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CONCERN FOR QUALITY

Small gathering of residents calls for greater protection of water

Water from Maxwell Lake is probably of better quality than it was 20 years ago, a small group of Ganges residents learned last week, when protection for the water was urged.

Two decades ago there were numbers of cattle in the vicinity of the lake, reported Mike Larmour, president of SPEC on Salt Spring Island.

The gathering was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brookbanks, of Hundred Hills and 21 people were present.

They were people who are interested in the quality of water on the island, explained Mr. Brookbanks, afterwards.

Mike Larmour has pursued an investigation of water supplies and quality for the past many years. He is a former Islands Trust local trustee and has been closely identified with planning since the word was coined in the islands. He was invited to speak as a representative of SPEC.

PROTECTION OF AREA

The area of flow into the lake extends from zero feet to a maximum of 1,200 feet, observed Larmour. If that area can be protected, the lake can be completely safeguarded, he told the meeting.

He referred to the trees in the watershed area.

If trees are retained, there is a better absorption of moisture and the trees reduce the danger of contamination, he reported.

Larmour discussed the general condition of lakes on Salt Spring Island and the effect of contaminants such as animal wastes.

He drew the pattern of such

contaminants in fresh water: the build-up of algae and the effect on vegetation. The influence of chlorine to combat high chloroform count which results from such contamination, brings a

new factor into the life-cycle of the lake waters.

The flushing action of any body of water is very important in the maintenance of a clean (Turn to Page Sixteen)

Bomb scare delay

Sailing of the Queen of Tsawwassen was delayed at Tsawwassen on Friday evening when the islands-bound vessel was searched by police and crew.

Reports of an explosive device on board were investigated. Nothing was found and the ship left late for the Gulf Islands.

Ceremonies honour veteran veterans



Taking part in the ceremonies at Gulf Islands Royal Canadian Legion recently were, front row, Donald New, Galiano; Arthur Ralph, Saturna;

Walter Hunt-Sowrey, Mayne. At the rear are Hugh MacFarlane, W.C. Thompson and C.J. Halliday.

Charter member is among three who are honour guests

BY LEGIONNAIRE

On January 24, the Royal Canadian Legion, Gulf Islands Branch 84, held its general meeting at the Saturna Island Community Hall.

President W.C. Thompson chaired the meeting with 18 members present from Saturna, Galiano, and Mayne Islands.

The regular business of the meeting was conducted, but of special interest was the presentation by President Thompson of Golden Anniversary medals to three comrades whose joint years of membership total 143 years in this branch.

Arthur Ralph, 93, of Saturna Island, with 50 years' service is the sole surviving charter member of branch 84.

CLOSE BEHIND

Following closely are Donald New, of Galiano Island, 81, with 49 years and Comrade W.W. Hunt-Sowrey, 82, of Mayne Island with 44 years' service with the Royal Canadian Legion.

A standing ovation was given to the faithful and still active

Comrades.

With many thanks to their hosts and comrades on Saturna, the meeting ended with the singing of "God Save Our Queen".

The next meeting of branch 84 will be held on Mayne Island February 28.

ISLAND WATER FOR BOARD

Ask Region for sewer holding tanks

Directors of the Capital Regional Board were treated last week to a sample of island ditch water and illustrated reports on the status of deteriorating Ganges buildings as they were urged to ease up on restrictions.

Les Ramsey and Tom Toynbee attended the board meeting last Wednesday and outlined the problems facing merchants and property owners in the community.

The two attended as representatives of the business community of Ganges and spokesmen for the Ganges planning committee.

When Ramsey told the board that the village is sick and on its way to its demise, he produced photographs to prove his point.

Included in the collection were the former laundry building, the burned out house on McPhillips and other structures.

NOT PERMITTED

They cannot be improved, explained the two spokesmen, because there is no sewer system in the community and no structural alterations can be undertaken without the sewer.

They asked the Regional Board to persuade Regional Health officer Dr. A.S. Arnel to permit the use of holding tanks for sewage.

The use of holding tanks would be upgrading the area, emphasized Toynbee.

They were not asking for holding tanks as a permanent provision, noted Toynbee. They

Schools cost \$2 million

Education will cost a record \$2 million in the islands this year.

On Thursday afternoon trustees of Gulf Islands School District gave their assent to a \$2,181,015 budget that comes within 110 percent of last year's level.

Presenting the figures, Ivan Mouat explained the various increases against the 1976 original estimates and the final expenditures.

It must be the weather

Cutting your grass in February?

School trustees last week exchanged a brief experience. Charles Baltzer cut his lawn on Wednesday. Nonie Guthrie looked at hers and decided to give it another week. Roma Sturdy left hers to the moss to control and Pearl Brau was overwhelmed with the way everything is growing in the garden.

It must be the weather!

Fence failed to work

Stone walls do not a prison make, nor steel fence a guard.

Ian Kyle, of Ganges could be paraphrasing the poet when he reviews the loss of his two lambs last week.

The lambs were in a fenced yard on Beddis Road, but they were not adequately protected. Dogs got into the yard and killed two lambs.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Kyle, Ian was breeding his sheep to help meet the cost of university, in the fall.

No other and no other need

Gulf Islands School District spends a lot of money on moving students between islands. Last week Secretary-Treasurer Wilf Peck had some observations on the cost.

"I have checked it out," he told the trustees, "and I have not found another district as generous with transportation funds as this district."

"Have you found another that has the same need to be generous?" asked Trustee Don Fairweather.

PROPOSED SCHOOL SITE IS TO BE CONSIDERED THIS WEEK

Proposed site for a northern Salt Spring school will be considered by the BC Land Commission this week, the board of trustees of Gulf Islands School District was told last week.

The land is currently in the Agricultural Land Reserve and the trustees have applied for its relief for the construction of a new school.

Trustee Don Fairweather reported on his check of the

property recently.

He also spoke of the new school in Ganges, where the finishing touches are being given to new classrooms and access to the activity room.

At Galiano the plea for a covered play area was turned down by the department of education, reported Fairweather, and trustees are now considering enlarging the small primary room.

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Please Massa' Davis let us pay same as white folks!

This is an open letter to the provincial Minister of transportation, Jack Davis.

Dear Sir:

I wish to register a protest against the discrimination evidenced by the Department of Transport's new policy of refusing reduced ferry fares in the Gulf Islands to those residents who are landed immigrants.

At the time of the original reduction in fares last summer, the criteria for eligibility was bona fide residency in the Gulf Islands. Now we learn that the criteria has been modified to include only those bona fide residents who are also eligible voters.

During immigration proceedings there is no mention of the landed immigrant facing this type of discrimination. The glowing brochures distributed by Canadian Immigration emphasize only the benefits of living in Canada. They do not tell the immigrant, in advance before ties are cut and long-term capital invested, that he will enjoy the burdens of Canadian society such as all the varieties of taxation, without representation for the first five years at least, but that the benefits may wax and wane according to the "policy" of whomever is in office at the time.

If immigration into Canada is to be discouraged, let that be a national policy implemented by the consuls in foreign countries before entry, not local ex post facto wrist-slapping whenever the occasion arises.

The landed immigrant has already had to meet stiff admission requirements in areas of education, skills, health and financial stability that are not imposed on those resident in Canada solely through accident of birth.

Please, Massa' Davis, park us at the back of the ferry if you will, but let us pay the same fares as the white folks!

Mrs. Terra Tepper
Box 1050
Ganges, BC V0S 1E0
February 7, 1977

cc: T.C. Douglas, M.P.
Hugh Curtis, M.L.A.
Jim Campbell, Cap. Regional Dist.
Elaine Burns, Human Rights Branch
Canada Immigration, Victoria
Canadian Consul, Los Angeles
S.S.I. Community Society

Full dress at Valentine Dance



Honey is prize at dance

Winners of the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club Honey Raffle are listed below: Four first prizes of 24 lbs. of honey, each; Dave Hill, Chuck Hankins, Helen Shelby and Dode Stewart, all of Ganges.

Four second prizes of 16 lbs. honey, each; Sharon Perkins, Doug Binnie, Peter Stepaniuk, all of Ganges and D. Cook from Victoria.

Four third prizes of 8 lbs. of honey, each; Barbi Allan, Sid-

ney; Bruce Fiander and Caroline Reynolds of Ganges and A. Ash, Victoria.

A consolation prize of eight lbs. of honey went to L. Whyte, of Victoria, son of the donor of the prizes, Ken Whyte of Salt Spring.

Total of 17 prizes, donated by the business community of Salt Spring Island were won by various costumed couples and spot dancers at Saturday's Valentine dance.

Picture shows the costumed winners at the Rotary Club Valentine Dance in Fulford on Saturday evening. They are Ian and Dorothy Brown, Dick and Barbara Toynbee and Sonja Hill.

Evening was highly successful, reported a club spokesman. He suggested that the dance is the only function on the island to eliminate the generation gap and that all ages took part in the event.

Music was provided by the Cross Roads, with Michael and Vicky Byron filling in at one stage during an interval.

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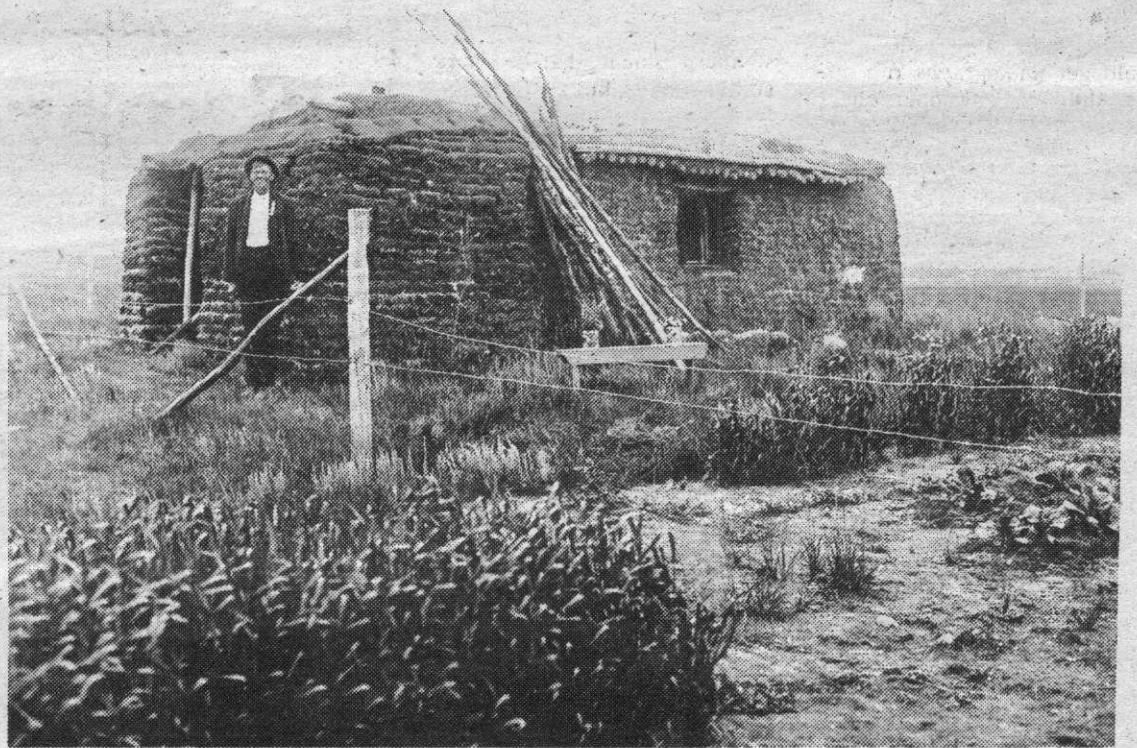
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Al Ryan had a prompt answer to a recent editorial comment in Driftwood regarding the men who pioneered Canada and built it into a nation from sea to sea. The Salt Spring Island resident brought out an old picture of pioneering in Saskatchewan. It is seen above. The man standing by his sod hut is not identified, but the picture illustrates the harsh conditions of early settlements on the

prairies. Picture was taken in the Battleford area, near Wilkie,

probably just before the turn of the century.

Sewer tanks

(From Page One)

adequate sewage disposal is provided, he urged.

Chairman Jim Campbell explained that the board cannot direct the health officer, nor could it overrule his judgments.

He agreed to pass the information on to the community health services committee. The committee later undertook to visit the community and learn for itself of sewage problems and building delays.

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TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

Half of Salt Spring Island is over 65, trustees of Gulf Islands School District were reminded last week. And a quarter of the population is over 65. That puts me in the three-eighths segment of the population.

I see these important island executives leisurely exchanging views during the busy working day and I ask myself why do I have to stay with it every hour of every day when they can relax and enjoy life? I got the answer the other day. They're like the Do of Canada....they got minions!

I am undone. My association with the Government Booze Store has tainted my reputation. At a recent planning meeting there was a constant and frequent reference to Driftwood and the Booze Block. All I could do after that meeting was go home and have a drink to forget the slur on my name.

New slogan for dog owners from Joan Buckley: If you can't train 'em, chain 'em!

The other day I received an impressive coloured envelope urging me to subscribe to five magazines, to buy a book and a library of cards. The same letter invited me to buy a garden cultivator or a \$5 pocket wallet. I could buy my wife a kind of brief case which is selling well "because it looks great when you carry it". For one dollar I could be beautiful and for a pittance I could get photographs run off. It's quite an envelope, but I saved \$68.06 in specified prices and perhaps another \$500 for unpriced articles, by throwing it in the capacious Post Office garbage can. And is that ever a busy little place!

O.K. This is it! I got friends in the United States of America. Not many, of course. I mean, I don't have so many friends, anywhere. But this is the point. I can't afford to write to them any more. With postage at 12 cents for the wrong side of the line, I just can't afford to drop them a line, so I guess I'll have to drop them altogether! I so wish I had shares in the telephone company! Except, I couldn't slang them for poor service if I was a part owner, so better the way it is! And the service has been excellent in recent months, which is more than the Post Office can claim.

Talking of post offices a staffer here put a coin in the postal meter outside the Post

Office in Ganges. She got nothing. So she read the instructions and put in two more quarters. She still got nothing. That's when I drove by. I suggested she use the office meter. You can't mail metered mail when the office is shut, she explained indignantly. So she found some stamps at another store and mailed her letters. On Monday she reported her problems, but no refund! She was spitting so mad she hadn't even enough lick to moisten the stamps!

On Galiano the Lions Club acquired shirts for the school soccer team. Never doubt the students were grateful. They received a letter last week, from Michael Besler, team captain.... On behalf of the Galiano School soccer team I would like to thank you...for buying shirts for us. We were very proud to wear our shirts when we went to play against Pender Island School on Wednesday. It made us feel more like a real team.

Damned by faint praise: news report from Ottawa. Tory MP is speaking...."as far as I know, BC Energy Commission has a reputation for integrity..." That'll fix them!

Bowen Island has a new publication, the Undercurrent, published every second Friday by LV Reid. Last fall, the publisher went to Galiano and was so impressed with the southern climate that he wrote something about Galiano. Here's what: Had a lovely day last Friday. Went to our sister isle, Galiano. What a pleasant surprise! First off, we saw a high flagpole in a beautiful lawn.... which we learned was a park. Every blade of grass along the roads appeared to have been manicured and the intersections are all well marked. There is a neat new brick Post Office and the Mountie for Galiano takes up residence there for the summer and is a regular weekend visitor during the winter. There is a brand new Senior Citizens' Housing Complex of 16 units. There is Galiano Lodge, where we could have had a drink in English pub style. They have a community hall which they built themselves. They have a Community Plan and By-laws all neatly done up in a realistic fashion. And there is no dissension by outsiders and newcomers and heel-diggers-in. The population of Galiano is some 425.

So that's how an outsider sees it!

WHAT IS AN ALARM SYSTEM ?

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Trustees wait for ICBC couriers

What is an adequate fire and intruder alarm?

The question faces the Gulf Islands School Board. Last week the board was warned that no plans for new school structures will be accepted by the department of education until they have been approved by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia in their adherence to corporation specifications on alarms.

The corporation's specifications are unclear and inadequate.

Secretary-Treasurer Wilf Peck told his board that the standard is very general. Millions are being spent in British Columbia in an attempt to meet the requirements of the insurance corporation, he added.

To gain approval of the plans for Pender School, the board must incorporate an efficient alarm system. Nobody really knows what that is, the board learned.

Trustees are awaiting

ICBC's approval of the system envisaged.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

This week is the official week in British Columbia to mark the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth's coronation.

It is a week when we might do well to pause and give some thought to the Crown and the manner in which it impinges on our lives, 7,000 miles away from the Queen's official residence.

The Queen is the ultimate figure of Canadian sovereignty. To many Canadians she represents the seal of the voluntary bond that ties Canada to Britain and the Commonwealth. To others the very existence of a Royal Sovereign is an archaism and has no meaning in the world of moon travel and nuclear battle.

These islands have accommodated far more distinguished soldiers than most communities of their size in any land where conscription did not obtain. There have been many islanders to swear allegiance to the Crown and there have been many to die in that cause.

Loyalty to the Crown has been a way of life for the islands for the past 100 years and more. There is a deep affection among many islanders for the Queen and the benevolent rule she represents.

In this formally specified time, when our loyalty to the Crown is evident by ordnance and spontaneous assertion, it might be timely to examine our state.

The loyal islanders pay tribute to the Queen for the very reason that they neither seek an alternative nor recognize the need. It is no empty lip service that sings the anthem. It is a deep-seated satisfaction that Canada is part of the Commonwealth and is headed by Queen Elizabeth.

It is also motivated by the very real conviction that there is no way we could find a better system or a nominal leader of equal stature.

Nowhere else in Canada does any community recite with greater warmth and fervour than here in the islands, those words of the anthem, "...long to reign over us...."

POSTAL SERVICE

Apart from two main problems, the postal service in Canada is excellent.

Its only two shortcomings are the cost and the speed of service.

The staff are courteous and helpful: certainly in the islands. The buildings are, by and large, admirable and even the humblest has its appeal to the eye.

The stamps are very attractive and if the stamp-vending machine takes more coins than it delivers stamps, we must bear in mind that the Post Office, on a national scale, probably needs the quarters more than we do.

How could we possibly take issue with such a service? Yet, most of us are prepared to swallow hard and pay any price demanded of us to be sure that our messages will travel hither and yon at a very reasonable rate of knots.

There are occasions when we seem to be dismayed. Why does the Post Office not start all over again?

The sale of special stamps has been a failure. The sale of special services has not swamped the post office with glory.

Alright, then! Let's have the Canada Post Office handle only first class mail within rigid limits of size.

If first class mail is the only profitable item, let's restrict services to something that can be handled efficiently and profitably and leave the rest of the load to some unfortunate freight or distribution company. It should be worth a try!

Letters to the Editor

SCAR ON IT'S FACE

Sir: We are all grateful for the Salt Spring Island Fire Department's many services to the community, but it is perhaps time they received a dandelion among the roses.

I am sure everyone has noticed their example of efficiency in setting fire to a building on McPhillips Avenue and extinguishing that fire before the building was completely destroyed. Now, many months later, the wreck still stands, uncertainly, an eyesore and a hazard.

Who is going to do the rest of the work? Does demolition attend upon the famous sewer, the Ganges plan, or another fire?

The Fire Department's little morality play has had a long

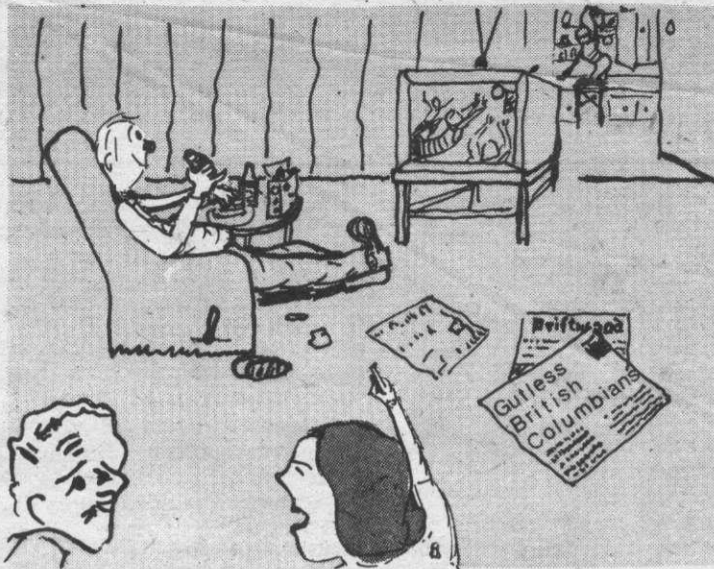
run. Bravo! Now let's pack it up. Surely the unincorporated village of Ganges is ugly enough without this scar on its tiny face.

Phyllis Webb
Box 816, Ganges
February 8, 1977

HE'S FED UP

Sir: During the last few weeks I have become completely fed up listening to our various political and labour leaders braying about the high rate of unemployment in this Canada of ours. To a man, they all say that something has to be done but I never hear them explaining why we are in this mess.

Broadbent says "the government has to create more jobs!" Great! Let's spend a few



Everything in your Editorial was Charlie, except the part about being gutless!

more tax millions to make baskets or something - the L.I.P. grants weren't much different - but who in-uh, heck, needs baskets? Rushing around with million dollar band-aids is futile.

Look, if your car has trouble getting up the hill you take it in to find out just what is going on under the hood. Giving it more gas or trying another gear may help for the moment but it sure won't cure the basic problem.

Please, Trudeau, Clark and the rest of you, please tell me what is basically wrong with the economy of my country. Why high unemployment? Are we pricing ourselves out of the market? Are industrialists afraid to open that new factory? If so, why? Are unemployment benefits too high or easy to get? Are we poor salesmen? Is our productivity per man-hour too low? Are we a bunch of feather-bedders?

Whatever it is, tell me. I think I can take it.

I suspect that my "betters" know the answers deep down, but just in case they don't I suggest they should take a fact-finding trip to West Germany and look under a few hoods over there. While they are at it they could visit Great Britain to see how an economy should not be run. And it wouldn't hurt to include Ed Broadbent and Joe Morris and a few of that ilk in the party.

How about it chaps, can we have some of the facts of life for a change? You are sure to hurt some feelings, but not mine!

L.A. Yellowlees
RR 2 Ganges
February 10, 1977

GORY SHEEP

Sir: Frankly, I am a bit tired of reading and seeing gory, sensation-filled pictures and articles about all the sheep being killed by dogs. I have got a bit to say myself about the dog situation, being a dog owner and a sheep owner.

To begin with, the farmers of this island should take some of their write-off allowances and invest in proper fencing. The fencing on this island is deplorable and not conducive in keeping a good wind in let alone livestock. Only too often, I have witnessed sheep roaming all over the countryside.

We ended up looking after two sheep, suffering from severe foot-rot that wandered into our property. After six weeks of advertising, worming, treating, vet fees, taildocking, we were never compensated for our time or trouble. Beaver Point is swarming with unattended livestock outside their pastures. What happened to the Pound Law?

The farmers are quick to subdivide in order to share in the monetary gains, but complain on the other hand when their sub-division syndrome has surrounded them with people and dogs.

We live in a highly concen-

trated area of people and dogs. To date, we have had no dog problems and I contend that along with luck which I will not exclude, our non-losses are a combination of more than adequate fencing, keeping tabs on our animals and a dog that earns his keep by keeping other dogs away.

No one likes to see dead sheep, as we have seen the remains of such and it is very grisly as well as expensive, but I do think it is high time the farmers took some responsibility for their roaming livestock, which attracts marauding dogs, and stopped passing the buck completely.

P.S. Please, no more sensationalism, Driftwood. I can read the Vancouver Sun for that. Instead, how about some pictures of the fencing on this island?

G. O'Hara
Fulford Harbour
February 10, 1977

THE DOG AND THE SHEEP

Sir: May this be an open letter to dog owners.

I've been very concerned by the sheep killing by dogs on the Gulf Islands. It is obvious that dog owners are not accepting the responsibility of dog ownership. The sad thing is that the sheep obviously suffer, the offending dogs that are shot suffer but the one responsible, the dog owner, rarely feel any remorse.

"Fido just didn't come home from his run. Oh well, let's get another pup," and on it goes. Let's get serious!

Taking on the care of a dog, whether large or small, is a responsibility that must be met. Letting a dog run on the islands is like sending a child out to play on the road, they are not likely to return one day.

Dogs must be trained and controlled if they are to live a full and rewarding life and not be a (Turn to Page Five)

Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The historical little St. Mary's Church was the scene of a very happy and pretty wedding on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Valerie Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Hollings, and Roger Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Hughes, were married amidst a setting of spring flowers. Archdeacon G.H. Holmes performed the age-old ceremony.

The federal works department will spend an estimated \$185,000 on construction of a small boat basin in Ganges Harbour in the fiscal year beginning April 1.

The S.S.I. Chamber of Commerce has been working on this project for several years and it was their intensive efforts, through the offices of our Member of Parliament, W.F. Matthews, that has resulted in this proposed addition to Ganges Harbour.

Did You Know an elderly friend of ours who is getting a little hard of hearing, recently closed the oven door and fired up his wood-burning range to shake the chill out of his cabin. About 15 minutes later, the range began to dance until he feared an earth tremor was in process. Investigation led him to open the oven door and his very pooped tom-cat tumbled out on the floor. The cat recovered, after a short rest, but no longer sleeps in the oven. (From a Salt Spring Lands advertisement).

Some trappers, trapping on Prevost Island this winter, were in Ganges two Sundays ago, slightly befuddled, and pounding on the Liquor store door for more joy juice. They had lost a day.

One wiseacre of S.S.I. said that we should no longer look for help from the Highways Dept., but to call upon the Toll Ferry Authority to furnish us with more ferries to cross the ever-widening potholes in our roads.

TEN YEARS AGO

Members of the Royal Canadian Legion at Pender Island met on February 10 at Doug Brook's small hall, to deal with the regular business to date, and to form a committee for National Veterans' Week in June.

President, Norris Ames, was in the chair.

Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Maj. Gen. George R. Pearkes, V.C., will formally open the new Centennial Park at Ganges on July 8.

Reporting to Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce (Turn to Page Twenty-Five)

Church Services

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20, 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	10.30am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30am
An Hour of Sharing and Caring 6.30 - 7.30 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	629-6655		
Magdalene	(Anglican)	Rector J. Daniels	11.30am
Family Fellowship	Agric. Hall	Pastor John Rodine	Sun. 3 pm
		539-5710	
Bible Study	Friday	in the homes	7.30 pm

Letters to the Editor

(From Page Four)
 problem to society. And I don't mean tying a dog up in the yard for the rest of his life. If you really want that dog you will relate with him. A short time every day spent training and working with a dog will bring you both closer to each other. A dog can be trained not to leave the property and confined when you are not home to supervise. Anyone not willing to do this should not have a dog.

Your investment of time and love will make him valuable to you and he will not want to wander as he will be satisfied with romps with you and will develop a feeling of responsibility towards you and your property.

Where to begin? Through the School Board starting on Wednesday March 2, 7.30 at Mahon Hall, a six week Dog Obedience class will be taught by me. Already two successful classes have been held (last spring and fall).

You will be given the basic exercises and from these you'll learn to control, and most important, relate to your dog. These classes are fun and rewarding, I sure enjoy them!

Pre-registration can be made by phoning Mrs. Newman at 537-9251.

This is my way of trying to solve the dog problem on the islands, I hope I can help you and your dog together.

Maggie Scott
 Box 938
 Ganges

February 11, 1977

IT'S THE WOLVES

Sir,
 After reading Lillian Horsdal's rebuttal to her previous article, I felt compelled to offer a counter-rebuttal. Some of her statements were oversimplifications, others could only be called untruths.

Since Ms. Horsdal has such disdain for degree-toting academics I should inform her that I have spent a substantial amount of time in the north; worked as a guide, cared for horses, and have had plenty of association with hunters, guides, and trappers. I am also presently completing a degree in biology at S.F.U., which, hopefully, will not discredit my opinions too greatly.

Ms. Horsdal states that it is a matter of "record" that wolves enter some settlements at night. "This is when wolves do the major part of their hunting, and kill dogs": "If dogs are chained up at night they are usually found dead in the morning, killed by wolves."

What utter nonsense!

It is true that dogs have been

lost to wolves, but I have heard of few verifiable stories of wolves coming into a settlement and killing chained dogs, and I have heard my share of wolf stories. I would like to know which "record" and settlement she is referring to.

If wolves do "the major part of their hunting in villages they certainly must use a great deal of stealth and secrecy. I have never known or heard of wolves pursuing their pray within settlements, unless, of course, they were cleverly disguised as southern hunters and, therefore, unrecognizable. In the fall I am sure they could get away with it quite undetected.

The average wolf litter is not "up to twelve pups" as the article stated, but is closer to half that number. I refer to work done by Mech, Haber, and Plimlott, who have done a great deal in regards to wolf behavior and ecology.

Also recent evidence from an extensive study on wolves in Alaska's Mount McKinley park (which included thousands of hours or aerial and ground observations, hardly academic guesswork) suggests that breeding is confined to only one pair of dominant wolves within the pack's social hierarchy.

During the eight-year study of the McKinley packs it was found that only one female was bred each year to produce one litter for each pack, which may number up to 20 individuals. Although there are other mechanisms involved, this is one form of regulation which naturally insures that the wolves do not outstrip the carrying capacity of their range.

If the social order breaks down, either from harassment or elimination of key individuals, there is a possibility that greater numbers of sexually mature females will be bred at mating time, thereby increasing the total annual recruitment substantially.

There are a few biologists who argue that indiscriminate shooting of wolves is not the best solution to decrease populations, but what is needed is total pack elimination from key areas where prey populations may be threatened.

I would like to relate a personal anecdote. B. Wiseman, a guide and friend of mine has kept horses at Hatin Lake in north-west British Columbia for many years. During this time only one horse has been lost to wolves. He neither hunts nor traps wolves, and in the last few years the resident population, judging from tracks and sightings, has remained at a stable, healthy level.

Also, he has never lost a dog, although in the spring we have

It's fantastic!

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New school at Mayne is described

It's not only the school: it's the setting and it's fantastic!

That's the most recent report on Mayne Island school.

Last week Mayne Island school trustee, Pearl Brau told the school board that she had three comments on the school.

There was no sink for the

custodians, she observed. It's in the plan, she was told.

The school is fantastic and the board is very lucky to have enjoyed the contribution of Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck in the building project.

The trustees agreed and made preliminary plans for a ceremonial opening of the new classrooms.

frequently observed wolves passing quite near his cabin.

However, further south of this location, another group of horses winter and heavy losses occur almost every winter.

There may be two reasons for this: The horses are turned out after the fall hunt, usually the end of October, to rustle food on their own over the remaining winter. Often, after the hunt, horses are in less than optimal condition, worsen during the winter, and become easy prey to the wolves. A weakened horse is a less formidable adversary than an adult moose.

In this area wolves are shot at on sight. However, there is always a sizable population of wolves from year to year. This may not be a direct result of the above mentioned evidence, but is certainly worth considering.

Ms. Horsdal also mentioned the "serious wolf problem" in Alaska, which resulted in "closed seasons on big game animals" - "no moose steaks for the residents". This poor state of affairs was supposedly rectified by the reinstatement of aerial hunting.

The truth of the matter is that the closed hunting areas were all around the larger metropolitan areas, namely Fairbanks and Anchorage.

Exceedingly heavy hunting pressure resulted in an alarming decrease within these areas. Of course the resident wolves still took the usual number of prey, but it was overharvesting by hunters in the area which forced their closure.

"No moose steaks for the residents?" Indeed not! How can these regions absorb the heavy hunting pressures applied by the large metropolitan areas.

Present aerial hunting in Alaska is not state-wide but is restricted to a few small areas, where the ungulate populations are dangerously low, due to overharvesting. This is probably a justifiable management policy if future hunting is to continue in these areas.

However, it is not warranted everywhere, and in the long run, indiscriminate aerial hunting may do more harm than good to the game animals involved.

Latest estimates put British Columbia's wolf population at 7,000 individuals. Not an alarmingly high population, or a low one either; which is why the wolf has again been classified as a furbearer.

These numbers do not warrant the initiation of aerial hunting. If Ms. Horsdal is truly concerned about the depletion of this province's game animals she should turn her attention to habitat invasion and destruction, as well as present harvest quotas.

A limited number of predators is essential in maintaining healthy game populations. Hunting does not take the place of predation in this regard, as man usually selects the stronger and healthier animals. The notion that man can assume the role of predator in predator-prey relationships is not valid.

Thank you,

Brian Mercer,
 Box 133
 Price Road, Ganges
 February 14, 1977

Winter bloom

Violets bloom on the window sill, while North winds howl outside; Snowflakes eddy about the house, then are off for a wind-born ride.

The valleys and peaks of swirling snow rise steadily in the air; While deep underneath, the flowers sleep, safe in Mother Nature's care.

The houseplants cheer with their bright array, with the promise their blossoms bring, To let us know there'll be growth a'new, when the earth has quickened to Spring.

- Celia V. Reynolds.

Sorry!

When the minister of education wrote recently to provincial school principals, Gulf Islands School Board expressed regret that the letter had not also been sent to school boards.

Last week trustees received a reply from Dr. Pat McGeer explaining that it had been an oversight and agreeing that the letter should have gone to both.

Be fruitful

They first met on a ship
 In weather thick and foggy
 He was just a drip
 And she was cold and soggy

They wed and made a trip
 To an island flat and boggy
 Where he remained a drip
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- John Healey

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School trustees of the Gulf Islands heard some sad refer-

ences last week to the efficiency of the mails.

date, they have to be in the mail at Lake Cowichan the previous Friday, said Huestis.

I.O.D.E. Week in Canada



February 13-20

Superintendent Bob Huestis explained that he had brought over some reports from Lake Cowichan where he maintains an office. This eliminated the haste in mailing them later in the month, he told the board.

In order to be sure that trustees get the report in the mail by the Thursday meeting

There is also a cost factor.

By first-class mail the postage costs 50 cents a shot. "And if we sent them third-class we might never get it," he added.

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EARLY WRECK IS PROTECTED BY MINISTERIAL DECISION

The wreck of the 19th century barque, "Zephyr", recently discovered off the coast of Mayne Island, has been designated a historic site by the provincial government, and will be examined to determine whether it can be raised.

Details of its location have not been released.

Designation protects the wreck from disturbance by divers who are not authorized under the Archaeological and Historic Sites Act.

SEARCHED FOR YEARS

The "Zephyr" has been the subject of searches for many years. It was discovered by a scuba diver from the Underwater Archaeological Society of B.C. The three-master ran aground and sank in a snowstorm February 13, 1872, while carrying a load of sandstone from Nanaimo to San Francisco.

LOCAL ENTERTAINERS FOR LOCAL PENSIONERS' PARTY

BY PENSIONER

Great credit goes to Mrs. Margaret Cunningham for her arrangement of the concert held in St. George's Hall February 9 for the Old Age Pensioners Branch 32.

The music, singing and small talk were a delight to the Old Folks and others present and the

attendance was very good.

Those in the performance were; Eric Coombes with his delightful renderings; Margaret and Alf Howell, Alec McCauley and Ray Newman and his saxophone.

The only thing we can say is "Please come again."

Six members of the Branch opened the affair with True Stories which seemed to hit the spot and get the afternoon started.

Everyone had a wonderful time. Mrs. Joan Hayward and her helpers served a delightful lunch and we are all looking forward to the next time.

You are invited to the General Meeting, on Thursday, Feb. 24; in St. George's Hall, at 2 pm, followed by Sock it to me.



Driving through Wells, here's what you see.

The other Gold Town

Every year, thousands of people pour east from Quesnel on the road to the restored gold town of Barkerville. Most of them spare no more than a glance for the town that sits above the highway just a few miles before Barkerville.

And that's a pity. This town of Wells is the type of place movie directors choose when they are looking for a set for a Western movie. False fronts loom above the town's main street; wooden houses crowd the dusty sideroads; there's a sign on the liquor vendor's store that declares "closed for lunch"; and there seems to be more dogs than people roving the streets.

OLD POOL HALL
The Jack of Clubs saloon and old Mike's pool hall -- lit by swaying light bulbs over pool tables that arrived in the 1930's -- share the main street with such places as the Good Eats Cafe, the Wells Hotel and the Barkerville Stage Line office.

Wells was a latecomer on the Cariboo mining scene. Barkerville

was born in the 1860's, during the first Cariboo gold rush.

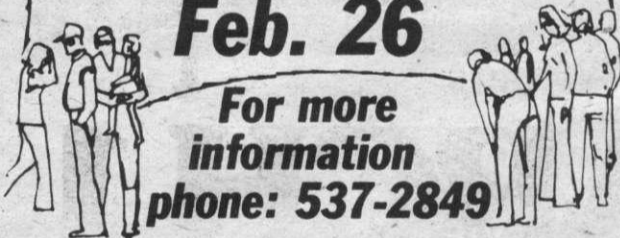
Wells came along 70 years later, as the Great Depression took over the country.

The Cariboo Gold Quartz Company brought the Wells mine into production in 1933 and immediately set about building a company town. By the end of 1934, there were 40 buildings in Wells, including a motion picture theatre, where W.C. Fields and Deanna Durbin flashed across the silver screen.

THEY NEVER CAME BACK
By 1942, there were 4,500 people in Wells. But by the end of the war, many of these had left, never to return to Wells. Yet Wells did not become a ghost town, even though the big mine closed down in 1967. Some 400 people live there now, most of them employed in logging, at Barkerville Historic Park, at nearby Bowron Lakes or in service industries.

The mine still dominates the town from above, but it's closed (Turn to Page Eleven)

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MUD IS NO BAR TO ISLAND GIRLS IN GAME WITH GORGE

**Salt Spring Girls, 2
Gorge Girls, 1**

The local squad slipped and slid their way through mud and rain to an important win over Gorge.

With the field conditions in a horrendous state and the weather in a miserable condition neither team was able to play an entertaining brand of soccer.

In fact it was these conditions that enabled Gorge to take the early lead. Somehow the ball slipped away from Salt Spring's goalie in a collision and a Gorge forward snapped up the loose ball for the early lead.

Salt Spring struck back quickly on a fine passing combination between Murray, Spence and M. Anderson, capped by Brenda's close-in shot for a 1-1 tie at the half.

The local Girls continued to carry the play in the second half and once again the "Terrifying Trio" combined with Brenda scoring her 20th goal of the season for the victory.

With the win the local squad secured its hold on first place, standing shown as follows:

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Salt Spring	11	6	1	4	16
Saanich	11	5	4	2	12
Gorge	11	2	4	5	9
Peninsula	11	2	6	3	7

After their initial loss in league play, the Girls have gone 10 games without a loss, a very impressive performance for a first-year team.

NEXT GAME
Against Saanich in Victoria. Girls meet at Mahon Hall at 7.45 am to catch 8.30 ferry.

ROLLER HOCKEY

Teams get under way for new season

BY DOROTHY KYLE

It looks as though the Bantam team had a close game last Sunday with the Rangers scoring eight goals and the Canadians scoring six. As no other details were available, I'm sorry the names of the scorers will have to remain anonymous.

The Peewee's game was said to be really good with all the players hustling about, and working very hard. The results were Bears, 7; Flyers, 4.

Scorers for the Bears were: Michael Kitchen, 3; Calvin Fraser 3; Michael Cue, 1.

Scorers for the Flyers were: Keith O'Donnell, 2; Jimmy Jenks, 2.

The Juniors also had a very active game, and it was thought, at first, it would be a shut out in favour of the Barons, but the Canucks, were determined that this was not going to happen and rallied with three goals. The final scores were Barons, 7; Canucks, 3.

Scorers for the Barons were, Michael Fraser, 2; Norman Valcourt, 1; Warren Kyle, 2; Tommy Toynbee, 1; Tommy Shelby, 1. Scorers for the Canucks were, Danny Reynolds, 1; Dwayne Reynolds, 1; Douglas Elliott, 1.

APOLOGY

I have an apology to make for last week's girls; I'm sorry I called you the Fire Chiefs. It should have been the Fire Kittens. Your coach duly informed me of my mistake. Won't let it happen again.

Looks as though the girls really excelled themselves this week with a tie game. Coaches said both teams did well and they were very pleased with the

results. Fire Kittens, 5; Wildcats, 5.

Scorers for the Fire Kittens, Angie Simard, 4; Karen Bird, 1; Scorers for the Wildcats, Sunday Byron, 3; Geraldine O'Sullivan, 1; Donna Moulton, 1.

more SPORTS
On Page Twenty-one

Master weaver

Picture old Time as a weaver, fashioning all things on this earth--

Gradually bringing all this that we know, source of all joy, pain and mirth.

Patient he sits every day at his loom, working rich patterns of life

Childhood, maturity, each has its place, later comes hardship or strife.

Often the colours are sombre in hue, these are the days that are sad,

But, threaded among them are silver and gold, these are for times we are glad.

Bright joyous patterns are dyed by his touch, they are so lovely and gay:

Yellow, red, blue, are some of the shades that denote little children at play.

Let us, then, help Father Time if we can, we each have a race to be run.

Toe we the mark! get set! and we're off -- bravely we go, one by one.

May those who come after be able to say that we our task have well done.

- Celia V. Reynolds.

Orange tie game in Victoria

**Salt Spring Orange, 5
Prospect Lake, 5**

A feast full of goals was the feature of a rather peculiar soccer game as the Orange and the Vampires slugged out a muddy draw.

The Orange led all the way by scores of 1-0, 2-1, 4-2 and 5-4

KICKS ARE OUTNUMBERED

**Salt Spring Kicks, 0
Gorge F.C. 3**

The Kicks' main opponent last weekend, although appearing to be Gorge on the field was in actuality the flu bug, off the field. With Hoeller, Walker and Brown sick with the flu and Cottrell sustaining an early injury in the game, the Kicks' offensive firepower was severely diminished. As a result Gorge found Salt Spring easy pickings as the local boys played a very disorganized brand of soccer.

A penalty shot tally in the first half and two more goals in the second half were all Gorge needed to pick up the win. For one of the few games this season the local Kicks were outplayed, but considering the players who were missing the handfull of players available gave their best against a division 6A opponent.

The play of Captain Marleau, Logan and Troy kept the Kicks respectable throughout the match or the score may have been even higher.

With the return of the missing players and the added incentive for the club to return to their winning ways, the boys should bounce back to their usual form in next week's District Cup match.

NEXT GAME: District Cup with Lakehill Cablevision in Victoria; boys meet at Mahon Hall at 7.45 am to catch 8.30 ferry. All supporters welcome!

before the Vampires scored a very controversial goal very late in the match. Not only was the tying goal offside but it also was scored after 48 minutes and 30 seconds had been played in the second half - the boys only play 45 minute halves, thereby meaning the goal was scored after the game was over.

Aside from the very questionable and biased refereeing, the Orange had one bright spot, their one-two scoring punch of Curtis and Reynolds. They combined to score all five goals as Tim had three goals and two assists and Wayne contributed two goals and two assists.

Salt Spring played well enough to gain a victory from the match. Certainly poor refereeing did not aid their course, but the boys, notably the four defend-

ers, must remember to work hard even while leading. Their few defensive lapses allowed the Vampires to get back into a game which the Orange should have won.

This will be especially important in next week's District Cup match when the Orange play the Chiefs from Cordova Bay.

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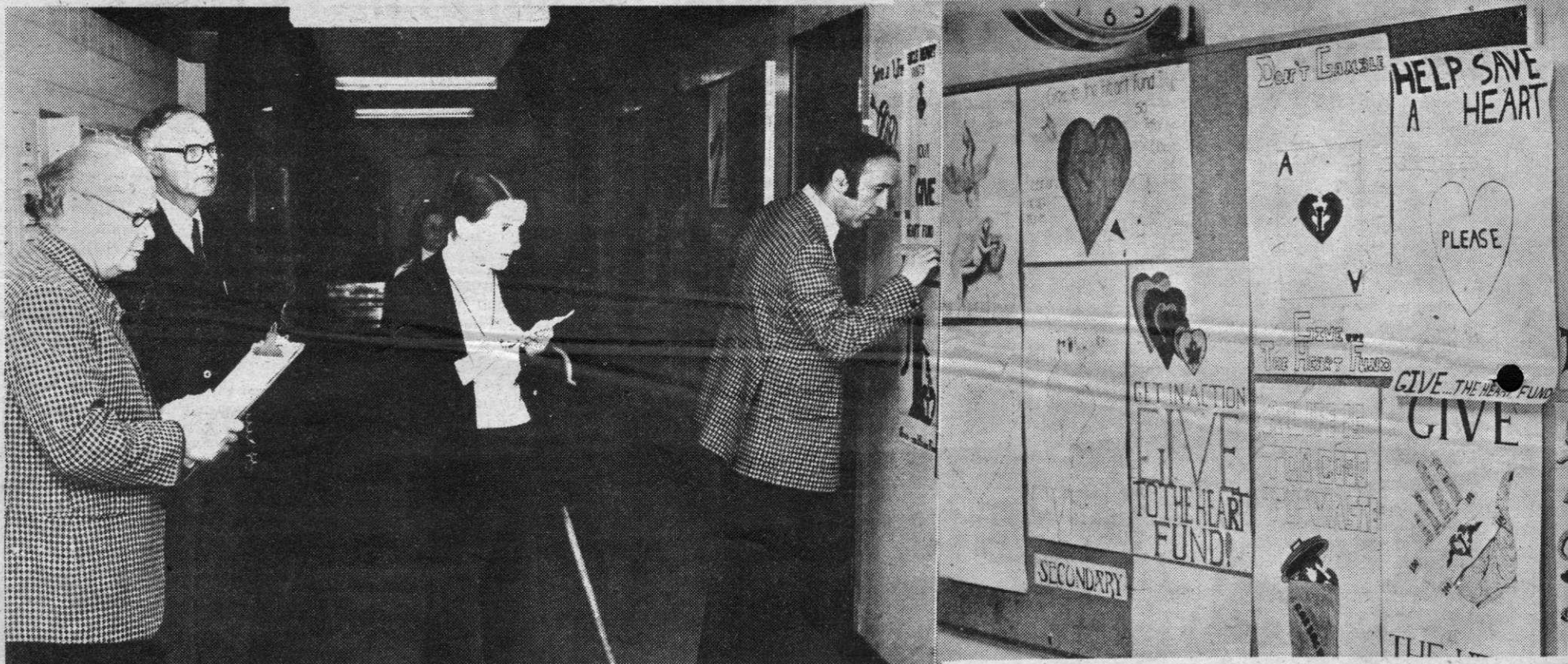
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Water pump poster takes top award in contest

Maureen Cue's poster depicting a water pump as a Heart Fund booster was the winner of the poster contest at Gulf Islands Secondary School last week.

The posters were drawn by students in Salt Spring Elementary School and Gulf Islands School at the invitation of the Gulf Islands Heart Association.

Prizes were offered for the top places.

On Friday last week the posters were judged by Windsor Utley, the well-known Salt Spring Island artist.

Other winners chosen were 2, Penny Wright, elementary school; 3, Suzanne Schroder,

elementary school and Donna McFadyen, secondary school. There were two third prizes, one for each school.

Honourable mention was made of the posters by Bruce Cobanli, secondary; Maya Hoffman, elementary; Trevor Tamboline, secondary and David Sampson, secondary.

Posters have been set up in various stores and prominent places around Ganges.

Letter ack

Two Salt Spring Island musicians shared the stage in St. George's Hall in December to present a concert on behalf of the Save the Children Fund.

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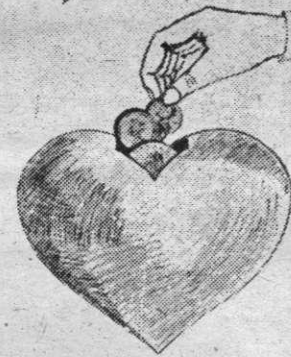
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THOUGHT FOR FOOD Did you know ?

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR A HUNGRY WORLD" will be the theme of the World Development Relief Fund Tea, which will be held in the Fulford Hall on April 30.

Representatives of churches of all denominations on Salt Spring Island have indicated their willingness to organize the Tea, which in the past has been under the sponsorship of St. Mark's Guild.

Further details on this event will be given later in future issues of the Driftwood.

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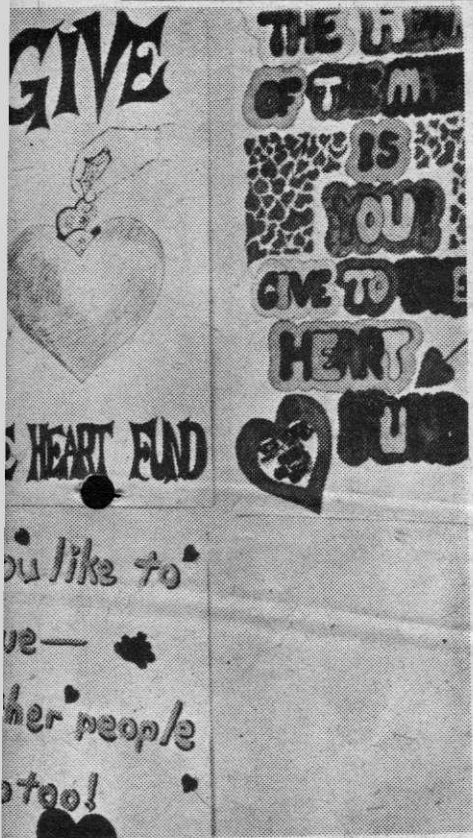
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NEWS LETTER

Salt Spring Chamber report

FROM PRESIDENT STEVE NELSON

January 10 was the beginning of a new year for the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. Members of the chamber took new positions as directors of new standing committees. As president, I felt that a "new outlook was needed by the Chamber to promote the island's commerce, not only to the tourist but also to the island residents.

Island business is changing and improving every day, in order to meet or exceed consumer needs. Business will always try to do their best; competition sees to that, but consumer

support is needed or the business may withdraw.

Representation of the businesses was the basic reason for a Chamber of Commerce but on Salt Spring, community concerns are a large part of Chamber activities.

Membership fees are the sole source of monies used by the Chamber to get its job done. To do a good job we need new members to give support so that representation will always be at its best.

We have two classifications of membership, private and business, so everyone can join and make 1977 the most prosperous year Salt Spring has ever experienced.

There will be a general meeting, at 8 pm at the Legion Hall on February 28. Guest speakers will be announced. Everyone is welcome so attend and do something positive for your community.

Listed below are the executive, directors and committees. Please write us and give us your views as we are interested in hearing from you. (Our address is Box 111, Ganges)

Thank you
President, S. Nelson;
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Desk banging to mark his first budget

Trustee Ivan Mouat, Gulf Islands School District trustee, presented the school district budget last week in his capacity of finance committee chairman.

"In a recent budget presentation," he reminded his colleagues, "the leader banged his desk and everyone followed."

At the conclusion of his long presentation, there was one brief desk-banging, but no one followed.

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DOWN THE GUTTER ...with Sandy

Congratulations to this year's Queen of the Lanes, Carol Kayel Carol, who has a very high average, really had to put in a good three games to come out on top with 119 pins over average, beating out Muriel St. Denis by only one pin!

The booby prize, a bottle of Geritol from Ganges Pharmacy, went to Phyllis Jorgensen.

PROVINCE TEAMBOWL

Last week's two qualifiers were the Cut Outs of the Commercial league with +206 and the Hot Toddlies of the Legion with +190. Only one more team can qualify.

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Helene Carey led the ladies with 313-204-220 for a 737 total while Julien Valcourt led the men with 226-276-310 for a 812 total which also gives him entrance into the 800 Club.

300 CLUB

Lots of newcomers last week: Bob Akerman (309), Helene Carey (313), Rik Pearce (319), Doug McDonald (308), and Julien Valcourt (310).

GOLDEN AGERS

You are reminded that next Monday is exchange tournament day with Ladysmith.

Y.B.C.

Bantam singles, Kara Cruickshank and Jonathan Jenkins, will be competing in Chemainus this Sunday at 12.30.

Juniors are reminded to be at the alleys a half-hour before they are scheduled to roll-off.

Senior singles, Susan Marleau and Kevin Noble, will be

competing in Esquimalt on Saturday, Feb. 26. Any Seniors who wish to accompany our champs should make arrangements as soon as possible.

There will be no regular Y.B.C bowling this Saturday due to the tournament.

NATIONAL CLASSIFIED

Next week we'll let you know via this column who have made the team in the Thomas Adams tourney house-rounds held here this past weekend. Standings are posted on the back wall.

Incidentally, all score sheets have been checked over for adding mistakes and I'm sorry to report but almost every sheet had at least one error. Most errors were to the benefit of individual's scores but a couple were to their debit.

T-SHIRTS

"Right On" bowling tee shirts are available through us and all bowling alleys in B.C. By placing your order with us now, all alleys submit their orders together and should have the product by early April. These make great gifts for any bowling enthusiast. Youth and adult sizes available.

BALLS

Bowling balls as they rest on the racks are balanced to provide "like" balls on either side... whether you bowl on 1 + 2 or 3 + 4. Some people have been transferring the balls from side to side, thus upsetting the balance. Your cooperation in leaving the balls on the side they are on would be appreciated.

SICK BAY

Mom (some know her as Ruth) is presently recuperating in Lady Minto from severe breathing problems due to chest infections. I know she would appreciate your thoughtfulness while she's there. I'll keep you posted as to her improvement.

Number to double next year?

This year has brought 16 pupils to Gulf Islands Secondary School to board on Salt Spring Island.

Gulf Islands School District has budgeted for a total of 37 students next year. This figure cannot be confirmed until it is known how many Outer Islands students will attend Gulf Islands Secondary after completing grade 9 on the Outer Islands.

poster as Judge Windsor Utley, Heart her Caroline Hamilton look on with interest.

acknowledged

violin and Angela Funk, piano.

Mrs. Knight later received an acknowledgment of the donation from the Save the Children Fund, explaining the manner in which funds were expended.

Following is the letter from Mrs. J.F. Dewhurst, executive secretary of the Fund:

It was certainly a most pleasant surprise to receive your letter and the cheque for the very generous amount donated at your recital by the people of Salt Spring.

During the fall two Save the Children teams went to Lebanon and are now at work in refugee camps there; one team on the Christian side and one on the Moslem side. Their help is so needed right now and it looks as if they will have to remain for a long time until the situation stabilizes.

We here in B.C. have been asked to help finance the work of these teams; their supplies etc. etc. and I am sure you will agree that your efforts on our behalf will have been worthwhile when you know that the money raised by you before Christmas is helping to make life more bearable for many young children in refugee camps in Lebanon.

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BRYAN SMITH

Handicapped?

Here's Smith with help if you need it!

BY FRANK RICHARDS

I've learned a lot. But, then, of course, I had a lot to learn!

Bryan Smith is my tutor. I paid him a visit the other day to examine his wares.

Former Driftwood reporter is now busy with resources for the handicapped. It's not a simple job, it is a calling. And he's waiting for calls from any Islander who needs help.

You want a wheelchair? Bryan's your boy. He's got just what you need.

Any fool knows a wheelchair has wheels. But there are as many kinds of wheelchair as there are people needing them.

You have strong arms and your legs are shaky, you get a standard wheelchair. You have difficulty using arms and legs and you get a chair with removable sides.

If you can't pull or push too vigorously, you go to the electric chair.

Then there are the frills. Stiff leg? Have a leg rest. Got a rough path outside the house? They got pneumatic tires to iron out the bumps. They have high backs, removable backs. Even a gadget which lets you steer the chair although one arm works harder than the other.

WALKERS FOR WALKERS

Some people who can't get around like they used to still

don't need a wheel chair. They use a walker. Even walkers come in different shapes and sizes. You can have a big one if it's the legs that cause the problem and a light-weight for patients recovering from a stroke, or similar incapacity.

Had the cane? Not these days, of course, but there's many an old-timer had the cane a few times in his youth, when there was no strap around. And he can still find one in different lengths. And the height of a cane is important when you have to use one.

Bryan is the guardian of the ramps. They are available to handicapped people for getting in and out of the house or for negotiating small rises and falls in the floor level. Mostly they have to be custom-made to adapt to the home.

If you need an elevator, call Bryan. They're invaluable to people who can't move around readily and they also represent a fire escape. And anybody who needs one can get a lift out of Smith.

If a person is no longer able to manoeuvre his car, he can get a set of hand controls for an automatic model. Then you don't need legs to drive around. Steer, accelerate and brake, all by hand!

OTHER SPECIALTIES

Other specialties are bathroom rails and supports. He has gadgets to pick up things to avoid giddiness and the same gadget will get something off a high shelf.

The cost of the item should not be a barrier. Help in getting the needed item or a short or long-term loan can be arranged.

Advice is one of the most important needs of the man who is handicapped in some way and unable to get around as he would want. Advice in every area is available from the new service. Moving to where it might be easier; disability pension or ICBC claims can all be solved through Bryan Smith's office. Any kind of social work counselling is available.

Bryan can also offer help in the arrangements for a corres-

pondence course or training within the Division of Aid to the Handicapped or the Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation.

REGISTER FOR ISLANDS

One of his tasks is to compile a register of all handicapped people through the islands.

In addition, he offers advice and counselling on accident prevention aids.

Director of the Handicapped Resources Centre, Bryan Smith is a qualified social worker and has spent many years in a rehabilitation hospital setting. Smith urges everyone throughout the Gulf Islands to make use of the centre while it is in operation.

He would appreciate hearing from anyone who is handicapped, regardless of whether immediate aid is needed.

Smith concedes that "there are lots of people who are silent and reserved about their disability and their pride refuses assistance from any source."

"This is sad, because we never know when we may be in the same position and full advantage should be taken of any aids or offers of practical assistance and counselling," he told me.



JUDY GOODRICH

Judy Goodrich is secretary-bookkeeper to the Centre and the mailing address is Box 1207, Ganges. The actual address for callers is the Nurses Residence, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, Crofton Road, Ganges, and the telephone number, a private line, is 537-5022.

Three to answer charges

Three men will face trial in Ganges on charges of breaking and entry of the Scott Road premises of the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club and Gulf Islands Secondary School.

RCMP at Ganges investigated reports of forcible entry to the Rod and Gun Club premises earlier this month. Liquor was stolen from the clubrooms.

Police traced three young persons and took them into custody last week. They were also linked with the series of school thefts which have been occurring over several months.

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The late Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Eaton are seen admiring the silver tray they received from the Salt Spring Island branch of the Legion when they left Ganges many years ago.

FORMER ISLAND POSTMASTER 'POP' EATON DIES IN NANAIMO

Former postmaster at Fulford and Ganges, A.J. ("Pop") Eaton died in Nanaimo General Hospital on Sunday, Feb. 13.

Pop Eaton was born in England and came to Canada as a youngster.

He arrived on Salt Spring Island in 1922 and became postmaster at Fulford. At that time he operated a store, post office and hotel. He was a veteran of the First World War.

Later he moved to Ganges and served as postmaster for a total of over 40 years on the island.

During his long service here he was secretary of the Royal Canadian Legion on Salt Spring Island and he served as a member of the board of administration of the old Lady Minto Hospital.

He was predeceased by two stepsons, Fred and Ray Morris. He leaves a stepson in the Queen Charlottes, Kenneth John and a stepdaughter, Mrs. G.W. (Edna) Winsby, in Nanaimo.

Funeral services will be at Sands Funeral Chapel in Nanaimo on Friday, Feb. 19.

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WELLS

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now to the public, lest souvenir hunters slip through the rotting boards of its buildings.

TO BRING IT BACK

There is an attempt underway

to bring some of the 30's atmosphere back to Wells. On weekend evenings in the summer, you can see some of the great movies of that era: My Little Chickadee, the Grapes of Wrath, others that kept an earlier audience enthralled.

The Wells Museum is now a going concern, with exhibits from

the mine and the surrounding area. There is some attempt being made to preserve some of the picturesque old buildings in the town.

And all this in the hopes that some of those Barkerville-bound people will stop for a while in Wells, the Cariboo's other gold town.

Visitors to Salt Spring Island home

Visiting the Dennis Swards over a recent weekend, was Sanchia's cousin Robert D'Avigdor on the way home to Sydney, Australia, after a business trip to England. He was joined here by his son Richard, who left Australia a year ago,

with his friend Margreit, on a world tour through Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, across Russia by Trans Siberian Railway Europe, United Kingdom and now Canada and the U.S. On now to South America, before going home to teaching.



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Even though it is not shown on your form, you may be entitled to it.

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And, as we processed about 375,000 claims in 1976 there are quite a few still outstanding.

If you think anything else is wrong discuss it with your agent.

HIT-AND-RUN

Then there are "Hit-and-runs". If you were the victim of a hit-and-run driver, and collected on your Autoplan Insurance, even though you were not responsible, the only way we could record the accident is as a collision. This means that your Renewal Form would not

show the 17.5% discount but you are still entitled to it.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO

If you have received a Renewal Form and disagree with any information on it, discuss the problem with any Autoplan agent or Motor Vehicle Branch office.

If the 17.5% Safe Driving discount isn't shown, all you need do to obtain the discount is to visit your Autoplan agent or Motor Vehicle Branch office, and complete your Renewal Form. You will be given the discount when you sign the form affirming your eligibility. Of course, your record will be checked out later, but meanwhile the discount will be applied.

If you have not received your Renewal Form, take your current 1976/77 Certificate of Insurance to any Autoplan agent or Motor Vehicle Branch office.

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Galiano Fire Department looking for new Fire Chief meeting told

The Annual General Meeting of the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department was held in the Community Hall at 8 pm Wednesday, Feb. 9.

About half of the 96 members of the society were present to hear reports on the activities of the Fire Department in 1976.

The Fire Chief, Gordon McDonald, noted that the department responded to ten alarms during the year but that property loss was restricted to a value of \$1,100 within the five protection districts.

Thirty-six practices were held and a notable feature was the complete integration of the Women's Auxiliary as active fire fighting personnel. The Chief referred to the women's invaluable help as alarm dispatchers, pump operators, drivers and with many other duties.

Dora Darling, reporting for the Women's Auxiliary, remarked on the fund raising activities of their group, which produced \$1,833.

Jessie Smith noted that the Western Canada Lottery Agency account added a further \$1,105. From these funds the Auxiliary were able to purchase for the Department's use a complete radio communications system and other equipment.

The president, Chester Williams, reported on the installation of the new phone alarm

system and explained its operation. He noted that the committee's main concern continued to be the search for a replacement for the present Fire Chief, who wishes to retire.

The directors concluded that it might be necessary to offer a remuneration to obtain the services of a suitable person and a motion empowering the Board to budget up to the product of one mill for this purpose was passed, with only one dissenting vote. The president concluded by thanking all those who had contributed to the operation of the department in the past year and in particular, Steve Riddell, for his work with the radio communications system and

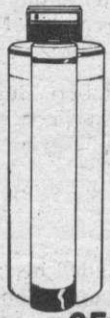
Gordon McDonald as Fire Chief.

Jean Lockwood reported on the Emergency Health Society which has taken over the operation of the ambulance and first aid service on the island. The ambulance and equipment continue to be housed in the Fire Hall. It is hoped, however, that a separate alarm phone system will be developed for Emergency Health Service calls.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president - Chester Williams; vice-president, Charles Partington; secretary, Basil Benger; treasurer, Marion Williams; directors, W.A. Chunn, Mrs. D. Darling, A. Smith, Mrs. J. Smith and H. Tingley.

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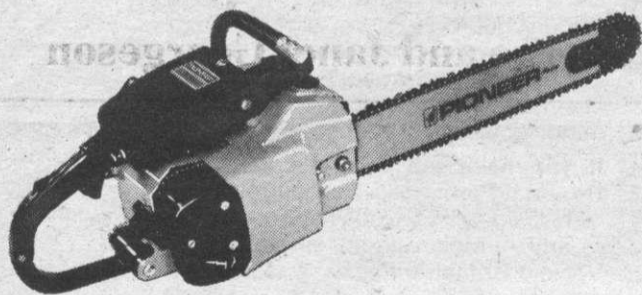
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NEWS FROM GALIANO

BY WINNIE LIVER

The Senior Citizens held their annual general meeting last Monday at the Galiano Hall.

The president, Isabella Murphy, gave her report and noted that finances were in a pretty healthy state. The slate of officers elected are, I. Murphy, president; H. Webster, secretary; D. Baines, treasurer; D. Jones, vice-president M. Robinson gave a report on her activities as counselor.

The Galiano Island Housing Society held their annual meeting at the hall on Saturday afternoon. The president John Liver opened the proceedings by welcoming members and guests.

Secretary Peggy Chunn read the minutes of the last annual meeting and Bill Duncan as treasurer, gave an excellent report. Many an accountant would be hard-pressed to surpass his report.

The directors' report followed. The president thanked all the service clubs and all the members of the community who had given so generously of their time and money.

There were six members of The British Legion from Bowen Island present. They were delighted with our project and hope to copy it.

The officers elected were John Liver, president; S. Riddell, vice-president; P. Chunn, secretary; Bill Duncan, treasurer.

Directors are J. Bellhouse, M. Robinson, A. Lantinga, M. Ferguson, O. Garner.

Mr. Liver then thanked the past committee for their support and hard work during a very difficult period.

Under new business the question of the Walkathon came

up and it was noted that the senior citizens housing was in need of storage space and this might be an effective way of raising the money in conjunction with the Galiano Lions Club.

Our school children played a soccer match against Pender Island last Wednesday and how proud they were to be wearing their new T-shirts donated by the Galiano Lions Club! Their coach Bert Mozley was very pleased with their performance.

The keep-fit class started last Monday under the direction of K. Johnson. These classes are at 10.30 at the Galiano Hall, Monday mornings.

There are two more annual meetings in the offing. The Galiano Club, on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 8 pm at the hall; the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Galiano Hall at 8 pm.

Oil tanker meeting at Duncan

Concern over oil tanker traffic has sparked a meeting at Duncan this week end.

There will be a public meeting about the safety of supertankers in Canadian waters and about the proposed Kitimat pipeline and how its supertanker traffic will affect the marine and wildlife of the B.C. coast. This will be held at 8 pm, Friday,

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- From F.B.B.

MEMBERS

HEAR

PSALM

The South Salt Spring Island Women's Institute held the regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. O'Sullivan, Fulford on February 10 at 2 pm, with nine members present.

The meeting opened with the president Mrs. R.H. Lee reading the 23rd Psalm for busy people, taken from the W.I. News Letter.

Secretary read minutes of the last meeting and the financial statement, both of which were accepted. Roll call followed.

It was reported that \$10 was sent to the provincial secretary as a donation towards the Variety Club Telethon. If each Institute contributed the same the Women's Institutes could present a \$2,000 cheque for the New Children's Hospital which the Variety Club Telethon is pledging for, members agreed.

A Women's Institute member is attending Brownie meetings to teach the girls to crochet.

Four or five members plan to attend the Adelaide Hoodless Luncheon to be held at Royal Oak on February 24.

FIRST INSTITUTE

Adelaide Hoodless organized the first Women's Institute, February 19 in Ontario.

The first Institute was organized in B.C. in 1909. Wednesday afternoon Feb. 23 at Mrs. D. Slingsby's in Fulford the members are starting craft work, beginning with a quilt. Anyone interested is welcome.

Next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R.H. Lee, Fulford on March 10.

The meeting adjourned and tea was served. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the hostess.

Feb. 18, at the Cowichan Valley Regional District Activities Centre, 190 Ingram St., Duncan.

Because of the recent rash of accidents involving supertankers on the east coast of the United States, Canadians have been wondering how we can avoid oil spills in our waters.

The meeting will discuss such matters as the likelihood of oil spills in local waters; existent regulations to control tankers to avoid oil pollution, faulty navigation and unsafe ship construction; federal and provincial government actions to protect the coasts from accidents; Kitimat as a necessary and safe site for a supertanker port.

Gary Gallon, Executive Director of S.P.E.C. (Society for Pollution and Environmental Control), will present slides from S.P.E.C. A short Environment Canada film on oil pollution, Focus on Survival, will be shown.

This film was just released by the National Film Board after being shelved for 18 months after its completion because of controversy about it in the External Affairs Department. Bob Skelly, M.L.A. Port Alberni, and Capt. Harry Mitchell, Ship Safety Branch, Canadian Coast Guard, will attend to fully question.

SPECTator looks at flies

BY MIKE LARMOUR

Many islanders noticed a severe infestation of caterpillars on alder trees last fall, voraciously stripping entire trees of their leaves. These were not the familiar tent caterpillar, but the larval stage of the Striped Alder Sawfly.

The larvae are about 3/4 inch

long, with a shiny black head and a yellowish body with stripes. According to the Pacific Coast Forest Research Station there may be two overlapping broods per year in the Vancouver district.

The adult flies emerges from the soil in May and lay eggs on the underside of alder leaves.

The resultant larvae become full grown in about 20 days, and crawl down to the ground to form cocoons several inches beneath the surface of the ground. Apparently, there is a tendency for an infestation to move slowly northward each year. We certainly hope so!

FOOD WEEK

February 11-19 is Canada Food Week.

It is a good time to think of the food we eat and where it comes from. A recent Nutrition Canada Survey underscored numerous defects in the quality of Canadian nourishment, and indicated that as many as 40 per cent of all residents are getting a deficient diet. Canadians may be well fed, but they are also undernourished.

Another large issue to consider is the preservation of farmland.

Although Canada is a huge country, only 24 million acres are in climatically-favourable areas and less than two per cent of our total land area is prime agricultural land. Most of Canada's prime farmland is located near large urban centres and is rapidly disappearing under blacktop and cement.

In Southern Ontario alone, 2.5 million acres went out of production between 1941 and 1971. A key concept regarding the preservation of agricultural land is stewardship:

"a concept which arises from evidence that while land is permanent, the soil itself and the ground cover is fragile. In part, it arises from a recognition of the transience of individual life and in part from the expectation that human life will go on; that generations will succeed one another....It has been expressed in many contexts -- theological and philosophical, legal, economic and practical. It says to individual humans that how they use land matters; it matters as much to their fellow men and to future generations as it does to themselves." From The Royal Commission on Land Ownership and Land Use in Prince Edward Island, April 1973)

structure would have on the community; the use of the land involved; why Saturna was chosen as the site by the Society and the rezoning necessary if the plan were to be implemented.

It was decided to hold another community meeting on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 2 pm, to ascertain whether the community wanted the Regional Board to rezone the land for the purposes of the Society, and if so, to write a land use contract with the Meditation Society. Details of the latter meeting will be in next week's column.

PROGRAM STARTS

Susan Ryce, Linda Cote and Stu Cooper, who received an LIP grant to provide enrichment for the island children have started a series of activities.

Tuesday afternoon, they accompanied a group in a hike to and through the Crown-Zellerbach property. Wednesday, the Cultural Afternoon activities were continued.

Tutoring sessions, a Friday evening drop-in at the Hall, the first of a series of skating excursions to Victoria - with a dozen children, and Jan Crooks helping out with the driving were also started up.

Clint Davidson hosted a party on the occasion of his third birthday. Present were the preschoolers on island: Danny Bouch, Ingrid Gaines, Kimberley and Nicole Graham, and Caitlin Hayes, with their accompanying mothers.

LIONS NEWS

At the regular Tuesday night meeting, the Texas mickey was won by John Silvester, and the Pot o' Gold by Tom Barnett.

A Saturday workbee to pour cement on the tennis courts behind the school was rained out, so the workers, Neville Bouch, Bob Hindmarch, Frank Copeland, Ernie Atkinson, Bill and Dale Lawson and Tom Davidson had a congenial cup of coffee instead.

Sincere condolences are offered to Muriel Wilkinson and family, on the death of her mother, and Karen Muntean and family, on the recent death of her father in the United States.

COMING EVENTS—

Monthly meeting of the Gulf Islands Branch of B.C. Historical Association will be held here at the hall, Sunday, Feb. 20, in the afternoon.

The preceding evening, the Lions are holding their Casino Night festivities, starting with cocktail hour at 6, cold buffet and games at 7.

SATURNA SCENE

BY KUKLOS

The biggest events on island lately have been the public meetings concerning the possible purchase of the Crown-Zellerbach land by the Transcendental Meditation Society.

The first was held February 6, at the Community Hall, and was very well attended, with more than 50 present.

Three officials of the meditation society, including Victoria head, David Lawley, were closely questioned about their interest in the land.

The meeting was chaired by Walter Bavis.

Jim Campbell represented the Capital Region Board, and the three Island Trust members: Barry Crooks, Jim Money and John Gaines, were there.

KEY QUESTIONS

Questions centred around the effect the proposed 100-room

Painters offered classes

The next Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild workshop will be conducted by Peggy Farina.

It is on "Techniques for Drawing and Painting Trees" which should be very invaluable for island artists.

Mrs. Farina taught art for many years in Vancouver schools. She received her training in Toronto, and in Regina at the Balfour Technical School.

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On the evening of January 29, there was a dinner and dance in the Saturna Community Hall to honour Robert Burns, the lowly and beloved Scottish poet.

His portrait was placed in a position of honour on the stage at the front of the hall.

The tables were decorated with heather tied with purple ribbon. The menu, carefully prepared by Mrs. Walter Bavis, included the traditional Scottish scones, shortbread, oatcakes and haggis.

Mrs. E. Coombs was in charge of the sale of tickets at the door.

The 58 guests were welcomed by Thomas Davidson. Then Jack Vincent said the Selkirk Grace. Mr. Davidson, who was wearing a Davidson tartan kilt, addressed the haggis, which was carried into the hall on a silver tray by Mary Jane Davidson, who was kilted in the McInnis tartan which is her mother's clan.

TOAST TO THE LASSIES

Mr. Davidson also gave the toast to the Lassies and Mrs. Walter Bavis responded quoting from Burns' poems.

Throughout the evening,

Mr and Mrs. W. Bavis, Mr. Vincent, Mrs. E. Mogg, Mrs. L. Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. G. Howarth and Mr. Davidson sang Scottish songs. Mrs. Vincent played the piano accompaniment.

Mrs. Walter Bavis sang a solo, The Star of Robbie Burns.

The highlight of the evening was the address "to the Immortal Memory" given by Mr. Bavis.

He reviewed Robert Burns life, speaking of his poverty and humble origin. He compared Burns to a jewel covered with dust and he emphasized Robert Burns' compassion for all living things.

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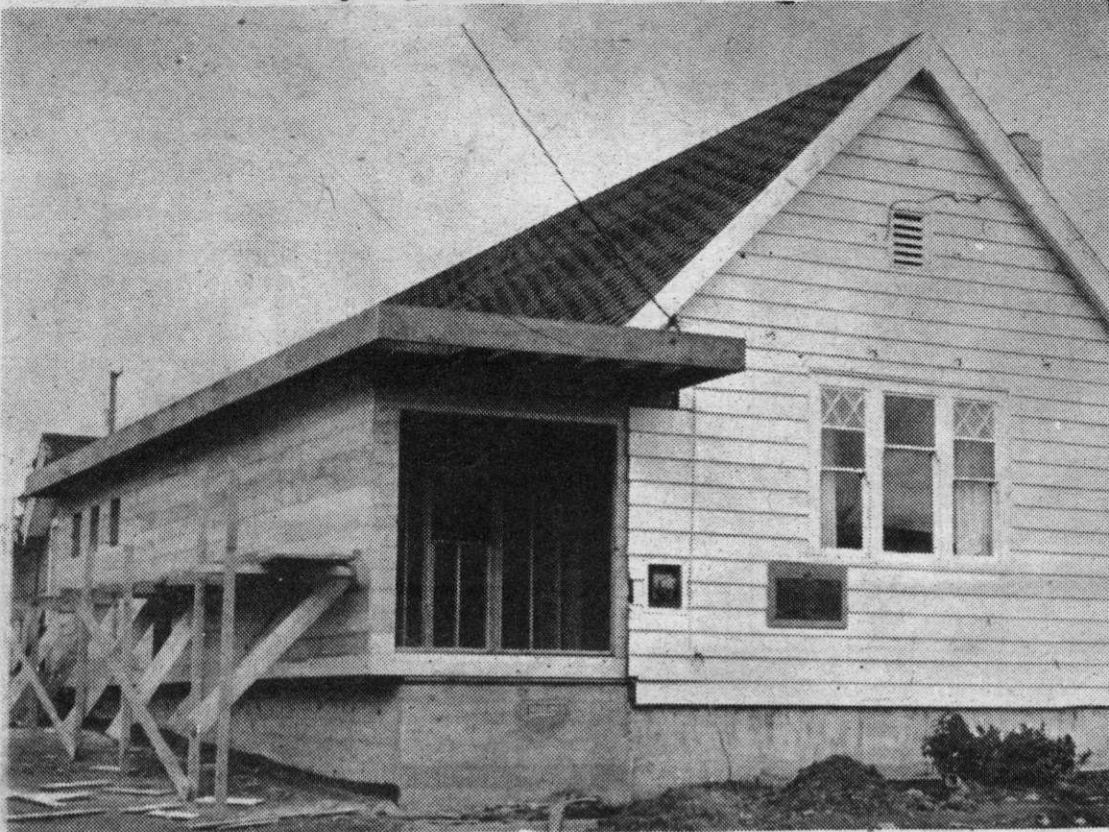
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Residents express concern over water

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supply, he assured the meeting; and a good water movement is the first line of defence against any source of contamination.

PRIME CAUSE
One of the biggest factors in animal wastes reaching the lake waters is septic tank effluent, said the speaker. This is the

prime cause of the offensive bacteria in a polluted lake. On Salt Spring Island the danger is particularly high because of the shallow overburden. This averages six to 10 inches, he said.

Maxwell Lake is the nearest approach there is to the perfect lake, said Larmour. There is practically no source of contamination and there is only one summer cottage in the watershed area.

"How can we keep it that way?" he asked.

The ideal answer seems to be to acquire the area surrounding the lake to the point where water runs away from the lake it was generally agreed. At the present time the North Salt Spring Waterworks District owns about 40% of this property. The remaining 60% of watershed land amounts to about 200 acres.

At a 10-acre minimum per home, there could be 20 homes and they could all be located in one broad general area, suggested a participant.

MORE CONTROLS

Other suggestions from the meeting called for a check into the authority enjoyed by the board of trustees of the district to apply more stringent controls.

A 20-acre minimum lot size with not more than one building per 20 acres was mooted and the specification of the watershed as a municipal water supply in order to minimize its usage for other purposes and to restrict access, in a manner similar to that exerted on the Capilano watershed at Vancouver.

Residents also questioned the purchase of the 200 acres on long-term debentures if this could be done without representing a prohibitive charge to water bills in the district.

FURTHER MEETING

The residents, all from that area of Salt Spring Island south of the Ganges village to the southern boundary of the water district, agreed to call a further meeting and to invite spokesmen from the provincial Water Rights Branch, the chairman of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District and the Capital Regional District.

The meeting will be called as soon as the representatives can be lined up to answer the questions posed by the property owners.

One unanimous conclusion was reached. Something must be done to preserve the purity of water from Maxwell Lake.

The meeting was called to explore the situation, explained Mr. Brookbanks and not to reach a conclusion.

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