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## Herring fishery closed due to spawn decrease

— In local waters

Herring roe fishery has been closed in local waters this year because of a drop in the spawn figures for the area.

Regional herring co-ordinator Bob Humphreys told Driftwood on Tuesday that area 18, which includes Ganges Harbour, Welbury Bay and Long Harbour, will be closed for one year while the Fisheries Service assesses the spawning stocks.

"Something is happening that we're not to happy about," said Humphreys. "We're not getting the spawn we should be getting." It is thought that a lot of spawn is being deposited on the web of the gillnets and being lost as a result, he explained.

Fisheries officials have developed a method of measuring herring spawn in square yards. In the first six years of the roe fishery, from 1970 until 1975, it was calculated that there was an average of 422,000 square yards of spawn each year in area 18.

But there was a sudden drop

after 1975, Humphreys pointed out, and between 1976 and 1978 the average for each year was calculated at less than 100,000 square yards.

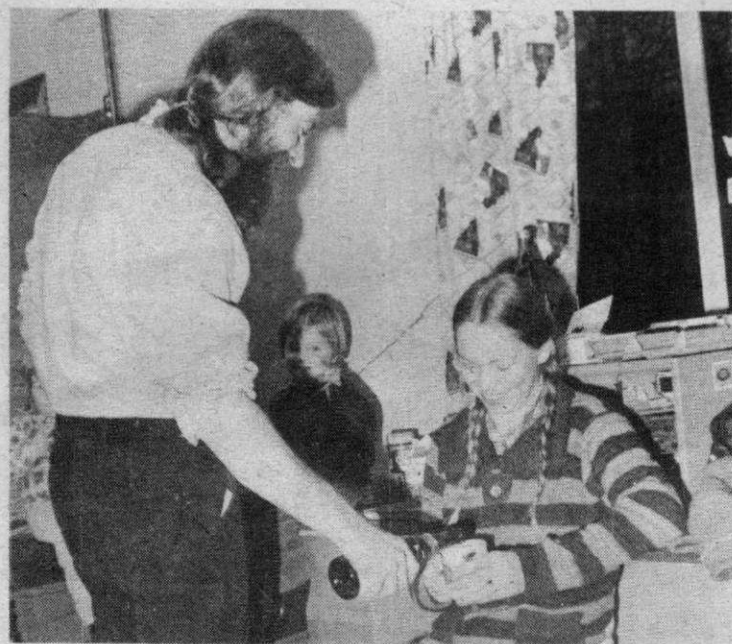
Catch expectation for the whole of the coast this year is 60,000 tons of herring. Last year that figure was 70,000 and the year before, 80,000.

Humphreys said that the first area to open this year would probably be Naden Harbour in the Queen Charlottes, followed by simultaneous openings on the west coast of Vancouver Island and in the Georgia Strait. Early in March the Yellow Point and Cedar area will open instead of Ganges, Driftwood learned.

Operator of Salt Spring Island Sea Products, John Christianson, said Tuesday he had no comment to make until after he had spoken with fisheries officials. He said he was expecting to meet with Bob Humphreys on Wednesday.

Last year the fishery brought almost 300 boats to the Ganges area.

## Champagne corks fly as sale of Driftwood marked



New Driftwood publishers Tony and Alice Richards

Anyone who wandered into the Driftwood office late last Wednesday afternoon might have been somewhat taken aback by the scene that greeted them. Champagne corks were flying every which way, and for good reason. The paper, the staff was informed, had just been sold.

The announcement was made by Tony Richards, who with his wife Alice, negotiated a deal to

purchase the paper. The younger Richards returned to Salt Spring before Christmas to pinch-hit for his vacationing father, publisher and editor Frank Richards.

The sale marks the end of 12 years of ownership of the paper by Frank and Barbara Richards. They had taken Driftwood over in January, 1967, after Mr. Richards left his job as editor of the Sidney Review.

## Applying for letters patent

## Region to take over dog control

The only alternative to a dog control program is to buy cases of shotgun shells and issue them to everyone who has sheep and everyone who lives next door.

That is what the Capital Region Board was told by Metchosin director Mac Tipton on Wednesday of last week, prior to the board's decision to apply for letters patent to handle dog control.

The regional district will take over the responsibility from the Ministry of Agriculture. The provincial government has offered the district a grant of \$10,000 to get started and, in addition, will pay half of any deficit of up to \$10,000 a

year for three years.

It will be up to the regional district to collect dog licence fees and compensate farmers for lost livestock.

A draft bylaw is being prepared and, according to Salt Spring director Mike Clement, a copy of it will be left at the courthouse at Ganges when it is published.

## Mayne Queen

## Travellers are stranded as ferry breaks down

Residents and travellers to the Outer Islands ran into a bit of a transportation problem over the weekend after the Mayne Queen broke down late Friday night.

While the vessel was docked at Mayne Island a timing chain on the ferry broke, and the ship was barely able to limp back to Victoria on its one remaining operational engine.

B.C. Ferries traffic manager Bill Bouchard told Driftwood that crews went to work on the disabled ferry as soon as it arrived back at Swartz Bay Friday night, but the repairs took all of Saturday to complete.

Bouchard said that although the Salt Spring Queen was docked at Swartz Bay, using it would have meant having to assemble an entire crew for the smaller vessel because the Mayne Queen crew wasn't familiar with the workings of the other ferry. Provisions had been made, however, to put the Salt Spring Queen into service Sunday if repairs on the Mayne Queen weren't complete by then. The problem, however, had been remedied in time for the Mayne Queen

to return to her run with the 5.30 am sailing Sunday.

Bouchard said that due to the failure of the ferry to sail Saturday a small number of travellers had to have accommodation supplied by the ferry corporation.

Two Saturna residents were stranded on Mayne Friday night and were put up there, the traffic manager said, and a service technician stranded on Saturna stayed in a private residence. Five travellers en route to Vancouver had to be put up at Sidney for the night.

## Oil slick at Vesuvius Bay

Vesuvius Bay was the scene of an oil spill last week but the source of the spill has not been determined. An observer at the scene on Thursday reported that the oil formed a slick that appeared to be about 50 feet wide and followed the whole shoreline of the bay.

## They want your blood

— On Monday

Salt Spring Islanders are expected to be out in full force Monday afternoon when the Red Cross blood clinic is held at the Legion Hall in Ganges. And this time there's a record to beat.

The clinic in June of last year collected 217 pints, but according to blood clinic committee chairman Peter Bingham, only 92 of those pints were of the Salt Spring Island variety: 125 donors were not island residents.

"The B.C. Blood Bank is desperately low," said Bingham this week, "and the pint of blood given by a donor could save a life."

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 65 is eligible to donate. The clinic will run from 2 pm to 8 pm, Monday, Jan. 22.

## Police react quickly when water lines freeze at Salt Spring home

It was a case of frozen water lines at a Salt Spring Island home that resulted in speedy action on the part of the local RCMP detachment. The police were not, as it may seem, trying to get into the plumbing business on the island but were preparing for a man-hunt on the slopes of Mount Bruce.

It all began one frosty morning about two weeks ago when Danny Akerman crawled underneath his Fulford home to thaw out some frozen pipes and get his water running. His attempt at do-it-yourself plumbing had far-reaching effects.

Thinking that his labours may have been successful, he called to his wife Barbara to see if the taps

were running. He was forced to shout rather loudly to make himself heard, Driftwood learned, and his shouts were not only heard by his wife, but by the neighbours behind his house. And that was when the action started.

Believing the shouts they had heard to be from someone lost on the hillside, Akerman's neighbours called the police. And their reaction was swift.

### TWO POLICE CARS

They arrived at Fulford in short order, with two police cars. What's more, reinforcements were on the way.

By this time, Danny Akerman had finished his business under the house and, according to Drift-

wood's source, met the police at the home of his father, Bob Akerman. He learned of the preparations for a search and he also learned that an RCMP helicopter, bringing two tracking dogs, was on its way. He also found out what time it was when the shouts were heard and who heard them.

It didn't take long for everyone to realize the mistake, and the search was called off.

Driftwood was unable to learn whether or not Akerman's pipes were ever thawed out, but if they were, he's not shouting about it. The RCMP, too, have been very quiet about the matter, although one observer commented that they were to be commended for their quick action.

# Scenes from Saturday's rugby match



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**Clip and Save**

Faces marked with grim determination, rugby enthusiasts were out in full force at Ganges Saturday.

The Salt Spring team lost to Cowichan at the match, but the score remains unknown. One player was to have written a story on the game but by Tuesday evening the story had not been submitted. It is presumed, therefore, that the writer is still recovering from his injuries and was unable to take up the pen.

Game was followed by a party at the Fulford Inn where, according to sources whose reliability is questionable, 75 cases of beer were consumed.



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Al Anderson displays the well-worn newspaper on the lid of unique wooden chest.

## Lid of old wood chest makes interesting reading

Even 145 years after its construction, the unpretentious wood chest that has been in the Albert Anderson family for several years still serves a purpose: it holds Margaret Anderson's sewing things.

But while the hand-crafting that went into the chest and the square-headed nails that were used to put it together are of interest, there's something even more intriguing inside. The chest's curved lid has been lined with a newspaper, an 1834 newspaper, to be precise, published in New York.

Although Mr. Anderson isn't sure of the chest's history, he does know that it has been in his family

since his mother remarried several years ago at the age of 72. The chest had belonged to her new husband, Lloyd F. Weir. When Mrs. Weir moved out of her home the Andersons took the chest into their possession.

Although the paper lining the lid of the chest hasn't actually been identified, it nonetheless offers some interesting reading. In 1834, the City of New York was calling for tenders for its oil supply, and the theatres were staging all manner of productions. According to the classifieds, coal was selling for \$5.50 a ton.

"We have no great plans for the chest," says Mrs. Anderson, "but it's definitely not for sale."

# Municipal-type services cost Salt Spring Islanders \$131,448

**BY MIKE CLEMENT**  
I read with considerable interest the letter of Mrs. Bette Delmonico in last week's Driftwood, in which she suggested that a lot of tax money could be saved if the

outlined above, and quite obviously if there were no CRD administration, these services would still be needed.

**NOT AS EFFICIENT**

Indeed I suspect that these

year, are bound to increase the total assessed values of land and improvements on Salt Spring but again these figures have not yet been published.

**FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND**

### Report from the Salt Spring regional director

provincial government were persuaded to do away with regional districts.

Last year the Capital Regional District requisitioned a total of \$131,448 from property taxes levied on Salt Spring Island to pay for municipal type services provided to the islanders through the regional district.

The total of \$131,448, included such major items as \$37,435 for community health services, \$26,232 for community parks and recreational programs, \$26,231 for the SSI Parks & Recreation Commission, \$14,856 for building inspection services and \$6,030 for the activity centre.

I feel confident that your correspondent would not want to do away with the services I have

municipal services would not be handled as efficiently by a larger governmental body such as the provincial government.

As for the Capital Region budget and the 1979 requisition from Salt Spring property owners, it is too early to tell how the finance minister's recent edict limiting mill rate and budget increases to five percent will affect either the district or the island.

I am, however, informed that the assessed values of some properties on the island will rise. In particular, those properties which were 15% below market value last year will rise in continuation of the provincial government's phase-in of the new assessment formula. These increases, together with the assessment of buildings built last

I think that some of the current dissatisfaction with the performance of regional districts stems from failure to understand the role they are planned to perform. I have therefore obtained two copies of the Regional District's Review Committee Report, recently published by the provincial government, and these are now in the Mary Hawkins Library for general study.

The report clearly analyzes the role of regional districts, and recommends the methods by which regional districts can most efficiently provide municipal-type services to the 95 percent of BC which is outside municipal boundaries. I am sure Mr. Editor, your readers will find it very interesting reading.

**BIG INEQUITY**

We do have a problem with taxes. But I feel one of the biggest inequities we face is the fact that the provincial government took about \$320,000 more in taxes last year from the people of Salt Spring Island than was needed to pay for educational services on the island, and the figure may be \$400,000 this year.

The provincial government sets the mill rate for the basic education program in the province, and in our case it means that the people here, many of whom are retired, end up paying towards the cost of the public school system in other parts of the province.

## Galiano auxiliary elects new executive

**Contributed**

The Women's Auxiliary to the South Galiano Fire Department held its annual meeting on January 9. Mrs. Phyllis Linton was re-elected president.

Also re-elected by acclamation were Jean Mozley, vice-president, Jean Wilson, secretary, and Edna Robertson, treasurer.

The president's report on 1978 activities showed an extremely busy year with many successful fund-raising projects including the popular Firemen's Ball. An energetic team of women report every second week for the regular fire drill and work with the men in the brigade whenever there is an emergency. They take on traffic duty, attend Wajax pumps and hoses and any other duties to which they may be assigned at the scene, while others stay at the fire hall to handle the telephones and radio.

As its project for 1979, the W.A. laid formative plans for a public information program for the island this coming season. Empha-

sis will be on fire prevention and "what to do first" in the event of fire in the home.

Every third Saturday of each month from 2 - 5 pm the auxiliary conducts its book sales at the fire hall. The next one is slated for January 20. Anyone wishing to contribute books, especially paperbacks, may bring them to the hall and give to any of the women wearing red fire jackets, so they may be priced and put in the proper place. This effort contributed many hundreds of dollars to the fire department in the past year, helping to pay for truck repairs and the gravelling of the new parking area among other things.

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### The concept is a good one

When field trips were discussed by Gulf Islands School Board last week, one trustee voiced some objections to the concept of such trips.

One has to agree that, in some cases, field trips are undoubtedly a waste of time and money and have no educational value. But surely there can be no valid objection to the concept of permitting students to leave, on occasion, the confines of the classroom when there is something to be learned by doing so.

There was an application before the board about a year ago for a field trip that involved a fishing trip in Active Pass aboard a local fishboat. One district official told the school trustees that he felt the trip could not be considered educational.

Rubbish!

Fishing is one of B.C.'s major industries. How then can a trip on a fishboat be considered anything but educational?

Students in islands schools should be given every opportunity to learn about the sea, for reasons that are obvious.

Every application for a field trip must be carefully examined: we cannot dispute that. But let's not argue over the field trip concept: it has many merits, and surely they, too, are obvious.

### Lest we forget

Lest we forget is a phrase that usually comes up only once a year, in the second week of November. But it has some significance this week with the airing by a Vancouver television station of the film Holocaust.

The film has been the object of much criticism, but perhaps we need to be reminded of the slaughter that took place during the second world war. Not only the slaughter and bloodshed that took place on battlefields around the world, but the slaughter of six million Jews as well.

It is no longer important who it was that was responsible. But surely it is of the utmost importance that the attempted annihilation of an entire race should not be forgotten.

Let us not forget the horrible crimes mankind is capable of committing.

### It's about time

The announcement that British Columbia is no longer for sale came as something of a surprise. It is, in fact, alarming that this time-honoured practice is to be discontinued. Is it, we wonder, because B.C. no longer has anything left to sell?

And why the sudden change of thinking by the provincial government?

Those are only two questions out of dozens that come to mind following the wheeling and dealing that has been going on for the past couple of weeks.

It is interesting that Panco Poultry should be sold to American interests, yet the provincial government won't allow the sale of McMillan Bloedel to a Canadian company. Could it be that the records of Canadian Pacific Investments and Domtar are worse than those of the company which has been sold an interest in Panco? And it is, indeed, a remarkable record.

The Cargill Company, based in Minneapolis, was fined (along with its agents) \$66,000 by the Canadian Wheat Board for committing over 100 violations; was taken to court by a dozen U.S. states for being involved in a conspiracy to keep the price of chickens up; was convicted of artificially driving up the price of wheat on the Chicago Commodity Exchange; was named in a U.S. court by India for short weighing grain destined for hungry people; and was cited for illegally shipping buckwheat to Manitoba.

It seems unlikely that an individual coming from another country with a record similar to that one would be able to obtain landed immigrant status in Canada.

But it's fast becoming evident that the multi-national corporations are answerable to no one, anyway.

And as far as the sale of our province is concerned, well, it's about time it was taken off the market, isn't it?



'Don't get any ideas buster!'

## Letters to the Editor

### NOT FOR RENT

Sir,

I am in receipt of a copy of the December 13 edition of Gulf Islands Driftwood. Referring to the article entitled "Sickroom Equipment Rental is Available at Lady Minto" appearing on page eight, I would like to correct your information and re-enforce the fact that Red Cross supplies sickroom equipment is for loan, not for rental.

I appreciate your announcement of this new community service but am sorry that some of your readers may be misinformed by the incorrect title.

(Mrs.) Judith Johnson, R.N.,  
Assistant Director, Health Serv.  
Canadian Red Cross  
January 5, 1979

### URGENT APPEAL

Sir,

On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross and the Salt Spring Island Branch No. 92, the Royal Canadian Legion, I thank you for the publicity you have given the Blood Clinic to be conducted on January 22, which runs continuously from 2 to 8 pm.

The clinic conducted in June, 1978, set a record for Salt Spring Island with 217 pints. To reach this target again will require all the support we can get from our community; all the registered island blood donors and those capable of giving blood, but have yet to do so.

This urgent appeal is being made to the members of our community because although a record was set in June, 1978, of 217 pints, our records show that 125 of those donors were visitors from Victoria, Vancouver and other localities in B.C. and the other western provinces!

There are 358 registered donors resident on Salt Spring Island and to these we ask for an all-out effort in support of their January 22 clinic.

We also appeal to all members of our community between the ages of 18 to 65 inclusive and young men of 17, with their parents' or guardians' consent, to support this clinic.

The B.C. Blood Bank is desperately low and the pint of blood given by a donor could save a life!

The Lady Minto Hospital draws its blood requirements from the B.C. Blood Bank and the pints of blood donated by the members of our community support this very important life-saving service!

The Legion past-president's trophy is again up for competition. The RCMP, the Rotary and the Legion tied in most pints given in the June, 1978 clinic. The same rules apply for the January 22 clinic.

Mr. Editor, we ask for your assistance in this most urgent appeal for blood donors.

COL. P.R. BINGHAM

Chairman  
Blood Clinic Committee  
January 15, 1979

### TIME TO ACT

Sir,

I was delighted to read that at last something is to be done about safety zoning for the Salt Spring Elementary School children.

The school board, though invited to the discussions, did not attend. I would have thought the

school board would have been at the front of the white stetsons, in fact out to earn their newly elected positions.

Well, its high time we did something about safer crosswalks and sidewalks for the children even if the Kanaka Road dispute does seem to have become muddled in there somehow.

I personally would be glad to see any improvement of the safety factor for children.

MRS. J. MADDISON  
Ganges  
January 15, 1979

### DISCRIMINATORY

Sir,

How many in this community have given a thought to the extravagant taxes every one of us will be burdened with if this discriminatory by-law 14-15 is made law! Did you as people who sought to get away from gross urban taxation, ever visualize that it was going to come here too, merely under the guise of planning?

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## Church Services

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1979

### ANGLICAN

St. Mark's	Central	Morning Prayer	11.15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am

### Daily: Mon.-Fri.

St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
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### Weekly: Wednesdays

St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
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### ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am

### UNITED

Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812(church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm

### COMMUNITY

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Rev. S. Hildebrandt	Sunday Sch. all ages		10.30 am
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### MAYNE ISLAND

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Bible Study Friday in the homes

### GALIANO ISLAND

St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am
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# Letters

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ing?  
 If this plan, designating an already over-congested area as a "development permit area" is allowed, it will not be long that we will have to pay for: first, relocation of fire hall; second, alternate roads (at what price?); third, multi-million dollar sewer system only to pollute the harbour at a higher degree? Fourth, new water lines and system etc.; Fifth, subsidize a low income housing development?  
 A few more years and what more? Post Office? School? etc.... And all this on your taxes and only to benefit a very few people, at the community's expenses! What a shame, to give such little thought to our efficient volunteer fire department!

There is an area across the parking lot that is Unsurveyed Crown Foreshore, for the purpose of extending Hereford Avenue, now why in heaven's name that has been paved by private company and used for their parking lot all these years, and also a 40 foot wide access to waterfront. These road designations I truly believe would help remove some of the congestion in that area and should have been put in at the time of subdivision according to law.

Nobody else on this island has been able to create a subdivision plan and register it, without putting the road through, why has this been allowed? Remember this is your property and mine, and who benefits? Who is paying the taxes?  
 There are too few people who have been deciding in a dictatorial manner what will be done, and who will benefit!

Did you know that 34 new subdivisions have been passed by the Island Trust, under Mr. Holmes and associates, including his wife's property? Whose are they? Certainly not those that have been trying and waiting for justice the last eight years and repeatedly refused!

You see it is not what you know but who you know that counts. How sad!

**YVETTE VALCOURT**  
 RR 3, Ganges, BC  
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 January 15, 1979

Police statistics show that more than 169,000 vehicles were stopped over the Christmas holiday period in B.C. From December 8 to January 1, 1979, 1,331 drivers had their licences suspended for 24-hour periods and 1,405 impaired driving charges were laid.

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## Canadian Express

### Two islanders are seen on television show

Ganges Harbour and two Salt Spring Islanders were on television last Thursday evening when the program Canadian Express featured songs of the sea.

Program showed singer/guitarist Valdy playing on the Ganges-based schooner Anna V. Fagan. The boat's owner, Bruce Hildred, was also shown as he tied up gear for dogfish lines.

### School trustees approve staff wage increases

The Gulf Islands school board has approved new salary scales for the district's secretary-treasurer and speech therapist.

Effective January 1 the speech therapist will earn \$17,192 per annum. Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck has been awarded a \$2,000 increase effective January 1, with a further raise July 1 to bring his annual salary to \$30,000.

Canadian Legion Duplicate Bridge Club winners on January 9 were: 1, Mayme Iverson, Shirley Love; 2, Dr. & Mrs. Hyslop; 3, Gordon Best, Norm McConnell.

On January 16 they were 1, Dr. & Mrs. Hyslop; 2, Dorie Best, Anne McConnell; 3, Phyllis Henderson, Marjorie Russell.

Filming of the west coast segment of the show took place at Ganges on November 2, and took the best part of a day to complete.

The user of a power saw on Ganges Hill that day slowed things down as the film crew had to wait for the saw to stop before they could tape the sound. When the power saw was shut off they were all set to go when a truck came down Ganges Hill in low gear. Once the truck had reached the bottom of the hill they were interrupted once more, this time by a noisy seagull.

For all the time that was spent filming at Ganges, only five minutes of film were used.

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### Dogs vs. deer, sheep

The dogs-versus-deer-and-sheep season appears to be swinging into high gear already.

Ganges RCMP report that two of Ted Akerman's sheep were killed by dogs last week. Akerman retaliated by shooting one of the predators.

And a German Shepherd was shot at but not killed by police last week after it had been seen running deer in the Long Harbour area.

### Vandals slash police car tire

Vandals on Galiano Island slashed the rear tire on an RCMP vehicle last week when Salt Spring police were on the island doing two days of routine patrolling.

The damage, estimated at about \$60 for the one tire, was discovered early in the morning of January 12 after the vehicle had been parked overnight at Galiano Lodge.

Charges are pending.

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### Some people would call it

## Baloney . . . by Tony

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It was quite revolting.

It was a group known as Devc and the name is derived from the word de-evolution. I think the word deviant would be more precise.

If you saw it (it was on television), lucky you. If you didn't, again, lucky you. I don't regret having seen it: it's always interesting to see what deviations are being produced through the evolution of the human race.

that is) both before and during the actual consumption of feed. The noise could cause damage to the ears of the pig farmer, says the report, and the use of ear muffs is recommended if feeding for more than four minutes. However, a spokesman for the Alberta Labour Department says that muffs would only be needed if feeding took an hour or more.

The second item: car thieves in West Germany are going to have a hard time if they try to change licence plates on a stolen car. A new type of plate now in use is made of adhesive foil that self-destructs on removal.

Here are a couple of interesting items from the Canada Safety Council publication, Safety Canada.

A Scottish researcher has found that the noise made by pigs at feeding time often exceeds 100 decibels (on the A scale, whatever

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## ASK ABOUT THE FOREST

# Tree improvement research is for developing superior varieties

Ask about the Forest is a column prepared jointly by the

Canadian Forestry Association of B.C. and the Association of B.C. Professional Foresters.

Additional information has been received on the use of the labour wedge which was donated to Lady Minto by the Family Centre at Ganges.

Morgan Savin, of the centre, writes that it is not a good idea for a woman to lie flat on her back during labour.

"There are many medical reasons for this: one being that lying flat on her back causes pressure on the vena cava, which results in a reduced blood flow to the placenta, which in turn means less oxygen to the baby.

"It is obvious that gravity works with the efforts of the woman who is sitting or propped, and works against the labouring of the woman who is flat on her back. Thus the labour wedge enables the woman to maintain a half-sitting position during the birth of her baby."

I was glad to be a spectator at the rugby game in Ganges Saturday: you couldn't have paid me to play.

I have quite vivid memories of playing rugby in high school; claustrophobic memories of being in the centre of a scrum. It's a rather crushing sensation, to say the least, and besides, it's hard on the shins.

A Vancouver reader, Ms. Lori Reed, receives our book prize for the following question:

"I saw a bright green tin sign in the woods, full of bullet holes. Barely picked out the words Forest Service and Research. What was this sign?"

Did you observe young trees on the land? Was the sign about 18" x 8"? If so I believe you saw one of the notices put up by the government to mark areas where tree research is being carried out. Had it not been for the bullet holes you would have been able to read the message: Research Plot - No Cutting or Disturbance. These research plots are located throughout B.C. and public damage to the signs is highly regrettable. The plots are part of a government program that is of considerable importance.

Take the "tree improvement" part of the program for instance. In many respects this phase is not unlike the work that was carried out with rice in the Philippines during the 50's and 60's. The rice research was inspired by an urgent need to help underdeveloped countries produce more food for their poorly nourished populations. By dint of collecting thousands of superior strains of rice from all over the world and painstakingly

crossbreeding, scientists were eventually able to develop new and better varieties that dramatically increased the yearly rice harvests from each acre sown.

### SUPERIOR VARIETIES

Somewhat similarly and for reasons not entirely unrelated, the tree improvement research in our province works to develop superior varieties of our native trees through using the best possible parents within a species; like breeding big collies with big collies until you get super big collie pups.

Why the drive for super trees? Simply because like rice to some Oriental countries, trees are of prime significance in B.C. and foresters need to make maximum use of forest land. In the past few decades, we have watched our society encroach rapidly on the forest for cities, highways, utility rights-of-way, power projects and different types of parks. More recently we have come to better understand our dependence on the environment and further forest land is now being set aside for ecological reserves, other uses such as green belts and wildlife

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### Islands pretty even in winter



There's some pretty nice scenery to be found in the Gulf Islands even during the dreary months of

winter, as testified by this photo of the Vesuvius ferry. The sunshine may be a little dull when it does

appear these days, but arbutus leaves help to keep the countryside green and at least a little cheerful.

## About the forest

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habitat areas where required. Lands designated by the government for timber production are being substantially reduced.

At one and the same time, we continue to need vast amounts of paper and lumber. Moreover, in a province that is 60% forest, we have an economy largely based on producing wood products for ourselves and for trade with other countries which means that the livelihood of many people is at stake. Quite clearly, we need to grow as much wood and as high a quality as possible on remaining timber producing lands. This is what tree improvement research is all about. Like the rice research it is working for solutions to a difficult problem.

#### TARGET PRACTICE

Sad to say, hunters and hikers cannot resist using the green research signs for target practice or as something to shoot at just for fun. Some enjoy trying to hit them with stones. As a result, signs become illegible soon after postings. Fencings around the plots are often pulled up and used for fuel

for campfires and people entering the areas will sometimes ride through in their four wheel drives or snowmobiles, crushing the young research trees or causing other damage. Every Christmas, many are cut and taken by people who think to save themselves a few dollars.

This kind of unfortunate activity will often wipe out many years of careful and expensive work on the part of scientists. Each year thousands of tax dollars go right down the drain. Almost worse, valuable research time is irretrievably lost. Trees take infinitely longer than rice to grow and you can't turn back the clock.

Should you see people causing damage to a research plot, an appeal to reason might be effective.

Send your questions about the forest and forestry to Ask About the Forest, c/o Canadian Forestry Association of B.C., 410-1200 W. Pender St., Vancouver, B.C., V6E 2S9. A professional forester will reply and a book prize will be sent to each person submitting a question that is published.

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The payment of \$31,833.33, is from the Recreation Facilities Assistance Program.

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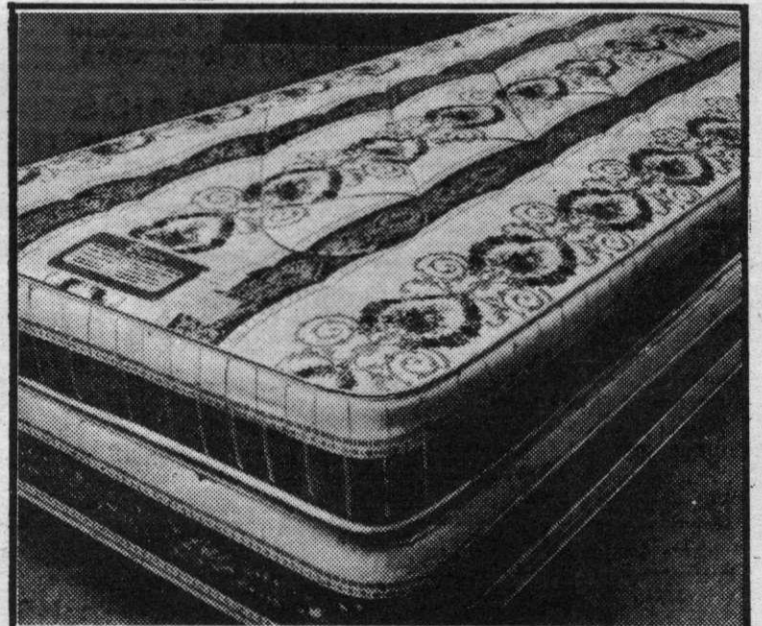
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## Well ya see, Sarge, it happened like this . . .

Sometimes there's no appreciation for the nice things people do in life. RCMP Cst. Glenn Hanna found that out on Tuesday morning.

Hanna was called out at about 9.30 am Tuesday to rescue a deer on the ice at St. Mary Lake. The constable dutifully risked life and limb to get a rope around the buck and drag it off the ice. But the buck, having taken something of a shine to the scenery, was intent on returning to his precarious spot on the ice.

Hanna, in an attempt to ward

the deer off and shoo him away, began flailing his arms. The ungrateful beast immediately lowered his head and charged, hitting Hanna square in the stomach. A brief wrestling match ensued before the buck finally gave up and went to stand in the middle of the road to hold up traffic for a while before making his final departure into the bush.

All of which proves Gilbert and Sullivan right. On days like that a policeman's lot is NOT a happy one!

## Pensioners hold annual luncheon

BY ELSIE THACKER

Branch 32 O.A.P.O. held its Annual Luncheon Wednesday, January 10 in Central Hall. The weather was not in our favour, but there was a very good attendance and everyone enjoyed a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Mrs. Joan Hayward was in charge of the dinner and really did an excellent job.

After the meal, Mrs. Thacker

presented Mrs. Cunningham with a cheque for \$100 in pennies towards heating the hall. This is the second time we have been able to hand over a cheque from our pennies. Each officer was presented with a box of chocolates for their work during the past year. Mrs. Betty Brigden presented the gifts.

Mrs. Cunningham was wonderful at the piano, as due to the bad weather some of our helpers were unable to attend. We do thank all those who came, those who helped, and all those who offered transportation.

Mrs. Betty Brigden and the other new officers will be installed on January 25 at 2 pm in Central Hall.

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### POSTSCRIPT

## Church's decorum shattered

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

It could only happen on wild and wonderful Salt Spring Island. There they were Sunday afternoon, the Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble, darn near blasting the ceiling out of St. George's Anglican Church.

It may have seemed a little incongruous having all that exuberant music emanating from a house of the Lord, but my, it was wonderful!

Sunday was my first opportunity to hear the LCSSTDJE, as Rev. Peter McCalman abbreviated the title when he introduced the group Sunday afternoon. And despite my original reluctance to avoid breaking up a Sunday by driving into Ganges, there were no regrets once the first couple of tunes had been belted out. The music was great, and it wasn't just the audience that was having fun: the rag-tag bunch blasting away on everything from cornets to overturned wash tubs was having a pretty good time too. **A MYSTERY**

What Salt Spring Island has done to deserve such a talented bunch of musicians I'll never know. And how the combination of a church and rollicking dixieland music managed to turn a wintery afternoon into magic is a bit of a mystery, too.

Perhaps, as one of my culture-conscious friends in Toronto is bound to point out, the crazy combination was what MADE the afternoon such a success.

At any rate, the image of Jesus staring down from the stained glass window high above the pulpit didn't appear in the least disapproving. And I'd be willing to bet that even Peter McCalman would admit that the pews in St. George's have never rocked so heartily, nor the toes tapped so enthusiastically. **SIGNS COMING DOWN**

Getting back to the real world, islands MLA Hugh Curtis called Monday to relay some good news. Those beloved ferry "Subsidy signs" that everyone has been complaining about for months are destined for the trash bins.

Curtis says the signs will be replaced with something that is somewhat more informational and


certainly less offensive from the point of view of islands residents.

Although our MLA feels that the idea behind the signs was valid, he termed the actual end product "little short of offensive." The resultant hue and cry have caused the as-yet-incomplete design of a new poster which, says Curtis "will be far less offensive and will be more interesting."

Final wording of the new signs has not yet been decided upon.

Happy as we are to see the insulting posters come down, however, no one should feel happy about the blatant waste of the \$685.44 it cost the taxpayers of B.C. for their production. At that figure, it's simple enough to figure out that each and every one of them cost \$17.13.

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# Purcell Quartet will appear February 4

The trio recital by Larry Skaggs, Derry Deane and Anne Crose has been cancelled, according to an announcement by the local concert committee. The Victoria Symphony, with which these artists are affiliated, has scheduled events which conflict with the engagement on Salt Spring Island. Hence it must be omitted from the list of events.

The next event in the local series will be the appearance of the Purcell String Quartet. This outstanding Canadian group is celebrating its tenth anniversary sea-

son, said a spokesman for the concert committee. A public performance will take place Sunday, February 4 at 2 at the Schubart residence, Old Scott Road.

The quartet will give a special performance for the children at the schools the following morning, Monday, February 5, at 9 o'clock. Program details will be available at a later date.

These concerts are under the joint sponsorship of the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island and the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.



Norman Hays, new owner of Cedar View Mobile Home Park.

# Counterweights adjusted to allow loading of busses

An increase and relocation of counterweights at the Vesuvius Bay ferry slip has made it possible for school buses to load at the terminal once again.

Use of school buses to transport youngsters to off-island activities via Vesuvius was cancelled several weeks ago when difficulties arose with loading of the large vehicles. Parents of the school children were asked to drive the youngsters to the events in the interim.

Salt Spring terminal agent Bob Anderson told Driftwood Tuesday, however, that the recent work done at the slip should alleviate the problems buses faced late in 1978.

# Icy roads on Salt Spring continue to wreak havoc

Icy roads on Salt Spring Island took their toll last week as drivers continued to skid into ditches, fire hydrants and trees.

At 8.30 am Wednesday, January 10 RCMP Sgt. Ray Stelter was driving his police vehicle to work when the car skidded on Lower Ganges Road near the Canal Road intersection. The car slid off the road and into three trees and a rock before coming to a halt. Damage to

the vehicle was in the \$600 range. Stelter was uninjured.

At 3.15 pm the same day a 1965 Chevy van driven by Mark Meredith skidded into the bank and hit a tree on St. Mary Lake Road.

On the evening of January 11 a late-model station wagon driven by Tom Toynbee Jr. skidded off the road and over the bank on Stewart Road near Arnell Park. Estimated damage to the vehicle was \$1,500.

Finally, at 10.30 pm Monday a blue Volvo driven by Michael Aronoff of Walker Hook Road skidded into a fire hydrant on Fulford-Ganges Road. There was no damage to the vehicle, but the fire hydrant suffered slight damage and the water had to be turned off.

# New mobile home owner hails from Red Deer, Alberta

Salt Spring Island's Cedar View Mobile Home Park has a new owner.

Norman Hays hails from Red Deer, Alberta, where he has spent the past several years in construction and home rentals.

"I'd had a few rental properties before this," Hays says, "and when I heard about this place through a salesman that I knew I decided to look into it."

Hays liked what he saw, and on December 1 took over the business

from former owner Alvin Stolz of Calgary.

In addition to the 11 privately-owned mobile homes in the park, Hays oversees the rental of six units that he personally owns.

Ed Chew and Al Anderson, who had been living at the site prior to Hays' arrival, are helping the new owner run the facility.

Although Hays says he has no major plans for the park he intends to work with "what's already here and get the place in shape a little bit."

Aside from his business, Hays is interested in ice skating and the countryside to be found in the Gulf Islands.

# Skeleton found under Fulford Harbour coffee shop

Brian Rowley got a bit of a surprise last Wednesday while he was working on some renovations at Nan's Coffee Bar at Fulford Harbour. The workman found a complete human skeleton under the building.

Police were called in, and the following day a representative of the provincial museum in Victoria arrived to study the situation. The Victoria man guessed that the site had been an Indian grave, and that the bones were about 350 years old.

Although the Department of Indian Affairs and local native people have jurisdiction over the skeleton, the Victoria man was allowed to take the bones back to the museum with him for analysis.

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# Pupil count down by 23 on Salt Spring

Gulf Islands School District superintendent Bob Huestis reported to the school board Thursday that enrolment in the district is down by two students from the same period for the previous school year.

Total enrolment for the district is 1,025 students, compared to 1,027 last year. There was a decrease of eight pupils in the district between November and the end of December.

Although the overall figure hasn't decreased appreciably, the student population on Salt Spring Island has. The pupil count on the island is 23 lower than it was for the same period last year. That drop has been set by an additional 21 students now attending school in the Outer Islands.

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# What's happening at Salt Spring Elementary?

BY IAN JUKES

Generally a quiet week here at Salt Spring Elementary as teachers and students settled in to start the long haul to Easter. While nothing much new happened, planning for several major events went forward. Of particular interest to intermediate students was the announcement of tentative dates for extended field trips.

Briefly, the grade four and five

students will be at Camp Yawaca for three days the week of May 18; the grade 6's will go to Strathcona June 17-22; and the grade 7's will be going to Vernon to ski Silver Star from March 11-15. Again it should be emphasized that these dates are only tentative, and any one of a million things could change. More on this in the weeks to come.

Still looking ahead, Mr. Watson

has arranged for the Vancouver Opera Society's travelling company to return to the school February 12 with an abbreviated version of "Carmen". Last year's visit by the company was extremely well received by the students.

Speaking of looking ahead, students and teachers were disappointed to hear that the Fernwood school's move has again been delayed. This is not to say that we

# Embroidery dates back through hundreds of years

What is a Portuguese knot, or magic chain, knotted pearl, interlaced band, spider's web, tete de boeuf, seeding, couching, block

shading, raised stem and fishbone? These are fascinating names given to just a few of many embroidery stitches. They are a few variations of the seven basic stitches. These are stem stitch, chain, satin, cross stitch, back stitch, weaving and filling stitch.

haven't enjoyed sharing the school with Fernwood, but rather that we know how much the students and teachers are looking forward to their move. Meanwhile things go on happily at Salt Spring Elementary.

### PINGUARD POPULAR

In the gym things are as busy as ever. Visit any lunch hour now and you are likely to see 40 to 50 students busily engaged in vigorous games of pinguard. The game, a combination of basketball, bowling, and hockey, has been a real hit (pardon the pun).

Meanwhile, the boy's volleyball team has been gearing up for the Salt Spring-Fernwood tournament to be held this Saturday at the high school gym. Teams from the Outer Islands and Vancouver Island will be coming to participate in what should prove to be a highly competitive tournament. In a warm-up to this the boy's team travelled to Pender to eat copious amounts of pancakes and then defeat almost all comers in a tournament held at the beautiful community center.

The girl's team has been busy preparing for their upcoming match with Mt. Breton from Vancouver Island.

### EXCHANGE PLANNED

All of this is in preparation for the January 25 weekend, when students from Boundary Bay Elementary in Delta will be visiting Salt Spring Island to play a series of pinguard and volleyball games against boys and girls from Fernwood and Salt Spring Elementary. This is to be the first half of a proposed exchange, the second half being a basketball tournament at Boundary Bay in March.

### Fined \$450

John Graham, of Salt Spring Island, was fined \$450 in provincial court Wednesday for driving with a blood-alcohol content exceeding 0.08.

Charge was laid after Graham was given a breathalyzer test November 25 at Ganges. Readings of 0.18 and 0.17 were obtained.

Embroidery has been done throughout the history of man. Very few pieces of ancient embroidery survive. The few that remain show that the basic stitches have changed very little through the ages all over the world. Stem, chain and satin stitches go back into history. Variations of these have evolved over the centuries.

Embroidery is a term that means everything that can be done with a needle on any fabric including canvas.

Articles to embroider are limited only by your imagination. Examples may include small items such as children's clothing, socks, handbags, place mats, serviettes, bell pulls, belts, slippers, picture frames and pictures to frame, cushions and stool covers. Larger items may include chair covers, bedspreads, tableclothes, room dividers and rugs.

The thread used will depend on the effect one wishes to accomplish and also its wearing quality.

In addition to learning the basic stitches and their variations in the basic embroidery course offered through adult education there will be information on black work, white work, stump work, shisha and needlepoint. Students will learn how to prepare fabric for work, how to apply designs to fabric, what embroidery frame to use, when to use it. Not all stitches require the use of a frame. Students will also learn how to begin and finish a work.

Those enrolled are asked to bring a tapestry needle (blunt end) scraps of wool yarn, a square of hopsacking or fine burlap, scissors and a small embroidery frame. Samples of all the basic stitches will be done, as well as many variations.

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Rosalie Miles spends more time on the telephone than most people on the Gulf Islands. In fact, there are days when she receives up to 100 calls. Mrs. Miles is the operator of the Ganges Telephone Answering Service, an operation that was begun over a year and a half ago by the Salt Spring Handicapped Association. It is still run by that association and Rosalie Miles is the manager.

She came to Salt Spring with her husband Glenn and their two children in September of 1977. Prior to their move, they lived on Gooch Island, located between Sidney Island and the American

border. They lived there for four years as caretakers of the island.

The answering service has its office on Blain Road near the bowling alley and has 40 telephone lines as well as an Access line. The latter was introduced to provide information on various services on the island.

In addition, Mrs. Miles operates a printing and secretarial service known as Miles Mimeo. Her equipment consists of an A.B. Dick mimeograph and a stencil-cutter.

Another function of the service is to inter-connect local events and people.

"If there is anything you wish to know about local events, clubs, programs or business services, just ask us," says Mrs. Miles.

The service is open from 9 am to 9 pm Monday to Friday, and 9 am to 7 pm Saturday.

Rosalie Miles waits for the phone to ring. Although there are only two phones in the picture, there are 40 lines.

**Soccer pitches closed as fields begin to thaw**

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Weather became the determining factor in the schedule of last week's games. With the falling of some "white-stuff", commonly called snow, and a partial thawing of the fields the playing condition of soccer pitches became terrible, thereby the cancellation of our fall schedule of games.

The priority of the soccer association is to protect their playing surfaces and thereby ensure the turf will remain in excellent shape for future games and seasons. To play in these conditions would only result in the destruction of the fields and possible injury to players.

This Thursday the intra-island division swings back into action with a slightly different format due to the commencement of the Fernwood School. The two Fernwood teams, Cosmos and Red Devils, will play all their games at Portlock Park at 3.30 pm.

The four Ganges teams, Wildcats, Canadians, Goblins and Hornets, will play their games in Ganges, except when they play the Fernwood teams (which will be at Portlock Park.)

The schedule is a little difficult to follow but we have tried to simplify the procedure as best we can. Every second Tuesday the Fernwood teams play each other. Every Thursday the two Fernwood teams play two of the Ganges teams. The Ganges teams play their games against each other on Tuesdays. Basically, the best bet is to follow the schedule in the This Week in Recreation column in this paper.

**Report underlines fears**

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

Last week I mentioned dangerous characteristics of some right-wing enthusiasts. Sunday night's "Weekend Magazine" underlined my fears, with its report on Japanese organized crime.

The Japanese Family has roots which are very similar to those of the more familiar Sicilian Mafia - an organization set up originally to protect the poor against the rich. Like the Italians, however, corrup-

the "right to strike". Yesterday it was the post office; today the transport workers; tomorrow it may be your turn.

I happen to believe that strikes are not the answer: they are no longer viable, in a society like ours where it's always the innocent bystander, or the consumer, who takes the rap. But there are people who work for oppressive employers, and those people need the protection afforded them by a union.

Last week I fulminated against the scornful postal worker. I still maintain that millions of unemployed people would like her job. But I must not deny her the right to strike or quit, if that's the way she feels.

Unions and strikes were, like the Mafia and the Japanese Family, originated to help protect the poor from the rich. Sadly, in some cases, they too have forgotten their original purpose. But until something better is evolved - and it will be - we must not allow the kind of coercion, Japanese or Canadian, which is gaining favour with our right wing politicians.

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**More Food for Thought**

tion spread early and wide, and now the gangsters in Japan advertise themselves blatantly by their use of white Cadillacs, Lincoln Continentals and the like, which cost in the region of \$50,000 apiece.

One of the most sinister aspects of the organization is the fact that they invited the TV cameras to film some of their rituals, including blood initiation and solidarity rites. Does this mean they really believe in the validity of their activities?

For 100 years or so they have been virtually unchallenged, but now the Japanese police are cracking down, and thousands of arrests have been made. But, as in organized crime circles elsewhere, the higher officials are hard to reach, as they have strong political clout. They are fiercely nationalistic, pro-American, and used by the big corporations both to muffle awkward questioners at shareholders' meetings and as strike-breakers.

THIN LINE

There's a thin line between those who shout, "Sit down and shut up!" at a political meeting and those who form vigilante groups. Whenever we allow people to take the law into their own hands, we risk a return to the kangaroo court and the lynch mob.


We who are angered by the inconvenience caused by labour unrest must think twice before we endorse legislation interfering with

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

TEN DAYS - February 2-12  
 Sunday February 11 - A Day of Witness and Solidarity with the Third World.  
 Sunday February 18 - Our Third World Visitor - Gabriela Videla.  
 Ash Wednesday - February 28 - a Vigil of Prayer to begin the Lenten season.  
 Sunday, January 21 - World Religions Day.

Gabriela Videla is a Chilean journalist who was exiled to Mexico in 1973. She works for social change, mostly with women in a squatter's settlement near Cuernavaca. Her visit will provide us with a superb opportunity to learn something of both these countries.

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**Galiano Island Advisory Planning Commission**  
**Meeting - January 19, 1979 - 2 pm**  
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# DOWN THE GUTTER

...with Ken Collins

Entries are now being taken for the ninth annual national classified tournament. This has to be one of the most popular tournaments of the season. The reason is that because no matter what your average is you have an equal chance, because you only bowl against people in your average range. Over the next week your league secretary will be asking you to enter, so please do, because the more people who enter the more teams we can send to the zone roll offs.

The bowlers of the month for the month of December were, for the ladies, Carol Kaye, and for the men it was Ken Collins.

The better scores of the week were as follows; Ken Collins, 813; 809; Richard Leighton, 777; Leo Toutant, 760; Dave Calver, 749; Bob Akerman, 709; and Nellie Miller with 693. Ken Collins and Nellie Miller were the bowlers of the week.

Two of our high school bowlers have made it to the finals of the high school championships to be rolled in Vancouver in the near future. Congratulations to Kenna Marshall and Kevin Kline; we hope you do well in the finals.

February 3 is the date of the next 10 game bowl-a-thon. It will

start at six in the evening and run through 'til midnight. If you want to get in on it just leave your name at the desk with Dave.

The 300 games of the week came from; Ken Collins, 312;308; and Richard Leighton with 336.

If you are in need of some help with your game don't hesitate to phone me to fix a time and day that I can meet you at the bowling alley and give you some coaching tips. Sunday morning at 11 is my best time. I have a key to the bowling alley, so there is no problem about getting into the alleys.

## Wharfinger seeks owners of sunken boat at Sturdies

The wharfinger at Sturdies Bay on Galiano Island is attempting to locate the owners of a 16-foot fibreglass boat that sank there January 9.

The vessel is described as a blue-over-white boat with a 100 horsepower Mercury outboard motor on the stern. Its registration number is 13K44169.

The boat was discovered by B.C. Ferries crews January 12. The crew members tied the boat up so that it wouldn't sink any deeper, then reported the find.


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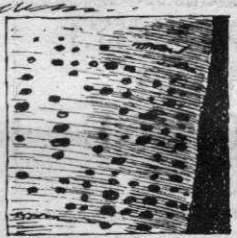
# NATURAL HISTORY NOTEBOOK

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## YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

SPHYRAPICUS VARIUS. (14)

This colourful bird with a red cap occurs in most of the forested areas of Canada and together with the Flicker is one of the few species of migratory woodpeckers that occur in this country. The males also have a very distinct red patch on the throat, while the same area in the females is white. They feed to a great extent on sap and cambium, (the inner bark) which they obtain by drilling holes in the trunks of trees. These peculiar holes indicate their presence in a certain region. (see inset)  
Insects are also part of this bird's diet and are captured, as is the sap, by means of a long, bushy tongue.

## Parents legally responsible says law firm

The Gulf Islands School board has been informed by a legal firm that any liability involved with transportation of students from the Outer Islands lies strictly with the youngsters' parents.


District secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck told the board at its regular meeting Thursday of the long-awaited opinion on the matter. Lawyers with the firm of Campney and Murphy expressed the opinion that if the board is paying transportation assistance to parents in the Outer Islands, that exchange of funds absolves the district from any legal liability. If money is being paid, the law firm suggested, the legal responsibility lies with the parents.

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# It was an average year in terms of weather at Mayne Island

BY WALTER HUNT-SOWREY

December gave us a varied weather pattern at Mayne Island. The earlier part of the month gave us a slightly below average rainfall with a period of gales around the middle of the month. They caused power outages in the area and also caused some damage to a neighbour's chicken houses, as a reasonably large fir tree was blown over on them. Just before Christmas arctic air came out to the coast, giving us weather for which we are rarely prepared.

While we broke no records locally, quite low temperatures were recorded on the last four days of the month. The new year was ushered in with minus 10° C, and then fell another two degrees before morning. On the last three days the temperature never rose to freezing point, but throughout the period we had lots of sunshine. The barometer has been abnormally high and the humidity quite low as a result of outflow winds.

Since this is the end of another year, I have given a number of figures I do not normally give. The frost free periods represent the number of days between the last frost of spring and the first in the fall, not the total number of days without frost. It will be noticed that we had more nights with frost than

we have had for the last two years. These are not necessarily killing frosts, and are shade temperatures. The ground temperatures can easily be as much as six degrees lower than the ones given.

in January and February, and a few flakes fell on November 17.

Generally speaking, this was an average year, with quite warm weather in July and August. The lowest temperature I have recorded

## DECEMBER 1978

	1978	1977	1976
Rainfall	2.37"	4.07"	2.62"
Snowfall	NIL	4.0"	NIL
Total Snowfall	16.4"	9.3"	1.4"
Total Rainfall	23.20"	28.07"	26.48"
Total Precip.	24.84"	26.62"	26.62"
Days with precip. (Dec.)	14	15	19
Total for year	147	139	148
Days with frost (Dec.)	14	14	3
Total for year	57	41	32
Max. Pressure	30.23"	30.07"	30.15"
Min. Pressure	29.28"	29.27"	29.37"
Max. Temp.	11° C	12° C	11° C
Min. Temp.	-12° C	-5° C	-1° C
Max. Humidity	77%	74%	69%
Min. Humidity	58%	66%	63%
First Frost (Fall)	29 Oct.	2 Nov.	13 Nov.
Last Frost (Spring)	13 Mar.	28 Mar.	18 Mar.
Frost Free Period	228 days	246 days	255 days

Glancing over the figures for the last few years, our earliest frost came on October 11, 1972, and our latest on March 31, 1971. We had hail on two days in December and one other in April. All our snow fell

on Mayne was some 31 years ago during the nearest thing I have seen to a blizzard in this area, when the temperature for a brief period sank to -2° F, or roughly -19.5° C.

# Salt Spring Fibres members take break, expand horizons

It is almost a year now since a small group of craftspeople started meeting to talk about a common interest in fabric and textile arts and crafts. At that time the focus was on the possibilities of sharing a studio-workspace, child care and the various skills and talents of the individuals in the group. Other goals were defined as pooling of information on the marketing of crafts, and group purchases of materials and supplies.

Time was then spent by members looking at all the available space locally for a studio but to no avail. There was very little to choose from, as anyone who's looked for such a thing will know.

## SHED CONVERTED

What did turn up was a tiny shed in Old Town Ganges, which the owners were willing to convert to a small shop. After talking it over among the group, by then known as Salt Spring Fibres, a craft store was born. A co-operative was organized to set up and maintain

the shop which would carry various textile crafts such as weaving, quilting, batik and hand-crafted clothing and toys.

Salt Spring has developed a reputation as an island of many craftspeople and this has helped them on their way.

To the members' knowledge, they are the only such co-operative craft outlet in the Gulf Islands.

While the island "sleeps" during the winter lull the members are going to take a break and close the shop for February and March. During that time members hope to pursue one of their earlier goals, to share the various talents and skills of their members through workshops. If there are any craftspeople in the community who would be interested in participating in these the co-operative would be glad to hear from them. Two possible areas to cover will be batik and quilting. Contact Arlene Dashwood 537-5050 or Sheri Hickman 537-5168.

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## Sailing club gets the New Year off to a racing start

On December 22 at 6.30 pm about 30 members of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club sang carols from two decorated ships - Doug Thomas' "Cizara" and Cyril Cunningham's "Serenity". After a swing around Ganges Harbour, the two boats caroled in the Long Harbour Ferry, "The Queen of Sidney", much to the enjoyment of the passengers. Afterwards hot drinks were supplied for the singers at the home of Doris and Cole Harvey.

On January 1, the traditional New Years' Day racing in the harbour and mug-up at Dick and Vera Larsen's was enjoyed by approximately 25 skippers and crew members. The racers warmed up around Dick's old-fashioned wood burning kitchen stove with spiked cocoa and hot cider.

On January 6 the first race of the season was run around the Channel Islands, and in the evening nearly 100 members attended the annual trophy awards dinner at the Cedar Beach Resort. A delicious smorgasbord was provided by the ladies as well as a decorated cake baked by Jane Butler Cole.

Pictures of trophy winners will be in a future issue of Driftwood.

## Swim program for Saturna students gets school board approval

Saturna School has received permission from the school board to close down for 10 consecutive Wednesdays in order to allow students from the island to participate in a swimming program at Saanich on Vancouver Island.

Although the school will be closed, students will be required to study on the ferry trips to and from the island.

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## There will be a regular Salt Spring Trust Committee Meeting

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THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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## ISLANDS TRUST MAYNE ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held in the Agricultural Hall, Mayne Island, on SATURDAY, January 27, 1979, commencing at 1.00 pm to consider:

(a) Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee By-law No. 11, (being Amendment By-law No. 1, 1979), is a By-law to amend Capital Regional District By-law No. 103, 1972.

Capital Regional District By-law No. 103, cited as "Zoning By-law, Planning Area No. 4, 1972", is amended as follows: By changing the zoning classification of Lot 36, Section 6, Plan 22057, Mayne Island, Cowichan Land District, from the Rural 2 Zone to the Commercial 1 Zone.

(b) Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee By-law No. 12, (being Amendment By-law No. 2, 1979), is a By-law to amend Capital Regional District By-law No. 103, 1972.

Capital Regional District By-law No. 103, cited as "Zoning By-law, Planning Area No. 4, 1972", is amended as follows:

By changing the zoning classifications of Lot 3, Section 12, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, Plan 715, from the Commercial 1 Zone to the Commercial 2 Zone, subject nevertheless to the following terms and conditions, that is to say:

a) that the land identified as Lot 3, Section 12, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, Plan 715, and all buildings and structures constructed, placed or moved thereon shall be used only for the purposes of a restaurant or dining facility, a single family residential use associated with a restaurant or dining facility, and uses accessory to dining facilities and single family residential uses;

b) that the total gross floor area to be used for the purposes of a dining facility or restaurant shall not exceed one hundred and eighty five (185) square metres (1991.32 sq. ft.).

Copies of the proposed By-laws may be reviewed at the Post Office, Mayne Island, during normal working hours of 9.00 am to 8.00 pm, Monday to Saturday inclusive. The proposed By-laws may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

M. LEE,  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

## NOTICE OF MEETING

MAYNE ISLAND

There will be a meeting of the Mayne Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning Mayne Island, including a lease application in Horton Bay for oyster rearing purposes, at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on January 27, 1979, in the Agricultural Hall, Mayne Island.

M. LEE,  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

# Spring 1979 Continuing Education

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### Drawing and Painting

8 sessions; \$24 URSULA CONNELLY  
Tuesdays, Rm. 12, 2:30 - 4  
Starts January 30

### Paper Making Workshop

1 session; \$10 RYAN MURRAYGREEN  
Sunday, April 15, Arts & Crafts Rm., 10 - 4  
Students will make necessary equipment and use it to make paper sheets, castings, sculptures and in combination with other art forms. Bring 8' x 1' fir or cedar, 2' x 2' flyscreen, old wool blanket and any kind of paper to re-cycle.

### Perspective Drawing

8 sessions; \$36 JIM VERNER  
Thursdays, Rm. 12, 2:30 - 4  
Starts February 1  
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## COOKING & SEWING

### Embroidery

8 sessions; \$16 MARGIE KORRISON  
Wednesdays, Textiles Rm., 7:30  
Starts January 31  
Seven basic groups of stitches and variations and application to crewel, needlepoint, etc. Limit 15.

### Cake Decorating

6 sessions; \$12 MARGARET HOWELL  
Thursdays, Foods Rm., 7:30  
Starts February 15

### Cooking 'Round the World

10 sessions; \$25  
Tuesdays, Foods Rm., 7:30  
Starts January 30  
East Indian, Spanish, Japanese, California-Mexican, Italian, Fijian, Dutch, French, etc. Instructors, Bhimji, Tajuelo, Lawrence, Beottcher, Holland, Hilckman, Wright, etc. Limit 18.

### Sewing

8 sessions; \$16 BETTY JENSEN  
Thursdays, Textiles Rm., 7:30  
Starts February 1

### Spinning, Dyeing, Beginning

Weaving  
6 sessions; \$18 ELIZABETH COURTNEY  
Mondays, Foods Rm., 3 - 5 or 7:30 - 9:30  
Starts January 29  
Students will need 4 harness frame (instructions available)  
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## DANCE, DRAMA & MUSIC

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### Ballroom Dance-Beginners

8 sessions; \$20 couple, \$12 single BILL BARTSCH  
Saturdays, Rm. 1, 6 - 7:30  
Starts February 3  
Fox trot, waltz, latin, some disco. Limit 30

### Disco Workshop

2 sessions; \$20 RON TAYLOR  
Saturdays, Activity Centre, 10 - 4  
February 10, 17  
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### Drum Lessons

8 sessions, \$24 BILL SMITH  
Tuesdays, Band Rm., 7:30  
Starts January 30

### Guitar

8 sessions; \$25 HELEN HALL  
Tuesdays, Rm. 10 & 11; 2:30 - 4 or 7:30 - 9  
Starts January 30  
Folk and Classical

### Highland Dance

\$10.50/month CATHY BRADSHAW  
Fridays, Activity Centre, 4:30  
Starts February 2

### Music for Strings

5 sessions; \$10 JOHN HALL  
Thursdays, Instructor's home, 7:30  
Starts February 1  
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### Music Notation

4 sessions; \$8 RAY NEWMAN  
Wednesdays, Band Rm., 7:30  
Starts February 14  
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### Recorders

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Thursdays, Rm. 12, 7:30  
Starts February 15  
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### Scottish Country Dance

10 sessions; \$20 IAN THOMSON  
Wednesdays, Mahon Hall 7:30  
Starts February 1

### Violin

10 sessions; \$25 JEAN KNIGHT  
Thursdays, Rm. 5, 7:30  
Starts February 1  
Bring violin and any music

## LANGUAGES

### French-Conversational

10 sessions; \$20 TELESFORO TAJUELO  
Wednesdays, Rm. 5, 7 sharp  
Starts January 31

### German-Conversational

5 sessions; \$10 ALFRED TEMMEL  
Tuesdays, Rm. 5, 7:30  
Starts January 30

### Spanish-Conversational

10 sessions; \$20 TELESFORO TAJUELO  
Mondays, Rm. 5, 7 sharp  
Starts January 29

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Tuesdays, Secondary Gym, 7:30 - 9  
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### Tai Chi

10 sessions; \$26 MICHAEL BLADES  
Thursdays, Mahon Hall, 3:15 or 7:30  
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### Yoga I

10 sessions; \$32 PHYLLIS COLEMAN  
Wednesdays, United Church, 10:30 - noon  
Starts January 31

### Yoga I

10 sessions; \$30 PHYLLIS COLEMAN  
Mondays, Rm 4, 6:30 - 8  
Starts January 29

### Yoga II

10 sessions; \$32 PHYLLIS COLEMAN  
Wednesdays, United Church, 9 - 10:30  
Starts January 31

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# Baha'is to observe World Religion Day

(CONTRIBUTED)

"If there's only one God, why are there so many different religions?"

That is a question that puzzles many people. Yet there is an answer, and the purpose of World Religion Day, January 21, is to point it out, according to the Baha'i communities of Salt Spring and Galiano Islands, which observe the event each year.

Joyce McLean of Ganges will speak on "Unity in Religion" in the lounge at 14 Page Drive, Galiano at 7.30 pm, January 20. On Sunday, January 21, the McLeans will host a gathering at their home on Mt. Baker Crescent. Interested friends are cordially invited to join in a short program at 1.30 pm which will include prayers for world peace and unity in religion.

The answer which World Religion Day attempts to identify rests upon the acknowledgement of the truth of all religions. Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and the Baha'i Faith are all instruments, Baha'is explain, by which God has directed the spiritual growth and development of man throughout history. Through them He has revealed His purpose for our lives, according to our capacity to understand it at that particular time.

No force has ever been more effective than religion in bringing people together. It has systematically brought individuals together in ever larger social groups by teaching them to relate to each other first as families, then as tribes, then as city-states, and now as nations. The next, and highest stage, in the evolution of our social relationships, is the bringing together of all nations into one world society.

World Religion Day emphatically affirms that in this new stage in our development, it is the influence of

religion that is once again at work. By it the ordered life of man is being transformed. From it, flows the hope of a secure and peaceful future. Through it, God's purpose for today is being accomplished.

For the voices of all religions to be heard as one voice, expressing its common commitment to the achievement of the unity of the human race, this is the purpose and promise of World Religion Day.

Joyce McLean may be reached at 537-9871.

## Travel cost limit of \$12,000 set for school trustees

The cost of travel and getting to meetings for Gulf Islands school trustees will have a limit of \$12,000 set on it for 1979.

Trustees were told at their regular business meeting Thursday that costs have increased recently because committee meetings are being held at 10 am.

The implementation of the morning meetings, held prior to regular business meetings at 1 pm, means that trustees from the Outer Islands are now required to get to Salt Spring by water taxi twice monthly, rather than catching a ferry at no cost.

District secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck pointed out to the board that more than half of the \$10,100 spent on travel costs for trustees in 1978 was consumed by charges for water taxi use.

# Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

The volunteer fire department quickly responded to a call late on Thursday, January 11 to a chimney fire in the home of Mrs. Linda Kenyon at Sturdies Bay. It was quickly extinguished.

We are sorry that Mrs. Don Critchley has been a patient in Lady Minto Hospital for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bickerton have returned from several months holiday in Australia, where they have been visiting relatives.

The annual meeting of Galiano Lionettes auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. G. Georgeson on January 8, with a great attendance of members. Mrs. F. Basarab noted a healthy treasurers report, other reports saw that this little club had a most successful year.

It was decided that the sum of \$150 be sent to Mrs. O.H. New, Galiano representative on the board of directors for "Greenwoods" for the purchase of a useful gift to them from this Lions auxiliary.

### EXECUTIVE ELECTED

Nominating chairman Mary Harding was named by president Mary Knudson, who conducted nominations for members for the coming year. Mrs. Knudson was re-elected president for a second year, vice-president is Mrs. Harding, secretary, Pat Moseley, treasurer is Helen Neale. Lionettes tamer is Betsy Baines, and sunshine convener saw Mrs. Harding re-elected.

A hearty vote of thanks went out to members of the outgoing committee, and Mrs. Knudson then took the chair welcoming new members for 1979. Other business was also conducted. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. F. Basarab on Feb. 5 at 1.30 in the afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Church of St. Margaret of Scotland westry committee will be held on January 29 in the church. All members are urged to attend.

Galiano Lodge was a busy place during the weekend, beginning with a combined anniversary and birthday party, on Friday. Wedding couple Mr. and Mrs. O.H. New celebrated an anniversary and Mrs. F. Robson her birthday. They had lovely evening.

On Saturday afternoon about 20 couples, close friends of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Maier, gathered to honor them on their 50th anniversary.

The couple were driven there by their daughter, Anneleis, in her car decorated with golden flowers. The wedding table was centered by a golden cake, and the Maier's relieved their friends for over two hours to tea and cakes.

### WED IN GERMANY

The popular couple were marr-

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ied in a small town near Hanover, Germany, Bill was an experienced runner over there, and Mrs. Maire a piano and concert violinist.

They came to Canada and Vancouver in 1949 where Mr.

leader of Esperanto in Canada was present with his charming wife and two children.

A full report will be sent for the next issue of the paper, on this important event.



Mr. and Mrs. Maier with their 50th wedding anniversary cake.

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