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## Fernwood School project cancelled

— For discussion again

Plans for the construction of the Fernwood School were held up last week when trustees of Gulf Islands School District voted against a motion to accept a tender for the project. Pender trustee Don Fairweather introduced a motion to accept a tender from a Duncan construction company whose bid of \$552,676 was the lowest out of nine submitted.

The motion was defeated in a 4-4 tie. Board chairman Tom Davidson was absent from the meeting so the tie could not be broken.

The vote followed a statement from Mrs. Pat MacPherson, who spoke for the Fernwood Parents Group. She urged the school board to consider the alternatives to building the half million dollar Fernwood School. There is a house on Kanaka Road, she observed, that could be used by the alternate class, and the district owns property next to the bus compound, where space is available for another building.

Among the disadvantages Mrs. MacPherson noted with regard to the new school was that it would have a splitting effect on the community. Quality of education would not match that of the Ganges school, she continued, and the condition of the roads around Fernwood would constitute a safety hazard. Transportation costs would go up, she warned.

Trustee Spencer Marr agreed that the board should not continue with the school. He did not feel there was sufficient growth on the island to warrant the project.

Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck forecast a bad situation in September.

"You've made your decision, what are you going to do?" he queried. "You don't have many options."

Don Fairweather later gave a notice of motion that the board reconsider accepting a tender at

## Miner's Bay wharf to be rebuilt

A Sidney pile driving firm has been awarded an \$87,000 contract to rebuild the wharf at Miner's Bay on Mayne Island. Dolphin Pile Driving began work on the project Monday and one of the partners in the company, Ron Tidman, told Driftwood he expected the job to be finished in about a month.

Some new pilings will be driven, said Tidman, although most of the existing pilings will remain. The wharf is to be completely redecked.

## Tribute to Harry Nichols

Relatives and friends of the late Harry Nichols continue to donate to the Central Hall Fund in his memory.

Margaret Cunningham, secretary-treasurer of the appeal reports that more than \$500 has been received so far.

Set at \$2,615,530

## Budget is highest in Islands school history

Operating budget for Gulf Islands School District for 1978 has been established at \$2,615,530. This compares with last year's

figure of \$2,172,015. New budget figure is the highest in Island history.

The new year's figure runs some \$30,000 above the maximum allowable increase permitted by the ministry of education and a by-law was approved on Thursday last week to exceed that limit.

Ministry countenances an annual increase amounting to 100% of the previous year's budget. Any spending beyond that limit must be authorized by a special by-law.

Chairman of the finance committee, Ivan Mouat told the board that his committee had tried to cut down by \$30,000, but they could see no area where it was feasible.

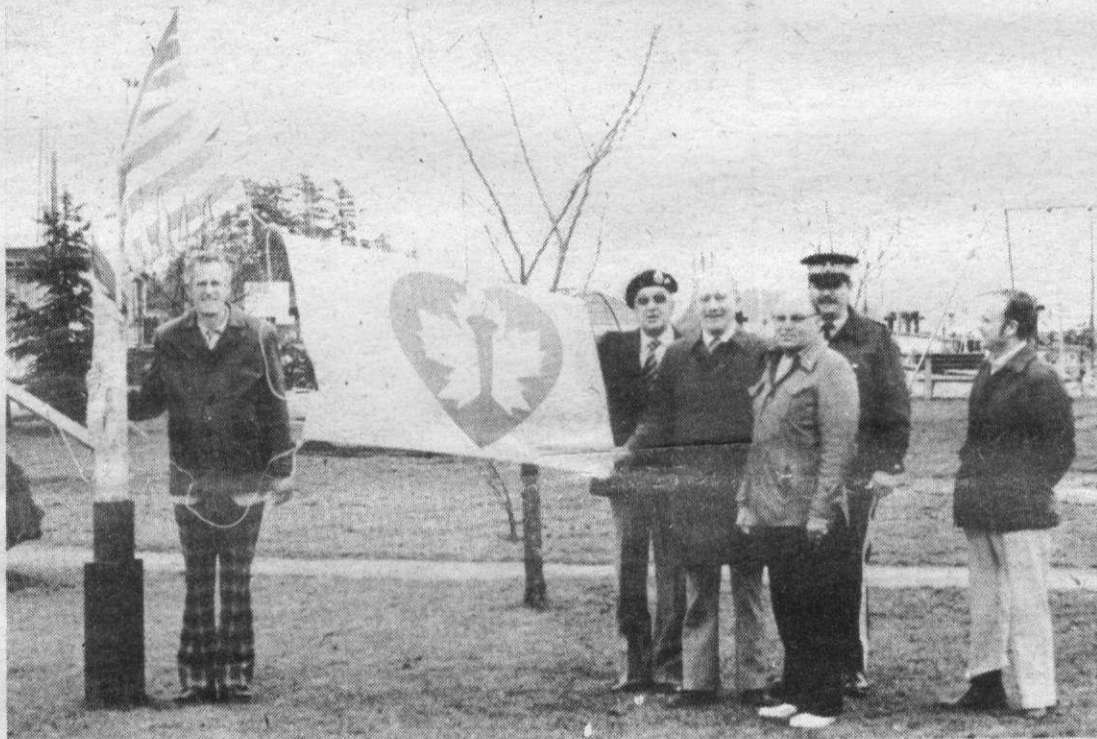
Breakdown of the budget figures in the significant areas is shown as follows:

	1977	1978
Administration	\$114,999	\$130,340
Instruction	1,350,222	1,572,970
Operation	159,485	182,900
Maintenance	73,754	109,600
Conveyance	103,728	134,500
Aux. services	22,711	34,800
Debt services	285,946	377,550

Over-run amounted to \$30,497.

Secretary-Treasurer Wilfred Peck agreed that the decision to be made later on Fernwood School would change the picture, but he could not undertake to re-write the budget by February 15 to accommodate such changes. It was a matter which would have to be taken up with the minister, he suggested.

## Heart campaign launched at flag pole



Heart Fund drive on the Islands officially opened on Monday when a group of island dignitaries assembled in Centennial Park at Ganges to take part in a flag-raising ceremony. Here are the islanders displaying the Heart Foundation flag. Present are Chuck Longueay, chairman of the drive; Const. Ace Mainwaring, RCMP; Bert

Timbers, president, Salt Spring Island Rotary Club; Ian Brown, past president, Salt Spring Island Lions Club; Gordon Hutton, president, Salt Spring Island branch, Royal Canadian Legion and Charles Horel, a former heart disease victim. Not seen in the picture is Bruce McFadyen, who prepared the mechanics of the ceremony.

## Phase one of sewer area

## Reduction in size is recommended

The recent order issued by the provincial government to proceed with the installation of a sewer system in Ganges has been termed arbitrary and autocratic by the Committee of Concerned Citizens.

A statement issued by the committee this week observed that the committee's objections stem from concern for elderly low-income residents in the sewer area.

"From the information now available," said the statement, "about 110 residents, a very large number of which are on fixed incomes, are facing lifelong payment for a sewage system installation which they do not need, plus an increase in taxes which they will be unable to afford."

"All of this to subsidize so-called progress which in fact consists of land and property speculation and business extension with its increased pollution."

### FUNCTIONING PROPERLY

Phase Two of the sewer area has been "arbitrarily scrapped", points out the committee, because sewage disposal systems in that area are functioning properly.

The same conclusion applies to many of the residents in the Phase One area, the statement said. The committee recommended that reduction in the size of Phase One would be the "most just solution". A disposal system for the hospital and school, continued the state-

## Anne McPhee wins \$5,000 from bank

Mrs. Anne McPhee has been presented with a substantial wedding present. Recently married, the Ganges housewife won \$5,000 in the Bank of Montreal dream draw.

To be eligible for the contest a candidate had to put \$50 or more in a savings account or a personal chequing account with the Bank of Montreal.

ment, must be paid for by the users: all the residents of Salt Spring and the Outer Gulf Islands.

The statement concluded by saying that sewage effluent should not be disposed of into the ocean.

"As evidenced by the programs of the towns in the interior there is no need to dump this effluent into the ocean; rather, it should be disposed of on the land area."

## Historians to meet at Saturna

The regular meeting of the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Association will be held on Saturna Island at 1.30 pm Sunday, Feb. 26.

Guest speaker will be Thomas M. Nichols, member of B.C. Mountain Clubs who will show slides and speak on H.B.C. Brigade Trails.

Visitors are welcome.

## Alternate

## List of 37 wants to enrol

There are 37 students now lined up for admittance to the Alternate Class.

On Thursday last week Gulf Islands School Board was told of the long list waiting to get in and urged to buy or rent a suitable property for the expansion of the class.

A 100% expansion of facilities will be needed, the board was told.

Sponsors of the class reported that there was a house for sale on the property adjacent to the school grounds. It was also suggested that a suitable house for the class was located to the rear of the Community Centre on Ganges Hill.

Trustees were not eager to debate that possibility.

Spokesman for the parent group will speak to trustees at the next regular meeting.

# Scouts and Guides to mark Scout Week

Salt Spring Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies next week will celebrate the February 22 birthday of Scouting's founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell.

To mark Scout Week, there will

## No smoking motion is defeated

Last week's annual meeting of the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute voted on a motion made by Paddy Akerman to prohibit smoking at the next annual meeting.

The motion was defeated in a tie vote when chairman Jan Harkema, enshrouded in a cloud of smoke, cast the deciding vote.

be a display in Mouat's store window starting Thursday. In Mouat's Mall on Saturday, Girl Guides will be offering cake, coffee and information on the Scouting movement.

The Baden - Powell Church Parade will be held at 10 am, Sunday, at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church. Scout Leader Wayne Cooper will act as Parade Marshal.

### BANQUET

Baden-Powell was born in 1857. Next Wednesday, exactly 121 years later, Salt Spring Scouts and Cubs will mark the date with a Parent-and-Son banquet at Our Lady of Grace church hall on Drake Road.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, the Scouts will handle the information booth at Mouat's Mall. Some activities will be staged outdoors, weather permitting.

# Band greets shoppers in Ganges Saturday



### BY LOIS JOHNSON

Ganges shoppers were serenaded on Saturday morning when members of the Salt Spring Island Stage band played to publicise the coming Band-Aid Dance to be held

in the High School gym on March 4.

Tickets are available for the dance from Pat Macpherson or Lois Johnson.

The dance will help raise money for the band student's 10-day bus tour of Southern California, where they will play concerts in schools in Oregon and California and make a side trip to Disneyland.

Music came to the island schools when a retired army officer, Major John Dought started commuting from Mayne Island to instruct any child in the fifth grade or above who wished to play. Since 1973 the group, under Wilf Davies, has grown to nearly 50.

### DANCE MUSIC

The Stage Band, a smaller group within the orchestra, and Whee Three will provide dancing music at the Band-Aid dance. Refreshments and food will be available.

Pictured above are Melody Cue and Jan Hull on trumpets, Rodger Morrirt, sax; Steve Macpherson, trombone and the rhythm section with bass guitarist Bruce Cobanli, drummer David Barnes and bandmaster Wilf Davies at the electric piano.

## Island drivers exempt from city inspection requirement

Gulf Islands residents are not required to have their vehicles inspected by a government test unit.

Last week a Gulf Island resident was in Esquimalt. His car was parked on the street and he watched a police officer leave him a ticket under the wiper blade for not having a vehicle inspection certificate.

He protested that he did not live in an inspection area and the officer told him it made no difference.

The driver took his ticket to the Victoria police office and protested being issued with the ticket. The police office informed him that according to the Motor Vehicle Act he must have his vehicle inspected if he travelled to the city more than once in every 30 days.

The officer was prepared to make a concession. If he would have his vehicle tested at once, the

office would destroy the ticket. Dutifully, the driver obeyed the officer, completely unaware that the police officer was writing a new law on the spot.

Like a good soldier, he obeyed and protested afterwards. Does every island driver have to take a test, he enquired.

Peter Hopkins, executive assistant to Energy Minister Jack Davis, was quick with the answer. Under Section 25:03, subsection 6 of the Motor Vehicle Act, he told Driftwood, a driver who visits an inspection area "occasionally" is exempt from being required to display a test ticket.

## Blinded by lights

Jack Haines of Maliview was run off Lower Ganges Road when he was blinded by undimmed oncoming headlights.

Haines, proceeding along the central switchback in the early morning on February 13 hit ice and skidded. His '70 Mercury Montego sustained \$200 worth of damage.

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if you would like to see Vince, please drop him a note or phone 537-2825 and leave a message

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## TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

How would you like that? There's Marg Simons goes to Hawaii and does everything the hard way, which is the quick way to a lasting sunburn. Too right it is! Marg came back home after cycling the warm roads of Hawaii. Her lips were sunburned. I'll bet she was blowing any trumpets last week. Funny thing, but Art Simons and she went around the islands on bicycles and Art had no troubles. He just got sunburned like anybody else.

I'm so old I can remember when a two-door sedan was a coach.... and a pickup was a light delivery.

It seems I have spent half a lifetime sitting in on the activities of school boards. Every year there is the budget to be debated and every year the trustees have the same heartaches. They examine the future operation of the school district and they decide what it will cost them and they then find out how to raise the money. At home each one of them behaves in an entirely different way. A school trustee may well sit at home and calculate the coming year's cost on groceries, rent, car, insurance, clothes, medical services, maintenance and other expenses and then call his employer and explain, Joe, I need \$37,000 next year. I'm sorry but I've looked in every direction and I can see no possible way of bringing it down! He would soon be out of a job. If the ministry wanted to be tight, it could insist that nothing exceed its arbitrary budget limits. It could say that last year so many dollars throughout the province were spent on so many children. Therefore, the cost per child was \$X. In the Gulf Islands there could be 1,000 children in school, therefore the total cost this year must not exceed \$1,000 plus 10%. Better the system change than the head of the house lose his job for imitation!

Hugh Curtis, Islands MLA and minister of municipal affairs, was telling me of his holiday in Europe. He recalls a small Kentish village, where the village post office was also a small store. He got off on the wrong foot when he addressed a woman who was sitting near the open door. Are you open for

business, he enquired. He is, came the answer. She proved to be the lady of the manor. After waiting for the manorial decision on the number of lemons to be purchased, Hugh asked for a postage stamp. The letter had been written four days and was getting impatient for a stamp. The post office section was marked closed, but could he stretch a point and sell a stamp. It was ludicrous, agreed the postmaster, but he could not. If he were to sell a stamp outside his licensed hours, he would face a fine of 250 pounds sterling and lose his franchise, should the postal union learn of his crime. He repeated, it was ludicrous, but he could only sell stamps at the prescribed hours of the day.

Life is a lottery. A man is born of another's wish into a condition which is a gamble before he can make a bet. He comes into the world susceptible to every one of a million diseases and catches only a minute portion of them. His survival is a gamble as he frolics through years of hazard among mayhem-motivated friends of tender age. School is a complete gamble. He may be bright and he may be dim. He may attend an excellent school and he may attend a jungle. Graduation is a gamble. He could complete his courses with flying colours or he could flunk out every grade. Finding congenial work is an utter gamble. He may walk into a pleasant career, adequately paid. Or he may end up a newspaperman. Marriage is a gamble. Look what most of us get! Raising a family is the biggest gamble of all. Mankind has always been a born loser. Even a lottery is a gamble. Most everyone buys lottery tickets. Some win. Women's Lib bought an Express Lottery ticket. That was a gamble. She had the right number but the lottery office had issued the wrong ticket and she couldn't get the bank to accept it. Sending it to the Lottery headquarters is a gamble. They might never get it. And how did I get into this? A man who hasn't backed a horse since he was a schoolboy when April the Fifth won the Derby in England in the 30's! And even that was a gamble!

Reader Phyllis Boltman, from

## Lions launch drive for blind

The annual fund raising campaign for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind is now under way and is sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club. The campaign is being directed by Lion Bob Foulis and your whole hearted support is asked for this very worthwhile project.

Here are some interesting facts about the excellent work of C.N.I.B.

When you switch on your living room lamp the electric light that brightens your room could have

been packaged by a blind person. More than five million bulbs are packaged, two to a container, for distribution across Canada by handicapped workers at The Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

When you make a financial contribution to The Canadian National Institute for the Blind you support an active prevention of blindness program as well as rehabilitation. Because half of all blindness can be prevented if treatment begins early, distribut-

ing information on eye care and organizing vision screening clinics are an important part of CNIB's work.

Pledge your eyes now to the Eye Bank of Canada so that one day your precious gift of sight will enable someone else to see. Pledge your financial gift now to the CNIB so that its rehabilitation program can continue to provide training for those without sight.

You may enjoy full sight and read this easily - but not everyone in this community is so lucky. A few will read it an inch away from their face under strong magnification. Some can't read it at all. Express your appreciation for your own sight with a cheque to check blindness. Support the CNIB campaign for funds now under way.

Computerized braille is now improving braille service to thousands of blind Canadians. According to The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, a weekly newsheet for deaf-blind readers was the first computerized braille service in Canada.

Training in the skills of daily living makes the difference between a well rehabilitated blind person and one in despair. Cooking, phone numbers in braille, brailled playing cards, good grooming, are a few of the daily skills of living available through The Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Your donation to the annual campaign makes these and other programs possible. Donations may be made directly to the Bank of Montreal in Ganges. An official receipt will be mailed.

Phil Sawford, Public Relations Chairman, Salt Spring Island Lions Club.

Washington, who is also a writer, called the office one day last week. She and her husband are firm followers of Mouat's store. She referred to the photo display in Mouat's Mall. It's one of the nicest things we know about for people interested in the region, she commented. And they have always thought of Ganges as a special small town.

And here's an old rhyme that is probably very readable as far as the conservationists are concerned. I found it in an Australian book, Wild Australia, a review of birds and men, by Douglas Dorward:

The law locks up both man and woman  
Who steals the goose from off the common  
But lets the greater felon loose  
Who steals the common from the goose.

British Columbia is freaky and filled with ghost towns. Or does the new tourist slogan mean something else? Super Natural British Columbia is a bit too spooky for me. I have nothing against slogans, but that one misses somewhere for mine.

Richardson was in Hawaii, jeered John Davies, but there was no

reference to John Davies being in Hawaii. Tough! And I didn't even notice he wasn't around!

First it was a garage sale by Kevin Bell. Then it was changed to Brian Logan's place. And then it was cancelled. But it seems one of them wanted to sell a garage. And that's more in Kevin's line of work.

It must run in the family. It is 18 years since Premier W.A.C. Bennett came to the Islands for a Cabinet meeting and heard a plea for ferry service from the islands. Last week Premier W.R. Bennett brought his Cabinet to the Island riding and was promptly asked about ferries in the islands. W.A.C. Bennett accepted a reference to his own designation of ferries as extensions of the highways. W.R. Bennett explained that his policy was to consider ferries the highways to the islands.

I have to hang my head in shame at Bruce Campbell's charge. A few weeks ago I wrote of a driver's right arm being atrophied. I have to agree that whether he's turning right or left, a driver still signals with his left hand. Gee! That hurts!

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### Not in Ganges!

During a heated debate on schools on Salt Spring Island, it has been mooted that the concentration of schools in Ganges be increased by the addition of a primary school within walking distance of the present school complex.

There could be no worse place for a school.

When the various outside schools were closed and the centralized system established at Ganges, the demand for a multiplicity of schools was non-existent. A single, central school provided everything that Salt Spring Island could ask for.

The elementary-high school was the beginning of the concentration. The construction of Gulf Islands Secondary School completed the picture. Recent expansion of both schools has indicated that there is no justification for further complicating the picture. The school complex is already lacking in playing fields.

Parking is a constant problem, during the school day and afterwards.

Whatever might be the future of Salt Spring Island school allocation, the Gulf Islands School Board would be poorly advised to countenance an extension of the present complex in Ganges.

Furthermore, the provision of a still greater concentration of facilities in the central area is not meeting the needs of the island in the foreseeable future.

We have heard very heated and some authoritative criticisms of island roads. Further centralization will only require still more students travelling still more island roads.

### A new route

Mr. Hugh Curtis is prepared to cast an approving eye on the switch of the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry service from the B.C. Ferry Corporation to the ministry of highways.

The observation arises from the fact that a week or so ago Premier W.R. Bennett was not eager to discuss the possibility.

There is more to this proposal than meets the eye.

The British Columbia Ferry Corporation operates the largest fleet of ferries in the world. And it had operated that fleet for several years before Ottawa even learned that there were ferries on the west coast. The federal government had been under the impression for a century that Canadian ferries sailed to an eastern terminal on Prince Edward Island.

Among the smaller problems of the ferry colossus of the west are the small routes served by the minor vessels. The trips from Swartz Bay to the Outer Islands, to Fulford; the service between Vesuvius and Crofton are chicken feed to the great British Columbia ferry operation.

If all these services were assumed by the ministry of highways, there would be the two operating functions in British Columbia. The Ferry Corporation would be handling the heavy traffic of heavy routes aboard the big ships. The highways ministry would be handling the small ships in the intimate ports of British Columbia.

The Ferry Corporation would be responsible for the major economics of British Columbia travel. The ministry of highways would be responsible for the provision of transport to those whose homes are otherwise inaccessible.

The division of the great and the small would also divide the urgent need for transport from the passing fancy for a trip.

Perhaps the islands need the ministry of transport more than they realized. And perhaps the ministry's ferry system needs the islands to complete its administration of waterborne highways to isolated communities.

### Inflation and the Board

The telephone operator is back and an agreement has been reached whereby wages will be sharply hiked.

What's new?

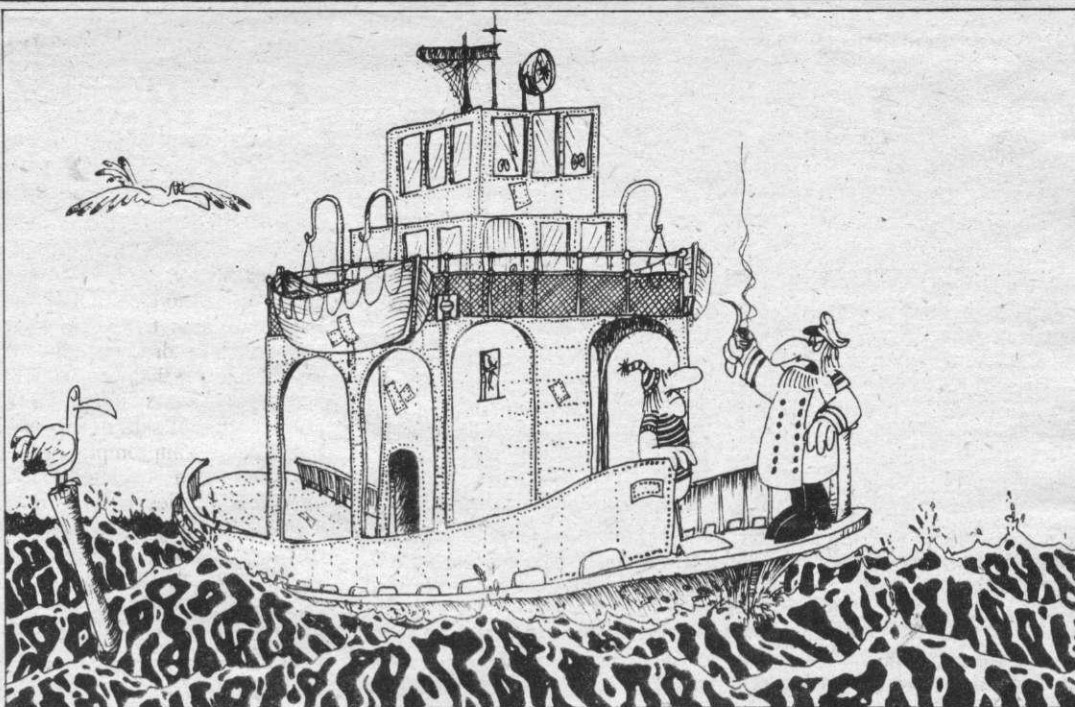
Almost every labour dispute ends in an increase in pay. Almost every increase in pay is passed on to the consumer. Almost every consumer seeks a pay hike to meet the increased cost. Almost every subsequent pay hike is passed on to the consumer....and so goes the spiral.

The national picture is less sharply focused on inflation than on employment. Nevertheless, the majority have pressed hard for the abolition of the Anti-Inflation Board.

The board may not be politically desirable, but who can question that it is economically desirable?

Every sign available today forecasts a speedy return of the AIB from any temporary oblivion which might engulf it.

Only alternative is starvation for the pensioner and the small businessman.



"WHO SAYS SHE'S GETTING ANCIENT, WE'VE JUST FINISHED RUNNING HER IN"

## Letters to the Editor

### INDEXING OF PENSIONS

Sir,  
As a taxpayer, may I add my supportive comments to a recent letter from Mr. and Mrs. Ward re indexing of pensions.

This indexing was and is being paid for by employees of the Canadian government. The employees have been required to contribute a percentage of their gross salaries for the basic pension, plus an additional percentage to cover indexing; all legal requirements of the Public Service Superannuation Act and the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act.

Negotiated contracts include in the pay package; sick leave benefits, vacation periods, pension benefits, etc. A superannuated employee receives no recompense for unused sick leave which formed a part of the pay settlement - personally know of people superannuated with over 400 days unused sick leave for which they did not receive a farthing. Please note that superannuation is not based on salary at time of superannuation, but on average annual salary over last six years of service. This cuts down the pensions considerably.

There is considerable hostile and misleading propaganda emanating from the various media and financial interests, particularly in the private insurance field. Are there the same interests that have "lobbied" the government re RRSP legislation, which directs holders of RRSP funds to purchase life annuities with his or her own savings only from an Insurance company and not the medium (Credit Union, or other) of his or her choice?

It is the ravages of inflation, draining all citizens' incomes, that created the necessity for the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act. If inflation can be overcome then indexing would no longer be necessary or greatly reduced.

Your readers should not confuse the Public Service Superannuation Act with the pension plan available to Members of Parliament; in many cases, after a very few years in the House of Commons.

If you have an interest, "pro" or "con" in this matter, write your local M.P. or the Minister of Supply and Services, Ottawa, as to the state of the Public Service Superannuation Account over the past few years, amounts contributed, paid out and interest paid on the monies.

Many radio Talk Show commentators freely comment on "guaranteed tenure" for life in the municipal, provincial and federal

fields. Any guaranteed tenure that may have existed certainly passed the way of the dodo bird many years ago. I have seen dismissals for trivial reasons and no reason at all: some, of course, for legitimate and deserved reasons.

J.A. Duthie  
RR 1, Ganges  
February 8, 1978

### SIMPLE SOLUTION

Sir,  
The controversy regarding the proposed Fernwood school seems to have a very simple solution.

I would like to bring to the attention of the School Board in many areas the extra class rooms have been built as a smaller school on a near by piece of property.

The proposed building for Fernwood could be located in the Ganges area. It could accommodate all grade one, all grade two and if necessary all or most of grade three. The Kindergarten class would have a permanent location, instead of, and as now having to use rented premises.

By keeping all the children in the Ganges area they could participate in all school activities.

I understand the original reason for centralising the school was to make full use of all the equipment, also to foster a spirit of co-operation for the common good.

The present bus routes and schedules would still be satisfactory, and no extra bus would be necessary.

Hoping for a peaceful solution to this important question as to how and where our school taxes go.

K. Taylor  
R.R. 1 Fernwood  
Ganges  
February 14, 1978

### LET'S HAVE IT HERE!

Sir,  
If the people at the north end of Salt Spring do not want a school, perhaps now is the time for the School Board to seriously consider building one in Fulford.

Many discussions have taken place in various Fulford homes concerning the need for a school at the south end of the island, and I understand that the idea of a Fulford school is not a new one to the School Board members.

Fulford children spend over an hour a day travelling to and from school in Ganges. Several children live more than ten miles away from school.

A small Fulford school with three to five classrooms will provide a community atmosphere where all children will come to know each other well.

Sending the young children from all over Salt Spring into the rather congested core centre of Ganges will, as the island grows, promote overcrowding and accompanying stress problems.

Parents will find it easier to become involved in the school's activities if they (1) know the children and teachers more intimately and (2) don't have to drive so far to the school.

A small rural school need not be without the learning opportunities of the larger elementary school in Ganges. Materials from the Resource Centre and the library can easily be transported weekly by a school bookmobile or by the students and teachers. I see no reason for the District to duplicate its educational facilities.

I feel that the children will be the ones who will benefit if the rural flavour of island life is retained in its schools. Hopefully the members of the School Board

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## Church Services

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1978

Church	Location	Service	Time
ANGLICAN	St. Mark's	Central Morning Prayer	11.15 am
	St. George's	Ganges Family Eucharist	9.30 am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
Weekly: Wednesdays			
ROMAN CATHOLIC	St. Paul's	Fulford Holy Mass	9.00 am
UNITED	Our Lady of Grace	Ganges SPECIAL MASS for the Scouts	10.00 am
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812 (church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm
	COMMUNITY GOSPEL	Mr. L. Sheppard	Ganges Sun. Sch.-all ages
537-2622 (church)	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30 pm
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# more letters

will give much thought to a school in the Fulford area.

Bly Kaye  
Reynolds Road  
Fulford Harbour  
Feb. 9, 1978

**FERNWOOD. PLEASE!**

Sir,  
We have given the subject of the proposed elementary school at Fernwood much consideration and have come to the conclusion that the school must be built. While we sympathize with many of the concerns other parents have, we feel that the major problem facing us all is that of suitable accommodation for our children.

There is presently a grade three class using a room in the high school complex which we understand is required by the high school. A kindergarten class presently uses the basement of the Gospel Church on Drake Road, off Ganges hill. Another class uses the rapidly deteriorating portable on the elementary school grounds and a grade one/two class is using what was to be a craft room in the basement of the activity centre.

Not one of the aforementioned areas is an acceptable learning environment and if suitable accommodation is not provided by September there is a real possibility of even more acute problems arising including schooling in shifts and forever larger pupil/teacher ratios.

The Fernwood School has been in planning for several years and is the logical next step in the present long range educational plan of the Department of Education; that is community oriented primary schools and centralized mid grade and secondary schools.

We urge all parents of children who will be attending the new school in the fall or in future years to consider the alternatives and to support the new Fernwood School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bossio  
Mr. and Mrs. K. Byron  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarke  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hazenboom  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Henderson  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Garras  
Ganges  
February 13, 1978

**ROWDINESS**

Sir,  
T.V.'s "Gong Show" is a mixture of the weird and the almost wonderful, the weird being the performers.

Our local Gong Show, unfortunately, demonstrated that the few genuine crazies among the performers were grossly and offensively outnumbered by the crazies in the audience.

One hopes that the money raised for the much-publicized Central Hall renovation has smoothed the hackles raised on some seasoned performers.

And that the rowdies have now retired back into the woodwork from which they emerged on Sunday.

Mary C. Williamson  
Ganges, BC  
February 13, 1978

**NO GONGS PLEASE!**

Sir,  
This past Sunday afternoon I had the pleasure of helping to entertain five score or so of our island's residents who had gathered at the Activity Centre in support of raising funds for the refurbishing of Central Hall.

As is usually the case in our community, there was no shortage of people willing to provide the necessary effort, both on stage and off, to promote this good cause.

I understand that somewhere around \$250 was raised by this production and congratulations are

in order for this success.

However, I would like to go on record as being in disagreement with the decision to use the "Gong Show" format.

I feel that the "Gong Show" brings out the worst in an audience by creating a license for boorishness. It sets failure as its standard, and is, therefore, anti-art.

As every veteran artist and patron knows, the communication that flows between stage and audience is what really creates a work, and the "Gong Show's" panel of judges only serves to interfere with this process.

Perhaps in Televisionland, where the "Gong Show" was created, success has become so rampant that failure is becoming "in". Consider the exclusive group of non-artists that is being created, their motto, "I was Gonged on the Gong Show!"

Anyway, enough said. Next time let's leave "The Gong Show" to the all-too-often artistically bankrupt medium of television where it will do no harm. Up the Hill!

Dan Harvey Pedrick  
Ganges, BC  
February 13, 1977

**NO HIGH SCHOOL?**

Sir,  
What a pity! Only a sprinkling of high school students was in the audience last night when Argelia Tejada, from the Dominican Republic spoke at St. George's Parish and a slide presentation of her country was shown.

This was an education for all of us, as it was clearly pointed out the unequal sharing of riches, and how we are contributing to this in our daily eating habits.

Their land is used by large American Corporations to grow sugar cane, for mining and beef production. The populace is used as a cheap labour pool. Raw materials and profits are then taken out of the country.

Not often do we have the opportunity to hear on our Island a dynamic speaker from a Third World country. I, personally, would like to thank the World Relief and Development Committee for their effort in arranging this program.

It has disturbed me for years how unprepared our High School graduates are to meet the world beyond our Island. This has led me to become a Board Member of the Society for Educational Alternatives.

I can see the sessions being offered by the World Relief and Development Committee as the basis for an excellent alternative study and growth experience for students of all ages.

M. Simons,  
Fulford Harbour,  
February 14, 1978

Sir,  
Last Monday I arrived back on Salt Spring after spending three

**Fine and probation for damaging Hydro insulators**

Gordon Georgeson, of Galiano Island, was given a two-year probationary term and ordered to pay restitution of \$750 when he appeared in Provincial Court Wednesday for sentencing on a charge of wilful damage.

Georgeson was convicted in December of damaging insulators on B.C. Hydro transmission lines on Galiano Island.

days in Surrey.

As I had no one to pick me up from the noon ferry, a friend on board kindly dropped me off in Ganges. From there I had to make my own way. My husband had the car at work. I had spent all my money on an impromptu excursion to Chinatown during its New Year's festivities. There was no money for a taxi. I was forced therefore to plant myself, my heavy suitcase and my tired 13-month-old son by the side of the road at the bottom of the Ganges Hill and attempt to thumb down a ride.

This I endeavoured to do, my restless son crying on my back. Car after car went by, most of them, I presume islanders. Two or three stopped but were only going a short way. The rest motored by, their faces a study in stony indifference. Car after car I tried, but after 1 1/2 hours, I was standing there still.

At this point, I felt totally exhausted, disillusioned and distraught. Where was that neighbourly island spirit I had recounted earlier? Had I been living in some kind of dreamland when I believed that Salt Spring kindness to exist? Had the milk of human kindness soured on Salt Spring? Why couldn't just one person stop to pick up me and my child? What did people think my child and I could do to them? Did we look like murderers and thieves? Did we look like filthy vagabonds? Or perhaps aliens from outer space? Or was it just that people could care less?

A woman tending a shop nearby then came out and offered to take me home. I didn't want her to make a special trip on my account but she insisted and gratefully I accepted.

We on Salt Spring have a unique opportunity to create a thriving community, one which manifests some of the greater qualities of human nature in attending to the fulfilment of our needs.

We have all kinds of people here, very different from each other in some cases, but with everyone having their own particular talent, asset and understanding to throw into the fire. With a respect for each other, the ecological balance of the island and future generations, we could really do something great on Salt Spring. Something which would make us truly proud to live here.

If however we throw away this opportunity by retreating from the issue of existence on this island and its needs, if we bring our big city self-involved, "just as long as I get my piece of the pie" attitude with us; if we just reproduce a miniature Vancouver, a miniature Surrey here on Salt Spring, what will we have gained by living here? What's the point?

If this issue means nothing, then perhaps those people should just return to the cold hard-nosed selfish mass out of which they came, it doesn't matter where. It's shameful and disgraceful to abuse this lovely island with such callousness and complacency. It is this very callousness and complacency which creates that cancer we seek to escape in those pathetic urban communities we are all familiar with. If Salt Spring goes the way of these dead communities it will be for lack of trying. If people here "blow it" there won't be anywhere else to go. Don't kid yourself. This is it!

If we sink into the apathetic selfish complacency of those bigger urban communities we will inherit

all their ills. We will get our share of violence, murder and rape. And does anyone here want that?

The solution is really very simple. It's the little, day-to-day things which count.

L. Meredith  
The Lady Meredith Fish Company  
Fulford Harbour  
February 9, 1978

**TIME TO BE HEARD**

Sir,  
There have been some disturbing rumours that a number of apartments and condominiums are contemplated in the Ganges area when a sewer system is installed.

At a time when the sewer controversy is so uppermost in the minds of the fixed income residents of the area, the feeling exists that they are being forced to subsidize the fortunes of such interests and those of real estate developers.

To those of us who do not desire that our island becomes a blot on the escutcheon with over-development, I suggest it is time your voices be heard.

Already the Capital Regional District has issued an order to the Pollution Control Board to proceed forthwith on phase one of the sewer project. At what cost to the householder we do not know. What system is to be used, we do not know. Where the effluent ends up, we do not know. Should it be into the sea then I beg all islanders who love the sea to speak out and not be misled with "treatments" that enable you to drink the water. Act now. Remember why you left the large populated areas for Salt Spring Island.

John G. Watson  
Ganges, BC  
Feb. 8, 1978



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## Funeral for retired Air Commodore

Funeral services were held on Monday for Air Commodore Russell Charles (Bus) Gordon, OBE, C.D., U.S. Legion of Merit, who died on February 8 at Lady Minto Hospital.

Born in 1904, Bus Gordon joined the RCAF in 1925, as a provisional officer. He was later granted a permanent commission in 1931.

He flew fire patrol and aerial survey operations in the Northwest Territories, the Yukon and in Northern Manitoba. In the early years of flying survey, Gordon transported a survey party to Mount Bruce catching an aerial view of the Islands and a bird's eye view of Salt Spring.

In 1932 he went north to conduct airborne research on cosmic rays.

In 1937 the late Bus Gordon was posted to England with the Royal Air Force Bomber command. Upon his return to Canada, in 1939, Gordon took command of the RCAF No. 10 Bomber Squadron at Halifax and Gander.



AIR COMMODORE R.C. (BUS) GORDON

In 1944 Air Commodore Gordon returned to England to take command of a bomber station until 1945. He then came home to Canada where he served in air force headquarters at Ottawa and Northwest Air Command in Edmonton.

Transferred to Washington, D.C., in 1947, Gordon was air member of the Canadian joint staff and air attache at the Canadian Embassy. He was awarded the Legion of Merit by the United States.

In 1950 the Air Commodore served at Maritime Air Command in Halifax and later commanded No. 12 Air Defence Group.

He left the Air Force in 1953 to serve with the federal Pensions Commission. He joined CP Air in Calgary then retired, later coming to live on the island in 1973.

Bus Gordon was a golf enthusiast and when he came with his wife Clarice to Salt Spring to retire, he also came to play golf.

He leaves his wife and one son, John of Kingston, Ontario.

Honorary pall bearers at the funeral on Monday included Air Marshall John Plant, Air Vice Marshall Walter Orr, Air Commodore J. Verner, Air Commodore Gordon Truscott, Group Captain E.A. MacGowan, Group Captain Conway Farrell (of Galiano) and Air Commodore V. Patriarche who, explained Mrs. R.C. Gordon read the eulogy beautifully.

Gordon took charge at the flying training school at Brandon, then left Manitoba for Prince Rupert. There he was top man in air defence facilities for the Northwest coast.

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## No receipts without asking warns Heart Fund Chairman

Heart Fund on the Islands has changed its policy this year as far as receipts are concerned. The Fund will not mail out receipts. If donors on the Outer Islands want receipts, they are urged to say so and the receipt will be mailed. If donors on Salt Spring Island want receipts they can pick them up from Miller and Toynbee's real estate office in Ganges, next to Ganges Crest.

There's a reason behind it all.

Drive Chairman Charles Longueay points out that the mailing of receipts takes up a substantial part of the revenues. If they hold back on the receipts, save the postage and put the savings back into the fund, more contributed dollars are used for the intention of the campaign, to help and to relieve those suffering from heart disease.

## Readers are being asked to forget

There has not been a dramatic drop in construction costs on Salt Spring.

The 50-bed facility being planned for Ganges by the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society will cost considerably more than was reported last week.

The successful bid for the project which was submitted by Peterson Construction, of Cowichan, was for \$1,049,400. Readers are being asked by Driftwood staff to forget they ever noticed the figure of \$149,400 that appeared in the February 8 issue.

### Theft of razor

Theft reported February 7 occurred around January 31.

A Phillips razor was stolen from a parked car at Lady Minto. The car, a '71 Mercedes owned by Dr. J. Buchan contained the razor and later, when Dr. Buchan returned to the car the razor was gone.

### Some people would call it

## Baloney ... by Tony

Rumours of a proposal to construct an elementary/secondary school on Goat Island have proved to be false. Following an intense investigation by Driftwood staff reporters, it was decided that the rumours must have originated with subversive elements of the community. The Gulf Islands Anarchist League is under suspicion.

The 10-storey school was to have been built on the most westerly of the Chain Islands in Ganges Harbour, Goat Island. With facilities to accommodate 5,000 students, it would have served grades 1 to 12.

Included in the plans were two activity rooms measuring 100 by 100 feet with 50-foot ceilings, complete with change rooms, sauna, swimming pool, massage parlour, laundry facilities and showers. Classrooms were also to be included in the building.

A number of islanders were under the impression that the rumours were based on fact. The proposal had been heralded as a major step forward in the field of education.

"What better way to unite the diverse peoples of the islands than by bringing all their children together under one roof," was one comment.

"The bigger, the better," said another. "It's a well-known fact that the quality of education improves with larger schools."

It has been noted that bussing problems would be reduced to a minimum. The hazards of narrow, winding roads would be nil; in fact, the island is so small, a road wouldn't be necessary. Transportation problems have been the subject of much heated discussion, though. Bridges, water taxis and seaplanes were all debated as possible means of moving the students.

The subject of school construction has become such a major issue on Salt Spring Island in recent weeks that a television station has set up a studio in Ganges.

Where else could it happen but on Salt Spring Island? she asked.

She had had the 'flu and one day was comparing its symptoms with a neighbour, who had also been a 'flu victim. They were not well-acquainted with each other, in fact, they merely happened to be on the same telephone party line. Comparison of the 'flu's symptoms resulted in a comparison between the effects the ailment had upon their intestines.

The first lady explained that the flu had brought diarrhoea, to which her neighbour replied that she'd been constipated from the same bug.

As she said, where else could it happen...

Engineers and scientists are not always to be believed, says an island man.

There was an argument in a lumber mill on the mainland concerning a wooden beam. Was it hemlock or pine? they argued. One was exportable and the other wasn't, so an agreement had to be reached.

Two pieces were cut from the beam, one from each end, and they were sent to the University of British Columbia for analysis.

The reply wasn't altogether satisfactory. The laboratory identified one piece as pine and the other as hemlock.

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**Chamber newsletter**

# Dental insurance plan is proposed for Salt Spring Island businessmen

Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce will elect a nominee to Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission at the general meeting on March 1, 8 pm, at United Church Upper Hall.

Director Halvor Eide, will accept nominations from the membership, prior to March 1.

Nominees will be announced at the meeting and a vote will be taken by the membership.

Any members wishing to make a nomination should contact Halvor Eide, at Cubbon's Lumber, Ganges.

**DENTAL PLAN FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS**

It was decided, at a recent directors' meeting of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce that a dental plan will be made available to members of the Chamber and their families.

At the general meeting to be held March 1, Harold Derbitsky and Doug McCay, will outline dental plan options to membership. The membership will then choose the most acceptable plan and enrolments will begin.

Chamber president, Gary Macpherson, stated that the offering of this plan would be a great benefit to Chamber members, as many are unable to qualify for a plan on their own. Macpherson also said that it was imperative that members turn out to this meeting to insure that the choice of plan would suit the majority of members.

**GARBAGE!**

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is no longer responsible for garbage containers or collection in Ganges. It was decided at a recent directors meeting that the Chamber was no longer in a position financially to carry on with the responsibility of garbage collection.

Community services director, Mel Topping, has written Capital

Regional director, Jim Bryce, urging that the district take responsibility for garbage containers and pick-up in Ganges, Fulford, Vesuvius and Fernwood.

**MAY DAY**

Ray Stelter and Mel Topping will be acting as May Day commission chairmen and plans are under way.

## All those motorcycles!



*It's like coming back home*

They've got Honda motorcycles at Harbours End Marina. It's like coming back home again.

I grew up in motorcycle showrooms. There were some Harleys and some Indians, but not very many. I knew few contemporaries who had ridden a Harley. I drove Harley of about 1921 vintage many years ago. It was equipped with a Rudge sidecar and the owner could only describe it in a favourite phrase: he'd blind them with science. When you heard that monster running you could understand the words.

I came in with the 1934 models. I had owned a 1923 Douglas, flat-twin, belt drive, but that had been used on private property before I was 16 and could get a motorcycle driving license.

The first machine I owned and drove on the road was a 1926 BSA, 250 sv. It was recognizable for the cylindrical tank and the two-speed transmission. I remember carrying a passenger on it and the front wheel would rise gently from the road every time you hit a bump. It had gas lighting and was registered, I think, ON 2580.

In 1934 I had a New Imperial 150 cc, OHV. It was a new departure, offering almost enough power to carry a passenger. It didn't last very long.

I rode a Levis with a three-speed Sturmey-Archer gear box in the rear hub. That was made in about 1912 or 1914.

in France!

The last machine I owned was a 1929 Norton TT replica, which I bought shortly after the end of the Second World War. It had an aluminum torpedo sidecar. It was the last because I got married. It's a funny thing that the young nurse who would go to a dance, in a sidecar, wearing a long dress, was so adamant that we had to have four wheels when she became a young housewife.

Motorcycles, always: old motorcycles, mostly. I always had a penchant for the aging and now I am one!

I look into Harbours End window as I pass and I see a long parade of motorcycles through four decades. It's like coming back home!

-FGR

### Fined for possession of liquor

Eighteen-year-old Dwayne McLeod was fined \$25 in Provincial Court at Ganges on Wednesday after he pleaded guilty to being a minor in possession of liquor.

Charge was laid after RCMP found McLeod with two bottles of beer in his possession in the Harbour House Hotel parking lot on the evening of December 23.

**COMMON NAMES**

The common names, of Norton, BSA, Triumph, Scott Sunbeam, I rode them all.

There was something missing from the British scene when I made a trip to England about 10 years ago and found only a handful of garages selling motorcycles. The old familiar marques had been swallowed up in the British search for four wheels.

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# Fire department women's auxiliary at Galiano is fire fighting force

The Women's Auxiliary of the South Galiano Fire Department held their third annual general meeting on Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, in the squad room at the fire hall.

Retiring President Dora Darling re-visited the work of the organization for the past year during which the group has given both financial and physically active assistance to the community's fire brigade.

During emergencies the women take over the fire hall and handle communications and coffee detail, direct traffic and stand by to render first aid. At a fire scene a specially trained squad work alongside the men in handling hoses and attend-

ing Wajax pumps as directed by the captains in charge.

Other members of the W.A. work on the regular book and bake sales, the annual auction, and the Firemen's Ball. There were 26 members in 1977 and new members are welcome even if they are only willing to go on telephone duty. The W.A. meets on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

### FINANCES

Treasurer Jessie Smith gave a full report on earnings and expenses during the past year. The women made and sold boot jacks and pot holders, plants, books and home baking. Profit from the Firemen's Ball last November am-

ounted to \$574, and the annual fire sale in June brought in \$644. Their total earnings amounted to \$3,799 with two-thirds of this being spent on equipment and supplies for the fire department.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, from 2 to 4 pm at the fire hall they will hold their regular "books and baubles" sale, and the giant annual sale of household goods and articles is scheduled for Saturday, June 17.

Phyllis Linton was elected president for the coming year and Annelies Waldenmaier re-elected vice-president. Jean Wilson will be secretary and Edna Robertson treasurer.

## Galiano Co-op pays 8%

The second annual general meeting of the Galiano Recreational Co-operative Association on Sunday afternoon re-elected Mervin E. Ferguson to his second term as president of the organization. Charles Dodwell is vice-president; A.H. Platt treasurer and Mrs. Eva V. Bickerton is secretary.

The meeting approved the payment of an 8% dividend on shares held by its members, and authorized the board to purchase other major items of equipment as the need arose.

This organization was formed early in 1977 by members of the Galiano Golf Club to finance the purchase of machinery and recreational equipment which would be made available on a lease basis to the golf club, private citizens and other organizations in the community. The Co-op presently has 51 members.

## Basil Bengler glances back over Galiano Club in 1977

**Basil Bengler made his president's report to the recent annual meeting of Galiano Club. Following excerpts outline the activities of the club during 1977.**

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I am pleased to report that the past year, which began with controversy and disharmony, has been a peaceful and profitable one for the Galiano Club.

The treasurer's report shows that our finances are in a healthy state. The members of the committee elected at our last annual meeting have each worked hard and made their contribution to the welfare of the Club and the life of the community. I am delighted that six of them are willing to accept positions on the executive for 1978.

Continuity is important to any organization, but particularly to the Galiano Club, because its commitments and responsibilities to the community are not carried on by any paid, permanent staff. That

they developed into such an excellent committee is a great tribute to the nominating chairman, Mrs. Margaret Robson.

The committee decided at their first meeting that emphasis would be placed on increasing the number of activities sponsored by the club, and encouragement of more participation in these activities by all sections of the community.

### MORE REVENUE

The club greatly increased the revenue obtained from its own activities, particularly from dances held during the summer and fall. In this connection I should like to mention the contribution of Geoff Finnis, Terry Champion, and Marie Hardy, who arranged these events.

The traditional money-raising social and artistic events were continued, and the Arts and Crafts show, people's markets, and bingo contributed the usual amount to the exchequer. Jane Rule and Joan Carolan, as treasurer and secretary, respectively, were particularly hardworking, helped out by May Ferguson, Zona MacDonald and Bert Mozley.

The practice of allocating areas of responsibility to members of the committee was continued.

May Ferguson accepted the appointment as Recreation Director, and carried out these duties most competently.

The hall has resounded to music of all kinds at dances, parties, concerts, recitals, musical evenings and pot luck suppers. It has listened to the deliberations of annual meetings, special meetings, enquiries, hearings, and politicians. It has not yet collapsed under the strain.

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Mr. Bengler paid high tribute to Jane Rule and Joan Carolan, and all of his committee for their hard work well done.

He also referred, for the consideration of the new committee, to the very pressing need for a new and bigger hall and repairs to the new roof, which has just been replaced. He urged that every organization that uses the hall should have at least one member who is willing to stand on the committee.

He ended by wishing the next committee success in its endeavours and good luck.

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## Galiano

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

We are pleased to see Mr. Jack Bickerton home again, after some time in hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsay, of Sorrento, came over for a brief visit to Mrs. Lindsay's great-grand parents, and to show off their new baby, Christina Leanne. They came over with Ivor Sater, from Duncan, where they went on to visit for a few days.

The Page Drive Instrumental and Choral Society have again begun their weekly gatherings, under the direction of Prof. Lloyd Slind. If there is anyone who would care to come and join, it is a grand opportunity to sing, or learn to play musical instruments.

We had a cheery conversation with Virginia Newman, the continuing education director for the Gulf

Islands. She lives at Salt Spring, and she would like to have someone on Galiano for a "contact person", to help her. She can be reached by telephone, or anyone interested can write her c/o the School Board, in Ganges.

The Senior Citizens Branch 94, of Galiano has announced that Mr. and Mrs. P.G. James, of Salt Spring, will address the March meeting, this year. They are so popular, that this club thought it would be a good idea to have them early in the year, to help us all in their own wonderful way to begin our gardens early.

With sorrow, we record the passing away of William Cottrell, in Lady Minto Hospital, Ganges, on Friday night.

## Cost of dog control is high Institute learns

Dog control can be an expensive proposition, the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute learned Thursday at its annual meeting.

George Heinekey told the meeting that a regional district in the Okanagan had taken over the problem of dog control. The cost to maintain it had been \$60,000 in one year, said Heinekey, about the same as what it had cost in Saanich.

The Ministry of Agriculture has been handling the dog problem, he noted, and has done a very poor job in the last few years. The Capital Regional District has been asked to

take it over but the ministry has refused to help finance it.

Mr. Heinekey said the regional district felt that Salt Spring alone would need one full-time person to do the job. The subject came up at a committee meeting in Victoria last week, he said, but two of the seven directors on the regional board who represent unorganized areas voted against take-over of dog control by the region.

"They don't want it until there is some assurance of where the money will come from," said Heinekey. The regional district expects that three full-time people will have to be hired for the entire district.

Paddy Akerman questioned the need for one full-time person on Salt Spring. Mr. Heinekey said the region felt the need was there, for a year, anyway.

## Appears for failing to pay fines

Glenn Blomly appeared in Provincial Court at Ganges last Wednesday for failing to make payments on fines imposed last year.

Court was told that Blomly owed \$900 in unpaid fines. A \$100 fine imposed on May 18 had not been paid; \$100 had been paid out of \$400 fine handed down June 16; and no payment had been made on a \$500 fine that was given November 23.

Blomly told the court he had steady employment and was able to pay \$300. He asked for, and was given, until the end of March to pay the remaining \$600.

## Duplicate bridge

Winners at the Legion Bridge Club at Ganges, January 31 were as follows:

1, Dorrie and Gordon Best; 2, Vera and Alf Nichols; 3, Helen Shandro and Audrey Allan. Following came up top at the February 7, 1 pm game; 1, Marge Murray and Anne McConnell tied, 2 and 3, Molly and Fred Melhuish and Jack Murray and Lois Popkin Clurman.

Winners at the February 7, 7.30 game were 1, Jack Murray and Norm McConnell; 2, Helen Shandro and Audrey Allan; 3, Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton.

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**UP TO 42 AT SALT SPRING HOME**

# Peacocks are part of their domestic scene

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

Although peacocks are native to India and Indochina they adapt well to colder temperatures. And even out Southey Point on the northern end of Salt Spring, peacocks ignore the rain and fog, get a little cool during the snow and thrive during the summer.

Lorna Simpson, of Parminter Point, has fancied peacocks since her youth where, near Lochfineside, at a Scottish estate, she remembers peacocks nested in the forests and preening themselves on a 15-acre run.

When she and husband, Ernest moved to Salt Spring in 1969 she decided to acquire the Indian bird and purchased several from a White Rock aviarist. They came to enjoy Parminter Point as much as their mistress and family and grew in number to 42.

**TIMID AND HUNGRY**

They are timid birds yet lose their reluctance to associate with man when he has, locked in his palm, a handful of peanuts. One of Mrs. Simpson's tamer pets is Peeper, a domestic pea hen, familiar with house interiors and even in stalking the staircase to hunt for family members who might have peacock sustenance as friendly bait.

**PEEPER IS A PEAHEN**

But Peeper is a peahen. The

intended to chaperone him home, though they knew not where "home" was.

They were later accosted by their mistress and led home again and it wasn't until three weeks later the cocks accepted Tiffany as one of the clan.

But it is only infrequently the peacocks stray the Simpson estate. When they do they are on chase. The flying ants, prevalent near summer months are gourmet meals to the peacocks and the chase takes the birds to the road, leaping in the air, fluttering to taste the termite delicacy also on wing.

**CHEESE AND TERMITES**

Besides their insatiable appetite for termites, peacocks enjoy both bread and cheese, and like a ploughman's lunch, the meal is lacking only beer.

During the winter the birds eat hot mash which includes dog food and turkey pellets. The major part of the year the peacocks forage the ground. Forest and garden are almost bug-free.

The birds reach maturity in their fourth year. It is a minute period in what seems to be a millenium of a life time expectancy of 50 years. But the hens at the Simpson farm have laid before their fourth year and of the seven eggs that are laid, and five that are



the Simpson property. They are only part of the semi-domesticated aviary at the Simpson home.

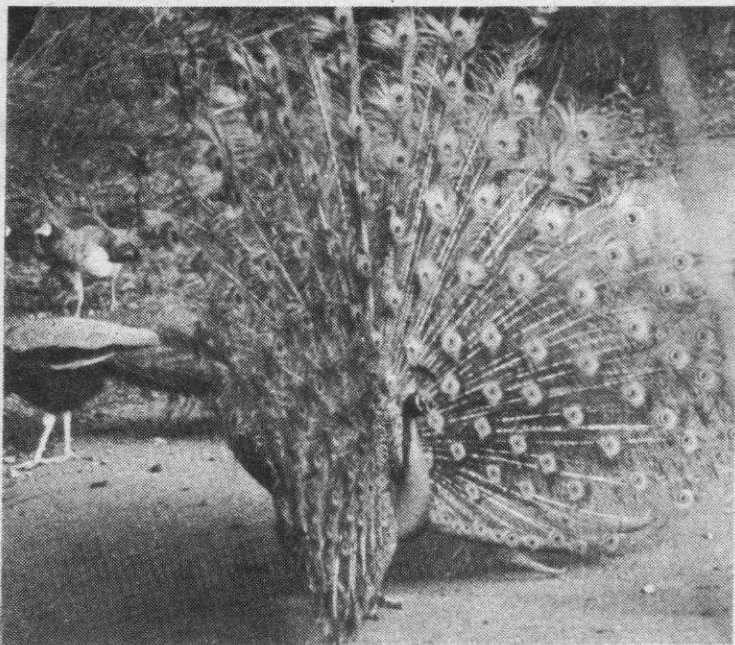
In the gardens the tiny chickadees zip about settling on familiar heads and shoulders. And settling on the hand they nibble the handful of peanuts.

Along with peacocks and chickadees are two parrots, which have life expectancies of 100 years, and one cockatoo. They live within the house.

Mrs. Lorna Simpson doesn't overlook the labrador retriever when she tends to the birds. The birds are well-known for their pride.

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The Simpson home always has openings for transient birds and supplies the Burmese variety as well as Siamese cats with a paradise unknown to the rest of the feline species.



Grandeur of one of the numerous peacocks at the Simpson home is displayed in the long tail covers.

cocks are not nearly as bold. They tend to keep their mastery and keep to the trees from which they fly down at dawn to investigate morning ground.

Presently, Lorna Simpson has 26 peacocks and peahens on the property.

They manage through every season, living in the bush and on the open areas of the land. The peacocks don't take to newcomers very well and at one time even attempted to escort Tiffany a new member, back home.

Lorna recalls an incident which showed the peacocks true colours; two cocks accompanied Tiffany down Sunset Drive as if they

hatched an average of 3.5 survive the ordeal.

Luck is with the Simpson peacocks. They are bothered little by the island raccoon, which is unusual for island birds.

The magnificent display of the tail feathers of this Indian bird is the attraction of the species.

When the tail is spherical and every brilliant colour of the bird is evident, the peacock is notoriously proud.

The peahens don't have the lavish tails of the peacocks so it is the cock that gives the name its fame.

**THEY ARE NOT ALONE**

The peacocks are not alone on

## Club launches film series

The Galiano Club held their first meeting with the new executive on February 8, electing the following officers; president, Geoff Finnis; vice-president, Tom Hennessy; secretary, Suzanne Veit; treasurer, Jane Rule; directors, Marie Hardy, May Ferguson, Judi Pattison, Terry Champion, Roy Brinson, Dale Lyon, Stephen Pattison, and Bruce Pearson.

This new group has already lined up an interesting range of films, from the National Film Board, to be shown every Monday evening, at 7.30 pm. Steve Pattison explained. "The history of early movies in Canada, and last year's Academy award nomination, Blackwood, are starters in a new film series being shown on Galiano Island."

N.F.B. Presents begins Monday, Feb. 20, at the Hall and it's free.

It is an attempt to bring new film releases from the N.F.B., to the Island public, and the emphasis

is on "people".

First films, on Monday, Feb. 20, will include Blackwood (Memories of Wesleyville, Newfoundland) Dreamland, Early Canadian movies of 1895-1939; Enemy Alien, Log House Construction and Hunger.

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Sonia Hill takes first place

# Gong Show at Ganges draws 200 to Activity Centre

BY TONY RICHARDS

Top scorer at Sunday's Gong Show in the Activity Centre was vocalist Sonia Hill, who was awarded the \$25 prize when she took 30 points out of a possible 30. She sang to the accompaniment of Ray and Virginia Newman.

The show was held to raise money for the Central Hall Building Fund and drew close to 200 people. Oddly enough, the television crew that was eagerly filming a school board meeting last week was not in evidence.

Music and comedy were the main features of the afternoon with 15 acts altogether, four of which were gonged.

The show began with special guest Marianne Grittani singing and playing the guitar; she was accompanied by Dave Roland and Bruce Mailey. They were followed by Tom and Sue Bowler who scored 25 points for doing a song called By Hook or By Crook.

First act to get the gong was Arthur and Martha. Arthur (David Fitchew) played a Moutie wooing a young lady (Pat Desbottes) but the gong was rung too soon for Arthur to get very far with his advances.

Singer/guitarist Danny Pedrick followed with a cowboy song, scoring 19. A score of 16 was awarded to the Silvertones, a group of grade 5 students who did a hot rock number entitled Hot Line. They did a good job of staying in time to the record that played the song and the guitarist proved to be exceptionally good with bubble gum.

**ON A STRETCHER**

Granny McGregor was not only bent physically but bent on playing the piano. She was gonged before she got the chance, however, and was carried out on a stretcher. The gong rang again for the next act in which Pat Jorgensen and Pauline Beauvais cracked a few jokes. They failed to get much of a reception for their humour from the audience.

A special appearance was made by vocalist Eric Coombes and pianist Angela Funk, who were followed by Sonja Hill.

Bevis Walters then gave some selections from his repertoire of jokes and Dorothy Cummings sang two songs while Margaret Cunningham played the piano. The team of Walters and Cunningham gave a rendition of Clementine but were interrupted by a resounding gong.

Loretta Dods took second place with 29 points for a song on the piano, after which, Alf Howell made a special appearance as a vocalist. The last act featured singer/guitarist Kathy Roland who was given 27 points.

The three judges for the show were Wilf Davies, Guille Libresco and Ray Hill; score-keepers were Yvette Valcourt and Bill Windsor.

Margaret Atkinson was responsible for the conception and organization of the Gong Show and she was assisted backstage by Ray and Virginia Newman.

Chairman of the Central Hall committee, Bevis Walters, said Monday that proceeds from the show were estimated to be at least \$500.



Ray and Virginia Newman accompanying Gong Show winner, Sonja Hill.

## Donors to sale are listed

BY BEVIS WALTERS

Two classes of persons made the Great Central Rummage Sale an outstanding success.....those who gave things and those who bought them.

We want to make sure that our list of people who gave things is complete and correct.

We feel that we may have missed some names, although we have a complete record of items received. Hereunder is a list of donors as we know it, but if you should be included and are not, please telephone Margaret Cunningham, give her your name and a description of your donation, and we will add your name.

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**Eric Donnelly speaks to Gulf Islands School Board**

**Chairman outlines activities and aims of island Community Society**

Chairman of the Salt Spring Island Community Society, Eric Donnelly, addressed the trustees of Gulf Islands School District at their regular meeting last Thursday.

Mr. Donnelly spoke to the board following the debate on the Fernwood School and said he was "happy to be here on a non-contentious issue".

He gave a rundown on the aims of the society and the activities that are taking place in the Community Centre, which is leased by the society from the school district.

One of the aims, said Donnelly, is to encourage community growth, primarily in the social services field.

"We allow and encourage others to help themselves," he said. "We have a full-time staff of two half people: we are paid for one full-time person and the job is being split between two people."

There are a myriad of volunteers, he added.

He explained that the building was in bad shape, although the society had completely insulated the ceiling and some of the walls, revised the plumbing and heating to a certain extent and replaced the gutters. Work is also being done on drainage around the building.

**NO PRESSURE FOR MONEY**

"We're not going to pressure you for money," observed Donnelly,

ly, "especially at this meeting."

He continued by listing all the activities that are taking place at the centre. A community worker and a community school worker are located in the building. There is a pre-school nursery and Dr. John Coombs has an office there, he explained. The Learning Assistance Program, the Family Centre and the Handicapped Achievement Centre are all located in the centre. There is also a historical society getting under way, he added.

There was a Free Store, noted Donnelly, but the society decided a few weeks ago to close it because of problems with hygiene and the mess it was always in.

"We have been bombarded with complaints since we made our decision to close it."

The Community Society also supplies assistance to Senior Services, Meals on Wheels and the Homemaker Service.

Mr. Donnelly concluded by saying the society wanted some indication of what the future held for the building.

"We would like an official statement from the board as to how long we can continue to use the building," he said.

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**Long journey for students**

**Saturna mother deplores cost of getting to school**

Saturna is left out in the cold. Saturna is the last island in the chain of Gulf Islands and it is the least accessible.

To visit Salt Spring Island from Saturna is nearly a day's job and getting to Swartz Bay and Victoria is almost as bad.

Transportation, which has made Saturna Island what it is, is equally difficult when students travel from that island to the junior secondary school at Mayne Island. The students travel from their homes to the wharf, for the water trip to Mayne. From Horton Bay they must make their way to the school by taxi: there is no time to walk the 2 1/2 miles. The procedure in the evening is the reverse, but students are in no desperate hurry to cover the long walk to the boat.

**EXPENSIVE**

The problem is more than time or weariness. It is expensive.

The average child must be transported to the dock: there is the cost of the water journey and

then there is the taxi to school.

Last year it cost close to \$1,000 to send Saturna children to junior high, reported Mrs. B. Crooks at last week's school board meeting.

At the present time each student is entitled to a grant of \$91 per month.

The morning taxi is not included in the schedule of costs in terms of school board or government help. The taxi paid for out of the parents' pocket. Next year, when fewer students will be making the daily trip, the per capita cost will increase, the board was told.

The appeal for help was referred to the management committee.

**Field trip**

Trustees of Gulf Islands School District have given approval to a field trip planned by the alternate class aboard the east coast schooner, Anna V. Fagan. Five adults will accompany 12 students on the trip.

**New Democrats to gather at Saanich school Friday**

A meeting in Victoria of the NDP Caucus on the weekend of February 24-26 has given the Saanich constituency the opportunity to invite six of the MLA's to a banquet on Friday evening, Feb. 24, at 6.30 pm.

Dave Barrett will be the featured speaker, with MLA's Barbara Wallace, Cowichan-Malahat; Charles Barber, Victoria; Dennis Cocke, New Westminster; Emery Barnes, Vancouver Centre and

Graham Lea, Prince Rupert, also commenting on the political scene.

A question period after the speeches and an informal reception at the close of the dinner will provide an opportunity to meet NDP representatives in the legislature.

The dinner, open to anyone, will be held in the cafeteria of the new Stelly's Cross Road Secondary School. Tickets are available at the Saanich NDP Constituency office, Suite 104 - 1020 MacKenzie Ave.

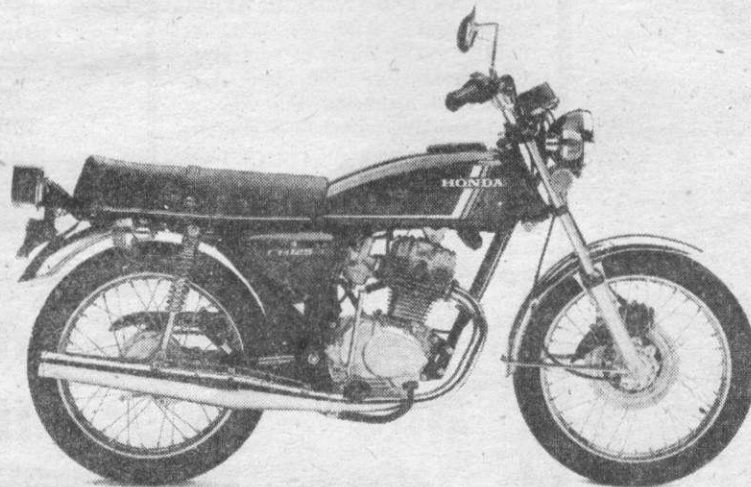
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# Mizpah prepares for garage sale

**BY OLIVE MOUAT**  
 Thursday was a busy day, a day of achievement. The work table in the upper hall of the United Church was crowded with women, hands and tongues flying. In came someone else. Alas, no room! No timid soul, this. Unabashed she emptied a small table, carried it near the workers,

and joined in. "Well", said someone, "what has happened to you?" "Sent to Coventry, no less?" chimed in a second. "Too proud," suggested a third "to sit with working people?"

Just then two more arrived. Madam rebel arose, cleared another small table, brought chairs, and happily returned to her isolation. Time flew. Finished articles joined the pile that was to be laid in the cupboard until November. One lady left to prepare her husband's meal. Another slipped into the kitchen to brew tea.

Back to business, everybody! Let's finish this. Then, away with the big table, put the small ones at the front, make a horse-shoe of the chairs.

Presiding over the rest now, Mrs. Marion Woolley called the regular meeting of Mizpah to order, smiling at 18 old members and warmly greeting three new

ones.  
**PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY**  
 The Devotional Period, led by Mrs. Bunty McNally, was in part inspired by the Canadian Prayer Booklet prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada to celebrate its 60th anniversary. The part chosen by Mrs. McNally was the prayer for February.

The collection of the Least Coin was taken by Miss Olive Mouat. Prayers accompanying the gift were for the people of our own community, especially those for whom life is at present difficult.

It is the Women's Inter-Church Council that, as well as preparing the prayer booklet and sponsoring the Fellowship of the Least Coin, prepares each year the program for the World Day of Prayer.

Quoting from the January bulletin of the WICC: "For 60 years we have been blessed by having World Day of Prayer services across Canada and being a part of the Day of Prayer around the world.

"The offerings from our services are used to assist ecumenical projects that communicate the Gospel and/or serve human need. These offerings have been generous and have increased each year. However, this year, our 60th birthday, we hope to make a birthday gift of \$60,000 to finance a world-wide literacy project. This gift will benefit the people of our world community who are less fortunate than we are. The Canadian Bible Society will administer the project and use the Bible as the teaching text."

This year the World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 3, in the United Church. Time was spent in planning this event.

**DONATIONS**  
 Donations were sent to the Vancouver School of Theology and to the newest United Church congregation in the Victoria Presbytery; Pilgrim United Church, among whose people our former minister Rev. Fred Anderson has been working. Money was given to the Committee of Stewards to help with church expenses and more was promised if needed for church projects.

It was decided to have the organ inspected by a competent person. Mrs. McNally is to see to this.

The next work bee is slated for Thursday, February 23, the day before the garage sale. This sale is to be held in the basement of the church and is giving the members of Mizpah an entirely new interest. Considerable saleable material is already on hand; but what will the next few days bring? Each church-woman, as well as church-man, non-church friends, and others too have considered house, garage, tool shed, and begun to pile up

# Artists at work will be seen at Mahon Hall

(Contributed)

With the hope of bringing the artists and craftspeople of the Gulf Islands into contact with each other and the general public, Gulf Islands Studios are planning a three-day exhibition at Mahon Hall for the Victoria Day weekend. Rather than simply exhibiting finished works, the plan calls for participants to be actively at work in their own media.

The processes involved in creating from raw materials have a mystery and fascination for most of us, and though these islands are abundantly rich in creative population, most of our artists remain hidden from the general eye in their studios and workshops.

**VIVID SHOW**  
 To make the exhibition as vivid and varied as possible, all professionals and serious amateurs are invited to participate.

Due to the electrical limitations of Mahon Hall non-electric tools and equipment only may be used.

The sale will start at 10 am. Buyers would be wise to be on time.

A request was made for gifts to the Thomas Crosby, the United Church Mission Boat on this coast and a generous number of knitting needles, crochet hooks, pattern books, as well as buttons, zippers, toys and clothing have been collected to send.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction after which a delicious tea was served by tea hostesses Mrs. Ruby Johnston and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.

A wide variety of skills is called for including painters, potters, weavers, jewellers, stained glass artists, woodcarvers, as well as those skilled in less conventional or unusual forms of artistic expression.

The emphasis will not be on immediate sales so much as promotion, and a directory of participants will be available for visitors for their future reference.

Further information may be obtained from Gulf Islands Studios, P.O. Box 502, Ganges; or P.O. Box 76, Mayne Island.

## Fined \$30 for drinking beer in public place

Drinking beer in front of the RCMP office at Ganges cost Bruce Bartle, of Salt Spring Island, a fine of \$30. He entered a guilty plea to the charge of consuming liquor in a public place.

Court was told that an RCMP officer saw Bartle walking up the road in front of the police office at about 12.30 am January 17. The officer noticed a beer bottle in Bartle's hand and asked him for it. He finished the contents of the bottle and handed it to the police officer.


"You were almost inviting them to charge you," commented Judge D.K. McAdam.

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## International choir in Ganges Church



Music in St. George's on Sunday afternoons is becoming a tradition. A choir of 50 students from the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific will be performing in the church at 2 pm, February 19.

As last year's performance was so much enjoyed by a packed church, the choir have been invited back this year.

The students at Pearson College come from about 50 different countries, and, in the cause of international understanding, find a unity which has eluded statesmen from one generation to another. Nowhere better is their unity seen than in their working together in music. The diverse ethnic backgrounds of the students will, in this concert, be well illustrated.

In the choir the programme will consist of a selection of Christmas carols followed by a number of solo items and the concert will conclude with a group of folk songs.

The conductor of the choir, Edgar Samuel, studied singing in London with Lord Somes and for many years was a regular contributor to several B.B.C. sound programmes and appeared on both B.B.C. T.V. and I.T.V.

At Cambridge he sang under the baton of Boris Ord and worked with Ralph Vaughn Williams on the 1954 production of Pilgrims Progress.

He sang with the Canterbury Singers and appeared as a soloist in the cathedral. For 10 years he was conductor of the choir of the international school at Granna,

Sweden. In Canada Edgar Samuel has sung with the Amity Singers since 1975. He now teaches at Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific and his record "Songs of Love and Action" has been played on CBC radio.

This concert is sponsored by the

Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island with help from the Community Arts Council. A collection will be taken at the door to cover expenses.

Photo by Gar Lunney, Vancouver.

If you have something for this column: call Elsie Brown at 539-2480

### Mainly Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

After a month on the mainland we have now returned to our Mayne Island bailiwick and time to do some catching up on news items. February is Heart Month and Valentine parties are the order of the day. The Volunteer Firemen are making preparations for their Annual Ball at the Activity Centre. TOPS members meet regularly on Mondays and are gaining new members, rather than pounds. Silver Maynes members are starting to think about gardening and their other activities are in full swing.

Congratulations to the Gulf Islands Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year.

Glad to hear that Don Gladman is making a satisfactory recovery from his illness which required a couple of weeks in hospital in Vancouver.

Get Well wishes, also, to Ernie Amburgey who has been a patient in Victoria General Hospital in Victoria where he had surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Virginia Newman of Salt Spring Island will be glad to give information regarding classes desired in Continuing Education. A contact from Mayne Island can reach Mrs. Newman at 537-9251.

Sorry to hear well known islander "Buzz" Smith, of Miners Bay, is a patient in Lady Minto Hospital. A frequent visitor has been his

## Road to learning is dark and winding school board told

The driveway at Mayne Island School is too narrow and too

poorly lighted.

The Mayne Island School Association has protested the condition of the private road to Gulf Islands School Board.

It was agreed to investigate means whereby the driveway to the centre of learning could be lighted.

Trustees agreed, Thursday, that the driveway is winding and narrow and that some provision could help users at night.

Don Fairweather, chairman of the building and grounds committee, summed up his problems. "We'll do what we can with what we've got to do it with," he told his colleagues.

### Visitors

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Jordan will be Eva's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Henriksson. They will arrive on the island, Thursday this week.

Their west coast visit brings them all the way from snowy Kingston, Ontario. The Henrikssons will be staying four or five days before they leave to Vancouver where they plan to do some skiing up Whistler Mountain.

They just can't keep away from snow.

### Chamber names new committees

The first meeting of the Galiano Chamber of Commerce was held in the schoolhouse, on February 8, president Donald New in the chair.

The appointments to committees were announced. They are as follows, vice-president, Les. Woodbridge; secretary, Mrs. Edith Wishart; treasurer and publicity, Joan Callaghan; membership, Frank Greenhalgh; transportation, Mary Harding; parks, Charlie Dodwell; roads, Jim Ripley; North Galiano liaison, Miriam Byngs, and for the present, without portfolio, Hank Knudson.

niece, Ina Trudgeon of Bennett Bay. His many friends wish him an early return to good health.

Also hospitalized in Victoria General Hospital is Jean Johnson of Fernhill Road. We extend best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Penny Purdon reports that a lady humming bird has spent the winter in their garden. It apparently survived the cold weather and is really enjoying the sunshine we are having in B.C. Most of us do not expect to see them until March when they knock on the window to announce their arrival.

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## Down Through The Years With Driftwood

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

A lamb, or should we say two lambs with but one head between them, was born last Friday to a ewe owned by the Stevens brothers at Beaver Point. The animal had eight legs and two of everything except the head. Unfortunately, it died as they took it away from the ewe. The carcass has been frozen and is awaiting shipment to UBC for examination. The zoology department there reports that they have seen two-headed animals, etc., but nothing like this. The Stevens think it may be radiation fall-out.

Automation in the form of dial telephones will come to the Gulf Islands some time next year. Announcement was made by A.A. Higinbotham, manager, Victoria division of B.C. Telephone Company, at a luncheon tendered by the company to representatives of Gulf Islands Chambers of Commerce at Harbour House last Friday.

Property for an automatic station has been purchased on Lower Ganges Road.

Reversing the general trend, trustees will submit a lower budget this year for approval by the Department of Education, it was revealed at the school board meeting on Tuesday night. Estimates for 1963 amounted to \$268,101 as compared to \$269,259 for last year. The difference is based on a reduction in capital expenditure.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Secondary Association of Teachers of English should brush up on its English, suggested a Gulf Islands school trustee last week.

What does the title mean, asked J.M. Campbell of his colleagues.

The Secondary Association had sent the board a questionnaire on Catcher in the Rye, a text book under fire a few months ago for its selection for school reading.

"It doesn't seem to me that they have got to the root of English composition," observed Mr. Campbell. "I wonder what the primary association does. It is rather a sad thing that the association should look to their title before they go into print."

Beaver Point sawmill operator was named president of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting on Wednesday evening last week.

He is Gavin Reynolds, of Reynolds Road, Fulford.

Visitors from almost every part of the United States and from all parts of Canada as well as New Zealand and England signed the visitors' book at the Salt Spring Island tourist bureau last summer.

Reporting on the activities of the bureau to the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, Joe Nickerson stated that staffing the booth had cost \$400 between July 1 and Labour Day. There were 1,167 signatures in the book.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

So dogs mustn't chase deer....it's a capital offence. But not the other way around. Ganges detachment RCMP states that you can't shoot a deer on the grounds it was chasing your dog.

For the first time on record, Marc Holmes and Yvette Valcourt found themselves in agreement last week. Both figured a dental clinic was good for the islands.

There are 78 registered unemployed persons on Salt Spring Island, according to figures given by Tommy Douglas, M.P.

Writing to the Salt Spring Island Citizens' League, Mr. Douglas passed on a report from the department of manpower.

Nine planners were named to the Salt Spring Island Planning Association at its annual meeting on Friday evening at Ganges. Named to the board were two serving members with an appointment of the board to join them.

Ray Hill and Tom Marcus were returned to office and Gail Secor was elected after several years as secretary of the association.

Also named for a two-year term were Trevor Wheeldon, Henry Caldwell, Ione Guthrie and Fred Sibley. For a one-year term are Hugh Ross and Mrs. Norman Walker.

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