

Planning meeting in Legion Hall told

Questions, answers fielded by Ramsey

CHANGES IN GANGES MUST AWAIT SEWERS

Biggest part of the Ganges Planning meeting on Thursday evening was devoted to questions and answers. Majority of residents were seeing the proposed Ganges Plan for the first time and reactions prompted a series of enquiries.

Plan was available for examination before and after the meeting.

Les Ramsey, a member of the committee, fielded the questions.

One resident urged that the "two little orange squares" of medium density were insufficient. These areas provide for the construction of apartments and multiple dwellings.

The plan should be flexible, he urged, and avoid specifics.

With limited facilities for multiple dwellings, the only alternative for the elderly, who cannot continue to operate their own homes, is to leave the island, the meeting was told.

"We are trying to put ourselves into neat little rows."

The questionnaire revealed that nearly half the people of Salt Spring Island are over the age of 55, explained Henry Elder. The committee was very much aware of the conditions raised by the speaker. He was confident that the committee will find the

answer.

The plan designates 30 acres for this purpose, said Island Planner Drew Thorburn, or provision for 900 persons.

SLIPPAGE

No heavy development will be permitted where there is a question of land slippage. The plan recommends sharp restrictions on development of land between Alders Ave. and Douglas Ave., said Thorburn. Slippage is that loss of land when the ground slides into the sea.

It is limited to a two-acre minimum, explained the regional director, until the area is proved stable.

It is a case of "let the buyers beware," suggested a speaker.

There has already been a case where a real estate salesman failed to explain clearly that a property was subject to land slippage and was sharply reprimanded by the Capital Regional District, said Heinekey.

John Fisher was also fearful of specifics. He suggested that a land-use contract would permit an owner to proceed where his proposal did not conform to the inflexible plan.

He might, agreed the regional director,

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Village

status

'not good'

Salt Spring Island is better off as it is now, without incorporation. Regional Director George Heinekey told a planning meeting in the Legion Hall at Ganges on Thursday evening.

Ganges would go to a village, he explained, and that would not be good.

"The things you have to pay for as a village are not always welcome," he warned the meeting. "You have to pay for policing and for secondary roads and a lot of other things. It is not practical, right now!"

Teachers get 8 pct. increase

Teachers of Gulf Islands School District 64 have been granted an eight per cent increase in their salary agreement for 1977.

The average teacher's salary and benefits will amount to about \$21,916 per year, a board spokesman said.

The salary increase, negotiated by the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association with the school district, is subject to review by the federal Anti-Inflation Board.

Car hits power pole

Matthew Patrick Sullivan, of Victoria, lost control of his vehicle on the Fulford-Ganges highway Jan. 23 at 12.10 pm, striking a power pole.

A passenger in the car, Hugh McKay, received shoulder injuries.

Damage to the car totalled about \$4,000.

Fined \$50

Douglas Clark Shaughnessy, of Ganges, was fined \$50 when he appeared in Ganges provincial court Jan. 19 on a charge of public mischief.

He was placed on one year's probation.



ICY ROAD conditions were blamed for this Volkswagen van skidding into this storefront in Ganges Saturday, on the extreme left, and shattering the large plate glass window.

Two hurt as van smashes into downtown storefront

Two persons were injured Saturday at 9.25 am when a Volkswagen truck skidded coming down ice-covered Ganges hill, smashing into a store front in the business section.

Two fined on impaired driving counts

Two Ganges men were convicted on charges of impaired driving Jan. 19 when they appeared in provincial court, Ganges.

Fred Chisholm, of Cusheon Lake Road, was fined \$350 or in default, 15 days in jail.

Robt. G. Coddington, Shepherd Hills, was fined \$250 or in default, 15 days. He was also fined \$150 for refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

CORE CURRICULUM TALKS SET

Individual replies sought by education department

Four public meetings to discuss the ministry of education's recommended core curriculum were announced at a meeting of Gulf Islands District 64 school board last Thursday.

Trustee Ann Foerster, chairman of the curriculum committee, said meetings have been arranged at Galiano Island school on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m.; Salt Spring in the elementary

school, Ganges, on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m., and Pender Island, the week of Feb. 3.

Booklets outlining the core curriculum are available to islanders at these schools.

Trustee Foerster explained that the department of education was trying to encourage individual responses on the core curriculum. She said that islanders are asked to study the core

Highways under fire when Ganges traffic discussed

Department of highways and Ganges roads came under repeated sharp fire at the planning meeting on Thursday evening last week.

Ganges village plan met with a double shake of the head from Nonie Guthrie when she expressed criticism of a re-routing of traffic. She spoke on behalf of the Gulf Islands School Board and the congregation of St. George's Church, said the trustee.

The route would bring all traffic into the vicinity of both the church and the school, she commented.

"Both are surrounded by the heaviest traffic we are going to have," she observed, "I want to register the concern of the church and the school board."

It is a matter for the department of highways, commented Regional Director George Heinekey.

"Before long we are going to

Field trips for swim program

Schools at Ganges will arrange field trips for students taking part in the swimming programme, sponsored by the Salt Spring Recreation Commission, during after-school hours.

At a meeting of the school board last week, trustees were told that the swim programme will be held at the new pool in Duncan at 50 per cent of the rate charged for the facility.

come up with a positive request," he told the meeting, "and I am confident we shall get a satisfactory answer."

The question is how soon can there be an alternative route into Ganges, observed Drew Thorburn. It will need a new section of highway and private property will have to be bought.

In Ganges there is heavy traffic with poor sight lines and poor turning facilities, he noted.

WHO DO WE FEAR?

"Who are we afraid of?" demanded Gerry Bourdin, "Are we being governed by the department of highways or by the government we elected?"

It is not fear, replied Les Ramsey, it is just that nobody gets any place with the department of highways.

Start with the regional district, urged George Heinekey. The board would negotiate with the department.

"We're not scared of anybody!"

Ernie Watson was looking closer home. The diversion is a proposal for the future, he noted, but the traffic problem in Ganges is right here and now. Anybody who does business in Ganges, south of the Cenotaph, has a problem of turning around.

"I believe it is paramount to create a traffic pattern at the south end of the village. This should be the first consideration and the first solution."

He gained the support of Mr. Heinekey, who added that a municipality can put in its own roads whereas unorganized territory cannot.

SHOULD DEMAND IT

"Where we have a meeting such as this we should demand that the department of highways send a representative," urged Wayne Pearce, "We never see one."

Department of highways has the 90-day syndrome, he told the meeting.

"Every desk that receives a request must wait 90 days before taking action."

The government departments must become involved in both traffic and drainage in Ganges, asserted Tom Toynbee.

With the high level of taxation in the core area, the government takes a lot more than it puts in, he added.

ROUNABOUT

By SMITHY

I EXPECT everyone has a pet cure or panacea to combat the stresses and tensions of today's world with its resultant complex problems. The move, first of all, is to move! . . . away from the concrete jungles to the "paradise" of such places as the Gulf Islands. Before I digress and go into the matter that problems are not left behind . . . they merely follow you . . . I must keep to the subject of stress.

My mother revels in two American tabloids which she says she buys for the puzzle page. Most pages are taken up with gossip of the stars of the screen and TV. My mother, a tender youngster of 88, loves to read that Sonny and Cher have decided on a swimming pool in every room, or that Liz Taylor is about to trip up the aisle for the umpteenth time, or that Elvis Presley has Toastie Woasties for breakfast.

Then there are pages of ads which urge you at high pressure to live at low pressure. All you have to do is to send in \$50 and get a charm bracelet that will transform your whole life and you will be tranquil and serene forever. Or you can invest in a do-it-yourself pyramid under which you shelter and all worries, tensions and stresses disappear into thin air. This one really fascinates me because we still don't know for sure just how the Egyptians built the darn things in the first place. Other full page ads suggest self-hypnosis and so on.

JULIAN HUXLEY'S wife (her name escapes me at the moment) wrote a book once titled, "You Are Not the Target". There are one or two screwball ideas in it but I must confess that the principle of being able to absorb someone else's wrath and turning it back to the complainer to the latter's embarrassment is sound advice and really works.

One of the screwball ideas really intrigued me. Suppose someone is really bugging you and you want to get that person out of your system. Well, you fill a hand basin with icy water liberally sprinkled with miniature icebergs and you place your feet in a bowl of hot water. You now plunge your face into the icy water meanwhile shouting the mantra "so and so get off my back" and after about a dozen of these exercises your "enemy" has gone forever.

When I tried it just for fun I found it wasn't much fun. All I got was a frostbitten face and feet that resembled ripe tomatoes. As a young lad, if I was mad at someone or something, I would go to the piano and really give it heck with crashing chords. The noise was hideous but I came away exhausted but serene again.

Another suggestion is to write a letter to the editor.

During the war whilst in the army, I was a leader of a six-piece band and we played at functions such as Red Cross balls in the nearby town of Swindon in Wiltshire. On this occasion we arrived at the town hall to be greeted by a caretaker who said I was to use the old upright piano instead of the grand because so many jazz pianists were apt to pour beer into the works for improved lubrication.

This really made me mad. For one thing the upright was out of tune with the rest of the instruments and by the end of the evening I was ready to blow a gasket.

So I wrote a letter to the editor of the "Swindon Advertiser". The repercussion was really something. The mayor was the laughing stock of the town. A month later we played again at the town hall. This time a surly caretaker handed me the key to the grand piano . . . no he didn't . . . he threw it at me!

So write to your editor. It can be a lonely job wielding a blue pencil all day and he is always pleased to hear from you. However he has the right to edit and delete any defamatory passages and correct the spelling.

EVER NOTICE how quiet it has been in Ganges recently? It's the yearly exodus to either warmer climes or cities of excitement and shows.

One such trip involved Salt Springers "Buzz" Brown, Pat and Betty Harrison, Jean Jeffries, Ruby and Joan O'Connell, Lee and Bea Darnell, Dave Griffiths, Adam and Jean of Harbours End Marina and Betty and Barry Pinchin. Also on the trip were 10 couples from Mayne Island but I am unaware of their names. They went to Reno on the bus.

Betty Pinchin becomes my guest this week for the following droll story: Betty and Barry were staying at The Sundowners and decided to go for a stroll. They were quite a distance from the hotel when a stranger stopped them and asked them the way to the hotel. Barry must have been daydreaming because he was new to the area and didn't have the answer. Betty nudged him and in wifely tones reminded her husband they were staying at the hotel.

Barry retreats and grabs the stranger's arm. "I'm terribly sorry," he said, "but we are staying at that hotel and it's six blocks up on the right."

The stranger thanked him and said, "Oh good . . . you see I've just won six tickets which I can cash at The Sundowner. Mind you, the coupons are only worth a nickel each but the exercise will do me good!"

MY MYSTERY LADY last time was Mary Marcotte of the Esso gas station. For this time it is a law abiding citizen with two stripes against him! . . .

THIS MAY or may not be my last Roundabout. As you know I am now engrossed in the organization and operation of the "Handicapped Resources Centre" for the Gulf Islands and I shall be very busy for the next few weeks. However, I intend to carry on with free lance work and hope that my association with Driftwood will continue.

Being on the paper has been my happiest time since I came to the island and I wish to thank the editor, Craig McArthur, and his wife, Elaine, and the owner and publisher for putting up with me since early November. I also wish to thank all those kind people who have contacted me with ideas and stories and warm appreciation of my type of humour. Let us not say goodbye . . . just au revoir!

Board told to allay public fears about Saturna school septic field

"There's resentment growing on the island to the installation of septic field at Saturna Island school," Trustee Tom Davidson told Gulf Islands District 64 School Board last week.

He suggested to Trustee Don Fairweather, newly appointed chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, that a public relations job was needed to allay the fears of people that the school grounds were being destroyed and that the type of field recommended would not solve the problem at the school.

Davidson indicated the project was slowing down because of machinery problems and the moisture encountered in the fill.

The trustee stated that he was reluctant to interfere directly into the project because the work came under the supervision of the buildings and grounds committee.

Trustee Don Fairweather,

committee chairman, said he would first check on the progress being made on the project.

The board was told that the project was about two-thirds finished.

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PLANNING AREA NO. 3

SALT SPRING ISLAND ELECTORAL AREA

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 Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Hereford Avenue, Thursday, January 27, 1977 at 1:30 p.m.

1. A By-law to amend By-law No. 66 1970 (Salt Spring Island) being amendment By-law 13, 1976.

By-law No. 66 cited as "Zoning By-law Planning Area No. 3 (Salt Spring Island) is amended as follows:

"By deleting from the Rural Zone and adding to the Commercial 1 Zone, the East half of Lot 4, Section 1, Range 3 East, Plan 33211, Cowichan Land District."

The purpose of this amendment is to change the Rural Zone to Commercial 1 Zoning for the purpose of operating a photographic studio and darkroom.

The property is located on McPhillips Avenue, just east of Jackson Avenue.

Copies of the proposed amending By-law may be reviewed at the office of the Provincial Government Building, Building Inspection Department, Lower Ganges Road and at the Capital Regional District Planning Department, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. during normal working hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted.

D. A. YOUNG,
Secretary-Treasurer

Yawaca plans film evenings

The Yawaca Outdoor Centre on Beaver Point Road has made arrangements with the National Film Board of Canada to hold monthly film evenings for the community.

The first presentation is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m., and will consist of three shorts, including "City of Gold", and the award winning Canadian feature film, "Nobody Waved Goodbye".

Camp Manager Bert Hilckman hopes to excite people with a series of well balanced and interesting shows, and some children's programs are also planned.

Film sessions will be held on the first Sunday of each month. Sunday evening is the only time that the camp's hall is available on a regular basis. Admission is free.

The centre is located on Beaver Point Road, just east of Weston Lake, about halfway between Fulford Harbour and Beaver Point Park.

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SALT SPRING ISLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1977

ROOM 6, HIGH SCHOOL, 8 p.m.

BUSINESS:

- (a) Annual Report;
- (b) Election of members for appointment to S.S.I. Parks & Recreation Commission by Regional Board.
- (c) Any other public business.



to be frank

by richards

Old song...new words: Will the Neishes play their harps for me?

For all the Socialist furore in Britain over the utterances of Prince Phillip, we should appreciate how much more attractive are the cynical witticisms of the Royal consort than would be the profundities of President Van der Zalm of an independent British Columbia.

Johnny made his point. The other day Johnny Bennett was telling me of the time he insisted to the young ladies in Swartz Bay ferry offices that he was sailing out of the banana belt. He went to the store and picked out the most attractive banana he could find. He gift-wrapped it and ceremoniously handed it over to the ferry staff. They believed him after that and accepted that Salt Spring was right there in the banana belt.

While the new melding of heirarchy and government is taking shape in Quebec, as the reborn bishop tries his provincial throne for size, the rest of Canada is left with the thin consolation that church and state never did make a very good mixture.

You don't have to retire to be tough...but it helps! Like Walter Luth. Someone was telling me the other day that she watched the retired Fulford mariner take a quick dip in his pool. There wasn't too much ice around and he didn't float for an hour.

Before last week's paper was dry I had a note from Stewart Corbett at Pender Islands Lions Club to tell me the Pearson CARE Tree drive had reached \$9,075 and would almost certainly exceed the \$9,100 level by the time the books were closed.

I painted my kitchen last week. It was so dirty I couldn't remember whether it was origi-

nally white or cream. There's nothing to painting! But I never knew there could be so many shades of white. It was going to be a morning's job. The second day was easier. By that time it was mostly a case of patching yesterday's mistakes. Worse still; I asked for enough paint for the area. So far, I've used just about three times the estimate, patching up the patches.

Things just work differently in the Gulf Islands. This was brought home to Gulf Islands School District 64 recently through an experience in obtaining a sample of ceiling tile for use in the new gym at Mayne School. A large firm (who shall be nameless) was asked to supply a sample before Christmas. It didn't arrive. They were phoned again and asked to send another. It still didn't arrive so they were asked to put a sample on the plane, because, by this time, the job was close to being held up for lack of the material. Having no passengers for Ganges on that flight, the plane didn't land. The next morning, after checking the usual merchants who sometimes receive such parcels, the sample could not be located. The flying service was phoned, and after they checked with the previous day's pilot who was on his day off, they discovered he had given the sample to a passenger who got off a later flight at Ganges and the passenger merely left it on the dock. The messenger from the school board office hot-footed it down to the dock and there the sample lay - a two-foot square of tile, unwrapped, and not even marked with an address. There can't be many places left in the world where it wouldn't have been taken away or thrown off the dock. Also, from previous experience, we know that if the parcel had been addressed, some kind local soul would have brought it to the office.

Trustees silent on this letter

Trustees of District 64 School Board remained silent when the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association commented in a letter about the remarks of nepotism made on hiring school staff at the last board meeting.

The association disapproved of the remarks, warning of nepotism, attributed to Trustee Ivan Mouat at open meeting of the board.

Extensive areas of insect-killed trees represent a major fire hazard.

New bridge teachers move to the island

Norm and Ann McConnell will be responsible for conducting the basic bridge course, part of the Continuing Education program being held this spring.

They will replace Dorrie and Gordon Best whose holidays conflicted with the class schedules.

The McConnells, formerly of North Vancouver, have been involved in the instruction of bridge for some time in that community.

Norm McConnell was duplicate bridge director at both the Capilano Winter Club and the North Shore Winter Club. Ann McConnell taught beginner's bridge with the Capilano Winter Club.

Mrs. McConnell stressed that numbers don't have to be even to begin the class which gets underway Thursday, Feb. 3 in the food room in the shop wing in the Senior Secondary school. Singles are welcome in this group, or people may enroll in pairs if they wish.



THESE LARGE EDIBLE mushrooms were picked by Mrs. R.H. Lee of Fulford Harbour in January. Holding the prized mushroom is Aaron McArthur of Ganges.

Trustees set hiring policy on projects

Policy of hiring labor on board managed construction projects in District 64 was established by trustees at a meeting of the Gulf Islands school board last Thursday.

The motion approved said the hiring would be left to the project supervisor, in consultation with the building committee and Wilf Peck, Secretary-Treasurer of the board.

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EDITORIALS

A letter to our readers

With this issue of Driftwood, we take our departure from Salt Spring Island, with regret.

It has been a satisfying experience these last six months as editor and as managers of Driftwood. We have been gratified by the wonderful cooperation extended to us by the business community and our readers. It has been a warm association.

It's always a privilege to run a community newspaper. It's an opportunity to write, to make incidental friends while one is doing it. It's a challenge to the intellect and the imagination, to one's stamina and versatility.

We have enjoyed our sojourn here immensely, though there have been frustrating moments encountered along the way. Consider the long night's work to meet deadlines, the inadvertent and always irretrievable error, the eloquent picture that didn't turn out, the papers that arrived late on the stands Wednesday afternoons.

But then our spirits were invariably uplifted when we saw people reading Driftwood in the streets, referring to it, requesting back issues and subscriptions for friends elsewhere. Island correspondents send in interesting columns faithfully, with some reward for their efforts, though they seem to get more satisfaction in seeing their name and work in print. Someone calls up and wants us to do a story for them; some trust us to write it as we see or hear it, and that is what makes it all worthwhile.

We hope that each and every one of our readers has liked the improvements we have made in Driftwood, the professional touch we have brought to the newspaper, and found something readable and useful about the islands, their people and their activities. To those who feel that we haven't been fully adequate, we can say only that we tried our very best.

So thank you, readers, for your encouragement, for your comments and suggestions, and above all for your patience and your support. The friendliness and the amenity of the people in the Gulf Islands will remain long in our memories.

Driftwood will continue to be operated by the owners, Frank and Barbara Richards, and we wish them every success in the years ahead.

---Craig and Elaine McArthur

New Canada Works programs

Applications for two new federal job creation programs, "Canada Works" and "Young Canada Works" are now available at Canada Manpower Centres.

Established groups and organizations including private businesses who wish to develop, sponsor and administer worthwhile projects have until February 4 to submit proposals.

"Canada Works is the largest single element of the Federal government's employment strategy", said Minister of Manpower and Immigration, Bud Cullen. "With a national allocation of \$200 million in 1977-78, the program will create work for some 61,000 participants. Similarly, Young Canada Works, with an appropriation of \$30 million, will provide jobs for about 21,000 students across Canada this summer".

Funds for the two programs will be distributed by constituencies, but with greater emphasis on areas of highest unemployment.

TWICE A YEAR

Applications for the Canada Works Program will be accepted twice a year, in February and August. The first cycle will commence April 4 and will provide flexibility for projects to start as late as August 26. In addition, projects may be interrupted and restarted to coincide with local employment patterns and unusual conditions. Projects may be

funded for up to 52 weeks with maximum federal support of \$180,000.

Young Canada Works is designed to enable students to obtain experience in the labour market and prepare themselves for their future careers and education. Maximum federal support is \$25,000 for projects which may operate for up to 14 weeks. Projects may commence on May 2 and must be completed by September 2.

Program criteria for Canada Works and Young Canada Works

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Politics

By A.M. SPENCER

When your party is in power, And the going is getting rougher, Oppositions put their questions, But the answers are much tougher.

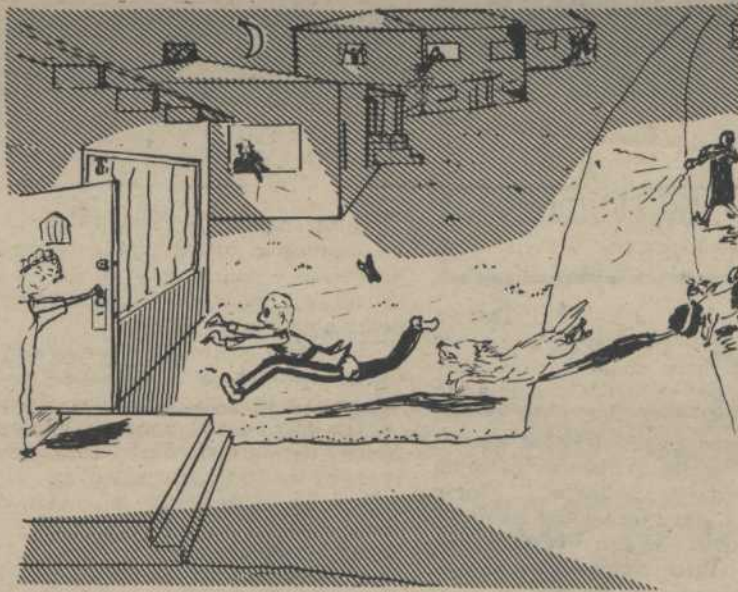
"Where and how were all the funds spent?"

"Can you cope with unemployment?"

When discovery of corruption Can lead to swift disruption; On each crucial occasion, Cover up, with glib evasion. Beam a smile that's bright and hearty,

Just say, "Blame the former party."

GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD



You satisfied the Neighbourhood Watch is on its toes dear?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep the church where it is

Editor, Driftwood:
Sir - Regarding the letter from Mrs. K. Taylor (not K. Gaylor) in last week's Driftwood, I am very much in support of her standpoint as to the future of that lovely church, St. Marks.

I have also heard on good authority that the church be moved around the corner adjacent to Central Hall because it would then be on level ground. This

would lighten the burden of the senior citizens for entry and exit as against the steep climb and hazardous road crossing at its present site.

I say the church should remain as is and the money spent on an easy access to and from a large car park because most of the congregation go to this church by car.

Bryan Smith, Ganges.

Tax talk: saving for retirement

From the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia

High tax rates and inflation make saving for retirement one of your biggest problems today.

To ease this problem, many provisions have been put into the Income Tax Act to help you accumulate savings for retirement.

In general terms, if your savings are put into a "registered" plan, contributions will be deductible from your income. The income earned by the savings will be sheltered from income tax until your savings are taken out of the plan.

The two most common types of registered plans are the Registered Pension Plan (RPP) and the Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP).

An RPP can be set up by either an employer or a trade union for its employees or members. Both the individual employee and his employer may make contributions into the RPP.

If your contributions into the RPP for your services in the current year are withheld from

your wages by your employer, or paid as part of your union dues, you may deduct those contributions from your income up to a maximum of \$3,500 for the year. In addition to this, you may, in some cases, make more deductible contributions to the RPP for your services in past years.

An RRSP, on the other hand, is available to an individual who is not in an RPP, or who is in an RPP but does not put the maximum \$3,500 into it. The RRSP is like a private pension plan which covers only the one person.

The amount which can be deducted for contributions to an RRSP is limited to 20 per cent of your earned income for the year, up to a maximum of \$5,500. However, if your employer contributes to an RPP for you for your current year's employment, the \$5,500 maximum is reduced to \$3,500, and the deduction of contributions to both the RPP and RRSP is limited to \$3,500 in total.

1974 AMENDMENT
A 1974 amendment permits taxpayers to make a contribution into an RRSP for their spouse and

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Down through the years

From Driftwood Files

15 YEARS AGO

At a meeting of the Joint Chambers of Commerce, held at Harbour House Hotel last Friday, the representatives passed a resolution to ask the government to supply an interim ferry service to Vancouver from the Gulf Islands for 1962. This action was taken because the Black Ball ferry indicated it would not be servicing this area until 1963. C.R. Horel, president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, outlined the tentative proposal of using Long Harbour as the major terminus in the Gulf Islands.

Once again high-pressure, off-island roofers are plying their trade on Salt Spring Island. They come with their pot of tar, a handful of nails, slick patter and charge what the traffic will bear. They have been known to charge \$50 for an hour and half's work of patching, tarring and pounding a few nails. Once again we say: Trade with your local business people. They will do the job at a fair price. He cannot pull shenanigans that are pulled by fly-by-night outfits that are here today and gone tomorrow. Always compare what the job will cost by using local labour and locally bought materials.

10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. S. Carpenter has been named to another term as president of Mayne Island Community Association. Election took place on Saturday evening at the annual meeting in Arbutus Lodge.

Woody Fisher, former owner-publisher of Driftwood, is in Saskatoon. He sent a warm letter, wishing to be remembered to all his friends in the Gulf Islands.

Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce has offered support for the protest against increases in transportation costs. In a letter to the Public Utilities commission, the island chamber has stood behind the Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

Controversy over the spelling of Salt Spring Island's name is no newcomer here. Residents and others have argued for years as to whether the name of the island should be one word or two. Salt Spring has been generally interpreted as two words, probably because of the fact that one of the most fervent advocates of this spelling was the late Gavin Muat.

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UNTOUCHED BY SNOW YET, morning frost, the creek running through Fulford Harbour looks

peaceful and serene in winter-time. Photo by C. McArthur.

ISLANDERS AT WORK

He's an electronics wizard

Udo Burger, of the Vesuvius area, had the vision and knowledge to create a new business, "Electronix Workshop". It was established on March 1, 1976.

Since the age of 10 Udo has been fascinated with mechanics, chemicals, electricity and electronics. At 16 he astounded the teachers, in fact the whole school at Belleveau Junior High in Winnipeg, with a working model robot. It won him first prize at the Manitoba Science Fair. Later he took another award for best project in the senior division of the Science Fair in North Dakota.

Prior to these achievements, Udo at 13 built a computer which could add, subtract, multiply and divide.

One of his first jobs on leaving school was to help maintain the machinery of the local McDonald's Hamburger establishment. One day the washing machine went on the 'blink' and Udo stayed over on his own time and stripped down the machine. He found the fault, put it together again and the machine worked perfectly.

Is it any wonder that two months later he was the manager of another branch of that firm? He was jokingly called 'Undo' instead of Udo because of his penchant to undo anything that malfunctioned.

Radios, stereos, T.V.'s, and all electronic repairs are his business. He handles Sylvana/

Fleetwood T.V. sets.

Even his hobby is electronics. He operates a Citizen's Band Transmission set and his workshop is festooned with cards from as far away as Florida, Hawaii, and the Yukon. In the summer he

likes to indulge in scuba diving.

Udo is married to Donna who attends the telephone and appointments and they have a three year old son, Nicholas, and a sleek Doberman dog named "Tina".



Udo Burger in his workshop.



Nicholas, Donna, and Udo Burger relax at home . . .

Study policy on student accidents

Gulf Islands school board intends to study the feasibility of establishing a policy in connection with student accidents and illnesses.

At a meeting of the board last week, Secretary-Treasurer Wilf Peck was authorized to gather information on this matter from the B.C. Trustees' Association.

Several trustees stated that "things get complicated" when an emergency arises involving an injured student who has to be admitted to the hospital.

As a result, the board, in the past, has hesitated in setting a policy.

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TRY A FERRY TRIP . . .

'It's a pure delight' says Salt Spring Islander

BY LILLIAN HORSDAL

If you're stymied about a really fitting gift for that special someone perhaps you might be interested in this: a round trip to Prince Rupert on a spacious and well-appointed ferry. It's a pure delight.

You leave Kelsey Bay at 1 pm and reach Prince Rupert at 9.05 the next morning. Even seen through a fog the scenery is spectacular. Those who don't really enjoy walking can find a "turn about the deck" very rewarding.

In Prince Rupert there is a stay of three hours. A taxi will whisk you about the town which is set comfortably between snow capped mountains. Otherwise a brisk walk is invigorating and informative. I found the people of Prince Rupert very friendly and helpful. Before you realize how quickly the time has passed you go back aboard for the return journey. Having missed some of the outstanding scenery on the way up you will enjoy it on the homeward voyage.

Perhaps many Salt Spring residents have made the lovely trip but this was my first time and I'll be more than ready to make it again. The dining room is tastefully arranged, the waiters eager to please and the food is delicious - really delectable in appearance and taste - especially their seafood. The drinks are good, too.

ENTERTAINING

There is also a cafeteria for less pretentious meals or snacks and a bar where soft music plays. Some passengers played bridge, some read or chatted while others wandered about either inside or out on deck. In the evening a

movie is shown, a travelogue which makes other spots of B.C. appear quite as entrancing as this trip up the inside channel.

It's a good idea to catch the early morning ferry at Vesuvius and take time enough on the drive to Kelsey Bay to enjoy it. It's a beautiful drive up island. The highway is excellent, well marked and not too busy at this season. Up through Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach and many smaller villages such as Union Bay, Fanny Bay, Bowser and so on it offers lovely views. There are still a few little cafes open if you want to break your trip. It is, however, a relaxing drive for the driver as well as passengers. Much of it is along the coast and that is always fascinating. If you miss something going you can always see it on the return journey.

When you're aboard you'll find the cabins adequate. Certainly they are not large enough to encourage much entertaining but the bunk mattresses are hard enough to be healthy. I had a go at climbing the ladder to the upper bunk which is larger by far than the upper berth in a train. For someone stiff, it could be a problem but not too difficult.

It's advisable to request a cabin without a lifeboat stationed in front. There are four of them. You can still enjoy the fabulous scenery, however, even with the obstruction. A fog obscured some of the hills on the way up but the snow capped peaks were showing and it all had a somewhat Oriental appearance - slightly unreal which lent its own enchantment.

GREAT SCENERY

Coming back we had sunshine all the way. Such scenery! Rocky crags, layers of snow on the

heights, clear water frothing where the ferry cut through and gulls swooping, circling and following us. A few gulls rode on the ship, watching, alert for any scrap of food that might come their way. They weren't insistent enough to expect passengers to feed them but, at times, they had a somewhat disconcerted look when nothing was forthcoming. Sea gulls can look so appealing even in their disappointment.

The last morning on board I was up and about the deck early enough to watch the sun come up - yes, a second day of sunshine. Standing in the bow I rode swiftly into that rosey tinted east where the sun touched the hills and water. It was an entrancing promise of a beautiful day.

We docked at Kelsey Bay at 9.10 am and I, for one, was sorry it was all over. The warm sun made the drive down island even pleasanter than going to Kelsey Bay.

We stopped for lunch at a small roadside restaurant where we watched the surf breaking over that long, sandy beach. Ducks sunning themselves and a small boat riding the swells all disappeared completely for short spaces. Three cormorants on a log kept their heads in sight at all times as if they didn't want to miss anything that might be going on. The gulls flew gracefully above though they were watching too. Finally, back to Salt Spring with the memory of a truly lovely trip.

ON THE PENDERS

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Legion, Auxiliary hold meetings

The first meetings of the new year of the Legion branch and the Ladies Auxiliary were held Monday, Jan. 17 at the Legion Hall, with Charles Harrison presiding and Mrs. Irene Estelle in the chair for the Auxiliary. The Ladies Auxiliary welcomed a new member, Mrs. Bessie Turner, who was initiated. A Valentine dance is planned for February.

people were discussed. It is hoped to have Mrs. Gislason as a speaker again for further discussions.

Captain and Mrs. Ron Jackson celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on Jan. 10. Their many friends on the Penders wish them happiness and good health in 1977.

Jim Poulton of Rexdale, Ont., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Mae Mooney, at Magic Lake for the next three months.

Welcome back home to Island Trustee Gordon Wallace who has spent the last several weeks in Victoria in hospital and is now feeling much better.

January meeting of the Silver Threads was held on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 20 at the Legion Hall, with 37 members present.

The Pender Island Silver Threads are planning a seven-day trip to Reno in April and would like to hear from their counterpart organizations on the other Gulf Islands in hopes that there will be members and friends who would like to join this tour. Write to Mrs. Nellie Williams, R.R. 1, Port Washington, B.C. or phone her at 629-3203. There is no long distance charge for phone calls between the Outer Gulf Islands.

SCHOOL NEWS - January 18 and 19 were exciting days for the Pender school students, when guests arrived from North Vancouver - the grade 9 school band and choir of Argyle Secondary School. Wednesday afternoon a concert was held in the hall with students from the Pender school playing with the band. The trip was organized by Buz Schoen, teacher at Argyle school, and Lloyd Burritt, director of the band, and Janet Warren, the choir leader. It was a real treat to see and hear these young people perform so competently.

The Parent-Teachers Club of Pender Island school held its monthly meeting Jan. 19 in the school. A. Brooks, president, conducted the meeting and the guest speaker was Mrs. Dorothy Gislason of Saanich Mental Health Department. The meeting was in the form of a seminar when interpersonal relations between

Christmas bird count held at Mayne and Pender

The 12th annual Pender Islands Christmas bird count was held under good weather conditions with 17 observers participating. Mayne Island was again included.

This year's count would possibly have beaten last year's record if a large flock of Brandt's Cormorant had not been just outside the count area on the day of the count. Still, the 1976 count ranks as second best with a total of 12,901 individual birds represented by 75 species.

An unusual and interesting record was the Townsend's Warbler, three of which were seen by the Mayne Island group. This species is a common summer resident which normally heads for warmer climes in the fall.

Thirty-two Bald Eagles were recorded this year. Last year 47 were seen which was an all-time record. Large numbers of robins

(about 800), some 30 Cedar Waxwings, and a small flock of Band-tailed Pigeon, were also seen. The presence of these may be accounted for by the spectacular crop of Arbutus berries on the islands this year.

High numbers of Pine Siskins (1369) and over 100 Red Crossbills seen this year are associated with a good cone crop. On the day of the count 3,000 gulls were seen. Land birds such as Song Sparrows, Towhees and Juncos were relatively scarce.

Taking part in the count on the Penders were Daphne Stevens, Ann Henshaw, Diane Austin, Ron McLardy, Roy and Margaret Wainwright and Jenny Clark, from Victoria, John and Marcia Woods, from Revelstoke, Betty and Allan Brooks and Mary Roddick (compilers); on Mayne Island Norma and Len Chatwin, Stanley Chatwin, and Lucas DeWit, from Victoria.

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ON ITS RUN from Tsawwassen recently the Queen of Sidney held a practice life boat drill. It took place in Long Harbour and passengers crowded the rails to watch 'B' crew go into action. The ship

was almost at the terminal before it was safe enough for the lifeboat to hit the water and make for the shore. The exercise was a success.

SATURNA SCENE

Club discusses water problems

The Saturna Community Club held its quarterly meeting on the evening of Monday, Jan. 17, with President Bill Sheffield presiding. Discussion centred around the cost of insurance for the hall, and a solution to the water system problems. As a result of the Health Services Committee's report, plans were made to purchase much-needed equipment for the doctor's room. Geri Davidson was elected as a director of the club, to fill out the term of Jeannie Ratzlaff, who had resigned to attend university.

The intermediate grades at the school enjoyed a day-long excursion into Victoria to visit the Provincial Museum and the Parliament Buildings. Evelyn Steeves and Basil Benger assisted Mike Hayes in transporting and supervising the children.

After touring the First People's Exhibit at the museum, they were conducted around the Legislative Buildings and met and shook hands with MLA Hugh Curtis, who had the children's visit read into Hansard at the opening of the session.

Lou and Jim Money were visited by daughter, Betty Pederson, and granddaughters, Laura and Lisa, from their home near Ladner.

Stella Coutts too, enjoyed the visit from her daughter and small granddaughter.

The Bob Wilkinsons have recently played host to son, Colwyn. Bob is the newest member of our Lions Club.

Jeannie Ratzlaff has been on island, enjoying a break from her studies at the University of Victoria.

Travelling off-island have been Cameron Elliott, off to Vancouver, and Priscilla Janszen, who attended the Mayne Island follow-up workshop on the World Symposium on Humanity. A number of relevant speakers, events and social gatherings were scheduled.

Jim and Lorraine Campbell, as well as the Hindmarch's, were in attendance at the opening of the First People's Exhibit at the Provincial Museum. They all report being most impressed with the exciting and informative displays.

Karen and Fritz Muntean held a pre-square dance party at their home (the party was also in honour of Fritz's recent birthday) before everyone adjourned to the Community Hall to enjoy the highly successful Loafer's Glory dance.

GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD

More About....

TAX TALK

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deduct the contribution from their own income, so long as the contribution plus contributions to your own plans are not more in total than your limits. This permits taxpayers to transfer some future retirement income to their spouse and still obtain the tax deduction.

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It is also important to know that if the RRSP is "deregistered" the entire amount accumulated in the plan becomes taxable in that year.

After retirement, your income will likely be less than during your working years and so you will be in a lower tax bracket. The tax on funds being received out of your registered plan would therefore be less than the tax saved in earlier years when the contributions were made.

READY TO HELP

If you wish to set up an RRSP for yourself, there are many organizations ready to help. A mutual fund sales organization or trust company will normally arrange for such a plan if one of its mutual funds or pooled funds is selected as the investment for the plan.

Similarly, a life insurance company will arrange a plan if the plan's funds are invested in the savings portion of one of their life insurance policies or in one of their managed funds.

If you wish to use your own judgment in investing, many trust companies will set up and administer a "self-directed" plan, which allows you to select and change the plan's investments within those permitted by the Income Tax Act.

One word of caution: In the heat of saving immediate income tax you should not lose sight of the fact that you are making an investment.

You should take care to ensure the plan's investments have the proper degree of income potential, growth potential, and security, suitable to your particular situation, having regard to how soon you intend to retire and the amount of retirement income you will need.

A correction

Florence Fraser of Ganges was driving out of a lane and making a sharp turn onto Woodland Drive Jan. 13 when she was in collision with another car, driven by Margery Keeton, on Jan. 13, police said.

It was incorrectly stated in a news-story last week that Florence Fraser was backing out of her driveway at the time of the accident.

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There's some good reading if you can get down to bare statistics

There's some good reading in store for islanders. We've got 44 columns of reading matter this year in the telephone directory covering the four island exchanges. But don't get confused!

That's a difference from last year's listings, which ran through 51 columns. Yet the total number of islanders hooked up to the telephone system this year is quite a jump ahead of last year's figures.

They've shrunk the book. The type is a little smaller to allow a few more listings per column and to reduce the number of pages in the book. That means less paper and that means less money.

BC Tel is saving a dollar or two on newsprint. Which is all to the good.

There are 3,421 listings for the islands. These cover 629 numbers on Pender Islands; 653 exchange at Fulford, 537's at Ganges and the 539 series in the Gulf Islands.

That means 3,421 telephone subscribers and their families are eager to get cracking on the island wires while the gossip is still hot.

Last year the total was 3,194, which means more island residents and more island businesses are now wired for sound.

COMPARISONS

Salt Spring Island accounts for 2,173; compared with last year's level of 2,027.

The Outer Islands cater to 1,248 subscribers. Last year they served 1,167.

You start on Page 235, shaking the dust of Victoria off your feet at the Zyza Chemical Co., in Sidney.

The good life sets out with a

Nanaimo company offering a Zenith number for islanders who are in a hurry for a septic tank. That is the ABC Pre-Kast Ltd. Following close on the heels of the Nanaimo concrete company comes the listing of the Rev. C.L. Abbott, at Fulford.

Six thrilling pages later you cast off with the name of U. Zschoch ringing in your ears. One more listing and you find yourself into the Outer Islands, or the Gulf Islands Exchange.

It gets like a habit, but the No. 1 listing in the Gulf Islands just happens to be the ABC Pre-Kast Company, still offering the Zenith number.

Last name in the islands book is that of RB Zuest, on Navy Channel Road, Mayne Island.

PERCENTAGES

Incidentally, the increase in popularity of the Salt Spring Island telephone represents an increase in listings of 7.2%. The Gulf Islands have gone up this year by 6.9%. Pender's 629 exchange has climbed from 416 to 453, an increase of 37, or 8.9%. Total increase in all the islands, 227, represents a 7.1% hike.

The listings are not all islanders. There are 41 Zenith listings on the Salt Spring Island exchanges. These are outside businesses inviting islanders to communicate at no local cost. Furthest removed from the islands in this category are the Moyer Vico Corporation, of Toronto and Lufthansa German Airlines, also in the Good City. That's a generous offer. We can ring them free of charge to find out who the one is and when the other arrives.

Most Zenith numbers apply to businesses in Vancouver or on

Vancouver Island. Gulf Islands have 41 Zenith listings. There are other outside listings but you pay for every call on those.

How many of us are there?

Starting with Smiths: there are 19 subscribers of that name in the Ganges section.

Second place is taken by the repetition of a single company in all its branches, Sands', with 14 listings. There are 11 Jones's and 11 Cunningham's. Browns also come in at 11.

There are 10 Marcottes and 10 listings headed by "Gulf". Moua's trail at nine, pegging level with Andersons. There are eight listings for Stewart and eight for Fraser. The Scottish families are all in the fore on Salt Spring Island.

UNEXPECTED LEVEL

Some of the familiar island names are unexpectedly low in the listings. There are six listings for Reynolds and six for Lee. Parsons edge them both out with seven. Byrons hold seven and Akermans settle for five.

The Gulf Islands start out with the same name. There are 16 Smiths and one Smyth. Once again, the funeral directors stand in second place, with 13 listings of Sands', mostly duplicated.

There are eight Johnsons, eight Frasers, eight McDonalds (in various spellings); seven listings start with "Mayne", six with "Galiano", four with "Pender" and two with "Saturna". The name of Aitken occurs six times,

with five each of Bennett, Hanson, Jackson, Scott and Wilson.

If any reader challenges these figures, he may enjoy reading the original story to assess them. He will also learn that the yellow pages are now twice as voluminous as the white pages in the Victoria book.

A glance at past years shows some changes. In 1974 the new telephone directory listed 2,882 subscribers in the islands. These were 1,814 on Salt Spring Island and 1,068 in the Gulf Islands. F.G.R.

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INFO/HEALTH

Kissing Disease

By Dr. BOB YOUNG



"Kissing disease" is well known by people in the age group that is most commonly affected by this illness. The patient will frequently start the interview with the statement, "Doctor, I think that I have Mono."

Infectious mononucleosis, occasionally still called glandular fever, is a common disease, especially between 10 and 35 years of age. Its nickname is derived from the most frequent method of transmission, kissing, and this probably also explains the high incidence in college students!

The disease is caused by a virus - The Epstein-Barr herpes virus - and it has an incubation period of five to 15 days.

The symptoms in the usual uncomplicated case are not very dramatic. The patient will have a fever, feel generally unwell, and complain of a sore throat. His or her appetite may be decreased and the muscles will likely ache.

The lymph glands, or nodes, are moderately enlarged and tender to the touch.

Some cases are complicated by enlargement of the liver or spleen, headache and neck stiffness, and chest pain, shortness of breath and cough. Most cases do not show all these symptoms.

If infectious mononucleosis is suspected, laboratory tests are available to confirm the impression. These are helpful, but may have to be repeated to pin down the diagnosis.

There is no specific treatment for infectious mononucleosis. Supportive measures are necessary because the patient is often dejected and lethargic, feeling neither well nor exceptionally ill. The duration of the illness also cause discouragement, as it may be two or three months before the patient feels fully well again. Usually the fever goes in about ten days and the enlarged glands shrink within a month.

Complications are rare in this common disease. A serious one is rupture of a congested spleen, an acute emergency.

Unless kissing goes out of style there would appear to be no way of preventing the spread of this disease.

Send your questions to Dr. Bob Young, B.C. Medical Association, c/o Driftwood.

Committee chairmen appointed

Charlie Baltzer, chairman of Gulf Islands District 64 School Board, appointed chairmen of three key committees at a meeting of the board last Thursday.

Tom Davidson, Saturna Island trustee, was named chairman of the education personnel and contracts committee; Don Fairweather, Pender Island trustee, the buildings and grounds committee, and Mrs. Roma Sturdy, Salt Spring Island trustee, the transportation committee.

Salt Spring Trustee, Mrs. Ann Foerster, will act as liaison between MLA Hugh Curtis and the board of trustees.

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MEALS ON WHEELS: a mobile service for seniors

By BRYAN SMITH

"Anyone home?"
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And so another 'meal on wheels' is delivered. This mobile dinner service was inaugurated by such stalwart community workers as Marg Simons, Agnes Bacon, and Ruth Maude in 1973 and a government grant soon followed. By January 1, 1974, "Meals on Wheels" was in operation.

For the first two months Sancha Seward was president and then in March, 1974, Dorothy Sneddon took over the current board as president. Agnes Bacon is now vice-president, Marjorie Cuttle, secretary, Ruth Maude, director, and Kay Smith, co-ordinator.

There are four 'captains', Roma Sturdy, Beatrice Bryce, Marjorie Cuttle and Barbara Toynbee. One driver from each team arrives on duty once a week with the exception of Beatrice

Bryce's team which operates the Fulford-Ganges run. To ease the cost of mileage, there are 20 volunteers on this run which averages out at once a month per volunteer. Currently, mileage costs are not being reimbursed to the volunteer but the executive are negotiating for special consideration from the government.

Rubright was the driver while his wife, Elma, popped in with the meals. Elma knows them all so well and after a pleasant exchange of greetings and chit-chat it is on to the next one.

These two volunteers and the other workers have often been complimented on the wonderful job they are doing. But the Rubrights replied that they felt they spoke for all the volunteers

in saying that it worked both ways ---they love doing it and feel it is the least they can do to ease the plight of the elderly and those unable to cook for themselves.

Undoubtedly it would be a great loss to the community if this service ever folded up. It is a case of 'miles on wheels' to provide 'meals on wheels' and the sum total is 'smiles on wheels' for volunteer and recipient.



Elma Rubright delivers a meal to Sid Lebbel

Cormorants, gulls, sea lions, herring return to Gulf Islands

For many years the birds in winter in Navy Channel and Plumper Sound in the Gulf Islands numbered a few hundred.

There were small flocks of gulls and Cormorants and usually 500-600 Western Grebe and Scoters.

Last winter the scene changed radically when the herring once more returned to these waters and following them came literally thousands of gulls, Brandt's Cormorants, Grebes and Scoters, also a herd of about 50 sea lions.

Victor Menzies reported that he had not seen such abundant bird life off Hope Bay on North Pender since the Shingle Bay Saltery closed in the '30s.

Dec. 20, 1976, the day of the Christmas bird count saw the beginning of the large influx of

sea birds and herring shoals in Navy Channel and Plumper Sound. Since that date there has been a progressive increase in birds in these waters so that this year is proving to be a repeat of last year's spectacular show.

The activity of the herring fishermen this past week in the sound has attracted even more birds. A conservative estimate by an observer Jan. 13 was 15,000 gulls and 3000-4000 Brandt's Cormorants off Hope Bay.

Sea lions have come in again. This herd is composed of both California and Northern sea lions whose antics during the day and bellows during the night are a constant source of entertainment to Hope Bay residents and visitors.

Volunteers are the backbone of the service

In total, including the executive, there are 37 volunteers involved in this valuable service to the community. Pick-up days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays but a recipient can have extra dinners to last seven days.

Since July, 1974, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital has provided the hot meals. Harold Hoffman, hospital administrator, and Margaret Ritchie, dietary, and their staff are responsible for the hospital's involvement in preparing the meals.

However, from a start of 40 meals a week it has now reached a total of 260 dinners. The hospital can cope with only 30 meals a day and so the executive are grateful to Dave' and Sonia Hill of The Crest restaurant in providing the balance of meals.

The meals are varied but fish predominates on Fridays. The hot meal is encased in tin-foil and the tray accommodates the main course plus dessert and roll and butter. The charge to the recipient is very reasonable and the service provides a subsidy to meet the gross costs. However, unless the government increases its financial assistance to the service it may be necessary to raise the current charge by 25 cents.

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FEW PEOPLE ATTEND MEETING

Counsellor talks about debt problems

Ed Sibbold, counsellor with debtor assistance, a division of consumer services administered by the B.C. government, discussed his role in helping people to balance their budgets and to live within their incomes, at a public meeting held in the community centre last week.

The turnout to the meeting was poor. There were six people in the audience including a representative of Driftwood and Kathy Lightman, the community worker, who had arranged Sibbold's visit to the island.

Shall shall go and may shall be

The word "shall" shall not be used in future community plans.

Regional Director George Heinekey told a planning meeting in Ganges last week that the department of municipal affairs has required this change. A community plan becomes a guide and not a requirement with this change, he explained.

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Q. How can I insure the easy peeling of boiled eggs?

A. Boil the eggs in salted water, and they will peel quickly and easily. The salt tends to crack the shell and separate them from the eggs with much less effort.

Sibbold reasoned that few attended the meeting because people who are experiencing debt problems were reticent about coming to a meeting which discussed debts, credit cards, credit ratings and carrying charges of vendors.

Following the showing of a

film about the difficulties of coping with debts, Sibbold answered numerous questions.

He stressed these points:

- Husband and wife must work together and openly discuss their needs and budget accordingly. "So many couples spend the family income without con-

sulting the other," Sibbold said. "The result is debt, family quarrels, possible bankruptcy, and even divorce."

- If in debt go together to a debt counsellor. "He will check your budget and advise ways and means of living within your income," said the counsellor.

- Do not load down with credit cards. Two or three at the most are ample. If not, a score of credit cards will look fine until the payment blow falls at the end of the month.

- Be wary of loan companies who are more than willing to consolidate debts to the point where monthly payments are reduced to one sum and it may be small but the interest rate can be as high as 24 per cent and that would mean "a millstone around your neck for many years to come."

- When reviewing the budget ensure that food (with good nutritional values), shelter, and clothing receive the highest priorities.

Sibbold quoted a retired couple who existed solely on the OAP's. Their priority was the payment on the colored television and frequent trips to Reno. "There's nothing wrong with that," he said, "but they literally existed on tea and toast because of their fear of being in debt."



Ed Sibbold, counsellor for Debtor Assistance

Man fined on drinking, driving charge

Joseph G. Langdon of Hudson-Hope, B.C., was fined \$300 on a charge of driving while his blood-alcohol level was over .08, in provincial court, Ganges, Jan. 19.

He was also fined \$100 for failing to remain at the scene of the accident.

A stay of proceedings was granted in another case when Fred Wm. Curtis, of Charlesworth Road, appeared on a charge of driving while his blood-alcohol content was over .08.

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The orchestra, scheduled to hold one-hour performances also in Sechelt and Texada Island near Powell River, will arrive in Ganges by aircraft on March 9, to play before students from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Trustee Nonie Guthrie agreed to seek out other sources of funding from local groups such as the Community Arts Council and the Recreation Commission, to help defray the costs of the orchestra's performance.

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SPECIAL EFFECTS ADD GLAMOUR TO PICTURES

By ROLLY FORD
Special to Driftwood

Back in the Greta Garbo era, when cinematography was a blossoming new art, someone discovered that a piece of black mesh stretched over the camera lens could make a movie queen more glamorous. Wrinkles and other little signs of aging melted away. The image of the star represented a multi-million dollar piece of property to the production studio—anything that would improve that image reflected in increased box-office and annual profits.

The black mesh secret leaked out eventually, along with the further revelation that a small cigarette hole burned in the centre of the mesh before it was stretched across the lens would control the degree of diffusion. Who do you suppose then made hay with the mesh trick? The high-fashion portrait studios. Dowagers, matrons from Fifth Avenue and models from Macy's beat a pathway to the studio doors of those Roaring Twenties portrait artists. Some of the photographers became internationally

famous and financially independent. All because of a small piece of black net.

I mention this because the old black net diffusion trick is back

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with us again, bigger and better than ever. Those wonderously soft, luminescent glamour shots and figure studies currently gracing the newsstand photography publications are examples—now in glowing colour. The black-and-white, spezia-toned monochrome of yesteryear has become the creative colour masterwork of today.

The diffusion introduced by the black net is quite different to the soft-focus introduced by a poor quality lens. A string of radiant pearls retains its radiance—may in fact gain contrast—whereas when photographed through a poorly corrected lens, it becomes flat and lifeless.

Obviously, use of the black net diffusing filter is by no means limited to portraiture. It may be used to enhance a scenic view—a table-top composition—a blossom—almost any subject that may be enhanced through photographic artistry.

MAGIC DISC

Several years ago a leading lens manufacturer designed and produced a portrait lens that became a valued tool for the portrait specialist. The optic incorporated a disc punched with a circle of holes that covered the outer perimeter of the lens. The centre of the lens, which is always the most accurately ground, was left clear. In use, each of the small holes in the outer perimeter

became a slightly less perfectly corrected lens of smaller aperture. The images of eight small lenses were in effect superimposed on the image formed by the centre of the lens. Voila! A new type of diffusion.

You can simulate the effect by cutting a round disc from a piece of black paper, cutting out the centre half and punching smaller holes around the rim of the diffusion filter with an ordinary paper punch. The template shown is 49mm filter-size for Pentax and similar cameras.

Place it in front of your lens as you would a regular glass filter. Try it on your next portrait shooting session. Your built-in exposure meter will automatically compensate for the "stopping down" effect of the diffusion disc.

CROSSTAR FILTER

Another effects-type filter in popular use is the crosstar. This filter produces rays of light that emanate from point sources in the scene. A moonlight view captures a moon with moonbeams radiating from the catchlights in your subject's eyes. Save this for next Halloween and your spooky closeup of the candle-lit pumpkin.

A lesser known but readily available special effects filter is the "2-Field"—a bi-focal that enables you to photograph subjects at macro-focus distances in one half of the picture, with the other half focused at infinity or other distant point. This is great if you want to photograph mushrooms 18 inches in front of the camera, with the sun beaming through the trees above. New, exciting, and the sort of subject that publishers like to use for a change in pace.

Special effects can be achieved without using special filters. Fast shutter speeds usually result in sharp, action-stopping images. Slow shutter speeds introduce



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blurred images. A racecar or whippet blurred against a sharp background, or if the camera is "panned" with the moving image, a sharp, fast-moving image against a blurred back-

ground—either effect being obtainable. Zooming a variable focal length lens during a slow exposure results in a sunburst-like blur, with action sharp in the centre of the picture.

Board asks to call for bus tenders

District 64 School Board decided last week to apply to the ministry of education for permission to call tenders for a new 84-passenger school bus to serve Salt Spring Island.

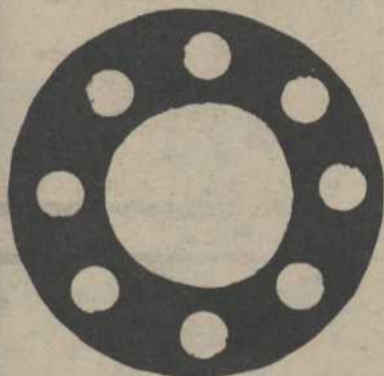
The board noted that the new larger bus will alleviate the present overloading on all three bus routes on the island.

Trustees will view a demonstration of an 84-passenger school bus belonging to Cowichan School District this week in Duncan.

Trustee Ivan Mouat asked the board when the board could "step back from purchase of a new bus, if it decided to do so."

Secretary-Treasurer Wilf Peck said the board would be committed once the purchase has been approved and the order placed, which would take about four months.

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HOMEMAKERS: a community service for the disabled

By BRYAN SMITH

Are you in need of someone in your home, even temporarily, to tide you over a difficult phase of convalescence? Or, as an invalid, on a more permanent basis? Someone to do the light house-keeping, laundry and ironing, preparation of meals, and washing-up, and even shopping for groceries?

If so, then you should contact Kay Smith, supervisor of Home Maker Services at 537-5545 (Local 08). She will arrange for a homemaker to attend your home for a pre-arranged number of hours and days per week.

The charge is based on an hourly rate. If your means are such that you feel the charges create a hardship, then it is quite

likely the costs can be subsidized.

What are the ingredients that go into the make-up of a homemaker? Mix together the tact of a diplomat; the balanced mind of a philosopher; ability to converse in a cheerful manner and yet retain the privacy of a client's confidences so that a mutual bond of trustworthiness exists in the relationship; preparation of meals and light housekeeping. The net result is an efficient and well adjusted homemaker.

Kay Smith is proud of her team and it is her job to see that the right homemaker is in the right home for the benefit of both homemaker and client.

As co-ordinator of Meals-on-Wheels, her duties are far from over at 1 p.m. each day. She is on

call for emergencies and home visits 24 hours a day seven days a week.

"It is fortunate that Salt Spring Island has so many community minded residents and professionals that really care about the plight of the senior citizen, the invalid or convalescent, either in the hospital setting

or home environment," she said.

Kay thoroughly enjoys the challenge of her job but she feels that there is still room for improvement in the field of communications at the professional level, particularly about referrals to the homemaker supervisor for the placement of a homemaker.



Homemaker Joyce Jackson in action

Nursery school to show films

Salt Spring Nursery School will undertake a new venture with the showing of three short Disney films in the activity centre of the elementary school in Ganges on Friday, Jan. 28 at 3:15 p.m.

Titles are "Johnny Appleseed," "Peter and the Wolf," and "A World is Born" (from Fantasia). There will be something to entertain everyone, from children to Disney buffs. There will be admission, and popcorn and juice will be available during intermission.

All proceeds, after paying film rental, will go to support the nursery school, now in its second year of operation. The nursery school is a parents' cooperative, with a paid licensed teacher. This year the school has expanded to offer three classes, one for three-year olds, and two for four-year olds. There are still a few vacancies in the classes for four-year olds, and enquiries are invited.

If the film venture proves successful, the nursery school will try to bring more children's classic films to the island.



Carrie Captain prepares a meal

COMMUNITY SOCIETY NEWS

Are you having difficulty getting resident ID card?

Salt Spring Community Society is interested in hearing from anyone who has encountered difficulties in obtaining a resident identification card for B.C. Ferris because he or she is not on the voters list.

Names which will be kept confidential are required to gauge how many residents are affected adversely by this policy. Numbers will lend weight to any protest of this procedure, says Kathy Lightman, community worker.

HELPERS NEEDED

The Community Centre seems like the hub of the universe these days, full of people with projects like community tutors, the community school worker, senior services, the preventive medicine clinic, parent co-op nursery, food co-ops, share-a-ride, the community worker, and assorted groups meeting in the evening.

We need help in the form of telephone answering, general office work, typing, postermaking and distribution. Organizers from various areas on the island are being sought for our transportation exchange which is growing and evolving. If you have spare time and would like to contribute

it to a community effort, phone and let us know about your interests, skills and ideas, and how you'd like to work with us.

INVITES PARTICIPATION

There's a magic in early childhood that especially appeals to some of us. If you don't have young ones of your own and would enjoy spending some time with pre-schoolers, the Parent Co-op Nursery invites you to visit and join the fun. If you have a special skill like story telling, art, carpentry, music, so much the better. For those interested in visiting regularly, the same training provided for parents participating in the program will be offered. Contact the Community Worker at 537-9212.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you wish to become a member of the community society in time to vote to elect new board members at the February general meeting, you must sign up by Jan. 31. Old members are required to re-register also. Anyone residing on Salt Spring Island for at least six months of the year is eligible. A list for signatures is on the bulletin board at the entrance to the centre.

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Advisory body to recommend use of site for new school project

Gulf Islands District 64 School Board remains confident that a 6½-acre site at North End and Fernwood Roads, situated within agricultural land reserve, will be allowed for school use.

At a meeting of the board last Thursday, Secretary-Treasurer Wilf Peck stated that the advisory committee of the Land Commission indicated verbally that it would recommend the property for use as a site to construct a new elementary school, Salt Spring North.

The site has also been approved for school purposes by the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District Board.

In a report on the current

school building program, trustees were told that construction of a classroom addition at the Mayne school was nearing completion.

Arrangements have been made to switch over to a new electrical service on Jan. 30, which may necessitate closing the school for one day.

Occupancy of the new classroom is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 7.

Work on the activity room is expected to be completed within a further two weeks.

PENDER SCHOOL

Working drawings are proceeding on a proposed new school for Pender Island.

The sketch plans have been

approved by the Insurance Corporation of B.C., subject to certain requirements such as separate reserve water storage, intruder and fire alarm system.

Construction is expected to start about March 1.

FEB. 7 OCCUPANCY
Workmen are now completing the interior work in the new classroom addition at the Salt Spring elementary school in Ganges.

Job of installing the drywall and the acoustic ceilings and painting the classrooms will be completed in the next two weeks.

Occupancy is set for Feb. 7. School office and staff room alterations are now proceeding to working drawings.

METAL ROOM PROJECT

At Gulf Islands Senior secondary, plans have been prepared for alterations to the metal shop, as a solution to the noise problem.

Approval of \$5,000 in funding for the project is expected shortly from the provincial ministry of education.

Drawings to provide a vice-principal's office at the school have been submitted for approval to the education department in Victoria.



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COURSE TO START ON FEB. 3

Health care course for seniors outlined

Margo Harrison, RN, of Victoria, outlined an eight-week course entitled "Health for Seniors" to a group of community and service workers last Thursday in the nurses' lounge of Gulf Islands Lady Minto hospital.



MARGO HARRISON, R.N.
...explains the course

program to help the elderly to be self-reliant.

Preventative measures include: Changes in body systems; maintaining health in Aging; patient care in the home; nutrition and budgeting; you and your heart; home medications and safety precautions; first aid.

The primary target is to get this information to the senior citizens, who number over a thousand on Salt Spring Island.

A suggestion was made that Margo Harrison should delay the course until Feb. 3, so she could outline the program to the OAPs at their monthly meeting at St. George's Hall at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27.

After that, it is hoped that the weekly venue will be at St. George's so that as many citizens can attend as possible. It is free of charge.

The new 'Service for Seniors' will be glad to arrange transportation for seniors to the hall and return them home afterwards. Contact Kathy Lightman, community worker, at 537-9212.

"We are never too old to learn and all citizens are urged to go along to hear useful tips and advice to enjoy better health and a safer and longer life," said Margo Harrison.

This course is sponsored by the St. John's Ambulance Society of Victoria under an LIP grant. It is essentially a comprehensive

Board okays 'Lifetime Sport' course at Ganges high school

A locally developed course, "Lifetime Sports", was approved in principle by District 64 School Board last week, as an elective grade 12 course at Gulf Islands Secondary school.

Scheduled to start next September to complement the present course, "Community Recreation 12", Lifetime Sports will have immediate application towards the type of life a person will lead after leaving school. It is designed for students interested in future athletic activities.

Ray Tenisci, physical education instructor at the secondary school, will teach the programme. Students will participate in recreation sports such as tennis, softball, badminton, fitness, hiking, ping-pong, and darts.

There will be no additional costs to the school board as activities will be covered under the present teaching and travel budgets.

Students will be asked to become a competent official in one sport by passing the written examination and officiating in at least three extra curricular games. They will also improve their skills in a sport by either helping with a physical education class or by helping to coach a team.

Those taking the course must attend all classes in the gym, hiking sessions, recreation trips within class time, and first-aid classes.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES START MONDAY

Registrations are continuing for night school classes, most of which are scheduled to get under way next week, Jan. 31 to Feb. 3, says Virginia Newman, director of Continuing Education for Gulf Islands School District 64.

She said there are many choices of subjects available, from bees to volleyball, Spanish to yoga, and knitting to choral singing.

"Meet your neighbours and friends in class and learn a new skill at the same time, Mrs. Newman said.

The Continuing Education director may be contacted at 537-9251.

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"THINKING ABOUT FURTHER EDUCATION?"

Representatives from Regional Colleges, Universities, Vocational Schools, B.C.I.T. will be at the Gulf Islands Secondary School on Friday, February 4, 1977.

Please phone Miss Sitton at 537-2213 for an appointment.

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No covered play area at Galiano

Galiano elementary school won't be getting a proposed covered play-area.

District 64 School Board said last Thursday that the ministry of education had declined to give approval to this type of project at the school. "It's not department policy to approve funding for such covered structures at schools," it was stated.

Galiano Trustee Mary Neil questioned the board on what projects were planned at the school and this elicited a reply that "none was proposed at this time."

The board explained that the school, presently accommodating 52 pupils, had not reached a population figure which would warrant the construction of addition in the next three years.

Trustee Neil was consoled somewhat, however, on learning that the carpet for the kindergarten classroom had been ordered.

Islander to attend clan reunion

Frank (Mac) MacGregor, school custodian at Pender Island, was granted one month's leave of absence at a meeting of Gulf Islands school board last week.

He plans to attend a reunion of the MacGregor clan to be held in May in Scotland.

Bonus of memory

CELIA V. REYNOLDS
Roses a'bloom in the garden, kittens asleep in the sun. Scenes such as these return to my mind, when the labour of day is all done.

There's plenty of work for one's hands and one's back
Keeping a farm on the go--
But there's nothing to stop one from feasting one's eyes,
Somehow, I'm glad this is so.
Times when the weather is bleak, damp, and blue--
You know the days that I mean --
Tasks are made lighter, spirits made brighter,
Remembering some pleasant scene.

Senses of sight and hearing, are muted, it seems, as one slowly grows old;
But the sights and sounds, and joys we have known,
These things our memories shall hold!

Fulford TIDE TABLES

28	0130	8.5
	0600	8.9
FR	1005	10.3
	1825	3.9
29	0405	9.3
	0615	9.3
SA	1045	10.2
	1910	3.5
30	0420	9.9
	0730	9.6
SU	1130	10.1
	1945	3.0
31	0435	10.4
	0845	9.6
MO	1205	10.1
	2035	2.6
1	0510	10.6
	0915	9.3
TU	1310	10.1
	2110	2.3
2	0525	10.8
	1000	9.1
WE	1400	10.1
	2145	2.0
3	0545	11.0
	1045	8.7
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