

# Gulf Islands Driftwood

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## Hanke leaves

### New Fire Chief for Island

Fire Chief Kelly Hanke has left Salt Spring Island to assume his new duties as lecturer in fire fighting at the University of British Columbia.

He has been chief of the island fire department for the past several years. He came here from the mainland when he took over the direction of the fire department from the former Chief David Smith.

Fire district trustees are inviting applicants for the job.

The district employs two full-time fire fighters, the fire chief and one fireman. Les Wagg is the only remaining full-time man on strength.

All other personnel are volunteers.

## Approval given to call tenders

The provincial government has approved funding in excess of half a million dollars for the construction of the new elementary school at Salt Spring Island.

The Ministry of Education has obtained Treasury Board approval to call tenders for construction of the new Fernwood Elementary School.

The school, estimated to cost \$570,000 will provide new facilities for 160 elementary and 50 kindergarten students.

Construction is expected to get underway by March and it's hoped that the school will be completed and open for classes in September.

## Building permits issued in November down by nine

Building permits issued on the Gulf Islands in November, 1977 numbered 13, down by nine from November, 1976.

Seven were issued on Salt Spring Island, at a value of \$240,630; two on Pender, \$79,976; three on Mayne, \$53,627; and one on Piers Island, value was \$26,780. No permits were issued on Galiano or Saturna.

In November, 1976, 12 permits went to Salt Spring for a value of \$416,172; three to Pender, \$81,582; three to Galiano, \$87,297; and four to Mayne, \$185,048.

For the calendar year to the end of November, 1977, 93 permits

## Davidson heads trustees

Trustees of the Gulf Islands School District last week voted trustee Tom Davidson in as chairman by acclamation.

Nominated by Don Fairweather (Pender), Davidson, of Saturna, took the chair and thanked the board members for their support.

Vice-chairman of the board is Ivan Mouat, nominated by Ann Foerster.

## New hearings for unfinished business

### Islands Trust takes over land-use control from regional district

Islands Trust is now responsible for all land-use legislation in the islands.

From the Gulf Islands up to the north end of Vancouver Island, the Trust will receive applications for

zoning changes and amendments to planning. Ministry of highways will be the approving authority in respect of subdivision plans.

First project in the Capital Regional District will be launched

on January 20 in the Mahon Hall. The Trust will sit all day to hold public hearings and to consider all those applications which have already been made to the region.

On Monday, Islands Trust Chairman Marc Holmes told Driftwood that under the new legislation the Trust is required to handle all uncompleted applications and other business from the beginning.

Those applications already presented to the regional board and only partially processed will now have to be reconsidered. Public hearings already called by the region may not be considered by the Trust. Among these are the applications for rezoning by Spencer Marr, Betty Galt, Salt Spring Sailing Club and James Stewart.

All require new public hearings.

#### CONTINUITY

Unlike these partly finished applications, the zoning and planning by-laws of the Capital Regional Board, in respect of the islands, are now considered to be by-laws of the Islands Trust. This ensures a continuity in administration.

The Islands Trust has inherited a lot of paper from the region.

All documents relating to land-use regulations in the islands have been passed over to the Trust. It's an impressive collection.

"We have enjoyed the fullest co-operation of the Capital Regional District," said Holmes, "They couldn't be more anxious to help."

Applications for rezoning of islands land must, in future, be made to The Islands Trust, Parliament Buildings, Victoria.

Applications for subdivisions must be addressed to the Ministry of Highways, 661 Burnside Road, Victoria.

The chairman explained that the reinstatement of the highways ministry as approving officer for subdivisions follows amendments to the act last year. In recent years the chief planning officer of the Capital Regional Board was approving officer. The act was then amended to make him jointly responsible with the highways ministry.

The legislation now requires that the ministry is the sole authority.

Changes follow last year's decision by Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis to transfer all land use legislation from the various regional districts to the Islands Trust in respect of all the member islands.

## Chimney fires

There were three chimney fires over the Christmas week-end, reports the Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department. No damage was reported.

Another chimney fire on New Year's Day did not cause any damage either.

## Shopping at home paid off for her



Winner of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce shopping spree at Christmas was Mrs. Jean Johnston, of Fulford Harbour. She made the winning purchase at the Happy Cooker, when she brought a Christmas present. Here is Mrs. Johnston receiving her prize in the company of the co-chairmen of the retail merchants' committee of the Chamber, Keith Veltman, left and Bryan Logan.

## Water reserves healthier as fall and winter are wet

December could be divided into two parts...one wet and one dry. The earlier part of the month was wet, with snow on three days and freezing rain for a brief period on one day, reports Dominion Weather observer at Mayne Island, W.W. Hunt Sowrey.

Each snowfall disappeared within 24 hours.

From the 18th on, the weather was generally dry and frosty, interrupted by showers on the 28th and 29th.

Temperatures did not run very low, nor was the daytime tempera-

ture above average, but there was considerable sunshine.

For the year one could say that generally it was a little above average, with below average rain until October, with November being easily the wettest month.

The fall rains provided almost 13 inches of rain, probably enough to start the spring with a fair reserve of water in the land...at least more than we had this past spring.

Following are the statistics of the weather:

#### MAYNE ISLAND WEATHER DECEMBER 1977

	1977	1976	1975
Rainfall	4.07 ins.	2.62 ins.	5.42 ins.
Snowfall	4.00 ins.	NIL	1.00 ins.
Total Precip.	4.47 ins.	2.62 ins.	5.52 ins.
Total Precip. for year	29.00 ins.	26.62 ins.	36.71 ins.
Min. temp.	-5° C.	-1° C.	-1.5° C.
Max. temp.	7° C.	8° C.	12° C.
Max. pressure	30.07 ins.	30.15 ins.	30.18 ins.
Min. pressure	29.03 ins.	29.59 ins.	29.40 ins.
Max. humidity	74%	69%	66%
Min. humidity	68%	63%	58%
Days with frost	16	6	13
Days with rain.	15	19	15
do. (year)	139	148	133

Figures were released by the Capital Regional District.

# Response to appeal for funds for restoration of hall here

Mrs. Margaret Cunningham, secretary-treasurer of the Central Community Hall Society, reports the following additional donors to

the Central Hall Restoration Fund; Irene Palmer, Ed Bettis, Mrs. Mary Shank, Pat Wright, Joan Raeside, anonymous donations re-

ceived at Central Hall on Voting Day, Nov. 17; James McKechnie, Gladys McKechnie, George Wells, The Lions Club, Marc and Jean Holmes, Salt Spring Island Weavers Guild, Rev. T.A. Wright, Olive Clayton, Harry Nichols, Cam Hubert, Lucie Stuart, Drs. A.C. & M.M. Johnston, Mouat's Trading Co. Ltd., Garnet Young, Victoria, Anonymous donations received at the Bank of Montreal, Ganges.

Some of the donors have signified the intention of donating further on a continuing basis, month by month. Others have promised other donations before the fund closes.

When the hall is fully renovated and restored, a "Book of Benefactors" will be kept on permanent display in the Hall, and every person who has donated either in cash or kind will be named, so that future users can know who they have to thank for the continuance of the Hall.

# Picture of island looks grim to western islands

It was a quick trip for Gordon and Bev Cartwright when they spent the holiday in Newfoundland.

The Fulford family flew east and back in quick time aboard an Air Canada Jumbo jet.

Gordon Cartwright, who hails from Vancouver, was impressed with the problem of living in the newest and most easterly of all Canadian provinces. His wife was less startled because she comes from Newfoundland.

They found flood and snow and unemployment all exerting a damper on eastern activities. They were told that there are communities in Newfoundland where unemployment is as high as 80%.

On the credit side of the eastern ledger was the fact that the provincial mills have a hopeful market for pulp and that the mills provide a flow of cash into depleted coffers.

Although wages are lower than

on the west coast, costs are not notably less, he reported on his return.

He noted that the Newfoundland driver pays \$1.03 for regular gas and 51 cents for heating oil.

Commodities did not appear to be any lower-priced than on this coast.

# Skipper is piped to shore

Capt. Donald Fraser received a traditional farewell when he left the Queen of Sidney for the last time, after completing his final run on December 30, 1977.

Angus McLeod, a member of the crew, piped the Captain from the bridge to the cafeteria, where the rest of the crew were waiting to greet him.

The strains of "When The Battle is Over," "Scotland The Brave", various jigs and reels mingled with the good wishes given to Captain Fraser on his transfer to the Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen run.

Then Captain Fraser was piped from the ship to the tune of "Scotland The Brave", with the entire crew marching behind him. After three rousing cheers Captain Fraser was ceremoniously ushered into his car and drove away after almost 15 years on the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen run, serving on the "Pender Queen", "Queen of the Islands", "Sechelt Queen", and the "Queen of Sidney".

# Thought for the day

If you keep your eye on the future, And always face the sun, Then your shadow, like your past, Will always be behind you.

- John Healey

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# Death of Sidney Claibourne in Lady Minto Hospital last week

Funeral services for Sidney Kibble Claibourne, Stark Road, Ganges, were observed on Friday, Jan. 6 in Ganges United Church.

Mr. Claibourne died in Lady Minto Hospital on January 2. He

was 81 years of age.

Rev. Dr. Vern McEachern officiated at the memorial service and Goodman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He leaves his wife, Ethel and son, Sidney Hugh, both of Ganges; two daughters, Mrs. J. (Thelma) Sims and Miss Yvonne Claibourne; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Claibourne was a member of Admiral Masonic Lodge, No. 170.

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# TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

He swears it's true and who am I to argue? It seems a young woman was flying home to Canada after a holiday in Hawaii. Like most airplane passengers, she left her seat to use the toilet aboard the plane. Unlike most passengers, she was in the toilet cubicle when the plane hit a patch of bumpy air. Next thing she knew she slammed her head against the ceiling as the plane experienced the bumps. Next thing her companions knew was that she was a long time coming back to her seat. Eventually they found the answer. The unfortunate passenger had come down from the ceiling in a melee of arms and legs. As she bottomed out in her descent, one leg was headed straight for the toilet. All the weight of the young lady came down on her leg as she shot it down the bowl of the toilet. When she came to rest her foot had disappeared into the gooseneck of the valuable toilet facility. Neither the young lady's efforts, nor the aid of volunteers, could move that foot. The story goes that she flew the rest of the long journey with one shoe on and one shoe off. On landing in Canada, the aircraft maintenance crew were obliged to remove the toilet in order to get her leg out of it. There must be a moral somewhere, although it eludes me.

Keith Veltman promised his daughter a treat. They would go to Vancouver and they would listen to a musical experience. It was, he added, Handel's Messiah. His young hopeful looked puzzled. She had heard of a lot of groups, she told him, but Handel's Messiah was a new one to her!

When I finish the tree, nobody calls and says, Oh, what a beautiful tree! They call and glance at the monstrosity by the window and they say, Oh, you've got a tree as well!

That's one of the reasons I just don't like Christmas trees. And I

don't. I don't like the hassle with Women's Lib every year because the tree is too long or too short or too twiggy on the north side or not busy enough. And then the lights are all wrong and the damned thing falls on its face because I forgot to tighten up the screws....I can do without the tree, thank you very much! But Women's Lib says no, we'll always have a tree!

I have a new way of dealing with the hordes of people who are critical of me. I treat them with the contempt I deserve!

It's often so difficult to distinguish between a fool and knave and many a fool is labelled "knave", but few knaves end up with a fool's cap.

Youthful Canadian flyer at Vancouver Airport looked out of the window at some ground support equipment. What's that for, he asked of his mother. Before she was called on to answer, he commented in a serious tone: I think there's going to be a big crash! There wasn't.

Flying out of Patricia Bay Airport recently it was old home week. There was John Reynell busy in the terminal building. Last time I saw the western Oriental sailor he was a reporter in my office at Sidney. First face I saw on the Boeing 737 was Bill Macnutt, of the Air Canada staff in Victoria. I met Bill when he was a schoolboy delivering newspapers and I was in the air force at Pat Bay. In those days he had a 1927 Morris Oxford tourer. We both recalled the car and both wished we had it around today.

I'm off tea. Ever since I nursed a baby stomach ulcer I have quit coffee. It builds up a volcano in the stomach and when it erupts my teeth pop out. Last week I was on a Jumbo jet. During the pass year I've been on quite a few, but this

# Band concert draws 300 at Ganges prior to Christmas

The Salt Spring Island School Band, comprising of 40 students,

was the first time I had chemical cream with my tea. It may be fine in coffee if you happen to like it, but I find it unpleasant in tea. So I drank juice and booze.

Gordon Hitchcock hasn't too much going for him this birthday. It's his 13th birthday on Friday, Jan. 13!

Islands Trust may have hit a record. The Victoria office of the Trust has a Zenith number. But because of the labour dispute they don't know what the number is!

A car stops on the road and then charges a pile of snow. Odd? Then a young lady gets out of the car and sits on the roof. Odd? Then someone takes a series of pictures of the incident. Odd? At 1.30 in the morning? Odd!

Christmas is that time of the year when more Canadians lick more gum off more stamps than at any other time of their lives. And it's the time of year when we realize just how tough things are for Canada Post Office that they can't afford to put enough gum on the stamps. No matter how you lick it, the odds are it'll fall off the parcel.

Snuff is the answer. In November I heard a brilliant summary of the value of snuff to an elected member of the local administration. The speaker was the Oberburgermeister of Lahr in Germany. He is an experienced elected representative, having been elected twice as Lord Mayor; once for an eight-year term and once for a 12-year term. He is also an expert on snuff. There is a long-established snuff manufactory in Lahr and the Oberburgermeister is a good and faithful patron. Dr. Philipp Brucker told a group of Canadian newsmen that the council members sit at the council table and squirm and drum on the table with their fingers for lack of nicotine. It is not permitted to smoke in the formal sessions. The mayor simply takes his snuff. He explained the significance. I am offering it to all the newly elected officials in the islands in the confident belief that they can learn from this wise German administrator. Snuff is also good for good ideas, explained Brucker "and when you are elected you need lots of good ideas to hide the lack of anything else!" I have been trying snuff but so far I cannot assure anyone that it leads to any ideas, good, bad or indifferent. And that's for very sure!

will be taking a bigger than usual field trip this Easter.

A number of high school musicians will be touring down the coast to Los Angeles from March 15 until March 24. They will give a concert in Portland and thence on to Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

There will be provision for three concerts during the trip. Accompanying the troop will be two male supervisors and two female supervisors.

The band company will be provided work packages to complete during the Easter break and students who don't show marked improvements in class now will be struck off the list for the trip. Students who don't co-operate while on the bus trip will be freighted back, collect, the school board was told at Ganges last week.

Fund raising for the trip will be through a number of activities. Red Robinson, of a popular radio sta-

tion, will hold a disco on the island. Other activities are pending for parents.

Medical coverage for the band group was under question by the board at the last meeting. Trustee Fairweather advised that the students take out individual coverage because of the B.C. medical stipulations that only the equivalent cost of medication in Canada will be covered in the United States.

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### End of an era

It is a decade since the Capital Regional District was brought into being. It is a decade since planning and zoning and tight subdivision controls came to the islands.

They have been 10 tough years. They have been 10 years which have brought home to us the meaning of land-use control and the realization that such controls will always bring hardship. We have seen the introduction of building controls and various other controls. A decade ago a property owner might subdivide his property and build as many structures as he pleased while scarcely tipping his hat to a government regulation. That has changed.

The picture within the islands today shows a division of opinion on planning very much as it was 10 years ago, in terms of popular acceptance. There is still a substantial opposition to control and regulation. There are still many islanders who feel that no controls are justified. And there are still many who feel that the controls at present obtaining are not sufficiently sweeping.

Scarcely an island remains that has not fought, and bitterly, over land-use controls. Scarcely an islander breathes the air of the Gulf who has not waxed indignant over some aspect of regulation and control.

There are still islanders breathing the harder at the very mention of the Capital Regional District. Many are yet convinced that the only purpose of the regional district was to plague the unfortunate people of these islands.

This month marks the change in the administration of land-use controls. All matters relating to planning, zoning and subdivision are to be the responsibility of the Islands Trust. These matters are no longer of any concern to the Capital Regional District. As of this month the regional board will lose the aura of evil which has characterized it in the eyes of many islanders. It will take on a new look and a pleasing perfume in the nostrils of islanders.

In the past many islanders, but by no means all, have looked to the Islands Trust as the final defence against ravish and ruin of the islands. In every call for change of land-use, the regional board would make a decision and the Islands Trust would have the privilege of imposing a veto if it felt that the circumstances warranted a reversal of the board's decision.

To islanders seeking tight control of new development, this was an ideal over-riding protection on all development regulations. To others, particularly those sponsoring a development, the new routine proved a painful delay in the routine of making change.

The shoe is now on the other foot. The Islands Trust holds the reins and the Regional District is in the audience.

Land use control in the islands has held the close attention of a large number of administrators and elected officials. These people have worked hard in our behalf and it is time to recognize their contribution.

As we enter a new year and a new era we can only hope for an amicable communication between islanders and planners whereby the people of the islands will make the decisions.

## Letters to the Editor

### SMASHING SUCCESS

Sir:  
The Vancouver YWCA would like to thank the community for their help and support in making the Christmas Party for Seniors a smashing success.

We take this opportunity to wish all a very happy new year.  
Danielle Walker,  
Communications Director,  
Vancouver YWCA  
December 19, 1977

### MAKES YOU WONDER

Sir,  
Do you think it would be a good guess that it costs about \$3,000 per school day to run the Senior Secondary School at Ganges?

If so, what justification could there possibly be for the closure of the school at noon on December

20?

Should the staff be paid for the working day lost?  
What do they think is fair to their pupils and to the taxpayers?

I don't have the facts but I would be interested in learning them. "that's fer damshur" (as Ma Murray would say).

Makes you wonder how many school days per year are lost in the same way.

Keith Jackson  
Mayne Island  
December 22, 1977

### PREFER TO EXPORT

Sir,  
The headlines "Japan Surplus Now-1.83B" and "Japan Will Buy Chips" in the Victoria Times of Tuesday, Dec. 20 caught my eye.

It seems that our provincial Forestry Minister, Tom Waterland,

## First baby of 1978 at Lady Minto



First baby at Lady Minto Hospital in 1978 was Lisa-Marie, 8 lbs. 13 oz. daughter of Gale and Greg Molnar, of Ganges. She was born at 10.05 am January 5.

A number of Mayne Island organizations donated a bathtub full of gifts in honour of 1978's first baby. The new mother expressed her thanks to them as well as to Bea Ellis and Dr. Gneiwish.

and Economic Development Minister, Don Phillips, have just returned from Japan with a proposal to sell \$15,000,000 worth of chips per year to Japan for 10 years.

If we processed the chips ourselves the value to the B.C. economy would be at least two and a half to three times that amount.

If we have more chips than our existing mills can process, then we should build another mill and provide employment here, because this is one area of manufacturing that we are competitive on world markets.

The two gentlemen, however, prefer to export the raw material and thus the jobs.

No wonder Japan is in the "chips" and we have unemployment.

While there is no doubt that Mr. Phillips is the Minister of Economic Development, the question is "for whom?"

Jev Tothill,  
Advisor on Tourism and Travel to B.C. Liberal Leader,  
Gordon Gibson,  
Box 81,  
Duncan, B.C.  
December 22, 1977

### SAY NO TO MINE

Sir,

I would like to suggest a New Year's resolution for everyone who cares about British Columbia. Let us resolve to prevent the establishment of any uranium mine in our province.

At present, Consolidated Rexspar Minerals and Chemicals proposes to develop a \$27 million open-pit mine at Birch Island, a small community about 90 miles north of Kamloops. Rexspar is a subsidiary of Dennison Mines Ltd. of Toronto, which was responsible for the disastrous situation at Elliot Lake. Neither Dennison nor the industry in general has shown social or environmental concern in the past; we should not expect that in their continued search for profits this will have changed.

As time goes on we are gradually learning more about the environmental risks of uranium mining. Radio-active tailings have destructive potential for thousands of years. The Rexspar proposal for a plastic lined tailing pond only 800 feet from the Thompson River carries the possibility that radio-active materials will leach into the river and contaminate the Kamloops water supply as well as threaten the vital Fraser River salmon fishery.

Studies have shown that uranium miners suffer from a much higher incidence of cancer than does the general population. The proposed mine would offer only a few jobs, mostly for out of province employees; these jobs would last only four or five years.

The benefits of the uranium mine would be few and short-lived; they would accrue mostly to the sponsoring company and its friends.

Birch Island is in the federal riding of Len Marchand who also happens to be Minister of the Environment. While Marchand has declared his opposition to the mine, we need to remember that powerful forces want it to go ahead.

British Columbians must say "NO" to the proposed mine. Write to Len Marchand, Minister of the Environment, and to Premier Bennett declaring your concern and opposition. Send copies to your local MP and MLA. Encourage your friends to write. Let us work in 1978 to protect British Columbia, its land, its people, and its future, from the threat of radio-active pollution.

Jim Manly,  
New Democratic Party  
Candidate,  
Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands,  
December 28, 1977.

### ALTERNATE PROPOSAL

Sir,  
There is enough vacant land in Ganges for a number of smaller

## Roadblock check results in \$600 fine

Passing through a roadblock on the Fulford-Ganges Road December 3 resulted in a \$600 fine for Steven Pillsworth, of Salt Spring Island, when he appeared in Ganges Provincial Court Wednesday.

Pillsworth, who pleaded guilty to impaired driving, had given breathalyzer readings of 0.30 and 0.27, the court was told.

In handing out the fine, Judge D.K. McAdam warned that such "a high reading indicates you might be damaging your health".

solutions to the sewer problem which could be just as effective and would enhance the area more.

I have seen areas where drainage fields have been tucked in and dumped above the ground level. When it is done in this way seepage does occur as water always does run down hill.

If this fill was placed in a different way it would be 10 times as effective.

If the fill perimeter was contained by a concrete retaining wall then it would be impossible for the seepage to overflow and so it would filter throughout the field area as it is supposed to in a drainage field.

Another way to increase the capacity of the land to absorb moisture is to use plantings of trees around the perimeter of a drainage field. This could be done by placing a second retaining wall outside the first and planting trees and shrubs so that any moisture that came from below would be absorbed by the root systems.

Where land is too low it should be filled to avoid flooding. Storm drains large enough to accommodate all of the water should be placed wherever there are drainage ways. This would reclaim a lot of areas which are presently eyesores. Like some fences have been built to avoid looking at it.

The kind of fill that should be placed should also be considered. There should be a percolation area of four feet on top so that another problem will be solved.

The Chinese peasants know how to terrace land so that even on steep hillsides the water is held from running off so that they can live there and grow crops. Slippage can often be controlled and prevented where there are unstable soils if retaining walls are built and work is carried out at the right time of the year.

It's up to each property owner to deal with his own problem if he has one. In some cases lots will have to be larger, depending on the terrain.

Where buildings are low and seepage occurs beneath them then they either could be jacked up and filled in beneath, moved off the site

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## Church Services

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1978

<b>ANGLICAN</b>			
St. Mark's	Central	Morning Prayer	11.15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
<b>Daily: Mon.-Fri.</b>			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
<b>Weekly: Wednesdays</b>			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
<b>ROMAN CATHOLIC</b>			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am
<b>UNITED</b>			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812(church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm
<b>COMMUNITY GOSPEL</b>			
Mr. L. Sheppard,	Ganges	Sun. Sch.-all ages	10.30am
537-2622(church)	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30 pm
537-5395		Sat. Bible Study	7.30 pm
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Community Church Pastor J. Rodine 539-5710  
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Bible Study Friday in the homes 7.30 pm

# Letters to the Editor

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so they are better located or surrounded by a perimeter wall so that seepage cannot occur.

In Ganges there are three main streams that flow into the area, which is like a basin. From Rainbow Road, from Mount Erskine, from where the power lines cross Lower Ganges Road, which flows through Swanson's Pond.

Also there is back up and flooding at high tide where these streams converge.

Sea gates would be required at the point where the water flows out.

I have always maintained that if a central sewage system were to be installed then the storm drains should be put in at the same time for if it was not done then in a very short time the whole area would have to be dug up again disturbing the sewer lines and water mains.

There is actually four streams if you consider Ganges Hill. It diverts off and flows off on private property before reaching the bottom.

Ganges Harbour is a very shallow estuary with poor tidal action. The prevailing winds tend to keep the water bottled up and it is two miles at least to where there is an outflow. Also the harbour is a spawning area for herring.

For over 12 years the Health Department has kept after Ganges about a central system and I believe that they should have been looking at the alternatives all along and dealing with the individual problems as they appeared.

There are solutions but they don't want to look at them.

Costs of a central sewage system need to be examined very closely from a point of cost, and how the cost would be distributed amongst the islanders.

It may well be that the costs are such that Ganges should be looking to the alternatives for its own well being.

The island is not economically strong to start with.

The economy depends largely upon people who are on retirement income and inflation has the greatest effect upon fixed incomes and those who are living on their savings.

If there were some basic industry here or a large working population then there would be some means of paying.

Rather better I think to let the population build up gradually in the vicinity of Ganges until there were sufficient people to carry the load.

Geoff Howland,  
Ganges, B.C.  
December, 29, 1977

## SLEEPING AT THE SWITCH

Sir,  
I was startled to read in the December 21 Driftwood a letter in which Gail Secor and others took issue with the manner in which the Regional District advertised a "proposal to amend the Community Plan to change all the land in the Stowell Lake watershed from Watershed designation to Rural Residential designation." The letter further issued the familiar call to the postal barricades. I must

say that it all, once more, gave me the eerie impression that I had stepped through the looking glass.

Earlier, as a member of the Regional District Advisory Planning Commission, I strongly recommended that the Regional District correct the Subdivision Bylaw to remove a misplaced portion of the Stowell Lake drainage area from the designated Weston Lake Watershed. Stowell, a small and shallow lake quite properly had no designated Watershed in the Subdivision Bylaw but a drafting error in the accompanying map (schedule A) included a small piece of the Stowell drainage area within the boundaries of the Weston Lake Watershed. The most notable effect of this unfortunate lapse was to create serious hardship for Jim Stewart in his efforts to develop Maplegrove Resort. Correction should have been made immediately after approval of the bylaw in 1976.

Simply, then, there was at no time designated Watershed around Stowell Lake. The only action taken by the Regional District was correction of a map error in setting the boundary of the Weston Lake Watershed. This was, of course, an important matter and merited the hearing as called.

Though I am obviously out of sympathy with parts of Ms. Secor and friends' letter, I sincerely wish I could join in condemnation of the form of the advertisement for the hearing, but, unlike many similar Regional District notices, it is a model of clarity and even identifies adjacent roads in order to alert residents. I'm afraid that any concerned person who missed the message over two weeks of display was really, in railroad terminology, sleeping at the switch.

Gordon Wright,  
Fulford Harbour,  
December 30, 1977

## ISLAND WORK

Sir,  
Three large capital projects will be undertaken on Salt Spring Island this year, at a combined value of about \$2 million, and it now appears likely that local construction people will be excluded once again!

After a few exploratory meetings between local trades people and directors of the Chamber of Commerce (Shop at Home) the participants have come to the conclusion that our elected local bodies, such as school board and hospital board, are not doing their utmost to keep capital projects on the island.

Rather, they, and their off-island architects take refuge behind pretexts such as bonding requirements, and local builders' inability to meet them.

Of course, we cannot put up 100% bonding, as stipulated by who-knows-who, for both large projects soon to be under way. But is that a reason callously to exclude local builders, tradesmen, and suppliers from a badly needed bonanza, without first exploring other avenues?

What's wrong with imagination, initiative, and a little bit of

daring? Or isn't it worth some effort to keep about \$2 million right here on this island? Our community needs it in the very worst way, even if such may not be apparent to our illustrious, elected boards in their ivory towers.

At the most recent meeting I suggested that the only way to overcome the punitive bonding requirements would be for the local boards to act as their own building contractors, and then hire our own craftsmen, either by contract or by the hour.

This has been done by the school board on some previous occasions, with the only criticism being that the work hadn't been spread around enough. But the money was spent on the island, and that's what matters! And, incidentally, this latter work had been designed by a local architect who always tries to get island people to execute his designs; in stark contrast to city architects who habitually favour the larger firms whose procedure they can relate to.

Personally, I would like the following approach: The local board hires, at a fixed fee, a highly qualified islander (builder, architect, or engineer) for the position of construction co-ordinator/superintendent.

Once selected, this person will then invite bids for all the various phases of construction, such as foundations, framing, roofing, millwork - as well as all the common sub-trades. The lowest bidder in each category gets the job, provided his firm is reputable.

This approach, although unorthodox, would work well, giving everyone a part of the action, and a fortune would remain on this island, to be spent mainly here!

Another consideration is the tremendous savings that would accrue by doing it the community way. Big firms pay exorbitant wages to their unionized crews, besides having to pay for travel time and room-and-board. We could save our community, i.e. ourselves, a few hundred thousand dollars!

Let us not forget that the approaching windfall may be the last one for many years to come.

The planned projects are all within the scope of local builders' capabilities and, therefore, our elected boards have an inescapable moral obligation toward their fellow islanders - an obligation which they had better heed!

W. Bangert  
Box 510  
Ganges  
January 3, 1978

## SPIRIT NOT EXTINGUISHED

Sir,  
We often read with nostalgia accounts of numerous occasions in the past that give evidence of the spirit of togetherness that used to prevail in a small island community.

We longingly think back of "the good old days" because with our ever increasing population and the urbanization of our lives on this island the need to rely upon each other and the spontaneous response to such a need seems no longer possible or necessary.

Yet once in a while we encounter proof that this spirit is far from extinct.

Such was the case with the Christmas Dinner for Old Age

Pensioners and other lonely people held at the Yawaca Outdoor Centre on December 18. Everyone who was present in the Dining Hall that Sunday afternoon will attest to the fact that the affair was an old-fashioned, joyous community celebration.

We are truly touched by the help we received in the organization, preparation and presentation of the meal and the entertainment, it was a true Christmas experience for everyone, workers and guests alike.

Our thanks to the local merchants, to the Rotary Club, the RCMP, the anonymous donors, the Vancouver YWCA, the drivers, Santa Claus, Gulf Islands Secondary, the volunteers in the kitchen, the Community Centre Staff and to everyone else who played a part in the event.

Louisa and Bert Hilckman,  
Resident Managers for the YWCA Vancouver,  
Yawaca Outdoor Centre,  
Fulford Harbour,  
January 4, 1978,

# Services for Mrs. Beauchemin on Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Maria Marguerite Irene Beauchemin were observed in the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Grace, at Ganges, on Tuesday morning, Rev. Fr. P.A. Bergin officiated.

Mrs. Beauchemin died in Lady Minto Hospital on Saturday, Jan. 7.

She leaves her son, Paul, of Ganges; two daughters, Mrs. S. (Martha) Shanley, Connecticut, USA and Mrs. L. (Simone) Blackie, London, England; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Goodman Funeral home was in charge.

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# Former California couple takes over Village Jean

The new owners of the Village Jean Shop at Ganges first came to the island on holiday and they found the lifestyle so appealing they decided to stay.

Jack and Naomi Terry and their three children moved to Salt Spring in October looking for "a nice, peaceful and simple life". Life in Los Angeles, California, was too hustle-bustle with too many pressures, explained Mrs. Terry last week.

She was in the grocery business for 11 years and was recently managing a supermarket chain. Jack Terry was an electrical con-

tractor for 15 years. Being unused to the rain, he is not enthusiastic about continuing in the electrical business, his wife told Driftwood.

"In California, they go home in search of shelter at the first drop of rain."

Mrs. Terry explained that she and her husband want to provide a good service for island people so they can shop at home.

"We're not looking to making a lot of money," she said.

She also asked that people tell them what they want in order that



Naomi and Jack Terry hard at work.

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they might provide better service.

Mrs. Terry recently graduated in a business management course and intends to practice what she learned.

The Terry family took over the Village Jean Shop on January 1 from Richard and Lorraine Henderson. The Hendersons purchased the business from Terry Penny, who opened the store a few years ago.

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## Info Health

BY DR. BOB YOUNG

"Open your mouth and say 'ah'."

This somewhat redundant request (it is rather difficult to say "ah" without opening your mouth) seems to be a part of most medical examinations.

What is the doctor looking for when he asks the patient to open wide? Is the examination of the throat, tongue, teeth and inner surfaces of the cheeks useful in modern day medicine, or is the laying on of the tongue depressor a ritualistic carryover from earlier practice?

The mouth is the most readily examined body cavity, and frequently offers valuable diagnostic clues. Not unexpectedly symptoms originating in the mouth or throat can often be explained by examination of the oral cavity. Diseases such as tonsillitis, canker sores and infected gums fall into this category. Other, more serious local conditions such as cancer of the tongue or of the lip are readily detected.

An astute clinician can learn much about general body illness by careful examination of the mouth. A diagnosis of measles can be

confirmed by finding Koplik's spots, pinhead sized white areas inside the cheeks.

Abnormal pigmentation of the gums is seen in such diverse diseases as Addison's disease, due to hormonal imbalance, and lead poisoning. Overgrowth of gum tissue may be due to certain blood disease or to a side effect of a drug commonly used to treat epilepsy.

**GENETIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Assessment of tongue mobility may give useful information in a patient who has had a stroke or other brain damage. Some people are able to curl their tongues into a "u" shape (when viewed from the front), while others find this impossible. This is an inherited ability, so even genetic characteristics can be assessed, to a minor degree, by examination of this organ.

A lot of things are going through your doctor's mind when he presses your tongue down with his stick and searches your mouth with his flashlight. It is a ritual that can be very productive.

The British Columbia Medical Association welcomes your medical questions. Send them to Dr. Bob Young, c/o this newspaper.

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## Soprano-harp duo to present Sunday concert in Ganges church

Wendy Humphries, soprano, and David Humphries, Harp, will be the first artists in 1978 performing in Salt Spring's winter concert series. They will be heard at St. George's Church this coming Sunday afternoon, January 15, at 2 pm.

David and Wendy Humphries met and married while both were attending the Royal Manchester College of Music.

David specialized in violin, receiving his ARMCM diploma in 1972 and his GRSM diploma in 1973.

He switched allegiance to the harp in 1973 upon the advice of British harpist Marie Goossens. Wendy majored in harp, receiving her ARMCM diploma in 1973, but took up serious study of singing in 1975.

### BOTH TEACHING

The versatile young couple are residents of Vancouver, where they both teach and perform with regularity. They free-lance as harpists with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the Vancouver New Music Society, the Symphonie

Canadiana and the Vancouver Opera Association.

Their joint recitals have pleased numerous audiences in the greater Vancouver area. Recently, David gave a solo recital in the Sunday morning "Coffee Concert" series at the Queen Elizabeth Playhouse.

Wendy sang in excerpts from Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" and Britten's "Rape of Lucrece" when they were staged by UBC's Opera Workshop this fall. They are looking forward to collaborating as adjudicators for a national music scholarship competition to be held in the spring. For their Salt Spring program they have chosen the following selections:

### PROGRAMME

Three soprano arias: Voi che sapete, Mozart; O mio babino caro, Puccini; Gavotte from "Manon", Massenet.

Three harp solos: Sonata in C Minor (three movements) Dussek; Apunte Betico, G. Gombau-Guerra; Impromptu, Faure.

### FOLKSONGS OF THE BRITISH ISLES:

English: Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal, Quilter/Tennyson; Bushes and Briars, Vaughan Will-

iams/"Essex"; The Lost Lady Found, Vaughan Williams/"Essex".

Irish: She Moves through the Fair, unaccompanied/traditional; The Minstrel Boy, Britten/traditional.

Welsh: Counting the Goats. Scottish: Hebridean songs of love, Kennedy-Fraser Collection; A 13th Century Love Lilt; A Fairy's Love Song; An Eriskay Love Lilt. Song to the Seals, Bantock/Boulton.

Hebridean songs of the sea, Kennedy-Fraser Collection; A Hebridean Sea-Reivers' Song; Seagull of the Land-under-Waves; Kishmul's Galley; The Cockle-gatherer.

This series of concerts has been arranged by the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island with co-sponsorship of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.

The next offering in the series will be a rollicking afternoon with the Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble on January 29. A paper collection will be taken at the door to help defray the expenses of these presentations.

## Death of Ralph Goodall at Ganges

Ralph Goodall, a long-time resident of Salt Spring Island, passed away at Lady Minto Hospital on December 22 after a short illness. He was 92 years of age.

Born in Wolverhampton, England, Mr. Goodall came to Canada with his bride, the late Gertrude Goodall, and operated cartage and taxi concerns in Toronto and Vancouver until his retirement.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. J.F. Scott, of Rainbow Road, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## Car repair shop opens at Galiano near Sturdies Bay

BY MARY HARDING

A new car repair shop, built entirely of special type of sound-proof bricks, will soon be finished, and open for business on Galiano.

Bob Alsbury and his parents have been coming to Galiano for the past 12 years, and nine years ago, built a home at North Galiano.

Bob and his father are doing most all the work themselves, and they say that the special bricks will not only deaden sounds, but, of course, are fireproof, as well. He plans to paint his new building, and landscape the grounds around

as well. Bob comes from the mainland with a lot of experience, he worked for the city of Vancouver in their car repair department.

Bob has his shop directly opposite the Sturdies Bay gas station, he now has the business of bringing propane to Galiano, he bought this from Bob Bambrick a while ago.

This young man intends to do all of the work he gets, himself. He had hoped to have his telephone in soon, but the long labour dispute has left him without a line to the new shop.

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### Ballet-children

8 sessions; \$16 AMY STOREY  
Tuesdays; Mahon Hall; 3.30  
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8 sessions; \$24 AMY STOREY  
Saturdays, Mahon Hall 10-11.30  
Beginners and extension

### Folk Dancing

5 sessions; \$15 KARYA LESCHKA  
Saturdays; Activity Centre; 1.30. "Kopanitsa", Victoria  
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Note: dates are Feb. 4, 11, 25, March 4 and 18

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6 sessions; \$12 MARIANNE GOODRICH  
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### Film Series

First session registration fee only; \$1 WA  
NATIONAL FILM BOARD, VI  
Tuesday, Jan. 31; Rm 4 Sec. School; 7.30  
Mr. Lee will start the series with an evening of films including "Light fantastick". The following will feature the Montreal Olympics of '76, and the will have several new CBC 'shorts': 'Grouse O', 'Ellesmere Island', 'Mao's China'. Group will choose own from then on.

### French-conversational

8 sessions; \$20 ARLENE T  
Tuesdays; Rm. 5 Sec. School; 7.30  
Beginners, refreshers, or?

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10 sessions \$10 GEORGE  
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Beginners Wednesdays; United Church 10.30-12.00 am

Don Fraser to Swartz Bay after long stint at Long Harbour

BY BRYAN SMITH

There's quite a variety of words and phrases to express the sad moment of goodbye. However, when there's a hope that the goodbye may see the goodbye again you choose such words and phrases like farewell, adieu, so long or T.T.F.N. ("Ta-ta for now")

All this applies to Ian (Don) and Sheila Fraser of Beddis Road. Don is about to transfer his ferry captain's duties to the No. 1 route, between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay.

Just before Christmas I was returning to Salt Spring on the morning trip and it was either Nancy in the cafeteria or Alfie Carr, Chief Steward, who informed me that it was Captain Fraser's final shift on the Queen of Sidney. ON THE BRIDGE

It was a lovely morning. The sea was calm and we were entering Otter Bay. I slipped over the "no admittance" sign and was soon paying my respects to Don and his efficient crew on the bridge. We recalled my previous visit to the bridge and then Don showed me the Visitors-to-the-Bridge book which made fascinating reading.

It covered the period 1961 to 1974, when the Queen of Sidney plied between Vancouver and Vancouver Island.

First of all, it was exciting to realize that visitors came from so many parts of the world.

There were three entries Republic of Guinea: several from England, Australia, and the Euro-

pean continent. There was a delightful entry from Paris. It was none other than the well-known film actress Brigitte Bardot, who filled the remarks column with the one word, "sexy". Whether she meant herself or the crew or the captain we shall never know.

A WHOLE PAGE

A few pages on I ran across the signature of a distinguished man from B.C. who never does anything by halves. He took a whole page to pen his signature from corner to corner...It was W.A.C. Bennett. I also spotted former Attorney-General Bonner's signature.

Around 1968 a representative group from the Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce must have visited the bridge. In the remarks column they thanked the captain for the privilege but added a sting in the tail with "...and for ----'s sake arrange

a last boat at midnight!"

Another remark from an unknown lady read, "Such a nice swimming pool". My favourite, and Don's, was the remark, "What a bunch of pirates!"

There must be quite a story behind the one that read, "Thanks for the kiss!". It was a Dutch lady I presume, because she hailed from Holland.

Yes, that spot of eavesdropping into the visitors book made my day and in closing I should like to wish Don and Sheila all health and happiness in the future. We will miss Sheila for her vivacity and the great service she rendered to the school board and other offices and for her dramatic ability on stage. I shall miss her terribly at the hotel. We both enjoy the music of Ivor Novello.

Happy voyages, Don! Adieu! T.T.F.N.

Mayne Island Lions celebrate Governor's Night January 4

Governor's Night was celebrated by the Mayne Lions on Wednesday, January 4, when District Governor (19-1) Lyle Tinker paid his first official visit to the local club.

Introduced by Colin Mouat, Zone Chairman, the Governor paid tribute to the efforts of Mayne Lions' President Fred Bennett and

his group, during the past year.

Governor Tinker mentioned, especially, the construction of the new tennis court, now nearly completed. He also expressed appreciation of the contributions made by Mayne Lions in support of the total effort of all Lions clubs, particularly respecting aid for handicapped persons, and the CARE program.

Finally, Governor Tinker reminded his listeners of the aims of the Lions clubs and the individual responsibilities of the members.

The meeting was one of four which are scheduled each year to include the ladies.

In addition to the District Governor, Past District Governor Jerry Medcalf, Colin Mouat, and Fred Bennett, the Head Table guests included Berta Tinker, the Governor's wife, Mrs. Anne Mouat, and Mrs. Margaret Bennett.

Fined \$85 on two charges

Grant Hobbs, 19, pleaded guilty to two charges laid under the Motor Vehicle Act when he appeared in Provincial Court at Ganges last week.

First charge of riding a motorcycle without a helmet was laid after an RCMP officer saw Hobbs riding as a passenger on a bike at Pender Island September 5.

Second charge resulted from a check by RCMP that revealed Hobbs had no driver's license. He was driving a 1977 Honda motorcycle, again on Pender Island. He had never had a license before, the court was told.

He was fined \$35 on the first charge and \$50 on the second by Judge D.K. McAdam.

Charge dismissed

A charge of common assault laid against Peter Klauai was dismissed in Provincial Court at Ganges last Wednesday.

Court was told that the complainant, a resident of Galiano Island, had indicated she didn't want to appear in court. Klauai had pleaded not guilty to the charge November 9.

On The Penders

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Sunday evening, December 18, the fourth annual Community Carol Service was held at St. Peter's Church, Port Washington. Mr. Joseph Billyeald acted as organist, assisted by Mr. Richard Tallman on the Banjo and Mrs. Margaret Tallman on the guitar, who played and sang the beautiful carol "Navidad".

Ven. David Powell conducted the service, assisted by Mr. David McBean. The lessons were read by Mr. Stuart Corbett Jr., Mr. Don Fairweather, Cpl. Terry Driscoll, Mrs. Mary Morrison, Mr. Charles Harrison, Dr. Ted Morrison, Mr. Aub Rundle-Woolcock, Miss Marjorie Bailey and Mr. David McBean. The Pender Island Choral Soc-

iety led the congregation singing carols. The church was packed for this annual Christmas service.

The Pender Island Art Club held its first meeting in the old school in the room which is to be their permanent meeting place from now on, on Wednesday, December 14. Plans were discussed for an exciting year ahead, and the first meeting of the new year will be held on January 5 at 1 pm. Anyone interested will be most welcome. President is Mr. John Kwak.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Peter's Church held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Margaret Tallman on Wednesday, December 14.

Saturday night, Dec. 17 at the Legion the annual raffle was held. The lovely afghan, hand-made and donated by Marjorie Bull, of Burnaby, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Mae Moonie, was won by Pami Aubichon of Duncan, B.C. and Mrs. Lillian Burns of Pender was the lucky winner of the beautiful luncheon set crocheted by Mae Moonie.

Both of these items were on display at the ladies' Legion Bazaar in November. Mrs. Letty Hamilton was in charge of the raffle and the ladies were pleased with the large amount of money it raised which will go towards the work of the Legion, and would like to thank all those who bought tickets and thus assisted in the work of the auxiliary.

Christmas and New Year's celebrations have come and gone once again and now we look forward to the year 1978 and we, on the Penders take this opportunity to wish our many friends on the other islands the very best in 1978.

The holiday season was busy with families and friends coming to

Winter Sonnet

What beauty's in this loud and boisterous time? The woods are pale and shrunk with Winter fears, The hedgerows ragged with decaying spears, And Summer blooms, that fancy called sublime, With bitten leaves in crazy spirals climb, And spread across the dark unpainted meres A soft impasto of corroding years; The tick-tock, tinsel raindrops deadening rhyme Beat on a landscape's seamed and mottled face, The dull, declining, crumpled afternoons Enclose a world devoid of shape or grace, Then night descends like dark and rude baboons To tumble from the rumpled clouds embrace The feathered light of psychedelic moons.

- John Healey

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# The late Olivia Sholes came in 1903

The following was submitted by Margaret Cunningham as a tribute to her sister-in-law, Olivia Sholes.

Salt Spring Island recently lost one of its older inhabitants when Mrs. Olivia Sholes, 75, of Rainbow Road, Ganges, passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 1977, at Lady Minto Hospital.

She suffered a severe stroke following a serious fall at her home where she was found by Mrs. Margaret White, a neighbour, on Monday afternoon. Her husband, Victor Sholes, predeceased her in July 1964, when he was instantly killed in a head-on collision on the Fulford-Ganges Road near Price's

Lake, as the Sholes were returning home from a drive to Fulford.

Olivia would have been given up for dead too had it not been for the persistence of Lloyd Reynolds who, living nearby, went three times to the doctor and begged him to look at her again, as he felt she was still alive. After preliminary treatment at Lady Minto, where she was unrecognized by the staff, she was immediately sent to King's Daughters' Hospital at Duncan, for a few days. She then spent several months at St. Joseph's Hospital and the Gorge Hospital in Victoria undergoing treatments and an operation on her hip.

Olivia was a brave woman indeed. No one knows how much she must have endured since the accident. Her family and friends felt she should have had a companion, but she preferred to live alone after her youngest son grew up and left to work at Crofton.

### FRIENDLY SMILE FOR ALL

She was a kindly soul, generous to the nth degree, with a friendly smile for all she knew, unambitious for anything more in life than her family, friends, home, and her garden, in which she worked many, many years. She lived for her family of three boys: David, Leonard, and Oliver, and was fortunate to have thirteen additional years to see her five grandchildren, Kevin, Jennifer, Matthew, Jason, and Adrienne as they grew up, as well as her five nephews and three nieces.

While her real name was Olivia, she was known to everyone as "Pops". Perhaps a word or explanation might be necessary here.

She had an aunt in England, Olivia, for whom the nickname in those days was "Lolly", and as candies at that time were known as lollipops, she received the name Pops, which stayed with her throughout her life.

Olivia was born September 19, 1902, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cunningham, at Pelican Lake, in the township of Argyle, Manitoba. Her elder brother, James, was born the previous year. Both parents were originally from England.

In 1903 they left Manitoba and came out to live on Salt Spring Island on the west side of Ganges Harbour, directly below the farm of the writer's father, R.A.R. Purdy. It had been owned previously by three Abbott brothers: Edwin, Fred, and Cecil. Here were born another daughter, Maude, 1903, (now Mrs. Aylwin of Haney), and a son, Leonard Guy, 1905, still at Central, Salt Spring.

**BACK TO MANITOBA**  
A few years later the family moved back to Manitoba, this time to Baldur. Guy remembers as a small boy being lifted out of bed one night to look at the wonder of the age: the appearance of Halley's Comet in 1910.

The following year the family left Manitoba and went to Australia, where they lived until 1914.

They left Australia, returning once again to Salt Spring. As the Walcott family were now living in their former home, this time they again bought another "seafront" property, this time on the south side of Mr. Purdy's place, using

the latter's wood road for an entrance. Many years later this road received the name of Rourke Road, when the Cunningham family sold the property to Mrs. Rourke. The "seafront" property had originally been owned by Mr. Page. Mr. Cunningham died in 1920. The eldest son, James, went to live in Australia, and later New Zealand.

In 1923 the family decided to try Alberta. However, when the Cunninghams reached Olds, Alberta, they found dead stock lying around in all directions after a very severe winter, so they concluded that Salt Spring looked better after all, and returned to the island immediately by the next train, without unpacking.

### BOARDING HOUSE

They then bought the present Cunningham property at Central from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stevens. It was the former boarding house run by Walter's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stevens, and built by Mr. Purdy's brother-in-law Sam Beddis, and his son Charlie.

By a strange coincidence, fate seemed to be always bringing the Cunningham and Purdy family together, as Mr. Purdy had boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Stevens at their first home at "Fruit-vale", on Scott Road. He walked up a trail to Central to teach school there from 1885 until they built the boarding house where he also boarded. In 1897 he gave up teaching and worked on his farm on Beddis Road.

On November 7, 1939, just after the beginning of World War II, Olivia married Victor Sholes, formerly of Ontario and the prairies, who at that time was working at

## Active Pass

Old Felix Jack who lives on Active Pass

This seventy years or maybe more, His native wisdom clear and quite benign  
Said just the other day: "Is a bad sign".

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To toss his dugout almost to the sky:  
In looking back along the many years  
It was enough to turn an Indian to tears.

He had in mind the calm and quiet days of yore  
When all was peace and quietness from shore to shore  
When fishing held one long glad day's delight  
When jumping salmon was the only sound  
Except the quietness that could be heard at night.

He paddles back to his long well-loved home  
His heart is heavy with the thought of days to be  
When all the rush of "Progress" with its noise and foam  
Will stop forever days like those he's known.

He's not the only one to see what "Progress" means:  
The days ahead that could well see and be  
The end to much we now possess  
Such things as space, and peace and quietness.

-George Pearson

Harbour House Hotel as gardener. Later he was employed for several years at the Salt Spring Island Trading Company.

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## Carol cruise precedes New Year's race at Ganges

BY PHYL SINCLAIR

The Salt Spring Island Sailing Club Carol Ship sailed around Ganges Harbour on the night of December 21, and this year it was Doug Thomas's "Cizara" that carried the singers.

Due to conflicting events, only a few members turned up, but with the help of tapes it was heard quite well. The calm night and colored lights of the waterfront homes was enjoyed by all, and Bob Hanson took his family out on Christmas night for a really different cruise under the stars aboard "Chantress".

The Club's Annual New Year's Day Race was held in Ganges Harbour, with six boats participating, and went on to Dick Larson afterwards for hot drinks and good fellowship around the fire.

Another event, held on January 7, was the Annual Trophy Awards and dinner at the Cedar Beach Resort. About seventy members and friends turned up, despite the weather, for a delicious smorgasbord arranged by Vera Larson and Alicia Baxter, assisted by all the ladies. Jane Butler-Cole made a beautiful cake decorated with New Year's Greetings to the Club. Movies by Don Baxter and slides by Kerry Butler and Dick Larson showed some of the years events. Trophies were presented by Doug Thomas, assisted by Jim Sinclair and Robert Neish.

The slate of officers for the coming year is, commodore, Peter

McMillan; vice-commodore, Jim Sinclair; rear-commodore, Dick Moore; treasurer, Wayne Pearce; cruiser fleet captain, Doug Thomas; power fleet captain, Bob Hanson; dinghy fleet captain, Robert Neish; secretary, Phyl Sinclair; handicapper and measurer, Don Baxter; historian, Hilda Moore.

## Saturna Scene

BY KUKLOS

The new year was seen in grand style at the Community Hall with a good number of islanders present. The Lions Club (with Dave Crooks and Lloyd Smith in charge) arranged for Dick Paulin and his organ to provide the music. Dick is the son-in-law of Connie and Laurence Smith, newcomers to Saturna, who live with Betty Stoddart and Jeannie Morgan as neighbours.

A sad event during the holiday season was the fire at the East Point home of Reg and Juanita Hutton-Potts. The damage was to the living room and the addition Reg had been working on. Saturna people have been generous in responding, and the Hutton-Potts family is now living in accommodation on the John and Melanie Gaines' property until their home is fixed up.

### HEALTH SERVICES

Reg has started work as the manager of the Canada Works project to build health service facilities above the Fire Hall. Also working on the project are Harvey Jansen, Bob Crosby, and Hans Petke.

Lots of people have had company during the festive season, including Marie McMahon with her grandsons, Lexie and Ed Mogg with their daughter and family, Tom and Marjorie Davidson with daughter, Dianne; Dayle and Ken Johnson with Roger and Shirianne; Shirley and John Money with Shirley's mother and Terri and Andy with Philip Siemens, Andy's brother.

Bill and Irene Lawson with daughter Debbie, Archie and Theresa, Bob and Taimi Hindmarch with their daughters and families, and long-time friend Irene Blackham.

Tickets are available at the stores and from any Lion for the sides of beef and pork to be won in April.

News from the younger residents:

## Death of Mrs. Helen Cunningham at Lady Minto Hospital on Saturday

Mrs. Helen Muriel Cunningham died in Lady Minto Hospital on Saturday, January 7. Former resident of Maple Ridge she retired to Salt Spring Island several years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, Hugh, in 1971.

She leaves two sons, Frank and Ronald and a daughter, Mrs. J. (Pat) Mullan, all of Salt Spring

Island; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was held in St. Andrew's United Church,

Maple Ridge, on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Goodman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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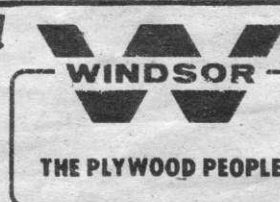
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# Provincial Court

John Kaufman was fined a total of \$100 in Ganges Provincial Court December 21 when he pleaded guilty to two charges laid under the Liquor Control Act.

First charge was for buying liquor while under 19 years of age; court was told that Kaufman purchased beer from the Harbour House Hotel on November 19. Second charge was being a minor in possession of liquor. That charge was laid after liquor was found in Kaufman's possession on August 29.

He appeared before Judge F.C. Giles.

Gary O'Bray, 17, was also charged with being a minor in possession of liquor and was fined \$50 after pleading guilty to the charge.

Richard McGoldrick, 18, of Ganges, was sentenced to 30 days

in jail and two years' probation for wilfully damaging a vehicle in Ganges.

Court was told that McGoldrick and two juveniles were seen "dancing or walking" on the roof of a vehicle parked at a garage in Ganges October 11. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$10.

McGoldrick, who was on probation at the time of the incident, has a record of breaking and entry and forgery, the court was told.

Probation officer D. Pearce told the court he had spent a lot of time and energy with McGoldrick and that he was a "very likeable young man".

"But under the influence of alcohol he cannot cope with life," said Pearce.

He urged the court to consider a further term of probation with a 10 pm curfew, seven nights a week.

In handing out the sentence, Judge Giles said, "My problem is

# Board lists committees

The school board of the Gulf Islands has revised its committees.

On the management committee are Ivan Mouat, Spencer Marr and Chairman Tom Davidson.

The building committee, which also involves the transportation aspects of the district, are Don Fairweather, Norma McCallum and Mary Ann Neal.

The education and curriculum committee includes trustees Ann Foerster, David Stacey and Jeanine Dodds.

this: how many times can the provincial court continue to place young people like this on probation?"

"A further period of probation cannot be open to you", concluded the judge "except following a term of imprisonment."

Douglas Shaughnessy, of Salt Spring Island, was fined \$250 and given a suspended sentence on two counts of driving without insurance. Court was told that on October 26 and 29 Shaughnessy was stopped by Ganges RCMP. On both occasions he had been driving a vehicle with a temporary operation permit. It was after 9 pm when he was stopped on both days and such a permit is not valid after that time.

Shaughnessy said he hadn't been aware of the restriction when he was stopped the first time.

He was given a suspended sentence on the first count and the fine on the second.

A charge of driving without due care and attention laid against Jim Sinclair of Pender Island, was dismissed by Judge Giles following a hearing December 21.

Sinclair was also charged with driving while his licence was suspended, to which he pleaded guilty and was fined \$150.

The other charge was laid following an incident September 27. RCMP Corporal Driscoll, who was stationed at Pender Island at the time, said he found a vehicle overturned in the ditch on Bedwell Harbour Road. He subsequently learned that he should see Sinclair about the accident, which he did the following day.

Sinclair told him that he'd been driving the vehicle, a 1952 Chev pickup. He had been lighting a cigarette when he drove off the road, he said. When asked to produce his driver's licence, Sinclair told the police officer he didn't have one, that it was suspended.

Sinclair told the court that he had not driven for two years and that his driving skills were rusty. The truck wasn't his, he said, and was not running well. There was a lot of play in the steering and the tires were bald.

"It's dicey," said Judge Giles, "but I'll give you the benefit of the doubt."

## Penders

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visit us and enjoy the Christmas turkey and companionship together. Then there were those among us who left the Island to spend the holiday with children and grandchildren on the Mainland or elsewhere..

Miss Joan Purchase spent the holiday in West Vancouver with her brother, Douglas and family, whilst Dr. and Mrs. E. Morrison spent the Christmas season with their families in Vancouver and Miss Marian McKecknie went to Ontario to be with her nieces and nephews.

Quite a number joined together to enjoy their Christmas dinner together in the friendly atmosphere

at Pender Lodge, where Mrs. Anne Fairweather always provides a beautiful meal.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harrison had son and family from Victoria and daughter from Vancouver for the Christmas week-end. How fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful area with practically a summer climate for the holidays!

Wednesday morning, Dec. 21 at 11 am about 50 people gathered at the Golf Clubhouse, the occasion being the unveiling of the bronze statue of Washington Grimmer donated by Pender's well-known sculptor, Ralph Sketch, commemorating the memory of the early settlers.

Mrs. Lorraine Campbell, President of the Historical Society, Gulf Islands Branch, addressed the gathering in which she said "the monument is of one of our pioneers returning from the field with his horse after a hard day's work in the 1880's, the time when the Gulf Islands were being settled.

Washington Grimmer was one of the early settlers who developed Pender Island into a farming community and the monument is on the land he once cleared. His two sons, Nep. Grimmer, with his wife Dorothy and Percy Grimmer and wife Helen were present, as

well as granddaughters, Mrs. Buntty England and husband Hugh, Mrs. Beth Amies and her youngest daughter, Kari Amies, who had the honour to unveil the bronze statue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sketch were present as were many "old-timers" from North and South Pender. As Mrs. Campbell mentioned in her address, whilst it was the sea and the ships that brought the original settlers to the Islands, it was the horse that played an important role in enabling them to clear the forests and till the fertile valleys and thus establish a thriving agricultural community on the Islands, and thus this monument is symbolic of the spirit of the pioneers.

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# VALUABLE SOURCE OR?

## Stowell Lake: should it be water supply?

BY MIKE LARMOUR

Recently, the Capital Regional District amended the Salt Spring Community Plan, and revised the Subdivision Bylaw to remove all the land in the drainage basin surrounding Stowell Lake from the watershed category.

This land will now change to rural residential, with smaller amounts of agricultural and forest and upland.

The rural residential category will allow a doubling of the number of lots that can be developed through subdivision and, as well, lots down to 1½ acres and commercial development may occur near the lake.

Ultimately, relatively dense development will likely occur, with considerable impact on the lake.

There are two main concerns that arise from this action by the Capital Regional District.

First, the Community Plan has been amended without explanation of the reasons for change, without considerable public discussion and input, and without a clear indication that the community does, indeed, wish a change.

### CONTRARY TO POLICY

This is contrary to the policy of the Regional District as stated by Chairman Jim Campbell: "With respect to Community Plan amendments, it is a general policy that such amendments would require endorsement or at least tacit approval of the local director, followed by a clear indication through public meetings and public input that an amendment has a consensus for support in the community."

If, as in this case, the Community Plan can be amended without a thorough explanation of the reasons, and without public involvement and approval, attempts at rational and orderly planning for our future will fail.

The second major concern is with the loss of Stowell Lake as a potential source of domestic water.

From available information it

appears that groundwater supplies are quite limited on Salt Spring Island, and that we will have to rely heavily on our lakes in the future as our only economically viable alternative major water supplies. Hydrological studies are underway on two of our lakes, and this will, in time, enable us to achieve a fairly precise understanding of available water from these sources. This information may also be extrapolated to other lakes on the island, giving a reasonably accurate picture of the total available water from the lakes to serve the needs of the islanders.

### POPULATION

An uncertainty exists as to population projections for the island. Although the Community Plan envisioned a maximum population of about 15,000, it now appears that this figure may be far exceeded, due to the proposed additions of large populations in Ganges, Fulford and Vesuvius, and the allowance of duplexes over much of the island.

Nor can we be assured that the testing procedures and controls designed to allow development only on the assurance of adequate water are reliable.

A few examples of past failures are Scott Point, Cottonwood Subdivision, and Erskine Heights subdivision; in all cases adequate potable water was not available for the amount of development allowed.

We must also consider that the cost of distributing water is extremely high on the island due to its rocky, hilly nature and scattered population. It makes good economic sense to try to preserve significant sources of water in various areas of the island to serve adjacent areas.

### DO WE NEED IT?

Do we really need more rural residential land at the expense of a future water supply? At present there are only 3,853 acres of watershed on the island compared to 17,227 acres of rural residential land, 14,450 of which are undeveloped.

How significant is Stowell Lake as a water source? The runoff from the Stowell Lake watershed can be roughly calculated using the following parameters:

### Precipitation

The average annual precipitation over 30 years at Ganges is 40.41 inches, and at Vesuvius 33.29 inches.

A conservative basis for calculations might be 27 inches (third driest year in 60 years at Ganges).

### Evaporation

The surface evaporation from the lakes on Salt Spring is not known, but records at Saanichton show an average of two feet there.

### Run-off coefficient

The run-off coefficient represents the portion of the precipitation which reaches the lake, after losses from evaporation and transpiration. A conservative run-off coefficient, based on data from similar lakes on Vancouver Island, is .50.

Using this information together with the areas of the drainage basin and the lake the yield of the watershed can be calculated at about 450 acre-feet of water per year. This volume far exceeds the storage capacity of the lake and so most of it cannot be retained for our use. A more realistic basis for calculation of the available water would be to allow for maximum summer drawdown of the lake for domestic purposes of 3 feet, an amount that would serve approximately 600 people.

The water quality in Stowell Lake is roughly comparable to Weston Lake, at least by the parameters listed below:

In conclusion, given the uncertainties over water supplies and population projections, it would be wise for the community to protect Stowell Lake as a potential water source both for ourselves and for future islanders by retaining its watershed in the Community Plan.

If you are concerned, please

write or phone the Islands Trust, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, or contact your local trustees, Chuck Longueay or Jack Fisher.

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## Down Through The Years With Driftwood

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Last week, some punk or punks took their revenge on the Lions Club for providing so much for the local youth, by sawing down the large Christmas tree that the Lions had put up on the causeway in Ganges.

This act of vandalism by some pretty stupid types of malcontents could well have injured or killed someone. The tree had been only partially sawn, just enough so it would not fall until the next little breeze came up. Luckily, it came crashing down across the road just before midnight last Friday night rather than during the day.

And it is a small world as Tom Cowan of Saturna Island, presently in England, reports that his little niece, Nancy Lynn Harwood, living in Sevenoaks, Kent, writes to pen pals in a chain letter sponsored internationally by the P.O. and on the list of names sent her was Rosalind Hildred of Ganges.

James Campbell, Saturna Island, was elected chairman of the all-male board of school trustees at their first meeting of the year on Tuesday night. George Heinekey will serve as vice-chairman.

The first baby of 1963 at Lady Minto Hospital was a girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Byron on January 6; weight, six and three-quarters pounds. Mr. Byron is a well-known teacher at Ganges School.

A gay New Year was welcomed by 50 Walker Hook residents in one of the merriest frolics enjoyed on Salt Spring. Every hour of the party, which got under way about 9 pm in Central Hall and lasted until the wee small hours, was filled with fun. At midnight guests enjoyed a sumptuous turkey and ham dinner prepared by the ladies, then danced again to the music of excellent records provided by Oscar Wallace.

Bartenders Harold, Bob and Augie helped along the merriment, assisted by Butch Taylor who brought out a good supply of balloons and other fun makers. Bob Marcotte and helpers did a grand job of decorating the hall.

Friday Harbour in the San Juan Islands a few miles away and just over the border, reports 24.21 inches of rain in 1962 which compares with our 41.57 inches.

### TEN YEARS AGO

The New Year's baby for the islands was born to Mrs. Mary Wilson of Galiano Island, at Lady Minto Hospital on Monday. The 1968 baby weighed seven pounds, five ounces. He arrived at 6.30 on New Year's morning.

Open house at the Arthur J. Hepburn's home took the form of a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zelter, who were married in Vancouver on December 22. Over 100 people arrived during the evening to wish the couple well and to celebrate the New Year out with the family.

lands Lady Minto Hospital, a daughter, Kirsten. As far as it is known, it is the first baby ever born on Christmas Day at Lady Minto.

Former co-op store in Ganges has changed its colours. Located in the Farmers' Institute building at the foot of Rainbow Road is the shop of W. Bangert Construction and Cabinet Making. Now equipped with power tools and equipment the former retail store is being used for the building of homes and furniture.

Contractor on Salt Spring for the past two years or more, Wilf Bangert has only now opened his own tool shop. In the past he has engaged in building from his home at Southey Point.

Bradley Bulldozing uncovered a silver mine last week while working in the Cusheon Cove area. Bulldozer was cutting out a road when it uncovered a variety of domestic articles.

In the haul was an antique silver tea service of tray, teapot and sugar and cream containers, a pair of caulk boots and a pair of ice skates.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

The 12 days of Christmas brought floods and freezing after a December with almost every kind of weather there is.

Mild balmy days of December brought out the buds on the unwary bushes and flying insects were looking for spring.

Gales were experienced on several days and the Christmas Day cloudburst was the heaviest rain ever recorded at Ganges. Sudden frost heralded the new year and the first week of January was white but not Christmas.

Sharpest blow to the islands was the Christmas cloudburst with 3.31 inches of rain in 24 hours.

Sales of Walker Hook Subdivision lots will go ahead. County Court Judge M.T. Drake has thrown out the ban on their sale imposed last summer by the Superintendent of Insurance.

The lots in question are 84 which were subdivided in 1891. Last year, the regional director, Marc Holmes, called for a restriction of their sale when the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. J.L.M. Whitbread, ruled that building permits could not be issued in respect of the quarter-acre lots.

Decision of Judge Drake places the lots back on the market. It also upholds the inviolability of land registration. Protests against the subdivision were largely based on the fact that purchasers could not build a home on one such lot and that they contravened the subdivision regulations which have been developed since the 19th century.

Bookkeeping and accounting service formerly operated by Em Moore has been taken over by Spencer Marr and will be operated in future under the name, Marr Accounting. Mr. Marr opened his own business at Cusheon Lake last fall. With his purchase of the Ganges business, he will continue to operate in the accounting business at Phillips Avenue.

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Community Society reviews function

# Election set up for February in old hospital building on Ganges Hill

It is now 1978 and the Salt Spring Island Community Society is preparing to hold its annual general meeting in February, at which time board members will be elected.

Any resident of Salt Spring, regardless of age, is eligible for membership, as long as he or she has resided here for six months, and signs the 1978 membership list now posted on the bulletin board at the Community Centre.

No membership fee is required, but the name of a member must appear on the list before January 31. Membership brings voting privileges, and eligibility to be a member of the board.

The board is elected by the membership for two-year terms.

There are up to 15 members on the board, and half the members are elected each year. Currently, the chairman is Eric Donnelly; vice chairman, Gail Secor and secretary-treasurer, Tim Stafford.

Other board members are, Bet-

ty Brigden, Phyllis Coleman, Reid Collins, Guille Libresco, May Jones, Sue Mouat, Lois Phillips, Peter McCalman, Roma Sturdy and Dorothy Sneddon.

The Community Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping to promote, develop and co-ordinate better community services and activities.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Community Society rents, maintains and operates the Community Centre on Ganges Hill, where Nick Gilbert, the Community School Worker, and Community Workers Alice Freidman and Marg Simons, who share a job, have their offices.

Dr. John Coombs has his medical clinic upstairs at the Centre.

Mornings see the Co-operative Parent-run Nursery School in operation. Currently there are two Canada Works Grants sponsored by the Society and housed at the Centre in progress; the Program

for Learning Assistance, and the Family Centre.

New program for handicapped people is located in the kitchen several days a week as a temporary headquarters.

This program is known as the "Achievement Centre", and is operating with volunteer help.

Rooms are available at the Community Centre to rent by groups and individuals to hold meetings, workshops, classes and projects.

The Centre's Free Store and Notice Board are popular community services, and soon the society hopes to add a barter board, for the trading of goods and services.

The Community Worker's Office has a volunteer file covering all aspects of life in the community and, in addition, a Recycling volunteer list for help with the depot in Ganges.

Under the Community Society's umbrella comes Meals-on-Wheels, and the Homemaker Service.

**USUALLY MANNED**

The Centre is open week days, and generally someone is in the office ready to hear ideas, and help respond to the community.

Following are dates of activities which members hope everyone will consider;

The next History Magazine meeting - 10 AM Friday, January 13. Hudson Kimball memorial sharing ideas: open discussion over a cup of tea; Sunday, Jan. 15, at 12.30. Dialogue on youth - a meeting about education, chaired by Nick Gilbert, at 7.30 pm, Monday, Jan. 16.

A meeting on teenagers Monday, Jan. 23, at 7.30 pm.

Senior's luncheon at 12.30 Thursday, Jan. 19.

Adults' and children's Saturday art session; Candle making; January 21, at 10 am.

Following ideas and projects are under consideration and the society would appreciate community input:

Meeting to discuss "space" for activities in the community.

Updating the Island's directory booklet.

The Nursery School is prepared to offer an afternoon session for four year olds, if registration warrants this expansion.

Making a room into a resource library and reading room.

*The lady who loved the future and past*

There once was a lady who loved the future and past  
She'd never be in the present because she was so fast  
She'd always be thinking about what she did or would do  
She'd never jump for joy or shout "I love you, Boo Boo."

She'd always be saying "Wasn't it nice?" or "Won't it be nice?"  
But while she was there, she'd be cold as ice  
She'd talk about the places where she would roam  
But while she was there, she'd think "Pretty soon I'll be home."

She'd know all about Mary and Teddy and Sue  
But when she was with them, she'd talk about Eddy and Lou  
She'd think for a long time about what she would eat  
But while she was eating, she'd think "What else would be neat?"

She'd always note down the things she had done  
But while she was doing them, she'd never have any fun  
When it was August, she'd be thinking of September

She'd always be planning the things she would remember

It wasn't that she was worried what people would say  
She just wanted to be certain everything was O.K.  
There was never a time she'd have to crawl out of a hole  
Because this lady was always in total control

Now the ending of this ditty won't be too long  
It puts this old lady right where she belongs  
She knows the solution is to let it all be  
But I wouldn't be writing this unless she were me

- Dan Jason

**Reports damage**

John Gauthier has a bashed post on his driveway.

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