

Gulf Islands Driftwood

537-2211

Serving the Beautiful Gulf Islands of Salt Spring, Mayne, Galiano, North & South Penders and Saturna

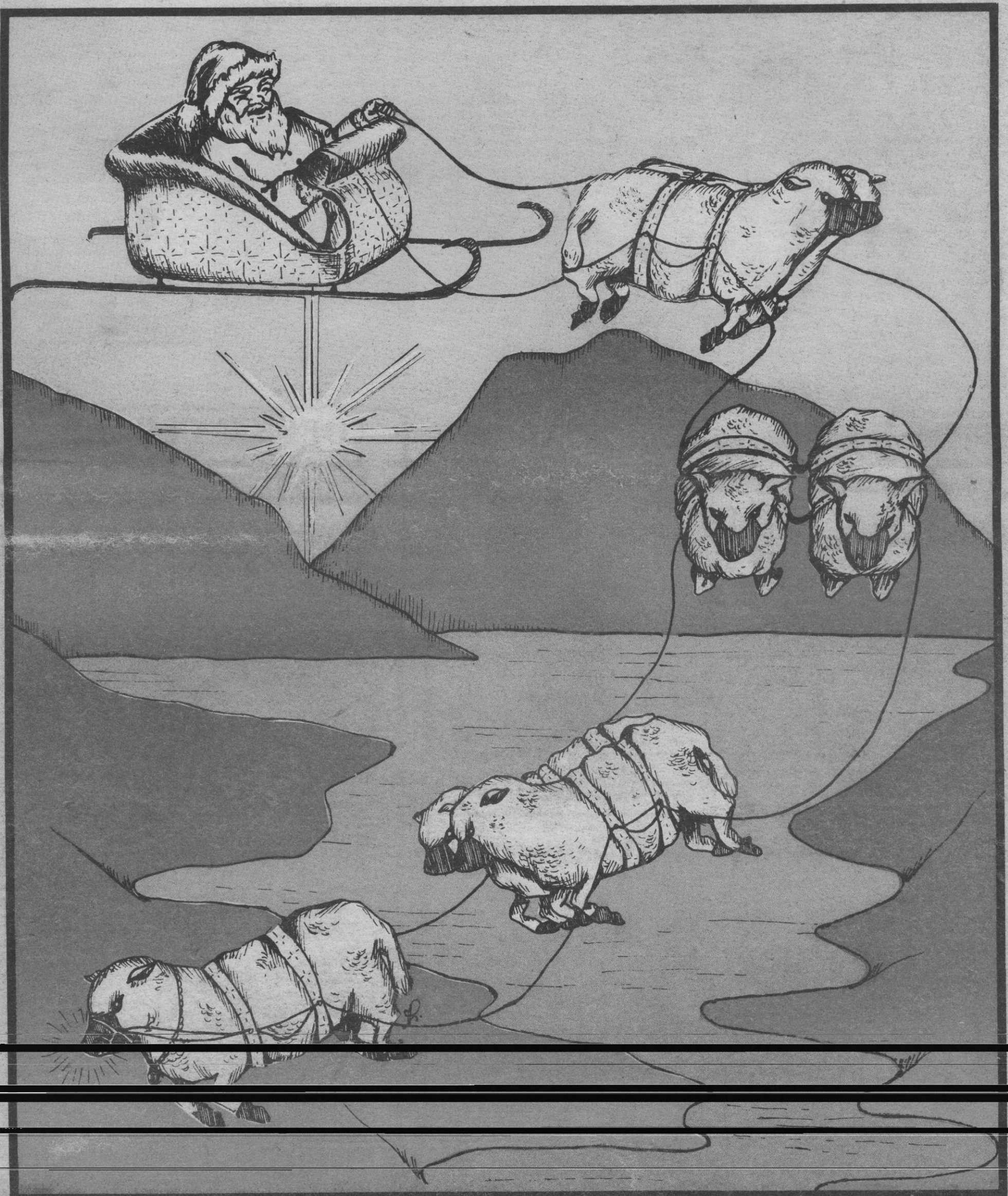
537-2613

TWENTY-THIRD YEAR, NO. 51

GANGES, BRITISH COLUMBIA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1982

35¢ per copy



NO POWER!

This is no way to live even on an island!

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Tea is a cool brown dye that floats round in a luke-warm teapot. Sausages are the pale pink things that catch fire so easily. And the fire urns hot and the hand that holds the pan is the hand that suffers.

Don't get het up! It's the annual power failure.

This year was easy by last year's standards. This year it was warm. Last year it was not. This year we had water. Last year we had none.

The power went out in the early hours of Thursday morning. I got up to a cool house and lit the fire in the living room. The telephone was still working. It's a funny thing, but have you ever noticed that the telephone usually seems tougher than power lines?

It rang and Tony asked would I go and get some pictures of the storm damage. I would. That was the end of the beginning. The two trees lying across my driveway and my power lines were a barrier to transportation.

But how to keep going?

Mary Meagher offered her cabin in Sunset if we needed it, but the offer remained as an escape route. We would overcome!

LIGHTS AGAIN

By midday we had lights. The trees had pulled the service out of the house, but the separate meter at the pumphouse was still hot. A 200 ft. extension will carry a couple of lights and the deep freeze. It won't drive a kettle.

But we needed lights for when the power failed completely. I bought a modern oil lamp. I read the instructions and before long we had a bright, incandescent light in the kitchen.

Next evening Barbara lit the oil lamp. When I got home the lamp was jet black. So was the top of the fridge. There was soot on the ceiling and everywhere else in the kitchen.

She's getting the hang of the lamp, but so far we haven't dared try it again.

We bought candles. But so did everybody else. Ours were ornamental and very pretty and cost 70c a light to try to see in the dark.

Mind you, we all know that a power failure is liable to hit us on the islands.

Hydro was cautious. The tree was lying on the power line? Don't touch it. Don't cut the tree. Keep away! All

excellent advice! And the crews would try to get there by Saturday. That would be two days without a car and no way of getting out. That's when I cut up the tree.

The problem of meals was with us. The first morning it was bacon and eggs cooked on the open fire, with the delightful toast that only an open fire can produce. The tea was made with boiling water that morning

BEANS ON THE FIRE

Beans for midday? Good enough! Again on the open fire.

By this time the rest of the house was cooling off but good. There was no pleasure attached to washing in the morning and a cold shower was just what I didn't want. Even shaving was slowed up and I went a day without a shave before I remembered that my shaver is battery-driven.

The big event was when we discovered we could run the television off our extension. But after taking off the cablevision we

were left with one channel. Who could want more? We went to the library and paid the fines for the last foray into literature.

The kitchen was not freezing. But it might as well have been. Who wants to stand around in the kitchen with an overcoat and gloves on? But who wants to stand around in the kitchen?

This was when Pat Meagher took pity on us. He offered us his sister's cabin and then produced a kerosene heater as well as a heavier cord to bring more power to the house.

The heater made the house livable. And by Monday we needed something to make life livable. Hydro had forecast Saturday. By Saturday we were hoping Sunday. By Monday we were setting our sights on Easter.

SHE'S LUCKY!

There was no joy in listening to Ruth Stanton's story of delight with her wood heater. She put it in the kitchen after last year's failure. We didn't. Does that make me stupid or

something? On second thoughts, don't answer that question!

The only consolation in the midst of our pioneering days has been the steady failure of our one and only source of power. Each time the system went dead we knew that some lucky homeowner was being connected up to the Hydro and we rejoiced for them. And cursed the fact that the water level had gone

down too far or that the fine, frozen sausages in the freezer were now soft and pulpy.

This is the fifth day of our ordeal and we are both alive. At least I think we are. But don't feel sorry for us. We like cold sausages and pallid tea and burnt knuckles. Reminds us of our childhood.

But we'd sure like power again!



Cover by local student

Planning to make a career out of art is Gulf Islands Secondary School student Tracy Pring. A student of art teacher Caroline Hamilton, Tracy drew the cover art for this week's issue of *Driftwood*. She also worked on the paper for a week last month through the school's work experience program.

Essay contest winners chosen from 160 entries

Eight prize-winners have been selected in the *Driftwood* Christmas essay contest, following the judging of over 160 entries.

In the primary division, first prize of \$15 goes to Erin Howell of Galiano while Nicole Graham of Saturna takes the second prize of a \$7.50 gift certificate.

Intermediate category winner was Alison Stafford of Salt Spring for a prize of \$20 and Michelle Bentham of Mayne Island will receive a \$10 gift certificate.

Maria Payne took the \$25 first prize in the junior division and Christy Aust was awarded the \$12.50 certificate for second place. Both are of Salt Spring.

Senior division winner was Ellen Box and she gets \$30. Kathryn Adams came in second for the \$15 certificate. Both are Gulf Islands Secondary students.

The winners' essays are published this week beginning on Page Thirty-Eight.

Design, drafting & construction.

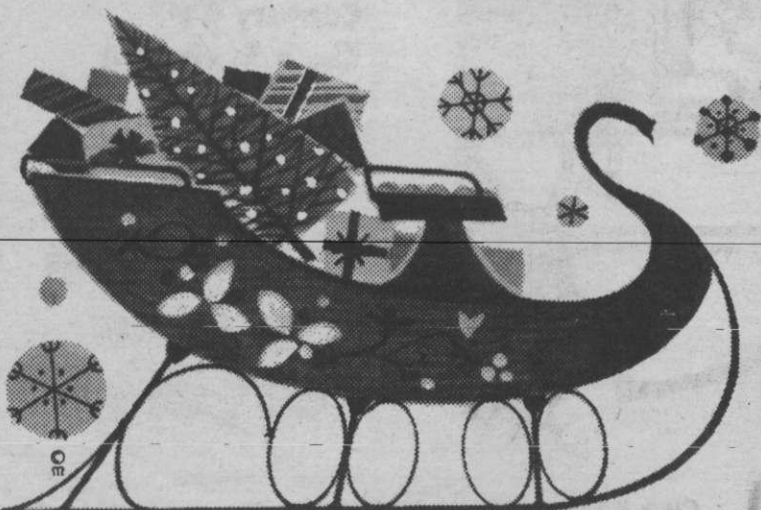
Gary B. Duncan
Building Designer

Phone 537-9201

Box 647, Ganges, B.C.

Merry Christmas

Warm Christmas Wishes



A sleigh full of cheery wishes is coming your way! Have a very merry Christmas Day!

Villadsen Construction (1980) Ltd.

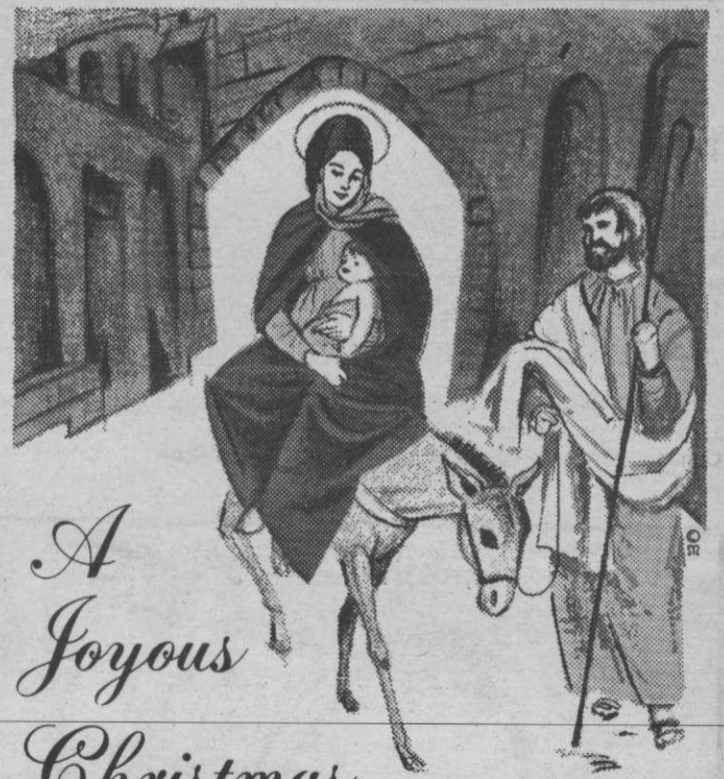
OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 24 to Thursday, Dec. 30
INCLUSIVE

Saturday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 3

Issue of Jan. 5 will be published one day late, on Thursday, Jan. 6.

Gulf Islands Driftwood




A Joyous Christmas

To all, a wish for a Christmas richly blessed with peace and joy. And to our patrons, our heartfelt thanks for the privilege of serving you.

Rita, Loretta and staff at

Rita's Inn

To Be
Frank
 by richards



Coolant by the bottle

I learn a lot from the liquor stores. I gathered a few weeks ago that the temperature in the liquor store is often low. One of the staff reminded me that they store an excellent coolant. When the temperature falls and the thermostats are lowered to allow time for the weekend, the coolant in the bottles also falls in temperature. And when the staff arrive and turn up the heat, the coolant remains cool for much longer than the average room. And I always figure it was a commodity that warmed you up!

The high cost of heating;

There's Goody Goodman, worried about almost nothing these days of retirement, but he's still keeping tabs on what goes on. He gave me a six-or-seven-year-old clipping from the Nanaimo Times, listing the high cost of wood heaters. It was discovered by the Nanaimo Fire Chief Tom MacDonald. I don't know how many wood-burning fanatics would go along with the summary, but even now, after six or seven years, it makes an interesting estimate:

As oil supplies dry up and the cost of energy soars, more and more Nanaimo-area residents are turning back the clock and installing one of those traditional wood-burning stoves that might well have graced their grandfather's homestead on the prairies.

Low cost is cited as one of the advantages of this type of heating. Talk to Nanaimo Fire Chief Tom MacDonald, however, and the bill adds up a little differently. According to his statistics, a wood-burning stove will cost you close to \$55,000 for its first year of operation.

Ridiculous? Here's Tom's figuring.

Stove, pipe, maintenance, etc.	\$458.00
Chain saw	\$149.95
Gas and maintenance for chain saw	\$44.60
4-wheel drive pick-up	\$8,879.00
Maintenance on pick-up	\$433.99
Replace rear window on pick-up twice	\$310.00
Fine for cutting trees in Provincial Park	\$510.00
Fifteen cases of beer	\$125
Littering fine	\$50.00
Doctor's fee for removing splinter from eyes	\$50.00
Safety glasses	\$29.50
Emergency room treatment (broken toe from dropped log)	\$125.00
Safety shoes	\$49.50
New living room carpet	\$899.00
Paint walls and ceiling	\$150.00
Log splitting	\$110.00
Fifteen acre lot	\$3,000
Taxes on lot	\$314.00
Replace coffee table (chopped up and burned when drunk)	\$75.00
Divorce settlement	\$39,070.68
TOTAL FIRST YEAR'S COST	\$54,878.22
Savings over conventional fuel - first year	\$173.22
NET COST OF WOOD STOVE OPERATION FOR FIRST YEAR	\$54,705.00

What a shock!

Lawrie Neish tells me he was off to Vancouver to discover a car. The tale is that he spent a delightful day trying out different cars until he found a red MGB soft top. He and Alex were delighted with the appeal of the red sports car until there came a dread suggestion. He looked like Frank Richards! They left the lot in minutes and came back without the new car.

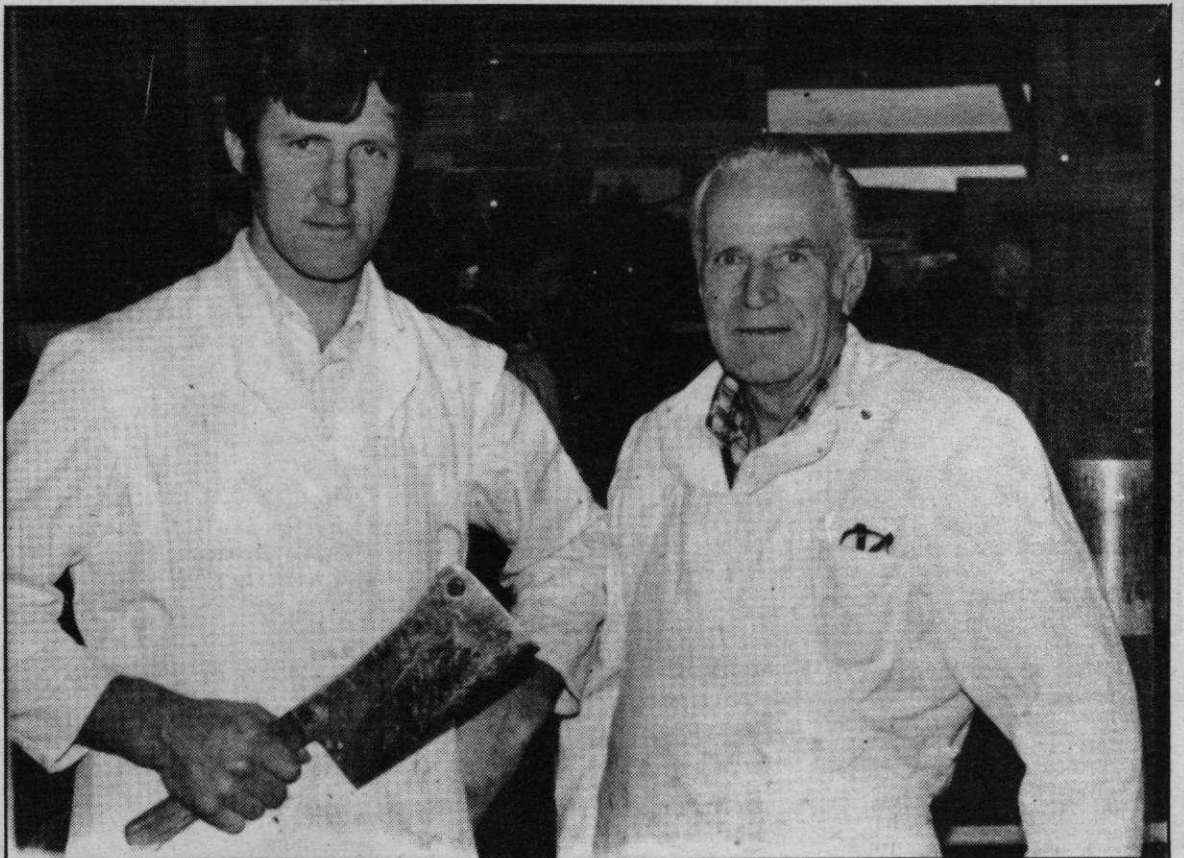
Maybe it's not so bad!

It wasn't the easiest life I assured Jack Girard, being a sewer supporter and an Englishman. Better than being a sewer buff, a Liberal and French Canadian, he assured me. We wept quietly together.

Greetings



From the staff at
Pemberton, Holmes Ltd.
 Gulf Islands Branch



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Cleaver passes to new proprietor

Passing on the meat cleaver to the new butcher was the ceremonious occasion last week when Matt's

Meat Market opened its doors. Ralph Creed, right, put the finishing touches to Ralph's Meat Market in

Ganges. The store is now known as Matt's Meat Market as Matt Robley becomes the butcher.

Dog licenses are boosted by \$5

The licence for the dog will cost the owner more in 1983.

The animal control department of the Capital Regional District has raised the price for a male or female dog to \$20 from the \$15 which the tag cost this year.

For neutered males or females, the price is \$10, up from \$5. The new prices go into effect January 1, 1983.

Dog tags purchased after March 1, 1983, will have an extra \$5 late fee penalty added on. To obtain the \$10 tag, the owner must supply proof from a veterinarian that the animal has been neutered or spayed.

If the dog had been licenced for the full amount for 1982 but altered

since the tag was purchased, the owner can get the licence for 1983, free.

All dogs over the age of four months must be licenced. If the dog is less than one year old when the licence is purchased and later is spayed or neutered, the owner can obtain a rebate on the licence fee already paid.

Claims for such animals should be made to the animal control office at 490 Atkins Avenue in Victoria, or call 478-0624.

LICENCE OUTLETS

Licences can be purchased from animal control officers on each island. Bruce Parsons, Mayne

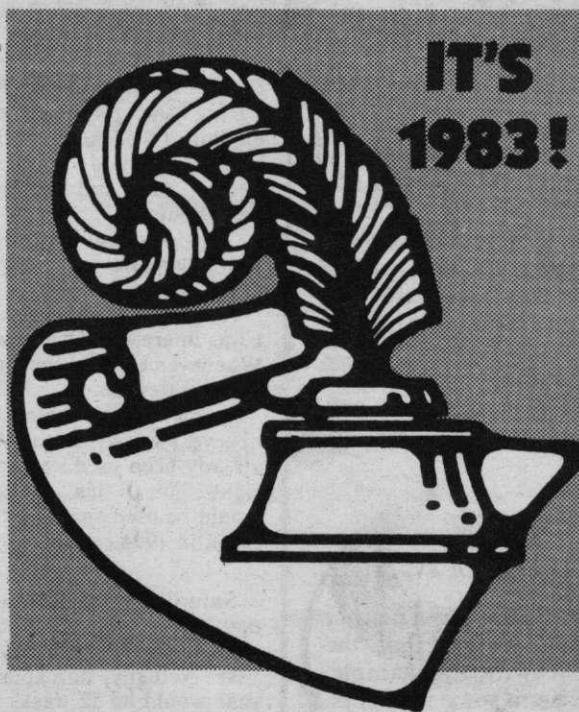
Island; Lynda Kenyon, Galiano Island; Howard Byron, Salt Spring Island; and Phil Road, Pender Island are the animal control officers.

In addition, there are six locations on Salt Spring Island and four on the Outer Islands where the dog tags can be purchased.

"Dogs without tags are subject to impoundment, which may result in heavy fines to owners," states the notice of fees from the animal control department.

The notice goes on to read, "Bylaw 668 states that it is an offence to allow a dog to be at large."

Season's Greetings



from
Ed Davis

Waterfront & Island Specialist,

and the
Century 21 Clark Secretain Realty Associates staff.

We're writing it up as the best year yet!



Clark Secretain Realty Associates
 Suite 130, 10551 Shellbridge Way, Richmond, B.C. V6X 2W9

Gulf Islands Driftwood

Published every Wednesday at Ganges by

Driftwood Publishing Ltd.

537-2211/537-2613
Box 250, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0



TONY RICHARDS, EDITOR

MEMBER: Canadian Community Newspapers' Association
B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers' Association
Western Regional Newspapers

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
(January to January)

To the Gulf Islands: \$10 per year
Elsewhere in Canada: \$15 per year
Foreign (incl. USA): \$40 per year



Second Class Mail Registration No. 0803



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1982

Peace on earth

In the age of nuclear threat peace on earth is elusive because the earth is quaking. As Christmas is celebrated for the 1,983rd time, the makings of peace may be no less than in past Christmases, but the potential for destruction has never been so great and so devastating.

The west distrusts the east and the east views the west with distaste. The mutual dislike threatens to destroy the planet.

But, surely, not at Christmas, urges the poet among us. At Christmas we are assured, all enmities dry up and peace prevails among men. It does, perhaps: an artificial peace that issues from the lips and never the heart.

If we examine the divided world and assume that a few well-placed words will bring harmony and peace, let us look closer to home and compare the pattern.

For the past five years Salt Spring Island has been split, philosophically, in much the same way as the world. There are unquestionably two factions on Salt Spring Island engaged in disputing the manner in which human wastes should be resolved. The two are unable to sit down and debate the matter amicably. There is bitter hatred between them.

Right or wrong has little significance in this community split. Right or wrong rarely has significance in any split.

The resemblance between one little island and one little planet is remarkable. It is also a warning that, Christmas or not, mankind does not draw in its horns for the sake of harmony at one particular season.

If, of course, the two factions on Salt Spring Island were to dissolve into a harmonious debate, there might be hope for the world.

Perhaps we should not be looking for peace, but for hope.

Winter and power

Every winter there is a storm to bring disruption and inconvenience to islanders.

The B.C. Hydro crews have steadily worked at eliminating the obvious hazards to their power lines, but in a wooded community where power lines travel far, the likelihood of storm damage to the distribution system remains high.

The cold homeowner, fumbling around the freezer in the dark, is inconvenienced. The hungry homeowner with his freezer full of food is desperate to keep it cold. But the islander who suffers most is the islander who has to repair the power lines.

The B.C. Hydro crews in the islands are called on to work under extremely dangerous conditions when they repair hot lines in the dark of night. They work with little relief and they are constantly pestered by the suffering homeowners to attend to one or another specific problem.

The crews have gained the respect and admiration of most of their customers in the islands. We all owe the staff of B.C. Hydro our gratitude for the manner in which they bail out their customers and neighbours at times like this.

Extending the boundaries

While the majority of islanders view a changing of school district boundaries with concern, it must be borne in mind that the amalgamation of the Gulf Islands School District with, for example, Saanich School District, would provide a service to some islanders.

A number of students from Pender Island school have graduated into high school at North Saanich because it is possible for a student to commute to Swartz Bay.

It would be absurd to propose amalgamation for one purpose only, but it might be borne in mind that not all islanders would be indignant at a loss of identity, if it promised benefits in specific areas.

The disadvantage of any kind of amalgamation is that it assumes that bigness is beneficial. It has never proved to be so in other areas.



Bill Webster

Calendars are imperfect to mark the passage of days

The festive season heralds joy and good wishes to brighten our lives, as if we who reside amidst Gulf Island beauty need brightening.

"But," says Louis Bolivar-Finchley, "remember that a week later is the New Year."

We had met, Louis and I, dodging raindrops and waves on the shores of Fulford Harbour during the recent storm. He explained that the storm had been sent to remind islanders that nature was still number one hereabouts.

"I've looked at next year," said Louis, "and have discovered a few things about it."

He peered at me to determine if I was interested. Of course I was. Whenever Louis discovers trivia, it fascinates me.

He went on to explain that the new year wasn't new at all. It had already been used, in exact form eight times this century and would be used again, in the same form, in 1994.

Saturday, he said, would be the day most frequent in 1983. There were to be 53 Saturdays in the year. Actually, he explained the year would be 52 weeks and one day long. There would be one-quarter of a day left over which would be added to the three-quarters of days we've already saved to be added to 1984.

Tuesday was the most popular day for beginning months next year. There would be three

months beginning on that day. Four days, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, each would end two months.

He piled on more trivia. Seven months, he said, would have four weeks with three days left over. Four months would be four weeks long with two days remaining and one month would be exactly four weeks long.

With facts such as those, my poor brain began to spin.

But Louis continued. 1983 would be lined up with every date being one day later than in 1982, he noted. There would be 11 weeks split between months with one month beginning on a Sunday for an even start and two months ending on a Saturday for an even finish.

When I asked him where he got the information, he smiled and asked if the facts fascinated me. Louis is always reluctant to reveal his sources.

The day in the exact centre of the year would be Saturday, July 2. And, he added, the day with the most letters in it, including spelling the numerals, will be Wednesday, September Twenty-seventh.

Our calendar is weird, said Louis. It is an adaptation of the Julian calendar. When the English decided in 1752 to dump the Julian days and accept the calendar which Pope Gregory had pushed in 1582, September 3 became September 14. The old calendar was 11 days out.

But Louis continued, the world

uses several calendars. We have the Moslem months based on lunar movements and the Jewish calendar following the same moon.

The Hindu calendar, on the other hand, follows the sun, while the Chinese calendar is lunar-oriented with solar adjustments.

To confuse matters, there is also an ecclesiastical calendar which is based on lunisolar events. It begins its year from Advent Sunday which is closest to St. Andrew's Day, November 30, and is used to regulate dates of church feasts.

Calendars, said Louis, are an imperfect way of marking the passage of days. Even our Gregorian calendar, which allows for an extra day every four years, is not exact.

It is 26 seconds longer than the earth's orbit about the sun and will need to be adjusted for an extra day every 3,323 years.

The tinkering with the calendar has been such that September, the seventh month of the Roman calendar, is our tenth month. And so on to the end of the year. Our tenth, eleventh and twelfth months were their eighth, ninth and tenth.

Louis paused in his dissertation on calendars, months and days. He looked at the waves pounding the shore and said very quietly, "When next year is finished, the following year will be 1984."

He shrugged and looked at me to ask, "Are you ready for it?"

Too many to thank individually

Sir,
To all our friends who gave us such a wonderful send-off, the Bridge Club for the lovely dinner and party, the conveners and guests for the farewell party at our home, the L.A. of the Canadian Legion for their party at which I received my 35-year pin and a lovely gift, and to those stalwart people who helped us pack and load the truck, thank you.
There are too many to thank individually, but we both wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.
ALF AND VERA NICHOLS,
Sechelt, B.C.
December, 1982.

Height premium is irritant

Sir,
Here is the letter I have written to the B.C. Ferry Corporation and the Hon. Hugh Curtis:
On Tuesday, December 7, my wife and I travelled on the Mayne Queen, from Schwartz Bay to Mayne Island, on the 6:30 pm sailing. I was driving a 3/4 ton pickup, with a 6'8" high box, and on this occasion I was carrying a 1" pipe on top. For this I was charged \$1.25 overheight. Clearance on the Mayne Queen is 7'4", and as I had at least 7" clearance, there was absolutely no inconvenience in loading my vehicle, and no necessity for being treated any differently from cars travelling on the same ship. I have been travelling regularly on this same run for the last eleven years and I have yet to damage either my vehicle or the ship.

Not victory, but insult

Sir,
Following letters to the editor as closely as I do, I notice a recent profusion of letters from people who state they are new to the sewer debate. All very well; the debate goes on. But there are some facts that seem hard to grasp for those interested in the Ganges sewer saga.
There was a time when the cost of the sewer was minimal to all - in that federal and provincial grants covered most of the costs. They virtually offered us a much needed solution on a platter. Who would have guessed the weeping SAC could have created a river and drowned all good intentions.
Whatever the costs now - they are a direct result of the interference of the SAC. The entire loss is on their shoulders. They have caused the cost increases from the beginning and now they want us to throw good money after bad with their "alternatives". Well, where were these alternatives (I'm referring to viable ones!) 10 years or more ago?

A big thank you to crews

Sir,
Please print a big "thankyou" to the B.C. Hydro workers, who must have put in a tremendous amount of time and work to restore power to the homes on Salt Spring.
So, thanks to the crews who worked so hard both day and night, and in some miserable weather, and thanks to the ladies manning the phones who must have had to deal with many irate people.
MAUREEN B. LEASON,
R.R. 2, Ganges.
December 20, 1982.

Letters to the Editor

Correction of disposal systems urged

Following letters were submitted for publication.
To the Boards of Management of Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwood.
Gentlemen,
In the summer of 1980 Dr. Norm Merkeley and I met, on behalf of the Sewer Alternatives Committee, with the hospital board, detailed the longstanding neglect of the sewage disposal of the hospital and the

failure of the disposal at the Greenwood's home, and requested that the board seek engineering advice on the correction of the gross inadequacy of the two drainfields.

The result was the engineering study and report by Underwood-MacLellan, which presented, among others, the option of a permanent combined correction for the two institutions for some \$400,000.

The board chose to do nothing, preferring to wait for the proposed and uncertain Ganges sewer; it has by now wasted close to half that sum on pumping out the sewage.

We trust that the cost of the proposed Ganges sewer soaring out of sight as predicted has shaken some sense of duty into the management board (s) and request that the permanent correction by installing an adequately-sized disposal field be undertaken without delay.

To the Board of Trustees of Gulf Islands School District.
Gentlemen,

In 1972 the Regional Health Officer urgently requested the Ganges school board to correct the school sewage disposal system, which had no drainfield and discharged raw septic effluent direct into Ganges Harbour. Accordingly, the school board passed a resolution to install a treatment plant and disposal field.

After the intervention of two downtown businessmen who lobbied for a Ganges sewer the school board agreed to wait for that system and neglected to carry out the work under its resolution.

In 1977 the Health Officer ordered the school board to correct the disposal system because it might "become a danger to public health." The school board ignored the Order, continuing the discharge of raw effluent into the harbour.

In the summer 1980 the Sewer Alternatives Committee requested

I am therefore extremely angry at having to pay an additional \$1.25 for being 1" overheight when my vehicle clears the bulkhead. I feel that this is just plain daylight robbery on the part of the Ferry Corporation and is adding insult to injury when we had to be at the terminal at 5 pm in order to be sure of getting on. We have accepted quietly the inconvenience of the cut in the ferry service in the name of restraint, but the imposition of a 6'8" height limit on a vessel with 7'4" clearance is cheap, penny-pinching fraud.

ARTHUR L. COREY,
Navy Channel Road,
R.R. 1 Mayne Island.
December 9, 1982.

Theirs is no victory - it's an insult to us all.

They have caused this no-win situation - and in the name of Human Rights!

No - now I feel ashamed as an Islander to be a part of this "regional joke".

ALICE RICHARDS,
Ganges.
December, 1982.

Tribute to a kind person

Sir,
I have recently been the victim of a simple but incapacitating accident, plus the trials of the recent power outage, et al. Someone has been the epitome of kindness to me and others. May I therefore pay tribute to her in a slightly different format?

TRIBUTE TO THE LADY KATE
It seems at times, by stint of fate, We're blessed with someone who, like Kate,
Can mountain cut to molehill size,
And make of hardship things to prize.

When power goes out and wells run dry,
Into that ever powerful drive
She steps as fashioned for these things,
Which throw remaining mortal beings.

In dizzy-spells of panic spasm.
Not our Kate! Because she has 'em
Well beneath her firm control.
The more we fluster, she takes hold.

And in her steady, quietening way
She calms the waters which give way.
It seems as though they know she's bent
On making problems just relent.
Enough to wish that they had been
Away upon some other scene,

Where none would ever contemplate.
A calm, firm will — The Lady Kate.
But when one really stops to think,
No matter what the weakest link
There is in life. How simply great —
To know that there's some gal
who's really Kate.
LEWIS A. HENBURY,
Regina, Sask.
December 16, 1982.

One hell of a history

Sir,
So, Ganges is to be asked whether it wants a sewer.

In the next few weeks the people of Ganges will witness some astounding developments. The recession aside, Mr. Curtis will find a large bag of money somewhere to lighten the load - sweeten the pot! - for the time being. That will win a few votes. Newer, more officialer-lower! - cost estimates will appear like magic. A few votes more for the sewer.

There will be sweet promises of Wealth for the Residents, Down The Road! And look for the Messages of Doom for our Public Institutions, and man-sized typhoid organisms roaming the streets, pouncing on Kids and the Elderly, if the sewer is turned down.

the board to seek engineering advice and finally obey the Order. The result was the engineering study and report by B.C. Research, which presented, among others, the option of an all-weather disposal field for some \$175,000. The school board withheld the report from the public for over a year and did nothing.

We trust that the cost of the proposed Ganges sewer soaring out of sight has shaken some sense of duty into the school board and request that the board undertake the permanent correction by installing an adequate disposal field without delay.

DR. HERMANN KIRCHMEIR,
R.R. 3, Welbury Drive,
Ganges.
December 11, 1982.

In position to lead

Sir,
As a newly arrived resident of Salt Spring Island, I would comment from this prospective that could be shared with those who have been here for a season or two.

The fact is that Salt Spring Island is the small scale of the larger centres where human beings do their thing. Some call it living. The difference is in intensity.

People from all social-economic strata want to hang on to what they have, what is thought to be right according to influences brought upon by experiences through heredity and educational moulds. This locked position causes friction and an atmosphere of cautious behaviour called "nice".

There is a book sitting on the shelf at Volume 11 Bookstore entitled *The Aquarian Conspiracy*. It has within it, a look at events, people and places that can have a transforming effect in the way one looks, not only at Salt Spring Island; but, the whole.

The suggestion is made that at the core of things, everything is OK, however, newness is a fact. Hanging on in desperation with the old is a dying process. It pulls one in that direction.

I sense that the people chemistry here on Salt Spring is such that the willingness to allow community leaders who have this ability to step into the unknown, really lead. All are at present in place, all that is missing is the daring.

I really sense that Salt Spring Islanders are collectively in position to lead and demonstrate how it is done.

I wish I felt better about the commendable decision to hold a referendum. What the good Directors of the CRD do not realize is that this sewer has one hell of a history. An astounding number of people have put some important careers at risk, to get this silly sewer installed in a backwater.

The illegality reaches right off the shores of Salt Spring, into some very high places. This history gives the sewer considerable momentum. It will be interesting to see whether the negative vote of Ganges, and a well-meaning CRD, can stop it.

A. J. ORKIN,
Ganges,
December, 1982.

Bouquet tossed by Singers

Sir,
The universal amusement of hurling brickbats at the Editor of the local newspaper is seen only too often on Salt Spring Island. However, there are occasions when it is appropriate instead to show appreciation for his efforts, and it therefore gives us pleasure to write to you on behalf of the Salt Spring Singers to express our sincere thanks for the newspaper coverage of our recent concert, for sending a photographer to our small celebration in record time with no advance warning, and most of all for your generosity in searching out and giving us such a large number of carol sheets for our future use. We are well aware that this must have taken both time and effort and we are most grateful.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.
HELGA WILLIAMS, President,
SHIRLEY VIDA, Secretary,
Salt Spring Singers,
Ganges.
December 16, 1982.

I would welcome and enjoy any feedback either on the book, or in what has been opened up in this letter to the editor.

GARY LUNDY,
R. R. 2, Cranberry Rd.
Ganges.
December, 13, 1982.
R. R. 2, Cranberry Rd.,

People want employment

Sir,
Re: Community Recovery Program;

The Federal Government has come up with the Community Recovery Program to create jobs this winter. Through this program, three people currently receiving Unemployment Insurance, will be employed to do interior renovations at the Community Centre.

There is little financial incentive for an individual to forfeit their unemployment insurance cheque, so why is there such a long list of applicants for these positions?

Obviously, contrary to popular misconception, people want to be employed.

M. SIMONS,
Community Worker,
Ganges.
December 13, 1982.

As sporting as shooting cows

Sir,
I hope every hunter on this island reads the letter in *Driftwood* (Dec. 8) on "Hunting as legalized vandalism" which is certainly what it is:

It's unbelievable that hunting should be allowed here or on any of the Gulf Islands in these days when they are so heavily built up. Why can't it be made illegal to do any kind of hunting - and what a cowardly, cruel way to kill - about as sporting as shooting cows.

But I suppose nothing will be done to stop it until someone gets shot. Wish I could use the words I'd really like to as regards hunters.
LUCY GLASCOCK,
Sunset Dr.,
Ganges.
December 10, 1982.

More Letters to the Editor

That layer is really top soil

Sir,
I have to respond to Ross McIlvenna's letter of last week. I don't think anyone will disagree that the sewage disposal problem in Ganges has to be dealt with without much more hesitation. The question is *how* it is to be dealt with.

The fact that a great expense has already been incurred is not for me a criteria for pursuing the existing sewage treatment plan. Economics are only one aspect of concern.

A fact that alarms me that seems to escape most is that the silt layer that now coats the bed of the harbour is our top soil (speaking figuratively); it belongs on our land. Contrary to its present appearance it is an abundant resource material that can be effectively utilized.

Our thinking is at best only for the immediate and we are fools if we content ourselves by believing this is enough.

Nature, without man's help, has evolved over millenia a system of self maintenance. Everything that partakes of life creates waste. There is every kind of creature imaginable to pick up and consume every particle of organic debris from micro organisms and fungi through insects to scavenging birds and mammals. We have plants that secrete acids that dissolve stone and natural corrosive elements that dissolve metals. Why even in our own harbour we have filter feeders that live in the mud and digest that which settles to the bed and we have crustaceans that select the suspended solids and all kinds of fish to roam around collecting whatever else remains.

The theory that if we dump our effluent into the marine environment it will 1. get consumed by the fishes etc and 2. will get carried away by the currents is quite foolish.

In the first place we harvest in increasing numbers all of nature's creatures that were evolved to clean the marine habitat, clams, mussels oysters, crab, fish etc.; and in the second place as everyone who ever played with water in streams, creeks, ditches will know, all suspended or floating debris including sand type particles gets washed into eddies, bays and anywhere else that the water ceases to flow. The system of disposal that is being implemented is in no way a solution to the problem. It is in fact a further postponement of dealing with the problem.

We can't have our cake and eat. If we want to eat from the harbour we can't dump our effluent there. If we do we will create an effect that may take 60 years to back up and suffocate us. All we have to do is look around us in the world at the mistakes of others to learn.

Victoria for instance has put 13 extensions on its outfall and is still faced with fouled shoreline. Ganges outfall has already been extended - how many times and it's not even operating yet. The length of the outfall will make no difference at all.

It's like saying if I drive 12 miles down the road and throw my garbage out the window of my car it's more effective than if I drive 6 miles to do the same thing. I'm still not dealing effectively with the products of my existence.

Jesus help us. This is 1981-82. We have evolved incredible technology. We have a wealth of information available to us at the press of a few buttons. As human beings we have stupendous creative potential to deal with anything really effectively, I mean EFFECTIVELY, and here

we are talking about caring about the environment doing something as half assed as the Ganges Sewer Project.

We have to take care of everybody. This season is the time for celebrating GOODWILL TO ALL MEN. Let us all give our selves a Christmas gift of real willingness to find the solution. Every creature has the right to exist unmolested and live according to its nature. The shellfish and marine life that live on them and the developers and conservationists too, all need their bit of room. If the proponents and opponents and the creative minds got together and pooled the energy and resources they are currently ripping each other off for, and they gave each other some credit and a bit of room, we'd have this thing licked.

LES BRADEN,
Box 1074,
Ganges.
December 20, 1982.

Young people commended

Sir,
On behalf of the Fulford Community Hall Association, I would like to commend the young people of Salt Spring for their excellent behaviour at our Teen Dance on Friday, Dec. 17.

Because this first dance went successfully and without incident, we will be doing it again Friday, Jan. 14, from 8 pm. to midnight, with the same D.J. and \$3 admission at the door.

We hope to see more of you then!

MRS. CAROL WALDE,
Secretary,
MRS. CAROL SIMPSON,
Treasurer,
Fulford Community Hall
Association,
December, 1982.

Assumption was false

Sir,
Last week a letter to the Editor regarding the Ganges sewer was headlined "It's delay that makes it cost" and suggesting the Alternate Committee was responsible. Perhaps these facts will shed some light on this false assumption.

The CRD Engineers originally estimated \$2.1 million for the sewer. These plans were submitted to the appropriate Government Agencies who requested upgrading of the pollution control devices, new cost \$2.7 million.

The short marine outfall was a potential environmental hazard, the Pollution Control Branch found, (\$2 million extension to the outfall through free Federal Grant). New cost for the sewer \$4.7 million.

The Salt Spring Alternatives Committee can't claim any part in these increased costs.

Although they have tried with successful court challenges to stop the sewer, the CRD has pressed on

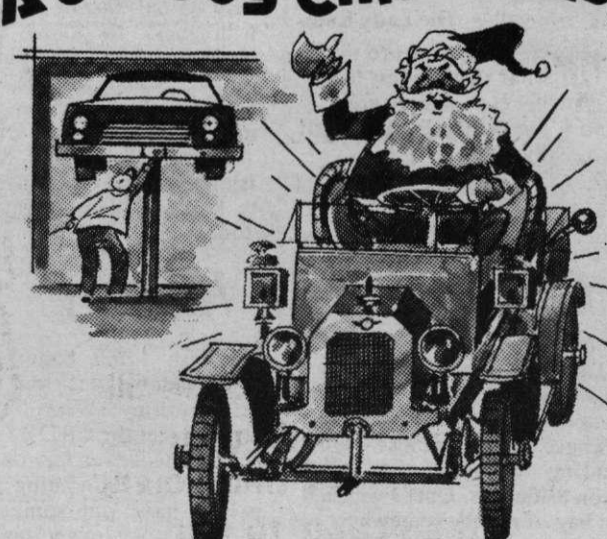
regardless. Now, however the CRD has come to a temporary halt-scratching their heads about what to do with having spent \$2.7 million dollars illegally.

Perhaps if Mr. McIlvenna had been here to see the unfolding of the events instead of listening to points of view from those with a vested financial interest in the completion of the project; or if he were faced with a hookup bill of \$1,500-\$4,000 and a yearly charge of \$1,200-\$1,300 (without inflation entering the picture) he would have different thoughts.

N. FOWLES,
Ganges.
December, 1982.

Season's
Greetings
to all

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!



Spinning our wheels to wish you a happy holiday. Drive carefully for a safe holiday.

Russ, Ruby, Chris, Gary D.
Ken, Tom, Gary H., & Kevin at
S.S. Island Garage

The two go hand in hand

Sir,
A few words on "Peace"...
In 1976, Jim Stark left his job in search of a job with meaning. After much thought he decided no work could have meaning under the threat of nuclear war. He then established "Operation Dismantle" and the process for referendum on nuclear disarmament throughout the country.

With the encouragement of the mayor of Ottawa, all major Canadian cities expressed the will to disarm in a municipal vote. The organization of individuals on a community level expressed the same will, with or without the endorsement of local governments.

This is a very significant precedent in Canadian history. The process has now been set up for

people to speak on their own behalf, and take responsibility for the world we live in, through the co-operation of individuals throughout the country.

Another friend speaks of a different form of disarmament; personal disarmament - a letting go of personal pride and opinions, being vulnerable and approachable, seeking out solutions, rather than barriers.

Both approaches to peace - general and personal disarmament - go hand in hand. Together they should bring about peace in the world and the community; "a mutually assured future", as they say.

SUE HISCOCKS,
Box 781,
Ganges.
December, 1982.

She can't afford sewer

Sir,
I own a home in the proposed sewer area. I am one of less than 200 people on this island who will have to pay for the sewer. Being a single parent on a limited income I certainly cannot afford a sewer that I neither want, nor, for that matter, need. I have a septic system that works quite efficiently.

In 1983 I will be forced to pay approximately \$400 in taxes, a \$1,200 sewer connection charge, and a \$1,000 personal hook-up. In 1985 my taxes will rise to \$1,300 a year just to pay for the sewer. This is far beyond my present means.

Also, why have we never had a vote on this sewer? I was under the impression that in our democratic society if the government is going to put in a service of this manner that the homeowner, who will have to pay for it, usually gets a vote on whether they will pay - are we, in Ganges, different?

We need a referendum. I cannot possibly pay the amount of money

they say it is going to cost. I have worked very hard for my home and feel it is unfair that my children and myself should lose our home because a dozen people downtown have septic problems. Is it not impossible for these people to adopt another type of sewage system to solve their present waste problems?

I say that if we are going to pay we deserve a vote and I for one won't pay until there has been a proper referendum.

BARBARA J. TURNEY,
R. R. 3,
Ganges.
December 13, 1982.

\$\$\$ U.S.
premium
21¢
this week,
says the Salt Spring
Island Chamber
of Commerce.

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!

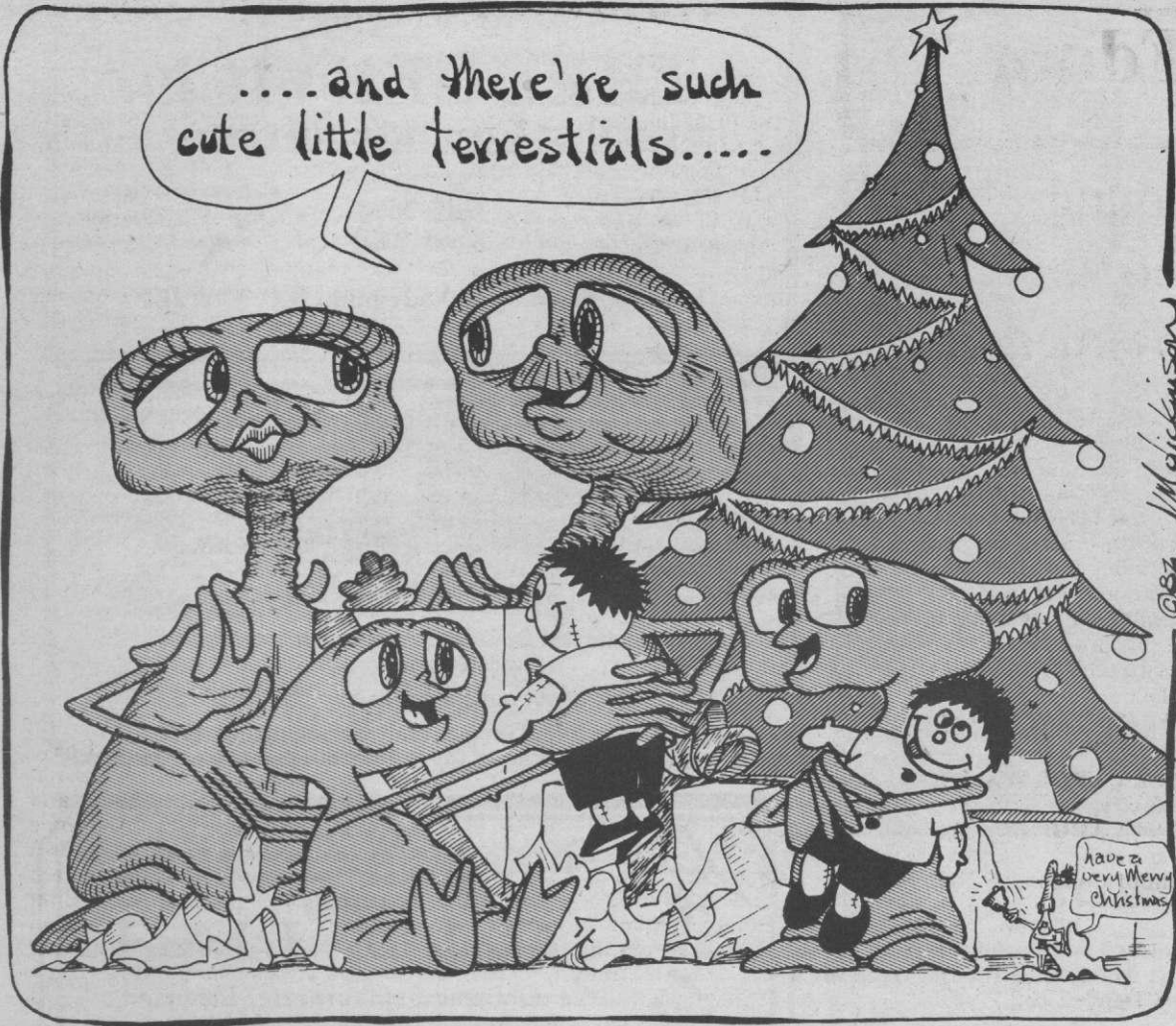


Wishing all our customers a Very Merry Christmas...

Brian & Cathy

MITCH	RHONDA
CRAIG	SUZANNE
MARGOT	INGI
DELAINE	BONNIE
IAN	LINDA
ALEX	SALLY
DAVE	JO-ANN
RANDY	

EMBE BAKERY



Brotherly love:

It's necessary to find world peace

BY JEANIE H. RYLEY
Christian Scientists
Group of Ganges

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing."

A sense of joy is contagious at this season of the year as we listen to carols and prepare for the holiday.

But what of the deeper meaning of the occasion for celebration? How can "every heart prepare him room"? How can we more meaningfully give the honour due to Christ as we enjoy the human activities and fun of the season?

We can pray for a better understanding of the love he demands of us, and we can find better ways to express that love to

all that we meet. As we purify our sense of love - which is much more than simply human affection embracing family and close friends - and as we try to reach out in thought to those beyond our immediate circle of acquaintances, we begin to embrace the world in a love that acknowledges God as Father of all.

In commenting on Jesus' demand "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, says on Page 467 of her book *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, "It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love. Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact becomes apparent, war will

cease and the true brotherhood of man will be established."

If we are ever to find peace in the world we must strengthen and improve our awareness of brotherly love, and we must practise it daily.

The joy expressed by shepherds and wise men at the birth of Jesus as they were inspired to see the importance of this event for all mankind, can be felt by us, too, as we acknowledge the Christ and seek to follow.

May all things that warm the home and heart be yours this holiday...

Des,
Jo Ann
and
Bradley
Smith

**D. A. Smith
GENERAL CONTRACTING LTD.**

In the tradition of Christmas giving, we offer you our thanks for your very valued patronage.

Happy Holiday!
Carol & Lee
at
Carolee's & Michael's

May the jubilant music of this Christmas season fill your hearts with gladness as we take this time to say 'thank you' to our valued patrons.

The Management
and Staff of the
FULFORD INN



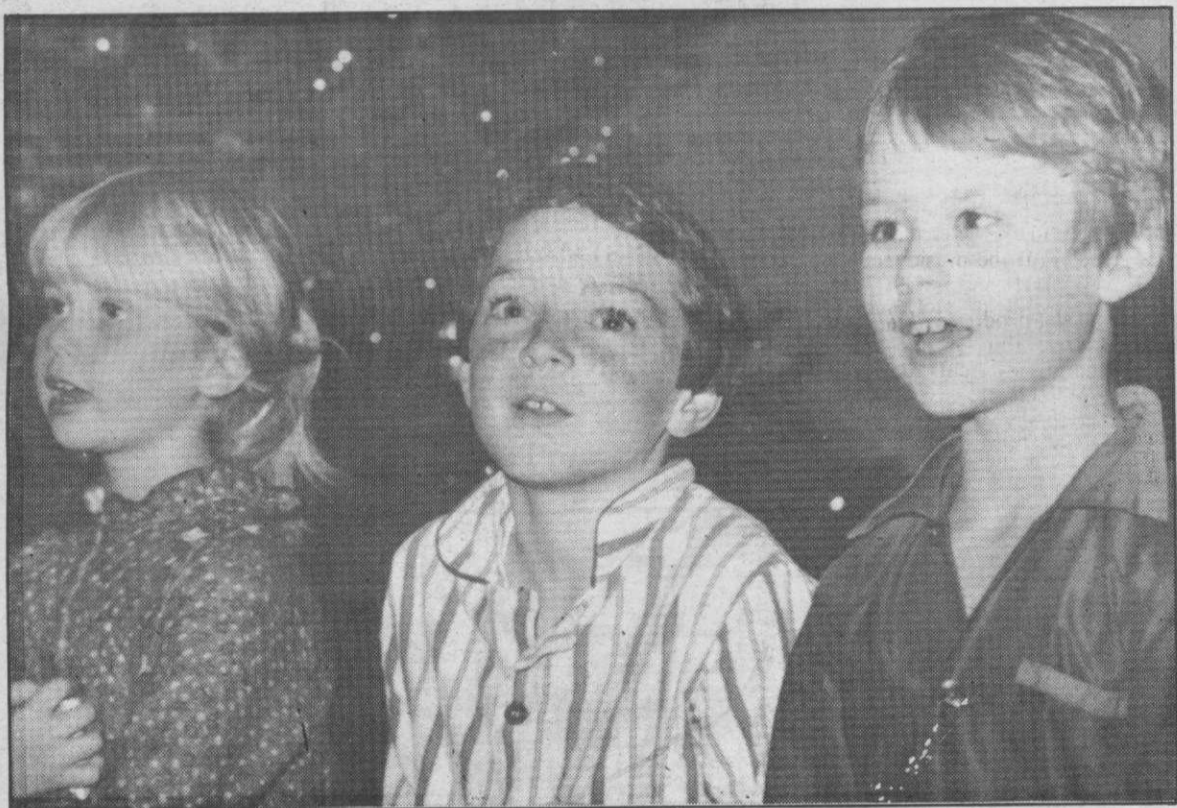
Fernwood Christmas Concert

Singing made up a large part of this year's Christmas concert at Fernwood School. The three wise men in top photo are, from left,

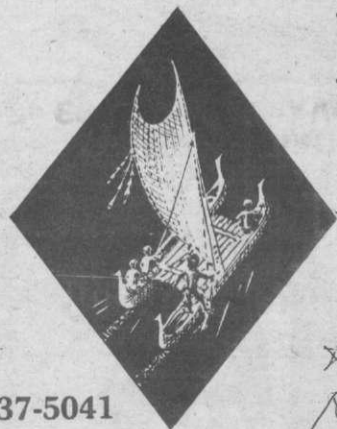
Shawn Torrent, Arjuna George and Chris Martini. Singing their accompaniment to the play by

Grades 3 and 4 in bottom photo are Loa Mainwaring, David Marshall and Derek Eide.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards



Season's Greetings and Best Wishes



Kanaka Place

New Year's Eve
SMORGASBORD

Friday, Dec. 31 — two sittings, 5:30 & 7:30

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Bubbly Brunch — 11 am - 2 pm

Traditional New Year's Day
Dinner - Roast Duck or Turkey

537-5041

WE WILL BE CLOSED
CHRISTMAS DAY



Art Williams
TREE SERVICE
DANGEROUS TREE TOPPING

15 ton crane
100 ft. high with bucket
Professional Tree Climber

245-2598
INSURED

• Bucking • Falling
• Removal & Cleanup
• Wood Chipper

R.R. #4, Saltair Rd., Ladysmith, B.C. V0R 2E0



Situated on over eleven parklike acres...

BOOTH BAY RESORT

Winterized Seaside Cottages with fireplaces available year 'round.

Ask about our special winter discounts!

P.O. Box 247, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C.
Phone (604) 537-5651

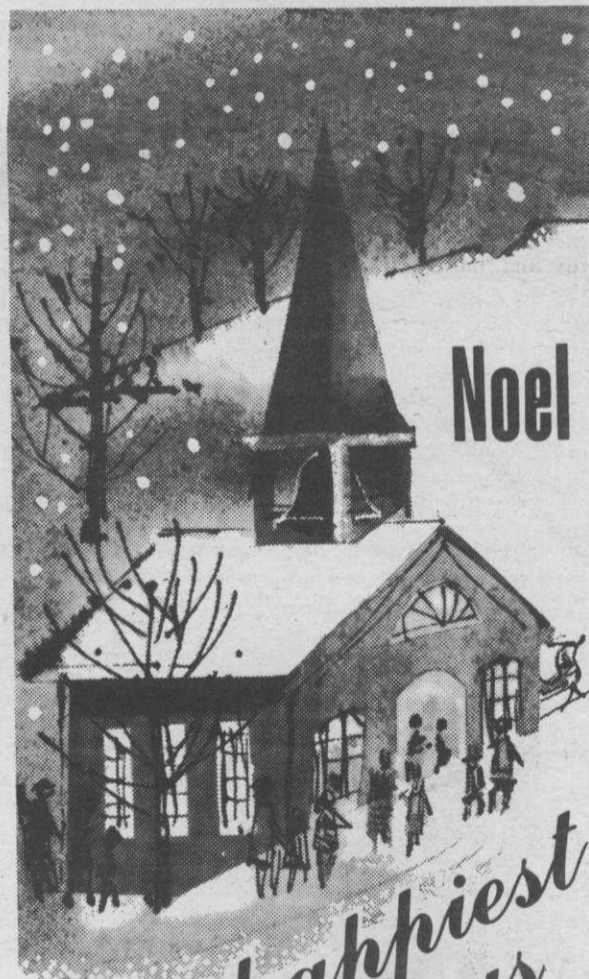


Season's Greetings
FROM
Golden Island

Chinese Restaurant — Licensed

We will be closed for staff holidays
Dec. 25, 26 & 27 — reopen Dec. 28.
OPEN NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Valcourt Centre, Ganges 537-2535



*The happiest
of holidays*

At this wonderful time,
we'd like to thank our
loyal friends and
customers for an
outstanding year!

Len and Joy Larsen

Gulf Islands Insurance Ltd.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Pat Carfra, the Lullaby Lady

Special communication with music

She sang lullabies but the children didn't fall asleep.

Pat Carfra, known as the Lullaby Lady, was a recent visitor to the Salt Spring Co-operative Nursery School in the Community Centre. She entertained the small people with lullabies, rhymes and play songs.

"It's a wonderful feeling," she said, "to communicate with a child through music."

Carfra became concerned about a trend she has noticed where parents seem to have stopped singing to their children. Many people say they "can't sing" and let professionals, on tapes, records and radio, do the singing for them.

Some parents are hesitant to sing to children because they feel they

can't meet the standards they hear from the professionals. But those standards are artificial, said Carfra. There is a special communication between parent and child through songs, she said, especially lullabies.

Another excuse people use is that they don't know many songs even though, said Carfra, there are quite a few songs for children available.

"I want to demystify music," she said. "I want people to understand they don't need a great voice or even be able to play an instrument."

She developed a repertoire and taped it for listening and compiled a book to sing along with. The kit is for parents to show how easy singing to children can be.

She tries to approach the

reluctant singer and once the parents hear the tape and understand the special communication with the child, the singing begins. She holds workshops with daycare workers, pre-school teachers and parents to help them overcome their hesitancy.

"I'm not a music teacher," she said, "but I fill the gap and show what to do until the music teacher comes."

The tape she produced, *Lullabies and Laughter*, aims to encourage parents and grandparents to sing to their children and allow the warmth of the voice to weave loving sounds around a baby.

"Sing to your baby," she said. "Something special will happen."



EAT IN THE PUB:
Mon.-Thurs. 11-9
Fri. & Sat. 11-10

653-4432

BLUE HERON
ROOM IS OPEN
Friday evening 5-10 pm
Closed Sundays

FULFORD INN

Can't think of a Christmas present for that special someone? How about a gift of tickets to our New Year's Eve party? Ask today!



Dec. 25:
TRADITIONAL
TURKEY
DINNER

Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. One sitting only at 6 pm — \$10. Reserve now - 653-4432.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR OUR New Year's Eve Party!
Tickets available now — SAME PRICE AS LAST YEAR!

New Year's Day Special
IN THE BLUE HERON ROOM, 5-10 PM

Quiche Neptune — only \$7.50

We will be open until 6
Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve.
New Year's Eve party starts at 8 pm.



HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES AT THE VESUVIUS INN

Christmas Entertainment

Wednesday, Dec. 22
CAROLLING SING-A-LONG

Thursday, Dec. 23
The Clubb Mongo
Christmas Concept (immaculate)
DON'T MISS THIS!

Have yourself a very Mongo Christmas!

CHRISTMAS EVE (Fri., Dec. 24) 12-5 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY Closed
MONDAY, DEC. 27 Business as usual
NEW YEAR'S EVE (Fri., Dec. 31) 12-5 pm
AND...

RING in the NEW

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Limited number of tickets available now.
Call 537-2312 today — \$30 per person.

**FUN, FOOD & FAVOURS
DINING, DANCING & DECADENCE**
HORS D'OEUVRES
BUFFET DINNER
The year's last upper with
CLUBB MONGO

NEW YEAR'S DAY, JAN. 1, 1983
THE VESUVIUS INN
PROUDLY PRESENTS THE



4th Annual Polar Bear Swim

12 noon at Vesuvius Beach.
Hot Food & Coffee will be served at the Inn for the swimmers — 1-3 pm.
BAR WILL BE OPEN 3-6 PM

We return to regular hours
Monday, January 3, 1983.

Audit reports submitted

Audit reports for non-public funds from Gulf Islands schools were sent to the school board recently and showed a total of \$4,193.27 available for use.

The reports came from five of the Gulf Islands schools but not from the Mayne and Saturna Islands schools which do not handle non-public money.

The school trustees had earlier passed a resolution that the money should be audited on a monthly basis and a report sent to the board. The trustees wanted some form of control over the non-public funds. The reports cover accounts up to the end of October.

School moved to reduce the number of accounts containing money for various endeavours at that school. The athletic council and graduation accounts had been closed and the money transferred to the principal's account.

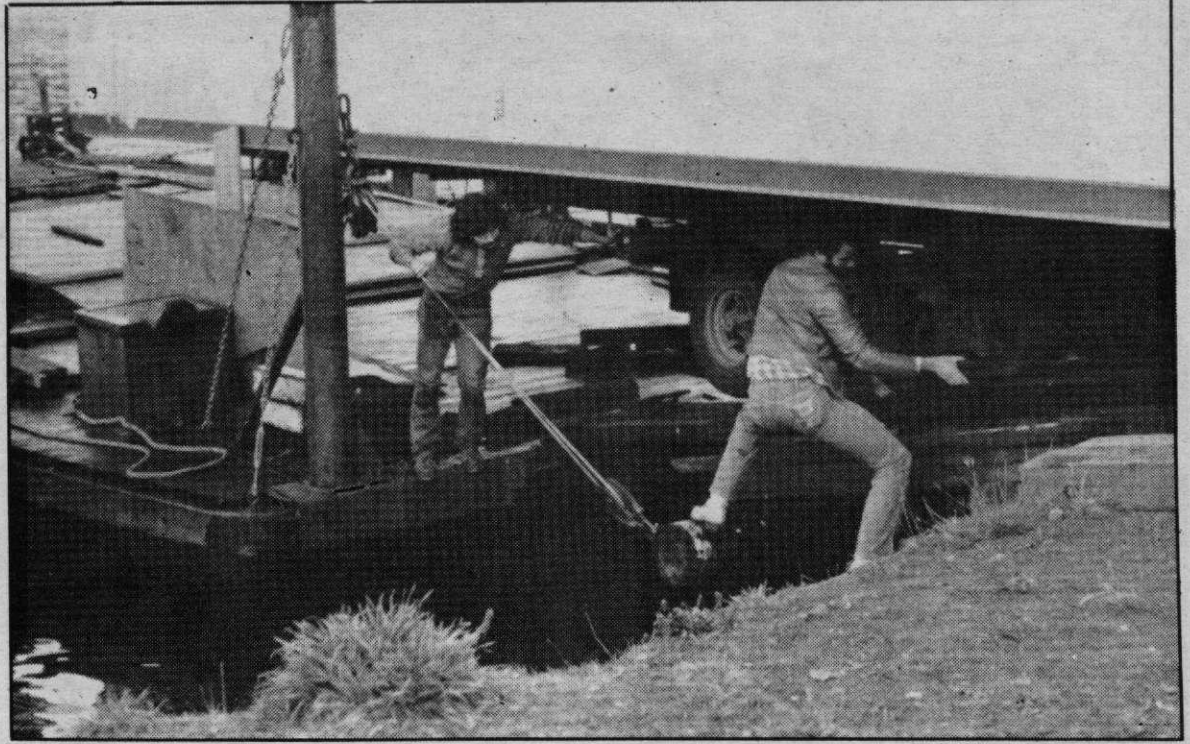
No information had come to the school board from the agricultural account and the money for the use of the Gulf Islands Program Serving Youth (GIPSY) had been transferred to the Community Society.

In total, three accounts at the secondary school contained \$2,221.25. That amount broke down to \$575.22 in the student annual account; \$677.13 in the student council account; and \$968.90 in the principal's account.

At Fernwood School, the principal's account showed a balance of \$594.05 while the milk fund had a deficit of \$20.77.

The account at Salt Spring Elementary School stood at \$1,137.39.

Pender school had an account of \$916.66 while the Galiano school held a balance of \$532.79.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster


Workers beat tide

The tide was running out when the workmen tried to move the mobile home from this barge at Ganges last week. The home

came to Salt Spring from Nanaimo and was headed for Blackburn Road. Workers placed planks of varying sizes under

the wheels and got the vehicle from the barge before the tide left it stranded.

As we gather to light the Christmas Tree, we wish out friends




A Bright and Merry Holiday

Webster & Ethel Davidson
(Alders Avenue)

merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

to all our friends on Salt Spring.
Mel, Lorraine, Debbie & Derek Topping



Christmas Greetings

to all our friends among the islands

Johnny & Ellen Bennett

Winnie Stewart wishes all her friends on Salt Spring a Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

along R.R. #3 — from your mail courier!

Season's Greetings

to all our dear friends and to the principals and personnel of the medical, merchants, and service professions who serve us all year

Art and Hazel Paterson

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends

"Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace"

Elsie and Ian Macdonald, Ganges Hill

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to our neighbours and friends on Salt Spring and the Outer Islands

MAY THE YEAR 1983 BE A HAPPY ONE FOR ALL!

John & Margaret Davidson

A Very Merry Christmas & a bright and Happy New Year

to all our friends and neighbours.

Doris and Bill DeLong

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

to all my friends.

George DeLong

Merry Christmas to one and all

Jim, Jane & Heather Rooke

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

to all our friends and neighbours along R.R. 2

Sam & Elsie Cochrane

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

to our friends on Salt Spring

Peggy & Marjorie Raff & Tiger

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my relatives, friends and neighbours.

ISABELLA MOUAT



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all citizens of the Gulf Islands from

Students and Staff of Gulf Islands Secondary School



May your days resound with laughter as you experience Christmas cheer.

Joy to All

From **David & Sarah Skinner**

When pudding set out as plum porridge at Christmas

Plum pudding, so much a Christmas favourite that it became known as Christmas pudding, started out in life as a humble porridge.

Plum porridge was made of meat broth, wine and fruit juice, raisins and spices, all thickened with brown bread. It was semi-liquid course served at the beginning of a meal.

This plum porridge was a popular part of the Christmas meal until the mid-1600's. It was not until the late 1600's that any reference appears to the plum pudding as it is known today.

Mince pies, another basic part of Christmas fare, also arrived on the kitchen table in the 17th century. They were, like a haggis, made with anything that would add to the flavour. Early recipes for mincemeat call for mutton, neat's tongues, chicken, eggs, fruit and

The turkey arrived in the mid-1500's and never left the Christmas table. Game birds, goose, duck or chicken were familiar at this season in earlier years.

Among the wealthy peacocks were eaten at Christmas and served up with the tail feathers and painted beak. There is no record of anyone eating the feathers.



Here's a special thanks to the people who have made this year a real success! May your fondest dreams come true!



The Murakami family

Season's Greetings



For the holiday, we wish you the most treasured gifts of all — peace and love.

Judy, Drew & Gina Ripley

Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the Snowman was a jolly happy soul,
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal
Frosty the Snowman is a fairy tale, they say,
He was made of snow but the children know
How he came to life one day.
There must have been some magic

In that old silk hat they found,
For when they placed it on his head,
He began to dance around.
Oh, Frosty the Snowman was alive as he could be,
And the children say he could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me.



and Happy New Year
to all my friends on Salt Spring.
Sydney C. McNulty

Season's Greetings to one and all.
Vicki & Reg Griffin

Season's Greetings & Best Wishes

for a Super New Year of happiness & success -
to all our good neighbours & dear friends.

Annie M. Spencer & Alex D. Spencer



For all our friends in the Gulf Islands and Ontario
as well as in between: May the spirit of the season
be with you throughout the year.

—Louis Bolivar-Finchley and the gang



Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year

to all our friends on Salt Spring from
Fred & Kay Donaghy



MERRY CHRISTMAS and
HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all my friends and clients.

Cedric Barker



Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year

to all my relatives and friends.
Edith Cantrill



...wishing everybody on our islands a
Happy Christmas, and may the New
Year bring in hope for Peace, less greed
and more love for each other.

Bessie Dane



Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from George & Hazel Truefitt

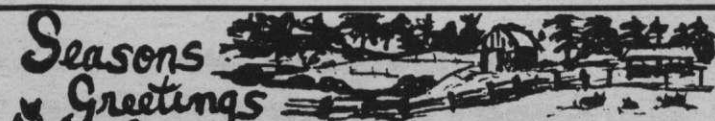


Season's Greetings
from Eileen and Gavin Bilton



Season's Greetings and best wishes to all
those patrons of
LIONHEAD FARMS
for their support over the past year.
Terry & Sharon Owen

Season's Greetings
from Gordon, Lotus, Gwen & Nan Ruckle
to all our relatives, friends & everyone else



Holiday Greetings
to all our friends from
Tim & Ina in Riverside, Cal.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S
Greetings
from Gladys Cree & Will Shaw



We believe it's better to light a candle
than to curse the darkness.
May our greetings add to the glow in your
heart this Christmas. We hope to see you
better in 1983.

Mary Harry Timothy & Megan
WILLIAMSON

905 North End Rd. 537-2322

To all our dear friends &
good neighbours . . .
You shall hold your places
in our Xmas hearts
and by our Xmas fires.
Mary & Bill
Clements



May all the joys
of the Christmas
season be yours
today and
always.

Mel Marchbank
Geoff Leason

To my Farmers' Market
friends and customers,
BEST WISHES
for the holiday and happiness
throughout the New Year.
ELAINE MARCHBANK



Fred Sparling knows a lot about birds

They crossed the road for 36 first prizes

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

BY BILL WEBSTER

The chicken crossed the road - if it belonged to Fred Sparling - to pick up its ribbon as a prize winner.

In 1982, Sparling has had 78 entries in five Vancouver Island shows including Salt Spring Island's fall fair. His birds took 36 firsts, 28 seconds and 11 thirds. He also walked off with four rosettes as acknowledgement of best of breed entries and two trophies for total aggregate points and best entry in a show.

The visitor on a tour of his Bradley Road property on Salt Spring sees Leghorns and Wyandottes in cages in the carport. Others, the Jersey Black Giants and more Leghorns, are in pens in the

yard.

Also in a pen in the yard are two frizzles, the newest additions to Sparling's flock. Frizzles are chickens with curly feathers and look like they just stepped out of a shower. They can be white, black, buff, red or bay in colour.

"Frizzles are a funny bird," says Sparling. "The feathers grow every which way but right."

He searches through a book in his office in a corner of the basement he calls it *The Swamp* to get information about the frizzles. The bird is of unknown origin although Charles Darwin recorded seeing them in India. They have a curl in the feathers and a single comb. The breed was admitted to the

prestigious Standard of Perfection in 1875.

The Standard of Perfection is part of Sparling's library on chickens. It is put out in the United States and describes what sets a good example of a variety of chicken breed apart from just an ordinary bird.

Sparling calls his flock just ordinary although the ribbons he has gathered over the years attest to the birds being somewhat different.

He began with chickens shortly after he came to Salt Spring Island in 1970 from Vancouver. He wanted to keep a flock and he checked with neighbours to find out if the roosters would bother them. Not one neighbor complained. By 1975, he entered several birds in the island fall fair. He talked with the poultry judge and became interested in growing them for show.

Sparling credits another islander, Mick Jones, with teaching him quite a bit about growing and showing the birds.

Careful selection of birds begins the process. They must be kept in clean surroundings with stress-free conditions such as no overcrowding. The bird must have clean water, sufficient food as well as shade.

"The sun fries their brains," said Sparling of the need for shade.

To enter the bird in a show, it must be of a recognized breed and can't have a contagious or communicable disease.

"And clean, clean, clean," said Sparling.

That means washing the bird to free it of feather mites. Blow drying the feathers ensures fluffiness. If the bird is a white breed, a bluing agent is added to the rinse water.

Good examples of the breeds are expensive. The Jersey Black Giant, for example, has a suggested price of \$175 for three, a cock, a hen and a pullet. Sparling has heard of Jerseys at auction going at \$500 for one bird. He relates a story of the sale of two Cornish Standards in Texas. The price was \$2,200 for each bird.

Sparling said the birds are just a hobby with him. But "It gets involved," he admits. In *The Swamp* he has books on the breeds and



Fred Sparling holds a Frizzle. The chicken only looks like it has just been soaked; the feathers are books on diseases which affect fowl.

"They have all of our diseases," he said, "plus some of their own." When chickens scratch in the ground in search of food, they occasionally dig up an earth worm. Sparling spreads lime in the pens to drive the worms away. The worms, he said are intermediate hosts for the gape worm. That wiggly is a y-shaped worm which attaches itself to the windpipe of the birds. When the bird coughs and yawns, chances are good it has the gape worm.

To get rid of the parasite, Sparling suggests a feather dipped in coal oil and thrust down the bird's windpipe. The worm doesn't like the

naturally curly. The Frizzle is the newest addition to Sparling's flock of prize winners.

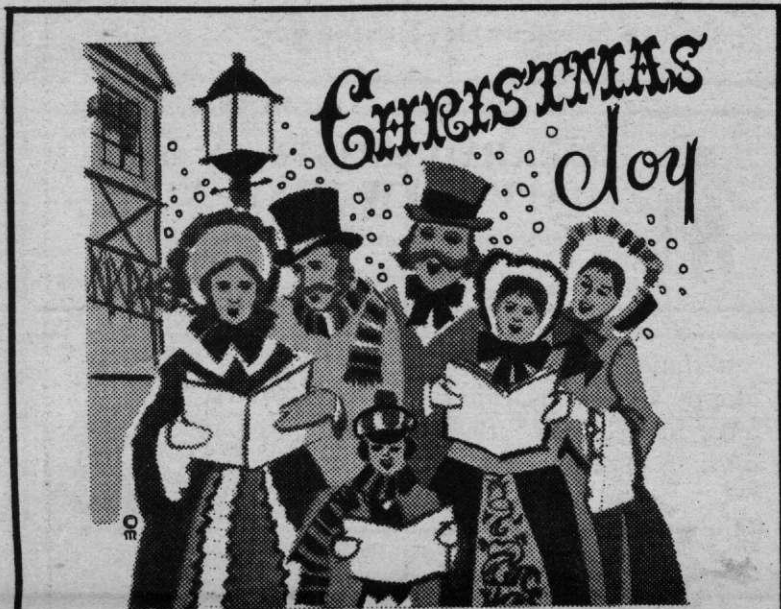
coal oil and dislodges itself.

Sparling explains the parts of a bird. There are, he points out, 33 areas on a bird's body which judges look at and that doesn't include the legs and feet.

The various breeds can have 18 types of combs, the fleshy protuberances on the head, depending upon the variety of breed.

"I don't profess to know it all," he said, "but I know a hell of a lot."

Watching him handle the birds and listening to him talk about them, the visitor begins to understand why Sparling's birds cross the road.



We're joining these carolers in their heartfelt refrain: Peace on earth . . . good will toward men. Season's best to all.

**SALT SPRING ISLAND
Garbage Collection Service**

CHRISTMAS

Of the many gifts we've received, those of your loyalty and friendship mean the most to us. Thank you for your continued and valued patronage.



FROM THE STAFF AT
MARCOTTE'S GARAGE

**HOLIDAY
GREETINGS**



To all our relatives, friends
and patrons of the arts.

George and KAY CATLIN

*Warmest
Wishes
for a
Merry
Christmas*



Neil & Karla Wilkinson
and staff
**SALT SPRING
DRYCLEANERS**

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant.
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
 Come and behold Him
 Born the King of angels;
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
 Glory to God
 In the highest;
 O come, let us adore Him, etc.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
 Born this happy morning;
 Jesus to Thee be glory giv'n;
 Word of the Father,
 Now in flesh appearing;
 O come let us adore Him, etc.

Little damage

Damage was minimal when a government ferry and a CPR ferry were in a minor collision at the weekend.

The *Queen of Sidney* and the CPR vessel *Carrier Princess* came into contact with each other, Friday evening. The *Sidney* was backing from the wharf at Sturdies Bay on Galiano Island at 8.15 pm. The two vessels bumped each other in the entrance to Active Pass.

The *Carrier Princess* was bound for Swartz Bay from Vancouver. The *Queen of Sidney* was on its regular Friday evening run to

Tsawwassen from the Gulf Islands. Each vessel continued its run to port and neither was damaged to the extent of having to be pulled from service. The *Sidney* suffered a scrape along the upper structure and dents in the plating. She will be repaired when she goes into refit.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation began its normal investigation routine with a verbal report from the master of the vessel involved followed by submission of a written report. A hearing into the incident began on Salt Spring on Monday.

No one was injured in the incident.



All Good Wishes for Christmas



May the happy tidings of Noel fill your home with peace, companionship and warmth. Merry Christmas!



Wilf & Ben GREEN-LOR CONSTRUCTION

BEAUTY CLINIC

QUALIFIED EUROPEAN ESTHETICIANS

- Facials
- Deep pores cleansing
- Hair removal
- Slimming treatment
- Parafine bath (Sudacho)



l'ocean et les pins
 720 Beddis Road, Ganges

537-9373

Cheerful Wishes

...For a season that's rich in love and contentment.



Joanne & Lottie at

Flowers and Wine

Merry Christmas!



Thanks for letting us serve you!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Bangert Construction and Millwork Ltd.

CUSTOM SAWING WITH PORTABLE SAWMILL

Have your logs milled on your own property.

CEDAR SIDING FOR SALE ALL SIZES OF BEAMS CUT

Burgoyne Enterprises Ltd.

Ray Simard 653-4367

Box 91, Fulford Harbour

Bob Selkirk 653-4396

OUR VERY BEST WISHES



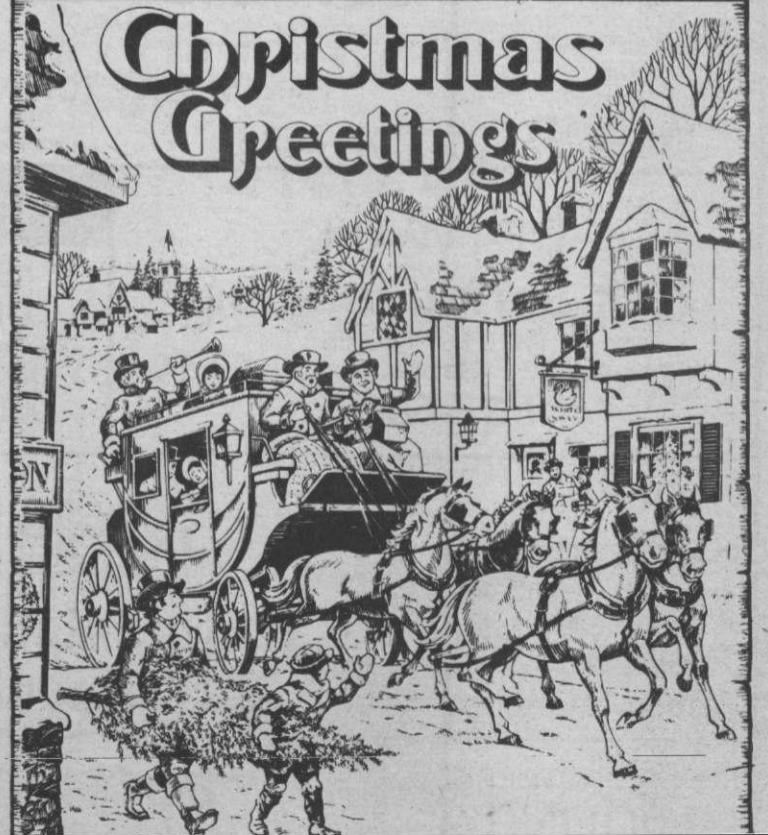
Here's hoping your Christmas is styled with sheer joy. To all our many customers, it's been our sincere pleasure to serve you.

And Mishia's

THE HAIR SHOPPE

MOUAT'S MALL

Christmas Greetings

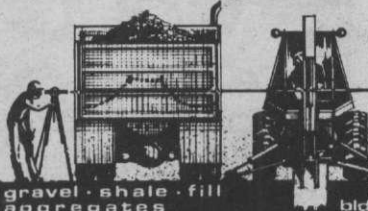


The owners and staff of the Vesuvius Inn wish you a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

**HEAVY EQUIPMENT, TRUCKING,
DRILLING & BLASTING,
GENERAL CONTRACTING,
CEMENT, DRYWALL**

BUSINESS DIRECTORY


KEN TARA
Excavating & Trucking
Box 101
Fulford, B.C.
VOS 1CO
653-4435



perc tests
septic fields
culverts - driveways
bldg. sites - landscaping

gravel - shale - fill
aggregates

GRAVEL TRUCK & LOWBED SERVICE
Fully Licenced and Insured
Fast & Courteous



RELIABLE TRUCKS
HAL WRIGHT TRUCKING
537-2397

- ROAD MATERIALS
- GRAVEL & FILL
- ROCK
- SAND
- SCREENED TOPSOIL
- CATERPILLAR FRONT END LOADER
- HEAVY MACHINERY MOVING
- ALL TYPES OF EQUIPMENT

outer island construction ltd.
Design • Building
Residential • Commercial
Renovations • New Construction
Quality, Craftsmanship, Competitive Rates

SATURNA IS. 539-5467
PENDER IS. 629-6151
R.R. # 1, PENDER ISLAND, B.C. VON 2MO

Gulf Island Trucking & Aggs. Inc.
Box 47, Ganges, B.C.
CRUSHED ROCK
* Trucking * Pitrun * Sand * Shale
* Screened 3/4" Gravel * 1 1/2" Drainrock

537-9452 OFFICE
537-5402 RON - eves.

Merry Christmas

General Trucking AND Contract Hauling
FULLY LICENSED & INSURED
Call 537-5453 days
Call 537-5663 eves.

QUALITY HOMES Green-Lor Construction
Wilf Taylor 537-2155
Ben Greenhough 537-5034
R.R. 1, Robinson Rd., Ganges


Backhoe Service



- Basements
- Roads
- Ponds
- Land Clearing

BILL JOHNSON
537-2517


CHRISTMAS SEALS FIGHT LUNG DISEASE



GULF COAST MATERIALS
Serving the Gulf Islands:
Salt Spring - Galiano - Mayne - Penders

- READY MIX
- WASHED GRAVEL
- REINFORCING STEEL
- DRAIN TILE
- BAGGED CEMENT
- CONCRETE PRODUCTS

537-2611
Rainbow Road
Box 72, Ganges, B.C.



H. L. REYNOLDS

- TRUCKING
- BULLDOZING
- GRAVEL • SHALE • FILL

537-5691
Box 284, Ganges

Carpentry
FOUNDATIONS TO FINISHING
ADDITIONS
RENOVATIONS
FENCING

Backhoe Service
★ Septic systems ★ Ditching ★ Trucking
★ Excavating ★ Water lines ★ Culverts

Call Ed Bettiss - 537-2184
R.R. #1, Walker Hook Road

Matthews Bobcat Service
R.R. #1, Mansell Road, Ganges, B.C.

- Septic fields
- Ditching
- Landscaping
- Driveways
- Backfilling
- Etc.

Phone Blain 537-5724 eves.

Low Cost Homes
Prefabricated & Modular Homes from \$11,767
Summit Mfg. Homes
local representative
GORDON RUCKLE
537-5091

Serving Salt Spring for 25 years.
Phone
C. ACKERMAN 537-5752
JOHN HARTMAN 653-4636
P.O. Box 735, Ganges

FULL SERVICE BACKHOE
NO TRAVEL CHARGES
\$30 per hour
GENERAL TRUCKING
SHALE
SOIL
ALL AGGREGATES
DRILLING & BLASTING
\$30 per hour
Hourly or by contract
SOLID ESTIMATES
We Deliver
Contact Allan, Box 617, Ganges
DUNBAR LANDS LIMITED
537-9612

Ken Byron Excavating
SEPTIC TANKS & FIELDS
Supplied & Installed

537-2882

HEAVY BULLDOZING
22 YEARS EXPERIENCE
• Land Clearing • Excavating
• Subdivision Developing • Ponds

Backhoe & Loader Service
HEDGEHOG CONTRACTING
BOX 156, GANGES, B.C. 537-9311
• Land Clearing • Driveways • Tank & Fields • Excavating

Lancer Contracting Ltd.
Commercial - Custom Homes

537-5453 or 653-4437
Office: Lancer Bldg., Lower Ganges Road
Box 352, Ganges

ART WILLIAMS CRANE SERVICE
INSURED
• 15 ton lift • 100 ft. high with bucket
CAN WE GIVE YOU A LIFT?
R.R. #4, Saltair Road,
Ladysmith, B.C. VOR 2E0
245-2598

Scotty's Plumbing
SPECIALIZING IN NEW HOMES AND PUMP INSTALLATIONS
Commercial & Residential
30 YEARS EXPERIENCE
537-5248

Salt Spring Plumbing
JACUZZI PUMPS
CALL EVENINGS:
Art Munneke 653-4284
Wayne Michener 653-4304
Box 18, RR#1, Fulford Hbr.

- PLUMBING
- ELECTRICAL
- PUMPS

GULFSTREAM SUPPLY
537-5733
on McPhillips Avenue

DRYWALL
Salt Spring Interiors
FREE ESTIMATES
* Texture * Professional Machine Taping
537-5677

Fireplaces
STUCCO DRYWALL
Serving all the islands.
537-9275
R. E. Caspar

D. A. SMITH General Contracting Ltd.
NEW HOMES • ADDITIONS
RENOVATIONS • FRAMING
Large or small jobs, contract or hourly
Phone 653-4695 after 5:30 pm
P.O. Box 1026, Ganges, B.C.

General Contracting
FRAMING, CABINETS,
INTERIOR FINISHING
653-4642
Peter Melancon

Photocopies
Gulf Islands Driftwood

TAYLOR'S NORTH END PLUMBING
Serving Salt Spring
Commercial & Residential
30 YEARS EXPERIENCE
Call Ben Taylor - 537-9352
North Beach Rd., RR #1, Ganges

SPEED BROTHERS ROOFING
Box 1033, Ganges
SHAKES • SHINGLES • DUROID
Jack - 653-4402
Gordon - 653-4234
Salt Spring - Galiano
Mayne - Pender

ROOFING
Shake'n' Shingle
RE-ROOF — NEW — REPAIRS
Free estimate could save \$\$\$!
RON CALBERY — Box 1187, Ganges, B.C.
Phone 537-5650 day & evening

Plumbing & Pumps
DAVID RAINSFORD
653-4494 residence
537-2013 shop

WALTER HUSER & SONS CONSTRUCTION
Residential and Commercial
• QUALITY HOMES • ADDITIONS • DESIGNING
• RENOVATIONS • FINISHING WORK
30 years experience
537-2385 or 537-5247
Box 1398, Ganges, B.C.

THE PLACE TO LOOK FOR PROFESSIONALS TO BUILD, INSTALL, SERVICE OR REPAIR ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING!

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

... more

... till the most competitive for all your electrical work: JOHN TAYLOR ERIC FRASER ELECTRICIANS Free estimates 537-9320

WOOD STOVES CHIMNEY PIPE FLEXMASTER stainless steel chimney re-liner GULFSTREAM SUPPLY 537-5733 on McPhillips Avenue

Trincomali Garden Service 537-2074 yard planning, clean-up and maintenance licenced and fully insured Sarah G. Rimmer

Leafy Limb Tree Service Landscapes Fully insured & certified Phone 653-4270

Rent A Car Daily, Weekly, Monthly Rates OFFICE HOURS: 9 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday

Insurance ALL CLASSES OF INSURANCE P. O. Box 540, Ganges, B.C.

SALTSPRING INSURANCE AGENCIES 1972 LTD.

Government Certified Contractors W & W Electric FOR ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL NEEDS Walter Fallot 537-5642 P.O. Box 82, Ganges

TATE ELECTRICAL SERVICES Residential/Commercial/Marine wiring CERTIFIED CONTRACTOR Serving all the Gulf Islands Riley Tate - 629-6376 PENDER ISLAND

REGULAR GARDEN MAINTENANCE SHADE TREE GARDEN AND TREE SERVICE fruit tree pruning trimming of evergreens & hedges pruning of ornamentals topping, limbing and dangerous tree removal tree surgery FREE ESTIMATES / FULLY INSURED ELLWYN McKAGUE Owner & Operator 537-2723

NORM FRIESEN designer/builder Sidney, B.C. 656-1708

TEMMELE DRAFTING drafting, rendering, design illustration, artwork independent professional service for architects, developers, builders, homeowners, advertisers, dilettantes 107 Dukes Rd. at Fulford-Ganges Rd. R.R. 8, Fulford, B.C. V0S 1C0 653-4613

WARREN ELECTRIC 537-5378 746-4711 2973 Green Road, RR 4, Duncan, B.C. V9L 3W8 Graham Tweddle RR 3, 130 Blain Rd. Ganges, Salt Spring

Pitch-In and Keep Canada Beautiful

TYPESETTING SERVICES DRIFTWOOD can set type for your POSTER FLYER GREETING CARD JOKES ETC. Ask about our many type styles, reasonable rates, quick service. See Anne at the Driftwood, Tues. pm, Fri. or Sat. Telephone 537-2211/537-2613 PHOTOCOPYING AVAILABLE - SORRY, NO PRINTING.

PALLOT ELECTRIC LTD. CERTIFIED QUALITY HEAT SPECIALISTS Box 328, Ganges 537-5615

LANDSCAPE DESIGN GARDENS & GREENHOUSES WALTER DAVIS B.C. CERTIFIED LANDSCAPER 537-9561 messages 537-5259 BARK MULCH LANDSCAPE MATERIALS PLANT SALES Treasure Islands Design Box 613, Ganges

Ganges Petroleums AGENT - BRIAN BETTS Heating Oils Diesel Fuel Bulk Fuel For convenience, bills may be paid at Salt Spring Lands office or mailed to Box 489, Ganges, B.C. 653-4414 537-4114 FULFORD BULK PLANT GANGES OFFICE

blanket classifieds one call does it all 25 WORDS \$99 The only way to place your classified ad in 74 newspapers throughout B.C. & the Yukon, with one phone call. Gulf Islands Driftwood

Island Appliance Service Repairs to most makes of major appliances. ranges fridges microwaves etc. RECONDITIONED APPLIANCES FOR SALE 537-2222

Bruce Fiander YOUR IMPERIAL AGENT 537-5312 Box 347, Ganges, B.C. * Stove Oil * Furnace Oil * Marine Dock * Ice

Like New Again! DON IRWIN'S Collision & Repairs Ltd. Desmond Crescent behind Windsor Plywood 537-2513

Send UNICEF cards this holiday season.

Gulf Island Window Cleaners JANITOR SERVICE CARPETS STEAM CLEANED We also offer CARPET GUARD TREATMENT. 537-9841

Marcotte's Garage Autowreckers COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR SERVICE STEAM CLEANING WELDING 24-HOUR TOWING SERVICE 537-9423 Gil Marcotte

Painting & Decorating TEMMEL & VOLQUARDSEN 537-9248 537-5188

GERRY COERS PAINTING Interior Exterior 537-2034

Janitor Service & Window Cleaning 10 years experience 653-4279 Dave Roland

24 hr. service S & T Independent Towing Ltd. Towing Tire change Log towing Jump starts Wrecks removed Reasonable rates ROB 537-2989 DAVE 537-9236

Salt Spring Island Glass House, auto & boat glass Screens & awnings (custom made) Mirrors cut to fit wall or frame Aluminum storm windows (inside or out) Double glazed conversions Stained glass * Leaded windows DENNIS MARSHALL - Journeyman Glazier 537-9298 Mon.-Fri. 10-4

ADAMS, MANN HINCHEY & CO. CERTIFIED GENERAL ACCOUNTANTS 2412D Beacon Avenue, Sidney, B.C. 656-5551 912-1175 Douglas St., Victoria, B.C.

J & A Oil Burner Service JOHN COTTRELL Certified Oil Burner Mechanic 537-9314 Box 226 Ganges

COUGAR T.V. & STEREO Sales & Service ALL MAKES FREE ESTIMATES 232 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 537-2623

SALT SPRING GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE 537-5821

KINMAC WELDING Portable & Shop (incl. aluminum) REASONABLE RATES Dan McKinnon, prop. Corner of Robinson & Upper Ganges Roads 537-5225 537-2879 residence

Gulf Islands Septic Ltd. SEPTIC TANK PUMP-OUTS Box 17, Ganges 537-9353 ON PENDER ISLAND CALL Ross-Smith Ltd. 629-3573

UNICEF

Saturna Scene

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

Saturna's latest member has arrived! Elaine Andrews gave birth to David on December 7. Young David Brian Richard Andrews and his mother will return home soon. Saturna has a new family: a new mother, a new father and a new baby. Welcome to you, David.

Terry and Andy Siemens' new son has a different name from the one I announced. I heard an early choice and as Terry and her new son were together he became Eric Andrew Siemens.

The Christmas Concert was marvellous. There were poetry recitations, two plays, music, dancing, and a comedy routine, hilarious laughter, lumps in throats, and much good feeling. I'm so glad the children, teachers and parents take the time to make such fine entertainment.

Friday night Geri Davidson organized the hall decorating. It's amazing how the familiar hall is transformed for Christmas. The giant tree was decorated by the kids with baubles, lights and miles of popcorn strings. The walls and ceiling were hung with holly and greenery.

Debbie and Michael Graham each got a tree for the hall since Michael's walked off before it could be taken to the hall. After the concert, Santa came, bringing many fine presents for all the children. There must have been 60 or more

kids - especially with all the new ones. Thanks kids, Melanie, Dawn, Lynne, Elizabeth and the parents, especially Geri, Dayle and Debbie.

The next day the Christmas Ship came up from Bellingham to the Saturna wharf. In the usual rainy snow, the Jaycees rolled off the boat, handed out presents and goodies, made jokes, noise and laughter and left for the next island. Many big and little children enjoyed their visit.

Bonnie Carpentier had her birthday, her fifth, in November. Happy birthday, Bonnie!

Lots of people were sick these last few weeks. Two kinds of nasty, vicious 'flu were making their rounds. Even the doctor and one of

our registered nurses was sick. I'm sure glad we have nurses Polly Haworth and Margery Ratzlaff on the island. They are very concerned and skilled people.

The fire department has surpassed its greatest expectations - so far they have \$1,400 for a new fire truck. Not bad for Christmas time and tight times.

You can call Bill Lawson great uncle now. At Duncan last weekend, Bill and Irene got together with five generations of Bill's family.

December 14 was Irene's birthday.

Geno and Betty Carpentier are coming home from Bell 2 (way up north, by Stewart) for Christmas.



Cartoon party held

Island Cinema held its annual kids' Christmas party two weeks ago at Central Hall and Margaret Cunningham, below, was there to play piano favourites before the cartoons began. Above, Dawn

Luker of et cetera Book and Stationery and Dan Evanishen of Island Cinema offered cartoons, balloons, drinks and popcorn for island youngsters.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Here's a special thanks to the people who have made this year a real success! May your fondest dreams come true!

**Lee & Mary Ann McColl
S.S.I. TAXI**

Seasons Greetings **DRYWALL**

to all contractors & home owners who have allowed us to serve only the Gulf Islands for 7 years.

**Thanks & Best Wishes from
Salt Spring Interiors employees
& Brian Little & family**



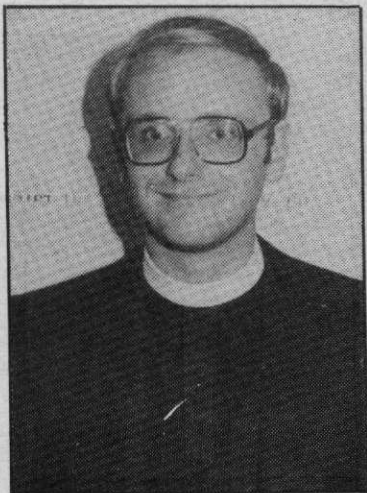
Greetings

To you - the merriment that comes with trimming the tree, waiting for Santa, opening his gifts. To you - a holiday season bright with good cheer and warm with good fellowship.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
Gulf Island Trading Co.**

No half measures with love

BY REV. JOHN BAILEY
Anglican Parish of
Salt Spring Island



REV. JOHN BAILEY

Love means nothing less than giving ourselves 100% to the person, persons or things which we choose to love. There are no half measures when it comes to love. The individual who argues that he will give 50% of himself to a relationship with another human being will have nothing but disaster. For to hold back anything, on purpose, in a relationship results in the building of barriers.

The object of love is to break down and destroy barriers in order to allow human beings to discover and enjoy the great richness and beauty that is all about us if we but open our eyes and see.

Christmas is the Christian celebration of this great truth. We are able to love, to know what love is, precisely because we have been

God himself.

We love because God first loved us. His love was no half measure. He gave himself fully to us in his son Jesus Christ. He held back nothing. As a result he taught us how to take down barriers and build instead great bridges of love between human beings, bridges that can survive the most difficult trials and tribulations.

This Christmas, some are experiencing the great pains of loneliness and will spend the time in tears and suffering. One thing only can reach people in such pain and that's the gift of ourselves, the gift of our love for our fellow human beings.

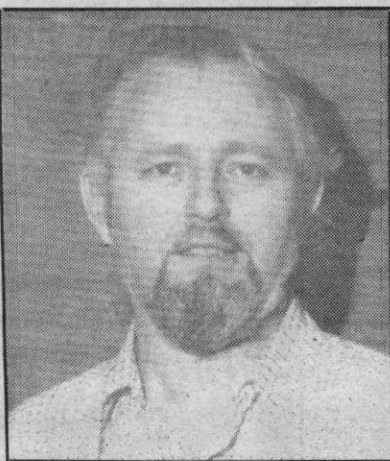
This Christmas I pray that we all struggle to break out of our shells and give of ourselves to our families, friends and neighbours. It is the only gift that we all have that is worthy of our celebrations.

first taught what love is. We have been taught by no less a teacher than

A little one-day-a-year love

BY REV. ALLISTER N. SKINNER
Ganges United Church

Offer your help to Amnesty International, Committee for Nuclear Disarmament, Community



REV. ALLISTER SKINNER

Charlie Brown, of the Peanuts Comic Strip, is having a hard time finding the true meaning of Christmas. He enters a home lighting and display contest, but Snoopy the dog wins first prize with his doghouse decorations.

Charlie Brown finishes last — he can't even find a decent Christmas tree. Then Linus saves Charlie's day by narrating the story of the first Christmas and by telling him: "It's not a bad little tree, really. It just needs love."

So Linus, Lucy and the rest of the kids prop it up and provide Charlie with ornaments and a little one-day-a-year love.

I believe that the secret of Christmas is not the things we do at Christmas, but the Christmas things we do all year through.

I never cease to be amazed at the spirit of goodwill and concern for others that emerges at the Christmas season.

I believe that God intends this spirit of peace, goodwill, concern and service for others be with us all year through.

Christmas is the celebration of the Word — "God becoming flesh." Continue that "becoming" by giving gifts of yourself this Christmas and in the year ahead.

The following is a check-list of practical ways we can give gifts of ourselves all year through:

Offer to take some time, every so often, to visit with the residents of Greenwoods intermediate care complex or Satermo's Guest Home, or Lady Minto extended care unit, and share in conversation, games, arts or crafts.

Volunteer to drive senior citizens and disabled persons to and from doctor's appointments, social get-togethers, for groceries and shopping.

Be a Big Brother or Big Sister — there are several children in the community who are just waiting for someone to care.

Centre, UNICEF, or one of the many worthy organizations at work on our island for the welfare of our community and the world.

Volunteer your leadership and coaching skills to a youth group or sports activity.

Share more of your love, time and energy with your family.

Participate more actively in the work and worship of your church this year. If you do not belong to a community of faith — join one!

Adjust your lifestyle so that you can invest yourself in the appreciation of the simple things of life.

Christmas is finding the spirit of Christ in our hearts and lives all through the year, through the years.

A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Thank you clients for
your patronage!



FRANS BEIJK
537-5121

Season's
Greetings

from

5 Roosters
Dining Lounge
Mayne Island



Tri-K Drilling Ltd.

Serving the islands
since 1966

478-5064

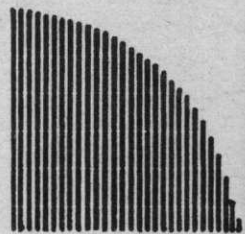
Call collect
anytime

MOST MODERN HYDRAULIC ROTARY EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE.

Rock Around the Clock with Dave's Blasting

A DIVISION OF BLUE SPRUCE RES. INC.

537-2618



Residential, Commercial
and Institutional Design
Renovation
Building Surveys
Complete Service throughout
Design and Construction

Ladislav Holovsky, Architect

R.R. 1, Pender Island, B.C. V0N 2M0 Tel 629-3731

GREETINGS



at
Christmas

Enjoy Christmas all year round!
Have a family portrait taken when
everyone comes home for Christmas.

BARKER
PHOTOGRAPHIC
537-2217



Call any day of the holiday weeks.

greetings



Reaching out with thanks for your patronage.
You can depend on us for service and for the
sincerest wishes of this happy season.

Bruce, Laurie, Malcolm & David,
Stan, Bev, Bruce & Anne
at

Bruce Fiander Esso

Leaves at 6.30 in January

Early ferry is earlier yet as Quinitisa taking over

The 6:40 ferry will sail at 6:30 in the morning.

The schedule has been changed. On January 4, the Quinitisa will be back on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run while the Bowen Queen is off for her annual refit.

The Quinitisa was placed on the Fulford run a few weeks ago, only to slowly peter out as her engines failed. She is now back in trim and is expected to maintain the service on a slightly earlier start each morning.

The Quinitisa will sail from Fulford at 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:15, 3:45, 5:15, 6:45 and 8:15.

Her schedule out of Swartz Bay will be at 7:15, 8:45, 10:15, 11:45, 1:10, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 and 9:00.

Local Trustee Bev Unger is a member of the islands transportation committee and brought the information to *Driftwood*.

WHY ALWAYS US?

She had asked the ferry corporation spokesman to explain why the Salt Spring Island travellers have to suffer every time a ferry is needed elsewhere.

She was informed by Frank Ramsey, of the ferry service, that no community has claim on any vessel and that the Bowen Queen is the only ship that will serve the Outer Islands in the absence of the Mayne Queen.

She had figured, said Unger, that the Bowen Queen is off the Fulford run for one-third of the year.

The Quinitisa cannot be used on every run because she will not fit into all docks, she was told.

ADVISORY GROUP

It is planned, reports Mrs. Unger, that an advisory committee be formed on Salt Spring Island to take over from the former Islands Trust group that was disbanded earlier in the year. The new committee will be solely concerned with transportation and will play a big part in liaison with the B.C. Ferry Corporation and the Outer Islands.

Any Salt Spring Islander who is concerned with transport may call Unger at 653-4385. She is also interested in any feed-back from the new schedule announcements.

Sharing is spirit of Christmas

BY REV. S. F. HILDEBRANDT
Community Gospel Chapel

The world has missed the real idea of Christmas. We feel like asking, "Where is He that is born King?"

He is reduced to an after-thought. He is buried beneath Christmas wrappings - beneath millions of dollars worth of gaudy and fragile decorations - beneath tons of seasonal cardboard boxes - beneath a blizzard of expensive Christmas cards.

To help us remember that, after all, it is His birthday, consider this:

The Spirit of Christmas is a simple spirit. Everything about the story of the nativity is simple, common and homey. If God were going to visit this planet, invade the history of mankind, He could have done it in such a dramatic, spectacular way.

Compare this story with those of the Greek and Roman gods of mythology. It is simply beautiful, but beautifully simple - the way God came to dwell among us and redeem us.

The spirit of Christmas is a serene spirit. That is, it is one of peace. "Peace on earth," the angels sang, "and good will towards men." In the midst of the hustle and bustle, hurry and scurry, wars and rumours of wars, let us remember that He is the Prince of Peace, and that He came to give us peace within. (Romans 5:1; 15:13; Phillipians 4:6,7; John 14:27)

The spirit of Christmas is a singing spirit. What would Christmas be without music? The angels sang, and men have been singing about it ever since. May your song be not just from your lips.



REV. S. F. HILDEBRANDT

From your heart may you sing, "He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the bog and mire, and set my feet on a hard, firm path and steadied me as I walked along."

"He has given me a new song to

sing, of praises to our God. Now will many hear of the glorious things He has done for me, and stand in awe before the Lord, and put their trust in Him". (Psalm 40:1-3)

The spirit of Christmas is a sharing spirit. To God the Father it meant giving His Son (John 3:16). To God the Son it meant leaving heaven's glory to become a servant obedient unto death (Phil. 2:5-8). To the world it means that God has provided and offered a Saviour from sin (Luke 2:10,11; Isajah 53:6).

Christmas hails the birth of Him who was born to die - to die in the sinner's stead, to purchase the redemption of his soul. To you it means that God offers you Eternal Life as a gift, (Romans 6:23; John 1:12).

Because He gave, we give. As the Wise Men gave Him their gifts, may we give Him the gold of our lives in complete dedication, the frankincense of our worship and praise, and the myrrh of our sacrificial service.

Sharing, not selfishness, is the spirit of Christmas. As we give to others, may it be in His name, and motivated by His love.

Activity Centre at Fulford

The senior citizens in Fulford will have their activity centre thanks in part to a grant from the federal government.

The group, British Columbia Old Age Pensioners Organization #170, Fulford (O.A.P.O.), have been granted \$19, 835 from the New Horizons program of the ministry of national health and welfare.

The activity centre will occupy 90 square metres of the basement of the Fulford Community Hall. The area will be renovated to create a comfortable space in which the seniors may play bridge, bingo, shuffle board, billiards or just relax, said spokesman Cameron Leask.

"We want to set it up so members are free to do what they want," he said.

The activity centre should be ready for use by Easter and will be open to members of the Fulford senior citizen group each day of the week from Monday to Friday. The weekends will be reserved for special activities.

New members, particularly men, are being sought.

WAYNE LANGLEY
GULF ISLAND TREE SERVICE
 ● TOPPING ● FALLING ● BUCKING ● CLEARING
 Prompt, fast and efficient.
 FULLY INSURED
537-9301 537-5761
 "I HAVE THE EDGE"

WILSON, HAYES, LLOYD & DEBECK
 Duncan and Ganges Chartered Accountants
 Second Floor, Ganges Centre Building
 P.O. Box 810,
 Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0
537-5557

A. R. HARDIE & ASSOCIATES
 BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS
 P.O. Box 3, Ganges, Salt Spring Island
 A. R. Hardie, B.C.L.S.
537-5502

REJOICE

May all things warm and bright be yours this CHRISTMAS! It's BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU!

John, Sharie, John, Ian & Steve

GULFSTREAM SUPPLY

God Jul og Godt Nytt Ar
 Karl & Edel Satermo

PARK DRIVE GUEST HOME

CARE Tree is work of island couple

Tree of Light on Pender Island is reflection of the man who unched it.

In 1960 George Pearson looked beyond sending Christmas cards. Rather than send cards he and his wife elected to donate the money to CARE. They welcomed the novel approach for the fact that it enabled them to share Christmas with people who might otherwise not be able to mark Christmas at all.

Their neighbours agreed that it was a good idea and George Pearson spear-headed a community contribution to the charitable cause. By 1961 the idea had taken root and there was a fair number of friends happy to join in. That was the year that saw the birth of the Tree of Light. It came into being as the CARE Tree and later was identified as the Pearson CARE Tree in token of the man who sponsored it.

The tree was not grown for the occasion. Outside the Pearson home on Pender Island was the original 5-foot tree. As their friends contributed to CARE, the Pearsons placed lights on the tree.

As they gained new friends, so they put on more lights to shine out to the ferries sailing between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen.

GREATER RESPONSE

The years passed and more and more people responded to their plea for donations to CARE. The lights grew brighter and the tree was weighed down with them.

The growth of an idea was a slow development, but the sponsors never found any complaint. It grew

from a total of \$102.50 in 1960 to more than \$10,000 last year; a one-hundredfold increase in a decade.

The response grew each year; the lights got bigger and heavier as did the mail and the bookkeeping. The letters were written and the receipts were mailed and the lights were repaired and the years advanced. The time came when the elderly couple simply could not handle the work attached to their voluntary effort.

The Pender Island Lions Club came to the rescue.

Seven years ago the service club took over the chores, but they did not take over the effort devoted to the drive by the Pearsons. The island couple still devoted hours to the campaign, and the Lions filled in. As the years passed the service club increased its share of the load.

BIGGEST PROJECT

This project which was originally handled by two elderly people is now the biggest project undertaken by the Pender Lions. While the main part of the project is one for the Christmas season, the work starts before the festive season opens and the chores of recording contributions and acknowledging them go on into the new year.

Then come the mechanics of the operation. Lights have to be repaired and restrung. The tree has to be kept ready for the lights.

The biggest undertaking of all came the year the tree blew down in a gale; lights and all. The neighbours rallied round on that one, but the Lions have to be prepared for any eventuality.

Tree of Light

In 1976 the service club decided to pay tribute to this islander who started a tradition and then passed it on to his fellow Lions. George Pearson was a member of that club.

At the Lions convention in Vancouver in June, 1976, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson were guests of honour at the gathering.

The two islanders were introduced to the gathering and were accorded ovation after ovation. He addressed the gathering on the need for help in so many areas in the world. He spoke at length on the campaign that has been a part of life on the Pender Islands. And the assembly rose again to salute him when he had finished.

SUMMARY

The spokesman for CARE on that occasion, six years ago, summed up the work which had been started by George and Edith Pearson.

Said Tom Kines, national director, the couple were "bringing the plight of suffering humanity to the attention of others."

And they still are. The Pearson Tree, the Pender Lions' contribution, the CARE campaign is addressed to the unknown recipients of help.

Love thy neighbour, said the bible.

Love thy neighbour, echoed the Pearsons.

This year the Pearson Tree of Light for CARE will shine as brightly as ever. And this year a

message has gone out to 600 people from George and Edith Pearson with a reminder from the Pender Lions CARE Tree committee, Philip King.

And why isn't George doing it all? Mostly because this year he's 97.

So this year the tree stands 100 feet above the ground, overlooking Swanson Channel and reminding mariners and travellers that Christmas is a time for giving.

Donations to the CARE campaign may be mailed to Lions CARE, Pender Island P.O., V0N 2M0.



George Pearson in photo taken several years ago.

Phillip Swift

British Columbia Land Surveyor
RR 1 Fulford Harbour

653-4326
Access: 537-9422

CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

Visa

Master Card

You can also bring your carpets in to us for overnight services.

BEST PRICES ON THE GULF ISLANDS. ENQUIRE:
Saltspring Coin Laundry Holdings Ltd. - 537-2234

BANGERT CONSTRUCTION & MILLWORK LTD.

OUR HOMES ARE CAREFULLY FRAMED AND BEAUTIFULLY FINISHED. "ATTENTION TO DETAIL" IS OUR WATCHWORD.

537-5692

Our CARE Tree

We are very happy to once again Light our big CARE Tree - To send this message far and wide Across both land and sea.

Your memory lights will shine again That all who can may see We don't forget, but keep in mind Our precious memories.

It reaches out to far-off lands Where millions are being fed. Not only with their native food, But God's rich Heavenly bread.

And now we send a great big thanks To helpers here and there, Who give so much of willing aid To send your gifts to CARE.

The human soul requires this food - So many are in need - CARE workers see it is supplied By kindly thought and word and deed.

So let the Tree of Light shine on, Deep down into your heart, And feel the glow of thankfulness, Because you are a part.

So pause a while to stop and think How grand that you do share In bringing new life and happiness To millions over there.

—George Pearson, 1982. Age, 97.



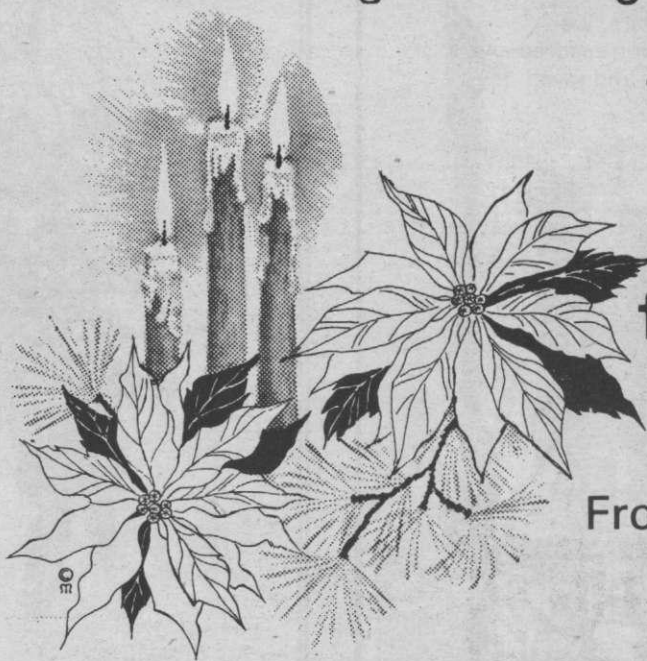
Santa slips in with a thousand and one wishes stacked in his pack for a Merry, Merry Christmas. From us to you, thanks.

Season's Greetings

from Ron, Connie, Ken Susan and Carol Minette
CORNER STORE — Galiano Island

A Very Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year from all of us



From the management, the staff and their families

S Salt Spring Insurance Agencies (1972) Ltd. & Travelworld

KICK-OFF

Weather has been co-operative for most part

BY MALCOLM LEGG

The last weekend for soccer was wiped out by the fury of mother nature as Victoria and the Gulf Islands were battered by high winds and heavy rains.

The weather left soccer fields water-logged and kept many players stranded without water, power or telephone, forcing all play prior to Christmas to be cancelled.

In reflecting on our fall session we can be thankful that, for the most part, the weather co-operated causing only two weekends lost to play.

A brief review of the season follows.

In late August we held our third summer soccer school and the response was fantastic as 56 enthusiastic soccer players took part in five days of soccer training under sunny skies.

In September we had our registration and very quickly we realized our association was forced with further expansion of its ranks. We fielded six off-island teams: Salt Spring Kicks, Salt Spring Strikers, Salt Spring Sockeyes, Salt Spring Wranglers, Salt Spring Sting and the newest member, the Salt Spring Selects.

In the intra-island we grew to 13 teams, seven in the senior loop: Dodgers, Fury, Sharks, Stingers, Sounders, Cosmos A and Cosmos B (the two girls' teams); and six in the junior loop: Demons, Devils, Panthers, Goblins, Eagles and Firebirds.

The registration pushed our enrolment close to 250 players and meant a big headache both in scheduling and referees. In an attempt to resolve these problems we moved all intra-island games to Saturday mornings on two new mini-fields at Portlock Park. The move paid off with a very smooth running schedule and greater parental support at the games than in previous seasons.

As the fall months progressed it became apparent our off-island teams were all contenders in their divisions and at the Christmas break we have some interesting battles under way.

The Kicks and Strikers are both in first place, the Selects are one point out of first in second place, the Wranglers and Sting are both solidly entrenched in second place chasing their divisional leaders and the Sockeyes are fighting hard to stay in the middle of the pack.

The inter-island over the fall has featured many close games and very balanced results over the seasons. Their standing will not be released as we are using these divisions as the training ground for when they play off-island. The keys at this age level are participation and fun and from what we have seen so far this has been achieved.

The success of the fall session of our soccer season is due to the hard work of many people.

The coaches and managers of our many teams have done a superb job not only in producing skilful and competitive squads but also ensuring they always display sportsmanship at all times.

They are Strick Aust, Lee McColl, Margo Caspar, Ed Davis, Lyle Brown, John Talbot, Kirstie Shoolbraid, Bev Robertson, Donna Burger, Cyd Cochran, Larry Davies, Ron Ulansky, Jason and Paul Minvielle, Morgan Wight, Rob Tranter, Chuck Nelkin, Cathy Proctor, Bob Brownsword, Ken Byron, Mark and Marguerita Nordine, Don Kernan, Rob Helfrich, Doug Hack and this writer.

The referees are essential in controlling games and I feel our group, led by our head official Lin Beattie, have done a superb job in both quality officiating and unbiased calls. Our senior officials are Lin and Paddy Beattie, Bob Anderson, Ken Collins, Matt

Flanagan, Strick Aust and this writer.

We must thank our sponsors who have helped make our season a financial success. They are Kanaka Place (Jackie Hembruff), David Rainsford Plumbing & Heating Ltd., Mouat's (Tom Toynbee), Trading Company (Grant Carignan), Ian and Elsie MacDonald and *Driftwood* (Tony Richards).

We also thank the Recreation Commission and their directors for both financial support and giving us quality fields to play on and in particular Bruce McFadyen for keeping the Portlock Park facility in excellent shape.

Also, thanks must go to the school board for their co-operation in field and gym usage.

A special thanks to *Driftwood* for allowing us to fill their pages with out many articles and to Norman Forsyth and Becky Legg for running the concession stand so successfully.

Of course last but not least we must congratulate our players for their dedication and hard work in making the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association the success it has been. They are an enthusiastic bunch of youngsters and we love them very much.

VESUVIUS BAY STORE
PRAWNS
537-9833



We are pleased to announce that **SHERRIE BEEMAN**, a qualified optician, will be serving the optical requirements of the Gulf Islands each **MONDAY & WEDNESDAY, 9:30-4:30**, out of Dr. George Bennett's office on Scott Point Drive, Salt Spring Island — telephone 537-9828.

CLOSED MONDAY, DEC. 27.

We invite all residents to call or visit us. Appointments made on the island for eye exams. Prescriptions filled in our full range of eyewear.

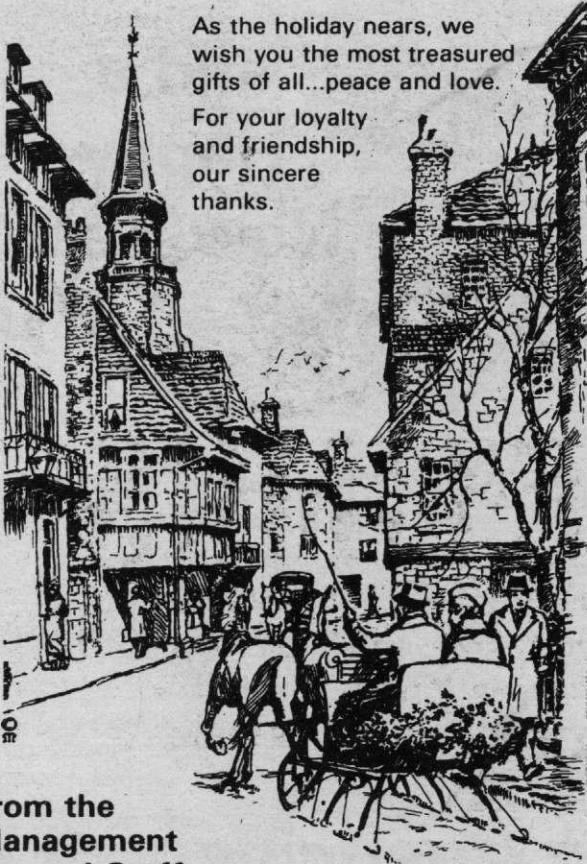
749 Yates St., Victoria. Telephone: 384-5141

51-1

Merry Christmas

As the holiday nears, we wish you the most treasured gifts of all...peace and love.

For your loyalty and friendship, our sincere thanks.



From the Management and Staff



Bank of Montreal



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the blessings of the season inspire you with peace and love.

Sears

Westwinds Card & Gift Shop



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Driftwood photographer decided Sunday that this strange looking group of characters had to be worth a picture. It was. They are the Christmas Mummers and they were

making their way to Mahon Hall from the fire hall where they entertained firemen and their families at a party.

Play legacy from past

Influence of the changing seasons on community life in England was once marked by ceremonials performed exclusively by men wearing a disguise.

The disguise was not only to hide their identity, but also to mark them as beings set apart from their community.

As time passed, ceremony dwindled. Only the appearance at the correct time, and the disguise, remained to mark a forgotten ritual.

One of the most persistent ceremonies is the Mummers' play, still surviving in scattered places in the British Isles. It is eagerly anticipated by the audiences who gather, often from many miles away. The play is almost completely misunderstood by performers and witnesses alike.

These performances are usually offered during the Christmas period, though they are a feature of the winter months from All Souls to Easter. They take place in the streets, public houses, dance halls or the halls of large houses. The performers also make the rounds of outlying farms in Ireland.

Widely scattered as these survivals are, they will retain elements from the forgotten past.

A group of men enter to stand silently in a semi-circle to the rear of their stage. The players are disguised. They remain silent and immobile until, when it is their turn to speak they step forward, declaim their lines in a loud voice devoid of

any inflexions, and stand back at the conclusion of the speech.

The performance shows lively action when two of the performers fight each other with swords, one is killed and brought to life again by a wonder-working doctor.

Following this, other characters step forward and speak their lines, completely irrelevant to what has just occurred. On paper, the texts read badly.

Once the performance begins, the performers, without effort, establish a bond between themselves and their audience, so that all are caught up in an atmosphere far remote from the 20th century.

This atmosphere cannot be transmitted on paper. The sense of age, magic and mystery, all caught up together, can be felt only by being part of the audience.

Salt Spring Players are reviving the ancient entertainment during the Christmas season.

Three are named

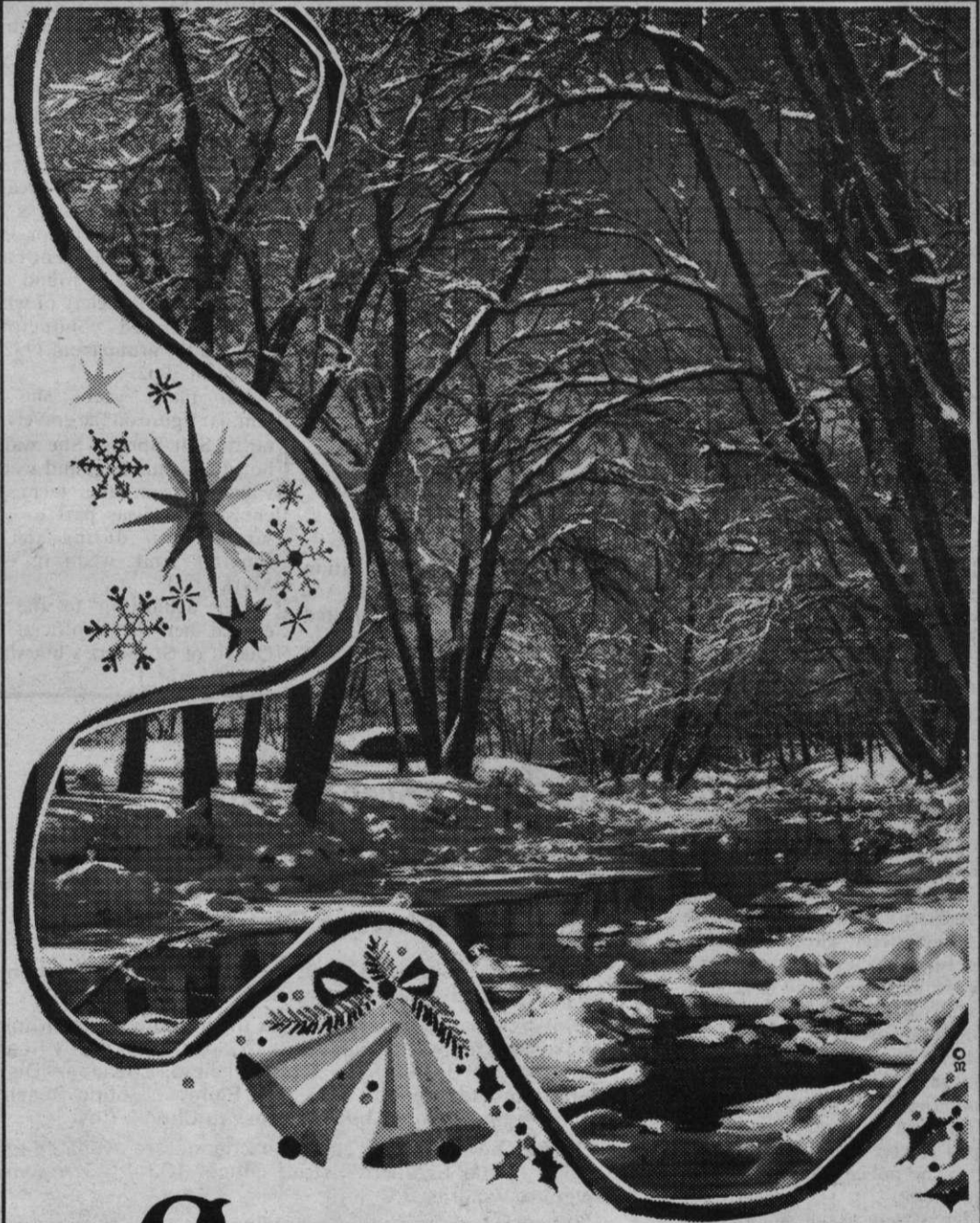
Three members were named to the Magic Lake Estates Water Commission last week. The three members will represent users of the system when matters relating to the service are considered by the regional board.

Nominated were David Hambly, Robert Sloat and Thomas Moore.

The same nominees will serve on the sewer commission for Magic Lake Estates.

ISLAND MAGIC TOUCH
 Hair design for the entire family.
 DOWNTOWN GANGES 154 Fulford-Ganges Road
 Mon.-Fri., 9 am-5 pm
 537-9322

"Time's Running Out"
NEW YEAR'S EVE with  **Duke & the Ducktails**
 TICKETS ON SALE NOW
 Fulford Hall — Food & Refreshments
 \$30/couple — No Minors
 For tickets call (eves.) Kittie Byron 537-4279
 or Ken Fetherston 537-5667.




GREENINGS

Our warmest wishes to you and your family for a holiday season that's brimming with glad times and good fellowship. May your blessings be many, enriching your days and bringing you joy.

from all the staff at

Windsor Plywood


Sunshine Farm Foods
 Gulf Islands Natural Foods Centre
 Bulk and packaged Natural Foods
 A large variety of Grains, Teas, Herbs, Bakery Products, Milk, Cheese, Yogurt, Vitamins, etc.
 Fulford-Ganges Rd. The Clements Family

Alice Young celebrates her 100th birthday

Alice Jane Young came to Canada for a visit in 1912, but she never made it back to England. December 22 will mark 100 years

since her birth in Paignton, Devon, England.

She has been a resident of Salt Spring Island for 67 years and

currently resides at Greenwoods. She and her husband, Gerald Young, met in Victoria and were married on February 18, 1914. The moved to Salt Spring in December of 1915.

The ocean voyage marking Young's visit to Canada was memorable. She sailed on the S.S. *Corinthian* and the ship passed through the iceberg field which claimed the *Titanic*. The travellers and crew of the *Corinthian* held a memorial service and threw wreaths to the sea which claimed so many lives on the unsinkable ship.

Once the Youngs became established on a farm at the north end of the island, she began to devote her efforts, not only to the family, but also to the Anglican Church.

Music made up a great part of her life. She played her first church service as a 13-year-old. The occasion was evensong at the Little Collation Church founded by the Reverend Lyte who authored *Abide with Me*.

She studied music at Oxford and passed the three-year course in two years.

At St. Mark's, she became the organist and choirmistress in 1927 and held the positions for 35 years.

Other musical endeavours included helping to found the Salt Spring Choral Society of which she was appointed conductor. She directed the group from 1932 until it folded in 1962.

For many years, she was a familiar figure on the gravel roads of north Salt Spring. She walked, in hot dusty summers and wet snowy winters, from the farm to the church. She was part of services, saint's days during the week, funerals and weddings at St. Mark's.

Her dedication to the church earned her the unofficial title of Queen of St. Mark's but she never

asked for tribute to her church work or devotion.

That devotion was complete. Many a clergyman, and bishop, has heard a loud whisper from the organ when they had forgotten a special announcement or hymn.

Winter never deterred her. The church would be cold and the wood-burning heater was located near the rear of the church. But Young, in the glow of the gas lamps hung high near the ceiling, played the organ for the various services despite the frosty keys of the instrument.

Living wasn't the easiest during those years. Wood to cut for the stove, water to draw for the home, and the depression years.

On one of her walks from the

church during the late evening, she was trailed by a cougar along the shore of St. Mary Lake. When once she was late for church service, she calmly explained to the rector the reason. She had just bought a cow and had to get it home.

Alice Jane Young has outlived many of the people who were part of the church and the choir. Her children remember choir practices in her home. The family have the organ she used for those practices.

Her son wrote a fitting tribute to her. "Her firm Christian outlook has helped her to overcome difficulties including the loss of sight and hearing, and it has brought her to this greatest of all days: her 100th birthday."



Photo by Barbara Woodley

Alice Young

Traffic citation dismissed

When two pickup trucks met on a curve on Cranberry Road, one ended up on its side.

When the case came to court last week, Judge R.W. Greig dismissed the traffic citation against Leslie Braden.

Charles Buckley was driving the pickup which ended on its side. He told the court that he had to move to the right of the curve because the Braden pickup was over the centre line. Buckley's pickup went into the ditch and tipped.

Braden told the court that he first saw Buckley's pickup on the curve with its right front wheel on the line. If the two vehicles had continued, the worst damage would have been the wide mirrors of each truck striking each other, he said.

Buckley apparently over compensated, said Braden, and he was through the curve before he realized the other truck had tipped. He stopped to give assistance and then went to the police station to report the accident.

Judge Greig said it was an unusual accident in that there was no collision but one of the vehicles overturned. It was a usual case in that both sides gave conflicting evidence.

"I'm satisfied that each witness has given a correct account of what he thought happened," said Judge

Grieg. He ruled that the violation did not take place because the contradictory evidence rendered any other decision impossible.



Province of
British Columbia

Ministry of Transportation and Highways Saanich Highways District

Notice of intention to close Church Bay Road in Section 18, Saturna Island, Cowichan District.

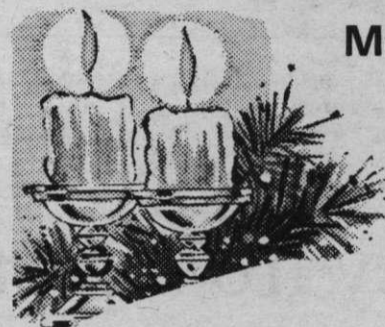
Notice is hereby given, that it is the intention of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways to close Church Bay Road of Plan 24256, Section 18, Saturna Island, Cowichan District (which provides public access to Plumper Sound Beach) in exchange for a public beach access to Church Cove.

Plans showing the proposed exchange are available to the public at the Saanich District Office, 103-4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria, B.C.

Submissions in writing regarding this road closure will be received by the District Highways Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Suite 103-4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria, B.C. V8Z 5K8 up to 2:00 p.m., January 14, 1983.

G. W. Harper,
District Highways Manager. 48-4

To all our friends & customers —



Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
Hogmanay

Murray Wilson
SCOTTY'S PLUMBING

Sheila and I would like to wish
all Driftwood readers and their families

A Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

HUGH CURTIS, M.L.A.



I wish to extend my thanks to all constituents
for their confidence and pledge continued
effort for the constituency in the new year.

Our constituency office
(phone 656-6232)
reopens after New Year's

Villadsen
Construction (1980) Ltd.

"QUALITY HOMES OF DISTINCTION"



P.O. Box 37, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0

Telephone 537-5412/537-5463

GALIANO NEWS

All necessary elements present at concert

BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER

In reporting a school Christmas Concert a columnist faces a dilemma; does he treat the event as a social institution or as an artistic endeavour, does he record the program with understanding and sympathy, or exercise his critical faculties?

One voice says, "Be honest", the other says, "Be kind". The latter voice belongs to the boss.

The Galiano School Concert took place last Wednesday evening in the Community Hall. The criteria of a successful school concert are derived from tradition established across Western Canada in one-room schools in pioneer communities.

These are the involvement of all the students, substantial community participation in preparation and performance, uncritical artistic acceptance by the audience and the determination that everyone present must experience an enjoyable social evening. All these elements were present on Wednesday evening.

Ms. Leinweber's class recited in unison *The Little Fir Tree*. Mrs. Maneker's class turned the story of *The Boy Who Hated Santa Claus* into a play. The senior class performed a musical entitled *The Land of Point* accompanied by a quintet led by Sue Gilson and a children's choir assisted by a handful of adult singers.

The play had the merit of audibility and a sterling performance by Megan Gaylor as the "boy". Actors love to play villains and Megan obviously enjoyed her role, as the brat who tried to spoil Christmas for others.

The director deserves credit for the grouping and movement, and the fact that most of the young players spoke clearly and with expression.

The idea for the musical came from a record of the Gilsons. Sue and Bob deserve much of the approbation *The Land of Point* received, for she adapted the music and trained the singers, both adult and children, while Bob wrote the script with Steve Nemtin and directed the action. The scenery was outstanding.

Mrs. Maneker, assisted by her mother and sister painted the very colourful flats helped in the last hectic days by any pair of available hands. The attractive costumes were designed and sewn by Martha Miller, Sheila Anderson, Glenda Rasmussen, Helen Foster, Phyllis Stafford and Wendy Hales. From the north came the loan of an impressive dragon costume created by Alistair Ross.

Like a Baroque composer, Sue Gilson sat at the keyboard instrument conducting her "orchestra", which consisted of

Debbie Holmes, flute; Jane Edwards, electric guitar; Connie Kennedy, guitar; and Ian Hooley, percussion, while with gesture she directed the choir and soloists.

On stage Aaron Dunn as a "pointless" boy in a medieval town of pointed people portrayed the perils of being "different". The scene-stealer was little Meaghan Anderson as the dog, Arrow. The fantasy *Pointless Forest* was enlivened by a Chinese dragon and the debut of the future star of silver screen (so Dr. Hales assures us) of Tessa Hales as a charming pteradactyl.

Unfortunately, the bit parts and extras were too numerous to mention. Ken Gaylor, the principal, was extremely fortunate (as he himself admitted) to have two such talented and hard-working parents to produce *The Land of Point*.

Nature Notes

At the head of Greenwater Bay stands one of the oldest houses on Galiano. For much of the winter the house is unoccupied as the owners reside on the mainland. This winter the home acquired uninvited and unwelcome tenants - a colony of otters.

Tony Kingscote relates that in winter male otters tend to congregate, sometimes with a couple of young females, forsaking respectable domestic life. Five otters decided to take up residence in the crawl space and could be observed through the hatch. They made themselves comfortable by tearing down the insulation between the joists and using it for couches.

Their den seemed to have two compartments; one, unfortunately, used as a toilet and garbage dump. It was the reek from the latter that persuaded the owners to appeal for help, and invite the Vancouver Zoo to add to their collection by trapping and removing the animals.

The zoo is always happy to obtain otters as, even if they already have their quota, surplus specimens can be traded to other zoos. River otters are most playful creatures and a great attraction.

The parks department provided the manpower in the form of Bill Macdonald and Larry Lesage who brought with them eight-foot traps and an otter hound, Gordon the setter. If disturbed in their den, otters freeze and are difficult to



Land of Point being performed at Galiano school concert

locate in the dark and drive out into a waiting trap.

Eventually at 3 a.m. one left the sanctuary and as he made his way through the exit he was caught in a trap. A second otter suffered the same fate but this was the total for a night's work. The entrance was then boarded up in the hope that the otters will obey the eviction notice.

Coming Events

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. Margaret's Church on Sunday at 10 a.m. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Leonard Pocock.

The Thrift Shop will not be open on Saturday.

Greetings

We wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. On behalf of all islanders we thank those who work to safeguard our pleasant existence on these islands, the B.C. Hydro, telephone and ferry crews, our doctor and ambulance personnel, and members of local organizations who voluntarily surrender their leisure time for the good of the community.



CHARTERS:

- Cruises
- Flights
- Bus Tours

Call Connie or Susan at
Salt Spring Insurance (1982) Ltd.
537-5527

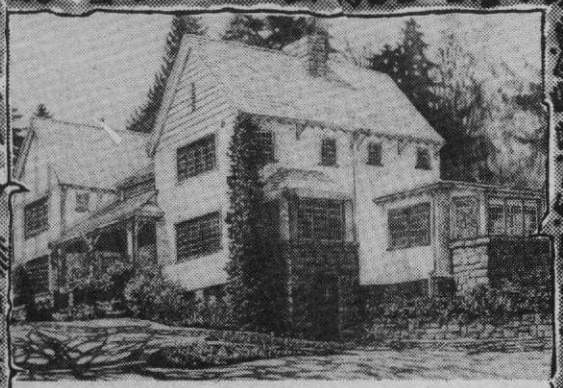
John and Audrey Buitenwerf
and family
of Golden Acre Farm
wish their friends
and customers
A Very
Happy Christmas



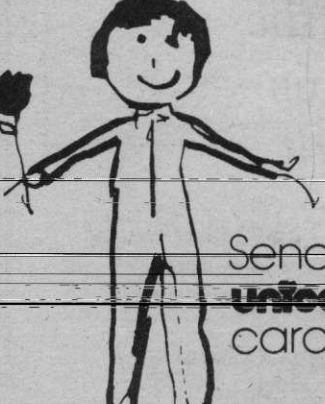


May the joy of Christ's
birth brighten your
spirits and lead you to
everlasting peace.

Barbara, Don, Maya and Bob & Edane
Ganges Harbour Grocery



The folks at
Hastings House
wish you all a
Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.



Send
unicef
cards

Fire department urges caution for a safe and merry Christmas

Christmas decorations brighten the home but can also threaten the home.

The Salt Spring Island Fire Department asks people to exercise care and caution for the season. The firefighters offer tips on the tree, the lighting and the decorations for Christmas.

The tree should be freshly cut and

not have brittle or shedding needles. Slice off about an inch of the trunk to help water absorption and set the tree up in a sturdy, non-tip stand with a container for water at the base.

Be sure the tree is set up away from heat sources such as radiators, hot air ducts, fireplaces and the TV set. Don't set it where it blocks exits from a room.

The tree looks beautiful but it also gets thirsty. Check the water level each day and when the tree won't absorb water, discard it.

Simple precautions with the lights prevent problems later. Check the string closely for places with worn insulation, loose bulb sockets and broken plugs. If the string is damaged, don't risk repairs, replace it.

Use extension cords sparingly and don't put the cords where damage could occur such as in areas of foot traffic, through doorways or under rugs.

Indoor lights should stay indoors. Use outdoor lights outdoors.

Decorations which aren't combustible or are made of flame-retardant material are best. Some decorations are places looking for a fire to start. Be creative in the decoration but also be fire-safe.

On Christmas Day, pick up the wrapping paper before it piles up. Don't bonfire the used wrappings in a fireplace. Use a covered trash container or outdoor incinerator.

Accept the wishes of the Salt Spring Fire Department for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Return the sentiments by not giving fire a place to start.

Enough boats for a navy

The RCMP don't want to start a navy and are looking for the owners of boats retrieved from the water following the storm last week.

Ganges RCMP have a couple of dozen reports on file of boats found and boats lost after the wind and waves subsided. Anyone missing a boat is requested to get in touch with the office in Ganges.

New hours of opening at Ganges health office

The community health service of the Capital Regional District announced changes in its Ganges office hours as well as some health programs available to residents of Salt Spring Island.

Effective January 3, 1983, the Ganges office will be staffed by a clerk from 8:30 am to noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The office will be open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Wednesdays.

Provisions have been made for messages to be left on a telephone answering machine at other times. In cases of emergency, the health services office in Saanich can be contacted at 479-7161.

The public health inspector will visit the Ganges office every Tuesday and Thursday and long

term care nurse assessor will continue to visit every Tuesday.

The adult health clinic and baby clinics remain unchanged but home nursing care service will be discontinued as of January 3, 1983.

Bad cheques

Ganges RCMP have received complaints from stores on Salt Spring and in Sidney that someone is passing bad cheques.

The cheques, for an account with insufficient funds, have been issued to cover the cost of goods plus extra cash. The amount has risen to close to \$500.

Police are aware of the identity of the culprit and are seeking the individual.

James T. Fogarty
Tax Accountant.

653-4692

Canadian & U.S.
Personal & Corporate
Tax Management

TROUBLE HEARING & UNDERSTANDING?

Are you experiencing difficulty with your hearing - or require servicing of your present hearing aid? Mr. Glenn Ross, a government licensed hearing specialist, will be conducting Hearing Evaluations and Consultations at:

ARBUTUS COURT MOTEL
at Vesuvius Bay, Salt Spring Island
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5 — 10 am - 4 pm

All those experiencing difficulty are invited for this service. Our hearing aids are fitted with a 30-day, no-obligation trial at competitive to government prices.

ISLAND ACOUSTICS, INC.
309-645 Fort St., Victoria, B.C.

PLEASE PHONE 537-5415
FOR APPOINTMENT.



Over the river and through the woods... bringing with us tidings of true Christmas spirit. It's been our pleasure to serve you.

From all the staff at
SALT SPRING LANDS

Salt Spring Island's COMPLETE Automotive Service Centre



**AUTO REPAIRS
TOWING
SUPERIOR
MUFFLER SERVICE
BRAKES • TUNE-UPS
BEAR TELATRONIC
FRONT END
ALIGNMENT**



B.C.A.A. APPROVED

Gulf **Ganges Auto Centre**
Fulford-Ganges Rd. 537-9221