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They live out gospel story



They have the donkey for Palm Sunday. It brought back the gospel story of Jesus entering Jerusalem. It was part of the service at St. George's in Ganges.

\$600,000 school tax

Islands' share too big says minister

Gulf Islands are paying too great a share of the province's school taxes.

Agreeing with island complaints at a Social Credit meeting in Salt Spring Island Elementary School last week, Education Minister Pat McGeer promised to investigate the rate of tax collected in the islands under the equalization legislation.

Spencer Marr, Ganges accountant and a member of the Gulf Islands School Board, protested the amount of taxes collected in the islands under the equalization act. More than \$1 million has already

been taken from islanders for the assistance of outside school boards asserted the trustee, and some \$600,000 must be taken from islanders this year.

TAKE IT OUT!

Marr also urged that additional monies required to operate the district, beyond the limit of 110% of last year's budget, should be deducted from the \$600,000 off-island taxes and not added to the already heavy tax burden.

Province requires that school boards expend no more than a 10% increase over the previous year's

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It is problem for school board

Minister steers clear of Fernwood School dispute on Salt Spring

As Gulf Islands School Board moves towards the construction of the new Fernwood School, opposition to the project fell at the last hurdle.

Peck to set up course

"I am pleased that we have someone of this stature on our staff," said Ivan Mouat on Thursday when he announced that Secretary Treasurer Wilf Peck would be absent from his normal duties for a few days.

The senior Gulf Islands School Board staff member will be at the University of British Columbia as a consultant in the preparation of a trustee training program.

Look-out station broken into

The Forestry Look-Out Station on Mount Bruce was broken into on Monday.

Ganges RCMP report that the door was forced open but nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Pole shattered

A car accident on Galiano Island last week left a telephone pole shattered.

A vehicle struck the pole early on the morning of March 13 on Burrill Road.

No further information was available on Tuesday.

On Tuesday evening of last week Education Minister Pat McGeer told a Salt Spring Island School meeting that his ministry will not interfere in the affairs of school boards of the province.

Trustees of the district had approved construction of a school at Fernwood to accommodate a school population already overflowing from facilities at Ganges. The proposal had met with the endorsement of the ministry of education.

When parents met to express concern at the lack of shower facilities in the plans for the school, it was suggested that the school should not be built at all.

TWO GROUPS

Parents whose children would in all likelihood attend the new school broke into two groups: those who supported the plan and those who opposed it.

Island pianist enters music festival

Sarah Wiebe, pupil of Angela Funk who teaches at Fulford, was the only entry from Salt Spring in the piano classes at the Cowichan Music Festival, held March 13 to 18.

She entered six classes and received three first places and three second places. Sarah tied for the highest mark in Baroque classes, and shares the Rose Bowl with Nicola Crosbie from Duncan.

Sarah and Nicola also tied for the Junior Championship, receiving the George Sinden trophy.

Television scenes of protest and a petition to the minister brought last week's response that the matter must be decided by the trustees.

If he were to arbitrate on such a matter on Salt Spring Island, explained the minister, he would have to take similar action in respect of all school districts in the province.

Meeting was called by the Salt Spring Island Social Credit Association and was for members and invited guests.

Robert Aston was the chairman.

For January, February

Total of 22 permits on islands

Building permits issued on the Gulf Islands during January totalled 12, down from 16 in January, 1977.

Four permits were issued on Salt Spring at a value of \$126,878; two on Pender at \$110,688; four on Mayne, \$134,164; and one on Gossip Island, \$28,000. Last year, permits were issued only on Salt Spring and Pender. Nine went to Salt Spring, with a value of \$289,760 and seven to Pender, valued at \$179,866.

In February, 10 permits were issued on the islands, down from 17 the year before.

Two went to Salt Spring with a value of \$134,518; six to Pender, \$184,737; and two to Mayne, \$76,933. Last year, Salt Spring got seven for a value of \$246,894; Pender, four for \$80,892; Galiano, three for \$102,388; and Mayne, three for \$76,300.

Swallows here in strength

Mrs. C.G. Brabandt, Beddis Road, was first to report that the swallows have returned to Salt Spring Island.

She spotted them flying in her garden at 8 am on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17.

Mrs. R.H. Lee reports swallow scouts arrived in Fulford on Friday, left almost immediately and returned in full force on Sunday, March 19.

Coers Cup Final

Cosmos leap to top as season ends

BY MALCOLM LEGG
Cosmos, 3; Hornets, 0

The Cosmos took a long time finding something to win, but with the prestigious Coers Cup on the line, the team came together and smothered all opponents to become champions.

To reach the final, the Cosmos slipped by the Hornets, 2-0 in the quarter-finals and whipped the Red Devils, 2-0 in the semi-finals.

In the final, they had to play the Hornets once again and, true to form, they defeated the Hornets once again by a 3-0 score.

In the early going the Cosmos carried the play but Erin Fewings and Jeff Moger failed to convert their chances. Then the Hornets attacked, led by Tony Legg who took three shots in succession but failed to score.

The first shot was blocked, the rebound went off the post and the second rebound was saved by Cosmos goalie David Cates.

Finally, the Cosmos broke the goose eggs as Stuart Lyon fed a perfect pass to Jeff Moger. Jeff was on a perfect 2-on-1 break with Erin and he fed Erin a beautiful

pass which Erin easily converted for a 1-0 lead. Anthony Archer held the score down for the Hornets with several exceptional saves in goal.

AT 10-MINUTE MARK

In the second half the Cosmos continued to press but they did not sew up the win until only 10 minutes left in the match. Jeff Moger, the Cosmos offensive wizard, snaked this way through the Hornets defence and scored goal number two. Minutes later Robert Hitchcock snapped up a loose ball and drilled home a perfect shot to

ensure a Cosmos victory.

With the blowing of the final whistle, the Cosmos jumped for joy. They had finally done it; they had won the Coers Cup. It was a team effort all the way as all the boys contributed. An introduction to the players who comprise the Cosmos is in order.

In goal was David Cates, a boy whose play has improved 100% over the season. His daring and steadiness between the posts won many a game for the Cosmos.

Two key players, Robert Hitchcock and [Turn to Page Two]

Golf Clinic at Galiano

Len MacDonald, golf pro at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club, is giving a one-day golf clinic at the Golf Club on Galiano Island on Saturday, April 8.

Non-members will pay a fee, but members will be free, because the event is co-sponsored by the Ladies' Section of the Galiano club and the continuing education department of Gulf Islands School District.

Adults will have a choice of two sessions, from 10 to 12 in the

morning or four o'clock to six o'clock in the afternoon. Children will have a special session, from one pm to three pm. It was originally planned to have the adult sessions divided into men's and women's groups but now the consensus is for mixed classes.

Those interested in taking part in this one-day golf class may register by calling Florence Dodwell or May Ferguson on Galiano Island, or Virginia Newman, Continuing Education co-ordinator in Ganges.

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Easter services for United Church on Salt Spring

Special services at Ganges United Church for the celebration of Easter are as follows:

Good Friday, March 24, at 10 am, a joint Anglican-United service will be held in Ganges United Church, with special music by the Salt Spring Island Community Choir, led by Eric Coombes, with Angela Funk at the organ.

The choir will sing "O sacred head, sore wounded" from J.S. Bach's Passion Chorale, and "God so Loved the World".

Soloist, Mrs. Marlene Slingsby, will sing "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

The Good Friday offering will be devoted to World Development and Relief.

Easter Sunrise Service at 6 am at the Cenotaph in Centennial Park, Ganges. This is an inter-denominational service with the ministers from the local Anglican, Community Gospel, Roman Catholic and United Churches taking part. Sunrise comes at 6.05 am Easter Sunday, so worshippers are advised to be there before 6 am.

Following the brief service, coffee and hotcross buns will be

enjoyed by all participants in Ganges United Church Hall, courtesy, Ron and Bunty McNally.

Easter Morning worship service at 10.30 am in Ganges United, with Yvonne Toynbee as soloist for the occasion. Mrs. Toynbee will sing "I know that my Redeemer liveth" from Handel's "Messiah" and "The Holy City", with Angela Funk at the organ.

On Thursday, March 23, all United Church people are invited to join in the Maundy Thursday service in St. George's church, Ganges at 7.30 pm. Holy Communion will be administered by Rev. Peter McCalman and Rev. Dr. Vern McEachern for this joint Anglican-United service. All are welcome at these special Easter services.

In memoriam



This wreath was hung last week end on the building that has been occupied by Island Handcraft House at Ganges. Operator of the store was convicted recently of operating a commercial business on residentially-zoned property.

Cosmos take Coers Cup

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cock and Alan Stacey anchored their defence with solid tackles, good clearances and sound defensive plays. In support were Chad Little, the Cosmos mighty terrier who never backed down on any play and their sturdy left-footer, Peter Spencer.

At half-back was newcomer Stuart Lyon who helped the Cosmos turn an average season into a winning one with his 110% hustle and desire. Sean Sime and Aaron Gildoner added youth and good teamwork in the mid-field also.

Up front the Cosmos had their Dynamic Duo of Jeff Moger and Erin Fewings. Their feet were like cannons as shots exploded like cannon-balls when they shot, creating havoc for opposing defenses and sending shivers of fears into opposing goalies. Matthew Stelter and Dwayne Guilbault gave support up front and steadily improved all season long.

Their coach Malcolm Legg congratulates the team on their cup victory and second place finish in the league standings.

JAMBOREE
The Red Devils came up winners once again but the Cosmos were a close second in the 4-team, round-robin Jamboree. The Red Devils victory was a combination of solid defensive play anchored by Todd Smith in goal, Denny Box and Brian Kaye in defence and a fast-breaking offence led by Mike Brown, Darren Garner and Glen Speed. In the end these factors gave the Devils and their enthusiastic coach, Steve Ondre, and their many supporters a deserving Victory ribbon.

High-lights of the games went as follows: Devils, 4; Goblins, 0, Brian Kaye scored four as he single-handedly over-whelmed the Goblins.

Cosmos, 1; Hornets, 1; It appeared the Cosmos had the game well in hand on Jeff Mogers lone goal when Barbara McWhirter

scored late in the game to force the tie.

Goblins, 0; Hornets, 5. Tony Legg used his powerful shot to score four and Kenny MacPherson notched another in a big win for the Hornets.

Devils, 1; Cosmos 1. By far the best game of the Jamboree with Mike Brown scoring for the Red Devils and Erin Fewings for the Cosmos.

Goblins, 0; Cosmos, 1. Jeff Moger scored the only goal late in the game and the Cosmos held on for the win.

Devils, 2; Hornets, 1. Goals by Brian Kaye and Mike Brown gave the Red Devils the Jamboree ribbons although Tony Legg got one back for the Hornets near the end.

DIVISION ENDS

The Jamboree brought the Intra-island Division to a close. It was an exciting season for the girls and boys as most of the teams enjoyed the fruits of victory throughout the season.

The five teams enjoyed a full league schedule, weather permitting, four Jamborees and a Cup Tournament and still have the fun of Soccer Day to come. We hope the children who participated learned some of the skills and sportsmanship of soccer but most of all we hope they learned to enjoy the worlds finest sport.

Special thanks must go to all the boys from the Kicks and Canadians who did an excellent job of refereeing all season long. Also our coaches, Mrs. Ursula Legg, Mr. Eric Coombes, Mr. David Chase, Mr. Steve Ondre and Malcolm Legg, must not be forgotten because the time and energy they devoted enabled the league to be a success.

Thank you one and all, see you on Soccer Day, April 15 and 16 and hopefully we will all be together again next year.

His letters are dandies

Circular letter from Money Bros. and Pederson was received by Gulf Islands School Board on Thursday afternoon.

It was inviting interested persons to acquire the company's water system on Saturna Island, trustees were told.

The trustees were invited to read the letter, with the advice, "Mr. Money's letters are dandies!"

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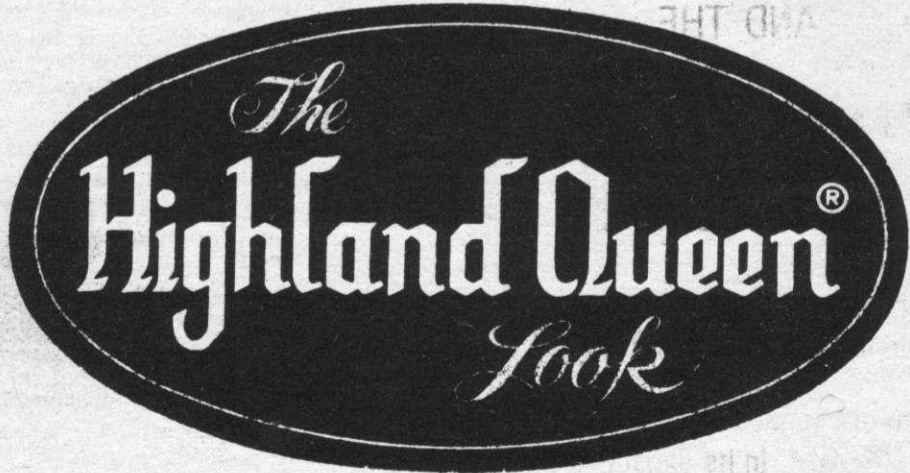
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by richards

When my other daughter went to the insurance office in which he works, Chuck Longuey told her to pass on the message that it was about time I wrote something good about him. I worried for two weeks trying to think of something good to say. Then he said he meant his office and not himself. That took me off the hook!

Watch Bill Delong! The other day he was trying to milk his coffee from my tea pot.

Some old-timer is stepping it out these days! There's a felt slipper on Mouat's canopy and whoever wears felt slippers and kicks that high should be on the stage, not the street!

Lamb from the seaside is a delicacy. Salt Spring Island lamb was always in demand. I learned last week that in the gourmet world the raising of sheep on the coast is considered the secret of good meat. Agneau sale, or salt lamb is the tops. And it is simply lamb that has been raised within six miles of the coast, or salt water.

All this talk about education reminds me of the classic RAF joke. First Aircraftman: I'm taking an intelligence test today! Second aircraftman: What's an intelligence test?

Every politician has a story. Pat McGeer recalled a reminiscence of his uncle, the late Gerry McGeer while speaking to a Ganges aud-

ience last week. There was a heckler in the audience. Finally, Gerry McGeer asked the heckler her name. Bessie, said she. Only Bessie he'd known was a cow, retorted the older McGeer. Only Jerry she'd known went under the bed, came back the heckler.

In a Lions Walkathon some years ago Bill Trelford was the passenger in a wheelbarrow pushed from Ganges to Fulford by the then NCO in charge of the RCMP at Ganges, Cpl. Fred Rhodes. It may yet be repeated by others. It leaves the matter open to some speculation. If Bill were to take a few drinks before the event, could he be charged with being drunk in charge of a wheelbarrow?

Jan Harkema went fishing. That's not unusual. But when he found no fish at Active Pass, he decided to go mountain-climbing for a salmon. He ended up, high on a reef. No fish there, either!

Fall Fair at Ganges set for September 16

The Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute reports that the wheels are in motion to hold the third modern-day Fall Fair on September 16.

The following members comprise this year's co-ordinating committee: Ted Baker, Jo Clarke, Dave and Lois Phillips and Merv Walde. Marguerite Lee will act as secretary and Pat Lee will sit on the committee as ex-chairman.

The committee has held its initial meeting and divided areas of responsibility. A great deal of support is required to stage this popular island event said Lee, and anyone interested in helping can contact the following committee members, depending on their areas of interest: Ted Baker, all livestock exhibits; Jo Clarke, all indoor exhibits; Merv Walde, other exhibits, grounds, construction and novelty events; Dave and Lois Phillips, programme and advertising; Marguerite Lee, secretary.

These people will be able to offer advice and information or put you in touch with the various section co-ordinators who will welcome assistance, said Pat Lee.

The committee will again publish a single programme which will be available in late Spring so that everyone can plan their exhibits early.

Choral concert

The Salt Spring Island Community Chorus will be performing an Easter Choral Concert at St. George's Church on Easter Sunday at 2 pm.

The programme will consist of sacred anthems depicting the Passion, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection in triumphant glory.

A piano interlude will be performed by 10-year-old Sarah Wiebe.

An open collection for a children's charity will be accepted at the door.

POWER OUTAGE

Power will be off on:

Leisure Lane, Blaine Road, and Howell Road
Wednesday, March 29

from 9 am - 12 noon to permit B.C. Hydro crews to make improvements to the distribution system.

Bus to carry kindergarten students to door of church-hall-classroom

Kindergarten is operated at Ganges in the hall of the Community Gospel Church.

There has been some concern expressed by parents of pupils over the requirement that young students must walk along Drake Road, which has no sidewalks or shoulders.

Petition from parents was received by the school board. Trustee Ivan Mouat and Sgt. Ray Stelter, RCMP, made a check of the conditions. Kindergarten students were dropped by the school bus at the corner of Drake Road and Ganges Hill. Sgt. Stelter expressed the opinion that the walk along Drake Road is hazardous for five-year-olds.

The bus schedule will have to be cut down 10 minutes, commented Secretary-Treasurer Wilf Peck.

Don Fairweather reminded the board that it is not compulsory to provide transportation for kindergarten students. The act says that boards may so provide.

He took the stand that safety is more important than schedules, stated Mouat.

The secretary-treasurer introduced a second aspect of the bus

schedule. Since a newer bus has been put on that route the usage has increased.

"There has been a sudden demand on the bus."

School tax

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figures. When the budget goes over that figure a special by-law must be passed to approve the additional expense.

The equalization tax was introduced to compensate for large businesses, explained McGeer. **THERE IS NONE**

Where large tax contributions are made by big commercial undertakings, part of the funds realized are milked off for the benefit of other communities, where there is no big business.

He was interrupted. There is no big business here, he was told.

That was the end of the discussion. He would investigate it, promised the minister. He agreed that if the facts of the matter are as simple as they appeared, the heavy burden on the Gulf Islands is not justified.

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Education

On Tuesday evening last week a large audience attended the Social Credit meeting to listen to Education Minister Pat McGeer outline the problems he faces and the manner in which they affect islanders.

Many attended the meeting in the hope that the minister would tell them that he did not appreciate the manner in which the Gulf Islands School Board had elected to build a new school at Fernwood and to instruct them to scrap their plans and adopt a new procedure to educate island children.

Others attended to express some criticism of the manner in which the system operates in British Columbia and to seek some amendments. They were partially successful.

The minister explained at some length that he could not interfere with the running of an autonomous administration such as the local school boards. He admitted the quite surprising revelation that his ministry has been approving school construction projects under the impression that the school population was increasing, only to find later, that it was going down. These references were to other districts in the province.

Majority of his audience did not expect ministerial interference. As Mr. McGeer explained, once he interfered with one district he would have to interfere with all districts. He would then have no time for anything else.

He expressed confidence in the school boards. He also expressed confidence in the ability of the taxpayers to bring about a change in personnel if a school board was not acting in the best interests of the community.

The minister's stand on tax equalization proved the strongest medicine he was prepared to dish out here. And it was strong.

He expressed agreement that the islands are being overtaxed in the \$600,000 levy which is raised in the islands and spent in other school districts. He also promised that he would investigate this levy.

The raising of taxes to spend in other communities has irked islanders for all the years it has been in force. There is no industry in the islands and the only advantage gained in the islands school district over other districts in the province is that of educating fewer than average children. Average age of islanders is higher than elsewhere in the province.

If the meeting at Ganges last week brings about a relief in the equalization tax burden, then we have gained all we could have hoped for from the visit of the education minister.

Too long we have smarted under this very unfair burden, without hope of relief.

Now, we can't wait to hear the minister's report!

Letters to the Editor

BACKYARD BUSINESSES

Sir,

On reading your article 'Backyard Businesses a threat', in Driftwood this week, I am all for something being done about this matter especially when it comes to auto repairs.

Over recent weeks we have been bugged by TV interference to an amazing degree - cause unknown! We have tried to watch evening TV and been pestered by the noise of engine-running consistently for some two hours and by the screeching of electrical equipment or other annoyance.

Rainbow Road has certainly deteriorated in the last few years, with used cars being dumped on various sites and all sorts of rubbish left in full view along this road.

As for By-law 66, I certainly think this should exclude any business in rural or residential areas, which is likely to cause a nuisance to neighbours.

I certainly hope that no such business license, for auto repairs or any business requiring electrical tools and so on, will be issued to anyone near my home!

This is a rural or residential area, and as such should not be allowed to look or sound like an industrial area.

I think the Islands Trust should keep this in mind for the benefit of residents all over the island, to say nothing of garage repair services, who have to pay taxes as business premises.

I think they too, could see to it that services and charges, are perfectly fair and reliable!

(Mrs.) F. Roberts
Rainbow Road, RR3
Ganges
March 16, 1978

NOT FOR GARBAGE

Sir,

Have islanders no conscience? The recycling shed is NOT a garbage drop off. Do YOU leave articles that cannot be recycled? Rusty wire, light bulbs, batteries, whole tins, old gloves, and clothing, are often left when there is no one on duty at the shed.

Do you ever volunteer to work there? No, you might have to tidy up after people as thoughtless as you.

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folded strung newspapers, cans and bottles, preferably not in soaking wet boxes. If you break bottles into the bins, please refrain from mixing the colours.

Help us, by leaving these items only. We have to pay to have garbage removed.

Sanchia Seward
R.R.3
Ganges
March 16, 1978

WAKE UP

Sir,

Mr. Denis Young's report of January 4, 1978, to the C.R.D. Board and the members of the Public Works Committee is, and should be, challenged by this area. The details, which are included in this statement, are contradictory. He still claims that the petition received in excess of 68½ in the phase one area, but that it failed to receive the required amount in the Phase 2 area. According to his own summary, neither Phase one or Phase 2 had the required 66⅔%.

Our own Regional Director did not want to look at the evidence, when it was placed in front of him. Was he afraid to find out the truth? Who is he representing?

Also in the same report: "The Regional Health Officer continues to identify a serious health hazard with respect to numerous private systems in the area, and particularly the downtown business section."

I say that Doctor A.S. Arneil should make up his mind, once and for all, after all, September 28 statement in Driftwood, was that systems were checked, and that he received complete co-operation, and that "the majority of malfunctioning disposal systems in Ganges have been corrected." You can't have it both ways, what has changed?

Let the people that want sewers, pay for them!

All prospective buyers, should beware of the information they or their agents are given by the Building Inspection Department on this island, pertaining to our by-laws! We have just witnessed a case where the wrong information was given, by this department, and these people have been harassed for over a year and finally put out of business by the Court. These people were merely doing the same thing that dozens of others are doing on the island right now!

I tell you, unless we all stand up and be counted, the C.R.D. or any other bureaucrats, will swallow us lock stock and barrel! It's a real shame. After all, who pays their salaries, why should they be allowed to become total dictators? Wake up that is what is happening right now!

Those interested please call 537-2394 or 537-5672.

Yvette Valcourt
RR 3, Ganges
March 20, 1978

Dead seal very much alive

An incident in Ganges Harbour last week left Greg Barnes, of Churchill Road, feeling somewhat embarrassed.

Mr. Barnes called Driftwood Thursday morning with a story about a dead seal. Presumed to be a mother, accompanied by what appeared to be a pup, the seal had been spotted on the Churchill Road side of the harbour. Their behaviour, thought witnesses, was unusual and half an hour later the mother seal sank.

A Driftwood reporter got on the phone to Sealand in Victoria and was told if the seal had sunk it

would not surface again for at least 12 hours. During that time it was likely that crabs and octopus would take care of it, Driftwood learned. If one of the seals was a pup then it would have to be last year's, added the spokesman for Sealand.

On Friday morning, Mr. Barnes again called Driftwood, this time with an explanation. Ganges veterinarian Claus Andress had gone to the scene and, instead of finding two seals, he found two sea lions engaged in the procreation of their species. It turned out that their unusual behaviour could be attributed to the fact that they were mating.

Church Services

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 1978

ANGLICAN

Maundy Thursday

March 23, 1978 - 7.00 pm, St. George's Institution of Lord's Supper & Tenebrae Joint service with United Church

Good Friday

March 24, 1978 - 10.00 am
Ganges United Church - Joint service with United Church

Saturday

March 25, 1978 - 8.00 pm St. George's
The Easter Vigil and Service of Light. The first Easter Eucharist

Sunday

March 26, 1978
6.00 am Centennial Park Sunrise Service
8.00 am St. Mark's The Easter Eucharist
9.30 am St. George's The Family Eucharist
11.15 am St. Mary's The Easter Eucharist

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Mass 11 am

Thursday

7.30 pm Holy Thursday ceremonies

Friday

Service 3 pm

Saturday

Vigil of Easter Service 8 pm

Sunday

Our Lady of Grace, Ganges 10 am

St. Paul's, Fulford 11.15 am

UNITED CHURCH

Friday, March 24

Good Friday worship service. A joint service with Anglican church at 10.00 am

Sunday, March 26

Easter Sunrise service - Centennial Park at 6.00 am

Worship Service at 10.30 am

COMMUNITY

GOSPEL

Mr. L. Sheppard Ganges Sun. Sch.-all ages 10.30 am
537-2622 (church) Box 61 Evening Service 7.30 pm

MAYNE ISLAND

St. Mary Magdalene Sundays Rev. John Dyer 11.30 am

Community Church Pastor J. Rodine 539-5710

Sunday, 3 pm in the school

Bible Study, Friday in the homes 7.30 pm

GALIANO ISLAND

St. Margaret's Galiano Sundays 9.00 am

She has 55 grandchildren And 50 great-grandchildren

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

When Elizabeth Sampson briefly checked over the classifieds in the paper last week...and the week before....she didn't quite read the invitation to the party.

But she mentioned to one of her several sons that she wanted to be invited not knowing that it was her own party she would be attending.

Mrs. Sampson celebrated her 80th birthday last week and from the secretive arrangements made by her 12 children, she celebrated

it with a flourish and a flair.

Flowers, cakes, and people filled the birthday for the islander and now Elizabeth Sampson wants to go dancing. At 80, nothing keeps her down.

An islander since the early

er, Tom Barnett; second year director, Walter Bavis; returning for second year as directors are Lloyd Smith and Dave Crooks.

UPCOMING

Raffle tickets are circulating everywhere.

- for a 'seahorse' pillow -- by the Women's Club -- proceeds for their project to help the extended care facilities at Lady Minto Hospital (view at Lawson's store)

- for a beautiful handmade afghan, by the parents' group, proceeds towards transportation of Saturna children to Mayne Island school, Grades 8 and 9 (view at Wick's store)

- for a meat draw, first prize; side of beef; second, side of pork, by the

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Publicity brochures

Bob Campsall, of Aquarian Publishing Co. at Ganges, has been authorized to produce the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce brochure for 1978.

He will solicit advertising from island businesses.

1900's she grew up in the Cranberry as Elizabeth Acheson. Later, marrying a man by the name of Sampson, Elizabeth moved north to Fernwood where she and her husband farmed all the land between Fernwood wharf and St. Mary Lake. She farmed when she wasn't busy with children and finally, after 12 children, she took up farming altogether.

ABOUT 105

Mrs. Sampson is a grandmother to about 55 grandchildren and a great-grandmother to another 50 children. She explained that it would be easier to count the kin if they were in one photo so she rounds off at approximations.

There are 60 acres left in the Sampson family holding. The homestead land of 50 years ago provides residence for Fernwood neighbours, while set back, off the road, the old original Sampson farmhouse is surrounded by chickens, daffodils and a pleasure in its years.



Elizabeth holds just a few of the many flowering plants she received

Saturna Scene

BY KUKLOS

Saturday, March 11, will be remembered on Saturna for a long time.

In the evening, islanders hosted a party at the Community Hall for the crew of the California Rainbow, a freighter which has been anchored in Lyall Harbour for some weeks now.

A veritable feast was assembled

from donations of food from all over, with particular emphasis on the bounty from our waters, local crab, salmon and other delights. Music was provided, courtesy of Betty and Gordie Wick and Gordie, Neville Bouch and Art Boser were kept busy behind the bar.

People from the "Farm" at Boot Cove had designed large welcoming posters, placed bouquets of cherry blossoms everywhere, and made a delicious cake in the shape of the freighter.

The Rainbow presented the island with a hand-painted plaque commemorating the visit, and Saturna reciprocated with a presentation by Lloyd Smith to Captain Harold Thorsen of a genuine island teddy bear trailing names of all present, and proudly sporting a "Happiness is Saturna" button. Captain Thorsen thanked everyone for the hospitality, and announced that he hoped to retire in the 'paradise' he had found in our Gulf Islands. The party was a huge success, and attended by people anxious to express the good will and friendship that has grown between Saturna and the vessel. Later in the week the California Rainbow invited Saturna to another party, this one a farewell gathering, to be held again in the Community Hall, again, March 18. Details next week.

March 20 was a school holiday as teachers gathered at Pender Island for a meeting of Outer Islands personnel. This will be a short week, as Friday starts the Easter holidays, with everyone away until April 3rd. Michael Hayes will be spending four days of this period as a Gulf Islands delegate to the annual general meeting of the B.C. Teachers Federation of Vancouver.

An 'addition' to the Don and Sylvia Hogg family is their spanking new boat, at the Government wharf.

The Lions Club has a new executive: past president, Bob Hindmarch; president, Gordie Wick; secretary, Frank Copeland; treasurer, Em Coombes; first vice-president, Bob Wilkinson; second vice-president, Don McLellan; Tail Twister, Tom Davidson; Lion Tam-

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Garden Club Notes

BY YELLOW THUMB

The regular monthly meeting of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club was held on March 15 in the United Church Lower Hall; 70 members were present.

After a very short business discussion the president, Charles Orchard, introduced Jack Hardingham, the guest-speaker, who gave the most informative talk on the growing of vegetables. By very careful planning, he explained, one is able to harvest a great many varieties throughout the year. The speaker also gave the most detailed instructions on how to grow peas successfully.

For all the "would-be" gardeners on the island, the Garden Club can offer at its regular monthly meetings, experts in all phases of garden husbandry. Fees are very nominal at \$2 for a single membership and \$3 for a double.



A few months ago, trustees of Gulf Islands School District were asked to erect a bus shed on Salt Spring but they were reluctant to do so because the sheds have a limited life-span. This shed on Vesuvius Bay Road has seen better days and has been placed on the market by some enterprising islander.

Any offers?

Some people would call it

Baloney . . . by Tony

It was a grim day Saturday for a simple-living, unsuspecting island man who was blinded by the bright lights of the big city.

The story of his experiences is one you'd expect to see in a television comedy or hear told as a joke in the local bar. But it was no joke at the time.

Accompanied by a friend, our hapless hero made his way to Victoria with money in his pocket and the dream of owning a vehicle. He searched high and low for the fulfilment of his dream and eventually found himself admiring the lines of an elegant old truck parked on a used car lot.

The two automobile enthusiasts knew what to look for. After kicking a couple of tires and testing the seat for comfort, they spoke to a salesman about it.

Before long, the prospective customer was fairly convinced that not even a Cadillac could compare with the styling and elegance of that old GMC truck. It had to be one of Detroit's finest accomplishments, a veritable objet d'art.

The salesman himself seemed somewhat subdued by the thought that the old girl might be leaving his lot and our two friends swore afterwards that they saw a tear trickle down his cheek.

Whether or not he was a victim of hayfever will probably never be known, but the two car buffs knew that this was what they had been searching for. After taking the truck for a drive they wheeled back into the lot and a deal was struck.

With the papers all signed, the proud new truck-driver was ready to roll. The highways of his dreams were waiting for him; the smell of exhaust gas was perfume to his nostrils; the telephone poles of his mind were mere blurs in the side windows and the white lines were being gobbled up faster than any tank-full of gas.

Our truck-driver was quick to note that the gauge showed an empty tank. With luck that was not to be his for long, he discovered a gas station next door to the lot. While filling his tank, he disdainfully turned down (in not so very polite words) an offer for his new truck that was less than a third of what he paid.

Having replenished his supply of fuel, our friend returned to his seat behind the wheel and breathlessly turned the key. It was a moment of triumph as he prepared to take control of the awesome power that was about to be unleashed.

"Sputter, cough, pop!"

Again he turned the key. "Pop, cough, sputter!" Momentarily, his heart sank.

Once more, he turned the key and this time the engine responded. His heart beat wildly as that tremendous feeling of power returned. But when the engine died seconds later his heart sank to a depth that most men never experience.

For what seemed like a lifetime, he continued turning the key, all to no avail. His grief would have driven most to unthinkable deeds but his strength was such that he managed to retain full control of himself.

With visions of bicycles and horse-drawn buggies the truck of his dreams abandoned in the big city, our hero returned to his island home, dejected and disillusioned.

Names are being withheld in order to protect the innocent from foul and merciless jokes, of which I have been the unfortunate victim since Saturday.

I'm going to use up this extra bit of space here to say that I would like to give a baloney sandwich, made with lots of hot mustard and stale bread, to Nick Humphreys.

We were overjoyed to see him back from his world travels and our joy lasted for about a week. We would again be overjoyed to see him resume his travels and we'd be glad to see him again in another four years.

It's not every day that someone offers a deal such as Luke Harrison's special bargain on shale.

Everyone knows how lucky Luke can be in finding hidden treasure. Well, it seems he wants to give others a chance to be just as lucky. There's gold on Rainbow Road, says Luke, and so his shale is quite valuable.

And for anyone contemplating a stucco finish for the walls of a house, Luke's sand also has gold in it and will add a nice glitter to the walls.

Luke was critical of me for buying shale from Steve Wawryk but if I'd bought Luke's shale, I'd be out on the driveway now, digging for gold. I'd sooner write about Luke.

Galiano

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Paterson (our dentist) are now home from a most enjoyable holiday in New Zealand. Misses Jane Rule and Helen

Sontoff, of Georgeson Bay, have also come home again after spending some time in southern California.

Welcome home to all these travellers, and also the following, who are now at their respective Galiano homes....Bob and Elsie Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Linton, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Cornwell, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Frewer.

Mrs. F. Dodwell had her sister and brother-in-law here for a visit from away down in Quebec.

The fire siren usually goes off on practice days, every second Sunday, but this last Sunday, it was a practice, and then for real. Mrs. Elizabeth Steward had a chimney fire, which was soon brought under control by our efficient firemen.

The roads are now looking quite a lot better, with ditches cleaned out, and some cleaned out on both sides of the roads, thanks to our foreman, Glen Overholt.

The Galiano Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting at the school, on March 8, president D.A. New in the chair. All seemed in order for this time of year, and new Galiano brochures are now in the process of being made up for the coming season. Easter Eucharist will be celebrated at the church of St. Margaret of Scotland at 9 am on Easter Sunday, March 26th. Rev. John Dyer will be here for the service.

The Galiano branch 94, of Senior Citizens, held their annual meeting recently. President is Mrs. I.A. Murphy, vice-president, Mrs. Joan Callaghan, secretary, Mrs. Corrine Snell, Mrs. Devina Baines, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. P.G. James of Salt Spring were luncheon guests, who once again gave us the benefit of their knowledge in agriculture. Helpful hints were given to assist us in our harvest show coming up in August. Annual fees are now due, and anyone is welcome to join.

The N.F.B. films shown at the Hall on Monday nights are very popular.

There will be an Easter dance at the Hall on March 25, beginning at 9 pm and an Easter egg hunt on Sunday, beginning at 1 pm.

Also on Easter Saturday, March 25, the Galiano Ladies Service Club will hold their annual rummage sale. Book sales will be held at the firehall on the third Saturday of each month. Next one is April 15. Our fire department sometimes have a bit of trouble finding someone's home when they have an emergency, it would be nice if signs could be put up to make things easier, but in any case, please be sure to help them when they are needed!

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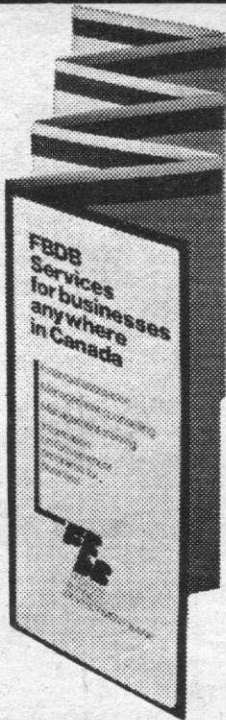
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Car rally all set for April 2 at Salt Spring Ministry looks at harbour

BY PAMELA JAY

The car rally on Salt Spring Island is all set to go on Sunday, April 2.

The route is almost planned. Working in secret and carefully disguised, the organizers have been driving around the island setting up the skill-testing, interesting and amusing drive around the course.

We have designed the course to test alertness and powers of observation. Indeed, you're going to need to be very alert because one of the organizers got lost setting the route.

The Rally is, as we keep on repeating, not a race.

Racing, or too many early arrivals at checkpoints, will lead to disqualification. The course is to be driven within the legal speed limit at all times.

TRICKY CLUES

We are going to give you some tricky clues and some tricky questions. Bring along your hardbacked notebook and some sharp pencils because your navigator will be writing your answers on the Rally Log Sheet as you drive the course, following the instructions on the Rally Log Sheet, to be supplied on

the day of the Rally.

If you have not yet registered your vehicle on the entry form from last week's Driftwood, extra forms can be obtained from the office of the Ganges Telephone Answering Service, Valcourt Mini-Mall.

APRIL 2

The Rally Commences at Centennial Park, Sunday, April 2 at 9.30 am with the first car leaving at 10 am.

As cars finish the course, the Rally Log Sheet will be handed in for computing the winners. Drivers, navigators and friends will join

Islands Trust has been urged to advise the federal ministry of the environment if there should be any proposal to establish an operation

the picnic and party in Centennial Park, while the rest of the rallyers come in, picnic and wait for the prizegiving.

Islanders are invited to attend the picnic even if they are not entering the Rally.

Any car that is roadworthy and currently licensed is eligible to enter the Rally - all you will have to do is have a happy day and follow the clues while you drive around the island.

on Fulford Harbour that might be a hazard to fish.

Anything that could result in the discharge of oil or other matter into harbour waters and threaten the well-being of salmon would concern the ministry, explained a letter to the Trust last week.

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More Food for Thought

BY MARY WILLIAMSON FOR THE S.S.I. COMMITTEE FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND RELIEF

On March 9, the Thursday evening World Relief Study Group watched a National Film Board movie called "Potatoes".

This is a startling expose of the activities of McCain's, the New Brunswick food processors.

We have been fulminating against the multinationals in Belize the Dominican Republic and the Third World generally, so it is a salutary shock to find an outfit like McCains operating right here in Canada. And let no one be complacent about the fact that they are located several thousand miles away, in the Maritimes. Spetifores found, to their cost, that McCains have long arms.

Those of us who read daily newspapers are quite aware that B.C. farmers are grossly over stocked with Kennebec potatoes because of Mr. Spetifore's failure to buy and process the quantities of potatoes for which he had contracted.

What these readers may not realize is that McCain's is quite largely to blame for this failure.

SUBSIDIZED

Because McCains operate in a depressed area of Canada, they receive heavy government subsidies and very favourable freight rates, neither of which was available to Mr. Spetifore.

It therefore became possible for McCains to undercut Spetifores in every aspect of the potato processing business. Appeals from Spetifores to various levels of government were ignored, and finally his business folded, leaving Fraser Valley potato farmers with thousands of bushels of potatoes on their hands; potatoes which were specially grown for processing and which are not suitable for ordinary table use.

The government is now forced

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For you and me He suffered too That our sins might be forgiven. His awesome wounds still bleed anew When we refuse the gifts He's given.

O never let our memories dim The glory of that Easter morn. O let us love and worship Him, Remembering well the pain He's borne.

-Grace A Wright

into the unenviable position of either picking up the tab, forcing the farmers into bankruptcy, or (the route they have chosen) encouraging the manufacture and consumption of potato chips, the kind of empty caloric junk food they are supposed to be discouraging! Verily they speak with forked tongue!

There are many messages in this movie.

The contrast between the rare potato farmer who still employs people and the farmer who relies almost entirely on machinery: the contrast between the farmers and McCains.

The larger message of course is not just to not buy McCains, but to eschew all processed vegetables, on the grounds that they are part of the process which Wes Maultsaid talked about when he visited the Thursday evening group: Food is grown for profit, not for people. More of that next week.

Two businesses are one in new Ganges venture

Construction is under way at the rear of the Gulf Garage in Ganges to accommodate both Reynolds' garage and Nelson Marine services.

efficiency. New stipulation by the Workers' Compensation Board requires that air be piped into pit areas so that the mechanic is supplied with a fresh flow of



Jack Reynolds and Steve Nelson stand next to the forms for the new building at Ganges.

Jack Reynolds and Steve Nelson have merged, to operate business together under the name of Ganges Auto-Marine Ltd. It won't be until the end of April that the marine services will move down the hill into Ganges.

The new addition is 4,800 square feet and will eventually house both boat and auto repair services eliminating weather as a factor in mechanics work.

Pits in the new building will allow for large-vehicle servicing, as well as small and they will be fully illuminated to allow for greater

oxygen. The law is a recent one and the Gulf Garage has it already installed.

NEW LOOK

The front area of the Gulf Garage will be converted into a sales floor, glazed and renovated. Expansion of the parts department will all be included for the new look of Gulf and Nelson Marine.

Not only will the insides change but the gas pump will undergo some additions, including a new canopy and a third pump to retail diesel fuel.

The face lift at the Gulf, and the merger of businesses will be about finished by the time they have their grand opening in May.

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Retroactive Payment of Retirement Benefits.

Retirement benefits may now be paid retroactively for a period of up to 12 months to contributors who had attained age 65 but who are under age 70 and who have retired from the labour force.

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Teleducation is boosted by minister

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McGeer on ferries, ICBC, deficit spending, islands and Ottawa

Education Minister Pat McGeer came to Ganges last week to speak to the Social Credit association on Salt Spring Island. He met the association and their guests in the Activity Room and free-wheeled through the familiar ICBC problems, defended his action in appointing American insurance mogul Robert Shirrill to the top position of the corporation and took a quick look at education.

In the chair was President Robert Aston.

He spoke of the problems of

shortage of money when the government took over ICBC. The new regulations saw him hung in effigy in many places, he recalled.

But it "was clear something had to be done".

He had some warm remarks about the islands and their attraction.

He referred to Jack Webster and his personal interest in the ferries.

The minister explained the Social Credit principle of avoiding deficit spending. Rather than borrow now and let future generations pay off, the government insists on paying now, he told the audience. **UNBALANCED**

He looked askance at the federal government's failure to balance its spending. The level for the Canadian dollar is due to the federal government's policies, he suggested.

He spoke of Premier Bill Bennett.

When provincial premiers met in conference the British Columbian was the only leader with a responsible view of where Canada should go, he recalled. But his proposals were too tough for the other provincial governments.

"He proposed we spend no more than we can make! For a five-year pact across Canada."

This spending policy had put ICBC into superb shape, he told his audience.

"The rates are just over 50% of other parts of Canada," he added.

Under the WAC Bennett government the ferries were making money, he told the islanders.

Three years later, they lost \$9 million in a single year.

He spoke of ferry subsidies.

"You can't expect the taxpayer to fork out money on a system he may never use," he warned. In the remoter parts of the province they don't appreciate spending tax money on ferries.

No changes until survey is completed

Survey of Salt Spring Island lakes not used for water distribution will be made by the water rights branch, Salt Spring Island Trust Committee was told last week.

Chairman Marc Holmes reported that the survey awaits approval of the minister. In the meantime no by-law will be amended in respect of land near those lakes, he stated.

Resort owners of St. Mary Lake wrote, explaining that tourism is the life blood of the province, recalled the chairman. Two letters were also received by the Trust urging that every measure be taken to protect St. Mary Lake water.

A meeting will be called of all users of lake water, said Holmes, but there are more immediate problems to consider first.

Trust approves bid for log sorting in Burgoyne Bay

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee approved an application last week for the foreshore lease of 40 acres of Burgoyne Bay for log booming and sorting.

Sitting in Ganges, the committee heard a request from the ministry of lands for Trust consideration of the application by Ladysmith Log Sorting Co., Ltd. for the lease.

G.S. Humphreys, of Salt Spring Lands Ltd., told the Trust that he is the agent for the vendor of the upland property in question and that the vendor has no objection.

Trust was told that the logging company a subsidiary of the Canadian Pacific, has been using the adjacent foreshore, but that the upland owners, a German syndicate, have other uses for the foreshore. The new lease is in the general vicinity of the former waterfront used by them.

LOGICAL SITE

The committee agreed that Burgoyne Bay is a logical site for log booming and sorting by virtue of its depth and the heavy tidal flow.

Jack Fisher expressed concern that the facilities of Burgoyne Bay for log dumping might be restricted to outside interests at the expense of island loggers.

Access is restricted and there

was doubt expressed as to whether local loggers could reach the waterfront for lack of roads. Upland property in question is very steep, reported the realtor.

Institute scholarship

The South Salt Spring Women's Institute held the monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. D. Slingsby with 12 members present and one visitor.

The Minutes and financial statement were read and passed. Correspondence was dealt with and bed spread embroidery squares were handed in.

A craft meeting was held at the home of Mrs. G. Yardley on March 16.

The Women's Institute is going to enter a booth on May Day if there is to be one.

The Institute is going to give another scholarship this year in home economics or agriculture.

Each member is bringing a tea towel for roll call at the next meeting on April 13. These are to be donated to Central Hall.

Walkathon for May 13



Colin Mouat setting up plans

May 13 is the annual day of the big walk on Salt Spring Island.

Lions Club of the island is planning its annual Walkathon late in the spring in a continued effort to find pleasant weather for the first big project of the year.

Details of the route and the purpose have not yet been announced by the committee in charge. Taking the lead is Colin Mouat, currently serving as Zone Chairman.

Among new features of the Walkathon this year will be team competitions among students. Soccer teams and other sports groups are expected to vie with each other for special prizes. Baseball and

roller hockey teams are also among the contestants.

The Walkathon is the largest project sponsored by Salt Spring Island Lions.

Camera crew

BCTV is coming to the islands.

After Easter a camera crew will visit Mayne Island to record the activities of Gulf Islands Studios.

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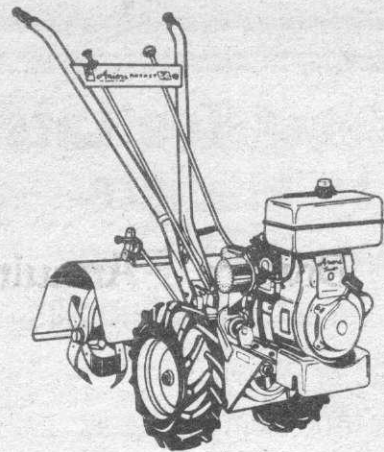
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FROM MADNESS A MESSAGE

She enjoyed The Maids

By Kay Smith

BY KAY SMITH

In the humble opinion of this writer, a tour de force was achieved last Friday evening in the Salt Spring Players' production of Jean Genet's "The Maids". It was a preview presentation of Salt Spring Players' contribution to the B.C. Drama Association South Zone Drama Festival to be held here next month.

Suzanne Johnson as Claire, one of the maids, gave an outstanding performance. Her change of characterization from "play-acting" Madame at her dressing table with aristocratic vocal expression and elegant bearing in the opening moments of the play, to Claire the maid with expressions of doubt and uncertainty, and slouching shoulders, then back to "being" Madame once again was well executed.

AND SOLANGE

Dawn Luker as Solange, the other maid, was in full control from the first moment she descended the staircase, pulling off her rubber

gloves to the last moment of the play. One could sense her deep hatred not only of Madame, but of all the upper classes, her single-mindedness of purpose to destroy Madame, and her strong will over Claire.

It was the manner in which she didn't always state Solange's feelings that I found scary. In other words, in what she left unsaid; the hidden fury, the ambivalent love-hate for Madame, the hidden madness which was covered with a thin veil of sanity. Dawn conveyed all these things extremely well.

Marilyn Taylor as Madame portrayed the unsuspecting, well-meaning but rather indifferent mistress with the first rate performance which she always gives us. I felt she had the part well under control, never giving way to wasted emotions. To me, her portrayal gave strength and character to the part, and underlined the unawareness of Madame, and people like Madame, to the thoughts and emotions of a class of people other than her own. She made the most of the 20-or-so minutes she had on stage.

DIRECTOR

I have nothing but praise for the director, David Fitchew, who undertook what must have been a

most formidable challenge and came out a winner, with a well balanced and well directed play. The deft hand of Lorraine Henderson as production assistant was obvious in the over-all production of the play.

What can one say about the wardrobe! This time Liliane Johnson outshone herself. The gowns were absolutely gorgeous and a delight to the eye.

The set construction by Reg Taylor and Ernie Rubright was well made and definitely had more than a touch of class about it. Reg was also stage manager to this production.

Congratulations to Art Lucs for his elegant and imaginative set design. I was immediately impressed, particularly with the three panelled windows with the fan light moulding.

One of the most difficult tasks in producing a play is the lighting. The person(s) in charge have to get it in complete coordination with the action and dialogue on stage. Full marks to John Lomas and Reg Taylor for a job well done. They helped to create the sinister, unbelievable happenings on stage. Also a word of praise in the choice of music at the beginning and near

the end of the play. My hair was standing on the back of my neck. MAKE-UP

Make-up in the capable hands of Elsa Fraser was well thought out and applied with a masterful touch. The contrast between Solange, so pale to be almost a flat off-white, and Claire with Madame's make-up helped to emphasize in an ironic sense the dominating character of Solange, and the shifting moods of Claire. Thanks to Deborah Gisi of the Hair Salon, for the tightly pulled back hair of Solange and the elegant coiffure of Claire as Madame added to the contrast. Madame herself had a most beautiful soft hairstyle.

I personally feel that it is a good thing for people, not just on Salt Spring Island, but everywhere, to be exposed to plays that are different from the preferred perennial favourites. It helps to make one more knowledgeable not only about the theatre, but about people in all walks of life.

Even a man who has been to prison, as the playwright had been, has something to say, and should be given the opportunity to say it. We may not agree with his philosophies and emotions, but he has a talent to make us think.

Not every theatregoer enjoyed the presentation of two plays at the Ganges Activity Centre at the week end.

The two plays were difficult and demanding, but they were actor's plays.

The Maids, with its long monologues and play on emotion and fantasy, was a challenge to all participants, on the stage and off. It was warmly received by those in the audience who were highly sensitive to the author's overtones or the tremendous demands placed on the players.

I caught about one-half of it. I enjoyed what I saw in it, but the references to what might have been happening and the inferences one might have gained all went over my head.

There were others in the audience who had the same experience.

The second play, A Resounding Tinkle, was described as absurd. If found it more nearly a farce. I thoroughly enjoyed its absurdity, because I found it basically funny. The play is close to being absurd in the sense that it is completely unrelated to reality, but it has enough humour to let me watch and listen without being frustrated.

Both plays are destined for the drama festival. That is where they belong. They are two plays that will never gain the warm affection of casual playgoers.

Many found them more related to a school of drama than a stage of light entertainment.

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"A Resounding Tinkle" by N.F. Simpson is an unusual play, and was the second offering of the preview presentation I mentioned earlier. The theatre of the absurd can be, like the psycho-drama of "The Maids", all-absorbing. Once again we may not agree with the thoughts and feelings of the playwright, but he (or she) has a talent to make us sit up and give our complete attention to what he (she) has to say.

Reid Collins as Bro Paradox seemed made for the part. He sustained a deadpan face and slight exasperation in his voice throughout the entire play. His characterization brought forth the exaggerated humour which is so dominant in plays of the absurd. This talented actor has a future in farce.

Dorothy Roberts, as Middie Paradox, managed a similar characterization efficiently. I thought the manner in which she offered "Uncle Ted" a piece of book for sustenance very funny indeed. She conveyed a sense of normalcy in her action.

Liduin Currell as "Uncle Ted" was able, like her two co-stars, to emphasize the absurdity of the piece by keeping her cool, in the midst of all this lunacy. I hope we will see more of this newcomer.

Pat Desbottes did a creditable job in her debut as a director, and was ably assisted by Betty Ann Thomson, as assistant director.

John Lomas forsook his talents as plumber-cum-electrician to be stage manager, once again illustrating his ability to tackle anything. Barney Baines was his able assistant.

Betty Ann Thomson obviously took great pains to acquire the props in order to create the suburban effect. I haven't seen a radio of that type or size in many a long year.

The picture above the glass cabinet was a good choice; cricket team, I should think. The coat hanger in the hallway was a conversation piece with its Viking-like horns on which to hang one's coat.

One thing I feel I must mention; was the rather sloppy curtain call a part of the absurdity of the play, or was it an oversight with opening night jitters?

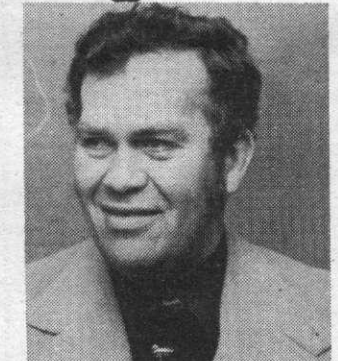
The color of the walls fitted right in with the mood of this particular production. Where else would one see solid blood-red walls completely throughout a room except in the wonderful, crazy world of the absurd.

A final word about our unsung heroes who are enthusiastic members of the Salt Spring Players performing away from the footlights.

Catherine Faulkner as a most efficient house manager, ably assisted by Bryan Condon and Johnnie Wells, who served refreshments in the intermission, and Dorothy Cummings, Elma Rubright and Sharie Lomas for a most attractive programme.

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Working with wool compulsive — island weaver Judith MacKenzie

BY TONY RICHARDS

There is a spinner and weaver of wool living on Salt Spring Island who can tell you how blue jeans originated or what effects the textile industry had on British

workshops a month in Victoria as well as the occasional ones on Salt Spring, which she gives voluntarily to members of the Weavers' Guild.

Judith has been teaching for about three years and her classes

enough to supply Judith with the wool she needs. She goes through hundreds of pounds a year, using both local and New Zealand wool. Although the latter is much better looking, she says, local fleece is structurally better.

"A Cowichan Indian sweater made with New Zealand wool has a much shorter life span," Judith says. She estimates that such a sweater wouldn't last more than five years.

But another difference between the two is the condition it's in when you buy it. Local wool is not skirted like the higher-priced New Zealand wool is: this means that parts of the fleece, such as that around the belly, are not cut off. Those parts are of no use for spinning and so the difference in price between the two types of wool is not so great after you've trimmed off the unneeded portions.

THE SILK TRADE

Judith MacKenzie seems to be well-acquainted with textiles from a historical standpoint. The silk trade was an important factor in British Columbia's entering Confederation, she told me. Merchants in the east wanted the silk and with BC in Confederation, transporting the material was much simpler. The merchants, therefore, lobbied for B.C.'s inclusion in Canada. There used to be a special train to move the silk from West to East. Called the Silk Express, it had priority over any other trains, which would be shunted out of its way so that the precious material could be moved as quickly as possible.

In order to protect its own textile industry, Britain passed edicts prohibiting the manufacture of textiles in North America. But just before the Boston Tea Party took place, a man by the name of Jean went ahead and began making a twilled cotton cloth, that became known as jeans. They were subsequently worn by the American revolutionaries.

In conclusion, I can only say that, as a reporter compulsively writes, a weaver compulsively weaves: and that's Judith MacKenzie.



Judith MacKenzie sits at her Ivstov Nagy spinning wheel, a make that comes from New Zealand.

Columbia joining Confederation. And if you're not interested in the historical aspect of it, she can teach you how to spin, dye and weave with wool.

Judith MacKenzie came to Salt Spring Island four years ago with her husband Norman and their two children, Kirsten and Christopher. Her interest in working with wool goes back eight years and three years ago it became a full-time occupation. She markets most of what she makes, such as tapestries and blankets, and she can only just keep up with the demand for spun and dyed wool and silk, which she sells in Victoria.

She is also kept busy giving classes. She gives at least two

include courses in beginners' and advanced spinning and classes on the history of and how to spin silk. She also teaches how to dye wool with lichens.

THE MOUSE-WOMAN

Judith describes her work as both fascinating and compulsive. In the folklore of the coastal Indians, she told me, there were people known as Narniks, who moved back and forth between the human and spirit world. One of the Narniks was the Mouse-woman, who would compulsively tease wool. So such a compulsion for working with wool is nothing new.

The MacKenzies have two sheep of their own at their home in Fulford but two sheep are not

Walter Young speaks on confederation at Ganges

Considering that he was in competition with two plays and a dance it must have been very gratifying for former Salt Spring Islander, Professor Walter Young to have a good crowd come out to hear his views on Confederation last Friday.

The Elementary Library was well filled with members and friends of the Gulf Islands NDP Club, and all were treated to a lucid and interesting development of ideas regarding future relationships between the various regions of Canada.

In a little over an hour, Dr. Young developed constructive strategies for dealing with probable changes in confederation and balances of power within Canada. As always, his skilled use of language and logic were a pleasure to listen to, whether or not a particular listener wished to agree with all his conclusions.

The talk was followed by a lively discussion of Dr. Young's ideas.

Walter Young lived at the North End and Burgoyne Bay for several

years, and has spent many summers on Prevost Island. His three children spent a year at Salt Spring Elementary School, and Walter and Beryl still have many friends here.

Dr. Young is now head of the Political Science Department at the University of Victoria.

In addition to the featured speaker and normal business, visitors were also shown a slide show, narrated on tape by MP Islands Tommy Douglas.

"Mouseland" was a political fairy tale with a cast of cats and mice. It was not only good for laughs, but got us thinking too!

- T.H.W.

Great-grandparents

Rev. and Mrs. T.F. Wright of Lang Road, Ganges, are now great-grandparents, courtesy of their grandson, Haldane and his wife, Irene, of Sandon, B.C. They had a baby daughter, Jocelyn Andria, 7 lbs. 12 ozs., on Saturday, March 4. It's great to be great, says great-grandmama!



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POWER!

It was not always available to islands

By Frank Richards

Power? In the islands? Of course there's power!

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But power has not always been available in the islands.

First to get power was Salt Spring Island. That is what you might expect. Not only is Salt Spring Island the nearest to Vancouver Island and the source of power, but it is also the largest and boasts the largest single, island group of consumers.

Electric power came to Salt Spring Island in 1937. It stayed on Salt Spring Island for the next 20 years. In 1956 the first service linking the Outer Islands with Salt Spring Island was established.

This link with other islands was set up by the B.C. Power Commission to include Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Parker Islands.

In 1959 the two northern islands of Kuper and Thetis were added to the Gulf Islands link, but they remained in the circle for only a decade. By 1969 they had been linked to Ladysmith.

The first power came from Nanaimo.

41 YEARS AGO

It is 41 years since the Nanaimo-Duncan Utilities sunk the submarine cable linking Salt Spring Island to Vancouver Island.

The British Columbia Power Commission then came into the act, in 1949, supplying the islands with power until after the nationalization of BC Electric and its successor, BC Hydro, which is now the source of electricity.

Early arrival on the islands was the overhead power transmission system feeding Vancouver Island from the mainland. For many years the power went to Vancouver Island without stopping.

It is now tapped, by way of the substation on Atkins Road. Power for the islands is taken from the high-voltage system.

Better than 25 years ago the first street lights appeared on Salt Spring Island. The island Chamber of Commerce sponsored the lighting system and remained responsible for it until the fire district assumed the cost of lighting streets to relieve the board of trade.

In 1951 there were 18 street

lights in Ganges, six at Fulford and six at Vesuvius.

Big day for Beaver Point was in 1955, when the power supply was strung out to the yet sparsely populated area.

PRIVATE COMPANY

A year later the Galiano Light and Power Co. was acquired by BC Power Commission.

The only do-it-yourself power system was opened in 1966, when North Galiano residents underwrote and constructed its own power lines.

The community raised the money, bought the poles, strung the cables and brought power the length of Galiano to serve the people at the north end.

On December 23, 1966, the "sad irons, hand pumps and washtubs became a thing of the past," wrote Jean Lockwood, who took a lead role in the project.

The volunteers hacked a right-of-way 15 miles through the woods. Frank Graham donated hundreds of cedars for power poles and Albert Karr and his family peeled the logs as they brought them down.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Jean Lockwood was business manager of the project. She was also president of Galiano Chamber

of Commerce at that time.

It was a big job because the new system served only about 20 families and represented nearly a mile of power line for every family who would use it. Province, BC Hydro and the community contributed to the cost of the project under the Rural Electrification Assistance Program.

The next, and major accomplishment in the world of power for the islands was represented by the introduction of mainland power to the islands. That was six years ago, in 1972. The Islands loop was completed, whereby power may be supplied to the Outer Islands from either end of a continuous feed system.

If a power breakdown occurs in any of the Outer Islands, the service can usually be maintained

by feeding from the other end of the loop. Feeder cables run from Beaver Point and from north Salt Spring.

FROM MAINLAND

The introduction of that service also brought mainland power to the islands, with the construction of the Atkins Road substation.

In the past few years there has been a further change in the islands' power system. It is now administered from the Gulf Islands office on Rainbow Road, at Ganges. In past years the administration offices were located on Vancouver Island. The pattern was changed when John Thomson was named Gulf Islands manager.

Complaints, queries and bouquets should be sent to his Ganges office, urges Thomson. He did not name them in that order.

Her contribution was appreciated



Jean Lockwood, realtor and former reporter, publisher and BC Electric staffer is seen with an illuminated scroll presented to her at the successful conclusion of the drive for electric power at the north end of Galiano. The framed tribute to the sponsors of the project expresses the appreciation of the

community to the North Galiano Electrification Committee to Committee Chairman W.D. "Bill" Beach; Secretary-Treasurer Jean Lockwood and Harry Baines and sons, Albert Karr and sons, John Kolosoff and sons, William Stafford, James Rogers, W.W. Pat Weaver and David Weatherell.

Galiano Chamber says thank you to BC Hydro

Galiano Chamber of Commerce is happy with the service provided by BC Hydro.

When the members of the Chamber authorized a letter of approval to the Hydro district office they reviewed the rarity of power outages on the island.

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At a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce a motion was passed that a letter be sent expressing, on behalf of the residents of Galiano, appreciation of the service we have been receiving from the B.C. Hydro.

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*M.E. Ferguson (President)
Galiano Chamber of Commerce*

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DOWN THE GUTTER

...with Ken Collins

Our two men's teams travelled to Wilsons Bowl-a-drome in Esquimalt on Sunday last, and gave a very good account of themselves in the Thomas Adams classified zone roll-offs. The No. 1 team placed second with a three game total of 3154. This was just sixty nine pins short of the winning total by the home team. The number 2 team also did very well, rolling a total of 2997. The number 1 team was represented by Spencer Anderson (530) Ron Robertson (694) Jim Glenn (579) Art Dawe (559) and Ken Collins (792). The number two team consisted of Bill Simpkin (541) Ray Simard (472) Bob Akerman (585) Sam Cochrane (675) and Julian Valcourt (724). We had three people who rolled the highest triple in their category, they were Ron Robertson (Category 2) Bob Akerman (Category 3) and Ken Collins (Category 5). These three bowlers all received the Golden Stripe awards of suitably inscribed belt buckles. I would like to thank all the people who travelled with us to give us their support. After all the shouting they did I think most of the people there now know there is such a place as Salt Spring Island.

Judging by some of the very good totals rolled this past week I think a lot of people must have benefited from my do's and don'ts article of a couple of weeks ago. Topping everyone in the ladies dept. was Carol Kaye with 820, and in the mens it was Bob Akerman with 839. The other good totals were as follows, Ken Collins (824-793-705) Bob Marshal (828) Leo Toutant (730-726-724) Danny Bedford (761) Julien Valcourt (735) Jim Glenn (710) Art Dawe (714) Erling

Jorgensen (734) Lloyd Kinney (759) Judy Andreassen (714) Marlien Slingsby (706) Alf Carr (729) Harty Bader (723) Sam Cochrane (706) Blain Mathews (768) and Mikey (He likes Life cereal) Kelly with (727) The three hundred games came from Ken Collins (326-304) Bob Akerman (316) Terry Jenkins (305) Bob Marshal (320) Lloyd Kinney (301) Judy Andreassen (318) and Marlien Slingsby with 324.

Worthy of mention I think is that Julien Valcourt bowled 200 pins under his average last week. This is ample proof that even the so called stars can fall. The rumour is that he has been placed on the transfer list, and is open to offers, because his team put him in the penalty box with a ball and chain on his leg, also they kept calling him nasty names like dummy, etc, shame on you Leo.

The winners of the province team bowl roll-offs were the Blues team, consisting of Bob Akerman, Molly Akerman, Marlien Slingsby, Warren Wilson and Vicki Wilson. They bowled a big 374 over their average. Placing second were the Butterflies.

Last week, due to my being on the afternoon shift, I had to roll off a total of nine games. From the first game to the ninth game I had a total of thirty corner pins. I picked 26 consecutive corners before I missed one, all told I picked 28 out of the 30. I put this in to emphasize that if you pick up those corners you will still bowl those big games, everybody thinks that you have to get lots of strikes before you can get a big game, but its the corners that you pick that will bring your game up.

I would like to offer some advice to anyone who goes off island to bowl on so-called foreign lanes, always use the farthest arrows when you spot bowl. The reason being that if you use the closer spots, those are the ones that are about eight feet down the alley, you will find that most bowling alleys don't have a centre spot in that area, and you will find yourself struggling to find the head pin. Also always use the centre arrow for both your strike target and your corner picking, because here on Ganges Lanes we have a total of five arrows, and on most alleys they will have seven, and if you are in the habit of using the various arrows for your corner picking you again will find yourself struggling to get them.

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IODE to entertain former members at May meeting

BY DOROTHY JAMES

Twenty-five members of the H.M.S. Ganges Chapter, I.O.D.E., held their regular meeting in the United Church Hall March 8, when important plans were made.

The Regent, Mrs. E.J. Searles announced that the Silver Jubilee project of the National Chapter of Canada has been achieved. The sum of \$30,000 was raised to purchase the collection of remarkable paintings of the Canadian North by the talented artist Mrs. Winifred Petchey Marsh. This was presented to the Prince of Wales Museum in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, during the Queen's visit to Ottawa in October of last year.

Miss Olive Mouat, Educational Secretary, asked for \$25 for the purchase of books for the Chapter's adopted school at Eagle Creek, B.C. Plans for our own schools for Citizenship Day were also discussed.

So that all I.O.D.E. members of the Gulf Islands, whether former members elsewhere in Canada or belonging to other chapters, may meet together to share experiences, and hear latest reports of the activities of the Order, it was decided to invite them to the regular meeting and tea on May 5. Former members of any chap-

ter now living on Galiano, Mayne, Pender or other islands will be met at the Long Harbour ferry terminal at noon to be given lunch, taken to the meeting, and returned to the 4.30 pm ferry if they will contact Mrs. Robert Aston, Douglas Road, Ganges.

The idea is to stimulate interest in the Order and remind former members their contribution of time and work is still appreciated. More information will be given nearer the date.

The Regent then introduced the guest speaker, Girl Guide Commissioner Mrs. L.B. Denison who described her association with the Niagara I.O.D.E. and Guide work in the East before taking over on Salt Spring with the Girl Guides, Brownies and Rangers.

Mrs. Lois Perkins is Guide Captain, Mrs. Fred Sparling, Brown Owl, and Miss Carol Young is in charge of Rangers. There are enough Brownies for two packs so extra help is needed to reduce the present one, she reported.

Mrs. Denison thanked the I.O.D.E. for donating the regulation standard and trefoil for the guide company's world flag.

The talent table, under Mrs. Hewett's supervision, was sold out, and refreshments added to a most congenial tea hour.

Hearing clinic opened at Victoria

An Audiology Hearing Clinic has been opened in Victoria for the benefit of anyone in the Capital Regional District who is hard of hearing.

It is operated by the district's community health department and the Ministry of Health's division of speech and hearing, and appointments are made only by referral through a physician.

The new hearing facility is located on the second floor at 722 Cormorant Street and the telephone number of the clinic is 385-9721.

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Fernwood

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A happy birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sampson on Sunday, March 12 to honour Ken's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Sampson.

Many friends and neighbours gathered to greet the long-time resident of Fernwood. The sons, daughters and their families were all there to wish future happy years to their mother.

On March 27, Margaret and Alf Howell will be flying to Italy to visit their daughter and family, who are spending a year in Florence. The Howells will spend four weeks in Florence and then fly back to England to visit friends for 10 days. They will also visit relations in various places in England before returning to Vancouver and home on May 8.

While they are away, Mr. Howell's brother, Bill and his wife will be living in the house and enjoying a pleasant holiday in a climate which will be quite a change from that of their home in Carisvale, Saskatchewan.

The neighbours would like to know where the street light at Fernwood Road is located; we've never seen it!

A Happy Easter to all!

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Nominations will not be accepted from the floor.

To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian citizen, 21 years of age or over and a rate payer in good standing with the district.

M. Larmour, Secretary.

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Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Gulf Islands ferry service will be revised with the introduction of the new ship, Queen of the Islands, on or about July 1. A twice-daily service will be started between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen with stops at Galiano and Mayne.

Two Salt Spring Island boys, Darrel Byron, 15, and Alan Perry, 14, gave proof at the week end that island youth can meet U.S. president Kennedy's standard of fitness, issued as a recent challenge to Americans. The required 50-mile walk was covered in the allotted 20 hours, with minutes to spare.

The boys believe they could have made the trek in much less time but chose to spare themselves on the many hills encountered. Proof that they were far from exhausted was shown by alternatively dog trotting and walking over the last few miles from Vesuvius to Ganges to ensure reaching their destination within 20 hours.

The hiking party originally included four boys and three girls: Darrel, Alan, Marcel Blais, Bob Moulton, Diane Sharp, Linda Inglin and Beth Bridgen.

Another enterprise has been added to the list of small business firms established on Salt Spring Island by local people.

Salt Spring Fish and Oyster Company has been opened at the foot of Bittan-court Road and is now in operation. The oyster lease at Burgoyne Bay has been assumed, also oysters brought from Fanny Bay and other Vancouver Island points are processed for the wholesale market.

TEN YEARS AGO

Traffic came to a standstill in Ganges on Wednesday afternoon when Gavin Reynolds and Bob and Morry Akerman demonstrated their 150-pound cougar.

The big predator had been taken on the slopes of Mount Maxwell.

Bob Akerman explained that he had recently acquired a hound from Vancouver. He was not too sure of its ability until he and his companions were sitting on the ground at the top of the mountain after following a scent. Bob Akerman saw what he believed to be a deer a few yards away. As he drew the others' attention to it they all realized that it was a big cat.

The new, untried dog was after it like a shot. The chase went through the woods for three-quarters of a mile before the animal took to a tree.

Gavin Reynolds brought it down with a shot.

The cougar has left a trail of destruction. For many weeks there have been sheep and deer killed all over the island. When two sheep at the Stepaniuk farm were found mauled and the marks of a big paw were left behind, the cougar had identified himself very clearly. On Wednesday, the hunters found three dead deer, all killed the same day by the big cat.

Irl Bradley, Maurice Atkins, Marc Holmes and Mrs. Betty Stewart will serve on the board of management of Lady Minto Hospital for the coming term of office.

They were elected at the annual meeting last week of the hospital.

New premises for the Bank of Montreal's Ganges branch will be opened officially on Saturday with an open house. Construction began last March on the 2,900-square-foot building. The bank established its Ganges branch in 1946 and the new building replaces the premises which have been in use since 1948.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Annual meeting of the Salt Spring Players was held on March 12 in the high school.

Elected for the coming year were president, Gwen Hind-Smith; vice-president, Lanny Howard and secretary treasurer, Bobby Quinn.

The 34-foot troller Sea Wave, owned by Galiano man Harry Baines, was badly damaged by fire on Monday at Baines Bay.

Mr. Baines started his engine and gas fumes caused the explosion in the cabin. He managed to get out and, after fighting the fire alone, tried to chisel a hole in his boat and sink her. He realized he needed extra help and ran up the hill to his home and the telephone.

Harry's loss was extensive and included all his charts, an echo sounder, a gas stove and a radio. Plans are going ahead to rebuild in the near future. No insurance was carried.

Sechelt Queen is serving the islands again. The old veteran coastal ferry came into service this week to replace the Queen of the Islands. The little islander will be away until next fall.

A name in a flash

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PROGRESS REPORT

Sheeting and roofing completed at Central

BY BEVIS WALTERS

Work on Central Hall continues to be right on time-table, and this week sheeting of the new extensions and roof were completed.

It is now possible for even a casual observer to note that the overall floor space has been more than doubled.

On the left side of the hall, near the cemetery gate, is a small shingled structure, now being used as a project office. This was the stage of the hall before renovations began. Comparison of the size of the old stage with the new one with its high roof line, will show just how much better the new one will be.

When ready for use, the hall will be five feet longer than it was, and the stage, instead of being eight feet wide will be 18. Seating capacity for performances will be 100.

There will be running water for the first time in the hall's 85 years of being, as well as a kitchen, dressing rooms, cloak room and toilets.

EASY ACCESS

A ramp will provide easy entrance for persons confined to wheel chairs, and this innovation is believed to be a "first" as far as the Islands are concerned.

Owing to the limited amount of ground space available at the hall, installation of a septic tank and drainage field was not possible, so a holding tank of 3,000 gallons capacity was installed, and this created the problem of disposal of the material that would be pumped out every so often.

Guy Cunningham came to the rescue here, by donating permanently, the use of a disposal field he had created on his property.

The pumping service kindly offered their services on a voluntary basis, as a donation to the

Appeal Fund, and so, as the result of these generous gestures, the hall has become a completely self-contained unit for the first time.

STATELY ARBUTUS

Immediately at the rear of the Hall, there grows a tall and stately arbutus tree, estimated at being more than two hundred years of age. In order to protect its root system, on the hall property, one

corner of the new basement was conceded. We lost a few feet of floor space, but gave a guarantee of continuing life to this lovely old timer.

Well-wishers and advisers are amongst the greatest blessings that our enterprise has, and since the inception of our plan to renovate and up-date the hall has never been short of helpful suggestions, or advice on how to proceed.

In the interests of orderly progress, we commissioned Jonathan Yardley to draw up a basic plan, which we have followed as closely as possible.

However, one point we have had difficulty in getting across to some of the many people who have built their own homes, and therefore have a knowledge of building costs, is the fact that building a home and erecting a building for

public use are very different projects indeed.

AS YOU LIKE IT

In building a home you may do pretty well as you please as long as the building inspector and the health officer agree.

In building a hall for public use, the standards of construction are much more demanding. Construction costs of any given item are heavier, sometimes as much as five times heavier, for the demands of the fire marshal, and all other departments concerned are all designed to make sure that people in the hall can survive in a case of accident, fire or emergency.

Even the gyproc used in dry-walls must be thicker and heavier and fire resistant for long periods. Therefore, estimates of costs based upon home building have no validity.

We hope to have all the exterior work on the hall completed in April, and have sufficient funds on hand to cover this aspect of our work.

Then the interior will have to be done, and we will once more commence our activities to raise the additional necessary \$5,000 to complete this job. With the help and sympathy of Island residents this will easily be accomplished and the new hall will be available for use in May.



Display of action in art and crafts planned

For three days in May there will be a display of art and craft in

Mahon Hall at Ganges. It is planned as an opportunity to bring the artists and craftsmen of the Gulf Islands to the attention of the public. It will be a display of artists at work.

Sponsoring the demonstration will be Gulf Island Studios.

Bill Wheaton, of the Studios, explained that the month of May brings annual migration of campers, hikers, cyclists, tourists and vacation home owners. The showing will be for their benefit as well as that of residents.

The three-day show will be featured in the Ganges Hall on May 20-22.

It is not planned as a sale of work, explained Wheaton. It will be a live demonstration of various artistic skills to "stimulate further interest in the creative arts".

There is no charge to the artist, but every participant will be responsible for getting equipment and materials to the hall.

Interested artists and craftsmen

Liquor and ship's wheel are stolen

A wooden ship's wheel and liquor were stolen last Wednesday from the Ganges Crest Restaurant. Entry was made through the back window of the kitchen and a bottle of rum and four other part-bottles of hard liquor were taken along with the steering wheel.

RCMP are investigating.

may learn further information from Gulf Islands Studios, Box 76, Mayne Island.

Bus dies

Galiano bus has died, trustees of Gulf Islands School Board learned last week.

There was no mourning for an old servant when trustees were also told that the vehicle is less than three years old and always in trouble.

The ailing school bus will undergo a "complete medical" during the Easter holidays, suggested Don Fairweather.

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Island band playing at Victoria

A Salt Spring Island band is currently providing musical entertainment for Victorians.

The Bogwater Back-up Band has been playing at both the U Vic Sub Pub and Noos Pizza in Market Square. They will again be playing at Noos Pizza on Friday and Saturday evening.

Next week they will play at Mother's on Johnson Street from Monday until Saturday, inclusive. On Thursday, they will be joined by Ray Newman on saxophone and vibes.

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