now located, protested the veteran operator.

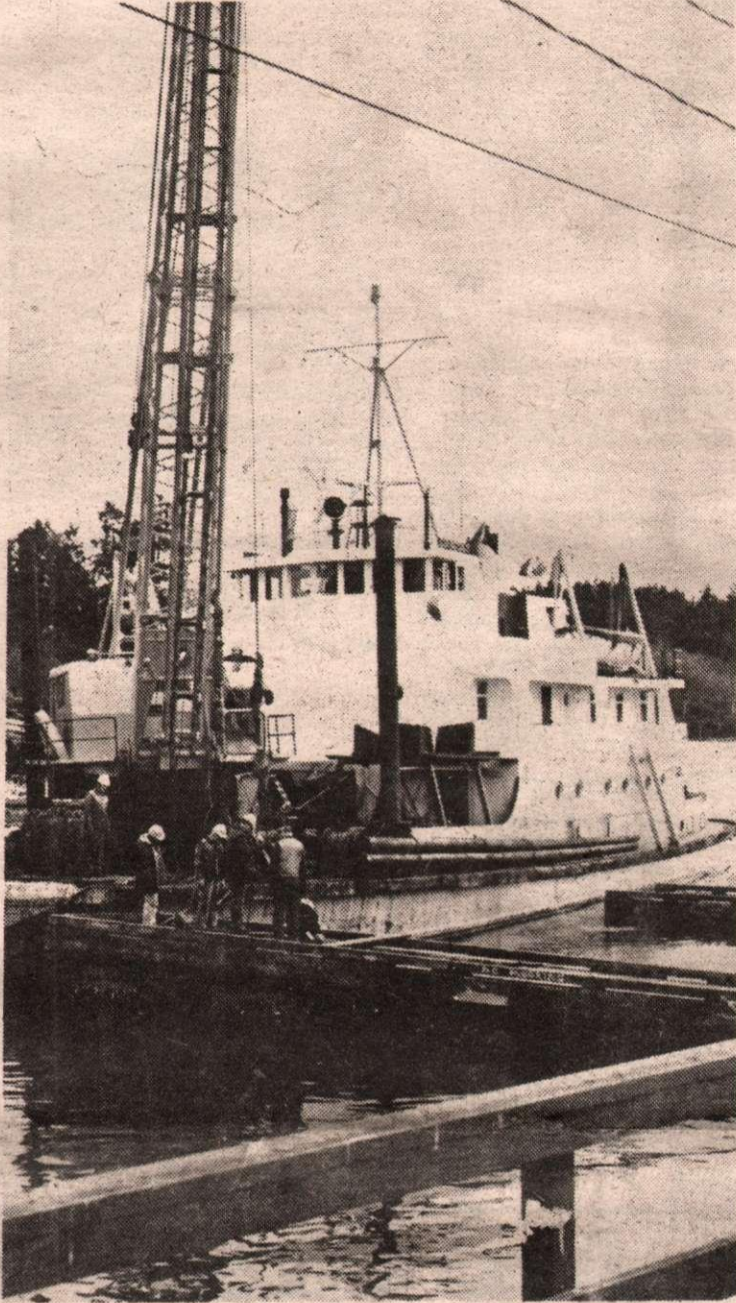
Rolf Hildred, who owns a small fish boat, explained that he had paid his mooring fee all the time he had been tied up there. His fee was not expired, he commented, but the moorage was.

Another fisherman felt that the government was using the transfer of the floats as a means of eliminating "live-aboard boats". He felt that the two measures are unrelated.

Crews were still in Ganges Harbour on Thursday tying up the moorage fingers and working on the facilities in the small boat harbour.

Operation left about a dozen small boats tied up to the pier and the seaplane float.

Federal government is working throughout the province to discourage the practice of using boats as residential properties.



Essington II at work in the harbour

Commenting on the removal of the floats, Wharfinger R.J. (Jim) Stuart said Environment Canada ordered the relocating of the three floats to the Centennial wharf to increase commercial berthing space and to provide a more protective area in the Ganges Harbour.

He said six piles were positioned to receive the floats at the south end of the existing floats in the federal harbour.

Two 80-ft. floats, allocated for the use of commercial fishermen, will add 160 feet of berthing and provide 726 feet of commercial float space.

Pleasure boats take up 1,592 feet of berthing space; Coast Guard (and boaters using the launching ramp, 40 feet; RCMP, 30 feet and B.C.

Hydro, 30 feet.

The wharfinger said the total berthing space in the harbour amounted to 2,448 feet.

He explained also that when berthage is not available in the harbour, pleasure boaters may use the fishermen's floats during the summer months.

At present 12 regular fishing boats use the harbour facilities, especially during the winter months. Four more druggers come into the harbour on a regular basis, he added.

"When electrical power is installed in the harbour this winter or next spring," Stuart said, "more fishing boats are expected to make use of berthing facilities.

Attacking dogs kill 6 sheep on islands

Dogs running free have killed sheep on Salt Spring Island and North Pender Island, police report.

A neighbour's dog is blamed in the killing of five sheep, one of which was a prized Suffolk ram, on the farm of Joyce Hartwig of Tripp Road, Ganges. The incident took place Monday.

Five other sheep, also injured by the German Shepherd, are being treated by a local veterinarian.

The dog was caught when it returned to attack the sheep later. It was shot by a neighbour and the dog's owner was notified, police said.

Still upset over the killing of her sheep, Mrs. Hartwig told Driftwood Tuesday that she was prepared to show "the massacre of sheep" at her place to dog

owners who feel their animals should run free. "They will soon change their minds after they've seen the mauled and bitten dead sheep we had to bury," she said.

Another incident of dogs molesting sheep occurred on North Pender Island Thursday, Dec. 9.

Barbara De Burgh of Prevost Island, who sold several sheep to Mrs. Chris Wade of North Pender, phoned Driftwood to report that several dogs killed one ewe and injured a ram on the Wade property.

She said that a horse, frightened by the dogs in the field, tried to jump a wire fence and received cuts on the chest.

The dogs, captured by Mrs. Wade, with the help of neighbours, were taken to Sidney, B.C., where they were destroyed by a veterinarian.

5 men jailed in home ransacking

Five Lower Mainland men, charged in the ransacking of a home in Ganges, have received jail sentences in provincial court in Victoria.

Kenneth Mondor, Douglas C. Coleman, and Russell Wm. Snyder, all of Vancouver, and Richard Phillip LeClair, of Delta, were sentenced to three months in jail and one year's probation.

Gordon Arthur Ramm, of Vancouver was jailed for four months and given a year's probation.

They pleaded guilty breaking and entering, theft over \$200 and mischief to private property.

The charges arose from an incident Oct. 23 when the men vandalized a home on Price Road.

During the rampage numerous boxes containing personal papers and possessions were dumped on the floor, cans of meat opened and thrown on the floor, jars of preserves smashed, walls scraped and marked, ceilings burned and light fixtures smashed.

The house owner reported several items stolen, including fireplace tools, bedding and cookware.

The men were arrested while leaving a ferry at Tsawwassen terminal.

Woman injured as car rolls

A Ganges woman was injured Monday, Dec. 13, when her car went out of control on the icy road near the bridge at Fulford, rolling down the embankment and into the salt chuck.

Police at Ganges said the vehicle, driven by Shirley June Arnold, turned over several times and came to rest in about one foot of water. She managed to crawl out of the car by herself.

She received bruised ribs and was treated for shock at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

Worker hurt when hit by car

A provincial highways department employee received minor injuries when he was struck by a car driven by Mary Margaret Brooks of Price Road, Ganges, on Monday, Dec. 13.

Police said the Brooks vehicle, a 1970 two-door Maverick, travelling north on Lower Ganges Road, was turning left onto Rainbow Road just before the accident occurred. Her car skidded on the wet road and hit Herbert Brackett of Vesuvius Road, who was working on patching the road at the intersection of Rainbow Road and Lower Ganges. He received a bruised shinbone and was treated at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

The Brooks' car ended up hitting a B.C. hydro pole, causing about \$650 damage to the vehicle.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SHIP

Carollers to sing at park on Dec. 21

A Christmas carol ship will regale Salt Spring residents Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 7.30 pm when it arrives in the Ganges harbour, in front of Centennial Park.

The carollers will be members of the Salt Spring Sailing Club.

Prior to its arrival in the harbour, the ship will leave Ganges boat yard at 6.30 pm, travel along Churchill Road shore across to the Beddis Road spit,

down Beddis Road shore to Centennial Park.

The melodious voices of island sailors will be led in song by Alf Howell. Live music will accompany the group.

Islanders who don't live on the carol ship's route are invited to attend. Come to the Centennial Park at 7.30 o'clock that evening to join in Christmas song and merriment.



LEGION PRESIDENT Alex Laing presents the past presidents' shield to Constable Darrell Simmonds for the Ganges RCMP 100 per cent turn-out at recent blood donor clinic.

THAT'S BRITAIN TODAY

Cost of living. Cost of living. Cost of living.

Pound loses value as British bargains lure visitors to stores in every port

BY FRANK RICHARDS

I bought me a jacket. It wasn't until I was half-way to France that I found I had left my one and only other jacket at another house. After some getting around I found a jacket for 32 pounds, sterling. And that's \$53. By Canadian standards, that's cheap. By deflating sterling standards, not so cheap! Cheapest I saw was nine pounds, 50 or \$16.

Inflation is everywhere. It's a disease of society and it penetrates every part of the fabric.

So what's it cost to live there? You're a teacher, a small-time engineer or salesman or junior executive. You earn something around 4,000 pounds a year. That's \$6,600 a year. Doesn't sound too good in those terms.

If you are single, you'll pay about \$2,600, or better, in income tax and other deductions. Works out about 40%.

SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

You need a house. Public housing, available in almost every community, is heavily subsidized by the public purse. A house that might be rented for 13 pounds a week on a profit-making program will be available for about eight pounds if it is publicly owned, or a "council house".

They're mostly in keen demand.

You buy a house. Kitchen, two reception rooms, toilet and hall downstairs: three bedrooms and

bathroom up. Gas-fired central heating by hot water and either a single-family unit or a duplex, and you're talking 20,000 pounds or \$32,000. And you're facing a mortgage agreement whereby the rate of interest is never fixed and rises at the whim of the money market.

So you buy the house and you pay 50 pounds a month in mortgage payments.

Your bedroom suite is worth 200 pounds, or \$320. Your living room will probably cost close to the same. These figures are vague because no two couples want the same thing in quality of design and the cheapest is not always the best-seller. These prices are close to the bottom.

EVERYBODY EATS

Down to easier commodities: everybody eats.

Top beef cut for steak or roast, \$1.60 a pound or better, pork chops, \$1.20 a pound. Oven-ready chicken will cost you 54 cents for a pound.

Take a teacher in BC, earning \$17,000 a year. To try to figure out the cost in Britain, you have to double all these prices to relate them to earnings here.

Your Brit wants a car to get to work. He doesn't weigh the difference between a six and an eight. He probably looks eagerly at a 2,000 cc automobile and comes down to earth to buy a big 1,300.

No emission controls, no nothing; it'll deliver him something like 35 miles to the gallon if he babies it.

No Brit babies a car. That 1,300 has got to deliver just like a big power buggy.

He'll pay close to 2,000 pounds or \$3,200 for the car. His license plates will cost him \$70 a year and his insurance will add another \$75.

The British driver then pays out \$1.25 in our money, per gallon for gas. Don't forget that he is earning half the local rate in dollars, so that makes the effective price of his gas the equivalent of about \$2.50 a gallon.

If he wants a bigger automobile, he can buy a 2,000 cc for upwards of 3,000 pounds or \$4,800.

He's in another class altogether if he goes for the top of the auto world with a Rolls Royce, ranging from 20,000 pounds to 40,000 pounds, or \$32,000 to \$60,000.

DRINKS AT THE PUB

He goes to the pub for a drink and a Scotch and mix will set him back \$1 to \$1.25. A beer will be half that. Packet of potato chips will be 16 cents. A packet of 20 cigarettes is going to leave him 64 cents the poorer.

That's a fairly broad picture of what the family will spend on living.

Now let's take a look at the old-timer.

Single man or woman over 65 years of age: pension (State old age pension, with supplements) about 20 pounds weekly. Rent: eight pounds or thereabouts, for state-owned cottage or house. Household costs take about half the pension and the remainder is available for food and clothing and living it up.

He'll pay half a pound for a haircut, or 80c. She'll pay \$1.75 for a shampoo and set.

Bus fare around the city ranges around 16c: pensioners travel free. If the pensioner wants to take a trip across the country, a 100-mile train journey costs eight pounds, return.

Last week I took a taxi from a

Midlands suburb to the city. It was a distance of about five miles through slow and heavy traffic. It cost slightly more than \$2.50. Nearly 24 hours later I took a taxi from the Sidney airport to Swartz Bay and paid \$6 as one party in a shared cab.

There's not a Briton in a million who is not well aware of the economic problems facing the nation right now. Most are aware of the large numbers of continental visitors who are cashing in on the flattened pound. What's the difference in continental Europe?

BRIEF TRIP TO FRANCE
We spent only three days in France. We were not there long enough to call on the villages where I was stationed during the Second World War. We did, however, learn something of the cost of living, although little or nothing of the average incomes.

We stayed at a very cheap hotel in Paris and paid \$75 francs, or \$15 a night. In the provinces we did better and a double room without bath was 40 francs, or \$8 a night.

Only problem with the Paris accommodation was that we felt every underground train go by. But they were all on time, so we had no real worries.

In the smaller city the room was clean and pleasant and the building very ancient. The dining room was excellent.

In Paris the deskman was fluent in English and there were no difficulties. In the provincial city only the hotelier himself was able to speak English.

To rent a car in Paris costs

from 40 francs a day plus mileage. That is \$8 basic. The car is the smallest ever. An 1100 cc car costs slightly more.

Figure it this way: you drive 100 miles, or 150 kilometres each day. That makes 35 centimes a

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to be frank

by richards

We all like power. Most of us have it most of the time. Last week's storm brought it home to a lot of people, when lines came down and the lights went out. But don't die for a light! John Thompson, of BC Hydro in the islands, is a worried man. He gets phone calls from islanders and they go like this: My husband has cut down two of the big trees on the wires, but he can't get the third one clear. And John holds tight on to his chair before he enquires whether the Friend of the Hydro is alive or dead. He has one urgent message for islanders: Leave it alone! If a tree is fouling a power line, get as far away as possible! The line may be charged with thousands of volts and the tree may be charged with nothing until you start cutting it. The tree rubs the power line and then becomes charged. At that point, the amateur helper is dead. It's quick, probably painless, but the helper is just as dead as if it were slow and painful. Electric wires are dangerous when they are hot and only the Hydro crews can tell you whether they are hot. You can always find out. In simple language, no sensible man will touch a tree on a power line without making a will. Don't leave your widow in a tough spot! It is just as dangerous to play with wet trees on hot wires as it is to get out of your car if a line comes down on the road. If there is a tree down, stay in the house! If there is a wire down, stay in your car. You could live a lot longer that way!

Seems to me that the Canada postal situation could be settled without any trouble at all. There's Scotland eager to form its own government and its own civil service and here's the expatriate Joe Davidson, working with the Canadian postal service. If the new Scottish government were to repatriate Joe and set him up as the Scottish Postmaster-General, what better? He has lots of experience of negotiations and that's the main part of the postmaster's job. And there's Scotland never had a postmaster-general since Robert the Bruce stamped on a money spider.

You know you're in Ireland the moment you set foot in Shannon. First cash desk I went to had a protective shield behind the cash register. Pasted prominently on the shield was the treatise, "Bless this House". Walked a few yards to hear and Irish colleen on the phone. No, she explained, she couldn't be there at 6 pm. She had "Novena". It just had to be Ireland.

Rolly Ford is the only man in the islands to have his own

Christmas card printed in full colour. Former Vancouver professional photographer has used one of his own colour pictures of Vancouver to dress the front of his personal card. And it's quite a showing!

BC Hydro are pessimists of the first water. Peer into the warehouse section on Rainbow Road and you'll see, not one pair of snowshoes, but two! Guess it's ready for when they're loaded for bear!

Sale of the new BC ferry vessels to an eastern corporation has cost British Columbia taxpayers \$53.1 millions, according to Gerry Anderson, former provincial legislator in Kamloops.

The government critic explains that the BC government made the deal in order to evade Federal Taxes.

This is the way that Anderson explains the deal:

1. Under the lease, B.C. will pay \$4,633,151.00 per year for 18 years. A total of \$83,396,772.00

2. At the end of the lease B.C. will pay a minimum of \$11,625,000.00 to take possession of the ferries. This brings payment up to \$95,021,772.00

3. The Ferry Owners will be able to use income tax loop holes to avoid 18.6 million dollars in Corporation Income Tax. B.C.'s share of this would have been \$4,690,000.00. Total cost to B.C. taxpayers for three ferries — \$99,670,772.00. If bought this year they would have cost 46.5 million — a loss to the people of British Columbia of 53.1 million dollars.

4. The Province must "guarantee" that the Eastern Interests will not lose money if the Federal Government closes the tax loopholes.

5. The Eastern interests will invest only 19.2 million dollars of their own money and borrow the balance. By reinvesting their surplus cash flow at 10 and ¼ per cent they will receive a bonus income of \$43 million during the life of the contract. Their total net income will be 46.5 million dollars.

This deal will now show up in the Coalition Sacred budget because they have created a B.C. Ferry Corporation and any loss will show on the corporation's books and not those of the government. So much for a balanced budget.

Swimmers pass life saving tests

Eight young swimmers from Salt Spring Island have been awarded their bronze medallions after passing tests of the Royal Life Saving Society.

They are: Lois Phillips, Brenda Denchfield, Deanna Sollitt, Tracy Knutsen, Karen Jensen, Craig Sollitt, John Pinchin and Cathy Anderson.

Donna McFadyen was awarded Bronze Cross for passing test in this Life Saving course.

They attended classes at the Crystal pool in Victoria.

GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD

He's still owner of this island

Thomas Edwards, of Victoria, is still the owner of Jackscrew Island, located north of Southey Point.

He called Driftwood last week to correct an erroneous report in the paper that Doug Grimm was the owner of the island.

Not so, says Tom Edwards, as he explained that Grimm was the caretaker on the island.

The caretaker is busy repairing the log cabin, vandalized over the years.

The island, comprising about 18 acres, is "a beautiful spot", said Edwards, who bought the island in June, 1975.

POPULATION PROMOTION IN ERROR

Despite an editorial comment in Driftwood last week, Ontario is still the most populous of the provinces.

Reference to Quebec as the "most populous province" should of course, have read, "second most populous".

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EDITORIALS

Don't come crying!

So it's Christmas again and the police are maintaining road blocks. Don't come crying if you're caught! There is no possible defence for being picked up in charge of a car while under the influence of alcohol.....or drugs.

You drink: you drive: you get caught. Too bad, but don't look for sympathy! And don't ask for anonymity! You drink: you drive and you clip someone: are you going to be looking for sympathy then?

There is nothing worse than a party-pooper. We all know that.

But there are a lot of people in the islands who will be party-going over the holiday and who will make good and sure that they can drive home.

Be one of them. Get somebody else to drive. Get a taxi. But don't get picked up!

And if you're on the other side of the windshield, don't urge a driver to have another drink. If he figures he has had enough, make sure it isn't too much.

Apart from any other consequences, that last drink at about \$500 makes for some pretty expensive hooch!

Robbing Peter to pay Paul

The provincial coffers were empty, reported the newly elected Social Credit government a year ago. The state of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia was deplorable, moaned the new government. And remedies were forthwith launched.

The rates went up and the peripheral benefits were eliminated. After three months, the government rejoiced to announce a new state of solvency for the youthful insurance branch of the provincial government.

There were cynics to be heard when the original reports were made. There were protests when the rates for insurance soared. And there was general rejoicing when it was announced that the corporation was no longer riding in the red.

We are all still overjoyed that the perilous finances first announced a year ago are no longer facing us. But we cannot look with pleasure on the newest measure to bring the credit margin to a new high.

Last week the Insurance Corporation announced that the weekly accident inspection on Salt Spring Island is to be terminated. The adjuster from the ICBC will no longer be here to inspect damaged automobiles.

That there is a cost involved in sending a man to the island is very evident. Yet, the cost originally merited that sending of a man here.

There is a frivolous means of ensuring that the cost of bringing an adjuster here once a week is not prohibitive. Islanders must be involved in enough accidents to merit the services of an adjuster. It could not be for a moment accepted, however, that the corporation's thinking was along these lines.

The basic objection to the new decision is that it strikes a blow at the small businesses here. The island resident who sends his car to Victoria for accident adjustment is thus encouraged to leave the vehicle in the city until it is repaired. The Insurance Corporation should not be working to the detriment of dispersed, small businesses.

If the elimination of a local adjustment after an accident should lead to the collapse of an island repair shop how has the province gained? It seems the province, through the Insurance Corporation, is merely robbing Peter to pay Paul. And Peter happens to be the repair service on Salt Spring Island.

Thanks, blood donors

Editor, Driftwood:

Sir - On behalf of The Canadian Red Cross and Salt Spring Island Branch No. 92, the Royal Canadian Legion, may I through The Driftwood, say "Thank You" to the 209 members of our community who registered and offered their blood at the blood clinic held in the Legion Hall on Dec. 6. While we did not reach the target of 250 asked for, the 190 pints of blood collected were 20 more than collected at the clinic held here last May.

I would also like to thank all the businesses, clubs and organizations on the Island, who supported the clinic with publicity and taking part in the blood donor

competition. Our congratulations to the Ganges Detachment, R.C.M.P., for winning the trophy.

Our thanks to you Mr. Editor and Driftwood for the support given the clinic through the medium of your newspaper.

We plan another blood clinic in May or June, 1977, and with the support of the whole community there is no reason why the target set for that clinic can not be met!

Peter Bingham
Chairman, Blood Clinic
Committee
Salt Spring Island Branch No. 92
The Royal Canadian Legion

GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Logging in Bluffs park opposed

Editor, Driftwood:

Sir: This is a letter sent by a group of residents of Galiano Island to Mark Holmes of the Islands Trust.

Dear Mr. Holmes:

The Galiano Club is holding a public meeting on December 19, to consider, among other things, the question of raising funds by selectively logging 150 acres, more or less, of Section Four, lying within the boundaries of Bluffs Park property.

We have understood that the Galiano Club executive has agreed in principle to logging of the land in question. It has been estimated that \$100,000 in cedar, hemlock and fir with 10" butts or over can be removed. This represents 750,000 board feet of timber and would net approximately \$25,000 for Bluff Trust Fund. This money would be used at some future time toward the building of a new community hall in South Galiano.

The Galiano Club executive is empowered by the deed of trust to make this decision without a vote

of the islanders; therefore, unless there is strong opposition to this proposal by the people of the island and their representatives, half of the wilderness will be lost. We believe the money needed for a new community hall could be raised without logging the Bluffs Park property. We urge you, as a member of The Islands Trust, to help preserve this land in the spirit of the dedication plaque in the park which reads:

"Erected Sept. 1, 1972 by the residents of Galiano Island in grateful memory of Max Enke and Marion Enke whose generosity made possible the establishment of Bluffs Park, thereby preserving in its natural beauty the land they loved, for all people for all time."

Signed by: A. Inkster, C. Maneker, A. Smith, H. Smith, E.B. Gould, P. Bluck, Geo. Granick, Z Macdonald, K. Partington, D. Stavroff, J. Rule, H. Sonthoff, G. Granick, A. Hennessey, T. Hennessey, M. Neil, G. Finnis, K. Maneker, Galiano, B.C.

Keep ICBC adjuster on island

Editor, Driftwood:

Sir - This is a copy of a letter sent to Norman Bortnick, general manager of Insurance Corporation of B.C.

Dear Sir:

We wish to protest most strongly against the withdrawal of your adjuster's services from Salt Spring Island.

My husband depends entirely upon his vehicle for his livelihood, and I depend on mine for being able to carry out many duties in the community, including daily visits to the extended care wing of the local hospital, where my mother is a patient.

When we are unfortunate enough to be involved in an accident, we already have to wait until the following Tuesday to see the adjuster, and another week for a decision to be reached if another party is involved. Then there is a delay while spare parts are ordered (and further delays when the wrong parts are delivered) before the actual work can be carried out.

All in all, under present circumstances, it usually takes a month between an accident and the vehicle being serviceable again. What will be involved if the whole thing has to be done by telephone, we dread to think.

If a car is badly damaged in an accident it will not be possible to drive it to Victoria. What is to happen to us in that eventuality?

We have no exact information on the number of elderly drivers on Salt Spring, but as nearly one-third of our population is over 65, it seems likely that many of our drivers are in this age bracket. To our certain knowledge many of these people never drive

off-island, and they will be especially hard hit by this latest development.

We are lucky enough to have several good body shops on the island, but they are only able to remain competitive while the volume of work remains high. If drivers are forced to have their work done off-island, the rates locally will soar, and we shall be caught in yet another inflationary spiral.

In view of the fact that islanders pay over \$600,000 in annual premiums, we are at a loss to understand why we are no longer to receive even the minimal service which we have been "enjoying".

We do beg you to reconsider your decision. Our ferry service has already been cut back, so please don't overload the ferries still further with drivers who may be forced to drive into Victoria several times after an accident, with vehicles which are not suitable for highway driving.

Mary C. Williamson
Ganges, B.C.

Watch those zip codes, folks

Editor, Driftwood:

Sir - I wonder if you'd like to put a warning in the Driftwood sometime when you have room regarding the zip codes?

Apparently the postal people are using them now and one small error can make a whale of a difference.

Yesterday I received a much delayed letter because the typist had put VOC instead of VOS - the

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Down through the years

From Driftwood Files

15 YEARS AGO

Ferry fares for small trucks will now pay the same as a regular passenger car. Before this announcement, these trucks were paying \$1.80, including driver. Now the fare will be 75 cents for the truck and 25 cents for the driver, providing the truck driver buys commuter tickets.

In spite of the off-the-top-of-the-head utterances of some people in the Gulf Islands, the proposed ferry terminal at Long Harbour makes good sense and the idea is supported by other Island residents and most of the residents on Salt Spring Island. The plan of a direct, no-stop, fast ferry service from Long Harbour to Tsawwassen, with feeder ferries from the other Islands to Long Harbour, has merit and should not be dismissed by people who still think in terms of a little combination mail-freight-passenger boat joggling from Vancouver to all Islands and back to Vancouver.

10 YEARS AGO

Department of Fisheries will be asked to take action concerning the large numbers of American vessels engaged in sport fishing in Canadian waters. This decision was taken at Joint Council of Gulf Islands Chambers of Commerce luncheon meeting held Dec. 7 at Harbour House, Ganges. Representatives from all Gulf Islands were present at the meeting. Chief objection was directed against American charter boats in Canadian waters. It was stated that hundreds of U.S. vessels come over with three to six lines overboard. Canadian sport fishermen are allowed only four salmon but this rule does not apply to Americans fishing in our waters.

School trustees agreed unanimously but without enthusiasm to sell 15 feet of school playing field to Department of Highways for widening of Rainbow Road. Closure of Kanaka Road from Rainbow Road to the school bus shed, which the board had hoped would compensate for loss of land on Rainbow Road side, was left in abeyance.

Galiano news: In spite of the stormy weather, it was a busy weekend on the Islands, with almost as many as usual of the Mainland commuters coming in to spend a pre-Christmas holiday at their homes here. A good many turned out to the school board election to exercise their vote in Island affairs.

5 YEARS AGO

There were 157 volunteer donors at the Red Cross Blood Clinic in Ganges last week; 143 were accepted and 20 out of 22 students gave blood.

Salt Spring Island's man on the Capital Regional Board is Marc Holmes. After the liveliest political campaign seen on Salt Spring Island for many years, Director Holmes retained his seat against two contenders by a comfortable margin on Saturday.

Dr. E.R. Dixon led the polls when Salt Spring Island voters chose three trustees for Gulf Islands School District on Saturday. He was the only newcomer to school administration to be elected. Chairman of the board, Mrs. Ione Guthrie, and Charles Baltzer, former chairman of the board of school of Maple Ridge, were also elected.

(From the editorial): So the school building plans didn't pass? Who did it? Looking back, the regional district did it. The regional matters became so vital that the school issue died before Saturday. And the government did it. First they said nothing; then they said, No, and then they said, Yes. Supporters couldn't give it the support it needed.

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YOUNG BAND musicians perform well in rendition of "Porgy and Bess".

Student musicians entertain 400 at Christmas concert

Annual concert of the Gulf Islands School Band entertained a gathering of over 400 islanders in the activity room of the secondary school Thursday evening.

The colorful lighting effect surrounding the orchestra was most effective. As the lights dimmed, Principal Robert McWhirter and Bandmaster Wilf Davies spoke briefly about the band and the program.

First selection of the Junior Band was "Hogan's Hero's March."

Their second number was

performed well and was only marred briefly by the harmony section overriding the melody. "Hello Dolly" was far too slow for such a lively number. However, "White Christmas" was played confidently with good volume intonations and was an excellent vehicle for their finale.

The Seniors played like seasoned veterans with plenty of verve, confidence and discipline. Janice Hull, superb on the trumpet, rendered a solo in "Porgy and Bess" which was first class. Another delight during this number was the fine ensemble playing

of the trombone section. Also delightful were the far too infrequent solos and ensemble playing by the flautists led by Michelle Larson.

Completing the entire program the Stage Band excelled themselves but then they always do. Chris Lacy on drums was outstanding and Amy Newman's rendering, with excellent back-up by the band, of "Feelings" was worth the admission price alone. Amy deserves better stage effects than a non-existent spot-light. They were also excellent in their performance of "In the Mood", a Glen Miller arrangement.

Full marks to Bandmaster Wilf Davies for a job well done and to Ray Newman for the professional touch of first rate sound and amplification.

Sheep ranchers are advised on feeding alfalfa to ewes

"Sheep ranchers should be cautious about flushing their ewes with alfalfa or red clover or exclusively feeding these crops during the breeding season," says Frances Newsome of the Department of Animal Science.

The problem was first noticed in Australia when sheep grazing on subterranean clover completely stopped lambing. Later work in New Zealand showed that birth rates decreased when ewes were fed alfalfa and, in England, researchers observed that red clover also had this effect.

At U.B.C., Dean Warren Kitts and Ms. Newsome have been investigating the cause for this phenomenon. They have fed alfalfa to ewes in heat with the result that estrogen levels at this time are markedly decreased. During a normal heat cycle, the estrogen level attains a peak which is associated with ovulation. In alfalfa-fed animals, the estrogen peaks are depressed, indicating reduced ovarian function.

Plant extracts, called phytoestrogens, are believed to be the causative agent for the reduced

estrogen levels. Phytoestrogens are similar to animal estrogens and appear to interfere with the normal events of the heat cycle.

Some workers suspect that phytoestrogen is related to a fungus that frequently grows with alfalfa. Various institutions are investigating soil fertility, climate, season and cut to find the exact conditions under which phytoestrogen production is high.

In searching for the mechanism by which phytoestrogens affect fertility, David Kitts compared the action of phytoestrogens with that of normal estrogens.

His preliminary experiments, under the direction of Dr. C.R. Krishnamurti, Department of Animal Science, indicate that various phytoestrogens affect uterine cells in a manner similar to normal endogenous estrogens. After they enter the cell, they bind to specific intracellular proteins and increase the permeability of the cell to water and other macromolecules, thereby promoting the growth of the uterus.

Breaks car window, fined \$100

On a charge of willful damage, Edward Cook of Victoria was fined \$100 in provincial court in Ganges on Dec. 1.

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BY ROLLY FORD
(Special to Driftwood)

A TV-commercial plugging giant-size color blowups brings back memories. If you are already involved in the home darkroom bit, you might find it intriguing to toy with the thought of making your own photographic murals. Start with black-and-white -- then graduate into color, if the bug sinks its inciting fangs into your photo sinews.

Twenty years ago, as a Vancouver-based commercial photographer, I chose "color murals" as my field of specialization. In those days, a 16" x 20" was the largest print made by the local color labs. To get a 40" x 50" color print you would send your 4" x 5" color negative to one of the three color labs in the United States then making large color prints. You waited several weeks for your print. Chemicals were short-lived and costly -- the lab waited until it had enough orders on hand to justify mixing up the 50-gallon batches of solutions.

Why the 50-gallon tanks of chemicals? Simply because the labs were hanging their exposed color prints on stainless steel rods and raising and lowering them into 6-ft. high developing tanks. This was the way they developed color films -- This was the way it was going to be with color prints. **ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE**

Necessity being the mother of invention, I wondered if it might not be possible to wrap an

exposed color print around a drum and rotate it in a relatively shallow, curved developing tray. I made a miniature processing drum out of a discarded chemical can covered with Scotch Electrical tape and -- joy of joys -- it worked! If it worked for 8" x 10" prints -- perhaps the 40" x 50" was within realization. Just to play it safe I wrote to Canadian Kodak in Toronto and also to Eastman Kodak in Rochester, requesting their opinion. Toronto wrote back

YOU AND YOUR CAMERA

intimating it would not work because of oxydization problems. Rochester wrote a more encouraging letter -- they thought it would work because their "Type-C" color paper was really an "anything is possible" dream-stuff material.

Not having any close acquaintances in the stainless steel fabricating shop of Powell River Paper Company, I made my 40" x 50" king-size curved developing trays out of plywood and thin mahogany veneers. The curved veneer sheets were then saturated with melted parawax, which made them completely impervious to chemicals. Over a period of years I made hundreds of 40" x 50" color blowups, which in those

days sold to the client for \$150 each.

News of the project brought an exciting invitation to present a paper and serve as a panel member of a color printing session at the annual meeting of Professional Photographers of America in Chicago. Very few of the 6,000-strong P.P. of A. had ever heard of Vancouver, Canada. After the session, at least forty big-time photographers came to me to discuss color mural production. A few years later Kodak came out with a new type paper and chemistry and a rapid-processing drum that could turn out a 16" x 20" color print in less than 8 minutes.

GOLD MURALS

Today you can buy a gleaming color processing unit that spews forth 40" x 60" color prints at high speed, dry enough to handle and deliver to the customer the same day. Big color prints are increasingly popular as interior decoration units. That's gold in them thar hills, for some young eager beaver freelancer. The real pot of gold is in the making of black-and-white murals. For the price of a 5-ft. length of plastic pipe and a set of fibreglass 2-gallon tanks, anyone can turn out B & W prints up to 25-ft. long. The huge murals in the dining rooms of B.C. Ferries' Queen of Vancouver and Queen of Saanich were turned out by the writer on just such simple gear. A \$5 piece of PVC drainpipe and a 100-ft. roll of mural paper.

Try it. You can transform your basement rumpus room into a panoramic picture window looking out over any scenic beauty spot in the world. Rig your enlarger for horizontal projection -- tack your photomural paper on the rumpus room wall (temporary darkroom area with red light illumination) -- expose your big blowup print for 5 or 6 minutes -- develop it on the rumpus room floor using plastic sheeting to protect the carpet -- dry your 25-ft. blowup on a temporary clothesline and you are all ready for the final installation using wallpaper paste to mount the photo sections on the wall. Happy mural making!



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NEWS FROM GALIANO

BY WINNIE LIVER

Seniors hold potluck supper

The Galiano Island Senior Citizen's Association held a successful pot-luck supper on Monday evening. There were about 50 guests who not only enjoyed their dinner but also a sing song, with music provided by Harry Webster and Dr. L. Slind.

The Galiano Weavers and Spinners Guild had a Christmas lunch at the hall. They enjoyed the afternoon where games were organized by Nan New.

Exciting news from our weavers: there is going to be a big event in Victoria early in June and our guild has been invited to demonstrate their spinning at this show.

We have so many talented people on our island we can do all our shopping locally. I have been fortunate enough to have material woven for an evening suit. It is just beautiful. Our weavers are expert in their field.

The Galiano Club is holding a meeting on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 2 pm. The pros and cons of logging the Bluffs Park will be discussed.

The Painters Guild were entertained at Elizabeth Hopkins on Saturday afternoon. A gift was presented to Lorna Tweedale.

The Women's Auxiliary to the south Galiano Fire Department will hold a book sale on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18 from 2 pm to 4 pm at the fire hall.

The church services are held every Sunday morning at 9 am with Rev. J. Daniels being on the island every second Sunday. Alternate Sundays are a people's service. There will be an evening service Dec. 26 at 7 pm.

A very exciting bingo night was held at the Galiano Hall with many prize winners.

We enjoyed the visit of the Bellingham Jaycee's Christmas ship and Santa was his usual jovial self.

A country dance will be held on Saturday, starting at 8 pm, in the Galiano community hall. Music will be provided by a four-piece band from Victoria.



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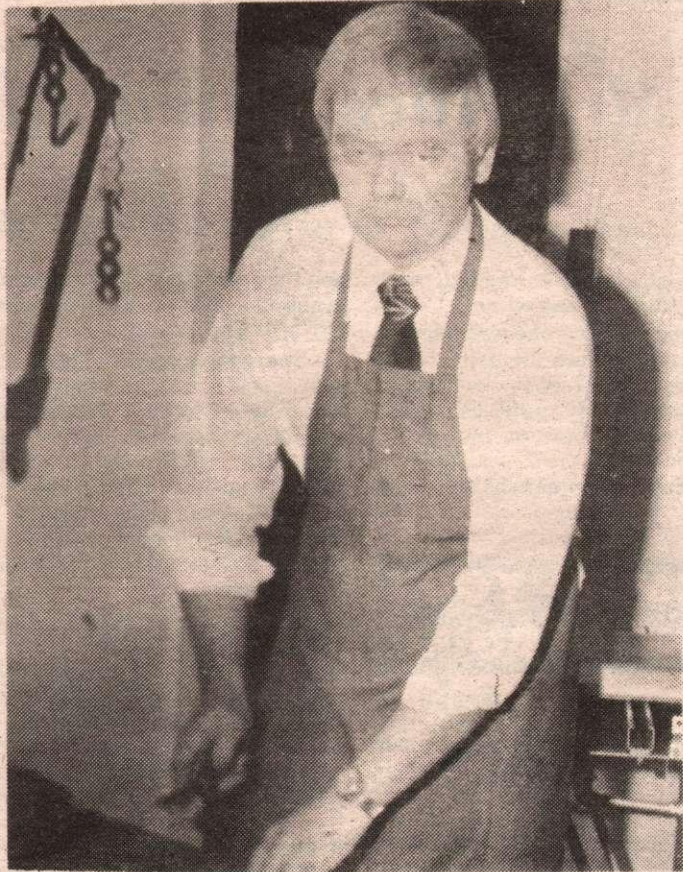
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Don Harrison

Don Harrison is manager of meat dept. at Trading Co.

Don Harrison is the new manager of the meat department at the Red and White store in Ganges, more familiarly known as the "Trading Company".

He has been with the store for four months now. His display cases reflect the experience he has had in making various cuts of meat look so attractive to customers.

Don came to Salt Spring three years ago from Vancouver. He had reached the point where, in his own words, "I just got fed up

with city life and I now like it so much here that wild horses couldn't drag me back to the concrete jungle."

He was previously with meat departments at other stores in Ganges and the mainland.

He is married with two children and is a member of the Rod and Gun Club, being particularly active in trap shooting. He has recently been appointed a director of the Rotarians for the coming year. Also, he likes rolling them "down the gutter" and is involved in a bowling league.

Don has two part-time assistants. One is Judy Boissonnault and the other is Mrs. Janet Hockley, who has lived on Salt Spring Island for three years. Like Don Harrison, she loves the island; but her days are numbered to remain here, because her husband, Terry, has a permanent job now in Vancouver.



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At 94, she is honoured

BY BRYAN SMITH

Mrs. Alice Young, of Rainbow Road, has been honoured with a

life membership in St. Mark's Chancel Guild. Now in her 94th year, she has

full command of her faculties despite the disability of sight and hearing impairment.

In her cosy small duplex apartment, Alice made light of her disabilities and says her greatest loss is the inability to play the organ anymore. A fall in 1954 put an end to her career as organist choir leader of St. Mark's Church, Ganges. She had served this Anglican Church since 1917 and that adds up to 37 years of attending and leading the choir at that church.

WEEKLY TREK

All this time she resided four miles from St. Mary Lake, in the northern part of North End Road. Every Sunday morning and evening she walked both ways and that made it a weekly trek of 10 miles quite apart from attendances at choir practice.

From 1916 until a few years

ago, she went swimming every day, summer and winter.

She said that she was the first one to introduce the actual chant singing of Psalms as against speech. A lady in the choir said, "Now we're well on the road to Rome".

To this very day she still sits in

and they came to Salt Spring and acquired a farm on the upper part of North End Road.

She speaks very highly of her only son, Garnet, and his family and she is looking forward to spending Christmas with them this year in Victoria. However, her 94th birthday falls on Dec. 22 and a party has been arranged in her honour by her son, to be held at the "Princess Mary" restaurant in Victoria.

She has memories of the road around St. Mary Lake being just a country lane and her husband had given her many warnings of what to do if she ever encountered a cougar. It appears cougars were much in evidence in those days of the early 1920's.

One night she was rounding a bend at the lake when she heard soft footsteps behind her. She wasn't frightened because she

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the choir pews every Sunday and also goes to choir practice every Thursday.

In her younger days she travelled extensively throughout Canada. She married her late husband during 1914 in Victoria

REMINDER OF VETERAN CAR THAT SURVIVED TWO WARS

BY FRANK RICHARDS

It lay on the office floor when I got back from holiday. It is a pendant from an automobile of another era. How it got on the office floor I'll never know.

And it brought back memories.

The pendant announces membership in the Automobile Club

d'Aalsace. I was never a member, let me hasten to note. I found the pendant. I found it with a lot of others and I even brought them across the world with me. This is the only one that wasn't thrown out.

In 1945 there had been a war. The troops were returning to civilian life and many a veteran was looking to a new life of independence after many years of total dependence. One of these was a former soldier who acquired a garage in the town of Bromsgrove, near Birmingham, in England.

20 YEARS OLD AND NEW

I passed his garage one day and I was startled to find for sale a 1925 motorcycle which had never been used on the road. A brand-new 20-year-old machine was enough to rouse my curiosity.

The new proprietor explained that the previous owner of the establishment had made a practice of holding back old-model machines as the new models appeared. He felt that if a purchaser wanted a new motorcycle, he could better buy the new model and there would be that much better mark-up. As a result, there were stored away in the building various motorcycles dating back down the years.

I bought the 1925 Rudge-Whitworth four-valve, four speed 500 cc machine.

It proved very troublesome and the magneto never did work properly. But it was a novelty and I could readily get my money out of it.

A few weeks later I stopped at the garage in my 1926 Jowett

two-seater. It was an immaculate motor-car. There was not a mark or a scratch. The proprietor called me, as an old-car buff. He had found something else.

The something else was a very ancient automobile. High windshield, gas lights, thin tires, it was obviously more than 30 years old.

There had been a great mountain of garbage in the yard of the old garage. There were gaskets, valves, gears, cylinder heads, oil cans. Everything that is collected from recalcitrant power buggies had accumulated in the yard. A new broom sweeps clean and the new proprietor was busy cleaning up.

As a crew attacked the pile, they hit an obstruction. Digging by hand, they unearthed an iron roof with a small shed under it. In the shed was the car.

I bought it on the spot without even consulting Women's Lib.

The car had never been licensed since 1920. That was a crucial year for British records. Any papers prior to that date had been destroyed. It was impossible to trace its ownership.

We cleaned it up and set out to look for tires for it.

There was an interesting feature to the discovery.

STARTED UP

It had proved impossible to get a rope on the car to pull it out of the shed. The proprietor had poured gasoline into the carburetor and wound the motor. It started on the second pull and he drove it out of its long hibernation.

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thought it was someone who needed company on the way but when she stopped, so did the footsteps. She swung her flashlight round and a cougar was about 10 yards away. She remembered her husband's advice, "Never run and just walk very slowly away." Which she did, and the next thing she heard was the splash in the water as the cougar dived off the edge.

Alice also helped out at the library for 10 years.,

FARM LIFE

On their farm, they had all sorts of animals including 400 chickens but the egg sales barely covered the cost of the feed.

She says there is no finer place to live than on Salt Spring and she is grateful for the privilege of spending most of her life on this island.

SHOWING ON MAYNE ISLAND

Molly Phillips describes experiences on China trip

BY ELSIE BROWN

Interesting account of Molly Phillips' most recent trip to China was given in the form of slides and commentary at the Agricultural Hall, Friday, Dec. 3, on Mayne Island.

Mrs. Phillips last trip was in August of this year when she conducted one of her many tours of that vast country. She has an extensive knowledge of China, both as a resident and as a tourist, and has acquired more than 800 slides of her travels.

EARTHQUAKE

The travellers arrived in Peking in time to experience the earthquake which shook that area in August. They moved down to the lower floor of the hotel with their belongings and when further tremors made it unsafe to stay longer, they were able to get in touch with the Canadian Embassy where they were made welcome. The tour proceeded in spite of the earthquake.

People were setting up house-keeping in the streets and plastic tents were being used for temporary shelters.

IMPRESSED

The travellers were impressed by the courage of the people who had suffered loss of family as well loss of their homes. Supplies arrived from other parts of China and requirements were met without outside aid.

Bicycles are used extensively as a means of transportation. Goods are also moved manually from place to place. Chairman Mao developed the commune way of life to assist the Chinese people to a better way of life. Instead of everyone having a little plot of land on which they are not able to grow anything they are provided with adequate housing, good working conditions, choice of working in agriculture or industry and all receive a salary. Factories are producing goods which formerly had to be imported. Everyone does a certain amount of manual labour regardless of his educational abilities. Doctors, nurses, teachers all do their share.

ARTISTIC WORK

Artistic ability is given encouragement and arts and crafts developed. Beautiful handiwork of the people was shown in the pictures. Theatre, dancing gymnastics are part of the everyday life of these people.

WARM WELCOME

Mrs. Phillips was impressed by the warm welcome they received from everyone. The tour guides spoke perfect English and were most co-operative.

The travellers received hospitality wherever they went. Other interesting items consisted of watermelon in a variety of colors red, yellow and pink as well as other fruits.

Prior to Mao's Regime the plains were barren and unuseable for agriculture. Mao built dams to deal with this problem. The

annual flooding of the Yellow River was tamed by the building of dykes. Canals were also used

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Noted educator dies

A resident for several years on Mayne Island, Miss Mollie Cottingham was a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital, Vancouver, when she suddenly passed away.

Renowned as one of B.C.'s best known educators, she taught social studies in Ontario and B.C. secondary schools from 1928 to 1955. She also served a term as president of the B.C. Teachers' Federation. She was assistant professor at U.B.C. and became a professor there later.

Always an outspoken and well respected educator, she spent a period as general editor of the Curriculum Resource Books series. She was also a member of many educational societies both provincially and nationally.

Her greatest honour came when she was elected B.C. Educator of the Year by the Teachers' Federation in 1967.

She retired in 1971 and was greatly respected on Mayne Island.

She is survived by her cousin, Mrs. Alison Duncan.

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but found work not that plentiful as a newcomer and so he returned to Holland for six years. However, in 1974, his brother, Hans, who is involved in building construction, sent for him and gave Art a 1953 truck to start off on his own. Not only is the truck still going strong but so is Art.

UNIQUE ROOM

He is married to Carrie and they met on Salt Spring. Carrie has three children by a former marriage and Art has nothing but praise for them when he was creating their unique rec room.

pocket which he immediately spent at the local Legion Hall's auction sale. He stripped one of the pieces and found solid oak

underneath. The chest of drawers has now been stained and is a magnificent piece of furniture. Signwriting is another special-

ty and much in demand by local tradespeople. Classical music is another hobby and so is macramé.

PAINTER, DECORATOR TOOK HARD ROAD OF EXPERIENCE

TRAINING

Art's long hard road of experience followed a thorough training in Holland. At the age of 13, Art was a pupil at a school that specialized in painting and decorating. Then followed five years of night school with the days occupied with practical work. The result was a master's degree.

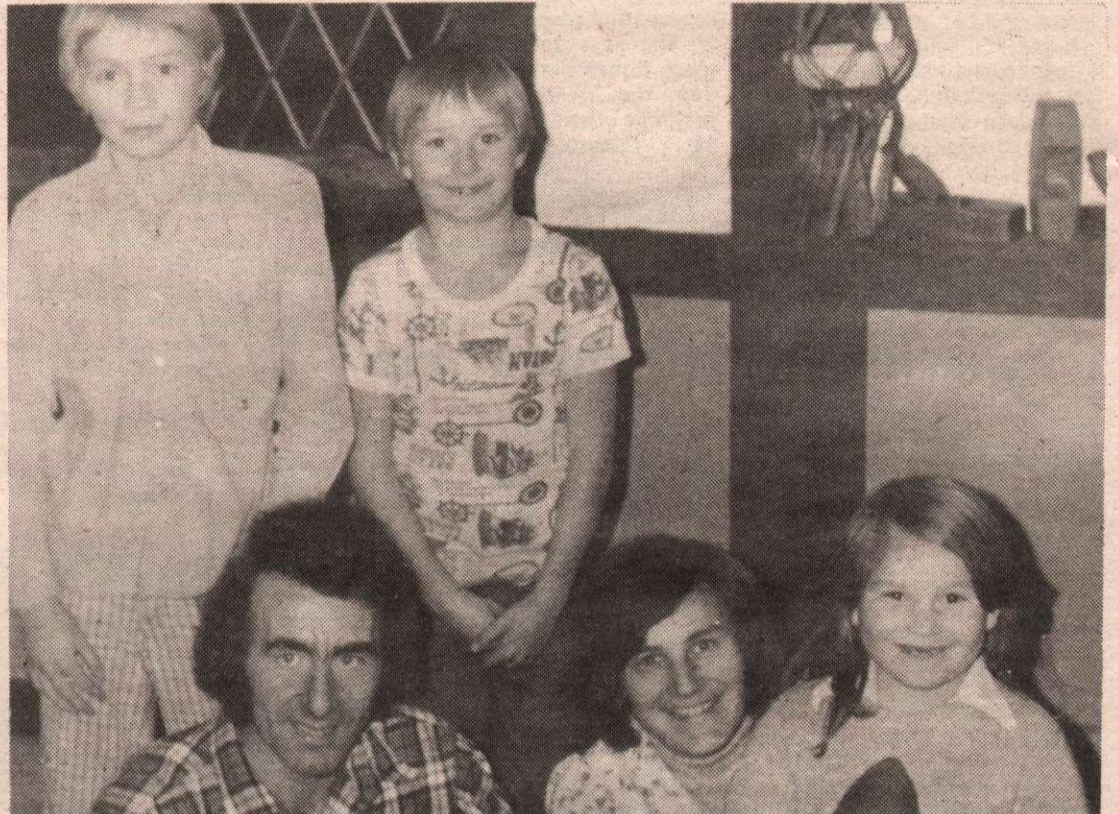
He had to learn all the rudiments of paint manufacture and color combinations. Did you know there are no less than 97 combinations of black, including grey.

He came to Canada in 1968

Scott, David and Cindy helped him no end, he says. Carrie is the one with an eye to design and ideas.

This rec room is really something to behold. In the centre is a round fireplace and surrounding it are numerous rounds cut from three trees and embedded in cement. There are nooks and crannies in real brick and a long line of geraniums overlooks the room from the balcony. It is reminiscent of ye olde English Inn.

Art tells the story of arriving on Salt Spring with \$40 in his



-Driftwood Photo

ART HAZENBOOM with his wife

Carrie, and Cindy. Standing are two other children, Scott and

David.

MAINLY MAYNE

BY ELSIE BROWN

Silver Maynes elect officers

The annual meeting Silver Maynes Senior Citizen's Association was held Monday, Dec. 6 at Springwater Lodge, with a good attendance.

New officers are: president, Vic Griffiths; first vice-president, Sophie Betts; second, vice-president, Millie Paton; secretary, Bill Morson; corresponding secretary, John Mundie; treasurer, Sallie Burden; directors, Ina Iwasaki and Jean Beaumont.

The camera club has been re-activated. For information contact Harry Adams phone 539-2123.

Ceramics - Elsie Goodman, phone 539-2168.

Lapidary - Roy Crispin, phone 539-2362.

Senior Counsellor - Edith Griffiths reported on the New Horizon Festival held in Vancouver No. 14.

The first meeting of the new year will be Monday, Jan. 3, 1977, at Springwater Lodge.

Christmas decorations and lights are starting to brighten up the scene on the island and we will soon be singing. "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." It's a shame we are too busy preparing for it to enjoy it until it is all over. Happy festive season to everyone.

Mayne Lions are making Christmas preparations. On Thursday, Dec. 16 single pensioners, (widows, widowers) are being entertained at Mayne Inn. For further information contact Harry Lane at 539-2100.

Saturday, Dec. 18 at 8 pm Lions Christmas bingo will be held in the Agricultural Hall.

Prizes will be a turkey, hams and bacon.

Glad to hear Doris Gardner is home from hospital and making satisfactory progress.

Fred Hansen is home after a short stay at Rest Haven Hospital. Get Well wishes to him also.

Joyce Mitchell reports a most successful show of her paintings, at The Little Gallery in Victoria. She has also had a show in Sidney, B.C., and her paintings will be on display at the Village Gallery, Beacon Avenue, and also at The Little Gallery on Salt Spring Island.

Our sympathy to Mrs. Alison Duncan whose cousin, Mollie Cottingham passed away suddenly last week. Miss Cottingham was a resident on Mayne at Mt. Parke estates for about six years.

Visiting John and Lil Rodine at "Twin Totems" Horton Bay was John's brother Howard of Toronto who is with the Department of Indian Affairs there.

Welcome back to Danny Aitken who is home again after treatment at Lady Minto Hospital for back injuries received at work.

Gremlins were responsible for the wrong spelling of your name Wilbert. My new typewriter plays tricks on my spelling.

My thanks to Frances Faminow and Lisa Levesque who delivered my copy to Driftwood the last two Mondays.

Sandy McLeod and his wife, Suzanne, of Leisure Lanes in Ganges, will be over with a special carol service.

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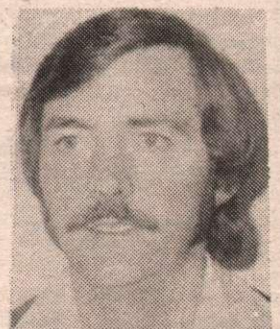
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By SMITHY

Christmas shopping a joy?

THIS IS as true as I am now riding a bicycle. Do you enjoy Christmas shopping? I used to but about four years ago in stores in Vancouver I changed my mind.

There I was....number four in the queue at the check-out counter for eight items or less. In those days my Christmas spirit was better than it is today. I was pleased that so few were in front of me. I didn't even mind the lady behind me jabbing my ribs with a french loaf.

However, there seemed to be a problem up front. We weren't moving. I turned to the french loaf lady and said chattily, "Seems to be hold-up is creating a hold-up" but the icy stare forced me to turn back and see what was the cause of the delay.

The first woman said "\$3.89? ...please charge it."

Check out girl: "Your number, please?"

Lady gave it to her. Check-out girl rings up credit office. Three minutes elapse. Check-out girl with hand over receiver to us "Happy Christmas to you all".

Message comes through. Girl: "Oh, it's OK is it? Good." Much paper work. More long minutes. Woman exits.

We edge closer.

Girl: "That will be \$4.29 please, Madam?" Lady: "I pay by cheque", produces cheque book and starts to write.

Girl rings for supervisor. Supervisor, like our ferries, hovers into view. She addresses the lady "Have you an identity card madam? Driver's license will do."

Lady rummages for three minutes into large handbag. Supervisor initials cheque as if she was signing the Magna Carta. Lady exits.

We edge up.

Girl: "That will be \$1.49 please". Lady produces a Charge-ex card with a flourish. She is instantly fawned upon by supervisor and girl. Compliments fly about her handbag, coat and hat. Three minutes go by.

I edge up.

Girl: "That will be \$10.95 please. Cash or charge?" I glanced furtively around. "Cash".....

There is an ominous silence. Icy glares all around. My change was tossed on to the counter.

Girl: "Next please. Please hurry up sir. There are people waiting."

TALKING OF Christmas shopping I wish I had the money to give presents to the following:

The Ramsey brothers: A decoder to read prescriptions.

Trudeau and Levesque: Two separate copies of Shakespeare's "Much ado about Nothing."

Roy Wheatley: Copy of song sheet, "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes."

Frank Richards: A book: "The decline and fall of the British Empire."

Bruce Hardie: A black golf ball for a frosty golf course.

Connie Hardie: The government's pamphlet: "Come to Canada where the views are striking

as well as the Post Office."

Freddie Cartwright: A pocket calculator to work out the ICBC rebates for blameless claims.

The Dutch Beauty Salon, Debbie, and Frans Beyk: Copy of the song sheet, "A Life on the Permanent Wave."

Liquor Store: Either of two games "Monopoly" or "Gin Rummy"

George Wills: Bonds and Stocks or Bonded Stock.

Joan Raeside: Muscial tranquilizer.

Tom Gossett, Molly Acheson and all gardeners: A book "Chickweed is the Root of all Weevil"

All Resort Owners: Instant tourists, Stir and mix and every room is filled.

Mike Larmour: A smog dispenser or a glass of pure water.

To you all: Good health, happiness, and a prosperous 1977.

MY GUEST this week is Pat McLean. Pat lives on Cottonwood Drive and recently suffered a power outage of five hours. The house got colder and colder. Now Pat simply hates using an axe but she plucked up courage and went down to the basement to chop up a few logs. Shutting her eyes she went to work and eventually had enough for a start of a fire. She realised she needed more and so down again to the basement. Absent-mindedly she switched on the light and re-commenced her labours. Opening her eyes she realized she had 'egg on her face'....the light was on and so heat was again circulating upstairs. The only consolation was the surplus of logs which would be a good standby for the next outage.

MYSTERY MEN in last Roundabout were the Ramsey brothers of Ganges Pharmacy. This week is a man who works on the ferries. He is sandy haired and well known for constantly wearing a cowboy (or is it Albertan?) hat.

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PLANNING GROUP TO SET GOALS



Association to review constitution

Salt Spring Island Planning Association has agreed to revise the present constitution and set goals and objectives during the 1977 season.

At a meeting on Dec. 6, members decided to obtain speakers at meetings dealing with subjects concerning the community. Future meetings will be advertised and Regional Director George Heinekey, and Island Trust representatives, John Fisher and Chas. Longueay, notified of the dates of each meeting.

In reply to a question as to what had happened to the questionnaires distributed last spring by the Ganges Planning Committee, Henry Elder advised that while nothing much had been done, so far, the results would be presented at the next public meeting held by the Ganges Planning Committee when the Ganges Plan would be unveiled.

Al. Black presented a brief progress report on the work his committee had done on investigating the environmental and social impact that a proposed subdivision at Musgrave Landing would have on the rest of Salt Spring. If the development goes ahead it might result in a demand for road improvement, water supplies, school bussing, it was stated, and this would mean a tax

increase on all properties on the island.

During the last election for Island Trust members, one candidate is purported to have stated he thought St. Mary's Lake might support a population of 100,000.

Mike Larmour stated that while a study was going on about the carrying capacity of the lakes on the island, a great deal of work had yet to be done before any

definitive answers were achieved. He doubted the 100,000 figure was realistic.

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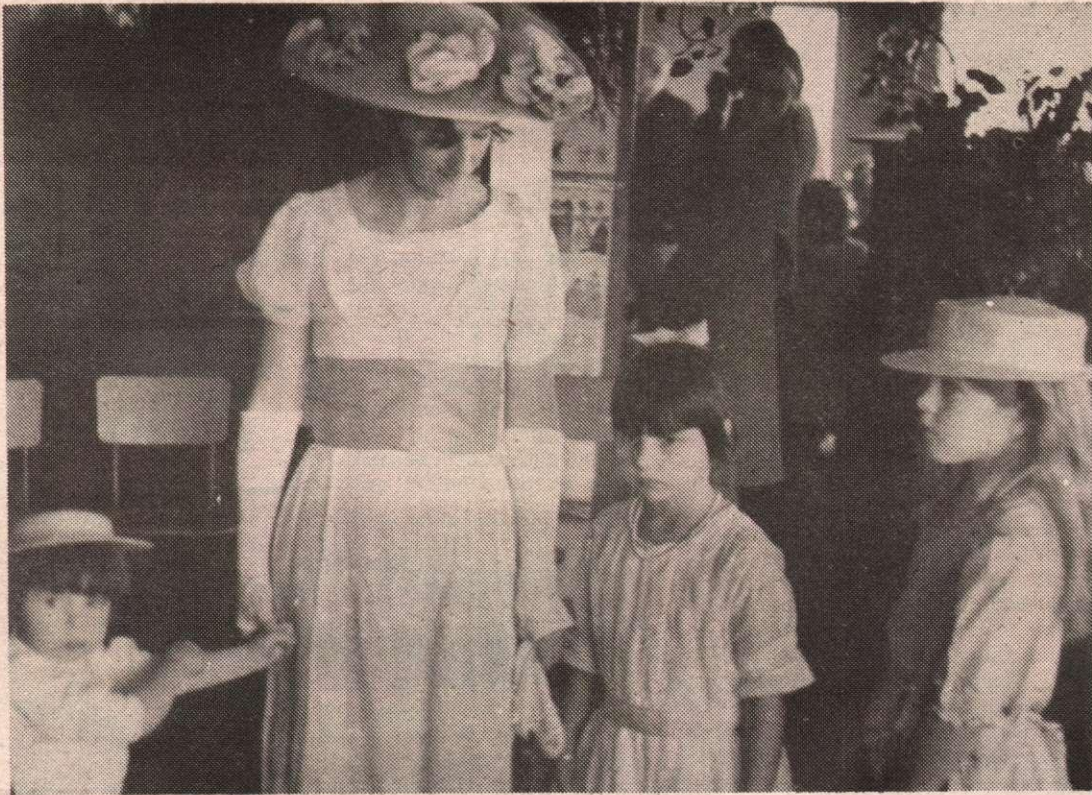


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Galiano residents view costumes of 1800s



Society puts on nostalgic showing

Galiano residents, who packed the Galiano lodge Sunday afternoon, went back in time to the 1800s as Canadiana costumes were modelled in all their finery.

On hand to direct the show were Mrs. A. Aldersmith, Victoria, president of the Canadiana Costume Society of B.C. and Western Canada, and Avis Walton, who handled the commentating.

Most of the older people in the audience relived those exciting times of the 1800s when models, both from Victoria and Galiano, paraded through the lodge in different attire of that period. It was a nostalgic remembrance for many of them, viewing the fashions of bygone days.

Mrs. Aldersmith told Driftwood that the society intends to preserve all old garments and so help "to record the history with which we are surrounded."

"We are endeavouring to preserve, repair and reproduce antique garments and other articles of fashion apparel," she said. "Through donations of garments, we are slowly building a collection of artifacts which surely will be the basis of a future costume museum in British Columbia."

The president of the society



said that all items received are carefully researched and catalogued. In many cases these garments are loaned to the society for drafting of patterns to preserve in black and white the construction of each piece.

She added that a committee for this work hopes to find suitable modern materials to reconstruct garments to be used as

models for groups or individuals interested in recreating authentic costumes.

Recently a plea went out in Victoria for donations of old buckles, buttons, threads, trims and lace which might make reconstruction work possible. "Many homes have these items sitting in Grandmother's sewing basket collecting dust as modern

materials and trimmings take their place," she said.

During the intermission, Irene Henderson, Victoria's own Grace Fields, entertained with titillating songs and humorous monologues.

The tea and refreshments for the show were prepared under the direction of the operators of the lodge, Sonja Maans and Rozanne Shuey.

New standards are set for Gulf Islands roads

Highways and Public Works Minister Alex V. Fraser and Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Hugh Curtis, M.L.A. for Saanich and the Islands, have announced new standards for Gulf Islands roads.

The new standards were worked out in conjunction with Islands Trust, the government appointed body which controls development of the Gulf Islands from Denman Island south to the Victoria area and in Howe Sound.

The standards have been set following studies and design plans formulated by the Ministry of Highways and Public Works highway Planning Branch. They are intended for new subdivision roads which will hereafter conform more closely to the natural contours of the land.

New road designs will reduce the number of fills required, allow for somewhat reduced road

widths, permit increases in the maximum allowable grades and establish limits on maximum distances a road can run without a vertical or horizontal curve.

Municipal Affairs Minister Curtis said the purpose of the new Islands road design policies is to conserve natural beauty and to maintain a rural environment unique to the Gulf Islands.

Under the new standards, principal roads with 30 mile per hour speed limits will have 24-foot paved surfaces and local roads with the same speed limits, 18-foot paved surfaces.

Other local roads with 20 mile per hour speed limits will have 18 feet of pavement and local one-way roads, also with speed limits of 20, will be allowed 16-foot paved widths.

Right-of-way clearing width will be 40 feet except for the one-way roads and these will be cleared to 35 feet.

Drinking driver is fined \$500

John Helme of Ganges pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving when he appeared in provincial court in Ganges, Dec. 1.

He was fined \$500, or in default 30 days in jail.

Ram theft brings a \$300 fine

Danny Lawson of Duncan was charged with theft under \$200 when he appeared Dec. 1 provincial court at Ganges.

He pleaded guilty and was fined \$300, or in default 30 days, and placed on six months probation.

The theft charge was laid by police following the shooting Aug. 30 of a ram, owned by Charles Bavis, of Saturna Island.

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ON THE PENDERS

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

New citizens welcomed

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Thursday, Dec. 2 at the home of Miss B. Smythe.

At the meeting the ladies presented Mrs. Craddock, a charter member, with a quilt which they had completed for her on a cover which Mrs. Craddock's mother had made about 100 years ago.

On Friday, Dec. 10, the Women's Institute were hostesses at a coffee party held at the children's play school on Hoosen Road when the guests of honor were seven new citizens of Pender Island, all born here during 1976. The babies were each presented with a gift of a Women's Institute spoon. This is an annual event on Pender to welcome new citizens.

The new citizens are Yaro Celeste Bailey, Lara Elizabeth Schultz, David Robert Fearn, Raven Cascade Ferrier, Jaimie Michelle Hiltz, Jason Parnum and Michael David Jamieson.

An exciting course in drawing and painting will start next year on Jan. 12 and will consist of six fortnightly sessions each of five hours. The course has been arranged by Allan Beveridge from the Programs office of the Department of Continuing Education, University of Victoria. It will be held in the Legion Hall, and the

instructor will be Flemming Jorgensen. R.C.A.

Miss Marian McKechnie has recently returned to Pender after a month long holiday spent visiting various relatives in Ontario.

Douglas Harker's new book entitled "The Woodwards" and recently published by Mitchell Press is the story of the Woodward family from their earliest beginnings to the present day retail stores known to everyone living in B.C. and Alberta.

It should be required reading from the youngest members of our society to the oldest, so that we can understand our recent past and consequently be better able to cope with our present times.

Mr. Harker was Personnel manager for Woodwards for 15 years, and he was commissioned by the Woodward family to write the book. He has spent the past three years researching and writing this story.

About three weeks ago, Mr. Harker was interviewed on Channel 8 TV and on Dec. 15 will be interviewed by Ida Clarkson on Channel 6 TV.

He has been retired for some time and now lives on North Pender Island.

Pender residents discuss land use contract

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

At a public hearing on Dec. 6 in the Pender Community Hall, Pender Island residents discussed the land use contract application of Stanley Point Estates for a subdivision of designed portions of land.

Jim Campbell, chairman of the Capital Regional District, presided and Mr. Bennett from the Planning Department acted as secretary.

Ralph Sketch addressed the meeting, explaining the reasons for the land use contract application. A comprehensive map displayed on the wall was used to explain the details of the proposed plan, which is to take place in five different stages.

Stage one involves 15 acres consisting of eight waterfront lots, and will be started immediately. Sixteen and one-half acres at the top of George Hill will be set aside as a public park, as part of the over-all development.

The area has beautiful trees, a magnificent view and running through it will be a nature trail to be used for walking and riding. The area is the breeding ground of the bald eagles and is a natural watershed.

L. Nofield, chairman of the local subdivision committee, list-

ed three points the committee suggested for some further consideration.

Gordon Wallace, islands Trustee, read a prepared brief relating generally to this land use contract. Various other members of the audience spoke, particularly on the subject of water. Chairman Campbell also received several letters and written statements from those present and others not able to be present at the meeting. There were about 30 people in attendance.

Two fined on liquor charges

Peter Vantel of Ganges pleaded guilty to a charge of being a minor in possession of liquor when he appeared in provincial court Dec. 1.

He was fined \$50. Another minor, Dan Fraser, also of Ganges, was fined \$40 on a liquor possession charge.

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It is now on display at the Thrift Shop and will be raffled on Saturday, Dec. 18.

The annual Christmas sale of gifts made by residents of extended care at the hospital will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 2 pm. Volunteers will be decorating at the hospital on Monday, Dec. 20.

The Thrift Shop will be closed for the holidays from Wednesday, Dec. 22, reopening on Jan. 5, so islanders are urged to shop early.

The next meeting of the auxiliary will be on Monday, Jan. 24, 1977. Few residents are invited to attend.

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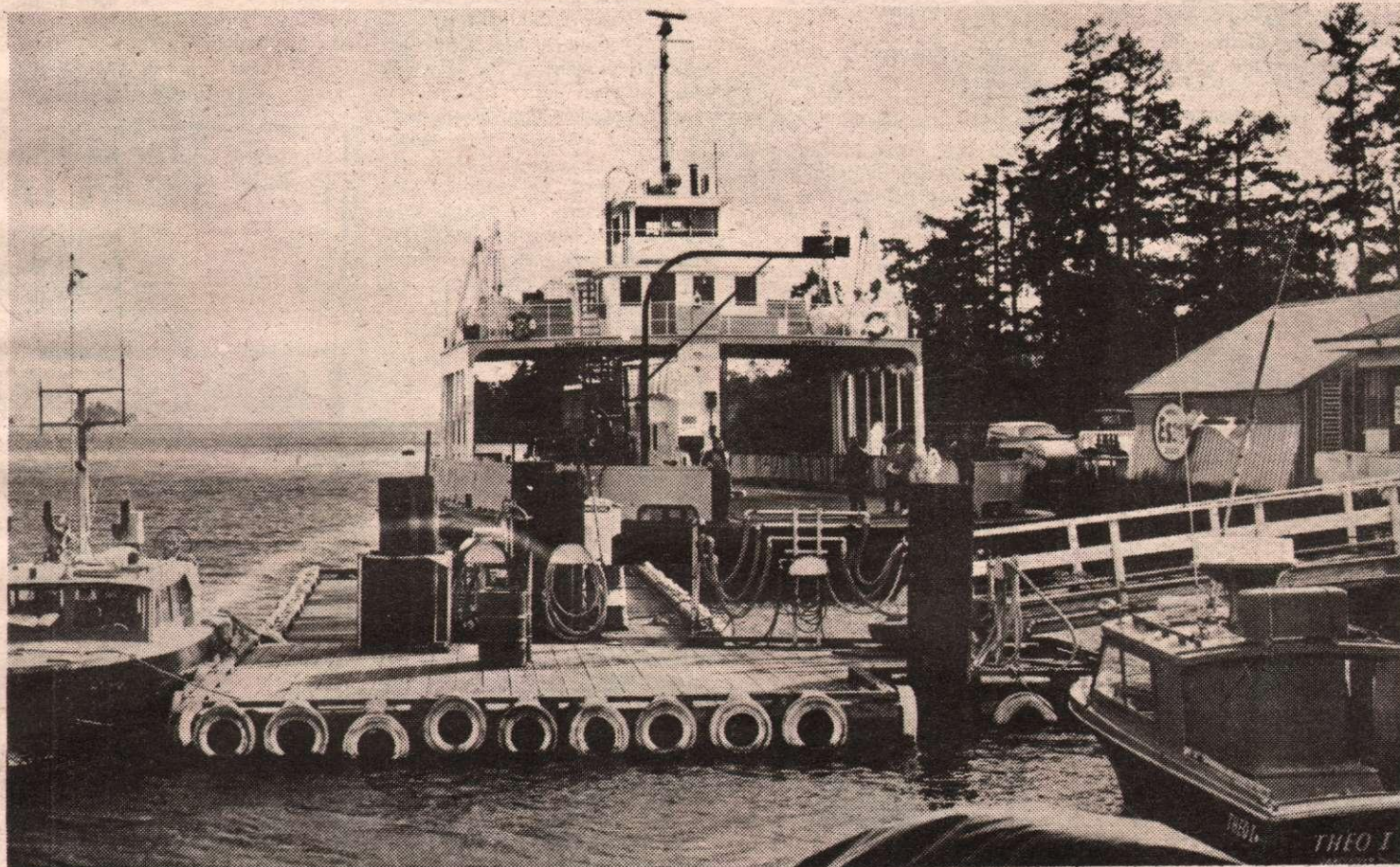
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Storm blows ferry into Ganges



Salt Spring Queen pulls into Ganges to escape onslaught of storm

Storm struck the islands on Wednesday last week and left a trail of power line breaks, telephone troubles, and branches and debris on the roads.

Ferries were held up and the Salt Spring Queen, unable to reach Swartz Bay or to return to Otter Bay, took an escape route up Ganges Harbour to tie up at Bruce Fiander's marine dock in Ganges.

Small reception party greeted the vessel, with two trucks on board as it tied up. It is the first ferry vessel to tie up at Ganges for many years. Onlookers were reminiscing happily of the days when there was a line-up of cars in Ganges outside Mouat's Store waiting for the CPR ship to take them to Victoria.

They also remembered the Island Princess, whose service, initiated by Sparkie New, was a more

recent visitor to Ganges when she was plying the islands.

Arrival of the Salt Spring Queen heralded the end of the storm. Wind abated almost as soon as she arrived.

At the height of the storm the waters throughout the islands were white with foam and the spume blown off the water in Satellite Channel was flying to heights of 150 feet, according to one observer.

Wind speed reached 87 mph at Scott Point, according to J.D. Chase, who has an anemometer. Storm blew itself out by midday.

By the weekend the BC Hydro crews had repaired most of the storm damage among the islands. Majority were back in service by 11 pm on Wednesday, but the odd one was tougher to repair.

Islands Hydro manager, John Thompson told Driftwood that they had about 15 outages as the result of trees coming down on overhead lines.

The picture would have been far worse, he added, if the trees had not been trimmed everywhere they threatened the lines.

"That saved the day!" he claimed.

During the summer Coast Utilities crews were on the islands to trim trees everywhere.

The islands manager also noted that the loop system, which feeds the Outer Islands from Salt Spring Island from two sources, while providing for an alternative supply for Salt Spring Island, remained intact during the storm. It was only laterals, or connections from the main service, which suffered the storm damage.

MOUAT'S SPONSORS ANNUAL EVENT

PARENTS JOIN THE KIDS IN BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

At Harbour House Hotel, Ganges, on Saturday, Dec. 11 a happy crowd of 100 children and parents enjoyed breakfast with Santa Claus.

Organized by Mouat's Stores,

under the direction of Gary McPherson, it was a great success. Gary's first venture of this kind was last year at the Crest Restaurant. That, too, was a cosy and intimate atmosphere. Its

success spread through the Salt Spring 'grape vine' and so the demand was greater this year. A larger room or hall was a necessity plus the idea of one sitting for all ages instead of two as was the case last year.

This year "Uncle John" Kitchen came over from Vancouver with his special Christmas show of magic. As he did on May Day, he held the children spellbound one minute and then the next minute had them laughing uproariously as he deliberately fumbled a trick.

Santa (Bonar Hannay) had breakfast with the children but it was constantly interrupted with small hands tugging at his sleeve for attention. As he sat down, one small boy piped up "I've eaten all my breakfast, Santa", qualifying himself for a present later on.

While Santa gave out the presents, Yvonne Toynbee winded her way around the tables and kept the children happy with popular carols.

Pianist Bryan Smith acted as master of ceremonies and gave out the usual 54 repeats of "Jingle Bells." All in all a party to remember despite the chaos of a 100 people moving chairs and waiting in line for sausages and pancakes.



Everybody gets a present



'It's great to see you, Santa'

Church Services

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1976

ANGLICAN			
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St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
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Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00am
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Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30am
COMMUNITY GOSPEL			
Pastor Moe	Ganges	Sun. Sch.-all ages	10.30am
537-2622(church)	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30pm
537-5395		Thurs. Bible Study	7.30pm

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 19, 1976 at 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm at St. George's Anglican Church, Church Road, Ganges.

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Family Fellowship	Agric. Hall	Pastor John Rodine	Sun. 7pm
Bible Study	Friday	539-5710 in the homes	7.30pm

COLLISION!

Island sailor recalls night of terror

Home from Majorca for a week or two is Bill Craigie Hood, well-known Salt Spring Island sailor. He is making his home in Majorca while sailing his big power boat through a considerable part of the European waters.

Former Commodore of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, he switched from sail to power when he wanted to use the inland waters. His steel-hulled 41-footer draws only a metre or so and is usable in quite shallow rivers.

Living is very reasonable in the Spanish Balearic Islands, he reports, and Majorca makes a good centre for cruising.

He is there purely by chance, he admits. He had planned to make Malta his headquarters, but a sudden mistral blew up in the Mediterranean and cut him off from his original destination.

He has many happy memories of sailing up Britain's river in a rented craft somewhat smaller than his present boat, and of other parts of the waters of Europe.

IN THE MIDDLE

One incident he recalled the other day was that of finding himself in the midst of the Admiral's Cup yacht race in the Solent as he was on his way into Southampton. He was followed by helicopter and power boats, who were convinced that he was the leader in the race.

That was, of course, before he disposed of his racing sail boat.

He also recalls that his Commodore's flag from the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club is now flying at the Brixham Yacht Club in recognition of their warm hospitality.

Bill had a reminiscence in a more sober vein. He spoke of a collision at night with a freighter.

His power boat was extensively damaged when he was coming across the English Channel from Cherbourg. They were clear of the three-mile limit and had taken a short drink to celebrate the cheapness of intoxicants in

Birds no threat

Dr. A.N. Allen, deputy regional health officer, reports that a few people in the Greater Victoria area have been ill with symptoms suggestive of a rare bird disease.

Suspected are birds of the parrot family.

The disease, "psittacosis", is caused by close contact with certain of these birds who either may have the disease or may be carriers of it. The diagnosis of psittacosis has not yet been confirmed either in the birds or the people who have been ill, Dr. Allen stated.

The deputy regional health officer said the disease notably produces a type of pneumonia which can be severe, but rarely fatal, and is treatable. All those in the area who are thought to have contacted this disease are recovering satisfactorily. The particular birds are all under voluntary quarantine and are being treated, until such time as a definite diagnosis can be made.

"People who have pet budgerigars, parrots, parakeets, should not be alarmed", said Dr. Allen, "as it is highly unlikely that the disease, even if confirmed, could have spread from the suspected birds."

Also, at this time of the year there is always an increase in the number of cases of pneumonia and other respiratory infections from the usual causes.

France. He and his family turned in, leaving the crossing of the Channel to his two crewmen.

SPELL OFF

As they crossed the freighter lanes, his one man directed the other to take a spell off duty. They crossed close to the stern of the freighter they were passing and the sole man on duty turned to prepare a cup of tea. The boat was on automatic pilot and the course was such as to clear the next freighter in line.

The wake of the first freighter struck the smaller craft and threw it sharply off course. The movement caught the crewman unawares and he lost his balance and fell down the companionway. And a blow on the head knocked him out.

The small ship's company slept on blissfully unaware of the fact that they were sailing an unmanned ship.

The course had changed as a result of the same wash that had thrown the helmsman down the opening.

FIRST WARNING

First warning they had was

the crash as they hit the side of the second freighter. The small boat struck the freighter near its stern. The 41-foot cruiser was suddenly only 30 feet long. The collision pushed in the bows by some 10 feet.

The man who had been spelled off was sleeping in the bows. The crash woke him and he found himself hard pressed by the crumpled stern. He reached for the door and sought to leave. The stove and refrigerator had been torn from their mountings and slammed against the door. At first the unfortunate occupant of the room assumed that they had sunk and the pressure against the door was that of the water.

In the meantime, Craigie Hood ran through the ship turning off cocks and switches to avoid the danger of fire. It was then that he learned that they had been sailing without a man at the helm.

TAKEN IN TOW

The freighter took them in tow, and called the lifeboat from the Isle of Wight. The lifeboat came to their rescue and took over the

tow from the freighter.

The net damage was 5,000 pounds to the vessel and some bruises. Neither Craigie Hood nor his family was hurt.

His vital concern was for his family. The children were unhurt:

nothing else was significant, he commented.

The week before Christmas will see him fly back to Europe and the children and his cruiser read for another year of economical cruising European waters.



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SATURNA SCENE

Christmas weekend festivities

The big news this week is of the weekend Christmas festivities. Starting things off Friday night was a gathering at the Community Hall to put up decorations and make sandwiches for the Saturday night concert. There were more than enough volunteers, and the hall was aglow for the concert, and dominated by a massive tree donated by Jim Money.

The school children were enchanting in the different aspects of the Christmas programme, which varied from an acrostic composed by the primary class, to songs in English and French, a yoga sequence prepared by Gloria Smith and performed to sitar music, a playlet about the Five Brothers of Salem, a comic routine about the Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly, and ending with the story of Christmas, and the nativity scene.

Everyone joined in singing Christmas carols.

Santa arrived with presents for all the children. His helpers during all the excitement were Jan Crooks and Jennifer Davidson.

The evening concluded with refreshments prepared by the parents.

The event was a great success, thanks to the cooperation of the Womens Club, The Lions Club, the parents group, the school, and, of course, Santa Claus and the spirit of Christmas! Special thanks are due to Hilary Spicer, from Pender, who came over to play piano for the concert, with son Joel.

Sunday continued the Christmas theme, as the Santa ship arrived at noon for its annual stop on the island. The Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce once again delighted the children, as Santa and his clown friends distributed gifts and candy to all.

Following the ship's departure was a Christmas service in the Community Hall with the Rev. Horsfield from Victoria leading the singing of carols.

Other non-seasonal items of

The snow storm

BY KAY TEE

Ominous clouds, and darkened sky

Lowering still as snow flakes fly,
At first a few: just errant ones
Lightly, quickly, each one comes.

All is quiet, and still and waiting,
No creature moves, no twigs are breaking

Impressive silence everywhere,
Twirling snow flakes fill the air
Lowering, circling, falling free,
Covering every bush and tree.

Still I watch in fascination
At this silent transformation;
More are coming, faster, quicker,

news -- Priscilla Janszen and Gloria Smith wish to thank the community for supporting the Thanksgiving tea and rummage sale, which enabled them to attend the World Symposium on Humanity in Vancouver. They found the conference educational and enjoyable, and will be contacting a number of speakers interested in coming to Saturna, in the new year.

Also, upcoming events include the annual Candlelight Dinner on Friday, Dec. 17. This is an extremely popular annual happening -- a delicious traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, followed by the singing of favourite carols. Tickets are available at both stores.

On Dec. 20, there will be a meeting of the Community Club at the Hall.

The Gulf Islands School Board represented by Ann Foerster, Tom Davidson, and Larry Holbrook, met with parents and teachers of Saturna School, in another continuing series of meetings designed to elicit parent participation in the planning of goals for education in the district.

Most of the discussion centred around practical problems which parents felt must be cleared up before there could be a realistic discussion of goals.

Chief among the problems were those relating to transportation of children to the secondary schools on Mayne Island, and Ganges, and the inconvenience and loss of recreational facilities at Saturna School brought on by the attempt to upgrade the school's septic system.

Taimi Hindmarch and Mike Hayes met with other Outer Island teachers at a day-long workshop on Mayne Island concerned with language arts and physical education.

Among other visitors to Saturna for the weekend were two of Bob and Taimi Hindmarch's daughters. Gladys Hindmarch and son Lars were over from

Piling on the ground much thicker.

Now there are no distant landscapes
As this ceaseless curtain drapes
Every hole and every hillock,
And all the trees within the wood-lot,
Covering all in shining white
Putting land-marks out of sight.

Clouds are leaving: sky is clearing,
Brightens now as day is ending:
Revealing miles of carpet white
To trap the foot prints of the night.

GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD

Vancouver, and Leni Hoover and family, son Philip and daughter Sally, arrived from Victoria.

Morley Crosby, with Shawn and Nicole, were here for a few days.

David Harapuk was over, and stayed with the Carpentier family.

Graham and Polly Howarth have Graham's mother staying with them.

Tom and Margaret Moore, with son Wade, visited for the weekend, staying with the Hayes' as did Hilary and Joel.

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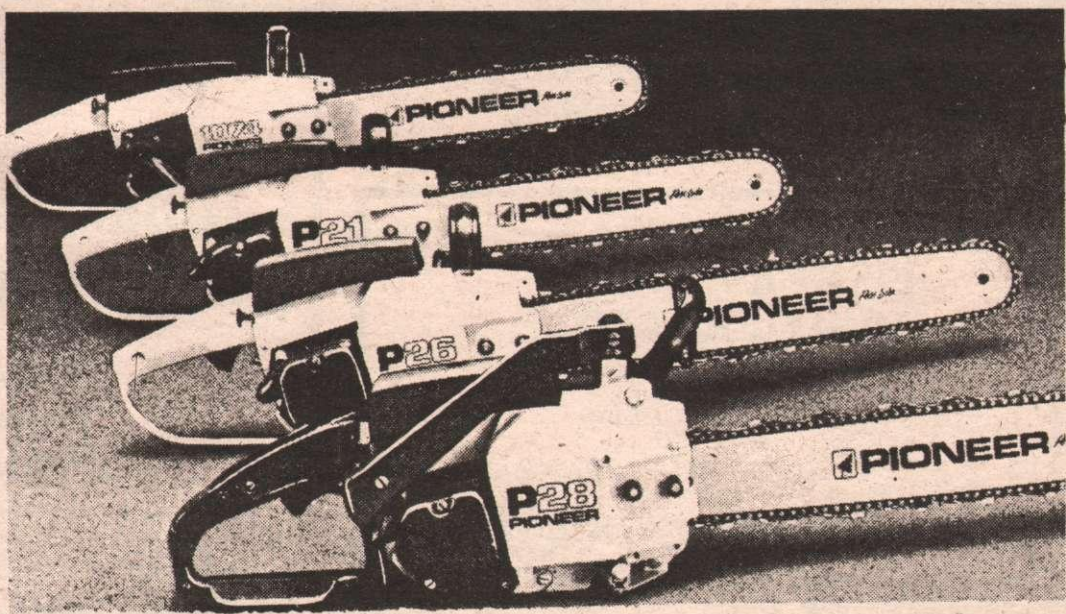
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"We're glad we brought a glow to the faces of so many children and renewed acquaintances in the Gulf Islands," said Mark Carpenter of Bellingham Jaycees, co-ordinator of the Jaycees' Christmas ship following its visit to Salt Spring Island Saturday evening.

hour there was a steady flow of children to meet him and to receive a present of a bag of candy and a toy.

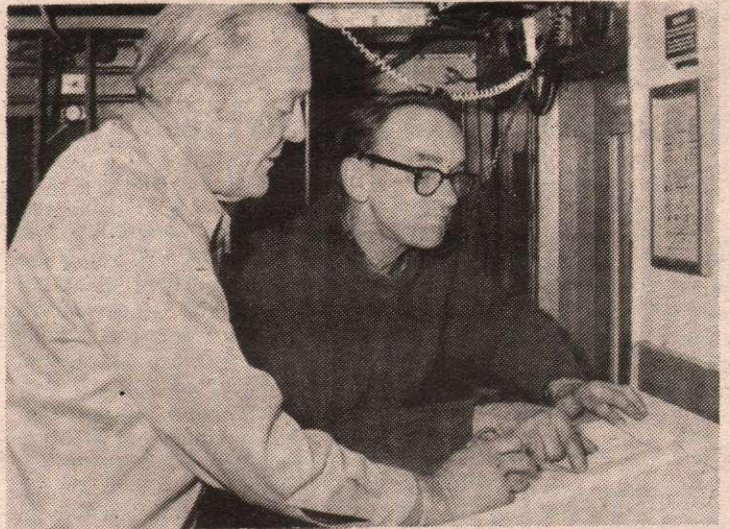
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Later the entourage paid a visit to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and extended Christmas

Scouts of Bellingham, who made up most of the crew for the cruise.

"In it's 26th running," said Jaycee Carpenter, "we share the peace and brotherhood that we believe in and that this season teaches. It is thrilling to know that so many young men will have the opportunity to reach out and touch the lives of so many children and their parents and celebrate a very special kind of Christmas."

As in the past years, the ship stayed overnight in Ganges. The next morning, at 7.40 o'clock, the vessel headed out to sea on its way to the Outer Islands - Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna - ending its Christmas journey on Sunday, Dec. 12 in the San Juan Islands.



Skipper Don Wight with Daryl Georgeson

BELLINGHAM JAYCEES BRING CHRISTMAS SHIP TO ISLANDS

It was a memorable stay for the visiting Jaycees, led by Jerry Busse, state president of the Washington Jaycees.

PILOTING JOB

Arriving on schedule that evening at 6 o'clock sharp, the ship, the S.E.S. Discovery, was piloted into the harbour by Daryl Georgeson of Ganges, who has performed this task for many years.

A small crowd of well-wishers greeted the 72 foot ship, aglow with Christmas lights. Santa Claus appeared amid the blaring of carols and spotlights, along with skipper Don Wight making his 21st trip as captain of the Christmas ship.

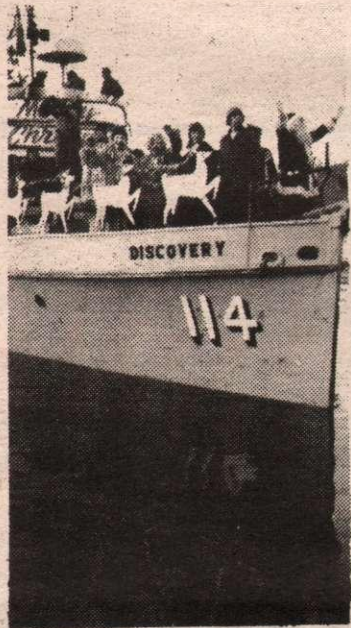
Within minutes, Santa was whisked away, in a miniature fire-truck, to the Gulf Island Secondary school, where he was greeted enthusiastically by over 300 children and their parents. Tripo Costello, employee of the port authority at Bellingham, was Santa again, for the 16th year.

Gerry Bourdin, president of the Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the visitors and expressed warm gratitude to Bellingham Jaycees for their sponsorship of the international goodwill ship for children.

Santa Claus couldn't wait to get into the act and for over an

hour there was a steady flow of children to meet him and to receive a present of a bag of candy and a toy.

Throughout the past 25 years, the Bellingham Jaycee Christmas ship has brought the spirit of Christmas to many thousands of



Christmas ship

people. Once operated by the U.S. Coast Guard, the vessel now belongs to the Sea Explorer

Amendments to be considered

The amendments to South Pender Island's Subdivision By-Law were withdrawn from the Capital Regional Board's meeting held last Wednesday.

Reading and revision of the amendments will take place at the next Board meeting on Dec. 15.

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Furnished 2 room bachelor suite suitable for single person. Close to Vesuvius ferry dock. Available immediately, \$125 a month 537-2186 537-2147 tfn

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One-bedroom apartment, ground floor, overlooking Ganges Harbour, \$200. Ph. evenings 653-4380 49-1

New home, three bedrooms, spectacular view above Ganges, \$350 or reasonable offer. Phone evenings 653-4380. No children 49-1

Large house for rent in own grounds, electric heat, garage, lawns & fruit trees. Ph. 537-5883

For Rent

Small 2 bedroom house on Cusheon Lake 537-9245 49-1

Help Wanted

SPECIAL REPORT FROM AVON There's a territory open in the Ganges area. We're looking for someone to call on the customers there. It could be you. Call Mrs. McCartney 383-6741 evenings collect. 49-1

DEPENDABLE PERSON WHO CAN WORK WITHOUT SUPERVISION. Earn \$14,000 per year. Contact customers around Ganges. We train. Write N.K. Dick, Pres., Southwestern Petroleum, Bramp-ton, Ont. L6T 2J6 491

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Small pet sitting service. Let me mind your pet while you are away, in your home. Call Frances Small at 537-5025 48-2

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Notice

FOR LEGION HALL RENTAL meetings, parties, etc. contact Len, Legion caretaker. 537-5822. tfn

A.A. closed meetings Tuesdays 8pm, open meeting last Tuesday of the month. 537-2322 or 537-2375 tfn

Share a Ride

To offer or request a ride on Salt Spring Island or to Vancouver or Victoria, phone Salt Spring Island Community Centre - 537-9212 - or drop in to the Community Worker's Office. tfn

Recycling depot, K & R lot Saturday 10am - 1pm. Newspapers tied in flat bundles. Tins washed, labels removed, squashed flat, (no pop tins please) Clean aluminum foil and pie plates in separate container. Bottles (green, brown or clear) cleaned with caps, metal and plastic bands removed. Cardboard boxes flattened, and paper bags in bundles. Jars & wine bottles available for small sum. Volunteers phone 537-9212 45-tfn

Public gatherings are being held every Friday night at the United Church Hall at 8 pm to share the teachings of Sydney Banks, an enlightened man, about our divine consciousness. Donation of \$1 requested. For further information please call 653-4525 or 653-4537 tfn

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LEISURE LANES

Open Bowling By Appointment Only
FRIDAY 9-11
SATURDAY 7-11
SUNDAY 1-4
537-2054 tfn

S.S.I. Community Centre has rooms for rent for community groups and individuals. For more information phone 537-9212 tfn

Homemakers

THIS COMMUNITY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL AGES

For more information phone the co-ordinator through the hospital switch board at 537-5545, local 08, between 9.30am - 12 noon, Monday to Friday tfn

"Bothered by offers? If so, or if you know where they frequent regularly, please contact Garry Stenson at U.B.C. Phone 228-3367 (collect)." 49-3

Legion Christmas Dance is cancelled 49-1

Salt Spring Library will be closed for Christmas and New Year from December 24 to Jan. 2 inclusive. Overdue books returned through the slot during this period will not be subject to fines. 49-1

Prizes at Hugh's Machinery Opening - 1st prize - Mr. Ian McDonald - Mini Mac chain saw, 2nd - Mrs. Penny Brooks, 21 pce. socket set, 3rd prize - Mr. A.E. Pike, Black & Decker hedge trimmer, 4th prize - Mr. C. Cunningham - lantern 49-1

WIN

\$100Skil Saw Blender & other prizes GULFSTREAM SUPPLY Open House - Sat. Dec. 18 10am - 5pm Next to Hugh's Machinery Upper Ganges Road 49-1

Square Dance

With the Island Swingers Bert Barber, Caller Mahon Hall Saturday, Dec. 18, - 8 pm 49-1

Notice

Salt Spring Lions Soccer '78

Christmas Trees [537-5126] Saturday, Dec. 18 - 11.30am - 4pm Centennial Park Alder Firewood \$32 cord 537-2236 49-1

SALT SPRING LIONS SOCCER '78 Sunday, Dec. 19 - 11 am School Grounds

Soccer Game Dad's vs Boys

Div. 6. Mom's are refereeing Coffee & Hot chocolate available Come & enjoy the fun 49-1

Natural Family Planning

Ovulation Birth Control Classes

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Drake Road, Ganges Sunday, Dec. 19 1.30 pm 2nd class - to be announced \$5 per couple Men Welcome 49-1

New Year's Eve Dance

Fulford Hall Friday, Dec. 31 10 pm "COUNTRY ACES" Reservations Only - \$20 couple Phone Mrs. Art Moulton 653-4428 49-2

GALIANO ROD & GUN CLUB

Turkey Shoot Sunday, Dec. 19 - 12 noon Sunday, Dec. 26 - 12 noon Sunday, Jan. 9 - 12 noon 49-2

OPENING

Sat. Dec. 18 GULFSTREAM SUPPLY

Your local plumbing and electrical supply next to Hugh's Machinery, Upper Ganges Road. You are invited to our OPEN HOUSE between 10 am and 5 pm for coffee and look over our new store. Door prize draw at 4 pm for Skil Saw, Blender and other prizes 49-1

Coming Events

Bingo

Every Saturday-7:30 p.m. Catholic Church Hall, Drake Rd. tfn

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Wanted

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Used wagon for boy. Ph. 653-4249 49-1

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2 used doors, in good condition. Approx. 3'0 x 6'8 and 2'6 x 6'. Call 653-4284 after 6 pm 49-1

Deadline for Classified Tuesday Noon

Lost

Basket containing wool, Friday, Blackburn & Fulford-Ganges roads Reward. Ph. 537-2211 49-1

Male Doberman red and tan, docked tail, long ears, answers to "Storm". Lost in Lakeridge - Stark Rd. area. Ph. 537-5650 eves. 537-2911 days 49-1

Found

Pair of men's glasses, plastic frames at Gulf Clinic, end of October. 537-2424 49-1

Personal

Merry Christmas from your Fuller Brush representative, Norman Hull 656-4938 between 8 and 10 am 49-2

Cards Of Thanks

I wish to thank Dr. Rowell, staff and nurses at Lady Minto Hospital, Dr. Day from Sidney, and Jill and Janis for their loving care and kindness given to me. Also thanks to my friends. Doris Gardner, Mayne Is.

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One half-acre level building lot, excellent terms on Agreement for Sale. Ph. 537-5749 23tfn

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Partially complete duplex on 1/2 acre lot close to Ganges. 1150 sq. ft. each side. Framed, plumbing and some electric are roughed in. Land and building strata titled. 537-5112 49-1

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Choice parcel of land, 18 acres in A.L.R., partly cleared fenced and cross fenced. Good spring and creek through the property, comfortable 2 bedroom house, excellent potential for improvement as hobby or full time farm. Asking \$169,000 CALL ROD SCOTT

PENDER ISLAND WATERFRONT
Perfect homesite overlooking private marina and close to boat launching ramp, nice sandy beach with southwest exposure, densely treed for privacy. Full price \$24,500 CALL ROD SCOTT

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Real Estate

For Sale by Owner

New cedar 3 bedroom home with W/W carpet, FP, 1½ bath. Large kitchen with custom made cabinets, dining room, sun deck with sea view for \$30 sq. ft. plus lot. Ph. 537-2539 or 537-9384 49-2

1.2 acre serviced lot, Salt Spring Island on Broadwell Road in Mountain park. \$16,000 537-5531 days, 537-5112 evenings 49-1

4 room house. Full basement. Plumbing upstairs & down, double garage within walking distance of Ganges 537-5444 tfn

Real Estate Wanted

Half acre to one acre lot, anywhere on Salt Spring. Write Dept. X, Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges, B.C. - tfn

Wanted - 2-3 acres waterfront on Galiano. Private. 273-7409 41tfn

MOLLY PHILLIPS

Continued from Page 9 for irrigating. Children learned their arithmetic by planting trees and also learned soil conditions.

It would be impossible to do justice to Mrs. Phillips' presentation of slides and description of the people and countryside covered on her tour in August. A copy of her 1974 tour is available and can be obtained by contacting Roy Betts, 539-2176.

Mrs. Phillips was introduced by Roy Betts who gave a short commentary of her background. Vic Griffiths thanked the speaker.

Saturday morning a reception was held for Mrs. Phillips at the home of Arthur and Doreen Corey at Mt. Parke Estates to enable islanders to meet with and talk to this well known personality and hear more of her experiences in China.

More About....

REMINDER OF

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The day it was going my brother and I towed it across the English Midlands. We had the very distinctive Jowett pulling the ancient veteran. At one pub, where we stopped for a beer, the proprietor sent round a collection box for his favourite charity from the vast crowd which had gathered.

I learned something of its history.

In 1916 a local army officer had been killed in France. He had left his car at the local garage prior to leaving for the Front.

The then proprietor of the garage had called his parents to ascertain what he should do with the car.

"I have no son," he was told. **THEY ALL WENT**

The elderly couple refused to discuss the matter with him. So there it remained for 30 years until father and son had both gone to join their ancestors.

I parked this acquisition in a rented garage, having no accommodation for it at home. In the garage had been abandoned long streamers of international car club pendants and while we were working on the old car we decorated it with the pendants.

Then we decided to leave for Canada and very reluctantly we had to sell the old car. For \$75!

Although I made some enquiries during the last few weeks I have been unable to trace the old veteran.

First thing I found in my office on my return was the one remaining pendant of those which once decorated my power buggy from another era.

I'd sooner have found the car!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Continued from Page 4)

letter went all the way up to Cassair, near the Yukon border first. (Fortunately it was sent down here as it contained a nice fat cheque for a very small poem - but it also contained a 'permission to use' form which had to be signed and returned. I have sent it off and naturally hope I have not missed their deadline).

All the best to you and all the staff at the Gulf Island Driftwood - may you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, prosperous New Year.

Grace A. Wright
Lang Road, Ganges

A wonderful idea

Editor, Driftwood:

Sir - Just a brief note to thank the Community Society, Wendy Coombes, Gail Secor and the many willing helpers who gave so many of us an opportunity to display and to buy the Island's products, at the Christmas craft sale.

It was a wonderful idea and I hope the Dormitory will continue to play house to many other Christmas fairs so that we can all have a chance to see the latest in Salt Spring Island crafts.

P.F. Wright
Arbutus Road
Ganges

Thanks for support

Editor, Driftwood:

Sir - Would you print the following thank you in your letters to the editor column.

Dear Islanders:
I want to take this opportunity to thank so many of you for your support at the School Board concert on Dec. 9; the attendance was fantastic.

I also want to thank all the merchants who generously donated door prizes and a big thank you to all the talented mums who baked such an incredible assortment of goodies.

The bands were overwhelmed at the financial support and will be able to go into the New Year with confidence.

Thank you again and a very Merry Christmas to one and all!
Gill Cobanli
Ganges, BC



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HAMMER AND SAW AND A LITTLE INITIATIVE - Will finish this 2 BR cottage on 1 acre lot about ¼ mile from beach access. Dug well. Fronting on two roads. Fridge, stove and other equipment incl. \$24,500

SATURNA ISLAND WATERFRONT - Approx. 300' w'front with easy access from road. Anchorage has some protection from Tumbo Island. Partially treed. \$20,500 with \$5,000 down. MLS 17846
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GORGEOUS VIEWS - of Blackburn Lake. This is one of the nicest acreages around with many choice building sites on 5.91 acres. Good level areas for gardening and a variety of trees. \$27,500

WALK TO TOWN - from this .90 acre level lot - excellent soil!! Foundation in for garage and workshop. Nicely treed. \$17,500

PRIME DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY - 160 acres with fantastic sea and mountain views. \$240,000 Come in and talk about this one!!

WATCH THE FERRY GO BY FROM YOUR OWN HOME - on Scott Point. .47 acre with 169' low bank oceanfrontage. Beautifully treed with arbutus, fir and oak. Driveway roughed in. \$38,500 Terms.

EXCELLENT BUILDING SITE - close to good swimming beach. Beautiful lot on Mt. Erskine Drive with 154' oceanfront. \$33,900 with \$19,000 down.

SPLENDID LOCATION - Sunny, treed acreage of 30 acres with driveway in. Hydro and phone nearby. \$65,000 with \$30,000 down MLS 19850

CLOSE TO BEACH & FERRY - Only \$16,000 with \$6,000 down for this .63 acre lot with sunny location in Vesuvius.

SEA VIEW TO LADYSMITH - Excellent building lot of 1.07 acres in Mobrae. Hydro & cablevision. Paved road, piped water. \$18,500
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ONE OF THE LAST ON ST. MARY'S LAKE - This 2 BR main house is approx. 5 yrs. old, W/W and F'place in living room. The master bedroom has en suite plumbing. Attached to main house by utility

room is a self-contained guest cottage - it too has a f'place. There is a carport. The 1.45 acres have lots of room for garden and lawn, yet owner has left plenty of trees. Asking price of \$88,500 with \$50,000 down. Good terms here.

SUNNY GARDENING ON 3 ACRES - No restrictions. Water & Hydro. Close to hospital. Asking \$18,500 with \$6,000 down.

ST. MARY HIGHLANDS - New 3 BR. Two floors above full basement, 2 baths, 2-car carport. Beautiful view of St. Mary Lake. Decks galore. This Lindall home is on the market for \$54,900

NEED ROOM FOR A HORSE? - This two acre parcel on Rainbow Road with a 2 BR stucco bungalow & carport will solve your problem. \$49,900 but will look at serious offers with \$15,000 down.

STARTER HOME - 2 BR Lindall cottage, near Central \$34,500

BE YOUR OWN BOSS - Call me about this well-established resort on St. Mary Lake. MLS 19725

(Days) 537-5568 J.C. JAVORSKI (Evenings) 537-2832

QUALITY & COMFORT - Immaculate 2 BR home located in 1.22 acres of parklike grounds. Central location. Garage & storage building. \$58,500

BEAUTIFUL FULFORD VALLEY FARM - Exceptionally well-built new home with pastoral valley views. 10 acres of cleared farmland with abundant water supply. Stone f'place, 3 BRs, den & sewing room. An excellent 'buy' at \$115,000

SPACIOUS BRAND NEW HOME - meticulously finished with quality materials, Heavy shake roof, cedar siding, wrap-round sundecks. Stone heatilator F'place, 3 large BRs, 2 full baths. 1650 sq. ft. on one floor. \$59,500 MLS 19514

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UNIQUE PANABODE HOME - On 1 acre plus, with separate garage and garden shed. Finest quality workmanship throughout. Easily finished full high basement, with workshop and half bath. \$58,800
ANN FOERSTER 537-5156 A.G. BOULTON 537-2624

LAKEFRONT PROPERTY - This charming spacious home has approx. 80' W'front on St. Mary's Lake. 1400 sq. ft. on one level and many extra features. Established perennial garden, lawns and roses. \$72,900 MLS 21369

J. DALE NEILSON 537-5161 ANN FOERSTER 537-5156

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HOMES

LARGE 3 BR HOME in Malaview with seaview and full basement for development. \$54,000 MLS 21099
4 BEDROOM HOME on 1/2 acre level lot. Fan kitchen, family room. \$65,000

COTTAGE ON 1/2 ACRE LOT with 112 ft. of waterfront on Fulford Harbour. Easy walk to the ferry. \$43,000

2 1/2 ACRES WITH SMALL COTTAGE near St. Mary Lake. \$26,500 MLS 20320

10 ACRES WITH 2 BR HOME and a barn near Stowell Lake. \$49,500

3 BEDROOM HOME under construction. \$58,500

BIG FAMILY HOME WITH BIG SEAVIEW in 100 Hills. 4 BRs., Den, Rec. Room, 2 fireplaces, double carport. \$76,900 MLS 19775

10 ACRES WITH CEDAR 3 BR HOME overlooking Blackburn Lake. 5 Rental units. Lots of potential. \$115,000 MLS 21078

4 ACRE ESTATE ON CUSHEON LAKE. 5 Bedroom new architect home. Several rental cabins. Good boating, swimming, fishing at your doorstep. MLS 19093

FARM

15 ACRE FARM WITH 450' of frontage on Weston Lake older home, orchard. \$69,000 ML4-5588

LAND

2 ACRES, SEAVIEW \$18,500 MLS 15621

47 ACRES WITH 21 ACRES ZONED COMMERCIAL. Lots of potential for development. \$220,000 MLS 20157

RON MCQUIGGAN 537-5521 (Days) 537-9220 (Evenings)

2 BR HOME CLOSE TO ALL SERVICES, rock fireplace, galley kitchen, dinette, lge. utility room which could be 3rd bedroom, workshop & garage. GOOD BUY AT \$38,500 New MLS

GANGES - 10.80 acres excellent holding property. ONLY \$36,500

WALKING DISTANCE TO OCEAN - 1 acre, fruit trees, large shed, part basement \$26,750

1200' LAKEFRONT, 12 parklike acres, superb views, 4 revenue homes plus built in business. \$150,000 MLS 21497

COMFORTABLE OLDER 2 BR HOME on 1.42 acres with magnificent view over Weston Lake, guest cabin. \$51,000

NEW 3 BR HOME, 1 1/2 baths, 1260 sq. ft., kitchen with eating area, sep. D.R., wall-to-wall, freezer-fridge & stove, level 1/2 acre close to beach & store. \$55,000

2 BR. MOBILE HOME, good condition with extra BR, sunroom & porch, completely furnished, sep. storage shed, 1/2 acre close to beach. \$30,000

HOBBY FARM, 3 ACRES, deep loam, subdivision possibilities, 3 BR mobile home. \$55,000 MLS 19769

5 ACRES, 3 BR HOME, 2 baths, southern exposure, 50 x 30 workshop, H.D. wiring suitable for light industry, pasture, orchard, good well & overflowing pond. \$85,000

SEAVIEW - 1 acre (2 lots) comfortable 2 BR home, sunny location, beach access opposite, extra lot in lawn. \$59,500 MLS 19770

BETTY VALDEZ 537-5521 (Days) 537-9754 (Evenings)

We have 15 lots of 1/2 acre each for sale at \$9,500 apiece. We offer discounts for purchases of two or more lots. You won't see Salt Spring Island land for sale at these prices again, so buy now.

ROLF DAMMEL 537-5521 (Days) 537-5124 (Evenings)

RON MCQUIGGAN 537-5521 (Days) 537-9220 (Evenings)

GREAT BUY - Large home on 0.85 ac. of parklike grounds close to St. Mary Lk. 4 BR, 2 FPs, large rec. rm., sundeck, carport, storage shed, etc. etc. Price reduced to \$51,500.

BUYING IS CHEAPER THAN BUILDING - Near new 3 BR home (1300 sq. ft. on main floor), 1 1/2 bath, 2 FPs, full roughed in basement ready for your ideas. 2 Min. walk to shops and school. Only \$59,900

BRAND NEW 1800 SQ. FT. HOME, 3-4 BRs., sunken LR with Vaglio heater FP (will heat whole house in a pinch) water storage tank in case power for well pump fails, thermostatically controlled shower head, 1 full, 2-1/2 bath, 5 new appliances, etc. etc. Seaview over Long Harbour and only a stone's throw from beach and good moorage. \$69,500 MLS 20582

LOTS

0.43 AC. SERVICED lot in desirable Mobrae area, easy to build on - \$15,000 MLS 21275

4 SEAVIEW LOTS in Ganges Heights - prices between \$17 - \$22,000 or \$75,000 for all four.

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OWNER TRANSFERRED - 3 BEDROOM FAMILY HOME. Close in to Village, only 2 1/2 years old, the lawns are in, fenced, electric heat. A large Quebec heater is in the living room. Roughed in plumbing & laundry room in basement. \$49,900 New MLS

2 BEDROOMS, IMMACULATE 1 1/2 year old bungalow on fairly level property, no steps, close to hospital, school and shops. Good garden soil, sunny location. \$56,000 Shown only by appointment.

ERNIE WATSON 537-5521 (Days) 537-2030 (Evenings)

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FAMILY TWO-SOME

(Continued from Page 27)
with four different classifications for the kids to enter: father-son, father-daughter, mother-son, or mother-daughter. Also its a great excuse to break away from the house for a couple of hours of fun.

This tournament is open only to Y.B.C. bowlers and their parents. Others who wish to bowl must bowl at times other than the above.

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Marlene Slingsby led the ladies last week with 236-198-239 for a 673. Ernie Booth put on quite an exhibition for the Circus league last week as he bowled 289-360-250 for an 899 total.

PROVINCE TEAMBOWL

Last week's qualifiers were the Lucky Strikes of Sunday Nite with 276 pins over average and the Greenhorns of the Wednesday Nite with 254 pins over average. Two more qualifiers will be named from this week's bowling, then we break a couple of weeks for Christmas.

300 CLUB

Joe Guilbault (301) and Ernie Booth (360) are the latest members to join. Ernie also was awarded a 350 pin for his achievement.

KEY CHAIN WINNERS

Last week was another award week for those who bowled 275 or higher. Winners of the key chain were: Ernie Booth, Don Cairns, Bob Sampson, Charlie Byron, Pat Byron, Joe Guilbault, and Doug Hack. Congratulations! We'll do it again in January.

GOLDEN AGERS

Another great exchange with other Golden Age bowlers took place this Monday with the Parkville bunch. Great fellowship and great food afterwards! It's worth getting up Monday morning....for me.

SEEN IN PASSING

The Friday night bowlers really know how to rip it up....literally. They also are tremendous on sewing things up....literally. Only one really red face through it all....but we'll never tell.

HEARD IN PASSING

"Don't you think parents of Y.B.C.'ers should get a handi-cap?" (Sorry, only the kids.)

HIGH SCORERS

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High averages: Kevin Noble, 184, Jamie Marshall, 179, Susan Marleau, 175.

High singles: Kevin Noble, 250, Brent Dawe, 249, Susan Marleau, 229.

High triples: Kevin Noble, 624, Jamie Marshall, 564, Brent Dawe, 552.

COMING EVENTS

This Saturday: Pee Wee - Bantam bowling party at 10 am; Junior bowling party at 1 pm.

Next Monday: Senior bowling party at 3 pm.

Family Two-Some Tournament: Dec. 22 at 7 pm; Dec. 23 at 7 pm; Dec. 27 at 1 pm. and 7 pm.; and Dec. 28 at 1 pm.

THAT'S BRITAIN TODAY

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kilometre, or another 50 F. It cost you about 100 F a day, or \$20.

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This musical adaptation of the Dickens' classic "Christmas Carol" has Alf Howell as the miserly Scrooge whose encounters with ghosts change his attitude toward

Christmas in particular and life in general.

Returning to the past, he sees the generous, gregarious fezziwigs, played by Alex McCauley and Joan Raeside, at their Christmas Ball, and the joy at the present in the poor but loving household of Bob and Mrs. Cratchit, Don Cunningham and Dorothy Roberts. Shocked by the comments of a couple, Gerry and Olive Clayton, discussing his future death, Scrooge declares, "I'm not the man I was" and sets out to change his ways.

Director Virginia Newman states that it has been a real challenge to organize the large cast, many of whom are school-age, into a working unit." There

2 fined

Two Outer Island drivers were fined for driving motor vehicles without insurance.

John E. Ruck of Mayne Island was given a suspended sentence for six months and a reconnaissance of \$250.

Lawrence Wollen of Pender Island was also given a suspended sentence.

has been marvelous co-operation in all areas of preparation for this production, a semi "theatre-in-the-round" type, not the least of

which has come from David Fitchew of Funque & Junque, and Pat Desbottes and the Salt Spring Players." she said.



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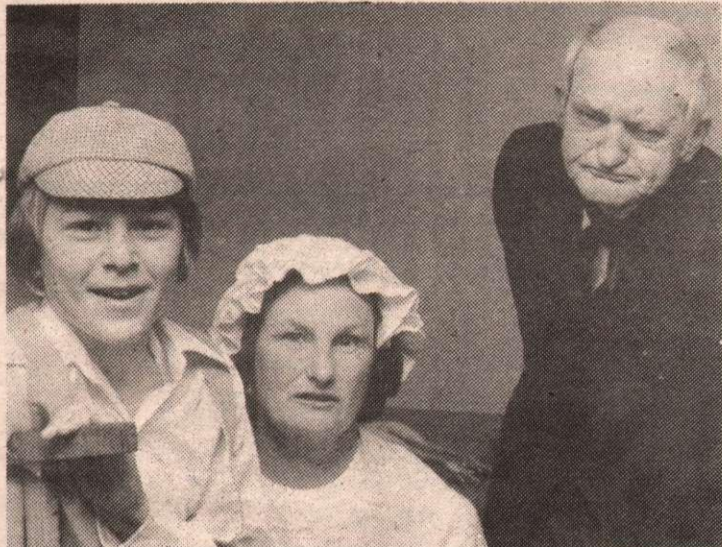
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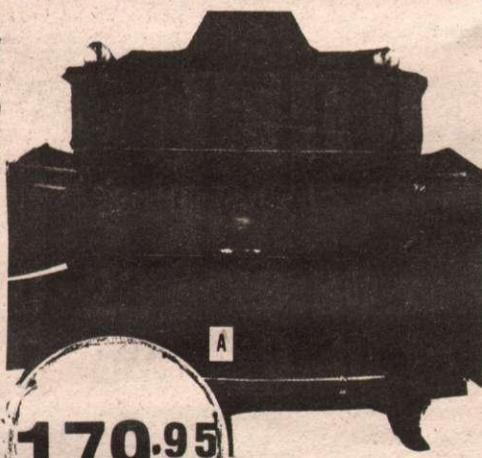
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SPORTS

SALT SPRING RETURNS TO FORM

Canadians blanket Gordon Head

**SOCCER, DIV. 4A
Salt Spring Canadians 4
Gordon Head 0**

Heavy applause greeted the end of Canadians' Saturday game at Fulford, marking their return to form.

All players performed well and knowing so walked taller from the field of play. Goalkeeper Walker played his most aggressive game, controlled his 18 yard area and finished with a well earned shut-out.

Admittedly, without a strong defence neither the shut-out nor the team victory was possible. MacLean making his characteristic knee saves on the goal-line.

Tamboline's reliable head towering above all, speedy Black cutting off the wings and the versatile Ten Veen characterizing the persistence of the defence.

The half-backs showed strength at mid-field from the start and it was a through ball from Spence, who constantly

improves in skills, which striker Legg latched onto and, closing in on a break-away, gave Canadians the lead which carried to the half. In the meantime, Hengsler, continuing his performance from the preceding evenings school dance, pirouetted his way through the opposition to score number two and three goals for Canadians, took his league total to 11 and put the game out of reach.

The forwards played a highly

cohesive and entertaining game and began to make astute passing movements which keep opposing defences tied up. Quesnel was tantalizingly clever and while Webb wove passes around and through, Legg and McFadyen showed much more aggression in

the vicinity of goal. Indeed, it was this aggression and a McFadyen rebound of the goal post which Legg banged in for the teams fourth and his eighteenth league goal.

At the same time it must be mentioned that Gossett, Foerster, and Toynbee show substantial improvement in their all round abilities which bodes well for Canadians future.

Canadians next game will be on Saturday at Fulford Field against Lakehill. Players should be at the field by 11.30 am.



Salt Spring Girls gain tie against Gorge squad

**GIRLS DIVISION
Salt Spring Girls 2
Gorge Girls 2**

With defeat staring the local girls squarely in their faces mid-way through the second half, they forged to the attack and scored two quick goals to gain the single point.

Missing five girls from the regular line-up, the Salt Spring team started poorly and within five minutes the Gorge team capitalized on this weakness for the early lead.

Slowly the Girls took the play away from Gorge, but poor shooting kept Salt Spring off the scoreboard.

The second half started with Salt Spring fielding a revised line-up, which appeared to back-

fire initially when Gorge scored early in the half.

After a brilliant save by goalie Ellen Carter from point-blank range, the local squad started to come back. With Janice Hull, Doreen Pickering and Vicky Byron controlling the mid-field, the forwards were able to penetrate the Gorge defence with more ease. In fact, it was Janice who set up both goals with perfect long-ball passes.

On the first she put Donna Moulton in the clear and Donna snuck them into the goal to cut Gorge's lead to one goal. Shortly after, Janice fed Brenda Murray a break-away pass and she banged her own rebound in for the equalizer. For Donna the goal was her first while for Brenda it was goal number nine in nine games.

Next week the Girls meet Saanich with first place hanging in the verdict it should be a thriller.

NEXT GAME: Saturday, Dec. 18 vs Saanich Indians in Victoria. Girls should meet at Mahon Hall at 7.30 am to catch 8.30 am Fulford ferry.

1976 TROPHY winner for district zone one's biggest drop in handicap goes to Jill Johnson, of Ganges. The 15-year-old golfer improved her game by five strokes and now has a 10-handicap. Zone one covers Victoria and the Gulf Islands.

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SPORTS

REYNOLDS' FOUR GOALS TOO MUCH FOR COSMOS

**DIVISION 1
Salt Spring Orange 5
Gordon Head Cosmos 4**

What is faster than a speeding bullet, leaves a trail of broken bodies in its wake and scores a direct hit each time? Is it a missile? or a rocket?

No, it's the Oranges' secret scoring weapon, Wayne Reynolds who last Sunday almost single-handed demolished the Cosmos of Division 1B.

The brilliant four-goal performance by Wayne gave him the outstanding total of 11 goals in his last five games. Curtis scored Salt Spring's other tally.

After an early flurry from the Cosmos, the Orange took control of the play and quickly had a 2-0 edge, courtesy of Mr. Reynolds. A brilliantly placed corner-kick by the Oranges' mid-field general, Hartwig, found Reynolds unmarked for goal number 1. Shortly after, Howard drilled a long pass through the Cosmos' de-

fence to Reynolds for goal number two.

Only minutes later, Howard went to the ground with a suspected broken ankle. With Randy off to the hospital, the Orange sagged momentarily and allowed the Cosmos to even up the score.

Slowly the Orange regained their poise and a smart through pass from the Orange's king of the defence, Stevens, to winger Curtis gave Salt Spring a 3-2 half-time lead.

From the kick-off, Reynolds scrambled and fought his way through a bumbling bunch of Cosmos defenders for goal number three, and a 4-2 lead for Salt Spring.

Gradually the Cosmos fought back, first cutting the lead to 4-3 and with 15 minutes left tied the score 4-4. Both goals were the result of defensive miscues. The Cosmos almost took the lead minutes later but four blocked

shots in a row by Mike Scott sawed the Orange and sparked them into the attack.

A combination of passes from the Orange Bully, Hughes and the rough and tumble Farup put Reynolds away for goal number, a 5-4 for the Orange and eventually a big victory for the team.

Next week, no rockets or missiles but hopefully another win.

NEXT GAME: Sunday, Dec. 19 vs Duncan Butler LaFarge in Duncan. Boys meet at Mahon Hall at 9.30 am to catch 10 am Vesuvius ferry.

Intra-island league play

The intra-island division wrapped up the first half of their schedule last week with two entertaining matches.

These matches ended a very eventful half season of play for the youngsters playing on the four teams. Not one game was missed due to bad weather and the brand of soccer has rapidly improved as the schedule progressed.

In fact, the league has shown a great deal of balance this season, something particularly evident from the league standings and the closeness of most of scores this season.

Two entertaining jamborees brought out the parents and many other onlookers and both times the Reds became the surprising victors.

Now the players await that jolly fellow in the red suit, the coaches get a chance to rest up and plan new strategies for the spring and the parents get a chance to enjoy the coming holiday.

By the way, the score of last week's games were: Girls, 2; Blues, 2. Blues, 1, Reds 1.

Watch for those Blues in the New Year. Best wishes to one and all involved in our local league - have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. New schedules will be out in early January (some of us have to keep working).

DOWN THE GUTTER . . . WITH SANDY

Family two-some tourney

Parents of all Y.B.C. bowlers should take note that the annual Family Two-Some Tournament is up-coming very soon. This year with so many youth bowlers, we are spreading the tournament over five times....before and after Christmas....afternoon and evening. Check what time is best for you and then reserve with us.

Dec. 22 at 7 pm; Dec. 23 at 7 pm; Dec. 27 at 1 pm. and 7 pm.; and Dec. 28 at 1 pm.

If you are new at bowling and don't want to let your son or daughter down, give me a call and I'll give you some quick coaching.

This is a great tournament Continued on Page 24

Lions fall to defeat in exhibition series

**DIVISION 6
Salt Spring Lions 0
Gordon Head 4**

The Lions finally fell to defeat in their series of exhibition games.

In doing so, they put on a formidable stand against the Division 6A leaders, a team that has not lost a league game in two years.

It was evident from the opening whistle that the Lions were jittery about playing such a highly-touted team, which was reflected in their shaky play in the early stages. The experience of the Smith Bros. team was able to capitalize on the Lions' jitters for three first half goals.

The second half featured a much more confident style of play from the Lions, and consequently

both teams had numerous chances to score. The Smith Bros. collected their fourth goal of the game in the half while the Lions failed to score although several good chances just drifted wide of the post.

All the Lions played exceedingly well, notably Kenny Marr who was brilliant in the nets. The boys can all feel proud of their excellent showing against one of Victoria's top teams. Even the Smith Bros. coach complimented the boys on their excellent system of passing and creative play and he felt they will be a team to watch for in the future.

NEXT GAMES - Saturday, Dec. 18 vs Prospect Lake Raiders on Fulford Field at 10 am. Boys be at the field at 9.30 am.

Sunday, Dec. 19 - Fathers vs sons on school grounds at 11 am.

The Lions team are selling Christmas trees at Centennial Park on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 10 am to 4 pm.



High scorers

Last week's youth bowling results:

PEE WEE DIVISION

High averages: Scotty Macleod, (97); Shannon Taylor, (90); Matthew Stelter, 87.

High singles: Kevin Smith, 125, Scotty Macleod, 124, Peter Spencer, 101.

High doubles: Kevin Smith, 207, Scotty Macleod, 187, Shannon Taylor, 171.

BANTAM DIVISION

Top team: Super Stars.
High averages: Jonathan Jenkins, 132, Michael Lee, 118. Graham Prentice, 115.

High singles: Ross Hughes, 146, Michael Lee, 145, David Steggle, 137.

High doubles: Michael Lee, 265, Ross Hughes, 257, Jonathan Jenkins, 254.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Top team: Spares
High averages: Julie Collins, 170, Kenna Marshall, 154, Debbie Cruickshank, 146.

High singles: Julie Collins, 234, Kenna Marshall, 208, Kevin Kline, 191.

High triples: Julie Collins, 602, Kevin Kline, 497, Kenna Marshall, 490.

SENIOR DIVISION

Top team: Pin Hawks

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Yet, while I was visiting in Wales I enjoyed the company of a retired banker who enjoys teaching Welsh as a hobby. He has spoken it all his life and he is happy to teach others to do so.

While they are not talking Welsh or getting excited over spending public money on needless projects, they follow a routine not unlike our own.

They work all day and play all night. They even play golf some days. I know that because I spent an evening in the company of

many a Welsh golfer drinking heavily to forget some particularly horrible gaff in golf.

And how do you say "birdie" in Welsh? I forgot to ask.

Not even when my Welsh sister-in-law walked off with most of the pots.

-F.G.R.

Fall fair assured next year

Salt Spring Island is going to have another fall fair next year.

At a meeting of the Farmers' Institute, members voted unanimously to prepare plans for a fair to be held next September.

Directors of the Institute were authorized to appoint a chairman of the 1977 fair committee, on the recommendation of Mike Byron, who sparked the successful organizing of the fair this year.

Bev Byron, who handled the duties of fair secretary, was thanked for her efforts.

The 1976 fair manager reported revenues of \$6,381.27 and expenses of \$4,673.30, making a profit showing a profit of about \$1,707.97. He added that these figures were estimated as there were several small accounts still to be handed into the fair committee. A detailed financial report on the fair will be submitted to the Institute.

Byron also said that five of the judges returned their cheques of \$15 for judging to the fair committee.

George Heinekey, a long standing member of the Institute, expressed a vote of thanks to the fair committee, which was warmly endorsed by about 20 members present at the meeting.

A letter of appreciation will also be sent to School District 64, thanking the board for use of the school grounds in Ganges and commending local teachers and students for their support.

Rezoning application

Application by Leo Martinez to rezone from rural to commercial I was given approval subject to preparation of a by-law, at last Wednesday's meeting of the Capital Regional District's local planning and zoning committee.

Martinez proposes to establish a photography studio and darkroom in the existing residence on McPhillips Avenue, Ganges.

The technical planning committee's initial recommendation was to hold the application in abeyance until the Ganges plan was finalized. However, it was pointed out at the meeting that the Ganges Plan has already been finalized to the point where that area has just recently been given commercial designation.

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Seafood Bisque
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Dear Patrons,

The management and staff at this special time of the year would like to take this opportunity to express their warm appreciation to their patrons, and others in this community and beyond.

To each and everyone of you a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Our menu for Christmas Day will be traditional turkey with savoury dressing or honey glazed ham with all the trimmings. For your added enjoyment of Christmas Day, Bryan Smith will be playing the piano.

In order to give our staff time to be with their families over the holidays, the hours that our Dining Room will be open are:-

Christmas Eve 5 - 7 p.m. **New Year's Eve 7 - 8 p.m.**
Christmas Day 5 - 10 p.m. **New Year's Day Closed**

It would be appreciated if you made your Christmas and New Year reservations early. December 19 is the deadline for reservations. Advance tickets are available at the Hotel desk.

On New Years Eve we will be having a smorgasbord with all the trimmings, wine and party favours. Please watch the paper for further details.

For your dining and dancing pleasure, we are pleased to announce that our weekend entertainment consisting of Bryan Smith on the piano will be continued during the winter months.

Yours sincerely,

A. Jonker,
General Manager