

# Gulf Islands Driftwood

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GANGES, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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## Driller escapes death

— High voltage

A Victoria man came close to being electrocuted on Salt Spring Island Monday while operating a well-drilling rig.

Gordon Krenbrink, of Tri-K Drilling Ltd., was drilling a well off North Beach Road at the time. He is reported to have been flipping a winch line over to the other side of the rig when it hit the power lines.

Mr. Krenbrink was taken to Lady Minto Hospital where he was treated for burns to a hand and leg. He was to be released Tuesday.

A spokesman for BC Hydro said the man had come very close to being electrocuted and only because the cable had merely brushed against the power lines was he still alive.

## One new name to list of islands candidates

One new candidate appeared this week for the Gulf Islands School Board. She is Roma Sturdy, veteran of the board for which she served many years as secretary-treasurer.

No other names have been announced yet for either school board or Capital Regional Board.

## Firemen stage parties

At least three points in the islands will glow in the light of fireworks on Monday night.

Firemen at Mayne Island, Fulford and Ganges are planning fireworks displays for the youngsters of the community and their elders.

At Mayne Island the party will be at the fire hall at 7 pm.

At Ganges and Fulford the evening program will open at 7.30.

All three programs are sponsored by the volunteer firemen and refreshments will be served by them.

## Flash flood in Ganges

A minor flood occurred in Ganges on Monday when a drain became clogged in front of Ganges Pharmacy.

Highways crew were assisted by the volunteer fire department in pumping away the water, which rose to the level of the boardwalk in front of the drug store.

## No more summer... clocks go back

No more summer!  
No more gardening!  
No more late evenings!

On Saturday night the clocks go back to where they belong. On Sunday morning the sun will rise an hour earlier. It will be light in the early hours of the morning, but on Sunday evening it will be dark in the early hours of the evening.

Summer time is over.

Readers must make an effort to remember to set the clocks back one hour on Saturday, before retiring in order to be on the same tracks as their neighbours.

## Winds blow lights out

Brisk winds on Monday morning resulted in severe power outages on the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island.

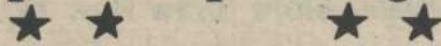
Power was out for almost half an hour early Monday afternoon when a major outage in the transmission lines took place.

## Presentation marks retirement



Cecile Marcotte was entertained as guest of honour on Wednesday evening when she marked her retirement from the islands ferries. Here she shows the tray presented by her shipmates to mark the occasion. Story is on Page Two.

## Soap can spread germs



### Trustees hear health warning

The use of bar soap can spread germs, trustees of the Gulf Islands School District were told last week.

Mayne Island trustee Pearl Brau told fellow board members at the meeting in Ganges Thursday that the local health inspector was opposed to the use of bar soap in schools. She said the inspector advised that liquid soap dispensers be installed.

"I thought soap was a disinfectant," said secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck. "It's an almost impossible job keeping liquid soap in place."

Soap dispensers have to be built right into the wall, he said, leaving only the spigot exposed. Even then

the spigot will be ripped out, he warned.

"That's pretty ridiculous," commented one trustee in regard to the inspector's advice.

The health inspector was also "a bit unhappy" with the medical room at the Mayne Island School because of the lack of furniture.

## Towards better speaking

A speech therapist has been appointed to Salt Spring Elementary School by the Gulf Islands School Board. Mrs. A. Bullock will work on a part-time basis; her appointment was effective October 24.

Maureen Fredericks has been engaged as an aid in the adolescent rehabilitation program. Her appointment was also effective October 24.

## Wilful damage

Charges are pending against persons apprehended by RCMP last week in connection with wilful damage and theft of a car at Mayne Island School.

## After more than a year Ganges Plan comes to hearing November 8

— All Salt Spring invited

New secondary plan for Ganges will be considered at a public hearing in the Activity Room on November 8.

Regional Director George Heinekey has initiated the hearing to enable the people of the Ganges

area to examine the proposed plan for the commercial centre of Salt Spring Island.

It is not intended that the hearing will be restricted to the Ganges community. Every resident of the island will be invited to attend and to learn of the plan. Residents will be invited both by advertisement and by mailing pieces.

"We are hoping for a big attendance," said Heinekey, "especially in the Ganges area."

The Ganges Plan has been in the making for more than a year. There have been five public meetings to consider proposals and these meetings were attended by over 200 people, recalled the director.

The plan has already gained first reading from the Capital Regional Board.

It is a hearing, not a meeting, noted the director. The Municipal Act has been changed, to require a hearing into such proposals.

More than a year ago the Salt Spring Island subdivision by-law was approved, with the Ganges area being excluded. In the meantime a committee was appointed by the director to prepare a plan for the commercial centre. The committee failed to reach agreement and two reports were prepared, a majority and a minority report.

## Students to appear again on Sunday

Four students, from Gulf Islands Secondary School, Richard Cobanli, Randy Dashwood, Stephanie Libresco and Teresa Carey have been interviewed on CHEK TV Student Forum Program and the shows will be shown on Channel 6 at 5.30 pm Sunday, Oct. 30. They already appeared on the show last Sunday.

The students said the experience was interesting, and they are urging everybody to watch the program next Sunday.

## Police spot fire on island beach

Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department was called out to extinguish a small fire at Ganges Saturday night.

RCMP officers on patrol that evening noticed the fire burning behind Antiques, Funque and Junque. No damage was reported although the fire was burning within two feet of the building.

## Theft of beer

Boat was broken into at Ganges Harbour during the week end. A bottle of beer and a can of anti-freeze were stolen.

Ganges RCMP Detachment is investigating.

## Supertankers and spills

If you're against supertankers (but not against oil) you can: • Sign one of the petitions • Buy a SPILLS KILL button • Come to the Rally, October 30 • Fill out VIEWPOINT & drop it into the box at Mouat's. • Subscribe to "West Coast", for free, 549 Howe St., Vancouver. • If a photographer, send a photo; if poet, send poem.

## Mildred Norton farewell

The October meeting of the Afternoon Branch of Anglican Church Women was held at the home of Mrs. H. Price on Rainbow Road.

Most of the business and financial donations being done for this year, members spent time in discussing the up-coming Christmas Bazaar which will be held on November 26 in St. George's Hall.

A work bee will be held at the home of Mrs. N.A. McPhee, October 27 to sort and price articles for sale.

Rev. Peter McCalman presented Mildred Norton with a gift on behalf of the members. Mrs. Norton has been a member of the Womens Auxiliary since 1928. She has been a staunch supporter for those 49 years. The group will miss her as she is leaving Ganges to be with her daughter.

Tea was served by Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Bannister. A social hour followed, with a great deal of reminiscing.

## Farewell party for Cecile Marcotte



Shipmates and friends gathered at Harbour House on Wednesday, Oct. 19, to honour the retirement of Cecile Marcotte with a dinner and the presentation of gifts.

Cecile joined the ferries in August, 1963, when the Queen of the Islands was the main vessel on

the Long Harbour run. She has served subsequently on the "Sechelt", the "Sidney" and the "Tsawwassen".

The banquet table was centred by a set of cakes in the shape of the Gulf Islands, showing the ports of

call on the Salt Spring - Mainland route, made by Margaret Howell.

Cecile's bright and busy ways will be missed by her friends on the ferry she was told. She takes with her many good wishes for the years ahead, she discovered.

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## Red Cross Drive goes up over last year's

Dr. L.J. Kreissl has announced the final tabulation of the collections in the North Salt Spring Red Cross Drive for 1977.

The sum of \$4,354.85 was donated which surpasses last year by approximately \$1,000 he noted.

"On behalf of the Red Cross I wish to thank all individuals and business firms who helped to make this possible", the chairman of the campaign told Driftwood.

"This effort was made possible by the donation of time and effort by a large group of volunteers through whose efforts our success is entirely responsible."

Volunteers are listed as follows: Mrs. H. Schroeder, Mrs. E Perry, George Wells, Miss Olive Mouat, Mrs. Margaret Fisher, Mrs. Mollie Lamont, A.S. Appleby, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Ann Caldwell, Gerry Holland, Mrs. Broughton, Mrs. Connie Ross, Miss Jean Robertson, Mrs. Elna Cairns, Mrs. Ruth Kreissl, Mrs. Beth Hill, Mrs. Jane Trenholm, Mr. and Mrs. Les Hardie, Mrs. P.J. Coleman, Mrs. A.H.R. Howell, Mrs. Bowley, Mrs. Rowan, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Kavanagh, Mrs. C. Carroll, Mrs.

Julie Tessman, Miss Fran Pagett and Mrs. A. Pike.

## Women and Madness next week

Dr. Guille Libresco will speak on the topic "Women and Madness" next week in Ganges.

The following week will bring another interesting talk by feminist psychologist Judy Boel on the subject of "Anger" as part of the fall program in Continuing Education.

Both lecture-discussions will be at 7.30 pm in Room 8 at the High School and pre-registration will be appreciated by Virginia Newman, co-ordinator, at 537-9251.

Two other talks have been cancelled in the Women's Studies Series, due to lack of interest: "Women and the Law", and "Family Violence."

### GRAND OPENING NEWS FLASH !!

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by richards

Quote from the Bowen Island fortnightly, Undercurrent: Our island trustees have promised that we will have real democratic elections for their brand new Advisory Planning commissions: perhaps after New Year. . . .

Another quote from Undercurrent: In B.C. we have a Crown Prosecutor. A whole Boodle of them! Isn't it about time we had a Crown Defender. A whole boodle of them?

Everywhere I go I am haunted by Tough Nails Carpentry. The tough yellow truck is usually parked outside a building near Driftwood office. Last week in Victoria as I turned a corner there was the familiar yellow truck passing in the opposite direction. When I was driving along a minor Ladysmith street, there was (should it be were?) Tough Nails coming down the intersection. Only trouble is that if I complained, he would probably say, simply, Tough Nails, brother!

I read a lot of car ads from time to time and I get steamed up every time I see Alpha-Romeo's offered. The guy obviously prefers his Phord and his Phalcon and his Phiat and his Phury! I bet he's got photographs of all of them.

From Sidney, Ray Horsefield writes in retirement that, even retired, his is called upon to assist in Peninsula churches. He also quotes a poem from Vernon Bartlett's Tucson Retreat:

Each boy knows far more than his father;  
Each girl knows more than her Mum.  
Then how is the world still so crowded  
With folk so outstandingly dumb?

That was a big joint they burned at the garbage dump on Salt Spring Island the other day! As one

member of the island Farmers' Institute said, it's the most profitable crop on Salt Spring Island! And grass isn't even safe to grow.

Somebody was living it up last week on stolen money. Tony Knight reports that he collected Save the Children cans last week. Six cans were out and four came back. Two had been stolen. Imagine the delight of the thieves! Stealing money from little kids has never been considered a profession. Can you imagine anyone grovelling deeper in the muck?

Uncle Joe has gone, you know, Away beyond the stars.  
We miss him! Oh! We miss him so!  
He smoked such good cigars!  
So ran the old rhyme. But Uncle Ron Brown doesn't do so badly on cigars.

It was easy a few weeks ago. If a car was weaving all over the road, you just said, That guy's drunk! Now you say, That guy's either drunk or he's looking for his seat belt! And either way, he's likely in trouble!

I had a letter back from Victoria the other day, address unknown. I was annoyed. It is a firm I have been writing to for the past quarter-century. But my associates inform me that the post office is now refusing to deliver mail without a postal code and I didn't know the code. It's easier to phone, anyway!

### Question time

My maiden aunt is tall and thin,  
And fond of quoting Holy Writ,  
She also knows a lot about sin;  
Now I wonder where she learn-ed it?

-John Healey

# Baltzer exchange program already launched at Ganges

Salt Spring Island Rotary Club has launched a first. The island service club has instituted its own inter-provincial youth exchange program. And if the island club is the author of the program, Charles Baltzer, of the island club, is the spark behind it all.

Program will provide for the selection and sponsorship of students in the 15 to 17 year-old group to travel to another province. There, they will spend two or three weeks attending school and living with a Host Family under the sponsorship of a Rotary Club in that community.

One of the objectives of the Rotary Club is to promote understanding and international goodwill, explained Baltzer. This program is intended to promote understanding and goodwill within the Canadian Community.

**PURPOSE**  
The former president of the island club and chairman of Gulf Islands School Board explained the objectives of his program:

- To further interprovincial goodwill and understanding by enabling students to study at first hand some of the accomplishments and the social environment of people in other provinces.
- To enable students to broaden their outlook by learning to live with people in a different part of Canada. On their return, the students then pass on the knowledge they have gained.
- To enable local students selected to act as ambassadors of their own area by passing on knowledge of that area to other parts of Canada.

The service clubman even listed the terms of eligibility:

Students would be selected solely on merit, and after an interview.

**APPLICANTS**  
Applicants must be of good character, have good academic ability and be outgoing and pleasant, in order to fit into the role of ambassador. The applicant must have the ability to accept discipline and must be capable of adjusting to different environments.

The student who takes part must also accept the rules of the program and the advice and supervision of his hosts.

If they can't knuckle down and wash dishes, they needn't apply! While away, a student may not drive a motor vehicle and he must attend school regularly. First away is Kathy Ramsey.

already en route for the Gatineau Peninsula in Quebec. First student from eastern Canada will be a girl from Quebec, but she is not expected until the beginning of the new year.

## PHARMACIST

Applications are invited for a part-time pharmacist to be responsible for directing all aspects of the hospital pharmacy operation.

Please forward a complete resume by November 15, 1977 to:

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wishes to announce that as of Monday, October 24 1977,  
his office is now located in larger premises in the new  
**Mouat's Mall.**

The postal address and telephone remain the same  
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## Calves missing for week at Salt Spring

Two calves have been missing from a Salt Spring Island farm and RCMP are investigating.

Mark Suiss, of Bonacres Farm, at the north end, reports that one animal is a six-month-old registered Charolais bull calf and the other a four-month-old black and white steer.

They have been missing for the past week.

opening soon

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### No belt, no bother!

There have been many voices raised against the seat belt law. Drivers everywhere have interpreted the new regulation as an infringement of their rights. Others have long contended that it is safer to be left free than to be strapped in. And, finally, there is the school of thought that considers it the privilege of every driver to die at the wheel, where and when he pleases.

They are all right.

Any regulation is a trespass on the freedom of the individual. And the more individuals there are, the more trespass there will be. The only way to avoid regulation is to take up residence as a hermit in a location so unpleasant as to attract no other to share it.

The safety of being strapped or free is an interesting speculation, because it can only be clearly and positively proved by the coroner.

To die at the wheel is no privilege. It is passing on to the man who didn't die the privilege of cleaning up after us. The remains of a human body, deprived of life-giving oxygen for some days, or even hours, is not everyone's idea of aesthetic amusement. Death at the wheel is not a privilege: it is an imposition.

The only man who can truly scorn the use of a seat belt when he drives is he who refuses, point-blank to fasten his seat belt at the request of the airline stewardess. In other words, if you use a seat belt in the air then you have already acknowledged its function.

### Election into the unknown

At the beginning of the coming term of office, a new regional director will be named from the electoral area of Salt Spring Island.

There will be two elections in the islands for the regional office, but on Salt Spring Island, the incumbent Director George Heinekey is retiring. In the Outer Islands, Director Jim Campbell is seeking a further term on the Capital Regional Board.

Candidates for neither area have any clear idea of what the duties may entail in the new year.

With the announcement by Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis that planning and zoning of the islands will be the responsibility of the Islands Trust, the work of the Regional Director for the Islands is not entirely clear.

He will be responsible for recreation, on Salt Spring Island; local improvements, building permits and hospital administration. The most arduous aspect of his duties, planning and zoning, have been lifted.

New directors will be entering a sphere of administration as uncertain and as strange as it was to Directors Joan Purchase and Doug Cavaye a decade ago.

## Letters to the Editor

### CANNABIS

Sir,

I am writing in regard to Dr. Jim Buchan's bold and highly commendable analysis of the current non-medical drug use scene, presented to the SSI Lions Club and reported in the October 12 Driftwood. I applaud his call for total honesty in drug education and his well-documented identification of alcohol as humanity's primary drug problem. Such a rational approach can be extremely valuable in reducing the mis-information and resulting hysteria surrounding drug use, as well as reducing the potential dangers of the ignorant use of drugs, at all levels of society.

However, I would like to correct several misimpressions regarding cannabis (marijuana and hashish) which may arise from the Driftwood report.

While Dr. Buchan is correct in

stating that there are, few, if any, scientifically documented ill effects directly attributable to the use of cannabis, the position as reported may give an unwarranted impression of safety regarding the indiscriminate use of this drug.

For example, existing studies suggest that heavy, long term cannabis smoking may be as dangerous to health as is chronic tobacco use. It seems that our bodies are just not designed to handle the continued inhalation of hot, noxious combustion products, and that the smoking of any organic material is likely to increase the risk of a variety of oral and respiratory disorders, possibly including cancer.

It should also be stressed that under controlled laboratory conditions at least, high doses of cannabis can have detrimental effects on automobile-driving, although a causal relationship to

on-the-road traffic mishaps has not been demonstrated. Considerable caution here is clearly indicated. In addition, it appears that cannabis, when taken with alcohol, enhances the well-documented driving impairment caused by the latter drug.

Furthermore, it should be noted that cannabis can have short-term effects on certain psychological functions, such as attention and memory, which may temporarily interfere with some of the learning stressed in our academic institutions. In other words, going to school stoned is unlikely to enhance scholastic performance.

I also feel that the presentation did not give an adequate picture of the potential therapeutic usefulness of cannabis with the statement that "It is not a bit of good to medical science for anything." Cannabis has been widely used for centuries in many cultures for its medicinal properties. Although it is true that there is no currently accepted medical use of cannabis in North America outside of an experimental context, therapeutic use of cannabis by an ordinary physician is not prohibited by law in Canada. In fact, over 20 different cannabis preparations have been marketed in this country since the 1920's, the manufacture of the last of these being discontinued by Wampole and Parke Davis soon after the end of World War II. While cannabis has been reported in the world medical literature to produce a vast array of possibly useful therapeutic effects, the majority of these claims have either not yet been adequately investigated, using modern scientific techniques, or the reported effects can be achieved by other more readily available and more convenient drugs. The ambiguous medical-legal status of cannabis, as well as its variability in potency, uncertain shelf life, water insolubility, and the variability in psychological response among different individuals, are among the primary factors limiting its present therapeutic utility.

However, recent advances in the isolation and synthesis of cannabis-related compounds have overcome some of these difficulties and have enabled a more thorough exploration of therapeutic aspects. For example, recently released research reports suggest that cannabis may have unique therapeutic properties of potential use in the treatment of certain types of pain, anxiety, epilepsy, high blood pressure, insomnia and psychological aspects of cancer. Perhaps most impressive is its apparent success in alleviating the symptoms of glaucoma, a frequent cause of blindness, and its ability to rapidly reduce dangerously high fever and the accompanying risk of brain damage. This temperature-lowering property would be most valuable in the event of an occurrence such as last year's anticipated swine flu epidemic, for example. As well, cannabis may safely enhance the sedative properties of currently employed anaesthetic drugs.

In closing, let me again comment the spirit of Dr. Buchan's forthright presentation and the Driftwood's coverage of the event.

Ralph D. Miller  
Box 31,  
Fulford Harbour, BC  
October 23, 1977

### ST. MARY LAKE PROPOSAL

Sir,  
On reading the Chamber of Commerce News Report in the Oct. 19, 1977 issue of the Driftwood, I find that what was a few weeks ago, the St. Mary Lake Proposal, is now the St. Mary Lake Park. Why are we wasting our time and money to elect a Regional Director to the Capital Regional District, it seems that the local Chamber of Commerce have already installed themselves as our governing body?

As to the St. Mary Lake beach access, it seems their concern now is the traffic hazard at the Blue Gables Resort. Is it any more dangerous than a dozen other accesses or intersections on the Island? Does the Chamber intend to have the Anglican Church, just north of Central, moved also? If the public beach access is dangerous, the access to the Blue Gables Resort is just as bad.

A logical solution would be for the Chamber to encourage and work with the Highways Department to improve this section of road. This would not only improve the safety of the public beach access, which I doubt the Chamber has, or will get, the authority to close, it will improve the safety of the Blue Gables access and would greatly improve the over all situation.

Is the Chamber's real concern here, safety, or are they merely acting on a complaint voiced at a Chamber meeting, a few months ago, and reported in the Driftwood, that the public were spilling over onto the property of the owners of the Blue Gables Resort? I believe I can safely assume that the present owners were aware of the location

The canvass for funds for the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club, under the direction of Lion Bob Foulis has now been under way for just over one week and it is most satisfying to report that the response by the people of the Gulf Islands is gratifying.

The returns shown by the Bank of Montreal indicate that the campaign is well on the road towards reaching the target of \$2,200.

This is splendid and promises that the canvass will be a complete success, all of which is most encouraging.

Your attention is drawn to the theme of the campaign: "The Three C's" - coping, caring and curing.

This theme is graphically illustrated on the informative folder mailed to all Gulf Island Residents.

As Ray Hadfield points out in his letter (in the folder), thousands of British Columbians are coping on their own; CARS is caring, through treatments to patients, with the generosity and friendly financial help of the warm hearted people of the Gulf Islands; curing will come as an established fact through research and treatment.

You are urged to mail your donations to this very worthwhile cause of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society to the Bank of Montreal, Ganges. You certainly will be helping your fellow man.

- Phil Sawford, Salt Spring Island Lions club.

of the public beach when they purchased the Blue Gables Resort, if so, it would be their responsibility to mark their boundaries and post them as trespassing.

Is it right that the people on the Fernwood Water System should be threatened with the further pollution of their drinking water, at the end of Maycock Road, when there are other and less expensive alternatives to the Chamber's propo-

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## Church Services

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1977

<b>ANGLICAN</b>			
St. Marks	Central	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
<b>Daily: Mon.-Fri.</b>			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	9.00 am
<b>Weekly: Wednesdays</b>			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	9.00 am
<b>ROMAN CATHOLIC</b>			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am
Saturdays	Ganges	Holy Mass	5.00 pm
Sundays	Ganges	Sunday School	10.00 am
<b>UNITED</b>			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812(church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm
<b>COMMUNITY</b>			
<b>GOPEL</b>			
Pastor Moe	Ganges	Sun. Sch.-all ages	10.30am
537-2622(church)	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30 pm
537-5395		Thurs. Bible Study	7.30 pm
<b>MAYNE ISLAND</b>			
St. Mary Magdalene	629-6655	Rector J. Daniels	11.30 am
Community Church	539-5710	Pastor J. Rodine	7.00 pm in
the school			
Bible Study	Friday	in the homes	7.30 pm

# Letters to the Editor

[From Page Four]

sal?  
On what authority can Steve Nelson state, flatly, St. Mary is a recreation lake and that a large percentage of the residents of the north end of Salt Spring Island must find their water supply elsewhere? As I asked before, why elect a Regional Director?

Apparently the Chamber feels, what is best for the Chamber of Commerce members, is what the rest of the Island should accept.

A.T. Marler  
Ganges  
October 22, 1977

**"GREEDY" IS CORRECT TERM**  
Sir,  
Re Ferry Operations

In your letters to the editor column your correspondent lamented the fact that they had to work Saturdays and Sundays.

However, he neglected to mention the fact, that he has 10 mornings off each 15 days. Also the fact that he has practically 10 afternoons off every 15 days, plus he gets additional time off for very generous holidays provision and 15 days a year sick leave.

It is very regrettable that the complete story was not given the public until the Hon. Mr. Davis came on the Jack Webster program and said their total demands were going to cost the ferry system 25 million dollars or just under \$10,000 per employee.

It would appear that the term "greedy" used in a number of stories was correct, when these facts are given to us.

W. MacKee  
Mayne Island, BC  
October 22, 1977

**"POINTS TO PONDER"**

Sir,  
Re-your front page article on

October 12, 1977 part of which states;

"Some merchants are considering similar action"

Do you not feel that some of the Ganges merchants are being a little hasty in their judgement of the Ferry Employees? Lets look at a couple of items.

Item #1

Dr. J.J. Gow, solicitor for the Vancouver Island Merchants, is taking action in the courts to recover losses in business, due to the ferry stoppage, against those persons or company responsible for the shut down of the fleet, and I quote from the Vancouver Province October 20/77, "the B.C. Ferry Corp., the B.C. Ferry Marine Workers Union, The B.C. Government, The B.C. Labour Relations Board, and Individual Union Members."

As this is now, I understand, in the hands of the Courts to decide, are not some of the merchants being judge and jury before the case is heard? Are we not being judged guilty and have to prove our innocence? The laws of this land are the opposite, so let's leave it up to the courts to make that decision.

To be a little on the humoristic vein, why didn't the Gulf Island Merchants take similar action last year to recover their losses due to the doubling of the ferry fares that just about put several small businesses into bankruptcy. The government is still laughing over this one.

Your fares were increased 100%, with your tickets you and your car was \$2 return and is now \$4 return, whereas the other routes are only a 50% increase.

Item #2

For the past 20 years or so, the Merchants have had a good wack at a portion of the Ferries payroll on

this island, that, with nearly 200 employees, is now close to a quarter of a million dollars a month. If some of the merchants feel the way they do, I am sure the employees will respect their wishes and buy elsewhere.

Item #3

Plans had been set up to run the Island Ferries to take care of supplies etc. for the merchants, and mostly every employee had volunteered their services without pay to run those vessels, however, this was overruled by the Big City locals who couldn't be got at by the merchants in such a large area on an individual basis.

As we have to live together on this small island, let's not be too hasty in our judgment of our fellow man, who also happens to be your next door neighbour!

James G. Napper, Chairman  
B.C. Ferry Officers Association  
Box 1043, Ganges  
October 20, 1977

**WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE**

Sir:

On page 17 of your October 19 issue in a Chamber of Commerce news report and under "St. Mary's Lake Park" I see where Steve Nelson, and his minority group of 88, have now declared the lake to be a recreation lake.

He says that the residents are endangering the lake by using too much drinking water and further says that the major users, i.e. the three water boards, should find an alternate source of water.

May I ask, where? and at what

cost? Vancouver Island perhaps? at a cost of several hundred million dollars? When did the Chamber acquire title to the lake?

The Chamber's message is clear. The majority are being told to get the aitch off the lake, find domestic water elsewhere regardless of cost.

In a matter of a few short weeks what was termed a proposal for a beach has now become St. Mary Lake Park as though it were un fait accompli.

It would appear to me that the Chamber is usurping unto itself the powers of government.

In concluding his report Nelson says, "If there is a more suitable area a change may be made." Note the words "if" and "may". In short, they MAY, not will, in their godly beneficence consider a change. How very generous they are! What delusions of grandeur and power the chamber has! AND WHAT INCREDIBLE GALL!

Frank W. Pierce  
Fernwood Road  
Ganges  
October 24, 1977

**GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY!**

Sir,

Congratulations are due Mr. Nelson and the Chamber of Commerce. With one bold sweep last Saturday morning they have launched themselves as the protectors of this island community from "junk" sold in a "free-for-all" market (Quotations from chamber news report of last week.)

It seems this group has discov-

ered the means of perpetrating unpopular acts for the "good of the community"!

After all they are not elected representatives of this community, and are, not answerable to us for their actions.

Let's face it, we need a strong arm on the island that can make things happen - I mean the bureaucracy, our elected reps, and all that is so cumbersome. Now, at last, we have our saviours from the chamber that can really make things happen.

If we could only prevail upon them to come up with the right causes to act upon, our problems would be solved.

As for me, I will not deal with any business in this community that feels it can support this nonsense. If the chamber needs my business then they will have to be more sympathetic to my wishes.

Bas Cobanli  
R. Larsen  
Salt Spring Island, BC  
October 25, 1977

**CANADA WORKS PROJECT**

Sir,

I would like to thank you for the coverage you gave my Canada Works project proposal, when I presented it before the school board for endorsement.

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more letters  
to the editor

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## Who is Jim Bryce?

# Candidate for director is no newcomer to public affairs

**BY MAGGIE SCHUBART**  
Jim Bryce is seeking election to the Board of the Capital Regional District.

Who is Jim Bryce?  
The Bryces, Jim and Bea, live in a small but hospitable home they built for themselves in Fulford, moving here in 1973.

However, their attachment to Salt Spring Island goes back at least a decade before that.

While Jim was assistant-managing the parts division of Fogg Motors, in New Westminster, he and Bea built themselves a 28 foot cabin cruiser and used it to explore among the Gulf Islands. Like so many others, they fell in love with Salt Spring, its relaxed pace, its scenic beauty, the easy friendliness of the people they met. They bought some land, looking forward to retiring here.

### FOR A FEW MONTHS

When retirement time arrived, Jim's firm invited him to stay on as parts executive.

"I suppose it was sort of flattering," he says, "and I did stay for a few months. But we kept asking ourselves, 'Is this really the way we want to live?'"

They left the mainland.

The parts business isn't the only business that Jim knows well. As a young man he spent a lot of time in the bakery business, starting in 1927, working for an uncle who had a bakery in Alberta.

The Bryce family had moved from Glasgow, Scotland, to Edmonton when Jim was a baby, and on to Vancouver to favour his mother's health.

After apprenticing in his uncle's bakery, he went back to Ontario, to Guelph University, and earned a Master Baker's degree, adding the chemical, theoretical and logistical aspects to his practical experience.

### DEPRESSION YEARS

He emerged from university in the harsh depression years. "I worked at any job I could get during the early thirties," he recalls, "that's when I got to know something about farming."

He and Bea shared those lean years; they were married in 1931; their daughter Jean was born in 1934.

Five years later, they opened a bakery and lunch counter in Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, alternating days off. "When Jim had Saturdays off and I was managing the lunch counter, he'd have dinner ready when I got home," Bea reveals, "We had an awful lot of turnips, Saturday nights!" She hastens to add that the accompany-

ing rolls and other bakery items were first rate.

Jim held his first public office during their time in Kerrobert, a town of about 5,000. He sat on the town council for six years. Those were war years and the council put a lot of effort into sending food to Britain.

When the local curling facilities burned down, they were able to find a vacant quonset building in a nearby town to move to Kerrobert for community recreation.

### HORSE DRAWN

"In the early forties," Jim recalls, "the town fire brigade was operating with a horse-drawn fire wagon, which was very picturesque but not too efficient. We were eventually able to bring the fire department into the 20th century with a truck."

Retirement on Salt Spring Island is no passive affair, the Bryces have learned along with many others.

Jim is chairman of the trustees of Fulford Harbour Waterworks District and Bea is secretary-treasurer.

They are active in the South Salt Spring Planning Association. He is Commander of the Salt Spring Island Power Squadron and helps teach the course they offer under Continuing Education.

Both are enthusiastic bowlers. Bea is Meals-on-Wheels co-ordinator for the south end of the island and participates in the affairs of the Garden Club, the Potters Guild and the Weavers Guild.

### NEW ADHERENTS

The Jim Bryce campaign committee lists the following new supporters for his candidacy for the Capital Regional District Board: Col. Peter Bingham, Marg and Art Simons, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. W.J. Mosedale, Dr. and Mrs. William R. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Baker, Paul Horsdal, Beth and Ray Hill, John Lloyd, Maude Scott and Walter Zelter.

## Do you like animals they ask

Anyone who owns an animal, or is fond of animals, is likely to find problems that are hard to solve without help.

Rightly now it is difficult to know where to go for that help, reports a Salt Spring Island animal lover.

It has been suggested that people who like animals get together and form a group. If a meeting could be held once a month and enough people were interested; many ideas would come to light and with a small membership fee as well as some good money-raising ideas, it is suggested. Funds could then be available for things considered helpful. Many islanders are busy and are too tired or haven't time to attend meetings. Even as silent members, they would be valuable, adding the strength of numbers to the group and could be kept informed about any proposals of what could be done, said the group spokesman.

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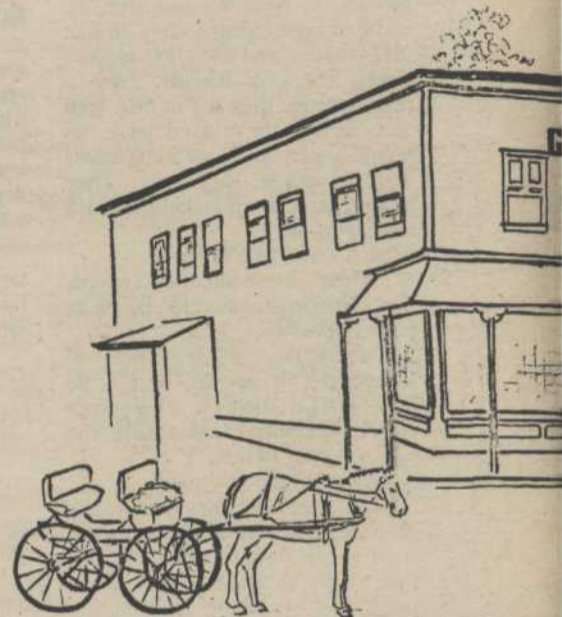
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# DOWN THE GUTTER

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Here are some of this week's better scores. Julian Valcourt once again came out on top with his 823 triple, followed by Marlien Slings-

by with 767. Other good totals came from Ken Collins with 733, and Leo Toutant with 729. The following bowlers are now

members of the 300 club, Ann Harrison (300), Leo Toutant, (302), Jim Bird, (300) Cyril Beech, (317), Julian Valcourt (343).

Three Golden Agers teams travelled to Parksville last week. The least said of the outcome the better, so they tell me. Two teams also came here from Parksville, with the visitors coming out on top by bowling 100 pins over their average.

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We would like to thank all the bowlers who are changing their shoes in the area provided for this purpose.

This Saturday will be time the Y.B.C.'s will be trying to beat their coaches. Best of luck to you all. Bowling tip of the week.

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The bowlers of the week were Julien Valcourt with 823 and Marlien Slingsby with 767.

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  - incentives to increase Canada's catch of unexploited stocks of fish;
  - assistance to young farmers to provide sufficient financial incentives for them to establish themselves in farming.
  - better veterinary training facilities;
  - improvements in Canadian grain rail transportation capabilities;
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- (Excerpts from the Speech from the Throne, Wednesday, February 27, 1974)

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# Remanded for sentence after conviction for Hydro damage

Gordon Georgeson 19, of Galiano Island, was found guilty in Provincial Court at Ganges Wednesday on a charge of committing mischief by causing wilful damage to property of B.C. Hydro.

Damage was estimated at \$1,694 after a number of insulators were destroyed on transmission lines running across Galiano Island.

Witness for the crown, N. Storry, a B.C. Hydro supervisor from Duncan, told the court that a fault was discovered in the lines on December 4, 1976. He made a helicopter patrol the same day and discovered that 26 insulators on two towers had been completely destroyed.

Storry said the two sets of lines running across Galiano are the primary sources of electrical energy to Vancouver Island. Power service was interrupted by the damaged insulators, he said.

### FINDS SHELLS

A security investigator for B.C. Hydro, C. Sullivan of Vancouver, told the court he had been to Galiano December 6. At the site where the insulators had been destroyed he found 23 expended .22 calibre long rifle shells.

RCMP Constable Darryl Sim-

monds of Ganges said that he'd taken a sworn statement on April 25, 1977, from the accused, Georgeson. He was being held in custody over another matter. After being held overnight in the cells at Ganges, Georgeson had been asked questions about the damaged insulators on Galiano. He had subsequently signed a statement admitting that he and a friend had shot at the insulators with a .22 calibre rifle.

When Georgeson took the witness stand, he told the court that he had not wanted to sign the statement but had been told that he could leave the police station if he did. The contents of the statement were true, he said.

### CHARGE FAILS

Defense counsel for Mr. Georgeson challenged the voluntary nature of the statement and suggested that it should not be admitted as evidence for that reason. Judge D.K. McAdam admitted it, however, saying there was nothing in the evidence given that showed mistreatment of the accused.

The sworn statement was read out to the court and explained that Georgeson had "gone up the

mountain with a friend". They had had a contest to shoot out the insulators using a .22 rifle. Georgeson had shot one and his friend, seven, the statement said.

Judge McAdam said that he felt that the statement had been made voluntarily and that Georgeson was guilty as charged.

He was remanded to November 16 for a pre-sentence report.

## Duplicate bridge at Legion Hall

Duplicate bridge is a regular event at the Legion Hall in Ganges.

Here is a list of winners at recent events. The program is offered every Tuesday evening, at 7.30 pm.

**October 4** Gordon Parsons and Bud Keech; 2 Gordon and Dorie Best; 3 Wendy Hyslop and Kit McCulloch

**October 11** 1 Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton; 2 Pat Lee and Bruce Hardy; 3 Dorie and Gordon Best.

**October 18** 1 Gordon and Dorie Best; 2 Bud Keech and Gordon Parsons; 3 Mary Kay Thomas and Anne McConnell.

**Shop At Home**

## Activities for November are scheduled by island club

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has prepared a schedule of activities for November.

November 1, Walk and hike: Arnell Park; leaders, Jack Webb and Norah Ray. Meet 10 am at Centennial Park; Fulford members meet at Arnell Park at 10.30 am.

November 8, Goldstream Park, Vancouver Island. Walk Leader; Jack Webb. Hike leader, Gerry Holland. Meet 8.30 am at Centennial to catch 9 am ferry from Vesuvius.

November 15, Walk: Cunningham property; leader Vera Pet-

apice. Meet Fulford Drive-in, 9.30 am; Centennial Park, 10 am. Hike: Reginald Hill; leader, Doris Anderson. Meet, Centennial, 10 am; Fulford Drive-in, 10.30 am.

November 22, Walk: Bryant's Hill; leader, Sue Mouat. Meet 10 am, Centennial, 10.30 am, Fulford. Hike: T.B.A.; leader, Bob Ball. Meet 9.30 am, Fulford. 10 am Centennial.

November 28, Walk: St. Mary Highlands; leader, Ernie Jenkins. Hike: Mt. Erskine; leader, Jack Fisher. Meet, 9.30 Fulford 10 am, Centennial.

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In 1855 she was the first naval vessel to make use of the turbulent waters between Mayne and Galiano Islands and her captain, Lieutenant-Commander James Al-

den, USN, became responsible for the naming of the waters.

Hudson's Bay Company records at Nanaimo show the USS Active, Capt. Alden, arrived to take in coal, having Mr. Lewis of the Hon. HBC, as pilot. That was on December 29, 1855, at 4.30 pm.

The report comes from Walbran's British Columbia Coast Names.

The Active was previously named the Goldhunter and was schooner rigged. In 1853 she was purchased by the United States

Government from the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The United States Government sent to the shipyard on Mare Island, where she was strengthened and refitted. **NAVY SHIP**

She assumed her new role as a naval ship as soon as the work was completed and the vessel remained in service for several years.

In November, 1857, or two years after naming Active Pass, the vessel was engaged with HMS Plumper in Semiahmoo Bay fixing the position of the 49th parallel in connection with the international boundary question.

While the two ships lay in Semiahmoo Bay, a white man of the name of Macaulay was taken prisoner by Plumper's officers for illicitly supplying liquor to the surveying ships.

The arrest was instrumental in launching the Fraser River gold rush.

The United States ship was heading towards Victoria and the arrested man was conveyed to the city aboard Active. En route, he showed the crew a very considerable amount of gold he had received from the Indians in trade for goods.

Active then went south and when the crew arrived in San Francisco they spread the report of gold in Canada. The gold rush started in 1858. The story links up with the original name, Goldhunter, of the American naval vessel.

Walbran, whose appeal today lies in his sense of historical anecdote, also recalls the day when a British ship ran aground and freed herself in Active Pass.

Three Royal Navy ships, HMS Termagant, Plumper and Alert were going through Active Pass with a strong flood tide on July 31, 1860. All were under steam.

**NARROW ESCAPE**

Termagant, 25 guns, Capt. Robert Hall, had a narrow escape from shipwreck. She ran on the bluff (Laura Point) on the south shore of the pass, and, in sheering off, carried away some of the trees with her foreyard, according to Capt. Richards' Journal.

The three men-o-war were on their way to Nanaimo to coal up and also to show the flag. Their presence in Nanaimo Harbour would allay the fears of the white inhabitants who were fearful of an outbreak of hostility between settlers and Indians.

The tidal current through Active Pass attains a velocity at springs of between six and seven knots, reported Walbran, and it is full of overfalls and rippings.

The name, Active Pass was formally given to the stretch of water by Capt. Richards, of the surveying vessel Plumper. He learned from the same HBC Capt. Lewis, who was piloting Plumper through the Pass in 1858 that the American vessel had been first through the pass and adopted that name on the new naval charts.

After the turn of the century a further survey was undertaken. In 1904, Cmdr. John F. Parry, HMS Egeria, added several names of points to the chart.

# Order's official visit is presented in St. George's

St. George's Hall, Ganges, was the scene of the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon, Order of the Eastern Star, to Trincomali Chapter No. 93, on Saturday, Oct. 15.

W.G.M. Mrs. Edna Fetterly of Nanaimo and W.G.P. Casey Jones, Vancouver, were welcomed by Worthy Matron, Mrs. James Mayo, and Worthy Patron, James Mayo of Ganges.

Visitors presented were P.G.M. Mrs. Agnes Hindmarch, Grand Lecturer, from Ladysmith, Mrs. Irene Work, Grand Ruth, from Chemainus and Grad Warder, Mrs. Edna Fisher of Roberts Creek.

Also introduced were Mrs. Ida McManus, Ganges, Grand Representative of Nevada, and Worthy Matrons Mrs. Vida Roach, Duncan, and Mrs. Martha Finlay, Ladysmith.

**RECEIVES CHEQUES**

The Worthy Grand Matron was presented with cheques for Cancer Research and the Cancer Dressing

Fund of the Grand Chapter, by the convener of the Chapters Cancer Dressing Station, Mrs. Lillian Thomas, Ganges.

The Worthy Grand Matron also received a donation from the Chapter to her project, the Crippled Children's Solarium, Victoria. It was presented by Associate Matron, Mrs. Marguerite Sargent, Fulford Harbour.

Earlier in the day, a coffee party was held at the home of Mrs. Theo Parsons, Scott Road, for the visitors and members.

The evening ended with refreshments at the United Church Hall, Ganges.

**Consistency**

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**New teachers named to island school**



**CHUCK NELKEN**



**MARY MACDONALD**



**SCOTT LAWRENCE**

Three new teachers have taken up positions at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Mary MacDonald is teaching grades one and two split and comes to the island from Qualicum Beach. In the Vancouver Island community she was teaching at a small school and was there for a year. Before that she was taking teacher training at UBC. She was at one time employed by the Vancouver Art Gallery and has lived in that city for

many years.

A former contributor to the B.C. publication Raincoast Chronicles, is engaged in learning assistance at the intermediate level. Scott Lawrence comes to Salt Spring from a ranch near Kamloops, where he was teaching half-a-dozen primary-age students and helping to set up a school. He was there for six months and prior to that was working in Vancouver. This is his second teaching position

and he has come to Salt Spring with his wife and three children.

Chuck Nelken has been teaching for eight years. Before his recent move to Salt Spring, he lived in Edson, Alberta, where he taught grades nine and 10. He is now teaching grades six and seven, split. He is married and also has three children.

**Protester from Mayne Island moves to new Victoria home**

Board of trustees of Gulf Islands School District heard some news that would "help them sleep better" when they met at Ganges Thursday.

Trustee Pearl Brau of Mayne Island, told the board that Mr. and Mrs. G. Gibson had moved from Mayne Island to Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson had asked for an apology from the board at the last meeting on October 6 for the way in which Mrs. Gibson's application for employment had been handled.

She had applied for the position of secretary at the Mayne Island School. After going away for a week, Mrs. Gibson had returned to find the position had been filled.

Mr. Gibson subsequently charged that his wife was unable to

make a fair representation of herself for the position due to "bungling" in the school board office.

The school board was told last week that the Gibsons were in the process of moving about three days after they had spoken to the board.

They had already bought a home in Victoria, said Mrs. Brau, and apparently had never intended to stay on Mayne.

The National Safety Council in the United States notes that murder is the number two cause of deaths among Americans aged 15 to 14 years. Suicide is number three. Most common cause of death is motor vehicle accidents.

**They still face problems as month after month missing**

Readers Digest has had problems, publishing in Canada. It now has problems getting around the country.

Readers Digest reader, Clinton Moffat, at Ganges, is a man who reads the digest. He gets two. One is from the United States, birthplace of the publication and the other is from Canada.

The New York publication is shipped out of the pressroom and mailed far and wide. The C.L. Moffat copy travels from New York to Montreal, according to the Canada Post office, and thence to the coast.

Last week he received his copy from New York. It resembled a wet

rag and it was dated, June, 1977.

Four months, contends Clinton Moffat is a long time for a magazine to travel from New York. A mailman astride a bicycle could do better.

The Salt Spring Island reader's anxiety is not untoward. After all, he wants to find out what was being said in the vast United States in July, August, September and October. None of those issues has reached the coast yet.

In the meantime he has unpleasant visions of the Canada Postmaster-General sitting atop a pile of American magazines, reading them before they get into west coast mail boxes.

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT  
PLANNING AREA NO. 3  
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ZONING  
Notice of Public Hearing**

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem themselves affected by the following proposed by-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the Activity Room, Ganges Elementary School, Ganges, B.C., on Tuesday, November 8, 1977 at 8.00 p.m.

1. A by-law to amend By-law No. 118, Official Community Plan (Salt Spring Island) By-law, 1972, being Amendment By-law No. 5, 1977.

By-law No. 118, cited as "Official Community Plan (Electoral Area F - Salt Spring Island) By-law, 1972" is amended as follows:

"By-law No. 118 being the Official Community Plan (Electoral Area F - Salt Spring Island) By-law, 1972, is amended by deleting the community plan made part of that by-law as Schedule 'A' and by replacing it with the community plan made part of this by-law as Schedule 'A'."

Copies of the proposed amending by-law may be reviewed at Mouat's Store, Fulford-Ganges Road, Ganges, B.C., Salt Spring Island Centennial Library, McPhillips Avenue, Ganges, B.C., and at the offices of the Provincial Government Building, Building Inspection Department, Lower Ganges Road, Ganges, B.C., during normal working hours of 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm. The by-law may also be reviewed at the Capital Regional District Planning Department, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. during normal working hours of 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, (holidays excepted).

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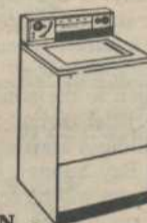
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The Adult Education classes being held on Salt Spring Island for the second straight year can be classed as an outstanding success. The night school classes, conducted under the authority of the school board, are offering many more courses this year than last, according to Mrs. A. M. Brown, director of adult education.

Recently a visitor to our fair isle happened to spot a Jaguar car parked on the school grounds. He made some remark about how well we must pay our teachers. Naturally, a Salt Spring Islander sure straightened him out in a hurry, when he told the stranger that the car belonged to the janitor.

The local diving club will be holding a starfish dive at Booth Bay Sunday, Oct. 28. The divers will be competing for prizes for the most starfish taken in a certain allowed time. All the starfish will be taken without the use of tanks. The members of the club are very familiar with Booth Bay and have watched these starfish in action against the oysters. Most residents of the island are proud of the abundance of oysters around Salt Spring, but few realize how fast they could be depleted if these scavengers go untouched.

The club hopes to sell the catch to pay for the prizes. The price will be two cents per starfish, and they make excellent fertilizer. Anyone wishing to purchase any amount should contact Don Irwin.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Four seats on the Gulf Islands School District board of trustees will be up for grabs in December. So far there have been few hands out to do the grabbing.

The following trustees reach the end of their terms of office in December: J.M. Campbell, Saturna; Mrs. James Ross, Mayne; Robert Patterson, Fulford; S.E. Hughes and G.M. Heinekey, Ganges.

The Galiano Club executive has called for tenders for the laying of the new floor in the community hall, but contributions are still being solicited for the fund set up for that purpose.

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has formally protested the recent CBC program featuring Salt Spring Island.

The chamber wired Judy LaMarsh, secretary of state, demanding a correction of the inferences and omissions listed. Reply from the secretary of state explained that her department has no control over CBC programming and that the protest would be passed on to the president of the CBC.

None could have found a lovelier bride than Susan Carol Townley as she came to St. Mary's Church on Saturday, Oct. 21. The groom was James MacGill Talman, of Ganges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Carrick of Glasgow, Scotland.

The Gulf Islands are now part of the hospital regional district of Victoria.

Last week saw the new, long-mooted district come into reality, when the order-in-council was signed.

Two members have already been named to the infant district from the Gulf Islands. They are Doug Cavaye of Salt Spring Island, and Joan Purchase of Pender Island. Both will serve until such time as elections are held among the islands.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

Flower boxes have been taken away from the front of the Centennial Park in Ganges. Last week saw the last box move out.

New flower boxes are already planned. The old wooden flower boxes were an attraction to any passer-by with more muscle than brain. He would quite easily wreck them. Number of islanders enjoyed many an evening tearing them to pieces. The new boxes will be of concrete.

Phone call on Tuesday to Driftwood: "Where is the town hall? I want some information from them"

Phyllis Webb, who lives in a cottage on the sea shore looking over Ganges Harbour, has been commended for her contribution to literature in British Columbia.

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# Story comes from far away

Readers of the Western Star were entertained to a summary of western island living recently. The Western Star is published in Cornerbrook, Nfld. The story describes the Gulf Islands.

Mary Small was impressed with the breadth of the concern over the islands.

Following is the story:  
The dream of many Canadians for the good life on an island in the Pacific is causing a lot of problems for old-time residents of the Gulf Islands in the Strait of Georgia between Vancouver Island and the British Columbia mainland.

Waves of newcomers to the formerly rural islands, which have

a cool Mediterranean-type climate, are causing fears that the scenic area will become a rich man's suburb of growing Vancouver and Victoria.

With a total area of 300 square miles, the Gulf Islands consist of 13 large islands and hundreds of smaller islands and islets, most of which are uninhabited. Population of the islands is about 10,000.  
**UP TO 4,500**

During the last 20 years the population of Salt Spring Island, the largest in the group, has risen to 4,500 from 2,800. Young people account for the increase.

Some older residents complain that the newcomers are bringing

with them the very things they tried to escape on the mainland and Vancouver Island.

Says Gil Humphreys of Salt Spring Land Ltd., a real estate company which operates on the islands:

"They came to the islands because of the magic they found here, but they wanted to bring with them everything they had at home. The two things don't mix and the island is changing."

### MOST RETIRED

More than half of the island's residents are older than 55 and retired to settle on property they bought perhaps 25 to 30 years ago when a small, inconvenient ferry was the island's link to Vancouver.

Instead of the peaceful retirement they envisaged, the older residents have to contend with crowds and noise.

Some fear that the forest-clad slopes around the coastline will disappear as applications are made for permits to build houses and even apartment buildings on the once inaccessible cliffs.

### ARCHITECT

Hank Schubart, an architect who gave up a thriving business in San Francisco nine years ago to live on Salt Spring Island, says it's impossible to classify the people who are attracted to the islands.

He says they range from professionals who carry on limited work to young people who make ends meet with odd jobs. They grow their own food or depend on the abundant seafood found on the island's shores and in surrounding waters.

"The only common denominator seems to be a certain inner richness both in their own lives and in their relationships with their neighbors," says Schubart.

Schubart believes Salt Spring Island will be able to preserve its distinct way of life as long as the government doesn't increase ferry service.

"As long as the ferries are few and far between, and they are crowded and expensive, Salt Spring Island will survive.

"But if they run more frequently, then it will become just part of the Saanich Peninsula, and if they build that bridge from Vancouver that they talk about then we will be just a bedroom suburb of Vancouver.

## Dance draws patrons from different places

On Friday, Oct. 21 Admiral Masonic Lodge, at Ganges, paid tribute to the ladies, who spend many a lonely evening when the lodge is in session during the winter, by holding the annual Ladies' Night Ball in the secondary school auditorium.

This event is eagerly looked forward to by many members of the community as over 200 turned out to help celebrate the only social event held all year. The fame of the event must be spreading as there were guests from as far away as Prince George and Montreal, reports a spokesman for the event.

The music was supplied by Al Denoni, from Victoria, who played music suitable for the different age groups attending.

The Ship's Anchor Inn catered for the buffet served around 11.30 pm. The buffet table looked beautiful and the food was delicious and plentiful, and even after the call for "seconds" there was still some left over.

The committee wishes to thank all who attended and helped us to make our Ladies Night a real "Ball".  
-B.G.

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# VIEW POINT

The West Coast Oil Ports Inquiry is coming to Salt Spring Island. Dr. Andrew Thompson will try to assess the potential physical, biological, social and economic effects of supertankers. We've got a lot to lose. The Save Our Seas Committee wants to compile the feelings of island residents to convey these to Dr. Thompson. If you don't like to speak in public, this is your chance to get your message to Dr. Thompson.

1. If you had an opportunity to speak at the Hearing, what would you say to Dr. Thompson?

2. Why do you live on Salt Spring Island? How would the destruction of our environment affect you?

Mail you VIEWPOINT to the Community Centre, Ganges, or drop it into the box at Mouat's. If we don't do something to save our islands, we deserve to lose them.



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