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## What do they call that?



Ed Davis shows his list of signatures.

What kind of coffee do they call that served on the Bowen Queen? The man who asked the question for the first time, officially, was Ed Davis, of Tripp Road, Ganges and he is seen here with his lists of signatures.

Island airplane pilot was travelling to Swartz Bay when he told the young lady behind the counter that he didn't like anything about the ferry coffee.

It was not sufficient to tell her that, he learned, he should pass on the criticism to the BC Ferry Corporation.

Ed Davis made his next discovery at the ferry office in the city. He was the first to file an official complaint on the corporation's prescribed form and in the manner required by the corporation.

### HIS HUNCH

Davis had a sneaking hunch that the majority of riders on the Bowen Queen had refrained from a formal complaint because they didn't know it was required and they didn't know that there is, in fact, a prescribed form for making complaints.

That was no problem! He took a copy of his complaint and invited other ferry users to endorse his criticism. He came into Driftwood office last week with 140 signatures supporting his indignation.

The protest now lies on the editor's desk at Driftwood. Any Islander who has tasted Bowen Queen coffee and failed to recognize it as a delightful brew may sign the petition for himself. When interest has been stated the signatures will be passed on to Provincial Secretary Hugh Curtis to be directed to the minister of highways.

Here is the official Davis complaint:

To whom it may concern:  
I have been a regular commuter from Salt Spring Island for seven years. The present set-up for serving coffee on the Bowen Queen has to be the lousiest anywhere within the ferry system.

Not only does the coffee come out looking like tar, but it tastes

worse. Words cannot describe the misery of racing to catch the 06.45 hrs. departure and being greeted by the horrible gloop glop that is called coffee from that machine. It not only looks like poison, but it tastes like it as well.

I understand, also, that we on Salt Spring Island are the only ones to be treated to this misery..... Please advise.

## Restaurant zoning turned down by Mayne committee

The Mayne Island Trust Committee has turned down an application for rezoning that would have allowed construction of a coffee shop or fast food outlet at Village Bay.

The submission, tendered by Ken Sawyer who owns two lots on Dalton Drive, was turned down following protests from more than a dozen residents of the area.

Sawyer told the meeting that he and his wife planned to build a

restaurant on one lot and a permanent residence on the adjoining piece of property. Bay area residents, however, argued that the tranquility of the area would be destroyed and parking problems would arise if such a development was given the go-ahead.

Dennis Wood, who lives on Dalton Drive, told the Trust committee that he felt the island already had an obligation "to the already-established businesses."

## Protest to Regional Board

# Islands Trust calls for abolition of gasoline tax in the Gulf Islands

Islands Trust is firmly opposed to the raising of the 3 cent gasoline tax on the islands.

When the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee met last week at Ganges, the trustees agreed to write to the Capital Regional District expressing their opposition to the inclusion of the islands.

Planner Chris Foord reported that the original plan of the regional district was to exclude all the Gulf Islands.

The region then decided to include Salt Spring Island only. Finally, it was decided to put in all the Gulf Islands. He stated that it was estimated to cost about \$8 or \$9 per resident or a total of \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year.

There was no local hearing or prior consultation, commented Bud Kreissl.

And the director for the Outer Island was away on holiday when the decision was taken, noted Gordon Wallace.

Meeting in Provincial Secretary Hugh Curtis's office the previous

week had accomplished nothing, added Kreissl.

On the Wallace recommendation, the Trust will write to the Regional Board protesting the decision to include the islands in the contribution to the cost of operating buses in Victoria.

## Bus schedules to stay the same

The Gulf Islands school board has decided to stick with its original plans for busing of Fernwood School students when the new facility opens.

The board had received two letters from parents of children who will be attending the new school. One protested that his child will be on one of the first bus runs in the morning, but that she has been scheduled to catch one of the final buses home after classes.

Trustees decided to stay with the original plan, but expressed willingness to consider re-scheduling of passengers if the first method proves impractical.

## Shouting match marks school budget debate

—Baltzer, Mouat spar over cuts

Discussion of the proposed final operating budget for the Gulf Islands School District degenerated into a shouting match Thursday as trustees attempted to slash thousands of dollars from spending estimates for the coming year.

The argument between trustees Charles Baltzer and Ivan Mouat erupted in the middle of a lengthy debate after a motion by Baltzer to limit operating costs to a 12 per cent increase over 1978 costs had been defeated.

Baltzer had suggested early in the discussion that \$100,000 could be cut from the proposed budget of \$3,029,092 in order to hold the increases to 12 per cent.

"I would like to see this go back to the staff budget committee with that guideline," Baltzer told the board.

District secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck, however, protested the proposal.

"It would be most dismal at this time to now be faced with an

arbitrary limit that wasn't indicated before," Peck told the board.

Baltzer said he felt it was "wrong for the secretary-treasurer to argue as a board member," and reiterated that he felt the board should take another look at the budget proposals.

### IMPOSSIBLE LIMIT

"I don't mean to be argumentative," Peck replied, "but I have a responsibility to this board to meet the February 15 deadline, and I can't willingly or easily allow you to set up a limit that's an impossibility."

"I think it's a wonderful idea," Mouat commented, "but where's it going to come from?"

Board chairman Tom Davidson suggested that it's not the board's worry to find out specifically where the money would be cut.

"I think we have to look at this as management," Davidson said. "It's not up to us to figure out how the funding cuts will be made."

Trustee David Stacey pointed out that although the district's student count hasn't increased appreciably during the past year, costs have.

"I just don't think an increase of 12 per cent is possible at this point," Stacey told the board.

Peck produced a list of items which could stand funding reductions during the coming year, but warned that in some cases lack of expenditures would just be deferring costs in years to come.

### SUGGESTS CUTS

Baltzer pointed out that the total costs of items outlined by Peck tallied up to \$500,000.

## Maxwell Lake watershed

### \* \* \* Minimum lot size to be raised

North Salt Spring Waterworks District has asked the Islands Trust to raise the minimum lot size in the vicinity of Maxwell Lake from 20 acres to 30 acres.

Speaking to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee last week Mike Larmour, of the waterworks district, explained that a 30-acre minimum would reduce development in the watershed. He explained that the water district has only two methods of protecting domestic water sources.

The water must be treated, as in St. Mary Lake, or protected by such means as the proposed restriction to prevent the need for treatment later.

Protection of the source often results in the acquisition of property by the district or the Crown, he noted.

Water protected at source is listed as Class A water; while that treated for use is in a B category.

### MOTHERHOOD ISSUE

Vice-Chairman Gordon Wallace suggested that it is a "motherhood issue".

"Is there anyone to speak against it?" he enquired.

Planner Chris Foord reported that former local trustee, Jack Fisher had expressed concern that the measure might impose hardship.

There had been no protest from landowners affected, he added.

Bud Kreissl commented that there are only four landowners affected. The local trustee is also a trustee of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

There are 400 connections to Maxwell Lake, reported the district spokesman, or about 1,000 users.

Trust staff will prepare the necessary by-law to effect the change.

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# Business information service is mooted for Salt Spring

New source of information is looming for Salt Spring Island. Island Chamber of Commerce is looking into the establishment of a business information service on the island to provide information for all small businesses.

On Thursday last week Ralph Pettie, of the BC Chamber of

Commerce addressed Chamber directors at a Harbour House luncheon and outlined the proposal. He is the manager of special projects for the BC Chamber. The information service is his particular responsibility all over the province.

Adoption of the plan would see the establishment on Salt Spring island of an information centre serving all businesses.

Plan provides for provincial assistance for the operation of such a centre. It will handle all information pertaining to small businesses. It will not offer general information for the public.

### HE WILL GET HELP

In reply to a question, Pettie explained that if a businessman walks into the information office

# Quartet lists program change



There has been a change in the program to be played by the Purcell String Quartet next Sunday afternoon.

and explains that he is near bankruptcy and that he is plagued by too many problems to stay in business, he will gain assistance.

The information officer would summarize his situation and call the appropriate government office. The businessman would be provided with technical and other assistance to assess his true position and to offer advice. The advice could be methods of getting straightened out. It could be a recommendation to file for bankruptcy, according to the circumstances, explained Pettie. It would probably lie between the two extremes.

If the same man walked in and explained the circumstances and also explained that he was the employee of a business, he would be provided with information on where to go for help. The information officer would not go beyond that point.

Members expressed interest, but have not yet committed themselves to the program. Presented under the direction of the BC Chamber of Commerce, the program is underwritten by the provincial government to the extent of \$200 per month and the recovery of long-distance telephone calls.

The local Chamber must provide space and any further financing which may be necessary.

Purpose of the program, explained the Chamber spokesman, is to provide a valuable and identifiable need. It is good for businessmen and others, directors were told.

Replacing the previously listed Italian Serenade by Hugo Wolf, will be a collection of Russian Dances by Rimsky-Korsakov. The Wolf selection was on their program here last year and they wish to avoid repetition.

The Purcell String Quartet consists of Norman Nelson, violin; Joseph Peleg, violin; Philippe Etter, viola; and Ian Hampton, cello. Nelson, Etter and Hampton are British-born and trained. They held principal chairs in the Vancouver Symphony at the time the quartet was formed ten years ago.

More recently, Joseph Peleg became their second violinist, replacing Frederick Nelson. Peleg was born in Hungary, raised in Israel. His musical education took place in Israel, Canada and the United States.

### SINCE 1972

The quartet has been in residence at Simon Fraser University since 1972. Their appearance here is part of a tour of British Columbia which will also include the North Coast, Queen Charlotte Islands and Vancouver Island.

Their provincial activities are aided financially by The Canada Council, SFU, the British Columbia Cultural Fund and the Western Canada Lottery Foundation, as well as the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation.

They have toured extensively in North America and Europe. Their 1979 plans include concerts in Scotland and Russia. Sunday's public concert is at the home of the

The project keeps a focal point on business people.

"Every business has questions; some have problems, said Ralph Pettie.

The service also identifies those questions which are shared by many small businesses and enables government ministries to meet the need before it has been widely recognized.

The business information access program is so new that there is little information available on its results and effects.

The Chamber and the ministry of economic development both recognized the lack of access to information for small businesses, and the sponsor. This program is the answer.

# Program information

"People Talking Back" will be seen this Sunday 5-8 pm on CBC-TV. A Canada-wide public affairs program, it is a TV version of Citizen's forum, and will consist of six broadcasts, with views and opinions from local individuals and groups phoned in to a provincial centre and forwarded to the program's producer. Topics for discussion will include the economy, ethnic diversity, politicians and the media, change in the workplace, and future options.

Materials and information can be obtained through Continuing Education, School District #64. Persons interested in forming, participating and/or discussion groups should contact Virginia Newman.

Schubarts, Old Scott Road, at 2 pm. A paper collection will be made at the door.

The quartet will be giving a special performance for the children in Salt Spring Island schools on Monday morning. In addition to playing, the performers will explain their instruments: how they work; how they are made. The program will also include a question period.

# New executive installed at pensioners' meet

### BY PENSIONER

Branch 32 Old Age Pensioners held their opening meeting Thursday January 25 at 2 pm in Central Hall.

Mrs. Mabel Clark, Secretary Treasurer was seated at the head table and Mrs. E. Thacker introduced the new officers and seated them.

Mrs. Betty Brigden will act as president for two years, Mrs. Annie Code as first vice-president for one year and Mrs. Lydia Purser as second vice-president for two years.

The meeting got off to a very good start and there was a good attendance and several new members were enrolled. The minutes were read and reviewed and the treasurer gave a detailed report of finance.

After the correspondence the president asked for questions from the members, and it was decided to elect an entertainment committee for each second Wednesday. This was completed after the meeting.

The president will chair the meeting and Mrs. E. Thacker will act as treasurer for this effort only. The committee decided on a Valentine Tea with music and games for the next meeting, which falls on Valentines Day, February 14.

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# TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

Former Salt Spring Island minister, Ray Horsefield writes of a reminiscence from Archdeacon Cecil Swanson, now retired in Calgary. He knew Peter McCalman when he was in that diocese, recalls the former Dean of Vancouver. Once on a train the Dean was in a compartment with the Postmaster General and an elderly traveller in the corner seat. What was his occupation, enquired the French Canadian cabinet minister. A sea captain, replied the stranger, been three times around the Horn by the age of 21; been in every port in the world. What, in his experience, was the most beautiful spot he had ever seen? Most beautiful spot? No doubt about it! Ganges Harbour at sunrise! The Horsefield touch was added. Presumably he had a deficient sense of smell suggested the former islander.

Why would he do it? You look out the window and you see a Frenchman walking up the street with a burden. He is wearing a blue smock and carrying a 45-gallon drum, painted green with yellow ends. Now, does he walk along the street thus laden because he likes it? Or because he is paid to do so? But who would pay a man in a blue smock to carry a green drum with yellow ends along the Rue de Conde? I wouldn't!

It could be the islands. I was in Wales talking of farming in that land of mountains and valleys. How much land did I have, came the question. An acre, I admitted. Indeed, and what do I grow on it?

How does a man of my years convince anyone that he is in Britain to visit his mother? And how to convince them that, with an accent like mine, I am from Canada? Travel is exasperating!

Strike, scarcity, mayhem! The British scene was grim all holiday period. But it wasn't so easy to lose your cool. There hadn't been so much cool to lose for the past 15 years.

Rumours of my burial may have been exaggerated lately. Dead, I may be, but buried I am not!

How do you get to retire, asked Jack de la Franiere. Just live too long, I told him.

Air France doesn't like wheels. I travelled around the country last year with a set of wheels attached to one of my bags. They expand into a mini-baggage-cart. Air Canada took it and Pacific Western Airlines carried it. Hawaiian Air had not protested. I went to England and Air Canada took it and Midland Airways carried it. I went to France and British Airways accepted it, as did Air Inter. Then I came to fly Air France. The baggage clerk drew himself up and pointed. I was ordered, very peremptorily, to remove the wheels. But they are only wheels I explained in my limited English. The honour of France was at stake! The wheels were removed and the international air line of the French Republic was, once again, airborne. It's the first time I have been ordered around by an airline employee in many thousands of air miles. And I didn't very much like it! But it was too early in the morning and too urgent to protest. But I am still sore about it.

Basic rule of the road in England is that every driver has a

God-given right to pass the car in front. Basic rule of the French road is that every driver has the God-given right to pass everything. We did!

Then there was this Oregon case between a wife and husband; and all the world watched. The case was thrown out and all the world's husbands breathed easier. After all, it could happen to anybody. And if it did, half the world's husbands would be in jail in no time at all. Therein, of course, lies the deepest tragedy. How many would know the difference, even when they were in prison?

And from the National Enquirer comes this report: How's that again? The U.S. government has no monopoly on gobbledygook. Consider the following from a British civil service retirement benefit plan:

"If you are absent from work owing to illness or injury on the date on which you join the Plan (or, if this is a nonworking day, then the next preceding working day) you will not be entitled to death benefit until you return to work.;; -Capper's Weekly

Don't throw away this newspaper: RECYCLE IT

# Phoenix Orchards to air plans for year

BY JOHN BOC

When I first came to this God given Island, I was amazed at the abundance of apple trees here. Being a farmer, I became jubilant at the possibility of working with apples as a livelihood.

And that is exactly what Phoenix has done this year. We have begun, albeit with government assistance. This seemed to irk a lot of people, and rightly so. For there is a tendency for projects that are funded by a government grant to slowly grind down to a halt. We have tried not to let this entropy overtake Phoenix. To date we have picked, pressed and sold 30 tons of apples (not six tons as reported last week) from over 20 orchards. Some were easy to pick, others demanded our ingenuity to skirt brambles, wild rose bushes and stinging nettles in order to get at some branches 40 feet off the ground.

### PEDDLING EASY

The peddling of the apple juice was easy. The juice's high quality, organic nature and island origin readily attracted all the customers needed. The most difficult thing about the entire enterprise was telling people that I was sold out, or that there wouldn't be any juice until next September.

Last week we pressed our last apple.

Because there are no more apples to press, Phoenix Orchards employees have started pruning.

### WANT TO CONTINUE

What is in the future for the mythical bird? We hope we will not return to ashes, like so many other

projects that are initiated by government grants. Salt Spring Island is the home of a wide variety of apples that are not grown elsewhere. These include Wealthies, Russets, Winter Bananas, Baldwins etcetera. These apples are the ones that give the apple juice its unique flavour and taste. Also we are fortunate that the apples are organic. So here we have a unique resource that is not found anywhere else.

This brings me to the last point I would like to make. On February 5 there will be a meeting for the general public at the Fulford Inn --

for those who do and do not have apples, for those who like or dislike us, for those who want us to continue or who do not. If you have something to offer, please do come. At the meeting we will be presenting a concrete proposal for Phoenix this coming harvest year to be self-sufficient.

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## Buses by the back door

When the provincial government instituted the Urban Transit Authority it was intended to finance the debt-ridden bus services of the provincial urban centres, as the name infers. Had the government intended that the city buses be underwritten by all the province, the manner of financing the authority would have been top-heavy and needless. A simple province-wide levy would have achieved that.

But the government did not intend that the cost of operating buses would be underwritten by every British Columbian.

The provincial government has not led the islands to the slaughter. It was the Capital Regional District Board. The board took on where the government left off. The people of the islands, many of whom rarely even see Victoria, are to be responsible for the city's debts and the regional government made that decision.

The Boston tea party was celebrated for less reason.

The islands already underwrite urban schools. The New Democrats ensured that. They are now to be called on to underwrite city buses. Where will it all stop?

The province has already established a pattern of calling attention to the extent to which essential island services are aided by provincial general revenues. It will be interesting to see whether this vital concern for justice extends in two directions.

Because, in justice, the government cannot and must not tolerate a policy where the islands are destined to contribute to all the services enjoyed solely in other parts of the province.

It is sad that we must appeal to the provincial government for relief from this grossly unfair legislation by the regional district which is supposed to serve the islands, not crush them!

## Letters to the Editor

### THEY DID IT RIGHT!

Sir,

Governments do not do everything wrong. Giving B.C. residents direct ownership in the B.C. Resources Investment Corporation is a good move.

The idea originated with former B.C. Liberal Leader Gordon Gibson and is far better than the NDP approach of letting Big Brother look after everything for us.

We need to take the idea still further through and provide tax incentives, for employees to acquire ownership in the companies for which they work.

After building up our renewable resource base our economic salvation lies in more efficient production.

We are not going to realize anywhere near our potential unless everyone involved, not just management and a small group of shareholders, get the immediate benefit of improved productivity.

**JEV TOTHILL**

Box 81  
Duncan, BC  
January 26, 1979

### HE'S THE ONLY ONE!

Sir,

If Mike Clement is willing to gamble \$9 per year, for something we will never have, namely a bus service, he must be the only person on any of the Islands, who is willing to throw away \$9.

The article also states that there will be a raise on our Hydro bills within two years to also help pay for a non-existent bus service. My figures show that the present

Government has increased Hydro rates, 57% in the last three years, and I submit our Regional Director should be protesting such increases instead of condoning them.

I sympathize with gas station operators, and hope they do take drastic action against this unjust tax.

If residents started going off island to save on gasoline, I can foresee them having oil changes, buying points, plugs, filters etc. all of which would harm our local businesses.

Whilst in a place such as Duncan or Nanaimo, a person would probably buy other articles such as clothing, paint, hardware, drug supplies etc. as well as placing large grocery orders. Just because of this tax, I can see thousands of dollars being spent off Island which would normally be spent right here at home.

**A.J. DILLABOUGH**

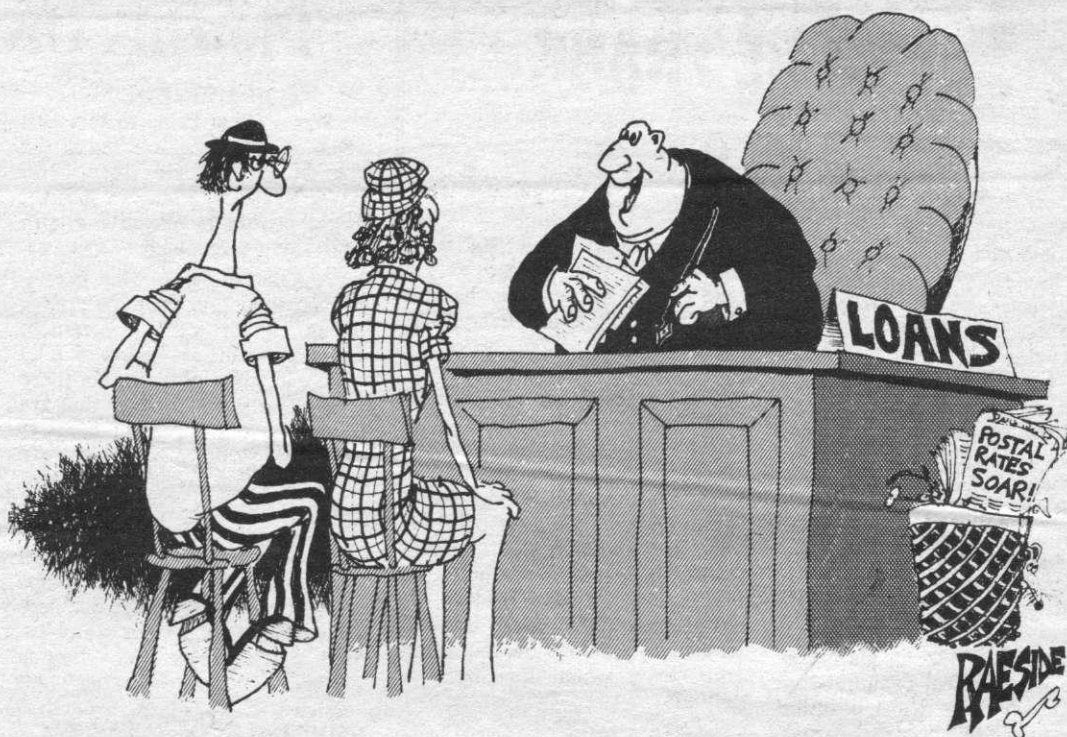
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### STORY OF A WHARF

Sir,

We are writing to inform you of the background to the strong objection on Mayne Island to the building of a docking facility in Bennett Bay. This is a small and exceptionally beautiful bay, used by many residents and visitors to the island. It has a public access road, a sunny, safe swimming beach within walking distance for a large number of residents, and is far removed from any polluting activity.

People first became aware of



'How many letters do you want to post?'

the threat to the Bay in February 1977, when it was learned that a commercial marina lease had been applied for by Pinchin Holdings Ltd. (owners of a hitherto quiet hotel on Bennett Bay) after they were advised by the Capital Regional District that they could not continue to use a private float for commercial purposes. This referred to a long floating dock which Pinchin Holdings had installed in the summer of 1977 without public notice or approval.

The chairman of the Regional District had sent a letter in April, 1977 to advise us that he had asked the District Lands Office not to issue a foreshore lease without prior re-zoning approval, which in turn would require a public hearing before any change could occur.

In March 1977 a letter from the Environmental Protection Branch of Environment Canada also informed us that a foreshore lease of 1,499.34 x 276.87 feet was being applied for but not yet granted.

Then in January 1978 the Islands Trust assumed responsibility for zoning on the islands. At their first meeting, January 27, 1978, it was announced that no zoning application had been made by Pinchin Holdings.

Despite this, on March 20, 1978, a pile-driving barge moved into Bennett Bay and installed 21 pilings for Pinchin Holdings before a stop order was issued and the work halted.

Then in June 1978, we received a letter from T.H. Perry, Land Manager in Nanaimo, saying that a conditional lease would be granted for the intended purpose, but subject to rezoning. When a public hearing was held on September 30, 1978, on Pinchin Holding's application for Water-B zoning, there was strong opposition from numerous people and the applicant was turned down.

We next learned, in December 1978, from the Federal Minister of Transport, Otto Lang, that he had been notified of Pinchin Holdings Ltd. intent to build a floating dock to serve their hotel customers and to "localize" float-plane activity in the Bay. Mr. Lang also informed us that Pinchin Holdings was being fined under the Navigable Water Acts for non-compliance and directed to comply by registering plans and advertising in The Gazette and local papers. After this was done, approval was given, but subject to provincial, municipal or other pertinent authorization.

More recently, on January 5, the Islands Trust received a letter of allowance from the Regional Land Office in Nanaimo, notifying that a lease measuring 5 acres had been granted Pinchin Holdings to

contain a private dock, the size of such a dock and the number of boats present being without restriction.

On January 27, 1979, the Island Trust Committee held a meeting on Mayne Island. After protests from the public on the granting of such a lease without prior public notice or consultation with the Trust it was learned that the issuing of water leases may not be within the Trust's jurisdiction. It also became apparent that there was no recorded definition of "private use" of docks. It was suggested that under some circumstances a hundred or more persons could attempt to call themselves a "private" club with a "private" dock.

A very large number of residents and property-owners deplore the fact that the process of informing the public, consulting the Islands Trust and use of the Island Plan as a guide were side-stepped in this case, and hope that this letter of allowance will be revoked.

On this small island of 8.2 square miles we have two government docks, another hotel dock, and the ferry dock. If extra moorage for tourists is needed we should add to our present docks, and save this rare and beautiful bay for the peaceful enjoyment of residents and tourists alike.

Perhaps we have relied too heavily on our government agencies to protect us from exploitation without our ever-active vigilance. But it is still not too late. So far only

21 illegal pilings mar the Bay. We can still write to our M.L.A. and to Premier Bennett to appeal to them to either quash this letter of allowance or to reduce the lease to a reasonable size for private family use.

**MARJORIE HAGGART**  
Secretary,  
Bennett Bay Preservation  
Committee,  
Mayne Island,  
January 26, 1979

### WARM WISHES

Sir,

Frank and Barbara Richards have contributed a tremendous service over the years, providing news and views of events to the Gulf Islanders. At times it must have been difficult to deal with the contentious issues, however the Editor managed to keep an informal and entertaining style.

Mary and I wish you both a long and enjoyable retirement.

**JOHN STEPANIUK and  
MARY STEPANIUK**  
RR 2, Cranberry Rd.  
Ganges  
January 27, 1979

### FIELD TRIPS

Sir,

I was pleased to see someone on the school board questioning the value of the field trips, which seem to be occurring with monotonous regularity. I too, along with Mr. (Turn to Page Five)

## Church Services

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1979

### ANGLICAN

St. Mary's	Fulford	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mark's	Central	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am

### Daily: Mon.-Fri.

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

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

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

### UNITED

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

### COMMUNITY

### 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
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# Letters to the editor examine ferries and other problems

(From Page Four)

Zacharius, question their need or worth as a learning experience.

I'm sure if the children spent that week in question, learning as much about the subject in question, in school, their gain in knowledge would be much greater.

It wouldn't be as much fun for them or their teacher, and that seems to be the thing today; will it be any fun?

I keep wondering how people of my generation managed to learn anything.

We had never heard of field trips. If we went any place we went with our parents.

Ours was a "no frills" education, reading, writing and arithmetic, with speeches and sports on "Empire Day" and a Christmas Concert tossed in for good measure.

We had no library or librarian, we all brought our own books to school and shared them around. There were no gymnasiums, no showers, no auditorium, no teachers' assistants. Just really dedicated and wonderful people teaching us as I look back on it, although I didn't think so at the time.

They had to be dedicated. My sister-in-law had 53 in her first class! How's that for a pupil-teacher ratio? An old friend of mine said that once in the depression they never even got paid. How's that for dedication?

**ARTHUR BEADDIE**

RR 1, Mountain Park Drive  
Ganges  
January 25, 1979

## FERRIES AND CLEMENT

Sir,

Regarding Reporter Culpin's articles on Mike Clement and the ferries in the Jan. 24 issue, pages 1 and 6 -

As one of the people present at the ferry discussion with the Ministers, I feel compelled to give another viewpoint. Ms. Culpin skewed her comments to carp on one miniscule part of the regional director's remarks (pertaining to commuters).

May I state here what she didn't say - that Mike Clement pointed out that it is time the Ferry Corporation brought its system into the 20th century for all the people using the service;

That he did not continue to talk about buses after Minister Curtis suggested that we stick to ferry issues. Actually, one of the Chamber of Commerce representatives was the culprit, who ignored the Minister and kept on talking about buses and bridges and the high cost of providing improved service, much to the chagrin and embarrassment of the rest of the delegation.

She missed other salient points of the meeting: mainly, that within the next weeks, Mr. Fraser and Mr. Curtis would decide on recommending legislation to remove the Vesuvius-Crofton run from the Ferry Corporation and place it under B.C. Highways Authority.

Better service and lower fares could result.

Nor did she report that I said more money was needed for new ships. Minister Fraser had agreed,

and has since authorized the construction of two modern ferries.

And to set the history straight, the South Salt Spring Transportation Committee (Joan Ingram, Ron Simpson and myself) worked for four months and had presented a brief to the ministers which the Chamber of Commerce utilized and secondarily incorporated into their presentation.

Mike Clement met with both groups together, and had initiated the idea of a community-wide transportation meeting to which he would invite Mr. Fraser and Mr. Curtis.

It was he who was attempting to co-ordinate an approach, and he who opened the doors for a meeting to finally take place with the Ministers, after both the South Salt Spring Association and the Chamber got nowhere fast on securing an appointment.

It troubles me that a callow reporter should publicly slap Mr. Clement down when he is the first Regional Director to attempt to improve service for Salt Spring Islanders.

Not one word was written about the divided front surprisingly presented by the delegation, or of the compositeness of the Ferry Corporation manager who found reasons against Minister Fraser's desire to provide a Highways ferry to help us out during the impending crisis.

If a reporter's responsibility is to report, why does she become the devil's advocate?

If she assumes that living on Salt Spring equals suffering unnecessary ferry inconveniences as if wasting time were the Salt Spring way, it follows that we are all masochists wishing to live in the 19th century. I'm confident that most islanders won't agree with this convoluted thinking.

**BEVERLY K. UNGER**

Fulford Harbour  
January 26, 1979

## RECORD IN BLOOD!

Sir:

Once again, on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross and Salt Spring Island Branch No. 92, the Royal Canadian Legion, I thank all those public spirited members of Salt Spring Island who set another record at the Blood Clinic held on January 22.

The 248 who registered were the greatest turnout ever at a Salt Spring Island Blood Clinic and the 220 pints of blood collected set the new record.

We thank all those who helped to publicize the clinic and those who took part in the Legion past president trophy competition.

Our congratulations to the winners, the RCMP, the Rotary Club and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Our thanks to the Driftwood, Mr. Editor, for your support in this important public service.

The next blood clinic will be held on Monday, May 28, and Salt Spring Island can set another new record!

**COL. P.R. BINGHAM, chairman**  
Blood Clinic Committee  
S.S.I. Branch No. 92, The Royal Canadian Legion  
Ganges  
January 26, 1979

## GASOLINE TAX

Sir:

I see by this week's Driftwood those free spenders we seem to keep on electing are at it again.

By that I mean the new proposed gas tax of .03c per gal. As always, of course, it is proposed that the folks who would never use that service be pushed into paying for it. Just dandy, dandy, dandy!

As far as Mr. Clement's estimate of people driving 500 miles per year, what does he think they

do, walk for the other eight months? I manage in an average year to do 8,000 miles per year of which three-quarters are on Salt Spring.

Admittedly, Mr. Clement, we have quite a number of citizens who thumb rides on the Island, but not enough to bring most drivers down to 500 miles per year.

Just because the Hydro Authority can't run their bus system, or anything else for that matter, and make a profit on it is no reason to charge the people who choose not to use it. Since the people who use it want it, let them pay for it for a change.

It is my understanding that the following taxes apply to a gallon of gasoline costing .97c: federal sales tax approximately .65c per gal. Of that, the province of B.C. gets .17c per gal. That in my estimate is darn well enough.

Of course one way to get rid of a lot of trouble on the Island would be to take the members of The Capital Regional District, Urban Transit Authority, (what or whoever they are) and numerous other silly committees with big mouths, put them on that over-staffed expensive-to-run piece of junk we are forced to use as a ferry now and again; goes under the name of Queen of the Islands, I believe.

Add a case or two of dynamite a lighted fuse and push the mess towards deep water. But that would be slightly illegal no doubt.

By the time the Transit Authority figures out how to make the bus system pay it will cost us all \$3 per gallon in taxes, instead of .03c.

I haven't always agreed with Mr. Nelson, but in this matter he and the other operators have my full support. This Island neither needs nor wants a bus system, nor anything to do with one. Why in the blue blazes we should be conned into paying for it is beyond me!

**PAMELA PENDRAY**

RR 1 Fulford Harbour  
January 26, 1979

## PETRO CANADA

Sir,

First, let me thank Mr. Douglas for his obvious compliment. For in attacking my party, and indirectly myself, rather than the government in power he recognizes that the Progressive Conservative Party has the best chance of forming the next government. This is the same feeling that I get as I travel this riding, and I shall continue to work to earn that support.

In reply to Mr. Douglas, let me begin by stating that our position differs clearly from both the N.D.P. and the Liberals.

It is true, the Progressive Conservative Party has fought against the creation and the continued funding of Petro Can with taxpayers' dollars. This does not mean we do not believe that Canadians should not gain control through ownership of their resources and industries. This we fully support.

The Canadian record of government entering the market place through the creation of Crown Corporations is clearly one of disorder and monumental losses of tax dollars. This is the basis upon which we have fought against Petro Can.

Mr. Clark has never stated or advocated that Petro Can be dismantled by selling out to the "oil industry". He has stated that he would like to see it sold to individual Canadians and Canadian Institutions.

In recent years, as reported by Mr. Douglas, we have seen a rapid rise in the world price of crude from approximately \$3 per bbl. to approximately \$12.75. This is the result of Arab policies through

OPEC and not the "Foreign Oil Cartel." And it should be remembered that by far the greatest amount of that increase goes to Provincial and Federal Treasuries. The former benefits from the management of its resources, as it should. The Federal monies are spent to offset the high costs of imported crude to Atlantic Canada - as it should. Is Mr. Douglas advocating that Saskatchewan or British Columbia should sell its resources at less than market price?

With regards to the purchase of Pacific Petroleum, the following should be remembered:

a) Petro Can, with the government as guarantor, borrowed, \$1,250,000,000 at between 6 - 7 % to make the buy.

b) \$671 million will go for 48% owned by Phillip of Akla. The rest will go to acquire the rest of the shares outstanding.

c) This money will be repaid over 15 years with the interest paid in the first 5 years and the principal over the last 10 years.

d) It appears that Petro Can will buy all the shares even those held by Canadians!

e) Pacific Petroleum had been trading for about \$35.00 per share, Petro Can is paying \$65.00 per share.

f) In the last two years Pacific Petroleum had been earning just under 100 million and it is expected that with these, and hopefully increased earnings, the purchase will be repaid, thus relieving the Canadian government of any liability.

Even these few facts raise frightening possibilities. If for some reason these earnings do not continue, who will make up the difference? You and I, either through taxation or higher prices. Where will the money come from to continue the plans and projects already underway - projects which kept Pacific Pete profitable? Where will Petro Can get the additional monies it needs? It was claimed that with the profits of Pacific Pete no further tax dollars would be needed. Remember Petro Can has already cost the taxpayer \$2,000 million at a rate of approximately \$200 million per year.

With this government's record of mismanagement, what might appear to some as a good deal, a sure thing, may be the greatest disaster of all. And this is some of the basis upon which the progressive Conservative party opposes this purchase and the creation of Petro Can.

**DON TAYLOR**

P.O. Box 706,  
Duncan, B.C.  
January 23, 1979

## FOR THE RICH?

Sir,

You may print this in your letters to the Editor, or in a column on its own as was Ms. Culpin's opinion entitled "Clement should know better".

In her column Ms. Culpin stated that Mike Clements had asked for concessions for commuters at a meeting held in the Parliament Buildings, if she interprets service as concessions then I am sure many residents who are not commuters would agree that concessions are needed. As far as I can see Mr. Clements has so far done an excellent job in getting the powers-that-be, to notice the problems of islanders. Also, if Ms. Culpin thinks commuting is the best of both worlds, she should try it every day.

I have no idea who Ms. Culpin is, nor do I know of a Mr. Kreissl who was also quoted in the Driftwood concerning another meeting on the ferry system. However, I don't believe I would be

far wrong in thinking they must both be in the happy position of being able to live in the beautiful Gulf Islands without the unhappy necessity of having to work to earn the money to live there - or live anywhere. There are some people who have the temerity to live on Salt Spring Island, and yet have to work to earn a living. To work they have to travel to Vancouver Island daily, and to them, as to others on the island, the ferry system is not only a necessity but also a continuation of the highway system. I would point out to Mr. Kreissl and others who would agree with him, that the commuters do not want to burden him with their problems, they just ask for a sufficient ferry service.

Both Mr. Kreissl and Ms. Culpin seemed to miss the whole point of the ferry problem - insufficient service. Which B.C. Ferries are hoping to rectify by stretching the Bowen Queen, and the problem at the moment is to provide a sufficient service while this work is being done.

Ms. Culpin's private cause, and Mr. Kreissl's idea, seem to be to keep the island only for the rich who do have their cake and eat it too, and have no need to go out to work for a living.

**MAURFEN B. LEASON**

Rourke Road, RR2  
Ganges  
January 29, 1979

# Two-day coaching course

A course of two full days of instruction on the general theory of coaching in all sports is to be offered at Ganges by Jim Lee, of B.C. Leisure Services Branch. The course will be offered on successive Saturdays, Feb. 17 and Feb. 24, at the Salt Spring Elementary School Resource Centre.

Registrations will be accepted up to and including February 3 which is the deadline. Mrs. G.V. Holland, Trincomali Heights, Ganges and Mrs. V. Wilson, Fulford, will be taking names.

This coaching development program is part of the national program developed to meet the need for more and better trained coaches.

The general theory section contains aspects of coaching common to all sports. All coaches, regardless of sports affiliation take the same course which introduces them to: role of the coach; growth and development; psychology of sport; motor learning; exercise physiology; sports medicine; biomechanics and training methods.

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### Ballot on bus tax!

Capital Regional Board has voted unanimously in favour of a three cent increase in the price of gas, effective April 1. Gulf Islanders were not consulted.

Levy is intended to support the Victoria area transit system. The Urban Transit Authority admits that no plans are in sight for a Salt Spring Island bus system. Outer Islands service is still further away.

Two island directors favoured the levy without any input from islanders. It is important that the islands people make their views clear on this matter.

Please complete the ballot form and return it to Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, Box 111, Ganges, or leave it at the office of Driftwood, in Ganges.

Yes, I am in favour of a tax increase in the hope of getting bus transport in the island, in the future. ....

No, I am strongly opposed to the proposal. ....

Name .....

Address .....

## Oyster farm gets public backing

—At Mayne meeting

The Mayne Island Trust Committee has voiced approval with conditions, of a Crown lease application that would allow oyster rearing at Horton Bay.

Although the large majority of islanders present at Saturday's trust committee meeting voiced strong support for the project, initiated by Horton Bay resident Barry Wilks, some committee members voiced reservations about the proposal.

The lease application would cover five acres of Horton Bay, including an area measuring 400 by

600 feet in the deep water and a 2½-acre strip stretching from the deep water plot to the shoreline. Although Wilks said he felt the public shouldn't be barred from the beach should the lease be approved, he did say that part of the beach would be required for growth and storage of his product.

General trustee John Gaines of Saturna pointed out that while oyster rearing may be a desirable asset to the island, long-range projections for the area should be considered as well.

### LOOK TO FUTURE

"I think a long-range look would indicate that Horton Bay could be used as anchorage and a possible marina site," Gaines said. "I think Horton Bay probably has a long-range use that may not be compatible with oyster culture. Any recommendation I would like to see would not preclude the possibility of a more pertinent use in the future of Horton Bay than an oyster farm."

General trustee Gordon Wallace of North Pender voiced fears that if islanders adopt a closed-door stance on such matters as tourism "we may not in the future have the opportunity of planning and controlling our own life here."

"As a general trustee I feel that there's a danger in precluding public use of the water around the islands," Wallace told the meeting. "We have to remember that the islands belong to the whole province and not just to us."

Mayne trustee Isabel Geehan maintained that approving development of oyster culture wouldn't stop people coming to the islands. **MUST PRESERVE**

"I still maintain that we have to preserve," she said. "We wouldn't be stopping people from coming here, but this bay will create something that is good and not destructive. My final feeling is that we should support this application."

It was pointed out during public discussion of the proposal that no public access roads to the beach will be cut off if the lease is granted and that although public use of the beach will be allowed, it is primarily mud anyhow.

The committee finally approved a recommendation that the lease be approved on the condition that public access to the beach is preserved and other possible uses for the bay in future not be precluded by the oyster project.

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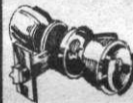
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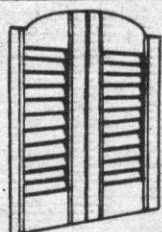
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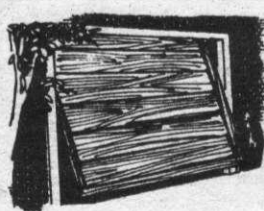
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# Quarrels mar school budget debate

(From Page One)

"I'm suggesting that we cut \$100,000," the trustee said. "I'm suggesting that the board could cut \$100,000 from this quite easily. But until I read the list carefully I don't like to say where I would cut."

Baltzer went on to say he would like to request recommendations for budget cuts from District Superintendent Bob Huestis and Peck.

"All we could do is make recommendations," Huestis replied. "And if we do that I think you'll go through and do it all over again once you see our priorities."

"I don't see much in there that's a secretary treasurer's business to decide," Peck added.

The motion to limit the operating budget to 112 per cent of 1978 costs was defeated, with only Baltzer and Galiano trustee James Ripley voting in favour of it.

Following the defeat the trustees tackled the list presented by Peck in an effort to decide where funding could be reduced. Baltzer, however, protested the hasty decisions and in the process launched a verbal assault on Mouat.

"I don't think you've even thought about it," Baltzer charged. "As far as I'm concerned Mr. Mouat, you've got your superintendent's hat on right now. Not take it off and look at it as a board member!"

"That's all right, Charlie," Mouat shot back angrily. "At least we're doing it ourselves."

## 15 PER CENT JUMP

The trustees continued to work their way through the list, ultimately cutting \$74,000 from the proposed final figures. Among the cuts were expenditures for additions to school staff, reduced from \$55,000 to \$30,000 deferral of hiring school board office staff, allowing a reduction from \$14,000 to \$7,000, and a cut in non-shareable capital to \$25,000 from \$52,000. Allowances for building maintenance during 1979 have been cut from \$30,000 to \$25,000 and expenditures for equipment replacement will be limited to \$15,000 rather than the \$25,000 originally budgeted.

The cuts provide for a dollar increase over 1978 of \$384,000 rather than the \$459,042 originally expected, reflecting an overall jump in the operating budget of about 15 per cent as opposed to the 17.9 per cent originally scheduled.

Although the original budget proposal for this year had indicated a tax increase of about four mills for Gulf Islands ratepayers, Peck said he expects the cuts to reduce that to "somewhere between two and three mills."

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# Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Con Farrel is feeling better. She is now out of hospital in Victoria, but will stay in town with friends for a little while. Mrs. Bill Kolosoff is also feeling better now. She and husband Bill are staying in North Vancouver at the present.

Mrs. Freida Glaue, of Page Drive, is home again after spending some time in the East.

Miss Jessie MacDonald and Bruce Harding were on the Island on Saturday to visit relatives here. They could not believe that they had left their homes in Port Coquitlam in the early morning, in the snow, and come over to Galiano to find all of our snow melted away.

Miss Ursula Conery is beginning a Fabric Arts class at the Galiano School on Thursday, February 1, to run from 7-9 pm. She says "Learn the techniques of Batik, tie dye, paintings and printing on fabric, using natural and chemical dyes, with emphasis on design to make original fabric creations. Her course will take 8 weeks.

Mrs. Flo Dodwell tells us "Come and join the square dancing on Sunday, February 4 at the Community Hall from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. Come as couples, please. Registration from 1.30 to 2 pm on February 4. Lets tell all our friends and neighbours and hope for 40 or so, to justify Bill Smith's coming all the way from Duncan."

## MEETING PLANNED

The annual general meeting of the Galiano Ladies Service Club will be held at the Galiano Community Hall on Monday, February 12 at 2 pm. Please phone nominees for executive officers to Mrs. Sally Riddell, 539-2263, before this date. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

The annual meeting of the Galiano Volunteer Fire Department was held at the Galiano Community Hall on January 27 at 3 pm, with president Basil Bengier in the chair.

It was reported that there have been 21 practices held during the year, two chimney fires, and two campfires put out. During such a long hot spell last summer, we

were indeed fortunate not to have had a bad fire on the Island.

Thanks to Galiano Lions Club a six thousand gallon water tank has now been installed at the firehall.

Due to complaints of a potential hazard on Sturdies Bay wharf with two lines of cars piled on the main wharf and no way to get either up or down, this double line has now been discontinued thanks to the efforts of the Fire Department.

## AUXILIARY PRAISED

High praise was given to the Ladies auxiliary, who have been of great help during the year. President of the ladies auxiliary, Mrs. E.J. Linton, gave a most interesting and informative report. Highlights of the year were a play held in June under the capable leadership of Mrs. Bill Beach. In June a fire sale was held and the Firemen's Ball was in November. All these along with many book sales during the year. No report from the emergency health service. It was determined that this is a separate service from the fire department.

Frank Greenhalgh conducted the election of officers for the coming year. President is Basil Bengier, vice-president is Charlie Partington, treasurer is Mrs. Chester Williams, secretary is Mrs. N. Park, directors are: Mrs. Linton, Mrs. J. Robertson, Charlie Dodwell, Bob Bambrick, and Les Woodbridge.

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BY STRICK AUST  
Strikers 0 - Butlers 0

Salt Spring's Strikers opened the second half of their season with an action packed game against the very much improved Lake Cowichan Butlers.

In the last meeting at Fulford Field the Butlers had allowed the Strikers to dominate in front of their goal and had paid the price in that both goals scored had come from drives directly up the middle

of the field. This time however that hole in their defence was totally plugged, and for the first half of the game Striker attacks "up the middle" were continuously frustrated. As well, the Butler forwards exercised the uncanny knack of getting behind the Strikers' defence with regularity.

The second half was totally the other side of the coin, and the Strikers literally peppered the Butlers goal with shots.

Having learned their lesson in the first half, the forward line started using their wingers and the result was continuous pressure on the Butler defense.

Erin Fewings played an inspired second half in his position of outside left forward. His effort played off as he enjoyed four excellent shots on goal. Two missed the post by less than a foot, the third hit the goal post, and the fourth was driven by the goalie with such force that it bounced out of his hands.

### NO GOAL

Peter Aust, who was continuously cruising in front of the goal during these attacks, dove at the ball along with three Butler defensemen and when the smoke

cleared the ball was jammed against the post with Peter's foot up against it. A defenceman was sprawled along the goal line inside the net and it was ruled that the ball did not cross the goal line. Therefore the goal was disallowed.

Glen Speed, in his position of inside forward was a blur of action as he continuously showed up in the right place at the right time, and was instrumental in setting up many of our shots on goal.

This report would not be complete without mentioning Peter Schroeder, the Strikers' left full-back. Peter was a pillar of strength on the left side of the field.

Next Saturday the team travels to Victoria to play its arch rivals, the Gorge Royals.

chances to score.

The second half belonged to the Cosmos, in particular newcomer Mike Kruger. Mike scored a true hat-trick, as he showed some fine dribbling and shooting, enabling the Cosmos to coast to their win.

The Jamboree originally scheduled for last weekend will be played this weekend as the field should be in better shape. Game time 1 pm on the Ganges school grounds.

On the weekend Salt Springs' older teams resumed play with the exception of Canadians. They all played off-island and although playing conditions were a problem several other problems were more glaring.

### REMEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

With a lot of sickness and some injuries on all the teams it is important for all players to remember their responsibility to their team and fellow players and try to turn up and play. An example of this was with the Sockeyes on Saturday. The team travelled with 12 girls but their goalie was injured in first five minutes, two girls played with injured ankles, another girl could not breathe properly due to a cold and yet another girl injured her knee late in the game.

Even so the girls limped their way to victory, but with a full squad the injured players could have been rested.

Another problem that crops up each year is the transporting of the players off-island. The coach and manager usually take vehicles, meaning two other vehicles are required to assist carrying the children to these games. In most cases it is the same people driving each time instead of the load being shared throughout the team.

## Weather relents-soccer gets back into full swing

BY MALCOLM LEGG

It has been a long wait for players, coaches and fans alike, but finally action resumed on all fronts in last week's soccer scene. The improved weather and slightly improved field conditions allowed Salt Spring's soccer finest to get their rust out and display their dormant talents.

On Thursday the intra-island commenced action with two games. The inactivity of the teams showed in their play but hopefully the players will reach peak form quickly once more.

### GOBLINS 3 RED DEVILS 1

The Goblins came out flying

and rattled home three quick goals in the opening half to salt the game away. Two goals from Terry Chase and a single from Peter Spencer powered the Goblins victory.

The Devils, who had several key players missing, rallied in the second half and pulled back a goal by Troy Logan. Unfortunately, it was all they could pull back as they had to settle for a loss.

### COSMOS 4 WILDCATS 0

It was a close match in the opening half with Alfie Sheppard's goal being the difference. With any luck the Wildcats might have equalized as Lillian Gauthier and Jennifer Anderson had glorious

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## Death of former merchant

Robert A. Jordan of Walker Hook Road, Ganges, passed away at his home on Thursday, Jan. 25.

He was predeceased by his brother, Donald, in Kenora, Ontario, in 1934 and is survived by his wife, Bunny of Ganges and his sister, Jean Greenslade, of Maple Ridge, B.C.

The late Mr. Jordan was born in Kenora in 1902 and launched his career as a merchant in his home town.

He started Eaton's first Kenora Store in 1928, moving with this company to Calgary in 1938.

An ardent oarsman in his youth, he later became a keen curler and a good golfer.

The Masons, Kinsmen, Lions and Rotary had all been part of his life prior to retirement.

In 1943 he moved to British Columbia and had his own business in Hammond, until retirement was beckoning. His frozen food brokerage terminated a busy and colourful career in the world of trade.

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# Sockeyes come out victorious despite lengthy forced layoff

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**  
S.S.I. Sea Products Ltd. Sockeyes 3  
Duncan 1

The Sockeyes returned to action facing a difficult task. The team had not played a game for seven weeks, had four regulars missing, had several other players playing with injuries, and also had to play on a slick muddy surface hampering their passing game.

But the girls overcame all these obstacles in a come-from-behind victory over a stubborn Duncan side. The early going did not look very good as the Sockeyes looked sluggish and Duncan capitalized on this as they snared a goal at the 10-minute mark. To make matters worse goalie Janice Hull was injured on the play and eventually had to be pulled from the game.

Slowly, the Sockeyes forged back led by the spirited play of Donna Moulton and Brook Holdack up front. After several great chances to score the Sockeyes equalized from an excellent cross from Brook which found Donna all alone in front.

### SLOW START

Once again the girls started sluggishly in the second half, but the defence held tight. The Sockeyes defence began to control the mid-field and this forced the offence to action. Michelle Anderson led the offensive threat with some fine play-making and shooting. She combined with her sister Cathy to set up Becky Hagan, who drilled a 20-yarder home and then followed with a blast of her own to clinch the win.

The victory proved several things, one being that the team has a lot of depth and as long as they play their style of game they can win. To the players, it proved they can still play well with several key players missing.

The depth of Sockeyes was shown by the outstanding play of Melody Cue, Brook Holdack and Becky Hagan who were stand-outs for the full 80 minutes. Brook was especially strong up front as she forced many exceptional scoring chances.

### STRONG PLAY

Cathy Anderson was the teams true field general as she controlled the play magnificently, and made several runs to make even Pele jealous. She received strong support in back from Karen Bird, Trish Cannon and Sunday Byron.

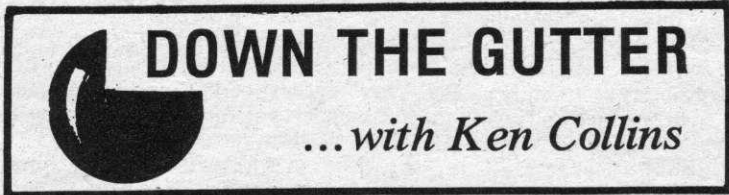
Michelle Anderson spear-headed the attack in the absence of her

two inside forwards. In the second half she played as though possess-

ed by the magic of a Johan Gruff as she led charge after charge at the

Duncan goal. Donna Moulton, Gerry "Long-legs" Irwin and Gerry "Short-legs" Hagan gave strong support up front.

Donna and Janice shared the goal-keeping duties but were tested only occasionally.



This week we had some very good scores recorded and most of them came from people we don't normally see listed in the high-rollers column.

They are as follows: Frank Keoppel, 791; Gordon Hitchcock, 700; Ken Collins, 714-720-739; Kevin Noble, 778; Sam Cochrane, 722; Terry Jenkins, 712; Danny Bedford, 756; Ed Miller, 751; Irene McDonald, 737; Ruth Bedford, 704-730-741; Sue Spencer, 720; Cyril Beech, 719; Jim Glenn, 707 and Lois Codd, with 746.

The bowlers of the week were, for the ladies, Lois Codd, and for the men, Frank Keoppel.

We had a total of eight 300 games rolled this week, they came from Frank Keoppel, 318; Bill Hitchcock, 315; Mike Kelly, 310; Kevin Noble, 328; Ruth Bedford, 303-310; Jim Glenn, 301 and Jean Stratholt, 312.

After sparing in different leagues over the past few weeks, I have had a chance to see a lot of bowlers I don't normally see.

The number one mistake I see is that they turn their foot at the end of their slide. Your foot should always point at the pin you are shooting for.

The number two mistake I saw is that people hurry their approach, they practically run up to the foul-line as if they are in a race, this causes them to be off balance, plus they don't have time to bring their arm back, which means they whip their arm at the last second,

causing them to push the ball, instead of rolling it.

Your walk up should be at about walking pace, thus giving you time to bring your arm back and release the ball before you finish your slide, a very important point if you are to keep your balance.

Did you know that there is such a thing as a five-pin professional bowlers tour?

In British Columbia there are various tournaments with prizes ranging from a low of \$500, up to the biggest of them all, which is held at the new Tsawwassen bowling lanes, with a total purse of \$15,000.

Some of the better bowlers make as much as \$10,000 a year on the pro bowlers tour. This all goes to show that there is gold in them there pins!

## An apology to director

In last week's issue of Driftwood, reference was made to the action of Regional Director Mike Clement in pressing for improved ferry service to Salt Spring Island.

It was not intended to suggest that Mr. Clement has acted with any but the utmost probity in the administration of his office and we regret any inference to the contrary.

We apologize to Mr. Clement for any embarrassment or distress he may have suffered.

## First of the season

It was little, but it was there, complete and looking for snow, without missing a flake.

Grace Wright, Salt Spring Island writer on Lang Road, reports the first snowdrop came up on Thursday.

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# What's happening at Salt Spring Elementary?

BY IAN JUKES

An extremely successful student exchange highlighted yet another busy week at Salt Spring Elementary as the students enjoyed the company and competition of 26 students from Boundary Bay Elementary of Delta.

Following a quick tour of the school and a dash to billets' homes for sustenance, all involved returned to the elementary activity centre for two rousing games of pinguard.

In an exciting contest the Boundary Bay girls eked out a 17-11 victory over a combined side from Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood. In the later match, the boys' team overwhelmed the visit-

ors 23-4 with Sean Logan scoring six goals and generally dominating the game at both ends of the floor. Considering that this is the first year pinguard has been played here on Salt Spring, the results were extremely satisfying for all concerned.

Saturday morning after a night of getting to know one another, the students returned to the school grounds for a round-robin volleyball tournament. Fittingly, both girls and boys championships went down to the last games as Boundary Bay edged Salt Spring by a single point to win.

### EXCHANGE TO CONTINUE

Following the presentation of participation certificates, the

Boundary Bay students raced to the ferry returning to Vancouver, to end the first Salt Spring-Boundary-Fernwood Friendship Exchange.

Particularly thanks should go to all the parents who so kindly offered to take billets. Without them a weekend such as this could not have taken place. I know that students are looking forward to the return visit to Boundary Bay, tentatively planned for the end of February.

Elsewhere the school was a veritable beehive of activity. First and foremost in the minds of many students is the public speaking contest planned for the middle of February. Already many a teacher (speaking personally) has been embarrassed by his lack of knowledge of the subtleties of making bubblegum, the salmon cycle, and the history of Ganges. If these topics are representative much enlightenment awaits us all.

### MOVIE PRAISED

While on the subject of public speaking, many a word was spoken in praise of "The Apple Dumpling Gang" which was shown in the activity centre on Wednesday at lunch time. A delightful film, certainly enjoyed by those in attendance. Special thanks to Mr. Woodley for arranging the show.

Speaking about pictures, many a student and teacher has been caught in an embarrassing pose with the advent of the roving photographer. Pictures of many of the activities that have taken place in the past few months have been posted on the new photo board. And while on the subject of photos. The winners of the "Oldie but Goldie" photo identification contest was Debbie Anderson with second going to Sarah Stelter and third to John Gossett.

### STALLIONS TOPS

Down in the gym the pinguard season has just ended with the Stallions edging out the Mustangs. Overall the Stallions lead with 181 points followed by the Colts (173), Mustangs (166) and Broncos (162).

This week the students are taking part in a potted activity circuit. Next week basketball and basketball begin.

Finally, looking ahead we see that the Vancouver Opera Society will be making a visit on February 12. On February 23 the school will be closed as the teachers will spend the day studying developments in the Language Arts curriculum.

Last but not least March 11 has been confirmed as the day the Grade 7's will be travelling to Vernon for a five day field trip. Arrangements have been made for the students to be billeted with students from Silver Star Elementary. More information on this in the weeks to come.

## Charges laid for failure to report accident promptly

Jack Lotoski of Vesuvius Bay Road has been charged under the Motor Vehicle Act with failing to report an accident within 48 hours of its occurrence.

Lotoski's 1974 Pontiac ended up in a ditch on Southey Point Road early on the morning of January 27. The vehicle sustained about \$1,000 worth of damage.

Lotoski failed to report the incident to Ganges RCMP, however, until January 29.

## Space restrictions on Mayne restaurant lifted

A bylaw placing certain restrictions on the property where the Five Roosters Restaurant is located has been given third reading by the

Mayne Island Trust Committee following amendments enacted Saturday.

The bylaw restricts use of the property to utilization only as a restaurant or dining room. A single family residential use associated with the restaurant is also allowed under the proposal.

A second proposal in the bylaw that would have restricted the size of the restaurant to just under 2,000 square feet was quashed following a protest from Five Roosters owner Jim Ross.

Ross' solicitor told the committee that there was "nowhere I can find under C2 zoning where there's the right of the committee to impose an area restriction."

### NOT PROPER

"It would not be proper for you to impose an area restriction on one business and no one else on Mayne Island," the lawyer said. "It's my opinion that such a move would be ultra vires and could be quashed on a submission to the Supreme Court."

The space restriction was subsequently omitted from the proposal. The bylaw now goes to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

## Board endorses Mahon Hall lease agreement

The Gulf Islands school board has endorsed a draft agreement between itself and the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission to cover a lease on Mahon Hall.

The agreement allows for a five-year lease of the building to the commission, with provision of an extension for a further five years, at the cost of \$1 per year.

Under the terms of the agreement, the commission takes over all responsibilities for the building, including taxes and liability.

In exchange for taking on those responsibilities the commission will have the right to levy user rental charges in order to help defray costs.

The agreement also includes a clause allowing the commission to cancel the lease at any time, provided 30 days notice is given.

## Baltzer to represent school board in payment negotiations

School trustee Charles Baltzer has been appointed by the board to represent the school district in discussions regarding payment of the community/school worker.

Baltzer will negotiate with Salt Spring Community Society representative Nonie Guthrie.



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# Multi-talented Yanna loves island

— And the freedom it offers

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

What brings a woman who is multi-lingual, who has had a successful career as a journalist, who has had books of her poetry published and who has travelled the world to a place like Salt Spring Island? Dictatorships, cold winters and a love of western Canada, that's what.

Yanna Lida is known in the Gulf Islands for little more than her ownership of the small Freeny Bath Boutique in Ganges. And that's the way the small, dark-haired woman with the olive skin wants it. She has her freedom, she says, and that's all that's important.

Born and raised in Athens, Greece, the romantic little woman with the last name of a Greek goddess remained there until 1967. While attending university in Athens she flitted from faculty to faculty, studying in rapid succession such subjects as literature, philosophy, law and electrology. She eventually completed a degree in literature as well as finishing diploma courses in piano and ballet, which she is now qualified to teach.

A lifestyle that allows complete freedom, however, has always been Yanna's major concern. So, at the age of 20, after completing her university requirements, she broke into the field of journalism.

"I like to be free, and as a journalist I was," says Yanna, her eyes sparkling at the memory of those days. "I worked full-time for a newspaper as a reporter for several years, as well as working for magazines."

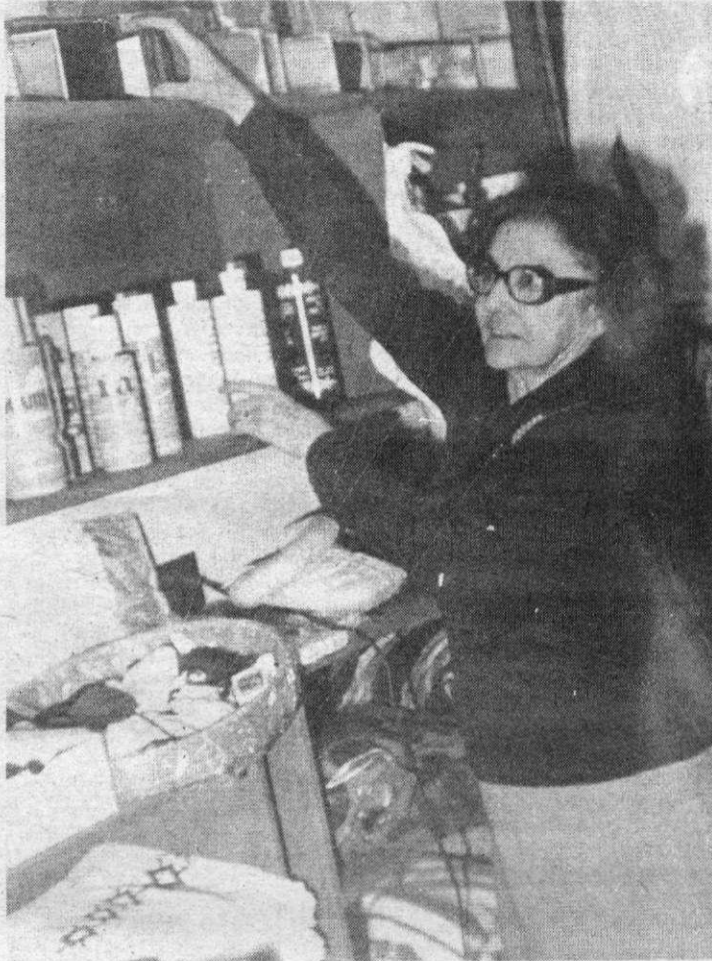
**CHANGED FIELDS**

Looking for a change after 10 years in the print field, Yanna moved into the world of radio broadcasting, where she produced four programs a week for 14 years in succession. During that busy period she also acted as vice-president of a literary group.

Yanna's next stop was Stockholm, where she spent two years as a foreign correspondent for the magazines and newspaper she had worked for prior to her stint in radio.

"I learned the language and wrote stories about life there," she recalls. "But then I lost my mother -- she died in Greece. When I lost her I lost all the world."

Yanna returned to Athens following the death of her mother, but



found that she could no longer work or live happily in the Greek capital.

"My doctors and friends suggested that I needed a change, so I moved to a Greek island," she says, "and opened up a tourist shop."

Writing, however, continued to be the lady's major passion. She had had her first book of poetry published in Greece in 1959, and it had earned rave reviews throughout the country.

"It was really too much," she recalls. "It was too much responsibility for the second one. There were such expectations after that first book came out."

**WRITING CONTINUED**

Nonetheless, during quiet moments at the tourist shop that she ran for three years, Yanna continued to churn out magazine articles and radio stories for children in addition to working on her poetry.

The idyllic existence on the

Greek island ended quite abruptly in 1967, however.

"I don't accept dictatorships," Yanna says, "and that's what was happening in Greece then. I felt that a free mind was important. I packed and was gone from Greece inside of a week."

Yanna headed for North America, stopping first in New York City where she was offered a job at the Rockefeller Centre as a teacher of the Greek language.

"But I turned it down," she says. "I wanted to come to Canada -- it had been a dream for me always."

The lucrative job in the U.S. went by the boards and Yanna travelled on, finally arriving in

Vancouver to visit friends.

"I fell in love with Canada, and decided I wanted to stay," she recalls.

So it was back east again to Montreal, where she took on a hodge-podge of jobs to make a living. Her university studies in law stood her in good stead for a job as a legal secretary. That was followed by successive jobs as a sales lady, housekeeper and cook.

**OPENED NEWS STAND**

Tiring of working for other people, the free-spirited Yanna decided to go into business for herself once again. She opened a miniscule news stand in downtown Montreal and managed to make a living from that for four years.

But even running a news stand was far from boring for the inimitable Yanna. She continued writing her poetry, often waving customers away and telling them to come back later if she was particularly engrossed in the piece she was working on. And she learned a myriad of new languages.

"I had to learn them," she recalls with a smile. "I learned them just so I could manage my customers, because a lot of them were older immigrants and spoke no English at all."

By the time she was through running the news stand from 6 am to 11 pm seven days a week, for four years, Yanna could talk to her customers in Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Rumanian, Ukrainian, French, Greek or English.

The lady's boundless energy didn't run out there, either. She also did work for a Greek newspaper that was being published for the ethnic community in Montreal.

Four years of the grueling hours and long winters, however, proved to be enough.

"I got tired of the snow and of the business," Yanna says. "I don't like to keep myself in a jail."

Accepting the invitation of her friends in Vancouver, Yanna returned to the west coast where she once again wore a number of hats in order to make a living. Still, through the jobs as a restaurant

cashier and hostess and as a cook, she wrote.

**WORKED IN KITCHEN**

"I always wrote, whether there were customers there or not," she says with a laugh. "I'd be working in the kitchen of this restaurant and hopping back and forth between pen and paper and whatever I was supposed to be preparing for the customers."

When the nerves in her hand died and she was forced to go on compensation Yanna began looking around for a new field of endeavour. She was offered a job as a broadcaster by the CBC, she says, but turned it down because she didn't feel her command of the English language was adequate enough.

So it was back to running her own business. Yanna moved to Victoria and opened the Freeny Bath Boutique at Market Square.

"But last Easter a friend on this island asked me to come and visit," says Yanna. "So I came -- and I fell in love with Salt Spring. I moved here at the end of June, fixed up this little shop, and opened Freeny here."


It's obvious to anyone who meets Yanna that she is, as she puts it, "more than happy."

"This island is a miracle," she rhapsodizes. "The people here are beautiful, and I can face all difficulties so easily."

And, she says, there's that most important of all assets to Yanna Lida -- her freedom. She opens and closes her shop when she feels like it and the writing, as ever, continues. Her second book of poetry was published in Greece in 1977 and now, she says, she has a book of short stories as well as a novel ready to go to the publishing houses.

And that, too -- that freedom and the ability of Salt Spring Islanders to accept such an attitude towards life -- is what brings someone like Yanna Lida to a place like this.

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## No solutions from meeting with ministers

A recent 1½ hour meeting between Gulf Islands School District representatives and Education Minister Pat McGeer and Provincial Secretary Hugh Curtis yielded "no solutions," according to one school board spokesman.

Trustee Spencer Marr, who with board chairman Tom Davidson and district superintendent Bob Huestis attended the meeting, told the board at its regular meeting Thursday that although "several things were discussed, we didn't come up with any firm solution for any of them."

Marr added, however, that the Gulf Islands contingent did manage to get commitments from the ministers that they would look at a

variety of problems plaguing this school district.

### TO EXAMINE DETAILS

"They told us that they would examine the costs of water transportation, and they would undertake an examination of the cost of building schools because of the water barriers that we're faced with," Marr told the board. "They also promised to look at the possibility of speeding up the payback of capital borrowings."

Stress was also placed, Marr said, on the tax base in the Gulf Islands.

Board chairman Tom Davidson termed the meeting "reasonably productive."

## Exiled journalist to visit island

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

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This is the third year that the food issue is the central focus, not as a "hunger campaign" but as a means of understanding the forces which shape our world order. The national emphasis will be during the period of February 2 through 12. Some communities, however, observe TEN DAYS FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT on other dates and occasions which are locally appropriate." (Robert Gardner, Ottawa)

This year's slogan is: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

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Sunday, February 11 is a nation wide Day of Witness and Solidarity and our Third World visitor, Gabriela Videla, will be here on Sunday, February 18.

Gabriela is a Chilean journalist, exiled in Mexico since the coup of 1973. Having spent much of my own life in a kind of exile, I feel very strongly for a person who is cut off from family, friends and the ties of several lifetimes.

Chile seems fairly remote to me. Not many Canadians go there on vacation and most of us think of it as having very little connection with Canada.

### COMMITMENT MINIMAL

Canadian Superior Oil (53.3 percent U.S. controlled) tried to minimize this connection when questioned by representatives of the Task Force on Churches and Corporate Responsibility. Chairman R. Arne Nielsen stated his company had always been a good corporate citizen, and is just beginning to feel its way in international investment. Their two criteria are: profitability and the stability of the government concerned. His company's commitment to a consortium investment in Quebrada Blanca copper in Chile is 'minimal' - only 22½ percent.

This may seem minimal to him. But to you and me, almost a quarter of a \$500 million investment is rather more than peanuts! He refused point blank to consider delaying investment plans until human rights and democracy are restored to the Chilean people. Sister Suzanne Dudziak of the Sisters of Zion asked if shareholders could expect the company to take political, moral and social considerations into account. She was told if such factors had to be considered, there would be very little investment anywhere!

Dr. George Tuttle, moderator of the United Church of Canada, asked for a study of the Chilean situation by the company. Dr. Jack Zimmerman of the Lutheran Church was a member of the group questioning the company at the annual general meeting in Calgary.

The Task Force, under Rev. Zimmerman's chairmanship, has also been making waves at the World Bank level, anticipating Chile's request for more loans. In order to establish its "credit worth-

iness" the junta has adopted a policy of "fiscal orthodoxy", cutting out much of the social advance which had been made, slowly and painfully, over the past 50 years.

### MORE BODIES FOUND

Meanwhile, more bodies are being discovered near Santiago, Chile's capital. An undisclosed

of people killed in the C.I.A.-financed coup as 30,000. Over 100,000 were imprisoned, and murder and torture continue.

### Feb. 2-12 TEN DAYS

Feb. 11 Day of Witness and Solidarity with the Third World.

Feb. 18 Gabriela Videla on Salt Spring (details next week)

Feb. 21 Second in Christian Adult Education Series: Ven. Hilary Butler on "A Christ of the Universe."

Feb. 23-25 Workshop on New International Economic Order (Vancouver)

Feb. 28 Vigil - Ash Wednesday - beginning of Lent.

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## More Food for Thought

number of corpses were found in an abandoned mine 25 miles south of Santiago early last December. The more recent grisly discovery was made in a roadside hollow a few miles from the mine. It is believed these may be some of the persons being investigated as "missing" by the Vicariate of Solidarity, a committee of the Archdiocese of Santiago. The 618 were some of those arrested in the September 1973 coup and since lost track of by families and government alike. Amnesty International has documentation of 1,600 missing. Chileans agree with the UN Commission on Human Rights that 2,500 is a closer figure.

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### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Confirmation has been received that the 46-piece RCN Band from Esquimalt will play two concerts at Fulford Hall on February 14. There will be no admission charge.

Work has been completed on the boat basin at Ganges and a number of boats are already moored at the new dock. It was reported that several local vessels moved in the day the pile driver moved out.

Three young men were hospitalized following a smash up of their car last Saturday morning between 5.30 and 6 am. The car was very badly damaged when it hit a tree near Vesuvius up the hill from the dock.

Driver of the car, Lawrence Horel and passengers Armand Thebere and Raymond Hanson were taken to Lady Minto Hospital immediately. All three have since been released.

Cause of the accident has not been determined.

Klondike night returns again to Ganges. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 92 sponsored a show in December with Klondike Kate appearing in person. Kate made such an impact on the local swains that the Legion has decided to stage another Klondike Floor Show and night of fun Saturday, February 8 at the Legion Hall.

Faithful old Cy Peck has gone into service on the Vesuvius-Crofton run to relieve the George S. Pearson for two weeks. The Pearson has gone into drydock for a complete engine overhaul and paint job.

A few weeks back the Salt Spring Queen had painters clinging to rails and crawling over decks while she continued her regular run. The Pender Queen is getting the same treatment.

All the Island ferries will soon be bright and cheerful looking again. Typical ferry ash trays have replaced the old tins on the Salt Spring Queen too, which gives her an air of distinction.

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### TEN YEARS AGO

Extreme cold did not prevent some from getting out to see the Pacific Hovercraft's new flagship arrive at Ganges Tuesday morning.

The new hovercraft landed on the beach near Ganges Boat Yard to bring Liberal candidate Eric Winch, accompanied by Joe Garner of Nanaimo. It was the first time in Canada that a hovercraft has been used in a political campaign.

Majority of the crowd gathered on the beach were school children let out of school for the occasion. Before carrying on its tour of the Outer Islands, the hovercraft took several youngsters out for a ride.

They dreamed of a white Christmas and four days before Christmas they thought they had it wrapped up.

Deliveries around the islands, particularly Salt Spring and Galiano, were hazardous the day before Christmas Eve and Christmas was a dirty slushy one,

with majority of snowfall already gone.

Days after Christmas were punctuated with snow. Biggest single fall came on New Year's Eve, when ferries were cancelled and traffic crawled to a near halt.

When a raccoon visited the Cunningham residence recently he was quickly dispatched by Don Cunningham. The corpse was immediately retrieved by sister Lillian for anatomy study by the Biology 12 class at the high school. Additionally, the students plan to search for internal parasites in liver, lungs and intestines.

Everything stops for snow. The weather has stopped almost everything.

Latest stop is bingo. Lions have given in to the winter and the giant bingo planned for February has been set back for a month. In brilliant warm sunshine and bathed by balmy breezes Salt Spring Islanders will play bingo on March 1.

Tickets already sold will be valid for the March giant Bingo and they will be on sale throughout the next four weeks.

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### FIVE YEARS AGO

Tom Toynbee is serving a second term as president of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. He was elected by acclamation at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the Legion Hall in Ganges on Tuesday evening, Jan. 23.

Miss Barbara Persson is on the staff of Ganges Elementary School again.

Miss Persson is the teacher whose appointment came to an end in December and whose loss launched a four-week campaign by parents.

The toll of roaming dogs on Salt Spring Island is steadily increasing. On Monday afternoon, North Salt Spring Island farmer, found 13 dead lambs on the front field of his property. Marauding dogs had grabbed only the heads of the lambs and left them dead.

Later on in the afternoon Mr. Harkema discovered four more lambs dead from the same treatment.

Salt Spring Island travellers have another five minutes to get that ferry. The Bowen Queen is on a new schedule. Instead of the previous departure times from Fulford the ferry will sail at 35 minutes past the even hour.

New parents association in the Gulf Islands has been proposed by both parents and trustees. Formative meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon in the gymnasium of the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

On Friday the proposal was made by H.R. Leighton, spokesman for parents pressing for the re-engagement of Miss Barbara Persson and by Donna Watt, spokesman for those parents seeking the engagement of Jacques Goldman as teacher of the new alternative system in Ganges School.

New alternative classes in Ganges Elementary School will be launched in the school dormitory and later transferred to Mahon Hall.

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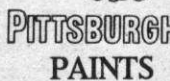
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Travelling between England and France, the visitor is struck with the high prices in the French stores.

It is unlikely that the impoverished Frenchman can afford to raise a family. Children's clothing is astronomical in price.

The secret is, simply, that French wages are higher than

British. Hence, French prices are higher.

**NOT MUCH LEFT**

It was a journey into nostalgia, this trip to Britain and France, but there was precious little nostalgia left.

The land I once knew is no longer to be found in England and the scene in south west France is merely the far end of a human chain I once saw in another era.

In the Pas de Calais during the German advance in 1940 I spent many hours conversing with the refugees from the enemy as they filed painfully through northern France. I learned later that these desperate, homeless people, whose only protection from machine guns aloft consisted of a mattress tied to the car roof, were part of an unbroken line to Bordeaux. I didn't get that far south.

I should have. It is the headquarters of the Cognac trade. Commanding the small town of Jarnac, where we stayed with daughter Valerie, guests of her French household, is the Chateau Courvoisier.

**VERY CLEAN**

Immaculately clean, the small French town or village exhibits the same shutters to the outside world that have shielded the French home for centuries. They have the same windows everywhere, closing out the draught, and they have a new breed of small restaurant which may have developed as a

result of the Common Market with its influx of visitors.

Whether we dined in Cognac, small, busy centre of the brandy trade, or in Bassac, a remote village with no logical reason for so modern a restaurant, the average cost of a meal was between \$7 and \$12 a head.

conviction of the Charentais that it cannot be copied. We drank it in!

The police are constantly watching the traffic and parking in what appeared to be a parking area rated a \$30 ticket.

That is the tragedy of travelling in France.

**HIGH COST OF PARKING**

The British roads are clearly marked and you have miles of warning before arriving in a large community. The French driver is expected to know where he's going and how he's getting there before he starts out.

To a French driver the regulations on parking are probably very clear. To a visitor it is difficult to clearly establish which row of cars you may join and which are privileged. We were caught in Angouleme. We were also lost in that ancient city.

Most store clerks were cheerful and helpful as long as you made an effort to speak French. Few had enough English to respond.

Yet, despite the fact that few French people understood the word "gas", most United States oil company stations in France carry the sign, "Gasoil".

The language situation is much the same in most of Europe. In the larger centres there is a wide range of languages available. In the smaller communities the visitor is on his own.

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