

Gulf Islands Driftwood

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GANGES, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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There are secrets between them



Santa's learning some secrets as he listens to small boy on Saturday. Santa came with the Christmas ship from Bellingham. More details are on Page Twenty-eight.

Activity room and community

Public meeting asks for Fernwood school delay

Plans for the new Fernwood School met with a sharp set-back on Monday evening when a public meeting in the Salt Spring School Activity Room called for a delay while a proposal for community involvement is considered.

School board had approved going to tender at its last meeting. Gulf Islands School Teachers' Association called the meeting to protest the size of the activity room and other features of the structure.

The initial plans provide for an activity room of 50 ft. by 54 ft., with a ceiling height of 16 feet. The meeting agreed that the activity room should be at least 25 feet high. Initial estimate of \$15,000 had been placed on that extension.

Meeting was chaired by Barbara Perssons and Glen Woodley explained the position of teachers.

Gulf Islands School Board Chairman Charles Baltzer told the meeting that changes from the

basic school design would call for community participation. The meeting then learned that the start of

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Seminars planned for women

They want more.

After the successful seminars on Women and Madness and Women and Anger on Salt Spring Island, three seminars are planned.

Dr. Guille Libresco and Judith Boel will offer the seminars during the spring months.

The seminars will run for five weeks each and there will be one session a week. First session will start in January.

Full details of the seminars will appear in next week's Driftwood.

Driftwood takes a holiday

Large Christmas edition of Driftwood will appear next week. It will be published on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

The staff will then take their Christmas holidays and the first issue of Driftwood in the new year will appear on January 11.

Injured at home for 12 hour wait

Elderly resident of Ganges sustained an injury in a fall at home and lay helpless for 12 hours before he could rally help.

Leo McNeil, of Vesuvius Bay Road is a patient in Rest Haven Hospital at Sidney after breaking a leg when he slipped in his home.

He could not move to call for help and lay until someone called at his home.

Retired athlete, Mr. McNeil is treasurer of the Catholic Parish on Salt Spring Island.

Lake water under discussion

No access to lake until by-law has been passed

No further accesses to beach or lake will be approved on Salt Spring Island until the Islands Trust has come up with a regulatory by-law.

In addition to this freeze on providing access roads, the ministry of highways will not approve the use of Maycock Road as recreational access to St. Mary Lake in view of the lease held by the Fernwood Water District which

covers part of the road allowance at that point. The water intake is located a few metres from Maycock Road.

The decisions were reached last week when a considerable Salt Spring Island delegation met with Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis and representatives of government in the provincial government buildings on Thursday afternoon.

The minister had invited interested parties to take part in a discussion of the lake from the point of view of a recreational facility as well as a domestic water source. The minister was acting in his capacity of MLA for the Islands.

Steve Nelson, past president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, opened the discussion with a resume of factors which had led up to the meeting.

"What's going to happen to St. Mary Lake?" he asked.

Nelson recalled that the Chamber had entered the picture when it sought to have closed the beach access next to Blue Gables Resort which was a nuisance to the resort and to road users.

LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVE

Because the Chamber was asking to have the access closed down, it had taken a look at the lake to find an alternative access.

"Since that was published we've had a lot of protests and comment," he recalled, "and that's really what this meeting is about."

Representing the Chamber were Nelson, President Gary Macpherson, Pat Baines and Terry Elford.

Curtis explained that his position was simply that of offering good offices in the examination of a variety of uses for the body of fresh water.

Macpherson explained that there was no way the Chamber wanted to press for any measure which was contrary to the wishes of the community.

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He never let up

By Frank Richards

He never let up.

Not even when he heard his own bell tolling, he never gave up. He told me that he was dying. Just like he might have said he was taking a holiday. It was something that was about to take place. So he told me.

He was worried. You better believe he was worried. But his worry was not that he had fallen victim to a killing disease. He was worried about his family's future after he was gone.

He never let up when they called him into Victoria every day for special treatment in which he didn't have too much confidence.

He didn't let up when they urged him not to smoke. He just quit smoking. It was too late to make any difference to himself, but the nurses felt good over his quitting. That was his only reason.

We talked planning and we talked of his family. There was nothing to talk about when it came to him. The word had already been spoken.

I would hope that if I am destined to be aware of the impending close of my life that I shall be able to accept it in the same manner and with the same grace he displayed.

I have worked with him in the community and I have fought with him. And at the end I was near speechless in face of his courage.

Last week Tom Harcus died in his short-lived prairie home. He has left me a warm memory. I'm simply glad I knew him.

Salt Spring Island Power Squadron

He is first to pass Junior Navigator exam on island

BY G.K. ARNOTT

The Salt Spring Island Power Squadron marked an achievement recently when Edward Coombes, McGill Road, Salt Spring Island, became the first member to write

and pass the Junior Navigator examination of Canadian Power Squadrons. This is an advanced course that starts a student into celestial navigation.

With this accomplishment behind him, Ted has now started on the difficult Senior Navigator course and hopes in due time to join a small and select band of CPS members across Canada who have reached this goal.

The Salt Spring Squadron is presently active in its winter education program with 35 new students enrolled in the boating course. Another 23 members are engaged in studying advanced courses with eight taking Advanced Piloting; 11, Seamanship Sail; and four, Seamanship Power.

It snowed again on Friday

It snowed.

Twice last week it snowed and the temperature fell to a wintry level.

At the beginning of the week some meetings were cancelled. And at the end of the week.

About 7.3423 centimetres of snow was measured outside Driftwood office as the thaw set in on Friday evening.

By Sunday the snow had given way to a pleasant warm morning.

Retirement supports Salt Spring

Economy of the islands is based on retirement.

Dr. Bud Kreissl told a meeting in Victoria discussing water resources of the island that with half the population of Salt Spring Island over 55 years of age and a quarter of the remainder in school, that it was retirement that keeps the island going.

"The economic base of Salt Spring Island is money brought here from elsewhere by people retiring here," he stated.

Pleads not guilty to charge of unlawful use of building

Margrete Nehl appeared in Ganges Provincial Court Wednesday on a charge of unlawfully using a building on residential property

for commercial purposes.

Mrs. Nehl pleaded not guilty and was remanded to December 21 to fix a trial date.

Mouat's lumber to trade as Cubbon following change in management

Big change has been announced by Mouat's Trading Co. at Ganges.

The lumber and building supplies business carried on by Mouat's from the yard on Rainbow Road is under new management.

A well-known Victoria lumber company has acquired a half-interest in the building supplies division and it will trade as Cubbon Building Supplies, Ganges, Ltd.

The lumber yard was moved from the main Lower Ganges road

earlier this year when the lumber barn was completed on the property next to BC Hydro.

There will be no changes in staff at the lumber yard and Halvor Eide will continue as manager.

The main Mouat's store will continue to sell hardware and every effort will be made to avoid any overlap. Cubbon's will not handle paint. Mouat's, in Ganges, will.

The Victoria company already has two branches in Victoria. One is at Cook St. and the other at Colwood. The Victoria company also operates its own sash and door plant.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

Cubbon's operate the oldest branch at Cook St. It is the site of a new experiment in melding a modern retail store and residential development.

The new senior citizens' housing scheme atop the lumber yard is an experiment which has gained keen interest over a wide geographical area. The ground floor is the lumber yard and the upstairs is the apartment block for older residents.

Project is an amalgamation of commerce and public service.

Lumber yard has been operated by Mouat's since the firm was established at the beginning of the century. Explaining the move, Toynbee said that the veteran island company will concentrate on the business in the downtown community. Some changes in the operation will be announced early in the new year. New management will lead to a bigger buying policy with lower prices, he forecast.

MANY CHANGES

Mouat's has been engaged in a series of major changes in the past five years. The main store has been completely renovated and the lower floor given over to the expanded Mouat's Mall. The lumber yard was moved from the downtown location and is now under new management. Move also saw the construction of the K & R Food Store and the Ganges Post Office.

Pianist/singer takes first place at hotel

Top entertainer at the Harbour House Hotel's Talent Night on Tuesday of last week was Marianne Goodrich, who sang and played the piano. Miss Goodrich gives lessons in piano and singing on Salt Spring Island; she is also a Driftwood columnist with her weekly feature, Kitchen Korner.

Second place was taken by Darryl Georgeson, country and western singer/guitarist. Guitarists Tom Bowler and John Helm took third place with a song called Harbour House Honky. It was written by bartender Dan Jason.

As with the three previous Talent Nights, the pub was filled to capacity.

S. Chamber of S. NEWSLETTER L. Commerce

The Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society has stated they will not accept letters of credit, from local contractors, in lieu of a performance bond, to accompany any bid submitted for construction of the new hospital facilities.

What this means to Salt Spring Island is that hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of construction is going to end up with some large off-island construction firm.

The Chamber of Commerce is very concerned over the great potential this construction job would mean to boosting the island's currently-depressed economy.

This is our community, our hospital and it's our trades-people who stand to be employed through what might otherwise be lean months ahead. It's a fairly safe assumption that an off-island firm, with off-island union employees won't be spending much of that money here.

"We aren't asking for any guarantees to the job, only a chance to bid on it, with our letters of credit being accepted as financial security!", is how one island contractor voiced his opinion.

The Chamber feels the hospital society hasn't given fair consideration to the overall importance of our residents having an opportunity to gain employment through this project.

What is going to be the case asks the Chamber, when bids are being accepted to construct the Fernwood School or to make major alterations or renovations to a present hospital facility?

Are performance bond requirements again going to make it impossible for island people to submit a bid on an island project?

Life begins at 80 when you fly

Life begins at 80.

Scotswoman from Invernesshire proved it last month.

Mrs. Barbara McLeod was visiting her great-niece, Mrs. Spencer Marr, in Ganges. Mrs. McLeod was making her first trip to Canada.

It wasn't only her first trip to Canada, it was the first time she had been flying. And at 87 that's quite a new experience!

She was glad she came.

Wilful damage costs \$50

Douglas McDonald was fined \$40 by Judge F.C. Giles in Provincial Court Wednesday when he was charged with wilful damage.

Charge arose from an incident November 2 when a pinball machine owned by Terry Holland, of Everybody's Store in Ganges, was damaged with a pocket-knife. McDonald pleaded guilty to the charge and was ordered to reimburse the owner of the machine with \$10 to cover the damage.

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TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

Recent report has it that camel racing is looming for British Columbia. More power to the Arab nations! They have more to export than oil. It puts me in mind of the music hall song we used to sing at boozy gatherings during the war. It was something like this:

Ali Baba's camel, he bought it at the zoo

And everywhere that Ali went, the camel went there too!

He entered it in races; in all the desert sports.

Ali Baba's camel in khaki shorts! Bang goes the starter's whistle

Of all the camels tear!

Ali Baba's camel wins by half a camel's hair!

It was getting late and my bag was getting heavy and I had been travelling for 24 hours and I was weary. On the ferry I encountered Hugh Curtis and his shadow, Wayne Steeds. By the time I reached Fulford, Wayne was carrying my bag and Hugh had found me a ride to Ganges. It was good to be home!

Thinking of Hugh Curtis, a few island voters should have been in his office on Thursday. He came rushing out of his own office into the reception area: no jacket, tie pulled back and his sleeves rolled up. I had to take back everything I hadn't said!

If it had been a waterfront home for \$5,000, he would have bought it himself said Bert Timbers last week after a five disappeared. Price listed in Driftwood was \$5,000. Price asking was \$55,000. He could have sold it a hundred times over at that price, he figures.

Marriage used to be the isthmus between Longing and Belonging in the days when they were separate states.

Goody is the only guy I know who has grey hair turning black.

The spirit of Christmas is never more evident than at a cocktail party.

A solution at last to the problems of the Middle East and elsewhere! If all the Palestine Liberation Organization were shipped to Ireland and half Ireland transferred to the Middle East there would be nothing left to dispute at either end.

Car parking is a problem everywhere, but when I was directed

to a car park in Britain I gave up. The way in was down. Down a slope of about 45 degrees and then the floor was full so down another ramp of about 45 degrees and the floor was full. Then you noticed the attendant was wearing horns and he carried a trident. And there was all that smoke coming up! I'd had enough. I drove hell for leather up the ramps and paid my 40c to get out and stay out.

Ferry food is for the birds. There is no question: the present government has converted the food pattern on provincial ferries from a delight to an ordeal. The worst meal I ever had was on the Queen of Saanich recently. It was blowing strongly in the Strait and I sat watching a plate of fish and chips slide back and forth on the small table. My companion, a newsman from Vancouver Island, also watched the steady movement of his hamburger. Before it was worn out, running, he threw down the delectable dish in disgust. His discarded hamburger slid seductively towards my chair and then returned whence it came. I was gamely eating fish and chips. The chips were palatable, which was more than could be said for the fish. It tasted like dust fried into a slimy coating on some unidentifiable fish. I don't suffer from sea-sickness. I cannot recall ever succumbing to the motion of a vessel on the sea. But that fish brought me close to the same condition. I caught my tea and let the fish and chips join the merry chase over the swaying table top.

Education's a wonderful thing! Generations ago the majority of the literate wrote script with a care and a meticulous artistry that has long since been lost. A few writers were guilty of an appalling scrawl. The educationalists went to work on it when education became the right of the many instead of the privilege of the few. And what do you expect? Now every graduate of every north American school is taught the same standard of writing...one colossal scrawl!

In the United States an enthusiastic atheist is demanding of her government that the legend, In God we trust, be eliminated from coinage in that land. Which makes it very difficult, because it takes away every confidence. After all, in neither the United States nor in Canada can we trust in the dollar!

Grey Cup Breakfast nets \$4,000

New six-foot television screen was used for the first time this year during the Rotary Grey Cup breakfast in Fulford Hall, on Sunday, Nov. 27.

The screen provided for a larger audience for one television screen. In past years the same effect had been obtained by connecting up a series of sets.

The Grey Cup breakfast is the major fund-raising function of the Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island.

Liberal breakfast of bacon and eggs and sausages and hot cakes was prepared by the Rotary Anns. Breakfast was launched at nine o'clock and about 150 hungry islanders attacked the meal.

For the keen watchers there was a luncheon served by the same Rotary Anns at 1 pm. Meat pies and salad constituted the luncheon.

NET PROFIT

The island service club reports a net profit of approximately \$4,000, after prizes amounting to \$1,800 were distributed.

The proceeds more than cover the commitments of the club this year on youth work. Rotarians are spending \$2,600 during the coming year on worldwide youth exchange; interprovincial exchange; school scholarships; Rotary Youth Leadership seminars; Citizenship awards; sports events and aid to the French class for their Three Rivers trip.

LESS ALCOHOL

There was less drinking this year than in the past, reports President Bert Timbers. The event saw the elimination of 17½ bottles of hard liquor.

Many of the people attending the Sunday morning function were old age pensioners invited by ticket-purchasers who could not be there in person.

Rotary Club has made a considerable contribution to the island during its years of operation. Notable among its accomplishments have been the heart machines at Lady Minto Hospital and the Resusci-ann, or training mannequin.

The Rotary Club also worked closely with the Lions Club in the provision of facilities at Portlock Park.



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Charge Account Customers of Mouat's who wish to establish credit with the new Company are asked to make out applications at the Rainbow Road Yard.

We at Mouat's are confident that the association with Cubbon along with other soon to be announced changes in the Main Store will strengthen our overall operations and bring to our Customers more of the benefits of volume merchandising.

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FRANK G. RICHARDS, Editor



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Tribute to director

When Regional Director Jim Campbell, from the Outer Islands, was named chairman of the Capital Regional Board four years ago, it was a two-handed tribute.

The Islands director was named in token of his long experience of public service. He also owed part of his popularity to the fact that he represented no large municipal faction.

Last week saw Director Campbell elected chairman for a fifth year in the Capital Region administration.

This time his re-election was a tribute to his record of service over recent years.

And, as he observed at the time, his personal exchanges with government spokesmen have nothing to do with the record.

Police and politics

The community of Duncan, on Vancouver Island, recently expressed its confidence in the policing of the Cowichan Valley. The expression of appreciation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came as a sequel to a steady political attack on the national police force.

The gesture was timely. It simply illustrates that a political attack in Ottawa may well be far from the feelings of the people far away from the capital city.

The man who has been stopped for impaired driving is not likely to be a warm admirer of the officer who stopped him. The speeding driver has little affection for the man who busts him. In today's pattern, the smoker of a joint is hostile to the officer who frustrates him. But these are very small factors in a very big picture. The impaired driver will be eager to see a flashing light when his own premises are being burgled. The speeding driver will call promptly for the same police officers when a sudden emergency strikes.

There are officers in every police force who have the particular ability to rub people the wrong way. There are overbearing police officers who bring the service into disrepute. But these incidents are petty and may readily be corrected without asking questions in Parliament.

But more power to the community of Duncan, who have put the entire picture into focus!

The islands communities could well range themselves with the Vancouver Island community and express their appreciation for the constant vigilance maintained by a small police detachment over a wide area.

Flying hazards

During the past three weeks there have been two aircraft crashes among the islands. That one was fatal and one resulted in a remarkable escape by the 14 occupants is in no way attributable to the controls and regulations governing flying.

The crash on Salt Spring Island two weeks ago took the lives of four people. Those lives are now added to the long toll taken by Salt Spring Island from the coastal airways. The toll is high.

Every flier in the vicinity knows the dangers of flying over Salt Spring Island. Every person responsible for the regulation of flying in the area is aware of the hazard of flying over mountains to reach a sea-level aerodrome.

This fatal crash comes at the time that Ottawa is announcing considerable hesitation in providing radar protection at Patricia Bay Airport. There is no suggestion that either of these recent crashes could have been averted by additional specialized equipment over the water.

It merely points up the acute danger of coastal flying and the apparent inability to provide technical aids to pilots. It also points up the very urgent need for a scrupulous regulation of flying and fliers in so dangerous a territory.

Some of Maya Halliday's charges



These youngsters appeared to be enjoying themselves at the Rocking Horse Babysitting Centre in Ganges this week.

craftsmen working with me.

But I do hope that the culprit or culprits who did this, enjoys what he or she forgot to pay for and has a very merry Christmas.

Margaret Atkinson
"Trio" Enterprises
Box 1046
Ganges, BC
December 12, 1977

WE WILL MISS HIM

Sir,
I would like to take some space in your paper to express the Recreation Commission's deep regret at the passing of our former chairman, Tom Harcus.

For over seven years Mr. Harcus was a dedicated worker for parks and recreation on Salt Spring Island. He spent much of his time working for the betterment of recreation on the island, and leaves behind many reminders of his efforts. We, the commission, and you, the public, will miss him dearly, but hopefully his spirit will continue to be with us in future developments. We know that would have been his wish.

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission
Glenn Woodley,
Chairman
December 12, 1977

Letters to the Editor

JUBILEE EVENTS

Sir,

To commemorate 75 years of higher education in Victoria (15 of them as a degree granting institution), the University of Victoria has scheduled special jubilee events throughout 1978. Of special interest to Alumni members will be the Homecoming "Weekend to Remember", Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1. Festivities will include tours of the Gordon Head, Craigdarroch and Lansdowne campuses, a gala dinner, and athletic events.

All Alumni: graduates of UVic, the Provincial Normal School and Victoria College are cordially invited.

All who are interested in revisiting the university and renewing old acquaintances may obtain detailed information through the Alumni Association office, University House, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 1700, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2Y2.

Margaret Dempsey,
Program Director,
Alumni Association of the University of Victoria.

VOICES OF A WINTER NIGHT

Sir,

As a sometime resident of Salt Spring (we have a little piece near Weston Lake) I was delighted at the prospect of bringing Voices of A Winter Night to the island as part of our tour.

The music, dance, song and story of this original group work was drawn from and inspired by the legends of many places surrounding the winter solstice, the longest night of the year.

Flying Mountain, the Provisional Brass Tacks Choir and myself hope to share this joyous celebration with you all on Sunday, December 18 in Mahon Hall or on December 20 and 21 in Victoria at the Belfry Theatre.

April Curtis
432 1/2 E. 7th
North Vancouver, BC
December 5, 1977

THANKS TO THE DONORS

Sir,

On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross and Branch 92, the Royal Canadian Legion, I would like to thank the 187 members of our community for registering and offering their blood at the Blood Clinic held in the Legion Hall on December 5. 174 were accepted as donors.

I would also like to thank the service clubs, the many businesses and the individuals for assisting with the Blood Clinic.

On behalf of the Legion, I would like to congratulate the RCMP

Detachment, Ganges and the Rotary Club as joint winners of the Legion Past-President's Trophy for Blood Donors. This is the third time that the RCMP Detachment have either won it outright or shared the trophy. The previous winners were the Bank of Montreal and the Legion. It is hoped that in the 1978 Blood Clinics that a greater number will join in the challenge for this trophy.

Our thanks to Driftwood for its continuing support of this most important public service.

We regret to report that the target of 225 pints of blood was not reached but with an extra effort on the part of all members of our community this can be done in 1978.

Peter Bingham, Chairman,
Blood Clinic Committee,
Salt Spring Island Branch 92,
Royal Canadian Legion.
December 6, 1977.

I HOPE HE ENJOYS IT

Sir,

Has anyone any idea, how much time and labour is put into the crafts at the annual craft fair held at the Community Centre on Dec. 9 and 10?

I believe most people do, but there are a few that don't know.

I work long hours on my crafts, sometimes I don't get to bed until the early hours of the morning, just so I can see my creation completed.

My prices are very low as anyone who has seen my work can tell you.

It hurts me to know that someone can walk out with one of my pieces without paying for it and it hurts me to know that the same thing happened to one of the other

EXCELLENT COVERAGE

Sir,

On behalf of Mayne Island Agricultural Society I would like to thank you very much for the excellent coverage you have given the organization during the past year.

The members were most appreciative of the account in Driftwood of the Annual Fall Fair held in August.

Compliments on the photography, which included the picture of Tommy Douglas, MP, receiving the plaque presented to him from the residents of Mayne Island have been numerous.

Thanks once again.
Mrs. J. Brown,
Cor. secretary,
Mayne Island Agricultural Society and Fall Fair.

TO WHOM THIS DOES CONCERN

Sir,

And it does concern everyone who reads it.

Why do we people of Canada stand by like a bunch of mindless sheep when the Canadian Union of Postal Workers throw the whole country into turmoil because of NINE....NINE...., presumably unemployed people who were hired to help with the Christmas mail rush?

Is it so terrible that NINE...NINE...people were given a TEMPORARY JOB during a period of HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, to earn a little money during this season of 'Peace and Goodwill', when people would at least like to have enough for a meal?

Is the policy of the Union, and
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Church Services

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1977

ANGLICAN			
St. Mark's	Central	Morning Prayer	11.15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am
UNITED			
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
COMMUNITY GOSPEL			
Pastor Moe	Ganges	Sun.Sch.-all ages	10.30am
537-2622(church)	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30 pm
537-5395		Thurs. Bible Study	7.30 pm

MAYNE ISLAND
St. Mary Magdalene Sundays 11.30 am, Dec. 18 Carol service. Dec. 25 No service.
Community Church Pastor J. Rodine 539-5710
Sunday 3 pm in the school
Bible Study Friday in the homes 7.30 pm

Near collision in Pass

First yachtsman to challenge charge makes history with his \$150 fine

Story of a near disaster in Active Pass was outlined last week in the Sidney Review. Staffer Grania Litwin wrote of the Surrey boatman who was fined \$150 for failure to maintain course and speed while being overtaken.

Following is the Sidney report:
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Sidney RCMP have been warning pleasure craft and sports fishermen cruising in the narrow passage of Active Pass to keep out of the way of ferries for years.

Until recently, disciplinary action has amounted to little less than a rap on the knuckles.

But things are going to change, according to Sidney Constable Ray Campbell - in fact they already have.

In a precedent-setting court battle which took place last month a Vancouver boater was charged, found guilty and fined \$150.

What this means, according to the police spokesman, is that, "It all boils down to the fact that we're going to start nailing people."

FIRST TIME EVER

Until now, RCMP have given warnings to boaters and occasionally fines were paid but this is the first time a yachtsman has pleaded not guilty, contested the charge, and lost.

Local police are encouraged by the fact that the judge in Victoria Provincial court found the boater guilty, said Campbell. "We never knew how much support we'd get in court."

Campbell said that public feeling is often on the side of the boater and what was most interesting about the trial was that the man was found guilty under one of the "least used statutes of Canada".

HIGHLY VERSED

Ironically the Surrey man, who acted as his own counsel, was highly versed in the rules of the road. ("He even subscribed to Weekly Notices to Mariners" according to RCMP, but made an

unfortunate decision in the split second he had to maneuver.

The almost-accident occurred on the afternoon of July 24, according to Crown prosecutor Clifford Watt, of Victoria, who was appointed by the federal government.

Watt said in an interview this week, that he received judgement on the case Friday and heralded it as a "precedent setting trial."

"I know of no other contested prosecutions of pleasure craft under the rules of the road. There have been dangerous operations of boats in the past but this is the first one relating to problems of pleasure craft and the B.C. Ferries."

AT ABOUT TWO KNOTS

Watt said that Surrey resident Herbert Walters was driving his 38-foot Pinafore II, at about two knots off Helen Point on Mayne Island at the western entrance to Active Pass.

The Queen of Tsawwassen was heading into the pass, right behind the Pinafore II, and a second ferry, the Queen of Vancouver, was approaching the exit of the passing heading to Vancouver.

The passage is only about 1,800 feet across at that point, said Campbell, "and the biggest problem occurred because of the ebb tide at that time of day."

The captain of the Queen of Tsawwassen attempted to pass the 38-footer on the starboard side between it and North Pender Island but the yacht suddenly altered course to starboard coming directly in line with the course of the ferry.

SWUNG TO PORT

The ferry then swung sharply to port and the approaching Queen of Vancouver lunged sideways to avoid it.

According to police, the Pinafore II came within 350 feet of total annihilation and 10 passengers aboard, including a number of children, narrowly escaped disaster.

The RCMP carry out routine patrols of the area and on the day of the near mishap a patrol craft motor vessel was on location.

WATCHED IT HAPPEN

"We were sitting off Galiano Reef watching it all unfold," according to Campbell who said that once the ferries were clear the police craft rushed over to Pinafore II, boarded her and told the captain he would be charged.

Crown prosecutor Watt said Walters was charged under section 17-A-1 which requires that a boat which has the right of way but is being overtaken has a duty to maintain its course and speed.

He was also charged with impeding a vessel of over 20 metres which has less ability to safely navigate in a narrow channel.

FROST CONTESTED

Watt said that while there have been numerous warnings this case was the first one contested on the west coast of Canada under the section of impeding a larger vessel.

Judge Harold Alder, himself an

avid yachtsman, found Walters guilty on both counts and fined him \$100 for impeding the ferry and \$50 for altering course when being overtaken.

Because of the recent court decision boaters in Active Pass may receive fewer warnings in the

future and more ^{Page Five} may increase.

Already a second trial will be held January 15 in which a boater did not respond to a ferry which sounded the five-short-blasts warning signal.

Absolute discharge given for obstructing ferry

A Vancouver man was given an absolute discharge in Provincial Court Wednesday after he was charged with obstructing the passage of a motor vessel in Active Pass.

Court was told that on August 13

the ferry Queen of Esquimalt was approaching the south-west entrance to the pass and numerous small vessels were in the area. After a blast with the ship's whistle, all the boats moved out of the way except one.

Skipper of the ferry, Captain Henry, said in a report that he had to turn sharply to starboard to avoid a collision with the smaller boat, which he missed by 12 to 15 feet.

Charged is Michael Slaven, of Vancouver.

An agent appeared in court for Mr. Slaven and said the accused couldn't recall a ferry having come close to him. He had been having motor trouble at the time though, explained the agent, and there was a period of about 15 minutes when he had been drifting sideways across the mouth of the pass. Mr. Slaven felt it could have been during this time that the ferry went by.

When Mr. Slaven's agent asked for an absolute discharge, Judge F.C. Giles asked him to explain why, in 15 seconds. His client was working part-time in Vancouver, explained the agent, and was hoping to get a full-time position. His work is in stevedoring, and if he were to have a criminal record, would have problems getting bonded.

Judge Giles was satisfied with the explanation, and gave an absolute discharge.

Letters

[From Page Four]

the people who follow it, so greedy and selfish, to say nothing of inconsiderate (mild word), that it cannot abide to see NINE.... NINE....people have a temporary job? So it threatens and blackmails, and bullies the rest of us, to say nothing of disrupting the mails, to bring the entire country to its knees?

All the adjectives I think of in this regard are not flattering. But unless the rest of us get off our knees and do something about it, it will be just what we deserve.

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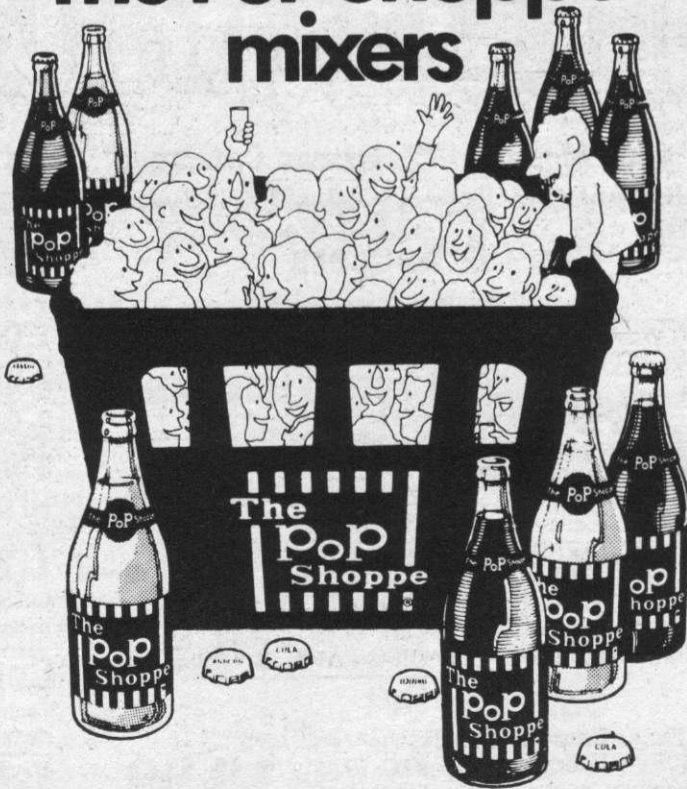
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Remanded on charges of illegal hunting

Two men entered pleas of not guilty in Provincial Court at Ganges Wednesday when they were charged with hunting deer at night. Lorenzo Moschette and Giuseppe Ciulla were charged following an incident on October 29 at Pender Island. They were remanded until January 18.

Alcoholics Anonymous at Pender

The Fifth Tradition Group of Alcoholics Anonymous on Pender Island is attempting to contact any lone members of Alcoholics Anonymous resident on Mayne and Saturna Islands.

The purpose of the appeal is to try and establish contacts to help any person suffering from the disease of Alcoholism, or who may have a relative or friend with a drinking problem.

"We, here on Pender Island, have had such calls for help and are generally unable to intervene personally due to the timing of the Ferries," said a spokesman for A.A. Any Islander can appreciate this."

If there are any Loners on Mayne or Saturna, they are urged to please drop a line to Box "A", Port Washington, B.C., VON 2T0 and A.A. will contact them.

If anyone has any questions about the programme of Alcoholics Anonymous they are free to ask. Enquiries will be answered and identity of the enquirer kept confidential.

Christmas Concert at Mayne Island

The annual school Christmas concert at Mayne Island will be held in the Activity Room at the school on Monday, December 19 at 7.00 pm.

Some people would call it

Baloney . . . by Tony

Among the alleged wrongdoers at the courthouse in Ganges last week were a handful of dog owners who were there to face charges laid under the Domestic Animals Protection Act. Their dogs were unlicensed.

These people were to appear in court at 10 am, according to their summonses. Two and a half hours later their cases were heard.

While the dog owners were waiting for the juvenile matters to be heard Wednesday, two lawyers and about six witnesses, who were there for a trial, were waiting for both the juveniles and the dog-owners to finish. The trial, which didn't get started until 2.30, adjourned at 5.30. It must have been the longest day the court house in Ganges has ever known. It seems that the courts are busy enough without having to deal with such minor infractions as unlicensed dogs.

It would surely be much more logical for violators of the Domestic Animals Protection Act to be dealt with out of court. Is keeping an unlicensed dog a more serious offence than operating a vehicle that is not completely roadworthy, which offence carries a voluntary penalty of \$35, payable without a court appearance?

NOT UNREASONABLE

The law that requires dogs to be licensed is not an unreasonable one. We live in an area that is well-populated with both dogs and

sheep and most people are aware of the problems that are faced by the sheep farmer. If a licenced dog is caught in the act of killing or wounding sheep, there is no problem in finding the dog's owner and obtaining restitution from him for any lost sheep.

There is also a ticketing system for licenced dogs, a system which most people are probably unaware of. If a dog is found, in the judgement of a peace officer, to be causing trouble in any way, such as creating a disturbance in a school yard, the dog's owner can be given a warning. If it happens a second time, the dog owner can either pay a voluntary fine of \$35 or contest the matter in court.

But this applies only to licenced dogs. If unlicensed dogs were handled in the same manner, it would help somewhat to relieve the congestion that was evident at the court house last week. It would also save some people a lot of bother in having to appear in court on such an insignificant matter.

A Salt Spring Island man was given the impression last week that islanders are a law-breaking bunch. He was on the phone to the District Conservation Officer in Victoria to inquire about duck-hunting regulations.

The warden asked where he was calling from. Salt Spring Island, he replied.

Why are Salt Spring Islanders suddenly interested in hunting regulations asked the game warden. It was the first time anyone from the island had ever called him to inquire about the law.

When the island man asked if it was all right to hunt ducks, he was told, "You can go out today because you know where I am."


Once again, Merry Christmas

'Tis Christmas carol time again, that happy time of year. When laughter wells from children's lips, to picture Santa near. Store windows gleam with gifts galore, to lure the passers-by; While coloured lights on myriad homes, light up the night-dark sky. Some folk feel we've lost our sense of what this season means: That our Christmas celebration isn't worth 'a hill of beans'! I find I disagree with them, for Christ once said, you see: "What ye do unto the least of these, you do it unto me". So, even if just once a year, we all with others share, It's a step in the right direction, on life's long thoroughfare. Once more we'll gladly listen while carols fill the air-- And wish a very Merry Christmas to people everywhere!

-Celia V. Reynolds

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For ladies at United Church

Luncheon for United Church women is near to banquet as tables seen

BY OLIVE MOUAT

The United Church Women's luncheon is always a happy occasion. There are white tablecloths, some of them linen. There are silver candelabra. There are everyone's prettiest candles. And there are sprays of Mrs. Ruth Wagg's beautiful variegated holly. It makes a festive setting.

At this luncheon, the ladies from Fulford are guests of honor.

Naturally this is a UCW, no-man-allowed, no-man-help affair. Wait a minute, though. That is hardly true. Who set up the heavy tables? Who said Grace? Certainly, even though it was a woman's lunch, it was hard-working husbands who placed the tables and Rev. Vern McEachern who said Grace.

One gentleman who solicitously saw his wife into the hall looked around and gasping, "Let me out!" fled.

WELCOMED

Near the entrance were two tables where each person was welcomed and where quietness and reserve were forgotten.

On the left hand (naturally) were articles left from the bazaar. This table was of real interest to those who still needed a gift for her favorite grandchild or for cousin V., and also to those who were too busy at the time of the bazaar to do any shopping.

Prices were reduced a little and the accumulation of articles was soon reduced a lot. Mrs. Bunty McNally was in charge here and later gleefully reported that about \$150 had been added to the UCW funds.

On the right hand was a table with Christmas tablecloth and rows of glasses.

In the centre was a bowl of punch that has become a tradition at these luncheons. The punch had always been prepared by Mrs. Madge Walker and Mrs. June Henderson, but this year because Mrs. Henderson is away, the punch was made by Mrs. Woolley and served by Mrs. Irene Baseley.

It was sparkling, invigorating, delicious, safe-driving, completely non-alcoholic, and praised by all.

The members of the Burgoyne United Church Women were guests of honor.

TO A BANQUET

The varied menu turned lunch into a banquet. Ladies prepared their nicest dishes to bring. The interest and flavor of the delicacies, as well as their attractive appearance, added to the pleasure of the meal, and all forgot their diets.

As people lined up, plate in hand, on each side of two tables laden with viands, Mrs. Marion Woolley, Mrs. Doris Gibson, and Mrs. McNally, the conveners, were unobtrusively counting. Quick, set another table! There must be seventy.

Mrs. Mary Wiedswang had the water boiling and three fresh teapots of tea ready on the stove. (The great, interesting but far-too-heavy teapot, made of pottery and with a pottery ring in front so that two hands could share its weight and balance it while pouring, the beloved or detested servant of 30 years, silently gave up and began

to pour tea from sides and bottom as well as from the spout. It was heartlessly consigned to the garbage can.)

BUSINESS MEETING

At the end of the meal a business meeting was held, brief but interesting, consisting of nothing at all except a report given by Mrs. McNally of how much each stall at the bazaar had realized, the total taken in on the day of the bazaar, and the amount made by the small, informal sale before the lunch began.

Next, a short program planned by Mrs. Woolley, practical president, began with a so-called game: "Everyone look at the bottom of your cup," she commanded. "Who has this mark? Please stand up if

you have it. Good! We have a small prize for you." Attractively wrapped prizes were presented.

"Now", purred Madam Machiavelli, "who has a rose on the bottom of her cup? Stand up, please." Then she explained: "This is a type of trick or treat. The others got the treat. You get the trick. You may have the pleasure of doing the dishes." What a howl greeted that remark!

Mrs. Woolley read two stories suitable to the Christmas season, after which she and Mrs. Gibson led in carol singing.

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Annual ecumenical services on Sunday

BY ERIC COOMBES

The annual festival carol services will take place, this year, at Ganges United Church, Sunday, December 18, 1977 at 4 pm and at 7 pm. Rev. Vern McEachern will officiate.

The service will follow the traditional pattern with the nine lessons and carols produced by members of all denominations and churches of the island. The choir is made up of approximately 45 voices; again, from all churches, under the direction of Eric Coombes. Accompaniment will be by Angela Funk on piano, May George on the organ and, on occasion, three flutes played by Michelle Larson, Kathy Ramsay and Lynn Coombes. Also accompanying in the traditional carols will be the Salt Spring recorders and strings.

A variable program is to be offered this year with the children of the community leading in a number of the carols. During the service, the Salt Spring recorders

and strings will play a Christmas Pastoral by George Frideric Handel. This particular arrangement is known as *Pisa* from the famous Messiah. In passing, it may be of interest to note that Handel composed the Messiah in only 23 days during August and September of 1741 and here, 236 years later, it is still the most popular of all the Christmas productions.

During the playing of this piece, at both services, the Offering will be taken as a Freewill Offering in aid of the East Indian Flood Relief Fund. Due to limited seating facilities, it is recommended that you come early to the service of your choice and avoid any disappointment.

The choristers and musicians will be visiting the Lady Minto Hospital at 2.30 pm Saturday, December 17 for a short performance of Christmas carols for the enjoyment of the patients and the senior citizens in the Extended Care Unit, by kind permission of the hospital staff.

Christmas Sale draws large crowd



The Christmas Craft Sale sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Community Society drew a large

number of islanders on Saturday and Sunday. In the picture, a display of pottery is being inspected.

Classified Deadline: Monday, 4pm

"Is it true I'd now have to work longer to collect Unemployment Insurance?"

Yes.

Parliament has decided that the qualification time should be longer everywhere, and that people who live in areas of high unemployment should be given certain advantages over those who live in areas where jobs are more plentiful.

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Then there's maternity, sickness and age 65 benefits.

Previously, sickness benefits were only payable during the first 39 weeks of the claim. Now they're payable at any time during the entire benefit period.

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

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Activity Room plans for Fernwood under attack

[From Page One] construction would be considerably delayed if a community school were under consideration.

Meeting asked for changes in the design to bring the school up to a higher standard. The school board was asked to arrange publication of more details of the school in Driftwood. The teachers' association also undertook to present a formal letter to the board on Thursday afternoon specifying the changes sought.

Teachers' association protested that there are neither showers nor changing rooms provided for in the plans.

The meeting also agreed that the provision of additional facilities could be made after the school is completed, but the height of the

ceiling could only be changed later at great expense.

Glen Woodley told the meeting that he had been in communication with Dennis Young of the Capital Regional Board. He had been assured that a referendum could be presented by the end of February calling for the community participation in various provisions at the new school.

A room of the proportions of the Salt Spring elementary school was suggested, but with a higher ceiling. The Salt Spring school activity room has the same height ceiling as that proposed already, 16 feet.

TOO LOW

Teachers agreed that the ceiling was too low to permit of volleyball or badminton.

The board chairman recalled the schools in which the community had already participated.

Pender Island people came to the board. Mayne Island community was invited to participate and declined, while the Salt Spring community went to the board and asked for provision to take part.

Mr. Woodley said that the teachers had hoped that the trustees would approach the Fernwood community in the same manner.

Critic told the meeting that he was appalled that the ministry of education would require students to change in the toilets or the classrooms.

"It's primitive!"

The ministry of education makes no provision for change rooms in elementary schools, replied Chairman Baltzer. The board had initially planned for this facility but the rooms had been deleted from the plans when they came back from the ministry.

NOT PERMITTED

The school board is not permitted to make provisions in construction beyond those prescribed by the ministry, emphasized Baltzer.

"We are here tonight," explained Woodley, "to find out whether there is anything we can do now to make changes."

If the construction plans are abandoned, changes can be made, agreed the chairman.

The present program can be set aside and the community invited to take part, but this would involve at least a three-month delay in construction, warned Secretary-Treasurer Wilf Peck.

Hank Schubart suggested that the tenders could be called and then a change made in the activity room under a change-order. It was not unusual, he noted.

The buildings are for ever and if a delay is necessary to achieve a higher standard, then the start of construction should be delayed urged a Fernwood parent.

POOR ATTENDANCE

David Stacey expressed concern at the poor attendance. There were 34 people present, in addition to the six teachers at the head table. Of the 34, there were 13 who had a direct or indirect link with the schools.

The public was not aware of the plans for the school, meeting was told. Board was asked to provide greater information on the specifications of the new school.

There was no secrecy, countered Wilf Peck, it had been in Driftwood a dozen times.

Concern arose from uncertainty, asserted one parent.

"We have a high quality school here," she said, "and that's where our children are going!"

Hank Schubart urged that if the plans were to be reconsidered, then the attention should be directed at all aspects of the activity room and not merely in terms of its use for sports.

FEASIBILITY STUDY

Charles Baltzer suggested going to the Recreation Commission to ask for a feasibility study. The school board is now empowered to undertake such a study out of public funds, he explained.

The teachers' association would also have to write to the board now in order to be considered on Thursday.

He could not say how the board might react to the application. Most recent resolution called for bids as soon as possible, he warned the meeting.

It was agreed to have three people attend at the school board office on Tuesday morning to dig out information for publication.

Saturna Scene

BY KUKLOS

In the aftermath of the Air West crash here, a number of people have trekked over the terrain in Narvaez Bay where the incident took place. Also, there continue to be stories in all the provincial newspapers and media interviews with the survivors and Air West officials.

The Old Age Pensioners on Monday had their monthly dinner meeting at the hall.

On Friday evening an Islands Trust meeting and dinner was held in Victoria for delegates and their spouses.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Community Club was held Monday, December 12.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Jan Crooks is home after her motoring trip to the Maritimes with Nan Campbell. Betty Pedersen, with daughters Lisa and Laura, is staying with her parents, Jim and Lou Money, and catching up with the news of brother John, Shirley and family. Andy Siemens' parents are on their way after a pleasant week with Andy, Terri and Kristin at their East Point home.

Rehearsals are in full swing for the Christmas concert, and the hall was busy Saturday afternoon with a good number of islanders gathered to decorate in grand style. Jim Money once again collected all the greenery.

Sunday saw the excitement of the arrival of the Bellingham Jaycees' Christmas ship, with pirates, Santa and helpers and lots of goodies for the little ones. The gay decorations, attempted 'kidnaps', squeals, hand-stamping, laughter, and 'Merry Christmases' are always enjoyed, and force a realization that the Big Day is almost here.

CHRISTMAS AGENDA

Candlelight dinner, Thursday, December 15. Tickets are no longer available. Social hour for gathering: 6.30 pm, dinner at 7, followed by carols.

Christmas concert, Saturday, December 17. Everybody welcome. 7.00 pm starting time, followed by arrival of Santa with presents for the kids, then refreshments for all.

Carol service, Sunday, December 18 at St. Christopher's Church, 11 am. 'O come all ye faithful'.

Carolling will also be done from door to door Christmas Eve, as friends and neighbours gather for this tradition.

Saturday, December 31 at the hall, annual New Year's Eve dance, sponsored by the Lions Club, with Dave Crooks and Lloyd Smith in charge.

L.G. Crampton dies at Salt Spring

Leslie Gordon Crampton, of Salt Spring Island, died suddenly on Sunday at the age of 65.

He leaves his wife, Frances; two sons, Keith of Vancouver, and Gordon of Terrace; three grandchildren; a brother in Salmon Arm and a sister in Surrey. A private cremation was held.

Instead of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Heart Foundation. Goodman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Five are charged with keeping unlicensed dogs

Five Salt Spring Islanders were in Provincial Court at Ganges Wednesday to answer charges of keeping unlicensed dogs.

Dave Parsons was given a suspended sentence after he pleaded guilty. Court was told that on November 2 an investigating officer was patrolling Mansell Road when he noted a German Shepherd without a license. The officer found that Mr. Parsons was looking after the dog for his sister, who lives in Sidney.

Crown counsel Donald Laughton advised Judge F.C. Giles that the minimum sentence was a \$50 fine. The judge noted that it was "rather a lot" and observed that there was a way out through a suspended sentence.

Kenneth Sampson was fined \$50 when he pleaded guilty to the charge. The officer was patrolling Fernwood Road on November 3,

court was told, when he came across a dog without a license. It was discovered that the dog belonged to Mr. Sampson. The latter explained that he hadn't realized his dog was of an age where a license was necessary.

Two more islanders were fined \$50. Girard Webster, who pleaded guilty, said he had a large farm and didn't know his dogs needed to be licensed when they were on his own property.

Prosecutor explained that on November 2, "this very active officer" noticed two unlicensed dogs in a yard. He then spoke with Mrs. Webster, who said they were their dogs.

Evan Waite, who also pleaded guilty, was also unaware of the need for a license. On November 2, the officer was patrolling on the island and noticed an unlicensed dog and told it to go home. He followed it to the home of Mr. Waite.

Stephen Semanski appeared in court to answer two charges of keeping a dog without a license. He is alleged to have had two unlicensed dogs. He was remanded to December 21 for plea.

Preparing for their California tour



Gulf Islands Secondary School Band is practicing in readiness for its forthcoming trip to

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Galiano

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

The regular meeting of the Galiano Chamber of Commerce was held at the school on December 7th, with president Mervin Ferguson in the chair. Hearty thanks were given to Charlie Gardner for putting up our very first Christmas tree on the wharf waiting room roof. It looks beautiful, and with the help of many volunteers, it is firmly anchored. It came through the winds last Monday, anyway, and hopes are that it will stay for the festive season.

Charlie Dodwell, parks chairman had no report as of now, the park is quite empty, and tidy.

Jim Ripley commended the roads crew for their work in getting the snow crews out. He also said that project "Sam" took 240 cars away from the Island.

APPRECIATION

Donald New asked for a letter of appreciation to go to the B.C. Hydro men, he said it is really remarkable that our lights are kept on, during several bad storms we have had recently, and we do appreciate the work of these men.

Charlie Gardner reported on the financial situation. We now have 140 members. It was decided to take oranges to the Bellingham Christmas ship on December 11, and there was some discussion about the Clanton Road cutoff for the North end folks.

Transportation chairman, Mary Harding was instructed to write a letter to the Islands Trustee for Galiano, for him to take to the Ferry Authority, asking for some kind of priority for Galiano residents on the Thursday sailing, both from Montague to Swartz Bay in

the morning, and especially on the late sailing.

FERRY PRIORITY

The Chamber asks for some kind of special priority for our merchants on these days, as it is really necessary to get supplies back to the Island, or the Islanders won't eat. It is that simple.

Lately there have been large numbers of cars left at Montague. The only way is to be the first two in line, it seems.

Mrs. Joan Callaghan, publicity chairman, said that new brochures will be needed for next year. She has only a few on hand as of now.

Mr. Ferguson said that Dr. T.F.H. Armitage has agreed to be head of the nominating committee for next term, the annual meeting of the Chamber will be held in the Galiano Hall on February 4, at 7.30. It was decided that there will be no meeting of the council in January.

Further to news in the art scene on Galiano, we are so pleased that the Bau-XI Gallery in Vancouver wishes to put on an exhibition of the work of Elizabeth Steward, in late spring. We are proud of her.

Our new telephone book arrived the other day, and with great joy, I found the trailer we live in. Mind you, it does not stand out like Prior's, or Garner's, or Lockwoods, but there it is, a little silver dot, nestled in the woods. A most interesting picture of the Pass.

We are all so sorry that Don Baker suffered a heart attack last week, and had to be taken to

Victoria General Hospital by chopper in the early morn, he is in intensive care.

Despite pouring rain, quite a number of children came out on Sunday to greet the Bellingham Christmas Ship. This event always brings the festive season to a lovely beginning, and children, of all ages, really enjoy going down to see them. It is many years now that this group have come to our Islands to give gifts and laughter and happiness to our people, and it is really heartwarming to see them.

Our Galiano friends in hospital at Ganges are Bill Cottrell, and Jimmie Jones, we hope their recovery comes soon.

The Galiano Lions Wine and Cheese Party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17.

The Children's Carol Service at St. Margaret's Church will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7.30 pm with Galiano School children taking part.

According to July estimates, Canada's population rose just under eight per cent to 23,315,600 from July, 1971's figure of 21,591,700. Alberta's population rose nearly 17% while BC was second at 14.3% from 2,188,200 to 2,500,700.

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Mayne Agricultural Society holds annual meeting

BY ELSIE BROWN

The annual meeting of the Agricultural Society was held at the Agricultural Hall Friday, Dec. 2 at 7.30 pm with a good attendance.

President, Marjorie Haggart was in the chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by secretary, Betty Fry, and adopted as read.

The president gave a summary of the year's activities, which included maintenance of the hall, rentals, Thrift Shop, annual Fall Fair, and support of island activities.

The fair was a financial success

How big is my love?

"My gosh," said Jenny, "How big is my Love?" Her hand, without pinching, said, "Big as a glove." "Eek, Eek," cried Barry, the friendly old bat, "Your Love must be surely the size of a cat." "Garumph Garumph!" croaked Firpo the frog, "It's probably larger - as large as a dog." "It's bigger than that," barked Bernie Bow-Wow, "Your Love, Dear, must be as big as a cow." "Jillikers, Jollikers, huge as a house," squeaked Jumping Jaloocy, the neighbourhood mouse. "I think you're all wrong," buzzed Freddy the fly, "It's gotta be at least as big as the sky." The sky then twinkled and spoke from above, "As vast as a system of planets, your Love." "Not quite!" exclaimed Jupiter, Venus and Mars, "Your Love shines brighter than clusters of stars." Laughed galaxies, nebulas, quasars, and quarks, "Compared to your Love, we are wee little sparks."

- Dan Jason

and was well patronized by members as well as other groups and visitors. Tommy Douglas, MP for Cowichan and the Islands, opened the fair and was presented with a scroll and plaque from Mayne Island residents. Entries were of good quality and there was a larger number than last year. The members were thanked for their support during the year.

A discussion on the condition of the floor resulted in a decision to replace it. Pearl Brau offered to look into the costs of this project and obtain estimates.

Vic Marks reported on his discussion with the co-ordinator of Four-H clubs in Victoria and it was suggested that the Agricultural Society form a group of its own until it is known how much interest in a program of this kind would be shown by the young people of the island. Volunteers will be needed and their support would be appreciated. Children should be encouraged to show animals at the fair.

Pearl Brau reported that the principal of the school, Bob Dugas, had expressed interest in the books housed in the museum and asked if there was a possibility of the books being transferred to the school library. The suggestion met with full support from the members and a letter will be written to notify him

of the decision of the meeting.

A new project of the society is the awarding of an annual bursary of \$100 to a Mayne Island student who plans to follow a career in agriculture.

Among the organizations receiving financial support have been the Volunteer Firemen's Halloween Party, the school Christmas concert, the Christmas Ship, the Lions Club and L.A. to Lady Minto Hospital.

Fred Dodds conducted the election of officers.

Marjorie Haggart was re-elected as president; vice-president; Margaret Bennett; treasurer, Maude Smith, re-elected; secretary; John Dought; and correspondence secretary; Elsie Brown, re-elected.

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Burnaby man stands trial for damage to BC Hydro property

Samuel Maberly of Burnaby, appeared in Ganges Provincial Court Wednesday for trial on a charge of committing mischief by damaging insulators that were the property of BC Hydro.

Maberly, formerly of Galiano Island, is alleged to have shot at a string of insulators on a Hydro transmission tower at Galiano November 7, 1976. Appearing before Judge F.C. Giles, his defence counsel was M.A. Clemens, who was assisted by R. Payne.

First witness for the crown was Nelson Storrey, of Duncan, transmission maintenance supervisor for BC Hydro.

He told the court that there had been a reduction in power on the day in question at 9.48 pm. It was discovered that 12 insulators in one string had broken at Galiano Island; there are usually 14 insulators on a string.

He said that insulators have been known to break of their own accord but that hasn't happened since the lines were first put up, 10 years ago. Damage from the broken insulators on November 7 was estimated at \$1,622.47. This figure said Storrey, included replacing the insulators, sending a crew from Vancouver Island to put them up as well as other materials needed in the repair. There was also a cost of \$9,638 in running a generator at

Chemainus to make up for the loss of power.

Storrey's reply was yes when asked by Mr. Clemens if they were broken insulators on the line at present. He also testified that there is no way of knowing why insulators break if you're not there when it happens.

Hydro sub-foreman H.J. Bowman, of Duncan, testified that he went to Galiano on November 10 to check the line and find the reason for the power loss. He discovered the broken insulators on a tower near the garbage dump, he said.

Gordon Georgeson, of Galiano, told the court that in December of 1976, he had broken "one or two" insulators by shooting at them with a rifle and that Sam Maberly had been with him. Maberly had also shot out some insulators, said Georgeson. Georgeson was convicted on the same charge a few weeks ago in court at Ganges.

He testified that Maberly had told him he'd been there before and had shot insulators with a friend, Roddie Wilson.

COULDN'T RECALL

Defence counsel asked Georgeson if he could recall Maberly having said that Wilson was crazy for shooting insulators, to which he replied, no, he couldn't.

Georgeson also said he had signed a statement, in the presence

of RCMP Constable Darryl Simmonds, admitting to having shot at insulators. Sam Maberly was mentioned as having shot out insulators as well. He had given the statement in April, 1977.

Roderick Wilson was called to the witness box and testified that some time in the fall of 1976, he had been hunting rats at the garbage dump on Galiano, along with John Georgeson and Sam Maberly. He said that Maberly had shot at insulators with a .22 rifle that day.

Wilson had also signed a statement outlining his activities during the fall of 1976. Statement was taken by RCMP Constable Pearson in July, 1977.

Defence counsel Clemens introduced a motion of no evidence at this point. Firstly, he said, the ownership of the damaged property had not been proven, and secondly, charge had been made under the wrong section of the criminal code. The property is owned by BC Hydro and is therefore private property, said Clemens yet the charge does not specify this.

"I specifically asked three witnesses if they examined BC Hydro and Power Authority lines, towers and equipment in order to prove ownership," said prosecutor Donald Laughton.

Clemens argued that a certificate of title should have been produced and the witnesses should have been asked whose property it was.

"One has to be reasonable and practical," said Judge Giles. "Would BC Hydro spend thousands of dollars to repair other people's property?"

As for the other reason for the no evidence motion, Giles observed that there was no mention of the word public in the information he had before him, and the property could therefore be presumed to be private.

He rejected the motion on the grounds that there was some evidence of ownership.

First witness for the defence was Shari Street, of Galiano Island. She told the court that Sam Maberly and his brother, Ben, had butchered some beef for her early in November, 1976. They had butchered four cattle and it had been done on a Saturday and Sunday. She said, however, that it could have been on the second week end of November, although they normally butcher on the first week end.

The defendant's brother, Ben Maberly, gave the same testimony as Miss Street, saying the butchering took place in early November. He couldn't remember the exact date.

John Georgeson, 17, of Galiano said that he'd been hunting with both Sam Maberly and Roddie Wilson numerous times. He couldn't recall any incidents of insulators being shot at.

The trial adjourned with one more defence witness to be called, Sam Maberly. Arrangements are being made to continue the trial in Victoria.

Christmas party at Victoria

Salt Spring Islanders are invited to join the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society at a Christmas party and dance on Saturday. The society says that a guest from the North Pole will be on hand.

The party will be held at St. George's Church Hall, in Victoria, not Ganges, at 8 pm.

Publicity Bureau to turn towards Salt Spring

Salt Spring Island is looking more closely at the tourist industry over the province and particularly in the Vancouver Island Region.

Publicity machinery already in operation for Vancouver Island and other parts of British Columbia has been thoroughly oiled by the minister of travel industry, Grace McCarthy. The Island tourist industry hopes to gain some advantage from the closer government participation in the tourist business.

On Monday the tourist director of the Vancouver Island Publicity Bureau, Fred Tanner, was on the island. He met Terry Elford, chairman of the tourist committee of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and Pat Baines, vice-president of the same Chamber.

NEW VENTURES
The present year has seen the formation of a Tourist Association on the island. It has also brought into being the tourist information centre in Ganges.

Members of the Chamber are determined that the new association with the publicity bureau will be another step of the same magnitude. It is hoped to bring island retail stores into the orbit of the publicity bureau as well as resorts.

Monday's meeting gives the island chamber a "head start" on next year's promotion.

Mr. Tanner explained the function of his bureau and the new activity he is planning.

REGIONAL
The province is divided into regions for the purpose of publicity, he stated and each region is further divided. The Gulf Islands come into the Vancouver Island region and are within the southern zone. Duncan is the northerly point of the zone.

One major effect of the new approach to publicity is that no

single part of the zone is to advertise itself alone. The Victoria area will be part of the islands in terms of advertising.

New nominee will be announced for Salt Spring Island by the president of the Chamber of Commerce next year. Meetings of the bureau will be rotated around the region and it is likely to meet on Salt Spring Island at least once a year, reports Terry Elford.

Foot-stomping music at Mayne Island Friday

To start the ball rolling at Mayne Island this week end, a Hoedown is being staged by the Springwater Lodge at Miner's Bay. This event, to take place Friday evening, will precede the two-day Christmas Faire being planned by island artists and craftsmen.

The fair will take place at the Agricultural Hall on Saturday and Sunday, from 9 am to 6 pm.

The Friday night Hoedown will feature the Mayne Island band, Over Easy, who will be joined by the Other Brothers, from Salt Spring. Sponsors of the party are promising an evening of foot-stomping country music, with some blues and jazz thrown in.

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Business changes hands



Sandra Clapham in her new store.

Former RCAF policewoman takes over A Garden Faire

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

Denis and Gloria O'Hara have left Salt Spring Island and their store, A Garden Faire, for colder lands on the east side of the Rockies.

New proprietress of A Garden Faire Florist and Interiors is Sandra Clapham.

Sandra joined the RCAF back in '55. From 1955 until 1963 she lived in eastern Canada where she worked in the Air Force Police. It was an unusual assignment as few women worked in that particular area of the Air Force.

Returning home to Nanaimo in '63, she joined up with the BC Ferries where she was a stenographer for over eight years. From ferries to insurance and real estate, Sandra tried her hand at everything. Now she is using her green thumb with Garden Faire foliage and is getting results.

Before leaving Nanaimo to come to the island she was working as Deputy Sheriff and had been since 1974. Her work in different areas finally led her to the island.

A Garden Faire keeps Sandra pretty busy.

Concert and charity are their own rewards at Ganges Sunday

Charity surely is one of the virtues which generally reaps its own reward. But Sunday night's Gala Concert at St. George's Church, held to raise funds for the flood and cyclone devastated areas of Eastern India, brought an incredibly rich additional benefit to all the participants and members of the audience who paid \$5 each for their tickets.

This is not intended as a review, but simply as a tribute to all those who took part. What a talented bunch we islanders are, and how we love to give of our talents so that we and others may enjoy them!

Greg Barnes opened and closed the concert with movingly delivered Indian poems specially chosen for the occasion by Professor Joe Richardson.

Angela Funk, pianist, played duets with Mae George, organist, as well as accompanying Jean Knight, our superb violinist, and about two-thirds of the Ecumenical Carol Choir, superbly trained and conducted by Eric Coombes.

SCOTTISH DANCING

Ian Thomson, Joan Stacey, Ella Robertson, Warren Grant, and Aileen and Lawrie Neish represented the Salt Spring Scottish Dancers and danced with all the grace and charm one expects of professionals.

Bryan Smith played the piano in his breezy and accomplished style, and the Loyal Central Salt Spring Dixieland and Jazz Ensemble, consisting of Virginia and Ray Newman (with vocals by Amy Newman), Ray Hill, David Stacey, Tony Knight and Bill Smith, set all

feet a-tapping.

The Salt Spring Recorders and Strings number three Staceys, Joan, Sheila and David, plus Maggie Schubart and Margaret Fisher, with Norman Hind-Smith at the piano.

The surprise of the evening was the unpublicised appearance of Valdy, with Ian McConneky (of The Waves) and Doug Rhodes, and the disappointment of the evening was Michelle Larson, who would have played the flute but for sickness.

HELD TOGETHER

David Fitchew held the whole performance together, ensuring

the smooth running of the show, and the organising committee, Alice Andress, Joan Stacey, Maggie Schubart and Peter McCalman, must all have been delighted with the performances, with the audience reaction and with the financial results.

Peter McCalman closed the evening with a scripture reading and a blessing. We had not forgotten why we were there, but it was good that we were reminded of Jesus' identification with the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, the sick and naked. (Matthew 25, vs. 31-40).

-M.W.

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Jake Javorski this week became the second person to make the 900 club. He did it with his very nice triple of 901 (301-345-255). This also makes him bowler of the week in the men's department. Donna Dawe with her triple of 804 earned this honour in the ladies' department.

Other good scores this week came from Jamie Marshall (803). Jamie is a Y.B.C. bowler in the junior division. Then we had Ken Collins (772) and Julian Valcourt (716). I apologize to anyone if their name is not on the Honours Roll

but with Ruth being ill some of the scores are not being recorded.

Bowlers this week who bowled 300 or better are as follows: Jamie Marshall (358), Gordon Hitchcock (308), Peter Bantel (328).

Through the medium of my column, I think I speak for all the bowlers when I say that we hope Ruth will soon be feeling better and it won't be long till she is back once again.

Bowling Tip of the Week

Always adjust to the alley conditions. By this I mean if the alleys have been dressed just before you bowl, you will have to adjust where you start your approach from.

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- John Healey

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Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Although a very busy man at this time of year, Santa Claus, well-known resident of the North Pole, an island a little north of Salt Spring Island, will be marking three trips to visit the children on this island.

Another major step toward more and better recreational facilities on Salt Spring Island was reached yesterday. The drive to sell an additional 200 shares (\$50 per) in Salt Spring Recreational Holdings Ltd., to make an initial start on a clubhouse was successful.

The directors of the corporation are looking forward to an early commencement date on the new clubhouse, to be erected at the Golf Course property.

Guard rails at the spectacular, but dangerous lookout point on Mount Maxwell have been installed, according to a report by Des Crofton, chairman of the parks committee of the chamber of commerce.

The rails were installed by the Parks Branch of the provincial department of recreation and conservation. Embedded in concrete, they remove a frightening aspect of Maxwell Park, especially for parents of small children. There are three view points now protected by guard rails, the high rocky vantage point overlooking Maple Bay and overlooking Mount Baker.

Members of the Fulford Hall Committee have been putting on 500 drives to raise funds to help with the expenses of the hall floor. Card parties have been held at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R. Akerman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gyves, Mr. and Mrs. R. Patterson and last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Al House held the fourth in the series. There were five tables in competition and prize winners were Mrs. W.Y. Stewart, Mrs. A. McManus Sr. and Miss Cree Shaw.

It seems that rocks in the front yard of the new school board and health unit offices have caused more of a stir than the referendum.

While pro and con arguments seem to be raging as to the advisability of having a rock garden instead of a lawn, we feel that too many people are jumping to conclusions much too early. Especially the person who suggested that perhaps the school board had held a meeting and had taken the rocks out of their heads and had tossed them on to the lawn.

Wait and see.

TEN YEARS AGO

Ratepayers of the Gulf Islands gave warm approval to the three referenda presented on Saturday. Approved were the provision for six classrooms at the Gulf Islands Secondary School, augmented dormitory facilities and a teacherage at Pender Island.

All three referenda had previously been refused by the property owners of the Gulf Islands on two occasions. Last week's presentation represented an augmented building budget as the unexpected increase in school population during recent years was straining the facilities of the secondary school.

Doug Cavaye retained his seat as director of the Regional District on Saturday

when he chalked up almost 73% of the votes cast.

The chairman of the Lady Minto Hospital board was fighting for his seat against the sole challenger, Gil Humphreys.

Mr. Cavaye was named to the board a few weeks ago by the provincial government. He has only attended one meeting since his nomination and the election was the first since the islands became part of the regional district.

Sport and good sportsmanship are a way of living. To Jack Wood, of Salt Spring Island, they represent the only way of living.

Sport in Canada has been an important part of Jack Wood's life: Jack Wood has been an important part of sport in Canada.

His contribution to sport was recognized this year when he was named to the Lacrosse Canadian Hall of Fame in New Westminster. The nomination was made in Toronto at the annual meeting of the Canadian Lacrosse Association. Jack started playing lacrosse in 1923. He was a regular player until 1935 with the New Westminster Salmon-bellies.

No change in Mayne representation on Gulf Islands School District came about as a result of the trustee election on Saturday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ross headed the polls to serve another two-year term as trustee. She edged out her two opponents, James Clarke and Alfred Donaghey.

Some of us lost some tranquility at Saturna last week with the breezes which disrupted our good ferry service. The wholesalers didn't have all the goods ready for the store so the boys had to make two trips in. The Gordon Morgans are in the process of moving over. If Walter Cronkite persists in coming over EVERY week end and going to the kirk on Sunday am, we'll get him to take on the job of Bell Wringer.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Two money votes were approved on Salt Spring Island on Saturday. There were elections on Salt Spring and property owners were asked to approve two expenditures.

Referendum already refused 12 months ago won support by a comfortable margin. A majority of 68.8% was given to the referendum asking for a \$50,000 activity centre for Ganges in conjunction with the new elementary school.

Second vote was an invitation to property owners to step up the one-tenth of one mill for recreation to one-half of one mill. This also was approved by a bigger majority.

The vote gives a half-mill to the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission for the furtherance of all kinds of sport and recreation on the island.

On Friday Dec. 15, the Reverend Peter McCalman will be instituted and inducted as rector of the parish of Salt Spring Island. The Bishop of British Columbia, the Rt. Rev. Roy Gartrell, will officiate and be the celebrant at the Holy Eucharist on this occasion.

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In the new year the new policy on classified advertising will be put into effect.

As of January 1, classified advertising will no longer be accepted by telephone. Classified

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The classified columns have grown larger and advertising revenues have grown smaller as hundreds of advertisers forget to pay.

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In order to stay in business and retain the sanity of those staff members still in possession of their faculties, the new policy has been adopted.

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