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## Game dinner at Fulford

"Confidentially, Dad..." Kenneth Akerman tells it to Ted Akerman the way he sees it. They

are both seen taking dessert at the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club's game dinner in Fulford Hall

on Saturday evening. More on Page Two.

## Minister asked for reaction on lawyer's interpretation of act

Education Minister Brian Smith has been asked to react to the opinion that taxes for education collected in the Gulf Islands were

illegally withheld for use by other school districts.

Gary Begin, president of the B.C. School Trustees Association,

sent a letter to Smith asking for the clarification.

In addition, he requested an opinion from the attorney-general's department.

"In view of the fact that school boards are now heavily involved in the budget process, we would appreciate your reaction to the legal opinion," Begin stated in the letter.

The BCSTA had asked a law  
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## Skelly apologizes for charges against Curtis

In the legislature last June, Bob Skelly (NDP-Alberni) said the finance minister was paying off his friends in Ganges by supporting the construction of the sewer.

Skelly made the charges against Hugh Curtis (SC-Saanich, The Islands) and when he would not retract the statement he was asked to leave by the speaker. The statement in the house was protected by privilege.

Skelly repeated the same charges at a public meeting in Ganges on August 26 when he said "that the minister was making a payoff to his friends and supporting his friends in this area."

He also noted that Curtis had challenged him to repeat the statement outside the house "and I suspect that meant he was going to sue me for libel for making the statement as I have just done tonight."

Continued and last week Skelly,

admitting he had no protection outside the house, apologized.

In a letter Skelly said: "I now wish to take this opportunity of withdrawing the allegations which I made against Mr. Curtis in their entirety and to state that I am not aware of any facts whatsoever which would give rise to any suspicion that Mr. Curtis paid off his friends in connection with the Ganges sewer scheme or indeed in connection with any other matter whatsoever.

"I particularly regret that my allegations were reported widely at the time they were made in the house and were also reported in issues of the *Gulf Island Driftwood*."

Skelly concluded his letter by saying, "I now apologize to Mr. Curtis and his family for the embarrassment caused them by my untrue statements."

## Turn-out 100%

Taking the voters' list for Saturna Island, of the electors physically present on Saturna Island on election day, Saturday, Nov. 21, there was a 100% turn-out, reported Jim Campbell at last week's regional board meeting.

She was proud of Salt Spring Island, submitted Yvette Valcourt, where there was a turn-out of 72.8%.

That was a record, she stated. "You can't beat 100%," crowed Campbell.

Following are the attendance figures for the polls in all electoral areas of the region: Colwood, 31.7%; Langford, 22.5%; Metchosin, 51.7%; Sooke, 46.1%; View Royal, 33.1%; Outer Islands, 61.3%.

## Board wants out

# Make islands into county, region asks

The Capital Regional Board has had its fill of islands administration. It wants out. And the board quotes islands spokesmen as having advocated separation from the board.

The question came to a head on Wednesday afternoon last week when Bob Wright's motion was debated.

The original resolution urged the minister of municipal affairs to consider the transfer of islands administration to the Islands Trust.

After a successful amendment by Jim Campbell, the board agreed to invite the minister to give some consideration to the establishment of a county form of government for the Outer Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island.

Agreeing that the local government responsibilities for the islands are fragmented between the Islands Trust, the Capital Regional District and the provincial government, the resolution asks the minister to

consider taking the steps to consider a county for the islands and to implement it if the study should merit that implementation. **MUST BE PRACTICAL.**

The proposal must offer a practical alternative to the region, explained Campbell. The Islands Trust would not be practical, he felt. It consists of individual Islands Trust committees with all the planning authority of the regional board and three trustees who oversee it.

J.D. Watts supported the Campbell amendment but urged that it be clearly laid out as merely a suggestion to the minister.

As the re-elected regional director for Salt Spring Island, Yvette Valcourt told the board that she intends to enable her constituents to examine being in the region, or the Islands Trust or "whatever".

"I feel that I am quite capable of bringing in any recommendation for Salt Spring Island," she told

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## Resolution adopted for presentation to minister

This is the resolution adopted last week by the Capital Regional Board for presentation to the minister of municipal affairs:

*WHEREAS the Electoral Areas of Salt Spring Island and the Outer Gulf Islands have needs and problems in keeping with other islands off the eastern coast of Vancouver Island;*

*AND WHEREAS the responsibility for critical land use matters affecting these two electoral areas has been transferred from the Capital Regional District to the Islands Trust;*

*AND WHEREAS the local government responsibilities for these electoral areas is as a consequence fragmented between the Islands Trust, the*

*Capital Regional District and the Provincial Government;*

*AND WHEREAS the people of those two electoral areas have repeatedly stated that their needs and concerns are not being adequately recognized by the Capital Regional District;*

*THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Capital Regional District Board petition the Provincial Government to take the necessary legislative action to alter the boundaries of the District to exclude the Electoral Areas of Salt Spring Island and the Outer Gulf Islands and take the necessary steps to consider, and if approved, to implement a county system of government in the Outer Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island.*

## Two face 12 charges

Two young men from Salt Spring Island face 12 charges resulting from a spree in September and October.

Thomas Moulton and Calvin Watt were charged jointly with breaking into a boat, the golf club and a shed on Pender Island as well as theft of items worth more than \$200.

Moulton was further charged with breaking into the Pender

Lumber and Freight offices.

From incidents on Salt Spring, Watt faces charges of stealing a motor vehicle.

Moulton has three charges against him for breaking into a home on Fulford-Ganges Road on three separate occasions. He also faces charges of theft resulting from three other incidents.

The pair are to appear in court as a result of the charges.



### Rod and Gun Club dinner

Head table at the Salt Spring Road and Gun Club game dinner Saturday at Fulford Hall included

Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Reynolds, of Merrit; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lorensen and John Bennett. Ellen

Bennett was part of the head table, but she was directing traffic to the buffet when this picture was taken.

## Three new faces on recreation group

Another election has been held on Salt Spring Island but the results must await approval by the Capital Regional District.

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission held its annual meeting and election of members Monday. Eight islanders were seeking the five open seats on the board.

Pat Akerman, whose term had ended, withdrew his name from nomination citing pressures of business and home which left him with insufficient time to devote to

the position.

Successful candidates were Edith Sacker and Jim Balantyne, both incumbents, as well as newcomers Colleen Roy, Bob Wanless and Bob Brownsword.

Each electee will serve a two-year term except Brownsword who will have a one-year term.

The five newly-elected commissioners join Glenn Woodley, Bev Unger, Hugh Borsman and John Crofton for deliberations on things park and recreational on Salt Spring.

## New expense claim by Valcourt

Salt Spring Island regional director Yvette Valcourt has submitted a claim for further expenses incurred since December, 1979.

The island director whose claims

sparked a long investigation of expenses and allowances in the Capital Regional District is asking for a further \$2,445.

She is claiming \$30 for meals in respect of each day she attended regional meetings during the past two years. During the past 19 months she has already claimed \$270.25 for meals, she explained.

She is demanding another \$2,287.50 to bring it up to the \$30 a day level.

Making her claim, the Salt Spring Island director explained that Outer Islands director Jim Campbell had filed claims for the maximum allowable amount, and that she was doing likewise.

Campbell had made a flat claim without expenses to prove it, she said, and now she is doing the same.

The claim will come before the incoming regional board and must be approved by the new directors. In October the regional treasurer questioned a claim for expenses by Valcourt when personal expenses were included. A staff check resulted in a claim for an overpayment of \$2,400. The question was referred to the regional auditors who reduced the overpayment to \$912. She repaid \$269 out of her own pocket and her supporters paid the remainder.

Campbell, who retires from the board this year, told *Driftwood* later that he had claimed the \$30 a day in 1981 and down to \$23 a day in 1979. He justified his claim with the explanation that he has been the only director who was obliged to stay overnight in Victoria to attend a meeting.

## Education

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firm noted for constitutional interpretations for an opinion on the legality of two sections of the School Act.

### SETS A LEVY

The ministry of education sets a province-wide levy for financing schools. Each of the districts of the province has an education program set for it by the ministry and certain amounts of money are allocated.

If the program costs more than the tax levied, the district obtains funds to cover the difference. If, however, as in the case of the Gulf Islands and several other districts, the programs cost less than the amount collected, the difference goes into the provincial pot to pay other districts.

The lawyers saw the School Act as saying taxes collected in a district should go to the education program in that district.

### PHONE CONFERENCE

The BCSTA recently held a multi-party phone conference with school districts affected or about to be affected by the current policy.

A solicitor for the association was quoted as saying, "The legislature has the power to change the wording of the act as well as the power to make it retroactive. So don't count on the money."

If the interpretation is accepted, the Gulf Islands School District could conceivably collect up to \$1.8 million.

## County system

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the board. "And the new Outer Islands director should be considered."

She also told the board that it is quite possible that the island will be adequately served by the new board. The motion was unacceptable and the mover should withdraw it, she urged.

Wright was not thinking only of the islands directors. He was thinking of the other 17, he explained.

Whatever is done should be by referendum, suggested David Hill. **NOT TABLED.**

Motion to table the proposal was defeated.

The decision will not be his or Valcourt's or that of his successor, said Campbell, and the question could not be considered by anyone as effectively as by the minister of municipal affairs.

The resolution was the most practical way to deal with it, he urged.

The amendment and the resolution were both adopted.

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# To Be Frank



by richards

I crossed Yates St. in Victoria with my eyes firmly fixed on the ground in proper humility. I didn't see a soul, but I did find some battered pigeon feathers. Little ones. Now the problem. Were they left there by some low-flying pigeon that met a car coming in the opposite direction? Or did two pigeons crash in midair and lose feathers, fur and height? Do pigeons crash in flight? Never heard of it. Or have dog fights? But neither do they normally argue with traffic. Maybe I'll never know.

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I was listening to a program on smoking. It was really on non-smoking. And I was smug because I gave it up a long time ago. I must write a book on how to stop smoking. But I couldn't fill a book. It's too easy. I was on three packs a day, burnt desk tops, yellow fingers and yellow fangs and I quit. How? I stopped smoking. What's so tough? But how could you make that into a best seller?

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When a Miss Wood died in the United States as the result of unsuccessfully negotiating the space between two small craft, she earned an accolade nearly equal to that enjoyed by the memory of Anwar Sadat and far beyond any accorded any great benefactor of mankind. I enjoyed learning all about the life of Miss Wood. It was trivial and emotional and utterly inconsequential. The television stations vied with each other to say the most about the death of an actress. Not even death is permitted to remain impartial.

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I never gave much of a thought to the origin of cabins in the Musgrave area of Salt Spring Island. Not until Gavin Reynolds was around. He explained that many of the cabins were set up there by draft dodgers in the First World War. He didn't refer to the odd quirk of history that was destined to make them attractive to many an escapee from the American draft during the Vietnam conflict.

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All I wanted was a picture. And I stopped by St. Paul's church at Fulford to discover various parishioners and various helpers with various tools cleaning up the parking area. It was a poor time to stop. I had no tools. I was not dressed for the encounter with brambles and briars and thistles. So I sat in the car and offered anyone who looked in my direction a sickly smile. Odd thing, I was the only one to feel embarrassed. There must be a moral to that!

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Quick run into Victoria and a quick run back. But how? There have never been more streets dug up in Victoria than there are now. Side streets are closed and other streets have one-way traffic. They call it the city of gardens, but I'll guarantee that those daffodils will never come up when they're planted 20 feet under the pavement.

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I can't understand why people should still be doing Christmas shopping. I'm quite sure Women's Lib has done all ours by this time of the year!

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The change in government in Manitoba will bring to light an interesting facet of the national concern over the constitution. The philosophy of the prairie province's government has changed vastly as a result of the provincial election. During the debates on the constitution Sterling Lyon was a vigorous spokesman for Manitoba. If the provincial spokesmen are truly speaking for their people, then we would expect no change in the policy of Manitoba in relation to this question. If, on the other hand, Manitoba should prove to approach the matter from a different angle, it will have to be accepted that the provincial view tends to be that of the government rather than the people's.

# Board ratifies teachers' contract

The trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board ratified the teachers' contract last week.

Pay increases for teachers run from 16.5% at the low end of the scale to 18% at the high end. Teachers are ranked according to qualifications as well as length of service to the Gulf Islands School District.

The 17.8% reported in *Driftwood* last week is the average pay increase when the various scales are determined.

The number of different levels in each qualification category has been reduced to 10 from 11.

Outer Islands teachers get \$150 allowance, up from the previous \$125.

### TO REFLECT EXPERIENCE

The allowance structure for administrators and supervisors has been altered to reflect job experience. For example if someone is promoted to principal from vice-principal, that person could count each two years of experience as vice-principal as one year for purposes of determining the amount of allowance to be paid.

The allowances for supervisory teachers run the gamut from \$3,500 extra for one year experience to \$10,250 after 25 years as well as three years as supervisor.

Fringe benefits included in the contract see the school district paying 75% of the overall Medical Service Plan of B.C., up from 50% in the previous contract.

Other fringe benefits include an extended health benefits plan as well as an acceptable dental plan, both items to be agreed upon by the board and the teachers.

In addition, the board and the teachers agreed to a group life insurance plan submitted by the B.C. school trustees association and the teachers federation.

A grievance procedure has been set up with a joint committee of trustees and teacher representatives to listen to and rule on complaints from the teachers.

As noted in an earlier news item, the district trustees and teachers have also agreed to discuss learning and working conditions in committee "to negotiate a learning and working conditions agreement, and to review the agreement annually before October 1.

Maternity leave, with paternity leave for the father, has been included in the contract for the first time. The mother-to-be, taking maternity leave as provided for in the Employment Standards Act, will be paid 100% of salary for the first two weeks to be followed by payment of the difference between Unemployment Insurance Commission benefits and the regular salary of the mother.

Paternity leave can be obtained by the father to attend the birth or to care for the family during and after birth for up to five days with pay.

Another wrinkle is paid leave for adoption. Teachers can obtain permission for paid time off to attend interviews, to pick up the adoptee as well as time to get the

new addition settled into the family.

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## Decision will spell future

The future of the Capital Regional Board for the next 12 months will be spelt out next week at the municipal level.

The make-up of the new board is very different this year.

Half of last year's members have already been eliminated at the polls. Seven have been overtaken and will not serve during the coming year. One has withdrawn from public life.

In addition to the changes already made by the voters on November 21, there will be further changes according to the decision of component municipal councils. Each municipality names its directors to the board. And all councils may change their views this year and name entirely new directors.

On December 7 the various councils will meet for the inaugural meeting of the year. At that time new directors will be sworn in and the directors will be named to the regional board. The board then holds its inaugural meeting on Wednesday.

For two frantic days directors will then lobby each other for the naming of the new chairman. There will be some consideration given to the accomplishment of past holders of that office. And there will be such other considerations as the likely effect of one candidate will be weighed against the pet projects of the components.

Each component has its own angles. One council wants to stretch the limits of the regional plan and will support a chairman who will welcome such a change. Another wants augmented sewage capacity for its area and will lobby for a chairman whose election is likely to bring it about.

Next week is political week in the city and the decision of the directors will have a direct effect on the policies of the coming year as well as the wrangling of the coming year.

## Traffic lights?

Most Salt Spring Island drivers, particularly those who are regularly faced with the hapless chore of negotiating the streets of Ganges on a Saturday morning in the summer, will welcome improvements to the traffic pattern in the core area.

There are few drivers who have not felt the anger and frustration of waiting at an intersection in Ganges while a steady stream of ferry traffic enters the village from both ends.

But that herald of urban encroachment, that indicator of the rat race of city life, that awful traffic signal, is surely not the answer to the dilemma of island drivers.

The discussion over a bypass route for Ganges is almost as ancient as the sewer debate. And judging by the latest proposal for rerouting traffic, the talk of a bypass will likely outlive the latter by several years.

Unfortunately, a bypass would probably eliminate the need for traffic signals. The number of vehicles passing through the core area would be limited to the extent that Ganges might even become the quiet, sleepy village it once was.

The ministry of highways is not famous for its close collaboration with the people it is supposed to serve. If islanders don't want traffic signals, now is the time to speak up.

They might even start talking of a clover leaf next.

## Who are the thugs?

There are many people in B.C. who would probably agree with Jim Kinnaird's use of the word "thugs" to describe the Social Credit government. But on the other hand there are probably just as many who would use the same word to describe the B.C. Federation of Labour and its president.

It's confrontation from the word go on the B.C. labour scene, a situation into which Kinnaird fits remarkably well.

If organized labour in B.C. is willing to be identified with him, then it must be prepared to take on a thug-like image.

Perhaps it's time for a new president.



Bill Webster

## They survived full day of spending money

The holly and the missile cones are very much on people's minds these days as credit-card-day rapidly approaches.

Hordes of shoppers shopping for hordes of goodies as the cash shortage suddenly becomes cash flow in search of trinkets and toys, guaranteed to malfunction within 20 minutes of first use, to become expressions of affection.

Floorboards in Victoria stores groan under the wait of buyers trying to buy while shop clerks practise their imitation of stone statues.

The season bids fair to be as any other with oft the underlying reason for the entire exercise forgotten or misplaced amid the crumple of colourful wrapping paper.

Joy should be the vogue of the season, yet somehow comes out short.

### SURVIVED DAY OF SPENDING

Over the weekend, after a spot of refreshment at Captain Hook's Breakfast Nook in Victoria, we, Tullulah Twinkle, Beauregard Ming and I, congratulated ourselves for having survived a full day of spending money.

Mr. Ming, as is his wont, carefully counted all his cash and coin to be sure he had spent no more than he had intended. He counts money by colour, having committed to memory the shade of each denomination up to and including the \$10,000 bill.

Depression envelopes Mr. Ming these days for he is unable to play his one-note trumpet — on doctor's orders. Mr. Ming, as will be recalled, is a 42-year-old short person who takes advantage of his youthful looks to imitate an 11-year-old.

He had been booked for an extended engagement to entertain patrons of Captain Hook's but a severe bout of tonsillitis struck him low.

Following an emergency operation at the Royal Jamboree for the removal of sundry superfluous parts cluttering his throat, Mr. Ming received the sad news from the doctor: no trumpet for at least a month.

"In that case," said Mr. Ming, "I'll practise my drum solos."

Suitcase volunteered to give up his cave on the side of Mount Belcher to allow the beat to go on.

We tried many ways to bring Beauregard from his dark depths. We took him to a movie to see his favourite film, *Darth Vader Meets Snow White*, but to no avail.

### USUALLY BRIGHTENS

Usually he brightens considerably when we utilize the B.C. ferry system. Paying children's fare gives him unending happiness.

Paying is perhaps not the correct expression for Mr. Ming is a noted wallet fumbler who seeks extremes in avoiding having to part with any of his colourful cash.

Nevertheless, the three of us went to Victoria on the milk-run ferry and because Captain Hook's doesn't open until noon, we had breakfast at Nellie's Greasy Spoon on Gorge.

Mr. Ming consumed two orders of eggs, scrambled, six slices of bacon, crisp, four large pancakes, uncooked centres, three large glasses of milk, lukewarm, and eight slices of toast, buttered and jammed.

Such a gastronomic display may seem ordinary to a lumberjack but surprised us because of Mr. Ming's depressed state of mind.

When Tullulah commented upon the single-handed effort to keep B.C. farmers in business, Mr. Ming, with a quizzical look, merely burped delicately behind his hand.

Shopping with that pair ranks right up there with listening to Betta Hedron rant about zucchinis. Tullulah tried on every outfit in Sears bargain basement while Mr. Ming spent the first nine hours tramping around pricing various items. He finally settled on purchasing 18 jigsaw puzzles from a second-hand shop.

When we returned to beautiful, dry, friendly Salt Spring, we met Louis Bolivar-Finchley at the Fulford dock. He was investigating the reaction of starfish to the action of ferry wash, he claimed.

### TEARFUL EXPLANATION

Mr. Ming immediately launched into a tearful explanation of his one-note trumpet embargo with a full and reasoned argument on why it was necessary for him to continue his public appearances for the sake of his legions of fans.

Louis sat on the dock of the bay puffing on his pipe and listening with rapt attention.

When the flow of words ended with a heart-rending sob, Louis said:

"There are times, Beauregard, when we must refrain from that we desire most. If for no other reason that we should not do it.

"Besides," he continued, "I didn't prophesy you to be a rose, Gardenia."

# Letters to the Editor

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## Over 700 sign petition

Sir,  
Enclosed please find a copy of our letter to the Minister of Tourism as we are forwarding our petition both to her and a copy to the Minister of Highways. We would like to use this column to thank the many people who helped get in excess of 700 signatures. Particular thanks to Maya Hoffman, Student Council President, whose petitions were destroyed and who promptly secured a second set of signatures. The Hon. Pat Jordan, Minister of Tourism, Victoria, B.C.  
Dear Ms. Jordan,

The attached petition from residents of Salt Spring Island respectfully requests of the Minister of Highways the establishment of safety lanes on our main roads and those leading to parks. The need has become most urgent as a consequence of the sharp increase in the numbers of cyclists and visitors in general to the Island. We would be grateful if you would endorse our petition and forward it on to the Hon. Alex Fraser, Minister of Highways.

We live in a designated holiday area that is recommended in tourist literature and programs, as ideally suited to walking and cycling. The Government has done a fine job in establishing excellent parks here, the tourist response has been most rewarding. The B.C. Ferries will attest to the success of this promotion by the great build-up in foot and cycle traffic arriving here.

Salt Spring Island has a unique problem, its roads being original wagon trails, narrow, winding and hilly, and now paved over to service heavy demands of an increased population and the large volume of summer traffic.

Letters from concerned groups for road safety have been written to the Minister of Highways over the past 10 years. The large number of residents who have volunteered to sign this petition indicates the growing concern that exists by motorists and cyclists alike.

**B.J. TOYNBEE,  
L. DODDS,**  
Committee Heads,  
Box 159,  
Ganges.  
November 30, 1981.

## Grateful for gifts of clothing

Sir,  
On Sunday our house burned down and we were real lucky we weren't in it but all my clothes were in it.

Thanks to all my friends, I've got almost more than I started with.  
**MALINDI CURTIS,**  
Grade 4, age 9½,  
Ganges.  
November, 1981.

## Virtues of treated sewage

Sir,  
It's interesting that Diane Richardson, in *Driftwood* November 18, should accuse me and my family of "deliberate distortion of information" in the first paragraph and then proceed to deliver some distortion of her own in the second paragraph.

Allow me to defend myself. She writes: "If they (Frank Richards, Tony Richards and Alice Richards and other staff) wish to extoll the virtues of daily dumping 90,000 gallons of sewerage into the harbour they have the opportunity to editorialize on the merits of that plan if they wish".

So, by the omission of several pertinent words, she has herself distorted the information.

Let me tell you how I would phrase that sentence.

"Piping a maximum of 90,000 gallons (at capacity) of treated sewage 4,800 metres or approximately three miles into the harbour". Clarifies her comments, doesn't it? The fact is, it is a far sight more acceptable to me than what is going on at present; that approximately 45,000 gallons or about 50% of capacity of effluent and grey water are being stored in operating and non-operating tanks and substantial amounts being released, untreated directly off the shore of Ganges Harbour. So, she is quite right. I would like to extoll the virtues of treating the sewage effectively and cleaning up the filthy conditions in the harbour. It is infinitely more sensible than the situation that now exists.

Now, may I point out that I am not on the editorial staff of *Driftwood*, as much as I would like to be. I submit my letters for

publication in the same way that Dr. Diane Richardson and members of the Sewer Alternatives Committee do. And they all get published, mine, theirs, everyone's, a policy held by the editor and which I don't personally agree with.

The "lack of community harmony" comes from people like you who choose to condemn without regard to those you condemn or the public who becomes confused.

I, in my ignorance have informed myself. You, in your ignorance continue to misinform the public.

When you proceed (in that same letter) to question "*Driftwood's* professional competence and personal integrity" I simply have to reply that you don't know what you are talking about. My father-in-law (Frank Richards) has been honoured by members of his profession, exactly for the personal integrity and professional competence that you know nothing about. It's to his credit that there has been no response to the attacks made recently on his character; he wouldn't have it.

My husband, Tony Richards, has refrained from withholding letters to the editor that have contained errors, lies and slander again for the personal integrity which you know nothing about.

Columnists and writers of letters to the editor are all entitled to their personal opinions.

All you, Diane Richardson, have accomplished with your letter is to feed the fires of disharmony that exist in the community.

**ALICE RICHARDS,**  
Ganges.  
November 30, 1981.

## Distortions, abuse found distressing

Sir,  
It was at first disappointing to hear the results of the election wherein Frank Richards was defeated in his bid for the Regional Director's position. But, tonight, having re-read the last four issues of *Driftwood*, I am relieved that my friend would not continue for the next two years at least, to suffer the distortions and abuse that he has been subjected to these last few months by Mrs. Valcourt's supporters.

I have known Frank Richards for nearly 40 years since we served together in the R.A.F. at Patricia Bay. In close quarters as we then lived, one gets an insight into a man's character as perhaps only family are privileged to know. It has been distressing to read those attacks on the character of this honest, intelligent man.

The assertions of biased reporting by Frank Richards are of course untrue. The coverage of the CRD meetings were reported fairly as a comparison with other newspaper reports would show. (The *Colonist* was one).

I am sure that of the over 1,300 people that voted for Mrs. Valcourt, at least 90% did so out of

conviction that a referendum should have taken place. A number perhaps were frightened into a belief that even though they are not in the sewer area, they would pay thousands of dollars in sewer costs.

I thought that that untruth had been put to bed, but Mr. Tiernan was allowed to get away with another half-truth in your November 11th issue. He stated that 31% of sewerage charges would be paid for by the rest of the island. That statement is misleading.

The truth is, all costs of operating the school and hospital will be borne by the whole school and hospital district. The total cost to the rest of the island residences outside the sewer area may amount to less than \$10 a year.

Two facts emerged from the campaign: first, none of Frank Richards' supporters indulged in

personal attacks on Mrs. Valcourt and I am sure that if they had, Frank Richards would have publicly disassociated himself from such attacks. Certainly the expense account fiasco would have been fair game, but Richards supporters were above such tactics.

Secondly, Mrs. Valcourt at no time disassociated herself from those vicious attacks and by her very silence gave approval to that hard core of her supporters.

It's a pity that the present Editor leaned over backwards in an effort to be fairminded and allowed so much undeserved mud to be thrown at Frank Richards. However, if you do throw mud, you wind up with very dirty hands.

The irony of the sewer project is that if a referendum were now held, then the Valcourts would be obliged to vote for a sewer system that encompasses the Valcourt commercial property, especially since the laundromat would of course require a sewer outlet. One could not go on indefinitely dumping 2,500 gallons of waste from the laundromat into a field.

Strange as it may seem, the Valcourts ultimately benefit commercially from the sewer system whereas Frank Richards does not benefit in any material way.

**GEORGE JESSUP,**  
Duncan, B.C.  
November, 1981.

## Auxiliary deserves 90% of credit

Sir,  
I would like to thank all the North Salt Spring people for the \$2,600 plus which was donated to the Canadian Red Cross fund drive this year.

I'd especially like to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Legion who helped with preparation of the envelopes and are entitled to 90% of all the credit which may come from our accomplishment.

**BUD KREISSL,**  
R.R.1 Ganges.  
November 30, 1981.

## Both sides fairly shown

Sir,  
I would like to commend *Driftwood* for the seemingly fair way they covered the November 21 election.

It is safe to say that had I been in the same position, I mightn't have shown the same honesty and fairness.

Judging from some of the letters prior to the election, I'd say that *Driftwood* more than fairly showed both sides of the coin.

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**DEBORAH Y. TOYNBEE,**  
Victoria, B.C.  
November 24, 1981.

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**SCOTT BERGSTROME AND THE CONSUMER FUNDAMENTALS 10 CLASS.**  
November 30, 1981.



# Auditors find six more claimants overcharged

Further check of directors' expense accounts has been completed by the auditors of the Capital Regional District, Thorne, Riddell, to reveal that three other directors had claimed expenses which auditors felt were beyond the scope of the Municipal Act.

Outer Islands director Jim Campbell has paid back \$451.22. Of this amount, part was the result of an arithmetical error; part included hospitality expenses incurred at a convention; mileage claims based on the wrong rate and expenses considered part of the flat rate of reimbursement.

The claims extended from December, 1979 until June, 1981. Campbell received a total of \$1,865.51 in respect of his service as a director and a further \$6,213.52 in respect of activities undertaken as chairman of the regional board.

### AWAY FROM HOME

The former chairman explained at an earlier meeting that his expenses are higher than others because he is the only director who must be away from home for more than 24 hours to attend a meeting.

Check of all directors' expense accounts was called for a month ago after initial investigation of Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt's expenses.

Auditors told the board that 10 directors had made no claims during that period. All 10 were nominees from area municipal councils who reside in the general area of the regional office and who have met their costs out of their basic emolument.

They are Saanich director M.B. Couvelier; North Saanich's J.B. Cumming; Esquimalt's K.A.S. Hill; Central Saanich's David Hill; Saanich's Ed Lum; Victoria's W.J. McElroy; Victoria's Bill Tindall; Saanich's Geoff Vantreight; Oak Bay's J.D. Watts and Victoria's R.H.C. Wright.

A.E. Beasley, View Royal, was paid a total of \$1,581.20. It was not challenged.

Howard Drummond, Colwood, claimed \$2,302.11 and the auditors questioned the sum of \$282.64. This fell in the category of expenses which could be ratified by the board and were.

E.A. Lubick, Langford, has paid

a total of \$1,073.18 and the auditors questioned \$346.48. The board ratified all but \$11.32.

### FINDS \$6.24

D.W. Rittaler, Sooke, had been paid \$2,161.05 and the auditors wanted approval from the board for \$727.46. He ended up \$6.24 in debt to the region.

Chairman Norma Sealey, Sidney, received \$1,662.93. The sum of \$186.79 required board ratification.

Of J.M. Tipton's claim for \$933.36, the sum of \$182 required board ratification. Tipton is from Metchosin.

The board ratification was sought in respect of expenses incurred on behalf of the region and for which no specific resolution had been passed.

The excesses revealed by the audit were attributed to the failure of directors to gain advance approval of expenses for special purposes or the clash of two separate sections of the Municipal Act dealing with remuneration for elected municipal representatives.

# Local student wins acclaim in province-wide competition

A Saturna Island youngster won honourable mention in a province-wide essay and poster competition for the International Year of the Disabled Person.

Cameron Bray, 8, had his poem *My Friend Cain* selected as among the best submitted in the B.C. section of the national contest.

More than 1,000 entries from eight to 12-year-olds were judged by a panel in Vancouver. The children were encouraged by teachers to think about the handicapped candidly and without prejudice.

The entries were judged on the criteria of originality as well as sensitivity of thought.

Winner in the poster division was Harry Jones, 8, of Smithers. Tracy Stone and Angela Morfitt, both 8 of West Vancouver, won with their joint effort in the essay contest.

Bray's honourable mention entry is as follows:

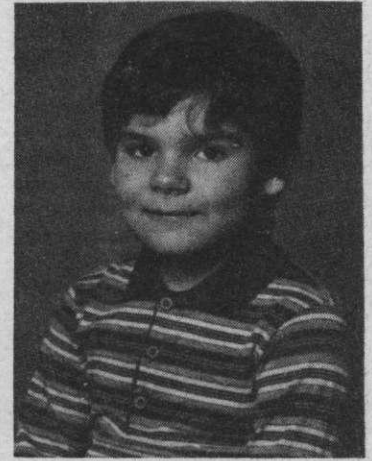
### Cain

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Where would I go?  
Would it snow?  
Would I know?

If I were deaf  
Where would I go?  
Could I say no?

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# Proposed traffic plan is unacceptable

BY YVETTE VALCOURT  
Regional Director

1. I must commend the people of Salt Spring Island, for the highest turn-out in B.C. at the recent municipal election, with a 72.8% turn-out.

2. I urge all the people of this island to examine the proposed road patterns, displayed at the school board office, and to speak to the Islands Trust members, who are there to discuss it with you.

My personal view of this proposal is as follows:

• This proposal is unacceptable, and promises to be a costly one, which will prove to be detrimental to certain areas, especially the park and our school.

• This proposal involves the safety of our school children (placing them in jeopardy, with a proposed by-pass so near the school and through the park! Unacceptable!

• We will all have to bear the cost for this proposal, and that is only a beginning. (The firehall and other institutions are involved, and whatever is done with these institutions will involve a great

cost to all taxpayers on this island).

• It arbitrarily involves the possible expropriation of private properties, without consulting the property owners.

• A by-pass road is supposed to be by-passing the commercial areas, and this one does not but assures the core area of adjoining the business centre.

The whole island should be given an opportunity to democratically decide. It is their tax dollars which will be used to implement these plans.

### COUNTY SYSTEM

3. Last Wednesday, Nov. 25, J. Campbell introduced a motion to request the minister of municipal affairs, to consider the possibility of a county system for Salt Spring Island and the Outer Gulf Islands.

I certainly hope that J. Campbell does not anticipate a political appointment where he could possibly become the dictatorial big daddy of all the islands. I assure you that islanders would not allow this even to be considered, never mind happen!

4. Sunday shopping has received an affirmative vote by a good

majority, although I personally marked my ballot as opposed. However, after the unclear ballot of last year, and the many requests received from you, I had an obligation to you, the constituents, to be presented with a clear ballot.

5. For your information, I have submitted a bill to the CRD for \$30 expenses for meals and incidentals, and this bill comes up to approximately \$2,100. The reason for the submission of this added expense claim is that the CRD board, at the last meeting, has allowed J. Campbell an expenditure of \$30 a day, plus \$39.90 a day for hotel rooms, without receipts.

I do not have receipts either for the expense of \$30 per day spent in Victoria at the CRD board or committee meetings. J. Campbell states that I do not understand the situation - wishful thinking on his part.

### MONTHS OF ABUSE

I understand perhaps too well! What is fair for the Outer Gulf Island director is also fair for the Salt Spring Island director. After 2½ months of abuse which I have

been submitted to, on the subject of expense claims.

I do not accept the way that the other directors' improper claims have been dealt with by passing a resolution at the last meeting, and at the last minutes, seemed to me to have swept the whole matter under the carpet. It has solved nothing!

If in future, a bureaucrat decides to take the same action against another director, as it was done against me, the whole process can occur all over again. This must not be allowed! I have certainly earned the right to speak out and to receive the same treatment, a right that was mine to start with!

A clear and precise policy must be arrived at. Receipts for all expenses claimed must be provided. D.A. Young must not be allowed to take any actions on

behalf of the board as he has done, in the past, either the board of directors run the district or Young does!

If the employees of the board are allowed to make our decisions for us, then we must admit publicly that we as directors are nothing more than expensive parasites! And who needs parasites?

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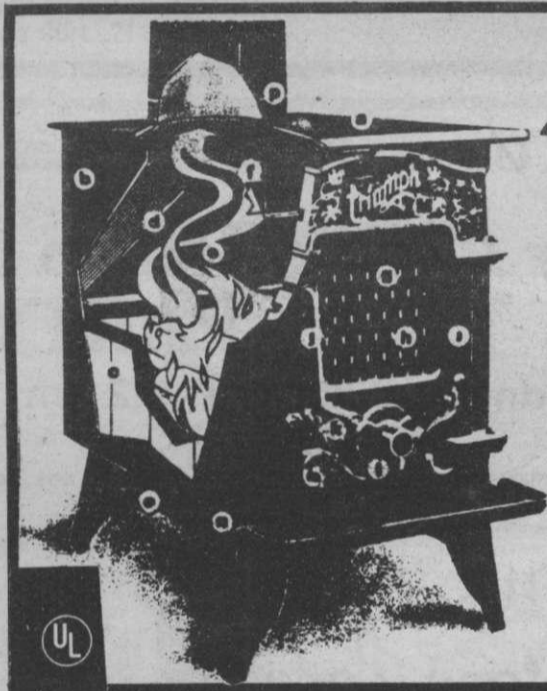
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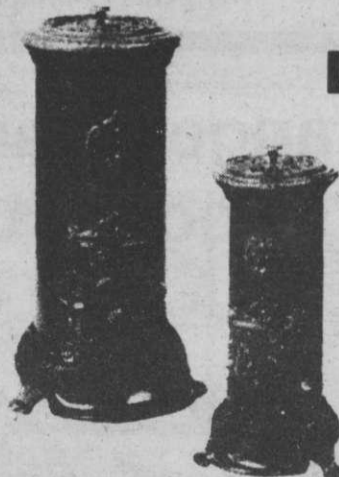


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# Childgrove in concert Sunday

The Common Ground Coffee-house will present Childgrove in concert at St. George's Hall in

Ganges on Sunday. Graham Way and Greg Joy are the musicians in this Victoria-

based celtic-folk group. Childgrove was formed in April 1979 and since then has toured extensively throughout B.C., performing at most major outdoor fairs, at the Belfry in Victoria, the Soft Rock Cafe in Vancouver and made several television appearances.

In addition, last year they performed at a concert in Vancouver's Robson Square theatre in conjunction with the Magical Strings group from Seattle (Philip and Pamela Boulding).

Way plays guitar and hammer dulcimer. Joy plays flute and guitar - both of which he studied for several years at the Victoria Conservatory of Music. He also studied guitar in England to learn the English Folk Baroque style. Joy plays mandolin as well.

Sunday's program will include jigs, reels and horn pipes from Brittany, Scotland and Ireland as well as some classical, jazz, Canadian folk and original music.

Tickets will be available at the door, \$3.75 general admission, \$3 for OAP's, students and I-PACS members. Doors open at 7:30, showtime is 8 pm.



Greg Joy, Graham Way of Childgrove

## Children's party

# Adults will be admitted if accompanied by child

About a dozen youngsters have been working since July on a production slated to be staged at Mahon Hall December 20.

Ten-year-old Martin Wales, one of the participants, reports that Joan Raeside's *The Moon is Made of Green Cheese* is going well and has been a lot of fun for the performers, ranging in age from six to 11 years.

The play will be presented at a Christmas party for island children at Mahon Hall. There will be refreshments and other entertainment, including a show by Art and June Beaddies' puppets.

Admission is \$1 and adults will be allowed in if accompanied by a child, or if they take along some goodies for a child, said Wales. The affair begins at 5 pm.

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## Change sought to letters patent

When the Capital Regional District came to overhaul the Magic Lakes sewer system it was revealed that the provincial government had failed to authorize regional board to invest funds temporarily and apply the revenues, although other municipalities may do so.

Last Wednesday the board agreed to call on the province to amend its letters patent in order to authorize the investment of temporary funds and the use of the revenues so derived.

The money for the Pender Island utility was borrowed early to meet the market fluctuations and the money raised was promptly invested.

The board needs an amendment to the letters patent in order to use that revenue.

First assessment of the 1972 annual levy for waterworks in Magic Lakes came to \$470.

The Magic Lakes Sewer Commission, which was established to administer the function, agreed recently that the cost was too high and undertook to set part of the revenues derived from investing the capital towards

reducing the initial, 1982, levy to \$270.

Board, last week, agreed to seek authority to continue to administer the invested funds until the work is completed and the payment is due.

## Cost of living up for camper

The camper was camping because, as a temporary resident of Salt Spring Island, sleeping out was easy and inexpensive.

But the cost of living went up almost \$160 for Robert Forrest when he returned to campsite 8 in

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# Large, enthusiastic audience hears organ recital Sunday

**Review**

**BY HUGH BORSMAN**

A novel experiment came to a successful conclusion on Sunday when possibly the first ever major organ recital was held on Salt Spring Island.

A large and enthusiastic audience heard the well known recital organist, Edward Norman, give a varied program of classical music on the Allen organ, brought from Vancouver especially for the occasion.

After being introduced by Jean Knight, Norman gave some background concerning the pieces he had selected. His first number was *Noel Suisse* by Louis Claude Daquin, the theme for which was based on a Christmas story. The composition was pleasant but far from profound.

This was followed by J.S. Bach's *Gigue* (or *Jig*) *fugue*. Bach unquestionably stole the general theme for this jig from Buxtehude. It is stated that Bach tramped 200 miles to Lubeck to meet and listen to Buxtehude play.

**PEDAL WORK OUTSTANDING**

The foot pedal work makes it or breaks it and this was particularly outstanding as performed by Norman.

The next group consisted of three choral preludes, all transcriptions, and only one actually transcribed by Bach. The first of these was *Sheep May Safely Graze*, one of the more popular of the choral preludes. *Wachet Auf* (Sleepers Awake), was next and this was Bach's transcription.

Both these were beautifully played and well received but it was the final one of this group that obviously engendered the most enthusiasm from the audience.

*Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* is a particularly melodic and flowing composition and again Norman gave it a master's touch.

There was one disturbing factor. Norman had only an hour to set up the organ, using the pre-sets, and to try and assess the acoustics. One of the stops on the Allen organ is a "chiff" which is a harmonic, but intended only to give an impression of a pipe organ attack.

**SET INTO INSTRUMENT**

In this particular organ some chiff was set into the instrument, making the use of the chiff stop unnecessary. With this additional chiff a rather unpleasant clicking sound accompanied the notes and was very distracting. Needless to say it wasn't used again.

The final number before the intermission was the famous *Prelude and Fugue in G Major* by J.S. Bach. This is a demanding selection, full of lively passages and gives scope not only to the organist, but is demanding of the instrument.

Both these requirements were fulfilled admirably.

Following the intermission three of 12 pieces *For Mechanical Clock*, written by C.P.E. Bach were played, using almost exclusively the upper register of the organ, four foot and two foot stops. The music was lilting and melodic, but restrained.

**SUBDUED BY CONTRAST**

The audience had been so taken with the flamboyance and scope of the Bach *Prelude and Fugue in G Major*, that this offering, composed by Bach's third son, was subdued by contrast.

The audience didn't get the dramatic flair in the next number either, but musically it was one of the most interesting numbers on the program. Cesar Franck is now known as one of the more famous French romantic school composers. His *Prelude, Fugue, and Variations* consists of a simple, rather haunting theme with many variations.

The *Fugue* is almost unnoticeable. Except for short passages it is quite subdued. The voicing of the Allen organ is designed to interpret both the romantic French school, and the more classical German Baroque type of music, which has, in the past 20 years, again become the vogue.

The next selection was *Fanfare* by a Canadian composer, John Cook. This offered some scope for

the reed section of the organ. The music was made more interesting by sustained chords under the reed passages.

**ALMOST TOO SUBDUED**

This lively selection was followed by a sombre, reflective composition *Le Banquet Celeste*, by Olivier Messiaen who is a religious mystic of the most extreme type. This music was almost too subdued and understated to be well understood by the audience.

The final number was a grande finale indeed. It was the *Toccata in F* from Widor's *Symphony No. 5*. This *Toccata* keeps up a demanding and frenetic pace and was well suited to show Norman's virtuosity. It was even more enthusiastically received than Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in G Major*.

It was unquestionably the highlight of the afternoon for most of the audience. An encore was from Handel's *Water Music* and was a lively and tuneful climax to a most enjoyable program.

It is always a source of amazement how a recital organist can adapt almost instantaneously to an organ he has never seen before. But for someone who is a pipe organist, even the Allen has characteristics that take some knowing.

It would have been a great advantage if Norman had been able to practise on the organ so that the pre-sets could have been arranged at leisure.

The activity centre is usually considered poor from an acoustical standpoint, but it served the organ quite well.

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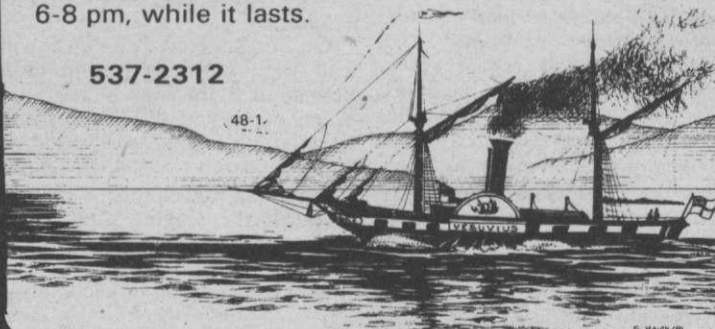
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## GALIANO NEWS

# Painting, sculpture, ceramics displayed at gallery

BY BASIL AND  
KATHLYN BENDER

Earthen Things Gallery was the scene of a very attractive exhibition of painting, sculpture and ceramics on Saturday and Sunday.

Three artists, working in different media, had their creations displayed in congenial circumstances in the small but delightful salon of Marie Claire Von Hausmann. On Sunday afternoon Brad Prevedoros provided a fourth artistic dimension with a quiet classical guitar accompaniment to the viewing and conversation.

Marie Claire contributed an interesting collection of ceramics which combined some intriguing forms with fascinating glazes. Potter and ceramist are dictionary synonyms, but the latter seems to best fit Marie Claire since her emphasis is on art and not utility.

### OF GREAT DELICACY

This is an element of both sculpture and painting in her work. Most of her creations are of great delicacy, often as thin as porcelain, and a feminine contrast to the thicker, rougher masculine pottery that is currently popular.

Ian Hooley has had no formal training as a sculptor although art was one of the subjects he studied at university. Last summer he visited the studio-workshop of Henry Moore in England, but even before this the influence of the great contemporary English sculptor was seen in his work.

Working mostly in various soapstones, Ian produces enigmatic forms in smooth curved planes. They invite touching. Ian's titles suggest themes but the viewer is free to interpret for himself these abstract art objects.

### MOST TRADITIONAL

The third artist whose work was exhibited was Keith Holmes whose paintings adorned the walls of the salon. Keith is the most traditional of the three and the influence of the French impressionists and Van Gogh is apparent in many of his paintings.

Most of Keith's recent work takes as its subject the Galiano landscape, particularly in the Active Pass area. Some still-life canvases were alive with solid colour and pleasing composition.

Four portraits were most striking. With bold colours and strong brushwork Keith had created pictures that transcended likeness and rendered character.

All three artists were greatly encouraged by the experience of discussing their work with visitors to the exhibition. The artist's is a lonely occupation and to have the reactions of viewers to months of work in a few hours, especially when compliments flow freely as they did on this occasion, tends to be "mind-blowing".

The large number of red stickers affixed by the end of the show was

another indication of the success of the exhibition.

### Timmy's Telethon

Galiano Lions Club vice-president Gerald Nicholson journeyed to Vancouver last Sunday to exchange some Galiano sunshine for mainland snow but also to visit the Queen Elizabeth Theatre to present two cheques on behalf of Galiano organizations.

Galiano Lions Club donated \$1,000 and the Lionettes \$50 to Timmy's Telethon, the Lions Club's benefit on behalf of the physically handicapped children of British Columbia.

### Service Club Bazaar

Betty Ree, Galiano Ladies Service Club president, wishes to thank all who contributed and helped to make last Saturday's bazaar such a happy and successful event.

Members are reminded to come to the final meeting of the year on Monday, Dec. 14 at 2 pm in Page Drive Lounge.

### Coming Events

December ushers in a calendar full of events. On Saturday an experienced actor, David Petersen, will conduct the first of his two-part theatre workshop from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at the South Community Hall. For further details phone 5702.

For those bent on Christmas shopping the Thrift Shop on Burrill Road with its ever-changing wares is worth a visit between 2 and 4 pm. The following weekend, on Saturday the 12th, many high-quality hand-crafted items, including weaving, toys, pottery, stained glass, original prints and children's furniture, will be on sale at a Christmas Craft Market at the South Community Hall between 11 am and 5 pm.

All Galiano children are asked to bring their homemade crafts for sale on a children's table. Refreshments and lunch will be available.

On Sunday Rev. John Dyer will lead the Christmas Communion Service at 9 am. One of the high points of the Galiano Christmas is the annual Carol Service, this year on December 13, when the school children join the congregation and share in the singing and lesson reading. It is suggested that parents attending come to the church by 6:30 to obtain a seat, for

the church is full long before the commencement of the seven o'clock service.

On Saturday at 7:30 pm the Activity Centre Society is holding a public information meeting at the South Community Hall to let people know of some encouraging recent developments in the community-school project.

The Rod and Gun Club will be holding its annual Turkey Shoots at 1 pm on December 6 and 20 at the club premises.

### BRIDGE

Progressive bridge continues each Monday evening at the Golf Club. Last week, following the clean sweep by the ladies, the men got their revenge by taking all the prizes with Pat Weaver out in front by over 1,000 points.

Duplicate bridge is played on Friday afternoons and the most successful player so far is the youngest — Bob Dugas. After his first three top scores he was handicapped by being assigned to partner Tim Id, but even this didn't hold him back as he was again successful last Friday.

## Trustees attend seminar

Three representatives from the Gulf Islands joined over 350 participants in Vancouver recently for a three-day educational seminar for trustees of hospitals and long-term care facilities.

Among those attending from all parts of the province were Mrs. Lorraine Campbell and Mrs. Jessie Craig of Greenwoods and Jack Reid of Lady Minto Hospital.

The Trustee Orientation and Continuing Education Conference is an annual seminar presented by the B.C. Health Association.

The courses are designed to instruct new trustees about the provincial and federal health care system. They also outline the roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of trustees for hospitals, long-term care facilities and other health care agencies.

In addition, the three-day conference provides advanced instruction and discussions for experienced trustees.

Tied for second were Bee Thompson and Michelle Von Hausmann with Kitty and Pat Weaver, much to the latter's astonishment. Other recent winners include Marie Claire Von Hausmann, Phyllis Linton and Marnie Brine.

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Above, obedient dogs patiently await commands from their owners, (from left) Wilf Davies Sr., Margaret Byron, Shirley Steggle, Mona Davies and Jim

Stevens. The club, which was staging a practice session in the K & R parking lot, has 24 members and holds courses every Sunday in Mahon Hall from 11 am to 2 pm.

## Touring exhibition coming

For the second successive year a touring art exhibition from the Vancouver Art Gallery will be made available to the art students of local schools as well as to the general public, on December 8 and 9.

This year's exhibition, entitled *A Time of Plenty* and described as a new approach towards pattern, will be under the guidance of Christopher Duclos, supervisor of

the extension department of the Vancouver Art Gallery, and will be mounted in the drafting room of the high school.

It will open to the general public from 7:30 until 9:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 8. There is no admission fee.

The students in the art programs of the elementary and high schools at Ganges will have the opportunity to view the exhibition and to discuss the individual pictures with Duclos on Wednesday morning, Dec. 9.

In describing the exhibit, which is concerned with pattern surfaces, a gallery release states that since the beginnings of civilization man has felt a compulsion to cover blank surfaces with pattern.

Clothing, tools, ritualistic objects and architecture are often adorned with repeating lines and marks or motifs modelled after natural forms. The artists represented in this exhibition incorporate pattern into their work, each drawing from a specific source to achieve distinctly different results.

The exhibition includes works by such artists as Nora Blanck, Lin Chien-Shih, Catherine Mactavish, Roz Marshall, Pierre-Leon Tetreault, Dick York and several others of international acclaim.

The exhibition is sponsored locally by the Community Arts Council and is made possible through funding from the National Museums Corporation and the British Columbia Cultural Fund and the B.C. Lottery Fund.

## New faces at board table

There will be a lot of new faces around the board table of the Capital Regional District next year.

On Wednesday of last week returning officer Dennis Young presented the results of the Capital Regional Board polling on November 21.

The regional board undertakes the presentation of elections for directors in the electoral areas. These are in unorganized territory. The municipalities name their own appointments.

Five new directors were elected. They are Vern Roddick, of South Pender, for the Outer Islands; David P. Krauel, Colwood; F.G. Kasper, Langford; Shirley Wilde, Metchosin; Ernest Beland, View Royal.

Re-elected were Yvette Valcourt of Salt Spring Island and Don

Rittaler, of Sooke.

The change is magnified after other directors, named from component municipalities, failed to gain election.

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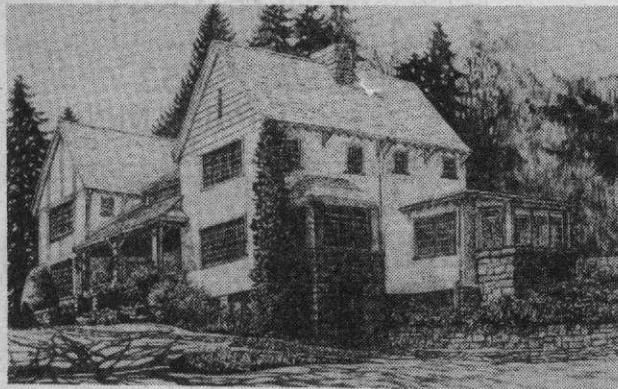
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## Valcourt protests sewer

When the capital expenditure program was approved by the Capital Regional Board last week, Salt Spring Island regional director Yvette Valcourt protested the inclusion of the \$3,370,000 allocation for the Ganges sewer project.

No other item was questioned when the bylaw was approved.



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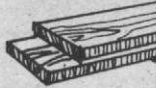
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Photo right, Dharmendra, far right, and Roxanne, centre, watch Maria Dammel admire their gold and silver jewellery.

Photo left, Susan Underwood, right, and Suzanne Gagnon, centre, explain their collection of eclectic creations to Debbie Davies.

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# More Letters to the Editor

## Trustees responsible for 90%

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We are allowed at present 18 cents per kilometer for mileage to conduct our business. This is after a recent raise from 15 cents per kilometer. Our meal allowance is \$6 for lunch, if necessary, a recent raise from \$4.50. If attending meetings in Victoria we may charge ferry fare for our car and ourselves.

While it is true that we have a Zenith telephone number to the Islands Trust office, as do all of our constituents, all remaining phone

calls to conduct business are on our private bill unless we can prove they are necessary to the conduct of Island Trust business. I have asked for \$4.50 of extra phone bills over the past three years. The remainder I have paid for from my stipend because I feel one accepts a local office to contribute to the community.

As Islands Trust representatives, Mr. Lott and myself do not receive the \$2,545 per year tax-free expense account plus the per diem (as Mrs. Valcourt does). We pay income tax on our \$1,600 stipend. Early in my term I submitted a \$1.50 parking charge and was told that was not allowed, as it came under my mileage allowance.

I note that in the October 28 Driftwood that a lawyer states that the Regional Directors remuneration of \$7,636 is low and should be

# Report by Miss Piggy is denied

Sir,  
The Salt Spring Swine Society categorically denies that members passed messages by means of flying dinner place-mats, as reported by Miss Piggy in last week's Driftwood.

There were no crayons provided.  
**JEAN LeTOUQUE, Swine,**  
Fulford Harbour.  
November, 1981.

raised. John Rich, chairman of the Islands Trust, representing an area encompassing seven Regional Districts is paid \$12,600 per year, and the Department of Municipal Affairs feels this is very high.

**BUD KREISSL,**  
R.R.1 Ganges.  
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# Invitation to examine petition

Sir,  
**Open letter to Mr. John Crofton.**

It is reassuring to see your offer of co-operation with Director Valcourt towards clearing the air on the Island. I think a first move could indeed be made with your help.

The issue of the 1977 petition will remain a major irritant as long as the question of its certification is not resolved: it affects the sewer problem — particularly those people who do not need to be in on it — and it affects the basic right to vote.

Now that CRD Executive Director Young has dropped his charges of libel against Director Valcourt without withdrawing his certification, he has deprived her — and all of us — of an authoritative answer to the question of its illegality. And as long as Director Valcourt works at the Regional Board table and

elsewhere under the cloud of the suspicion of peddling falsehoods injurious to Young's standing, she will continue to represent all of us under a grievous handicap as shown in these past two years.

It would be good of you if you undertook to examine the petition papers in the light of the petition regulations contained in the Municipal Act. Director Valcourt has agreed to make the papers available to you, with the one request that you state your findings described in reference to the alleged shortcomings, in Driftwood.

In view of the high respect you enjoy among us Islanders your findings would greatly contribute to clearing this contentious matter out of the way for good and open the road to a better understanding among all of us.

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Pears can take quite a bit of moisture. Our best pear grows in about a foot and a half of topsoil over clay. It gets really soggy in the winter. What is more, our kitchen sink empties next to the pear tree, and has done so for many, many years.

## GREENEST TREE

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The best known pear is the large, yellow, thin skinned Bartlett pear. It is the earliest pear and an

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BY PETER WEIS

Foxglove Nursery Consultant

excellent eating and canning pear. It does not keep at all, though. **EXPECT 1,000 LBS.**

In a good year, from a mature tree, you can expect around 1,000 lbs. of fruit. So, unless your family is large and you do a lot of canning and dehydrating, I would approach a Bartlett with caution, or move the kitchen sink elsewhere.

Conference is another early pear, an excellent pollinator for all other pears and a good canning pear. It ripens around the end of September.

D'Anjou is a French pear, firm and mild of flavour, not very juicy, it is a good eating and canning pear and stores very well.

Bosc is another French pear and it ripens about the end of November. It is another excellent pollinator. The fruit is quite russet, with firm flesh and sweet aroma. Prized by many as the best of the eating pears, it cans and keeps well.

## FINEST EATING PEAR

Comice is a French pear too, with yellow-green fruit and tough skin. It is the finest eating pear, full flavoured, sweet and juicy, not recommended for canning, but excellent dehydrated.

It ripens around the middle of November and does not require a pollinator.

I almost forgot the earliest of all pears, Clapp's Favourite. It has large yellow fruit with red cheeks, similar to the Bartlett pear. It is a soft, sweet pear, good for eating, canning and dehydrating. It is not a keeping pear.

It is a very hardy pear best suited to cold, late spring areas, and requires a pollinator.

Kieffer is a very interesting pear which has large, yellow fruit. Texture is firm and gritty, making it a poor eating pear. For cooking and canning it is excellent though, and it keeps extremely well. It ripens around the middle or end of November. A pollinator is not required. This variety is notable for the tree's virtual immunity to fireblight.

## AS BASIC AS YOU CAN GET

The care and feeding of a pear tree is about as basic as you can get. In our case, looking at the tree now and then seems to be all that is required.

Pears do not need to be pruned, except for dead wood, broken or diseased branches and crossing branches. We find that we just get a bit of dead wood here and there, where older branches are shaded out by younger growth above them.

Pears may be trained and espaliered to any shape, which requires severe pruning. So it is a versatile tree which grows well

completely unpruned or severely pruned.

Pears, alone among other fruit, must be picked before they are ripe. Ripe fruit turns brown from the inside out, starting with the core, and rather rapidly at that. **STILL GREEN AND HARD**

Pears are best picked when they have attained full size, are still green and rock hard. They may be stored cool and dark for four to six weeks. After that they will ripen and deteriorate rapidly.

The best long-term preservation is canning or dehydrating, both delicious, and making the most of the pears' sweetness and flavour.

Again, a good choice would be an early, middle and late pear, such as: Bartlett, D'Anjou and Bosc. In this manner the beauty of the pear may be enjoyed over the longest possible time, from about late August to early January, including fresh cold storage of the Bosc pear.

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## Ken Marr is back in goal

# Persistence pays off for United

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**  
Salt Spring United 1  
Juan de Fuca 0

*Persistence has its rewards* has to be Salt Spring United's motto after a hard-fought 1-0 decision over the Elks from Juan de Fuca.

After eight long games in Division 1A and only three ties to show for their efforts, the heavens opened up and let the sun shine on the local lads.

It was game 9 in what had become a long season for United and the team had four starters not in uniform due to other commitments. It was a day that the coach changed to a new formation, the 3-3-4, in the hopes of solidifying the team's defence and injecting a spark in their spluttering offence.

Most importantly it was the day goalie Ken Marr returned to action, six weeks after suffering a ruptured spleen in the game against Gorge. And what a return Kenny made as he chalked up his first shutout at the "A" level.

**GAVE MORAL LIFE**  
In fact, Kenny played as though he had never missed a game, making the necessary saves in his usual solid fashion and giving a tremendous moral lift to the revamped defence.

United's defence took on a completely new look as the team returned to a four-man back wall. The key was in dropping Alan Webb out of mid-field to give Bruce Caspar support in the middle.

At the full-back positions the threesome of Kerry Walker, Ken Anderson and Aaron Minvielle came up with stalwart performances in absence of the regulars. Kerry Walker in particular came up with an outstanding second half and his best game of the year.

The mid-field had a new look as Steve Marleau moved into the middle between Nelson Graham and Dan Utter. They had a shaky opening half but as the game progressed the threesome soon found their positions and took charge in the second half.

**THREE STRIKERS**  
Up front the United went from four to three strikers and surprisingly the team had just as many chances to score as in any other game. Chris Cottrell, Dave

Toynbee and Bryan Caspar led the attack but once again struggled with their shooting, letting many a good chance slip away.

In the early going the forwards had problems with the Elks' off-side trap but once they realized how to beat it they came up with some brilliant combinations to create scoring chances.

One such foray brought United their only goal. Dan Utter stole the ball in mid-field and fed Dave Toynbee on the wing. Dave slipped a perfect pass to Chris who had started through the Elks' defence. Chris made no mistake drifting a long shot home for the winner.

Unlike other games the team did not collapse in the late stages, a credit to their new-found confidence. The win was worth the waiting because the players never gave up feeling they could win in 1A.

Why not come out next Sunday at 11:30 am when they go for two in a row against Gordon Head.

## Sockeyes win by default

**BY MERVYN SCOBLE**

The Salt Spring Sockeyes soccer team travelled to Victoria to take on the Standard Life Sabres.

However, the Standard Life team were unable to muster enough players and therefore conceded the game by default. Salt Spring had beaten the Sabres 7-0 earlier this season.

All Sockeye players are requested to report to Portlock Park at 3:30 pm on Friday. A scrimmage session has been arranged in preparation for Sunday's important game at home to Nanaimo. Kick-off is at 1 pm. Players are asked to arrive at 12:30 pm for this game.

We lost narrowly to Nanaimo in October and our effort in this

upcoming fixture would be aided by encouragement from the sidelines, so please come out and support the local girls.

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## Golf Club considers new facility

The annual meeting of the Pender Islands Golf Club was held on November 7. A discussion was held on the possibility of building a new clubhouse.

Officers elected for the coming year are: president, Don Keating; vice-president, Don Everett; secretary, Jean McCaffery; treasurer, Frank Ewart; men's captain, Charlie Johnson; ladies' captain, Ann Fairweather; membership, Ella Sterling; directors, Bertha Mathews and Elmer Bowerman.

## Softball players turn to basketball

The Undefeated Byrons Babes will meet with the Dazzling Dagwoods Derelicts for a basketball showdown in the highschool gym at Ganges Friday night at 7 pm.

The Babes were victorious two weeks ago against the Senior Girls Scorpions and have now been challenged by their softball rivals, the Derelicts.

Following that the Salt Spring men's team will challenge a men's team from Sidney.

In urging the public to attend, one organizer said: "Be there, don't be halted, for the Slugs have been salted!"

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Div. 6: Salt Spring Sting 1 (M. Laing), Peninsula 1  
Womens: Salt Spring Sockeyes 1 (T. Byron), Standard Life 0  
INTRA-ISLAND

**Senior**  
Kickers 2 (J. Moger, S. Burch), Fury 0  
Dodgers 3 (D. Kirkpatrick - 3), Sockers 0  
Sounders 3 (B. Berry, C. Scott - 2), Stingers 0  
**Junior**  
Panthers 4 (Y. Horsdal - 2, C. Ulansky, J. Greenway), Eagles 2 (W. Connor, M. Quesnel)  
Machine 7 (A. McCarthy - 4, D. Bacic - 2, T. Lum), Demons 1 (J. Neilson)

### JAMBOREES

**Senior (Final)**  
Sounders 2 (B. Berry, B. Bompas), Fury 0  
**First Consolation:**  
Kickers 3 (S. Burch, J. Moger, C. Aust), Dodgers 2 (J. Nelkin, M. Robertson)  
**Second Consolation:**  
Sockers 2 (J. Hickman, U. Logan), Stingers 1 (D. Akurst)  
**Junior (Final)**  
Demons 3, Panthers 2  
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# Weather lets up for jamborees

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**

It was another busy week of soccer action, highlighted by the two jamborees played on the weekend. The jamborees have been hexed all season due to foul weather interrupting our every attempt to stage them.

This time the weather was cold but the fun tournaments went on as scheduled, providing local soccer fans with some highly entertaining, closely matched games.

On Friday afternoon we held the Junior Jamboree as a single knock-out competition. The semi-finals saw the red hot Demons overpower the Eagles to the tune of 2-0 and the Panthers squeak by the Machine 2-1 in penalty shots.

The two losing teams met in the consolation game but a close battle was decided on penalty shots 3-1 in the 'Machines' favour. The final between the Demons and Panthers produced one of the finest soccer matches played on Salt Spring this season.

**PICKED UP LOOSE BALL**

With only two minutes left the game appeared heading for penalty shots when Demons' Jeffrey Nielson picked up a loose ball and fired home the go-ahead

goal. With victory assured the Demons only had to kill the last minute to win the Jamboree.

Yani Horsdal had other ideas as he took the kick-off and beat the whole Demons team to notch the equalizer and force penalty shots.

The Demons outscored the Panthers 2-1 on penalty shots for the win, a victory that was a little anti-climactic after the fine game both teams played.

Saturday saw our six senior teams in their own jamboree, a four-round elimination series which featured plenty of hot and heavy action and a host of penalty shot decisions.

The fourth round decided the final positions for all six teams and all games were decided in extra time. The second consolation match for fifth and sixth place was between the Sockers and Stingers.

**A HEART-BREAKER**

For the Sockers the jamboree was a heart-breaker as in third-round play they lost 1-0 to Fury in the dying minutes — a win would have put them in the final. For the Stingers the final game was their last chance for victory.

The Sockers started strong but slowly the tide turned and the

Stingers displayed some of their best soccer this season. Their hard work paid off with Damian Akerst scoring to give them the lead.

The Sockers rallied on Jill Hickman's goal to force penalty shots and then stole victory on Vanessa Logan's fine shot.

The first consolation match featured the Kickers and Dogers, both teams presently tied for the league leadership. The Kickers looked like a sure draw to the final but dropped a 1-0 decision to the Sounders in third-round play. The Dogers nipped the Stingers 1-0 to reach this game for third place.

A scoreless draw brought on penalty shots and goals from Suzanne Burch, Joey Moger and Christie, of the Kickers, overcame the Dogers' Malcolm Robertson and John Nelkin's tallies.

The final featured the Sounders, the only undefeated team, and the Fury, who squeaked in by defeating the Sockers.

**SCORELESS TIE**

Another scoreless tie forced penalty shots. Ben Berry and Barry Bompas scored goals for the Sounders to take top spot in the jamboree.

Both jamborees are run as fun events although teams are trying to gain top spot. To this aim we gave ribbons out to every player who participated.

The referees' clinic continues this Thursday at the Fernwood gymnasium starting at 7 pm. If you missed the first clinic there is still time to enroll.

Cost of the course is \$5 to cover your referee's manual, exam and badges. If you wish to become a certified referee or just learn the rules call this writer at 537-5870.

## Volleyball tournament

Men's volleyball returns to the local sports scene Sunday with a recreational tournament in the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium. Doors will open at 12:30 with action getting under way at 1:00.

Plans call for at least a four-team tournament. Entered so far are two teams from the south end, the Cusheon Covers and the Beaver Pointers, and the

Greenwoods Rockers and the Phantoms. Individual teams or additional players can still get involved by contacting Wayne Taylor at Salt Spring Elementary, 537-5434, during the day or at home at 537-9658.

The invincible Cusheon Covers last summer won the inter-island competition with Lasqueti Island. The Beaver Pointers are really a second Cusheon Cove team as the south end has a surplus of volleyball enthusiasts.

The Greenwoods Rockers have traded in their softballs for volleyballs. The Rockers always combine skill with just plain good fun.

The Phantoms are a mixture of unknown players although rumour has it that all at one time played for the local high school.

## Club hears of year at sea


George Griffith of Galiano Island was an entertaining speaker at the Pender Islands Yacht Club meeting on November 23 at the Legion. He and his wife Peggy were the guests of old friends, Clive and Alice Arrowsmith of Pender.

Griffith told his story of a year at sea on his 28-foot sloop from England to the Caribbean, through the Panama Canal to Hawaii, and finally home to Galiano Island.

Crossing the Atlantic Griffith was alone, but his son Mark joined him in the Caribbean for the balance of the voyage.

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## DOWN THE GUTTER

# Ted Parsons started bowling at 92

BY KEN COLLINS

We were all saddened with the passing of Ted Parsons recently. He first started to bowl in 1978 at the ripe old age of 92, and he bowled for about two years after that till forced to quit due to ill health.

My first meeting with Ted came on the local golf course in 1975 while I was on vacation here, prior to moving here in 1976. He asked if he could join our twosome and then proceeded to give me some advice on my golf game.

Not being much of a golfer, and figuring that he must have learned a lot over his many years of golfing, I took his advice and played one of my better rounds.

After, while talking in the clubhouse, I learned that he had not played golf until he reached the age of 77. He was one of a kind. I don't think we will see his like again. Thanks for the memories, Ted.

Not many good scores to report this week but here they are, nonetheless: Terry Jenkins, 836 (350); Cy Beech, 705; Jean Jenkins, 703; Doug Box, 760; Geoff Baker, 751; and this writer with 713 and 714.

This week we had the husband and wife team of Terry and Jean Jenkins who made bowlers of the week. For the golden-agers it was Geoff Baker.

Terry will be having another 10-game bowl-a-thon on Saturday, Dec. 12. If you want to enter be sure to leave your name at the desk.

### Tip of the Week

If you are missing the headpin frequently, bear in mind you always move to the side you are missing it on. In other words, if you are missing the headpin on the left, try moving two boards to the left.

### Y.B.C. NEWS

Sunday was tournament day for the Jets and Pee Wees of the Youth Bowling League and the Golden-Age Bowlers.

Amidst a lot of cheering and the helping hands of the seniors, the team of Candice Miller, Daniel Hatch, Helen White and Helen Herron came up the winners of the tourney.

Our special thanks to the Golden-Agers for helping to make this a fun tournament, and to the Y.B.C.ers and their parents for sportsmanship and encouragement.

Congratulations to the bowlers who scored some pretty good games:

Candice Miller, 132; Brett Marshall, 161 Y.B.C.; Aaron Martin, 110; Nolan Magnus, 179; Jeffrey Neilson, 172; Chris



Tournament winners Daniel Hatch and Candice Miller of the Youth Bowling League and Helen White of the Golden-Agers. Missing from picture is Helen Herron.

Magnus, 93; Kay Cook, 176; Dave McRoberts, 292.

High scorers on Saturday were: Jets: Kevin Miller, 102; Eric Taylor, 79; Jennifer Bader, 72; Jennifer Neilson, 67.

Pee Wees: Angela Bader, 101; Anna Maddison, 94; Candice Miller, 92; Tracy Cunningham, 85; Jeffrey Neilson, 196; Aaron Martin, 123; Clinton Helfrich, 119. Bantams: Laura Little, 236; Jodie Harrison, 213; Marnie Shaw

and Deanna Little, 141; Paul Hatch, 195; Mark David, 189; Ryan Davies, 128.

Juniors: Danica West, 175; Tina Collins, 158; Jennifer Lucas, 151; Jeanette Rogers, 146; Michael Howell, 215; Ross Hughes, 172; Anthony Barrett, 114.

Seniors (Wednesday, Nov. 25): Van Innes, 252; Denise Harrison, 235; Dawn Guilbault, 211; Danny Fraser, 251; Kevin Kline, 236; Steve Marleau, 231.

## Island schools plan Christmas celebrations

Plans have been made by various schools in the Gulf Islands to celebrate the festive season.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School on Salt Spring plans a band concert in the gymnasium on December 16 beginning at 7:30 pm.

The Salt Spring Elementary School will hold a double-barrelled entertainment feature with the primary grades frolicking on December 16 at 1:15 pm. The intermediate students will hold forth on December 17 at 7:30 pm. Both events happen in the activity centre.

At Fernwood, the seasonal fete gets under way at 7:30 pm on December 17 in the gymnasium.

On Saturna Island, residents can be entertained by the younger set on December 12 at 7:30 pm in the community hall.

Pender Islanders have two opportunities to see the fun as a dress rehearsal of the concert will be run December 16 at 1:30 pm for those who cannot be at the activity centre the next evening at 7:30 pm for the real thing.

Mayne Island school children begin their tribute to the season on December 17 in the activity centre at 7 pm.

Students and community members on Galiano Island are planning a musical tribute in the community hall on December 16 at 7 pm.

## His kindness cost \$70

The offer of kindness to a friend backfired on a Salt Spring man when he was fined a total of \$70 as an indirect result of his efforts.

Donald Boudreau sold his van and because the person could not afford the price of insurance, allowed the licence plates to go with the sale.

The van was involved in an accident at a stop sign when it left the intersection just as a Datsun drove up. The driver gave the lady in the Datsun a name which proved false and police traced the van back to Boudreau.

He pleaded guilty to charges of being the owner of a vehicle which failed to yield the right of way as well as failure to change the address on a licence. A further charge of failure to report an

accident was dropped.

Boudreau explained to Judge D.K. McAdam about the sale and why he allowed the licence plates to be used.

The judge however did not accept the fact the buyer could not afford insurance.

"If they couldn't afford both things (van and insurance), they couldn't afford one," said the judge.

Boudreau was fined \$70.

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## Galiano Island Trust Committee NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Galiano Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning Galiano Island on Friday, Dec. 11, 1981 at 2 pm in the Community Hall, Galiano Island. The public is welcome to attend.

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**MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** - Dec. 5 at 12:30, Gulf Island Secondary Gymnasium.

### SOCCER:

**Div. 1A:** S.S. United vs Gordon Head, Sun., Dec. 6, 11:30 am, Portlock Park.

**Div. 2A:** S.S. Log Sorting Kicks vs Bays, Sun. Dec. 6, 10:00 am, Portlock Park.

**Women:** S.S. Sockeyes vs Nanaimo, Sun., Dec. 6, 1:00 pm, Portlock Park.

**Div. 4B:** S.S. Strikers  
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### Intra-Island:

#### Senior:

Thurs., Dec. 3 - Stingers vs Dodgers, Ganges

Tues., Dec. 8 - Sockers vs Kickers, Ganges

Tues., Dec. 8 - Sounders vs Dodgers, Ganges

Thurs., Dec. 10 - Stingers vs Fury, Ganges

#### Junior:

Thurs., Dec. 3 - Machine vs Eagles, Ganges

Tues., Dec. 8 - Eagles vs Demons, Ganges

Thurs., Dec. 10 - Machine vs Panthers, Ganges

All games start at 3:30 pm; home team is first named.

**REFEREES' CLINIC:** Fernwood School Gym, Thurs., Dec. 3, 7:00 pm. Continuation of instruction under Mr. Lin Beattie. Call Malcolm Legg 537-5870 to register.

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# Candystripers rewarded for their hospital work

Candystripers at Lady Minto Hospital were congratulated for their service on the wards at a luncheon last week.

The 19 young people, including two boys, took time from the volunteer work to join the Ladies' Auxiliary in honouring four of the candystripers for their efforts.

Mary Piperno, 16, received a silver pin to symbolize the 235 hours of volunteer work.

Van Innes, with 153 hours on the wards, received a crest and certificate of recognition.

Trisha Westcott received a certificate for 102 hours.

Megan Williamson received her cap for completing the first 25 hours of volunteer service.

Candystripers are so called because of the distinctive blouse of red and white stripes which they wear when on duty. They help in the wards by assisting the nurse in any jobs which require their attention such as pushing a patient in a wheelchair or cleaning up or such.

The youngsters were encouraged in their activities by Lola Brookbanks of the Lady Minto board of directors and praise also came from Ethel Davidson, president of the Hospital Auxiliary, Julie Tessman, convener of the junior volunteers and Marg Sitton, counsellor at the



Candystripers sweetly serve at Lady Minto Hospital and the group gathered last week to see Mary Piperno, left, receive a pin for more than 200 hours of volunteer service. Ethel Davidson, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, does the honours. Piperno wanted to know what the award for more than 300 hours would be.

high school.

The junior volunteers were told they are in good company with more than 80 other people giving of their time to the hospital.

Candystripers receive a cap for 25 hours, a crest for 75 hours, a certificate for 100 hours and a pin for 200 hours of volunteer service.

The young people work two hours each shift usually once or twice a week after school. They can also give time either Saturday or Sunday morning or afternoon.

The junior volunteers, or candystripers, have been helping at Lady Minto as a group since 1971.

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## Vaccination urged by Arneil

Many Gulf Islanders have received the new influenza vaccine this year and Dr. Allan Arneil, district health officer, urges those who haven't to do so.

The vaccine, stronger than that used in previous years, is available free of charge for senior citizens. It combines three strains which medical officials think may be seen here this winter.

Children should receive the immunization in two doses, said Dr. Arneil, and while adults may feel 'flu symptoms after inoculation, such a reaction is to be expected and is not serious.

For those who have yet to feel the needle, a trip to the local health office should help protect against the 'flu.

## Bird count December 19

The annual bird count at Salt Spring Island is slated for December 19 this year.

Organizers say no experience is necessary to take part in the Christmas Bird Count, and anyone interested is invited to call Marguerite Pearce, Scott Point Drive.

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12, a booth will be set up in Mouat's Mall from 10 am to 2 pm, from which bird count cards can be obtained.

Shut-ins are welcome to count birds at their own feeders.

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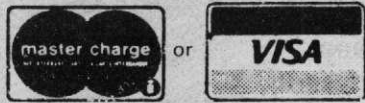
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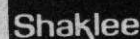


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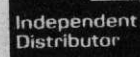
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