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Some are permitted privileges

Not all foreigners are ill-favoured. Some landed immigrants have been granted resident status, although provincial regulations rule them out.

A number of island residents sought and gained identification cards last year before the province ruled that only full-blooded Canadian citizens or British subjects would be permitted to travel BC ferries at reduced rates.

Last chance for bees and beekeepers

Donald Clark, Bee Inspector for the department of agriculture, will present a Beekeeping Workshop on two consecutive Saturdays at Mahon Hall in Ganges.

The time is 9 am, the dates are February 12 and 19, and a registration fee will be levied.

Virginia Newman, Director of Continuing Education at 537-9251 has urged those who plan to enroll in this two-day course to call her.

Parents protest double bite at education dollar

-- STUDENTS AND SPORTS EVENTS

Island residents are caught in a provincial squeeze. Group of island parents are protesting the cost of transporting students to off-island sports events.

When ferry rates were boosted last year, islanders appealed for consideration for students travelling to Vancouver Island sports events. The proposal of free transportation was submitted to the government at that time, but no action was taken.

Despite the hundreds of dollars spent by islanders on transportation of students off-island, the same government that insists

They received their trophy



Salt Spring Island Rotary Club took a trophy from the island Lions last week. It was late. The picture shows Ted Gear presenting the Walkathon trophy for the Most Outstanding Float in the 1976 event to Al Davison, of the Rotary Club. Presentation was made last week when Ted Gear explained that it should have been sooner. At a recent meeting the Lions Club also presented trophies to Mrs. Johnny Christianson for her biggest contribution in amount of pledges and to the Royal Fulford Harbour Gentlemen's Yacht Club. The Yacht Club has won the float

trophy every year since it was inaugurated.

FEBRUARY 6 TO 12

Queen's anniversary week is named by province

The week of February 6 to 12 has been named, Her Majesty's Silver Anniversary Week in the Province of British Columbia, by an Order-in-Council approved by the Lieutenant-Governor and the Provincial Cabinet.

The Proclamation marks the 25th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Queen Elizabeth II, on January 6, 1952.

The Proclamation, signed by Provincial Secretary Grace McCarthy, expresses the desire that the citizens of the Province be reminded of their heritage and history on "this important date in our system of constitutional monarchy."

Mild month brings little rain to Salt Spring Island

An exceptionally mild January brought one of the lowest rainfalls on record as many islanders are already looking askance at their wells.

Weather Observer Howard Carlin, at Ganges, reports a precipitation of less than half that of January last year.

The maximum temperature was 55 deg., F. The outposts of environmental empire do not use equipment reading in Centigrade. Low was 28 deg., F. Maximum mean was 42 and minimum mean, 28. Precipitation was 3.18 inches.

Planners seek elected council for Salt Spring

--SCHUBART PROPOSAL ON MONDAY

The Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association has resolved to look into the possibility of an elected council to give better representation to the island in regard to planning.

The resolution came as a result of a recommendation by Henry Schubart at the annual general meeting of the Association on Monday evening at Central Hall. Mr. Schubart proposed to the 50 people in attendance that they investigate the possibility of an elected body to give Salt

Spring Islanders more control over the planning of the island and one that the Regional Director would be responsible to. He also recommended that the Regional Director be reasonably paid for his services.

"You have to be old, crazy or rich to run for Regional Director", said Mr. Schubart, to which someone added, "or all three."

Islands Trust representative Jack Fisher endorsed what Mr. Schubart said and went on to deplore the lack of co-operation between the planning groups. He suggested that a council be elected at the time of the civic elections.

BETTER REPRESENTATION

Vice-chairman Gail Secor also stressed the need for better representation. She stated that as the Advisory Planning Commission was not elected, it was, therefore, not representative. An elected Regional Director didn't seem to be enough representation, she explained.

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May Day for all youngsters

May Day is a thing of the future.

On Monday evening the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce agreed warmly to keep May Day going but to modify the program sharply.

With the transfer of agricultural activities to the Fall Fair, there had been talk of eliminating May Day. It came to naught.

Helva Eide will be chairman of the May Day committee. He will look for support from Chamber members and others in the community.

Tentative plans are to gear May Day to a parade of floats and children's activities.

"It could be a fun day for the kids," agreed President Steve Nelson, "and that's what it's for."

Stone rolling

AUTHOR CALLS HER NEW PLAY OFF

BY JOAN RAESIDE

I have often thought that Sisyphus needed his head examined (and possibly his shoulders). There he was, forever rolling a large boulder uphill.

The man was quite mad but just lately I have found myself in the same situation; energetically rolling my own large boulder up an impossibly high hill. What makes it more aggravating is the fact I made it myself! I would stop, take a breather, hope for help from somewhere and then bend again to this task.

A few days ago I suddenly realized what I was doing, there was really no need to keep

shoving this particular boulder up hill, in fact why shove anything anywhere and so I happily left off and now have a perfectly beautiful boulder for sale....any offers?

All this refers to "The Moon is Made of Green Cheese". We find that we cannot get enough cast together to put this on yet and so I am afraid I must disappoint those who have rallied round and spent some time rehearsing with me.

All I can do now is to thank them from the bottom of my heart and bow out gracefully and turn to something more useful, say, scouring out all the pots I burnt during the period of writing and

copying out the Moon.

By the way, a word to those who say they would like to come in "when it really gets going", you simply can't until you have a cast to get going with.

And another word to those who don't like "long-drawn-out rehearsals". No one does, especially those poor coots who have to attend every single one, like the pianist, director and suchlike. It only becomes long-drawn-out because the cast can't attend often enough, don't forget.

And what shall I do now? Probably start yet another "pot-burner"!

AND IT WILL BE HIGHER

Ratepayers in the Gulf Islands pay a substantial sum towards helping other school districts in the province.

Wilf Peck, secretary-treasurer of the Gulf Islands School District, told Driftwood that in 1976 a total of \$294,000 in tax money collected from the islands was spent elsewhere. Mr. Peck also said that the amount is expected to be about one-third larger in 1977.

on a cash-on-the-nail deal for young athletes requires that islanders subsidize education in mainland communities to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars every year, Driftwood was

Some of the parents were particularly irked by the realization that residents of islands served by the department of highways enjoy ferry fares at half the price charged by BC Ferries. Students travelling from islands to the north are paying a fraction of what it costs Salt Spring Island students.

COMPARISON

Nanaimo to Gabriola is a distance of 3.75 miles. Ordinary fares to Gabriola are \$2 return for the car and 40 cents a passenger. A resident commuting to Nanaimo pays \$1.25 for his car and 25 cents for each passenger.

For Thetis Island residents the cost is even less. A resident

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CANADIAN SOPRANO

CATHERINE LEWIS TO GIVE RECITAL IN GANGES ON SUNDAY AT CHURCH

BY JOAN STACEY

Catherine Lewis, soprano, will thrill a capacity audience on Sunday, Feb. 13 at 2 pm in St. George's Church.

This is the fifth concert in a series, sponsored by the Parish of Salt Spring Island and the Community Arts Council.

Catherine grew up in Medicine Hat and resided there until 1973, when she was accepted into the Department of Music at the University of Victoria.

Her early music training started with the piano, which she studied for nine years in the Toronto Conservatory Program. Cathy's mother is a singer and Cathy has been singing for as far back as she can remember.

Even before entering university, Cathy had had leading roles

in various musical theatre productions. She was Luisa, in *The Fantasticks*, in *Medicine Hat. WIZARD OF OZ*

In Kamloops, she starred as Dorothy in the *Wizard of Oz*, and at the School of Fine Arts in Banff, Cathy delighted audiences with her interpretation of *Liesal in The Sound of Music*.

By 1970, Cathy was touring with a girls' choir to the International Music Festival in Llangollen, Wales. She has also toured with the University of Victoria Chamber Singers.

Cathy travelled to Salzburg in 1973 and studied there for a short time. In 1975, Cathy portrayed Countess Suzanne in Wolf Ferrari's three character opera, *The Secret of Suzanne*.

Cathy gave two recitals last



CATHERINE BEST

year, one particularly charming one in Craigdarroch Castle.

CANADIAN SOPRANO

At present Cathy is studying with the distinguished Canadian Soprano, Frances James Adaskin. Sunday's recital will feature the

Planners call for council

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Mrs. Secor also outlined the problems which Salt Spring Island can expect to face when the population limit of 15,000 is reached.

The Plan at present allows for evenly distributed growth over the island which will result in people living further apart and therefore increasing the cost of services such as Hydro and water.

She suggested that perhaps growth should be directed to certain areas instead in order to keep those costs down. Another problem will face those who are involved in growth-related industry such as construction and road-building. When the population limit is reached there will be little or no work for these people.

FRUSTRATION
Outgoing executive member Beth Hill told the meeting that being an executive member could be a most frustrating position.

"The Association obviously has no power, and does not get the respect it should be given," said Mrs. Hill.

"The island should have a stronger planning association to which the Regional Director would be responsible," she agreed.

same program as that of her graduate recital for her Bachelor of Music degree.

As well as her piano accompanist, Cathy will bring with her a clarinetist, who will accompany her in one piece.

In the last year, Cathy has also launched out into the world of jazz with instant success, causing several flurries in Victoria newspapers. Her recital on Sunday will be of "classical" or "serious" content.

"It is sad that you have to apply terms like classical and serious to music. As if jazz isn't serious!" says Cathy.

Perhaps, in the event of an encore, we may expect a different type of serious music?

There was also some discussion over the proposed road linking Menhenick Road and Morning-side Drive. Henry Schubart mentioned the possibility of manipulation of the Community Plan by government departments in such a manner, as there is no provision for such a road in the Plan.

Marc Holmes, Chairman of the Islands Trust, was also at the meeting. He stated that they should and can consult with the Department of Highways over the proposed road. Chairman Quentin Wilson was confident that the Department would co-operate with planners and mentioned that they had had successful dealings with them in the past.

NEW EXECUTIVE

Retiring executive members of the Association are Sue Mouat, Dick Toynbee, Beth Hill and Henry Elder.

The seven new members elected on Monday evening were Nick Gilbert, Morton Stratton, Gail Secor, Graham McCallum, Malcolm Legg, Mike Clement and Ruby Alton. They will all serve two-year terms.

Those officers with one more year to serve are Jonathan Yardley, Al Black, Betty Galt, James Raeside, Henry Caldwell, I.C. Shank and Quentin Wilson.

Chamber presses for move

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has called on transportation minister Jack Davis to provide residents' permits to landed immigrants.

Many Americans here pay substantial taxes for the privilege of living here and they are entitled to the same privileges as any other resident of the islands, commented Gil Humphreys at Monday evening's Chamber meeting.

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BOWLERS OF THE WEEK
Last week's top bowlers were Anne Lane with 200-258-288 for a 746 total and Sam Cochrane with 273-254-261 for a 788 total.

BOWLERS OF THE MONTH
I forgot to mention last week but the January bowlers of the month were Judy Andreassen and Ken Collins. Congratulations!
300 CLUB
Latest member to join is Larry Davies (319). Doing club honors were Ken Collins (303) and Ernie Booth (306).

PROVINCE TEAMBOWL
It's getting very near the end for teams to qualify in this great provincial tournament with grand prizes of trips to Reno. Last week's two qualifying teams were the Sweet Peas of the Tuesday ladies league with +300 and the Mixers of the Circus league with +130.

QUEEN OF THE LANES
At press time this tournament was still underway so we'll have the results in next week's paper. Y.B.C.
Parents of Junior Y.B.C.'ers are reminded to stay on island the weekend of February 19 and 20 as that is their opportunity to compete with other Juniors from our Vancouver Island zone to become zone finalists.

Our Bantam singles will be competing in Chemainus on Sunday, Feb. 20.
Our Senior singles will be competing in Esquimalt but we have not yet received the exact date for that.

SEEN IN PASSING
Another male bowler has split his pants while bowling...this time one of our financial wizards. Guess which one!

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TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

I have always found television advertisements particularly revolting. I watch a show and half-way through I am urged to buy a pair of rubberized panty hose in order to develop a bosom of ravishing proportions. What do I want with panty hose? What do I want a big bosom for? I am suddenly reminded that this show was never intended for an adult male. It is geared to silly little girls who believe that the store counter has every answer. I don't want to listen to this drip-drip of garbage churned out at so many pounds to the hour. I retch! I throw up! I switch the lousy thing off and read a book of my own choice relieved of the parade of sick, moronic minds prodding me into buying the improbable and the valueless by-products of a sick society. Fellow who writes the drivel should be forced to buy and wear what he sells. That'd clean it up and quick!

Kenneth Collins called to say that he enjoyed the two pictures in Driftwood recently showing old buildings at Shrewsbury, in England. Shrewsbury is his old stomping ground, although he came here from Kitimat.

What's with the gulls? Reader in Ganges has watched gulls in some numbers flying in a north-westerly direction. The movement is noticeable, he reports. The birds are gliding and in a flock. Later, he relates, they are to be seen in the same pattern, moving in the opposite direction.

Gulf Islands have grown in population, comments a reader from Pender Island. Victor Menzies dropped a note the other day comparing Pender Island today with the same island when he first came here, 80 years ago. Victor Menzies arrived on Pender Island on April 20, 1893. He recalls that it was a wet day and he was reluctant to leave the boat. Eighty years ago he didn't want to step ashore on Pender and now he doesn't want to leave. Mind you, it was a different island altogether in those days. There were only

about 25 people on Pender.

George Heinekey is also a member of the new parks and recreation commission. George told me. Last week a list of new trustees failed to identify the regional director as a member. But he is.

How do you explain the feeling of recovery, asked Chuck Longueay the other day. How do you tell someone else of that sensation of coming round after a serious operation and identifying yourself as a living creature? When you look at the wires and the pipes running into your own body and know that these are the symptoms of success? That's how he feels about heart surgery.

What's happening with our government departments? First of all the national government started to term its departments, ministries. This was excellent, because it made a clear distinction between Ottawa and Victoria. Now the Victoria departments are described as ministries. There is no question that they are, in fact, ministries. But then, why mention it at all?

Passengers aboard the Tsawwassen ferry enjoyed the sight of a vast herd of sea lions the other day. There was such a horde of the sea mammals that the skipper called the attention of passengers to them. They were described as over 50 animals, swimming and gambolling in the waters off the islands.

The current controversy over the teaching of adequate English puts me in mind of a young teacher who went north many years ago. He was engaged to teach in a logging camp. He discovered that his new charges had scarcely any knowledge of English. He had knowledge and enthusiasm. He informed his class that they were destined to study English exclusively for several weeks. If they could neither read nor write adequately, he informed them, they could not hope to assimilate those studies which might appeal to them. He was very erudite and used such terms. The inspector came. They called them inspectors in those days. Like I said, it was a long time ago, before the new nice words were brought in by act of parliament. He told the inspector what he had told the class and went on his own sweet way. After many weeks he relented and continued on the more normal curriculum. For the remainder of the year, he would invite his students to choose a subject when he found a spare period. They were unanimous.

Final meetings on plan

First of four final meetings on the proposed Plan for Ganges was held on Monday evening in the church hall of St. George's.

They wanted English.

Still thinking of teaching English, I learned in Britain last year, that grammar is no longer considered a necessary subject. I have a brother who teaches grammar as part of his English classes. He always warns his class that he is breaking the law by teaching it and if they were to report him he would probably be dragged out of the classroom and sent to prison for a long term. There appears to be some disregard for the native tongue in the land of the Brits.

About a score of residents and property owners attended. The new proposals were discussed at length and when the question of rezoning from one residential classification to another was raised a firm ruling could not be obtained.

On Tuesday morning, Regional Director George Heinekey brought back a ruling from Victoria that no rezoning is needed and therefore no public hearing when

a property changes from, for example, single-family dwelling to multiple family dwelling usage. It was also noted that a change of boundaries under the Subdivision By-law does not require a public hearing.

The four meetings have been called to consider the draught plan for Ganges, which was excluded from the Subdivision By-law for Salt Spring Island last year.

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By golly Bill, I think you've finally eliminated that "yakitty yakitty" noise!

Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

At the annual meeting of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92, held last Monday, Feb. 5, at the Legion Hall, Lt.-Col. Des Crofton was unanimously elected as President for 1962. Col. Crofton, popular, hard-working hotel man, served as president in 1946 and 1947. Larry Campbell was elected first vice-president and Doug Dane was elected second vice-president. The new Sergeant-at-arms is R.G. Atkins. Executive members elected were: A.R. Layard, Fred Morris, W. Dipple, J. Smith, J. Waterfall, F. Kirkham, H. Loosmore and J.H.M. Lamb.

According to the Ganges Weather Observer, Howard Carlin, this past January has been the driest January since 1949, with only 3.23 inches of precipitation, which included 1/2 inch of snow. This compares to the 10.52 inches recorded in January, 1961. The high temperature was 53 degrees, recorded on the 29th and 30th. The low was 17 degrees on the 20th. Maximum mean was 43.1 and Minimum mean was 33.3. Last year the high was 58 and the low was 24.

The proposed budget for the Gulf Islands School District in 1962 was \$262,103.

10 YEARS AGO

Ganges pharmacist E.L. Ramsey is the new president of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ramsey was elected without opposition at the annual meeting on Thursday evening. Other officers are vice-president, Tom Portlock and treasurer, Bob Morrison.

Don Hartwig took the frying pan trophy on Tuesday afternoon at Ganges during Pancake Day races.

The trophy goes back to the Gulf Islands secondary school, where it has been held since his predecessor won it last year.

There are 211 members of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. The figure was reported at the chamber's annual meeting in the Legion Hall on Wednesday evening last week.

Gulf Islands jumped far beyond the provincial average in the number of telephone connections made during 1966. The Ganges exchange showed an increase lagging behind the average for B.C.

There are 1,601 telephone subscribers among the islands, according to the current list circulated by the B.C. Telephone Co.

The list indicates an increase in connections of 107.

Breakdown shows Ganges exchange with 1,103 and Gulf Islands with 498, 46 up on last

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THE GUTLESS BRITISH COLUMBIAN!

If the early settlers of Canada had been the same spineless jellyfish that our present-day British Columbian has turned out to be, there would have been no Canada from sea to sea.

Cold and gutless and empty, the 20th Century British Columbian sips another beer when he hears talk of breaking up the nation.

The more hot-blooded coastal dweller gets quite worked up. He agrees, languidly, that it isn't a bad idea and maybe we should do the same out here on the coast.

Where has the pioneer British Columbian gone? Has he swapped the blood in his veins for beer? Where is the man like the late Major Matthews who spent his youthful years exploring the north country? Would he have sat back and taken another drink while someone, far away, talks of dismantling his country? The country he helped to find? Not on your life! He would have had something to say about it. He would probably have had something to do about it.

A few short years ago there would have been excitement, shouting, anger. Today we see lethargy, disinterest, emptiness.

We are a new species of un-human jellyfish here on the coast. We make ourselves sick with disgust at our own gutlessness!

LET'S HOPE IT WORKS!

The heart of the matter is a question of literacy. It has been suggested in the province of British Columbia that students entering higher institutions, colleges and universities, are illiterate and lacking in the elements of reading and writing.

The result of the protest through the minister, Dr. Pat McGeer, is the pamphletized list of goals of the Core Curriculum.

What should a child learn? The pamphlet lays it out clearly.

The cynics suggest that it lays it out too clearly and that it ranks with a commendation of motherhood.

The problem lying behind it is equally clear. The minister calls for a pattern by which every student will reach an acceptable standard in every phase of education all over the province.

British Columbia teachers have challenged the establishment of a single core curriculum for children who are so different from each other.

The sequel to the problem lies with commerce and industry. When the graduate student enters the world of employment, and we must assume that most will, he discovers that the vast difference between one and another melds into a unit in his new environment.

The traumatic shock from which he has been protected in past years is suddenly upon him. He now realizes that the French were so right. The more it changes, the more it comes to the same thing!

It is difficult to accept warmly that the minister is pursuing a logical and effective path. It is not too easy to see his path. But he is undertaking a chore that must be tackled sooner or later.

Either the standard of English is lacking in higher institutions or it is not. The spokesmen for those institutions charge that it is. The minister cannot sit back and ignore the pleas. He has satisfied himself that the charges must be investigated and corrective methods taken. The pamphlet is his answer.

Let's just hope it works!

is a way of life. Buy as many things as possible in returnable, reusable, or refillable containers.

Avoid anything that is disposable.

Nick Gilbert
Salt Spring Island
Community Society,
Ganges
Feb. 4, 1977

CONCERN

Sir: While I am an elementary school teacher I wish to assure you that the thoughts I express here are my own and not necessarily those of the B.C. Teacher's Federation or my own local teachers' association.

We are hearing and seeing a lot about CORE (curriculum) and PLAP (Provincial Learning Assessment Program) of the B.C. Department of Education in recent weeks. The government has expressed justifiable concern with standards of performance of students and is advocating these programs as the solution. And they are all honourable men.

My concern is less with the value of CORE (who can argue with the right of everyone who

can possibly acquire it to basic literacy?) as it is with the assumptions on which it may be based, and the reasons which may be behind the timing of these programs.

There is a tendency, a naive hope perhaps, for parents and others to believe as people did even a decade ago that graduation from high school or even better from university means direct access to jobs and dollars. But ask Canada Manpower. The major problem today of the younger people of the work force is unemployment - and at all levels of academic attainment. What frustration for those whose academic goals are derived from monetary and job considerations. We must deceive our children no longer with these hopes. Learning should contain intrinsic rewards. After all, a good book is a good book, and hurrah for that!

Enough of bankrupt theories.

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riming ray

ANY EXCUSE FOR A LIMERICK

When Newman composed me a rhyme
And I said we'd run it some time,
Then Ray, very meekly
Said, "Let's have it weekly."
It's ridiculous, even sublime!

And here's Ray's initial venture:
The Richards are back in command

Their life on the sidelines proved bland.

They thought their desire
Was, at least, to retire:
Now they're back, as it were, by demand!

Thought maybe you'd like a weekly limerick, wrote Newman,
and encourage local creativity in this fun-time activity.

Any offers for the "riming ray" feature?

Garden Club plans dates until May

On February 2 the executive committee of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Elsie MacDonald. Following roster of meeting is planned from now until May.

February 16:

Regular meeting at the United Church Hall 8 pm. Speaker, Jackson Barker, lecture on roses, accompanied by slides.

February 21:

Work shop at the home of Mrs. Bonnie Jordan, Maliview Drive, 10-12. Subject, house plants.

March 16:

Regular Meeting, United Church Hall 8 pm. Speaker Mrs. Dorothy James, Lecture, Planting and care of flowers, accompanied by slides.

March 21:

Work Shop Upper Hall United Church 10-12. Speaker, Jack James; lecture, planting and care of vegetables.

April 20:

Regular Meeting, United Church Hall, 8 pm. Speaker, Mrs. Elsie Macdonald; lecture, care and planting of hanging baskets.

May 18:

Regular meeting, United Church Hall, 8 pm. This meeting will take the form of workshops, with particular emphasis on Fuchsias. Other flowers, as well as vegetables and fruit trees, will be included.

After discussion regarding events and dates after May 18, the meeting adjourned and tea was served.

Letters to the Editor

RECYCLING

Sir,
I would like to thank the many volunteers who have turned out to operate the recycle depot in the five months that I have been co-ordinating the operation.

Our Community Society continues to manage the depot, but there will be a new volunteer co-ordinator in the person of Bruce Eason. I would like to take this opportunity to pass on a few hints to your readers that will help Bruce to maintain an efficient operation.

Much volunteer time is wasted removing metal and plastic rings and caps from bottle tops. This job could easily be done at home as each bottle is emptied. Paper labels do not have to be removed. Please recycle only bottles and jars: no broken glass-

es, window glass or light bulbs are usable.

Working at the depot for three hours on a Saturday is a pleasant experience, as there is always the good feeling that comes with doing something positive about our lifestyle.

It is an opportunity to meet and chat with many of the concerned and enthusiastic people on the Island. To those few people who would interfere with this pleasant process by dumping their unsorted garbage at the depot, I can only ask that they cease this practice, and come out and lend a hand, instead. We'll all be happier for it.

Remember, depot hours are from 10 am to 1 pm. Please bring your materials only during these hours, if at all possible.

Remember, too, that recycling

Down Through The Years

(From Page Four)

year. The IODE will celebrate its 67th birthday on February 13. The results of the work accomplished by the Order's 965 chapters penetrate to all corners of the globe. Fred Morris will serve another year as president of the Royal Canadian Legion. He was named to a new term at the annual meeting on Monday evening. Serving with Mr. Morris are first vice-president P. Bingham; second vice-president, J.H.M. Lamb; sergeant-at-arms, W. Eagles and directors, C. Archer, B.A. Hedgcock, W. Bates, E. Groff, J. Waterfall, R.H. Anderson, K. Ralph and Harry Loosmore.

Weather omens are good. A reader phoned this week to report that at Vesuvius about four dozen robins had stopped for lunch.

It was ground hog day and a smart robin could see his own shadow.

Spring is just around the corner, averred the reader, and no hard winter weather lies ahead.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Density planning project for Salt Spring Island was given a warm and sympathetic hearing on Monday evening at one of the quietest planning meetings ever seen on Salt Spring Island.

Plan calls for general subdivision in all parts of Salt Spring Island using six acres as the basic measure.

Evolved by Ray Hill and his committee, the plan had been thoroughly examined by the association before its presentation to the public.

Have a heart! says the Gulf Islands Heart Unit. Everyone who has a heart is invited to a symposium on the heart to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

According to Dick Toynbee,

Loes Holland reports on tennis

Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission heard a detailed report at its annual meeting from Tennis Instructor Loes Holland.

Arrangements were made with Glen Woodley of the Recreation Commission, on behalf of the adult education program, to use the tennis court on the school grounds for lessons during June, July and August, of 1976.

On Monday nights, during 10 weeks, attendance was 10 for intermediates; on Wednesday nights eight for beginners and on Thursday nights 10 for beginners for a total of 28 pupils.

About 10 players were coach-

chairman of the unit of B.C. Heart Foundation, although the expectation of life is increasing, heart attacks and other complaints are striking at a steadily earlier age.

Grass landing strip is proposed for Salt Spring Island.

In response to a number of queries received by the Salt Spring Island Ratepayers Association, an investigation was conducted into rumored plans for the construction of a landing strip for light aircraft on Salt Spring Island.

Plans are being laid for the introduction of a grass landing strip in the Fulford area. The promoter of the venture recently acquired properties adjacent to Fulford Hall. He has confirmed his intention of completing the necessary engineering and construction of the landing strip for possible use this summer.

Most contemptible theft on Salt Spring Island for many years occurred Saturday.

Island Cubs had spent the day collecting bottles. The boys stored them at the door to the basement of Mouat's Trading.

On Saturday evening 45 dozen bottles were stolen.

The Cubs are short of \$10 as a result of the theft.

ed privately and a variety of games was played with people who just wanted a game; islanders as well as tourists.

Harbour House Tennis Club had a membership of 35. Round robins and tournaments were held as well as a banquet to close the season.

SPORTS COMPLEX

Under the aegis of the Capital Regional District, meetings were held with members of the Recreation Commission and representatives of the Lions Club.

Capital Regional District prepared a 2 1/2 mil referendum to the public of Salt Spring to finish the surface of the tennis courts, prepare the soccer field for seeding and parking area.

This referendum took place in the spring of 1976 and was duly approved by the people of Salt Spring Island.

Regional Director George Heinekey engaged a Vancouver firm to put up the fence, posts, and nets and to paint the courts surface and lines.

Courts were finished on Sunday, July 18 and the official opening took place on Sunday, Aug. 22.

Mr. Heinekey, Mrs. Portlock and Aage Villadsen of the Lion's Club, members of the Recreation Commission and general public were present for the historic ribbon cutting by Mrs. Ruth Heinekey.

Question arose whether to throw the courts wide open to the public or have some form of user's club started, as ever-present vandalism seems to require

Some heart operation statistics

There is no record of the number of Gulf Islands residents who have undergone major operations on the heart.

Heart Fund has furnished a list of those in the Greater Victoria area.

Last fall, there had been a total of 599 in Victoria. Of these patients, 468 were male and Women's Lib claimed 131. Ages ranged from four to 76 years.

These include 481 coronary by-pass operations and 118 other, such as pacemakers and other surgery.

Majority, 360, were from the lower Vancouver Island and Greater Victoria region, while 225 were from up-island.

Average length of stay for the operations is 17 to 18 days.

STUDENT FARES

(From Page One)

commuter fare is \$1 per car and 25 cents per passenger. Visitors pay \$1.60 and 40 cents.

One indignant parent quoted the islands member Hugh Curtis, minister of municipal affairs.

"Other residents of B.C. consider you to be very favoured people," said Curtis in Ganges last spring, "and they know they are subsidizing BC Ferries."

Where does that leave other islands, he asked indignantly.

some form of rules and regulations.

For this purpose a committee of three was appointed by the Recreation Commission and a set of tentative rules was submitted.

It is felt some action towards forming a club will take place in the spring.

A special meeting will be held to that effect and the general public will be invited to attend.

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Nutrition workshop to look at starvation in other lands

Thought for Food, a nutrition workshop will be staged in Ganges on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26 and 27.

The workshop is sponsored by the Salt Spring Community Society and the churches of Salt Spring Island. It will be offered in relation to the need for world relief in the face of food shortages in many nations.

Workshop will be given by Alan Martin and Phyllis Coleman.

Registration may be made in advance. A registration fee will be charged and must accompany registration. Details may be obtained from the Community Society at 537-9212.

Complete details will be published next week.

The workshop is offered for men and women of all ages. It is

addressed to those who are "concerned with maintaining and promoting good health and nutrition, for themselves, their families and the world."

There will be an address on various phases of the course, with time for interaction and discussion.

STUDIES AND LECTURES

Alan Martin studied many years with Bernard Jensen. He has lectured on nutrition and he has spoken authoritatively on the subject on radio and television. He teaches nutrition at Simon Fraser University in the department of kinesiology.

Phyllis Coleman is a yoga teacher on Salt Spring Island and is currently teaching five classes on the island as well as two in Victoria. She has studied Yoga for 10 years and has incorporated

into it her study of nutrition and preventive medicine.

She is a past president of the Hatha Yoga Teachers' Association.

Mrs. Coleman has also spoken in her subject over the air. For the past two summers she has taught nutrition and yoga over CBC. She has taught yoga to teachers, students and senior citizens in Vancouver.

Choice of foods and supplements will be offered. The workshop will seek the answers to questions, What is Food? What are Proteins?

The North American diet will be discussed and value of vegetables and fruits. Popular diets and special diets will be examined.

Diet and disease, diet and fasting and a discussion of food additives will close off Saturday's program.

Major world health problems will be the Sunday subject in the overview of world nutrition.

Protein malnutrition, calorie malnutrition and vitamin deficiency will be included in this look at world conditions.

What does famine mean? This will be considered, after the showing of a video tape.

Each aspect of the program is presented with an invitation to discussion.

To lecture on nutrition this month



Phyllis Coleman and Alan Martin will join forces to lecture at a workshop this month on nutrition.

Letters to the Editor

(From Page Four)

Our governments do not know how to help our youngsters use their time, energy and talents except to tell them to stay in, graduate, and for heaven's sake, satisfy the entrance requirements in English at UBC.

Finding real answers is where the intellectual and moral resources of government should be placed. For they are all honourable men.

Perhaps only a socialist could have such a suspicious mind.

Perhaps after all it's only chance. Yet this year we are all excited, stimulated, frightened, annoyed or applauding, but not unconcerned with CORE and PLAP ready to change our September-and-ever-afters. Otherwise we might notice that somehow the proportion of education dollars contributed by the provincial coffers has decreased dramatically and the property owners (whose wages are undoubtedly controlled with great care by the AIB) will be hit with a wallop this summer. And yet they are all honourable men.

Irene Wright
Lang Road, RR1
Ganges
February 6, 1977

DOGS
Sir,

It seems to be a regular practice for dogs to be brought to Salt Spring and either abandoned or allowed by their owners to run free. In the former case they have to scrounge for themselves so it is not surprising that many sheep and deer are harassed and killed. Ganges is overrun with unlicensed, and seemingly homeless dogs. Why should this situation be allowed to continue and where else would it be?

Lucy Glascock
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LIFE...HOW SWEET IT IS!

Story of heart ailment and the cure

Chairman of the Heart Fund campaign in the islands is living on borrowed time.

It is 18 months since he had the operation to which he attributes his life and well-being. Doctors put in new arteries to his heart and changed his whole pattern of living.

And is life ever good on those terms!

Life was a tight squeeze two years ago for Chuck Longeuay. He was getting by, but only just.

It wasn't the pains in his chest, although they were killing him. And that's very true!

It was the black-outs, when he would drop and lie on the floor until the blood seeped back into his head. It was the lack of memory, when his mind started to play tricks with him. It was the feeling of lethargy, when nothing really mattered because his mind had slowed down so much.

"I was turning in to a vegetable," says Longeuay.

It's all this past history that made him agree to take on the chairmanship of the Heart Fund campaign here. It's all this that made him eager to take on the campaign.

If someone, in the past, hadn't bothered to support the Heart Fund, in its infancy, there would be no Chuck Longeuay around today. It's as simple as that, he says.

Sure, he saw a doctor. He'd got pains in the chest and he blacked out and he couldn't always remember.

So he had a cardiogram. There was nothing to show. His heart was working hard and happily even if he wasn't. So they gave him enough nitro-glycerine as a pain-killer to blow up his heart.

His doctor in Ganges was unhappy. Chuck was on a diet of nitro pills in defiance of all the tests. It was his doctor in Ganges who looked for a closer diagnosis and put him down for an angiogram. That was the turning point.

Chuck had the modern heart test and within hours he was in hospital having his chest opened up.

In the hospital, lengths of artery were removed from his leg and sewn into his chest. Sections of artery, tight-plugged and useless, were taken out and discarded.

That was the end of the trouble.

FIT AND ACTIVE

Instead of slowly turning into a vegetable, confined to his living room or his bedroom, unable to exert himself physically or mentally, he is a normally active, fit member of the community.

He works: he plays and he serves his chosen community. Chuck Longeuay is a new man, and a whole lot better than the old one.

The operation was tough, there's no getting away from it. But the effect is so sweeping that the experience means nothing more than the pangs of rebirth. It is 18 months since the surgery.

Just better than 18 months ago, Chuck recalls he took a glass of water and leaned forward in his

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"As one who has gone through it and as chairman of the campaign, I am pleading with people to give others a chance to live, just as others-gave me that chance."

-- Chuck Longeuay, Campaign Chairman

.....

chair to change his position. Next minute he was on the floor, out to the world.

BUSY LIST OF DUTIES

Today he serves as a member of the Islands Trust, a member of the Advisory Planning Commission for Salt Spring; he is director of men's bridge at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club and he plays golf.

So he gets the occasional twinge in his chest, but with that extent of surgery, what did he expect?

He can still carry a 100 lb. sack, although 50 lbs. is his real limit.

He's living, man!

And how did it come about?

Three ways. The Ganges doctor who recognized the need for an angiogram, despite the newness of the procedure; the surgeon and his team who performed the operation and the people who have always made a contribution to the Heart Fund in past years.

NOW IT'S HIS TURN

It was other people who helped Chuck back to life. Now, he feels that he must offer help to those yet in need of help, advice or the fruits of research and investigation. That's what the Heart Fund is for. It provides money for research, equipment and helping others....in every possible way.

And don't forget that Chuck Longeuay was no hothouse flower. In his day he was one of the athletes of British Columbia. He's played championship Canadian football, tennis, he's a skier, golf, been a swimmer and even played cricket, once. Only once. After one season he gave it up. Probably couldn't stand the excitement!

Maybe he's no athlete today, but he can walk, work in the garden and play golf and there's many a heart case in the islands who can't do those things.

They quite possibly could if they looked after themselves, he urges. Have an angiogram if you have chest pains, shortage of breath, memory failure, mental fuzziness or black-out. That's the first step to possible recovery.

He's got lots of hints to give out.

Don't kill yourself on salt; don't smoke, watch your diet; don't drink to excess: avoid getting fat and take plenty of exercise.

The man of 55 to 60 and a lot of women are the ripe candidates for that trip to Victoria in an ambulance, he warns.

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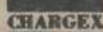
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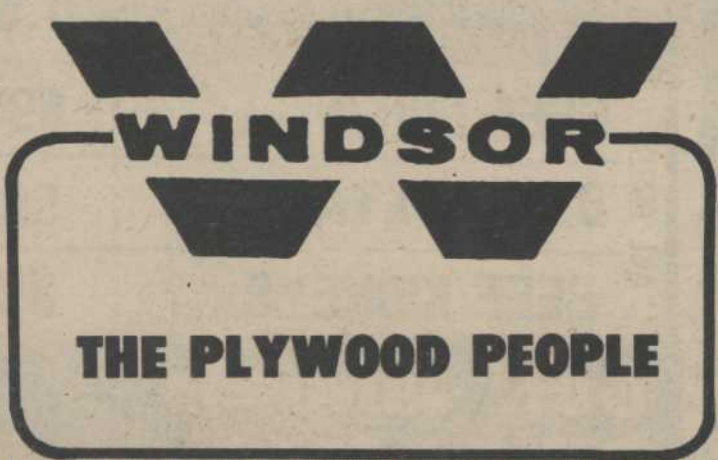
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Auxiliary hears Annual Report

Mrs. Vera Petapiece reviewed the past year's activities in her

annual report of the Auxiliary to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital for 1976.

"As usual, we had a very busy and productive year," said the president, "A new floor loom was purchased for use in Extended Care and the residents have made good use of it, weaving pillows, place mats and other articles. New smocks with auxiliary

crests, are now being worn by the members, many of whom purchased one for their own use.

The New Year's babe was presented with a layette with the compliments of the Auxiliary.

In March, the Auxiliary celebrated its 40th anniversary.

"It's come a long way in those years!"

At the regular meeting, the Hospital Board presented the Auxiliary with a beautiful oak plaque to be engraved with the names of all past presidents. This has proved to be quite a task as no one really kept a record, she recalled.

At the conclusion of the meeting they were treated to wine and cakes, courtesy of the Board.

SECOND PLACE
At the Area Meeting in Victoria in April, it was noted that the Lady Minto Auxiliary was second in the Vancouver Island area for raising and donating funds in 1975.

The annual bursary was awarded to Marianna Shelby for the second year. She is in nurses' training in Victoria.

Once more, this year, at the annual convention, our residents in Extended Care won the award for their craft work. They were very pleased as they really enjoy their morning sessions.



Lions get help for buying bus

Salt Spring Island Lions Club received a quick response to their donation of a Bunny Bus for Salt Spring Island bedridden patients. Last week the Hospital Auxiliary voted \$500 to the service club to assist them in the costs involved. Here are seen Vera Petapiece and Nora Chester making the payment to Gil Humphreys last week. Bus has already been enthusiastically received by patients in the Extended Care Ward. With its hydraulic ramp, the bus will lift wheelchair patients to floor level. The two spokesmen for the Auxiliary expressed the gratitude and the appreciation of their own group and the hospital for the bus.

At the convention it was noted there were 122 auxiliaries in B.C., giving 400,000 hours of volunteer labour and raising \$960,000.

This past year the constitution was changed to include the proposed Intermediate and Personal Care unit of the hospital to allow the auxiliary to include it in the disbursement of their funds.

Group was saddened by the death of one of the Life Members, Mrs. Maude Clark. Her floral arrangements were always a delight, recalled Mrs. Petapiece.

CANDY STRIPERS
The candy-striper programme has started again with many willing students learning to help out at the hospital.

The Extended Care residents held their Christmas sale of work in December. It was well attended and throughout the year, \$350 has been realized from the sale of their work.

"A sincere thanks to all the ladies who work so hard helping the residents to help themselves in making so many lovely articles. Also thank you to the ladies who go in every afternoon and serve tea - a total of 1,546 hours."

Once again the Thrift Shop has been the greatest money-raising area. Total sales for 1976 were \$31,560. Approximately 7,000 hours of work were put in by all the ladies.

She also expressed thanks to all members connected with the Thrift Shop, washing, mending, sorting, pricing, selling, "there is so much to do".

The new carpet does look nice in the shop, she added.

PURCHASES IN 1976
Some of the larger purchases during the past year are: a loom, \$136; sewing machine, \$500; E.C.G. machine, \$1300; wooden physio tables, \$638; occupational therapy supplies, \$351.

The auxiliary has not spent so much during the year as they are

anticipating the great need for furnishings in the proposed Intermediate and Personal Care Unit "which will, hopefully, soon be started." Money has been put into good interest - producing term deposits. Anything asked for, was provided, she reminded members.

The hospital received its accreditation in the Fall.

The Flower Ladies provide an important service at the hospital. Every afternoon one or two are there, freshening the flowers and watering the plants. Another thank-you was expressed to the Galiano ladies who come over every Tuesday and play Bingo in Extended Care, even providing the prizes.

The meal trays for the whole hospital were decorated every holiday and festive occasion. This is also an important aspect of our auxiliary and many thanks to those responsible.

"Finally, I would like to thank my very capable executive for always being so willing to help. I have enjoyed this past year, working with so many members who make our auxiliary so worthwhile."

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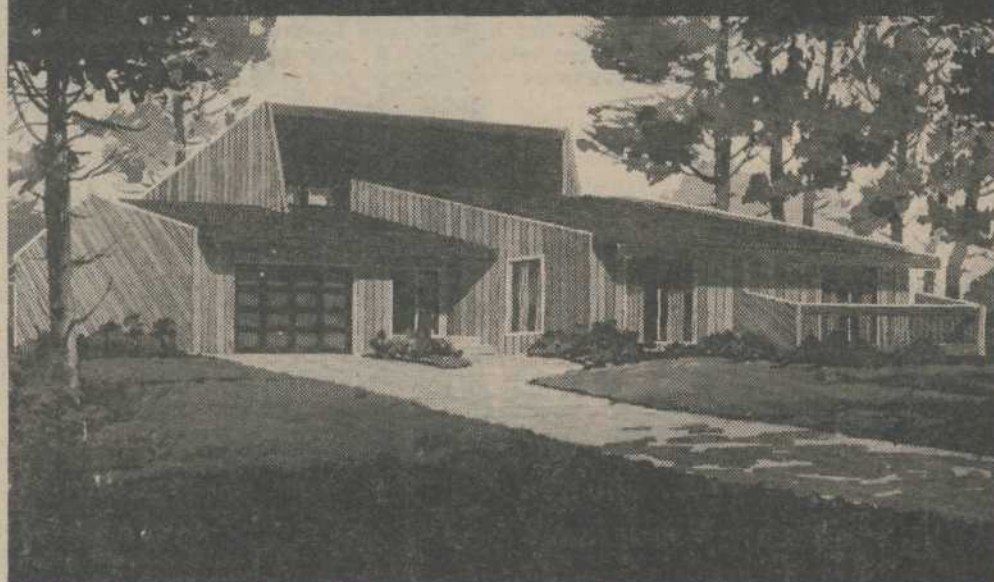
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MAINLY MAYNE

BY ELSIE BROWN

Coming events include:
 Saturday, Feb. 12, Valentine Ball sponsored by Mayne Island Volunteer Firemen, Agricultural Hall, 9 pm. For more information, contact Fire Chief Paddy Lambert or any other member of the Fire Department.

Sunday, Feb. 13; regular service at St. Mary Magdalene Church at 11.30 am Rev. James Daniels in charge of service.

Sunday, Feb. 13 Fellowship Service at the Agricultural Hall at 3 pm. Guest speaker will be Rev. John W. Stinson, of Fordwich, Ont., who will speak on his work with the United Church of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson were missionaries in China between 1937 and 1949. The area included Szechewan Province, North Western China. They are presently visiting their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren, Phil and Marybelle Jarman, Peter and Angela at Village Bay.

Bible Study group will meet at the home of Phil and Marybelle Jarman, Friday, Feb. 11 at 7.30 pm.

Monday, Feb. 14 W.A. St. Mary Magdalene church meeting at the Rectory 2 pm. President Margaret Twamley in the chair.

Monday Feb. 14. Film sponsored by TOPS, "A Matter of Fat" narrated by Lorne Green, Agricultural Hall 7 pm. Members will meet for a Pot Luck supper prior to the meeting. Silver collection. All are welcome.

We regret we must report the passing of Hans Rehkatsch Village Bay at the Vancouver General Hospital. We extend our sympathy to his wife Charlotte in her loss.

Get Well Wishes to Stu Fry, who has been a patient in Vancouver General Hospital for

several weeks. Betty reports he is making satisfactory progress and hopes to be home soon. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Also sorry to hear George Payne has been hospitalized in Vancouver but is now staying with his sister, Mrs. Williams in Vancouver. We hope to hear he will soon be on the mend.

Recent visitors to their property on Cherry Tree Lane have been Jack and Fern Hayward, formerly of Ketchikan, Alaska and now of Bellingham, Washington.

Visiting Stan and Isabel Chatwin was George Wilkinson of Vancouver.

Derelict cars are being rounded up and disposed of. Some have been in the same location so long trees are growing out of the chassis!

Get-Well-Wishes to Dorothy Agar who has also been confined to hospital in Vancouver during January. Her mother reports she is improving and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Will all those who have news items please have them in by Saturday, preferably written. Otherwise, phone Elsie Brown at 539-2480. Organizations should give at least two weeks' notice of meetings.

Comfort

Beauty has power to heal. The heart that grieves will find strange solace as the Master weaves His glowing tapestry of autumn leaves.

- Mary Garland Coleman.

Mission pilot to speak to two congregations

Rev. John Mellis, pilot of the plane "George Pringle" of the Columbia Coast Mission, will speak in Ganges at a special open meeting sponsored by the ladies of the Mizpah U.C.W. of Ganges

New Gallery to open on Mayne Island

The Island Gallery is a small art, crafts and gift shop on Mayne Island. It will open on Friday, Feb. 11 at 2 pm under the management of Mrs. Betty Klatt. The location is on the corner of Bennett Bay Road and Wilks Road.

"It has been apparent for some time on Mayne that a showcase for local arts and crafts is a necessity for the many artists and craftspeople who live and work on the Island," says Mrs. Klatt, "It will answer local needs".

Artists will be invited to arrange special showings or to leave their work with Mrs. Klatt, to be sold on a commission basis.

The Gallery will also catalogue artists who wish exposure to the Market, or will accept orders for special items. Groups of artists or craftspeople may reserve the Gallery for joint showings at special times.

Initially, the Gallery will be open on weekends only, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2 pm till 5 pm.

Arrangements for portraits or photographs by Bill Best, of Hallmark Photography, may be made through the Gallery.

United and the Anglican Ladies Auxiliary of Salt Spring Island. Meeting will be in the Ganges United Church upper hall on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 2 pm.

Mr. Mellis is an Anglican priest who flies "The George Pringle" into the isolated logging and fishing camps and little communities up and down the west coast of B.C. The Columbia Coast Mission is a joint venture funded and supervised by the Anglican and United Churches of Canada.

For many years the Mission operated a boat on the west coast. "The George Pringle" plane now does the job and is more econom-

ical to operate and quicker. The plane flies in to dozens of small isolated west coast communities and families, providing a vital and valued service.

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The Mission is maintained from the mission donations of the Anglican and United Churches in B.C. It is staffed by members of those churches.

Rev. Peter McCalman, rector of the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring, will introduce Mr. Mellis to the audience.

There will be a question-and-answer period, followed by refreshments, served by ladies of the Mizpah U.C.W.

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Mark 50th wedding anniversary at Galiano

BY MARY HARDING

Honoring his parents' 50th wedding anniversary, Geordie Georgeson and his wife, Rosemary, gave a special dinner and subsequent open house for their many relatives and friends. Events took place at Galiano Lodge.

Thirty-four relatives and close friends sat down to a most enjoyable dinner, with the centre attraction of golden streamers and a large three-tier wedding cake over this popular couple, who have lived for so many years on the Island.

Even though they now reside

in Sidney, they are considered to be an integral part of the Island, and held in the highest esteem. Seated at the head table were Geordie and Rosemary Georgeson with their daughter Rosemary and three sons, Gordon, John and Stewart as well as cousins of the Georgeson's.

O.H. "Sparkie" New was master of ceremonies, and kept the festivities going at a lively pace, telling stories of olden days. He retailed how this couple had met in Sidney, in the first place, and claimed to have introduced them to each other.

Mr. Georgeson responded by telling little anecdotes of those days, and how Mr. New got the nickname of "Sparkie".

Mr. New read letters of congratulations from Hon. Jules Leger, Governor-General of Canada; Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau; Premier of British Columbia, Bill Bennett; Tommy Douglas, M.P. for Nanaimo and the Islands; Hugh Curtis, MLA for Saanich and the Islands and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

He then presented the couple with a "money tree", and a purse, given by their many friends, to go on a little trip of their choice.

Mr. New proposed the toast to them, and also to the Queen. He observed that as Mr. Georgeson had served in the First World War, it was a most fitting toast at this time.

After the ceremony of cutting the wedding cake, grand daughter Rosemary helped with serving to all friends gathered there. The cake was made and decorated by the excellent cooks at Galiano Lodge, much enjoyed by all.

Solomon Badagos, of Hawaii, sang the beautiful "Hawaiian Wedding Song" in his native Hawaiian, and also another love song, to end the family dinner part of the evening.

Open house then followed, with friends pouring in to congratulate this couple and renew friendships with them.

Coming from Surrey were their daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Geshke, with her son, Phillip, and his wife Marion. From Sidney



Picture shows the Georgeson family at the gathering last week to mark their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Golfers name new list of directors

The new slate of officers for the Galiano Golf and Country Club are president, Jack Wright; vice-president, E. Jones; treasurer, A. Platt; secretary, Jean Lockwood; directors, Mary Knowles, Florence Dodwell, Chuck Webb, captain, and Frank Hillier.

came cousin Mrs. Sophia Rustad, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bamford. Other close relatives were unable to attend, due to ill health, as were many from Galiano, who are ill at home with the flu. Dancing followed to finish this grand occasion.

Heads golfers



The new president of the Galiano Golf and Country Club is Jack Wright, who lives with his wife, Florence, on Sticks Allison Road in Georgia Hills.

Jack was born in Grand Forks, B.C.

In his younger years he was a teacher on Texada Island, Skeena River and Kitsilano.

In 1942 he joined the Atmospheric Environment Service. He retired as regional superintendent. He also has M.A. in mathematics.

Jack and Florence have one daughter, who lives in West Vancouver and they have two grandsons, Steven and Keith.

GALIANO

The Galiano School are having a field trip to U.B.C. at the end of February.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Georgeson, who celebrated their golden wedding at Galiano Lodge last Saturday, with their family and friends.

On March 2, there will be a Russian Space exhibition at the Vancouver Museum and Planetarium. This will be on for five weeks. It is the largest exhibition to be sponsored to date.

It will be officially opened by the Lieutenant Governor Walter Owen and the Russian Ambassador to Canada.

MY BUCOLIC SPOUSE

She loves to tour the countryside,
To snatch the scent from byre and barn,
To linger where the brook lies wide,
Or rhapsodize beside a tarn.

While I deplore the rural scene,
Where pigs and goats adorn the lane,
And sheep with supercilious mien
Drive me almost insane.

All animated natures act
With antics so capricious,
I'm forced to face the startling fact
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He called the Capital Regional District.

Mr. Campbell was out of his office, but he didn't know anything about it. There were some letters for him from Mr. Davis,

the transportation minister, but he had not seen them yet.

The reporter looked in the same direction and called Mr. Davis. The minister is away and won't be back to his office for about a week.

So he was just glad he was a native-born British Columbian. It sure pays to be that way!

Historians

The Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Association will hold the next meeting on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1.30 pm.

Guests will be Maurice and Etta Reitz, of Surrey, who will show their films of their trip to the Maritimes and U.S.A. last summer.

The Reitz' own property on Waugh Road and are in the process of building their summer home.

again hunt wolves from aircraft.

Must we also wait until our game is so depleted before anything is done by our branches of Fish and Wildlife?

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LILLIAN HORSDAL UNREPENTANT

Nonsense! says Island wolf woman. Government knows nothing of wilds

BY LILLIAN HORSDAL

I had not intended to answer the "proper rebuttal" regarding an article I'd written on wolves but too many readers felt something of the sort necessary.

There are some scholarly types working in the Fish and Wildlife branch of the British Columbia government who have little, if any, practical knowledge of wolves. Their information must come through the written reports of game wardens and other field workers of that department. I know some of these workers, so I know what I'm talking about in this instance.

I work for a hunting company with areas in northern British Columbia. Daily, I have contact with hunters, game wardens, guides, outfitters and others who work in and around these areas. As a result my information is practical in nature.

WOLVES ARE DAMAGING

Wolves are doing a great deal of damage to the game in northern B.C. They travel in exceedingly large packs and, as a consequence, need enormous amounts of food.

It is a matter of record that wolves get into some of the settlements at night; this is when wolves do the major part of their hunting; and kill dogs. I know owners who have lost their domestic animals in this manner. If dogs are chained up at night they are usually found dead in the mornings, killed by wolves.

Some dogs, not chained, are taken by wolves at night. Night shooting of animals is illegal.

Also, wolves do attack horses and cattle. They do devour their prey while it still lives - the screams tell the story.

THEY LOVE GRAVY

Wolves like to eat living flesh because the blood keeps it moist. This could be likened to humans enjoying gravy on their meat for the same reason. In one spot alone six horses were killed by this method. The caretakers were not permitted to kill the invading wolves because they had no wolf tags. Those horses were in a corral.

There can be no hunting of wolves before September 1, when

the wolf season opens. Wolves seem to sense this, quite unemotionally, I'm sure, since there are many wolves seen during the closed season. By September, nights are growing longer, so they are rarely seen in daylight. One season, 100 animals were taken, but only two wolves. This is a matter of record.

BIG LITTERS

Wolves have larger litters than most game animals. They have up to twelve pups and perhaps six or eight of these reach maturity.

It is unfortunate that the Fish and Wildlife department doesn't provide transportation for their employees. It is impossible for their workers to get out to the game areas without planes. These employees may only see the real conditions when offered rides by owners of planes or pilots.

IGNORED

The only way, therefore, for workers to collect data for their written reports is from information brought in by those people returning from the game areas such as hunters, guides, photographers, outfitters and so forth about game, prey or trophies.

This data supplies those workers in the branch offices, biologists and others with a sort of composite picture of the whole situation.

These reports are pointedly ignored. What can a trapper or guide know about game? He has no degree in biology.

The wolf problem is becoming more and more serious with the continual increase of their numbers. True, wolf tags and hunting licenses are sold by the provincial government through the Fish and Wildlife branches but, since wolves are clever, they must be in order to survive with so few casualties, it is extremely difficult to hunt them successfully.

ALASKA DID NOTHING

The Alaskan government, despite complaints from residents, did nothing when faced with this same situation. That is, it did nothing for a time.

However, the American game departments are better organized and function more efficiently than ours. When the wolf problem

became so serious in Alaska they had to close the season on big game animals and, recently, granted permits for wolves to be hunted from the air in order to cut down on their numbers.

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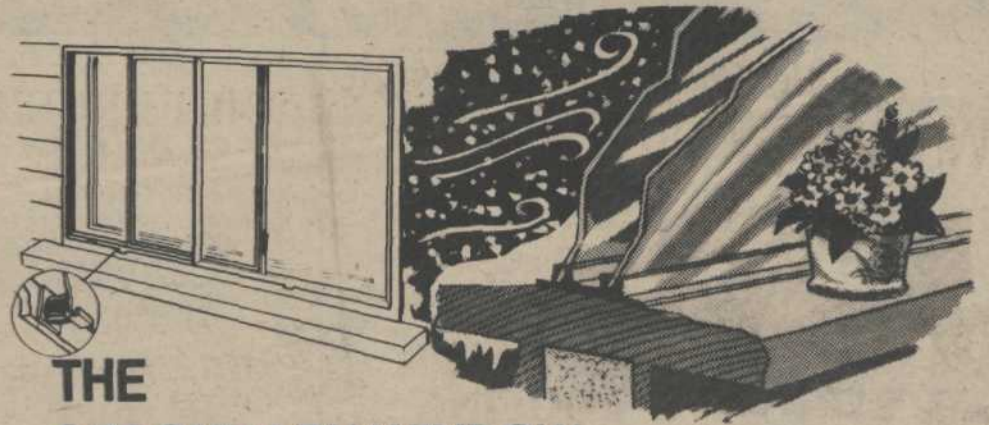
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