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## Bowen's John Rich named to chair of Trust

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### Marc Holmes steps down

—After four years

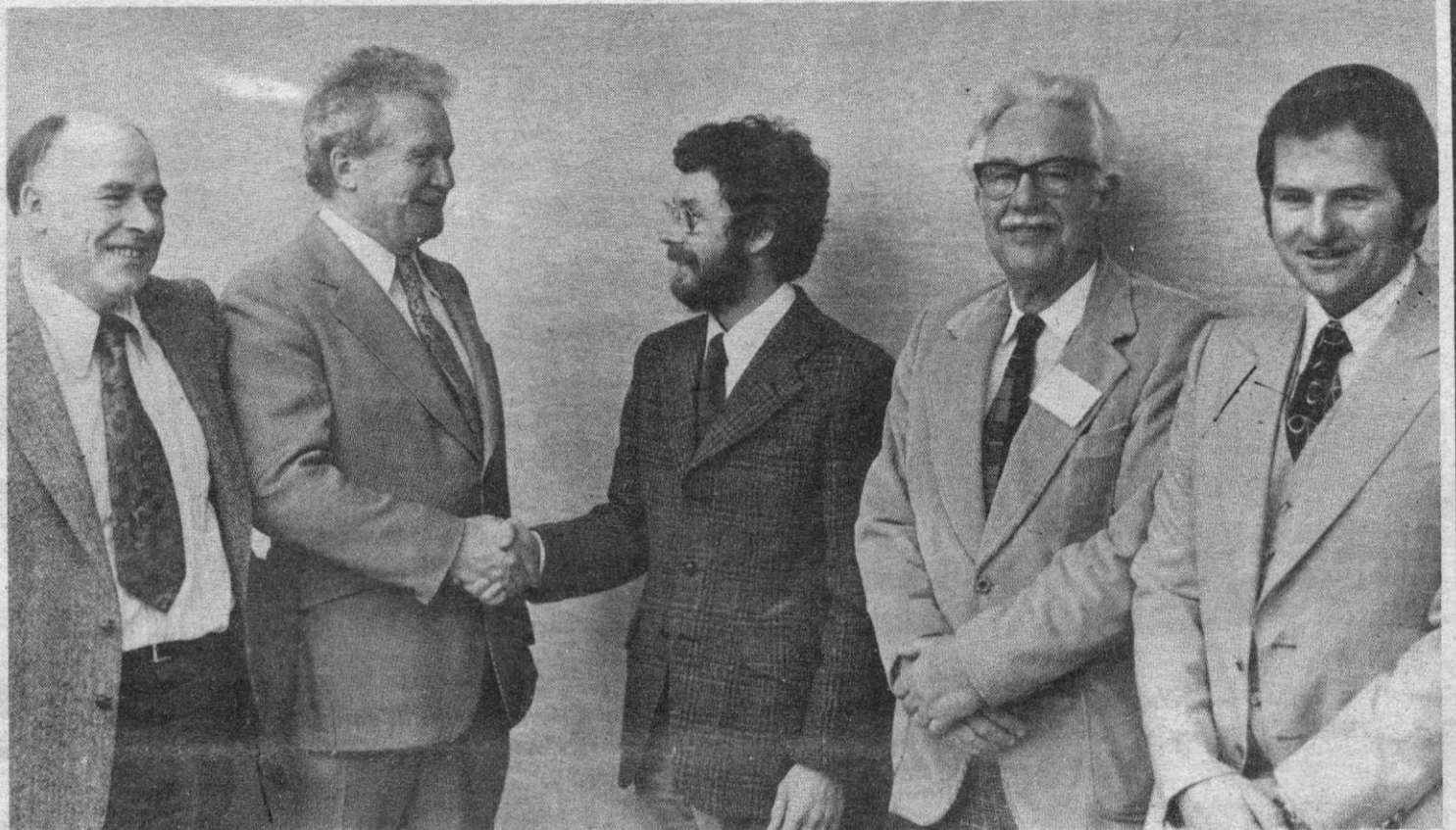
New chairman of the Islands Trust was named by acclamation on Saturday morning when 25 local trustees named three general trustees. It was the first time that the general trustees have been named from elected officers. During the first four years of the Trust history they have been appointed by the government.

Rich, one of the local trustees from Bowen Island, was declared elected by the chairman of the election, Planner Anthony Roberts minutes after the election scheduled for 11 am.

The trustees then named two general trustees, both of whom were designated vice-chairmen. Four candidates were nominated. Successful candidates are both from the Gulf Islands. They are Gordon Wallace, of Pender Island and John Gaines, of Saturna, Gaines has served for two years in that capacity.

All new general trustees have experience of the Trust.

Marc Holmes, who has served four years on the Trust, was given a warm send-off. He accepted the presentation of a wrist watch from his former colleagues at the hands



The first day of a new era in the story of the Islands Trust was Saturday. Here the old and the new. From left to right are, Nelder Boulton of Gabriola Island and

of Gabriola's Nelder Boulton.

Island watchmaker told him last week that his old watch was irreparable, commented the retiring chairman.

Boulton expressed the "sincere regret of the Trust at having to say goodbye to Marc Holmes".

#### MADE THE TOUR

He recalled that Holmes had accompanied the standing committee on municipal affairs when it toured the islands five years ago. The Trust came into being as a

Marc Holmes, Salt Spring Island, both withdrawing as general trustees; John Rich, Bowen Island, is shaking hands with his predecessor. He is the new chairman of the

result of the findings of that committee, he explained.

He was named to the Trust in 1974 and to the chair in 1976.

"It is a tribute to his dedication that each island now has its own community plan," stated Boulton. In addition, he noted, the Salt Spring Island Community Plan is completed.

Marc Holmes had devoted a considerable amount of time to the Trust at a time when a man might expect to be devoting his time to

Trust and the first chairman to be named by members. Gordon Wallace and John Gaines are the two new general trustees, elected by local trustees on Saturday morn-

ing. Wallace is from North Pender Island and Gaines from Saturna Island. John Gaines was a general trustee since 1976. He will continue in that role.

In the election of general trustees unsuccessful candidates were Carol Martin, of Hornby and Michael Humphries, of Lasqueti.

#### SECOND PRESENTATION

Marc Holmes refrained from handing over the chair until after the general trustee election. He congratulated Rich and told the trustees, "I'm sure you've chosen well!"

Wallace and Gaines both expressed their appreciation and promised to do the best job they can to serve all the islands.

The gift from trustees represented a token of their appreciation of all he had done, Holmes was told.

The presentation was followed by the award of Denman Island pottery from the original members of the Islands Trust. This presentation was made by Betty Smith, of Hornby Island. She read a letter from Harold Walton, of Denman, who had been one of the original local trustees from that island.

Vesuvius ferry was out of commission on Monday and Tuesday this week after high winds beat the apron to pieces.

### Two Galiano drivers of long ago

It must be the air on Galiano. Two island drivers have reported the low numbers of their licenses.

They are Thomas Drew, with a number, 4595 and Gordon Angus McDonald, whose number is 6721.

Gordon McDonald acquired his first license in New Westminster. He thinks it was in 1821. He is hazy because when he was 11 his father sent him into Vancouver with the car and he was by that age well able to drive.

#### Write now!

Salt Spring Island travellers may write to BC Ferry Corporation and urge doubling up of the two small vessels at peak periods.

Commuter urges that every islander writes.

### Curtis is named provincial secretary in cabinet shuffle

Represented by the minister of municipal affairs for the past several years, Saanich and the Islands are now within the home constituency of the Provincial Secretary.

On Monday Premier W.R. Bennett announced his cabinet changes. Among the extensive switches was Hugh Curtis from municipal affairs to provincial affairs.

Municipal affairs has been assumed by Bill Vander Zalm, while former provincial secretary, Grace McCarthy gets welfare.

Ferries go to Alex Fraser as part of the highways ministry,

where they came from.

Two surprises in the big changes were the return of Cyril Shelford to the agriculture portfolio, which he held in the WAC Bennett government and the naming of Sam Bawlf to the de-regulatory ministry in which his sword of office will untie the Gordian knots of provincial administration.

Big-city traffic hit Salt Spring Island last week when highways crews erected No Parking signs on Old Scott Road.

Section of road near Scott Road

### Appeal for CARE

Appeal for the Pearson CARE Tree at Pender has already been sounded by the Pender Island Lions Club.

Last Christmas, when the appeal was in its 18th year, the campaign raised \$9,455 for CARE. The club is hoping to reach the \$10,000 mark this year.

A light is added to the tree for each contribution to CARE

Donations will be accepted by the Pender Island Lions Club at Port Washington, BC.

### Parking is prohibited

has been closed to parking on both sides of the road.

Number of residents were hopping mad last week when they reported the new regulations to Driftwood.

### Ferry wharf is out

Northwest wind hits the Vesuvius wharf heavily. The wind halted loading at Vesuvius during Monday afternoon. It also laid into the structure. The apron, or the steel plate that bridges the water between the wharf and the boat, was split and had to be welded on Tuesday morning before traffic could cross the gap.

By Tuesday afternoon everything was back to normal.

# Cudmore Rock is removed

## Controversial petroglyph for park

### Bridge winners in duplicate

Legion duplicate bridge club winners on November 28 at the Legion Hall in Ganges were 1, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; 2 and 3, Irene Hawksworth and Anne McConnell; and Mary Clements and Margaret MacIntosh; 4, Roma Sturdy and Lois Popkin-Clurman.

Provincial government has taken legal action to recover the Cudmore Rock from the airstrip at Fulford.

On Wednesday morning a ministry of highways truck and equipment drove into the airport property and recovered the petroglyph located there.

Recreation and Conservation Minister Sam Bawlf explained that the carved boulder, which measures about five feet in diameter and weighs several tons, had been removed to the provincial government's highways yard for temporary safekeeping by a highways crew, under the supervision of representatives of the Provincial Museum and the Heritage Conservation Branch.

Early in 1976, the boulder was moved from its location near the water by Gordon Cudmore to the side of his private airstrip on the Fulford-Ganges Road.

Mr. Cudmore, who originally discovered the petroglyph, said at the time that by removing the stone

to his own property he was protecting it from possible vandalism.

His action, however, met with sharp criticism from dozens of local residents who asserted it was improper that anyone should be able to simply pick up an object of historical value and remove it to private property, no matter what the motive, recalled the Heritage Branch last week.

#### THREE YEARS

Wednesday's actions brought to an end almost three years of effort by the Provincial Government to have the petroglyph removed, Driftwood was told.

During this period, said Mr. Bawlf, Mr. Cudmore has ignored an Order-In-Council, a Ministerial Order, and a request by the Director of the Heritage Conservation Branch to return the petroglyph to its former location.

It was only after Mr. Cudmore

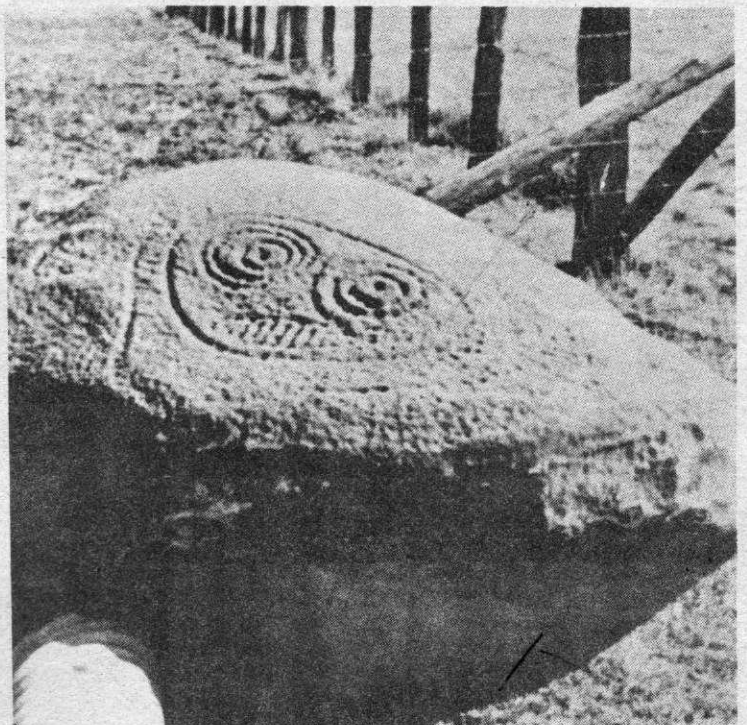
had failed to take any action that the Attorney-General's Department prepared a writ of replevin, which enabled the Crown to go onto the property to remove the carved boulder.

Further Charlton, acting chief of the ministry's Archaeology Division, said that they had originally planned to return the Cudmore Rock to its former resting place on the beach in Fulford Harbour.

However, after viewing the beach location, they decided that it would be better placed in a public park somewhere on the island, where it could be more easily viewed by the public and where a proper sign detailing the history of the boulder could be erected.

One possible location being considered, said Charlton, is Drummond Children's Park, which is situated by the shoreline only a

quarter of a mile from the petroglyph's original location.



The Fulford Harbour petroglyph, shown here at its former location beside a private airstrip near the Fulford-Ganges Road.

## Central Hall is part of Salt Spring Island community

BY BEVIS WALTERS

The restored and rejuvenated Central Hall is now in full community use.

Bookings are becoming heavier, and there is every indication that all the time trouble and expense are well merited, and Salt Spring Island now has a Community Centre worthy of its citizens.

The week-end movie show has now become a well patronized institution, whilst a series of week-by-week shows and entertainments promise much pleasure for the future. Senior Citizens Groups now call it home, and the Golden Age Bowlers will in future hold a regular series of monthly meetings there.

All the major re-construction has been done, but there still remain many small but important things to be done. Windows have to be framed, much painting remains to be done, doors set, hardware applied, and curtains for all windows and stage to be made and hung. Central Hall has paid for all repairs and alterations by receiving generous gifts from local residents and clubs, and government grants.

It is out of debt, but still needs money to finish off the things not yet finished, to ice the cake it may be said.

Knowing of this need local artist Pat Wright has donated one of her fine animal paintings to be raffled, with all proceeds to go to the Hall.

This painting is called "Black Horse" and certainly is a thing of beauty. It is framed and ready for hanging, so that it may instantly adorn the home of the lucky winner.

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# TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

Bruce Eason is now living in the prosperity of Alberta. He is engaged in the science of bricks and consequently receives the Bricklayers' Union newsletter. And here is weather wisdom culled from that literary lapse of brickies: Take any brick and place it outdoors in the open. It can be placed in a hanging position or on a pedestal. It will become a very reliable weather forecaster.

- When the brick is dry, it is not raining;
- When the brick is wet, it is raining;
- When the brick throws a shadow, the sun is shining;
- When it is moving, the wind is blowing;
- When it has snow on it, it is snowing and
- When there is ice on the brick, it is freezing.

The word native is coming into popular use instead of Indian. Indian is less acceptable to many of the aboriginal people, although it is, in fact, a better word. Both words have been adapted in past years to put people down. The problem with the word native is that it has two meanings. The Native Sons are not Natives but they are natives. My dog and me are both non-native residents. But what of my children, all of whom are natives of Canada? But not, of course, Natives of Canada. Breathe there a man....? The poet will have to think twice before hailing his native land!

Where else would you find cusheon covers playing ball? More likely to play ball with cusheon covers!

Chuck Hankins got it from a trade journal and he enjoyed it so much he passed it on to me. It says that capital punishment is when the government taxes you to get capital in order to get into business

**Bob Dylan and Neil Young**

are in

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in competition with you and then taxes your profits in order to pay for its losses. \*\*\*

In British Columbia we are all used to being offered 1978 cars at a reduced price when the 1979 models come in. That's the time a lot of people trade their cars. But a British newspaper recently carried an advertisement offering 1979 models at 1978 prices if you made the purchase within eight weeks of the introduction of the new models. \*\*\*

Insult to injury: in the same publication, "Mr." Rene Levesque. \*\*\*

Ever thought you'd put in a generator and save your Hydro bills? Stop dreaming! I was chatting with a group of Pender Island residents last week who have been generating their own power for so long that they thought electricity was generated in the muffler of a stationary gas engine. One proud owner of his own set reported that it cost him \$30 a month to generate his own power. And that was for three hours a day. Not only that, but if he was running a power saw he would switch off the generator while he marked out the next cuts he was planning. There's just no cheap short cut! \*\*\*

I heard the sad tale last week of three soldiers who were stranded in France at the collapse in 1940. A Frenchman took them in and kept them throughout the German occupation. He fed them, kept them in cigarettes and other needs, while they lived in the attic of his home. Beneath them was the German officers' dining area. At the end of the war, the three men rejoined the Allies and went off. They went off with the silver and jewellery that was in the home of their benefactor. It is just one instance of such a return for their lives. There was probably not one other case, but it is still sickening. The renegades were all overtaken in the course of the following months. \*\*\*

Was there any white smoke, asked Jim Money during the Islands Trust elections on Saturday. No, but I could sure make a smell of sulphur!

## Leg broken on Hawaii seashore

Bert and Pearl Motion, of Ganges, were on holiday in Hawaii, recently. It proved to be a three-day holiday.

Within three days of arriving there, Pearl was bathing when a heavy wave caught her and she sustained a broken leg.

Unable to swim with her leg broken, she was in danger of drowning until other holiday-makers saw her plight and helped her back onto the shore.

She expects to be back into normal activities in three to six months.

Mrs. Motion is a retired realtor and insurance agent.

## Fast Fast, fast, past belief!

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Eight years delivery of post card

Mrs. Elsie Macdonald, of Ganges Hill, has found the fastest postal service in years. In eight years, to be more precise.

It was delivered in November, 1978.

There was no refund of postage.

In 1970 Mrs. Macdonald was on holiday in Europe. While travelling in Ireland, she bought a postcard and mailed it to a friend in Oakland, California. The card was mailed on June 1970.

It reached San Bernadino, California, the same month. The card bears the date stamp on its face. There is no indication of why it would go to San Bernadino: only that it did.

It then went to Oakland. The journey was an eight-year delivery.

## Olive Clayton will also serve on Commission

There are two distaff members of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission. One of them was left out of the story last week in a report on elections.

Olive Clayton was elected to the commission at the annual meeting. She was nominated and elected, but not reported.

Mrs. Clayton will be there to offer support to Loes Holland.

Contrary to numerous dastardly charges, the omission occurred because the writer couldn't count.

## Auxiliary meets new hospital administrator at final meeting

BY ELSIE MACDONALD

Newly appointed administrator of Lady Minto Hospital, Malcolm Pinteau, spoke briefly to Hospital Auxiliary members at their recent meeting.

Mr. Pinteau had just arrived on Salt Spring and came to the meeting to be introduced to the Auxiliary. We look forward to a longer visit and exchange of ideas with Mr. Pinteau in the New Year.

Mrs. Mary Yellowlees reported the Auxiliary Thrift Shop will close December 16 for Christmas holidays, and re-open on January 8.

A table of new items for Christmas gifts has been set up in the shop. Also featured is a selection of lovely dolls, beautifully dressed by Auxiliary members. A few of these charmers were displayed at the meeting by Mrs. Bunny Tiffin.

Despite difficulties due to building work now underway in Extended Care Unit, volunteers are carrying on as best they can, reported convener Mrs. Ethel Davidson. Christmas sale of residents' handwork, ordinarily held in the lounge, cannot take place this year, but a table has been placed in the Thrift Shop for sale of these articles.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees will be set up in the hospital and will be decorated by Auxiliary members for the festive season. Tray favours and gifts will be provided for patients on Christmas Day.

President Mrs. Vera Petapiece reported a total of 14 candy strippers are working with patients. Two young volunteers are on duty each day of the week, adding a bright

**Mr. and Mrs.**

We take the name of hubby, And make it rhyme with chubby, Then find the title, wife, A perfect rhyme for strife.

-John Healey

touch to hospital life.

Speaking for the Intermediate and Personal Care Society, Mrs. Petapiece reported January 15 as the tentative date set for official opening of "Greenwoods".

Hospital Auxiliary members will serve as assistant hostesses on that special day.

Annual meeting of the Auxiliary will be held January 24 in the Legion Hall. New members will be welcome.

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### Island trustees

When the local trustees assembled in Victoria on Friday and Saturday to elect their chairman and two general trustees, the problems already foreseen in this column made themselves very clear. There were many members of the administration who were new and without knowledge of other members. There were members who have served for two years, but were still without sufficient awareness of other members to be able to formulate a snap judgment.

To criticize the system might be interpreted as a criticism of the successful candidates. This is far from our intent.

The results of the election: a chairman named by acclamation and two experienced Gulf Islands trustees in the second slot, bode well for the coming two years. In common with most islands residents, we have every confidence in the new general trustees.

But the selection has been the fortunate result of an incalculable procedure. The Trust will, unquestionably, raise the question of elections with the minister of municipal affairs. The minister will certainly be open to recommendations.

The procedure could be improved and almost certainly will be. In the meantime the first elected general trustees in the history of the Trust have been elected with the full confidence of its members and of most islanders concerned.

### Islands ferry service

For many weeks travellers on the British Columbia ferries have been urged to note what it costs the good parts of the province to provide islanders with a link to their front door.

Next month travellers will learn what their dollars have bought for the islanders.

The link between Swartz Bay and Fulford will be maintained by two of the ferry corporation's old faithfuls. The Salt Spring Queen and the Pender Queen will sail between Fulford and Swartz Bay to maintain as efficient a service as these two old vessels can attempt.

The fact that there are no other vessels to fill in the important link is due to the reluctance of successive governments to spend more of the taxpayers' money on shipping.

The Salt Spring Queen once carried a maximum load of 100 tons. She would fill her decks with cars and about 35 could be squeezed on board. But a challenge to the safety of the vessel was sounded and abruptly the ministry of transport reduced her rated capacity to 60 tons. Hence, her load is somewhat less than it used to be.

The Pender Queen, oldest vessel in the corporation's service will soon mark her 60th birthday. At 60, like many humans, she is unable to dance the same steps that she enjoyed at 30. Her days of dancing are over. There is a restriction on the weight of trucks which may travel on the Pender Queen in deference to the great age of her decks and her aching ribs.

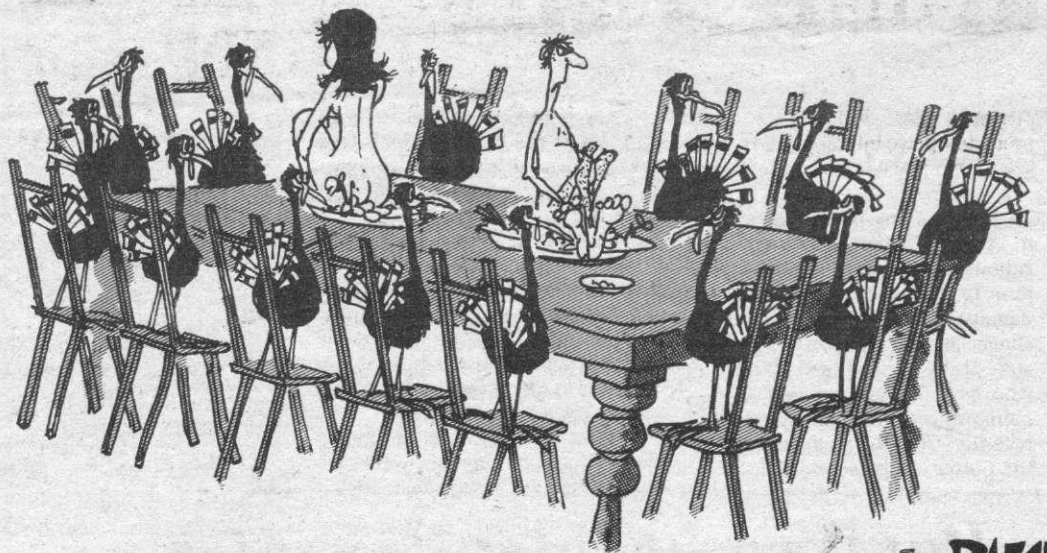
We are well aware that both vessels are sound. We are also well aware of the fact that the government now, and in past years, has been repeatedly warned of the need to look at the fleet's minor vessels and successive governments have repeatedly looked the other way.

The time must come when the government takes a look at the little ships of the province and does something about them. The Bowen Queen and the Mayne Queen are to be extended. It is unfortunate that they will be extended at the same time, taking two vessels out of service simultaneously. But the two ships are aging.

The Queen of the Islands, neither large nor small, built for a service that outgrew her before she was weaned, is also aging. These vessels will, one assumes, all be needing more, and more extensive, attention as the years pass.

And all the corporation has to offer in exchange are a ferry chopped down in capacity for fear of capsizing and a ferry whose decks have been examined and found wanting!

We are confident that this kind of information would make far more interesting reading on the ferry signs than the simple statement of what it costs decent citizens to transport islanders!



## EQUAL RIGHTS

### Letters to the Editor

#### HELP FOR AGING

Sir,

In this day and age, one would assume that part of the taxes we pay are towards insurance payments, so in case we or any of our family becomes an invalid or is unable to work for any valid reason, we are well looked after.

Payments or help for any of our senior citizens (who have worked hard to build this beautiful country and have made life so easy for us) or the disabled receive, should and must be treated like any other insurance claim and certainly not as welfare or charity.

It is absurd and ridiculous that we should unnecessarily make them feel that they are living on welfare and charity, or are a burden on society, when all they are getting is their legitimate insurance claims.

They do indeed deserve a far better deal (higher claim payments) than they presently get, to lead a decent life with pride and dignity.

Truly, our attitudes towards the handicapped are their greatest handicap!

**B. BHAGWANANI**  
20 - 72 Dallas Road  
Victoria, B.C.  
November 25, 1978

#### NO NAZI CONCEPT!

Sir,

When I saw your editor's page cartoon of Nov. 22 I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. The cartoon implied that opponents of the so-called "right to work" concept had a Nazi mentality.

The historical fact is that it was the Nazis who adopted the ultimate "right to work" laws when Hitler first hampered and then banned outright the trade unions of Germany. People like former Chancellor Willy Brandt, a trades union social democrat, were named enemies of the state and the right to work slogan was succeeded by the hideous "work makes you free" motto on the gates of the concentration camps. Genuine labour negotiations were not only verboten at Auschwitz, they were verboten throughout the Third Reich.

The point is that the anti-union "right to work" concept is only one side of a coin which has on its obverse side the denial of workers' right to organize for the purpose of free collective bargaining by majority vote. The Nazis understood that. So should you and every other Canadian. Otherwise, we mock our 100,000 fathers, brothers and sons who lie buried in Europe's fields.

Your cartoonist, Raeside, either is ignorant of history or has twisted it with an Orwellian "double-speak" lie of gross proportions

when he depicts opponents of the sloganized "right to work" as Nazis. Goebells, himself a perpetrator of obscenely cynical slogans, would have appreciated your cartoon for that reason. But I had thought better of your newspaper and fervently trust, as a former journalist myself, that this was but an isolated aberration which will be redeemed by your future performance.

**JOHN MIKA**  
1560 Mileva Lane  
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November 29, 1978

#### MUD OR STARS?

Sir,

I felt I could not let Bryan Smith's account of his trip to England go without comment.

My husband and I spent six weeks in the U.K. at more or less the same time as the Smiths and in much the same area.

I find it a bit off-putting for a man to belittle his native land as Bryan does. I would imagine the English find it just as off-putting for a man to be so belligerently Canadian.

Why nit-pick over the fact that he took the wrong bus or that he couldn't get the kind of drink he wanted on a train. These minor annoyances are of little importance when one looks at the beauty of the English countryside and experiences the sense of history and the majesty of the architecture.

Where else can one find the cosy, friendly atmosphere of the village pub or the excitement of

London? One could go on.

Comparisons are odious and it is always a mistake to compare one's own country with others we may visit. It reminds me of the two men looking into a puddle, one saw mud, the other saw stars.

**GWEN HIND-SMITH**  
R.R. 1, Ganges  
November 30, 1978

#### CUDMORE ROCK

Sir,

We read with dismay in the Victoria Times of the removal of the petroglyph boulder from Mr. Gordon Cudmore's air-strip property at Fulford, and the method of removal.

Ever since the discovery of this boulder certain people have been determined to remove it from Fulford. It would seem that they have succeeded.

Many people do not know that this boulder was found well below the normal low tide line on one of the very low tides in June. Mr. Cudmore was lining in large boulders to support his log dump. He could have tipped it upside down and used it for this purpose but he didn't.

How many people know that two smaller boulders were found at the same time?...each with a petroglyph inscription? These smaller ones could be moved by two men - and were - they disappeared.

The late Mr. Walter Few asked Mr. Cudmore to move the big one from his property at the beach because it was in a poor place. Mr. Cudmore obtained written permission from Hon. Mrs. G. McCarthy to do so. He took it to his air-strip

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### Church Services

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1978

#### ANGLICAN

9.30 am St. George's - Confirmation with Family Eucharist  
The Bishop of British Columbia, Roy Gartrell  
11.15 am St. Mary's Holy Eucharist  
The Bishop of British Columbia, Roy Gartrell

#### Daily: Mon.-Fri.

St. George's Ganges Morning Prayer 9.00 am  
Weekly: Wednesdays  
St. George's Ganges Holy Communion 9.00 am

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC

Our Lady of Grace Ganges Holy Mass 9.00 am  
St. Paul's Fulford 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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Box 61, Ganges 537-2622, -5757 Evening Service 7.00 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Thursday 7.00 pm

#### MAYNE ISLAND

St. Mary Magdalene Sundays Rev. John Dyer 11.30 am  
Community Church Pastor J. Rodine 539-5710  
Sunday at 3 pm in school

#### BIBLICAL STUDY

Bible Study Friday in the homes  
GALIANO ISLAND  
St. Margaret's Galiano Sundays 9.00 am

# Letters to the Editor

[From Page Four]

property. Here it has been in a protected place but also in a readily accessible place.

Many, many people have been to see it, photograph it, take rubbings from it. Contrary to the item in the Times it has not been damaged. It stood a much better chance of surviving in its present state at the Fulford site. How many who saw the petroglyphs at Nanaimo 20 years ago have seen them recently? It is beyond belief what the public have done to these.

This boulder belongs at Fulford, not at the Public Works Yard at Central or at a park in Ganges. It must come back to Fulford.

If the people who obtained its removal are unwilling to let Mr. Cudmore have it at the air-strip then they must agree to a suitable spot, like in front of the new Fulford Inn or in Drummond Children's Park, at Fulford.

[Mrs.] MARY MOLLET  
[Mrs.] KAY CATLIN  
Fulford Harbour,  
December 3, 1978

## Cost of ferries

# NDP critic sees campaign as prelude to fare hike

Don Lockstead, New Democrat MLA for Mackenzie, is still concerned with the campaign of BC Ferries Corporation against ferry users.

The campaign includes blue printed cards passed out to ferry passengers reading, "The cost of your journey is subsidized by the taxpayers of British Columbia. This year, (sic) the subsidy will amount

to approximately \$46.6 million."

The same message appears on signs on the ferries but they are printed without any punctuation.

"The purpose behind this campaign is sinister," Lockstead said. "Every British Columbian knows the ferries don't make money. They never were intended to make

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# Pat Wright calendar sales on Salt Spring top Chapter

BY D.E. JAMES

The regent, Mrs. E.J. Searles presided over the last meeting of the H.M.S. Ganges Chapter, IODE for 1978, which was held in the United Church Hall on Friday, Dec. 1.

During the past month members with Standard-bearers, Mrs. V. Prior and Mrs. J. Parsons, attended the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Centennial Park when Mrs. A.H.R. Howell placed the IODE wreath on the Cenotaph.

Mrs. Searles expressed the gratification of all present on the recent outstanding success of the Art Show, tea and sale of 1100 IODE calendars featuring Pat Wright's delightful animal paintings. Mrs. Earl Hardie, who did such a special as convener, gave a heart-warming account of her achievements. The Ganges Chapter has sold more than twice as many as any other chapter in Canada. This effort has brought national

fame to Ganges in more ways than one, due perhaps to the privilege of having Pat Wright as one of the IODE members here.

While the local supply of calendars is sold out, it may be possible to obtain more later by phoning Mrs. E.J. Searles at 653-4203.

### SUBSTITUTE

The writer wishes to thank Olive Mouat for being such an excellent substitute in public relations during her absence on holiday. Her efforts, in addition to her already heavy commitments, greatly added to the success of this project and further complimentary comments from the National Chapter.

Mrs. R.L. Sayers reported on Christmas parcels, and arrangements were made to assemble gift boxes and send cards to some absent members.

A collection was taken to buy goodies for the adopted school at Eagle Creek.

A nominating committee under Mrs. R. Aston was appointed for the election of officers at the Annual meeting in February.

After a delicious tea, convened by Mrs. K. Patrick, members visited the new Greenwoods Intermediate and Personal Care Hospital. They were received by the new administrator, Mr. Malcolm Pin-teau and accountant Mr. Stuart Hopkins who with the new Nurse-Co-ordinator Miss Jonna Matti-sieng, took them on a guided tour of this remarkable new building, still under construction. Mrs. T. Warrington, IODE hospital visitor, presented them with a cheque for \$700 from the H.M.S. Ganges Chapter toward the furnishing of one of the rooms, with the promise of a further \$300 to be raised to complete the \$1,000 cost of a room.

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**Beauty and the Beast**

**Christmas treat is planned on Salt Spring Island by Players' Group**

**BY GWEN HIND-SMITH**

The Salt Spring Players will present a Christmas treat for the children (and the young at heart) with their production of Beauty and the Beast on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

For children, and for some of us adults there is a special magic about fairy tales, and Beauty and the Beast is no exception. It has all the necessary ingredients, selfish domineering characters, a sweet and lovely heroine, a prince upon whom an evil spell has been cast and so forth, but it all comes right in the end as we know it will.

The Salt Spring production was written by Christopher Newton, well known Vancouver playwright and had its first performance last year by Carousel Childrens' Theatre, Vancouver, with great success.

There are all too few theatre programmes these days that par-

ents can enjoy with their children and this is an experience to be shared by young and old alike.

**LARGE CAST**

A large cast has been assembled under the direction of John Lomas and includes a number of high school and elementary school students. It is hoped to introduce children to quality theatre and its possibilities through participation in this production.

There are disembodied voices, visions in mirrors, all with an appropriate musical background.

The set has been designed by Art Lucs who achieved such a success with his set design for The Bald Soprano, and Beauty and the Beast calls for all his ingenuity.

A considerable amount of time has been spent on working out special effects to create the magic of the fairy tale with regard to sights and sounds and to the creation of colourful costumes.

The overall producer is Shari Lomas, and the stage manager is Joan Isberg.

The role of Beauty will be played by Michelle Minvielle, a student in the high school.

The Beast is portrayed by David Fitchew who is well known to Salt Spring audiences. He has played many roles in past productions.

The sisters are played by Dawn Luker of Salt Spring Players and Lisa Fennel, a high school student.

Barney Baines will play the Merchant (father), and the off-stage voices are Pat Desbottes, Liduin Currell, Glenda Woodley, Caroline Address, Robin Archibald and Maggie Warlsy. All but Pat and Liduin are students.

Tickets for the performance will be on sale at Etcetera Books. In addition to the regular three performances on December 14, 15 and 16, two performances are being arranged for Fernwood and Salt Spring Elementary schools during school hours.

**School bands gear up for Christmas concert**

**BY LOIS JOHNSON**

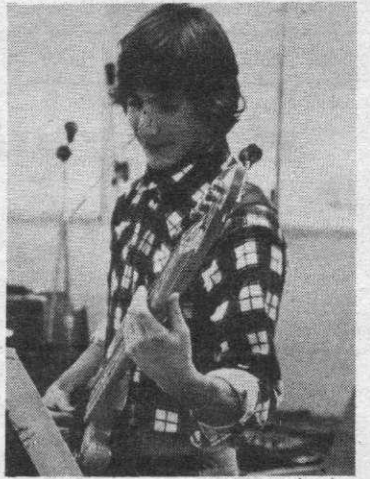
Christmas can't be far off when the school bands get together for their annual concert. This year the activity room in the secondary school will be filled with an evening of popular and classical music with the elementary and secondary school musicians. Tickets are available from any band student or the schools can be contacted for further information.

These concerts are presented to show parents and friends the progress of the students who fit music into their busy school schedules. The concerts also raise funds to help the bands repair instruments, buy more music, and purchase new equipment. In the past years electronic equipment has been increasingly important for these modern musicians who play both contemporary and traditional arrangements.

A bake sale and light refreshments will be featured during the intermissions. Door prizes will be drawn as an added incentive to ticket purchasers. The Christmas Concert is a very important event

for these young musicians. It is their chance to shine outside of the drab band room, and show their parents and friends just how good they are.

Do put aside the evening of December 13 for a wonderful evening of music.



**Catholic Women organize League on Salt Spring**

A reorganizational meeting of Salt Spring Island sub-division of the Catholic Women's League was held in the parish hall on Tuesday, November 21 with 16 ladies present.

The meeting was chaired by Elsa Drummond, Provincial President for British Columbia and Yukon who gave a brief rundown on the function of the C.W.L. at the parish and national levels and spoke of the responsibilities of the members and their potential for positive action on both community and national issues. Past president Ruth Kreissl welcomed the ladies to the meeting.

The following executive was chosen for the balance of the current year: President - Pat Taylor; Vice President - Alicia Anderson; Secretary Treasurer - Ursula McEwen.

Meetings are to be held on the first Wednesday of every month beginning with Mass at 1 pm.

The members decided to combine a coffee party with the regular December meeting on December 6 to get acquainted and welcome new members to the group. All the ladies in the parish are cordially invited to attend.

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**Informal ceremony on Sunday**

# Foxglove moves to new location in old home

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It was an unusual opening ceremony when Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies introduced a number of islanders to the new premises on Lower Ganges Road.

Located in the old Walter home on the corner of Atkins Road, the new centre is the most striking business premises on Salt Spring Island.

Tom Gossett, the man behind the centre and Hank Schubart, the architect behind the man, have modified an old house and added to it in two directions. The result is a completely novel shopping facility.

The walls are dotted with pictures and old antique tools. The main entrance has the air of a building a hundred years older.

Foxglove is difficult to describe because there isn't another place like it on the island or off.

The feed store is a log barn and the garden centre is a cedar-lined hall with a plentiful supply of skylights.

The building has the mark of Schubart in every corner, but it also has the mark of Gossett blending in.

**CUTTING THE CAKE**

On Sunday evening Tom Gossett and his wife, Mimi cut the cake and Tom made a brief speech. He thanked the visitors for their concern and interest and he suggested that the new centre belongs to the island.

We don't have possessions as we pass through life, he suggested. Rather, we are custodians of our possessions.

There were refreshments for the guests and Bryan Smith played some British dance music. The evening was the end of a long road.

The farm and garden centre has been located for several years in the old Malcolmson shop on Lower



Tom and Mimi Gossett cut their cake.

Ganges Road. About two years ago the supply company sought rezoning of the new property, but they were persuaded to seek, instead, a land use permit. This was sought

and approved. **TIGHT RULES** The permit provides for a closer supervision of the use of the property than does rezoning. It

represents a formal agreement between the owners and the Islands Trust. Deviation from any agreed use of the land represents a violation of the contract.

The owners of the land and the Trust agreed that a contract was a much more restrictive procedure than a simple rezoning and therefore more desirable.

It is one of the last land use contracts to be negotiated in the islands. The procedure has been overtaken by the new development

contract.

In seeking the contract, the company promised that the new site would be pleasing to the eye and that there would be no accumulation of trailers or other transport equipment.

On Sunday islanders discovered the degree to which Foxglove has lived up to the agreement.

The centre will stand as an attraction on the island for the novel manner in which a house has been converted to a commercial function. - F.G.R.

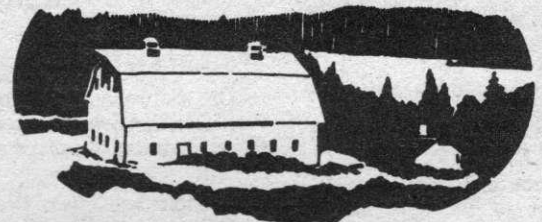
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BY MAD RAY

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family entertainment.

The Captain Cook farce was presented as a joint effort by the Salt Spring Players and Madness, Inc., during Summer Theatre '78.

Members of the Players participated in script ideas and performance, and will be seen re-creating the roles played earlier this year.

"Christmas Madness" is an adaptation by Virginia and Ray Newman of the Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol" and has become an annual presentation here, with Alf Howell as the miserly Scrooge whose life undergoes a radical, overnight change.

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# FERNWOOD Elementary School News

## RAIN COAST PUPPET THEATRE

The Rain Coast Puppet Theatre has come and gone. The name of the play was 'Sawdust and Skunk Cabbage'. It was entertaining.

The Kindergartens up to grade seven of Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood Elementary attended.

Norm Foote, the head puppeteer, asked two people to volunteer from the audience. Tom Clarkson and Troy Logan got to act with two puppets.

- Laurie Simard

## CHESS RESULTS

The chess results are finally in for the month.

In grade one the winner was Trevor Hardie, grade two Mark Nordine, grade three Anthony Archer, grade four Todd Tamboline, grade five Inga Mainwaring, grade six Linda Quesnel, grade seven Ann Weihing.

The next step in the chess tournament is a playoff by grade between Fernwood and Salt Spring Elementary schools. These winners will advance to the Vancouver Island championships.

-Mike Cue

## BUSES NOT ALLOWED

Our buses are not allowed on the Vesuvius ferry because of ramp repairs. They've been working on it for three months.

On December 11 grade sixes and sevens are going skating at Fuller Lake arena. We need parents to drive us.

I hope they finish the ramp soon.

- Kirsten Christianson

## MUSEUM

The grade 6/7 Fernwood students went to the museum in Victoria.

When we got there we had an unguided tour of the museum for half an hour. Then we split up into small groups and saw some archaeology slides and then dug for some artifacts and described them.

By then we had to leave and catch the ferry back. When we got to the school the parents that drove

went home and the students went back to their classrooms.

It was a very interesting trip. Thanks to all the parents who drove us to Victoria.

- Linda Quesnel

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On December 12 at 1 pm in the Salt Spring Elementary activity room there is going to be a Fernwood Elementary Christmas concert.

The primary grades are going to be singing and Irene Wright has a group of students that are going to be dancing.

The intermediate grades are going to be singing too, and the grade six and seven band is going to be playing a few songs.

-David Lacey

## CANDY SALE

Fernwood and Salt Spring Elementary students are having a candy sale. Only intermediate students are selling the candy because the primary students are too young to carry chocolate around with them.

There are two kinds of chocolates: chocolate covered almonds and milk chocolate bars.

The money from the candy is going to purchase Fernwood's uniforms. If you want some candy, just let us know.

- Wendy Ronne

## VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, December 2, Fernwood and Salt Spring sponsored an invitational volleyball tournament.

The teams that were there were Mt. Brenton, Pender Pirates, Salt Spring A and B and also Fernwood A and B.

Pender Pirates won this tournament and following them another off-island team from Mt. Brenton came in second place, in third place Fernwood A, followed by Salt Spring A and B and Fernwood B.

- Lynn Spittle

# Students visit Tsartlip

BY

ARIADNE SAWYER DOWNEY

An exciting beginning to a sharing program between Salt Spring Elementary students and the Tsartlip Indian School in Brentwood, began December 1.

The sharing program has been written by Kerra Downey, age 11, co-ordinator of the program.

The aims of the program are to help students, teachers and other people to become more aware and knowledgeable about Native people and to help Native children to feel better about themselves.

Native students are the forerunners in the program, with interested non-native students joining in.

Kerra Downey, Jenny Pappenburger (who had the opportunity to go as an older student) Erik Downey and others went to the Tsartlip school recently to share some music and join some of the activities.

## SOME COMMENTS

Here are some of the observations on the Tsartlip School; by Kerra Downey.

- When we went in the school - it was very colourful.
- Most of the decoration were based on fish and fishing.
- Boys and girls were playing together, instead of fighting.
- It was very quiet, a happy quiet.
- There were a lot of regular learning centres and special interest centres. The centres that we saw were: carving, music, art (printmaking) pottery and woodwork.

By Jenny

It was a good experience and I enjoyed myself, I liked it.

Other trips may include a visit to Mount Currie and to the office of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs.

## Time for a raise

You agitate with zeal,  
Your patience now has ceased,  
You are the squeaky wheel,  
And all you get is greased.

-John Healey

## Legion Auxiliary stages bazaar



Taking part in the recent Legion Auxiliary Christmas bazaar at Pender were Mrs. Dolly Cartwright, Mrs. Mary Anderson, Mrs. Ron

Jackson and Mrs. Libby Leicht, president of the Auxiliary. Eleanor Harrison took the picture.

## Candlemaking successful

The candlemaking session held at the Salt Spring Island Community Centre on November 25 was very successful.

Over 25 parents and children made dipped candles of varied hues and sizes. Laurie Neish welded cans together for the wax dipping and Bruce Fiander donated some of the wax.

The cans are to be available for persons to borrow. It would be appreciated if the person who took three of them away after the workshop would return them to the Community Centre as soon as possible.

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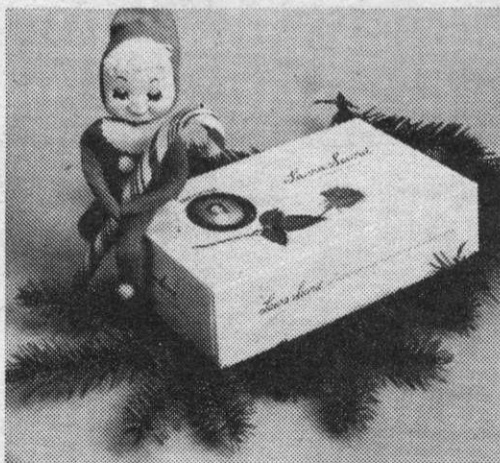
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# Found guilty on two counts and fined \$550

Ronald G. Traill was convicted in provincial court last Wednesday on two of three counts laid against him by Ganges RCMP in connection with an incident on May 14.

Traill was charged with impaired driving, refusing to submit a breath sample and driving while his licence was suspended after being stopped shortly after 1 am on the Fulford-Ganges Road by Cst. B. Allison.

Allison testified during the trial that he had been patrolling on the Fulford-Ganges Road on that date when he noticed an unfamiliar vehicle travelling slowly southbound. Allison turned his patrol car around and tailed the vehicle before pulling it over for a routine check.

Allison testified that the vehicle never picked up speed from an estimated 30 mph during the time that he followed it. When he put the emergency lights on, he said, the vehicle pulled sharply over to the shoulder and the driver and passenger traded places in the car.

Allison said he asked the accused who was by then in the passenger's seat, to get out of the car. The constable said he could smell alcohol on Traill's breath, and that his face was flushed and his speech was slurred. The accused was weaving as he stood talking, the policeman testified, and when he asked him to perform a balance test he lost his balance.

Allison said he formed the opinion that the accused was impaired, but when he took him back to the Ganges detachment Traill refused to supply a breath sample after the formal demand had been read. In addition, Allison noted, the accused never did

produce his driver's licence.

Under cross-examination by defence counsel K. Libby Allison agreed that the speed limit on the Fulford-Ganges Road varies from place to place, and that it might have been possible that Traill missed a speed sign indicating that he could accelerate. In addition, the constable admitted that he hadn't felt the driver was impaired until he was actually pulled over and got out of the car.

Cst. Michael Thompson testified that he had been called out the morning of May 14 to conduct the breathalyzer test, but when he told the accused he was ready to go ahead, Traill refused to blow into the machine.

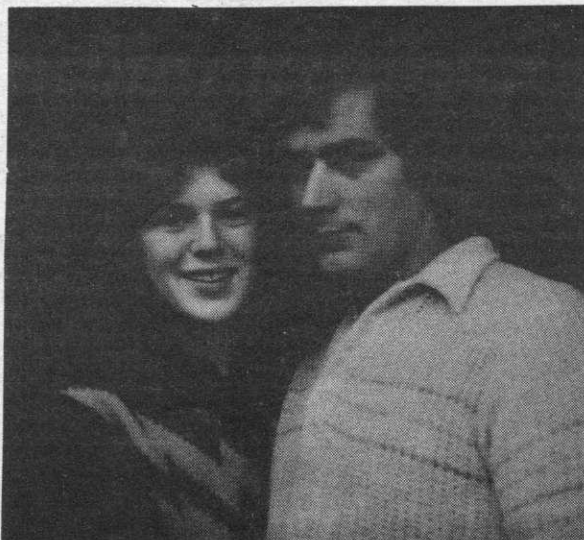
After lengthy legal wrangles on the matter of the status of Traill's driver's licence at the time of the incident, Brian Sweeney of the Motor Vehicles Branch was allowed to tell the court that the licence of a Ronald G. Traill had been suspended on Feb. 28 of this year. On May 14 that suspension was still in effect, Sweeney testified.

Sweeney produced documents indicating that Traill had been notified of the suspension and had acknowledged that notification.

Libby, however, protested that there was no proof before the court that the accused was the person named in the certificates or that the accused had ever been served with notice of the suspension.

Judge D.K. McAdam agreed with Libby and threw the charge out, but found Traill guilty on the other two counts. The accused was fined \$300 on the impaired driving charge and a further \$250 for failing to supply a breath sample.

# Mr. and Mrs. John Aleksich to reside at Maple Bay



Mr. and Mrs. John Aleksich

Denise Peterson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peterson of Sointula, B.C., was married to John (Butch) Aleksich, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milan Aleksich, Salt Spring Island at the Sointula Community Hall on November 25.

Len Perry officiated at the evening ceremony, attended by approximately 400 people. The hall was decorated with greenery, grapes and pampas grass.

Rose Renton and Jamie Gunther shared the duties of providing the wedding music, and a solo was performed by Pete Geisreiter.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a three-tiered white velvet gown topped by a jacket. She carried a bouquet of fnesia and eucalyptus.

Maid of honour Jill Tarsky and bridesmaids Betty Clarke, Marleen Peterson and Anthea Cameron

wore dark green gowns accented by marble patterned capes. **BEST MAN**

John Kine of Vancouver acted as best man, and ushering duties were attended to by Chris Peterson and Ross and Bruce Aleksich.

The bride's table during the reception held at the community hall and fire hall in Sointula was centred by a four-level cake decorated with grapes. Sam Maki acted

# My hobby

I don't care much for fishing,  
Or making things, like pottery,  
I spend my time in wishing,  
From lottery to lottery.

-John Healey

as master of ceremonies and Dave Siider proposed the toast to the bride.

Provision of food for the reception became a community affair. The tables were laden with eight turkeys, 21 smoked salmon, six dozen crabs, buckets of cole slaw and potato salad, five hams and 10 baked fish, among other delicacies.

The party continued on Sunday from 1-9 pm. The bride and groom also attended.

Many of the guests, including the groom's family, arrived for the wedding aboard fishing vessels. An estimated 120 people from out of the area attended, travelling by boat, car and plane for the festivities.

Live music was supplied during the reception by the band St. Valentine's Day Massacre of Vancouver.

The newlyweds will reside at Maple Bay.

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**POSTSCRIPT**

**She doesn't give up easily**

**BY SHIRLEY CULPIN**

Never let it be said that Barbara Blied gives up easily. For the third time this year she has called a meeting at the Family Centre in an effort to get a volunteer grandparent program going on Salt Spring Island.

The first meeting was called last summer, and when hardly anyone turned up, it was suggested that the fall would be a better time to instigate such a program. So Ms. Blied set a meeting for an evening in October, and when not many showed up for that either, it was suggested that elderly people often have a hard time getting around in

the evening, and perhaps an afternoon gathering would be more suitable.

So a third meeting has been set for 2 pm this Sunday, December 10, with transportation available to elderly folks who might otherwise have a difficult time getting there. **NO GRANDPARENTS**

Hopefully, the program will become a reality. There are an awful lot of single parents on this island with children that are, in effect, without grandparents. Not to say that there aren't grandparents for them around somewhere, but with today's families being so far-flung, they're often at unreachable distances. Especially for single-parent families trying to live on one income.

As Mrs. Blied has said before and will no doubt say again, the program isn't meant to be a babysitting service. She's interested in exposing the island's children to all the wonderful things that grandparents can be. And she's interested in introducing a sense of family to elderly people who, for one reason or another, may not have any grandchildren of their own.

Financial means and social

status mean nothing in a program like this. What counts is companionship -- the companionship that old and young can offer each other as a means of opening up new horizons. And that doesn't cost anything but time.

**OPEN TO ANYONE**

Sunday's meeting is open to anyone interested in the program, young and old alike. Anyone needing a lift to the gathering can contact Ms. Blied through the Family Centre.

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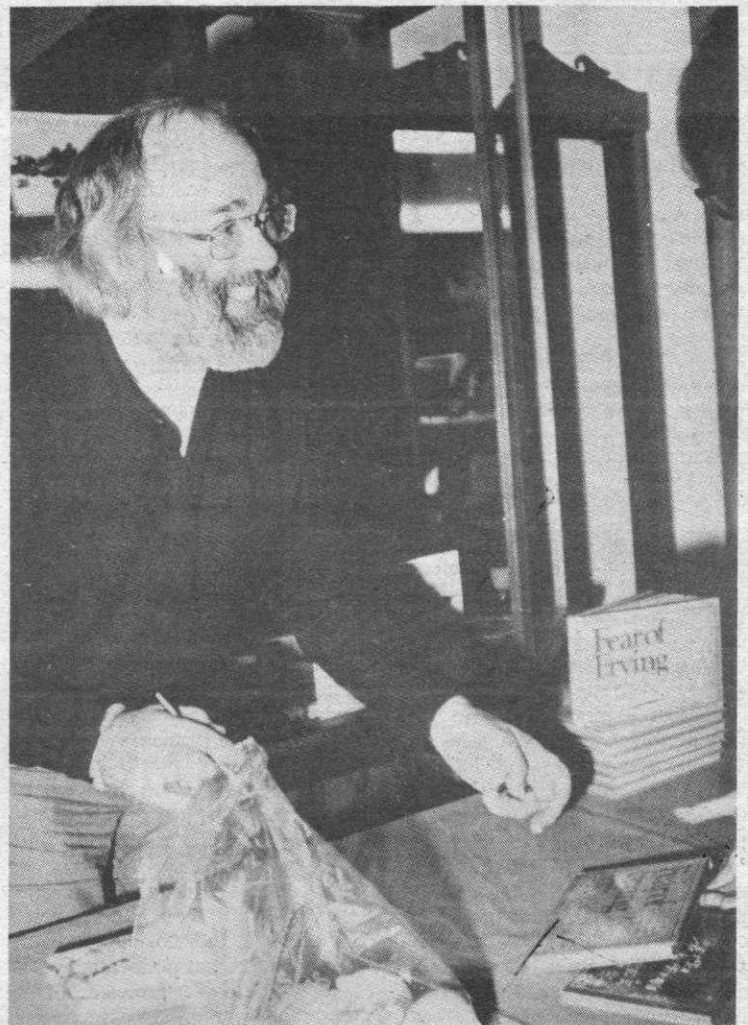
**BY ELSIE BROWN**

The Mayne Island School vocal ensemble will sing at both services Sunday, December 10. They will be at St. Mary Magdalene at 11.30 am and Community Church at the school at 3 pm.

The group is under the direction of Mrs. Nita Flick.

A Christmas film entitled "Glory in the Highest" will be featured at the Community Church service.

The annual Christmas dance sponsored by the Mayne Volunteer Firemen will be held Saturday, December 9 at 9 pm at the school activity room. For further information contact Paddy Lambert.



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**Galiano school is planning busy calendar for parent-teacher group**

**BY SHAY FOSTER**

Several events of interest to all Galiano residents were planned at the recent Galiano School Parent-Teacher meeting held at the school the evening of November 18.

The school group is actively sponsoring many community affairs this year in order to raise funds to build a covered play area for the school grounds. Galiano is the only Island school without one.

The parents are eager to help the children have a dry place to play and are putting much time and effort into the project.

The parent committee is headed by Sandy Riley, Andrew Bengier, Debra Murray, Barbara Champion and Margaret Howell.

The first event will be a Christmas Bingo to be held at the Galiano Community Hall on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 pm.

There will be the usual money prizes, plus an interesting selection

of door prizes donated by Galiano merchants. Home baking will be served for refreshments. Posters will list the door prizes.

**BOTTLE DRIVE**

Immediately after the Christmas holidays the school will be sponsoring a Bottle Drive. It is hoped many residents will save their returnable bottles and large wine bottles for the school drive. It will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6, between 1 and 3 pm. The school children will be attempting to visit every Galiano home to pick up bottles.

On January 18, the school will be sponsoring a play at the Galiano Community Hall for the whole community, at which the well known Bastion Theatre Company

from Victoria will be performing. More details will be forthcoming. **SPRING FAIRE**

The last event to look forward to is the school Spring Faire. Last year was the first time a Faire was held and it was an enjoyable, successful occasion for all concerned. This year's spring Faire will be held on May 26.

All Galiano residents are asked to please save old furniture, antiques, mugs and any useful items for the auction and white elephant booths at the Faire.

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a profit and they are supported by public funds just like the highways, schools and hospitals."

He said the only conceivable reason for the campaign is that the government wants to make ferry passengers feel guilty about the public expense of the ferry system.

"It is clear that Sam Bawlf (the Social Credit minister responsible for ferries) wants the users of the ferries to feel they are getting something they don't deserve," Lockstead said. "Once that impression is planted, he will be free to raise ferry fares again as the Socreds did in 1976, with disastrous results to coastal and Vancouver Island local economies."

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# Year of the Child and various views

## EDUCATION

In this enlightened age, few people would deny that education is the right of every child. But too many still believe that the kind of "schooling" they themselves received, 40, 50 or even 60 years ago, is the only kind.

But an unparalleled knowledge explosion has taken place, enabling a first-year science student to have more advanced data than a third-year student of the same discipline.

And yet 50-year-olds still try to impart knowledge with techniques they acquired 30 years ago from those who themselves belonged to a previous generation.

The late Margaret Mead acknowledged that, today, the experience of the old is virtually valueless to the young: "When I was young," we cry. "But you were never young in the world in which I live," they answer.

Some of us believe our children face a future teeming with horrendous problems created by technology. The future has always been unknown, but now it is unknowable.

If mankind survives it will be because our sense of responsibility has overcome our greed.

And we are responsible to equip our children with all the resources they will need in a future which is as different from our past as our past differed from the primeval jungle.

Automation will continue to reduce job choices. Inflation may well continue to erode our incomes, with food, shelter and clothing increasing in cost. So we must enable our children to return to as much self-sufficiency as possible. They should be able to reach inside themselves and find there the resources which lead to a full, satisfying and happy life, with less reliance on material possessions.

The arts and crafts of yesterday may well become the life-saving equipment of tomorrow. When short-sighted governments cut back on so-called "frills", let us help our children to acquire practical knowledge and independence.

Our forefathers' skills enabled them to survive in uncharted country, and our children will be the pioneers of an uncharted future.

Mary Williamson, for the S.S.I. Society for Educational Alternatives.

Salt Spring Islanders who are concerned with the proposed children's legislation in Ottawa may gain information on the subject from the Salt Spring Island Community Centre on Ganges Hill.

The Centre has a file on the subject, centering around the White Paper on Children's Legislation. It is available for islanders to read, but it may not be taken away.

The Community Society is a member of the B.C. Council for the Family. The council is the agency in this province concerned with the pending legislation.

Next year is the International Year of the Child and the proposed legislation is tied in with the designation.

-submitted by the Baha'i community of Salt Spring Island.

One of the main principles of the Baha'i faith is that of universal education. It is therefore the duty of every parent to educate his or her children.

There are three areas of educational concern - material, human, and spiritual. Baha'i education aims to maintain a balance among these areas. However, it deals chiefly with the spiritual aspect since it is to this part that civil education gives the least attention. Baha'i education tries to take the child beyond the limitations of sectarian belief, and to lead him to an understanding of certain universal teachings from which all true education arises.

It also tries to give the child a balanced set of values which can serve him throughout his life as a standard against which to weigh and evaluate the influences in his own life experiences.

Baha'is believe that God "...chose to confer upon man the unique distinction and capacity to know Him and to love Him - a capacity that must needs be regarded as the generating impulse and the primary purpose underlying the whole of creation."

This capacity, however, lies latent within man, and is in the need of education to develop it. To aid our children to fulfill their primary purpose in life is the most rewarding of all our duties.



## THOUGHT CONTROL

As the focus on Children's Rights becomes clearer during the Year of the Child, there is one right that seems easily overlooked.

Next to the right to life itself, "the most fundamental of human (including children) rights is the right to control our own minds and thoughts".

This means the right to decide how to learn and explore our world and what we think about our own and others experiences. To take

this right away is to do profound damage. to lose belief in the idea that we can think and decide for ourselves is a horrible loss.

If by "Education" we mean what most people everywhere do, that is something that some people do to others for their own good, molding and shaping, and trying to make them learn what they ought to know, then this anti-human business must stop and children be allowed to shape themselves.

Even from the earliest days of a baby's life it is seen that they do not need to be made to learn about the world or shown how, they want

to and they know how.

I do not mean that we should not influence how others think or feel. We are social and talkative. But the situation where someone must agree, or seem to agree, is clearly unfair.

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# MONEY PROBLEMS PLAGUE IT

## Community Centre is home for many Salt

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

The upper floor may be cold and the stairs a little rickety, but the huge old white building serving as Salt Spring Island's Community Centre is home for a good number of organizations. And it's destined to stay that way, according to various members of its directoral hierarchy, providing that the money to run it keeps coming from somewhere.

The history behind the community centre isn't particularly long or colourful.

Originally the brainchild of Annabella Savage who wanted to start a recreation centre on her Salt Spring farm, the centre became a reality on the island less than four years ago. It didn't, however, come into being without the usual birth pains of any new community facility.

"We agreed," recalls original board member Hank Schubart, "to form the sort of society that would relate to people's needs in the community that weren't currently being taken care of. The first directors were elected in November, 1974, and we held our first public meeting in April of the following year."

Membership on the original board of directors ran the gamut - there was everything from psychologists to feminists in an effort to include the views and ideas of a wide cross-section of the community.

"Once the society was formed," says Schubart, "the Department of Human Resources made a grant, which covered the wages of



Salt Spring Island Community Centre on Ganges Hill.

one full-time worker." **GRANT HELPED**

The group went to work and got a Local Initiatives Program grant in November, 1975. The \$9,000 from that helped cover the cost of materials and wages for improvements to the old school district dormitory at the top of the Ganges Hill, which was to be the Salt Spring Island Community Society's new home. The society had hammered out an agreement with the school district to rent the rambling, unused building for \$20 a month, which was enough to cover insurance costs and little else.

Schubart points out that the original intent of the society, to provide services that just didn't

exist on the island, has been carried out to a great degree. When renovations on the old dorm were completed its new tenants moved in. And while some of the programs such as the co-op grocery store and the preventative medicine program have disappeared from the scene, others have persisted.

The building currently houses a wide variety of community service-oriented programs, as it did during those first days.

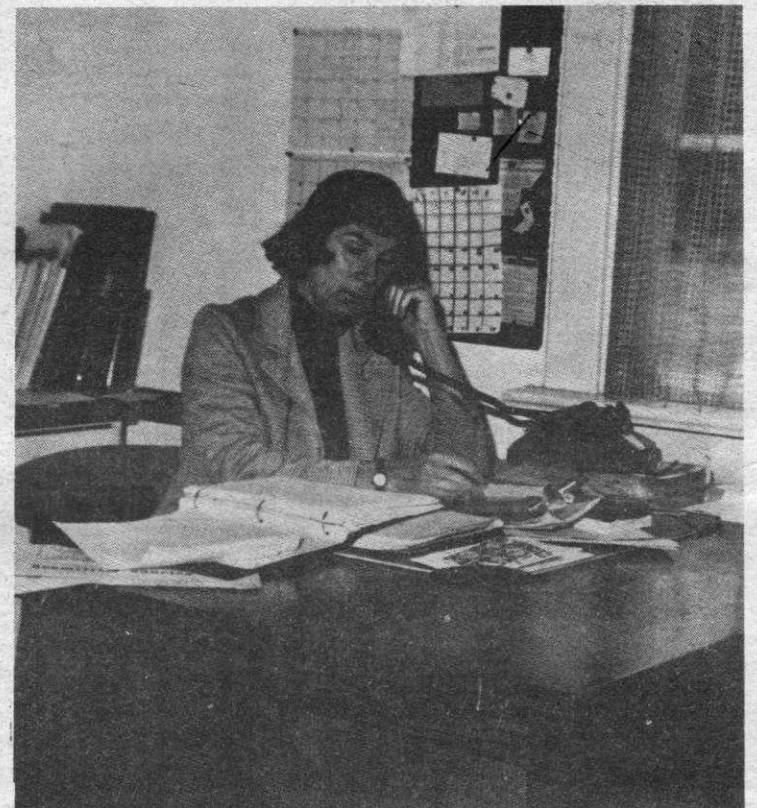
"We try to have programs which are non-profit," points out community service worker, Marg Simons. "Rents are really worked out on a cost-sharing basis rather than a flat fee."

its inception in 1975. The society is providing services that weren't available on the island before, and the concept appears to be working.

How long it will work, however, is another matter.

The community centre is almost entirely dependent on provincial government grants to keep its building and its programs running. And while this year's grant, which runs until the end of March, provides \$150 monthly for rental of office space and enough for the wages of one full-time community worker, there's no guarantee that the grants will continue to come. It all depends, of course, on the whimsies of the provincial government. And Nonie Guthrie doesn't like that much at all.

"It's totally a hand-to-mouth existence," she points out. "Every year the terms of reference seem to



Director Marg Simons on the phone.

### AIMS THE SAME

Groups currently working out of the community centre include the Family Centre, nursery school, the achievement centre for handicapped adults and the five and ten cent store which offers clean, well-cared for clothing at minimal prices. In addition there are various services oriented towards individual attention, and the society sponsors a swim program and monthly luncheon for the island's senior citizens.

The aims and general direction of the centre, then, would appear to remain the same as they were at

change, and so from one year to the next we're never quite sure of what's expected or whether more money will be coming."

As a member of the current board of directors, Mrs. Guthrie abhors the amount of time that

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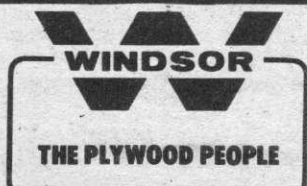
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community workers Marg Simons and Alice Friedman must spend on paperwork.

"Our two workers shouldn't have to spend so much time in hassling over where the money's going to come from and how it's

it and it would get on the mill rate," she continues. "One mill would really put us in clover."

## LESS JOYFUL

Schubart, however, hesitates at the prospect of obtaining funding through taxes.



going to be used," complains Mrs. Guthrie. "It seems to me that every year we have to write up some kind of a grant application. The funding problems have to be the biggest waste of time and the most frustrating thing that goes on year after year."

Mrs. Guthrie feels that the simplest method of getting off the grant merry-go-round would be to hold a referendum in hopes that island residents will approve funding via an increase in the tax mill rate.

"If we could even get just one mill, it would be absolute riches compared to what we've got now," she points out. "We'd be able to pay our salaries and get so much else done as well, and there wouldn't be that constant worry about where next year's money is coming from."

"If the community would wake up and realize that it has this tremendous human resource, I think a lot of people would support

"I guess I feel that the more you get involved in raising taxes and making a thing like this official, the more arterial sclerosis it gets," he shrugs. "It just gets less and less a joyful kind of thing. I think the minute you put something on the tax rolls there's a different kind of accountability."

Schubart fears, too, that if the community centre becomes dependent on taxes for funding the volunteer aspect that has been so strong in its fibre will falter.

He points out that motivating the community to do things for itself has been a high priority of the centre over the years, and he's afraid that residents would expect more to be done for them if there was less hassle over money problems.

"There's been a lot of volunteer service," he points out, "and I'm sure that no one on the island would want to see that diminish. That's played such a large part in really making the centre the community's, and I'd like to see it stay that way."

## Pender Islands

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Saturday evening, Dec. 2, the Pender Island Choral Society, conducted by Mrs. Nefia Lynd, held their annual concert in the School-Community Centre, with a large audience of approximately 250 in attendance, and a delightful and varied program.

Visiting guests from White Rock were Mr. and Mrs. N.

Primrose with the Choral Society and Mr. H. Kingma from Vancouver with his accordion solo which was much enjoyed.

The visiting accompanist was Miss Madeline Wheeler from the Conservatory of Music, Victoria. As the Choral Group sang the March from the Nutcracker Suite, our six adorable soldiers from the

# Successful concert at St. George's Church

An enthusiastic audience accorded a standing ovation to tenor Richard Margison and soprano Susan Word-McDonald at the conclusion of their recital on Sunday, Dec. 3 in St. George's Church.

These two young vocalists from the Vancouver Island Operatic Society sang an interesting and varied selection of French and Italian songs in the first part of their programme. Their charming relaxed manner was evident when they described the meanings of the songs.

After the intermission they launched into a number of operatic arias which really seemed to get them into their stride.

Susan Word-McDonald opened this section of the programme with the Jewel Song from Faust by Gounod, and she sang this aria with grace and ease. She has great purity of tone and handled the runs and coloratura passages evenly and with good control.

## NO STRANGER

Richard Margison is no stranger to Salt Spring audiences, having sung here with Don Kyle's Summer Singers a few seasons ago and more recently with the Gilbert and Sullivan productions under the direction of Peter Mannering.

One can predict a bright future in the operatic world for this young man. Not only does he have the vocal equipment for an operatic career but he has the feeling and the soul for it.

He sang "Una furtiva lagrima" from L'Elisir D'Amore by Donizetti as his first aria. He has some very lovely head tones, excellent control and a particularly pleasing and mellow tone in his lower register, not too often found in tenors.

He next aria was "Recondita armonia", from Tosca, a very fine rendition, followed by "E lucevan le stelle" from the same opera, which he handled extremely well and with great emotional appeal.

## LA BOHEME

The two soloists then joined in the closing scene of Act I of La Boheme, by Puccini, which they presented as a scene.

It included the well known "Che Gelida Manina" and "Mi Chiamano Mimi" and finished up with the moving closing duet.

Play School, dressed in their soldier uniforms were a terrific hit as they marched around the auditorium. They were Alana Melville, Leah Bowerman, Erica Fearn, Craig Persons, Mary Lang and Karen Mollison.

Manfred Burandt, accompanied by Joe Billyeald on the piano, played three pieces on the clarinet which the audience enjoyed very much, and Mr. Ken Clarke's rendition on the violin of "Gypsy Serenade" by Valdez and "Liebeslied" by Kreisler was very beautiful.

He was accompanied on the piano by Douglas Harker. The choir concluded the concert with "A Saviour is Born Today" composed by Mrs. Nefia Lynd.

Mrs. Lynd is the director and she is assisted by Joe Billyeald.

Mrs. A. MacGregor is the president and Mrs. R. Allison, secretary and Mrs. Sue Hutton, the treasurer.

At the conclusion of the Concert the audience enjoyed singing traditional Christmas Carols and our local guests accompanied the singing with their instruments.

They were Ken Clarke, Manfred Burandt, Bob Allison, Joe Klein, Willis Moore, John Kawk and Mrs. Judy Neil.

This whole scene was sung and acted with great sincerity and the two voices blending and soaring was very impressive.

The performance was sponsored by the Anglican Church and the Community Arts Council of Salt Spring Island and it was certainly one of the finest concerts in the series, and for opera lovers a real treat.

The very able accompanists were Selena James and Kevin Fitzgerald. - G.H.S.

## A cautionary tail

Mary had a little lamb,  
With gravy, on a platter.  
She put it all upon her plat,  
For diet did not matter.

She followed that with berry pie,  
And topped it off with cheese.  
For Mary was a wilful child  
Who ate until she'd wheeze.

Poor Mary got so very fat  
No clothes they bought would fit her.  
She shunned her friends because she said  
Her size would make them twit her.

Then Mary's mother took a stand -  
She made her daughter diet!  
She fixed her meals of leafy things  
And told her just to try it.

Mary did - and ate it all.  
She found it satisfying.  
"If this will make me slim", she said,  
"I think I'll keep on trying."

This story ends quite happily  
With Mary back to dainty size.  
When tempted now she shuts her lips  
And only feasts her eyes.  
-Grace A. Wright.

# Education officials are visitors

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, the Galiano Elementary School was visited by a group of education officials who are interested in the future of the school.

The Superintendent of Schools, Superintendent Bob Huestis, Secretary-Treasurer Wilf Peck and two officials from the Ministry of Education in Victoria came to Galiano Island to take a careful look at the existing school facilities. They talked with the staff and learned of the problems and needs concerning the school building and grounds.

According to Ken Maneker, principal of Galiano School, the officials will now be able to plan more clearly how to provide for the future needs of the school.

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# They met to make bake and break bread and to consider its symbolism

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

It's not often that three spheres of activity dovetail neatly into one another. Last Saturday was such a rare occasion. Twenty-one people met with Sister Bede Sullivan to make, bake and break bread in the home economics room at the high school.

This was the first in a series of Adult Christian Education "happenings" of which I am the co-ordinator. We learned about hunger, the symbolism of bread, the Third World and our responsibilities as Christians. All of which belong in this column.

Several people worked together as family groups and many different kinds of bread were baked. Anyone who is interested in recipes can ask me for the list. But the vital part of the afternoon was the learning which we all did, even the youngest - and there were several children there.

We learned about the milling of wheat. Fifteen to 20 procedures are involved, depending on the degree of "purity" which is required. After over-refinement, it has to be enriched to restore the nutritional value. (Plenty of symbolism there!)

We talked about yeast - the

'leaven' of the Bible. We talked about salt: about how yeast and salt on their own are unpalatable, but used properly they both lift and enliven. (More symbolism to digest!)

### LEARNED HISTORY

We learned much about the history of the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, which is of interest mainly to Christians, and which I will not go into here. Details can be obtained from Peter McCalman or me.

## More Food for Thought

We talked about Holy Poverty. A paper by Michael De Gregory begins with the famous Beatitude: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"In the starkest statistical terms, the privileged 20 percent of the world's population control 80 percent of the world's resources. The United States alone, containing only 5 percent of the world's

population, consumes 50 percent of the world's disposable resources and possesses 40 percent of the world's income.

"Two-thirds of all deaths recorded each year are due to hunger or problems arising from hunger... This distribution of the world's goods does not abate, for whether it is within nations or between nations, the clearest economic trend in the world today is this: the rich get richer and the poor get poorer."

### UNDERSTAND TRUTH

"Holy Poverty is not material destitution. It is a realization of what is actually needed, accompanied by a desire to amass no more...an understanding of the truth that the less we take ourselves, the more others can have... it is not primarily a religious vow for the few, but a responsibility of all Christians...at its deepest level...it is a way of seeing the world and the things of the world. This vision is a liberation from the concerns of the world in order to serve, with charity and justice, both God and our neighbour in the world....The poor in spirit are those who are totally open to the

will of God, whose only sustenance is in the word of God."

Eric Gill wrote: ".....the poor man, in the Gospel sense, in the sense of Jesus, is not he who has been robbed but he who has not robbed others."

What we have beyond what we need is stolen from the poor. St. John Chrysostom said: No one is able to become rich without injustice," and Pope Paul's Encyclical on THE DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLES, quoted St. Ambrose: "You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor man. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have arrogated to yourself. The world is given to all, and not only to the rich. No one is justified in keeping for his exclusive use what he does not need, when others lack necessities."

"To give necessities to the needy is an act of justice, not an act of mercy."

To give and not take: that is what makes man human.

To serve and not to rule: that is what makes man human.

To help and not to crush: that is

## Rocky comes to Central

Story of a prizefighter will be shown at Central, at the end of the week.

Rocky, starring Sylvester Stallone, is the low-budget smash-hit sleeper of 1976.

It is the Academy Award winner about a loutish lug who wants to become a boxing champ.

The audience finds a concern for the "Italian Stumbler", a two-bit thumb-breaker working for the mob in seamy Philadelphia.

John A. Avlidsen won the Academy Award for his direction of Rocky. It features a notable closing fight aided by a deft make-up man. It may be a 30's make-believe.

This movie will be shown by Island Cinema at Central Hall, December 7, 9, and 10. It is rated "General".

what makes man human.

To nourish and not to devour: that is what makes man human.

And if need be, to die and not to live: that is what makes man human.

Ideals and not deals: that is what makes man human.

Creed and not greed: that is what makes man human.

(Peter Maurin: Easy Essays)

### History in Pictures



GILBERT AND BELLE MOUAT, 1931

"In 1905....Along with Malcolm and Purvis at the store there worked one Gilbert Mouat, quite young but of outstanding ability. He saw all the possibilities and threw himself heart and soul into it. Many days and nights he and I spent together on the Nomad working our way up to Ladysmith and back - generally nights, as the preparation and loading of the cargo was done by day, and Purvis was much too keen a business man to let the boat lie idle all night.

In no time I came to see that Gilbert, although much younger, was a born salesman and had the better brain of the two. It was not many years before he and his younger brother took over the business, store and all.

The last time I saw him was in 1925 when I stayed with the Will Scotts for a few days. Polio had dealt him a cruel blow and he was in a wheelchair, but the charm, the brain and the courage were still there, and it was plain to see that he and his family owned and ran a very real business."

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- 6 yr. old group won by -Colleen Howland
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- 8 yr. old group won by -Jesse Donaldson
- 9 yr. old group won by -Sharon Holmes
- 11 yr. old group won by -Debbie Anderson

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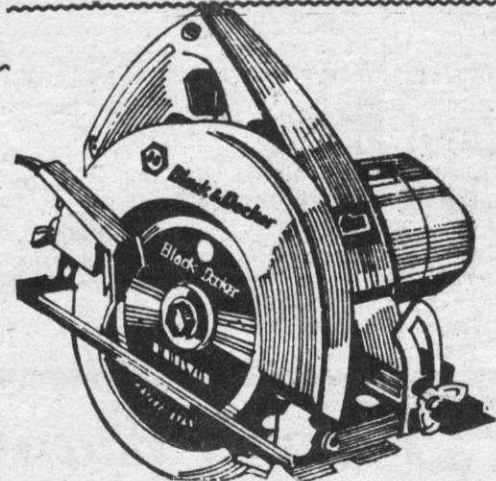


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**MOUAT'S**

# Cy Peck sinks at Fanny Bay dock after grounding

Cy Peck sank last week. Grand Old Man of islands ferries, the Cy Peck was moored at the government wharf in Fanny Bay when she rolled over at low tide and filled at high tide. According to a report in the Nanaimo Daily Free Press, the vessel was moored at the wharf while being converted to a logging camp floating bunkhouse for her new owners, Crombie Contracting, of Campbell River. The old ship was apparently

moved to make room for a fish boat. The new positioning brought her nearer the shore and she bottomed when the tide went out. Initial attempts to refloat her were unsuccessful. Cy Peck served Salt Spring Islanders from 1930 until 1966. She was the CPR Islands Princess from 1918 until 1930. Prior to that era she was sailing between Tacoma and Seattle. The Cy Peck was built in Tacoma in 1913. Her initial power was a triple expansion steam engine.

## Joey's lesson

All through the summer Joey Deer Played close to Mother's side; And now the autumn days were here He saw no need to hide.

When Mother said that hunters came With guns that made a bang; He thought it just another game Until he heard a SPANG!

With leaps and bounds he sped away- A very frightened fawn. Next time, no doubt, he will obey When told to hide at dawn. -Grace A. Wright

## Year of the Child

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I want them to be free to reject absolutely any or all of my ideas. Also, I don't mean that we should not have the right to ask another to show what he knows or can do. This is entirely different than saying to someone that just to live in the world they must be able to show that they know this or that. I think it should be understood that we cannot have any true human liberty and freedom, and the sense of all persons' uniqueness, dignity, and worth on which


it rests, if we give to some people the right to say officially and objectively, that some people are more able and worthy than others.

It is enough for anyone making such judgements to keep them personal and subjective. But given any official sanction is to do away with the dignity and liberty of our people. **THOMAS HALL**  
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## New chairman no stranger

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*Lived around islands all his life*

New chairman of the Islands Trust is John Rich, of Bowen Island.

A federal civil servant, he is a manager with Statistics Canada.

He has been a permanent resident of Bowen Island for the past five years, although he has been a part-time resident for all his life. His family has owned property there for half a century and he spent most of his holidays on Bowen Island.

He now lives there with his wife and two children.

In order to take on the duties of chairman, he has arranged a two-year leave of absence from his duties.

For the past two years he has served as local trustee from Bowen Island.

It is going to be a demanding job, he told a Driftwood reporter on Saturday.

Did he think the remuneration

was adequate for the duties involved, he was asked.

"It is going to take some managing on my part to keep within the pay allowed," he admitted.

### FOLLOW POLICY

In a brief interview, he stated that he plans to continue the prescribed policy of the Trust to "protect and preserve".

And that is his program.

"I believe in the objects of the Islands Trust Act," he stated.

He started work immediately.

In his opening address as chairman of the Trust meeting he expressed his hopes for the future.

He thanked trustees for their support.

"I am looking forward to working hard with you and for you for the next two years," he said. "I am looking forward to hearing from you for your thoughts on the direction in which the Islands Trust should go."

### THIRD CHAIRMAN

Rich is the third chairman to serve. Hilary Brown was appointed four years ago and served until the present government took office. At that time Marc Holmes relinquished his term as general trustee and was named chairman by Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis.

Following changes in the Islands Trust Act a year ago, the general trustees were required to be named by local trustees from among their own number.

## Things looking a little brighter for Salt Spring Island herring plant

Johnny Christianson and his associates are feeling a little more encouraged these days than they've felt in a long time. From all appearances it would seem that their proposal for expansion of S.S.I. Sea Products Ltd. is finally going to become reality.

The company has been running the processing plant, located on

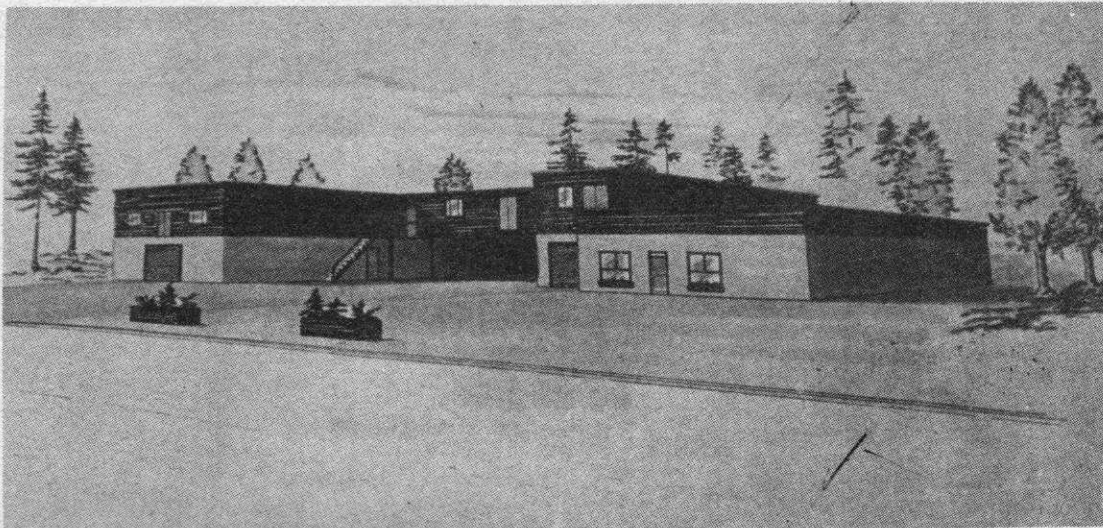
also looking into the possibility of incorporating final processing stages in their operation. At the moment the majority of their business lies in herring roe for export. Food herring also comprises a minor part of the enterprise.

"We'd like to get into smoking and hopefully, pickling," says

island."

One of the major problems involving rezoning of the SSI Sea Products property lies in the fact that the expansion would mean 45 per cent site coverage. The legal allowable limit for commercial enterprises is 33 per cent site coverage, says Christianson.

"This expansion has been in



Artists' impression of new extension to Rainbow Road plant.

Rainbow Road, for about four years. The operation has concentrated primarily on herring. They've been attempting for several months now to have their property re-zoned in order to allow for an expansion that they claim will not only increase their season, but the number of employees they have on the payroll.

"The expansion would mean more than three times the processing area and five times the freezing facilities that we now have," Christianson points out. "It's a lack of facilities that's holding us back at the moment. We simply don't have the space."

### CAPACITY TO INCREASE

The business' current set-up includes about 2,400 square feet of processing area and freezing facilities for five tons of fish. Once SSI Sea Products Ltd. manages to get all the red tape untangled they envision two more processing areas to bring the total space up to about 4,000 square feet. And the expansion of the freezing unit will bring its capacity up to 25 tons.

To this point the pair have employed about 40 people during their peak periods, which generally run in conjunction with the herring season in the spring. They would expect that total to run to 60 during peak periods, says Christianson, once the expansion is completed.

"But our season will be expanded too," says Christianson, "because we'll be able to work off frozen products. Instead of running at peak for three months a year, we could expand to about eight months. And we'd have continuous labour, or close to it, throughout the year."

The island's herring plant is

Christianson. "It's crazy to export all these raw materials and pay the world for them when they come back finished."

Christianson says that although his plant would prefer to stick wholly with the processing of herring, an expansion would allow them to turn to other fisheries if required.

Christianson insists that anything to do with his business will be done on a local basis.

"The cost of that expansion is going to be in the neighbourhood of \$600,000 and that will go to local people," he says. "We want to support business here on the

works for 1½ years," he concludes. "We've been shuffled from pillar to post, but it seems that finally now the Islands Trust is in favour of it. If we can get construction going by February 1 it should be completed by June 1".

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