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## Chamber attacks disparity

Salt Spring Island is getting into the gas price picture. On Monday evening the island Chamber of Commerce approved its own enquiry into the high price of gasoline on Salt Spring Island.

President Steve Nelson reported that he has discussed the question with service stations and distributors on the island and that he wants the Chamber to express its concern over the gasoline price differential obtaining between the islands and Vancouver Island. He is satisfied that the fault does not lie with island operators.

The Chamber will ask the oil companies to make a special allowance for island consumers. The minister of consumers' affairs will also be consulted in the enquiry.

## Hawk grabs man's hand

A Salt Spring Island man nearly lost his hand to a marauding bird last week.

Howard Byron, of Fulford, was attending to pheasants in his care, when he found a blackbird enmeshed in the fishnet protecting the pheasants.

He worked to release the small bird but his eye was not the only one to see the incident. As he fingered the net, a hawk flashed down and grabbed his hand. The predator plunged its talons into Byron's hand while seeking to attack the smaller bird with its beak.

The pheasants were protected by the net and the injured hand was protected by nothing.

Both hawk and black bird got away, independently.

## CANADA WORKS PROGRAM

# Douglas intervenes, approves three rejected applications

(See story on second front, page 17)

In a surprise announcement, this week, MP Tommy Douglas approved three rejected applications for grants under the new federal Canada Works program.

Jake Lieberer, counsellor of the job creation branch, Canada Manpower, informed Marg Simons, Bryan Smith and Louise Beyk, of Ganges, this week that their applications were reviewed by the Nanaimo-Islands MP, and have now been approved.

He stated that they can start their programs as soon as they are organized. The grants, however, can not go beyond July 2, 1977.

Marg Simons project, "Service for Seniors", applied for under the umbrella of the Salt Spring Island Community Society



CHARLIE BALTZER

## Baltzer is chairman of school board

A veteran school trustee, Charlie Baltzer, was elected chairman of Gulf Islands District 64 school board at the inaugural meeting Thursday.

He is a former chairman of the board, having served in that capacity for three years, from 1973 to 1975.

As chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, he has been busily involved in the current school construction program during the past year.

He replaces Trustee Ann Foerster as chairman, a post she said she was unable to accept this year.

Baltzer has been involved in school affairs for 14 years, as a trustee for Salt Spring and at Maple Ridge in the Fraser Valley, where he was also board chairman for several terms.

Named vice-chairman by acclamation was Trustee Tom Davidson of Saturna Island.

In one of his first official duties as the newly elected chairman, Baltzer appointed new Trustee Ivan Mouat chairman of the finance committee.

Baltzer said he would appoint chairmen of other committees at the Jan. 20 meeting of the school board.

will employ a total of about five persons.

The first phase will be devoted to creating diversional activities for the elderly either in their own homes or in a community centre setting. Transportation for regular trips was not approved but an occasional urgent trip will be permissible.

The second part will involve taping interviews with the elderly for the exchange of valuable data and information and at a later date, it is expected a booklet will be prepared. Her budget runs to about \$17,000.

Bryan Smith's project, "Handicapped Resources Centre", can also start as soon as possible but it must terminate by July 2.

Smith will try to obtain a spare room at the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital to establish an

## REGIONAL BOARD RECOMMENDS

# No more commercial zoning to be permitted at lake

No further commercial development will be countenanced on St. Mary Lake, Salt Spring Island

## Society to elect board members

Salt Spring Island Community Society will elect eight new board members for 1977 at the annual general meeting to be held on Feb. 9.

At present the nominating committee, Lois Phillips, Peter McCalman, and Roma Sturdy are seeking individuals interested in filling the vacated positions.

Those whose terms expire this year include: President Michael Hogan, Hank Schubart, Ione Guthrie, Harold Hoffman, Bill Luker, Guille Lebresco, and Dorothy Sneddon. Entering their second year of two-year terms are Vice-President Gail Secor, Treasurer Lois Phillips, Peter McCalman, Eric Donnelly, Phyllis Coleman, Jonathan Yardley and May Jones.

Eligible voters are members in good standing. Any person residing on Salt Spring Island for at least six months each year may become a member by registering with the society by Jan. 31. Current members must also re-register. Registrations will be accepted at the community worker's office in the Community Centre (on Ganges Hill across from the RCMP station), by letter addressed to the Community Society, Box 1106, Ganges.

## Chamber to look at its bylaws

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is taking a close look at itself. Chamber by-laws will be debated at the next general meeting

Chamber of Commerce was told on Monday evening.

Regional Director George Heinekey stated that the Capital Regional Board has recommended against such development in the light of its use as a source of domestic water.

"What do we want of our lakes?" asked Pat Baines, chairman of the recreation committee of the Chamber. "It has been

talked about for years, he observed, but there is still no unanimous opinion.

The regional director also reported that health regulations now prohibit the construction of a septic tank within 300 feet of a lake shore. This provision cannot be retroactive, he admitted. Nevertheless, when a change is needed in a sewage disposal system it must then be adapted to come within the new regulations.

## EVERYONE IS APPALLED

### But nobody does anything about it

Everyone is appalled at the problems of St. Mary Lake. But nobody ever does anything about it.

Mrs. Gladys Lee told the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce on Monday evening that when she showed her assessment and property to provincial officials they were appalled at the high rate of tax and encroachment of the government owned swimming beach onto the resort property.

John and Gladys Lee are proprietors of Blue Gables Resort.

When she complained of the traffic hazard on the road outside, highways personnel were appalled reported Mrs. Lee. Nothing

was done about it.

## WASHING DIAPERS

When she protested people washing and cleaning diapers in the lake, the health and water authorities were appalled. Nobody took any action.

This has been the problem for a long time, she told the Chamber. There is wide and anxious concern, but never any action.

Mrs. Lee was protesting the dangerous turn in the road near Blue Gables as well as the highways department beach access which is used by members of the public to the detriment of lake facilities and guests at the resort.

She gained the sympathetic ear of Regional Director George Heinekey.

## Boy hit by truck; condition 'improving'

Benjamin Clarke, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clarke of North End Road, was injured last Thursday evening when he was struck by a truck near Cedar Beach Resort at St. Mary Lake.

He was rushed by ambulance to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, and then transferred by ferry to the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

The boy received severe head injuries and bruises.

His grandmother, Mrs. Jean Clarke of Vancouver, who is staying at the Clarke's home in Ganges, said that his condition in the intensive care unit, "is improving, though he still has not regained consciousness".

"A great wave of love is coming from everyone on the island," she said, "and they're praying for the recovery of my grandson."

Benjamin's parents are staying in Victoria keeping vigil over their son's progress in hospital.

Police said the accident occurred about 5 pm when young Benjamin was taking his friend, Ryan Galt, home across North End Road.

Benjamin was struck at dusk when he apparently ran into the path of an oncoming truck, driven

by Brian Cunningham of Ganges, police said.

Police are continuing their investigation of the accident.

## Health care course set for seniors

Eight-week course entitled "Health Care for Seniors" will be held at the nurses' residence lodge at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital starting Thursday, Jan. 20, sponsored by the St. John Ambulance Society.

The first session will get under way at 1.30 pm with Margo Harrison, RN, in charge of the class.

The course, funded by Local Initiative Program grant, will include instruction in first aid, process of aging, health home care, taking of medication safely and nutrition lessons.

"The sessions are intended to help elderly people by stressing self-reliance," said Margo Harrison. "It is essentially a preventative health program for seniors."

Registration is not required and there will be no fee charged for the course.

# IMPRESSIONS OF JAPAN . . . Michele Layard writes to friends

By MICHELE LAYARD

I have been in Japan since August 20, as part of an invasion of 88 Rotary exchange students from Canada and the United States. My stay in Japan (until July 15, 1977) is sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club, and while here I am hosted by the Shibata-machi Club.

Shibata-machi is in Miyagi-ken, and has a population of 30,000. It is divided into two smaller communities, Tsukinoki and Funaoka. I have just moved to the latter to be with my second host family.

My first family live in the suburbs of Tsukinoki, about six kilometres from the town itself, a distance which I cycled twice daily for three months, rain or shine, with two friends who go to the same school.

Their house is vast by Japanese standards, and has been the home of four generations of Onumas. It was originally a "miso" factory, but now the stone outbuildings store the rice harvested every year from the surrounding fields. ("Miso" is the bean paste used in "miso" soup, a staple of the Japanese diet).

The family consists of the two parents, the paternal grandmother (as is the custom in Japan), three children, and Oba-san.

Oba-san is a hard lady to put a label on; she does a little of everything, cooking, sewing, gardening, story-telling, massaging and worrying. Although she doesn't officially belong to the family, she has a vote in family matters and the children hold a great respect for her.

### SCHOOL IS NOT EASY!

Fall semester started on August 26, by which time I knew a little more than "Good morning" and "Please".

Not intended in a derogatory manner, but Japanese high school makes Gulf Islands Secondary School look like a day-care centre. There is absolutely nothing easy about it.

Statistics show that 10% of the students are behind in class-work by the end of first grade elementary school, and this trend grows proportionately until the end of junior schooling, (Canadian equivalent being Grade Nine) at which point 90% of the students are not at the level the Ministry of Education believes they should be. A student must take ten classes each high school semester, nine of which, usually, are not his or her own choice.

The whole system would seem to centre around one factor - examinations.

Tests start from personality competitions for three-year-olds, whose mothers want them in the best nursery schools, right up to the college graduation exams.

One of the biggest seems to be the college entrance test, in the last part of high school. The pressure is really coming from all directions getting a student ready for this all-important judgment.

### THE JUKU TO START

There is a phenomenon here which does not, as far as I know, exist in Canada. It is the "juku", which is an after-school privately operated school which provided extra lessons for those who wish to prepare ahead of time for entrance exams.

Complicating this a little further, there are small, second-rate "juku" to prepare the student to write an exam enabling him to enter the first-class "juku" which, in turn, supposedly gives him the ability to pass the entrance exam into a normal, public school.

An example of this; in Tokyo there exists a very popular (and probably outrageously expensive) "juku" which presently has an

enrolment of 20,000 and a waiting list of up to 2,000.

The pressures to get into a "good school" and once there, to excel, are immense. Not everybody makes it. I know several students in the hospital with ulcers from studying like crazy, and then failing the exam. The period between February and March, when college entrance

## ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT:

Editor, Driftwood:

Here is a self-explanatory article giving a few of my impressions and experiences while in Japan.

In writing this, I tried to stay away from the travel brochure and encyclopedia type descriptions of Japan, but rather give a little insight towards the people.

Nonie Guthrie wrote a series of beautiful articles in the fall which told of her and Caroline Hamilton's sojourn to the Far East, and I couldn't possibly hope to write in her very special and amusing style.

My parents mail me the Driftwood quite regularly; it always makes me just a little homesick to read about everyone moving around in their same little island circles.

I hope this article is publishable; it would certainly excuse me from writing back to every single person who has written to me!

Michele Layard

exams are taken, is known by the students as "examination hell".

So far I have painted a very negative picture. Contrary to all the evidence, the Japanese students are the happiest, most carefree group of people I have ever met. Their lives have single purpose up until the end of college, to do well in school.

They are not expected (and are generally discouraged) by parents and teachers, alike, to undertake any form of employment and are usually supported financially by the former until the end of college.

Being products of this slightly unreal environment, they are not as mature as North American teen-agers tend to be, but on the same note the juvenile crime rate is much lower in Japan.

The clubs at school are attended religiously every day; ham radio, classical guitar, tea ceremony, calligraphy, "shodo" (Japanese brushwork), swimming and skiing (seasonally), "kendo" (Japanese fencing), Red Cross, sports, drama, travel, computer and judo are some of the 35 in existence.

For the first month I was dragged daily to a different club, and after trying almost everything I was given the dubious honour of heading the English Speaking Society.

### THREE-YEAR-OLD?

Half of my time at school I attend classes with the 11th graders, and the other half I receive private lessons in Japanese, both conversation and writing.

As far as my mastery of the characters goes, Aoi-san, my eight-year-old sister, is two years ahead of me. I understand the basics of what I hear every day, but it is rather difficult to express myself without sounding like a

well-educated three-year-old.

Like a lot of things here, the grammar is completely backwards to what I know. Through spending no less than ten hours a day at the school, my Japanese is gradually improving.

Trains are very important things in this little country. If you ask someone how far it is to such and such a place, chances are the answer will be, "Two kilometres from the station...."

You go to school and to work on the train, visit, study, read, sleep and sometimes even eat on the train - (The Japanese have an amazing faculty of putting everything to dual use).

In the crowds, there is an alternative to shoving - floating. One has to get right into the thick of things, then relax and let everyone else do the work. One disadvantage to this is that you run into some of the really dangerous types - old ladies.

No matter how sweet they are, usually, they become quite sinister when travelling and never hesitate to attack someone blocking their way. They never look directly at their "opponent", but push, hit and shove their way steadily through the crowd until they get where they are going - then suddenly they are all smiles and bows again.

Anyone with the slightest sense of self-preservation makes way for them.

### TRAINS NEVER FULL

If one happens to get on the tail end of a crowd, then the worst is to be expected.

The JNR (Japan National Railways) people work on the assumption that a train in never full, and take great delight in proving their theory.

More than once I have had two grinning conductors pushing with all their might to fit one more person (me) inside, before the doors automatically swish shut.

The object of the game is not to leave any part of one's person on the wrong side of the door when it closes. What amazed me at first is the way this is regarded merely as a facet of everyday life. Now, gradually, I am learning to chat normally with friends while someone's face is squashed against my back, only one foot is on the ground, and a briefcase is reshaping my knees.

A lot of things are contrary to what I'm used to. One drives on the left (although I have yet to witness an instance giving me reason to believe the Japanese themselves are aware of this).

After a bath one dries with a wet towel and generally, if they are really sad, they hide it with the widest of smiles.

It sort of grows on you after a while; I even say No when I mean

Yes in answer to a negatively posed question, "Wouldn't you like some tea?" - "No, I would". **ACCEPTED AT LAST!**

For so long, people have regarded Japan as an object of cultural curiosity; and rightly so in many ways, but the people themselves have so much to offer.

Now that I'm past the gawking stage - raw fish, Fuji-san, kimonos - I feel more a member of the community.

People say "Hello", instead of zeroing in on my feet or nose. They don't hang up when I answer the phone, (very discouraging), but take the time to speak slowly in conventional Japanese which, for the most part, I can understand.

The neighbourhood children have unanimously decided that despite my size I don't eat children, and now once a week I hold an English class for them.

The centenarian(?) postmaster discusses the weather with me in a colloquial northern dialect that makes absolutely no sense, and the milkman gives me a free carton of yogurt every three days; I have been accepted! It's a good feeling!

Two things brought to mind when one endeavours to conjure up a picture of Oriental people. We are, unfortunately, guilty of lumping the Chinese and Japanese people together, and although their cultural origins are the same, their contemporary lifestyles, customs and language are quite different.

Bowing. It's almost as natural as breathing. But until you get used to it, lot's of things happen. E.g. - my Japanese mother pauses slightly ahead of me to greet a guest, I don't stop and we both end up wearing the tray of food!

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It's so easy to get lost! Like in Vancouver. I almost always get lost in Vancouver. In fact, in a city like Vancouver, maybe the best thing is to get lost. So I went to the airport, along the road that leads to the airport. You couldn't miss it. Every few feet there's a sign that says Airport Terminal, or something like that, until you get to the airport. So you meet your visitors and you drive away. There are three signs. One says Vancouver, another says Airport South and a third says Richmond Centre. So which one do you take? I took Vancouver for a starter. A mile or so from the airport I did an evil U-ey and headed back out. At the airport I did another U-ey and hoped no one was looking. So I headed for Richmond Centre. A quarter-hour later and after miles of looking for signs on any road we could find I stopped at a service station. The operator explained how to get there and assured me it would take enough time to guarantee I'd miss my ferry. I missed my ferry. I am appealing to both governments, because the unfortunate citizen rarely knows for sure whether he's being screwed up by Ottawa or Victoria, please tell us how to get from Vancouver Airport to the ferry for Victoria and the Islands. Mr. Trudeau may well know. But couldn't you let us in on the deal? The opposition must know, because we know they know everything else. They've told us. But couldn't you just tell us how we get home from the airport? I would even have voted Tory on Sunday night if a good Conservative had crawled out of the brush to tell us how to get home. I mean, how will I get home next time? Because I still don't know how to drive from the airport to the ferry. There is not even a chalk mark or a good sample of graffiti to tell me where to go.

diet. It saves a lot of money, the travellers are rarely in his constituency and we're mostly hog-fat anyway. The other day I went from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen. I couldn't get up early enough to catch the Sidney. While I was following the birds to Vancouver I was stupid enough to order chocolate cake. Take my advice, don't. It is of the earth, aged and earthy. Jack Davis should stand there on the ferry with his head hanging in shame. That was the worst I have ever tasted. I can't argue the chocolate. It was brown so I'll take it as chocolate. But cake? Never! I daren't sully your ears with what I figure it was. If Jack were half the man his colleagues claim he is, he would personally go out to the terminal and shoot every chocolate cake on board that tasted like that! Then I ate turkey. Hot turkey, it was. I'm not knocking the hotness. Not even the turkeyness: it was unquestionably turkey. But it had been cooked long ago, judging by the flavour. It must have been kept carefully at a critical temperature for several weeks. It had all the rich, real turkey flavour of a wet dish rag. For days, perhaps months: even years....the flavour was carefully boiled out. Smilin' Jack should watch that the taste appeal doesn't fall below the un-critical expectancy of the average disillusioned traveller. It might do something if he don't!

For the first time, ever, I was reading last Sunday's London Observer last Sunday, at Ganges. The Sunday paper came here in the possession of a visitor who flew in to Vancouver on Sunday afternoon. He had purchased the paper the same morning in London.

There's been a run of "colourful white sales" in Victoria lately. I would surely like to see one!

It was a fairy tale. Published in 1915 in Britain, it told all about postal service in those tough old days in Plymouth. Like there were only four mail deliveries a day in that sailor's town as long as there was a war on. In 1913, when the war hadn't started, there had been mail deliveries in the town at 7 am, 10.45 am, 2.45 pm, 5.30 pm and 8.50 pm. For the war years the postal authorities had clamped down. There were deliveries at only 7 am, 11 am, 3 pm and 7.30 pm. There were some letters to the papers about that, you can bet! The same fairy tale reported that mail to Vancouver would take 13 days. That's better than from Toronto today!

Forests cover about 28% of the world's land area.

# Campbell again heads Capital Regional Board

Jim Campbell of Saturna has again been named chairman of the Capital Regional District Board.

He was re-elected by acclamation at the inaugural meeting of the board on Wednesday of last week, in Victoria.

Director Murray Glazier was elected vice-chairman of the board.

Art Young, director for Esquimalt, was named chairman of the Regional District Hospital Board.

Director George Heinekey of Ganges was re-appointed chairman of the planning and zoning committee of the board.

Since its inception a decade ago, the board has quietly come of age.

Operating on a modest budget of just under \$400,000 and with a single full-time employee, it

looked after parks acquisition and fireworks control.

But the board doubled, tripled, then increased a hundredfold in size and scope--and kept on growing.

Now with a \$10.5 million budget and 251 full-time employees, its influence reaches into the lives of every taxpayer. Sewage collection and disposal, solid waste disposal, hospitals and

health come under the regional umbrella.

Directors have responsibility for planning and zoning and building inspection in the unorganized areas of Salt Spring Island and the Outer Gulf Islands. View Royal, Langford, Metchosin, Sooke, Colwood, for recreation centres in some unorganized areas, and for the water supply to the Saanich Peninsula.

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## Trail, Nature Club schedule

Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club announces its schedule for January.

Jan. 18--Nose Point, a combined walk and hike. Leader Joan Millner. Meet at Fulford Drive Inn at 9:30 a.m.; Ganges Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 25--Sheppard Hills and plateau, a combined walk and hike. Leader is Mary Sylvander. Meet at Fulford Drive Inn at 9:30 a.m.; Ganges Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.

The annual general meeting of the Trail and Nature Club will be held in St. George's Parish Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 8:00 p.m.

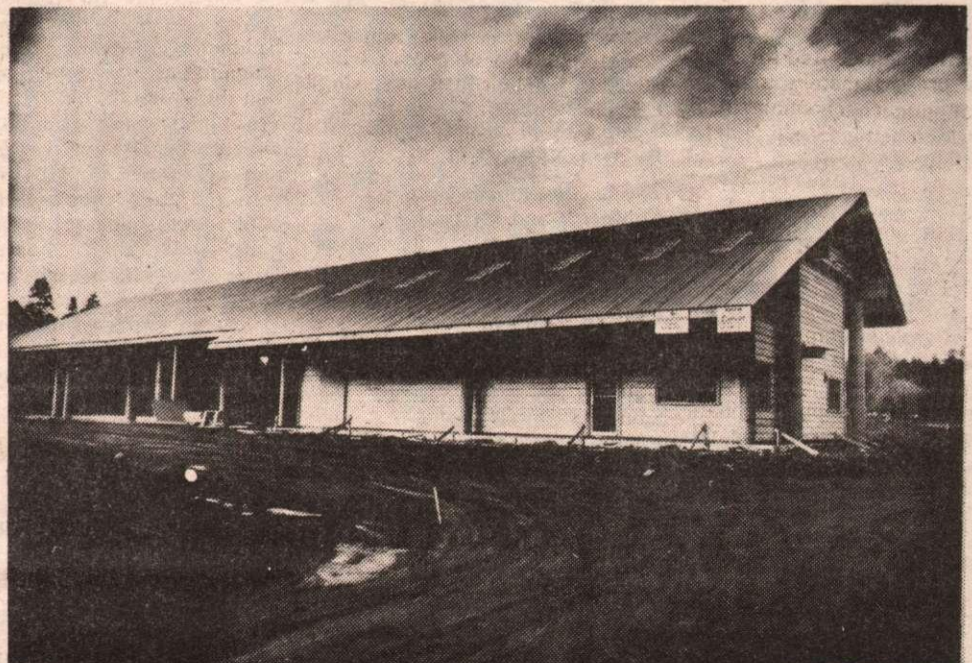
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The other time I came to grief was at the University of Victoria. I was attending a graduate street-sweepers conference the other day. I found my way alright and I left. As I drove round the University Maze I was greeted with the sign Henderson Road. I didn't know Henderson Road or anything about it. I wanted Henderson Road like I wanted a steak of wet fish. So I went the other way. And I enjoyed a leisurely drive all round the campus again because there was no one to tell me that Henderson Road is Victorian for Way Out.

Meals are expensive. It is now costing me so much to eat that I am putting my wife on a diet. Same like Jack Davis and the ferries. He doesn't like the way it costs and he's put the galleys on a

By Cedric Barker



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# EDITORIALS

## Dogs running uncontrolled

In the past few weeks incidents of dogs running uncontrolled, harassing deer and killing sheep outright, have alarmed many people, not only on Salt Spring Island but also in the Outer Islands.

It is not a problem that has suddenly appeared; it has persisted over the years to plague both residents and farmers on the islands.

The seriousness of roaming dogs turning vicious has been stressed in warnings issued recently by sheep breeders on this island. We are referring, in particular, to the recent killing by dogs of five sheep belonging to Joyce Hartwig of Ganges. At that time she was willing to show the "massacre of her sheep to people who feel their animals should run free." No dog-owner apparently took up her offer to view the mangled bloody bodies of the dead sheep she buried. It was a lesson that few of them wanted to heed.

The problem will not be solved by a sudden round-up of dogs wandering uncontrolled in the area. Besides, what agency is functioning on the island capable of undertaking this onerous and almost impossible task. There is none. And certainly our police are not ready to assume that responsibility by lessening their policing duties.

However, there is one obvious method of halting dogs from running free on our island. It is designed especially for those dog-owners who feel they cannot afford the spaying of their family pet, or who are unwilling to restrain their wayward animals. This device is not new or revolutionary, but has been given the test of time.

It can be obtained without a prescription at many local stores.

Many satisfied, responsible pet-owners report that, if properly used, it prevents a host of unwanted problems.

Ask for it by name at your neighborhood store. Remember, it's called --- a leash.

So until dog-owners are prepared to control their dogs at home or keep them fenced, if need be, farmers and residents will continue to face the menace of unfettered and growing dog population.

## A learning experience

Editor, Driftwood:

Sir - Please allow me to publicly express my gratitude to all those who rallied to our support in our recent bereavement. My mother was much loved in life, and this becomes more evident as tributes pour in after her death.

If I have failed to thank any who expressed their sympathy and love in writing or by attending her funeral, I would like this letter to make up for my deficiency.

I want to pay public tribute to Dr. Vern McEachern for the beautiful and joyous service (with music provided by his talented wife, Dorothy) and to "Goodie", whose personal qualities added to his professionalism make him such a blessing to sorrowing families.

Also I want to thank all who contributed to the "Death and Dying" series last fall. Without the resource people and fellow students I would have been unable to understand, participate in and accept mother's death as a growing, learning and reinforcing experience. Because of what I learned in the course I was able to communicate with mother after a stroke had left her speechless. I was able to complete things which would otherwise have been left undone and unspoken. We involved our children, both in saying goodbye to her before she died, which brought her great joy and peace, and in her funeral, which was a blessing to us all.

Sometimes faith is not enough. Knowledge gained by others' experience is invaluable, and Dr. Kubler-Ross has enriched all who have learned from her. I urge your readers to participate in any future "Death and Dying" courses and to refute the accusations of morbidity which some of us heard. I want to pay tribute to Peter McCalman, Nonie Guthrie, David Wooldridge, Virginia Newman, and all the others who organized and took part. They played a significant and wonderful part in my life and my mother's death. On behalf of her and my family, I thank them all.

Mary C. Williamson  
RR 1, Ganges, B.C.

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By A.M. SPENCER

The hectic preparations,  
Confusion and frustrations,  
Are over for a year.  
The gala celebrations,  
With copious potatoes,  
Left but a misted blur.  
The annual joy and gladness  
Does help allay the sadness  
And aid dull skies to clear.  
Some, in contemplation,  
Prayed for every Nation  
That Peace would soon be near.  
In lieu of presentations  
Some made their donations  
To bring bleak lives great cheer.  
Fond families met together,  
Regardless of the weather,  
Close ties to twine more dear;  
Christian love expressing,  
Invoked a fervent blessing  
Upon the brand New Year.

## THE GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD



Can we go play in the hay?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Writer's statements give false impression about role of wolves

Editor, Driftwood:

Sir: Recently you published an article written by Lillian Horsdal, in which she gave readers her views on the wolf population of our land.

In my opinion, the article was ridiculous, so I sent it to the B.C. Wildlife Branch for a proper rebuttal.

Their policy does not permit replies directly to papers on "emotional issues," (their quote). So I enclose their reply, which should be printed in its entirety.

It should correct the misinformation Lillian Horsdal and you have published in Driftwood on this subject.

E. B. Robinson,  
RR3 Old Scott Rd.,  
Ganges, B.C.

Sir: Thank you for your letter of Nov. 15 and attached clipping from the Gulf Islands Driftwood.

The article by Lillian Horsdal certainly conveys a false impression of the role wolves play in the ecosystem. Predators such as wolves do not limit their prey species. On the contrary, the availability of food (prey) limits the predator population. Neither do wolves kill for the "joy of killing." Wildlife biologists have determined that wolves are highly efficient and provident hunters that consume what they kill. True, they will often kill an animal—usually one that is weak and would not survive the winter—and leave it for several days before returning to feed. This habit has perhaps created the myth that wolves are wasteful killers.

It is entirely incorrect to suggest that "Future generations of children will see only wolves—no moose, caribou, mountain sheep, nor goats." If the populations of these species decline (as they may well do unless we vigilantly protect their habitat) then their predators, including wolves, will also decline in number. Without moose, deer, caribou, and mountain sheep, there would be no wolves.

Adjectives such as "kindly", "light-hearted", "clever", and "crafty" that appear in the article tend to anthropomorphize wolves. Above all, we should remember

that they are wild animals that have evolved over millions of years apart from Man, and as such they are not subject to Man's value systems, except, perhaps in livestock areas where the two species are in conflict or competition. Even then, wolves seldom attack horses and cattle, and these attacks usually occur in marginal areas which are not good agricultural or farming lands, and where animal husbandry techniques are often inadequate. In these areas, it could well be argued, Man has infringed upon the wolves' habitat.

Nevertheless, the fish and wildlife branch recognizes its responsibility not only to protect wildlife but also to protect humans and their livelihood from wildlife damage. This is why the branch now permits the trapping of wolves in northern areas of the province, where they have been a problem in recent years. Wolves are also hunted as a big game animal with a provincial bag limit of three per hunter per year. The statement in the article that "these predators are still on the protected list" creates the impression that hunting and trapping for these animals is strictly forbidden.

The argument that the moose is a more "noble" animal than the wolf seems to again presume that Man's personal values (often economic) extend to nature as a whole. It seems more appropriate to argue that both moose and wolf fill their own niche in the wild and that both are ultimately dependent on one another for survival.

I have not sent a copy of this letter to the Driftwood as it is not our policy to respond in the media to emotional issues such as this which experience has shown cannot be argued successfully on a factual basis.

I have sent a copy of your letter and my reply to Dr. D. Hebert, regional wildlife biologist in Nanaimo.

R.J. Stevens  
Public Information Officer  
Fish and Wildlife Branch  
Dept. of Recreation and Travel  
Victoria, B.C.

### Want to recognize plant collector

Editor, Driftwood:

Sir - At the present time, I am assisting Dr. C. D. Bird, University of Calgary, in compiling a list of vascular plants to be found on Salt Spring Island. We hope that, eventually, the plant list will be published and so made available to the public.

A former resident of Salt Spring, who we believe at one time resided on Beddis Road, the late T. R. Ashlee, made quite a collection of plants in the early '50's, and later donated them to

the University of Victoria.

We feel that Mr. Ashlee's contribution to the plant list should be recognized with a biographical sketch in the proposed publication.

If any of your readers has any knowledge concerning Mr. Ashlee, we would appreciate knowing about it. They may contact me by phone (537-2926) or at the address below.

I.C.Shank,  
Box 327,  
Ganges, B.C.

## Down through the years

From Driftwood Files

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

A rash of quietly conducted land purchases on Salt Spring Island has resulted in virtually unknown German nationals acquiring over 3,000 acres of land on this island. This is about seven per cent of all the land on Salt Spring Island. It is estimated that \$1,000,000 is involved in these purchases which includes Moresby Island. Some of the land has been registered in the name of Prinz Von Thurn and Taxis Johannes.

Gil Humphreys, of Salt Spring was elected as chairman of the school board at the first meeting of 1962 held last Tuesday evening at the school board offices. George Heinekey of the island is the retiring chairman. J.M. Campbell, Saturna Island, was elected vice-chairman.

The new year was let in with a splash at Scott Point Marina in their heated pool. Guests arrived in home-made "Gay 90's" swim suits and other outfits. However, at Fulford Hall only six young people came through the doors at midnight to usher in the new year. It was a big disappointment for Bea Hamilton, Doug Dane, Gladys and Bill Shaw, Mrs. Gyves and others. There were stacks of food waiting but no customers. Doug started the recorded music and the six youngsters had a good time and that made up for the disappointment of the evening.

### TEN YEARS AGO

How far from the islands is the hovercraft? Many years, says Highways Minister P.A. Gaglardi. Very close, says the spokesman for Bell Aerosystems. Bell builds hovercraft and Mr. Gaglardi may be the logical buyer.

An 87-year-old man, who is disabled with a heart condition, was denied transport between the ticket office and the ferry at Swartz Bay and he and his wife were compelled to take the long walk way to the boat. Their daughter protested to ferry officials and they apologized, describing the incident as a "breakdown in communications."

Salt Spring Public Library is now entirely free of debt, Dr. O.L. Stanton, chairman, announced at the annual meeting of the Salt Spring Public Library Association, held Monday in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Ganges. The secretary of the association, John R. Sturdy, reported that of the 47 public associations in B.C., the Salt Spring Library had the eighth largest stock of books available, was 19th in circulation and 20th in membership.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is at the cross-roads. At one time an active community organization, the Chamber has been characterized by less interest from the community. At the annual general meeting on Wednesday, the Chamber will either elect a new slate of officers or it will sink into oblivion. President Frank Richards stated that he will entertain a motion to close its operations either temporarily or permanently, if the interest or businessmen continues at its low level.

Only one man in the province completed all four programs of the Centennial Physical Fitness Program. Bill Arnold, of Fulford, walked, ran, cycled and swam. He is an athlete on four counts. David Roberts of Ganges completed the 700 mile cycling program. Roberts will get a centennial medal while Arnold will get four.

## Gulf Islands Driftwood

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# ISLANDERS AT WORK

BY BRYAN SMITH

## He combines boat building with house finishing

'Jack of all trades and master of none' is a well known and hackneyed phrase and may well be applicable in certain instances. It certainly isn't true where Erling Jorgensen is concerned.

He is the sole operator of the Finitex business. His wife, Phyllis, suggested the name of "Finitex" and it means in effect 'the finishing of texture'. And in Erling's case, it is mainly wood.

He builds boats, houses, cabinets and finishes woodwork in the interior of homes. He built his own home in Wildwood Crescent,

including exterior and interior. A black and white photograph does not do justice to the beautiful furniture and kitchen cabinets within the home.

### FROM DENMARK

Erling hails from Denmark and came to Salt Spring with his parents in 1957. At that time they lived at Musgrave Landing and Erling drove the jeep to school in Ganges.

Following graduation he went across to Maple Bay and learned to become a shipwright. Boats, custom made, was not a full time

career and he took to plumbing and worked in Duncan for two years. Then back to Salt Spring in 1970 where he continued to combine boat building with his skill as an interior finisher.

For a time he was associated with Feature Construction Co. Currently he is kept busy at cabinet making, panelling, and interior finishing and has worked lined up until February, 1977.

### INVOLVED

He is also involved in the community as a member of the

Salt Spring Fire Brigade, as an auxiliary policeman, and as an ambulance attendant. Add to that he is an executive of the Lions Club. You can see he works a 72 hour week. He modestly declares that all this community involvement is his sole hobby.

Phyllis Jorgensen maintains

his calendar of appointments. They have two girls and they hope they are settled in Ganges for life. With his hard work, and the quality of his work, plus his dedicated involvement in community affairs, Erling and his family are "wood-locked" permanently to this island.



Erling and Phyllis Jorgensen at home

## Board committee to set core curriculum meetings

District 64 School Trustee Ann Foerster was appointed chairman of the 1977 educational curriculum committee at a meeting of the board last week.

The appointment was made by Charlie Baltzer, school board chairman.

One of Trustee Foerster's first

jobs will be to arrange public meetings at which parents and students may discuss the core curriculum announced by the provincial department of education.

Booklets describing the core curriculum are now being distributed to schools and parents in the Gulf Islands school district.

District Superintendent Bob Huestis submitted a list of tentative dates for the public meetings.

Trustees considered that the education department was "bypassing the board" in urging school superintendents and

principals to select the meeting dates and establish the discussion procedures which have already been worked out tentatively by the board's curriculum committee.

The district superintendent said that this was not the intention of his department, though he had been instructed to get the core curriculum meetings "off the ground"

The curriculum committee will also consider a locally developed life-time sports course, recommended by Robert McWhirter, principal of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

### ON AND OFF THE ISLAND

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dodds of Ganges over the holiday season were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dodds, Jr., and their children, Danny and baby Denise, from Fort McMurray, Alberta.

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Mr. and Mrs. P.G. James of Vesuvius Bay have returned after two months holiday in Ottawa and Toronto.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woolley have returned from a trip to the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California.

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**THAT'S BRITAIN TODAY**

*Sure, they got problems  
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**BY FRANK RICHARDS**

First thing you see is the traffic. It is the God-given right of every Englishman to pass the car in front. And mostly they do. Then you see the cities and the waste paper, cigarette cartons, candy wrappers, everywhere. These things put you off the British scene at first. But after that, you find the English countryside: the Welsh valleys and you realize that not every charm has been sacrificed to the urgency of movement and haste.

**Tough  
times  
and  
fine old  
homes**

The long, narrow, winding country roads; the black and white timbered cottages; the country pubs with their great fireplaces and oaken walls; the massive ancient family homes, as big as a fair-sized department store and mostly falling apart; all these things hold you and more than compensate for the modern atrocities committed on a rural land. Britain is great!

**EVERYBODY ASKS**

How is Britain? The same question is asked wherever I go. Britain is as it ever was, suffering from a disease of the economy, but still standing ready to introduce the visitor to a whole library of history.

That's the credit side of the ledger. That's why people still swarm to the country to tour, to examine, to study or simply to enjoy a trip into another world entirely.

On the debit side is the state of the economy.

It pays to go to Britain right now because of the falling pound. You can buy cheaply and live cheaply. If you happen to be British, it is not so easy to live and buy cheaply. I saw no real hardship.

And there's the rub! After several decades of steering the unfortunate away from her ship, the administration has come round in a circle. The elimination

of hardship through social services has reached the stage where the nation can no longer afford the high cost of help, without imposing real hardship on all the populace.

**EVERYBODY IS HELPED**

Britain helps everybody. There are extensive government staffs whose sole function is to explain to each member of the community what special grants and moneys and aids he might be entitled to.

This government generosity might just have worked if there had been no oil crisis. The two have sapped every particle of reserve funds. The kitty is running dry.

Today, the miners are negotiating for a pension representing full pay for life. Under the scheme proposed, the miner retires at 60 and continues to draw his pay he drew up to that time. Later, it is hoped to reduce the retiring age to 55.

Who pays? Who but the consumer?

As the proponents very reasonably point out, the mining industry only lost 43 million pounds last year so there is no reason why the new scheme should run into serious financial difficulties.

Miners, incidentally, are employees of the state.

You see it: you read of it: you hear it all the time.

**THREE HOUSES**

There was the House of Commons. The common man went there to legislate. Then there was the House of Lords. The friends of friends of kings were there to legislate. The Lords fought the king for the right to sit in that house. The common people fought the King and the Lords for the privilege of sitting in the Commons. Men, many men died to bring about this state of administrative affairs.

No they have the House of Unions and none has fought for its privileges. It has assumed them. And the new House is great in strength and appears to ignore the pattern of organized British rule.

The gradual assumption of great power by the great unions represents the beginning, perhaps of anarchism in Britain.

The Labour supporters vary in their commitment to this new power struggle. The Conservatives are frustrated and fuming at their impotence to stall it.

Like in Canada, the opponents point out that the assumption of power by a left-wing group on a minority popular vote is undemocratic. Which is very interesting and accomplishes nothing.

Most of my friends proved to

be Tory-minded. They feel that the Socialist government is milking the nation simply to pour the cream down the drain. And it is a thirsty drain.

These things happen. The ordinary Briton is frustrated by the effects and can do little to change it. Contrary to the opinions of some very fervent Tories, I found many, many English people spending everything they have for fear that it will be worthless if they invest it.

One man pleaded with me to urge that these conditions are never permitted to blossom in Canada. I agree with his aim, but like the average Briton, I couldn't figure out just how you could arrest it, let alone prohibit it.

A weak-kneed Socialist government has contributed to Britain's problems, but not exclusively. The present situation has arisen as the result of trends dating back many years and not wholly the fruit of this or any other radical government.

**THE THATCHER WAND**

Neither could I accept the proposal from one or two Tories I met that the only cure needed in Britain is a return to Tory administration. It is too simple. It

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## ROUNDAABOUT

By SMITHY

**NOW THAT** the ho ho ho's are over let us steel ourselves against the woe woe woes of the New Year. Such trifling matters as income tax; ICBC insurances and plates; repaying bank loans for the cost of Christmas. And don't let the boys in Ottawa crow too much. May your health, prosperity and vegetables grow in 1977.

**IT ALL** happened at the recent OAP party for 'singles' at the Legion Hall. This annual event is organized and sponsored by the Lions Club. Reg Taylor, Ken Gaylor, Pat Desbottes, and yours truly entertained the large gathering. As I made my way to the car, I withdrew my keys. I had to dodge innumerable puddles to get there. I found the ring open and had every key except the ignition key. Panic stations.

Muttering un-Christmas oaths I retraced my steps to the hall hoping to see a golden gleam of a key. No luck. In the hall, I grabbed Bill Trelford. He gave me a flashlight. He also said I was a twit. Jack Kenton offered to help. Two girls passing by obligingly kicked the water from the puddles.

We get back to my car. The engine was running. A grinning Jack Kenton explained he had found the key in the trash basket. I nearly pumped his arm off in gratitude. Jack returned the borrowed flashlight.

As I drove away, I made a mental note to send a donation to the Legion for the purchase of a music stand for the piano instead of the two coat hangers that an ingenious person had improvised to solve the problem of reading music.

I made another note that, despite his generosity in lending me his flashlight, I had to get even with Bill Trelford. I don't mind being called a twit or twet, but not a twit.

He's right, of course, but the pen is mightier than the sword:

In Ganges, Bill Trelford dashes out.

To see what the noise was about His heart gave a thump

Blood pressure a jump  
His car had a rear-ended clout.

Not much of a revenge. Well, Bill's a nice guy, anyway.

**SHE'S GOOD** at pumping you and plays soccer. Who is she?

**MY GUEST** this week for a true incident in life is none other than my son-in-law, Red Robinson of CKWX. The cry goes up, "But he is not a resident of the Islands." Maybe not, as yet, but he does own property on Salt Spring.

Over the holidays, he recalled a family incident that occurred when his daughters Sheri and Kellie were nine and seven years old, respectively.

Bob (Red) and Carole dreamt up the idea of inviting their own daughters to dinner in a formal manner. They sent them invitations and on the great day the daughters dressed themselves up in mummy's old clothes and hats and high heeled shoes, sneaked out the back door and rang the bell of the front door.

Bob and Carole greeted them and ushered them into the lounge for a pre-dinner cocktail of Coke and Seven-up. The girls made complimentary remarks about the wallpaper and furniture and over dinner the grown-up talk continued with the weather and the rising cost of candy.

Following dinner, rousing games of ludo, snakes and ladders, and old maid took place. And then Carole thought the event called for a celebration drink and so she opened a bottle of milk (1974 vintage). Pyjamas were then produced and their guests were invited (nay, ordered) to bed.

**'T WAS THE** night before Christmas Eve and my Better Half and I and my parents spent a most enjoyable evening with Robert and Roma Aston.

Robert and Roma were once host and hostess of Galiano Lodge and Robert regaled us with a story that he said originated from a Galiano resident named Harry Dyer. It is a "shaggy dog" story which I will endeavor to condense. Harry had a friend

who, while in Africa, found a stranded animal. It was not an ordinary animal. In fact, it was so rare that Mr. X called him "Rary" and brought it to England after three years. By this time the animal had grown considerably and the British Customs refused entry to "Rary". Mr. X was allowed eight hours to take Rary for a walk along the cliffs of Dover to ponder on the matter. Well, he took Rary along the cliffs and half way along he shut his eyes and booted poor Rary over the top. Half way down he heard the animal cry out "Its a long way to tip - a - rary".

**HOW ARE** you making out with your New Year resolutions? I have a foolproof system that guarantees success. Simply resolve to eat and drink more; do less exercise; get out of bed later than ever, and switch the TV to any old channel, regardless of the content. You can't lose.

To those to whom it may concern, I hope resolutions are being made for the following:

1. Tarmac or concrete parking lots to replace the current trend of craters and lumps suitable only for motorcycle trails.

2. Increased recognition and action by the general public concerning the excellent neighbourhood security program currently available at the RCMP office, Ganges.

These are my suggestions. Have you any? Let me know what they are.

### Mrs. Jean Ross passes away

Mrs. Jean Ross collapsed in Ganges on Friday and later died in Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria.

Mrs. Ross was 37 years of age and is survived by her husband, Alex.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross came to live in Salt Spring in August, 1976.

Mrs. Ross was employed by the Imperial Bank of Commerce, Ganges.

### N. Mackintosh dies in Ganges

Norman James Mackintosh, 74, passed away Jan. 7 in Ganges.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Ganges, and four sisters, Mrs. L.D. (Muriel) Hyndman of Edmonton, Mrs. F.S. (Thelma) Ferguson of Delta, Mrs. R.F. (Heather) Gladden of Toronto, and Mrs. F. (Alyce) Oswin of Edmonton, and one brother, Ian Mackintosh of Edmonton.

Norman Mackintosh was a member of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

A graveside service was held on Monday in the Anglican Memorial Cemetery and was officiated by Col. N. Brachan. Funeral arrangements were by Goodman Funeral Home, Ganges.

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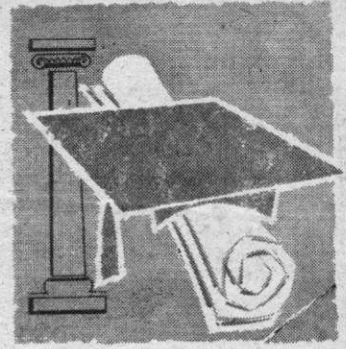
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Wednesday, February 16

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### A MORNING OF MARIONETTES (STRING PUPPETS)

FEE: \$1 per person Saturday morning, February 5  
10:30 a.m. in the Community Centre BERT HILCKMAN  
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Bert will share his own puppets and help adults and children create a string puppet of their own design. Things to bring and share: Silk and other thin material scraps, buttons, wool, thin pieces of cedar glue, string, yarn, needles and thread, paint and brushes, staples, and any other items that might work.

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MARG PEARCE

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Thursday night at Mahon Hall  
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#### Dance Movements for Children

8 SESSIONS: \$25  
Saturday, 11 a.m.-noon  
Beaver Point Hall



**THIS FOURSOME** at Galiano Island enjoys an outing of golf on New Year's Day. It was a pleasant winter day for golfers who re-

marked to visitors about a spacious green course, uncluttered by snow.

## NEWS FROM GALIANO

BY WINNIE LIVER

### Lions plan special events

The Galiano Lions Club held its meeting last Thursday at the Galiano Hall.

The club plans to hold its charter night on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 6.30 pm, in the Galiano Hall. Dinner starts at 7.30 pm. Guest speaker will be M. Ferguson.

The Lions' seafood dinner will be held on Saturday, March 19, at the hall.

The Lions' Fiesta will take place on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Anyone wishing tickets for the charter night is asked to phone A. Frewer at 539-2302.

A choral and instrumental society is being sponsored by the residents of Page Drive. The president is P. Ingles with I. Murphy as secretary, and Prof. L. Slind, director.

A beginners' session of the choir and recorders will be held on Friday, Jan. 14 at 1.30 pm in the lounge at Page Drive. All senior citizens interested should contact P. Ingles at 539-2897 or I. Murphy at 539-5553.

There has been more vandalism on the island this week. The

greenhouse on the property of the late Bernard Stallybrass has been demolished.

The annual meeting of the Galiano Golf and Country Club will be held at the Galiano Hall on Saturday, Feb. 5.

One of the most active members of our community, Elizabeth Steward, will be leaving Galiano Island for Paris where she intends to stay for a year. While there, she plans to visit Madrid, Sweden and Britain. Her many friends will miss her.

Mark and Barbara Darling have a baby daughter Erin Elizabeth, born on Dec. 27, 1976.

Faye Ridell is expected on the island today. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Riddell. Faye has spent four exciting years in Australia.

Morlyn Riley is now the teacher who has taken over from Helen Smith at the Galiano School. Mrs. Smith has been teaching for two years at our school and no one has been more popular with the children and the parents.



**THESE GALIANO LIONS** Club members, Roy Harding and Ollie Garner, formed part of a woodcutting bee held on the property of Jessie Bellhouse in appreciation of the loan of her property

year after year for the Lions' Fiesta. Many other Lions gave of their time, including Lion treasurer, Cam Prior, and Lion tail-twister, "Pip" Finnis.

## THAT'S BRITAIN TODAY . . . Continued from Page 6

is too simplistic. I suspect it won't be too long before there is a Conservative government in power again, with the first-ever woman Prime Minister, but only a fervent, blinkered Thatcher can believe that she will wave her magic Tory wand and eliminate the ills that pervade the economy.

Heath couldn't when he lost the government to Wilson.

Here, again, is a factor in British affairs which mitigates against plans, hopes or proposals. No two Englishmen can meet, face-to-face and thresh out their differences. There is a very evident lack of communication between groups, political, social or industrial.

Everything is by confrontation. You don't protest at work; you strike. You don't seek to work with another political party; you fight.

What about the rest of the country?

A lot depends on what you see.

I paid a visit to a school in Coventry. Twenty years old, the structure is a legacy from the days of the prefabricated home.

### MULTI-RACIAL ENROLMENT

Significance of the school today is that the students are clearly divided into three races.

There are the white children, the so-called black children, usually described as Jamaicans or West Indians and the lighter-skinned "Pakistanis" which embraces all immigrants from the sub-continent of India, directly or racially.

We hear a lot of rumblings from the apres-garde politicians such as Enoch Powell, who proposed that all Britons with coloured skin be sent to the country from which such colour originated. It is easy to make such proposals with one's tongue on the cheek, but when you go there you realize, very clearly, that these black children and brown children and dark white children are all British. Thousands were born in Britain and can only go back to the overcrowded cities they call home.

Having taken it for granted that all these people are now part of the land, you can listen and see them for what they are: bright or dull; sunny or sullen, average kids. And that's all.

The considerable coloured population of Britain is scattered. The time is close when they should have members of their own races in parliament, I felt, to speak up for this large segment of the populace which could degenerate into a second-class citizen group to the detriment of an already shaky society.

Crime, violence are widespread. Many court actions involve children of coloured immigrants. Lacking stability, any background of learning, accustomed to clutching at any employment for the one purpose, survival, some group together in this ideal breeding ground for violence.

But when you see the youngsters in school it is very difficult to find sympathy with the violent racist white groups such as the Wasp National Front, which is probably a legacy from Hitler.

The movement to the cities

### Recreation is part of region

Change in the administration of Salt Spring Island will take place on Wednesday when the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission and all aspects of recreation and parks on Salt Spring are adopted as a function of the Capital Regional District.

Regional Director George Heinekey announced the changes when he spoke to the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce on Monday evening.

has left the countryside the more beautiful.

Knighton, in Powys, where the winds blow through the valley and the cold seems colder, is no less beautiful than it was when Offa's Dyke was constructed to keep the English and the Welsh apart. Built on the side of a steep mountain, it defies modern traffic and modern development.

Shrewsbury, to the north, with its profusion of buildings dating back 400, 500 years and more, will never lose its appeal despite the steady intrusion of modern merchandising blocks into the city centre.

Maidenhead, Henley, Marlowe, Ascot.....age and honour and affluence. The story of a magnificent history, in architecture.

The small towns of the Midlands do much to assuage the offence of the great conurbation, centering on Birmingham.

Population, urbanization, transportation have all tried to blot out the character from Britain. But they have a long way to go before they erase its beauty and its attraction to New World visitors.

Glad to be back? Of course! But I'm sure glad I went!

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By ROLLY FORD

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So let's do it. Let us go into the pro's and con's of temporary darkrooms (bathroom, etc.) and permanent setups (basements, spare room or storage area) — the type of equipment you should aim for, keeping in mind budget limitations, future expansion options, and other things one should consider before taking the plunge.

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of solution. This will ensure that there is no air space in the neck of the bottle. No air—no oxydization! The solution will last a long time without loss of strength and you will have repeatable, consistent results when you process each roll of film or tray of prints. Label each bottle carefully. Read the instructions and label warnings. Use bottles that hold the approximate volume required to fill your film developing tank.

Stainless steel film developing tanks are best, but most stores will sell you a plastic tank that sells for more money, is easier to load but more difficult to clean and impossible to agitate according to professional standards.

A stainless steel tank and reel lists for \$8.65 in the "Lens and Shutter" catalogue. It, too, is easy to load. 20-seconds loading time is par for the course in most labs. All labs. use SS reels and tanks. They require less solution, thus further saving you money.

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My darkroom students invariably want to learn how to make bas-relief, solarization and posterization prints. Again, they are quite easy to make when you know how--so we will show you how. Kodak Book AG-18 "Creative Darkroom Techniques" is recommended reading for this part of the darkroom course.

After half a lifetime spent in darkroom trouble-shooting and problem - solving, the writer's computer-like brain has recorded a thousand-and-one little how-to tricks of the trade. Picking the other fellow's brain can save you darkroom dollar, and double your darkroom fun. I wish that I had done more brain picking when I started in photography. Enrollment in the Thursday evening class will be limited to eight students. If the class is over-subscribed, a second section can be scheduled for another night each week. Contact Virginia Newman at 537-9251 to pre-register for the course...or call me at 537-2049 for additional information.

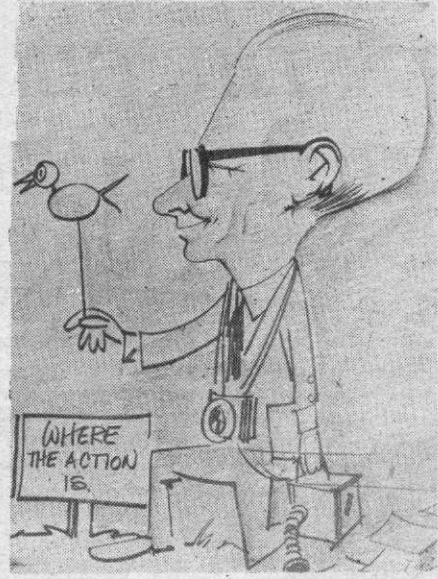


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## ON THE PENDERS

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

### Welcome in the New Year

The annual New Year's Dance was held once again at the Legion Hall, with approximately 100 guests welcoming in the New Year.

Music for dancing was supplied by the Pender Island Orchestra whose members are Bob

Allison, Fay Matty and Margaret and Richard Tallman.

The door prizes were won by Mrs. B.Simpson and Jack McAndrew. After midnight a beautiful buffet supper was enjoyed by the guests.

Pender Lodge was the scene of a happy New Year's Eve party attended by 26 of the Islands' residents and guests, who enjoyed games and dancing and a delicious midnight buffet supper.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, Jan. 4, at the cemetery for Dave Richardson, a member of the Pender Island community for over 20 years, who passed away suddenly Christmas Eve.

He was born in Crandel, Manitoba, 77 years ago, the youngest of seven children, and spent his life there until moving to Pender Island.

He especially enjoyed the golf club where he spent many happy hours.

The service was conducted by Rev. J. Daniels. Comrades from the Canadian Legion were Pallbearers.

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# WHEN THE OIL SLICK SPREADS TO THE ISLANDS WHO WILL PAY?

By FRANK RICHARDS

The wreck of the Torrey Canyon was the opener in the international game of oil spill.

Not only was it the opener, but the spill from the tanker broken in two on the Cornish coast of Britain was an introduction to what oil transport really means in today's world.

The west coast of Canada has suffered no introduction to the story of major oil losses, as yet.

What happens to the Gulf Islands in the event of a major oil spill in the vicinity of Cherry Point oil receiving port in Washington?

On the east coast of the United States there is a wrecked tanker breaking up as I write these words. Millions of gallons of heavy oil are spreading over the fishing grounds, destroying sea birds and killing off every kind of fish and maritime wildlife. Another three tankers are currently involved in spills off the North American coast.

With ever-increasing movement of oil into Cherry Point, and into other, minor, ports up and down the south coast, what does the future hold for British Columbia and, in particular, for the islands?

A multi-million-gallon tanker runs aground in the entrance to Puget Sound: what does it mean to the islands?

Such a spill means the end of sea life for many species. The oil would spread over the sea and drift into every bay and every coastal crevice. The morning sun would reflect back into island homes with the myriad-hued attraction of a rainbow. But it would be no rainbow. It would be a

thin cover of oil on local waters.

There is no provision, federally or provincially, to deal with such a major disaster.

The oil companies have established a boom and other equipment for use in the case of minor oil spills. There is nothing in existence to meet the urgency of a major oil escape.

The oil spill in the vicinity of Nantucket, at this moment, has been unchecked by human control. Oil spill: let it rip! There is no other way. Neither the federal ministry of environment nor the provincial departments enjoying jurisdiction over any aspect of coastal waters have come up with the answer.

The next question in the minds of islanders must be down to earth and patting the pocket: who pays?

### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

O.K., suppose the beach is filthy; all the birds are dead and dying, the fish are gone and a greasy, filthy slime greets us from our island shores: who is responsible?

A man buys his property on the island shores and builds his home to enjoy the tranquil beauty of the inland waters. Then comes a deluge of oil and filth. His amenities are gone and only a fool will buy his property.

Has he any recourse? And if he has a recourse, to whom will he turn?

Will the provincial government offer him relief? Will his taxes be reduced in token of the reduction in value of his property due to unnatural causes? Will the national government make recompense, out of the government coffers, to compensate him for the international disaster?

Who is responsible? And the obvious next question: is anyone responsible?

Every British Columbian; every Washingtonian; every Canadian and every American will be desperate to get hold of the oil that was inadvertently spilled. The house must be heated; the store must be warm; the car must be full and Sonny must dice around. And it all takes oil. The tractor must have fuel; automobiles must have tires; industry is at a standstill without oil. There must be oil.

But not spilled on our beaches!

The government doesn't own the oil. But the government is the biggest single spokesman we have.

The United States government doesn't own the oil, but the movement of oil into Cherry Point required the debate and the sanction of the United States government. Will that government show a sensitive sympathy to our lot?

The oil companies of the world own the oil that may well befoul our beaches. Will the oil companies of the world meet the cost of cleaning up? I don't know the answer and your guess is as good as mine. Will they meet the additional costs? You guess!

The only thing that is painfully clear as the year, 1977 comes into focus, is that an oil spill could well be just around the corner: that there is no known or evident means of cleaning up and that the costs of cleaning and the loss of fish and wildlife and the loss of amenities will likely be borne by the people of the province, or even of the islands, because nobody ever thought about it

Wednesday, January 12, 1977

minister to answer the question. But we all know the answer, don't we?

Us Islanders will be in Queer Street and never forget it!



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## CHRISTMAS PARTY AT YWCA CAMP 'A ROARING SUCCESS'

By LILLIAN HORSDAL

There are many parties before, during, and after the holiday. It's a time for partying.

A most delightful party was held at Yawaca — the YWCA camp on Beaver Point Road. The date was Dec. 23 and the guests were from all over the island and from more than one age group.

Its unparalleled success was due mostly to the energy and enthusiasm of the Hilckmans along with their enviable ability to carry it all through. They inspired all of us along with them since

their enthusiasm was catching. It became a sort of community effort.

There were about 40 guests. Some in wheelchairs, some on canes and others who mingled and chatted with friends they'd not seen for quite a time. In fact, this party was such a roaring success that other such gatherings are more than probable.

### WARM AND FRIENDLY

The hall was beautifully decorated with the traditional ivy and holly. But it was the warmth and friendliness of all that radiated throughout those assembled.

The festivities began with a glass of wine and the turkey dinner was delicious, having all the trimmings associated with the Christmas season. There was plenty of everything and it was all tastily prepared and attractively

served. Louisa Hilckman has had a great deal of experience with large crowds at meal times.

Members of the school band entertained us with their flutes and clarinets. They were Lynn Coombes and Michelle Larson, flautists, with Lorri Larson and Monique Coombes playing their clarinets. Truly delightful.

It was Bert and Louisa Hilckman who began the dancing and before long there were quite a number of couples twirling to the music of "The Daring Young Man On The Flying Trapeze." What fun! Wendy Olsson's eyes sparkled as she watched. She gave the impression that she might almost have been dancing as she swayed rhythmically to the tempo. Later, Laurie Collins and Anne Richardson played their clarinet and flute.

### SINGSONG ENJOYED

The singsong was a pleasure to all. OAP residents along with some who won't be OAP for quite a few years enjoyed the evening.

The Newmans, of Salt Spring Madness fame, and their daughter, Amy, were there to add to the entertainment. Virginia accompanied the Islands singers.

Some of the old songs, sung with such gusto, certainly touched more than one eye and heart. There were more than a few "lumps in throats". But sentiment has its place at such times. There were some very young persons as well as some not so young. One guest, with a sore toe, sat with her foot on a stool and joined in all the songs.

The next party the Hilckmans arrange will probably be even more popular with even more guests. May it happen soon.

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# MAINLY MAYNE

BY ELSIE BROWN

## Classes for senior citizens

A belated Happy New Year to everybody, especially those who have the flu, who are recovering and who have the post Christmas blues!

Glad to report that Clara James is coming along nicely although still in Lady Minto Hospital with an occasional visit with family at Duncan. Clifford has been kept busy commuting to the hospital. Hope to hear that Clara is soon back home again on Mayne.

The first meeting of the new year was held by Silver Maynes Senior Citizen's Association at Springwater Lodge January 3. President, Vic Griffiths, was in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary, Bill Morson. Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Sally Burden.

Ceramics - for information contact Elsie Goodman. Beginner classes in pottery are being arranged.

Lapidary - Bill Dawson, classes at Craft Center on Tuesdays.

Bill Ferguson gave a report on the Bowling Club New Year's Eve dance at the Agricultural Hall. It was very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. For information about the Carpet Bowling group contact Bill F.

Movies - Blanche and Ted Anderson. Notices will be posted when films are available.

Camera Club - Harry Adams. Edith Griffiths reported that she has received information from the Open Shelf Department of the library in Victoria and that cassettes will be available to people whose eyesight doesn't allow reading. Summer School classes at UBC will also be available to senior citizens and more information will be reported at a later meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 7 at 2 pm Springwater Lodge.

Visitors from Galiano, Mrs. Isabel Murphy, Mrs. Jessie Bellhouse and Mrs. C. Snell were welcomed by the president. Mrs. Murphy gave a resume of Galiano senior citizens activities during the past year which was well received by her audience. She is a

resident of the new senior citizen's complex on Page Drive and is very happy in her new surroundings.

The regular Sunday morning church service was held at St. Mary Magdalene church, Jan. 9 at 11.30 am. Rev. James Daniels was in charge of the service. The Sunday School children spent a happy time prior to Christmas making a nativity scene with creche, Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Wise Men, Shepherds and animals all made by hand. They were assisted by Ned Easton, reports their teacher, Mrs. Ann Easton. Students responsible were Dorothy and Ned Easton, Alanna McLennan, Neil and Trevor Gibbons, Peter Jarman, Danny, Caroline, Stephen and Susie Grosvenor and Shelley O'Bray. The children sang "Away in a Manger" around the creche before leaving for classes at the rectory.

Thrift Shop is continuing its service to islanders Saturdays 1pm - 4pm. The museum (former Gaol) next door is also open Saturday afternoons.

Arrangements have been made to remove the derelict cars off the island. For information check the garage personnel - phone 539-2411.

Art classes have been arranged by the Paint and Sketch Club to be conducted by Frances Faminow, now of Mayne Island, at the Agricultural Hall, on Fridays. For more information contact Kathleen Dought, 539-2935.

The Fellowship Services held at the Agricultural Hall Sunday evenings at 7 pm have resumed. Science Moody film entitled "Mystery of Three Clocks" was shown this past Sunday. Rev. John Rodine was in charge of services.

My thanks to Sandy Macleod of Salt Spring Island and Frances Faminow for delivering my copy to Driftwood.

## Guide book available on oyster farming

Of interest to islanders is a new publication, "A Guidebook to Oyster Farming", published by the Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, marine resources branch, to encourage development of the industry.

"At an annual wholesale value close to \$1 million, oyster culture is becoming increasingly important to the province," said Recreation and Conservation Minister Sam Bawlf. "This book will help those already in the business to get the most for their efforts, and it gives a lot of good basic information for prospective oyster growers and for the general public."

More than 70 oyster growers operate in the province at present. The imported Pacific, or Japanese oyster is the basis of the industry, and the culture of this oyster is believed by the marine resources branch to be the key to expansion.

The guide book was prepared by Dr. D.B. Quayle, retired from the fisheries research board, and by D.W. Smith of the provincial marine resources branch. It can be purchased from the marine resources branch, Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, British Columbia, V8V 1X4, by sending a cheque or money order for \$2 payable to the minister of finance.

## Club plans workshop on pruning

BY ELSIE MACDONALD

Winter is the season for "armchair" gardening; the time to study seed catalogues and "how to" garden books.

Local gardeners are going one step further, and preparing to tackle garden pruning, which should be done in late winter or early spring.

To help with one area of pruning, the Garden Club is holding a workshop on pruning shrubs and small ornamental trees. This will be held Monday, Jan. 17, from 10 am to 12 noon in Ganges United Church upper hall. Instructor will be Fred Maybee.

With Maybee's help, the club hopes to assist members to overcome two problems: over-pruning, or giving up in despair for want of knowing where to start. The workshop is open to club members and prospective members.

In case of heavy snow, the class will be postponed for one week. For more information, telephone 537-2040.

## McPhersons to open dry cleaning business in Ganges

Spring cleaning is just around the corner, says Gary and Pat McPherson. They are the principals of the new Salt Spring Dry Cleaners Ltd.

The new cleaning service will be located in the Bourdin Building, below the Court House at Ganges.

The new service is expected to start operating around the middle of February.

Pat McPherson has been secretary of Gulf Islands Secondary School for the past year or so. She was formerly secretary of the Salt

Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. She will be the active member of the new company. Her husband will not be taking an active part.

Mrs. McPherson is continuing an intensive course in the operation of dry cleaning equipment and fabric care. She reports that, in addition, to the course, she will be a member of the national organization which offers instant information on any fabric available in the country. A simple telephone call will explain the treatment for any material, she explained.

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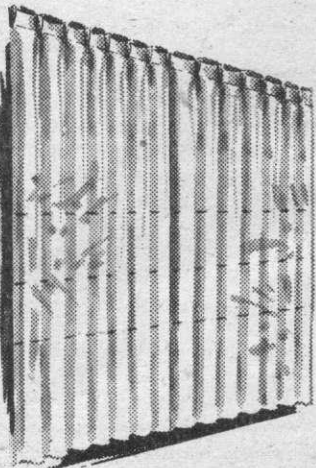
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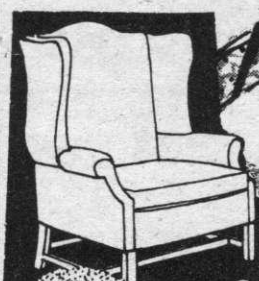
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Both the Renewal Brochure and the "All About Autoplan" Guide carry a Rate Class chart. Compare the present use of your vehicle and the age, sex, and marital status of the drivers with the Rate Class Chart.

Locate your correct Rate Class number on the chart and compare it with the number in the box on your Renewal Form. If there is a change in your Rate Class or if there are three asterisks (\*\*\*) on your form you should consult an Autoplan agent or Motor Vehicle Branch office.

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If you can't find what you're looking for on the equipment chart, consult your Autoplan agent or Motor Vehicle Branch office.

### ACCIDENT INFORMATION FORM

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Applications for the Single Male Drivers Under 25 Safe Driving Grant must be completed by April 1, 1977. They should be mailed to the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, P.O. Box 5050, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 4T4.

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Driver	Automobile—1974 Chevrolet Impala				
Pleasure use, over 30 years old with an occasional under 25 male operator, accident free 3 years.	Sidney B.C.	Red Deer Alta.	Sudbury Ont.	Sherbrooke P.Q.	Charlottetown P.E.I.
	\$264	\$506	\$554	\$730	\$529

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