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Snow in February hits drivers



Snow in February! That was the final gift of a cold month. When snow fell on Thursday last week there was a quick cancellation of social functions and confusion on island roads.

Many motorists had already abandoned winter tires.

Friday morning saw chaotic conditions on Salt Spring Island roads. Even a sanding truck slid off the road south of Blackburn Lake. The highways truck occupied the ditch with two other vehicles.

Photographer who went out to get a picture never reached the scene. The snow was tougher than the car.

On Ganges Hill one car rolled on to the Kyle property to end up on its top and a second car finished up standing on its nose above the other car.

Wreckers were busy until the afternoon brought a quick thaw.

Temperatures remained slightly below freezing at night to thaw out during the day. By Tuesday this

week the frost was holding its own, with little let-up in daytime.

Region to look at wharf in Ganges after protests

Capital Regional District is to be invited to take over the government wharf at Ganges Small Boat Harbour and to administer it.

The proposal was made by C.J. Longueay, alternate Capital Reg-

ional Director last week. Mr. Longueay took part in a public meeting with Fisheries and Environment Department spokesman Rex Thurber, operations officer for small craft harbours branch.

Meeting heard of the problems of tying up vessels from three factions.

Commercial fishermen explained that they laid no claim on the wharf during summer months when most were out fishing, but that they needed moorage space in winter because there was nowhere else to go.

Private owners protested that there was no space to tie up, sometimes, but that they were required to pay moorage fees whether or not they could find space.

Third faction, the live-aboards also expressed an opinion on the problems of wharfage and moorage control.

CONDEMN DOGS

The fishermen protested the use of the wharves by dogs. A number complained that they could not lay out nets on the wharf for fear of their being fouled. Wife of a commercial fisherman had complained of walking through dog feces on her way from her boat to her car.

Mr. Longueay expressed little sympathy with those living aboard and not paying property taxes.

"Rip-offs, I call 'em," he told the meeting.

The property owners on the island are the rip-offs, retorted a young woman who stated that the only alternative accommodation she had been able to find ashore was a cabin for \$150 a month where the plumbing was an outhouse.

"I wouldn't let a rat live in it," she said.

Mr. Longueay suggested that the Capital Regional District or the Islands Trust were the logical administrators to take over the wharf and collect fees from boat owners. He would raise the question of the Regional Board, he promised and if the board was reluctant he would pass the proposal on to the Islands Trust.

Mr. Thurber made it clear that the wharf is intended for the use of commercial fishermen.

"We welcome pleasure craft when the needs of the fishing industry have been met," he explained.

WHARFINGER

The meeting attracted about 60 people to the elementary school activity room in Ganges. Main concern of the meeting was the failure of the federal government department to appoint a wharf-finger to the small boat harbour. Parallel were complaints over the wharfage charges and protests against the accumulation of garbage and private property on the wharf itself. (Turn to Page Twelve)

Chimney Fire in Ganges

Salt Spring Fire Department was called out Friday evening, Feb. 27, to a home on Hereford Road in the former United Church Manse, Ganges. The premises are occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Little. It was a chimney fire only and no damage was sustained.

Sewer project to bring in larger area of Ganges homes?

It has been proposed that the mooted sewer system for Ganges should embrace a wider area than has been envisaged. The scheme under survey covers the commercial area of Ganges and the residential area to the west.

Collection system is planned for the area between Drake Road and Crofton Road, with a small foray into the Kanaka Road development. New proposal offered in the village would provide for its extension, later, to embrace the area from Beddis Road in the south to Blaine Road and to take in all the Park Drive subdivisions.

Under this program the cost of the system would be levied against all properties in the area, but some would enjoy no benefit until a later date. Such a scheme would be subject to the approval of the minister of municipal affairs.

Trustees serve two functions

Five local trustees of the Islands Trust have been appointed by the Capital Regional Board to membership of the Advisory Planning Commission for the Outer Gulf Islands.

The APC members, who will serve a two-year term from March 1, 1976, to February 28, 1978, are Ron Thompson, of Galiano Island; Miss K.F. Miles, of Mayne Island; B.D. Crooks, of Saturna Island; G.L. Henshaw, of South Pender Island, and G.G. Wallace, of North Pender Island.

Jim Campbell, Regional Director for the Outer Gulf Islands, said he made a policy decision to appoint, whenever possible, local Islands Trust trustees to the APC for that electoral area, to ensure planning input from Trust representatives at the earliest possible stage.

Toynbee Is named Director

Ganges businessman, Tom Toynbee has been named a director of the Dunhill Corporation.

The crown corporation handles real estate and other transactions on behalf of the department of housing.

The Regional Board approved his recommendations on February 25.

Appointed or elected?

Commission dismayed by offer

When the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission staged its annual meeting last week the question of merging into the Capital Regional District was given considerable discussion.

Last year the commission resolved to come under the regional district, recalled Regional Director George Heinekey. The question remains in abeyance, he added.

"If, after the election of officers, you still want to, we can do it almost immediately," he stated.

Under the regional district there would be eight members of the Commission, to serve two-year terms. They could be elected at such a meeting as the annual meeting at which he was speaking, explained the director.

Tom Harcus, chairman of the Commission stated that he had been taken aback at an earlier

statement by the Regional Director that he would choose members

Wanted man Found on Salt Spring

Resident of Salt Spring Island for the past three or four months was picked up by Victoria RCMP last Saturday night.

Garth Sexton has been residing at Burgoyne Bay until his arrest. He has been wanted by RCMP in Richmond and by RCMP in Toronto. A warrant went out for his arrest in 1974 from Newfoundland. Sexton was wanted for conspiracy to traffic narcotics, by RCMP in Newfoundland.

The 25 year old man will be returned to Newfoundland to face trial procedures there.

from a list of nominations.

"On Salt Spring Island we have one person elected," noted the chairman, "and he is going to appoint us. As it is we have 11 people elected."

The Commission has numbered 11 members in the past and now the Regional Board wants to arbitrarily reduce it to nine, observed Spencer Marr.

"I would hate to see someone from the riding club or the old age pensioners, or anybody, dropped off this group," agreed Hal Leighton. "I would definitely vote against going into the Capital Regional District if it means we are going down."

The number can be increased, replied the director, but the biggest commission of its kind in the region only has five members.

As long as we are doing a good job, I don't think that we should be interfered with," said Harcus.

TRUST PROPOSES RELIEF FOR LARGE HOLDINGS

The seemingly logical market value assessment principle, coupled with standard tax rates, appears to work badly in the Islands Trust area and can result in onerous tax burdens, reported the Islands Trust to the Commission of Enquiry on Property Assessment and Taxation.

Present assessment practices do not reflect the loss caused by various restrictions which are or may be placed on Islands land.

The apparent ever-increasing tax levy promotes the break-up of land

in a manner contrary to the objectives of the Islands Trust Act.

Accordingly, the brief told the Commission, relief measures are warranted and we have recommended a number of methods which, if implemented, will help to preserve open space and special areas for the benefit of the public.

Brief from the Islands Trust recommends differential taxation areas, preservation area land owner grant and contractual tax relief.

The differential taxation areas envisages a mill rate adjustment at

various levels for land in varying locations or in different uses.

In the Islands, land owners who contribute public benefits by retaining large parcels of land would not be pressed into development by onerous taxation.

Similarly, owners of land with particular interest or special public benefit could enjoy a lower tax rate in order to encourage the owners to retain and maintain those features which render the land valuable to the public.

MILL RATE DOWN

If land is assessed at 100% of market value, the mill rate would be reduced or the percentage of assessed value to be used for tax calculation could be reduced.

Thereafter, suggests the brief, taxes could be indexed to maintain a known tax burden.

There would be a built-in recapture system. Lump sum would be repayable to meet the foregone taxes if a change in the status of the land should come into effect.

Preservation area land owner grant would work in the same manner as the home owner grant. By this scheme, owners of designated property would be awarded a direct grant in recognition of the general public benefit derived by preservation of specific features and landscapes in the Islands Trust area.

Ideally, the grant would be given on a per-acre basis to encourage retention of large acreages.

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MAYNE ISLAND WANTS PLAN

BY ELSIE BROWN

It was obvious from the large turnout at the Islands Trust meeting on Mayne Island Saturday, Feb. 21, that there definitely is interest in a Community Plan for the island.

Trustees Foye Miles and Isabel Geehan were assisted by Dennis Wood, who chaired the meeting. Foye Miles gave a resume of

business discussed at previous meetings and progress made, as well as lack of progress made in communications with the Capital Regional board.

Since the purpose of the Community Plan is to establish policies and guidelines for conserving the amenities of Mayne Island according to the wishes of the residents, which includes permanent residents, off-islanders and renters, difficulties seem to have arisen preventing the passing of the Official Regional Plan for the Outer Gulf Islands Electoral Area By-law 119.

Jim Campbell, Chairman of the Capital Regional Board and director for the Outer Islands, was in attendance at the meeting. He said he wasn't convinced that Mayne Island residents wanted a Community Plan. He spoke on the problems the islands are faced with, as continued growth threatens land-use policy. Policies and guidelines must be set up in keeping with the objectives of the Official Regional Plan. Following Mr. Campbell's speech questions from the floor were dealt with.

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Cawker gets Ottawa trip

Rotary Club at Ganges were entertained last Tuesday night by a number of high school students. The students were invited to speak on prepared topics and present their oratory to the Rotarians. The best speaker will leave for Ottawa in May to take a tour of the Parliament Buildings there and see something of the eastern history of Canada. Those who presented topics to the club were Richard Cobanli, who spoke on school involvement with the community arts; Janet Lacy, banning the leg-hold trap; Joanne

MacDougald, advertising; Roger Morrill, nuclear disarmament; and Richard Cawker, foreign ownership. Special guests in attendance during the students' discussions were Brenda Mouat, who won last year's adventure in citizenship, Shinichi Aiura, exchange student from Japan, and Michele Layard, Ganges Rotary-sponsored exchange student. Winner of the contest was Richard Cawker. He explains he is a member of Independent Canada, and through this membership finds

his concern for retaining Canadian culture rationally backed. Picture shows Richard Cawker and President Dick Toynbee.

To marry in England

Engagement is announced of Jo Lloyd, of Sheffield, England and Tim Scott, of Dublin. Jo Lloyd is a granddaughter of the late Col. A.C. Alan-Williams, M.C. T.D., for many years of Salt Spring Island and Mrs. V.M. Alan-Williams, of 1725 Beach Drive, Oak Bay. Her mother is the former Mamie Alan-Williams, who was born at Ganges, and who married Dick Lloyd, of Sheffield, England. The Lloyds still live in the British steel city. The couple became engaged in Cape Town, South Africa. Mr. Scott is from Dublin. He is a qualified Planning Engineer in the construction industry. The couple plan to marry in Fulwood, Sheffield, England, on August 21 and then return for a year to South Africa. Mamie and Dick Lloyd expect to retire to B.C. in April, 1977. Jo and her elder sister, Carol, have visited Salt Spring Island on several occasions since 1960.

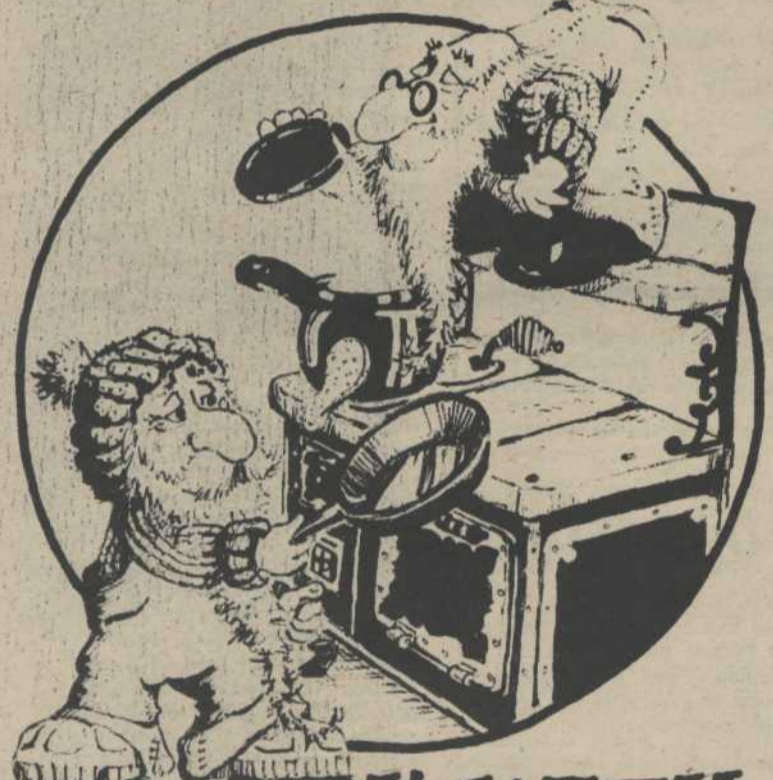
On & Off The Island

Mr. and Mrs. J. Javorski have returned home from a six week trip to Palm Springs, California. Mrs. Cynthia Davidson has returned home after being hospitalized for 10 days in Lady Minto Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hopkins have returned from Abbotsford where they visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keis and their new grand daughter Jennifer Lynn. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brigden, Fulford Harbour have been Mr. Brigden's sisters, Mrs. Maud Bates from Grand Coulee, Sask., Mrs. Elsie Muttart of Chilliwack and Mrs. Alice Le Counte of Burnaby. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Wally Edwards have returned from a holiday in Hawaii. The weather improved from a tropical storm to rain to

three days of sunshine! Iain MacLean, Chief Officer, "C" Watch, "Secht Queen" who seriously injured his right leg when the vehicle ramp collapsed at the B.C. Ferry Terminal at Long Harbour on January 3 has returned to his St. Mary's Highlands home to recuperate after having undergone surgery at Resthaven General Hospital, Sidney. Iain reports that he will be on crutches for quite some time and is most unlikely to be able to resume normal work for several months.

Death of Ed Reynolds at Ganges

Well known figure on Salt Spring Island, George Edward Reynolds died suddenly on Thursday, February 26. He was born 75 years ago on the island, the son of a pioneering family. He leaves two sons, Robert, in Lumby and Dallas, in Squamish; two daughters, Arlene in Hawaii, and Daphne in Winnipeg; six grandchildren; three brothers, Lloyd, Gavin and Chester, all of Salt Spring Island and four sisters; Grace, Nita, Vivian and Lottie. Funeral services were observed on Tuesday morning, March 2 in Ganges United Church. Mr. Fred Sibley officiated. Arrangements were by Goodman Funeral Home, Ganges.



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by richards

I'm no bigamist. With Women's Lib hovering around every corner who would dare? Or want to? I have a wife. One wife. She was a nurse when I met her. Then she became a housewife and ran me and my house just like she used to run a ward. Now she turned to the newspaper business, the same thing applies. Barbara has a penchant for getting the dust out of the corners and putting everything in its proper place. But she doesn't write. And she doesn't know the difference between a typewriter and a wide-angle lens. Valerie has been writing and photographing for the past couple of years. There's a big difference. Valerie is a lot younger than her mother. And her desk is in a mess. And she's kind of scatterbrained. And I'm old enough to be her father. And I am.

Heard a report of a former politician who believed in do-it-yourself operations. When he took over a new office he found a telephone connection box so he out and bought himself a telephone set. And he hitched it up himself rather than wait for a connection. Only problem was, he was hitched into the neighbour's telephone and nobody knew until the owner of the line was puzzled how he could hear voices on his single party line.

I was reading a magazine while in a waiting room the other day and I saw a comment about veterans who died more than 30 years ago and the reference to those who did not return after taking the same chance. It suddenly came back to me that the ordinary hazards of living in a violent world are bad enough, but war is another ball game, and no game at that. The day-to-day living in a world without sanity is now nearly forgotten. But it was fierce while it lasted. And some never came back. In November we accept this to be part of the Remembrance Month. The rest of the year it sometimes comes in the form of a sudden shock.

Report from the Westworld... "not very long ago that ice fishing

was illegal in BC during the winter months." But perfectly legal in summer?

The former provincial Premier, W.A.C. Bennett was in the office recently. He still had a grin and he was on top of the world. Not unexpectedly, he expressed warm confidence in his son, Bill, the present Premier. It would not be long before the present ills of the province are licked, he suggested. Discussion mainly went back and we were recalling incidents of two decades ago. It led me to wonder out loud what happened to the coloured portrait that Clair Rivers of the Sidney Review once had professionally tinted. The portrait was very nearly life-size and the colouring was by the late Alf Cross, Lethbridge studio photographer. It hung on Rivers' office wall for a long time.

On the blackboard in the Gulf Islands secondary school used for the annual meeting last week of the recreation commission: 44-43 (B.C.) Murder of Cicero. Obviously like Caesar, he took a long time dying!

Columnist in a BC weekly paper recently noted that he objected to the government's emphasis on block housing and favoured, rather, individual homes on individual lots. He is waiting for an election to see a change. Some party he supports that's about to manufacture building lots. Maybe he should read up a little on Habitat and learn the very real problems of accommodating humans in other parts of the nation and the world. All of us on the coast have a choice. Many Canadians have not. But for how long will even west coast Canadian city dwellers have the option?

Wednesday afternoon I had a call from a reader. She had just found the new issue of Driftwood, she said, and had learned of the manner in which a fervent Tory had refused to read anything commending the Liberal Prime Minis-

SPRING FOR ISLAND PLAYERS

BY GWEN HIND-SMITH
Friday, April 1, will be opening night for Salt Spring Players Spring Showcase.

This will be the annual presentation of three one-act plays. Performances will run also on Saturday, April 3 and Sunday, April 4. The plays will be performed in the Mahon Hall.

A general meeting of the Players Group took place on Thursday, Feb. 9 with the purpose of selecting the three one-act plays to be presented. It is hoped to take at least two, perhaps all three, plays to the South Island Zone, B.C. Drama Festival to be held in the Belfry Cultural Centre, in Victoria, from April 25 to May 1.

The three plays selected were "A Slight Accident", by James Saunders, a comedy drama complete with mystery and murder.

Reg. Taylor will direct with his wife Marilyn, Sheila Fraser and John Lomas in the leads.

"Fumed Oak", by Noel Coward, might be termed a "black" comedy. Gwen Hind-Smith will direct, with Alec McCauley, Pat Desbottes, Dorothy Roberts and Cathy Ackerman in the cast.

"Please, No Flowers", by Joel Ensana, will be directed by Viv Scheff. Casting is not completed on this one.

There are lots of new faces to be seen in these productions. Yvonne Toynbee is overall producer and a large number of backstage personnel will be employed. It is proposed to enclose a questionnaire in the programmes for the spring Showcase which patrons will be asked to complete, signifying the type of play they most enjoy and would like to see in the future. Comedy, serious drama, experimental theatre, modern contemporary and other projects are included in the choice. During the general meeting a discussion took place with reference to the desirability of finding some kind of premises for use as a club house, where regular meetings could be held and the club library set up. Currently the

reader had recently cancelled a gift subscription she was sending to a friend in the United States. To balance the political heat, she wanted to renew that subscription, she explained.

Two cars Collide on Robinson

Two-vehicle accident on Robinson Road resulted in a total of \$1,000 worth of damage Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Leo Toutant, of Scott Road, was driving his 1974 Toyota Land Cruiser northwards and Old Scott Road resident William Jensen was heading south in his 1971 Ford station wagon. The two cars collided almost head-on.

executive meets in the homes of individual members, but there is no regular meeting place where members can get together to read plays or exchange ideas. An appeal is being made for a cabin or a small cottage for this purpose.

Members heard with great pleasure mixed with regret of the forthcoming marriage of one of their most valuable members, Charlotte Keeping - joy for Charlotte but regret that she will be leaving the Island. No one has worked harder for the club than Charlotte. She has been responsible for practically all the art work used by the Players in the last five

years, often working well into the night. She is well-loved by all who know her.

A worthwhile and valuable directors workshop was held on February 14 and 15. This was sponsored by the Salt Spring Players and was conducted by John Lazarus, playwright with the New Play Centre and Pamela Hawthorne, director and actress, both of Vancouver. The workshop was well attended and found to be highly instructive and useful. A Pot Luck supper was held following the Saturday session at Scott Point Marina. Further workshops are planned during the production of "Spring Showcase".

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INSURANCE

Last week came the crunch. Since the beginning of the year British Columbia has been talking automobile gospel according to ICBC and no saint. On Monday the debates and the arguments were over. A driver either had insurance or he wasn't a driver. But the matter of insurance cannot be abandoned. It is of great importance to the driver and to the province as a whole. And it will face changes and modifications on an indefinite schedule.

The whole thinking of car insurance is patterned on the experience of three-quarters of a century and because it started out in that pattern, 70 years ago, is no assurance that the format should be retained.

The legislative assemblies have, in the past, ruled that a man or a woman of 16 years of age is fully competent to drive an automobile. Hence the constant trek of 16-year-olds to the Court House in Ganges to buy a learner's license. The same assemblies are arguing, very effectively, that a driver under the age of 25 is a grave risk to road users and that he must pay very substantial sums of money to compensate for his incompetence. Is logic dead? Or merely irrelevant?

The first measure should be the elimination of driving offences from the protection of legislation concerning juveniles. The law states that a man of 16 is competent to handle several tons of steel with a muzzle velocity of 150 feet per second. Is it logical that when his competence is subsequently challenged he may clutch his mother's skirts and thumb his nose at the law with impunity?

The second measure should be the establishment of a correlation between the driver's license and insurance.

The logical procedure is to abandon the present system of insuring cars and insure drivers. The driver's license would be annually acquired and the basic fee could be established on the ratio of total claims to total drivers. With perhaps, one set fee for all drivers, the penalty for infringement of driving laws or culpable accidents would be a substantial hike in insurance rates. Repeater, in claims or in offences, would face a license fee of up to \$1,000 a year until the penalty, like the points system might be ironed out with the passage of time.

Penalties represent another direction in which legislative assemblies do the splits. Basic coverage needed by drivers, says ICBC, is \$50,000. Logical damages for an injured party, says the BC courts, is a million dollars. Who pays the difference?

The premium is paid for the present year, but insurance is more than a few weeks' consideration. Mr. Pat McGeer has gained national fame for his administration of car insurance. There is still time to redeem himself.

LET'S NOT GO OFF HALF-COCKED!

Gottergun? Bettergetterpermit? There have been few considerations so warmly disputed as gun controls. Except, perhaps, capital punishment. The whole thing is wide open now.

The mooted restrictions on owners of guns may impose some hardship. If they result in a reduction of deaths and injuries by violence, then there remains no argument.

If controls are imposed and have no recognizable effects, they can very easily be lifted.

That present controls are inadequate merely emphasizes the need for a review of all controls. It does not justify their complete lack.

Let's not go off half-cocked unless we know for sure what the effect might be.

Letters to the Editor

CYCLE PATHS

Sir,
Cycle paths are being discussed these days and I would like to make some suggestions and comments which favor the idea because I think this is a good thing for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists alike.

First for the cyclist - it gets them out of the mainstream of traffic which means they are not nearly as likely to be clobbered by a car. They can proceed at their own speed without having to worry about holding up traffic on hills or corners.

Recently I served on a coroners jury where a young cyclist was killed in a head on collision with a car. It is my own opinion that if there had been a shoulder off the road, such as a cycle path, the whole group of cyclists would have been able to move further off the road to the side.

In this way the collision would

most likely have been avoided and the young man would be alive today. We can't do anything about events that have already taken place but surely we can take measures which will prevent recurrence of such tragedies on the roads by looking ahead to the way things will be in the future and doing something about it.

With the increases in the price of gas and insurance, more young people will see the bicycle as a sensible and economic alternative to owning a car until they are economically able to do so.

This will help to bring insurance average rates down as the biggest percentage of accidents occur in the under 25 age bracket.

Secondly - the pedestrian. If walking I would sooner take my chances walking on a cycle path than the chances of being hit by a car.

Cyclists and pedestrians can get along if they watch out for one

Stolen flute

Flute has been reported from the school band's classroom at the Salt Spring Elementary School. The flute is an Olds; its replacement is \$20.00. The theft was reported by 18 to RCMP District 18.



Well mebbe I did, but have you noticed that there's no rats in Ganges any more?

another. For the motorist - he would gain time if in a hurry as the cyclists wouldn't be blocking the road in no passing zones on hills and on corners especially, where there is no visibility ahead.

Naturally a motorist should be alert and watchful of those people on bicycles just as he is of other cars or pedestrians.

There are arguments against the use of bicycles and examples that show that cyclists do not always obey the rules of the road, are careless, thoughtless and reckless at times. However, I suggest that if these same people are driving a car they will also not always obey the rules of the road, be careless, thoughtless and even reckless at times. They will also do a lot more damage to themselves and others and to property private or public.

What is needed is to train the young cyclist in the correct way to handle his or her machine for their own safety and the safety of others. Then cycling will become a more acceptable means of the transportation picture.

Forming a cycle club would be a positive step.
G. Howland
R.R. 1, Ganges
Feb. 27, 1976

HOCKEY TEAM BEATEN

Several surprises showed up in last week's roller hockey scores.

In the Bantam division on Tuesday, the unbeaten Canadians ran up against an inspired Islanders team and found themselves struggling to keep the score tied at 7-7, only to have the Islanders score the winning goal with just 30 seconds left in the game.

It was almost on instant replay on Sunday, when the Rangers broke an 8-8 tie, with 30 seconds left until the final buzzer, to hand the Canadians their second loss of the season. Ricky Andrews, traded recently to the Rangers, scored seven goals against his former teammates.

The Barons also had their first taste of defeat, in Junior division action. However; their loss was never in doubt as the Bruins grabbed a 4-2 lead in the second period and then cruised to victory. They added four more goals in the third period and kept the Barons scoreless as Gordie Lee came up with a great goalkeeping effort.

In the Girl's division the Wildcats continued their winning ways over the Firekittens, while in Pee Wee action the Bears broke a two game losing streak when they tied the Flyers in a low scoring game.

RESULTS

Girls: Wildcats, 15; Firekittens, 6.
Pee Wees: Bears, 4; Flyers, 4.
Bantams: Canadians, 7; Islanders, 8; Rangers, 9; Canadians, 8.
Juniors: Bruins, 8; Barons, 2; Barons, 12; Maple Leafs, 7; Canucks, 7; Bruins, 5.

Down through the years WITH DRIFTWOOD

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO
Beginning March 7 the "Island Princess" will no longer call at Ganges. Coast ferries Ltd. operators of the "Island Princess" state that there is not enough business coming to them from Salt Spring to warrant the continuation of the service.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor George R. Pearkes, VC and Mrs. Pearkes have accepted an invitation from the Salt Spring Island Branch, Royal Canadian Legion to attend a dinner in Ganges marking the 30th birthday of the branch.

Pete Frattinger, owner of the Scott Point Marina, has been appointed by B.C. Forest Products as Project Manager of their Newsprint Expansion at Crofton.

The Vesuvius Bay Circle of the Woman's Auxiliary met on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. A.G. Wilkins with the vice-president, Miss Margaret Motherwell in the chair. Arch Deacon and Mrs. G.H. Holmes conducted the devotional period. Miss Muriel Hamilton was named delegate to the Annual Diocesan Meeting in Victoria. Mrs. Holmes read some notes from the bulletin also an interesting article describing the ancient church of St. Bartholomew in London. The annual tea will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Flewin, Tantramar, with Mrs. L.C. Lambert convening.

The I.O.D.E. held a series of telephone bridge parties. Those holding the parties were Mrs. J.C. West, Mrs. H.J. Carlin, Mrs. E.B. MacMillan, Miss M. Lees, Mrs. E. Hardie, Mrs. G. St. Denis, Mrs. W.M. Mouat, Mrs. W. Mailey, and Mr. F.J.C. Ball.

Mr. Mervin Gardner was elected president of the S.S.I. Credit Union at their Annual Meeting held last Monday night at Mahon Hall. K. Wilson, S. Claiborne, and Mrs. D. Goodman are the new Credit Committee and directors are M. Gardner, H. Kyler, H. Extell, H. Hoffoman and A. Stevens. Mr. Art Young is the retiring president.

TEN YEARS AGO
On Tuesday morning, March 1, islanders were met by snow almost a foot high. The showers predicted turned into a 12 hour fall of snow which managed to put out hydro lines and take the grader off its levelling work at Centennial Park.

Extra speed of the Pender Queen running between Swartz Bay and Fulford won't help commuters from now on. Orders have been issued that the ferry wait an additional five minutes at each terminal and reduce speed as the ferry is now making the trip too

Poetry Contest Is open

A \$1500 grand prize will be awarded in the current Poetry Contest sponsored by the World of Poetry, a Californian monthly newsletter for poets.

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fast.
Ad: Hay for sale: \$36 ton.

This week at St. George's Hall the Guides and Brownies met to see Susan Jarman and Sharon Stewart receive their Golden Hands and then fly up to join the Guides. At an earlier fly up in January, Janelle Rozano graduated from Brownies to join the Guide company.

The Leftovers beat the Dynamiters 11 to 10 in a fast, rough, game with the tie-breaking goal scored by Dennis Beach. The stars were: Neening Satermo, Dan Akerman and Dennis Beach.

FIVE YEARS AGO

March brought snow. On Friday night an unexpected snow fall came to the islands and Saturday was a bitter winter's day. Ferries, traffic and people came to a halt.

The Underwood family have moved in on the Salt Spring Bakery. Bert and Bernice are operating the island bread business with daughter Donna in the bakery and sons, Rick and Doug who help in the bakery and on the road.

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Visiting at Benny and devilish Donna Begon's home on Saturna is Benny's mother melodious Maime Begon, who can still go for a long walk with devilish Donna every day and not worry in the least about her diet as long as there's lots of food around.

John Copley's log house overlooking Hope Bay and Navy Channel, was packed with Pender Players last Thursday. Director Gertrude Bennett chose the actors. Readers of the tragedy, Campbell Kilmohr, were Jack Bridge, Capt. S. Claxton, and Helen Claxton, ditto: Ali Grey, George Pearson and Constance Swartz. Eldorado was read by Frank Plunkett, chief chicaner, Dorothy Grimmer, Copley the son of the farmer and Gertrude Bennett a vixenish daughter.

Mrs. A.P. Coc, B.C. Historical Association led the Galiano group that came gallivanting off the 12.50 ferry at Otter Bay, as president Donald New, Gulf Islands branch and Nan, were in Japan. Hurrying with them to Port Washington Hall was Mayne's mainstay Annie De Roussie; chronicler, Gwen Hayball and Cliff James. Saturna sent vice-president Rev. John Dangerfield and wife Elsie and Tracy Pillsbury.

Church Services SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1976

ANGLICAN	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 a.m.
St. George's	Central	Holy Eucharist	11.15 a.m.
St. Mark's	Mayne	Mattins	11.30 a.m.
St. Mary Mag.			
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
St. Pauls	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 a.m.
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 a.m.
UNITED			
Ganges		Worship Service	10.30 a.m.
		Nurs. & Sun. Sch.	10.30 a.m.
COMMUNITY			
GOPEL			
Ganges		Sun. Sch. all ages	10.30 a.m.
		Evening Service	7.00 p.m.
		Thurs. Bible Study	7.30 p.m.

Fireplaces are specialty at new store

Specialty stone masons and carpenters of Salt Spring Island have opened shop to display various fireplace designs and tile patterns for the home-builder.

Michael Hogan has lived on Salt Spring for eight years. Originally from California, Michael learned his trade through working with his father, a stone mason and bricklayer. During his years spent on Salt Spring Michael has left his trade-

mark on all parts of the island.

Bruce Eason was once a Californian, but after 20 years in the Pacific state he came to Canada. He was working for Butler Brothers on Saanich Peninsula, before coming to Salt Spring Island. He lived in both Victoria and Sidney. And served his time in the trade apprenticing with an independent stone mason. Bruce came to Salt Spring six years ago and has been following his trade here for that time.

Bill Luker, ex-navy man, is an Albertan, who lived in Athabasca for 16 years before joining the services in Halifax. Bill served in the navy for six years, lived in Europe for three and when he and wife, Dawn arrived back on the west coast they came to Salt Spring. Bill has since been doing carpentry work.

Glenn White is a native of Victoria. Prior to coming to the island he was groundskeeper at Windsor Park in the capital city. He is the carpenter with Bill Luker in the new shop, Reptile Ceramics. The new shop opened last week, adjacent to Salt Spring Book and Stationery (Et Cetera) and the decor had been a big undertaking by the four men involved with Reptile Ceramics.

Along with the new shop, Benny's Masonry and Collective Industries form two major divisions within the one limited company, of Reptile Ceramics.

White, Hogan, Eason and Luker are specializing in fireplaces.



Bill Luker, Glenn White and Bruce Eason at the new store.

Truck follows Car on icy Road curve

When Sandra La Fortune, of Ganges, drove her '68 Buick Riviera into the ditch on Friday morning a Department of Highways truck followed her off the road.

While proceeding along Fulford Ganges Road last Thursday at eight in the morning Mrs. La Fortune hit a slippery spot and ploughed off the road.

Damage to the La Fortune car was estimated at \$800. Highways truck was unharmed.

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PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED BY AUXILIARY MEETING

BY ELSIE MACDONALD

Three lucky ladies were winners in the raffle held recently in the Thrift Shop. Names were drawn at the Hospital Auxiliary February meeting. Mrs. Enid Brazier won the hooked rug; the cushion went to Mrs. Molly Walker, and baby's shawl to Mrs. P. Atwood. The three articles were gifts to the Auxiliary and all were handmade.

Newly-elected president Mrs. V. Petapiece, conducted the meeting held in Legion Hall. Notable item among reports received was the purchase by the Auxiliary of a hairdryer and hairdresser's chair for Extended Care use.

Mrs. Ann Sober, trained hairdresser goes each week to dress the ladies' hair, a contribution she has made to the hospital for the past 2½ years. Mrs. Sober's service has done much to keep morale high among lady residents in the Extended Care Unit.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Mrs. Margaret Simons, diversional therapist and co-ordinator for craft work in Extended Care.

Mrs. Simons showed some fine examples of handwork done by the residents and explained the philosophy behind the teaching of these crafts. Every attempt is made to have projects within the residents' capabilities, remembering that hands and eyes do not always function well; to create interest by asking for simple decisions; to arouse and respond to the learner's dignity.

Mrs. Simons praised Auxiliary volunteers who are her co-workers. She sees herself as the continuing

Car in ditch

Ganges driver, Jensen Boesgaard drove into the ditch last Friday night.

While driving toward his home at Cusheon Lake, Boesgaard skidded on icy roads and put his '73 GMC pick-up in the ditch causing \$1,000 worth of damage.

person. Volunteers keep the program working and make continuity possible.

At the March meeting the Auxiliary will mark 40 years of service to Lady Minto Hospital. Miss Dorothea Lucas, regional representative of Vancouver Island Hospital Auxiliaries will be guest speaker.

Mayne Island Plan looms

(From Page Two)

Two plan maps were distributed among those in attendance, along with the Community Plan draft. Copies may be obtained from either Foye Miles or Isabel Geahan.

Nominations for the committee to complete the plan followed. It was decided members of the committee should be from the following categories; retired, large land holder, business owner, renter, summer resident, farmer, small land owner and three at large.

The following were elected: retired, Frank Cooter; large land holder, Barry Wilks; business owner, Nigel Phillips; renter, Cathy Takagaki; summer resident, Bob Douglas; farmer, John Rainsford; small land owner, Paddy Lambert.

Three at large elected were: Betty Ross, George Douglas and Garney Coburn.

A meeting of the new committee has been arranged for Saturday, Feb. 28 at the school at 2pm.

On Monday evening friends and neighbours of Maxine and Jim Prendergast, Isabella Point Road, gathered to welcome their newest neighbour, Matthew James. Gifts, games and refreshments were enjoyed by everyone except Matthew James who was busily sleeping.

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FIRST YEAR OF ONE-MILL LEVY SAYS HARCUS

Last year was the first to see the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission enjoying the proceeds of a one-mill levy, commented Chairman Tom Harcus at last week's annual meeting.

Most of the yield of the tax goes on maintenance of parks, he added. He added that it spoke highly of the work devoted to Centennial Park by the park society and particularly by Col. Peter Bingham

that they had managed to maintain in the park without the tax levy for two years.

The park has suffered extensively from vandals during the year. "We have had our problems," he observed.

The chairman paid tribute to Driftwood. When an appeal had been addressed to the community through the columns of this newspaper, said Mr. Harcus, it had met

with a 72% response. The message obviously got through, he commented.

The chairman recalled two difficult problems of the past year. The ball park at Fulford is the property of the Akerman family. Full taxes are paid on the land. Recreation Commission decided to register the land as recreational in order to gain a tax relief.

After a lengthy battle they gave up.

"The complications of registering land for recreation were so great we had to give it up," said Harcus, "particularly as Bob Akerman said 'Don't bother'."

Another chilling experience was the recreation convention at Nanaimo, where references were freely exchanged on grants and government aid.

"I pointed out that all money had to come out of the taxpayer's pocket," recalled the speaker, "and I could feel the draught!"

He had a criticism of the Capital Regional District.

Regional districts are frequently responsible for a proliferation of service which could just as effectively be undertaken by a government department, said Harcus.

Salt Spring contribution to the regional district last year was \$97,000, he pointed out.

"That's a lot of money. I'm not kicking too much, but even if half of it came our way, I would have less objection."

He didn't want to be unreasonable, but he suggested that islanders should stand up for themselves.

In connection with the mooted ice

rink and swimming pool at the Lions Complex at Central, the chairman reported that he had spoken of the subject to the islands member, Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis.

Curtis had observed that before Saanich would undertake such a venture they had required a minimum of 50,000 population to avail themselves of it.

The Commission had enjoyed warm co-operation from Regional Director George Heinekey and the Capital Regional District over the recreation complex vote, he noted.

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PARKS TAKE BIGGEST BITE OUT OF RECREATION DOLLARS

Biggest piece of the Salt Spring recreation dollar went to parks and fields last year.

Maintenance, cost \$16,435.99, according to the financial statement submitted at the annual meeting last week by Treasurer Spencer Marr.

Summary is as follows:

INCOME	
By-law	\$23,853.46
Administration Grant	300.00
School District #64	3,000.00
Swimming Fees	690.00
Donation	480.00
Recovery on fencing materials	200.00
Interest earned	99.97
	\$28,623.43
EXPENDITURE	
Grants	5,700.00
Sports and travel	775.00
Swimming	1,582.43
Field and park Maintenance	16,435.99
Treasurer's Salary	477.06
Secretary's Salary	300.00
Dues	15.00
Postage and supplies	101.21
Advertising	105.20
Bank Charges, Insurance	24.60
	93.00
Capital Regional District Interest and advertising charge	442.00
Telephone, Stationery, Advertising and travel: Lions Complex investigation	231.27
Banquet	388.96
	\$26,671.72

Surplus for the year \$ 1,951.71

GRANTS MADE BY COMMISSION INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

O.A.P.O.	2,000.00
Library	300.00
Community Arts Council	50.00
Trail and Nature Club	50.00
Garden Club	50.00
Riding Club	400.00
Sailing Club	500.00
Guides and Brownies	150.00
Beaver Point Community Hall Association	100.00

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Lions' Club Recreational Complex	2,100.00
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SPORTS AND TRAVEL	
Little League Association	400.00
May Day Sports Events	25.00
Roller Hockey Association, Skate bank	350.00
	\$ 775.00

FIELD AND PARK MAINTENANCE	
Truck and Tractor rental	504.00
Wages	9,177.60
C.P.P.	120.60
U.I.C.	163.36
W.C.B.	93.08
Equipment repairs and Maintenance	406.39
Seed and fertilizer	569.61
Ditching	90.00
Little league equipment	115.08
Survey	75.00
Goal posts	108.58
Lease	10.00
Power	58.95
Supplies	64.00
Water	142.73
Flag replacement	18.48
	\$11,717.46
Aerator	2,118.90
Water line	382.42
Pump, water line, and installation at Fulford	2,217.21
	\$16,435.99

PALL FALLS AS WHEN DIRECTOR

Regional Director George Heinekey drew a pall of gloom over the forthcoming Lions Recreation Complex referendum when he told the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission that there is no guarantee that the new provincial government will meet recreation grants introduced by the NDP government.

Referendum scheduled for March 10 will ask Salt Spring Island residents to support a one-shot, 2 1/2 mill levy to raise funds to take over the recreational complex at Central from the Salt Spring Island Lions Club.

The program includes the tax levy for one year only as well as

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During the course of the annual meeting last week Mr. Heinekey explained that the assessment of the number of directors of the commission was based on similar functions in other parts of the Capital Region. The Salt Spring Island Commission operates on a far wider basis than most in the region and the requisite number of directors could be raised. Printed on these pages are the reports from various committees. They indicate the extent of the Commission's work on the island.

New courts Are wanted By Spring

Arrangements were made with Mr. Leighton of the Recreation Commission on behalf of the adult education program to use the tennis court on the school grounds for lessons during June, July and part of August last year.

On Monday nights during 10 weeks, attendance was 13 for intermediates. On Wednesday nights, 11 for beginners and on Thursday nights nine for beginners, for a total of 33 pupils.

About 10 players were coached privately and a variety of games were played with people who just wanted a game, islanders as well as tourists.

Harbour House formed a tennis club for adult members and a variety of round robins and tournaments were held with trophies donated by several individuals. Membership is 30.

Demand for tennis courts is greater than previously and it is hoped that courts at central may be ready by spring.

Break into Tool Shed

Vandals have been busy at Mouat's Park, in Ganges.

Caretaker at Mouat's Provincial Park reported to RCMP in Ganges this week breaking and entry into his tool shed.

The doors were forced but nothing was taken.

RANT QUESTIONED SPEAKS OF VOTE

matching funds from the provincial government.

Referendum is being presented by the Capital Regional District.

The region is also staging the feasibility study for the ice arena and swimming pool mooted by the Lions. The cost of the study will be in the vicinity of \$8,000 to \$10,000 explained the director. If the project goes through, then this cost

Sailors need no more money meeting is told

BY TOM BUTLER-COLE

Last year saw our sixth complete year of sailing in this community. It was the first year for dinghy racing as a class, and cruisers were added as well, with 20 boats entered in the Marshall Sharp 'Round Salt Spring Island Race.

The sabot fleet has put in about 1500 miles on the road, travelling as far as Nicola Lake in the interior for one of the events. We would like to point out that two of our Club members have done very well in sabot racing; Mike Cannon holds the B.C. Championship as well as the National Championship and Alex Neish placed second in both events.

The meetings were well attended, and a successful trophy presentation and social evening was held at the end of the season. The schedule of events for 1976 starts in March and ends in November. Anyone interested in sailing or learning to sail is asked to contact the Rear-Commodore or the Secretary, c/o Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, P.O. Box 1035, Ganges, B.C.

The Sailing Club owns 3 boats; a Sabot, an Enterprise, and a Flying Junior which was built using part of the Recreation Commission grant; with some being spent on the maintenance of Club floats. The Club has had some difficulty in continuing to build more Sabots and Dinghys as there is a lack of space with proper facilities for fibreglassing at the school I.E.

shops; we are trying to make do with space offered by club members.

We are spending the Recreation Commission grant wisely, and are pleased to announce that we do not wish to ask for another at this time.

Swimming Big need On Island

Major contribution in terms of community need, by the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission last year was towards the swimming program, reported Hal Leighton at the Commission's annual meeting.

Sports committee spent more money last year to teach youngsters the bases of swimming.

The construction of sports facilities was commended by the committee chairman. Baseball and softball facilities and the fields are in excellent shape, he told the meeting and in use every day. The fields are well-maintained and no team has difficulty now in finding a field to play on.

COMMENDS GROUNDSMAN

BY GLENN WOODLEY

The maintenance committee has had a busy year with the consolidation of all maintenance on fields and parks on Salt Spring Island.

This includes the two school fields, Fulford Playing field, and Drummond, Centennial and Peter Arnell parks, plus doing some work at Fulford Hall.

To enable us to carry out this work, Bruce McFadyen was hired, the first full time employee of the Commission. Money to fund this undertaking is furnished from the Recreation Commission and School Board.

In January, we were also granted an \$8,000. L.I.P. Grant to continue with our work at Fulford Field and Hall. On the hall - refinishing of floor areas, carpentry, building of a trophy case and clearing and levelling of the area in the rear of the hall - plus some refinishing of the side of the building. Committee asked for \$14,000.

will be recovered. If the project should not be recommended for a vote in the next year or so, no charge will be made to the island.

"I certainly hope that between the Lions and the Recreation Commission we can put the referendum over," he added.

It is hoped to get the grounds into shape so they can be used and not go to rack and ruin, observed the island director.

On Fulford Field a drainage and sprinkling system was installed - the sprinkling system is complete and was used throughout the summer to the benefit of this field. The field also has been able to be used for soccer for the first time due to improved drainage.

Continual maintenance was exercised on all fields and parks with clean-up, grass cutting on a regular basis. Also watering, fertilizing, aerating, programs were introduced and proved beneficial as the turf showed much improvement throughout the year - and here stood up well during a particularly wet winter.

Regular lining of the fields was carried out throughout the year for baseball and soccer.

In general, I feel the consolidation will continue to be successful as one full-time person will be committed to the improvement of the fields and parks. I would like to thank Bruce for his excellent effort and all members of the Commission who have helped in this endeavour.

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Outer Islands Grade Eight under way

The Grade VIII program at the Mayne Island School has passed the half-way mark of its first year. Students from Galiano and Saturna Islands commute daily to make up the total of 13 students from the three islands.

One of the most interesting facets of the program is the enthusiastic participation of volunteers in providing the home economics and industrial education segments. The volunteers have devoted many hours to meeting and planning sessions in addition to their participation in the program during school hours. It is their contribution which has made the program possible.

All students decided at the beginning of the year to take the entire course, so the H.E./I.E. program was designed to include a minimum of four segments. The first part was sewing and each student

made a back pack. The pictures accompanying this article were taken during that time. The sewing program was conducted by Mrs. Sandy Ingram, Mrs. Sally Howieson and Mrs. Glenda Johnson.

The next segment was a short introduction to drafting, carried on by Bob Clark. Drafting will be included with woodworking later in the course.

COOKING AND FOODS

At present, the students are involved in cooking and foods. The topics they are investigating include butter-making, cheesemaking, other uses of milk and eggs, stir-frying, making a nutritious basic soup stock and bread and salad making. Mrs. Glenda Johnson, Mrs. Sally Howieson, Mrs. Mary-Ann Moss, Mrs. Gretel Brunner and Mrs. Joan Drummond are assisting in the foods and nutrition area.

For the woodworking program the students are choosing subjects such as spice racks, corner shelves and book shelves. If time permits there will be a short introductory course in metal working. The direction of this aspect of the program is being given by Ned Easton and Ron Willick.

The academic subjects are being taught by Daphne Thompson, Pat James, Mrs. Lisa Rieder and Mrs. Elizabeth Gould. The numbers of qualified teachers and volunteers involved with the program provide

the students with experiencing a variety of personalities and teaching styles as would happen in a larger school. The staff and the

volunteers are already enthusiastically planning with Larry Holbrook for next year's Grade VIII and IX.



Lutenist to play at Ganges

Denis Donnelly, lutenist from Victoria, will give a recital on Sunday, March 7, at 2 pm in the Activity Room of the Elementary School. Admission will be \$2 and \$1 to C.A.C. members.

Mr. Donnelly will perform Renaissance works from England, France, Italy, Germany and Spain. John Dowland, Anthony Holborne and Francesca Da Milano are among the composers from which Mr. Donnelly has chosen his music.

The lute is an early instrument of the guitar family, highly popular from the 14th to 17th century. The instrument is believed to have been of Persian origin.

It became popular with the Arabs and passed from them through Spain into Europe.

The back of a lute is pear-shaped instead of flat, as with guitars. The old lutes were often ornamented with exquisite inlays of rare wood, mother-of-pearl and ivory and with fine paintings on the sound board, making it an instrument of exceptional beauty.

On the old lutes there were four to thirteen pairs of strings, but the six-string variety was the one chiefly used. The fingerboard is fretted like that of a guitar and the method of stopping and plucking the strings is similar.

Denis Donnelly is giving a recital in Victoria this month as a requirement for his Bachelor of Music Degree. This concert is the fourth and final in a series this winter sponsored by the Community Arts Council.

when they exhibited horses and horsemanship as well as selling refreshments and horse manure.

Mr. Pringle was taking over as spokesman for the club from Al Clark, who is planning to leave the island.

Coincidence In history

[Royal London Wax Museum] Two Presidents of the United States had much in common in life and in death. Abraham Lincoln and John Kennedy were: Linked in life and death by a startling number of parallels. Both president Lincoln and president Kennedy were concerned with the civil rights issue. Lincoln was elected in 1860... Kennedy was elected in 1960. Both Lincoln and Kennedy, during their term of presidency, lost a son through death. Deeply concerned for president Lincoln's safety was a police superintendent; his name: John Kennedy.

Deeply concerned with president Kennedy's safety was his secretary; her name: Mrs. Lincoln. Both were slain on a Friday and in the presence of their wives. Both were shot from behind. Both were shot in the head. Both failed to regain consciousness. Both successors were named Johnson.

Both successors were Southern Democrats who had served in the U.S. Senate. Andrew Johnson was born in 1808; Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908. Both assassins were southerners favoring unpopular ideas. Both assassins were slain before they could be brought to trial. John Wilkes Booth shot president Lincoln in a theatre and escaped to a warehouse. Lee Harvey Oswald shot president Kennedy from a warehouse and escaped to a theatre. The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters. The names John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald each contain fifteen letters. The names Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson each contain thirteen letters.

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RIDING TO SUCCESS WITH 76

Salt Spring Island Riding Club numbers 76 members.

Rod Pringle reported on the past year's activities of the club, which has enjoyed the support of the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission since its inception several years ago.

The club provides recreational and training services.

Riding clinics are a part of its

activities and the clinics have drawn a steady following from non-riding spectators.

Veterinarian and farrier services are offered.

The riding ring on Rainbow Road has been constructed over several years and is now within \$600 to \$1,000 of completion.

Last year the riders raised nearly \$100 from May Day activities,

SPEC MEETING

Regarding the Ganges Plan

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B.C. CONFERENCE ON THE FAMILY.



TAKE KIT AND DEBATE ISSUES OF FAMILY LIFE

The B.C. Conference on the Family is the result of a petition presented to the Legislature by religious leaders in this province.

It is sponsored by the provincial government and numerous religious bodies because they believe the family is vitally important to the wellbeing of our society.

Its aim is to help support family life by finding out the changes and influences affecting the family today.

Sponsors would like as many people as possible from all walks of life to meet in informal groups, of three or four or more, in their own homes, to discuss the following topics. Each topic has many different issues listed under it in the kits that were compiled after the first Conference in Nov., '75, Phase 1, where 200 people from all over the province met to initiate this important venture.

The Seven Topics are:

1. The Two-parent Family and

- Other Relationships.
2. Values and Morality.
3. The Family and Law.
4. Housing, Health, and Finances.
5. Professional and Voluntary Community Support.
6. Leisure, Work, and the Family.
7. Educational, Cultural, and Religious Influence on the Family.

The kits are available from: Molly Acheson, 537-5309; Phyllis Coleman, 537-2378; Nonie Guthrie, 537-2859; Rev. Peter McCalman, 537-2171.

This is "Phase II, it's up to you!" The findings of each group will be sent to Conference Headquarters in Victoria.

Resolutions for legislative action and recommendations to various groups will be discussed at Phase III this fall at a further Conference. That Conference will distill the thoughts of the many groups into recommendations to the various levels of government, to the various religious bodies, and the other voluntary agencies as may be appropriate.

Readers are invited to express their opinions by taking a kit, and becoming part of this province-wide survey.

RED CROSS NEEDS MORE HELP

It's heading into Red Cross Month.


It's Red Cross Month from now to the end of March.

At the south end of Salt Spring Island, veteran Red Cross campaigner Mrs. R.H. Lee is organiz-

ing the drive again. So far, reports Mrs. Lee, she has five canvassers ready to help out. She needs more.

Any offers from south Salt Spring residents?

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JUVENILE SOCCER

BY DRAW BACK
All but one game of soccer was cancelled last week due to the downfall of snow mixed with rain. Hopefully milder temperatures will prevail for this weekend's games as teams in Divisions 2, 3 and 5 move into District Cup play and the local league approaches their play-offs.

INTER-ISLAND DIVISION:
Salt Spring Rotary, 3; Salt Spring Legion, 2.

These two local teams received a reprieve from the weatherman, on Wednesday last, as rainy skies cleared allowing Rotary to squeak out a close decision.

The early pace was slow as both clubs slogged it out on slippery field conditions. The Rotary struck first with Chris Cottrell slithering and sliding his way through the Legion defence to score the opening goal.

The Legion rallied after finding their footing on the treacherous pitch.

A Kerry Walker through-ball put Ricky Andrews in the clear to score the equalizer. The Legion continued to press and went ahead on a Bradley Graham drive that deflected off Ricky Andrews head into the Rotary goal. At the half the score was 2-1 for Legion.

After the break the Rotary came out flying and with only seven minutes gone in the half they had regained the lead. Chris Cottrell combined with his brother Paul to score the equalizer. Shortly after Chris broke loose again to score the Rotary's go ahead goal and his third of the match.

Although both teams had numerous chances to score more goals, the Rotary held their narrow lead to gain a big win. Under the weather and field conditions both teams exhibited a good brand of soccer which was a pleasure to watch.

With only three games left in the schedule the standings are as follows:

Legion, 23 points;
Lions, 19 points;
Rotary, 18 points.

NEXT GAMES:
Mar. 4 (Thurs) Legion vs Lions;
Mar. 6 (Sat) Rotary vs. Legion;
Mar. 11 (Thurs.) Play-offs.





Please note: Friday evening, March 5, at 7.30 pm at the Gulf Islands Secondary School. Agenda includes; post-season play, finances, trophies, banquet, Duncan games (exhibition), uniforms. Coaches, managers, parents and any other interested persons are encouraged to attend to give their viewpoints.

String group Goes south For season







Now recognized as one of the world's 10 best string quartets, the Orford String Quartet will perform, this week, at Alice Tully Hall in New York, and at Ohio State University's Memorial Auditorium.

The first event will take place on Wednesday night and is presented under the auspices of the Canadian Consulate General in New York and Concerts Canada, a division of the Touring Office of The Canada Council.

Presently celebrating their 10th anniversary season, the Orford String Quartet, artists-in-residence at the University of Toronto, is composed of young Canadian musicians who came together at Mount Orford, Quebec, in the summer of 1965 while attending classes at the Jeunesses Musicales Centre d'Art Orford. Last season, they were awarded First Prize in Stockholm, Sweden at the European Broadcasting Union International String Quartet Competition. They had been chosen, by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, to represent Canada.

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MARJORIE PHILLIPS
Marjorie Phillips, born within the sound of Bow Bells, came to Canada with her husband Owen and son Adrian in 1968 they lived in Squamish for six years and they arrived on Galiano about three years ago. She promptly became a member of the Painters' Guild.



ELIZABETH HOPKINS
Elizabeth Hopkins has had two shows of her work in the past year; one in Vancouver and the other in Victoria. "Hoppy" lived on Galiano for 11 years and then spent 1 year on Salt Spring Island. She is now back where she belongs and Galiano Islanders are glad she is back.

Community Society Election

The annual meeting of the Community Society was held two weeks ago to elect new councillors and table the financial statement. Those councillors elected were May Jones, Peter McCalman, Phyllis Coleman, Lois Phillips, Eric Donnelly, Gail Secor, and Jonathan Yardley. Those who were elected for a two-year term last year are Nonie Guthrie, Mike Hogan, Harold Hoffman, Guille Libresco, Bill Luker, Ron Pukhy, and Hank Schubart.

SNOWBIRDS RETURN TO WEAVING

BY PAT PARK
It is great to be on the island again after a six week absence. We spent a month in Arizona - Phoenix to be specific where we found the people most friendly towards the Snowbirds from the north.

My interest in spinning and weaving led me to The Threadmill in Scottsdale, a delightful supply shop bursting with all the materials dear to the heart of a weaver, plus a number of looms in use by students of various classes.

There was an indigo-dyed batch of yarn blooming in the sunshine outside the store the first day I was there. From here I obtained the name of the president of the local guild, Mary Crume, who heads the Arizona Desert Weavers and Spinners, was so helpful and friendly, suggested all kinds of interesting craft shops and studios to visit and also assured me of a welcome at their meeting, February 7. There I enjoyed a film lecture and was able to see some of the weaving done by the guild and chat with one or two of the many interesting members in attendance.

One of the truly terrific places to view weaving art was the Joanne Olson Studio. Here this gracious artist took time to talk and explain all the beautiful items on display and let us see the looms being used. I came away inspired.

Almost next door and across the courtyard a very fine craft shop, The Hand and the Spirit, displaying basketry, ceramic, textiles, glass, leather, wood and silver.

Coverlets had been woven as a Bi-centennial project by Gurney Bolster. Patterns used researched from the museum resurrecting 18th and 19th century designs.

The Village Shop was another place in Scottsdale we enjoyed very much. We talked with Caryl Pedit about her lovely old 18th century farmhouse loom, still in daily use and preferred over her modern Leclerc. She had the biggest frame loom I had ever seen, probably six by eight feet, on which beautiful wall hangings are woven.

In all our wanderings it was good to observe the general revival of interest in native culture and crafts.

We grew to love the desert during our stay, all its different plant life and creatures, and which, in spite of its harshness has provided us with a wealth of ideas and a new awareness of its soft muted colors.

So - inspired and refreshed - it's good to be home.

Ganges Wharf

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The spokesman for the department explained that a wharfinger is to be appointed as soon as candidates have been interviewed.

Wharfinger is paid on a sliding scale which ends up at 15% of revenues. It is a commission engagement and the pay is based on the moorage fees collected from boat owners.

Inadequate supervision of the wharf leads to dangerous practices, suggested Mrs. Fraser. Some boats at the wharf are equipped with coal and wood stoves. Such a hazard tied up next to a commercial fishboat with hundreds of gallons of gasoline on board represents a serious threat, she contended.

NO MOVE IN THREE YEARS

Mr. Thurber suggested that when it came to definitions of what boat owners may do, he was not supporting the man who ties up mooring space with a vessel which cannot be moved without a tug, and then stays there for three years.

The wharfinger must use his own judgment on many matters, explained Thurber. He may not be hindered or molested and users of the wharf must obey his instructions.

The government man was also asked some technical questions. Why is the loading ramp in shallow water?

Tony Capaduca suggested that it should be at the end of the wharf and no boats should be permitted to take that space. The meeting was also asked why the washrooms in the Centennial Park are closed in winter.

Park society ordered them closed during the winter months several years ago when the cost of repairs reached the point where the community could no longer afford them.

Garbage on the wharf is the result of people who live off cheap rent, commented Chuck Longueay.

"We have to fight dog turds all over the place," protested a fisherman.

Regional Director George Heinkey is very interested and eager to help, added his alternate.

The meeting agreed that a good many of the gripes could be settled by the appointment of a wharfinger.

Gordon Wright enquired regarding the economics of the wharfing-er's job. He is engaged 10 hours a week in winter and 10 hours a day in summer, said Thurber.

Who is going looking for the job? There is obviously no money in it, commented a fisherman.

Mr. Longueay expressed hope that a further meeting might be called by the Regional District to investigate a more active role in wharf operation.

GOOD YEAR FOR PENSIONERS

BY EDITH BARBER

We have had a very good year, with some increase in membership, I think it's about 160 now, of course several on the Island who have lately received their pension and have joined us, and several of our members have been called to higher service, and their names are in the Memory Book.

We have three free dinners each year, one in the New Year, one in April, when the daffodils are all out and it's really a beautiful sight having a dinner with the hall and tables full of flowers.

The third is in September, when we have our first meeting after the summer holiday, but don't think we don't get together. We sure do: we have our bus trips then, we have the Anchor Bus from Duncan, a trip to Butchart Gardens, another to English River Falls and, of course, the Mini-Bus was used a great deal to bring members to and from the meetings.

Our Annual meeting of the O.A.P.O. was held in Nanaimo in June and a mini bus load came to one day's meeting and they heard the Annual report at the convention.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month, for games and entertainment, sometimes we have pictures of members' trips and

they are very interesting and we have other branches come over and entertain us, and, of course, on these days we often put our own skits on like last week we dressed as women of the world, myself as a Hawaiian, but the fourth Thursday is our business meeting.

At every meeting we serve tea and cookies etc., like everything else our dues are now \$2 per person, and I can tell you this, if you are a member and take the Driftwood, when you renew your membership take your O.A.P.O. receipt with you and you will get it half price, and even at some stores off the Island you will get a discount if you have your receipt for dues, so with the price of everything these do help.

The Annual Provincial meeting this year is being held in Penticton, and this will cost quite a bit of money for the three days as it's a long way to go.

Four car loads, the officers and directors went to a branch meeting at Sidney last week; and next month we have the concert group from Duncan coming to entertain us, so you see the elderly do get together to give each other a little fun and happiness, and we couldn't do all we do for those on this Island without your generous help and I thank you most sincerely for us all

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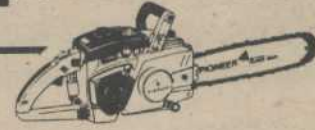
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NATION'S WESTERN HINGE

SALT SPRING ISLAND COMMUNICATIONS

BY FRANK RICHARDS

You think you got phone troubles? Wait till you see the problems Stan Sage and Ken MacKenzie have with theirs! The two Salt Spring Island men are technicians with the B.C. Telephone Company and their particular responsibility is the hinge-pin for all coastal communications traffic.

The two leave the hard-surfaced road at Fulford every morning and set out on a six-mile drive over gravel, rocks and ruts until they are half a mile in the air. At the summit of Mount Bruce they man the micro-wave station operated by the telephone company.

The explanation of their work is mostly jargon. They speak in the terms of electronics communications, "600 channels.....so many pair.....video channels" and the like. When you translate it all into layman's terms they are telling you that most telephone calls coming west or destined for lands across the Pacific are flashed through their station at the top of the mountain.

With Ken Horodyski, who is a fellow telephone company staffer and a public relations expert, they took me to the top on Thursday morning. We drove from Ganges to Fulford in a very normal style. At Fulford we were met by Stan Sage in his four-wheel drive pick-up. Next minute we were on the gravel road.

It's a half-hour trip with the truck in low much of the time and in four-wheel drive all the time.

You get the idea of the place as you hit the snowline. There is a sprinkling here and there at first. By the time you're getting close to the top the tracks of the vehicles ahead are the only break in the blanket of snow.

At the station there was enough cloud to hide the tip of the mast

and it was snowing steadily. On Salt Spring Island, mind you, on February 19!

The top of Mount Bruce is a busy place. First thing you find is the RCMP repeater station which carries signals up Vancouver Island and also feeds the Ganges Detachment with its radio communications with the outside world.

Just beyond the repeater station stands the BC Telephone micro-wave station with two separate buildings tied together with wires.

This is where the work goes on. This is where the justification for the micro-wave station so far from sea level is evident all day, every day.

"First thing you look at is the meters," explained Sage.

The technicians are there to ensure nothing goes wrong and to correct it if it should.

Some 2,000 telephone conversations could be going on all the time through the system atop Mt.

times introduce interference into the messages.

What is micro-wave, I enquired. The answer was comprehensible to anyone who has studied radio or electricity.

It is a radio wave oscillating at 6,000,000,000 to 7,000,000,000 cycles, he explained. This wave will transmit over a distance of 40 to 50 miles without effort to carry its load of up to 1,200 conversations. There must be another station in the chain within that distance.

Across the sea come telephone signals through submarine cables. Simpler system is to transmit that call through the atmosphere. Which is just what they do.

Use a wire and there is a limit to the number of messages that can be transmitted. Use a micro-wave and there's still a limit, but it is very much bigger.

Telephone calls were always sent through wires at one time. Then the calls got more frequent and the

They keep the telephones ringing across wide land

Bruce.

Everything coming west is picked up on the mountain and rebroadcast out to Victoria or other parts of Vancouver Island. At the same time, the station is in constant communication with the mainland at Hemlock, in Burnaby and Haney and points in all parts of the province.

With micro-wave you can pass a message if you can see. In other words, the stations are all on high points and no tree and no mountain can be in the path of the radio signals. Even a rainfall will some-

numbers increased until there wasn't enough wire to carry all the telephone calls across Canada or across the province.

BEAMED TRAFFIC

Then came the micro-wave. Calls are grouped together and beamed across the country. Instead of 1,200 telephone wires, one beam could carry the same amount of traffic more cheaply and more promptly. So the network across the country was set up and as fast as a message is loosed into the atmosphere, it is caught in the big reflector at the next station.

It is then rebroadcast to the next tower. That's where the Mount Bruce station came in. The Salt Spring Island transceiving unit is one of the westernmost stations in the trans-Canada system. Transmissions from all parts of Canada are passed through the island tower to the British Columbia capital and the United States. Salt Spring Island is the communications hinge-pin in the west.

The island station is almost 20 years old. The original building was a Panabode cedar shed equipped with a diesel power plant and two bays of radio equipment. It also, even at that early date, supplied CHEK TV in Victoria with a feed from Hotel Vancouver.

In 1960 the station was expanded. A radio telephone system had already been established to link Victoria and Vancouver through an initial facility of 60 circuits.

New additions were the Armaco steel building which served the mountain station for a number of years. With the telephone and radio equipment moved into the new building, there was room for a bigger diesel plant, still located in the Panabode.

SPELLING THE DIRECTION

The next two years spelt the direction in which the station was moving.

By 1962 the company had installed and was now operating a radio system between Vancouver and Nanaimo coming through Salt Spring Island. Salt Spring was linked with Gibson's Landing and there were 300 telephone circuits between Holberg, in the north of Vancouver Island, and Vancouver, via Nanaimo and Campbell River. The station also served the de-



Ken Mackenzie carries out tests in plant

partment of national defence, linking Haney and Holberg, Nanaimo and Campbell River.

New to the area was a new need. BC Ferries now had two VHF channels for BC Ferries. This, also was carried via Mount Bruce. There was also a ship-to-shore radio service through the station. It was getting busy.

By 1964 the system had expanded still further afield.

CHEK TV main feed from CBC had been added to the station's facilities. A radio system had also been added carrying Port Angeles (USA) and Haney traffic, via Port Hardy, to Holberg and Annette Island, Alaska.

BOUNCED OFF

The Alaska service was unusual, in that the signals were bounced off the ceiling. The radio signals were bounced off the stratosphere very much the same way as later signals would be bounced off satellites for transmission over far greater distances. It was known as the "Scatterwave" system.

By this time, Stan Sage, Salt Spring Island BC Tel Technician had already spent two years checking, maintaining and repairing the growing system.

In 1966, a decade ago, new, heavy traffic routes came to Mount Bruce. The station was now carrying Burnaby to Vancouver and Vancouver to Port Angeles communications.

In 1970 a new service to the Outer Islands came into being and the radio service to Pender and the Gulf Islands exchanges was put into service to augment the submarine lines.

What would happen in the event of a disaster? Fire, slide, aircraft: anything could put the station out for a time.

The system is flexible and traffic would be routed through other stations. The traffic would be reduced, but communications would not be cut off if one station

goes out.

Half a mile above sea level, it is a different world. It is a world of scenic beauty, storm, unseasonal snows and urgent messages.

The centre of communications is the mast, 223 feet above the concrete block building, carrying 12 antennae. Last week the mast was obscured by the cloud and heavy snow.

Its enough to keep two men busy.

Stan Sage has been at the station for the past 14 years. His colleague, Ken MacKenzie went up the mountain four years ago.

IMPORTANT FUNCTION

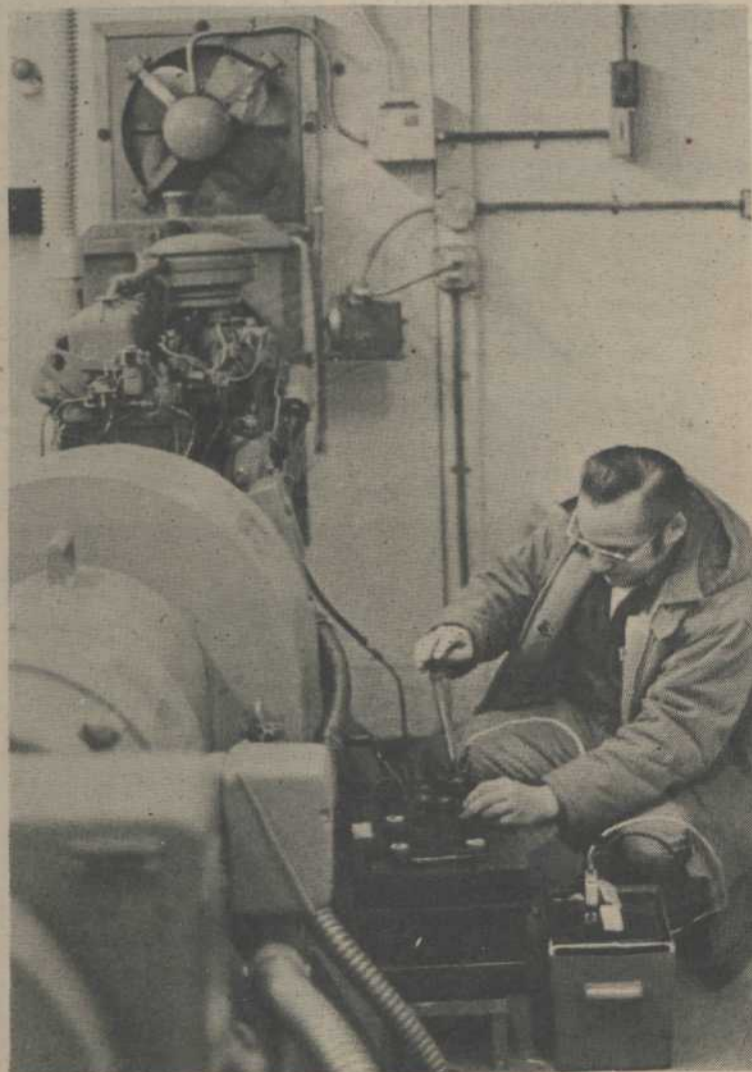
The importance of keeping the system operating is possibly evidenced most clearly by the testing equipment they use. One quite small unit costs \$45,000, observed Sage, using it. It is worth the price simply because it will enable the staff to hunt down a failure and correct it with the least possible delay.

Trouble comes at any time of the day or night and they had tales of breakdowns here and at other stations. Stan recalled an emergency in the middle of the night when the truck failed near the foot of the mountain and he slogged the entire six miles of incredibly tough going to the radio station.

They jumped to another incident on another station when a man found he was being trailed to his truck by a grizzly. After two tries, he hot-footed back to the station and called out for help. He got it.

The micro-wave stations are built where they can pick up signals in a direct line. There are stations in the province where the crew, and their family, are moved in and out by helicopter. At others, they use Snowtracs most of the year round.

Mount Bruce, one of the company's largest sites, is readily accessible and harbours few aggressive beasts. And there are many worse places to live.



Stan Sage checks out diesel standby generator

DOWN THE GUTTER

.... WITH SANDY

Yes, it's very true that if you set up a target made of snow and then throw snow balls at it, underhand, to knock it over, your bowling accuracy will improve. So while we have a bit of snow around be sure to practice.

March is upon us now and with

the coming of spring, all kinds of bowling tournaments up and down Vancouver Island. We have a number of posters up on the wall describing these tournaments. If you're interested, help yourself to an entry form.

Last week I wrote about the drop box for bowlers who would match their average at a penny-per-point with all the proceeds going to the Variety Club Telethon charities. I'm sorry to say that as of yet not too many islanders have met this challenge. I'm sure bowlers can spare up to \$2.....whatever their bowling average is. I'll leave the box there another week so that you can help the underprivileged kids this money goes to.

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Islands trust looks at tax picture

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In the case of areas of extraordinary value to the public a special bonus grant could be made in addition to the land owners grant to protect them from development pressure.

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Ruth-the-groove Bedford back again with 219, 274 and 260 for a 753 and Ivor Cawker rolled 270, 206 and 234 for a 710 total.

300 CLUB

Big week last week with Lois Perkins (309), Larry Davies (307), Dave Nisbit (330), and Jean Blatter (328) joining.

Y.B.C.

According to last Saturday's turnout, some kids thought that bowling was over for the year. Not true. This Saturday is "I beat my average" competition day and bowling will continue another month with a big wind-up party on April 10th.

LOST & FOUND

Some bowlers are leaving some pretty nice articles of clothing. We have four ladies' sweaters, a man's jacket, and an assortment of gloves and hats. Better see if they're yours.

BOWLING QUIZ

Crossing the foul line whether or not the light goes on costs you 15 points. The scorekeeper is responsible in keeping an eye on you and entering the foul.

Where and how did the sport of bowling get it's start?

PROVINCE TEAMBOWL

Last week's qualifiers were the Jokers of the Wednesday Nite league with 379 and the Strollers of the Wednesday ladies league with 340. One other team has qualified due to a ruling on total participants and that is the Strikers of the Circus league who rolled 240 the week of November 18th.

Here is a list of all the teams that have now qualified in the Province Teambowl. Rotary: Aces, Strike Outs; Sunday Late: Pick-Ups, Newcomers, Lucky Strikes, Wallbangers; Circus: Mixers, Scrappers, Plungers, Strikers; Lions: Red Snappers, Castanets, Why Knots, Bingos; Tuesday Ladies: Salties; Commercial: Bankes; Wednesday

NOT ENOUGH

These provisions, observed the Islands Trust, might not prove sufficiently attractive to encourage owners to permit public use of their land. For areas of special value for public use, the brief recommended that property owners be permitted to enter into a contract with the Crown to maintain property in a specified condition and permit certain public use of the land. Certain specified extra relief would be accorded the owner in exchange.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada has indicated that such contractual relief would facilitate gifts such as scenic easements and beneficial covenants.

In the event of implementation of such systems of tax relief on special property or large holdings, a type of tribunal standing higher than the Courts of Revision would be desirable and the Assessment Appeal Board would be the logical court of appeal.

The Trust suggested that in urban areas it is probably desirable to force vacant land on to the market for housing, whereas in the Islands Trust area the opposite prevails.

TO STOP IT

The area needs measures to avoid the break-up of land. Taxation measures would be desirable in the islands to encourage or require islands land to remain largely unspoiled in order to carry out the intent of the Islands Trust Act.

In passing, the brief explained that the Islands Trust embraces some 191,000 acres of land, with finite boundaries. The foreshore and surrounding waters are of almost equal importance, it was noted.

Over two-thirds of islands land is forested. About 26,100 acres are owned by timber companies under certified tree farm status, which allows for low taxation based on timber productivity instead of land value.

This is an excellent status for land on the Islands, commented the Islands Trust, except that present regulations do not prevent land

Ladies: Eskimos, Strollers; Wednesday Nite: Jokers, Wreckers; Legion: Freeloaders, Atoms, Kingpins; Friday Nite: Southenders.

Next round is the semi-finals to be held here. Rules stipulate a minimum of four teams each shift. A maximum of two substitutes per team are allowed provided the substitutes are the same sex, same league, and carry a similar average.

Procedure for determining winners is based on most pins over team average for three games. The individual's average is to be his or her highest average as of March 1, based on at least 21 games.

We'll be contacting each of the team captains who will in turn be informing team members when to come in to roll off. All roll-offs will be held each Friday nite at 9.00 until every team has bowled their three games. Winners will be announced May 3rd.

Be sure to make every effort to help your team become a winner.... and then on to the finals. More info as it comes in. There will be a dollar surcharge for each bowler to go toward the travelling expenses of the winners.

SALUTE

To the one man who came forward last week to help coach the kids next fall. Where are the rest of you who can help???

being removed from tree-farm status and developed at any time.

The Trust expressed its concern over taxation on the grounds that each time the need for low-density housing, or large lots, is demonstrated, the tax burden on the present or future owner becomes an important consideration, since it greatly increases the cost of owning land.

It is not the intent of the Trust that the islands become a rich man's preserve or a shelter for foreign or other capital willing to pay high prices to buy and hold land.

BALANCE CONTROLS

Problem is to balance land-use controls with the taxation system to avoid prohibitive costs to present owners. It would also enable long-time islands residents to occupy and enjoy the land which their predecessors have cleared and settled.

It is widely contended that increases in land assessments reflect the increased market values. The situation on the islands is different from most of the province, contends the Trust.

The Islands are not a housing resource. They offer benefits to the public as scenic and recreation areas. The maintenance of large land holdings is important to the preservation of the Islands values. This value is enjoyed by all the province and not by the islands alone. The objective of any taxation policy in the islands must be different from other communities.

Problem facing the islands and the Islands Trust is that of preserving open space. Islanders do not want a high level of service from their taxes. A basic rural standard in return for low taxation are quite acceptable.

Recommendations of the Trust provide for methods of encouraging Islands property owners to retain those properties.

PHILOSOPHY

The brief also outlined its philosophy on assessment and taxation. Any system of taxation, went on the brief, should be easily understood by those being taxed, be open to public scrutiny in its administration and be subject to exceptions and appeals to ensure the equity of the system.

"We feel," said the Trust, "that in future all property should be assessed at 100% of market value. Tax relief, incentives and other subsidies should be done outside this basic calculation."

Adjustments in the market value should result from covenants, easements or reserves on the land, covenants or reserves might be placed on some areas in the Islands when any change in land use is proposed which might threaten certain values. Such areas would include those designated in a joint project between the Trust and the Nature Conservancy of Canada as being environmentally unique, especially fragile or having outstanding aesthetic or other qualities.

Such restrictions on the title should be recognized as decreasing market value and should result in a decreased tax levy.

The Trust, finally resuscitated an earlier islands proposal, the transfer of development rights, and urged that the rights be examined with a view to assessing those rights separately from any parcel of land.

Attached to the brief were samples of tax increases in the islands in the past decade.

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DEATHS

REYNOLDS George Edward Reynolds aged 75 yrs of Ganges passed away suddenly Feb. 26, 1976. He is survived by 2 sons Robert in Lumley, Dallas in Squamish, 2 daughters Arlene in Hawaii, Daphne in Winnipeg and 6 grandchildren; also 3 brothers Lloyd, Gavin & Chester, and four sisters, Grace, Nita, Vivian and Lottie.

Funeral services were held 11 am Tues. March 2 in The Ganges United Church, Mr. Fred Sibley officiated. Arrangements by Goodman Funeral Home, Ganges.

ALTON On Feb. 29, 1976 at Lady Minto Hospital, Ganges, Mr. R. Roy Alton of Fulford Harbour. He leaves at home his loving wife, Ruby, also two brothers Richard and Gordon of Burlington, Ontario. He was of an Early Pioneer Family. Private Cremation. Flowers gratefully declined, donations if desired to the Lady Minto Hospital. Arrangements by Goodman Funeral Home, Ganges.

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St. Patrick's Tea, Friday, March 19, 2pm, United Church Hall 8-1

Denis Donnelly - Lutenist. Sunday March 7th - 2pm. Activity Room - Elementary School. Admission: General - \$2. C.A.C. Members - \$1. 8-1

World Day of Prayer St. George's Church. Friday, March 5 - 2pm. Refreshments in Parish Hall following service. Everyone welcome. 8-1

Sydney Banks will be speaking on High Awareness at Mayne Island Agricultural Hall on Saturday, March 6, at 7.30 pm. All interested are welcome. Donation of \$1.50 requested. 8-1

South Salt Spring Resident's Assoc. Annual meeting. Tuesday, March 9th 8 o'clock Nan's Coffee Bar. 8-1

Canadian poet and editor, Gary Geddes, reads from his own work and SKOOKUM WAWA: WRITINGS OF THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST, on Saturday afternoon, March 6th, from 2 - 3pm. Everybody welcome. Volume II will be closed Mondays, March 8th, 15th, and 22nd only. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 10.15 - 5.30 pm. Phone 537-9223 8-1

The Sydney Banks Spiritual Foundation will be holding weekly gatherings at United Church Hall on Fridays at 7.30pm tfn

NOTICE

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 The new store hours will be 10 - 7.30 Tues. to Sun. Inc.
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THE SYDNEY BANKS SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION
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Notice to exhibitors at Artcraft 76: The Gulf Islands Community Arts Council has set the dates for the summer show, June 26 to August 15. This year the policy will be to accept only that work created and produced by the exhibitor. Work produced by commercial kits, patterns or moulds will not be accepted. 8-2

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For administrative purposes, an "active sea-going vessel" is a vessel which is well-founded, seaworthy, and which is in all respects, ready and able to navigate under its own power upon the sea. It is a vessel which is in current use and which does from time-to-time leave the boat basin permitting other vessels the opportunity to lay alongside the floats in its place.

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New home to be completed at \$45,000. Over 1100 sq. ft. in this 3 bedroom house. Situated on a level fully serviced half acre. There is still time to pick out your own colors for decorating. If you wish to finish this home on your own and save costs, bring in an offer on an "as is" basis.

Ocean view home on landscaped lot. Gross taxes before grant \$343.75. This property has a great deal to offer. Priced at only \$58,000. and terms of \$20,000. down. Has two large bedrooms, large living room and pleasant, well-equipped kitchen. Basement garage and workshop area. The view from the living-room and spacious sundeck is over Ganges Harbour. This is an excellent home.

Approximately 1300 sq. ft. in this lovely home overlooking St. Mary's Lake. Sound construction throughout. Main floor features are large bright rooms, two of which open out onto a huge sundeck. Three bedrooms with en suite plumbing in the master bedroom. The living-room dining area and kitchen all face towards the lake. The full size lower floor contains another bedroom, utility room, washroom, rec room and large workshop. There are two fireplaces, both of exceptional design. The carport has an entrance to the lower floor, very handy on rainy days. This home is situated on a nice level lot and could not be duplicated today at the offered price of \$59,500. Terms available on a 9% mortgage.

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Congregation at Mayne church enjoys student's offering

BY ELSIE BROWN

The congregation of St. Mary Magdalene church on Mayne Island was treated to a most inspiring performance by the students from the Music Department of University of Victoria, Sunday morning February 22nd.

Rev. James Daniels introduced the group and the Concert Master, Michel White announced the pieces to be included in the program.

The first item was Sacred Motet by Antonio Vivaldi, vocalist Dennis Goodwin making the rafters ring with his interpretation of the theme.

Following a short service of prayers and hymns the orchestra played Brandenburg Concerto #3, by J.S. Bach.

The following musicians participated in the program: First violinist, Michel White; second violinist Sean Bickerton; third violinist, Toni Stannick.

Violas; first, Nancy Schmidt;

Mark Corwin; third, David Parkinson.

Cellos; first, Gwen Zuker; second Karen Feltham; third, Terry Sturge Organist, Murray Nepstad. Vocalist, Dennis Goodwin.

The young people arrived on the island on the Saturday afternoon ferry and were billeted by George and Ivy Slinn, John and Nancy Rainsford and Phil and Marybelle Jarman.

Foye Miles, assisted by Kay Sinclair, provided breakfast for the group.

Luncheon was served at the Rectory following the service by the members of the W.A. In charge of preparations were president, Mrs. Ethel Burrows and secretary-treas. Mrs. Doris Covey. Assisting were Karen O'Bray and Elsie Brown.

A most enjoyable fellowship with these gifted young people and we hope for a return engagement in the not too distant future.

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POET'S PARTY AT GANGES BOOKSTORE

Gary Geddes, editor of 20th-Century Poetry & Poetics, 15 Canadian Poets, and, most recently, Skookum Wawa: Writings of the Canadian Northwest, has discovered that producing anthologies has some interesting side effects. Not only has he learned more about poetry, Canadians, and the Northwest; he's found out a good deal about writers, publishers, the educational system - and himself.

Gary Geddes will be appearing at Volume II Bookstore in Ganges, on Saturday afternoon, March 6, where, between 2 and 3 pm he will be reading from Skookum Wawa and his own works.

Geddes was born in Vancouver in 1940 and raised there, with the exception of a four year sojourn as a boy on a farm near Yorkton, Saskatchewan. He has worked as a clerk, labourer, water-taxi driver, salesman and lay preacher. He also taught English at the University of Victoria, but is now free-lancing.



He studied at U.B.C., Reading University in England, and the University of Toronto. He is the author of five books of poetry, including Rivers Inlet, Snakeroot, Letter of the Master of Horse, and this year War and Other Measures will appear.

Even with his impressive academic background, Geddes says he does not have a classical education, coming to Homer and Dante late in his career.

His aim is to write for people that he knows. He'd like to write poems his family would understand and would be delighted if his books could be sold as 95 cent paperbacks.

In his enthusiasm for spreading the word on Canadian poetry, Geddes last year gave over 100 readings across the country.

John Helm of Ganges drove his '67 International Travelall van into the ditch Ganges Hill, on Friday morning, when the hill was snow-bound.

RCMP estimated damage at \$200.

Info / Health

Dr. Bob Young

The pelvic exam - who needs it? An article in a recent edition of the British Columbia Medical Journal pointed out the fear and trepidation some women have when faced with this simple procedure. While the article served to remind physicians that patients sometimes dread this examination, it did not reach the audience most concerned, the women themselves.

From the patient's point of view the dislike of the pelvic examination is easily understood. In spite of the so-called sexual revolution, most women have been taught since childhood to maintain their modesty, and exposure of the genital area, particularly to a male, even if he is a physician, may be difficult to accept.

Recently, women's liberation

groups have taken exception to the "male dominance" they feel is inherent in the pelvic exam, and have even promoted do-it-yourself kits for the Pap test -- a dangerous alternative.

Philosophical considerations of possible subconscious (or conscious) implications of the pelvic exam in the minds of some women seldom enter the doctor's mind. Perhaps, at times, they should.

From the physician's point of view, the pelvic or internal exam is an essential part of a general physical examination, and of crucial importance when disease of the "female organs" is suspected. It is also necessary as part of maternity care and as a cancer screening (Pap smear) routine.

Your physician has done so many pelvic exams that the procedure, although done carefully and methodically, has become almost mechanical to him. If the examination ever had any sexual connotations for him they have long since disappeared. As the projectionist in the pornographic movie house said, "It's just a job."

Who needs a pelvic exam? All women should have internal exams at varying intervals during their lifetimes. Every year or two from the mid-twenties to the menopause, less frequently following, before marriage and during pregnancy, and especially if any gynecological disease is suspected.

It is a real medical tragedy when a life is lost or years of suffering are endured because of unwarranted reluctance to undergo a pelvic examination. Even in our enlightened age it still happens too often.

Castlegar. It contains a two-storey communal home and two long, low buildings that house bedrooms and workshops.

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They brought with them to Canada a fierce belief that each man must obey his conscience even if it conflicts with the law, and a strong commitment to a communal way of life.

Ten years later, the Doukhobors were on the move again, this time to British Columbia. Some 5,000 of them moved to the Kootenay-Boundary area, bringing with them their communal way of life. All around Castlegar and Grand Forks, their villages sprang up as they

worked together to create a traditional Doukhobor society.

TIMES CHANGED

But times changed and Doukhobor society changed with them. Half a century later, there were almost no communal villages left and it seemed a way of life had vanished forever.

Then teachers at Selkirk College in Castlegar and local residents formed the Kootenay Doukhobor Kootenay Doukhobor Historic Society in an attempt to preserve something of that way of life. Their main project was the gathering of Doukhobor artifacts and the building of a museum that would show what a Doukhobor communal village had looked like.

The village, all but completed, stands now at Brilliant, just east of



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With this information, a Scuba diving team undertook to dive for the old vessel and recover some part as an interesting souvenir of the greatest marine disaster to hit

Provincial newspaper publishers toured Vancouver Post Office recently. Here they are examining the electronic cancelling machine.

the islands.
Divers could not find the old ship.

A further investigation of the sea bed failed to reveal anything there. Then the truth dawned. Federal government project at Tsehum Harbour had seen great loads of silt hauled away in scows and dumped in deeper water. The dredging of the harbour had filled the deeps. The Iroquois now lies buried at the bottom of the sea, under thousands of tons of sand and silt, never to be revealed again.

Long dead, she is now decently buried.

THIS IS THE LAW



Actor Paul Soles plays the perennially unlucky law-breaker on CBC-TV's long-running panel show *This is The Law*, Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m.

NEWS FROM GALIANO

By W.Liver

Talking with Stanley Jackson in the Corner Store on Saturday, and asked him how he liked his new roof, which 25 young people renewed for him a couple of weeks ago. These young friends completed the job in one afternoon under the supervision of Tom Hennesy and Terry Champion. Stanley said it was nice to hear rain drops falling on the roof.

Have lost my cohort since Betty has become secretary to the Galiano Island Housing Society, she feels that she will be busy enough. It has been great fun working with Betty and I am sure she will help out when needed.

The "Village Market" in Sturdies Bay will be re-opened Friday, March 5.

Marcia Thornycroft, R.N., the Public Health Nurse from Ganges for this area holds a well-baby clinic in the Galiano Hall from 11.15 to noon every fourth Thursday of the month. If you want to contact her in advance, call her office at Ganges, 537-5424, or leave a message at Galiano School.

The World Day of Prayer will be observed at the church on Galiano with a service at 2.30 pm. on Friday, March 5, for and by women of all faiths in the community. Leader will be Mrs. C.E. Morshead and the program has been arranged by the members of St. Margaret's Altar Guild. Afternoon tea will

follow in the Galiano Hall at 3.30 pm to which everyone will be welcome.

The wanderers are beginning to return to the Island. The first ones to return were Bett and Ron Ree and what a welcome back they got - lightning and snow as their ferry docked Wednesday night. They had a marvelous holiday in Mexico, 150 miles north of Acapulco, at a fishing village called Zikuoniejo.

Doris and Norm Russell are back from Hawaii where they spent five weeks on three different Islands.

The Jack Rights are with us again and they have been down in Palm Springs, Sun City, San Diego, Saratoga and they stopped at Bellevue to visit with Florence's sister.

We are very pleased to report that Harry Webster is back on the Island from his sojourn in the Vancouver General Hospital. Must say he looks terrific.

Mona Hardy is spending the week-end with Marg and Fred Robson.

GOLF CLUB NEWS

A "get-acquainted" party to meet our new management will be held on March 12, and we hope old and new members will come to an evening of fun.

Friday, March 6, will be the finals of the Darts tournament. The finalists are Don Baker, Bill Burt-

Saturna Scene by Papajohn

Sunday was a spinster's last chance for four more years!

On Monday night, Feb. 23 our Fire Department had the annual meeting in the hall. Under the capable management of that wizard at figures (her own is pretty good) demure Donna Begon had presented a very nice picture. As the Begons are now living in Richmond, Donna's place is now in the efficient hands of Anne Bavis, who is right at home with mazumma.

Our genially obliging Road Foreman Don Hogg was elected Fire Chief. Everyone heartily agreed that Jim Money and his boys had done a grand job in the past year. More news from our new Fire Chief next week.

THE LIONS LYRE

Talk about good food, we Lions get it! Jan Crooks, Terry Seimanns and Eileen Corkill gave us a turkey dinner and Walter Bavis put on his kilt and carved it for the Generalissimo. Then, after the dinner, Walter in his own inimitable manner thanked the ladies with the whole-hearted backing of us all. Guests were Michael Wesseliuk and Johnny Copeland who is a Lion at large. Our Prez. Tom Davidson being away, Neville Bouch had the chair and had to stand up while talking but he made a good job of presiding over we dingbats. Walter Bavis won Les Crosby's draw. Charter Night will be April 24: more later.

The Gulf Islands Branch of ye B.C. Historical had a very good turnout on Thursday, despite the snow. As we were in Sidney we missed it, but judging by the cars catching the four o'clock ferry there was a good turnout.

The SAD news is a wee bit better this week. George Whiting got his wee wifie home from Resthaven. During last few weeks George has

been on ye Mayne Queen so often he has got to love the old gal (watch out Edie). Ull Barnett is also home from Resthaven and is she glad to be home. Genial Jack Saunders is still in Lady Minto and boy oh boy would he like to be home, too! Not that Lady Minto is not just about the best place he could be, but there is no place like home.

Last night, February 28, our film Magnates Tom Moore and Mike Hayes had a real games night party in the hall to poop up their finances in running a movie every second week in ye hall. It was a wonderful

party and now they feel they can go on giving us a movie every two weeks. The next one, Friday, March 5 will be "Battle of Algiers". Descriptions of these movies are available in both stores and the P.O.

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MAINLY MAYNE

BY ELSIE BROWN

After a prolonged absence I am now back again as correspondent for Mayne Island. News items may be phoned to 539-2480 or written, preferably typed.

Items advertising coming events must be in at least two weeks in advance for those off the island to read about them. Any items of interest, visitors, meetings (not too lengthy) births, deaths and marriages, not necessarily in that order.

Many important events have taken place lately on Mayne, notably the Islands Trust meeting held Saturday, Feb. 21. The hall was filled to capacity which shows that when important decisions have to be made people make an effort to appear on the scene. (Account is to be found elsewhere in Driftwood)

The visit of the young people from the University of Victoria was another event of note and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended the service at St. Mary Magdalene church last Sunday.

Heart Month is always held in February and now Red Cross Month has arrived. The campaign will be well under way when this

item appears and a few more volunteers are needed. Will anyone wishing to canvas please contact me at the above mentioned number. I had hoped someone else would offer to be Campaign Chairman but find I have the job again for 1976. Our quota is \$365. Not a huge sum, but will need everyone's support. When the canvasser calls, please be gracious even if not able to contribute. Thanks for your co-operation!

Silver Mayne's meetings are always held the first Monday in the month and it will be passed being March 1st. A very interesting evening will be held Monday, March 8th when Vic and Edith Griffiths will show slides of their trip to Australia and month-long stay.

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Homeworthy's is a new store full of electrical appliances, lights, fireplaces, clocks, mirrors, and even macrame hangers.

The new store is located at Valcourt Business Centre and involves the combination of both the Fireplace Shop and the Island Light, which once were two separate enterprises.

Proprietor and proprietress are Rick Lane and Arlene Beasley. Islanders may be familiar with Mrs. Beasley as her specialty at

one time was the Island Light.

Rick Lane was born in Saskatchewan and moved 20 years ago to Vancouver. From Vancouver Rick moved to Aldergrove where he had lived until November when he moved to the island.

Arlene was the home-maker in Vancouver until she and husband Chuck threw city living aside and began Island Light.

The new store has articles worthy of the home.

Nature and scenery draw Islanders to hills

BY MARY SYLVANDER

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has again completed a very successful and active year, with ever increasing membership, and attendance on our outings. Membership has risen from 117 members, at the end of 1974, to 147, for 1975.

During the past year we had a gross attendance of 1271 on our outings, the average per outing being 35 persons.

There were 36 outings, and these ranged from easy walks to strenuous hikes. We have found considerable diversity in the interests and abilities of our members, so have arranged a variety of activities to appeal to all.

These include bird watches, flower walks, marine biology excursions along the shore; as well as trips off Island, such as to the Reifle Bird Sanctuary near Ladner, Goldstream Park to watch the salmon spawn, Mt. Sicker to see the old mines; and Sooke to see the petroglyphs and follow the exciting shore-line.

As affiliates of the Federation of B.C. Naturalists, our treasurer has to pay 50 cents per member, per year. This amounted to \$58.50, but we feel that belonging to an organization of this stature, is well worth this cost.

Attendance at conferences and seminars has been kept down to \$34.90, members attending often staying with friends to keep down expenses. Although the cost of stationery, etc. has gone up, we have been able to keep this figure below 1974, i.e. \$56.64, as against \$93.95 in 1974. The highest item in 1975 was the cost of insurance. We

had considered incorporating as a Society, to give this necessary protection, but found that insurance was cheaper and less complicated. Present insurance costs 60 cents per member, totalling \$78 last year. Income exceeded expenses by \$10.79.

We feel that we provide a lot of fun, good companionship and a pleasant, healthful form of exercise and recreation, at a very low cost. We hope that the Recreation Commission can see their way to making a contribution - hopefully that this might be increased from \$50 to \$75 to meet our ever-increasing expenses.

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Grandma's Bonnet

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Who dressed without caring for style at all?
Feeble; majestic; with love, or with fear,
Grandma still ruled in her own little sphere.
I hate to think she's gone for good -
That little old soul in bonnet and shawl.
Children still marry, beget as they should -
Grandmas stay young by wishing they could.

For years I meant to write a sonnet
To a grandma in a velvet bonnet.
It wasn't easy. Fourteen lines of verse,
Five-foot iambic, rhyming made it worse.
But now I've made a start upon it -
She doesn't wear the thing, dog-gone it!

-Grace A. Wright

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