

# Gulf Islands Driftwood

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GANGES, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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## Better not shout!

Santa Claus is coming to tour the Islands at week end

You better not shout! Cos Santa Claus is coming to town!

On Saturday, Santa will sail into the Islands from Bellingham. For the 27th year in a row, Santa will come over the international line and bring oranges and candy and gifts to islands children.

Santa Claus will spend Saturday night at Ganges and pack his bags early on Sunday to set sail for the Outer Islands. Children on Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna Islands will meet him on Sunday morning.

He will then sail back to the United States.

For more than a quarter-century the international Santa Claus has sailed each Christmas across the line to visit Canadian children.

When he tours the islands on Saturday and Sunday he will be met by the parents of children eager to exchange confidences. Those parents will remember meeting him, themselves, more than a lifetime ago.

### SERVICE CLUB

The Christmas Ship is the project of the Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Bellingham community supports it with contributions and donations. The use of the ship is also donated to the service club.

Christmas Ship will sail into Ganges Harbour with lights aglowing and Christmas music playing in the early evening.

Santa will be escorted to the

Secondary School Gymnasium, where he will meet the children of the island. Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce will make

the arrangements and contribute candies and fruit.

Program will start in the gymnasium, at 6.30 pm. All children up

to the age of 10 will be welcomed.

Christmas Ship is scheduled to leave Salt Spring Island at 8 am, Sunday.

## Miracle crash at Saturna



Miracle crash landing occurred on Saturna Island on Friday, when 14 people walked away from a downed aircraft on Saturna.

Air West twin-engined Otter, the plane came down near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bevis, who were away from home at the time.

Picture, by Mike Hayes, of Saturna, shows the wreckage of the plane, which exploded shortly after the crash.

Full report of the crash appears on Page Twenty-Three, inside.

## Assessment notices are out

With the arrival of assessment notices during the past week or so, there has been a clearer picture of the changes in assessment.

Each home-owner is presented with an appraised value of his home, which is more readily understood than in past years. He may not readily agree with the actual value, but he has no problem understanding it.

The significant figure on the assessment notice is the right-hand column at the foot of the form. The assessed value is shown and this is the figure on which his taxes will be calculated.

If this figure is close to the same as on the blue assessment notice last year, he will not find any big changes. If the new figure is higher than in 1977, he will not find

any big changes. If the new figure is higher than in 1977, the likelihood is that his taxes will go up. Similarly, if the assessed value shows a decline, his taxes may follow.

Assessed value is only a guide in terms to be paid. Whether the assessed value rises or falls will only be directly reflected in his taxes next year if the mill rate remains unchanged. This is unlikely.

Any resident who feels that his assessment is not in keeping with the true value of his property must file notice of his intentions to appeal before January 20.

No file, no appeal, there are no exceptions.

## Building permits are down

Number of building permits issued in October on the Gulf Islands was down considerably over last year except on Galiano and Saturna, where the numbers remained the same.

In October of this year, five permits were issued on Salt Spring Island, value of the permits was \$229,798. On Pender, two permits, valued at \$29,632; Galiano, one permit, \$43,138; Mayne, one permit, \$60,364; Saturna, no permits; and Piers, one permit at \$23,006.

Last year's figures for the same month show that 13 permits went out on Salt Spring at a value of \$428,567; four on Pender at \$85,000; one on Galiano, \$4,300;

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## Wharf repairs

Extensive repairs are being planned by the Department of Public Works for the wharf at Lyall Harbour, Saturna Island.

Tenders for the project are being accepted until December 13.

## Call tenders for Galiano wharf work

Tenders have been called, returnable on December 21, for a contract to supply and install electrical service equipment and a transformer, including conduits, panels and electric lighting facilities at the Montague Harbour ferry terminal.

Montague Harbour is Galiano Island's port for the Mayne Queen.

The work to be done includes installation of street lights, ramp and apron motors, traffic signals and plastic junction boxes.

## Macpherson president of Chamber

When Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce called its annual meeting on Monday it snowed. The meeting was called off, but so many people turned up, anyway, it was held in the Golf Club.

Elected to the president's chair was Gary Macpherson; vice-president Pat Baines, treasurer, Jerry Stennes.

Three directors were elected for a two-year term: Terry Elford, Mel Topping, and Chuck Hankins.

## I needed a pass for a ticket

## It's all for security

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Don't get blown up! A quick trip to Europe and you know there's trouble somewhere.

Like buying a ticket home in Birmingham, England.

Air Canada is half-way to cruising altitude in that city. The office is on the fifth floor where they can't get squared away because it's a round building.

But you don't walk in and buy a ticket like anywhere else.

I walked in. All peaceful and filled with goodwill.

"Where are you going?" asked a voice behind me.

I was going to Air Canada. I explained to the commissionaire.

I NEEDED A PASS

But I didn't need a pass. I needed a ticket. I needed a pass.

He was right. I needed a pass. My name; my address at home and the office I was visiting. It all went down on the paper.

I just wanted to buy an airline ticket. I protested.

I needed a pass. He handed me my pass and I told him it was the toughest way of buying a ticket I had found.

Place had been bombed five times, he told me, and they were checking on everybody going in. That didn't help a bit!

I got my ticket and I came home.

IN FRANKFURT

But not until I had seen the same thing repeated in Frankfurt.

Vancouver Airport is murder on the aging and Toronto is too vast and Heath Row is always dirty and the escalators always break down. But Frankfurt is beautifully laid out and as clean as a new pin. It is, in fact, a new pin.

On each floor you see the green-clad police officers. You can't miss them. They are the guys with the machine guns, all set to jump to the attack if a hi-jacking develops. It's security.

And then somebody asks whether you're glad to be home!

## Turn on lights before stopping he suggests

It has been suggested that school bus drivers are partly to blame for vehicles passing the buses when they are letting off or picking up students.

A Ganges man said last week that he had been following a school bus that didn't display the flashing red lights until after it had stopped.

He suggests that the bus drivers turn the lights on before they stop and not after.

They are looking for \$10,000

# Central Hall is in need of money says Bevis Walters at hall meeting

"Thank you for attending our meeting, we need \$10,000!" So said Bevis Walters, president of the Central Hall Committee as he addressed a gathering of interested individuals last Wednesday at Central Hall.

"This is the first time we have gone to the public with a request for assistance, but we find that the cost of the planned renovations and additions to the hall exceed our available funds."

Secretary-treasurer Margaret Cunningham, ten-year member of the committee, has spent many hours in an effort to preserve and improve the 80-year-old structure which is so much a part of Salt Spring history.

Local architect, Jonathan Yardley was engaged to execute a plan which would maintain the aura of the old building, while up-dating the facilities and making the desired additions of improved stage and storage areas, kitchen, and inside plumbing, the facts of which he explained to the assemblage on Wednesday.

Displayed was a yellow "flyer" designed by Mr. Yardley, depicting Central Hall "to be", with the request, "Save Central Hall. Give a dollar for renovations. Deposit at the Bank of Montreal or mail to Box 484, Ganges, B.C. Central Hall Committee".

**OFFERING HELP**  
Representatives of various groups offered specific financial aid: the OAP's have earmarked a large sum; the Singers and Operatic Group, Madness Inc., and the Salt Spring Players pledged percentages of forthcoming performances.

Recent lecturer Cam Hubert donated her fee.

From Recreation Chairman Glenn Woodley came the pledge of 40 hours of labour.

Also present were representatives from Rotary, Legion, Lions, Community Centre, Painters Guild and Farmers Institute, with promises to present the information to their respective memberships.

Ideas for money-raising projects came from both the floor and the Committee. The meeting was adjourned on an optimistic note with Mr. Walters thanking all those in attendance.

# Amanda Seward and Ed Bettiss are married

Amanda Seward and Ed Bettiss were married on Salt Spring Island last week. A quiet family wedding had been planned, but due to poor flying conditions, Dennis Seward, the bride's father, was unable to attend the ceremony. The seaplane that brought Mr. Seward from Jervis Inlet was delayed, but he arrived in time for the luncheon following the wedding.



It was extraordinarily good fortune, said Sanchia Seward, mother of the bride, that a telegram sent from New Zealand by Ernest Haigh and his family, arrived just before the newlyweds left for their honeymoon on Vancouver Island.

# "That was Strasbourg

## Could it happen here?"

The city of Strasbourg is a city of great beauty splashed with the mud of a million feet.

The station was once an architect's dream and a place of great beauty.

On a dark night, the very limited lighting leaves pools of water and mud awaiting the unwary traveller.

Time knows better. Time knows that the day of the trailing skirt and the furbelow has passed. Time knows that a pool of muddy water challenges only the foolish, the unwary and the drunk.

There are hotels galore around the station square and all are eager to serve the thirsty traveller, whether he arrives by rail or no.

The night was cold. Not eastern Canada cold, but chilly. Impervious to the cold and lying insensible against the door of the estaminet was a young woman.

She was well-groomed and well-dressed. That she was probably an apprentice of the night was of

little consequence. She had very obviously drunk far beyond her capacity and had been thrown out of the establishment she graced, insensible.

She slept. No stridency of speech; no coquetry of an ancient calling to jar the observer. If her eyes were bloodshot, they were closed.

And no one gave her a glance. Busy crowds hurrying to and from the railway station passed her by. She had her problems. They had theirs.

That was Strasbourg.

In Bolivia, UNICEF Canada and CIDA jointly contributed more than \$1,000,000 to accelerate the work of rural sanitation. UNICEF supplies the pipes, pumps and cement. Local villagers contribute the labour. Similar community involvement is also responsible for the success of Canadian-funded projects for developing clean water systems in the Maldives, Mozambique and Cape Verde Islands.



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## Record concert Sunday

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Excerpts will be played from Mozart's "Requiem" and the "Messiah". Any reader who has a piece of music others might enjoy is invited to bring it.

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# TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

It's about 45 years since I devoted every mental effort to the learning of conjugations and declensions in the German language. It's about 45 years since I abandoned my studies and started to forget all I had learned. Last week I was in Germany. I was alone in a hotel lobby with a German night clerk who had no English at all. In hesitating words I ordered breakfast and I had her call me a taxi for seven o'clock and I paid my bill. I was thankful I had paid attention to my preceptors 45 years ago.

Couple weeks ago I called on Tommy Douglas when I was passing through Ottawa. We looked at the national scene and he made his forecast: a Liberal government with a smaller minority. The islands MP also questioned whether Prime Minister Trudeau was the logical national leader to meet Rene Levesque in negotiations over Canada's future. He felt that, perhaps, there was too much animosity between Trudeau and Levesque to permit of an easy negotiation. Tommy is looking forward with considerable regret to his retirement. He is serving out his final term. Former Saskatchewan Premier and former national leader of the New Democratic Party, Tommy has a lifetime of papers to prepare for the national archives, he explained, and that will take him a year and a half or more.

Of course I had driven in England before. I told the car-hire man, coldly, I hoped he didn't see me hare round a corner on the wrong side and come face to face

with two large city buses before I remembered I was supposed to drive on the left.

It might be that we could get more co-operation from the ministry of highways if we were to burn incense to the minister. Then we might be thinking along the same lines!

Odd things about travel: Europe is broad-minded. You can spend almost any currency in France, Belgium and Germany. They interchange. In Britain, a provincial airline would only accept sterling. Dollar travellers' cheques were unacceptable. On the Air Canada flight they wanted payment in sterling for duty-free items.

And more about travel. Air travel is for the young. If you plan to go far with the permissible 60 pounds of luggage, think twice. I have hauled 60 pounds, odd, of clothes and accoutrements in and out of trains, buses, taxis, hotels and airports. It's killed me. It just ain't worth it. At Vancouver you come in through the basement and you have to pack that weight up to the top floor to go out again. I know. I did it. Only to find that the Patricia Bay flight was fully booked and I had to drag it out to a taxi. Heath Row is a toughy. If you're loaded, dodge that one! You carry the thing for miles and most of the escalators have broken down years ago. After carrying your bag up three or four flights of frozen escalators you know you're on the way out.

# Indian benefit on Sunday for victims of two tornadoes

**BY MAGGIE SCHUBART**  
Salt Spring Island's Gala Benefit Performance for the victims of India's recent disasters, has been growing in scope as the presentation date approaches. Sunday evening, Dec. 11 at 8 pm in St. George's Church.

Many of our local people have visited India or lived there, and their cultural insights are helping to give a special relevancy to this event.

Alice Andress, one of those helping to organize the program, spent several weeks in the area where the Godavari River flows into the Bay of Bengal.

This is where, in recent weeks, two tornadoes and a tidal wave inundated coastal villages and ruined settlements miles inland.

She points out that, in addition to killing over 25,000 people, the disaster created additional thousands of refugees, who are now without food, water or shelter.

There is the acute danger of cholera, with the local ponds normally used for drinking water, now contaminated with the decaying bodies of men and animals killed in the flood.

### SALT WATER

Rice plantations have been invaded by sea water and will not leach out to be re-planted for years to come. The survivors are not prosperous enough to be able to re-establish their homes and occupations.

Alice has slides of the area as she saw it several years ago and they will be in continuous projec-

tion to set the scene as the audience assembles Sunday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Richardson, for several years resident in India, before they came to live on Salt Spring, are selecting appropriate poems by Indian writers which will be read by Greg Barnes, formerly with CBC.

In addition to the performers already announced, there will be numbers by Michelle Larson, flute; the Community Choir; Scottish

Country Dancers; and Bryan Smith playing Noel Coward favourites.

Seating for the gala will be limited to 135, so the purchase of tickets in advance is the way to be sure of a seat.

They are available at Ganges Pharmacy in exchange for a minimum donation of \$5 which will go entirely to Inter-Church World Relief, an organization which is already on the scene trying to alleviate the damage from these recent catastrophes.

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### The Little Man

The world outside is encroaching on the islands. It is a world unrelated to the small businessman. Since the day when the islands knew none but an Indian face, commerce and industry were strictly local. There was no giant mercantile corporation seeking to cash in on islanders. They were too small. The pickings were limited.

Not so today.

When a construction project is planned on the islands the provincial machinery takes over. The construction companies of the province who are interested in small projects are invited to ascertain exactly where the islands are in order to take part in the project.

The small island contractor is squeezed out.

The heart of the problem lies in the system of bonding. Looming on the Salt Spring Island horizon is the new intermediate care hospital. Tenders have been invited, but the dice are loaded against the island contractors.

It is not easy for a small operator to obtain a bond to guarantee his performance of, perhaps, a \$750,000 contract. But provincially sponsored construction projects are not geared to a division of responsibilities whereby each contractor is guaranteed for the extent of the work he undertakes.

The Salt Spring Island contractors, viewing the call for tenders, gained the sanction of CMHC to divide the responsibility among those amalgamating to bid on the job. They gained the support of the bank to offer letters of credit, but CMHC is not a provincial institution and the efforts were not acceptable.

In very stark terms, the island contractors offered to place their own private properties on the line as guarantee of completion of any work undertaken. They were not met with warmth.

This is an area where the provincial government might look closely. If the contractor can offer a substantial guarantee of performance, he should be entitled to be considered. It is not desirable that all public work be the prerogative of large corporations to the prejudice of the local contractor.

It is an area where Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis might ascertain whether there is any means by which the little man might be able to participate in medium-sized projects.

It must be borne in mind that the small businessman has few champions and his plight is too frequently overlooked or ignored.

### Where goes the highway?

Route of the main road on Salt Spring Island is the determining factor of Ganges village size. If the ministry of highways decides to locate the main island route close to the west coast of the island, then Ganges will expand like a fog bank to fill the new hollow.

Like always, the community looks for help from the ministry. Like always, it keeps looking.

Next spring, it is rumoured, the ministry may unveil its plans for re-routing the road. It is an interesting reflection that had the ministry given a detailed examination to Salt Spring Island many years ago, the re-routing today would not be necessary.

It is not the people of the island who are at fault in this instance.

## Letters to the Editor

### SURVIVED IN SNOW

Sir,  
The hummingbird not only survived the five cold, frosty days but also the snow storm and was seen four times at the feeder having flown through the falling snow.

The following day being milder, he perched on a branch near the feeder and preened himself for a full 10 minutes. So perhaps he has a chance of survival.

(Mrs.) W.J. Carter  
Ganges Hill  
November 28, 1977

### HISTORY OF ISLANDS

Sir,  
I am an American research historian and am just starting to compile a small history and postal history of the Gulf Islands. I would be interested in contacting old-timers on any of the Gulf Islands for early history material. I would especially be interested in contacting postal employees and former postal employees for stories of the early and present mail services on these islands. I feel that such history should be preserved.

Any help that I can receive will be gratefully appreciated. I am also

## Salt Spring business finds new home



John Lomas of Gulfstream Plumbing and Electrical Supplies stands in the new location at Valcourt Business Centre. The store moved from

Upper Ganges Road November 1. It now occupies the former premises of Homeworthy's.

interested in photos of the early island post offices, postmasters and rural mail carriers.

Sherman Lee Pompey  
Apartment 21  
1560 Lincoln  
Eugene, Oregon 97401  
USA  
November 25, 1977

### THEY KNOW THEY FAILED

Sir,  
The Socred's move to shift more of the burden of school taxes onto the local taxpayer - up to 19% more next year according to the B.C. School Trustees Association; in an effort to show a lower rate of spending by themselves; is ominous.

It means that the Socreds recognize that they have failed to get the province moving again.

They are desperate to show that they can reduce the rate of provincial government spending. Instead of doing it by holding expenditures and by acting to encourage the expansion of the economy, they are doing it by shifting expenditures onto the local taxpayer and on to Crown Corporations.

It would seem that the only moving in the province is being done by the 90 people laid off at MacMillan Bloedel head office.

Yours truly  
Jev Tothill  
Advisor on Tourism & Travel  
to B.C. Liberal Leader  
Gordon Gibson  
Box 81, Duncan B.C.  
December 2, 1977

### FAREWELL TOMMY

Sir,  
Yes, folks, we will be having a split of our riding when Tommy retires. So now we will have two M.P.'s, two wages, two free Air Canada tickets, two medical and dental plans, and two more potential pensioners on fantastic money.

So who pays?  
Not me, I am too old. Same age as Tommy.

Please do something before we end up like England, over-taxed, under-paid and a real governmental chaos.

John Brown  
North End Road  
Ganges, BC  
December 4, 1977

### INADEQUATE ROOM

Sir,  
The Executive of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association is concerned about the proposed activity room to be constructed at Fernwood School.

The proposed activity room is deficient in a number of ways as far as the teachers are concerned. First, and most important, the ceiling height is inadequate at 16

feet. It is inadequate for school use and most certainly for adult or community use. Secondly, the floor space is too small for proper use by physical education classes and again, will be of no use for adult or community use. Also, there will be no change rooms or showers built initially. We feel that change rooms are necessary for normal use of this facility. We also hope that stage and storage areas will be adequate for proper use of this facility by both school and community.

The Gulf Islands Teachers' Association has appealed to the School Board to delay construction of the Activity Room until the public can voice an opinion of what type of activity room should be built at Fernwood. On November 22, the Board turned down our appeal and the Executive decided to approach the public to determine if the community would be willing to approach the Board to delay this project.

We feel strongly that a delay now is warranted so that the community has some input into what type of activity room it would like to see at Fernwood.

The Executive knows that the Elementary Activity Room and the Secondary School Gymnasium are fully used now. To build an inadequate activity room at Fernwood would not solve the problem but add to it. A full-sized community activity room with an adequate ceiling height is needed now and in the future.

We strongly urge that you attend a public meeting on December 12 at 7 pm in the Elementary Activity Room to discuss this topic in greater depth.

Executive members, Gulf

## Death of Mrs. Ada Rogers in Lady Minto

Mrs. Sylvia Ada Alemeda Rogers died in Lady Minto Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 4. She was a resident of Pioneer Village in Ganges.

Mrs. Rogers was a member of Trincomali Chapter, No. 93, of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Rogers is mourned by her husband, Waldo T. (Wally), at home; her son, Terry Herrett and a stepson, Graham Rogers; five brothers, Percy, Louis, Arthur, John and Stanley Newcombe and two sisters Edna and Irene.

Donations were invited, in lieu of flowers, to the Cancer Research Fund, O.E.S. Chapter, Box 1105, Ganges.

Arrangements were by Goodman Funeral Home.

Islands Teachers' Association, Barbara Persson, president, Glenn Woodley, vice president; David Chase, secretary, Ed Rithaler, Ray Tenisci, Marg Cade, Jim Prendergast, Ian Thomson, Janet Fisher, Susan Underwood, Ron Stacey, Mike Hayes, Jean Davis, Debbie Davies, Ganges, December 5, 1977

## Church Services

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

<b>ANGLICAN</b>			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
<b>Daily: Mon.-Fri.</b>			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
<b>Weekly: Wednesdays</b>			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
<b>ROMAN CATHOLIC</b>			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9.00 am
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	11.15
<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 GOSPEL</b>			
Pastor Moe	Ganges	Sun. Sch.-all ages	10.30am
537-5395	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30 pm
		Thurs. Bible Study	7.30 pm

### MAYNE ISLAND

St. Mary Magdalene 2nd & 4th Sunday Bishop Wilkinson  
11.30 am 1st & 3rd Sunday People's Service  
Community Church Pastor J. Rodine 539-5710  
Sunday 3 pm in the school  
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## Concorde gets green light in New York



Concorde at London Airport last week had its same drooped snout despite reports that it could fly into New York. Photo was taken by Frank Richards.

## Veteran officer is thanked for doing it again

BY ELSIE BROWN

The regular meeting of the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Association was held on Saturday, Nov. 27 at 1.30 pm. All the Outer Islands were represented.

President, Lorraine Campbell was in the chair. In the absence of the secretary, Gillian Allen, Mrs. Helen Claxton read the minutes of the last meeting.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Claxton was moved by Don New for her willingness to take over the secretarial duties, an office she held for many years during her membership in the Association.

Mr. New reported that the amendment pertaining to the date of the annual convention proposed at the annual meeting was rejected by the Registrar of Companies.

during their stay following the lecture on the findings of the UAS. Especially mentioned were the proprietors of Madrona Lodge, Ken and Gillian Allen.

Mrs. Campbell reported that residents of Saturna had met to discuss the edition of the new Gulf Islands Patchwork, a current project of the association.

Mrs. Claxton suggested that clippings of items of historical significance from Driftwood or other publications be compiled in a scrap book. Annie De Rousie offered to look after it.

## Mail stolen at Fulford

RCMP at Ganges warn that tampering with mail boxes is a federal offence. Police say there have been reports of mail being stolen in the Fulford area.

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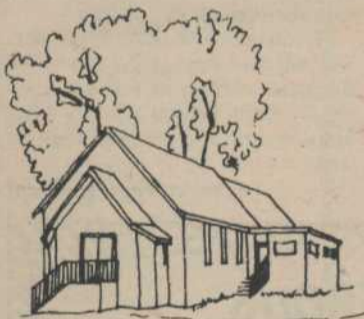
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## ESSAY CONTEST

It was suggested that Taimi Hindmarch and Will Hayes, teachers on Saturna, be again asked to take charge of the essay contest sponsored by the Historical Association Branch. All schools from the Outer Islands are asked to participate.

A letter was read from Jeff Yallop, president of Underwater Archaeology Society thanking Galiano Islanders for their hospitality



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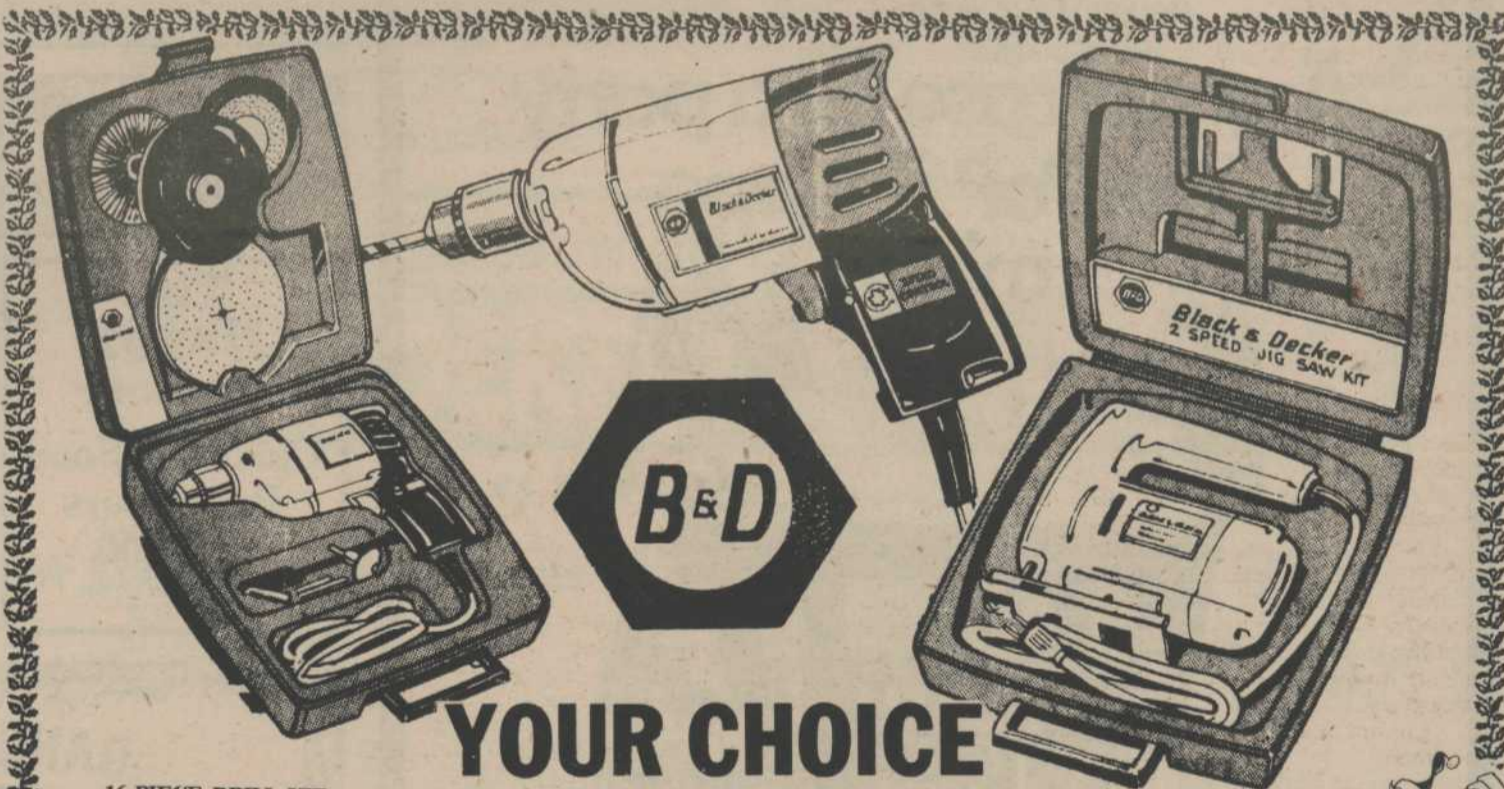
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### Membership at 39 following Saturday meeting

## SPCA auxiliary is formed at Ganges

An auxiliary to the Victoria branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been formed on Salt Spring Island.

At a meeting in Mahon Hall

Saturday, over 50 islanders heard an address by William Leach, executive director of the British Columbia SPCA. He explained the role of the society in the community and how a branch could be formed on the island.

It was decided to form an auxiliary because of several advantages for the membership. If enough interest is shown and if the need becomes evident, a branch could be formed out of the auxiliary. It was felt by those at the meeting that Outer Islands resi-

dents may also be interested in joining the auxiliary with a view to forming a Gulf Islands Auxiliary.

Problems concerning animals on the islands were discussed but priorities will be set by the executive committee when the needs of the islands and the resources available are known.

Executive committee of the auxiliary for 1978 was formed on Saturday. President is Pat Fullerton; vice-president, David Woolridge; secretary, Grace Bracher; treasurer, Hazel Thomson; and membership chairman, June Slocombe.

At the meeting on Saturday, 39 people became members of the SPCA; a membership drive is being planned. Fees are \$5 per person per year; for OAP's, the fee is \$2.

The executive has expressed gratitude for their efforts in help to form the local auxiliary.

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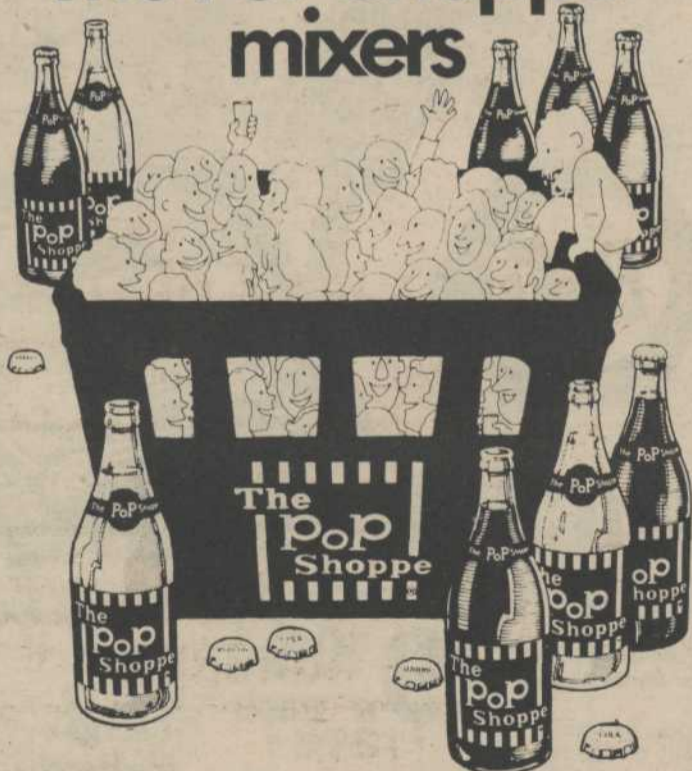
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### Some people would call it

## Baloney . . . by Tony

There are only 135 seats available at St. George's Church for the benefit performance to be staged on Sunday evening.

The show will feature a wide range of talented islanders, including the Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble. Proceeds will go to cyclone and flood victims in India.

If all these seats aren't filled, then Salt Spring Islanders have no taste.

The way some people drive on Salt Spring Island leads one to conclude that these individuals are driving the wrong vehicles. Either Art Munneke or Bill Luker, both of whom have rolled their trucks in the past couple of weeks, should do a trade with George Quesnel. His truck bears the suitable inscription, Roller Brothers.

Although my memory is somewhat hazy, I do recall that not everyone was boozing it up at Fulford Hall a couple of Sundays ago. I sincerely hope that the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club will accept my apology for insinuating that this was so. Having such a thick head on Monday morning, I even got all the prizes mixed up.

The only explanation I can offer is mental fatigue and too much orange juice. I'd much rather get drunk than watch a football game any day.

After a week of being Frank, it's hard to be Tony again, and as a result, my mind has gone blank. But I'm glad to be back on page six; after all, writing frankly is not the same as writing baloney.

And I don't know if I like some of the definitions of the word frank.

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I think I'll stick to page six.

In reply to Luke Harrison's Shop Abroad campaign, Steve Nelson asks who wants a suit from Hong Kong anyway?

And in conclusion, the Joke of The Week comes from Bernie Reynolds' plant superintendent.

What sounds like a bell and stinks?

Dung-dung-dung....

### Galiano

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

Seems like some kind of gremlins that do not like to read my news got into last week's issue, we surely do not blame anyone for this, it is just an unfortunate happening, and we are sorry, the only really important wiped out news was that the annual dinner and dance of the Galiano Golf and Country Club will be held in the Galiano Hall on December 10.

Following dinner and the presentation of trophies, dancing will be to the music of Peter Shaw. Mrs. Bob Knowles is social convenor and reservations are requested.

It was with regret that the Golf Club committee received the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robertson, and now the Club has back two friends who have been away for some time, Tom and Win Rogers, who are now managers. We are happy also to report that the Robertsons have not gone away, they now have a house on Active Pass Drive. They have made many friends on the Island, and we hope they will be with us for some time yet.

Some advance news on the Golf Club annual meeting, it will be on February 11, in the clubhouse.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Mrs. Joan Callaghan, one of our long-time residents, has begun a Sunday school class, the first for many years on the Island, it is every Sunday morning in the Vicarage, and she is quite pleased with the turnout of children.

Everyone is so happy for her, and will give her every support for this most worthy and much-needed class. She is helped a lot by Mrs. Shay Foster, and we hope they do well.

[Turn to Page Thirteen]

**Lunch and live entertainment**



This is one of the senior citizens' luncheons that took place about two weeks ago at the Community Centre. The diners are being

entertained by a number of grade eight students/musicians from Gulf Islands Secondary School.

**In another land it proves to be a boot of a different colour they tell**

Story is told among the troops in Germany of the boots.

Armed forces and their families may enjoy special shopping privileges in the Canadian forces stores. There are bargains, even if the choice is limited at times.

Just like back home, teenagers as well as their elders, were looking for boots. Finally a shipment arrived and the eager purchasers were happy.

That should have been the end

of the matter. But it wasn't.

Shortly afterwards there were repeated complaints from the wearers of the boots that they had to shrug off repeated advances by young French boys in the nearby city of Strasbourg.

The French police had the answer without enquiring.

If the girls wore white boots, they must expect to be accosted, came the report. White boots were the uniform of the ladies of the Strasbourg night.

**Centre to help with dinner at Camp YaWaCa**

BY MARG SIMONS

The Community Centre is looking forward to resuming their monthly luncheons in the New Year. The luncheon convenors decided that rather than having a December lunch they would assist Camp Yawaca with the organizing and transportation arrangements for their dinner on December 18.

Bert and Louisa Hilckman of Yawaca, had such a successful party last year for senior members of our community that we know this year's event will be equally enjoyable.

Louisa will have to know numbers for catering, so please let us know at the Community Centre if you would like to be included on the guest list. Also let us know if you would like transportation to be arranged for you. Our number is 537-9212.

**More than 60 prizes in raffle**

Over 60 prizes are being offered in a raffle sponsored by the Salt Spring Handicapped Association.

A turkey, a ham, a side of lamb and gift certificates are among the prizes being donated by island merchants.

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## On The Penders

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Last week I wrote about the ceremonies that opened our new Community School building. Friday, Dec. 3, saw the first event to be held in our new Hall. It started promptly at 8 pm and was a very delightful concert put on by the Pender Island Choral Society, which an audience of approximately 125 Penderites very much enjoyed. Prevost Island pianist, Miss Susan de Burgh offered a rendition of "Jeux d'eau", by Ravel, was splendid, followed by "Waltz D Flat", Chopin, which was very beautiful. For an encore, Miss de Burgh played the Minute Waltz.

Her many friends on Pender wish her every possible success in her career as a pianist, and hope we have many more opportunities to hear her play.

As well as Miss de Burgh, Dr.

and Mrs. Ireland were guests from Victoria, and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Primrose were guests from White Rock.

For the concert, Mrs. Primrose sang the Spiritual, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy", a guest artist we hope we may have the pleasure of hearing again at another concert.

It is impossible to mention everyone's name who took part, but the audience did enjoy the school girls, Carol Bradley, Cindy Wallace and Kari Amies trio rendition of "If ever I marry at all," also, Mrs. Myrtle MacGregor's solo, "Ave Maria".

Manfred Burandt played Chopin's "Nocturne", "Estraleta" and "The Entertainers" on the clarinet and was accompanied on the piano by Joe Billyeald, which was a very pleasing performance. "Csardas", (V. Monti) Ken Clark gave a beautiful rendition on the violin, accompanied by Douglas Harker on the piano.

Mrs. Myrtle MacGregor, Choral Society president, introduced the audience to the performers and corsages were presented to Miss de Burgh and to Mrs. Nefia Lynd,

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- John Healey

## Winner of firescreen

Trincomali Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star held its Christmas Party, Saturday evening at the United Church Hall.

After the dinner the draw was held for the needlepoint firescreen. The winner was "Mac" McLeod, a new resident of Sunset Drive.

the choral director to whom much is owed for her inspiration and hard work.

The Pender Island Band; Willis Moore, Bob Allison, Joe Klien, Manfred Burandt and Ernie Munden played carol music and the audience enjoyed singing with the choir.

Dave Davidson greeted guests at the door and after the concert a social time was enjoyed when refreshments were served by the choral society.

## "OK, December 4 is the day. Tell me again how Unemployment Insurance qualifications are changing."

New legislation has changed some of the ground rules of our UI program.

Parliament has decided that people who live in areas of high unemployment will be given certain advantages over those who live where jobs are more plentiful.

Which means that, as of December 4, you'll need more insurable work weeks to qualify for Unemployment Insurance benefits.

### "10 to 14 weeks, depending on where you live, right?"

Right again.

In regions of low unemployment, claimants will need up to 14 weeks of insurable employment to get UI benefits. This will only happen in places where it's easier to get and keep a job.

In regions of high unemployment, claimants will need as little as 10 weeks to qualify.

But until December 4, the entrance requirement remains at eight weeks wherever you live.

### "How about the two week waiting period?"

No change. The basic two week waiting period remains the same everywhere.

And so do the rules on the waiting period when a claimant has left his or her job for no good reason or been fired for misconduct. In such cases, a claimant may have to wait up to eight weeks from when employment ends until benefits start.

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Absolutely not. The UI benefit rate stays at two-thirds of your average weekly insurable earnings.

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### "Anything else I should know?"

The maximum time for which anyone may receive benefits has changed slightly. The old maximum was 51 weeks. Now it's 50 weeks.

But since September 11, the total number of weeks for which a claimant qualifies has more closely reflected the unemployment rate in his or her region.

Right now, we measure up dividing Canada into 16 economic regions. In 1978, we will fine-tune the regions so that UI will be even more closely related to the local labour market.

Also, there's maternity, sickness and other benefits.

Previously, sickness benefits were payable during the first 39 weeks of a benefit period. Now they are payable at any time during the entire benefit period.

Maternity benefits of 15 weeks and a special one-time benefit (equal to 15 weeks of benefits) at age 65 remains the same.

The same people still pay the same proportions, and the same rules apply to employment insurable for UI.

And, as explained in the past, you'll still go to the familiar locations and Canada Manpower Centres for information on changes in your area.

*The Unemployment Insurance Commission is part of the Department of Manpower and Immigration. In the Canada Employment and Immigration Act, you'll still see our local offices called Unemployment Insurance offices or Manpower Centres. When they're together in one place, they're called Canada Employment Centres.*

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# Soccer is to play for fun and not to win says Salt Spring Island fan

BY MALCOLM LEGG  
Wildcats, 4; Red Devils, 0

A weakened Devils side fought tenaciously but the strength of the cats won out in the end. Led by a very productive offence this season the Wildcats pumped three goals home in the first half and coasted to victory.

The girls' scoring was well spread throughout the team. Trene Kaye notched her 14th of the campaign and Cindy Delmonico banged in her 5th. Caroline Andress weaved her way in and out of Red Devils to score her first and Cara Bogdonavitch also scored her first after she had one disallowed for a foul on the Devils' goalie.

For the Devils Darren Garner, Robert Calkins, Dave McWhirter and Mike Brown fought hard in a losing cause.

Goblins, 4; Cosmos, 0

The Cosmos started the game two men short and ended up four goals short. The deficiency in manpower proved too much for the Cosmos to overcome as the Goblins scorers had a field day.

Bradley Davies with two, Victor Valcourt and Michael Cue were the goal-scorers as the Goblins overwhelmed the Cosmos defence. David Fullerton and Paul Reynolds played solidly in defence.

For the Cosmos, Robert Hitchcock was a stand-out in defence

with his steady play. Duane Gilbert and Chad Little also worked hard.

Cosmos, 3; Red Devils, 0

Strong defensive play and a potent attack led the Cosmos to a 3-0 win over a struggling Red Devils team.

David Cates, in goal for the Cosmos, came up with his strongest game of the season. He thwarted the Devils' forwards several times and coupled with Robert Hitchcock and Alan Stacey in defence proved to be impregnable for the full 50 minutes of play.

Alan also scored one of the Cosmos goals while Jeff Moger popped in a pair also to ensure the Cosmos win.

Brian Kaye, Robert Calkins and Mike Brown worked extremely hard for the Devils but were not so fortunate with their scoring chances.

Hornets, 3; Wildcats, 0

The Hornets' victory was mar-

ed by poor sportsmanship on both sides. Kenny MacPherson took care of all the scoring with a true hat-trick on set ups from Tony Legg and David Lacy, the work horses of the Hornets' team.

Unfortunately, some rough play and foul language permeated the

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Most of the credit for this must go to Pat Byron and Leo Toutant who did all the hard work involved in organizing everything.

The winners in the scratch event were as follows, Julien Valcourt (First) closely followed by Carol Kaye (Second) and taking third spot was Frank Koppel.

In the handicap event it was Frank Koppel, Anne Howland and Terry Jenkins. Danny Bedford also made the prizes for his high single of 328.

In the Golden Ager-Pee-Wee tournament, it was the team of Olive Tregear, Kim Jorgensen and Ross Hughes who came out on top.

### THE BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Carol Kaye and Ken Collins earned themselves this honor with their triples of 771 and 757.

### THE BOWLERS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Art Dawe and Bernice Glenn who were the bowlers of the month for November.

The better scores of the week are as follows Terry Jenkins (754) Ken Collins (757) Julien Valcourt (740,738) Carol Kaye (771) Donna Dawe (712) Blaine Mathews (735) Bob Akerman (706)

We would like to congratulate the following people who rolled these 300 games: Terry Jenkins (322), Peter Moonen (321), Sam Cochrane (303), Blaine Mathews (302) Alex Carlisle (332) and finally Bob Akerman for his 318.

In the province team-bowl it was the Rednecks and the Drips who made the semi-finals for this week.

This week will see the start of qualifiers for the Thomas Adams national classified championships.

### BOWLING TIP OF THE WEEK

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# Community magazine will feature history

At a meeting in Ganges Friday, initial plans were laid for the publication of a community magazine.

The magazine will deal mainly with subjects of historical interest concerning Salt Spring Island.

One of the people behind the project is community worker Marg Simons, who says that a lot of people on the island have signified interest in writing a history.

A lot of material for the first issue will be taken from a tape library belonging to the Community Society. The tapes were made through an LIP grant: the society had some time ago. The reason for that project was to find the needs of senior citizens on the island and the conversations with these people were taped.

The magazine will be a non-profit venture and initial funding is to be provided through a loan. At present, it is hoped that publication would be twice a year.

Anyone interested in writing something for the magazine is invited to contact Marg Simons at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill. Another meeting will be held to discuss the project some time in mid-January.

## Duplicate bridge

Duplicate bridge winners at the Legion Hall in Ganges last Tuesday were, first, Dorrie and Gordon Best; second, Pat Lee and Bruce Hardy; third, Shirley Love and Bunny Jordan.

# Bazaar and sale to enable islands students to travel to Quebec

BY IRENE WRIGHT

In February, a group of students from the Gulf Islands will spend two weeks immersed in French at the University of Quebec at Trois Rivieres.

Over 50 students from grades 7 to 11 applied for inclusion in this educational experience. Because the response was so good the group has had to be divided with half to go soon and half in about one year.

A special federal grant is supplying about 60% of the cost of travel and the Rotary Club is sponsoring two students. A substantial amount of money remains to be found.

A number of local organizations are considering giving help. In order to earn as much of the money as possible, the students are

planning a number of activities. The first of these is a Christmas bazaar and rummage sale this Saturday, Dec. 10, in Mahon Hall from 10 am to 12.30 pm. Home baking, handicrafts for Christmas giving, as well as antique junk and assorted attic treasures will be offered for sale. Sandwiches and coffee, as well as babysitting, will be available.

### HOPE FOR SUPPORT

Parents will undoubtedly be helping out and we hope that the community at large will also support the students in this worthwhile project.

The trip planned will be the second in two years. The first, in May, 1976, was a rich cultural experience. This one will have a heavier language expectation but

will provide many opportunities to experience Quebec's history and culture, not to mention its winter.

For sceptics as to the value of French instruction the following excerpt from a letter to the editor of the Toronto Globe and Mail may be a propos:

*During a recent tete-a-tete with one of my proteges, the discussion turned to the raison d'etre for the renaissance of French culture. I am far from being a savant, and in my gaucherie made the faux-pas, with typical insouciance, of saying that bilingualism would never be a fait accompli without a complete expose of the motives of the bourgeoisie.*

*With much elan my companion accused me of considering myself one of the elite, whereas in fact I was only a nouveau riche bon vivant, having no rapport with the working class. He quickly recovered his sang-froid and termed my cavalier statement a vile canard. He declared that for him this was a cause celebre, and affaire d'honneur, and then gave me the choice of weapons, time and place.*

*With the help of my valet, whom I appointed to be my aide, I selected epees, the rendezvous a plateau behind my chalet, and the time immediately after matins.*

*Details of the melee will be found in my memoirs. For now a resume will suffice. It was a complete debacle. Although this was my debut, I quickly rendered the poor boy hors de combat by administering a coup de grace par excellence.*

*To celebrate I took my entourage to the restaurant in our town's only hotel, operated by an absentee entrepreneur. As the buffet did not appeal, we consulted the maitre d'. On the advice of the chef he recommended, from the a la carte menu, a deluxe repast of potage du jour, crepes, entree of dore with legumes, and for dessert choice of soufflé, parfait, tarte a la mode, followed by cafe au lait.*

*There was an unexpected divertissement during the meal. A clumsy garcon spilled some consommé on the crepe de chine dress of one of my personnel, an au pair girl named True English (nee French). With surprising nonchalance and the help of my masseur she removed the melange with a serviette. A propos of this I heard later that the management sent her a chic negligee, together with sincere regrets....*

Nat Edelman, Toronto

## Hospital helpers meet new administrator at Lady Minto

Members of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Auxiliary were introduced to the new administrator of the hospital last Monday.

Donald Bethune addressed the meeting regarding the planning and budgeting for the coming year.

Noting the auxiliary's contribution to the new additions to the hospital, he thanked the members for their continued interest and promised there would always be a need for their help in providing "patient comforts" in the future.

Plans for Christmas were made, as members volunteered to decorate several trees at the hospital, and decorative plants are to be provided as well.

Sales at the Thrift Shop continue to be brisk, but there is a shortage of kitchen ware.

"Residents who may receive new pans or utensils for Christmas could donate their surplus items to a good cause by bringing them to the Thrift Shop after the holidays," suggests a spokesman.

The staff of the Thrift Store will take a holiday from December 17 to January 4.

The next meeting, on January 23, at the Legion Hall, at 2 pm will be the annual meeting. New members are welcome.

Provision of safe water in developing countries is a major concern of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. At least half the world's children live without access to safe water, and water-borne diseases are among the worst cripplers and killers of children.

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**Preparing for the sale**



Arlene Dashwood displays some of her quilting.

**Christmas craft sale at Community Centre on Ganges Hill on Saturday**

The Community Society's Annual Christmas Craft Sale will open on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10 am at the Community Centre in the old hospital on Ganges Hill.

The Sale runs this Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm both days.

Craftspeople from Salt Spring and the Outer Islands will sell their work from small booths set up throughout the building. A wide variety of crafts will be on sale.

Shoppers can expect to find stained glass ornaments, clocks, paintings, note cards, photographs, fabric art wall hangings or tablecloths, clothing, stuffed animals, hand painted jewellery and wooden toys.

Response to the sale by local craftspeople has been so great that all available space both upstairs and down will be in use.

The old hospital-dormitory kitchen has been set aside for

preparation and sale of falafel, tacos, Fijian food and freshly-pressed hot apple cider.

All available upstairs rooms will

be occupied by craftspeople, except a cubbyhole set aside for local musicians who have volunteered to play during the sale.



Beth Hill is a photographer.

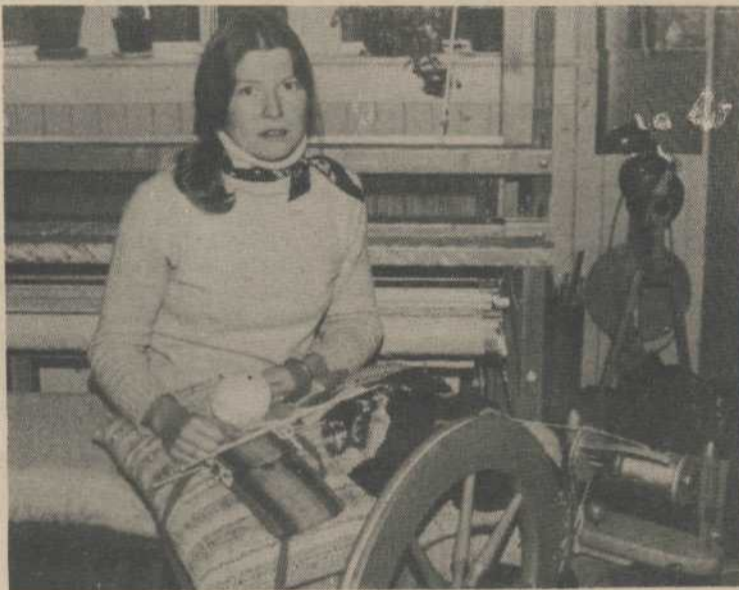
**Death of Mrs. Cy Gardner-Smith at Lady Minto**

Jo Lee Gardner-Smith of Salt Spring Island, died at Lady Minto Hospital on Wednesday of last week. She was 58.

She leaves her husband, Cy, at Salt Spring; her mother, Mrs. Lillian Jones; her aunt, Mrs. Monna Drake; her sister, Elaine Levers; a brother, Baird Jones; and three nieces and a nephew, all of the United States.

A private service was conducted by Rev. Peter McCalman; Goodman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Flowers have been declined; instead, donations to the BC Cancer Fund are suggested.



Alice Rich with samples of her weaving.

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# Flying Mountain and Provisional Brass Tacks Choir coming to Ganges

BY SHIRLEY COX

A very special Christmas season show will be presented at Mahon Hall in Ganges on December 18 by the Flying Mountain and the Provisional Brass Tacks Choir.

The members of these two musical ensembles are collaborating in the production of a mid-Winter Solstice musical called *Voices of a Winter Night*. The show is an original collection of songs and stories woven around the ancient traditions of the Winter Solstice,

the shortest day and longest night of the year.

In the play, a beggar travels around the world, begging for songs to save the earth from the Ancient Dark One who threatens to take it all back. The four members of the Flying Mountain have toured British Columbia extensively over the past year, playing more than 100 concerts and dances. Their music is highly original and they sing and play a variety of instruments including violin, dulcimer,

guitar and trombone.

**VOCAL ENSEMBLE**

The Provisional Brass Tacks Choir, four women and two men, is one of the province's most original vocal ensembles. Their first album has just been released on a local label.

*Voices of a Winter Night* is directed by April Curtis, a well-established figure in Vancouver theatre.

The show is sponsored by the East Side Theatre Front Society and will be touring Vancouver Island with the help of the BC Touring Council and the Canada Council's Touring Office. *Voices of a Winter Night* is a delight for the whole family. A combination of festive music and ancient story, it's the one Christmas time entertainment you should be sure not to miss.

The performance begins at 8 pm and admission is \$3.50.



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We have been asked to tell Galiano residents that the fire siren will be sounded every second Sunday at 12 noon, on December 18 and then beginning on January 7, every second Sunday thereafter.

The Galiano Chamber of Commerce has installed a beautiful Christmas tree on top of the waiting room at Sturdies Bay. Chamber treasurer Charlie Gardner was in charge of this nice arrangement, and with the help of his many volunteers, it is now glowing for all to see. Thanks to all of them, it was a great job well done. Mr. Gardner wishes to thank all who helped, without many hands, it would have been much more difficult!

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**PAINTERS' GUILD  
SUCCESSFUL SHOW**

The Galiano Painters Guild held a most interesting showing and sale of their works on Saturday, Dec. 3.

A large group of folks came to view the paintings, and it is most difficult to choose one above the other, as they all were so very interesting, and wish we had room for them all!

The artists were there to give refreshments to all who came. Just to show that doctors not only know how to make people well, several soapstone carvings were seen, done by our own Dr. T.F.H. Armitage. They were excellently done. Paintings ranged from scenes of the different parts of the

**Minor damage  
from collision**

Minor damage was the result of a collision between two cars on Fulford-Ganges Road Monday.

No damage was reported to the 1964 Valiant driven by Betty Richardson when she was in collision with a 1966 Buick driven by Dave Slingsby. One side of the Buick was scraped in the accident; damage was minor.

The Canadian Bankers' Association says the average bank mortgage loan to home buyers is about \$32,000.

Island, to some sketches brought back recently from Paris, France, by Betty Steward. She has just returned from there.

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# A unique form of Christmas fair to take place at Mayne Island

(Contributed)

At Mayne Island on December 17 and 18, a unique form of

## List of books in library at Salt Spring

New books in the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library at Ganges include: fiction: Sandbars, by Oonah McFee; The Ice Age, by Margaret Drabble; The Devil on Horseback, by Victoria Holt; Close to the Sun again, by Morley Callaghan; Goodbye California, by Alistair MacLean; A place to come to, by Robert Penn Warren; The fan, by Bob Randall and Bel ria, by Sheila Burnford.

Non-fiction are Remembering the farm, by Allan Anderson; Loose Change; Three women of the Sixties, by Sara Davidson; A guide for the perplexed, by E.F. Schumacher; Growing pains, her autobiography by Daphne du Maurier; An Autobiography, by Agatha Christie; The cat that came in from the cold, by Philip Brown; Eyes on the universe, by Isaac Asimov; Memoirs of a great Canadian detective, by John Wilson Murray; Studies in Textile History, Royal Ontario Museum; The Father Christmas Letters, by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Christmas fair will take place: "uniqueness", coming from the theme of "centralized dispersion."

Mayne Island has become a nest of fine-quality artisans, craftspeople and musicians. This Christmas Faire was conceived of a desire to have an outlet for creative expressions. And how creative they are.

In the art field, Don Grant, Frances Faminow, Bill Wheaton and e-on-a, are a few of the internationally known participants. Musically, the faire will feature equally well-known people, such as Rick Dodds, Ken Merritt, James Bradborne and Andy Michell, each performing morning and afternoon concerts.

Another major branch of the faire is to tie together the different studios, galleries and exhibitions of the island into a "Oneness of Mayne". This will be accomplished by having a central point, Mayne's Agricultural Hall. At the hall, displays of art, crafts, antiques and special foods will be for sale.

This is also where the musical

concerts take place. From this point, maps will be supplied in order that people can tour the small island and take in the variety of galleries, studios and open homes which span the beautiful Mayne Island countryside.

A free, family faire for all, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17 and 18, 9 am - 6 pm on Mayne Island. See you there.

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I flew back on my schedule. It would have been cheaper to

come back to Canada on the freebie and then take a second trip, two ways.

Flying from Europe, one-way, is more expensive than flying there and back. Worse: I spent an extra buck or more ringing Canada to find a cheaper way.

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## Down Through The Years With Driftwood

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Bill Trelford sold for \$30.40 in the Lions Club Slave Auction last Friday. Ken Aquilon went for \$21.00 due to sudden deflation of the dollar. The Lions were pledged to do a day's work and were auctioned off for as low as five dollars and as high as \$30. Mrs. J. Har-kema bought Bill. A pleasant intermission was held with Susan Fellows and Heather Anderson playing piano duets. Later Walter Mailey was sold to Bob Akerman for \$16. It was later found out that Holdfast Natural Resources had put a reserve on Mailey for \$25. His two days' work netted \$41 for the Lions.

On Saturday, a Christmas Bazaar was held at the United Church. Mrs. J. Catto was in charge of the tea room, assisted by Mrs. G. Young, Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. Scarff, Mrs. Fendall and Miss Herd. Pouring from a very lovely antique silver tea service were Mrs. D.M. Abolit, Miss Helen Dean, Miss Z. Manning, Mrs. A.G. House and Mrs. Effie Mouat, treasurer.

Sudden darkness on Salt Spring Island put a sudden stop light on activities. Roller skating at Fulford Hall was cancelled. The 500 card game to be held at Beaver Point proceeded merrily under the light of gas lamp with five tables in play by dinner time. Winners were Mrs. R. Patterson, Mrs. Lotus Ruckle and Mrs. Betty Drummond. Nan Ruckle served dinner.

Fred Luddington, with a six-month-old pup, won the novice "A" Cup and Ribbon. Mrs. Hoffman won the award in the C.D.X. with Kim.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Former banker is a merchant on Mayne Island. When Dick Pugh decided to abandon his career with a Victoria bank, he wasn't striking out in the dark. Mrs. Pugh is the former Sally Stewart and coming to Mayne was coming home.

Baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Baines, North Galiano was very nearly born at sea. The premature baby was born in Lady Minto hospital at Ganges after a harrowing trip in a fish boat across storm lashed waters.

Three vessels came to the rescue of a popular Salt Spring Island minister when his boat was drifting in heavy seas between Salt Spring and Pender. About 4.30 Sunday afternoon, a call from the Rescue Centre reported that Rev. E.W. MacQuarrie and his son had been picked up by the tub, Evco Spray.

Unexpectedly large attendance and prompt election of an executive were the features of Friday evening's meeting of the Salt Spring Island Conservatives in Harbour House. Under the chairmanship of Sir Philip Livingston, the meeting enjoyed a buffet supper before approaching business. Directors elected are Lieut. Col. D.G. Crofton, Grant Cruickshank, Thomas Hareus, Warren Hastings and Mrs. A.E. Roddis.

Plays presented on the island last week included The Sandbox by Edward Albee. Cast of The Sandbox was Don Cunningham as the young man, Sheila Fraser as Mummy, Bob Pharis as Daddy, David Williams as the musician and Grandma was

played-by Lois Pharis. In the second play presented, Passion by Shaw, were Beth Hill, Kay Booth, Ed Gould, Adolphus Bastable, Sheila Fraser, Herb Strain and Gerry Clayton.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

Mrs. E. Adams and Mrs. A. Thompson and a number of North End Neighbours work group for Unitarian Services attended the meeting for Dr. Lotta Hitchmanova in Victoria Tuesday. During the evening a pin was presented to Mrs. Winnie Watmough for her outstanding contribution to the work.

Flower Box Fund in Ganges stands at \$387. Fund was launched several weeks ago by Driftwood to raise money for the purchase of concrete flower boxes at Centennial Park. Original wood boxes were wrecked by vandals.

Ron Cunningham of Fernwood Store came into the Lions Bingo on Saturday wearing a Lions vest. It was clearly marked Mayne Island.

"Where's that?" jeered an uncouth Salt Spring Lion, "Is it in British Columbia?" "No", retorted Ron, "It's in Canadian Columbia."

Bruce Fiander won the \$1,000 prize in the Rotary Club Grey Cup Breakfast draw Sunday. First name to be eliminated in the big contest was Fred Howard. At the close of the day there were five names still 'alive' and all were Salt Spring Islanders. They were Bruce Fiander, Ivor Cawker, George Maude, Bill Trelford and Frank Cunningham.

Rumour has it that Shamus Campbell and Jim Money have captured the barbecued pig's squeal and are going to release it at the next Regional Board meeting as a protest. If they have, that completes it. Resourceful demure Donna Begon and her friends made a wonderful head cheese. What was left over of the poor animal was used by Donna Begon to make a Chinese dinner for four beautiful ladies from Boynaby.

Surprise birthday tea was held recently at the Salt Spring Island Golf Club in honour of Mrs. G.B. Young by her family.

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Lions Bingo game was staged at Fulford Hall last Saturday. Dennis Andrews and Wayne Bradley sorted numbers and called them. At the door were Jim Rooke and Mel Topping with John Sneyd. Banker was Jim Merston on a busman's holiday.

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# They all look the same in Canadian force same dress

BY VETERAN

What's that guy? A few years back and you knew a soldier when you saw one. And you knew a sailor and an airman as well. It's all different now. It's a soldier's army. Except it ain't an army. Or a navy. Or an air force. It's the Canadian Armed Forces. All soldiers. And they don't know where they belong, half of 'em. You ask a fellow whether he's navy or army or air force and he looks at you coldly in the eye and tells you he's in the armed forces. You feel that he's telling you to mind your own damned business, whereas he's telling you everything he knows. That's what he is.

They all look the same. It's a soldier's army, because it takes a soldier to recognize what a man is. Like, they all wear badges. But a civilian doesn't stand a chance of knowing what they all mean. Or even what any of them mean. Maybe it isn't any of my business! Maybe the armed forces are entitled to be secret in their various functions. And that's the way it is. They look the same and they dress the same and they talk the same. But they ain't the same! I asked 'em!

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## Dog is found

A dog has been found on Drake Road, report Ganges RCMP. The dog is a male Labrador, presumed to be about two years old, and is wearing a collar with a sea-shell attached. Owner may claim him from the Ganges police station.

## Late hours for late shoppers

Extra shopping hours for Christmas shoppers will be announced next week by a number of stores on Salt Spring Island. It has been proposed that stores remain open on Friday evening, Dec. 16 as well as on other evenings prior to Christmas.

## Social impact is her concern as mainland airports are considered

Galiano resident has been named by the federal government to take part in the assessment of Vancouver Airport in terms of expansion. Social science researcher Suzanne Veit has been named to the Environmental Assessment Panel studying the implications of a new runway at the mainland airport.

Mainland naturalist Dr. Bert Brink was also named by Environment Minister Len Marchand.

The two new nominees are the first to be appointed outside of government employees. They are selected as impartial experts.

Mrs. Veit heads her own social planning firm. She has led social

impact studies on many major developments in the province.

Dr. Brink and Mrs. Veit have been named to two assessment

panels, in connection with the Vancouver Airport proposals and also the Boundary Bay airfield question.

## Sudden death of Ellen Byron in Victoria hospital

Mrs. Ellen Myrtle Byron died suddenly in hospital on Friday, Dec. 2. Salt Spring Island housewife was rushed to Royal Jubilee Hospital for special treatment. She

failed to respond. Mrs. Byron was well-known on the island and latterly she was a popular member of the staff of Harbour House Hotel.

She is survived by her husband, Howard, at home in Fulford; four sons, Charles, Jesse, Patrick and Colin and six daughters, Rhonda, Susan, Pamela, Kitty, Jennifer and Sunday; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. May Allen and Mrs. Joyce Barr.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 1.30 pm in St. Mark's Church. Rev. Peter McCalman officiated. Cremation followed.

Arrangements were by Goodman Funeral Home.

### more about Building

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and four on Mayne, \$351,524. No permits were issued on Saturna Island.

In the calendar year to the end of October, 1977, 86 permits were issued on Salt Spring, valued at \$3,443,506; 40 on Pender at \$1,755,918; 23 on Galiano, \$1,008,710; 30 on Mayne, \$996,237; five on Saturna, \$182,555 two on Piers, \$40,006; and one on Lizard, \$28,000.

In the calendar year to the end of October last year, 134 permits went to Salt Spring, value was \$5,215,758; 42 to Pender, \$1,172,594; 21 to Galiano, \$865,308 35 to Mayne, \$1,182,755; and two to Saturna, \$51,398.

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