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## No grant means bankruptcy for hospital



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### Cyclists show their skills

Young bicyclists were out in force at Portlock Park on Salt Spring Island Saturday as the Ganges RCMP and the island's Rotary Club held their annual Bike Rodeo. At left, Const. Dave Warren conducts mechanical

inspection of bicycle belonging to young Michael Powell (holding bike). Above, Rotarian Garry Garras looks on as Ryan Davies demonstrates his skill at riding around traffic cones. See story — Page Seventeen.

Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island will be technically bankrupt as of June 11 if the ministry of health continues to refuse a grant to cover the deficit from last year.

The auditors had gone over the books of the hospital and the deficit for operating the extended and acute-care facility stood at \$200,992. The board of directors had expected a deficit adjustment grant from the ministry to cover \$110,000 of the shortfall. The money is not coming.

The hospital board of directors decided Monday to adopt and implement the fiscal restraint program as outlined by the government. The local hospital must operate this year on a budget of \$2,228,972 which is only \$700 more than they spent last year. The deficit from last year remains as a stumbling block which must be overcome.

The details of the cutbacks mean that the hospital will be closing six acute-care beds as they come out of use. Four beds in the extended-care section of the hospital will also be closed.

### LAYOFFS IN 28 DAYS

Staff layoffs will begin in 28 days, the required time for notice of termination. Letters will be going out to at least nine employees notifying them that their services are no longer required.

Bill Henderson, vice-chairman of the hospital board, said that no one will suffer because of the problems in financing the hospital. Emergency care will be available.

Another facet of the hospital which will face problems is the  
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## Loss of market's flavour common concern

The Ganges Farmers' Market would lose its flavour if changes were made, many of the participants in the Saturday sale told *Driftwood* last week.

The market is viewed by sellers and public as a neighbourly place to socialize, a place to seek bargains and a tourist attraction.

*Driftwood* asked the sellers if they favoured changes in the structure of the market by such things as vehicle control, the setting out of booths for lease as well as the limiting of what could be sold.

Various members of the public were asked if they wanted to see the market changed and have it limited to the sale of produce and crafts.

Bob Bidwell sells used books and clothes from his van. He commented, "It's a nice idea but the market wouldn't have the appeal it has now." Leasing space would help create more room for more sellers, he said, but he stopped short of calling for a limit on what was sold.

Several of the sellers questioned the need for space rental when they also had to pay for a business licence to operate.

The people who were walking through the market seemed split on their opinions of the market with slightly more in favour of the market as it is than were for changes.

Several people expressed the opinion that it should be kept as a sales outlet for islanders only.

Doreen Fraser sells plants during the spring and garden produce later in the summer. She doubted the wisdom of blocking the vehicles of the sellers from the market area. She needs her truck, she said, because of the plants and produce she sells.

Space, or lack of it, concerned many of the sellers. They seemed willing to give a bit to allow more space and more sellers but Peter Rice expressed the sentiment of most.

He said, "It (changes) could be

done in a festive style to attract more people."

He was concerned about the effects of change on the social

atmosphere of the market.

"Good things come out of this," he said, "good things beyond just sales."

## Commission examines restrictions on market

Suggested changes in the format for the Saturday Farmers' Market have been submitted by the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission. Following summary was prepared by the commission.

*The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission is receiving increasing numbers of complaints from residents concerning the lowering standard of the Farmers' Market. It appears to be degenerating into a "flea market". Included in the complaints are comments by residents that they find space*

*difficult to acquire due to the increasing number of "off-island" vendors.*

*The Parks and Recreation Commission considered limiting the market to Salt Spring residents only, or the imposition of a fee for outsiders. A legal opinion was obtained and this stated that, "there is no power conferred ... on the Regional Board (and hence the Recreation Commission) to differentiate between residents and non-residents."*

*But concerning regulations*  
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## Picnic tables taken

There were some hungry picnickers on Mayne Island last weekend.

Two picnic tables have been removed from Village Bay. They had previously been on the water's edge for the enjoyment of ferry travellers while waiting for sailings.

The tables were removed and placed behind a shed at Village Bay during the construction of the new dock there.

They were made of concrete and lumber and two or more people and a truck would be necessary in order to move one of the tables. After three months behind the shed the tables went missing.

They were the only tables at the Village Bay terminal.

Value of the picnic tables is about \$250 each.

# Market

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regarding the type of merchandise offered, it is within the power of the Regional Board, and consequently the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission, to impose restrictions.

It is therefore suggested that vending within Centennial Park, which includes that area considered to be parking space, shall be limited to offering for sale home and farm and garden products, and crafts produced on the place of residence by the owner or tenant. No manufactured goods shall be offered for sale.

It is hoped that by reverting to the original intent of the Farmers' Market a larger number of local residents will take an active part in the market. Eventually it would be envisioned that the vendors themselves would eventually form an association which could keep a watchful eye on the quality of the market.

A member or members of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be present at the market on Saturday, June 5 to hear comments and suggestions.



Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards

## Scrapers at work

Looking up from her work is Brenda Davies, with Marg Simons, bending over, and Jean Brindamour, all of whom were at work on the Community Centre.

They worked hard on Saturday to prepare the old building for a paint job. Organizer of the project, Carol Young, estimated a dozen turned out for the scrape-in.

# Ferry traffic down 27%

The B.C. Ferry Corporation has been caught in the double bind of falling revenues due to reduced traffic as well as the provincial government budget restraint.

Figures released by the corporation recently showed a 27% reduction in use of the boats in the first three months of 1982 compared to the same period in 1981.

The company will receive \$43 million from the provincial coffers

this year with which to operate while last year the government subsidy stood at \$53 million.

The use of the ferry system was down last year. The company showed a growth in use of 1.9% for vehicles and two per cent for passengers. In 1980, traffic use increased 10% over 1979 which showed an increase of 12% over the previous year.

The reduction in use and the accompanying reduction in revenues was the prime reason for the \$10 million cut in subsidy.

### DOWN-TREND CONTINUING

Preliminary traffic figures for April have indicated that the down-trend in ferry use was continuing. The corporation, however, expresses confidence that the situation will improve if Canadians and Americans of the northwestern states stay close to home for holidays due to a shortage of money.

The board of directors of the ferry corporation has issued instructions to management to reduce fuel costs as well as scheduled and unscheduled overtime for crews.

One method of achieving the goals of restraint will be the use of larger ships to provide increased capacity with the expectation of better all-round and more efficient service, said a corporation official.

The management of the ferry company recently held a series of

meetings with Gulf Islands representatives to the Islands Trust and came up with a schedule for service for the islands for the summer months.

The summer schedule for the Outer Islands will be in effect after June 24 while the new schedule of connections between Salt Spring and Vancouver Island started Tuesday.

The runs between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen, as of June 24, will begin sailing at 7 am and hourly until 10 pm.

The only change in the service between Long Harbour, the Outer Islands and Tsawwassen involves an early evening run from the mainland terminal to the Outer Islands which returns to Tsawwassen for another load, going directly to Long Harbour with a stop at Pender on Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays.

The Salt Spring service from Vancouver Island will be the same as previously except that the late sailings from Swartz Bay to Fulford on Fridays and Sundays have been cancelled.

The last run between Crofton and Vesuvius on Sundays has also been chopped.

The *Queen of the Islands* will replace the *Vesuvius Queen* to provide inter-island and mainland connections for the summer. The *Vesuvius Queen* will be used for stand-by and relief service only.

## Committee consists of six

The five-man committee formed at Salt Spring Island to try to resolve a possible bed shortage at Lady Minto Hospital consists of six people.

The committee member who was not named in last week's story on the hospital is George Heinekey.

Proposed budget cuts would see the hospital left with only four acute-care beds. The committee was named in an effort to find a solution to the problem.

# Tribute to Goodmans Sunday at Fulford

Salt Spring Island will pay tribute to Isobel and Donald (Goodie) Goodman on Sunday between 2 and 6 pm.

Goodie's day will be an old-fashioned pot-luck picnic in Drummond Park at the head of Fulford Harbour. Various volunteers from various parts of the island community have been planning the event for several weeks.

The Goodmans have been residents of Salt Spring Island for many years and in that time have shown leadership in and concern for all aspects of island life. The picnic is the opportunity for the island to pay back some of the affection.

At 3:30 pm, presentations of mementoes will be the order of the day and the food follows the official business.

Islanders are invited to attend to share in the tribute, and to bring lawn chairs, dishes and cutlery as well as food to be shared in

smorgasbord style. Coffee and tea will be provided.

In case the weather does not cooperate, the event will be moved indoors to Fulford Hall.

Donations towards the community's thank you gift to Isobel and Goodie can be left at any one of the Ganges banks.

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To Be  
**Frank**  
by richards



This is against my better judgment. I was planning to take this week off before going on holiday, but the management wouldn't let up.

There was a recreation commission meeting and I drove to the elementary school. And I couldn't remember which way to get in. But up came a taxi with Roma Sturdy and I knew I was saved. The retired secretary-treasurer of the school district was a guide to be warmly greeted. Only trouble was she didn't know either. We were lost outside the elementary school. Fortunately Bob Brownsword arrived to rescue us. Only thing is that Roma said I wasn't to tell anybody.

I like the recreation commission. Who else would have been asking for quiet so people would be able to hear the Mummings act out a pantomime without talking?

The Lions Club got a building permit for a bus shelter. And it was quick. The permit was mailed from Victoria and six weeks later reached Ganges.

It was a 10-ton sedan with about 1,000 horsepower under the hood. And, sure enough, the yellow licence plate indicated that it came from the east. Then another mighty thirst drew alongside with mighty forearms riding shotgun through the traffic and, sure enough, it was another Albertan. And I love 'em! They have that faint aroma of prosperity about 'em.

It's the slugs again. Not the big ones with legs and a capital "S", but the little slimy beasts that make a good breakfast for a grass snake. The door was not easy to close and Women's Lib got down to earth and brushed and scraped the lintel. Then she looked up and saw the unpleasant remains of a slug which had been pinched in the door. When I came home I cleaned up the mess. But what is she worried about? Better it be eaten by a door than it eat what little produce we have in the garden!

We were eating an early lunch in Victoria when the 12 o'clock gun went off. I knew it, the moment I heard it. It was the Argentinians looking for more islands! But, fortunately, I was wrong.

## Removed following accident

The glide-slide in the children's play area at Portlock Park has been removed following a serious accident to a Salt Spring girl.

Christine Aust, 12, fell from the apparatus last week and broke her elbow. She will be in traction for three weeks and have to wear a cast for a further 12 weeks.

Glenn Woodley, chairman of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission, said the glide-slide has been the subject of complaints from parents since it

was erected. Several children, mainly girls, have been hurt on the device.

The apparatus, a rope strung between a tower and a pole with a sliding wheel to which the children hung, had been lowered recently to reduce the speed of the slide following injuries to several children.

With this latest injury, the Parks and Recreation people decided to remove the play-thing.

# Grand Master to lay cornerstone

A milestone in the history of Salt Spring Island Freemasons' Lodge will be reached on Saturday. Grand Master of British Columbia Freemasons, with a retinue of his officers, will visit the island to lay a cornerstone at the Masonic Hall on Lower Ganges Road.

Countless hours of volunteer labour and materials have been donated by not only resident members of the fraternity, but also from other lodges, visitors from other provinces and the local Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In 1957, 33 Freemasons, averaging 65 years of age, decided to form a lodge on Salt Spring Island. They were instituted as Admiral Lodge on December 6, 1957 and constituted on August 2, 1958. They met regularly in St. George's Parish Hall until March, 1982.

During 1957, seven members donated a total of \$1,800 and O. Leigh-Spencer purchased the lot on Lower Ganges Road and

donated it to the lodge.

It was the dream of many members to build their own Masonic Hall and in 1959 they formed an organization under the Societies Act known as the Tri-Admiral Building Society.

In 1978/79 a decision was made to start building and the old Fox-glove building was purchased and moved to its present site. Work has

progressed slowly because of limited funds but in March 1982 the main hall was considered habitable and on the occasion of the Grand Master's visit to Admiral Lodge the first meeting was held in the Masonic Hall.

The Lodge now meets in its own building though considerable work and funds are still required to complete the project.

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## No barbecue

Ganges RCMP were not enthusiastic last week when it was suggested they stage a barbecue.

Instead, they will continue looking for the owner of a ewe found wandering on Upper Ganges Road May 21.

Anyone in that area who is missing a sheep should contact the RCMP office.

## NOTICE

### The Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital

The Annual General Meeting of the above-mentioned organization will be held on the following islands at times and places herein designated.

Mayne Island	Medical Centre	Monday, June 21, 1982 - 1:00 pm
Galiano Island	Senior Citizens' Hall, Page Road	Monday, June 21, 1982 - 3:30 pm
Saturna Island	Community Hall	Wednesday, June 23, 1982 - 1:30 pm
Pender Islands	School Hall	Wednesday, June 23, 1982 - 4:30 pm
Salt Spring Island	Activity Centre, Elementary School	Monday, June 28, 1982 - 8:00 pm

### AGENDA

- To receive the Chairman's Report
- To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1982
- To receive various reports
- To elect Society members and 4 members to the Board of Management, 3 members from Salt Spring Island and 1 member from Pender Island.
- Appointment of Auditor
- Any other business that may come from the meeting.

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Zone members (persons who own land and pay taxes thereon in Zone 1, Salt Spring Island, Zone 2 - North and South Pender Islands and Prevost Island, Zone 3 - Saturna Island, Samuel Island, Zone 4 - Mayne Island, Zone 5 - Galiano Island, or spouses of such persons) who had made written application for membership in the Society.

Applications will be made available prior to the Call to Order of the Annual Meeting. Applications are currently available at the Hospital's business office.


#### ANNUAL MEMBERS

(a) Members who have paid \$1.00 for membership during the year 1982 to June 21-28, 1982 as applicable.

(b) Any person not owning property on the Gulf Islands and not currently being an Annual Member but who desires to be an ANNUAL MEMBER and vote at the 1982 Annual Meeting must make application one month before said meeting and should apply to the Administrator, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, Ganges, B.C. Annual Meetings will be held between June 21st and June 28th, 1982. The membership fee is \$1.00. This notice does not apply to landowners or spouses of such persons.

Signed: M. Pinteau, Secretary  
Board of Management

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## Another option

The Rainbow Road property of the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute would make an ideal location for the Ganges Farmers' Market.

But while that property has the space that Centennial Park lacks, the latter's central location will always be the number one reason for strong opposition to any suggestion that the market be moved.

That suggestion, however, has not yet been made. Instead, the Parks and Recreation Commission is considering imposing restrictions on uses of the market, with a view to providing more space to vendors.

If commission members should find little support for their proposal, there is still another option open to them. Construction of wooden stalls for the use of vendors would eliminate the need for them to park their vehicles within the market area.

An arrangement could be made whereby the stalls were set up early Saturday morning and removed later in the day. The only major aspect to consider would be the cost of the stalls' construction and paying someone to set them up.

But it's one alternative that merits a close examination.

## Dangerous stretch

Expropriation of private land for the routing of utility poles has little merit in our view, but in at least one area on Salt Spring Island, it may be preferable to the existing situation.

The winding stretch of Lower Ganges Road near Booth Canal Road has been the scene of several accidents over the years. And an accident not involving a telephone pole along that stretch is a rare one indeed.

The poles themselves cannot be faulted for causing the accidents but they can contribute immensely to the severity of the damage or injuries.

Most of the poles along there are within just a few feet of the road, providing an excellent target for the unwary or careless driver. Moving them back farther from the pavement would make a tremendous improvement to the safety of those corners.

As long as there are cars, there will be accidents. Let's do what we can to reduce their severity.

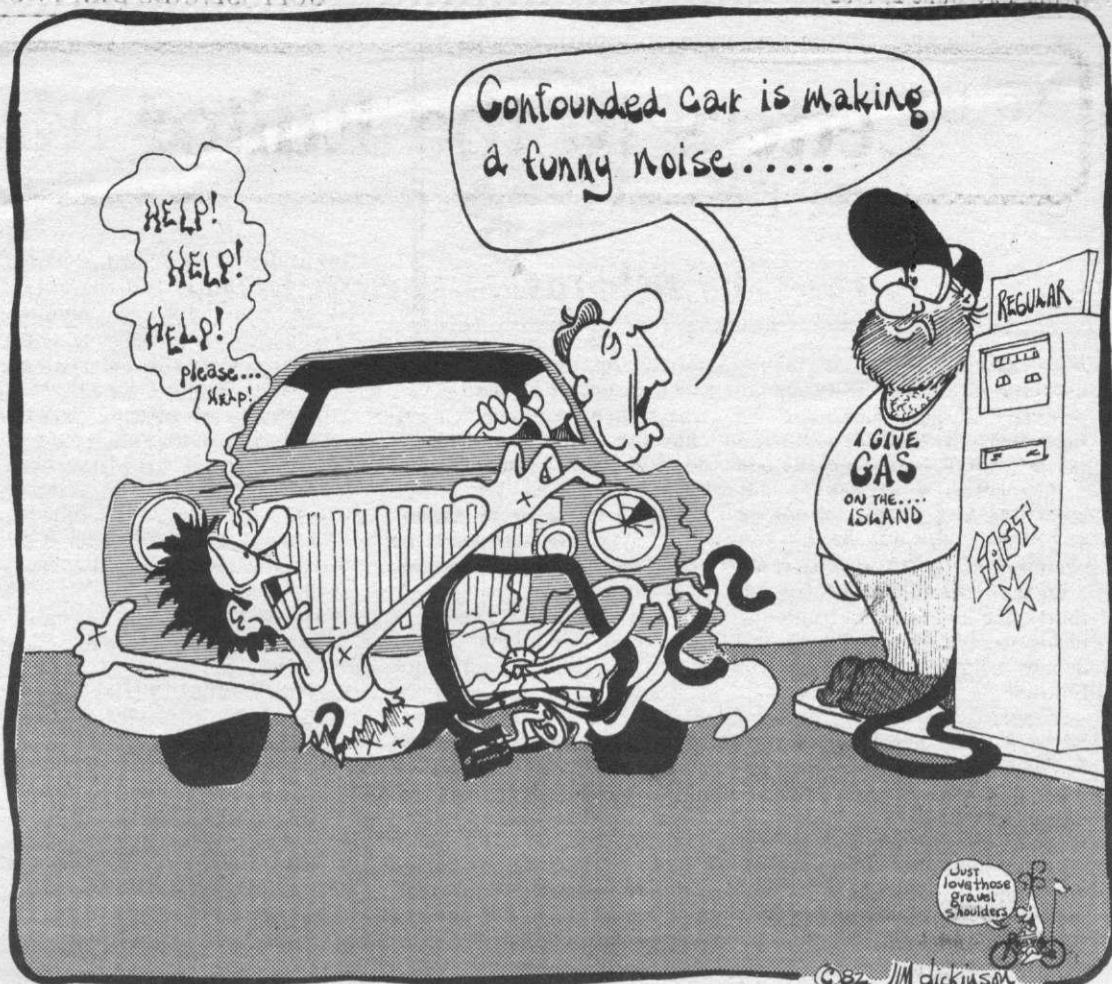


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## Lions' donation

Salt Spring Island Lions Club recently contributed \$450 toward a paving job outside the home of David Skinner on St. Mary's Lake. Skinner, who is confined to a wheelchair, can now move from

his home to a vehicle with little difficulty. Left is Ken Bolger of Vesuvius, accepting the Lions Club cheque for Coho Paving, David Skinner, centre, and Lion Hank Knutsen, right.



Bill Webster

## Too much change will kill the magic

Hi Mom:

Just thought I'd drop a line to keep you informed of the goings-on here in beautiful Med-West.

Life recently has been amusing, to say the least, but you know me, I never limit words to the least.

Money suddenly became scarce down at the government playpen in Victoria and people were definitely not amused. The holders of the purse strings decreed that the bucks had to stretch just a little bit farther and the squeals could be heard for miles around.

Here on paradise we watched with fascination as the local school board performed an incredible feat of magic. Now we saw the money, now we didn't, and when the dust had cleared, taxpayers found themselves in a position of paying less so the board could spend more.

Strange concept of economics they have down in Victoria.

### FIRST-AID STATION

But the worst was happening at the local hospital. The bent bucks meant the medicos would be running a first-aid station. So, if you intend to visit this summer, be sure to get any sickness out of the way before you come.

Events on this rock run in cycles. What's happening now will be repeated in five years

just as it had happened five years ago.

The only exception, which proves the rule, is the continuing debate about whether we should feed the fish in the harbour through a straw or just dump the sustenance into the water.

As to your visit, get here quick because they seem determined to do away with the one authentic bit of local colour.

Someone wants to do nasty things to the Farmers' Market.

It's held each Saturday morning at the park here in beautiful downtown Ganges and truly, it's a sight to behold.

Organized chaos. Free-form anarchy.

### FROM ART TO USED BOOTS

It's a circus parade and a celebration of life. The sellers sell flowers and terrible coffee from a large pot. They hawk art and used boots. If you want an old flat iron, it's there. With vegetables and fruit in season.

Tourists and locals rub elbows. Hippies and church elders stand side by side in the search for a bargain.

The market is social hour where friends and strangers talk of the weather and the economy and the Falklands. A friend said he has seen markets in many cities and towns around the world. A market becomes more than the sum of its parts. It becomes the soul of the town.

But now they want to change it. They want to sanitize it and make it the same as any other market in any other town. You have to be there, Mom, to feel the sensation of it. It sings and dances and the feelings are mostly good.

### DISTURBING ATTITUDE

The efforts to change the market, to tame it and make it cified represent an attitude I find disturbing in some islanders. It is the attitude prevalent in any small town anywhere. It's an attitude which demands that everyone and everything conform to a perceived norm.

It's an attitude which stifles life.

One of the joys of island life revolves around just sitting and watching the flowers grow or a large log slowly drift into shore. The pace is slow but things get done. At times it's as hectic as any city but mostly it's just time to enjoy.

Mayhaps one day soon, these people who want everything slotted will come to the realization that Ganges, Salt Spring, the Gulf Islands are different.

Mayhaps they will realize that too much change will kill the magic of island life. If they get their way, the islands will become just another backwater hicksville.

Your loving son,  
Bill.



## More Letters to the Editor

### Cuts protested

Following letters, addressed to MLA Hugh Curtis, were submitted for publication.

Sir,  
As a resident of Salt Spring Island for 18 years, I feel compelled to protest your government's proposed budget cuts for the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital. This apparent disregard for the quality of health care has left me both angry and concerned.

The proposed cuts would result in a loss of jobs and a deterioration of the quality and scope of care offered to our community. In times of high unemployment this does not seem like a wise decision.

The issue of care, however, is the one of most concern. In our unique community, we have a very high proportion of retired residents as well as a large number of young people with a resultant high birth rate; we have a huge influx of summer residents; we are isolated from Vancouver Island and the mainland in poor weather and at night; and, we serve as a centre for other less populated islands. Given these factors, five acute care hospital beds are simply not enough.

Our hospital is more than a place to get your broken leg set, it is a source of pride in our community. The extended care unit is a relaxed, friendly home to 25 elderly residents, the staff do more than wash and lift these patients, they care about them as human beings — the staff cuts would leave them little time for more than the most basic of care.

We are fortunate to have anaesthetic and obstetric specialists available, no longer do mothers have to be sent off by water taxi in the middle of the night for caesarean sections. A pool of experienced and enthusiastic nurses are available for maternity cases — with the proposed staff cuts these services may be discontinued.

Other vital services such as surgery, physiotherapy and diversional therapy may also be cut back or eliminated. Unnecessary frills? I think not.

I advise your government to rethink these unwise policies. As it is, Mr. Curtis, on the next election, my vote goes elsewhere.

Yours truly,  
**MARGARET RAMSEY,**  
Fulford Harbour.  
May 26, 1982.

Dear Mr. Curtis,  
As an eight-year resident of Salt Spring Island and an employee of the Extended Care Unit of Lady Minto Hospital for two years, I wish to strongly protest the budget restraints forced on our community by your government.

The proposed cuts in the hospital budget will affect not only jobs but even more importantly the quality of life of the residents of the Extended Care Unit. With staff reductions and the elimination of physio and diversional therapists, the quality of care can do nothing but deteriorate. Our staff provides emotional support and companionship as well as complete physical care and if budget restraints affect this care it is not to be tolerated.

Of equal importance and consideration is the proposed conversion of acute care beds to extended care and the closure of a four-bed ward. If this is allowed to happen these would remain a mere five acute-care beds for the entire population of the Gulf Islands which numbers approximately 8,000. This does not include the tremendous influx of summer residents and visitors.

In a community such as ours with so many retired people plus this seasonal increase, this number of acute-care beds should be considered illogical and frightening. It does not take much to imagine the chaos that would be created by one car accident compounded by a heart attack and a broken leg.

I challenge you and your government to reconsider this policy. Get us out of this hair-raising situation!  
**JOHN WATT,**  
Ganges.  
May 25, 1982.

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## Teacherages to be sold when market improves

The teacherages on the Outer Islands may be up for sale but the real estate market will have to turn around first.

The trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board approved a policy statement of intent to dispose of the teacherages when the property market and other conditions improve.

Other conditions were described by board chairman Strick Aust as meaning the board does not want to be held to the sales based on an up-turn in the market. Other factors, such as the need for accommodation for new teachers, will be considered before a decision to sell is made.

Elizabeth Bray, trustee from Saturna, expressed concern about the fate of the teacherage on that island. Saturna is classified as a "no growth" island, she told the board, and a new teacher moving to take up duties at the school would have a difficult time finding suitable accommodation.

The motion of intent passed with only Jeannine Dodds of Mayne, Bray and Aust voting against it.

The school board owns teacherages on each of the Outer Islands and each is occupied except the Galiano house. Acting secretary-treasurer Amy McLeod had checked with the ministry of education to find out if the board could list the properties with a realtor rather than put the buildings and lands up for tender.

She had been informed that the listings were all that would be needed but the tenants must be

informed of the proposed sale. The board decided to include a clause in future leases for the teacherages that the tenant was in agreement to move at the end of the lease if the board were to put the property on

the market.

The board indicated that for the moment, it does not intend to sell any of the teacherages but does intend to dispose of them sometime in the future.

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# John Mika named by acclamation

The process took two days, but John Mika will once again carry the NDP colours in the constituency of Saanich and the Islands in the next provincial election.

In an unusual two-day nomination Mika received the nod by acclamation. The constituency organization for the NDP decided to have half of the convention on Salt Spring Island May 29 and the concluding half on the Saanich Peninsula May 30.

Mika was born in Toronto and became a journalist after leaving the University of Western Ontario in London. He was a political reporter for various newspapers and came to Victoria and the Times 25 years ago.

He served as executive assistant to the minister of highways following the NDP victory in the early '70s. After the 1975 Social Credit win, he joined the NDP caucus staff as a researcher.

Mika was elected as an alderman on Saanich council in 1976 and had served as representative for that municipality on the Capital Regional District board. He was re-elected alderman in the 1981 civic elections.

Mika had opposed Social Credit candidate Hugh Curtis in the 1979 provincial election and although he gathered almost 44% of the vote, he lost.

Guest speaker at the Salt Spring meeting was NDP leader Dave Barrett.

Barrett took the provincial government to task for a variety of shortcomings as he saw them.

He called the government dishonest and said: "If W.A.C. Bennett were alive today, he'd start a whole new party to get rid of this

Social Credit government."

The constituency organization for the NDP is currently gearing up for an election expected late this year, the meeting was told, and

they need at least \$45,000 with which to finance a campaign.

About 60 party supporters turned up at St. George's Church hall on a sunny day to hear the speeches of Mika and Barrett.

## Islander receives news of Falkland resident

An island resident has news from two sources regarding the well-being of ex-Salt Spring Islander Jack Abbott, a resident of the Falkland Islands.

When Canadian-Falkland Islander John Wood returned to his home in Victoria he brought with him a message from Abbott and passed it along to Daisy Gear.

Abbott was painting his house when Wood left and told him that he would most likely be spending the oncoming winter watching the war go on in the harbour. His garden had been fruitful, his freezer was supplied and he was keeping busy.

More news came to Daisy Gear when the postmistress from Port Stanley left the Falklands for England. All she could take with her was her handbag and a suitcase. She smuggled out a letter from Abbott to relatives and Daisy heard the news from her English correspondents.

Abbott wrote saying he was applying for leave from the Argentinians. He revealed that

island life was boring because of the quiet, the curfew imposed and the restrictions the troops made on the residents.

Winter was drawing in and the days were shorter and the nights long and dark.

Abbott is considering packing up his much-loved collection of family heirlooms if he can get them off the island to England. He would leave via a task force vessel. Abbott owns a home, a Peugeot and a Land Rover in the Falklands. He would leave everything behind.

Islanders weren't being harassed, reported Abbott, but the island was being made unpleasant by the number of troops patrolling.

The troops and conscripts looked unhappy, according to Abbott. But the Argentinians shoot their deserters and he made no mention of any deaths. The troops receive any food supplies on the island and the last supply ship from Britain didn't reach the Falklands.

Abbott was well and in good spirits, according to Wood.

## Borrow millions for jobs

The Capital Regional District will borrow funds amounting to nearly \$2 million for the pursuit of two island projects until such time as the required debentures should be offered for sale.

The regional board last week authorized the borrowing of

\$85,000 to continue with the Galiano Island activity room project.

The same meeting approved the financing of Magic Lakes sewerage system on North Pender Island by borrowing \$1,843,000.

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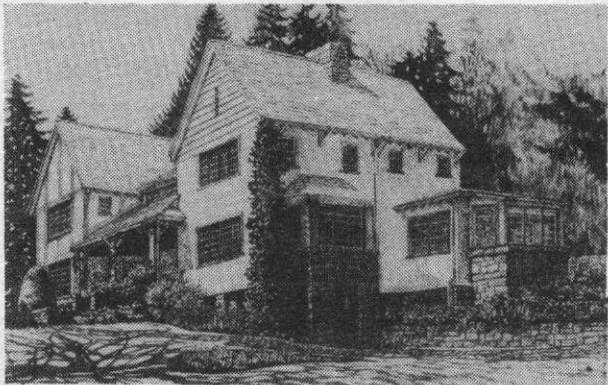
Two-car accident on Saturday resulted in an estimated \$700 worth of damage.

A '69 Volkswagen driven by Laura Lee Rondeau was in collision with a '79 Lincoln driven by Oscar Wallace.

The accident occurred at Stark and Acheson Roads on Saturday afternoon.

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### The Gulf Islands Intermediate & Personal Care Society

The Annual General Meeting of the above-mentioned organization will be held on the following islands at times and places herein designated, immediately following the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Annual Meeting.

Mayne Island	Medical Centre	Monday, June 21, 1982 - 1:00 pm
Galiano Island	Senior Citizens' Hall, Page Drive	Monday, June 21, 1982 - 3:30 pm
Saturna Island	Community Hall	Wednesday, June 23, 1982 - 1:30 pm
N. & S. Pender Islands	School Hall	Wednesday, June 23, 1982 - 4:30 pm
Salt Spring Island	Activity Centre, Elementary School	Monday, June 28, 1982 - 8:00 pm

### AGENDA

- To receive the President's Report
- To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1982
- To receive various reports
- To elect 3 members to the Board of Directors, 2 members from Salt Spring Island and 1 member from the Pender Islands.
- Appointment of Auditor
- Any other business that may come from the meeting.

### VOTING PRIVILEGES

#### ZONE MEMBERS

Zone members (persons who own land and pay taxes thereon in Zone 1, Salt Spring Island, Zone 2, North and South Pender Islands and Prevost Island, Zone 3, Saturna Island, Samuel Island, Zone 4, Mayne Island, Zone 5, Galiano Island, or spouses of such persons) who have made written application for membership in the Society.

Applications will be made available prior to the Call to Order of the Annual Meeting. Applications are currently available at Greenwood's office.

#### ANNUAL MEMBERS

- Members who have paid \$1.00 for membership during the year 1982 to June 21-28, 1982, as applicable.
- Any person not owning property on the Gulf Islands and not currently being an Annual Member but who desires to be an ANNUAL MEMBER and vote at the 1982 Annual Meeting must make application one month before said meeting and should apply to the Administrator, The Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society, Ganges, B.C. Annual Meetings will be held between June 21st and June 28th, 1982. The membership fee is \$1.00.

Signed: Jonna Mattiesing, Secretary, Board of Directors.



Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards

### Award from Ontario

Mrs. Iola Brookbanks of Ganges received a surprise in her mail recently. A plaque has been awarded Brookbanks for her volunteer work for the city of

North York, Ontario. Mayor Mel Lastman and council members from that city wrote: "Due to your efforts, North York is a better place in which to live and work."

## Students held up again

Despite promises and letters to the contrary, it happened again.

The happening was that the Saturna students attending Gulf Islands Secondary School were held up at Swartz Bay on their way to Salt Spring again.

The incident took place May 16 when the two students were refused a transfer from the Outer Islands ferry to the Fulford boat by the attendant at the foot passenger wicket at Swartz Bay.

Mike Hayes, a teacher at Salt Spring Elementary School, is a host for one of the students and he received a telephone call at 7 pm that day from the terminal on Vancouver Island. The ticket agent would not honour the letter of passage from the students.

The results were that the pair did not reach Salt Spring until after 10 pm. The students take the afternoon ferry on Sunday to ensure that they arrive at school on

time the next morning.

The problem was the ticket agent was new to the job and had not been told about the Saturna students. The school board had received assurances from the general manager of the corporation as well as the terminal manager at Swartz Bay that the problems of passage through the terminal which has plagued the Saturna students for some time would not be repeated.

The trustees of the school board have decided to begin sending letters and phoning the ferry company officials to make sure the incident does not crop up again.



# Forget about this event if you're under 50 years old!

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

The box social is back! Fulford Hall needs a new roof and the committee decided to organize the box social as a fund-raiser for the renovations the committee has planned for its summer schedule.

What is a box social?

It would mean that the ladies often worked all day, baking and preparing their package to take it to the dance. The men were scolded for peering into the kitchen and were warned to keep clear of the cook.

Some packed fried chicken, pastries and rolls. Others made sandwiches or sausage rolls and cakes. But whatever was prepared was delicious and the men looked forward to their boxed dinners until the social hour started at the dance.

The women made the food as their admission fee. The men often paid to get into the dance.

The box social had been going since the mid-19th century but the last 30 years have seen fewer and fewer. The social evenings have been replaced by television and work.

The women carry their packages to the dance in a disguise. They cover them with a paper bag and present them at the door. The only identification of where the box came from is a card inside. They are supposed to keep their box a secret from everyone, even their husbands.

"I whispered to a boy once that mine was the one with the pink ribbon," explained Catherine McFadyen of Ganges. "I wanted to eat dinner with him but when the boxes were lined up there were four boxes with pink ribbons. I never got to eat with him."

So the auction begins and the men are busy calling. Which dinner might be extra delicious?


"Sometimes word got out about how terrible someone's dinner would be and who'd eaten the dinner at the last social," remarked Cliff Lee. "The fellows would work

hard to avoid getting so-and-so's dinner because it wasn't as big or as good as someone else's."

Auction over the dinner hour begins with the men finding the cards with the names on them tucked inside the box and joining

up with different partners for the social hour.

The Dance and Box Social at Fulford Hall is on June 5. The Old Time Orchestra is playing and admission is restricted to those over 50!



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Canadian Forces Naden Band

## Naden Band well received

**BY ELEANOR HARRISON**  
Canadian Forces Naden Band gave a concert on Sunday afternoon on the grounds of the School-Community Centre at Pender Island to an audience of

250. The weather could only be described as heavenly with a faint breeze, a warm sun and blue sky overhead.

The Naden Band has a 40-year history, and had up to 55 members until recently when it was reduced to 37 to cut expenses. Lt. Gerry Klaassen is the commanding officer and director of music.

The Farmers' Institute of the Penders was instrumental in bringing the band to Pender Island for the first time. The institute tries to provide a variety of activities in a rural setting for island people. Donations were accepted to be used for future activities and to enlarge the Scholarship Fund.

The Naden Band is well known throughout Canada and internationally having played in Europe, Australia and Japan. In June of this year they will be spending the month in Germany.

Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed their varied program. They have many classical arrangements, one of which, *Anitra Dance* by Edward Greig, they played early in the program.

One of the members, Jack Wright, sang *Follow the Birds to Victoria* followed by *The Entertainers* from the movie *The Sting*. Other selections included

theme songs from the TV shows *Lou Grant*, *Dallas* and *Strike Force*.

A great hit was the strolling trio of violin, accordian and bass fiddle serenading the audience.

Chief Petty Officer Bill Hastings' arrangement of *Amazing Grace* on solo trumpet was beautiful. The No Name Clarinet Trio was much enjoyed followed by a fun piece done in imitation of Lawrence Welk.

## Students raise funds

The children of the Saturna School went for a walk recently.

The pupils and teachers walked about 16 km from East Point to the dock and store at Lyall Harbour. The younger children hiked about 10 km.

The purpose of all the exercise was to raise money for the school activity fund. The 16 children and three teachers so far have raised \$600, with more to come.

Several of the pupils will be attending the Vancouver Island camp at Strathcona and the remainder of the children will be going on a study trip off-island.

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## Meeting dates set

The regular meetings of the Gulf Islands School Board have been scheduled up to the end of September.

For this year, the board will be meeting on various of the Outer Islands during the fall months when schools are in session. In the past, the board took advantage of the summer break to visit the islands for meetings.

Meeting dates for June will be June 9 and 23. The July meeting has been set for July 21 and in the following month the trustees will

meet on August 18.

Each meeting is on a Wednesday and the public portion of the meetings begins at 1 pm. The trustees gather at 10 am each meeting day to discuss different items which require an in-camera session.

The first meeting after school re-commences is set for September 8 to be followed by a meeting on September 22 which is to be held on Mayne Island.

Each meeting, until the Mayne get-together, will be held in the school board office in Ganges.

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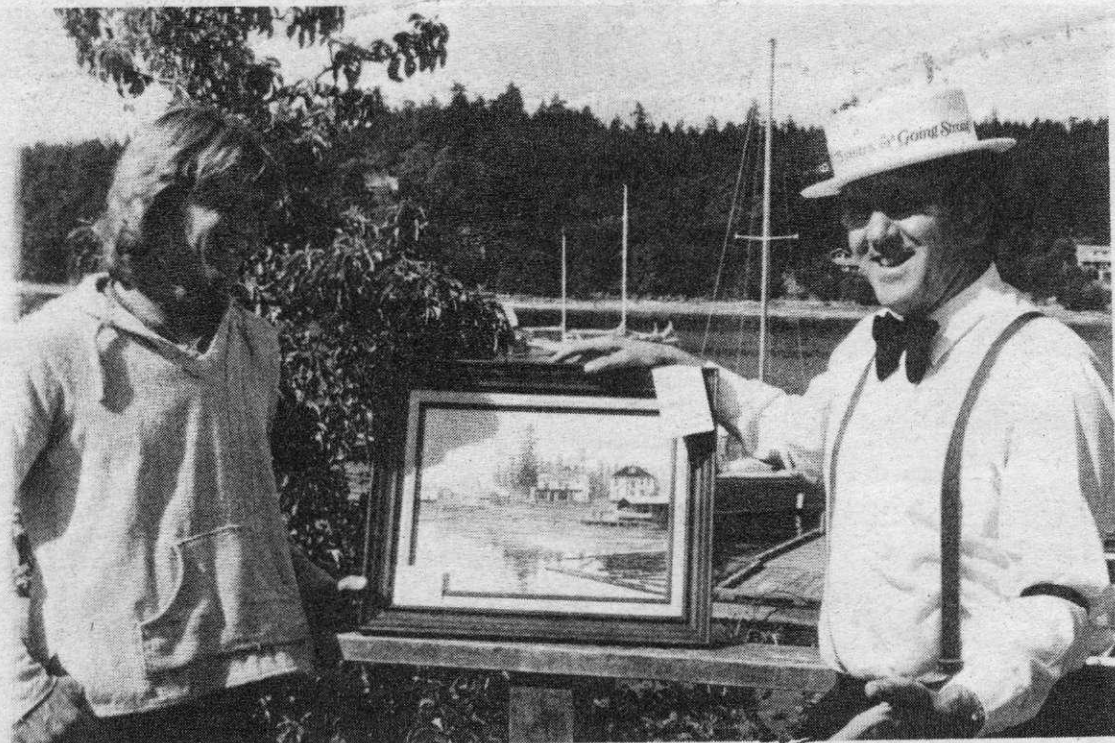
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**First prize to island artist**

Driftwood photos by Valerie Richards

First-prize winner of the Mouat's anniversary contest was Warren Langley of Salt Spring

Island. Langley, at left, wins a \$250 gift certificate from Mouat's for his painting of early Ganges. With him is Tom Toynbee of Mouat's.



**Anniversary cake**

Cutting of the cake was undertaken by Phyllis Meagher and Yvonne Toynbee in celebration of Mouat's 75th anniversary and the anniversary draw held Saturday.

**Islander does well at trials**

Shirley and Lightning together are winners.

When Shirley Steggle of Ganges and her border collie Lightning entered the competitive dog trials on Vancouver Island Shirley won her companion dog degree at all three trials during the three-week session.

Shirley received high marks and

top marks in the junior handling class.

She will receive a plaque from the Vancouver Island zone and it will be on display at the Farmers' Institute property on Rainbow Road.

The Ganges Dog Obedience Club was praised by the judges at the Vancouver Island show for the high quality of training.

**Mixed doubles tourney Saturday at Portlock**

Contributed

On Saturday the Salt Spring Tennis Association is holding a mixed doubles tennis tournament. Players are asked to pick partners in advance and they will stay with those partners throughout the event.

In an effort to give all the teams a reasonable chance to win the tournament, stronger players on the island will be encouraged to play with less experienced players.

All teams will play at least two matches, as first-round losers can

still progress to the final through the losers' bracket.

Play will begin at 9 am, with the final about 5:30. Times of first-round matches will be phoned to participants Friday night or Saturday morning. The draw will be posted at Portlock Park by 8:30 am Saturday. Entry fee is \$3 per team.

Entries will be accepted by phone at Dr. Claus Andress' office on Rainbow Road. Entry deadline is Friday.

**Our Gang leads league**

Our Gang is leading the Salt Spring Men's Softball League by a narrow half game over Driftwood-G.A.S. Greenwoods Rockers narrowly holds down third place, closely followed by Langdons Loggers and Salt Spring Slugs.

Vesuvius Inn recently defeated Driftwood-G.A.S. and are showing signs of improvement.

Feature games this week include Langdons versus the first-place Our Gang team at Portlock Thursday.

Friday night's contest at Portlock will see Salt Spring Slugs play Langdons Loggers.

**Standings**

Our Gang: 5-1; .833 —  
 Driftwood - G.A.S.: 4-1; .800; 1/2  
 Greenwoods Rockers: 5-4; .555; 1/2  
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# Impaired charge is dismissed

The police officer formed an opinion within five minutes but neglected to affirm it with observations over the next few hours.

Thomas Robertson Swan had been involved in an accident on Pender Island on South Otter Bay Road last January. When he reported the incident in person at the Pender RCMP office, he was charged with driving while impaired by alcohol.

RCMP Const. Allan Richard told Judge G.S. Denroche that he had concluded within minutes of talking to Swan that the man was impaired. Swan had told the officer that he had struck a parked vehicle from the rear. The auto was parked on the wrong side of the highway and Swan swerved across the other lane and hit the car.

Swan, of Vancouver, had been on Pender Island to check his rented cabin as well as to help friends following the severe snow storm of early January.

He had spent the afternoon with friends and claimed to have had

two drinks at that point as well as a third drink just before he left to catch the ferry in the early evening.

The man had been kept in the police office for several hours while charges were being processed but Const. Richard admitted to the court that he had not taken note of Swan's actions during that time.

Judge Denroche said the evidence of impairment was the evidence given by the police officer.

"Having made those initial observations, he (Richard) was in the company of the accused for a long time but there is no evidence that he took the opportunity to observe indications of impairment."

The judge also noted that he did not believe Swan's version of the

events that evening. At one point in testimony, Swan had said he piled cord wood in the back of his pick-up to gain traction in the snow.

"I was loaded," he said of the contents of the trucks.

The judge said, "He also told me under oath that he was loaded and on that occasion I believe he was."

In dismissing the charges the judge told Swan that he had not displayed the best judgment on the occasion.

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## Drifting boaters rescued

It could have been bad news for four unidentified boaters on Monday, May 24.

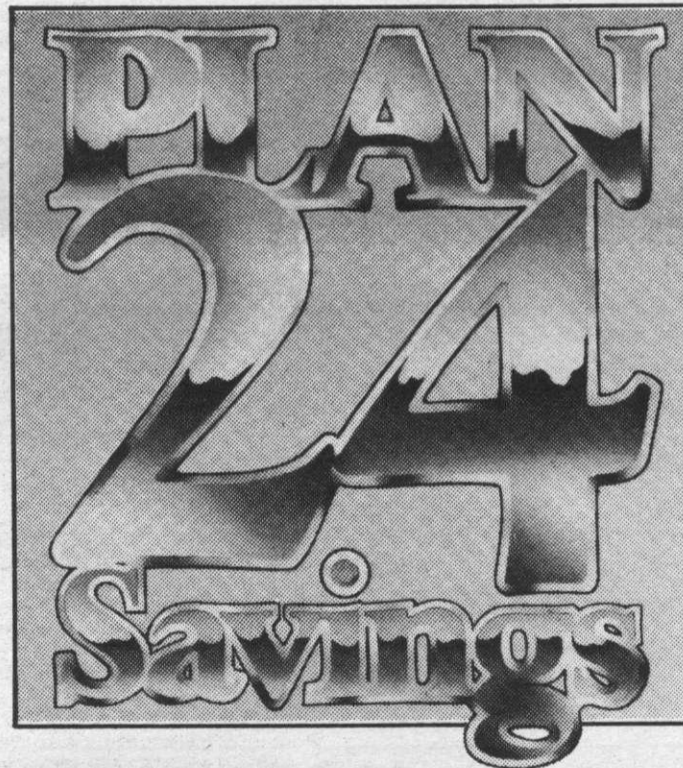
At least they were drifting without any means of reaching shore. Ted and Daisy Gear of Salt Spring Island happened by in their 32-foot cruiser and saw the two couples drifting off Walker Hook in the 17-foot runabout.

The Vancouver Island boaters appealed for help and the Gears went to their aid. But Ted Gear couldn't get the boat going so it meant leaving them behind or towing them in. The Gears chose the latter course.

The Vancouver Island boat was towed to the docks of the Salt Spring Sailing Club. The boaters had been abalone fishing off Galiano before their engine quit.

But the divers didn't have any money. All they had were credit cards. After phoning around various island accommodations the Duncan group decided on the Fulford Inn because they could take the cards. Their boat was taken away by trailer the following day.

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# Plans to be dusted off as money comes through

The plans for various additions to various schools will be dusted off by the Gulf Islands School Board now that the money for the projects has come from Victoria.

Finance Minister Hugh Curtis announced Friday that treasury board approval for the two construction projects had been given.

The local school board will receive \$375,000 for extensive renovations to the school on Galiano Island as well as \$152,180 for an industrial education room at the Mayne School.

The two projects had received ministry of education approval last year but had been held up because of a government freeze on capital expenditures.

Curtis said the approval of funds was part of the government's capital approval review. The government is attempting to plan

and time capital expenditures to maximum benefit of both the province's finances and the local economy, said Curtis.

The Gulf Islands trustees had become impatient waiting for the funds and had decided at the last board meeting to send a delegation to see Curtis if the money were not available by June 9.

Acting secretary-treasurer Amy McLeod, before the May 26 board meeting, had contacted an official in the ministry of education to find out where the money was. She would not be told, the official said, because any information given would be considered a leak.

The government was in the process of implementing a new procedure in capital financing she was told, and the school board would learn of it when the information was released to news

outlets.

The school board has not yet received notice of the money

needed for construction of the new school in Fulford. The ministry of education had approved funds for

site plans as well as architect's drawings of the school but not for the building of it.

## Awards presented

The HMS Ganges chapter of the IODE made presentations and awards to students at Fernwood School and the secondary school in Ganges recently.

The IODE first went to Fernwood where principal Glenn Woodley convened the morning assembly before talks and awards were given.

Education secretary Olive Mouat spoke to the students about the aims of the IODE. She then introduced Ivan Mouat who gave a presentation on the meaning of citizenship.

RCMP Const. Bill O'Connor, dressed in full uniform, talked to the children about bicycle safety. Following O'Connor's talk, Alma McQuiggan presented Fernwood School library with books from the IODE.

The IODE moved south to the secondary school in Ganges where principal Bob McWhirter introduced the chapter to the assembled students.

After a few selections by the stage and concert bands, Mrs. Ethel Davidson spoke to the assembled students about how to

be better citizens.

Tracy Pring and Craig Selbee were given art awards from the IODE. Mrs. Madge Farncombe made the presentations. Mrs. Lydia Purser gave Michele Thomas a band award, while Mrs. Marjorie Cuttell donated books to the library.

The visitors at the secondary school were shown an art display before taking tea prepared by students of the home economics department.

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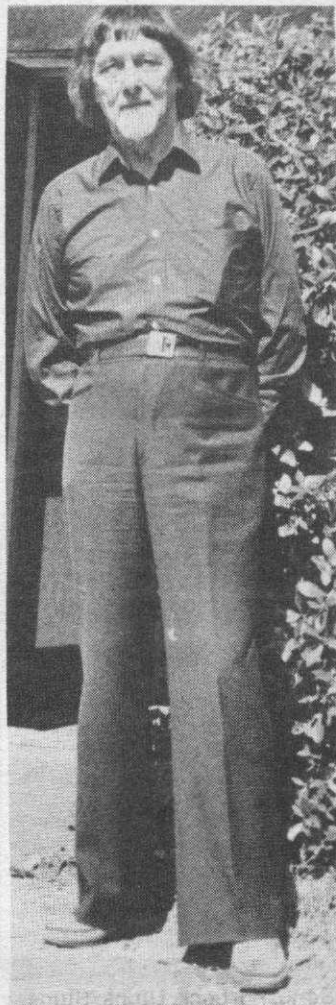
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# Show features carvings by Pender man

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**BY ELEANOR HARRISON**  
Joseph Hecel held a showing of his original wood carvings at Pender Lodge on Saturday and Sunday.  
Hecel retired to Pender Island

Driftwood photos by Eleanor Harrison



JOSEPH HECCEL



Driftwood carving by Hecel

about three years ago. He came to Vancouver in 1954, from Europe with little money and no knowledge of English.

He established a business, Hecel's Jewellery, on South Granville in Vancouver and during those years acted as a guest artist at the Vancouver Art School and taught in his own studio.

Originally from Poland, he went to Germany to study at the Munich Acadamia of Art from which he graduated in 1935. Today he speaks flawless English.

All his pieces are carved from beach wood, primarily cedar and fir. When he sees a certain piece of wood lying on the beach his imagination goes to work if it appeals. Hecel says he has endless ideas in his mind but he has to find the right wood to fit the idea. The shape of the wood is more important than the kind of wood.

One of the largest carvings,

mounted on a pedestal, had many faces carved with their heads turned away. The name of the carving was *Greed*. The faces were those obsessed with money-making, sometimes dishonesty and because of their secret shame they cannot look straight ahead at mankind.

In the centre hung a crystal clear jewel to epitomize the truth, crystal clear.

Another large piece was *Wind on the Beach*. One could almost feel the wind blowing in the face and hair. There was *Spanish Dancer*, and one could hear the castanets snapping.

There was great interest in Hecel's two eggs done in the Faberge manner. Faberge was a French artist who was commissioned by the Czarist regime in Russia to make beautiful art objects for them. The Faberge eggs were unique, decorated with

priceless jewels and tiny paintings. A few remain in the world today.

Hecel's two eggs are seven inches high, the gold in them comes from a mine in Dawson City and they are decorated with pearls, chrysopra, green Australian opals and diamonds and diamonds. Each egg represents approximately 500 hours of work.

Although Hecel is now retired on Pender he still does work for customers all over Canada.

## Dump catches fire

The smoke billowed up the Blackburn valley last week as the Salt Spring garbage dump burned again.

The fire had apparently been started by a youth playing with matches and the volunteers of the Salt Spring Fire Department spent several hours dumping several thousand gallons of water on the garbage in an effort to stop the flames.

When the danger to surrounding forest had lessened, the fire was allowed to burn itself out.

Fire Chief Bob Leask said the problem of the dump burning is one that the Capital Regional District will have to deal with. He may, he said, order the dump closed to the public and just allow the operator to put garbage there.

The dump usually catches fire at least once each summer.

The car was weaving its way along Lower Ganges Road on Salt Spring Island and at one point crossed the centre line and almost collided with the police cruiser, the court was told.

When the RCMP patrol finally got Roy Byers of Ganges to stop, he almost hit a hydro pole at the side of the road. The incident happened on April 17.

In court at Ganges last week, Byers pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while his ability was impaired by alcohol. He was fined \$250 by Judge G.S. Denroche and had his driver's licence automatically suspended for three months.

The judge gave Byers, who is moving to Duncan, until the end of July to pay the fine or face 14 days in jail.

Byers told the judge that he had to retire early from B.C. Hydro with which he had served as a lineman because of arthritis. He had been suffering depression, he said, because of the pain.

He was concerned about the charges against him because of the pending move to Duncan, he told the judge. His wife would need help to move, he said.

"If you'd hit that hydro pole, your wife might well be on her own," the judge replied.

Judge Denroche urged Byers to seek professional help for his drinking problem once he had established his family in Duncan.

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# Act now if you want winter vegetables

This may sound ridiculous. We have just barely got our main garden going and I am going to talk about winter growing, and summer is not even here yet.

However, if we want to munch on some hearty kale or succulent, fresh broccoli when the snow is flying, we need to get it together pretty soon.

What we need is a good, sheltered site, with some protection from the north and lots of light from the south. If you have a place which readily drains off our winter rains and which allows cold air to drain to lower areas as well, then you are in good shape already.

Absolutely essential is a functional deer fence, as these four-legged creatures are somewhat over-eager to share our harvest before it is even half grown.

### ONLY ONE SOLUTION

If drainage is so-so, or poor, raised beds are the only solution. These should be sloped a bit, this way or that, to carry away our abundant winter irrigation.

If you have not done this before, this winter growing business that is, keep it small and keep it simple. See how it works for you, what it does for you and yours, and take it from there.

And if your soil is of the heavy clay type, more suitable for poor pottery than gardening, chuck in a goodly amount of sand, in addition to the usual goodies, to improve your drainage dramatically.

All this takes time and preparation and the obtaining of seed of the best kind for this job, hence my preoccupation with winter before summer has begun.

### SOME SUITABLE SEEDS

From the Territorial Seed Company's gardening journal, sent free of charge to their customers, here is a sampling of suitable seeds for this purpose.

For sowing from the middle of June to the middle of July, and for harvesting from September to April next year and beyond:

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Scallions 278: "White Lisbon": Mid-July sowing, matures early autumn and over-winters unless temperatures are very severe. Naturally long shanks are very tender, sweet and mild. Sampler: 65¢ (U.S.).

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Cauliflower 176: "Armado Spring": Extremely hardy Dutch

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Spinach 347: "Winter Bloomsdale": Early August sowing will provide salad greens through late fall and winter. Fertilize in February when growth resumes for abundant greens long before early spinach. Very sweet with salad quality flavour. Sampler: 60¢ (U.S.).

Scallions 276: "He Shi Ko": The most cold-hardy bunching onion, moderately pungent and very sweet. Sow in July for fall and winter use, bolts in March. Sampler: 65¢ (U.S.).

Mustard 267: "Mike Giant": Sow in August for greens from fall through winter. Sow in late September, will usually over-winter as small plant. Fertilize in February for abundant greens in March and April. Grotesquely big with sweet and mustardy flavour. Sampler: 65¢ (U.S.).

Broccoli 82: "Purple Sprouting Early": Abundant harvest from March until May. Very cold-hardy and easy to grow. Size and number of sprouts will increase when fertilized in February. Sampler: 65¢.

So there is time to get our act together for winter and early spring greens, which beat the

California kind in all respects. It would be so nice to grow our own winter vegies, for ourselves and for our friends; and maybe, and why not, for market.

In the middle of winter, fresh greens would fetch a fair price, even if we have to think about it while summer has just begun.

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Thurs., June 3: Driftwood vs Vesuvius, Little League. Umps: Greenwood.

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Mon., June 7: Vesuvius vs Our Gang, Portlock. Umps: Langdons.

Tues., June 8: Langdons vs Greenwood, Fulford. Umps: Wayne DeVane, Vesuvius.

Tues., June 8: Driftwood vs Slugs, Portlock. Umps: Our Gang.

## No more teachers

The school budget does not allow room for more teachers, says Strick Aust, chairman of the Gulf Islands School Board.

He was commenting last week on a question about the possibility of hiring additional teachers to fill any vacancies created.

He told the school board meeting that he wanted each principal to understand clearly that no money would be available to hire teachers.

"There will be no increase in teaching staff at any of the Gulf Islands schools," he said.

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# Committee sets sights on \$10,000

With an objective of \$10,000 a committee has been struck to raise sufficient funds to complete the restoration work of Mahon Hall, John Crofton, chairman of the new committee, has announced.

The fund-raising committee will be a subcommittee of the existing Mahon Hall Restoration Committee. Its members are, in addition to Crofton, Les Ramsey,

Bev Unger, Ron McQuiggan and Arvid Chalmers.

Crofton said that while close to \$22,000 has already been contributed for the restoration work the additional \$10,000 will be required to complete the work projected by the Restoration Committee.

"We would like to see completion of the proposed

wheelchair ramp for the parking lot entrance to the hall as soon as possible," he said.

This would include rebuilding of the existing entrance way and possibly the installation of new doors. The second set of doors which are no longer in use will be removed entirely and replaced with siding on the outside and wallboard in the interior.

"Another immediate priority," Crofton said, "is the installation of panic hardware on both of the main entrances to the hall. This is a fire regulation requirement and it should be in place before the opening of the annual Aircraft show slated for June 25."

Other projects included in the overall restoration program are the painting of the exterior of the building, installation of a hot water system, a new floor for the boardroom and some modifications in the kitchen and the bathrooms.

"Most of this work will be done by volunteer labour," Crofton pointed out, "but funds will be required to purchase the necessary materials."

Contributions to the fund may be sent to the Mahon Hall Restoration Committee, Box 1304, Ganges, or given to any member of the above mentioned committee.

# Region demands minister's approval for nuclear vote

Referendum on nuclear armaments came a little closer for island voters last week when the Capital Regional Board decided to ask the minister for advice.

The Islands Trust has asked regional districts who administer elections in its territory to present a referendum on nuclear armaments.

Voters would be asked: "Do you support the goal of Nuclear Disarmament and request

your government to negotiate and implement, with other government, the balanced steps that would lead to the earliest possible achievement of this goal?"

Since the Islands Trust does not hold elections it has asked that the regional district do so.

The directors have asked the minister of municipal affairs whether the board has the necessary authority to present such a referendum.

# Lions offer labour on Mahon Hall

Salt Spring Island Lions Club has offered to work on the Mahon Hall renovation project. John Crofton last week outlined the plans of the renovation committee for further work on the hall.

Crofton attended the Lions meeting on Thursday evening.

He had fond memories of Mahon Hall and told the club that when he was growing up on the island he had attended magic lantern shows and Tom Mix movies in the hall. During the 30's there were some "pretty lively dances" there, he noted.

The Community Arts Council decided a year ago to go ahead and renovate the hall, he told the service club.

The roof is completed, he announced, but during the stripping of the old roof, contractor Ray Hill had discovered the perilous state of the chimney and this represented a project which the committee had not anticipated.

The arts council and Sea Capers had contributed to the renovation fund, as have a number of private residents, but the sponsors are still \$10,000 short of their target.

Colin Mouat had his own memories of the hall. He had been chairman of the island school board when the building was purchased from the agricultural society, he told his fellow club members. He delved deeper into

history and remembered the day when he was called on to give a recitation. Henry Bullock was presiding and the small Colin Mouat went through the recitation. The ordeal over, he hurried back to the rest of the performers.

"You opened your mouth alright," he remembered the teacher saying, "but you didn't say a word!"

Portlock Park was a valuable community project, he said of a former Lions project.

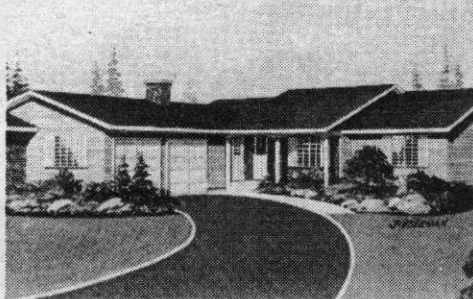
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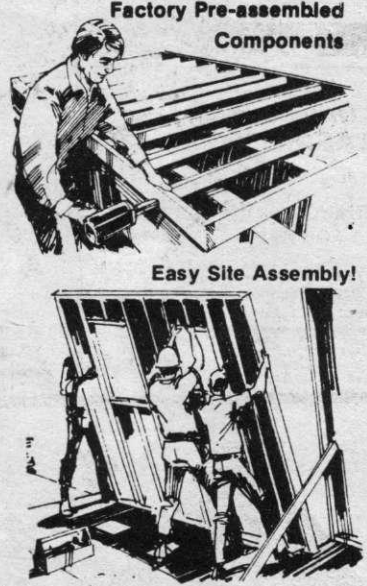
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