

# own traditions here

whole family gathers around the table and shares unleavened bread that has been blessed by a priest. Best wishes are showered on everyone present. Straw is placed under the white tablecloth to remind those present that Jesus was born in a stable.

An extra place is always set at the table so that any weary traveller who stops at the house

can be made welcome. A picture or statuette of Jesus is also placed on the table.

The Christmas dinner consists of 12 dishes, commemorating the 12 Apostles.

Borsch, a beet soup, is served as the first course. It is followed by jellied fish and "pirogi" (potato and cheese or cabbage croquettes).

No meat is served. Fancy cakes and other sweets complete the meal.

The presents are then distributed by the youngest child able to do so. The tree is loaded down with hand-made decorations. Conversation is lively. Everyone then attends midnight mass.

### UKRAINIAN TRADITIONS

Ukrainian - Canadian celebrations are very similar, but are two weeks later, since the Julian calendar places their Christmas on Jan. 6.

"Kutia", a delicious cake made from wheat germ and whole wheat coated with honey, is prepared on that day. The father solemnly serves the kutia to each family member as he wishes him or her a Merry Christmas.

### NEWFOUNDLAND TRADITIONS

Among the most original Christmas celebrations in Canada are those native to Newfoundland. There is, of course, the traditional Christmas tree and midnight mass, but in addition, children wearing costumes or masks go from door to door and through old peoples' and nursing homes. They play music and sing in the streets. They are referred to as "mummers" or "jannies" and the custom is called "Mummering" or "janning", depending on the region of Newfoundland in question.

This tradition of carolling is said to have originated with the wandering minstrels of the Middle Ages. Since Newfoundland is more isolated than the other provinces, it has had more success in preserving the European traditions it inherited.

Many of the inhabitants are of British descent and the "mummers", who are reminiscent of the troubadours, also remind us of the customs surrounding our Hallo-we'en.

Christmas traditions in Canada are many and varied, but always festive.

# Don't throw out the dog to get rid of fleas!

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

If your dog has fleas, don't get rid of it in an attempt to get rid of the pests. All the loathsome little beasts will do is start chewing on you.

That's the word from the provincial government health department.

"Humans are little more than hamburger for fleas," says Dr. A.S. Arneil. "Dogs are the steak of their world. But if a person gets rid of his dog he won't necessarily get rid of the fleas. They'll just start biting the human."

It's advice that Salt Spring residents would do well to heed, in view of the fact that fleas have been a particularly pesky problem this year. That's evidenced by the increased sales of sprays and collars reported by various local businesses.

### BIG INCREASE

Les Ramsey of the Ganges Pharmacy reports that sales of flea collars for dogs and cats have increased by 25 to 30 per cent over last year. The island's veterinary clinic also reports a jump in sales of flea collars and sprays.

Contrary to popular belief the few days of frost the island experienced in November wasn't

enough to kill off the fleas living outdoors. Ramsey says that a fairly long period of continuous below-freezing temperatures is required to knock off the little beggars.

### IN CARPETS

Even if a weather system like that does come along, though, it's possible that people will find fleas in the carpeting in their homes.

There are a variety of methods for flea control that can be combined if the problem in any one household is serious.

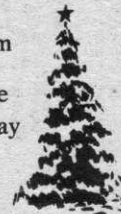
Pet owners can protect their animals from infestations through use of flea collars and regular use of a flea spray. The animals' living quarters and bedding can also be sprayed on a regular basis.

If fleas are found in the home, an effective longterm control can be obtained through the use of anti-pest strips, which should be used according to the directions on the package.

This year's infestations are blamed on unseasonably warm weather in October, which spawned an entire new generation of the pests just as dog owners were getting the summer infestations under control.

## Salt Spring Fire Department Members wish everyone a fire safe Festive Season

- Remember to keep your tree wet, away from curtains and heat ducts
- Check your light strings for wear and please turn them out when not attended so you may have a happy 1977.



# Merry Christmas

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We join Santa's Yuletide song, wishing you a Happy Holiday season and expressing sincere thanks for your patronage.

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Bruce McPhee

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Jack Lotoski

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Art & Gerry Munneke

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Sandy, Dodie & Staff

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Ganges Branch



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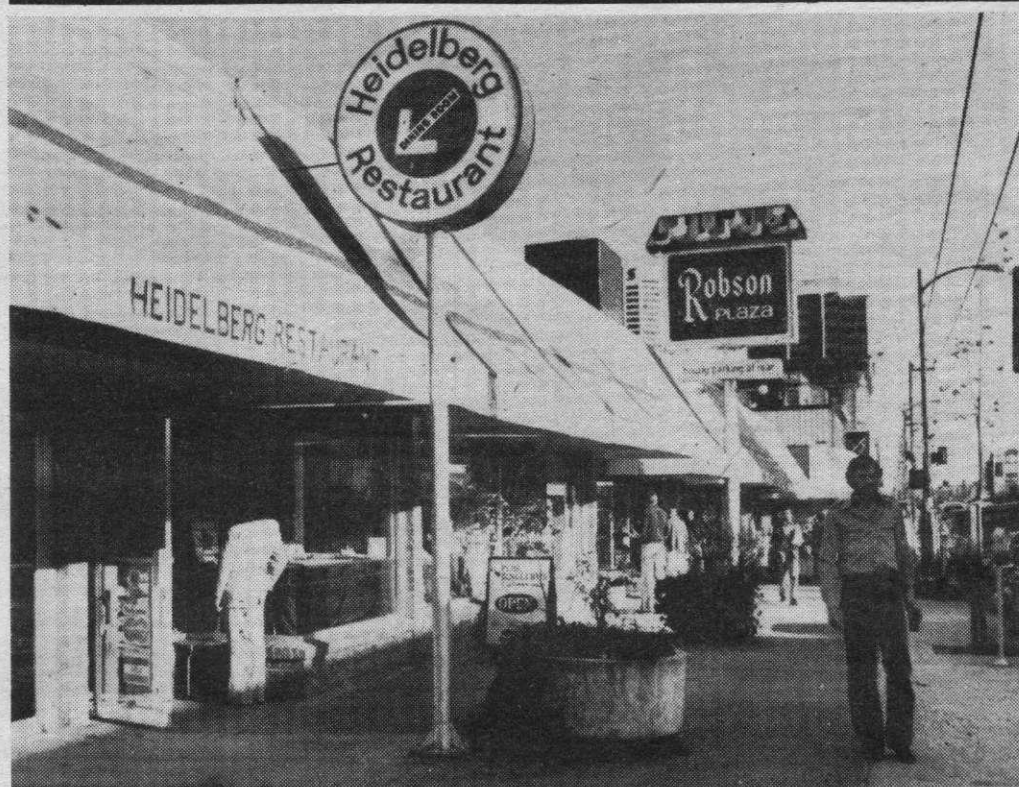
**Nothing fancy or very new, Just thanks and Merry Christmas From us to you!**

Halvor Eide, Mgr., Ron Seymour, Ian Byron, Harry Spence

**Cubbon's Home Centre**

# Discover British Columbia

A TRAVEL FEATURE FROM TOURISM BRITISH COLUMBIA



Robson: strolling through a pungent world.

Peter Lowrey Photos

## ROBSONSTRASSE: A STREET WITH FLAVOR

By Peter Lowrey

If the smell of exotic, blended coffees and grilling bratwurst, the babble of many languages, and the sight of tiny shop windows crammed with imported delicacies doesn't entice you to stroll along Vancouver's Robson Street, then your senses must be fast asleep.

Robson Street certainly isn't. Robson (north of Burrard) is lined with dozens of specialty food stores and restaurants run largely by European-Canadians eager to expose you to ways of eating that were too good to leave behind.

It was German immigrants coming after the Second World War who gave the street its original flavor, and its popular name: Robsonstrasse.

The German shops thrive still. Drift into Prinz's Delicatessen, and decide what kind of wurst you want (they have weiss, bock, knock and brat, to name a few).

Vincent's Cheese Shop is right next door. When established in 1947 it was B.C.'s first, according to owner Horst Hoffman.

"We've had shops all over the province pattern themselves after us", says Hoffman.

Salivary glands will be secreting double-time by now; luckily, the Schnitzel House is at hand. Located at 1060 Robson, the restaurant was opened in 1960 by Michael and George Karolyi. "Strictly European cuisine", say the brothers. Their 10 types of schnitzel fulfill that promise.

The grandfather of all the specialty stores on Robson is Murchie's Tea and Coffee Shop, in Vancouver since 1894 and at 1008 Robson over 40 years. Just stand in their store and inhale the incredible scent of coffee beans being continually ground and blended teas being shaken onto polished scales. Have a cup of brew of your choice: at 19 cents a cup it's the cheapest (and tastiest) in town.

An 18-year veteran of the street is in the same block of Robson: Galloway's Specialty Foods. Don't go in and just ask for a pound of dates or figs. It will be called a vague request because the store has fruit from Iran, Australia, and a dozen African and

Asian countries, lying in all their freshly uncrated splendor. Hundreds of varieties of nuts and spices also give the store a magical air.

At this point in your explorations you have probably made your way to the European News and Import Shop. Enter and get an even better idea of the cosmopolitan nature of the neighborhood. From *Paris Match* to *Stern* to *Der Spiegel* to the *New York Times* to the latest phonograph records of Nana Mouskouri, the European News is one place to keep in touch with the outside world.

These are the founders of Robson Street, the old guard, if you will. There is a new guard, and they are enlarging the scope of the most international street in

Vancouver.

There is the Danish Tea Room, a restaurant with the unusual knack of turning into the Taj Mahal, an Indian eatery, come nightfall.

Sitting side-by-side in the 1200-block Robson are two of the street's original houses, freshly painted light blue and white. Introducing: La Cote D'Azur and Bouqueneur, French restaurant and bookstore respectively.

Also check out Pepitas for Mexican food, Yiannis for Greek dishes and dancing, and O'Dooles for Irish coffee and a cozy pub atmosphere.

The list goes on, but then part of the fun of one of Vancouver's most unique streets is to discover a little international corner all on your own.



It's the season to be grateful for blessings... and we appreciate your continued patronage and goodwill.

**Salt Spring Lands Ltd.**

# Christmas is textured by early childhood

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Christmas was Santa Claus. Christmas was Christmas presents, which became confused with Santa.

Christmas was a party at school with buns and games and presents.

Christmas was going to church on Christmas morning, before opening presents.

Christmas was a mixture of so many things that it was wholly nothing. It was not all presents and eating. It wasn't all going to church and listening. It wasn't all Christmas spirit.

In the area of Christmas spirit it was nothing because it was an unusual Christmas Day that did not see my twin brother and me battling before morning was out. And we had all those nice new things to throw at each other!

Santa Claus always came into our bedroom until the night we woke up and saw a very solid human father trying to get through the door without being seen.

We would be permitted to eat and play with whatever was in the stocking, but the bigger prizes were held over.

Dressed and ready, we would go to church. I have recollections of walking to church and of riding, but the further back the more we walked. We were younger!

### NATIVITY SCENE

There was the Nativity scene in

church, with a tree lined cave and the Holy Family surrounded by animals and Magi. We always had to go and view it and that was always a chore. I never derived the sense of awe that came to my maiden aunt or the sense of any remote reality that the adults seemed to enjoy.

Breakfast on Christmas morning was usually pork pie and I still have a pork pie for Christmas. It was probably a family routine, because I have met few people who followed this custom.

The presents were distributed after breakfast and when the dishes had been washed.

We didn't usually have much in the way of decoration. Probably just as well because the Christmas tree lights at that time consisted of coloured paper covers holding lighted candles. In my family we never had a Christmas tree, just the Christmas crib scene. As I recall, there were many who didn't bother with a tree, and few homes anywhere in my youth had trees of the size we take for granted here.

### FEW REMAIN

Few presents remain with me. The exception was my Uncle Frank, who was a handyman. He spent many hours making something for us and the opening of his gift was always impatiently awaited. The two gifts I can remember were wooden black trucks picked out in cream. They seemed massive, but probably weren't. The other end of that Christmas stick was the year he made up of all things, first aid boxes. It was anticlimactic and although we tried to be as grateful as we could, the

last thing we needed was a box of bandages. Those are the only gifts that have stayed with me over the years.

The rest of the morning would be occupied with playing with the swag or interfering in the preparations for Christmas dinner, always served at midday.

Always poultry, dinner always brought plum pudding and I developed a taste for it which has never abated.

The afternoon was given over to reading, dozing and playing, usually indoors.

### KING'S SPEECH

There was the King's speech on radio. Before the day of the loud speaker, when radio meant headphones, I don't remember any Royal message. It would have meant little to two small boys, in any case.

The radio had a black ebonite face and three controls that I can remember. There was the knob which turned a brass clip on to the tapped coil studs and a condenser and a coil which swung in or leaned away from a vertical coil. And the headset was attached with little terminal screws.

By mid-afternoon the light would fail and we would finish our reading in gaslight, while the womenfolk prepared tea.

This always included cake and crackers to pull.

There was another part of our gastronomic Christmas. We had ginger wine. It was devoid of alcohol, despite the name and it consisted of a very sweet drink with the sharp tang of ginger. It was dark brown and enjoyed its own decanter decorated with little

squares.

### BATTLE TO BED

The evening was a contest. It was a battle to see how long we could stay up before the end came and we went off to bed.

Afternoon and evening were always spiced with games. Christmas always brought games and we would play Snakes and Ladders, Ludo and a variety of others in the afternoon and evening.

Boxing day was anticlimactic. The delights had been lived. The games had been played and

the books had been sampled. It was a day of festivity, but a warmed-up festivity. Cold meat and hot vegetables, it was yesterday today.

Eating, playing, giving, loving and worshipping. That was the Christmas I grew up to. Or from. Perhaps not in that order, but Christmas meant all those things.

And Christmas is always new, always different, always the same. Christmas is a memory. So deeply etched into me that my Christmas will die with me. Which is just as well, perhaps.

for Christmas

A special thanks to you... our good friends throughout the community.

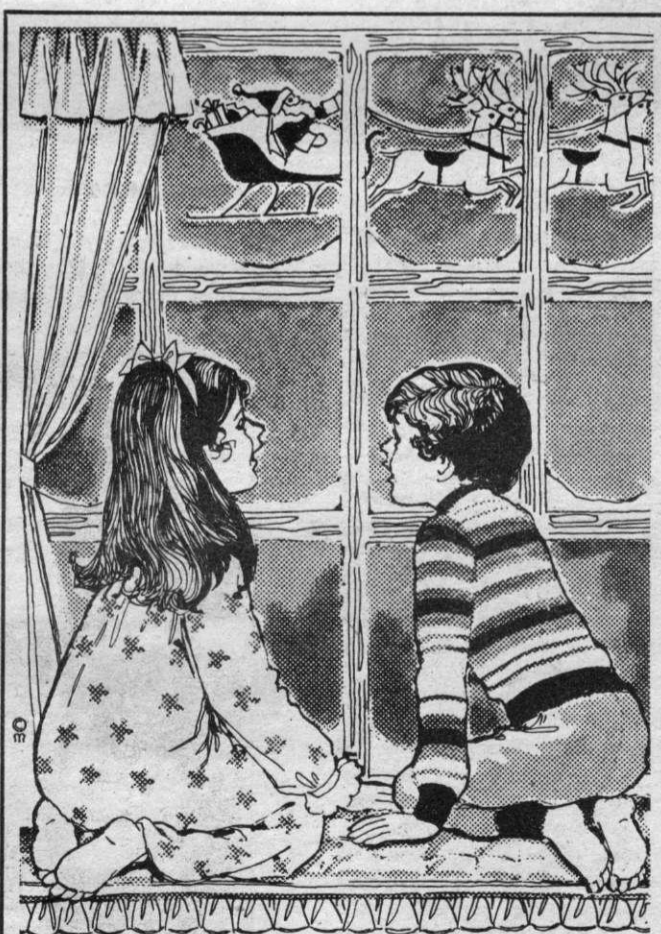
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It's Christmas, and time to greet good friends... time, too, to count our blessings. One of the greatest of these is the friendship of those whom we are privileged to serve.

TO ALL, OUR THANKS AND BEST WISHES FROM Walter & Lucia Fallot at **W & W Electric**

**NINETEENTH CHRISTMAS IS LOOMING**

**Pearson CARE Tree is labour of love**

**Food or Merry Christmas?**  
When he was 76 years of age, George Pearson, then living on Pender Island was struck with the cost of sending Christmas greetings. And he thought of the many people in the world who had never heard of sending greetings. All their money went on food as they starved slowly to death.

George Pearson settled for food.

Nineteen years ago the retired Standard Oil man set up Christmas Tree lights on a large tree outside his home. The tree could be seen from the water and passengers on the ferries sailing between Victoria and Vancouver could recognize the tree.

In the early 1960's, the passengers were unaware of the significance. It was a Pender tree and a Pender project.

George Pearson tied his Christmas tree to CARE. He then invited his friends to send a donation to CARE. He would then light another lamp on the Christmas tree.

Many of his friends agreed and sent donations to CARE in lieu of Christmas cards. The response was warm and he sent off a hundred dollars or so to CARE that first year.

**RESPONSE GROWING**

The idea had been sound the first time. There was every good reason to repeat it the following Christmas. And they did. And the response was greater.

Within a few years the Pearson Tree became known to people outside the islands and donations came in from further and further afield. The amount of money collected also went up from year to

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For one week  
From Fri., Dec. 22 -  
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year.  
The time came when George and Edith Pearson were obliged to seek help. The office work, alone, was reaching mammoth proportions. The pressures of sending out letters, receiving donations, keeping books and returning receipts was enough to keep the couple busy. In addition, there was the maintenance of the tree, the big job of collecting and fitting lamp bulbs and keeping them burning through the short season of Christmas.

The Pearsons found a ready help.

The Pender Island Lions Club came to the rescue and assumed a progressively increasing share of the load.

**THEY HAVE GROWN**

This year is the 19th anniversary of the first Pearson CARE Tree on Pender. The project has grown, but so have the sponsors. George Pearson is 92 and Edith is 84. The youngster of 75 who launched the project hoped and realized a hundred or so dollars. This year he is still hopeful and is looking at a target of \$10,000.

But there is an important aspect of the Pearson CARE Tree program and that is the original purpose.

It was initiated to help others. The purpose of the program is not simply to raise money. It is to encourage the people of the islands to make a contribution at Christmas time to those who have nothing and to whom a merry Christmas is a forlorn thought.

The Pearsons were not concerned with collecting money. It was they who wanted to extend the concerns of their friends at the Christmas season to the hungry and the needy they will in all probability never see.

It has always been a labour of love for the Pearsons.

**IT WAS IN 1959**

The start of the project was

really in 1959, because that was the year when the Pearsons decided that they were wasting too much money, sending Christmas cards.

Then in 1960, they spread the message and launched the tree project with its initial gross of \$102.50.

In 1974 they looked around for help. They didn't have to look far. George was a member of the Pender Island Lions Club and the process was simple. He asked the Club to take in the project and the service club agreed to do just that.

The last Pearson project, unaided, yielded \$7,640. That was the 1974 figure. The 1975 collection,

with the help of the Lions Club, brought it to \$8,455.

The change also saw a change in location of the tree. It was moved to the west side of Pender Island, in full view of ferries and other vessels in Swanson Channel.

The graph was rising. Next year, 1976, saw a total of \$9,200 and 1977 brought \$9455.

Last year there were over 700 lights on the tree, of which 88 were white lights at the top of the tree in memory of loved ones, and the remainder coloured lights.

**TRADITION**

Tree lighting is a tradition. It is switched on each year on December 15, which is Mrs. Pearson's

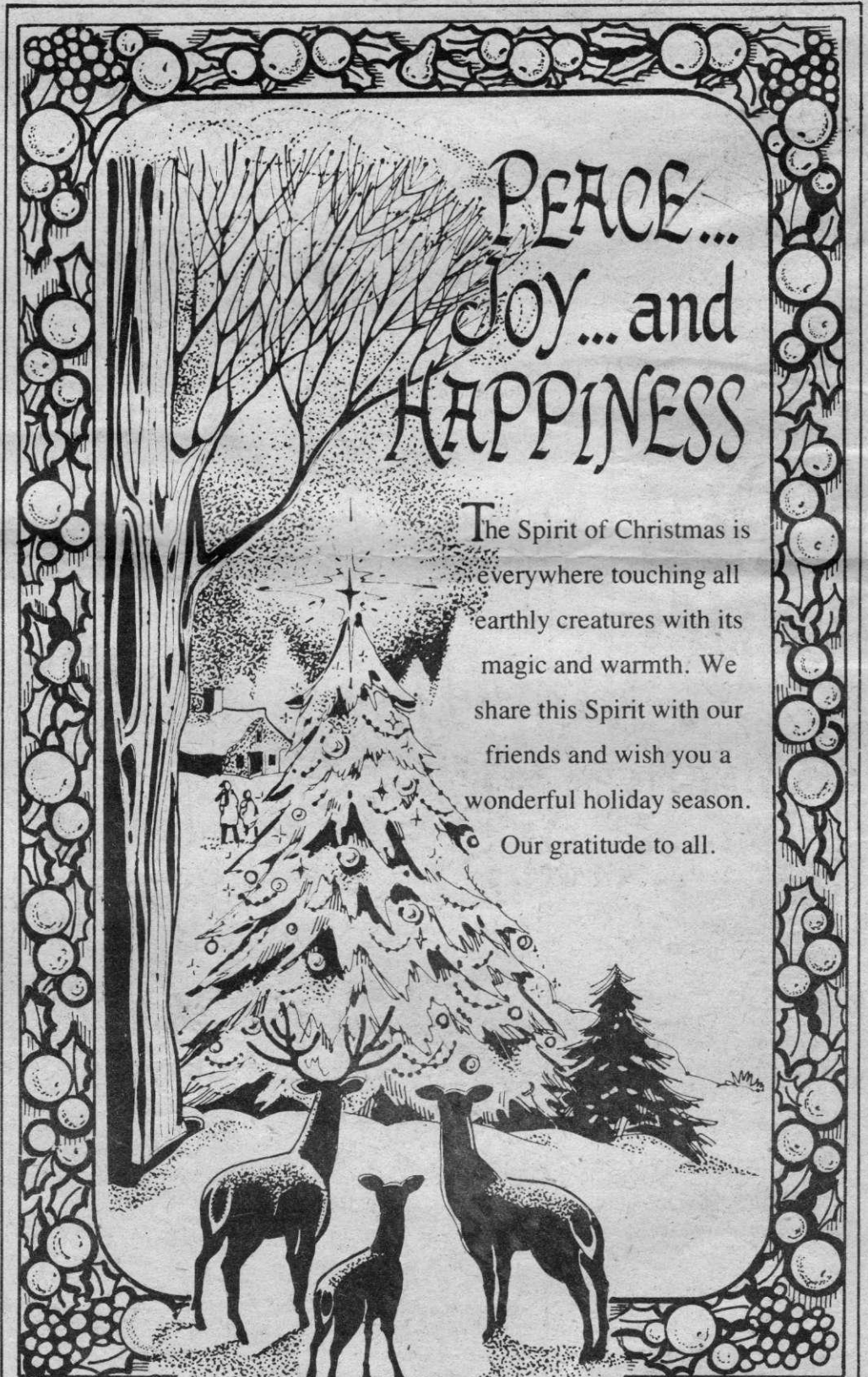
birthday. And they are turned off on January 2.

There are other traditions. Each year, on Christmas Eve, there is a carol sing at the tree, when the Pender Island choral society and band take part.

In 1977 CARE-Canada recognized the work undertaken by George Pearson during those 15 years. A nutrition centre in Costa Rica was named The George and Edith Pearson Centre.

Presentation of the award was made at a Lions convention in Hotel Vancouver in 1976.

The Pearsons are both in good health and still work actively on this project. They still have a home on Pender Island, although they live in Saanich.



The Spirit of Christmas is everywhere touching all earthly creatures with its magic and warmth. We share this Spirit with our friends and wish you a wonderful holiday season. Our gratitude to all.



*We've peeked in upon the setting for your very festive Christmas and couldn't help adding our Thank You for your fine patronage and a Merry Christmas greeting to all!*

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Janice, George, Marg, Tom, Betty, Frank and all our staff; With Thanks.

# Gulf Islands Driftwood

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1978

SECOND SECTION

## Legion donations benefit Greenwoods



Lady Minto Hospital's intermediate care wing was the benefactor recently when representatives of the Salt Spring branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and the ladies' auxiliary to the Legion presented cheques of \$1,000 each to the hospital board. Iver Gillen, left, presented the \$1,000 to hospital board chairman Lorraine Campbell on behalf of the Legion. Ann Funk, right, and Marg Campbell made the presentation on behalf of the auxiliary. The money will be used to furnish two rooms in the wing.

## Driftwood staff gets Yule break no paper next week

This edition of Driftwood marks the last one for the year 1978. The paper won't appear on news stands or in post boxes again until January 4, 1979.

While the paper's staff takes a brief rest, so will Driftwood office. The last day of business before Christmas will be Thursday, Dec. 21. The office will re-open on Thursday, Dec. 28.

## The Lord of the Isles

# Front page is work of Island artist

All the credit for the front page of the Christmas edition goes to Caroline Hamilton, of Ganges. Not only did the island artist draw the delightful portrayal of the Child of Jesus making the Gulf Islands, but she sponsored the idea in the first place.

It has been the policy of Driftwood to localize the front page, each Christmas, by the use of photographs and message. In 1977, the practice was frustrated and a syndicated artwork was used.

Miss Hamilton was dismayed. This year she came to Driftwood and offered her pen for the purpose.

It is the most original Christmas message to appear in Driftwood and the staff are as proud of it as the artist has every right to be.

Miss Hamilton took all of her five years of art training in England before coming to Canada to teach. In addition to spending eight years on the teaching staff in the Gulf

Islands, she has taught in the Northwest Territories.

As well as her regular duties

Miss Hamilton regularly does illustrations for church publications right across Canada.

## Two ships

# Ferry service will be good

Reduced ferry service will probably offer as good a service as at any time, Driftwood was assured last week.

Bill Bouchard, traffic manager of the BC Ferry Corporation told Driftwood that the corporation plans a double service during the period that sees Salt Spring Island served by two aged ships of the ferry line.

From February until May the Salt Spring Queen and the Pender Queen will be on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run, he stated. The Pender will maintain the schedule

of the Bowen Queen, averaging a two-hourly sequence.

The Salt Spring Queen will be serving Pender Island part of the time because the Outer Island will be left with the Queen of the Islands, which has a capacity of four less cars than the regular Mayne Queen. The Salt Spring Queen will be doubling up on the Pender Queen when she is not sailing between Swartz Bay and Otter Bay.

Mr. Bouchard promised a schedule of the projected service as soon as a schedule has been drawn up.

## Crews face blow as

# Gales attack Hydro lines for second time this season

With winds up to 100 kilometres an hour the second storm of the season struck the islands on Saturday and played havoc with power lines.

The wind brought down lines, to plunge sections of the islands area into darkness. It then brought trees down to splinter hydro poles and further bedevil line crews.

The gales-force winds did not only bring the lines down. They made it almost impossible for crews to repair the outage.

One Hydro spokesman said on Monday that in places trees were swinging from one side of the road to the other as they were thrust by the howling gale.

In the old measurement, 100 km/hr. is 60 miles an hour.

It was not a Hydro man's week end at all. When the Outer Islands were out of power, the Hydro boat went high-tailing it across the water. Even the hefty Thunderball was hard-pressed to make time in the seas on Saturday night.

The problem was not completely solved by Monday. Broken branches were still expected to crash down on the wires and the heavy salt deposit on insulators was also causing some irregularity of service.

## SALT SHORTS OUT

Gulf Islands Hydro manager John Thomson explained that the salt is blown onto the insulators and cakes on them. The salt is a conductor and shorts out the power.

The ferry services were also jeopardized by high winds.

The Bowen Queen sailed into Fulford on Saturday night with the cigarette machine several feet out of position. One of the crew reported that the passage was the nearest to seasickness she has known on the coast.

Majority of island residents suffered irregularities in power on Saturday evening. Some were cut off altogether.

On Monday a further brief outage occurred when a tree dropped across the power lines.

BC Telephone Company crews were busy restringing telephone lines, also fallen victim to the winds.

## Thieves free

# Christmas trees

Someone got three free Christmas trees this year.

Ganges RCMP report that some time between December 11 and 15 three trees on the Salt Spring golf course were cut off at the four-foot level. The trees were located on number one fairway, police said.

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**THERE WILL BE NO DRIFTWOOD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

**OPEN THURSDAY — DECEMBER 28, 1978**

**First issue of Driftwood in the new year will be Thursday, January 4, 1979**

**PROVINCIAL CONTEST**

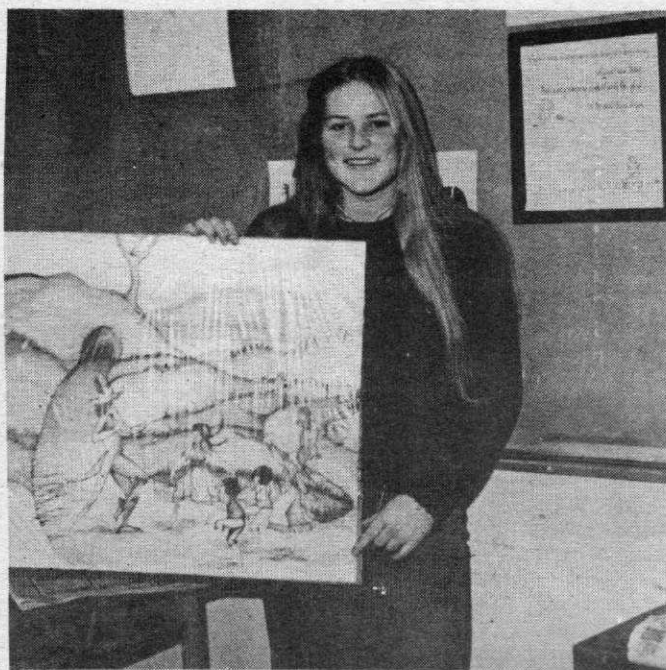
**Salt Spring artist wins**

Two weeks of intricate, precise work has paid off for Salt Spring Island's Sheralin Cook.

The Gulf Islands Secondary grade 12 student was recently notified that she had won a province-wide art competition

almost every spare moment for two weeks working on individual composite drawings of the youngsters in the watercolour, before putting them all together for the final winning product.

Sheralin first heard of the



sponsored by the B.C. Teachers' Federation.

The competition invited students from throughout the province to submit work based on a "Year of the Child" theme, with the chosen winner to be published on the cover of the association's monthly magazine.

Sheralin's submission, a watercolour drawing of dozens of children coming over a hill, will appear on the cover of the February issue of the publication.

The win, says the student, didn't come easily. Sheralin spent

competition through her art teacher, Caroline Hamilton, who encouraged her to enter. There can't be much doubt that Miss Hamilton, too, is elated about the honour bestowed upon her student.

Although Sheralin has always liked drawing, she didn't evolve a style that was her own until about two years ago.

Sheralin says that once she's completed high school she plans to attend art school, then launch a career in illustration in the commercial field.

**Penders**

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR NEIGHBOURS ON PENDER ISLAND TO OUR MANY FRIENDS ON ALL THE GULF ISLANDS.**

St. Peter's Church, Port Washington, held the fifth annual community Carol Service on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7.30 pm.

The service was conducted by Archdeacon David Powell and the organist was Douglas Harker.

The lessons were read by members of our Island community, Gordon Wallace, president of the Lions Club, Don Fairweather our school trustee for the past four years, now retiring; Corporal Terry Driscoll, R.C.M.P.; Mrs. Jean McCaffery, president of the Women's Guild; Alec Passmore, president of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 239; Dr. Ted Morrison, the first editor of the Pender Post; Aubrey Rundle-Woolcock, principal of the Pender Island School; Miss Marjorie Bailey, Warden of South Pender Church of the Good Shepherd and the lady whose idea made the Pender Lender Library, with the help of others, come into existence.

The ninth and final lesson, was read by David McBean, the Vicar's Lay Assistant. Archdeacon Powell read the Nativity Story as told in John 1; verses 1-14. The service closed with the congregation singing "Silent Night, Holy Night". The service was attended by over 90 members of the community.

**SILVER THREADS**

The Pender Island Silver Threads annual Christmas party was a wonderful success this year with a large crowd of members and guests in attendance.

Christmas smorgasbord lunch was served at 1.30 pm. at the Legion on Thursday, Dec. 14. It had been arranged by Mrs. Nellie Williams, assisted by many willing helpers. After lunch, Alex Gray played the piano whilst everyone joined in carol singing.

The ladies of the club then entertained with the "Hawaiian Chorus Line," Hula dancers were: Hilda Sterling, Emmy Lees, Marge Tavener, Muriel Klein, Hattie Zarek, Nellie Williams, Bertha Mathews and Ruby Jordi.

This beautiful dance was followed by a fantastic Barbershop Quartet; the four members were Tom Madden, Joe Klein, Larry Tavener and Percy Henderson. Tom Madden sang two solos; "Wagon Wheels" followed by "Look down, Look down that Lonesome road," which concluded the afternoon's entertainment. The president of the club is Fin Sterling. A lovely party to wind-up a very successful year!

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

On Sunday morning, Dec. 10, the United Community Church Christmas Service was arranged and carried out entirely by the Sunday School. Mrs. Judy Neil is the Sunday School Superintendent.

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**Bird count**

**Starlings in top place on Salt Spring Island with 2,460**

An unofficial bird census was taken this month on Salt Spring Island. It was organized by Marg. Pearce and Gertrude Smith of the Trail and Nature Club with the assistance and co-operation of R. Wayne Cambell, Associate Curator, Birds and Mammals, British Columbia Provincial Museum.

It is the second year this count has been carried out and the aim is to work up to an official full count.

Mrs. Pearce told Driftwood that some 76 volunteers took part in the one-day count on Saturday, Dec. 9. The object of the count is the establishing of the winter population of birds on Salt Spring.

**TOTAL OF 16,468**

A total of 16,468 birds of 95 species was tabulated.

An interesting sidelight to this was that in spite of the numerous Letters to the Editor, to the contrary, the recorded count of crows was down from last year's count of 916 to 808 this year.

Starlings were the most numerous with 2,460 recorded, up from last year's count of 353.

Robins were up from 322 to 2,014, but it could be that the migrant birds are still here busy eating the bountiful crop of Arbutus berries.

Oregon Juncos, now referred to as "Dark-eyed" Juncos by the Provincial Museum, were 1,137 as compared with 482 last year.

The California Quail seemed to be plenteous with 501, up from 261 last year.

Sea birds with high counts included Western Grebe, 1,617; white-winged Scoter, 965; Glaucous-winged gulls, 816; American Widgeon, 658; Surf Scoter, 502; Bufflehead, 364.

**ANOTHER YEAR**

Mrs. Pearce expressed the Club's "great thanks to the volunteers whose help made the count possible" and hoped that they and others would continue their interest in the work and be available for future counts.

She explained that for a full official count, all areas of the Island would have to be covered on the same day and this would require many more volunteers. Anyone interested in this programme and willing to assist is asked to phone Marg. Pearce at Scott Point or Gertrude Smith at Walker Hook so that their names, phone numbers and areas may be listed for future counts.

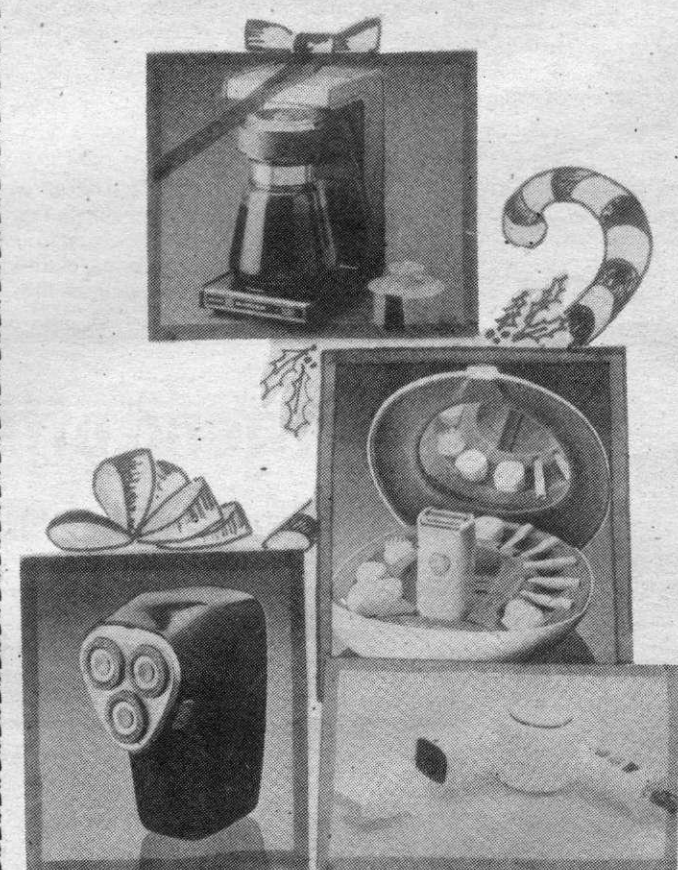
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# TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

First thing I noticed in the new Foxglove establishment at Ganges was a large barrel marked, Bulk Dog Food and I was glad, because I have a bulk dog.

Just in case anyone might have had the idea that Wallace Point, on North Pender, had been named after Gordon Wallace, Islands trustee, here's the truth of the matter! It is named after Dr. Peter W. Wallace, assistant surgeon, Royal Navy. He was attached to HMS Satellite, while she was stationed on the coast. From 1857 to 1865 Wallace was the medical officer in charge of the naval hospital at Esquimalt. And he never served on the Islands Trust.

Wallace Island was Narrow Island on the original coastal survey of a century ago. That would have put a stop to any development. How could you take a broad to Narrow Island?

Times change like nobody's business. Like a newspaper. Time was when it was the newspaper game and it wasn't any game but it was a good trade. In those days you had a lot of wrong fonts running around in the same type family. Now you have colleagues practicing a profession. In the old days a man had to write it as it was and then it was stuck in a page with any head that would fit. Now you spend all your time making it look pretty before you even know what's been written. In the days of yore you had a lot of reporters and a few newsmen and nary a journalist. Now you have a lot of journalists and a few reporters. Not so many years ago you went to a party and marked the opening or the closing or the announcing or the launching or the inauguration of something and everybody gathered at the bar and drifted away until only the reporters were left. Now you have journalists who don't even know where the bar is. It used to be a good trade. And I just have a sneaking hunch that it could turn

out to be a helluva stuffy profession.

It's a funny thing, and I paid my bill, but I still don't know who I rang in New York. I asked the young telephone lady in Victoria and she explained there is no way of finding out. But I'd still sure like to be sure!

Report from a former staffer in England. British justice is just wonderful. Valerie Richards reports that it is no longer based on the beautiful fairy tale that you are innocent until proved guilty. If you are a driver, then you are guilty until proved innocent. As one upstanding Brit commented, if you weren't guilty you wouldn't have been charged. If you go driving in Britain, warn's-Val, don't plead not guilty. It just doesn't pay in British courts! And most Brits will agree.

Ever bought a pair of shoelaces? Time was when you bought laces for shoes and laces for boots. But things have changed. Now, you have to specify. And how do I know how long a lace I want. I got shoes with laces I fall over and I got shoes with laces so small I break my nails trying to get hold of them. I better buy boots next time.

It's Christmas and we all make things look different. So I'm going to be full of Christmas spirit. I'm going to forgive everybody. So as of now all the people I've insulted this year are forgiven!

Am I getting too stuffy? Or do the trade journals need a bit of a razzing to get back on course? I get several publications devoted to the welfare of those engaged in publishing publications. They tell me all about electronics in typesetting and chemistry in photography and everything else that matters. So I read them. Avidly. Last week end I was set aback by an advertisement. It mentioned compromise in qual-

## Fined \$250 for driving vehicle without valid insurance coverage

Clifford B. Lenox of Ganges was fined \$250 in provincial court for driving a motor vehicle without valid insurance coverage.

Lenox was charged November 10 when he was found driving a car that had licence plates for a truck attached to it.

"The cost to you in terms of damage to your company's corporate character," read the advertisement, "could be inestimable." And I gasped. I didn't even know we had one! And now I know we have one, I still don't know what it is and how it would get hurt. And yet, I think it was in English. A report on equipment explained that a diskette in one machine offers 140,000 bytes of information. I'm in the business. I buy these machines when I have to. But the only bytes I know are made by fleas, curse 'em! I may have lots of bytes around the shop. But I'll never know for sure. So I turned the page rather than be caught twice with my intellectual pants down. I could win a Sony Betamax in a contest by a manufacturer of printing supplies. It would come with a three-hour tape and a built-in timer. And once again I hung my head to hide my confusion. I don't know what a Sony Betamax is! For 30 years I've been in the business in British Columbia and I am out on three counts from the beginning of the book! How can I ever speak to a salesman again? So I turned the page. The story explained the use of a gadget whose ancestor I once patronized years ago. It made engravings for letterpress publications. This successor to my poor relation requires detailed explanation. So I read it with interest. And once again I had to turn the page. I still have not the foggiest idea of what the paragraph means. "By means of pre-programmed floppy disks, the operator is requested to supply all the data required to program the computer for the operational parameters of the specific job." Isn't that a lovely statement? Nobody, perhaps, knows what it means. I think it means that the machine won't start until you start it. But this is still English? They're telling me how to produce a newspaper! I don't think they are supplying all the data necessary to complete the parameters of telling me what they want me to know. Ain't education wonderful?

Guy I worked for during 17 years came up with his own answer to reporting. Go on radio, he urges. You don't have to spell! Channel 8, the other day proved that on television you got to spell to get it right. The screen reported the arrival of snowflurries. I guess they figure viewers can't spell!

Jap oranges were shipped into Canada by way of Vancouver. Thousands of 'em arrived that way. Then they went across the land. And I had a nasty, sneaking thought. Does the mountain differential work in reverse? It does. Japanese oranges were advertised in Driftwood last week for \$5.88 for a nine-pound box. Then I read the "Saskatchewan Valley News from Rosthern in Saskatchewan and there they were, Japanese oranges, \$7.79 a box. So it does work both ways! Chinese oranges were \$6.79, against some \$5. Another thing I noted was birch firewood, \$125 a cord. How does that stack up against alder at \$45 or \$50?

## Target looms in sight

# CARE Tree suffers storm damage as fund climbs up

The hydro and telephone crews were not the only sufferers in the high winds which have struck the islands this season.

The Pearson CARE Tree at Pender was nearly blown apart.

Two weeks ago the Pender Island Lions Club had a work party to put the lights on the tree. Everything was in order until the high winds of Sunday, Dec. 10, the following day.

"The wind made a shambles of the whole thing," reports Stewart Corbett, in charge of the Christmas Tree project.

The tree was patched up and the lights were all in place when the lights went on on Friday, Dec. 15, one day late.

The Lions are already planning next year's work and assessing other island trees.

Come winds, come rain, the Pearson Tree still glows at Christmas.

At the week end the Pearson Tree was glowing with some \$7,000

of lights. The campaign is better than half-way and the Pender Island Lions are confident that it will come closer to the \$10,000 target this week.

Tree bears a light for every donation to the CARE fund.

The tree is glowing for the 19th year in succession. Donations are still sought by the Lions Club at Pender.

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## It was the Year of the Child

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No other nativity scene has been so widespread. No other small child, born in a small community in a small country has gained such global recognition.

There will be worshippers in church and synagogue and temple next week who will mark the birth of Christ. In almost every land across the world, the season of Christmas will be marked. Through snow and ice; under brilliant skies; in torrid heat, Christians will pay homage next week to Christ at Christmas.

The manner in which christianity has spread over the world is one of the wonders of Christmas.

The followers of Christ accept the spread of christianity as a logical consequence of his birth. Others who consider it are probably the more impressed by this phenomenon.

For 2,000 years the message of that Child at Christmas has been the guiding influence of nations. It has been the basis of law and of philosophy. Under the christian banner and beyond, peoples have been guided and governed by the message which arose from Christmas.

Perhaps, if more attention had been paid to the word of the International Child of Christmas, less need would be today evident for the International Year of the Child.

The message has been with us, for 2,000 years. Perhaps next year will mark the first year the world of adults has been listening!

## Letters to the Editor

### CROWS

Sir,

The letter from Mr. McDonagh hit the nail on the head. An organized shoot would be the best control of those extremely damaging birds, and what better place than the dump on Blackburn Road there are at least fifty to a hundred birds there at all times. With proper permission an organized party could drastically reduce the crow population. Maybe the Salt Spring Birdwatchers Ass. could donate a trophy for the most birds downed by an individual.

**DWIGHT BRAINERD**  
Beddis Road  
Ganges  
December 15, 1978

### SUBSIDIES

Sir,

Following is a copy of the letter I have sent to Mr. Curtis and Mr. Barrett.

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I received my 1979 tax assessment notice yesterday, and note that the assessed value has increased over 11% from that of 1978. Does this mean that my tax will also increase over 11%?

If it is necessary to post notices on the B.C. ferries, advising other tax payers that they are subsidizing our ferries, why is there not a

notation on their tax notices stating that we Gulf Islanders are subsidizing their schools and other services?

Since assuming office three years ago, this government has increased my cost of living as follows:

1. Despite an increase in Hydro rates in Sept. 1975, they allowed Hydro a further increase in March 1976, March 1977 and March 1978. They have also allowed Hydro to impose a 4.00 service charge on each billing date. As the service is exactly the same as it was ten years ago when I built my home, I cannot understand the charge. In addition the 5% S.S. tax is imposed on the service charge as well as on the main bill. As nothing tangible is purchased I have previously complained about the 5% tax being levied on Hydro and Telephone bills, and the reply has been that it is in the Act and therefore must be levied. Does this mean that the legislature cannot amend the Act?
2. Raised S.S. tax from 5% to 7%. Due to a subsidy from the Federal Government, this has been reduced to 5% (except for liquor which is still 7%) it will probably return to 7% when the Federal subsidy ends.
3. Raised I.C.B.C. premiums.
4. Raised medical and per diem

hospital rates. (This is one raise to which I cannot object.)

5. Raised Provincial income tax rates.

6. Raised ferry rates.

7. Raised land taxes, although the home owners grant has been raised.

8. Raised BC Hydro bus rates. When the former BC Electric Co. wished to increase its rates it had to appear before the Public Utilities Commission to justify any increase. Now, the BC Hydro raises its rates every year with no Government opposition.

In conclusion, I submit that my Hydro bill has increased 57% since Dec. 9, 1975 and school taxes take up 67% of my total tax bill.

I suppose I should not be too critical of the drastic increase in my cost of living, because I did make the mistake of voting for the present Government in 1975.

**A.J. DILLABOUGH**  
RR 2, Ganges  
December 14, 1978

### REGIONAL DISTRICTS

Sir,

I should like to commend you on your timely summary, in last week's Driftwood of the "Review of the Role of Regional Districts in B.C." which I think is an excellent introduction to a most important subject, the direction of local government in B.C.

For those of your readers who may wish to read the document I hope to be able to place a number of copies in the care of the library.

As you are aware, the 52 recommendations contained in the review were discussed in general on Monday, Dec. 11, in Vancouver. The preliminary consensus of views was presented to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the following Wednesday. I understand that detailed commentary has to be completed by the end of February so that any necessary legislation may be drafted in time for the spring session of the legislature.

There were 416 delegates at the Vancouver meeting which I found most stimulating, especially since I came fresh from a two-day 'familiarization' seminar also in Vancouver. At the seminar I was introduced to one of the authors of the review, Mr. Arthur Hood, and I hope I may be able to persuade

him to come to Salt Spring Island early in the new year to address a public meeting on the subject.

In the meantime, I should like to wish you, and through you, your many readers, the compliments of the season, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

**MIKE CLEMENT**  
Regional Director  
Rourke Rd. RR2 Ganges  
December 18, 1978

### INDUSTRY ON THE ISLANDS

Sir,

In real estate there is a goal and that is the best use of the land. When land sits idle, that is bad. It is bad for everyone.

Farmland that sits idle is a waste. In 350 years a fir tree in very favourable conditions can grow to six feet at the base and 200 feet tall, while a tree on a poor ground might only be two feet through and less than 100 feet tall.

In comparison, an apple orchard will be producing good yields in seven years or less.

In many parts of the country agriculture is the mainstay of the economy and determines the size of the population to some extent as well.

The Mayor of Dawson Creek when interviewed, placed a much higher value upon agriculture to the prosperity of the region than he did on the current oil and natural gas exploration and construction which do create prosperity but not of a lasting kind.

Lethbridge, in Alberta, is an example of diversified agriculture that has caused prosperity and created substantial secondary industry, all related to agriculture, which spreads to every sector of the economy in that city.

On the coast, and in the Gulf Islands, agriculture was once enough to make the economy boom and expand. People cut down what would now be valuable stands of timber and burned it up to provide grazing land for cattle and sheep. A tremendous amount of effort went into clearing the land of stumps and roots, mostly by hand as there were no machines to do the job in those days.

Why did the farmers leave the farms? First, it was the depression years. Many found it impossible to make a living off the land and when logging became more efficient,

with bulldozers and donkey engines, than with horses and oxen. Logging provided employment and many farmers because loggers, never to return to the land. There was certainly enough timber providing prosperity for quite a number of years. I can remember when there must have been at least 15 different logging operations going on at one time and there were four logging dumps in Ganges alone and the harbour was full of logs except in the winter when the logs were towed over behind the Spit.

Logging did not prove a permanent source of prosperity, but its decline has been gradual over the years. This has allowed many people to find other means of livelihood or to move somewhere else where there were still stands of timber.

Most timberland on the Islands has been logged three and four times. Woodcutting, too, was once a source of income when people used wood almost exclusively for cooking and heating.

The economy of the Island is hurting now for lack of an economic base. It is like living in a vacuum for those seeking employment.

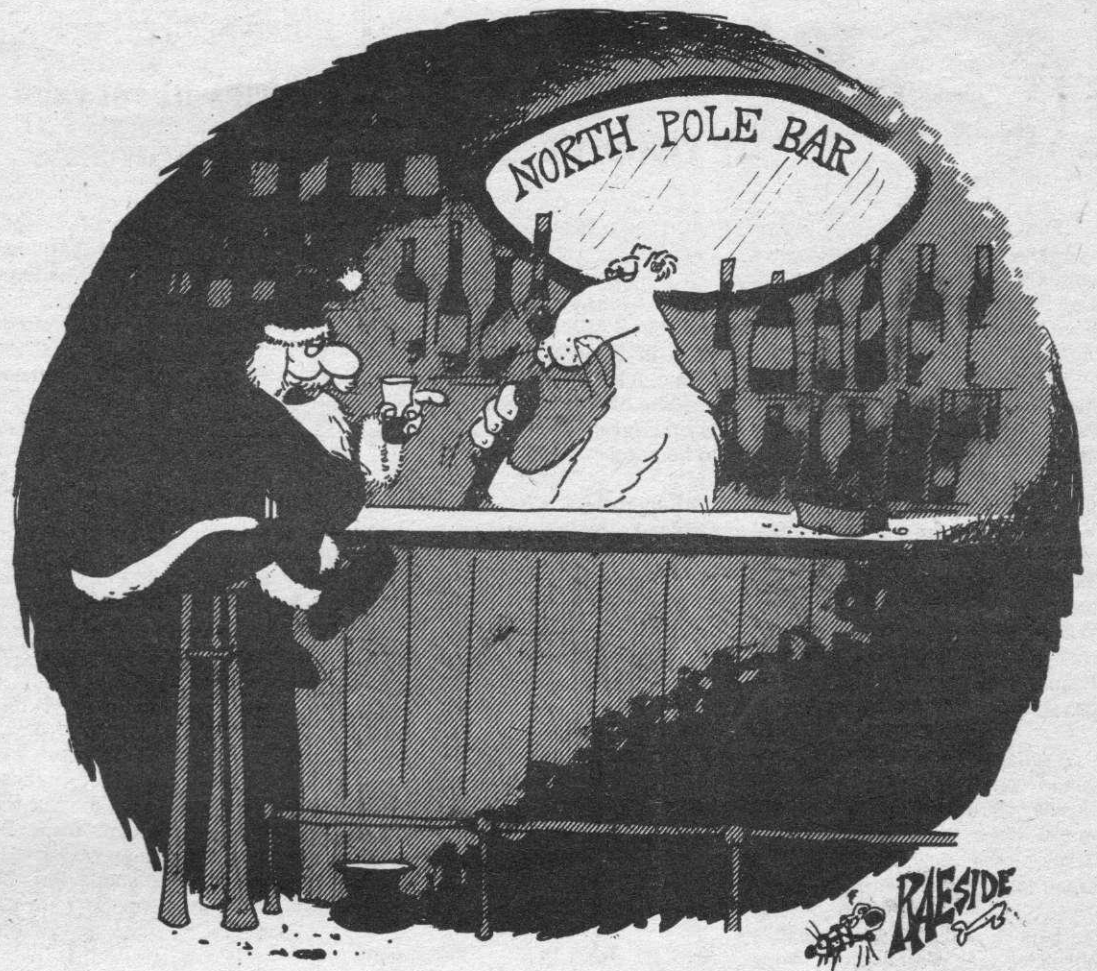
I believe that if there was a profitable and stable market for agricultural products then people would be keen to develop the land again. With the land that is here, there could be more than 100 productive farms on Salt Spring alone and think what that would do for the Island and the well-being of the people.

Canada's balance of trade is getting worse all the time, which means that Canadians must do something to become more self-sufficient.

Right now, we import most of the food we eat when we could be growing it right here. This is crazy. Something should be done about it right away. Otherwise the dollar will continue to decline in value and this hurts everyone.

It would pay the government to intervene sufficiently to assure the markets for all BC grown products in the future at prices that are fair and at the same time not have too many controls. This would be a worthwhile goal.

**G. HOWLAND**  
Box 14, Ganges, BC  
December 16, 1978



'The reindeer are defective, the elves have defected and my sleigh has been recalled'

It is all part of the job



Malcolm Pinteau and Director of Nursing Joyce Hartwig look in on Zoe Forsberg-Drzymala, born at the hospital by caesarian section

NEW ADMINISTRATOR

He's at home already

Malcolm Pinteau is up to his ears in meetings these days. And there's no indication that the situation is going to let up much in the near future.

Pinteau, 34, is the new administrator at Lady Minto Hospital. He's been on Salt Spring since November 27 and is already making inroads when it comes to acquainting himself with Gulf island resources. There have been meetings with a large variety of community service organizations on Salt Spring already, and after Christmas the hard-working Englishman plans to visit all of the Outer Island in order to get to know resource people and agencies there as well.

"I feel that the hospital should be serving, as much as possible, all of the Gulf Islands," says Pinteau. "So I'm making a conscious effort to meet with all the people involved with all the allied services in order to explore what we're doing in conjunction with them now and what it might be possible to do. I think the hospital is an important community resource, and we should all be working together."

PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE

Pinteau's experience in the world of hospitals and administration has run the gamut.

Originally trained and qualified as a chartered accountant in England, Pinteau came to Canada to work for a large firm of accountants in Vancouver during 1969.

In 1970 he went to work for the provincial government as a hospital accounting inspector at Victoria, then moved to Mount St. Mary's Hospital in the same city two years later, where he filled the post of business manager.

May, 1974 found Pinteau moving to Prince Rupert, where he won the position of assistant administrator at the hospital there. By November of 1975 he was administrator at the same institution. He remained there until the spring of this year.

In March Pinteau moved his wife and two children back to Vancouver, where he took up a post as internal auditor at Vancouver General Hospital.

"We moved back because I was looking to do some sort of degree in hospital administration," Pinteau

Marking Mouat's years

Toynbee's book of snapshots is new contribution to history of island

"Snapshots of Early Salt Spring and other Favoured Islands"

We can say thank you to Dick Toynbee for his new book. Dick had the edge on a lot of people because he knows a lot of people, but there are not many others who could have rounded up the pictures he discovered.

Snapshots of Salt Spring Island is just that. It is also a milestone, marking the 75th year of Mouat's Store.

It's a novel way for an island trading company to mark its 75th anniversary, but this book will serve as a permanent tribute to the company long after that anniversary has been forgotten.

Many readers will recall the series of pictures published in Driftwood during the past year in a series by Mouat's. Some of the pictures which appeared in that series are to be found in the book.

Snapshots is a pictorial history of Salt Spring Island, from the earliest days. There are pictures of people who have been forgotten with the passage of time and there

explains.

EDUCATION EXTENDED

That was to be an addition to the two-year extension course in hospital administration that he had completed through the University of Manitoba. Pinteau has recently settled on a baccalaureate program offered by the University of Saskatchewan via correspondence. He expects to take four to five years to complete the work.

The sterile world of columns of numbers and piles of bookkeeping, however, proved too much for Pinteau after nine months back in Vancouver.

"I had really enjoyed the administration end of things while I was in Prince Rupert," he recalls, "and I was missing it. I felt I wanted to get back into it. And this job seems to have everything."

are pictures of others who are still remembered widely with warmth.

Toynbee has borrowed profusely from the Rev. Mr. Wilson in the pages of this book. The early Anglican minister was also an early island publisher, with his regular, printed church bulletin of the 1890's. The quotations give the book an additional flavour of Salt Spring Island in past years.

For a man who has worked hard and long on the presentation of a book, he has engaged in very little writing. And that's fine, because the book does everything he could want it to do and it tells its story every bit as well as it could with large globs of prose.

The production is first class and a credit to Morriss Printing, in Victoria, already widely acclaimed for the quality of their work.

Gus Rueter, of Fulford, who

knew when to retire: and did: made a contribution to the new book when he was engaged in the lay-out. His touch is evident, again, in the quality of the production.

The emphasis on production is very significant in the case of a collection of old pictures. Faded and scuffed, old pictures are about the worst thing to print. You would never realize that from an examination of Snapshots.

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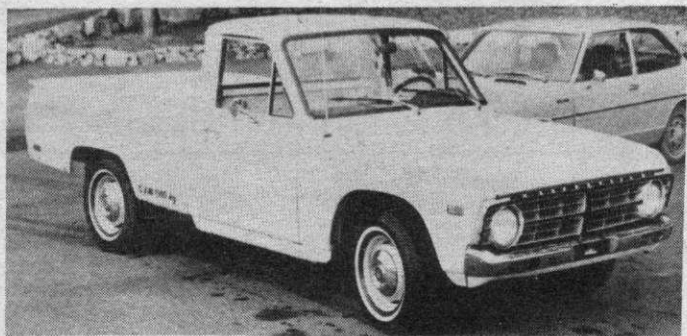
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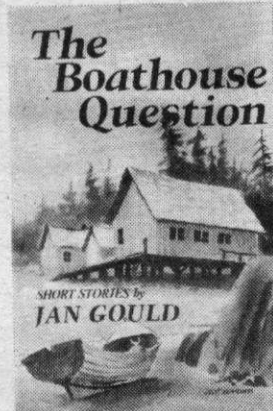
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# Jesus Christ Superstar

## PRODUCTION MOOTED FOR SALT SPRING ISLAND NEXT YEAR

### BY THE PRODUCER

Perhaps you have been hearing around the community that the rock opera, Jesus Christ Superstar may be produced, live, on Salt Spring.

This is no rumour, it is true. Wilf Davies and Peter McCalman have been in touch over the last three months, with the New York

agents, to obtain production rights and so on. They now know they can produce the show and how much the royalties will be. One or two meetings have since been held to look at the possibilities and pitfalls of this production and also the talent available in the community.

Things look pretty good and they believe there is an audience who would respond to their dramatic opera which is both challenging

to produce and enthralling to attend.

They envisage a production which could include special lighting, slide projection in addition to the live music, dance and song, not to mention acting. Two performances in early April are being planned.

But before they launch finally into this project, they are asking all

who are interested in Jesus Christ, Superstar, in any way, to get in touch with or phone right away one of the following giving name and phone number. Eric Booth, Wilf Davies, Ken Gaylor, Virginia Newman, Dawn Luker, or Peter McCalman.

They will then call you all early in January for a meeting at which they hope to get the show on the road.

## Vesuvius bump is temporary

Vesuvius Bay wharf is temporarily bumpy.

The new floats have been installed, but the steep apron, over which the traffic rides on to the ferry, has yet to be replaced. The new apron has yet to be fabricated, Driftwood was told last week.

Effect of the uncompleted project is a sharp bump on the crossing to the ferry.

Floats are geared to the weight of the new apron. As a result, the assembly stands high in the water under the weight of the lighter, old unit.

## Deadline on Lions appeal for blind extended

Gulf Islands residents who haven't had the time to donate to the Salt Spring Lions' CNIB appeal yet will have a little longer to grab at the opportunity.

Bob Foulis, of Salt Spring Lions, told Driftwood last week that the deadline for donations to the appeal has been extended to December 28.

To date the appeal has brought in \$1,600. Foulis says the Lions are hoping to hit the \$2,200 mark by the time December 28 rolls around.

Monies donated to the appeal will be used in the Gulf Islands to assist the eight people on Salt Spring and three residents of the Outer Islands who are on the program sponsored by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Donations may be made at the Bank of Montreal in Ganges.

## Routing traffic

# Mayne controls the sea lanes from Big Brother's radar installation

### BY KEITH JACKSON

Calming the fears and taming the curiosity of members of the Lions Club of Mayne Island and their friends, Ralph Hughes and John McLeod, of the Canadian Coast Guard, led a contingent of islanders to the mysterious radar installation at the top of Mount Parke on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 6, and treated them to an audio-visual treat at the Mayne Inn, later on in the evening.

Referred to locally as "Big Brother's Eye-In-The-Sky", the scanning equipment on the mountain top was found to be merely a traffic cop, less than mildly interested in the land-based activities of the local populace.

It is, however, a kingpin in the control of water-borne commerce, and ensures that ships of all shapes and sizes are operating in accordance with strict rules and regulations, stay in their proper "lanes" and moor in designated parking areas.

### TRAFFIC ROUTES

Part 20, of the Canada Shipping Act, and the Ship Routing Regulations, give the Coast Guard the power to establish ship traffic

routes, and controls for safe navigation, and to enforce regulations concerning the discharge of pollutants. Violators of these controls can be fined up to \$100,000 for each infraction.

Costing about \$18-million, the whole traffic control system, including sophisticated outposts in Tofino and Prince Rupert, is one of the best in the world. Even so, refinements and improvements are being incorporated almost continually.

Hughes and McLeod told their audience that the Canadian Vessel Traffic Management System is operated in close co-operation with its American counterpart and "it is hoped that the US system will catch up in its technology by the early 1980's, when the two systems will be completely compatible".

### BY TOFINO

Through the facilities of the System, a ship approaching the Coast via the Great Circle Route, is usually picked up by the Tofino station near the north end of Vancouver Island. It is then guided to its destination by controllers who are eyeballing screens at Vancouver HQ and who communicate with the ship by radio (in English) as it comes under the surveillance of a succession of radar scanners located on Mount Newton (Saanich), Mount Parke (Mayne), Bowen Island, and at Kapilano 100 (Traffic Management HQ, in Vancouver).

The busiest shipping area, English Bay and Vancouver Harbour is given special attention.

Eighteen anchorages are designated in English Bay, and ships may anchor only in these anchorages which are well away from the traffic lanes. Their positions are plotted each watch by radar at HQ to ensure that they have not slipped their moorings and drifted into the way of other ships or into traffic lanes.

### FIVE ANCHORAGES

Inside Inner Harbour there are five anchorages where ships can anchor up to 48 hours. No loaded

oil tankers, LPG ships, or explosives carriers are permitted to use these anchorages, but they do have limited privileges at three locations east of 2nd Narrows where they can wait for space at Port Moody and the refineries.

Answering questions from their audience, the Coast Guard men advised:

- The System is working very well and "bugs" are being rapidly removed, especially from sites such as that on Mayne Island, which has not been finally accepted from the contractor.

- Total co-operation with their US counterpart has been achieved.

- Co-operation with Search and Rescue is complete.


- Anyone who has VHF can contact HQ for information regarding location or movement of other vessels in their area, and even get a check on their own position, if necessary.

(Warning: Communications not related to traffic, distress, or casualty, must not be made on the designated traffic frequency. And public or domestic messages will not be accepted.)

- Yes, "we plot all the BC Ferries ships and we are in frequent contact with them as they are tracked by the Mayne Island station".

If further information is sought, inquiries can be directed to: Vessel Traffic Management Centre, Kapilano 100, 12th Floor, 100 Park Royal, West Vancouver, B.C. V7T 1A2.

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Captain Cook (Hugh Cummings), left, and Ebenezer Scrooge (Alf Howell) join forces to provide the fun on stage at Central Hall Thursday and Friday of this week. "So That's What happened to Captain Cook" and "Christmas Madness" will play the two even-

ing, starting at 8 pm and will conclude with a carol sing-song and party involving audience and cast members.

Tickets are on sale at Et cetera Store, Mini-Mart in Valcourt Centre and at the door.

**Nature Club's**

**January agenda**

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Following are the activities planned for the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club for January:

January 16 - walk and hike: Nose Point; leaders Marjorie Beggs and Betty Ball. Meet 9.30 am Drummond Park, 10 am Centennial Park; January 23 - A pot luck supper will take place in Central Hall at 6.30 pm to be followed by the annual meeting of the club at 8 pm; January 30 - Walk: Isabella Point area; leader Vera Pirillo. Hike: Reserve Point; leader Jean King. Meet 10 am Centennial Park. 10.30 am Drummond Park.

**ESSAY CONTEST**

**Here are the winners!**

This year's annual Christmas essay contest sponsored by Drift-

wood has turned up a total of six prize winners.

Judges Ivan Mouat and David Stacey spent several days deliberating on the 32 entries turned in by Grade five students from Fernwood and Salt Spring Elementary Schools.

Topics covered in the students' efforts covered a wide range, including everything from what Christmas means to them to the history and tradition of the festive season.

The winners in the contest were awarded their prizes by a Driftwood representative last week.

This year's first-place winners in the contest were Samantha Dixon of Salt Spring Elementary and Morven Neish, of Fernwood. Each girl received a cheque for \$25.

Cheques for \$15 went to second place winners Rob Pringle of Fernwood and Carol Lane of Salt Spring Elementary.

Joelle Hann was awarded \$10 for her third place finish and Al Innes also received \$10 for the honourable mention awarded to him. Both students are from Salt Spring Elementary.

See winning essay contest entries on page four.

**Birney vehicle suffers \$600 damage**

A vehicle driven by Pat Birney suffered \$600 in damage December 17 as the result of an accident at Fernwood and North End Road.

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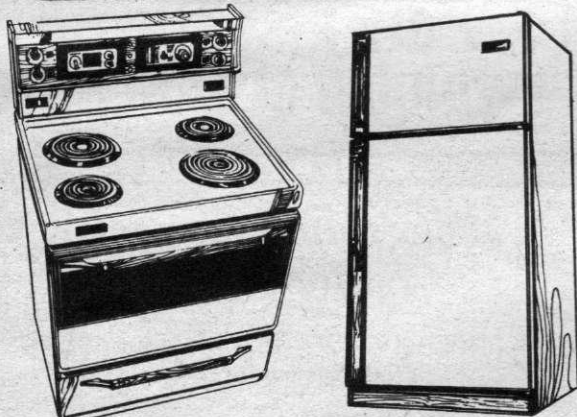
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# Evening at Galiano Lodge for Driftwood

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## Success in news contest is marked with dinner

It was a special event and the young ladies of Galiano Lodge recognized it. On Thursday evening the staff of Driftwood locked the doors early and caught the Queen of Sidney for an evening on Galiano.

The staff didn't think of it. The idea came from the proprietors of the Lodge, Sonia Mann and Rozanne Shuey.

Driftwood placed first in a newspaper contest this year. Please come to Galiano Lodge as our guests, suggested the two. So we did.

The doors locked, we drove to the ferry and paid our fares. We went for free.

We took a car in case it rained or snowed or hailed or froze. It did nothing. We did a lot.

We drank the health of our hostesses and of our associates and of anyone else we could think of. Then

we went into dinner.

One man and five libbers! It was a great ordeal for a chauvinist.

Dinner was excellent.

And time passed.

As the ferry sailed into the harbour at Sturdies Bay, we were finishing our dinner. The camera didn't get the picture, probably because of the rush at the last minute.

We took our dessert with us to eat on the ferry.

After some persuading the ferry let us aboard and we reached home about 10.30.

That was a heck of a good way to spend an evening.

We must do it again!

Maybe we'd better win that trophy again!

F.G.R.

## Two tie in bridge game

Two tie Canadian Legion Duplicate Bridge Club winners for December 12, at Ganges, were: 1, (tied) Dorie Best with Anne McConnell and Mary Clements with Margaret MacKintosh.

3, Gordon Best and Norm McConnell; 4, Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Hyslop; 5, Mary K. Thomas and Bunny Jordan.

## Health authorities to run tests on St. Mary Lake water

Health authorities will run tests on the water in St. Mary Lake on Salt Spring Island following an unofficial discovery last week that the dissolved solids content in the water is much higher than allowed for potable water supplies.

During an informal test at a public meeting on December 11 Nanaimo engineer Fred Brooks found that the dissolved solids content of water from St. Mary Lake was up to 1,200 parts per million.

The maximum allowable limit for potable water supplies is 500 parts per million.

Brooks' findings were presented at a meeting of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District on Thursday. The meeting was attended by Dr. A.S. Arneil of the Capital Regional District.

### TO TEST SUPPLY

Arneil assured the meeting that his department would conduct formal tests on the water supply. Previous tests run by various government agencies have revealed only 75 to 125 parts per million of dissolved solids.

No date has been set yet for the regional district testing, Arneil's office told Driftwood on Tuesday.

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## Must enjoy concession to continue

Marc Holmes has not abandoned his concern for larger islands properties.

a steady subdivision pattern in the islands to meet the cost of taxes.

There should be a provision for a special taxation category for landowners who hold their larger holdings intact and thereby lose the benefits of selling profitably, he asserts.

Last week he told Driftwood that until the province will make special provision for properties which are held intact, there will be

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- Luncheon steak sandwich, served with hot buttered garlic toast, fries, green salad.....\$4.00
- Dinner steak sandwich, hot buttered garlic toast, fries, green salad .....\$5.50
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# Tourist group pleased with 1978 business increase

Businessmen with tourist-oriented enterprises on Salt Spring Island are wearing broad smiles as they tally up the balance sheets for 1978.

Salt Spring Island Tourist Association president Jack Kenton told Driftwood this week that the 1978 tourist season "has been the best we've had in the past five years."

Kenton estimates that profits for resort owners and other related businesses increased on the island by an average of 12 per cent in 1978 over last year.

"There's been a gradual im-

provement over the past few years," says Kenton, "but this past year was really very good."

Kenton credits the increase to a number of factors, among them the Captain Cook Bicentennial celebrations and Salt Spring's own Sea Capers festival held in July. He adds that a number of other local promotions also helped boost the take from tourism.

"Sea Capers really helped bring the tourists in," Kenton concludes. "And they spent a lot more money on the island as a result."

# Fairy tale play popular

An estimated 300 Salt Spring Island residents turned out to see the Salt Spring Players' presentation of Beauty and the Beast last week.

The production of the popular old fairy tale was staged in Mahon Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The audiences, which included as many adults as children, were given the opportunity to meet the cast following each performance.

Highest attendance for the three-night run was Friday, when 120 adults and children turned up for the show. Saturday ran a close second with about 100 ticket-holders, and an estimated 80 people attended the Thursday night performance.

Players' spokesmen have expressed pleasure at the popularity of the production.

**\*\* Beauty meets the Beast in Players' popular production.**



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# Disagreements are many

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

Christmas draws near, and our thoughts are full of the relevance of the Christmas message: Peace on earth to men (and women!) of good will.

It's hard to wish peace to those with whom you profoundly disagree. Sadly, our disagreements are many, and very profound. Most are based on ignorance and rooted in prejudice. It is not true that 'everyone is entitled to an opinion'. We are only entitled to an informed opinion - quite a different thing. And where do we obtain our

information? Most of us rely on the media.

Unfortunately, the media are sometimes ill-served by unreliable reporters, as in the case of a W5

## More Food for Thought

program a few weeks ago, when Henry Champ presented "A House Divided". This segment criticised the Primate of the Anglican Church in particular and the World Council of Churches' program to combat racism in general. There has been other criticism, of course, and at least Driftwood readers will have the opportunity to arrive at an informed opinion!

Champ alleged: "The World Council of Churches is dominated by third world countries; has a high balance of eastern bloc churches and there is a Marxist trait within the W.C.C." FACT: There are 256 member churches: 125 (49 percent) from Western nations, 102 (40 percent) from the third world and 29 (11 percent) from the eastern bloc. The operating Central Committee consists of 'west' 77, 'third world' 28, eastern bloc 17.

"So many letters have been written complaining of the use of the Primate's fund that the Church uses a form letter to defend its position."

FACT: There have been approximately 60 letters of inquiry or comment. Each is answered personally.

### DETAILS AVAILABLE

A personal attack on the Primate and the allegation that money is taken from general revenues to send to 'people who murder missionaries' is based on ignorance of the function of the Primate and the administration of funds. Details are available on request.

Rather than repeat general allegations and possibly reinforce prejudices, I will simply quote the facts which were omitted from this and similar attacks on the W.C.C.

and the Primate's Fund.

\* In view of the tough moral issues surrounding the grant, there has been relatively little protest.

\* The program has existed and similar grants been given since 1970 with no previous withdrawal of member churches from the World Council.

\* The suspension by the Salvation Army of its membership, though regrettable, is unique, and as it had never contributed to the Program to Combat Racism - OR TO ANY OTHER WORLD COUNCIL PROGRAM - it is of no financial consequence.

\* The Confederation of Church and Business People is a conservative group which has opposed most social programs of the church, and is certainly not representative of the laity nor of all 'churchgoing businessmen.'

\* All policy for the Anglican Church of Canada is ultimately made by General Synod, a representative group of clergy and laity. This policy is strongly reflective of lay input and binds the leadership of the church.

\* If any protest is "growing", it is as a direct result of the W5 broadcast and the biased and misinformed view it gave to Canadians.

### WRONG PERSPECTIVE

Mr. Champ was given ample opportunity to arrive at a balanced perspective. He chose rather to present the views of a small but highly vocal minority, taking the position that lay persons who work for the church (and are in possession of the facts) are unrepresentative.

The total fund to Combat Racism in 1978 was \$434,500. This went to 29 agencies world-wide, including two Canadian native groups. The grant which Mr. Champ was specifically attacking was \$85,000 given directly to over 100,000 Rhodesian refugees for food, medicine, clothing and other humanitarian needs.

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Well, 'tis the season to be jolly, and we must find it in our hearts to forgive those who vilify us, the church, the Primate, prelates and priests, with the consoling thought that if we were ineffective, we would not be attacked.

So we must be doing something right!

Merry Christmas to all men and women of goodwill. The rest of you? Well, you're so busy echoing Scrooge's "Bah, humbug!" you won't hear our greetings. We'll just remind you that God loves you, even though you make it difficult for us to do the same!

### Take your partners

I will not dance a pas de deux,  
Or twinkle in a tu-tu,  
But not from weakness, I aver,  
I just never leaned how to.

-John Healey

## Blasting closes Morningside Road area to hikers



## Noon luncheon highlights Christmas party

The Salt Spring Women's Institute held their Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Yardley's on December 7. The members brought the refreshments for a noon luncheon.

A table was beautifully set for 13 members, one visitor and three husbands. The members held their meeting at 2 pm.

Four members joined for the new year. Thank you notes were read.

A craft afternoon was discussed. Members drew names for their secret sister. Then Santa came and handed out the Christmas parcels to the members.

Mrs. Yardley served tea and a very pleasant afternoon was spent by all. Mrs. Truefitt having the next meeting January 11 with Mrs. Chambers assisting.

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**ROUTE 5 SWARTZ BAY-OUTER GULF ISLANDS**  
The following sailings will be cancelled Christmas Day and New Year's Day:  
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Saturna 6:40  
Village Bay 7:20  
Montague Harbour 8:00  
Otter Bay 8:45

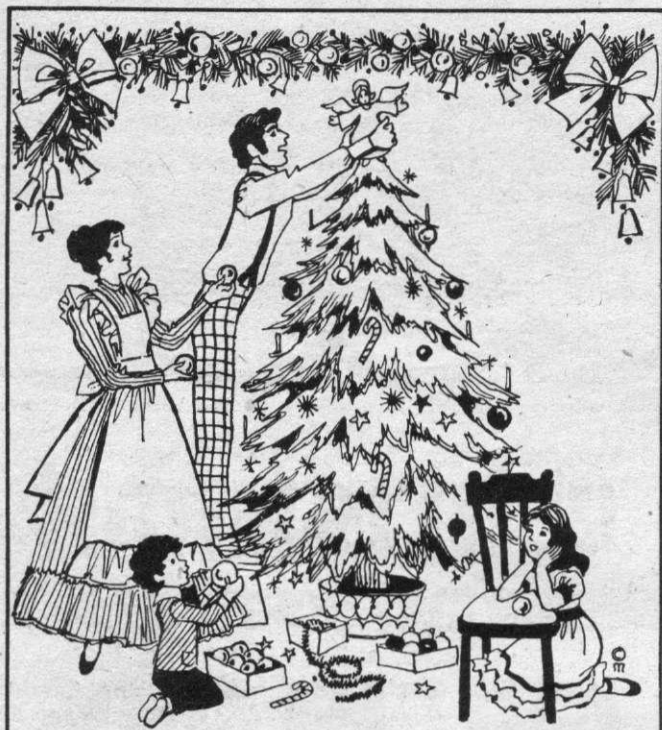
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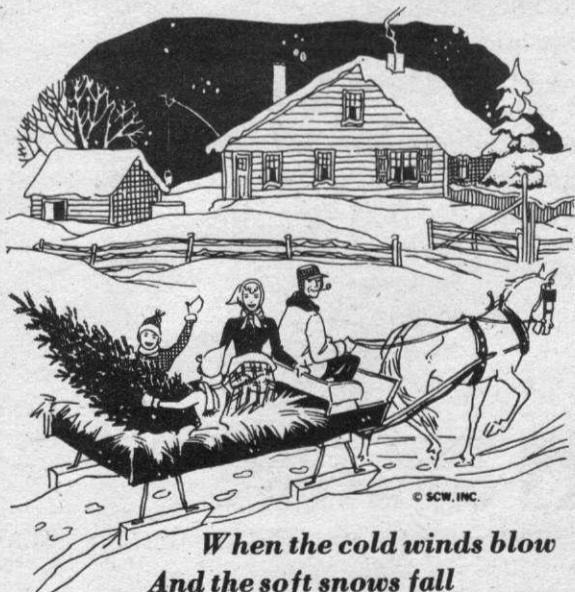
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## Merry Christmas



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 To one and all!*

FROM

**Driftwood  
 Correspondents**

Mary Harding of Galiano Island,  
 Elsie Brown of Mayne Island  
 Eleanor Harrison of the Penders  
 Maggie Hayes of Saturna Island  
 Devina Baines of North Galiano  
 Jesse Sayer of Fernwood

## Transportation policy is a must!

# Marc Holmes looks at

Marc Holmes is the author of island planning on his home island. From the first light of a planned Salt Spring Island, Marc Holmes was identified with a conservative approach to development.

For 10 years he took centre stage in every dispute over planning and zoning of an island that had never faced planning or zoning and whose residents were not about to take kindly to any controls.

During the hotly debated preparation of By-law 66, the Salt Spring Island Zoning By-law Marc Holmes was Regional Director for Salt Spring Island on the Capital Regional District Board and he was in the glare of the limelight from the first tentative discussion to the final adoption of that by-law.

This month has seen his withdrawal from public life as he settles to a pleasant life of retirement on his waterfront property at Isabella Point.

Regional director for two terms; vice-chairman of the Islands Trust for two years, and chairman of that Trust for a further two years, he has made his contribution to island affairs. He is now resting from a long labour.

On Friday Driftwood called on the retired community planner and invited him to review the recent past as well as the likely future.

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#### HOW EFFECTIVE?

How effective is the Islands Trust in preserving and protecting the islands? Is the Trust a better vehicle for planning than the regional district? What sort of job has been accomplished in planning the islands the past 10 years or so?

Marc Holmes was able to talk freely to a reporter, last week, of local and regional problems for the first time since planning came to the islands.

The protection of the islands depends on the determination of the islanders, he told Driftwood.

The Capital Regional Board and then the Islands Trust brought zoning and planning to the islands. Next in line came subdivision controls.

Are these enough to preserve and protect?

There is a third ingredient, suggested Holmes; transportation. Any improvement in transportation to the islands brings a demand for more transportation.

It is only a transportation policy that will decide whether the islands are to be permitted to develop as a housing resource, emphasized the retired administrator, looking into

the future.

Then he glanced back.

#### SHORT CUT

First time he got into planning was a short cut to other community affairs. In the 60's Holmes was engaged in discussions with other Salt Spring Islanders in planning the future.

He recalls that Charles Horel and the late Adrian Wolfe-Milner were concerned that small-lot sub-

the end of 1973. He had served for four years....four lively years. George Heinekey took over from him when he defeated the late Jim Wilkinson at the polls.

Within less than a year, however, Marc Holmes came out of retirement to serve as vice-chairman of the Islands Trust. The provincial legislature had approved the establishment of the Islands Trust by a unanimous vote. Named to the first Trust were Hilary Brown, as chairman; Holmes as vice-chairman and David Brousson as general trustee.

For two years he was with the Islands Trust in that capacity. In the meantime the government changed and he found himself under a Social Credit administration.

Of the three trustees named by the NDP government, he was the only one to be retained by Bill Bennett's administration. In 1976 he assumed the chair of the Trust, with John Gaines, of Saturna and Nelder Boulton, from Gabriola. He was the only trustee to enjoy the confidence of two administrations.

#### FIRST BY-LAW

First zoning legislation in the islands was No. 66, the Salt Spring Island Zoning By-law. It was passed during Holmes' stint with the regional board.

It had gradually been becoming obvious that the islands would be ruined unless the growth was channelled into the proper direction, he recalls.

"We put the issues squarely before the people and we always found two-thirds in favour of preservation of the islands," he told Driftwood.

This pattern was demonstrated as recently as the November 18 election, he added.

He glanced back to 1969, when the 10-acre freeze came into being. Yet, even with that freeze, the islands boomed ahead, in terms of population and traffic growth.

"If the people of the islands are determined to preserve their islands and with the support of the provincial government, we shall be able to avoid the islands being used as a housing resource base for large numbers of commuting work-

## After 10 years in two offices

division could jeopardize the amenities of the island. They discussed the question, but nothing resulted from those deliberations.

As a result of attending that meeting he also took part in a discussion of the Centennial Park at Ganges and was promptly voted in as treasurer of the project.

From one function to another: in the 60's he accepted the invitation to run for the board of management of Lady Minto Hospital.

By 1969 he was coming into a new field. The original regional director for Salt Spring Island, Doug Cavaye was retiring from public affairs and Marc Holmes took over the function from him.

That was the beginning.

For the next nine years the Fulford landowner was destined to find himself in the heart of the biggest turmoil that had ever hit the island.

#### HE WAS FIRST

For the next four years, Holmes was Salt Spring Island's spokesman on the Capital Regional Board. During that time he was named by the Union of BC Municipalities as director from the electoral areas of the province. He was the first electoral area director to sit on the executive board of the municipal association.

He recalls it as an interesting job that came to an end with his retirement from regional affairs at

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ers," he stated.

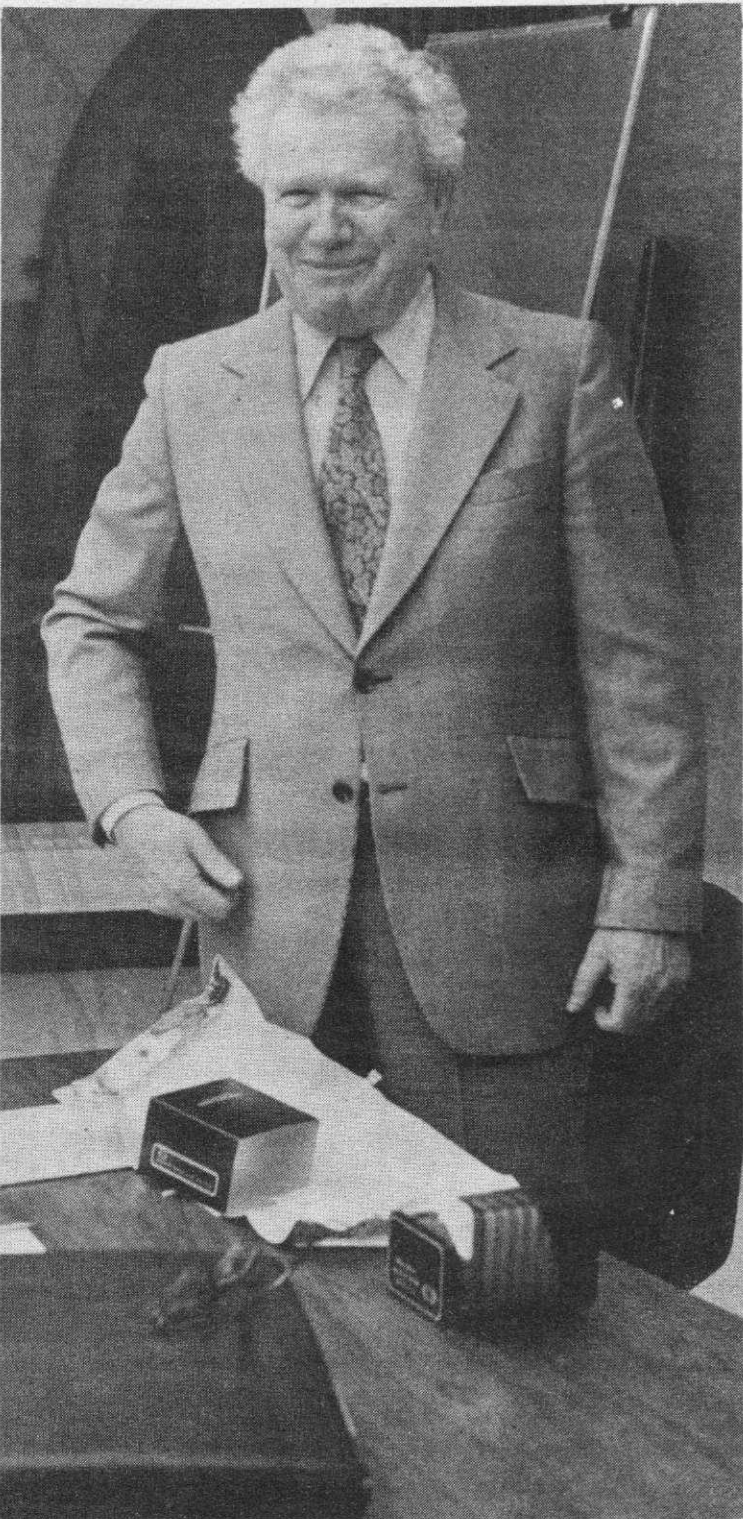
Endlessly enhanced transportation cannot be provided, because improved transportation facilities create more traffic and more use.

The retired islands planner

asked.

It was set up for that single purpose, he recalled, and serves it well.

The Trust would not be a good agency to handle building inspec-



MARC HOLMES

looked around the coast. **ISLAND IS LUCKY!**

"Salt Spring Island is lucky," he observed, "not having the large developments some other islands have."

Some of the islands have a problem future, he forecast, with water supply and traffic a major sore spot if 80% of the developed lots are built on.

And the future....should the Islands Trust become an Islands Regional District?

"My heart says 'yes' and my head says 'no,'" replied Holmes. "It's a very scattered area and a very small tax base to maintain a regional district."

Yet, in a sense, he suggested, the question has resolved itself.

"It is a single-purpose regional district now. It serves as a regional district for land-use planning."

Is the Islands Trust a better vehicle for planning in the islands than a regional district, he was

tion or health administration or works and services, he noted.

**LAND-USE IS THE KEY**

And land-use is the key to what will come of the islands.

It is extremely urgent that the government approve the new zoning by-law and Ganges Plan, urged Marc Holmes.

"The new amendments to the subdivision by-law pick up all the loopholes and anomalies that have shown up in the past years."

The ministerial approval is urgent.

"If the new minister of municipal affairs does not approve the plan it could be disastrous for Salt Spring Island," he warned, "particularly Ganges."

Many people would like to be zoned commercial, he added.

"But strip zoning from Ganges to Vesuvius would be a disaster, as opposed to the compact village it should be."

## Jail term levied for drinking beer on public road

Daniel M. Joseph was sentenced to 10 days in jail by provincial court Judge F.C. Giles after pleading guilty to a charge of drinking in a public place.

Joseph was charged after he was found drinking beer outside the Harbour Grocery the evening of November 2. He told Giles he was drinking there because he was thirsty.

Giles originally levied a fine of \$150 for the offence, but retracted that and sentenced the accused to 10 days in jail despite Joseph's protests that he had to make provisions for his seven cats. Ganges RCMP have been ordered to see that the animals are cared for during their owner's absence.

**THREE READINGS**

The Trust has prepared and given three readings to all the necessary legislation to protect the island and to plan it sensibly and intelligently, he explained.

It now requires the signature of the minister of municipal affairs.

There are two dangers facing island planning, said the retired island planning authority.

It could become a Coney Island or a rural slum.

Both are possible if islanders relax their vigilance and a developer is allowed to do what he wants.


The growth of Salt Spring Island is the highest of any community in the province, according to the statistics of the ministry of highways, reported Holmes.

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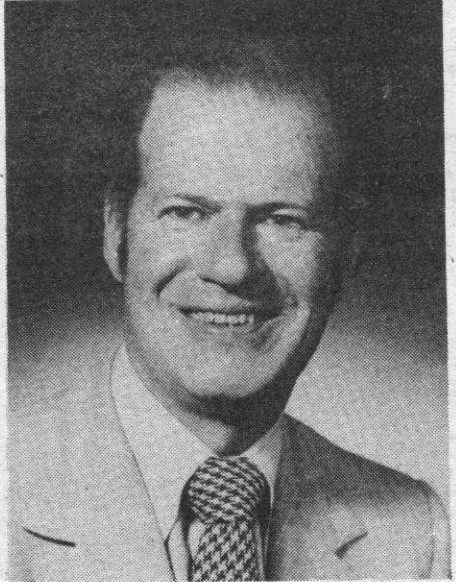


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## TOPS at Mayne celebrate their steady loss of weight over years

BY MABEL JOHNSTON

TOPS chapter on Mayne Island held their annual celebration on December 13, to mark their third anniversary.

They enjoyed a luncheon at the Five Roosters and followed this with a graduation ceremony there. They were served a calorie-controlled meal which was nicely planned. Table decorations were made by members of the executive and an anniversary cake was made by Margaret Bennett and tastefully decorated by leader Edona Medcalf.

Sashes and mortar boards for the five ladies who had earned KOPS status, were made by Pat Dawson.

The graduating members were presented by Edona Medcalf who was assisted in the graduating ceremony by Area Co-ordinator Rose Colville of Victoria. In a brief message to the group she spoke of difficulties each person had to face up to in learning to control her eating habits. It is a lonely road which no one can travel for you.

She encouraged them to continue to maintain this kind of

interchange in order to keep up the "habit" of showing concern for and being an example to TOPS members who are still struggling to reach their goals.

Rose made reference to her first visit to Mayne Island when the Chapter was formed in December 1975. She congratulated the club on its growth and the success of its members.

The five members graduating were Marguerite Campkin, Margaret Twamley, Anna De Roussie, Maude Smith and Blanche Anderson. They received a rose with their diploma and each was given a charm. The leader warmly congratulated them on achieving success and urged them to combine their programs.

The next part of the program was the presentation of awards for contests.

There was a "Snowman" contest running for six weeks prior to Christmas. Prizes for this were self-made articles, contributed by the members. It was shared by Margaret Bennett, Edona Medcalf and Maude Smith.

"Reach for the TOP" contest awards went to Margaret Bennett for TOPS and Anna De Rousie for KOPS. Each received a charm.

An exchange of gifts and a final cup of coffee completed the most enjoyable afternoon.

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## Legion Christmas party brings Santa Claus to Pender Island children

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The Christmas party held every year at the Pender Island Legion, for children and grandchildren of veterans, took place this year on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17.

Everybody gathered at 1.30 pm and the party started with Mrs. Thelma Lambeth playing the piano and the children singing some Christmas hymns and songs with her. Mrs. Lambeth and Mrs. Beryl

Pardee then led the children in playing games.

The children all sat together in the corner of the lounge and became very, very quiet, while Mrs. Pardee told them the nativity story and some of the group assisted Mrs. Pardee in acting out the story.

There was a great flurry of excitement at the back door when Santa Claus burst in with his pack sack full of presents.

Santa just had to tell them what a terrible time he'd had getting to see them this year, as there was such a fierce wind storm the reindeer's harness got all tangled up, and so Santa was pretty tired out and glad to sit down and rest for a few minutes, while one of the children got him a drink of water from the kitchen, he was so thirsty.

Feeling better, Santa was then able to distribute the gifts he had for all the little boys and girls who had been good all year. But he did then have to hurry off to Mayne Island as he was a bit behind schedule so the children sang a song to cheer him as they waved good-bye to him. All the chairs were then re-arranged by the children in two straight rows so the magician could do this wonderful magic for them.

He had so many wonderful tricks with cards, and rings, and finally to end the show a real live dove appeared, which all admired then and after the show. The magician dressed in his top hat and black cloak and glittering suit was none other than John Christensson, a well known Pender Island boy and of course Santa Clause, once again, looking resplendent in his red suit and white beard was our local neighbour Bill Race.

Bob Allison, Judy Neil, Manfred Burandt and Joe Klein provided Christmas music and refreshments were served to children, parents and grandparents by the Legion Auxiliary arranged by Mrs. Jean Bradley and helpers.

## Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

Galiano Hall was filled with happy children and their parents and friends, to see a most interesting Christmas concert, and then to welcome a happy and very busy Santa Claus. The wonder and excitement in the little children's eyes was a real treat to see, and this year, most of them were little ones, ranging from the tiny one-week-old Nicholas Pattison, to tiny pre-schoolers, and then the bigger children.

This year we had a very interesting group of children perform three little plays in French, which was so cleverly done. The "Twelve Days of Christmas" was really excellent and a Glee Club shows signs of being great.

The Galiano school staff are; Ken Maneker, Elisabeth Brinson, Catherine Maneker, Sharon McKitterick, and Helen Smith. They all did an excellent job of this concert. Santa Claus was a secret, we do not even know his name, but he was so very good with every child, we hope he comes again!

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### LIONETTES' PARTY

Galiano Lionettes gave a Christmas party for the residents of Page Drive Senior Citizens home on Sunday, Dec. 17, in the spirit of the season to have a little get-together for those who have families far away, or not at all.

Convener for the party was Mary Harding, past president of Lionettes, and Helen Neale played the piano for some carols. Tea was served, along with a selection of cheeses and cold cuts, and biscuits, provided by "the Deli", here on the Island.

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### WEAVERS AND SPINNERS

The Galiano Weavers and Spinners gave a Christmas party for their members on Thursday, December 14, with members of the Rod and Gun Club catering for the delicious turkey dinner. Following dinner, members were all entertaining themselves with much laughter and happiness.

The whole program was a great success.

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Every year, we give a message of thanks to all of the ones who have been so helpful to us all during the year ending.

Beginning this one for 1978, may I say a most sincere thank you

to the people who have helped me so very much, especially Mrs. B. Benger, Mr. and Mrs. John Liver, for their help in gathering news and pictures for me.

Thanks to all of the people who give us our essential services during the year, the telephone men, the Hydro men, all of the captains and crews of our ferryboats, our own road crews, and many others.

It is with pride that I thank the Editor for his help and understanding, and all of the staff of Driftwood, they are the greatest!

May you all have a happy, safe, healthful, and most blessed Christmas season, and may the New Year bring everything that is wonderful to all of you.

### Charges laid following accident on North End Road

M.W. Cannon has been charged with driving too fast for road conditions following a motor vehicle accident on North End Road at 8.20 pm December 15.

Cannon's vehicle suffered \$300 worth of damage.

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Santa Claus has been in abundant evidence on Salt Spring Island during the past couple of weeks.



Mrs. P. Grist was one of the happy recipients of a fruit tray at Lady Minto Hospital



Residents of the extended care wing at Lady Minto Hospital had a surprise visit from Santa Claus last week, when he arrived to distribute fruit trays contributed by the Salt Spring Rotary Club. Among the recipients were [right to left] Mrs. E. Grey, Mrs. G. Stevens and Mrs. O. McIntyre.

**Pender Islands**

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The Scripture reading and candle lighting for the Advent Wreath was done by Ray Neil's Junior Class. Mrs. Myrtle McGregor's teen-age class presented the Nativity story, using the puppets which they had made beforehand, assisted by Mrs. McGregor and her husband, who made the stage for the puppet performance.

Mrs. Thea Kwak's beginners class were beautiful as the Wise Men carrying their gifts Mrs. Judy Neil and her young son Stephen played duets on the organ throughout the service.

The first Sunday evening of the month members and friends always gather to sing hymns together, at the United Community Church, and on Sunday evening, Dec. 3, Christmas music from the

past centuries was enjoyed with Joe Billyeald playing the organ and Mrs. Judy Neil leading the singing. Afterwards a fellowship time was enjoyed.

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Those of us on Pender Island and especially those living in the Port Washington area were very sorry to hear of the death of the Rev. Jim Daniels on December 9. He was our friend and neighbour, and left here just over a year ago to retirement at Fanny Bay. Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Daniels and family.

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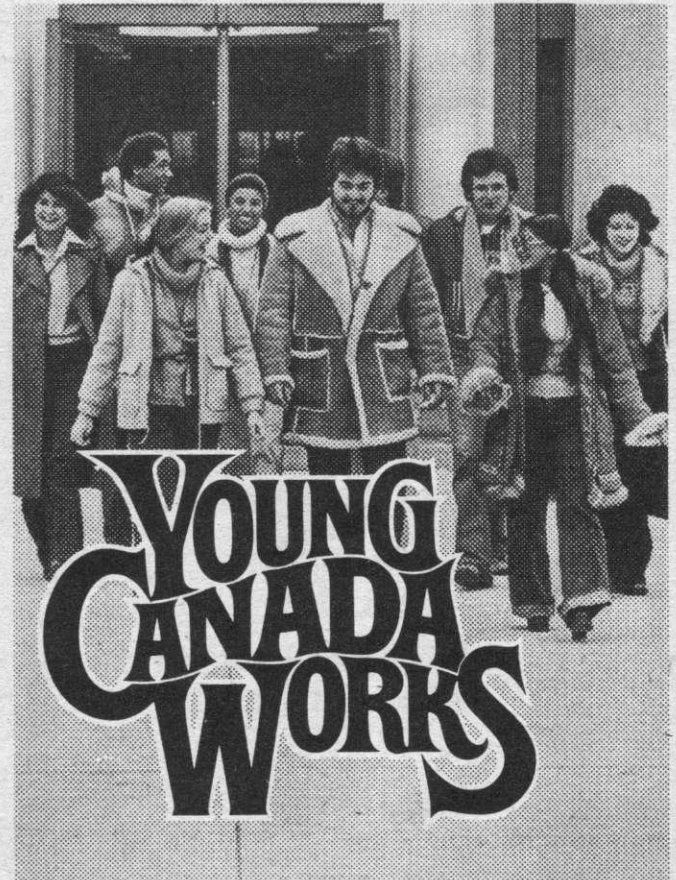
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# Nash calls for conservation until new cable completed

The vice-president of BC Hydro has called on island residents to conserve energy in order to help Hydro deal with the increasing energy demands of Vancouver Island.

In a speech to the Chemainus Rotary Club earlier this month Charles Nash said that little relief

from possible shortages is in sight until at least 1983.

Nash told the meeting that Hydro had investigated a wide variety of possible methods to alleviate the problems associated with more demand for power on Vancouver Island. He said that after close study Hydro has come to the conclusion that transmission of power supplied by a 500,000 volt transmission from the mainland appeared to be the most feasible answer.

**THERE IS NO WAY!**

"But there appears," he told the group, "to be no way this could be in service before 1983."

Nash discounted the possibility of development of several small hydro sites on Vancouver Island, in addition to pointing out that oil-fired gas turbines or the use of coal for power plants would not be sufficient to cope with growing demands.

Timing also is a problem, Nash told the meeting. Many of the alternatives considered by Hydro would take considerably longer than the addition of the 500,000 volt transmission line, therefore backing up power demands even further.

## Saturna Scene

BY MAGGIE HAYES

The most exciting weekend of the year is now over. Saturday night saw the hall alive with happy people as kids, parents, and loving friends and relatives gathered to see the annual Christmas concert put on by the school.

Everyone entered to see the hall in all its festive glory, thanks to those who spent Friday evening wrestling with fir and cedar boughs, armsful of holly, and all the holiday decorations.

Jim Money once again presented the community with a fine large tree, which was adorned with baubles and lights in no time. Christmas caroling added to the spirit of the evening.

Saturday's concert was proclaimed a success by its audience. The traditional Acrostic started off the programme, which included songs by the whole school, and by the intermediate and primary children separately, kindergarten recitations, short plays, an enactment of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas', and a medley of familiar songs.

Kathy Sheffield played piano, and Bill Sheffield ran the audio-visual equipment recording the proceedings. The arrival of Santa Claus at the end of the concert added to the delight and excitement of the little ones, especially as he had a special present for everyone.

Thanks are due to the Lions Club, Saturna Women's Service Club, Parents Group (for refreshment arrangements), Flo Ratzlaff and Annie Popperwell for help backstage, and the Sheffelds, in addition to all the parents and friends who worked on costuming for the pageant.

Sunday afternoon's drizzle and cold rain was brightened considerably by the arrival of the Bellingham J.C.'s 'Santa' ship. The usual squeals attended the pirates and clowns coming ashore, who began to decorate hands, steal kisses, plot kidnappings, and charm all the islanders.

Santa himself found time for a chat with all his fans, who went home happy with their bags of candy and individual presents.

Well, this was our last Christmas concert and Santa ship on Saturna, at least for a while. And this is our last column.

## The awakening

There's nothing jars a grey-haired gal,  
Like meeting with an old school pal,  
The one she thought was dumb, or churlish,  
Who has six kids, and still looks girlish.

-John Healey

# Season of giving

## \* \* \* CHRISTMAS AT CAMP YAWACA

BY MARG SIMONS

Christmas on Salt Spring is certainly a time of giving, and on December 10, at Camp YaWaCa, the generosity of the Island was at its peak.

Many Islanders had the opportunity to share in the providing, preparing and servicing of a Christmas turkey dinner to Senior and handicapped members of our community.

Others gave their talents to entertain, while many drivers willingly helped with transportation.

It was a marvellous event, involving about 100 Islanders, enjoying each other's company, and sharing dinner.

The main course was prepared

by Louisa Hilckman and Joan Dow.

The Hall was decorated by Bert Hilckman, assisted by the new YaWaCa caretakers, Tom and Diane Stokes, and the Hilckman family.

Reid Collins was Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon, and Wilf Davies and students provided music.

The "giving" theme continued when a guest circulated a collection plate. The proceeds were presented to the hostess of the afternoon, Louisa Hilckman, who directed the donations be turned over to the Mendies family fund. Thank you to everyone involved with this event, it was a privilege to be the co-ordinator.

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# Probation, curfew for boat thief

Robert G. Dougherty, 18, has been put on two years probation after pleading guilty in Ganges provincial court to theft over \$200 and misleading a police officer.

Dougherty was charged in October after a pleasure boat belonging to Tom Elliott of Pender Island was stolen from Thieves' Bay there. The boat was found near Prevost Island, partially submerged and suffering about \$1,300 damage.

When searchers found Dougherty and a friend on the island the pair denied having anything to do with the boat, saying they had arrived there in a sport kayak. Consequently a search was mounted for the missing operators of the boat.

Judge F.C. Giles was told by Crown prosecutor Don Laughton that the search, which included a helicopter and diving teams, had cost in the neighbourhood of \$2,000 by the time Dougherty admitted to having been the operator.

Dougherty, who is a student and lives in Victoria, told the judge that he had already paid the boat owner \$1,000 in order to help cover the repair costs on the craft.

In addition to the probation, Dougherty will be subject to a curfew of 9 pm weeknights and midnight on Friday and Saturday until his 19th birthday.

## No cinema till January

Island Cinema has closed for the Christmas season, and will be re-opening the first weekend in January, with "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Salt Spring Community Cinema Club will also be re-activated in the new year.

The surprise Christmas gift movie which was shown December 15, was Buster Keaton's best movie, and one of the funniest movies ever made, "The General".

# FERNWOOD Elementary School News

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 15 the Fernwood and Salt Spring Elementary schools had a Christmas party. Students brought food to eat for a buffet lunch and records to listen and dance to. This party started at 11.30 am and ended at 1 pm in time to clean up and get ready to go home for a nice Christmas holiday.

**Linda Quesnel**

## THE CHRISTMAS PARCEL

Once upon a time, a little box of candy canes was made by an old man and an old lady who lived in a cottage way out in the country. One Saturday before Christmas they went into the village to sell their little box of candy canes at the market.

A little boy came and bought the little box. When he got home, he wrapped it in wrapping paper and wrote an address on it; he was sending it to a family across the country.

He dropped it into a mail box, where there was one other parcel. It ended up in the bottom of the mail box after ten more parcels were on top. The mailman came after the long wait, and picked up every parcel except for the little box of candy canes.

The box tried calling, but it was no use. It was very, very dark in there, the next pickup was on December 28. That's after Christmas! How can the parcel make it before Christmas? The time passed, and it was December 24. Just in time the parcel got picked up, and sent to the family across the country on Christmas Day.

**- Ken MacPherson**

## ICE SKATING

On Monday, December 11 the grade sixes and sevens went on the 10 am ferry to go ice skating at Fuller Lake arena. On the 1.30 ferry we came back.

When we were there on one half of the arena we played hockey and on the other half there was free skating.

We thank the parents for driving.

**- Mike Kitchen**

## WHEN IS FERNWOOD OPENING?

Many students of the Fernwood Elementary School have asked the teachers, "When is our school

going to open?"

Well, the answer is, approximately two weeks after Christmas holidays.

So have a happy holiday and a Merry Christmas. See you at our new school mid-January.

**- Laurie Simard**

## GRADE SIX SOCIAL STUDIES

Mr. Prendergast's grade six class is studying the Middle East in social studies. We learn a lot about the Islamic culture.

With the news mostly about Iran, Egypt and Saudi Arabia there is a lot to discuss. Recently we made two graphs. One about temperature and the other one about precipitation.

We compared Saudi Arabia and Vancouver and Saudi Arabia has much less rain and much more sunshine and heat.

**- Xandra van Hamersveld**

## G.I.S.S. BAND CONCERT

The Gulf Islands Secondary School put on a band concert for Fernwood and Salt Spring Elementary on Friday, December 8.

They were very good. They played the Beatles, Godspell and some music from Oliver.

**- Peter Collins**

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**- Kirsten Christianson**

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Then the ballet did four folk dances and a disco. Last but not least the grade four and five students sang several songs.

**- Wendy Ronne**

## Fine, probation for July

## impaired charge

Lynda L. Chmielewski of Salt Spring Island has been fined \$150 and was put on one year's probation in Ganges provincial court last week after being found guilty of driving with a blood-alcohol content in excess of .08.

The accused was charged July 9 after the vehicle she had been driving collided with a truck parked on the side of the road near the Fulford Community Hall late the night of July 8.

A motion of defence counsel Brian Lercher to have the over .08 charge thrown out on the basis that the breathalyzer tests weren't conducted as soon as practical, as provided for in another section of the Criminal Code, was dismissed by Judge J.C. Giles.



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## Down Through The Years With Driftwood

### 15 YEARS AGO

Full support for adoption on the Red Ensign as Canada's national flag has been pledged by IODE chapters across the nation, Mrs. V.C. Best, regent of HMS Ganges Chapter, informed the members at the meeting held Dec. 10 in Ganges United Hall.

IODE members are urged to make known the Order's stand on the issue, said Mrs. Best, and to write to their members of Parliament stating personal views.

Eighteen girls and their leaders took part in the Canadian Girls in Training national Christmas Vesper Service held Dec. 15 in Ganges United Church, with Mrs. C.W. Archer leader of the junior group, in charge.

Traditional Christmas hymns were sung with the church choir in attendance and Mrs. J.A. Tomlinson at the organ. Louise Lorentsen gave the call to worship and the invocation. Scripture readings were given by Linda Anderson and Carol Bennett. Miss Mary Corbett, senior leader, told an imaginative and appealing story of Mary's life prior to the nativity.

happy Christmas party in the Fulford Hall on Friday night -- there must have been about 80 children there, from tiny tots to teenagers.

The big Christmas tree was gay and colourful, with bulging balloons which fascinated small children.

Games were played and in the charge of Mrs. R. Kitchen, while Jack Roland kept a watchful eye on all, adults, children and even old Santa -- Jack made a very good M.C.

The children sang carols very nicely, with Mrs. A. House at the piano. Then Santa came with his bells a-jingling and a bag of gifts -- he was received with shouts and a mad scramble as he handed out gifts to every child there.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Heavy steel towers carrying high-voltage electric cables are springing up among the Gulf Islands again as the B.C. Hydro cuts an ugly swath through the countryside to take power to Vancouver Island.

The use of high-voltage transmission lines has effected a vast change in modern living, but it has brought its problems.

Meetings of the board of school trustees of Gulf Islands School District will in future be held on Wednesday afternoons, once each month.

The new time has been established for January and February to suit the members from other islands.

On this schedule a trustee can come to Ganges aboard the Sechelt Queen, spend the afternoon in deliberation and return home that night.

Weekend storm brought reports of damage from various islands, although major incidents were at a minimum.

Winds up to 60 mph lashed the islands and power went out on Pender Island as trees were toppled and brought down wires with them.

Float at Ganges Marina,

at the head of Ganges Harbour, wrecked its supporting dolphin and threatened to take the marine supplies down the harbour. Log boom at the head of the harbour also suffered some damage.

Gulf Islands School District has asked the department of highways for a special appropriation for reconstruction of the road to North Galiano.

At an earlier meeting trustees had agreed to press for the special allocation of funds in order to bring the road up to condition warranted by its regular use as a school bus route. Residents of Galiano have already taken up a petition asking for the work.

Road work is currently under way and an extensive graveling program is now being undertaken, trustees learned last Wednesday afternoon.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

The Department of Human Resources announces that an Advisory Committee of Salt Spring Island Citizens has been appointed. The appointment of this committee is in keeping with Departmental policy in requesting assistance from local citizens in formulating changes or expansion of its present programs to meet local needs.

Christmas will be thin for a small segment of the islands' population.

They are the five patients kicked out of the extended care unit at Lady Minto Hospital, for whom there are no facilities available.

Hugh Curtis, MLA for the Islands, has been accumulating correspondence from islands residents who are left to seek new accommodation for relatives and friends discharged from the extended care unit on the grounds that they cannot be cured. The extended care unit was expected by many islanders to take care of elderly relatives indefinitely. This has not been the case and many very aged patients have been obliged to find alternative accommodation.

Two Fulford properties went dry last week when their source of water ran out.

Fulford Community Hall and the Anglican Parish of St. Mary's were left high and dry. Gordon Cudmore, owner of the system which had previously served both properties for the past 40 years, stated that the pipeline supplying both users had plugged up and he is spending no more time and money on the community until the Regional Board co-operates with him.

When he had protested the inclusion of the three-acre hall parking lot in the agricultural reserve, Cudmore explained, he had been denied relief. Second parcel, between the church and the Telephone Co. property, purchased as a commercial parcel is also listed as farmland despite his protests. The parking lot is listed as farmland and taxed as a parking lot, he protests.

He was also indignant at being denied access permits to his Fulford property by the department of highways engineer in Victoria.

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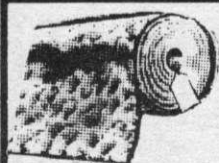
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**SPORTS**

# Soccer buffs get a break

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**

Winter winds, the hope of snow and the holiday spirit brought the soccer schedule to a close last weekend, for the Christmas break.

With Salt Spring's teams having reached the mid-point of their respective schedules, players and coaches can reflect on a very eventful fall schedule. The weather, although damp at times, has been good enough to allow almost all games to be played to date.

Along with the full slate of games the Association has provided the players with a full program of activities, such as the Kick-A-Thon contest, a fund-raising project based on sponsorship based on yardage kicked by each player; the referee's course, an informative course outlining the rules of soccer, which incidentally saw 13 graduates become referees; the Vancouver Whitecaps clinic, a clinic designed to improve the knowledge

of soccer and its skills for players coaches and supporters; jamborees for the intra-island player, small competitions designed at creating variation in their schedule.

The spring schedule promises even more for the youngsters of Salt Spring along with the league, cup and tournament games. But before the new season dawns a brief recount of our local teams to the half way marker should show the progress Salt Spring soccer has made.

**SALT SPRING ROTARY CANADIANS**

The association's oldest team has had a very up-and-down season to date. Their record of five wins and five losses shows their lack of consistency during league play, but when one remembers they are playing in the 2A section with five players under-age, their accomplishments are truly amazing for an Island team.

A lot of this credit must go to their coaching staff of George and Marty Legg, who along with the hard work of the boys have built a solid reputation in Victoria play.

Unfortunately, George and Marty are leaving Salt Spring at the beginning of January, a sad loss for not only the Canadians but for the Association as a whole.

The association is working hard to fill the coaching gap so that the Canadians can continue their fine style of play.

**SALT SPRING KICKS**

The newly formed Kicks, under

their mentor, Mel Coates, have forged to the top of the 5C league with an eight wins - two ties - 0 loss record.

The Kicks play a very disciplined style of soccer utilizing good positional play and some excellent passing. At times their team-play has their opponents completely mesmerized, very evident from some of the high scores they have rolled up.

The combination of experienced players with the new and rapidly-improving youngsters has been moulded exceptionally well by Mel Coates, giving Salt Spring yet another team that represents the tradition of good Island soccer teams.

**SALT SPRING STRIKERS**

Salt Spring Island's latest addition to off-island play is the 6C Strikers, coached by newcomer Strick Aust. Strick has done a commendable job building the new team, as their three wins, four losses and two ties reflect.

Their inexperience shows at times but with continued practice and games the boys should get into another Salt Spring team that can compete with the best teams.

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The association's senior girls team has been a bright spot again this season. They currently hold a three point lead at the top of their division and have beaten most of their opponents quite handily.

The over-all record is eight wins, one tie and one loss, with the only loss to University of Victoria in an exhibition game. The impressive statistics are shown in goals for and against. The Sockeyes have scored 40 goals and only allowed eight to be scored against them, and including their six shut-outs, the record proves the Sockeyes are a pretty awesome team to contend with not only up to Christmas but probably after as well.

**INTRA-ISLAND DIVISION**

The teams were reviewed last week and therefore this week we will show the standings up to the Christmas break.

	GP	W	L	T	Points
Cosmos	11	8	1	2	18
Red Devils	11	8	2	1	17
Goblins	13	7	4	2	16
Canadians	12	4	6	2	10
Hornets	13	4	7	2	10
Wildcats	12	0	11	1	1

The league schedules will resume January 13 (off-island teams) and January 16 (intra-island).

We look forward to the new year as we have many exciting programs to present to be outlined in early January.

# Kicks continue as league high-rollers

**BY MEL COATES**

**Salt Spring Kicks 7; Cordova Bay Tigers 0**

The first half of the 1978-79 soccer season is now over, and the Kicks have not lost one game. They have defeated every team in the league except one, and they have done it by very convincing margins. The one team they have not defeated, Gorge Royals, they have tied on two occasions.

One of the consistent features of the Kicks' pattern of play is their ability to come on very strongly in the second half. Saturday's game was no exception.

For the first 20 minutes of the game, Cordova Bay played well with only ten men and the Kicks' goal experienced some very near misses.

Then the Kicks asserted themselves and took control of the game. The Cordova Bay goal was under constant pressure. The Kicks' movement upfield through interchanging and passing was of high standard and their work around the goal mouth was excellent.

The score card at the end of the game read almost like a team roster. The goals were by Tom Clarkson (2), Mike Blomley, Peter Coates, Paul Cottrell, Andrew Hoeller and Graham Lee.

One of the keys to the Kicks' success is the control exercised by Graham Lee and Andrew Hoeller over the centre-field play.

Yet another is the outstanding play of Lyle Brown in defense. However, the whole team is to be congratulated for an excellent con-

sistent effort.

A fine way for the Kicks to end the first half of the season.

## Mainly Mayne

**BY ELSIE BROWN**

Preparations for the Christmas Season are in full swing and soon it will be time for Santa to come down the chimney.

The main event during the week was the school Christmas concert which was an outstanding success. The teachers and students deserve high praise for the splendid programme.

Winners of the draw sponsored by the school were: Mrs. Bjornsfelt, cord of wood; Arnett Dill, doll; Jessie Craig, perm.

Services at St. Mary Magdalene church have been cancelled for December 24 and 31. There will be no services on those dates at the Community Church. Services will resume January 7.

The island was saddened by the sudden passing of Rev. James Daniels, former minister at St. Mary Magdalene church. We extend sympathy to Mrs. Daniels and the family. They resided at Fanny Bay, Vancouver Island.

Visiting Alan and Hazel Steward at Hardscrabble Farm has been Mrs. Jennie Botterill of North Vancouver. She is recovering from eye surgery, but it hasn't curtailed her activities in the senior citizens' organization in North Vancouver.

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# A look at the the progress of Salt Spring's newest team

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On Saturday the Strikers played the final game of this half of the soccer season. Although they were beaten 3-1 by Cordova Bay, a well-disciplined and more experienced team, the game could have gone either way at any time. The Strikers record now stands at three wins, four losses, and two ties. At first glance, this record may not seem to be impressive, but let's take a look at what the boys have really accomplished.

Below are the standings for Division 6C as of December 9.

	W	L	T	PTS
Gordon Head	6	0	2	14
Cordova Bay	6	0	1	13
Salt Spring	3	3	2	8
Cowichan	2	4	0	4
Prospect Lake	2	4	1	5
Gorge	2	4	1	5
Lakehill	0	7	0	0

As you can see, Salt Spring is solidly in third place behind the two power house teams in the league, Gordon Head and Cordova Bay.

Of the seven, two have four years of experience playing together as a team, Gordon Head and Cordova Bay. Two are brand new teams, formed at the beginning of this season, Salt Spring and Lakehill. The other three teams have been together for two years. Comparing ourselves to the other newly formed team, Lakehill, starts to give an idea of how well the boys are doing.

**AGE A FACTOR**

Another factor to consider is age. All the players on the other six teams are 11 years old, where as Salt Spring has three age groups, five boys are 11, eight are 10 and two are nine.

Here consideration must be

given, not for individual skills, which in the case of the Strikers are quite good, but for physical size.

Generally, teams have their biggest players in defensive positions and their smaller players in forward positions, as they tend to be quicker, which is a definite advantage for a forward.

The forward line of the Strikers, with the exception of Brian Kaye, have become used to giving up six to eight inches and 30 to 40 pounds to opposing defencemen. In the case of Gordon Head and Cordova Bay, the only two teams that have been able to beat the Strikers, this difference in size is unbelievably acute.

**NEED EXPERIENCE**

The Strikers have not had enough game experience yet to turn them into the well-oiled machine that some of the teams are. Most of the offensive drives are individual efforts rather than team efforts, but this ability is slowly starting to come together as the boys get used to each other and gain confidence in each other's

ability.

Much to the credit of the smaller players in the forward line, no matter how many times they get flattened by defencemen they never lose their determination to get back into the fray.

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Mrs. Bradley was predeceased by her husband, James, in 1965.

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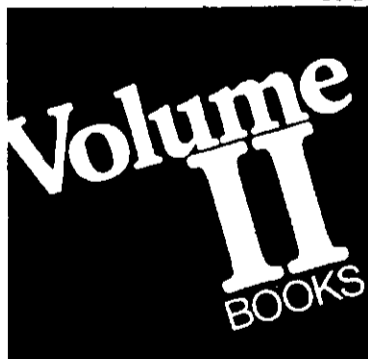
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"Prices have been pretty good," says Hengstler, "and I'd say it's been a better than average year for most fishermen in our area."

Hengstler says the population of fishermen based on Salt Spring is growing "by leaps and bounds", although some of the estimated 50 don't own their own boats.

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## Hayes family leave Saturna Island to live on Salt Spring

BY MAGGIE HAYES

The Hayes family has been on this fine island for five and a half years, now, and we find it very hard to leave, in a number of ways. The most special things we pack are memories, and the good ones would be hard to duplicate anywhere:

- working beside neighbours and friends on community projects..
- lamb, chicken, and pig barbecues, pot luck suppers and dances.
- coffee and conversation at the stores.
- 'Mayor' Arthur Ralph meeting every ferry, with many an anecdote to recount, and twinkle in his eye.
- the late Jack Saunders' ready wit and chuckle.
- gentle Clarice Warlow at the Christmas concert piano.
- John Silvester's smiles and apple trees.
- going out for salmon, crab and oysters, virtually on our doorstep.
- Bernice Crooks' warmth, open door and homemade cookies.
- the affection and attention the 'public people' (Jeannie at the post office, Lawson and Wick families at the stores) always bestowed on our kids.
- Mexican feasts at the Farm.
- Polly Howarth and Marjorie Ratzlaff ready to help out in any medical crisis.
- getting up for and complaining about the COD (crack of dawn) ferry.
- the watchful eye the island keeps on all the children - an extended family.

- Betty Carpentier's inexhaustable energy.
- Davina Vincent's sweet nature.
- the network of island crafts people, who produce such exquisite work crocheting, knitting, silk-screening, etc.
- sunsets in Lyall Harbour.
- painting the Hall, smoking salmon, sharing babysitting, exchanging garden tips and produce, picking blackberries to make jelly and wine.
- Taimi and Bob's many kindnesses.
- Marie McMahon's cheerful greetings.
- The list is endless.

### COMMON THREAD

The common thread in all the memories is the sense of sharing and of real community, of being comfortable knowing everyone you meet, and having a few words for everyone you know. Someone was always there to lend a hand or a screwdriver or a couple of eggs.

And the children -- our lives have been centred around them: the ones at home and the ones at school. We have watched them grow, often with amazement, always with care. And it has been a source of wonder and pride to see all the ages play so well together.

They learn from the adults. People treat each other well on Saturna. They respect each other's privacy, and eccentricities. They respected ours -- and if we find on Salt Spring some of the good feelings we've shared here, we'll be very lucky.

Thank you all!

### HOPES LEFT

- We leave Saturna with our most sincere hopes for the coming year:
- That Jeannie Morgan is home as soon as possible from hospital, in the best of health and spirits.
- That the Outer Island secondary transportation problem is solved for once and for all.
- That Betty and Gordy's pub is a big success for them.
- That the water system goes ahead with no major holdups.
- That the tennis courts are completed and see much use and
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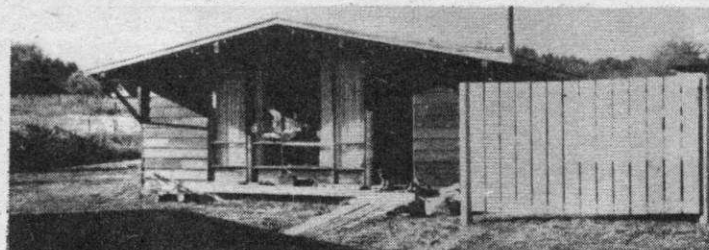
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## Principal leads off show as

# Christmas Concert presented by students at Mayne Island School

The annual Christmas Concert presented by Mayne Island students was held in the school Activity Centre, Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm.

An excellent programme of plays and singing was enjoyed by a capacity audience. Principal, Tony Rogers, brought greetings from the school to start off the evening's entertainment.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs was presented by Grades six and seven. Narrator was Ingrid Wickheim. Members of the cast were: Good Queen, Lee Bryan; Evil Queen, Kia Hardy; Mirror, Lisa Harapnuk; Snow White, Lesley

MacArthur; Huntsman, Clayton Overholt; Tree, Tim Gorosh; Seven Dwarfs, Dopey, Mike Tupper; Grumpy, Janette Imrie; Happy, Val Somerville; Bashful, Chris Burden; Sneezzy, Ross Burden; Sleepy, Beatrix Nord-Leth; Doc, Gordie Lane; Prince, Jack Howieson.

Charlie Brown's Christmas Spirit was presented by Grade nine. Members of the cast were: Snoopy, Derrill Imrie, Woodstock, Ron Tupper; Sally, Jennifer Hughes; Lucy, Connie Crocker; Peppermint Patti, Angele Byrnes; Red-Headed Girl, Kathy Templeman; Marcey, Shelly Crooks; Charlie Brown, Bobby Wilson; Linus,

Gina Wilson. It was a very humorous sketch, describing what each one felt about Christmas.

### CHOIR TAKES PART

The School Vocal Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Nita Flick, gave a splendid performance. Assistant accompanist was Lesley MacArthur. The following items were on the program: The traditional Silent Night, A Star was His Candle, On Christmas Day, Carol of the Bells, Do You Hear What I Hear. Singers were, Katy Tauber, Cammy Pugh, Alana Morbin, Alanna MacLennan, Beatrice Nord-Leth, Ingrid Wickheim, Lesley MacArthur, and Irene Tamboline.

Santa's Workshop was presented by kindergarten and Grades one and two. Opening scene was the night before Christmas in Santa's workshop.

Representing the various toys were: soldier, Peter Jarman; doll, Kristine Wickheim; bears, Mary Ingram and Danny Bjornsfelt; story book, Colleen Hammer; clown, Jody Gallaher; horn, Joshua David; cowboy, Shawn Thomas; cats, George David and Jimmy Aitken; train, David Ingram; drum, Barney Bjornsfelt; building set, Summer Fragomeni; Santa's Elf, Troy Loren; Jack-in-the-box, Jake Van Dort.

Sing Along Carols with all joining in included Joy to the World, O Little Town of Bethlehem and Deck The Halls.

Ko-ishin-mit and Son of Eagle were offered by Grades 3-5.

Introduction was by Katy Tauber. Others were Ko-ishin-mit (Son of Raven), Tara Bryan; and Lisette Wilks; Pash-hook, (his wife) Alanna MacLennan; Son of Eagle, Robert Hammer; Mama Eagle, Charleen Tupper; Swallows, Lezlie Gorosh and David Drummond. Narrators, Shane Lorenz, Cammy Pugh and Alana Morbin; Stage managers, Erick Wickheim and Philip Pugh; special effects, Chris Johnson.

Nativity Scene was produced by kindergarten and the first two grades with the choir from grades six to seven.

Cast was: shepherds, Shawn Thomas, Jimmy Aitken and Danny Bjornsfelt; Mary, Colleen Hammer; Joseph, Peter Jarman; Angels, Mary Ingram and Summer Fragomeni; Wise men, David Ingram, George David Barney Bjornsfelt; Children, Joshua David and Jody Gallaher; Donkey, Jake Van Dort; Cow, Try Lorenz; Sheep, Kristine Wickheim.

Something Odd About Santa, grade eight presented an amusing play based on an original idea by Joe Crocker.

Members of the cast were: Elfy, a bad elf, Irene Tamboline; mouse, Schon Hardy; Susie, Tatia Campbell; Georgie, Tracey Anderson; Mommy, Brian Stephens; Filthy Fred McFloogle, Joe Crocker; Little Old Lady, Kathy Baines; stage hands, Steve Harapnuk, Brad Thompson and Jamie Carpenter.

Responsible for lighting on stage were Brad Thompson, Derrill Imrie and Ron Tupper.

The programme ended with the singing of We Wish You a Merry Christmas by the school assembly.

Refreshments were served by the parents and staff after Santa made his appearance with his bag full gifts for the children. A fitting end to the evening's entertainment.

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Five acres of Agricultural Land Reserve in Vesuvius, \$30,000

Two five acre lots, corner Bridgman and Beaver Point Roads, \$24,500 and \$25,600

These three lots on Monteith Drive are good investment properties at these prices: .98 acres, \$14,500; .94 acres, \$15,000; .99 acres, \$15,500.

High view lot overlooking Ganges Harbour, a superb view from excellent building site; also plenty of room on this 2.5 acres for your guest cottage. \$24,500

CALL IVAN MOUAT, 537-5515 Evenings 653-4463

### SEAVIEW

Waterfront across road from this modern home, level lot with piped water, located north of Fernwood. \$54,000

### FAMILY HOME

3 bedrooms (could be 4) large rec room with a dry bar and fireplace, combined living & dining room, double plumbing and on a landscaped lot. Immediate possession \$60,900 terms.

11 acres subdivided, 3 bedroom modern home with seaview, work shop rented for \$150 per month, asking \$94,500

### BUILDING SITES

0.62 acres, piped water, beach access. \$14,000

2 acres, arable drilled well, terms. \$17,000

1/2 acre, piped water, Fulford Harbour \$16,000

5 acres, heavily treed. \$25,600

1/3 acre, Mobrae, lakeview. \$15,000

CALL BOB TARA 537-5515 Days 653-4435 Eves.

### ECONOMY HOME \$32,900

This home has all the basics. 800 sq. ft. sea view, 2 bedrooms, Franklin fireplace, quality wall to wall and heating bills of \$30 per month. The house is sound, the decor is nice and the price is right. Try an offer!

### WARM FAMILY HOME

Cedar trees outside, beautiful cedar inside. This home has rich wall to wall, many handcrafted features, leaded bay window and an old brick fireplace. Ideal family home with 3 bedrooms and 4 piece bathroom upstairs, all for the kids. This 1300 sq. ft. 1 1/2 year old home is fairly priced at \$54,500. MLS

CALL MARTIN LIPSKY 537-5515 Days 537-2197 Eves

### ACREAGE

60 acres of sea view land, good soil, needs clearing. Price \$49,500

2 acre lots priced from \$16,500 with good terms, paved road, water and power, some very nice sea view.

10 acres, with parklike building site, driveway in, some marketable timber. Price \$32,000

5 acres, excellent valley views, heavy treed, driveway in. Price \$22,500

5 acres of flat cleared arable farmland, located in Vesuvius area, water power, paved road. Price \$29,500

4 acres, arable land, treed, water, power, warm exposure. Price \$27,500

27 acres, sea view, moss covered rocks and arbutus trees throughout. Price \$69,000. Subdividable.

CALL MEL TOPPING 537-5515 Days 537-2426 Eves.

### TWO HOMES ON ONE LOT

Almost 8/10th of an acre landscaped with pond and fruit trees, large cement driveway and turnaround area. Main house has full basement with new wood/oil furnace and is rewired; 6 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bathrooms, large kitchen and pantry; fireplace in living room plus glassed in porch with excellent sea view. Guest house has 2 bedrooms and ample room. Total rent \$455/mo. Firm price \$67,500. Close to Ganges Village and on Maxwell Lake watermain.

### 'THE OWL'S NEST'

Named for its private perch overlooking St. Mary Lake with glimpses of ocean. Admirably finished in "Ponderosa Pine" from Oregon. Absolutely spotless and like new, a charming 2 bedroom home with vaulted ceiling, plenty of glass, a heatilator (reflector) fireplace and workshop. Reduced price of \$47,900. (Terms available) shows owner's sincere desire to sell.

For appointment to view, please call:

DICK TRORY 537-5515 Days 537-2236 Eves.

### VIEW PROPERTY

2 bedrooms, large living room with F.Place, dining room, sundeck, large insulated garage for additional development. \$57,500

### SECLUSION

2 bedrooms on wooded 3/4 ac. lot - house set well back. \$49,500

11 acres - high view property \$35,000. Road in place.

15 acres - exceptional view property \$42,500



One acre - cleared good garden soil, reduced to sell. \$14,900

CALL C.R. O'CONNOR 537-5515 Days 537-9649

### PENDER ISLAND

### LOW LOW '30

Several homes 'suitable retirement' or summer cottage. Wooded private lot.

Lakefront Lot, new on the market. \$15,000

Good anchorage and beach, custom built seaside home. Built in barbecue, 2 massive fireplaces, sunken tub. Asking \$79,500

Building lots from \$6,000 and up.

CALL LOU HENSHAW 629-3493 or 629-3563 PENDER ISLAND, B.C.

### GALIANO ISLAND

Log cabin on 1.26 ac. 1 BR down, sleeping loft up, fireplace, sundeck, carport, ideal spot for children's holiday. \$47,500.

Spacious family holiday home on 1 1/2 ac. woodland with 160 ft. sandstone beach, safe swimming, summer moorage. Open plan with 2 BR down, 2 BR up, coppertone appliances, a/o furnace, fireplace, extra large sundecks, workshop. \$92,500.

### BRAND NEW AREA

10 acre parcels, some arable land, view home site, hills and valleys from \$37,500 to \$47,500 on long terms. All have seaview and some are semi-waterfront.

CALL JEAN LOCKWOOD 539-2250 Galiano Branch Office, GALIANO, B.C.

# Shutterbug

## Photographing Christmas

BY CEDRIC J. BARKER

If you could hear every shutter release each time a photograph was taken in Canada, December 25 would sound like World War II.

In the midst of this profusion of photographic endeavour, there is

the spot photographing the family from the moment they open their eyes. It will be a lot of fun for the youngsters to act as stars in your movies or stills. A script in the form of a checklist will ensure that you do not miss anything.

appear more spontaneous and naturally lighted than if you were to use daylight balanced film and flash. No flash units or flood lights need to be purchased. Simply re-position table lamps to provide even lighting. Remove the lampshades from those lamps behind you to give additional light. Under lower levels of illumination, a tripod may be needed, or 200 to 500 watt light bulbs may be substituted in lamps.

When your camera is loaded with Tungsten film, you must avoid daylight and fluorescent lighting unless you have filters 85B or FLB respectively.

### DAYLIGHT FILM

All cameras using daylight balanced colour film can use an 80A filter for tungsten lighting. However, this filter causes a loss of 2 stops value of light, so that simple instamatics and instant print cameras may be ruled out. When the 80A filter is attached, more advanced cameras loaded with ASA 400 film will operate as if you were using ASA 100 film.

Kodak advises that their ASA 400 films are universally colour balanced. That is, they intend that you use this film with daylight, fluorescent and incandescent lighting, alone or mixed. However, do not expect the results to be perfect, unless daylight alone is used.

Of course, you can shoot colour film of any sort with tungsten lighting without an 80A filter. Regular Ektachrome slide film gives servicable results. Better results may be obtained with colour negative film because the colour balance can be slightly altered in the printing. Instant print films yield a very strong orange colour, but this may be moderated slightly by allowing daylight into the scene.

On the other hand, shooting black and white film will give you no problems at all where light colour balance is concerned. Film speeds available go as high as the incredible Polaroid ASA 3000 print film.

After considering all the technicalities, the main thing is that your pictures capture the joy of the season. Merry Christmas!

### South end's icy roads take toll as cars skid

Black ice on the road between Rock Crusher Corner and the Cedar View Mobile Home park took its toll early on the morning of December 14. At least two vehicles wound up in accidents as a result of the slippery conditions.

At 7.15 am that morning a vehicle driven by Deborah Christmas skidded, ultimately sustaining \$300 worth of damage.

Shortly after the first mishap, at 8.15 am a car driven by Pat Irwin slid on the road and ended up in the ditch. That vehicle suffered more than \$500 in damages.

### That's liberty

The equal maid, so full of poise,  
Has freedom to the letter,  
But now she's just one of the boys,  
There's no one left to pet her.

-John Healey



very little originality in the portrayal of these holiday scenes.

To get your creative juices flowing, I will offer a few ideas.

### PICTURE STORY

The most interesting photographs tell a story. A series of photos describing a series of events, such as a Christmas morning, are even more interesting when nothing is left out and the pictures are presented in chronological order.

With this in mind, plan to be on

The results, if in the form of prints, will best be preserved in a photo album.

### AVAILABLE LIGHT

For those of you who use 35mm slide film, I suggest using Kodak Ektachrome Tungston film with a speed of ASA 160. Photos taken using household light bulbs of 60 or 100 watts or firelight will prove adequate but give the picture more warmth than might be expected from an Ektachrome film.

You can make your pictures

### Fulford TIDE TABLES

(Pacific Standard Time)

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	1045	10.9		1115	9.1
FR	1810	6.0	SA	1530	10.6
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# THE CANADIAN CROSSWORD

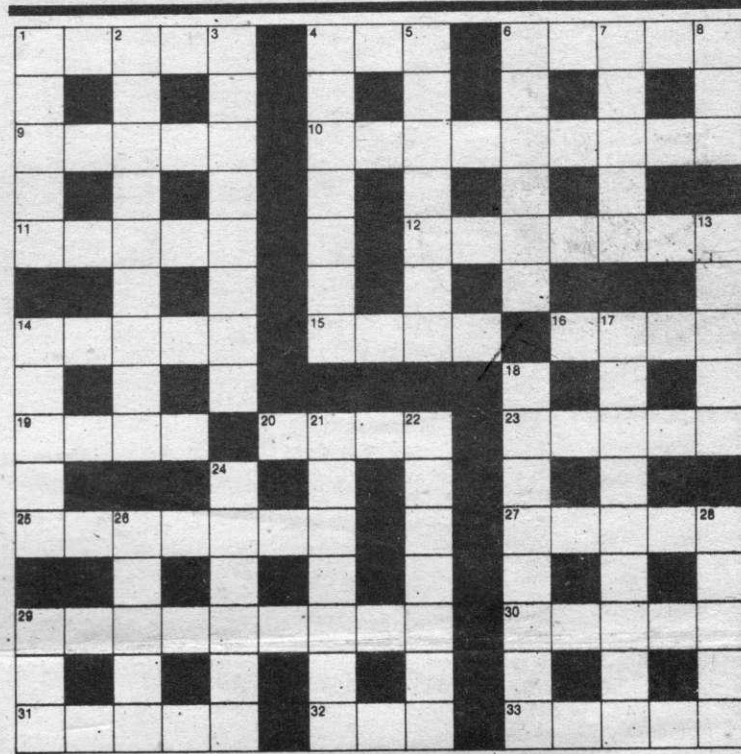
### ACROSS

- 1 With 6 across, Ed Broadbent's predecessor
- 4 May day
- 6 See 1 across
- 9 Ladder parts
- 10 With 25 and 20 across, NDP election slogan
- 11 Push
- 12 Factor
- 14 Rescued
- 15 B.C. national park
- 16 With 4 down, 1968 Trudeau slogan
- 19 Unusual
- 20 See 10 across

- 23 Not outer
- 25 See 10 across
- 27 Serve
- 29 \_\_\_\_\_ Estate
- 30 Indian weapon
- 31 Sits for portrait
- 32 Concealed
- 33 Angered
- DOWN
- 1 Challenges

- 2 West coast city
- 3 Comes down
- 4 See 16 across
- 5 Newfoundland drink
- 6 Untighten
- 7 Sea mammal
- 8 Notice
- 13 Teacher
- 14 Dry grass
- 17 Not normal
- 18 Mrs. Trudeau's maiden name
- 21 Dig up
- 22 Shattered
- 24 Indian boats
- 26 Ogles
- 28 Paddled
- 29 Faucet

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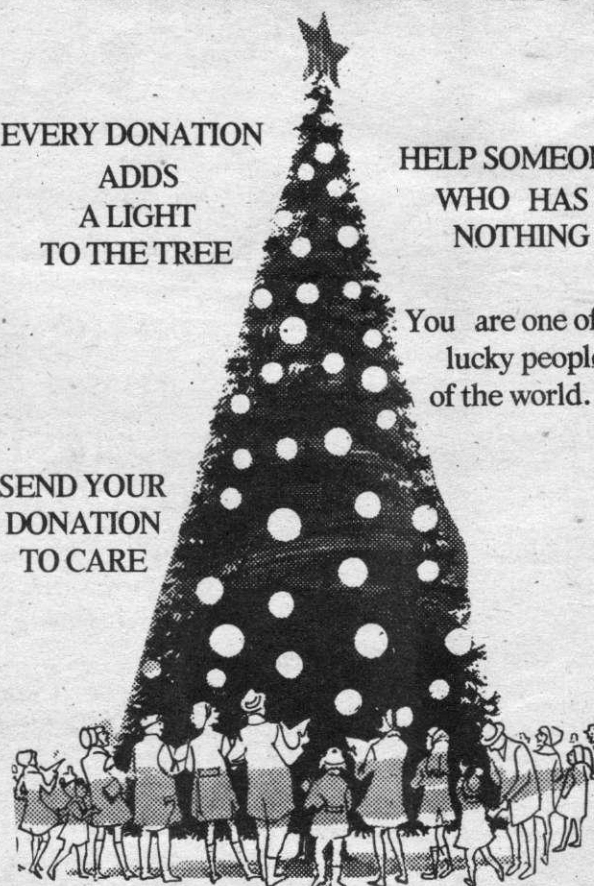
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A LIGHT  
TO THE TREE

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WHO HAS  
NOTHING

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of the world....

SEND YOUR  
DONATION  
TO CARE



Send your contribution for CARE of Canada to: Care Christmas Tree. Pender Island Lions Club, Port Washington, B.C. V0N 2M0

# Buses for island

Salt Spring Island is included in the regional transportation plans.

Inclusion has two effects, reports Regional Director Mike Clement.

Transportation tax will be imposed on island gasoline sales to finance, or underwrite bus services.

Bus service will be provided for Salt Spring Island.

No details are available, explained the regional director and no firm decisions have been reached.

## Georgeson fund is growing

# Rebuild job for burned-out boat

BY NORMAN T. WRIGHT

In a short ten days since the near total loss of Darrell Georgeson's "Sophia" the community response to the fire has produced solid results.

A benefit at St. George's Hall last Thursday raised some \$375 towards replacing Georgeson's personal effects.

Marianne Grittani, with the assistance of most of the young musicians on Salt Spring, entertained some 150 people during the evening which ended with a lump-in-the-throat version of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow".

Meanwhile, following the stripping of the damaged vessel last Sunday, Dave Jack of Saturna surveyed the hull of "Sophia" and recommended a rebuild.

With the assistance of Steve Nelson of Ganges Auto Marine and some of the many volunteers the boat will now be taken out of the water and transferred to a loaned site on the property of the marina company, where the rebuilding will commence.

### VOLUNTEER HELP

The volunteer labour for the project is being co-ordinated by Bill Squelch, Kurt Hengstler and Bruce

Hildred. Volunteers are donating an average of three four-hour shifts per man. Some shop tools have been offered and anyone else having the time or tools is requested to contact any of the three or phone Kurt Hengstler.

A Trust Fund jointly administered by Driftwood and Mouat's is raising money to provide the materials for rebuilding the boat and replacing the engine.

Donations have come from throughout the Islands where Georgeson and the Sophia have been a familiar sight for some forty years.

Dick Toynbee, one of the trustees, said, "We got a letter and cheque on Monday from a chap who hasn't seen Darrell for 15

Boat fund has been launched in Ganges and donations towards the cost of the vessel may be made to Mouat's Store, Driftwood or the Bank of Montreal in Ganges. It is hoped to collect a sufficient tribute to Darrell Georgeson to renovate the Sophia.

years. It's nice to know that Islanders still remember their own."

Which last is not inappropriate, considering the season.

## Ramsey heads drive

Les Ramsey has agreed to chair the campaign to raise funds for the much talked about expansion of the Salt Spring Library.

The actual campaign will not be launched until the new year when more information about the architect's plans and the money objectives will be available. It is also planned to make a full presentation at the annual meeting scheduled to be held at St. George's Hall at 3 pm on February 15, 1979.

In the meantime Les and his helpers have been canvassing a number of the library's good friends for interest-free loans to help finance the acquisition of the adjoining property, which is an essential part of the plan. These loans are being made in units of \$1,000 or less with no interest, maturing in December, 1980.

This will enable the library to avoid the need for bank loans at the going high interest rates.

The library has also received several donations for the building fund. The library is registered with the income tax department in Ottawa and is authorized to issue receipts that may be used for income tax purposes.

Cheques should be made payable to The Salt Spring Island Public Library Association and mailed to Box 366, Ganges.

## Channel 9 designated for citizens band emergency use only

Citizens band radio enthusiasts in the Gulf Islands should take note of the fact that Radio Channel 9 is no longer open for use as a call channel.

According to a federal Communications Department spokesman the channel has been designated for use as a distress or emergency channel only. The new ruling came in to effect at midnight, Wednesday, December 13.

# Jingle bells.



# Before Christmas.

To avoid the rush on Christmas Day, why not place your Long Distance Calls on Saturday or Sunday.

Regular discounts are available December 23rd and 24th, so call up when rates are down.

Direct dialling (112) is usually the cheapest way to place your calls.

If you don't know the distant number, you can get it by calling Long Distance Directory Assistance. But please do so a few days in advance to avoid the rush.

For information on discount periods, area codes and Long Distance Directory Assistance, please check your directory.

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