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Board, commission to negotiate hall deal

The Gulf Islands School board has agreed to negotiate a lease agreement for the use of Mahon Hall with the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

At its regular meeting December 21 the board received a letter from commission chairman Glenn Woodley applying for a long-term lease and outlining the proposed use of the hall if an agreement is negotiated.

In his letter Woodley noted that the commission had consulted with the Capital Regional District and the Islands Trust before making the offer.

The commission, Woodley noted, would be willing to assume all maintenance and operational costs under an agreement with the school district. Although no major renovations are planned, he said, minor upgrading and repairs would be undertaken by the commission.

ESTABLISH COMMITTEE

The commission's proposal also outlines the establishment of a committee representing the community groups making use of the hall. That body, Woodley said, would be responsible for looking after bookings, rent collection, and direction of renovations and minor repairs.

The commission would like to see any community group that it feels can effectively use the hall have access to the building, Woodley said. Initially, space would be provided for such organizations as the Community Arts Council, weavers, potters, painters music groups, choral singing, Salt Spring Players, the performing arts, Cubs, Brownies and square dancing. It

could also be used as a general meeting space, the letter said.

School board chairman Tom Davidson is to appoint a committee of the board for negotiation purposes.

Fernwood transfer slated for early January

The Gulf Islands school board has been told that Fernwood School students should be able to move in to their new facility in early January.

District secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck told the board at its December 21 meeting that "substantial completion" of the new school is expected early this month, although there will still be a list of "manageable deficiencies."

Islanders take to the ice



Skating is a popular sport on the islands even though the freezing over of lakes and ponds is not a common occurrence. Picture shows some Salt Spring skaters on the pond at the end of Scott Road.

Rumour has it that they are anxiously awaiting the arrival of a Montreal Canadiens scout.

Moving a rock

MINISTRY EXPLAINS METHOD OF HANDLING RELIC

A large rock is not the easiest thing to carry when it bears an engraving on one face. The ministry of highways personnel at Ganges were not the first to discover the trials of rock removal when they took the Cudmore Rock from the Fulford airstrip to the highways yard at Central, recently.

Gordon Cudmore, the man who found the rock, saved it and moved it, had already learned how to handle Indian artifacts. He had discovered it in the sea at Fulford and had originally rescued it.

Last move, but one, of the rock was from the airstrip to the highways yard. Final move has yet to be decided, then made.

The man who carved the rock is long gone. And he is long forgotten. His work lives on. The discovery of the rock in Fulford

Harbour was made when Cudmore was logging, years ago. He decided that it would be a pity to leave it to deteriorate in the water and he moved it high and dry and left it to be seen by passers-by. A few passers-by saw it.

Two years ago Gordon Cudmore moved the rock from the head of the harbour, where he had previously placed it, to his airstrip. It was not his property, but he pointed out that he had been responsible for its discovery and safekeeping.

CAN'T DO THAT!

Many local residents objected. The Archaeological and Historical Sites Protection Act prohibits unauthorized removal of artifacts. For two years the rock lay at the airport and the province pressed for its return. In November the provincial

government took action and removed the rock from the airstrip.

The rock weighs four tons, according to the ministry of highways and two front end loaders were used to hoist it on to a trailer.

Project called for careful handling, reports the ministry of recreation and conservation, to protect the soft sandstone surface of the five-foot diameter boulder.

Padding of foam rubber and wedges of wood were used as buffers between the chains and the rock's surface as a front end loader moved it to a clear area and with the aid of a second bucket, swooped up the rock in unison, like mechanical hands clasping uranium.

Once high enough, a flat bed trailer was reversed and the petroglyph was lowered onto the platform wedged in by blocks of wood. The boulder was then transported to the highways yard where a wooden palette was constructed and more wedges were knocked into place for easier handling in the future.

FACE-DOWN

Gordon Cudmore originally found the boulder face-down in the harbour. It was possibly on an old shoreline at the seaward end of an old village now only visible at extremely low tides. It would have had a commanding position looking out across the inlet, perhaps so placed to protect the village and

ward off evil spirits, suggested a provincial archaeologist.

In 1963 the boulder was moved

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Record donations light up tree

The Pender CARE Tree sparkled more brightly than ever from its waterfront perch in 1978 thanks to more than 600 donations.

Pender Lions Club spokesman Stu Corbett told Driftwood Friday that donations totalling \$9,837 had been received to light up the tree. The money, he said, came from approximately 630 donors.

The amount is already well over last year's final figure of \$9,455 donated by about 700 people, says the club spokesman.

"It's gone really well this year," Corbett said, "This is the first year we've set a goal, and it's not over yet. I don't have any doubt that we'll collect the \$10,000 we hoped for."

Corbett says donations came from as far as Ontario and Connecticut for Christmas, 1978.

Is your paper out of date?

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If your subscription is falling due, you can ascertain the date of expiry from the label.

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Have a look and see whether you figure out the figures!

Art group gets grant for \$2,670

A group of Islands senior citizens, The Pender Island Art Group, New Horizons, Port Washington, has been given a grant of \$2,670 by the federal New Horizons program.

The money will be used to expand the present art program to include various art courses and to introduce a pottery program. The seniors will mat or frame their own pictures and their work will be exhibited and offered for sale at the annual art exhibit on the Island.

Group president is Miss Alma Jean Kilgour, R.R.1, Port Washington.

New Horizons is a program of the ministry of National Health and Welfare to fund projects by groups of seniors to enable them to remain active and involved in their community.

Tennis buffs tough out wintry weather

BY JOAN TIERNAN

History was made on Boxing Day, 1978, on the tennis courts at Portlock Park. Thirty-two wintry clad members of the Salt Spring Island Tennis Association excluding one very spartan vet and a younger member visiting home for Christmas who braved the elements in shorts, gathered to have a tennis tournament.

The suggestion was made some time ago by Dr. Hugh Borsman and executed by mastermind Warren Wilson.

The weatherman was most kind in providing dry courts, and just to warm the cockles of our hearts a large fire was lit and tended by a handsome young man visiting his family from Santiago, California. Potatoes were thrown into the coals and boxed lunches were brought and eaten at Central Hall, where coffee was provided.

The grand finale before the

light failed was a round-robin with the two contenders Toby Seward and Ian Thompson, the latter being the winner. However, Wendy Smith hung in there almost to the end.

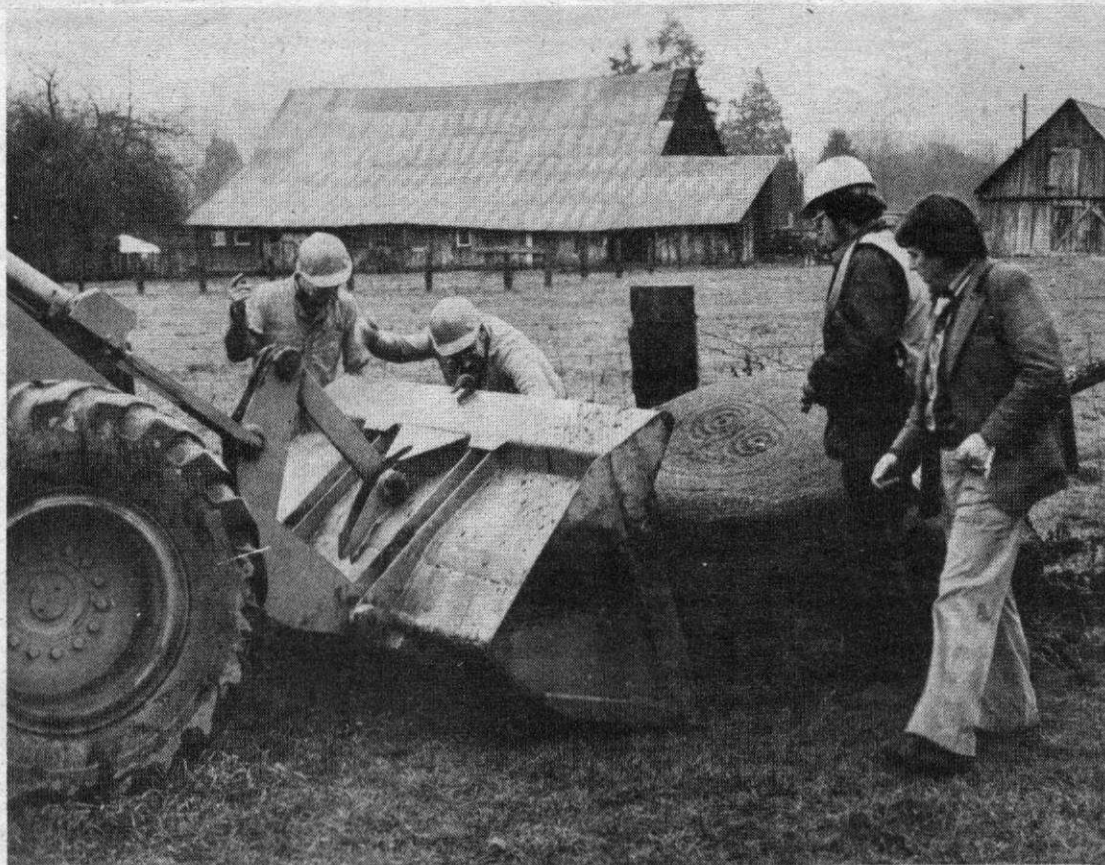
Everyone retired to Central Hall and the raffle prize was won by Katie Andress. There were also several individual prizes won by the following: Ann Foerster, Norman Best, Hugh Borsman, Hazel Thompson, Vickie Wilson, Darryl Foerster, Dan Ogilvie, Wendy Smith, Rosamund Truelove, Joan Tiernan, Ruth Borsman, Bill Smith and Peggy Stacey. We enjoyed the company of Rosamund Truelove from Galiano Island and would hope that other members from other islands will also visit and participate in this event which certainly will be an annual Boxing Day affair.

The enthusiasm of these tennis aficionados who braved the elements to play their favourite sport is further testimony of the surge of interest in tennis.

Safety first

Some users of wine,
Are often benign,
But drinkers of benzine,
Should be in quarantine.

-John Healey



Four ton rock is carefully moved

Moving a rock

[From Page One]

to the beach site which is actually a man-made spit for a log dump.

After noting the difficult access by road to the site and visiting the beach, members of the Heritage Conservation Branch and Conservation Division of the British Columbia Provincial Museum, decided that it was unsuitable for a permanent resting place.

The Drummond Children's park is a possible location for the petroglyph. It would be positioned only a quarter of a mile from its original site, overlooking the same

stretch of water.

Interpretive plaques could be displayed and the petroglyph made

As crews work to lift Indian carving, the face can be clearly seen, watching their labours.

readily accessible to the public, says the ministry.

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The Gulf Islands Intermediate And Personal Care Society
ANNOUNCES:
that it hopes to be in a position to commence accepting residents from February 15, 1979.
The board appreciates the patience of prospective residents, and in order to help them plan their move to Greenwood it proposes accepting 10 residents each week until full occupancy is achieved. Therefore it should be possible for up to a month's notice to be given to each resident.
A HAPPY NEW YEAR'S WISH IS EXTENDED TO ALL CONCERNED. 1-1

Players plan two meetings

Salt Spring Players Annual General Meeting has been set for January 16 at St. George's Church Hall.

Members will be asked to consider a proposed Constitution and By-laws for the amateur group which, since its inception eight years ago, has presented many and varied live theatre productions to Salt Spring audiences.

The Annual General Meeting will be preceded on January 6, also at St. George's Hall, by a "Wine and Dine in '79" open house potluck supper to which members, supporters and friends of the group are invited.

The January 6 affair is being co-ordinated by the President, Dorothy Roberts.

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TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

Lucky old Jack Girard! He's got two feet, alright, and even if his shoes didn't match, his feet do!

Iola Brookbanks is still chairman of the board of management of Lady Minto Hospital, even if Driftwood gave that honour to Lorraine Campbell! There's going to be lots more confusion between the hospital and Greentrees!

Young lady came in the office and asked for a carol sheet. What carol sheet? The one published by Driftwood. There wasn't one in Driftwood! Don't you read your

own papers? So we looked together and there wasn't one!

They had good coffee on the Bowen Queen last week. The machine broke down!

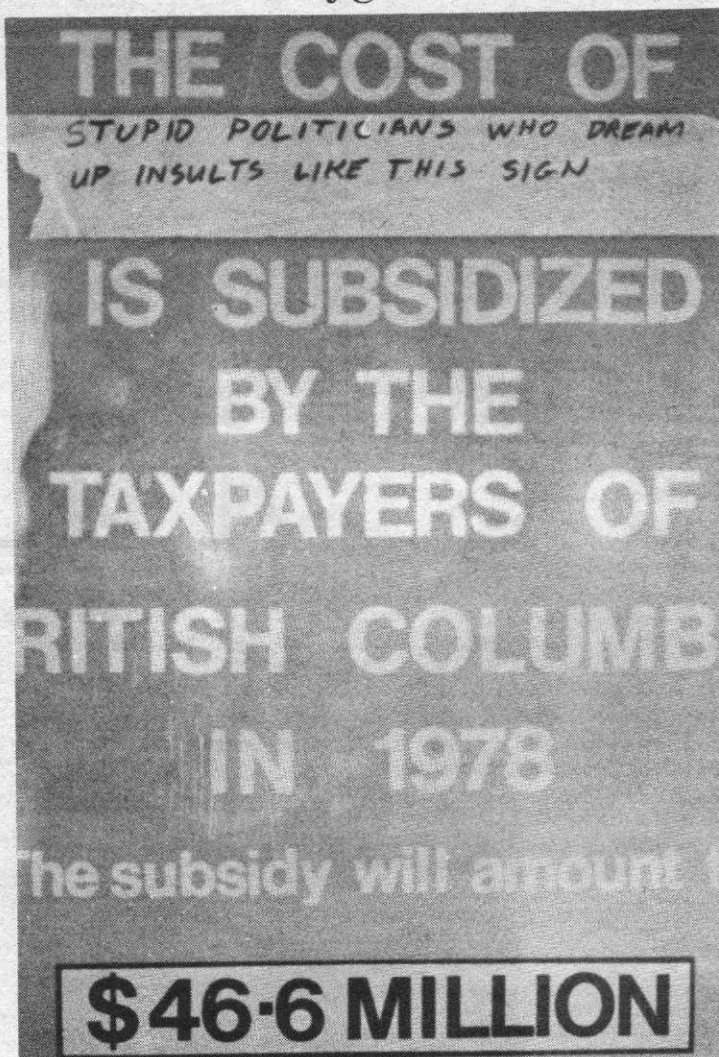
Carollers, singers and listeners decided this Christmas that the Catholic church is the hottest in Ganges. Even the hottest in the islands.

Deer tries ice skating

A Salt Spring Island deer made an unsuccessful attempt at ice skating on New Year's Day, though the attempt was not voluntary.

Chased on to the ice of St. Mary Lake by a dog, the deer was unable to get back to shore. However, two unidentified Samaritans came to the rescue and managed to get the deer off the ice, Driftwood learned.

The beef goes on . . .



Variations on the now-infamous signs posted on ferries serving the Gulf Islands have appeared from time to time. This one, authored by

an obviously-unhappy island resident was spotted by Driftwood's Galiano correspondent Mary Ellen Harding.

Cost of vaccine is passed on

In the past the Provincial Health Department has supplied all vaccines to the Capital Regional District Community Health Service free of charge. A charge is now imposed for smallpox and typhoid vaccines.

As a result, it has become necessary commencing January 1, to charge a fee of \$3 for the vaccine for each immunization against Smallpox or Typhoid, says Dr. A.S. Arneil, regional health officer.

"We regret having to do this, and would stress that the charge is for the immunizing material and not for the actual immunization itself. There will be no charge for diphtheria, polio, tetanus, measles, rubella or whopping cough vaccines," he added.

It would be helpful if the public could have the exact amount with them, concluded the doctor as his office has no facilities for making change.

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CUT OUT AND SAVE

Valcourt mobile home destroyed

A trailer at the Cedar View Mobile Home court that caught fire December 29 has been termed a total loss by Salt Spring fire officials.

Fire crews were called out at approximately 11 pm on that date to quell the blaze, which had broken out in a mobile home owned by Michael Valcourt.

The home, which was insured, had a total estimated value of \$13,000.

A faulty oil space heater is suspected as being the cause of the fire.

Publishers on holiday

Most people need a vacation now and again but those in the newspaper business need them more than most. At least that's the feeling of Driftwood publishers Frank and Barbara Richards, who left last week for a holiday in England and France.

Former Driftwood reporter Tony Richards is back on Salt Spring to take the reins of the paper for the next four weeks. He will not, however, be held responsible for any libel action that is taken against Driftwood during the month, he said last week.

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The Cudmore Rock

Some years ago Mr. Gordon Cudmore found a large rock in the sea at Fulford Harbour and discovered a carving in its side. He was engaged in logging and the rock was moved in the course of floating logs in the harbour.

Another man might well have continued with his work and left the rock to crumble away in the salt water. But Mr. Cudmore did not. He took time out from his labours to bring the strange rock up on the shore. Many people saw it there on the beach.

When he constructed his airstrip at Fulford, Mr. Cudmore moved the rock with its ancient Indian carving to the entrance to the flying field. It was illuminated and visitors to the airstrip saw it as they passed.

This action proved to be illegal and contravened the law regarding archaeological relics.

In November the ministry of recreation and conservation took measures to have the rock removed from the private property on which it had been placed.

The ministry is planning to return it to the Drummond Park area, adjacent to the water in which it had lain for many years. No firm action has been taken.

The ministry must take great care of this Cudmore rock. If it should be carelessly handled or fall victim to vandalism, the government would be in the difficult position of having acted to save it only to lose it.

In the midst of these problems of legality, there might be a tendency to overlook the fact that we are indebted to Mr. Cudmore for having found and preserved this link with the past and we should recognize that if he felt a proprietary interest in the artifact, he had every justification in entertaining that pride of ownership.

Letters to the Editor

NEGATIVE ATTITUDE

Sir,
Following letter has been addressed to Hugh Curtis, M.L.A. in Victoria.

There is a serious problem in your district of which you may or may not be aware. In February, 1979, the Bowen Queen will be stretched leaving Salt Spring Island residents with an entirely insufficient service to and from their homes. The Bowen Queen, with a capacity of 50 cars and 390 passengers is being stretched because it cannot adequately service Salt Spring Island. In its place B.C. Ferry Corporation proposes to use the Salt Spring Queen, capacity 36 cars and 187 passengers, and the Pender Queen, capacity 40 cars and 250 passengers. This puts an extreme hardship on commuters who use this ferry every day.

There is definitely a negative attitude toward Gulf Island residents in general and commuters in particular by most of the B.C. Ferry Corporation. Certainly they must know the problems that this move in February will place on commuters. With any foresight and planning this could be avoided. There could be reservations on a daily or weekly basis for commuters. There could be a lane guaranteeing commuters space if they arrive fifteen minutes before sailing. There could be supplemental runs to relieve overloads. There are many possibilities.

B.C. Ferry Corporation is subsidized by we the tax payers (as we are so often reminded). There must be some procedure available to us

to change this system. If you are not in a position to help, I would appreciate being told who is.

Awaiting your reply,
MYRLE SHERWOOD,
R.R.2, Ganges,
December 14, 1978

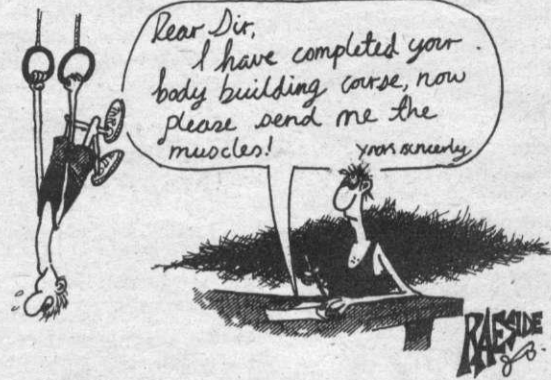
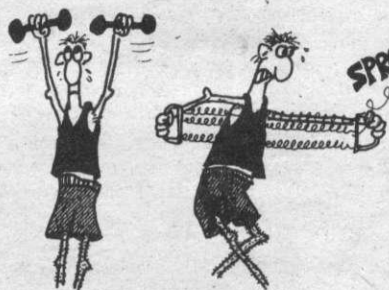
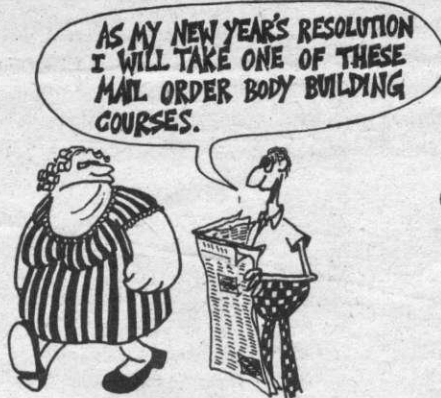
SINCERE THANKS

Sir,
As we enter a new year I would like to pass on a word of thanks to all those who helped and gave to the elderly during the Christmas season.

The Christmas spirit was in full swing in 1978. First the OAPO was able to move into its new quarters, Central Hall and members feel at last they have a place of their own. At the dinner and party on December 10, more than 100 Oldies sat down to a lovely dinner and Christmas carols.

Branch 32 held its Christmas party December 13 in Central Hall, and everyone received a small gift. Next came the Lions Dinner Party on December 19: they really went all out. St. George's Hall was packed, the turkey dinner was delicious and carols followed with Santa in person. Also I must mention the poinsettia plants from the T. Eaton Co., delivered to Pioneer Village by local scouts. There were carols in the village during Christmas week and I must not forget the young people who came around with free Christmas trees and also the Meals on Wheels and the Homemakers.

The OAPO will hold its annual dinner on January 10 at 12.30: it's nice to think there is another one to



come!!

The branch is looking forward to a good year and more members and I trust they will all come to the January 25 meeting, where Mrs. Betty Brigden will be installed as president. I am sure she will make a good one.

A very Happy New Year to all my friends and helpers who make our organization such a happy one to belong to. My sincere thanks to everyone.

ELSIE THACKER
Branch 32, BCOAPO

OLD LICENSE

Sir,
I have been following with interest the accounts of low license numbers.

I had, up till recently license No. 2129, but I broke my hip and gave up driving. I bought it the morning of the first day they went on sale. I notice in the current issue Mr. Gordon McDonald says he bought his first one in 1821, he must be quite old by now!

By the way I got my Driftwood of November 15 a few days ago, as the post office says, "The mail must go through, come rain, hail or whatever."

I enjoy your paper.
ROY HOWARD
4900 Central Avenue,
Ladner, B.C.
December 13, 1978

ONLY PART WAY

Sir,
Comments on your article concerning Bill 42:

At the time Bill 42 was put into effect it aroused a storm of opposition, mostly from farmers but from others as well. There was a group at the Legislative buildings and farm tractors were driven along the streets of Victoria with the marchers. It was a time of intense concern.

As time has passed, the bill has been praised by some conservation minded people as it has, outside of municipalities, prevented good farmland going into commercial and residential use. This part has been good.

Nobody seems to recognize that agriculture in itself, is an industry, and an important one. However, no industry can survive unless there is a market for its products and a reasonable return on capital investment.

There are farming operations which have survived over the years because they enjoy some special advantage, but these are few. Many farmers have seen land values increase many times while they have had to work harder than ever to try to make ends meet and

see no hope for the future.

One of the worst things is the importing of farm products that can be grown here. This really destroys the stability of the markets. There is no incentive to put any more farmland back into crops that will lose money.

What Bill 42 did, I think, was to recognize and draw attention to a problem without doing anything about the problem:

the need to develop agriculture and a secondary industry related to agribusiness:

how to revitalize the farm industry and be able to make a living at farming is what its all about.

If this had been taken into consideration as well, then the farmers would have been jumping with joy instead of being mad as hornets.

Bill 42 should be scrapped and a new bill brought in that deals completely with all aspects of farmland use and makes farming and getting land into productivity a reasonably profitable business with some kind of a future.

People who have a stake in agriculture should be preparing to present to the government an input of practical ideas and solutions and press for a fair deal after all these years. If people who are involved sit back and do nothing, then, most likely, the government won't do anything either.

It has to be more of a push by more people.

G. HOWLAND
Ganges, B.C.
December 27, 1978.

BIAS AND CROWS

Sir,
Is it that you have a personal bias that causes you to omit printing any points of view that do not agree with the free shooting of crows. I have not seen as yet any in your paper and I know of such opinions sent to you. This is my second letter and I will restate my feelings.

I feel that the idea of an open season for the free shooting of crows is the product of an unhealthy mind which sees no alternative in life than to kill and destroy that which it has no ability to tolerate or otherwise intelligently deal with. Further, this kind of action only attacks the symptom and does not strike at the real cause.

My recommendation for such a concern is to first remember above all that we are here to harmoniously coexist on this planet and that all creatures have as much right to be here as we do.

Second, simply observe and contemplate the situation and gather as much information as possible so that a full understanding may be available before action taken.

What I understand about crows is they are basically scavengers. They live primarily on discarded [Turn to Page Five]

Church Services

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1979

ANGLICAN			
St. Mark's	Central	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	9.00 am
Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	9.00 am
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am
UNITED			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812(church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm
COMMUNITY GOSPEL			
Rev. S. Hildebrandt	Sunday Sch.	all ages	10.30 am
Box 61, Ganges 537-2622, -5757	Evening Service		7.00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer	Thursday		7.00 pm
MAYNE ISLAND			
St. Mary Magdalene	Sundays	Rev. John Dyer	11.30 am
Community Church	Pastor J. Rodine		539-5710
Sunday at 3 pm	in school		
Bible Study	Friday in the homes		
GALIANO ISLAND			
St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am

Letters to the Editor

[From Page Four]

foodstuffs and already dead animals. Crows like an easy meal, not one that will put up an argument. They are not predators.

Where do we find crows? We find them in our parks, campsites, picnic area, domestic and commercial trash cans, at refuse dumps and in those forbidden places along the side of the road where the more unsavoury among us, (hopefully unseen) will dispose of that which they no longer wish to be responsible for. Not only will the crows cleanup gleefully the hamburger buns and potato chips that we toss gleefully from our car windows, they also devour the thousands of small animal carcasses we needlessly kill through inattentive driving every year. In fact those of us who have stepped off our one-acre lot and taken a walk in the countryside, or gotten out of the car and taken a good look in the ditches and hedgerows, will agree that for an animal, partial to refuse, this planet is a veritable paradise.

If we scientifically examine the forces of nature that bring about an increase in a particular animal species we will find a direct connection to the food chain. That is to say the more food, the more mouths needed to eat it. If we look further with the view to using that same force of nature to control or regulate an animal population, it follows that controlling the food source is the key. The only problem with this is it dumps the responsibility right back on our laps. If we kill the crows who clean up our trash, we will be surrounded with stinky garbage and/or have more rats who also live on our trash. And then following the same logic we must kill the overpopulation of rats. Then we are only left with the trash.

God, it is said, gave us dominion over the earth and all the

creatures upon it. That dominion is the power of reason and the intelligence to use it. Let's do that and not be so trigger happy.

LANCE BANNER

Box 1117, Ganges
December 18, 1978.

Editor's note: Not even for crows will Driftwood accept anonymous letters. Mr. Banner did not sign his first epistle and it was not used. Only personal bias experienced by the Editor is a distaste for eating crow. In this case Mr. Banner, is no doubt, enjoying a good meal of black bird.

SINCERE THANKS

Sir,

The Arthritis Society is again very much indebted to your paper and its helpful staff for their continuing assistance in bringing about a greater awareness in your community of our treatment, research and education programs.

During 1978, the society has expanded its territories to reach more arthritis patients, added a new mobile occupational therapy van, initiated new drug studies, and increased our campaign totals by 25%. A new book "You Asked About Rheumatoid Arthritis," edited by our medical director also became available.

We were again studied by a task force which is using our provincial program as a prototype for a similar one being developed in the United States.

My purpose in writing is to say that your paper and your community through their support are helping to make a great deal possible for the arthritis patient in B.C. and for our society. We extend our sincere thanks and warm wishes for the new year.

R.J. SMITH,
Executive Director.
December 27, 1978

Pedestrian safety spotlighted at public meeting Monday

The Salt Spring Elementary School advisory committee has called a general public meeting concerned with pedestrian traffic safety, to be held on Monday,

Board gets accreditation cost totals

Gulf Islands school trustees were given a rundown on school evaluation costs at their last regular meeting of 1978, held December 21.

District secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck told the board that to date the cost of evaluating Salt Spring Elementary has tallied up to \$311.40. Costs involved with a similar process at Gulf Islands Secondary School have run to \$1,390.34, Peck told the board.

The secretary-treasurer concluded by saying he didn't expect any additional expense to be involved with the accreditation process.

Boat fund total is over \$1,500

The Darrell Georgeson Boat Fund has passed the \$1,500 mark. The fund was launched last month following the fire which almost destroyed the Sophia on December 7. Money collected will be used to rebuild the boat.

Donations may be made through Mouat's Trading Co., Driftwood or at the Bank of Montreal where a special account has been opened for the fund.

Meanwhile, the boat has been hauled up out of the water in preparation for the rebuild.

Pensioners receive free poinsettias

A total of 55 pensioners on Salt Spring Island received poinsettia plants shortly before Christmas thanks to the T. Eaton Company and Salt Spring Island Boy Scouts.

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Charges laid after two-car crash on Salt Spring

Harold Hoffman of Walkers Hook has been charged with failing to yield the right of way following a motor vehicle accident on Lower Ganges Road at 4.40 pm December 19.

Hoffman's vehicle collided with a car driven by Mark O'Donnell of Isabella Point, causing an estimated \$400 damage.

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Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

A most happy and healthy New Years greeting to all!!

The New year came in on Galiano very quietly with many people getting together, for friendly parties. Up at Ken Silvey's, his family gathered for the traditional dinner which his mother reluctantly gave up last year. Now the ladies have all got together for their family festive season.

Up at the Pat Wilson's, there were more than 30 there for the Christmas tree on Christmas eve. They were happy to have Tom Head, who is in Lady Minto Hospital, home for a few days along with two others. Mrs. Wilson's great-uncle and her brother George's grandmother-in-law from the mainland, all were over the age of 80 but enjoyed the merriment of the children opening their presents.

George and his wife, Bonny entertained Bonny's mother and dad, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, and Mrs. Martin's mother from the mainland for the Christmas season.

Bob Bambrick entertained

many of his friends on New Years eve for a happy party enjoyed by all.

Many of the islanders stayed home for the coming of this year, as the weather was quite cold.

The Galiano Rod and Gun Club held a most successful party for the new year. They had a good crowd, and all said that they had a very good time.

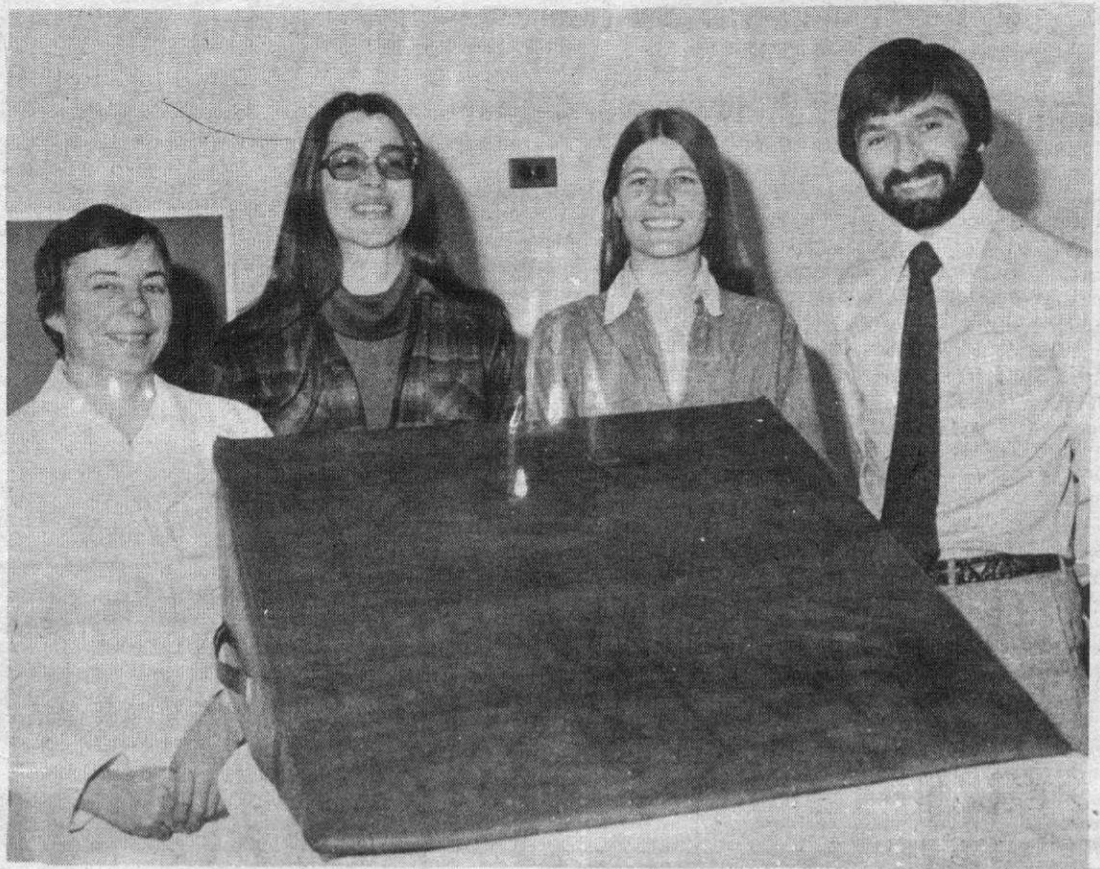
Down at Galiano Lodge, there was also a very nice party, and those all had a great time.

Congratulations to Richard Mouat Toynbee for his excellent book, Snapshots of Early Salt Spring. It is so very interesting, and gives anyone the feeling that once you begin to look at it you have to spend time seeing all of the wonderful pictures loaned for this book. Happy was your scribe, to see the Georgeson and Sampson families pictures on the same page. It is with pride that we all have been friends for many years. Beautifully done!!

We are sorry to note that Mrs. W.J. Kolosoff was recently taken to hospital.

The big Christmas tree, on Sturdies Bay wharf suffered quite a beating in the storms but is still standing, thanks to the good "stays" put up by members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Family Centre donates labour wedge



Expectant women in the Gulf Islands will have something to make delivery of their new babies a little easier, thanks to a recent donation from the Family Centre of Salt Spring Island. Lady Minto Hospital director of nursing Joyce

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Offer Forms may be viewed at Mayne Island, Galiano and Pender Island Post Offices.

The Department reserves the unqualified right to reject any or all offers received.

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Deadline is February 2 for Young Canada Works

Applications are now available for funding under the federal Young Canada Works Program.

All persons employed by sponsoring organizations under the Young Canada Works Program must have been full-time students in 1978-79. Projects must create jobs that will develop employees' skills and work habits and relate to their career aspirations. The sponsor undertakes the responsibility for providing supervision and direction, doing any training, required and keeping accurate financial records.

Projects must contribute to the economic and social well-being of the community by providing worthwhile services or facilities, or by improving the physical, social or cultural environment.

Last summer seven jobs were created for Salt Spring Island students under Young Canada Works. Four were employed by the Parks and Recreation Commission upgrading community parks and three were employed by the Salt Spring Island Parents Co-operative Pre-school Association constructing outdoor playground equipment at the Community Centre. On Pender Island the Chamber of Commerce employed five students to enhance recreation facilities

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Sunday afternoon

Concert series set up for spring at Salt Spring Island

Sponsors of Salt Spring Island's concert series are announcing the events scheduled for the balance of the season, leading off with the Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble, on January 14.

January 28 brings a trio consisting of Larry Skaggs, cello; Derry Deane, violin; and Anne Crose, piano.

February opens with a performance by the Purcell String Quartet on the fourth, to be followed by a special program in the school the next day. Wendy and David Humphries, soprano and harp duo, are

tentatively scheduled for February 18.

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Jean Knight, violin, and Catherine Ely, harp, appear March 4. The final event of the season will be staged by the Performance Group from Lester Pearson College, March 18.

Regular patrons will recognize on this list some of the most popular performers who are returning from previous seasons here. Most of the concerts take place in St. George's and are timed for 2 pm, Sunday afternoons.

They are co-sponsored by the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island and the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council. Admission is open to all, though the audience is asked to contribute as generously as possible to a paper collection at the door.

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Memorial service for Mrs. Webb

Rev. Peter McCalman will officiate at a memorial service Saturday for Amy Anne Webb, who died at the age of 94 at Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges on January 2.

Mrs. Webb is survived by her daughter, Connie Cunningham and son Mike Webb of Salt Spring Island, and two other sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren in England.

Saturday's memorial service begins at 11 a.m. in St. George's Church, Ganges.

Wharf repairs for Galiano

A contract has been awarded to repair steel bearing piles below ramp tower bases at Montague Harbour ferry terminal on Galiano Island.

Can-Dive Services Limited, of Vancouver, submitted the lowest of five tenders for the job at a bid price of \$37,035. Work will begin early in January, 1979, with a crew of five.

Part of the contract involves removal of corroded pile sections and the splicing of new pile sections to the remaining pile stub ends, using bolted steel splice joints.

MAY BE NEEDED
Some underwater cutting and drilling and brace replacement may also be required.

The contract stipulates that there will be no interference with regular ferry traffic, including the loading ramps during arrival and departure of ferries.

The service is operated by the British Columbia Ferry Authority.

Total cost, including engineering supervision and materials, will be \$52,000.

Investigation of \$35,000 house fire continues

A home owned by Myrle Sherwood on Horel Road was totally gutted by fire December 22 only a short time after the owner left for a Christmas holiday in the United States.

Salt Spring fire chief Bob Leask said his crews were called out to the fire at about 7 pm. Ms. Sherwood had left for her trip at 3.30 pm the same day.

Damage estimate on the two-bedroom home has been set at \$35,000. The house was insured.

Leask said the cause of the fire hasn't yet been determined.

Vancouver library seeks photographs, old or new

The Historical Photograph section of the Vancouver Public Library has a collection of negatives and prints covering all aspects of life in British Columbia and the Yukon from the 1860's to the present. The total number of negatives is nearly 200,000.

The art of photography was well established when the province was in its infancy. Therefore, just about every event, whether social, political, industrial or military, was photographed.

But where are these photographs? A lot of them are tucked away in anything from shoe boxes to gilt-edged photograph albums and then stored in the attic or basement and forgotten, suggests

a library spokesman.

The Historical Photograph section of the Vancouver Public Library buys, accepts donations or borrows photograph collections.

Anyone with photos of B.C. or the Yukon is asked to contact A.R. D'Alto, Photographic Curator, Vancouver Public Library, Historical Photograph Section, 750 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 1X5.

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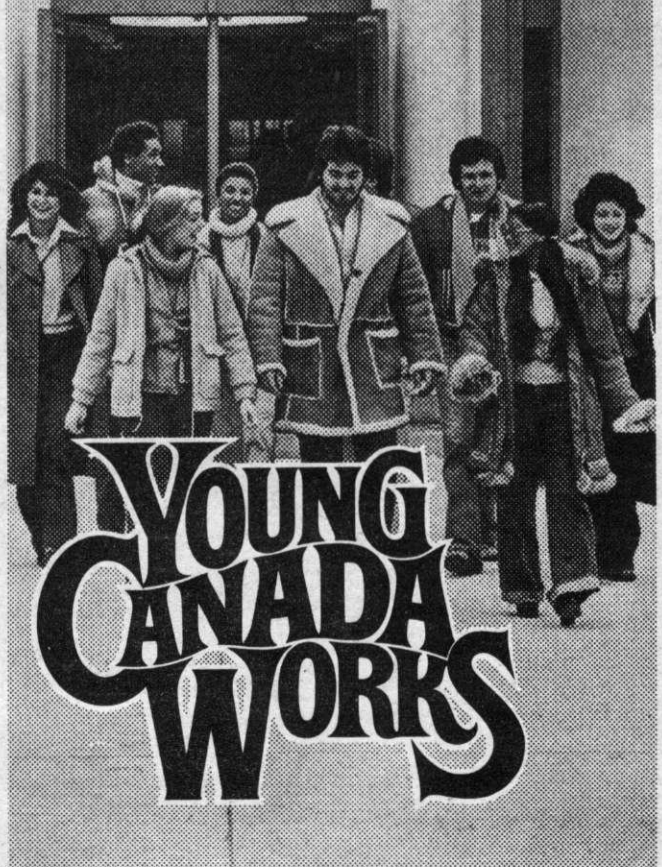
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NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

AFTER 15 YEARS

Elsie Thacker steps down

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

After 15 years in the president's chair of the Salt Spring Island branch of the Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Elsie Thacker is stepping down.

"I could have run for the presidency again, but I feel as if I've done my share, really," says Mrs. Thacker.

While her term in the president's office of Branch 25 of the pensioners' organization may seem long to some, even that doesn't cover the full extent of her involvement with the group. Her association with the organization, in fact, goes back 20 years to the founding of the first pensioners' group on Salt Spring.

"The first branch had been organized on the island in 1957 in a cottage on Cusheon Lake," Mrs. Thacker recalls. "It had been

organized by other people, but they didn't really know what to do."

Shortly after her arrival on Salt Spring in 1958, Mrs. Thacker's husband died.

TO KEEP BUSY

"I'd lost my husband and I was looking for something to do," she recalls. "I needed something to keep busy, so I took on the job of secretary-treasurer for the branch."

In addition to those duties Mrs. Thacker assumed a variety of other responsibilities. She spent eight years on the provincial executive of the Old Age Pensioners' Organization, and was one of the first 25 community counsellors for the aged appointed under W.A.C. Bennett's regime.

Mrs. Thacker's fat scrapbook tells the tale of her long association with the Salt Spring branch of the organization. There are accounts of everything from theatrical productions to spring luncheons and teas.

"We've done all sorts of things during the years," she says with a smile. "There have been all sorts of trips, picnics, Christmas dinners...we used to have Christmas dinners for anyone who didn't have a place to go. And there were concert parties. We used to do all sorts of things."

FROM FIVE TO 200

All of the activity was obviously attractive to the island's pensioners. Membership increased over the years from the original five to 200.

"There are about 150 members now," says Mrs. Thacker.

The branch's affairs haven't, however, been all fun and games over the years. There were funds to be raised for a variety of causes, among them a building fund. The branch now has its own kitchen at Central Hall complete with dishes and utensils purchased with the group's money.

Although the group has received some funding from the Parks and Recreation Commission to cover trips to Victoria, all of its other costs are covered by such money-making events as the popular annual bazaar and the spring Daffodil Luncheon.

"We all pay \$2 a year membership," Mrs. Thacker points out. "Half of that goes to the provincial head office, and the rest is used locally. But we made \$950 on the bazaar this year and that always helps cover costs."

HEATING PROBLEMS

Lately, heating problems at Central have proven to be something of a stumbling block. It wasn't, however, enough to phase the inimitable Mrs. Thacker.

"I handed out little white boxes and asked everyone to start saving their pennies," she says. "I've already collected \$100 to help with the heating costs through that method, and I expect it to increase soon."

Why pennies and white boxes as a fund-raising method?

"I just thought that if we went around and asked everyone to contribute that they would all right, but then that would be the end of it. People would donate a lump sum, but there wouldn't be a continuous flow of money," says Mrs. Thacker. "This way, people save their pennies all the time and there's money coming in to help with the heating costs on a continual basis."

Mrs. Thacker says that the group doesn't do as much in the way of entertainment now as it used to.

"We don't have to," she points out. "because there's so much done for us these days."

SORE POINT

And that, she admits, is a bit of sore point.

"I'm certainly not ungrateful for all the things that are done for the island's old people," she says. "I think the various functions and entertainments we've been treated to have been wonderful. But there's nothing left for the elderly people to do for themselves. Everything's done for them, and I think that's a great mistake."

The burgeoning concern for the elderly doesn't phase Elsie Thacker, though. At a sprightly 88 she still does as much of her own housework as she can manage, and

Pender portable gets nod on rough estimate basis

Gulf Islands School District secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck has been authorized to proceed with work on the portable classroom for the Pender School.

The board has agreed to accept a rough estimate of costs for time and materials required for the school addition.

Scrapbooks recall long association



Elsie Thacker looks through scrapbooks that recount 20 years of involvement with pensioners' organizations.

she has every intention of keeping her finger in the OAP pie through supervision of the day trips to Victoria.

"I've never felt old, and I don't feel old yet," she says with a twinkle. "I feel tired sometimes, but I sure don't feel old."

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Saturna Scene

BY MARJORIE RATZLAFF

Christmas on Saturna began with the school concert on December 9. This event has been mentioned elsewhere, but your correspondent must specially mention four very pretty and talented little girls from the kindergarten department, as well as the very good characterization of the "wise old woman" by Shawn Crosby, in the play.

Dinner held on December 16 was a great success, with beautiful food catered by the upholstery class. This was followed by dancing for those who do, and bridge for those who don't.

The Christmas church service held in St. Christopher's on December 17 at 2 pm was also a great success despite power outages and the absence of Archdeacon Powell, whose coming was prevented by stormy weather. A choir of six children and six adults was organized and conducted by Polly Howarth, assisted also by Kathy Sheffield playing her recorder and Harvey Janzen with his flute. With all this assistance the congregation was in more than usual good voice for the traditional Christmas carols Scripture and other appropriate readings were done by various members of the congregation, which filled the body of the church.

Many families were off-island for Christmas. A few were the following: Dick and Dawrene Gaines, with John, Melanie and children, enjoyed Christmas in California; Marie McMahon and Stella Coutts as well as Em and Laura Coombes, visited on the mainland; Bob and Taimi Hindmarch visited friends and relatives in and around Vancouver; Per and Carol Fister with children Michael and Christine visited relatives on the mainland.

There were many visitors to families on Saturna, Debbie, Archie and daughter Theresa, from Kamloops, visited Irene and Bill Lawson, as did also Davey, Holly, and the twins and Dale from Chemainus, Marjorie and Walter had daughter Dori from Vancouver. Daughter Laurie came home for Christmas with Don and Lil Cunningham.

We could go on and on, but time and space do not permit.

Don and Lil Cunningham were "at home" on Boxing Day to friends and relatives, as were Ann Bavis and Stacey. Susanne and Ian Middleditch had Christmas dinner in their new home for the farm folks and friends and relatives. There was delicious food of quantity and variety sufficient for all the twelve days of Christmas, and turkey soup afterwards!

We cannot end this column without wishing everyone happiness and good fortune for 1979. We would like to give special thanks and appreciation to:

1. the B.C. Hydro crew who came to our aid in all kinds of weather and no matter what day or time;
2. Dave Watson of B.C. Tell who helps us with our phone difficulties;
3. Mr. Hogg and the road crew who help to keep us mobile;
4. Jack Hughes and his Flyer water taxi who make excellent time in spite of wind and wave and dark of night.

Though not impossible, it will be difficult facing the new year without Mike and Maggie Hayes, Katlin and Patrick. We wish them all of the best in their new home on Salt Spring.

We send special greetings to those who have been ill or are hospitalized: Jeannie Morgan in Royal Jubilee, dealing bravely with the difficult job of rehabilitation after a crippling stroke (hang in there Jeannie, we are all pulling for you); Gordie Campbell getting settled in his new little apartment on Styles Street; and Arthur Ralph whooping it up at Memorial Pavilion. Our thoughts are with you especially at this time.

Bosiko, Nova Scotia? No such place

There is no such place as Bosiko, Nova Scotia, Driftwood learned last week.

About two months ago, former Mayne Island resident Richard Demeester was reported to be residing in Bosiko. He has since written with the information that he lives in the Granville Ferry area of Nova Scotia, where the postal code is B0S 1K0.

Youths levied fines under Liquor Control Act

John Kaufman and Dal Seymour have each been fined in provincial court after pleading guilty to charges laid under the Liquor Control Act.

Kaufman, 18, was fined \$50 by Judge F.C. Giles on a charge of being a minor in possession of liquor. Seymour, 17, was fined the same amount on an identical charge.

In addition, both youths were fined for drinking in a public place as the result of a party Nov. 25 in Mout's Provincial Park at Ganges.

Giles was told that when police arrived at the party site several people were gathered around a picnic table at the park. They all scattered and hid in the woods and one youth hid under a boat, the information revealed. Several bottles of liquor were found in the area where the group had been.

Kaufman was fined \$100 after pleading guilty to drinking in the park that night.

"And are you," the judge queried when Seymour took the

stand, "the one who hid under the boat?"

When Seymour affirmed that he was and pleaded guilty to the charge, he was levied a fine of \$75. Giles told Seymour he was being fined less on that particular charge because he was younger.

"And pass the word around will you?" the judge concluded with a smile. "No more of this sort of thing."

Papers are missing

What happened to 1969? That's the question Driftwood staff members are asking these days following a fruitless search for the 51 issues published that year.

Until the missing papers are found, the Down Through the Years With Driftwood column will only look back at events that took place five and 15 years ago.

If the papers have been borrowed by a reader, their return would be appreciated, said a Driftwood reporter this week.

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Time to look back, as well as ahead

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

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1. Sovereign equality of all states.
2. Co-operation to end disparities between rich and poor.
3. The need to spur progress in all developing countries, especially the poorest, least developed countries.
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6. Right to compensation for colonialist exploitation.
7. Transnational companies to be regulated in the interests of host countries.
8. Colonialized peoples have the right to liberation and control over their own resources.
9. Aid to people struggling against foreign domination and racism.
10. Fair balance between prices of

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14. Preferential treatment for less developed countries in international economic cooperation.
 15. Favourable conditions for transfer of financial resources.
 16. Access to technology suitable to developing country needs.
 17. An end to waste of resources, especially food.
 18. Developing countries to concentrate their resources for the cause of development.
 19. Strengthening of cooperation among developing countries.
 20. A more active role for producers' associations.

It is both discouraging to see what little progress we have made toward these ends, and heartening to know that at least some progress

has been made, if only in peoples' attitudes.

I am encouraged by the increasing number of people who read this column with enough interest to talk to me about it. Whether or not they agree with the points of view expressed they care enough to discuss it, and that's healthy.

I feel hypocritical wishing people "Happy New Year", when the chances of happiness for so many are so few, and, in the main, restricted to those of us who are able to exercise options.

Peace and Joy would come nearer. That peace which the world cannot give. That joy which comes from inside, and is not dependant on externals, the way happiness quite often is.

Most of all, however, I wish you increasing awareness: sight to the blind and freedom to those who have been chained by prejudice, by ignorance, by tradition. Then, when we can see more clearly, we can "follow Him more nearly and love Him more dearly."

And that's what I wish us all for 1979.

Year-end Professional Days quashed

The Gulf Islands School board has passed a resolution that will prohibit teachers in the district from holding Professional Development Days at the end of the school year.

The board approved the resolution upon the suggestion of District Superintendent Bob Huestis at its regular meeting December 21. The request for use of Professional Days at the end of June rather than during the school year came from the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association.

Huestis told the board he felt the days could be better used by the teachers during the course of the school year rather than at the end of it.

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Former islander dies in Kamloops

Alice K. Thompson, formerly of Salt Spring Island, died in Kamloops on January 1 at the age of 84 years.

Predeceased by her husband Samuel in 1966, Mrs. Thompson leaves to mourn two sons, Lyle in Kamloops and D. Alan in Aldergrove, and three daughters, Margaret Gerrits in Concrete, Wash-

ington, Jean Finken of Kirkland, Washington, and Patricia Whitbread of Frobisher Bay, NWT. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in St. Alban's Church with interment in the family plot at Murrayville Cemetery, Langley.

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No need for qualms about library

So far, so good. That's the word from Don Kertland of the Salt Spring Island Library Association, which is attempting to drum up enough money to expand its cur-

rent facility on McPhillips Avenue in Ganges.

Kertland reports that the drive to come up with interest-free loans to help cover the mortgage on a piece

of property adjoining the present library site has been highly successful. The drive for donations, he says, is expected to be under way by the time the group meets for its

annual general meeting on February 15.

"We should have some drawings of what can be done and an estimate of what it's going to cost

by then," Kertland says.

The expansion is being planned in order to comply with ground rules laid out in the provincial government's grant system for the purchase of books.

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS

Since the decision to expand the facilities was made in November, library board members have faced a number of questions from Salt Spring residents. They've covered everything from financing to the maintenance of local control of the library, says Kertland.

Financing, past, present and future, has been a big concern among Salt Spring residents, he says.

The board points out that for the past 10 years the library has been run on a variety of grants in addition to its own income. The library commission in Victoria contributed \$1,000 annually, and in 1976 and 1977 the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission donated \$300 to the cause. That was increased to \$500 in 1978.

In addition to grants, the library obtains income from a variety of other sources. In 1977, for instance, \$1,600 was received in fees, \$600 was realized from book sales and another \$400 came from fines and donations. Interest of about \$800 from investments also helped cover expenses.

NEW FINANCING PLAN

Under the new financing plan worked out by the provincial government, the library would receive \$8,820 annually, all to be used for the purchase of books.

To qualify for the grant, however, the library's physical facilities must be expanded from its current 1,000 square feet to 2,800 square feet and the library must be open for a minimum of 20 hours per week.

Kertland points out that the library now is open 22 hours per week. Government guidelines, however, require that the library must have a community librarian who has completed a specified training course offered through the Library Service Branch. Kertland says the association is hoping that some of its volunteers will take the course, which is mostly correspondence work.

Although nothing is said about pay for library workers in the provincial standards, Kertland concedes that it could be a problem.

Increased space, of course, will mean increased operational costs for the library. The board has estimated that heat, light, cleaning services and building maintenance will cost an additional \$1,000 annually once the expansion is complete. In addition, insurance costs may increase by as much as \$300 a year.

DIVERT FUNDS

To cope with the jump in operating costs, says Kertland, the library will divert the funds it would normally have spent on books in that direction. More support from the Parks and Recreation Commission will be solicited as well, he says, and increased services to the community should add to the library's income. If all else fails, the association will consider raising membership fees from the current \$2 per year.

The association has looked at other alternatives to pay for the expansion, Kertland says. Among those was the possibility of a referendum which, if approved, would have added about half a mill to the tax rate for 20 years.

The association has looked at [Turn to Page Sixteen]

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15 YEARS AGO

Mr. Peter Cartwright, North Salt Spring Island Waterworks System, reports the water in Maxwell Lake 4 inches higher than at any time in the 13 years he has been measuring it. And speaking of high water, it is reported that a special Tripp Road puddle is posted with the sign, Tripp Lake, No Fishing.

Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Deggen, Ganges was a truly memorable day. Four generations of Mrs. Deggen's family gathered for Christmas dinner, including her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.N. McDermott, Ganges, her daughter, Mrs. T. Isbister, and her granddaughter Shari Isbister.

Beaver Point School House stands lonely and unoccupied in its grave of sheltering trees -- a memento of past joy and grief to many of its former scholars.

The friendly atmosphere of the old school house still remains. The desks are gone but some work of the pupils of 1951 is still on the walls. Mrs. E.B. MacMillan was the teacher then.

The old school was built in 1885 by S. John Beddis, still a well-known name on the island. He was assisted by his sons, Henry and Charles who were the first pupils enrolled in the school.

The 0 to 6 Group of the Salt Spring Island Club was formed to encourage parents to develop the intelligence of their children before entering school. A child's most rapid mental development occurs before age four, and the two most difficult skills, those of walking and talking, are usually achieved before three.

By age six the intelligence and powers of learning appear much less pliable.

Our friend, Miss Jean Pattison, who recently took over the 'Gulf Islander' on Galiano has gained fame by getting a one-way ticket to Salt Spring Island, according to the CBC 7 o'clock show. Welcome Jean! Anyway Jean is being interviewed by Eileen Laurie on New Year Day in regard to one of her very humorous dissertations on Island privies.

According to one who was there, the Vesuvius Marine Coffee Shop was visited by old St. Nick the day after Christmas. After kicking at something in the road and losing a shoe on the roof of the shop, our celebrant climbed to the roof for his shoe and stopped long enough for a Ho, Ho, Ho down the chimney before coming back to earth.

Pre-Christmas visitors on Salt Spring included Mr. Ivan Mouat, Baker Lake, NWT, who paid a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Mouat, Charlesworth Road.

December 29, under the very able leadership of Mr. Vic Jackson, President of the Rod and Gun Club, an indoor archery shoot for juniors 12 and under was held, in the club house.

Winner of the first shoot with 16 arrows best score was Eric Booth, who took a turkey home for first prize.

Mrs. J. Bennett stood by with hot dogs and cocoa for the hungry competitors.

Christmas Penny Fair and carol singing were enjoyed by OAPO members at their meeting Dec. 19 in St. George's Parish Hall.

The Penny Fair was in charge of Mrs. E. Thacker, assisted by Peter Middlemiss and Frank Bostock. Numerous gifts donated by local merchants and OAPO friends served as prizes in a drawing held for each article. Lady Luck smiled on Mr. L. Olson who won three gifts; four members had double luck, and in three cases husband and wife each won a prize.

Mrs. J.D. Reid was chosen as president for 1964 at the recent meeting of the Mizpah Group of United Church women. Mrs. H. Ashley was in the chair for the meeting, which was held at the manse with 15 members present.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Chairman Jim Campbell has called for greater co-operation with constituent municipal councils this year.

Chairman of the Capital Regional Board, Jim Campbell of Saturna Island was re-elected by acclamation last week for another year.

Campbell, who has represented the Outer Gulf Islands on the Regional Board since 1971, said after re-election to his second term as chairman that the highest priority in 1974 must be the development of "truly regional land use policies", in the interest of all the people who live in the Capital Region.

Annual island drive for funds for CARE is now over and George and Edith Pearson have gone back home to Victoria, after the heaviest season they have known with their CARE tree.

The heavy program of collecting funds for CARE was followed by Mr. Pearson's 87th birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Total contributed through the Pearson program this season was \$3,670, or approximately \$760 up on the 1972-73 figure.

The Pearson farm at Pender boasts a tree overlooking Navy Channel. The tree is wired for lights and each donation offered for CARE lights a bulb on the tree. Tree was rewired last fall and then suffered in the December gales, when the original tree was blown down.

On Wednesday, Jan. 16 Meals on Wheels was begun on Salt Spring Island. It is a community service which delivers hot meals three days a week. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at mid-day a hot, nutritious meal is delivered to the home for a cost of \$1.25 per meal.

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