

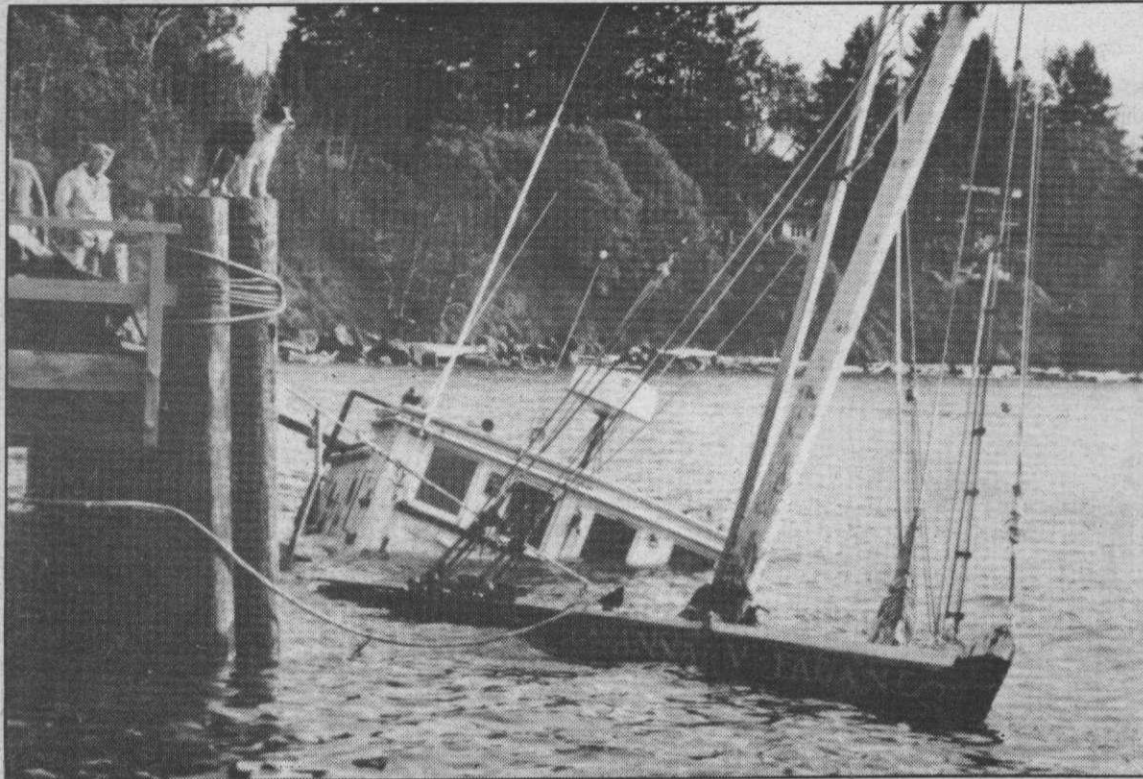
Storms lash islands leaving trail of damage

Gulf Islands Driftwood

SECOND SECTION

Wednesday, December 22, 1982

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Anna V. Fagan hanging by mooring lines at Vesuvius dock



Highways department loader clears fallen tree from road

Driftwood photos by Bill Webster

Ganges Sewer

Referendum is ordered as cost scares Ganges property owners

The famous Ganges sewer saga is reaching its final chapter. Last week the Capital Regional Board signed the death warrant of the project with the decision to call a referendum. The property owners within the designated area will be invited to go to the polls in February to decide

An outfall has already been laid in Ganges Harbour and some \$2.7 million has been spent.

The board also ruled that the costs so far incurred will not be charged to Ganges, but will be borne by the entire capital region.

The decision was made as five

at the costs visualized in repaying for the project. Residential and commercial users were appalled at the fees to be charged to keep the system going.

When the board was warned that the enabling bylaw which specified the sewer area would not survive the

Two heavy storms blasted the islands last week, leaving a trail of uprooted trees and downed power lines.

Power and phone service was out on every island for varying lengths of time. Trees snapped by the high winds which gusted to 118 km per hour shredded the lines and blocked roads.

Crews from B.C. Hydro and B.C. Tel and the department of highways were kept busy restoring services.

The first storm ran through the Gulf Islands late Wednesday evening and by 10 pm the southeast winds reached a velocity of 48 km per hour. As that storm moved out of the area, it was followed by a ridge of weak pressure.

The second storm blew into the weak ridge with winds of 80 km per hour and gusts to 118 km per hour from the southwest.

The storms were localized along the south coast of the province. The unusual aspect of the storms, noted the Canadian weather bureau in Sidney, was the closeness with which they followed each other. Such storms, with a one-two punch, can be expected to occur every two years but not as close as these two.

The quick reversal of the winds caused trees, strained by the relatively strong southeast winds, to buckle under the stronger winds from the southwest.

The Thursday morning storm played havoc with the schedules of B.C. Ferries. The Long Harbour-Tsawwassen morning run was cancelled and service between the Gulf Islands and the mainland was

not back to normal until the afternoon run at 4:30 pm.

The Vesuvius-Crofton service did not begin until 10 am Thursday, much later than the normal 7 am start. The Fulford-Swartz Bay service was not affected by the storm.

Another casualty of the pounding waves and high winds was the *Anna V. Fagan*, which sank at her moorings at the Vesuvius dock after being driven by the heavy seas against the pilings of the wharf. Efforts to save the vessel continued until 4:30 am Sunday when she was refloated.

The only area of the Gulf Islands with hydro power early Thursday morning was Ganges. The crews had quickly cleared the lines running from the substation on Atkins Road.

Efforts were directed at supplying power to Lady Minto Hospital which had to rely on an emergency generator until the electricity came back.

The lines to the Outer Islands were of priority for the Hydro crews as well. The power to Saturna and Pender Islands runs on a line from Ruckle Point. Galiano and Mayne Islands are hooked to the Ganges substation by lines leaving Salt Spring Island at Nose Point at Long Harbour.

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Show goes on at Mayne

The show must go on and it did at the Mayne Island School despite the lack of electric power.

The Christmas concert for the school had been scheduled for Friday evening but the lack of power caused by the Thursday morning storm almost cancelled the production.

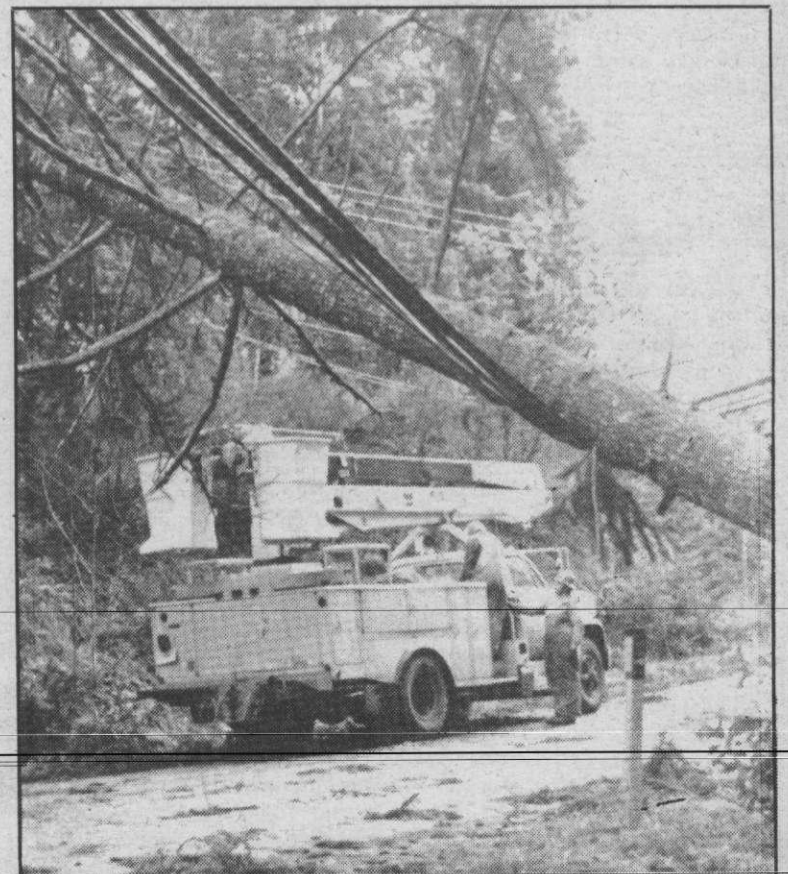
Bob Clark supplied a couple of generators which were hooked to the school electrical system and by 10 am Friday, the decision to go on with the show was made.

The children gathered at the

school for a quick rehearsal and with only four of the cast absent due to illness, the entertainment was on at 6:30 as planned. More than 200 people enjoyed the show, said school principal Tim Stafford.

"It wasn't easy," he said. "It wasn't just the school. The community got together so Christmas wouldn't be stolen on Mayne Island."

When the show was over, Clark took the generators along to the community hall to supply power for the firemen's ball later that evening.



Lines strain under weight of tree

the near-\$5 million project.

culminated in a wave of indignation

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Quick look at ferry services over the years

Family reunion tightly linked to ferries

Family reunion this Christmas? It wasn't always so simple. Travelling to and from the Gulf Islands in the past was a challenge. The ships that sailed into islands were large and eminently seaworthy, but they were rare.

The islanders of the 19th century depended on wind and weather, allowing sail or a heavy pair of oars.

The history of regular services scheduled through the islands starts with the turn of century, when the *Iroquois* came into service in 1901.

Weather permitting, the *Iroquois* would sail on and after May 20, 1901, between Sidney and Nanaimo, according to the first schedule. It was to call at various Gulf Islands en route.

SCHEDULE

On Mondays the service operated to Fulford, Ganges and Mayne; on Tuesdays to Fernwood and Gabriola. She then lay overnight at Nanaimo.

The Tuesday service brought the *Iroquois* into Gabriola, Kuper, Chemainus, Vesuvius, Maple Bay, Turgoyne and south to Mill Bay. Wednesdays took in Beaver Point, Pender and Saturna. It might be assumed, although no reference appears, that Tuesday night was spent at Mill Bay.

On Thursday, Tuesday's calls were made in reverse order. Friday, a fish day, was not islands day.

On Saturdays the islands came into their own, with calls at Saturna, Pender, Mayne, Galiano, Ganges, Beaver Point and Fulford. On Sunday the crew went to church.

The *Iroquois* also called at Musgrave Landing, Browning Harbour and other island points. These were not listed in its inaugural schedule.

LINK WITH OUTSIDE

The *Iroquois* soon became the link with the outside. Travellers were obliged to spend a night away from home if they left their home island, but in an era when that was part of the whole picture of travelling, so what?

The *Iroquois* carried passengers. She also carried any other article that was to be shipped in, or out through the islands. When trade was good she would carry a lot of goods on her deck. When business in the islands was slack she would be comparatively free of lumber on the deck.

For that first decade of the *Iroquois*, she was the doorway to the islands and any islander coming home for Christmas knew only one scheduled link.

The picture was destined to change a few years before the commencement of the First World War.

HER LAST TRIP

On the morning of April 10, 1911, the *Iroquois* made her last coastal voyage. It was a short trip. Her departure was normal and the heavy deck load appeared no more than she had hauled on many a morning.

As she approached Shell Island, the top-heavy vessel heeled over heavily. She lost her balance, rolled over and capsized.

The loss of the *Iroquois* was an island tragedy. The *Iroquois's* sinking cost the loss of many island people and spelt the end of scheduled island transportation services for a long time.

When the CPR came into the island waters with the *Princess Joan*, the link was repaired and island residents could, once again, travel to Vancouver Island or the mainland on a regular, scheduled service.

The new vessel also provided a transportation link for island farmers and the wharf at Ganges was regularly laden with produce for the Victoria market.

The delight of island travellers with the *Princess Joan* was only equalled by their concern when the *Joan* was wrecked by fire in Vancouver Harbour.

DOWNHILL

Island services went downhill from that time. A skeleton service still linked the islands, but there was no regular system available until 1929.

In 1929, Sam Matson, Victoria publisher, acquired the *Cy Peck* and initiated a scheduled service between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay. While the people of Salt Spring hailed the innovation with joy, the Outer Islands were not helped at all.

The Fulford-Swartz Bay ferry service, plying between two quiet, rustic, peaceful ports, was maintained for 20 years by the sponsoring company and the ship was skippered by Capt. G. A. Maude.

In 1950 the service was acquired

by a new company composed of island people. President of Gulf Islands Ferry Company (1951) Ltd. was Gavin Mouat, Salt Spring Island businessman.

The new company was not content to operate the *Cy Peck* on its single route.

NEW SERVICES

Within 10 years the company was operating two ferries linking Salt

Spring Island with Vancouver Island and a third ship was running around the Outer Islands.

First addition to the islands fleet was the *George S. Pearson*, running between Vesuvius and Crofton.

The mere fact of having a new service was attractive to island residents, but it marked an entirely

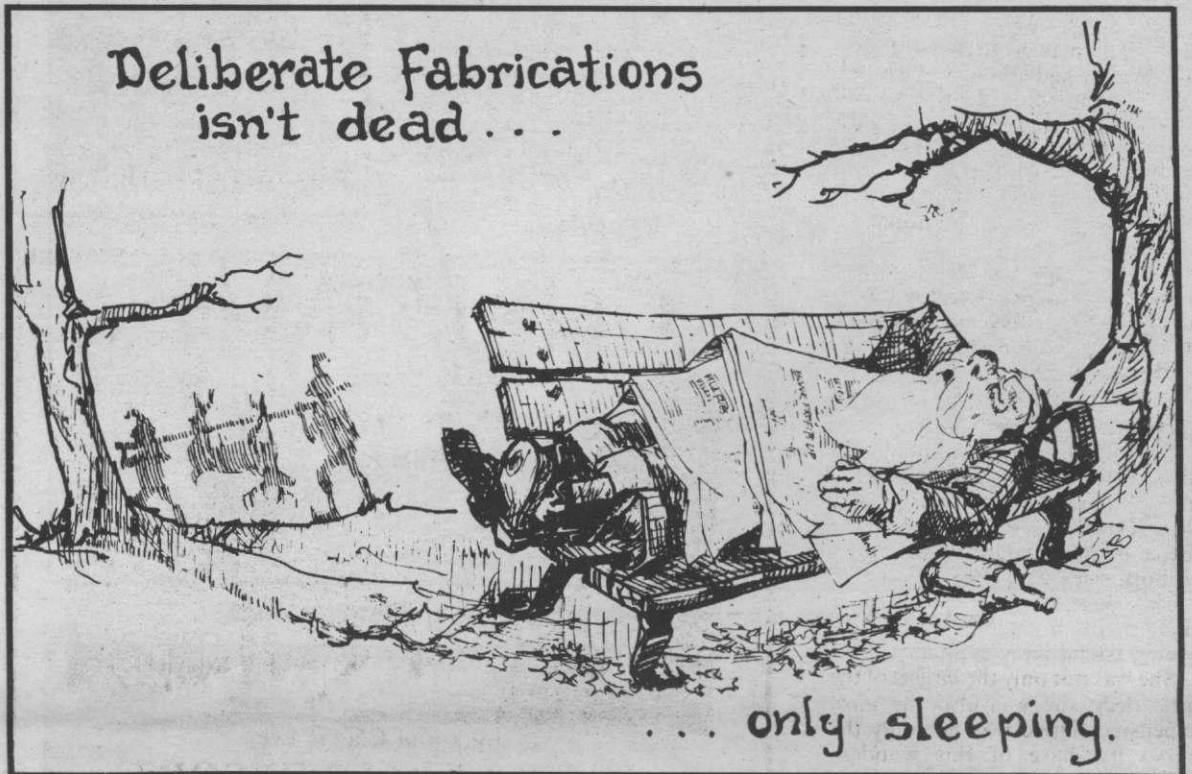
new transportation experience for the island. For the first time in history a visitor could come to Salt

Spring Island by one vessel, travel around the island and leave by a different route.

It was, of course, an important contribution to Salt Spring Island people commuting to Crofton on a daily basis.

The inaugural run on the *George S. Pearson* was one that would remain in the memories of those who took part.

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P.S. — If there are any who are not music lovers, a Merry Christmas to them also!

Coming home

From Iroquois to B.C. Ferries

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STORM AT SEA

The day brought one of the worst storms ever seen in Sansum Narrows and the new vessel rolled from beam to beam as she climbed the waves. Passengers were heaving as violently as the ship. The weather and the ship settled down afterwards to a more gentle pattern of sailing.

The company had up to this time only looked at small ships. The time had come to raise their sights and the first ship they saw was the *Motor Princess*.

For many years the *Motor Princess* had plied between Sidney and Steveston, making a quick link with the mainland. She was a small vessel, but she nevertheless carried a galley crew equal to the best and the dining room was still a model in miniature of the noted CPR standards.

Then there was a fire aboard an American vessel. The loss of life and ship brought international focus to the hazards of inflammable vessels and new regulations were written on both sides of the line to govern fire risks in wooden hulls.

TOO EXPENSIVE

The cost of refurbishing the *Motor Princess* was not considered to be merited and the Sidney-Steveston run came to an end, to the regret of many regular passengers on both sides of the Strait.

The *Motor Princess*, lying at anchor, was purchased by the Salt Spring Island ferry company.

She was not only the largest of the little fleet: she was also the most expensive. There was not only the initial purchase of this wooden-hulled ship, built in 1923, but the cost of a very expensive refit and the installation of new engines.

There was still no Islands Trust to negotiate services with the ferry company and the appearance of the *Motor Princess* brought competition for her favours from all islands. She was bigger than her sister vessels and she was equipped with a coffee bar. But, above all, she was faster and able to meet the traffic of the period without leaving lines of cars at Fulford or any of the Outer Islands ports.

NO FURTHER USE

When the Deas Island tunnel was built the ferry across the river was no longer needed. The *Delta Princess* was surplus to provincial needs and the island company arranged to lease the vessel to augment its fleet.

In less than 10 years the island fleet had grown from one miniature vessel to four ships, including the big *Motor Princess*.

Gulf Islands Ferry Co. (1951) Ltd. was offering transportation from most of the Gulf Islands to Swartz Bay. It had not given any thought to a link with the mainland. There had been no such link since the withdrawal of the *Princess Mary* by the CPR.

Another island and another islander stepped into the picture. Sparkie New, of Galiano and the mainland, initiated a new mainland service to be maintained by the *Lady Rose*, of Coast Ferries Ltd.

The *Lady Rose* became a familiar sight to islanders as she ploughed through the Strait, bringing in passengers and taking out passengers among the islands. But the *Lady Rose* suffered one serious shortcoming. She could not accommodate cars. She was geared to passengers only.

NEW FERRY COMPANY

A new company was established, the Gulf Islands Navigation Co. Ltd., and like the Salt Spring Island

company, it was largely owned by the island people who would benefit from its services.

The *Island Princess* was built to carry both people and automobiles. In her first days she called at all the islands and Sidney. Later, she dropped Ganges from her run.

Twenty years ago island residents were looking to the government to offer an improved service which was beyond the scope of a small island company to provide. The province was by this time established as a coastal shipping company and many people among the islands saw a take-over of the island services as a natural.

In 1961 the provincial government agreed and the ships of the Gulf Islands ferries services took on new colours and new names. The *Motor Princess* became the *Pender Queen*; the *Delta Princess*, the *Salt Spring Queen* and the *Vesuvius Queen* ran into Crofton. The *Cy*

Peck was nobody's queen.

At the time of the announcement that the province would serve the islands, the Gulf Islands Navigation Company, boxed in by provincial ferries, withdrew from the picture.

Islands ferries have been maintained by the provincial system ever since.

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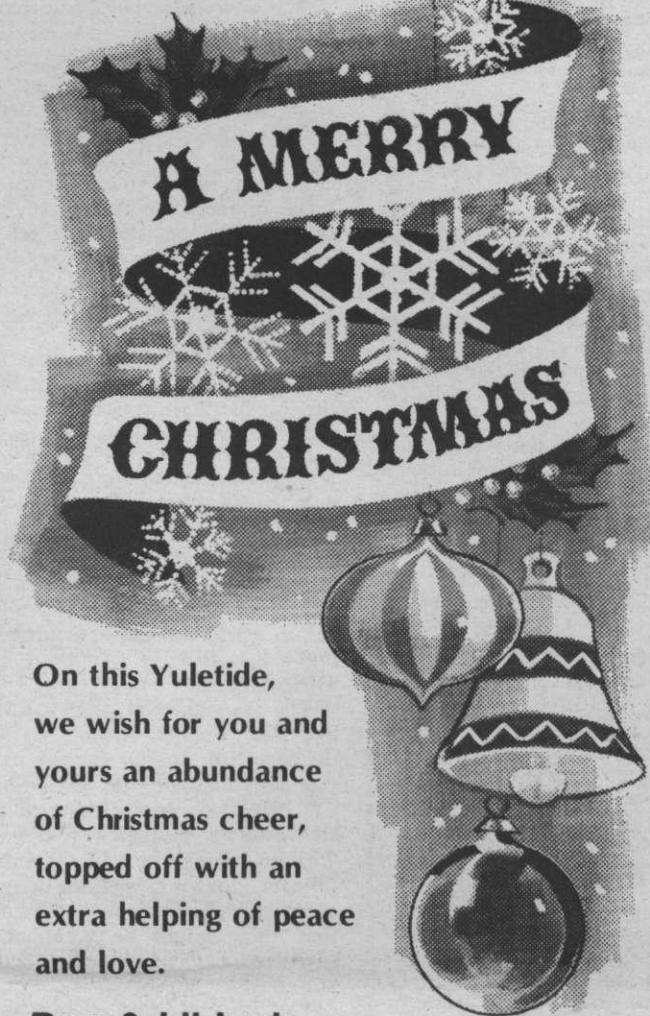
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Old newspaper critical of national policy

Half century since fishing was for whites

BY FRANK RICHARDS

In the First World War 200 Japanese Canadians undertook military training at their own expense in the hope of being formed into a company of their own within the Canadian army. Ottawa declined to permit an "oriental" unit and the volunteers joined other units.

A story of the Japanese of British Columbia and their contribution to the first war appeared in the *Vancouver Province* of June 27, 1927.

Part of the newspaper appeared from inside a wall when some building renovations were undertaken recently by Mrs. Rothwell of Fulford Harbour. She brought the dilapidated old paper to *Driftwood*, a souvenir from half a century ago.

The section of that newspaper which went to the wall contained a complete summary of the Japanese contribution to British Columbia in terms of the herring industry, the first war and other chapters of history. It was an historical progress number.

54 WERE KILLED

Despite considerable shuffling and disinterest, 54 Japanese British Columbians died in the fighting in France while serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

The Japanese held a barely tolerated position in Canadian society. When war broke out in 1914 a large gathering of men of Japanese stock waited for two weeks before volunteering as a battalion for service overseas. They were eager, explained the *Province* story, to serve in the Canadian forces and they made the formal offer by telegram to the prime minister of the time, Sir Robert Borden.

Borden showed no eagerness to engage the volunteers. He acknowledged their telegram and they heard no more. In 1915, when the war had been fought for a year, they were still ready, willing and eager to serve. Capt. R.E. Colquhoun, of the 19th Canadian Army Service Corps, suggested that the Canadian Japanese Association organize a volunteer corps. Within a month of the proposal 200 Japanese were marching and drilling under the direction of Capt. Colquhoun and a Sgt. Hill.

DISBANDED

The training over, they ran into another barrier when Ottawa declined to assign them as a company to any battalion. On May 11, 1916 they were disbanded and the volunteer soldiers were civilians without having heard an angry shot. Ottawa, however, was not denying them service. They were informed that they would be accepted as individual volunteers. They volunteered individually.

The Japanese Canadian soldiers

fought alongside their fellow countrymen of other ethnic backgrounds at some of the most famous first war battlegrounds, Vimy Ridge, the Somme, Hill 70, Paschendaele, Cambrai and Mons.

The reference to the Japanese contribution to the first war was part of a series in the old newspaper outlining areas in which the oriental Canadians had made a contribution to the community they had taken as their home.

PROHIBITED

The *Province* commented that although the Japanese were prohibited from engaging in herring fishing or packing because of racial prejudice they had, in fact, launched the industry.

The Vancouver newspaper recalled the time when A. Ikeda, who founded the Ikeda mine in the Queen Charlotte Islands, was struck with the stench of dead herring.

A mass of herring was swimming in the sea when a steamer passed through the middle of the school. Millions of fish were killed by the steamer and the flesh was washed on to the beach to rot. In 1903 Ikeda established a processing plant at Nanaimo to use the dead herring for fertilizer. In 1905 his plant was closed, on the grounds that he was an oriental, and the fish once again rotted on the beaches.

In 1905 R. Tabata, another Japanese Canadian, of Steveston, rowed across to Nanaimo and established a small salt herring plant. That was the beginning of the salt herring industry in British Columbia.

Dry salt herring does not, as a rule, find favour with white men, explained the writer. Tabata

investigated Chinese recipes for handling the fish and exported all his product to Shanghai. His success attracted others and within five years there were 18 herring salting and packing plants around the B.C. coast. In 1927, 70% of the annual production of 50,000 tons was handled by Japanese.

NOT FAIR PLAY

The newspaper also noted that in 1924 the government in Ottawa heard the message from the coast, "eliminate the orientals from the fishing industry!" A regulation was established whereby the numbers of fishermen of Japanese origin were to be reduced by 25% each year.

"We cannot believe that this is fair play," stated the newspaper.

First logging operation on the British Columbia coast was in Port Alberni when a sawmill was constructed by Capt. Stamp in 1865, read an announcement on the lumber industry. A picture showed early-days loggers hauling logs with oxen. These have long since given

way to the steam yarding donkey and duplex loading, it was noted. Second mill at Moodyville was also built by Capt. Stamp, although it was operated by Moody, Ditz and Nelson.

When it came to farming, the first cultivated area in British Columbia was Daniel Harmon's farm at Fort St. James.

His diary records that "as soon as the frost was out of the ground we have planted our potatoes, sowed barley, turnips, etc., which are the first we have ever sowed on this west side of the mountains."

That was written on May 22, 1811.

The first farming undertaken in the southern extremity of the province was at Fort Langley in 1827, when the Hudson's Bay Company planted grain and vegetables.

British Columbia had not only a fine past but an impressive future, readers of that newspaper of 50 years ago were assured.



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Island Trust gains accolade

Islands Trust received an accolade from a regional district last week when a letter was received by the Capital Regional Board from its counterpart in Powell River.

The Powell River Regional Board had already sent a resolution to the Capital Region asking for support.

The resolution referred to the introduction of the Islands Trust Act to preserve and protect the islands in the area. Since 1974 the Trust has worked towards preserving areas of unique and natural beauty as well as minimizing and removing sources of pollution and encouraging selective and careful use of natural resources: providing excellent local representation in local planning on the islands and preserving and protecting the Trust area for the benefit of all British Columbians, Canadians and people of the world.

The resolution noted that Section 190 of the Land Use Act bill would repeal the Islands Trust Act. In view of the fact that the regional districts are not in a position to take on planning of the islands without additional funding and overwhelming support for the Trust had been made evident to the Premier and Cabinet, the board resolved that the Islands Trust be retained.

Last week the Powell River Board offered further support to its original resolution, despite the fact that the present minister has indicated his support for the Trust.

Unlike regions

The Trust was first established in 1974 to regulate the intensive and often insensitive development that threatened the islands in the Strait of Georgia.

The Trust mandate to preserve and protect the unique amenities and environment of the islands for all the people of British Columbia provided the Islands Trust with an unusually farsighted focus, quite unlike the approach of the Regional Districts which had previously administered the islands.

Both the mandate and the means to achieve it were strengthened in 1977 when the full responsibility for

land use planning was shifted from the Regional Districts to the Trust.

In addition to its role as steward for the islands, the Islands Trust established a form of local decision-making that involved each island in the election of trustees and advisory planning commissioners.

The Trust has conscientiously endeavoured to conduct all meetings of local significance on the islands affected. Over the years the islanders have become involved and accustomed to this open and available decision-making process.

All significant changes in land use policies have taken place in open meetings where everyone with an interest in the issues had an opportunity to be heard and to influence the decisions finally reached. It has been and still is an example of effective, responsible, grass roots democracy in action. If people are given a taste of democracy, they get to like it; if you then remove it, they get angry.

An example

The proposed elimination of the Trust without consulting its elected members of the electorate is itself an example of the centralized approach to decision-making that had led to so much dissatisfaction prior to 1974.

The previous minister's argument against the Trust is that the job of the Trust has been completed, and that by being an additional level of government, the Trust placed an extra and unnecessary burden on the taxpayers of the Province.

We feel that if the social, environmental and political issues were sufficient in 1974 to lead to the formation of the Trust and to its strengthening in 1977, these same concerns, being ever more intense now, should be sufficient to maintain the Trust.

Stewardship does not end - it is a continuing process involving sensitivity, concern, knowledge and vigilance. One cannot simply build a system or structure and then abandon it: change, lack of interest, decay and insensitive use will bring about its destruction.

Powell River Regional Board urges support

Challenge

Secondly, we question the argument that the Islands Trust is an extra level of Government which imposes additional costs on the taxpayer. The planning functions now performed by the Trust have had to be done by someone.

They will have to be conducted by someone in the future, regardless of the fate of the Islands Trust. The transfer of these functions back to the Regional Districts will save very little if anything, and may cost a good deal more.

For these reasons, the elimination of grass roots democracy, the termination of the Trust concept and the stewardship role in land management, and the failure to inform or consult with either the

elected officials or the affected electorate, we support the Trust Council in urging the provincial government to reconsider the social, environmental and political consequences of abolishing the Islands Trust.

As yet, the new minister, Mr. Heinrich, has not made a clear commitment to maintain the Islands Trust. Clearly, the Islands Trust Act should be considered separately from the Land Use Act.

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ISLAND SAVINGS

No heat or light

Storm brings big damage clean-up

High winds and lashing rain rearranged parts of the Gulf Islands during the night of last Thursday.

The winds, gusting to close to 120 kilometers per hour, brought down trees, tearing down power lines and left many homes without light or heat for several days.

The rental agency on Salt Spring reports that electrical generators were rented out as were space heaters and camp stoves.

Kerosene became a commodity in short supply as stores ran out and with the oil bulk plants closed for the weekend, service stations also ran out of the fuel.

Kerosene lamps were sold out in stores with only the more expensive models remaining on the shelves.

While the hydro crews were busy working shifts of up to 16 hours per day, the annual Christmas party for Gulf Island hydro employees, which was to be held Friday evening, went without guests.

METER MOVED

One home owner found the meter in his living room as the hydro line was pulled from the side of his house. Electricians were busy rewiring service masts and auxiliary buildings.

On Southey Point, a resident lost a guest cottage to the storm while on Scott Point, a woman lost both a boat house and a wharf.

Hydro crews went about removing the trees from power lines. The crews were using chainsaws but soon found help from local residents who were gathering easy supplies of winter firewood.

NO CABLEVISION

Television watchers who used the cablevision service on Salt Spring were left without. Power to the receiving antenna was out and the company was waiting, as were others, for power to be restored.

On Galiano Island, the senior citizens at Page Road were warmed

in the lounge of the centre when they gathered around the fireplace which was kept roaring by volunteers. Lighting in the lounge came

courtesy of emergency generators.

The children of that island were treated to the annual visit by Santa in the south end community hall. They were warmed by two donated kerosene heaters at the event held by the Galiano Club.

Members of a family living on a boat in Montague Harbour lost their living quarters when it filled with water. They sought shelter on shore beneath a tarpaulin.

The government float at Retreat Cove disappeared in the storm and reports of other docks and boathouses being damaged are rife.

The stone breakwater at Drummond Park on Fulford Harbour was dismantled by waves slamming logs against it. Damage estimate for the breakwater has been set at \$3,500.

Book Review

It's a funny thing by a funny writer called Gould

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Only in Victoria, You Say? by Ed Gould. Cappis Press. 177 pp. \$6.95.

I worked for a die-hard, true purple Canadian once. He started life in Alberta but he wasn't oily. He wasn't even dusty, when I try to think about it. He has no bearing on this book. For years he would cite some oddball we had both met and he would press me for an answer when he leaned forward and asked pointedly, "And where did he start life?" On a few occasions I had to admit that the oddball in question had the same advantages that I did and had set out initially to wave a Union Jack, or a Dunlop tire.

Only in Victoria doesn't challenge his views. It confirms them, I fear.

A lot of islanders know Ed Gould. Maybe they're not all admitting it, of course. He's a professional knuckle-rapper. He holds you up by the scruff of your quirks and lets everything show. When he lived on Salt Spring Island he wore black hair and black beard. The storm and high wind played havoc with his whiskers and he's now down to black hair. He lived off Scott Road in those days and wrote profusely. Now he lives in Victoria and writes profusely.

I know a few of the characters he mentions in the book. I know that Phyllis Agar is mentioned in despatches, but I knew that before I read it.

My only objection to the book is contained in a single line within the 177½ pages. He writes of a parrot named Frank. I kind of resent it even if he didn't mean me. I think Ed or Eddie or Edward would be a far more suitable name for a parrot. But that was just personal prejudice. Otherwise I enjoyed it.



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The spark that flew

The mystery of the birth of Christ

BY P.A. BERGIN
Catholic Church
of Salt Spring Island

This is the beginning - the spark shot free, that gnaws and widens into living flame - and like a star in heaven - shines in me. (Dante Paradiso).

And so, Christ, the spark shot free, comes into the moving expanse of the universe, the spiralling glory of this galaxy, the whirling worlds of this solar system to this small, spinning planet.

The mystery of the Incarnation is not in our inability to understand how the physical laws of the universe were overcome. The Creator, after all, is not bound by the created.

The mystery of the Incarnation is why the god of the universe chose to strip Himself of his glory and the knowledge of himself, to enter into time and space, and to become one of his creatures.

The mystery is that He so loves us that He chose to be made of the same star stuff.

LIKE A FUGUE

Caryll Houselander said that the history of the Incarnation is like a fugue, in which the love of God for the world is an ever-recurring motif.

That motif streaks time and space forming everything and everyone. That love permeates the universe.

Evil and sin exist in this spoiled Eden because it will not see, will not hear, will not sense the Presence which has made it holy.

Evil and sin are banal, trite, ordinary, because they define the absence of something. Evil and sin are a vacuum, a negative, a lack of direction and attention. They derive from failure and unwillingness to see and understand and accept that God so loved us that He sent His only begotten Son.

Accepting the love of God, just as accepting the love of another person, instantly implies responsibility. Accepting Christmas for what it is means responding and reacting to God.

NOT AN EASY THING

It is not an easy thing to be loved. It makes cowards of us and sends us in search of distractions.

The mystery of the Incarnation is a mystery that should not be taken for granted but should be probed and pondered. It ought not to be relegated to the sentimental externals where it becomes lost in its symbols.

It is the bedrock of faith that Jesus is the Son of the living God.

Failing this, it's just another holiday, another rather meaningless celebration. A celebration not much different from the celebration that was taking place when Christ came to the inns of Bethlehem.

He was the light that shone in the darkness of the celebrators' hearts, but that darkness did not comprehend it. He came unto His own and His own received Him not. If He had come as a mighty monarch, offering to restore the ancient power and glory of the Jewish nation; He would have been received with joy and feverish enthusiasm. But he had come in a way in which they had least expected: not as a mighty warrior and wise ruler, but as a helpless child. He chose for his dwelling place not a palace, but a lowly cave; for His throne not a seat of glittering gold, but a manger of straw; for his army, not an invincible army, but a group of unknown helpless fishermen; and for His battle-cry, not war and conquest but meekness and humility.

What a sting of bitter disappointment to the anxious Jews! No wonder they received Him not!

Very important, indeed, is the

lesson we must learn from this lest we, too, commit the same tragic mistake of receiving Him not.

Basic to our Christian Faith is that Christ, the Christ of Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem, is the Son of the living God. The repercussions of that studied and examined truth ought to be reflected in each person,

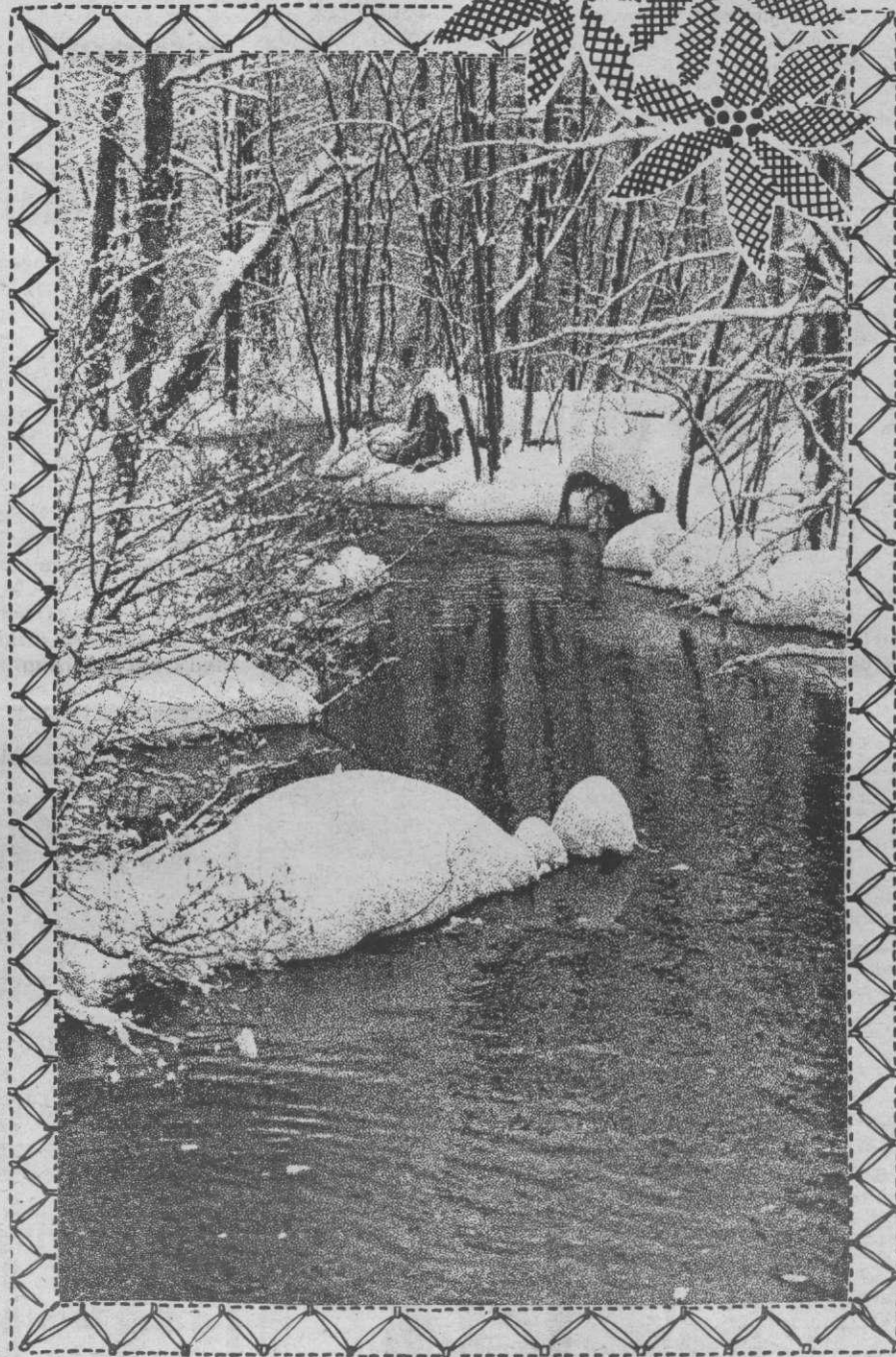
each family, each community, each nation and throughout the whole world.

Jesus, in becoming one of us and with us in his birth to that Jewish girl is the spark which has become the living flame; the light of the World.

May it be said of us that He came to us and we received Him; received Him as our Lord and Saviour.

My Christmas wish, then, is that each of you would know and understand and accept that, like a star in heaven, the living flame "shines in thee."

CHRISTMASTIME



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Singers have busy day

Salt Spring Singers had a busy day last week when they met at the Golf Club to honour one of the group's founding members, Mrs. Ruth Barker (top right). She was also celebrating her 75th birthday. They later moved on to Greenwoods where residents joined them in singing Christmas carols. In top photo, from left, are Nancy Wigen (with guitar), Helga Williams, Margaret Howell, Heather Gardam and Ann Camping (in front row); Rose Donnelly, Muriel Leask, Esther Hengstler, Dorothy Cummings and Margaret Fisher (back row). In photo at left, Joan Raeside shares carol book with Greenwoods resident.



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Concert at Ganges school

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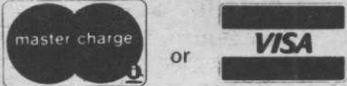
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Found

Silver Astrology medallion, Gemini. May be claimed by identifying engraving, Driftwood lost and found.

Card of Thanks

Seasons Greetings & thank you to all the folks on R.R.1 for their kindness & patience during my first 6 months on the job. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all. Your mail lady,
Milly Sinclair

On behalf of the Western Canada Lottery Foundation I wish to thank Dawn Luker, of the et cetera Book & Stationery shop for her recent co-operation in ensuring the delivery of lottery tickets to three retailers in Ganges. Her efforts were appreciated by the Foundation, her fellow retailers and myself.
Cliff Ruttan
WCLF Salesman

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year to all members of the Hospital Auxiliary and specially to the Thrift Shop volunteers who work all year so dependably & cheerfully and make a real success of the shop. Also to all members of the community who support us with generous donations. Mary Yellowlees

THANK YOU FROM LUIGI'S!

Our opening was great - thanks to all our customers who made the event a success. Apologies to those who wanted a pizza but couldn't get one. We've now stocked up on ingredients, so come on back!

LOUIS & CARLA

REFERENDUM!

"The price of democracy is eternal vigilance." And the price of that vigilance on behalf of this island has been high. Many thanks for donations received to date; they have been forwarded to the SAC lawyer. But more is needed! Please send donations to:
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Card of Thanks

We would like to extend our gratitude to friends & relatives for their support & prayers following Tony's accident. Thank you and a Very Merry Christmas. The Hedgers.

A big thank-you to our faithful readers, contributors and advertisers from all of us here at Driftwood. See you all next year.

Births

Laura & Jon McAstocker (nee Pallot) are overjoyed with the arrival of Jacob Tyler, Dec. 15th, 10 lbs. 9 ozs. Proud grandmothers, Mrs. M. McAstocker, Vesuvius and Mrs. L. Pallot of Ganges. Great grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. V. Pallot, Gibsons, B.C. Great grandmother Mrs. M. Pallot of Vancouver.

Deaths

BAIRD - in hospital on Dec. 18, 1982, Mrs. Maude Louise Baird, age 78 years, born in Port Lawrence, Nova Scotia, late resident, McKinnon Rd., Pender Island. Predeceased by her husband John James Baird, she leaves her brother, Mr. Earl Dickson, Comox; sisters Mrs. Grace Morrison, Penticton and Mrs. Frida Snider, Vancouver; nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be held at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Pender Island, Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1982 at 10:30 am, Archdeacon D.A. Powell officiating. Flowers accepted, or donations to B.C. Heart Foundation, 1008 Blanshard St., Victoria V8W 2H5. Arrangements by Sands Mortuary Ltd., 1803 Quadra St., Victoria, B.C.

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Christmas, 1982

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Family Christmas Service
7 pm and 9 pm
Sunday, Dec. 26
Communion Service 10 am
Sunday, Jan. 2
Worship Service: 10 am
with Sunday School for
Nursery to 15 years
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Anglican Parish Salt Spring Island CHRISTMAS EVE

St. George's -
Christmas Pageant - 3 pm
St. Mary's -
Holy Eucharist - 8 pm
St. Mark's -
Holy Eucharist - 11 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY
St. George's -
Holy Eucharist - 9:30 am
St. Mark's -
Holy Eucharist - 11:15 am
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY (Dec. 26)

St. Mark's -
Holy Eucharist - 8 am
St. George's -
Holy Eucharist - 9:30 am
St. Mary's -
Holy Eucharist - 11:15 am
SUNDAY, JAN. 2
St. George's -
Holy Eucharist - 9:30 am
St. Mark's -
Holy Eucharist - 11:15 am
House Church - 3 pm
St. Mary's -
Evensong - 7:00 pm

If any are housebound and would like to receive the sacrament during the Christmas season, please contact the Rev. W. John Bailey, 537-2171.

Galiano Island

St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican
Sunday, Dec. 26
Holy Communion 10 am
with Rev. Leonard Pocock.

Catholic Church Salt Spring Island MASSES:

Midnight Mass: singing of Christmas hymns at 11:30 pm; mass at midnight precisely.
Christmas Day: Ganges 10 am, Fulford 11:15 am
Sunday, Dec. 26: Ganges 9 am, Fulford 11:15 am
Friday, Dec. 31: (New Year's Eve) 5 pm.
New Year's Day: Fulford 10 am, Ganges 11:15 am
Sunday, Jan. 2: Fulford 9 am, Ganges 11:15 am.
Catechism 10 am every Sun.
Saturdays: Ganges, 5 pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) Ganges 4-5 pm and 7-8 pm. Phone if above is not convenient.

Rev. Fr. P. A. Bergin

Community Gospel Chapel

Drake Road, Ganges
Worship Service 10:30 am
Sundays - Sunday School classes for the children.

GUEST SPEAKER DEC. 26
Rev. Leonard Simcoe
Evening Service 7:30 pm
Bible Study & Prayer
7:30 pm Thursday

Pastor: Rev. S.F. Hildebrandt
537-5757 537-2622

Catholic Church Mayne Island

Catholic Mass on Mayne Is.
3rd Sunday of each month.
For details of celebrations on other Sundays, please phone
539-5310 or 539-5498
ALL WELCOME

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Agricultural Hall, Mayne Island
Sunday School - 9:30 am
Church Service - 10:00 am
For information call 539-5551

Blanket B.C. & Yukon

Commission salesperson: serving Smithers and area. Aggressive, self-motivated salesperson required to handle cash registers, canon copiers, calculators, typewriters. Full company benefits. Resume to See-More Printing/Stationery, Box 460, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0.

Okanagan valley 3 1/3 acres, year round creek, hydro, paved highway, some timber, \$26,600. 20% down, \$298 per month, 12% 5 years. Phone 509-486-2875, 509-486-4777.

Vancouver Island stock farm. 195 acres capable feeding pasturing 150 head. Registered Black Angus. Herdords. Going concern. Excellent buildings. Phone Bert Evans, Duncan, collect 746-4455.

Blanket B.C. & Yukon

Bestmelt roofing equipment. Kettles, hoists, engines, pumps, small equipment replacement tubes (any make, any model). Phone Langley, B.C. 888-2117 or 888-3466.

Big White, privately owned luxurious condos/chalets for rent. Jacuzzi, fireplace, on the slopes, book now for special January rates from \$36/unit. Phone 987-5759 collect.

Purebred or registered Norwegian Elkhound Pups. Loving, cuddly. Christmas gifts as low as \$75. Phone Salmon Arm, 832-6557 after 4 pm.

Bnlanquet

R. N. with administrative experience. To take charge of 7-bed Intermediate Care Facility. Applicants must have proven administrative ability in Long Term Care Field, be currently registered with B.C. Registered Nurses Association. Salary, benefits as per R.N.A.B.C. contract. Apply Century Care Society, Box 1988, 100 Mile House, B.C. Phone 395-2187. 1

Zero-Lok collar 16 feet x 24 feet x 12 feet. 3 phase, 8 foot x 8 foot door, 10 hp. compressor, 5 hp. fan, new condition, \$7,500. Phone 112-757-8533. 1

Wanted: Alder in standing, or preferably split and piled. Pickup in most areas of B.C. and Yukon. Long Term contract possible. Reply C.C.L., Box 202, Duncan, B.C. V9L 3X3. 1

If you enjoy gardening, do it year round, using an aluminum and glass greenhouse! Write for free brochure to: B. C. Greenhouse Builders, 7425 Hedley Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5E 2R1. Mail orders now available. 1

Wanted

Recycle your floral containers, 50¢ 75¢ and \$1 paid for clean, undamaged bud vases, bowls, brandy glasses, etc. Garden Faire Florists, Valcourt Centre, 537-2534. tfn

24" fridge & 2-burner hotplate. Call Carol at the Community Centre, 537-5290 or leave message at 537-9421. 1

Work Wanted

Painting, wallpapering, garden maintenance, cleaning, small repairs, etc. Quick and tidy work. Call Kirstie, 537-5432. tfn

Building crew looking for work. Call 537-2209 eves. tfn

Reliable carpenter with 11 years experience. Will also do painting, roofing, yard work, etc. Please call Lyle at 537-5607 after 6 pm. 50-4

Construction and/or design work wanted. Efficient, quality and experience at reasonable prices. No job too small. Call Ed at 537-5229 or Mike at 537-5145. 50-2

New Year's Eve, babysitting, my home. Sandy MacDonald, 537-2198. 1

New Year's Eve, babysitting, my home, Joan Dow. Phone 653-4230. 1

Wanted to Rent

HOME OWNERS

WANT TO RENT YOUR HOUSE but are worried about the problems that go with renting? Let me handle this for you.

R. D. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Phone 537-5411 tfn

Responsible couple with 2 infants are seeking a vacation 2-bedroom house on the waterfront for 3 weeks in July. Please call 537-2684. 1

3 bedroom house with area for growing. M. Oman, 2710 W. 10th, Vancouver, 734-3406. 51-2

For Rent

2 bedroom apt. in Ganges. Stove & fridge, W.W. carpet, \$350. 537-2702 or 537-5208. 1

New 3 room studio apartment in Fernwood. Unfurnished w/all appliances. 3 min. walk to store, gas, wharf. Includes cable & water. \$125/month. Call Jim Murphy after 7 pm. at 254-9908 or Mary Small at 537-9566. 51-2

Small 1 bdrm. house in Vesuvius near store & ferry. Unfurnished with all appliances, electric heat, wood stove, includes 1 cord of wood & water. \$300/month. Call Jim Murphy after 7 pm. at 254-9908 or Mary Small at 537-9566. 51-2

For Rent

\$75. One-room cottage, acorn fireplace, water and electricity need hook-up. 388-6262 Victoria. 50-2

W/F 2 bdrm. cedar cottage, wall to wall, large sundeck, Franklin fireplace, fridge & stove, washer and dryer hookup, \$295/\$550. Phone 388-6262 Victoria. 50-2

3 bdrm. waterfront on 1/2 acre. Fireplace, basement, workshop. \$390/month. Call Dick, 537-5515 or 537-2236 eves. 50-2

Excellent office accommodation. 1st & 2nd floor newly decorated accommodation at corner Rainbow & Lr. Ganges Rd. Could be rented together or would consider two separate rentals. Call 537-5568 9:30 - 4:30 pm. 51-2

Salt Spring small farm, barn & cabin, modular home pad, \$600/mo. 653-4237. tfn

Salt Spring modular home pad on forest site near lake, \$300/mo. 653-4237. tfn

3 BR duplex in Burgoyne Valley, \$425. Ph. 653-4237. tfn

1 & 2 BR all-elec. cabins. October - April. From \$250. 537-2214. tfn

New house near Ganges. Electric heat, fireplace, two bathrooms, two bedrooms, w.w. carpet, carport. No pets. Phone 112-656-3609. 50-2

Bachelor suite, \$150. 537-2572 or 537-2965. 50-2

One, two and three bedroom furnished, winterized cottages now renting at Green Acres Resort, 241 Lang Road. Ph. 537-2585. Rates from \$295 per month. tfn

Secluded furnished waterfront, two-bedroom house with fireplace. \$500/mo. including electric heat. References. Call Vancouver 732-6248 evenings or write Dept. X, c/o Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0. 50-3

Quiet, secluded, all-electric furnished lakefront cottages, available until April from \$300 per month, hydro included. 537-9629. tfn

Winter accommodation bookings. Furnished cottages reduced rates, daily, weekly, monthly, yearly. Also week-ends. Panoramic lakeside from your windows. For details phone Mapleridge 537-2311, 9 am to 11 pm. tfn

Office space for rent, second floor Lancer Building, \$300/mo. Enquire 537-5568 10 am. - 4 pm. 51-2

2 bdrm. suite, all electric, bright and comfortable. 1 1/2 miles south of Ganges. Laundry facility, extra storage space. Clean and well-kept. \$325/month. 537-9486. tfn

4 bdrm. house near Ganges for Jan. 15. 1 1/2 bathrooms, w/w no appliances, well insulated, electric heat, huge garden. \$400/month plus utilities. 537-4293. 1

House for rent with commercial storefront, Fulford. Available Jan. 1st. 537-9406. 51-2

2 BR duplex in Burgoyne Valley, \$350. Ph. 653-4237. tfn

Storage space. Heated storage space for rent. 15'x15' room, \$100/mo; 15'x10', \$75/mo; 15'x8', \$50/mo. 653-4520. tfn

Large one bedroom suite with kitchen, living room & all utilities. \$300. 653-4520. tfn

Clean workshop. Complete with heat, hydro, water & toilet. \$200/mo. 653-4520. tfn

Personal

Congratulations to Carla and Louis from the Salt Spring Pizza Lovers Association. The opening of Luigi's is a welcome addition to the island. Much success. 1

Personal

et cetera will be closed Dec. 25 to Jan. 3 inclusive - open again Jan. 4. We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 1

Notices

Salt Spring Island KNITTERS CLUB

will meet every second Tuesday of the month for learning, exchange of ideas, etc. For more information, phone Lucia of Alma's Knitting Room, 537-5642. 39-alt.

NEWCOMERS

to the island, or people who have had a change in telephone number:

LAST CHANCE

to let us know about your new number for the

LIONS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Call Carol, 653-4305 or Fred, 537-5111. 1

Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands CONSTITUENCY OFFICE, Duncan will be

CLOSED

DEC. 27 - DEC. 31

In emergency please call

746-6084

JIM MANLY, MP wishes you the very best of the season

Jim Manly, MP

RECYCLE

CANS NO LONGER ACCEPTED

Do Salt Spring a favour and reduce the amount of garbage dumped on her. RECYCLE: Bottles - clean please, lids and sealing strips removed for recycle at RECYCLE centre. Newspapers tied in bundles, catalogues and magazines tied in bundles. RECYCLE shed behind Dagwoods in Valcourt Centre. Workers in attendance Saturday morning. Please bring only items listed, otherwise you add to our workload unnecessarily. tfn

Salt Spring Island TRUST COMMITTEE

Trustees will be in attendance at Room 104, in the Court House at Ganges, every Tuesday afternoon from 1 pm. to 3 pm., Dec. 7, 14, Jan. 4, 11. tfn

FREE FOR THE ASKING - a listener who cares. Call NEED Crisis Line - anytime. 386-6323 or from Salt Spring call toll free Zenith 2262. tfn

A. A. Meetings, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 pm. Open meetings las. Friday of the month. 537-2618, 537-2135 or 537-2763. tfn

A.A. information for women with drinking problem - contact 537-2763. tfn

S.P.C.A.

LOST AND FOUND PETS General Enquiries

537-2123

Please send memberships and donations to Box 522, Ganges, B.C. tfn

PIANO — THEORY

For individual instruction by a professional music educator phone 537-2116.

LYNNE QUINN M.A. B.MUS.

Notices

AL-ANON helps those who are living with or near a severe drinking problem. Weds. 1:30 pm and Fri. 8 pm. For more info phone 537-2618 or 537-5129. tfn

KARATE

New classes starting Jan. 5 - 7-8:30 pm, High School stage. For further information call: Frans Beijl - 537-9745 1

MIDDLE EAST FOLK & BELLY DANCER

Special entertainment for your Christmas party, birthday, retirements, etc. Bellygrams! LEILA - 537-5058 49-3

Coming Events

Legion Br. #92 NEW YEARS EVE DANCE & DINNER

Dec. 31, 1982 - 9 pm. - 3 am. at the legion Music by "R.O.W.'S GALLERY" (Wilf Davies Band) Tickets \$12.50 each - open to all legion members and guests. 50-2

GOLFERS! Annual New Year's Day SOCK AND TOQUE Fun Tournament

11 am. - warm up time, 11:30 am. tee off time. Sign up at club before Dec. 23 or phone 537-2121. 50-2

Salt Spring Folk Society PRESENTS...

NEW YEAR COFFEE HOUSE

Friday, Jan. 7 — 8 pm St. George's Hall

Lotsa local talent - benefit for Salt Spring Folk Society. 1

GALIANO ROCKS INTO '83

WITH A DOUBLE LIVE GONZO! "HOT AIR" &

"NASTY HABITS"

NEW YEAR'S EVE — 9 PM Advance tickets ONLY - \$6.00 at Burrill Bros. & the Gas Station. 1



THE CHRISTMAS MUMMERS



INVITE THEM TO YOUR PARTY AND SURPRISE YOUR GUESTS

Between now and January 8

BOOK NOW!

537-5062 after 5 or leave message at et cetera 537-5115 50-2

Business Opportunities

AVON

TO BUY OR SELL Call Mrs. Guenther Collect - 652-2837 eves. tfn

Business Services



The Hair Shoppe for Men & Women MOUAT'S MALL - Ganges Mon. - Sat. 8:30 - 4:30 pm.

537-2712

Appointments not always necessary tfn

ALL BREED DOG GROOMING

For appointment, phone MARGARET BYRON

537-2710 tfn

General legal service to southern Gulf Islands. We come to you by appointment. M. V. Gulf Adviser - Williams, Davie, Orchard, Singh & MacCarthy, Duncan. 746-7121. tfn

EXCAVATORS - CATS BACKHOES - TRUCKS

Land Clearing - Road Building Trenching - Excavations - Water Systems - Ponds - Surface Wells - Septic Systems - Drainage - Perc Tests - Backfilling BY THE HOURS, ACRE, YARD or BY THE FOOT or CONTRACT PRICES Saltspring and all Outer Gulf Islands 537-2509 CHARLES H. BYRON tfn

Sandman Floor Finisha

Announcing our all new pressurized paint roller for quick interior repaints. Eliminates dipping into paint trays, with flow control from 5 gallon hopper. Compare prices. Also airless spray for new drywall. ACCESS 537-9231 9-5

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MAJOR HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE Now available on island MATT FLANAGAN 537-4148 After 4 pm or before 9 am tfn



RENT A MOVIE TONITE!

New releases added: Rocky III • Annie • Six Pack • Best Little Whorehouse in Texas • Escape from New York • Star Trek II • Fire Fox • Taps • Sword & The Sorcerer • Gallipoli • MID WEEK SPECIAL: Tues./Wed. - machine & 3 movies for 2 nights — \$20. Weekend rate - machine & 3 movies - \$20. Convenient pickup and drop off at THE GENERAL STORE in downtown Ganges Phone 537-5612 or 537-5091 50-2

Business Services

Salt Spring's Bobcat Service. Septic fields, driveways, burn piles, landscapes. Small dump truck and log forks. 653-4519. tfn

TRACTOR SERVICE

* ROTOVATING * BRUSHCUTTING * PLOWING * ETC. *
KEN BYRON
537-2882 tfn

GENERAL TRUCKING
537-5663 tfn

Fibreglass septic and water tanks, 537-2441. 50-3

Too Late to Classify

WANTED
Older fridge. 653-4558. 1

Real Estate Wanted

Looking for 1/2 acre or so on Salt Spring. Need vendor financing with low cash outlay. Interested parties please phone 537-5834. No agents please. 51-3

Real Estate for Sale

Brand new 2 BR bungalow in Ganges, 1,300 sq. ft., view, privacy. \$129,000. Clear title. 537-5208 or 537-9236. tfn

3 bedroom, 1250 sq. ft. house, overlooking St. Mary's Lake. Full basement, sun deck, fireplace, 3/4 acre lot. \$106,000. 537-9651. 51-3

ONE ACRE

Tall cedars in private subdivision. Close to ferry, golf and tennis. Located on Latimer Rd. Phone Dola Dixon 531-2921 or 536-0305. Or write to Block Bros. Realty Ltd., 2099 Johnston Road, White Rock, B.C. V4A 4N7. 1

Real Estate for Sale

HUNDRED HILLS

New 1200 square ft. up, 1000 sq. ft. unfinished basement, 2 bed., 2 bath, heatilator fireplace, large, partly-covered sundeck, ocean view. Quality owner built home on .89 acre, partly landscaped lot. \$139,000 trades on local home considered. 537-5876 after 4 pm. tfn

Too Late to Classify

FOR RENT
17 ft. trailer, comfortable, suitable for 1, possibly 2 persons. Can move to your land. \$100/mo. Also maple butter, syrup & fruit for sale. 537-5961. 1

FOR SALE
Registered Newfoundland puppies for sale. \$350. Will be ready Feb. 15. Call collect 539-5770, Galiano Island. 51-2

Legal

ATTENTION: Melbourn R. Barnes, 113 North Kirby, Sequim, WA 98382, USA. Your 750 Yamaha motorcycle will be sold on Friday, Dec. 31, 1982 unless payment is received by that date for storage charges incurred.

S. S. Island Garage
Box 371,
Ganges, B.C. 1

Too Late to Classify

FOR SALE
120,000 BTU low profile propane furnace, some ducting - needs to be disconnected, \$450; large, mahogany sideboard, \$125. 537-2214. tfn

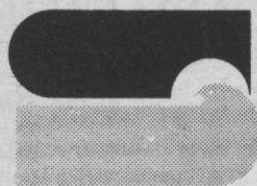
FOR SALE
Pickup trailer box, 6' long, 3'8" wide, 14" high, 14" diameter wheels, standard tires. 537-2102. 1

Too Late to Classify

FOR SALE
3 tennis racquets, new; used skis & boots, various sizes, children's and adults'. 537-2832. 1



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121 Fulford-Ganges Rd.
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Phone 537-5515

Driftwood Mall, Pender Is.
629-3383 or 629-6292
Galiano Island 539-2250

WEEP NO MORE...TERMS EASILY ARRANGED TO PLEASE YOUR PURSE - 2 BR, 1 level fully landscaped lot & within yards of St. Mary Lake & year-round fishing, flexible financing. \$68,900. Phone now for additional particulars.

STRETCH YOUR DOLLARS ON THIS WELL CARED FOR HOME SITUATED ON A LOT COMPLETELY LAND-SCAPED - 2 BR up, 1 down with family/games room, separate dining & living areas, a lot of house & close to Golf course. Good value at \$99,700.

DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE, DOUBLE YOUR FUN WITH THESE - 2 lots side by side, level & sunny, located within the downtown area of Ganges. One lot has open style house ideal for single person or a starter home, free standing storage shed & fruit trees. Listed at \$44,000 & \$28,500 respectively. Well worth your time to enquire further.

SEE THIS BARGAIN BEAUTY BEFORE SOMEONE SNAPS IT OFF THE MARKET - 2 BR, 1 level home at 146 Desmond Cr. Listed at \$57,000. Attic up for extra BR, studio or storage. Sunny level lot & located downtown. Well worth your efforts to view.

1979 PARAMOUNT MOBILE HOME ON LEASED PAD - (3 Yr.) - Listed \$22,000. 2 BR, 12' x 50' with kitchen appliances, well maintained with gorgeous view of Gulf Islands. An excellent way to start 1983 & the avenue of becoming a homeowner.

THE BEST OF TWO WORLDS - ACREAGE & EXCELLENT VALUE AT \$49,000 - New subdivision, end of Lang Road. Bottom land connecting to wooded acreage, plus view acreage. Good selection to choose from. Tour now & ask for maps.

SPACIOUS HANDSOME 2 LEVEL FAMILY HOME - 232 Quebec Dr., approx. 2900 sq. ft. living on a sunny, south view lot. 3 BR. finished & 2 BR. unfinished & lots of other functional rooms. Just blocks from salt water recreation. Well priced at \$115,000. View now!

CALL GIL MOUAT 537-5515 or 537-9272.

MINI FARM - 2.77 ac. fruit trees, clear spring water & excellent garden soil. 3 BR home with modern kitchen, lge. workshop & paved driveway. \$125,000.

CHARMING 2 LEVEL home in Hundred Hills with open view of Active Pass & islands. \$105,000.

1 1/2 ACRE with Chalet style 3 BR home & guest cabin, garage & workshop.

2.31 AC. WITH 2 level 3 BR home & guest cottage near Ganges. \$99,900.

3 BR - fully modern with ensuite on over 1/2 acre. \$80,000.

CALL JIM SPENCER - 537-5515 or 537-2154.

3 BR. home, FP., sunny deck, Maliview. \$69,500.

Specially built 2 BR mobile, close to Ganges, view. \$75,000.

Ganges Hill, view of harbour, 1 ac. plus greenhouse, shed, 2 BR. \$99,500.

New home, completely finished, 4 BR, 2 baths, rec room with heatilator FP, deck, utility room, it's all here plus some landscaping. \$147,500.

Ocean view, close to beach access, 8 ac., split level 3 BR home, garden. \$147,500.

View acreage, arable, 7 1/2 ac. \$79,000.

CALL IVAN MOUAT 537-5515 or 653-4463.

GALIANO ISLAND HOMES:

1. 3 bdrm., FP, walk to stores & ferries, potential comm. Terms! F.P. \$87,500.
 2. 2 bdrm., WF, dock & year-round moorage, up to \$60,000. Vendor mortgage. F.P. \$110,000.
 3. 4 BR., 2 1/2 bath, 2 heatilator FP, over 2000 sq. ft. developed, exc. water system. F.P. \$125,000.
 4. 3 BR, family room, 2 baths, wood/elec. heat on south facing lac., exc. water. F.P. \$129,500.
 5. 2 BR, on SW ocean view, 6 ac., very private. F.P. \$69,000 (Firm).
- LAND**

1. 10 ac., spectacular ocean view, lge. trees, cul-de-sac, close to ferries & amenities. \$87,500.
2. 5 ac., ocean view, south end. \$74,500.
3. 2 ac., low bank WF, several to choose from, 25% down, starting at \$134,500.
4. 5 ac., walk to sandy beach, walk to year-round moorage, SW facing, plenty of arable soil. Terms. F.P. \$37,500.
5. 45 ac. - excellent property, plenty of trees, near beach & moorage. Terms. F.P. \$160,000.
6. Nearly 7 ac., SW ocean view, near moorage & beach. Terms. F.P. \$50,000.
7. 5 ac., spectacular SW ocean views, water & power, 1/3 down. F.P. \$64,500.
8. 6 ac., SW facing, water, power, plenty of arable land. 1/3 down. F.P. \$57,500.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.
BOB DUGAS - 539-2250 - Galiano Island 537-5515 Salt Spring Island

MONTEITH DRIVE - 1 yr. old, 2000 sq. ft. finished living area home with single carport. Backs onto Duck Creek. \$110,000.

CALL RUSS CROUSE 537-5515 or 537-5203

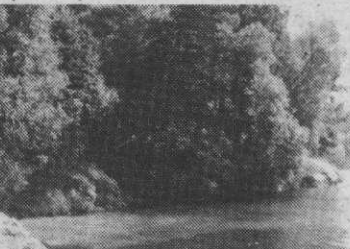
LOTS & ACREAGE

- \$29,900 - .72 ac. seaview, well treed, driveway roughed in.
- \$34,500 - A BEST BUY! 2.12 ac., cleared, some alder & apple trees, super drilled well, valley views.
- \$47,500 - arable south slope, drilled well, high treed building site. Walking distance to Ganges. 3.58 acres.
- \$48,000 - Be a WISE boater! Loovely low-bank .56 acre on secluded but accessible Wise Is.
- \$49,500 - Watch the sunsets over lake & mountain from this beautiful high serviced building lot.
- \$50,000 - Your choice of two superior 5 ac. Sunset Drive parcels. Excellent West facing building sites with some seaview. Near access to Salt Spring's best beach.
- \$85,000 - Potential small estate. 6.2 acres nicely parked sweeping valley & seaviews. Seasonal stream.

HOMES

SUNNY OCEANFRONT

Beautiful SW exposed waterfront lot with all services except sewer. 2 shell beaches on 150' frontage. Idyllic retreat for artistic people yet close to ferry (1 mi.) Any reasonable offer of cash or terms to \$90,000.



BRADBURY ROAD - West facing. St. Mary Lake waterfront on quiet dead-end road. Asking \$75,000.

HIGH COUNTRY - SUNNY & SECLUDED - LISTED \$93,500. - Act now to view this 2.02 ha., 3 BR double wide mobile home with FP perimeter decking & adjoining double carport, good garden area & solar system for some household water requirements. Ideal rural atmosphere.

5 AC. FULFORD VALLEY & CHARACTER FARMHOUSE - beautiful year-round stream passes through this property, with older 2 BR home on main floor & BR or den down. Lovely sunny location & close to ferry and other facilities.

VIEW PROPERTY - EXCELLENT VALUE ONLY \$45,000 - 1.48 ac. Old Scott Rd., Ganges Harbour view, well treed, good location, & across the road from the salt water. Good financing available. ACT NOW...priced to sell!

CALL GIL MOUAT - 537-5515 or 537-9272 OR BOB TARA - 537-5515 or 653-4435.

\$128,000 - Roomy 3 bdrm. with some seaview PLUS self-contained 2 BDRM. revenue or in-law suite on .74 ac. Near Ganges.

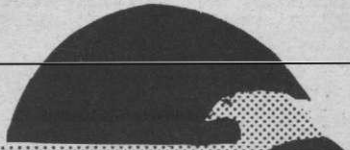
\$145,000 - Executive 3 bdrm. bungalow on immaculate 1.35 fenced garden acres. Greatly reduced.

\$425,000 - Beautifully renovated waterfront home, large heated swimming pool, delightful gardens, all on 1.11 acres.

Offers are invited on all of these superior listings. Attractive terms usually available.

Sylvia & Arthur Gale wish a Joyous Christmas & a Happy & Bounteous New Year to all their many friends and associates.

SYLVIA & ARTHUR GALE 537-5515 or 537-5618



CHRISTMAS ESSAYS**Primary — first place****The first day of Christmas**

BY ERIN HOWELL

The first day of Christmas my mom made some gingerbread men. I couldn't wait to open presents. It was snowing out, so I went out

to play. My friends and I had a snowball fight. Then we made a snowman. Then I called my dad to come and get a Christmas tree. We

found one in the woods and we brought it home and decorated it with Christmas decorations. My Grandma came to my house.

Intermediate — first place**Christmas in Mike's house**BY ALISON STAFFORD
Age 12 - Grade 7

Christmas in Mike's house wasn't exactly rich city but he wasn't really poor either, so you might say he was a happy medium. His "children", two German Shepherds, a Maltese, and an old Russian Blue, Winchester, could expect one sufficient gift each.

This year Hamlet, the oldest of the big dogs, would get a new meaty bone which he would guard with his life. Sam, or Samantha, would receive a big new basket, lined with her old blanket, and there would sit her teddy bear, with the eyes ripped off and the stuffing leaking out. You see, she loved her bear very much. Her little puppies-to-be would be perfectly warm and cozy there. Mr. Molson was the youngest dog. He was also the easiest to choose a present for. Nothing relaxed him more than sitting in front of a warm fire sipping a bottle of beer. In case you're wondering, his sort of beer is a bottle of Hires Root Beer. Naturally, Mike got him a six pack of Hires and his own long curly straw.

So far the going had been easy, but now he came to Winchester, the cat. Because he was so uppity, nothing seemed good or civilized enough for him.

While puzzling over what to get his cat, Mike felt a slight tug at his pantleg. There was Winchester, nose in the air, asking to be let out. This always happened around 10:00

and of course he absolutely HAD to come back in at 3:00 in the morning. Why things were that way Mike didn't know, but what he did know was that the chain reaction it set off was NOT quiet. As soon as he heard the "meoowwww", Hamlet would let out a low growl. Next Sam would start her high pitched yap. Mr. Molson rarely ever paid attention to all of this ruckus, but if he did, it usually took Mike about three biscuits and ten minutes to shut him up. Winchester took no notice of all this and just demanded to be let in, knowing there was a nice warm chair waiting for him to go to sleep in it.

Christmas was fast approaching and still Mike had no idea of what to give his finicky cat. Just in time he received a hint from his feline friend. The snobby cat had run into the door and knocked himself out in his haste to escape Sam, who was having a little harmless fun.

As soon as his master had discovered him and wrapped him up, Winchester began to scratch desperately in an attempt to get away. Mike wisely held on, knowing his cat would do something awful to Sam (he didn't quite know what) if given the chance.

When Mike found Winchester he knew exactly what to get his cat. It was very simple. A cat door! What better Christmas present? That would solve the problem of the midnight concerts and also ensure Winchester's safety. Buying it was

Primary — second place**Jesus' birthday**BY NICOLE GRAHAM
Grade 3 - Saturna Island

Christmas is when Jesus was born. Jesus is God's son. Jesus wanted his people to share. That is how Christmas started. Since then we have shared gifts. Poor people feel left out, because rich people are advertising presents that cost a lot of money.

Some people make rich people's stuff. Some rich people do not give to others. Some rich people are

selfish, and that is not fair. Jesus was really nice. But sometimes he had to make rich people give gifts. Some rich people are spoiled.

The poor people wish that the gifts would cost less. But the price goes up. It just isn't fair. It really isn't fair. I mean that these people are poor. They do not have very much money. I feel really bad. I wish that Jesus would make the rich people poor and the poor people rich. I think that the poor people would feel better.

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CHRISTMAS ESSAYS

Intermediate — second place

The big surprise in Santa's workshop

BY MICHELLE BENTHAM
 Mayne Elementary School
 Grade 4

It all happened one Christmas Eve in one of Santa's workshops.

Santa, Mrs. Santa and all the little elves were busy putting finishing touches on the toys, like painting lipstick on the dolls, tying bows on teddy bears, cats, puppies and all the other stuffed animals.

Santa smiled at Mrs. Santa when she overheard one of the elves mumble to himself about how many times he had to rub the tin soldier's buttons before they would shine. Finally they were finished and Mrs. Santa said, "Come, let's all have some cookies and hot cocoa before Santa has to leave".

They all hurried out of the workshop into the house laughing and talking. After they left, the room was quiet and still. Suddenly the kitten sat up rubbing her eyes and said, "At last! I thought they would never leave". All at once the room came alive. There were dolls dancing, tops spinning, soldiers marching and teddy bears tumbling. What a sight!

One of the puppies was so excited he was chasing his tail round and round. Suddenly he said, "Just think - tomorrow we will all belong to some little boy or girl - oh I'm so happy!" They were all excited, except for the teddy bear who

stopped tumbling long enough to say, "But, after this we'll never see each other again".

"Oh, I will miss you all so much", said a little doll starting to weep.

"Oh, for heaven's sake, stop crying - your makeup will run and they'll suspect something," said the tin soldier sounding cross. "Well, let's have a party since it's our last time together," said the spinning top. "OK," they all agreed.

They put on the radio and the kitten danced with the puppy; the teddy bear picked his partner, the raccoon, off the shelf; the doll and tin soldier danced for a while and the spinning top was dancing by himself and he was also the life of the party. They also played some games.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa heard the noise and wondered what it was. They crept softly down the hall to see. Luckily the raccoon who has good ears heard them and told all the others as fast as he could to get back in place, but there wasn't enough time, so they just flopped where they were.

They were all mixed up when Mr. and Mrs. Santa and the elves walked in and they immediately noticed that they weren't in the proper places and started to laugh. Soon, everyone else was laughing too.

Then the doll said, "Oh I'm so sad Santa - we'll never see each other again". She started to cry. The tin soldier said, "Oh, no, here we go

again".

"Ho, ho, ho, I have a big surprise for you are all going to an

orphanage so you will all be able to see each other".

"Yay", they said. Then Santa and

the elves packed all the toys into the sack, harnessed the reindeer and off they went together forever - happily.

The salespeople and staff at Gulf Islands Realty join in wishing you a joyful Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

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Two submissions in verse

Two island students submitted poetry in *Driftwood's* Christmas essay contest. There was no class for poetry and no prizes were offered.

The two submissions are published here in token of the efforts of Jennifer Anderson and Nicole Hanssens, both at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Christmas is loving and giving with care.

Christmas is a nice time with presents to share.

For children Christmas is the best part of the year,

Children think of Santa, the presents and all of the deer,

The skiing, the snow and the snowmen to build,

Santa, the chimney and the stockings to be filled.

Don't get me wrong, 'cause I haven't a doubt,

That the birth of Jesus is what it's all about.

—By Jennifer Anderson, Grade 7.

The tree is all decorated in red and green,

For each little boy and girl,

To dream of finding a ball or a doll or any toy at all

under the Christmas tree.
 —By Nicole Hanssens, Grade 4.

Christmas carol for Hydro

BY CAROLINE HAMILTON
A Christmas carol for the Hydro boys to be sung to the tune of Jingle Bells this Christmas.

Hydro boys, Hydro boys,
 Trees are blowing down.
 Hydro crews are working hard
 All around the town.

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 When the winds are blowing hard.
 When that job is done,
 Back to the Hydro yard.

Next emergency
 Is waiting down the line...
 Oh, what fun it is to ride
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CHRISTMAS ESSAYS

Junior — first place

Commercial Christmas

BY MARIA PAYNE

Since the second world war the meaning of Christmas has changed quite drastically. From a time of simple giving of presents made and shared by family members and especially of religious celebrations, it has become a giant money making

scheme for businesses. Christmas has turned commercialistic with no religious aspect at all in some cases.

Although Christmas is still a big family gathering with the giving and receiving of gifts, it doesn't have as much meaning as it used to. The gifts don't seem to come from the heart they're something that are automatically thought of when the word Christmas is mentioned. Money has become a very important part of Christmas. If you have no money your Christmas isn't as good.

In past years the religious aspect was the most important, now it's the last thing some people think of. Businesses make most of their money at Christmas. Children feel deprived if their parents don't give them big expensive presents instead of a few meaningful homemade gifts.

Children used to be satisfied with giving their parents nice cards but now they feel they have to get them big gifts. You can still have the Christmas spirit with a small dinner, a few gifts and a trip to the church Christmas morning.

I think people feel pressured into buying all the new clothes and toys to give to others. I don't know any adult who doesn't spend a lot of

money at Christmas. Even older kids spend a lot of money.

I guess people think the more you love someone the more you have to spend on them. Although I've been fortunate enough to get nice gifts at Christmas the memories that do stick in my mind are those of trimming the tree and cooking all the delicious goodies.

I personally would feel more deprived without the old fashioned part of Christmas than I would without the expensive.

I think although it is difficult to escape the pressure of advertising I think that people would benefit more if they went back to the simpler Christmas of yesteryear.

Kris Kringle '82

BY HELGA WILLIAMS

Ach Gott, I ben sittink here at mein cosy fire-platz and trinkink Gluhvein and schmokink mein peip und ben thinkink to meinsel: "Kringel, mein old Freund, tings ist not vat dey vas!!"

Den elfen ben kommen in here und schouten: "Kringel, we must have ein raise; maybe den sechs und funf ben o.k. Ve ben makink den Union mit den tootthen-fairies und den Oster-bunnies. We ben fed up mit den seasonal vork, und den schleepen all summer und gettink fat. And ve vant to make dem tinkle-dollies und dem puffen choo-choos; not dem naked E.T. und dem schpace invaders!!"

Ach ja, und Frau Kringel, she ben complainink also: "You never ben home on Kristmas," she is veining, "always out vid de elf-boys to all hours. Goink in de Volk's chimneys yet! Too much Gluhvein, can not find de door! Dis year I komm vid you. And you knock on de door und you schpeak nice to de Volks und you take off de boots at de door. And not schneakink in und schneakink out!!"

Ach ja, de Mann ist not de boss no more! Soon she vants to veard de boots and de beard und burn de Elfen, bring ein other Gluhvein, schnell!!!"

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Effective **Tuesday, January 4, 1983** to **Monday, February 28, 1983** inclusive:

Lv. Fulford Harbour (Saltspring Island)		Lv. Swartz Bay (Victoria)	
6:30 am	2:15 pm	7:15 am	3:00 pm
8:00	3:45	8:45	4:30
9:30	5:15	10:15	6:00
11:00	6:45	11:45	7:30
12:30 pm	8:15	1:10 pm	9:00

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Lv. Fulford (Saltspring Island) 6:40 am	Lv. Swartz Bay (Vancouver Island) 7:20 am

VANCOUVER ISLAND — OUTER GULF ISLANDS

CANCELLED sailings on **CHRISTMAS DAY** and **NEW YEAR'S DAY**:

Lv. Swartz Bay 5:35 am	Lv. Montague Harbour 7:55 am
Saturna 6:40	Otter Bay 8:35
Village Bay 7:20	

REVISED MORNING sailings on **CHRISTMAS DAY** and **NEW YEAR'S DAY**:

Lv. Swartz Bay 9:15 am	Lv. Village Bay 11:00 am*
Otter Bay 9:55	Saturna 11:40
Montague Harbour 10:30	Otter Bay 12:20 pm

* Saturna transfers from the "Queen of Sidney".

Sunday and Holiday Monday schedule is in effect on the Swartz Bay-Outer Gulf Islands route on Sunday, December 26; Monday, December 27; Tuesday, December 28, 1982; Sunday, January 2; Monday, January 3 1983.

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The following sailings will be **CANCELLED** on Monday December 27; Tuesday, December 28, 1982; Monday, January 3, 1983.

Lv. Swartz Bay 6:25 am	Lv. Village Bay 11:05 am*
Otter Bay 7:30	Saturna 11:55
Swartz Bay 9:30	

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On **CHRISTMAS DAY** and **NEW YEAR'S DAY**, the morning schedule will be the Monday-Thursday am schedule printed in the Fall/Winter/Spring brochure.

On **CHRISTMAS DAY** and **NEW YEAR'S DAY**, the afternoon schedule will be the Monday-Thursday & Saturday pm schedule printed in the Fall/Winter/Spring brochure.

On **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26; MONDAY, DECEMBER 27; TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1982; SUNDAY JANUARY 2; MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1983** the daily schedule will be the Sunday and Holiday Monday schedule printed in the Fall/Winter/Spring brochure.

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CHRISTMAS ESSAYS

Junior — second place

Has Christmas lost its spirit?

BY CHRISTY AUST

Christmas is the celebration of the coming of the Christ-spirit into the hearts of mankind. The Christ-spirit is the spirit of giving.

Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The birth of Jesus is a symbol of this spirit. Jesus was born in a humble setting; a bed of hay in a stable. Yet, he gave the world its most precious gifts - peace and love. His humble beginning is to show that material things are of little value. The greatest gifts cannot be bought - they are available to all who wish to set the feelings of peace and love free from their own heart.

Nowadays, people only worry about what they are going to receive and the things that they will get for people. The gifts they are concerned about are objects, not gifts of the heart.

"You think of friends and loved ones who are so hard to shop for. You can't think of anything that they need (which is rather strange when you think about it). Maybe there is nothing in the stores that they need. But what about some token of love - what about love itself and friendship and understanding and consideration and a helping hand and a smile and a prayer. You can't buy these things in a store; all these things are the very things that people need. We all need them. Blessed will they be who receive them this Christmas or at any time."

— Peter Marshall
Let's Keep Giving

How many of us have sat at someone's house where there is a little boy or girl or even an older brother or sister sitting busily around with a piece of paper and a pencil and a catalogue. They busily write down what they want for Christmas and if they don't get what they want, they get mad!

This only gives the feeling of

greediness. Giving gifts with the wrong feeling is just as bad. If we are giving to impress someone, we do not have the spirit of giving. Much better to give a good feeling away!

Christmas is said to be the most important time of the year. Is it for the giving and receiving of material goods or to honour the birth of the Christ-spirit in mankind's heart?

No amalgamation without discussion

Public consultation will form part of the process to determine if the Gulf Islands should join another school district, says Education Minister Bill Vander Zalm.

The Gulf Islands School Board had written to Vander Zalm to express disagreement with the idea of incorporating the local school district with another district. He recently replied to the letter.

The ministry of education is currently trying to come up with the ground rules to determine if small school districts such as the Gulf Islands can exist on their own, he said.

When the officials determine the rules, "There will be public consultation on both the criteria to be used and on actual amalgamation proposals of school districts,"

said Vander Zalm in the letter to the local trustees.

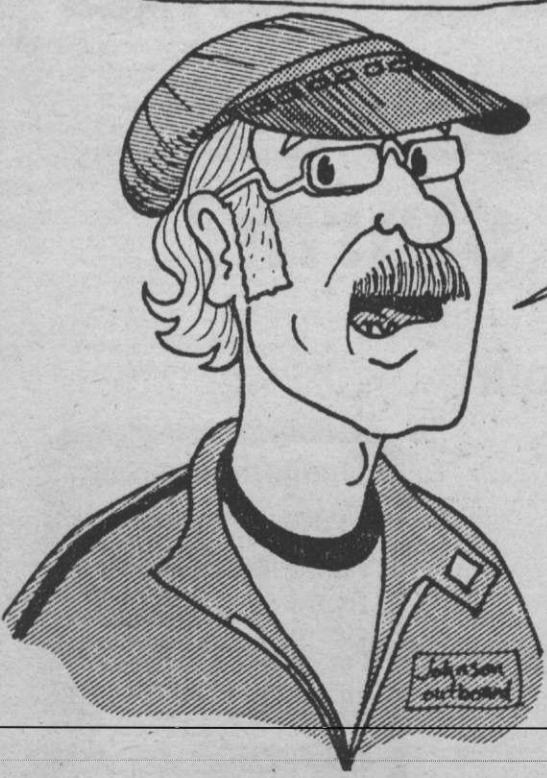
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"I cannot state at this time, whether or not the Gulf Islands School District is a candidate for amalgamation but if that should prove to be the case I can assure the Gulf Islands Board that there will be a public consultation process on the matter."

Vander Zalm offered a thankyou for informing him of the resolution passed by the board and sent to him as expression of board opinion on the subject of amalgamation.



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CHRISTMAS ESSAYS

Senior — first place

The joys of tinsel

BY ELLEN BOX

Tinsel is an investment which, if given proper care, will return to the investor much joy and contentment. One will never regret the purchase of even one box of tinsel, as it is well worth the money. It comes in many colours and has many uses, the most common being tree-decorating. Children can be occupied with it for hours, and it gives the home a peaceful tranquility. Tinsel must, however, be given the respect and proper care it deserves, in reciprocation for its benefits.

Tinsel is found in most stores in

the Christmas season and it is advisable to shop around and buy the very best. Tinsel comes in a myriad of colours - red, blue, green, gold, and the old stand-by of silver. Any of these colours may be chosen, as all of them are sure to provide the perfect festive mood.

Tinsel is used mainly in trimming the tree. A tree is incomplete without shimmering strands of tinsel glittering on its branches. The tinsel reflects coloured lights and sways in any small breeze, animating the tree and adding an extra element of beauty. Tinsel can also be interwoven into Christmas wreaths and used as a decoration on presents, giving them glowing sparkle.

Children are fascinated by it and will sit and stretch it out until it snaps. They should, as a matter of principle, be discouraged from this destructive habit, as well as from feeding tinsel to the family pets (especially the goldfish).

A safe (for the tinsel) diversion for the little ones is to grip one end of one or more strands of tinsel between the teeth, with the lips open, and to blow; the tinsel floats and quivers in the air, rustling lightly. Care must be taken to avoid breathing in abruptly through the mouth.

Care must also be taken in the storage of tinsel. It should be carefully removed from the tree, in order to avoid snapping the fragile strands, and wound around the cardboard spool in its box. Tinsel should be stored in a cool, dark place, where it will await, like a buried treasure, the next warm bright Christmas.

Tinsel is indeed a valuable investment, as it is a beautiful mood-setter at Christmas time, and fun for the children. If treated with love and respect, it will provide joy to all for many Christmases to come.

Offence didn't happen

The two men were in court but the witness and the police officer were not, so the judge said the offence didn't happen.

Scott Harrold and Joseph Maberly were contesting a traffic citation and the case came to the attention of the judge late in the afternoon last Wednesday. The crown attorney said he had sent the witness home and no police officer was in court to back up the traffic report.

Judge R.W. Greig asked the pair if they were willing to wait or proceed. Each said he would lose another day's pay and wanted the case heard.

The judge ruled that the offence did not happen and told the men that they would receive a refund of the \$10 filing fee.

"Between our provincial government and the post office company," he said, "it may take a while."

Senior — second place

A hypocritical masquerade

BY KATHRYN ADAMS

Caged in exploitation and commercialism, Christmas is a hypocritical masquerade. Money and gifts are the bribes for emotions and affections, forming a false and fragile shell in the depths of which dwell misery, greed and guilt. The family gatherings indulge in givings and receivings in the material rather than the spiritual sphere.

Exploitation, whereby advantage is taken of people as a means to selfish ends, namely profit, is channelled mainly through television. At Christmas time all vendors brainwash in the name of commercialism, vying for the public's money. Commercials are used to activate and stimulate desires so that the viewer wants, and hopefully buys, the advertised product.

The prospective purchaser is extremely vulnerable to the treachery of advertising during the Christmas season when vendors are most ruthless and corruptive in their tactics.

The purchaser's money is drawn into the stores in exchange for the gifts they were brainwashed into buying. In order to obtain these gifts the purchaser has suffered from exploitation, commercialism, exasperation, exhaustion and heavy expenses. The gifts themselves are to be used as ammunition on "The Big Day" on anyone whose emotions or affections the purchaser wishes to bribe.

The giving of gifts has become an obligation and compulsion. Those who give do so in order to receive or compete for the place of giver of the most expensive, desired, or extraordinary gift. Manipulation is the main force behind the giving of gifts. First the vendor manipulates the purchaser's mind and money, then the purchaser manipulates the receiver's feelings and affections. Thus Christmas itself is exploited.

The season is one of good will, sharing and family reunions on the

surface with misery, greed and guilt lurking beneath. People put on a happy face but many are miserable for reasons varying from having spent too much money or not having received what they wanted, to a dread of "putting on the act" for, and tolerating, various members of the family that the festivities have commanded into close proximities.

Greed is apparent with the rush to the tree to grab for the gifts, the search for more and better ones, and the lack of appreciation of and interest in those of others, unless they are more desirable. Guilt exists for the giver when his or her gift is not appreciated, and for the

receiver when he or she feels let down by the lack of appeal the gift holds for him or her.

The spiritual meaning of Christmas is lost in the giving and receiving of material wealth. All that Christmas is made out to be is all that it is not. The hypocrisy is made clear by the paradoxes that are prevalent in people's emotions where true feelings are hidden beneath the fake smiles and false words of good will.

The most potent form of Christmas spirit comes in bottles and is used as a weapon against the miseries of the season, exhaustion, empty bank accounts and stress. The culprits behind all this are exploitation and commercialism.

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Valerie Shirlye, front, and Jaya Polden place decorations



Eddie Waddell places a decoration on tree

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Christmas
Season

Mark, Sheila
& family
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Special efforts make Christmas a special day

Christmas Day at Greenwoods becomes a special day for the residents.

Breakfast is served around the tree and the treat of the meal is home-made egg nog. The staff pay special attention to creating the feeling of a homey atmosphere to ease the routine of the residents for the day.

The turkey dinner comes complete with all the trimmings and presents are passed out. The presents come from friends and relatives of the residents as well as from the Bellingham Santa and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The evening meal is built around ham.

By Boxing Day, the relaxation is complete and a buffet is set out so the residents can eat as they please when they please.

Christmas is family time and that's what the staff aims for at Greenwoods. They feel very close to the residents but they cannot take the place of relatives.

When age piles up, memories pile

up also. For the residents of Greenwoods, memories of the seasons past can diminish the spirit of the day. Even though they are among friends and the staff work hard at transforming the events, Christmas can be difficult.

The prologue to Christmas begins when Greenwoods throws a decorating party. The Bellingham Santa visits and the Salt Spring Singers come to share carols with the seniors.

Valdy makes his annual visit to Greenwoods close to the day and other activities are aimed at enjoyment.

During the autumn months, residents supervise the staff in gathering the ingredients for the homemade wine, and Christmas brings the wine for savouring.

Greenwoods is an institution but the special efforts transform it to a pleasant place to be on that day.

Christmas at Greenwoods has all the outward trimmings of any large home anywhere else.

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Season's Greetings

Twenty years ago
 Salt Spring Recreational Buildings Ltd. completed a successful membership drive with 100 shares, at \$50 per share, being sold. The directors of the corporation announced plans to begin construction of a new clubhouse on the golf course property.
 The seals were sunning themselves on the rocks off Welbury Point on Salt Spring Island. Of the four seals sighted, two were albino.

An island rescue reported the incident and noted one of the albino seals was of a huge size.

Repairs to the look-out on Mount Maxwell had been finished, said the chairman of the parks committee of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce. The work, carried out by crews from the parks branch of the provincial department of recreation and conservation,

GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD
GALIANO NEWS

Senior Citizens

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 8 a very enjoyable evening was had at Page Drive by 22 members of Branch 94 of the Senior Citizens

Association. A session of military music set before the company a table loaded with delicious food which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present, but especially by those

Wednesday, December 22, 1982

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Driftwood staff wish all their readers all the best for the holiday season

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards



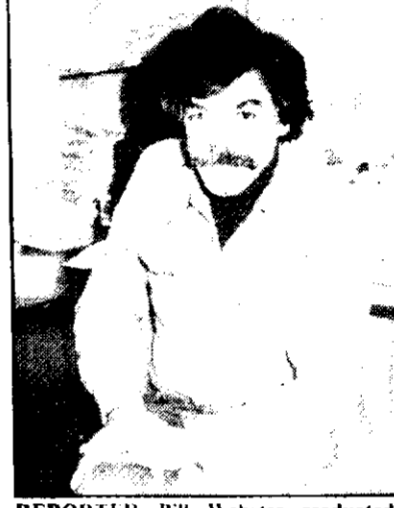
DRIFTWOOD Publishing president Frank Richards devotes a lot of time to filling the editorial columns. When not so engaged, he and son Tony share the demanding chore of cleaning up after the office cat.



AFTER 10 YEARS with the paper, office and circulation manager Catherine McFadyen has seen many changes, such as the doubling of circulation. Subscribers who appreciate receiving their papers on time every week can thank Catherine for the prompt delivery.



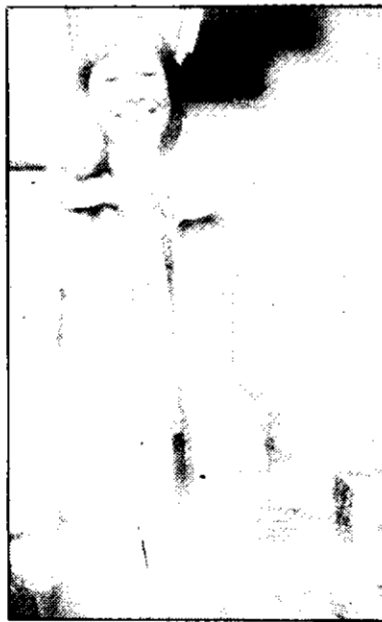
RELATIVELY NEW on the staff is Carol Marks, who works in the production department. When she's not setting type for *Driftwood*, she's putting together a national motorcycle magazine or a military college newspaper. The diverse nature of the three publications can make for interesting work.



REPORTER Bill Webster graduated from the *Toronto Sun* to *Driftwood*, making him the envy of other *Sun* reporters. He spends so much time at school board meetings and in provincial court that he is usually well rested, as both provide him with many opportunities to take a nap.



BARBARA RICHARDS never dreamed that one day she would be in charge of the accounts. Had she done so, the dream would have come true.



KIM COFFEY has learned to be a skillful driver, as her job entails getting the finished newspaper flats to Swartz Bay Tuesday afternoon and picking up the finished product the next morning. When production staff discover at 10 minutes before deadline that two pages have been forgotten, or something equally silly, Kim is relied upon to get to Fullford in 15 minutes or less.



ANNE LYON HAS two major duties in the office. Her chief responsibility lies in advertising production, which includes typesetting and paste-up of display advertising. She also ensures that the rest of the staff are well fed in the mornings by providing a steady supply of eggs, a market that she has cornered.



GWEN ALBHOUSE is in the office but one day a week, but that day is generally busy enough that she is left with the impression that she has a full-time job. She's in the office every Wednesday at eight o'clock in the morning, ready to help distribute 5,000 newspapers.



ALICE RICHARDS used to spend most of her time at the keyboard as a computer typesetter. She's happier now with a camera and the darkroom has become her domain.

Humbug

TONY RICHARDS' position as editor and publisher ensures that he gets a chance to do just about everything, such as following the cat around. Rumours that he spends most of his time playing games on his computer are completely false.



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Driftwood photos by Bill Webster

Most results not available following Gold River tourney

BY SLUG FEST
 "Win? We're not here to win we're here to party."
 — Anonymous Slug

In a wild show of support from a town with too few winners, residents of the scenic metropolis of Ganges jammed the streets Monday to hail their conquering heroes - the Slugs, back from yet another triumphant tour to the Gold River Tourney '83.

Suffice it to say that nothing, but nothing could detract from their great on-ice performance; certainly not the sordid pre-tourney antics at Crofton, Fanny Bay, Campbell River, and several other way stations in between; nor the bizarre in-residence Gold River Chalet chalk talks, room frauds, gendarme visitations and weenie roasts.

The results? Well, I've been meaning to get to those. The Slugs started with a bang, crushing local favourites the Marines 5-4 in a one-sided romp - the first Slug victory in over a month (well over a month).

Unfortunately the other scores aren't available. Suffice it to say they were great games, and the Slugs

came away with two more victories (so what if they were only moral ones?).

So that's about it for this year - no more Slug adventures till 1983. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mel Topping and Salt Spring

Lands for their continued support of minor hockey; Boom Boom Bergstrom for his unfailing dedication to the better things of life, and *Driftwood* for putting up with this garbage weekly (or is it weekly garbage?).

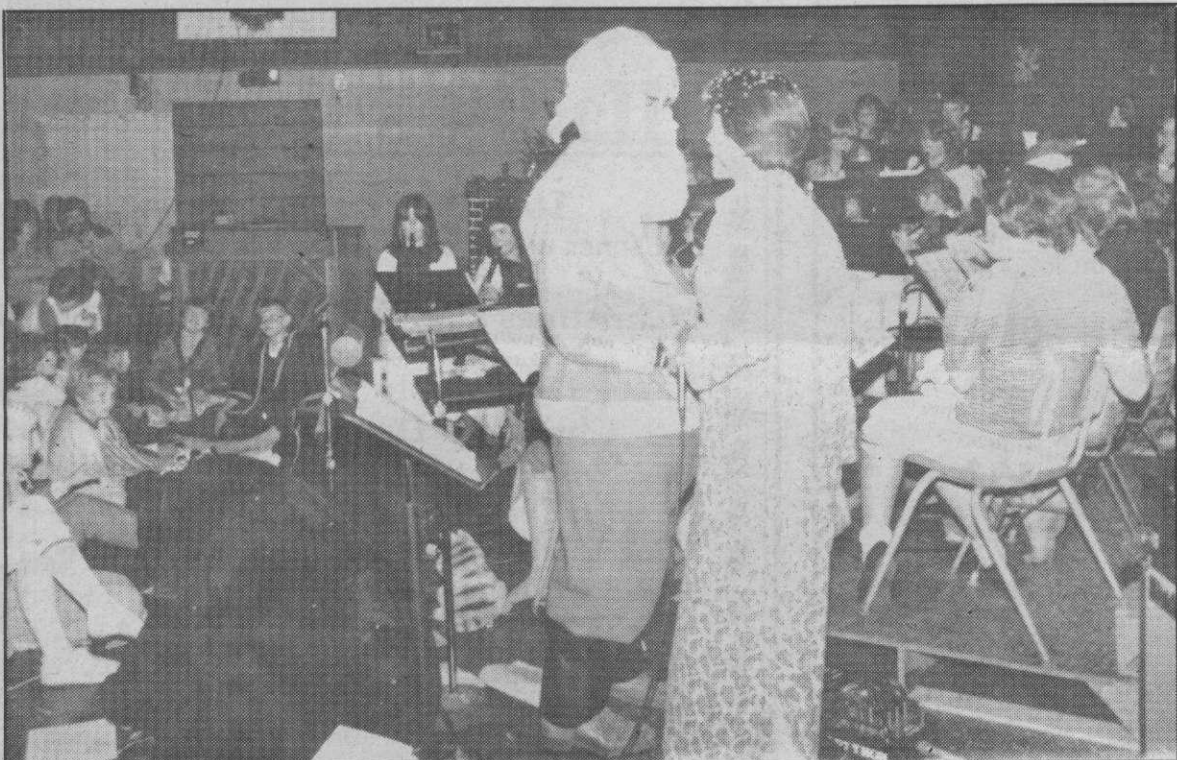


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Party with a difference

The Gulf Islands Women's Place held a different sort of a Christmas party when they invited all sorts of soothsayers. Rosalie Miles, left, was the only island soothsayer present and she is seen offering I Ching

reading to Pat Kirk. There was also a tea leaf reader, palm reader, crystal ball reader and to top it all off, a potluck supper. Women's Place is at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill.



Secondary concert

Santa (Wilf Davies) confers with narrator Dwaine Prosk, above, at the Gulf Islands Secondary Christmas Music Concert last week. Prosk narrated the poem *Twas the Night Before Christmas* while Santa conducted the concert band in musical accompaniment. Melanie Marshall entertained with her rendition of *You Light Up My Life*.

Golden Age News

BY BILL HARPER

Mr. and Mrs. Al Woodley have just returned from Halfmoon Bay where they visited with their daughter and family.

Thursday morning saw a lot of people without power. We appreciate the hard work and long hours the Hydro workers put in to restore the lines.

A good crowd took part in the bingo at the Recreation Club last Wednesday. The blackout was won by Gladys Harper.



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REPORT FROM THE COMMONS

Neighbourliness, sharing never go out of style

BY JIM MANLY, MP

They were cold; they were tired; and they were poor. Christmas 1937 was over but the drought and the depression continued. As the sleigh came down the narrow Saskatchewan road to the lane that led into the farm they thought they might as well check the mailbox - "just in case".

Inside they found a surprise parcel from a woman in Ontario - a woman whom they had never met or heard of before that year. Earlier in the year as part of a national relief program, she had donated some food items for drought-stricken prairie farmers. When she received a thank you letter from one family she decided to prepare a small

Christmas package for them.

Among other items the parcel contained a jar of honey and a roast chicken. It is interesting to note in connection with the Post Office that one honey jar had not been broken and the chicken had not spoiled by the time the parcel was delivered to the Saskatchewan farm.

I was only five years old at the time so I have no personal memories of this small and insignificant event. But for some reason it had a profound affect upon my parents and became part of our family folklore. This act of kindness on the part of an unknown woman in Ontario helped my mother and dad to keep hope alive at the end of one hopeless year and the beginning of another.

tragedy brought on by the economic mismanagement and indifference to the well being of ordinary people. But such acts did help people to keep their courage up and maintain their faith in one another.

Again at this holiday season many people are suffering from unemployment and a mismanaged economy. We need to keep the pressure on government to come up with political and economic solutions to the current crisis. But in the meantime acts of kindness and sharing with people can make a great difference to people in need. Good times or bad times, neighbourliness and sharing never go out of style.

May I wish all the people of Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands joy and hope in this holiday season with peace and prosperity in the coming year.

Spiritual reality of Christ gives joy at this time of year

FROM BAHAI'S OF SALT SPRING

The Baha'i community of Salt Spring wishes to share with gladness the spirit of goodwill that the Christmas season brings. It is the spiritual reality of His Holiness Christ that gives such joy at this and all times of the year. Taken from the Baha'i Holy Writings are here placed a few quotes:

The Holy Spirit is the Mediator between God and His creatures. It is like a mirror facing the sun. As the pure mirror receives light from the sun and transmits this bounty to others, so the Holy Spirit is the mediator of the Holy Light from the Sun of Reality, which it gives to the sanctified realities. It is adorned with all the divine perfections.

Everytime it appears the world is renewed, and a new cycle of existence in a praiseworthy garment, dispels the darkness of ignorance and causes the radiation of the light of perfections. Christ with this power has renewed this

cycle; the heavenly spring with the utmost freshness and sweetness spread its tent in the world of humanity and the life-giving breeze perfumed the nostrils of the enlightened ones. ('Abdu'l-Baha).

Blessed is the spot, and the house,

and the place, and the city, and the heart, and the mountain, and the refuge, and the cave, and the valley, and the land, and the sea, and the island, and the meadow where mention of God hath been made and his praise glorified. (Baha'u'llah).

GREETINGS

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Christmas Day, Dec. 25:
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Long day in court

The case came to court late in the day and when the witness had finished testifying, the judge told him he could either leave or stay.

"I'll stay," said the witness. "I've been waiting all day."

The judge looked at the clock which showed 4:30 pm. Court had convened at 10 am.

"We've all been waiting all day," said the judge.

Hastings House

Seasonal Closure

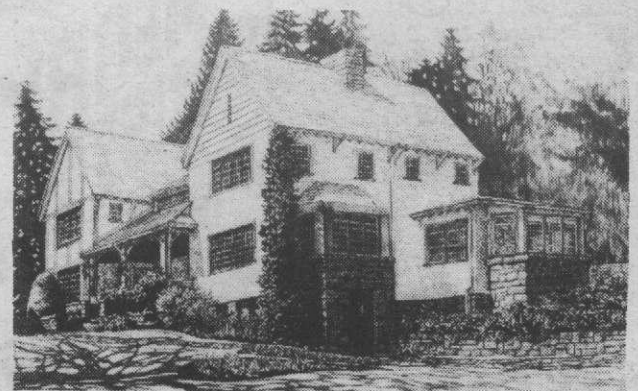
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We look forward to seeing you again in March, and we enjoyed having you as our guest.

Our office will be manned during the closure, our phone lines open and the coffee pot on the stove. Please feel free to drop by.

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"Ferries are highways"

Trustee speaks out for ferry changes to allow late trips

When the Islands Trust decided to insulate itself from the islands transportation committee earlier in the month, trustees also discussed various aspects of island transportation with the corporation.

Some of the concerns among Salt Spring Island travellers were presented by Bev Unger, local trustee who has elected to serve on the committee.

She asked the corporation for a return to the 7:30 sailing from Tsawwassen. There is no backlog in the winter, she urged and it is a great inconvenience to week end residents to arrive after midnight.

She also asked for the return of the midday sailing on either Friday or Saturday. It was bad enough when they took one away she complained, and the loss of both is a severe blow to travellers.

LATE NIGHT SHUFFLE

The late night sailing is missed at Fulford and she asked that it be reinstated. She urged a second late-night sailing on Saturdays at the cost of eliminating the first sailing on Saturdays and Sundays, when it is little used. She also pleaded for a co-ordination of sailing times to permit travellers to catch the Tsawwassen ferry.

Two shifts at the Vesuvius ferry would permit the Vesuvius Queen to keep her schedule until 9 pm, urged Unger. The increase would be merited, she suggested by the increase in population and the growing interest in Nanaimo shopping trips.

Otherwise she would call for the switch to a ministry of highways ferry.

The trustee also asked the ferry corporation for a baggage service for elderly travellers at the Fulford wharf.

Trustee Unger also spoke of fares.

OUR HIGHWAYS
"We believe that because our ferries are our highways, just as much as Thetis and Gabriola," she urged, "it is unfair to give us less service for more money."

She requested a meeting with Highways Minister Alex Fraser, Finance Minister Hugh Curtis and

Stewart Hodgson, of the ferry corporation to discuss either changing the corporation's mandate or putting islands ferries under the highways, directly.

She was indignant over commuters' tickets.

"We gave Mr. Hodgson the idea," she told *Driftwood*, "He took it and used it for the Victoria-Vancouver run at a cost beyond the reach of most residents. It is now a service for business, not individuals."

She also pressed for a reduced fare for Islands trustees travelling on Trust business.

FULFORD PARKING

The Salt Spring spokesman also looked at parking.

The ferry corporation is interested in providing parking facilities and there is land available next to Pattersons, "that has no possibility of a septic field".

A car park at that point could

Marr goes to Victoria for parliament

Ken Marr is the island nominee for the B.C. Youth Parliament.

Student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, Marr has taken a resolute stand on a number of community issues, notably the need for a sanitary sewer in Ganges and the reaction of teachers and public to the restraint program initiated by Victoria.

From December 27 to December 31, Marr will be among the 85 students taking part in the mock parliament set up by young debaters within the halls of the B.C. Legislative Buildings.

Under the prime ministerial eye of James Fraser, of Victoria, the Youth Parliament will discuss a variety of issues of significance to youth and the community.

Among the issues to be debated are nuclear disarmament and special education for highly motivated students.

encourage more foot passengers, she told the ferry personnel.

Her last recommendation called for the initiation of studies into the purchase of a hydrofoil to serve all the islands, carrying foot passengers only.

The new committee will consider her recommendations and they will be among the matters to be discussed at its first meeting early in the new year.

While the meeting is important, it is essential that the committee meet with the minister, she said.

New chairman sees Ganges as first priority for year

Howard Sturrock of Saanich is the new chairman of the Capital Regional District. Named to the board from Saanich, two months ago, he was a director for several years before leaving the board for a couple of years.

Sturrock is a professional engineer and has served with the province and in private practice as well as engaging in municipal work.

Last week the new chairman expressed his appreciation of the work of the retiring chairman, Sidney's Mayor Norma Sealey.

He identified the Ganges sewer project as the most difficult decision facing the board. He had spent a week discussing the matter with

various government and administrative levels, said the chairman.

New chairman named new committees. Islands directors will serve on the following committees: Director Yvette Valcourt, of Salt Spring Island; Community health and social service, local works and services and solid waste and sewage disposal.

Director Vernon Roddick, of the Outer Islands; Local works and services and personnel.

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J.T. "JAY" POGSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Photo: Ed Bermingham

TIM LOWAN, aged 15, has been awarded the J.T. ("JAY") POGSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP to attend St. Michaels University School in Victoria.

The scholarship is donated by Mrs. Elsie Reynolds as a living memorial to her brother, Mr. Joseph Taylor ("Jay") Pogson, a long-time resident of Victoria.

Tim Lowan, the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Lowan, of Victoria, stood in the top 3% of all Grade 9 students across Canada who entered the University of Waterloo Maths Contest and he played on SMU's unbeaten Senior Colts "B" rugby team which recently won the B.C. Independent Schools' tournament.

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Wayne and Connie
Anne and Dani

Kris Kringle and we wish you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS**



et cetera (et cetera!)

dawn, kirsten, kristopher, dan, johnnie

Miner's Bay Trading Post



Driftwood photo by Frank Richards

Retiring chairman offers outline of Trust duties

Islands Trust is an elected government agency charged with the preservation of the islands lying between Vancouver Island and the mainland.

The Trust, an elected body, is the agency responsible for zoning and planning in the islands.

Each of the 13 designated islands elects two local trustees to serve on the Trust.

After the elections, the trustees assemble in Victoria for the statutory meeting, when they elect from their number a chairman and two vice-chairmen, or general trustees. This three-man body is the executive level of the Trust. The general trustees are responsible for all matters which affect all islands generally, or those matters which are not peculiar to one island. While the local trustees are responsible for local planning and zoning, the general trustees are responsible for regional planning. This division of concerns covers a wide range of administration.

The general trustees are also part of the administrative body controlling land use on each island.

TRUST COMMITTEE

In all matters of local planning and zoning the three general trustees, sitting with the two local trustees, form the local island Trust committee. This five-man administration is the authority for land use decisions on each island.

The Trust includes one other function and that is the Trust council. Three times a year all local trustees meet in Victoria to discuss all aspects of islands planning and many matters which loom as likely to influence the islands.

The council met last week to elect a new chairman and to consider those subjects which have been under discussion at earlier council meetings.

Retiring chairman John Rich explained the council and its function to the new trustees.

"The council," he explained, "is not a statutory body."

It is a creation of the trustees themselves and established by them.

VARIOUS MATTERS

The council has investigated wildlife, forestry, road standards and a variety of other matters affecting the islands, recalled Rich.

Music for the Lions Club Christmas party

When the Salt Spring Island Club staged their annual Christmas party last week they needed music. And here is the group which responded. Under the direction of Wilf Davies, on the right of the group, are seen, left to right, Monik Nordine, Roger Morrith, Gary Quiring, Oscar Riley and Alex Hoehmann.

It covers a wide policy with the appointment of committees of up to 10 members who then meet at other times and report back to the council.

The procedure followed by islands meetings was set up by the council but adopted by trustees.

The council heard reports on a variety of subjects.

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From weeds to beginnings

Seeds of a Christmas message are sown by devoted grower

I am a gardener, and I love growing things.

It was not always so; at one time I was as ignorant as could be. Yet I could grow carrots and beans and other stuff as well as anyone.

It was quite simple, really. You dig up the ground, rake it a bit, then follow the instructions on the seed package: sow 1/4 inch deep, in rows 2 inches apart, cover and firm. When things look a bit dry put on the sprinkler. And in due course the little carrots came up and grew. Other stuff came up as well, but it was easy to tell which were the weeds; they did not grow in rows. So I weeded and I watered and in due course was rewarded with a fine stand of carrots.

It was easy, too easy, since what I knew about gardening amounted to a hill of beans. And it became obvious to me, since I knew beans about growing carrots, somebody else was doing the growing. For sure, I am the sower and the cultivator, but the carrots are doing the growing. A bit humbler and wiser I continued growing our vegies and all went well for a few years. But then the carrots became shorter and thinner and even some of the weeds started to look poorly.

THEY WERE MISSING

Our garden soil was also notably harder and dryer and started to show alarming cracks. Obviously something was now missing which had been there before. We soon found out that compost was missing, and manure. So we composted and manured and things soon were as before.

The hard, cracked stuff turned to beautiful, rich topsoil. Now I

Woodward rules against payment

When the Capital Regional Board undertook to reimburse the executive director Dennie Young for the cost of legal fees in bringing a legal action against Director Yvette Malcolm, it was exceeding its authority.

Last week the board received a letter from the inspector of municipalities, Christopher Woodward, explaining that the payment was not covered by the municipal act.

"I have concluded, with the aid of legal advice, that the board did not have the authority to make this payment," wrote Woodward.

The letter was dated November 22 and the board was advised at an earlier meeting that repayment had been made.

was beginning to be more of a grower and providing the stuff that plants needed to grow. It was remarkably easy, too easy, really. A question came up: what is compost and manure? Grass clippings, rotten leaves, cow pooh and straw and kitchen wastes. These all have one thing in common, they are products and by-products of life, and in the end, of plant life.

Holy cow! So life produces and sustains life, including mine, from the life and death and decay of living things. Much humbler now, I started to wonder what created our top soil in the first place, long before I came along with my compost and manure. And I started to look at barren places and there was the moss on stone, and camomile on a gravel driveway, and the dandelion on sand and clay. And I remembered my joy as a child when we blew upon the dandelion and saw the tiny silken parachutes, each carrying a little seed, drift away on the wind. And now it was made clear to me that the weed is the pioneer of the barren places, that their strength and life-force, their very life and decay is the beginning of our top soil.

THE HUMBLE WEED

The humble weed has made the foundation for all life that follows, including mine, and everything else in between. Wherever I look I see life which defies understanding. The soil teems with uncountable numbers of microbic life, the air, the water and the land abound in a rich variety of life the abundance of which boggles my mind. And added to all this is the beauty of woman, the perfection of a rose and her intoxicating scents, the goodness of the apple and the sweetness of our honey, the timber for our homes, all this from the soil of the earth. Then it becomes apparent that the earth has created this web of life which sustains, nourishes, comforts, delights and heals all its life with its life.

Well, I started out as a gardener and look where it got me to, but this is just the beginning.

You see, I had my beginning from my mother, she nourished, sustained, healed, comforted and delighted my life with her life, just as the earth, who nourishes us all. And just as I sow the carrot into the womb of the earth, the seed of me was sown into the womb of my mother by my father.

And then I remembered the teaching of my childhood, given by the one whose birth we celebrate at Christmas time: "Honour thy father and thy mother, for thy father is the spirit and thy mother is the earth."

And so we sow the seeds inherited from our father. The seed of man to woman, and the seed of thought,

word and deed into reality and being. And we reap according to the kind of seed sown. Be it love, hate, kids, carrots, or understanding. And all this is a seed of understanding of the laws of the universe which are manifest in us and around us, in the earth, our gardens and our lives.

May the promise and grace of Christmas find nourishment in the hearts and lives of all of us.

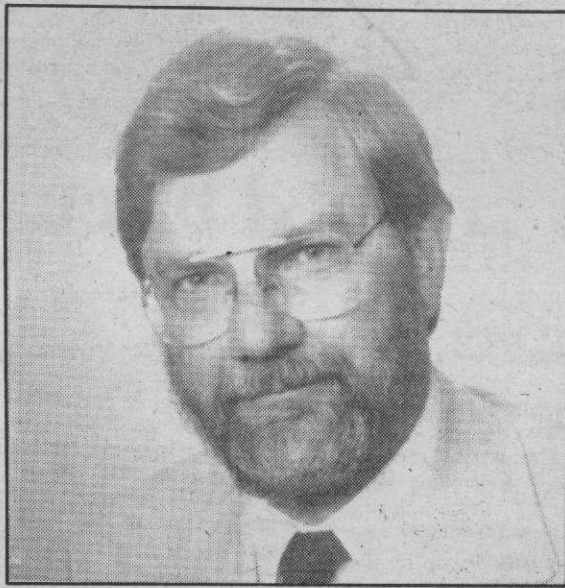
Cost of hooking up jump at Magic Lake

Cost of hooking up to the sewer system on North Pender Island has jumped by \$200.

Last week the Capital Regional Board approved the connection fee at \$1,100. It was previously scheduled at \$900.

It is the practice of the region to offer a reduced fee for connection while the excavation is open. The price rises when the line has been buried and must be re-opened for new connections.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



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DOWN THE GUTTER

Player's score reason to celebrate

BY KEN COLLINS

This week sees the first half of the current season come to an end. One player who had reason to celebrate was Murray Poyntz of the Monday night men's league.

He bowled 104 pins over his average to win the \$10 gift voucher. Well don, Murray, it's about time something went right for you. Are you going to buy the sandbagger a drink out of your winnings?

Here are the better scores of the past week. Carol Kaye: 765; Denis Corcoran: 741; Bev Sutherland: 703; Anne Harrison: 759; Jim Gilson: 745; and Julie Collins: 742-729. Omitted from last week's high scores were Linda Schwagley with 839, and Julie Collins with 759.

We had 300 games from Denis Corcoran: 301; Bev Sutherland: 333; Lloyd Kinney: 321; and this writer with 306.

The bowlers of the week were Carol Kaye and Jim Gilson.

Well, here's hoping 1983 brings you all you ever have wished for, whether it's your first 300 game or your first 400 one.

Last week in the men's league I was shocked to see one of my fellow bowlers who normally bowls with his right hand all of a sudden switch to his left. His excuse was that he had strained his normal bowling arm while boating.

How did he do with his left hand, you ask?

Two gutter balls and then scored 13.

GOLDEN AGE BOWLERS

High scores for last week are as follows: Jim Gilson: 745-triple (293 - 237 - 215); Gene Graham: 632 - (231); Dorothy Graham: 647-(238); Dave McRoberts: 626 - (215 - 211 -

200); Flora Robinson: 626 - (279); Gladys Harper: 624 (223-214); Nellie Herbert: 607 - (249); Dot Beech: 604 - (221-202).

Other good scores: Geof. Baker: 244; Rusty Hopper: 251; Bill Harper: 222; Flo Kavanagh: 203; Ted Meaden: 206; Gladys Harper: 205; Les Giles: 203; Art Robinson and Jim Tregear each with 202.

Terry Jenkins gave a \$10 gift certificate for each group - most pins over average on the second game. These are the winners: Monday afternoon, Jim Tregear; Tuesday morning, Alma Williams; Tuesday afternoon, Ruby Billinsly; Friday morning, Flora Robinson; Friday afternoon, Jim Gilson. Congratulations, winners, and thank you, Terry!

Apple sauce on crushed biscuits

The sound of voices singing carols drifted through the chilled air and snow covered the ground. Men walked to visit friends and prepared for the Christmas feast.

The voices were singing *Silent Night* in German and the walking men were confined behind a high fence. The location was a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany and the year was 1943.

Ivan Mouat of Salt Spring Island was in the camp that and the following Christmas. He had been shot down over Belgium the previous July and was spending his first Christmas as a prisoner of war.

"It was not like *Hogan's Heroes*," he said. The men were confined eight to a room and on occasion two additional prisoners were crammed into the space. They did their own cooking with food supplied from the basic German barrack rations.

They were given, among other food stuffs, fish cheese. "It was quite something," said Mouat. The diet was supplemented by food in Red Cross parcels which helped liven the meals.

"We lived," he commented. The prisoners followed the rules of the camp and when Mouat arrived, he had to prove he was a Canadian pilot. Everyone had a specific function to carry out.

"Our duty was to escape," he said in noting that he spent his time digging tunnels.

"When you're 23," he said, "these things don't bother you."

Christmas in the prison camps were times of hope, he said. Each year brought the certainty that the men would be home and the war would be over before the next Christmas.

The Red Cross parcels helped the men create the Christmas Bash as the meal that day was called. The parcels contained bully beef and spam. "No other meat," said Mouat, "but lots of it."

For one Christmas meal, the men had ice cream. It was made from canned milk from the Canadian Red Cross parcels and powdered eggs from the British parcels.

Just to ensure the meal was a real bash, the men made apple pie. It was only apple sauce, noted Mouat, spread on crushed bread biscuits, but it served the purpose.

"Food was very important," he said. He dreamed of salmon mayonnaise.

"We weren't starving," he said, "but we weren't living off the fat of the land."

Christmas Day was like any other day in the prison camp. The men rose at 8 am. Roll calls were held at 10 am and 4 pm. The shutters on the windows had to be closed by 10 pm as a precaution against detection during air raids.

The men visited friends and acquaintances in other buildings and gathered to sing carols. Musical instruments were part of the Red Cross shipments. Then the men returned to their own barracks for the Bash.

Food was scarce and was not shared with others. "You had to," he explained. "You couldn't feed the whole camp on rations."

There was no liquor and the Germans did not offer any of their fare to the prisoners. Presents, if there were any, came in the parcels from home. Relatives and friends who knew the routine would send the Christmas parcel in early

October with the hope it would arrive in time.

Each parcel and each letter was censored by the Germans. Each item bore the stamp "gerpruft" to show it had been checked.

The cans of food were punctured by the Germans to ensure they were not saved for escape attempts.

"The contents were just a little green around the edges," said Mouat, "but we scraped that off."

The men clung to their hope of war's end. They sang their carols and listened to the German guards sing theirs. Mouat watched the Polish Jews who carried out the menial chores.

"I don't see how they got much out of it," he said.



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Down Through the Years with Driftwood

Twenty Years Ago

A new floor in Fulford Hall would be paid for as a result of an auction and rummage sale which brought in more than \$400.

Dog owners were reminded to chase licences for their animals in the upcoming year. The licences were required under the Sheep Protection Act and the reminder was noted: "Any person(s) owning an unlicensed dog is liable to prosecution under the said Act." The costs would be \$1 for a male or spayed female. A female would require a \$2 licence and the procedure applied to all dogs over the age of four months.

Christmas festivities had been set and Santa would arrive on Salt Spring, by airplane, at 3 pm on Saturday for a Lions Club funfest at the cenotaph. The jolly gentleman would make another appearance the following morning, by boat, at 9:30 am.

Editor's Note: Boy! We are going to take a week off. This issue will be the last one of this year. The next issue will be on January 3. (Awfully close to New Year's Day, but we will keep it.)

The O.A.P.O. Branch 32 held the usual meeting and election of officers. The yearly dinner was scheduled to be held at Harbour House in the middle of January.

Dr. W. J. McAlister had established two scholarships of \$250 each for university entrance for students of the Gulf Islands High School at Ganges.

Fifteen Years Ago

Storms caused the cancellation of the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry run and ended the Gulf Islands Secondary School volleyball team. The ferry terminal on Salt Spring, where students were headed to a tournament on Vancouver Island, could not participate because of the lack of ferry service off the island.

The Pender CARE tree had raised \$700, reported George Wilson of Pender Island. The amount exceeded the mark set by Wilson for the year's donations. The previous year he had gathered \$600 to send to the needy in other countries.

Volunteers of the Salt Spring fire brigade passed safety exams given by the St. John Ambulance in conjunction with the Gulf Islands School District adult education. Six of the firefighters passed a first-year course while six others completed the second-year course.

Gulf Islands School District and local teachers reached a salary agreement based on the Victoria wage scale. The teachers of Gulf Islands schools would receive the same wages as city teachers with an average of \$75.

The bird on the beach at Beaver Point was not a penguin, said an authority. It looked like a penguin but it walked like a penguin but it was a murre. Native to the northern hemisphere, the murre is not a common sight in the Gulf Islands. While penguins are to be found only in Antarctica.

Children walking home from late evening activities at Fulford Hall were warned of dangers from traffic. The Old People Pensioners Association had provided armbands for any child who needed such protective gear.

The Galiano Ladies Service Club voted to donate \$180 to various good causes. The money would go to the Unitarian Service Committee, Lady Minto Hospital and a mission in Vancouver, among other organizations.

A parent in Vesuvius on Salt Spring Island complained to the school board that children from that area caught the school bus at 7:30 am for a 10-minute ride to school and had to wait outdoors for the bell to ring at 9 am. The schools were open to children, said a trustee of the school board, particularly in inclement weather.

Ten Years Ago

Salt Spring Island became an independent crown colony following a coup by local residents. A message announcing the breakaway of the largest of the Gulf Islands from not only Canada but also British Columbia read, "Enough is enough, buster. We go it alone." The message was sent to Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau as well as B.C. Premier Barrett. No response had been received.

The provincial court in Ganges burned. The interior of the court was completely destroyed but the fire was contained within the court room. Quick action by the volunteers of the Salt Spring fire brigade confined the flames and prevented it from spreading to the remainder of the government building. The fire was blamed on faulty wiring.

The Gulf Islands School Board and local non-teaching staff agreed to a two-year contract which would give the workers an 8.9% increase for the first year and a 7.5% increase for the second.

Record cold temperatures froze Salt Spring Island on December 3, 1972. The thermometer read a low of 20 degrees and the high for the day was registered at 29 degrees. The island also lay under a two inch blanket of snow.

The Capital Regional District would not be taking over the sewer system at Magic Lakes estates on Pender Island. The directors agreed to accept an engineer's report recommending against the takeover but urging the creation of an improvement district for the area.

Blood donor clinic in Ganges attracted 135 candidates who donated 114 pints of blood. The Royal Canadian Legion sponsored the event and had set a target of 175

pints of blood.

The Gulf Islands School Board sent a letter to the provincial government urging that civic elections be moved forward to November from the usual December date.

Five Years Ago

Bus shelters for children would be a welcome addition to the school bus routes, said the Gulf Islands School Board, providing the parents built and paid for them. Permission from the department of highways must also be obtained, the school board noted.

A ban on hunting on Galiano Island was being sought. A petition seeking names of residents supporting the ban was being circulated. The hunting of deer was considered a hazard caused mainly, said residents, by visitors from the mainland.

An unofficial Christmas bird count on Salt Spring Island resulted in the sighting of 9,654 individual birds of 92 different species. The 53 islanders who ignored the cold and wind to count the birds found the bufflehead to be the most numerous duck with 587 counted.

The Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club shot more than 2,000 pigeons. But the pigeons were made of clay and were part of the annual turkey shoot of the club members.

The Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission announced the end of the swimming program for island children in Duncan. The costs of transportation had proved to be too high for the program to continue. The commission was making arrangements for the program to be held at a private swimming pool on the island and hoped to have a community pool built to serve Salt Spring.

Metrification came to the Gulf Islands School District when the trustees agreed to write dates and times in the new method. The 24-hour clock would be used to note times while dates would be 1978-1-15 instead of January 25, 1978.

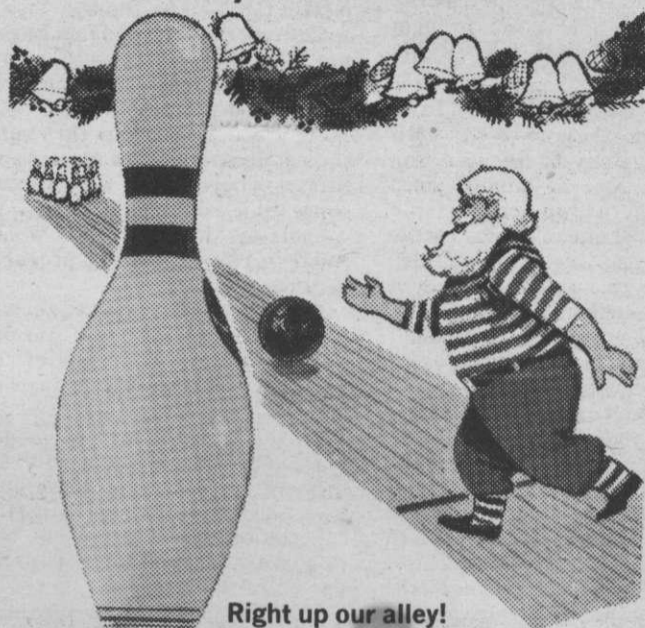
The Fernwood school building project would proceed as planned. The trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board decided, after lengthy discussion, to proceed with the project despite objections about the size of the proposed activity centre. Delaying the project to plan a larger activity centre would cost an extra \$175,000, the board learned.

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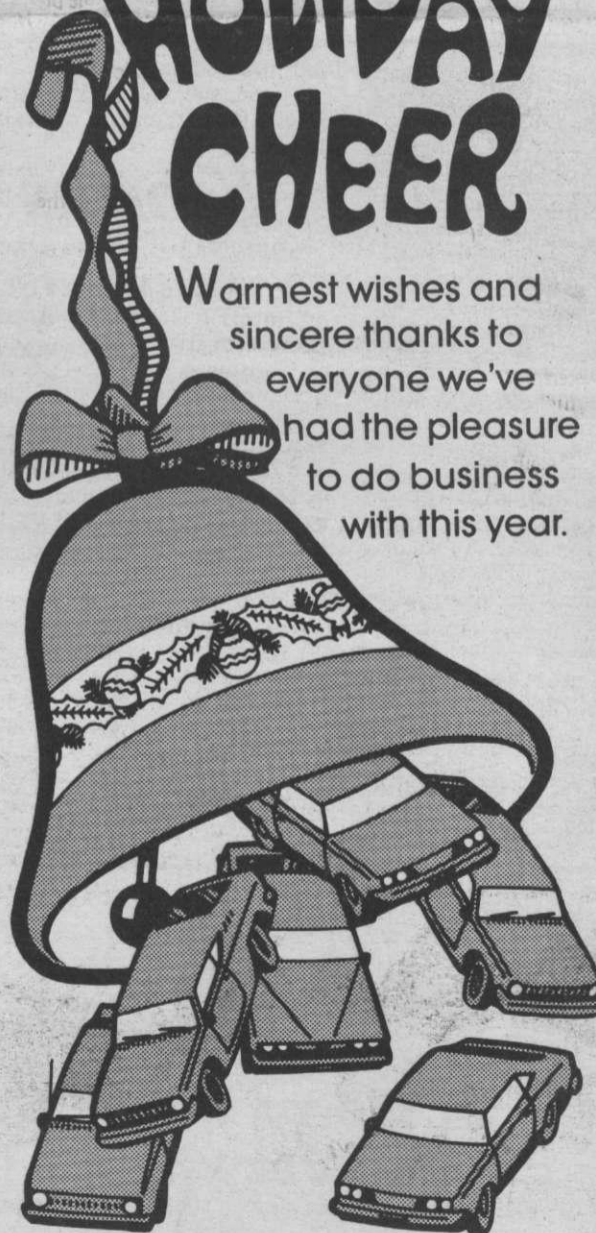


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Green light for referendum

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against the project, the directors agreed to present the referendum.

While most of the objections to the Ganges sewer have come from the area outside the boundaries defined, the final costs brought strong representation from within the area as well.

TWO DELEGATIONS

The meeting heard two delegations. Judy Ripley spoke on behalf of the recently formed ratepayers' group, expressing concern at the prices mooted for the sewer: a basic levy of about \$550 ranging up to many thousands of dollars annually in respect of commercial properties; and Robert Price, Victoria lawyer who has acted for the Salt Spring Island Sewer Alternatives Committee and Director Yvette Valcourt.

Under questioning by directors, the board's solicitor, Don Farquhar explained that, while a positive vote would give the board a direction to go ahead, a negative vote would not authorize the board to abandon the project. The board already has the authority to go ahead with the Ganges sewer by virtue of provincial legislation. It lacks authority to recover the money spent. If the taxpayers say "no", the authority remains to install the system. The means of paying for it can only be exercised if the property owners approve the referendum.

Ripley suggested that her list of 70 signatures represented 50% of available eligible property owners.

Speaking at length, Price asserted that the original petition on which the sewer project had been launched, was certified by Dennis Young as having 68% majority. He charged that the majority had been only 48%.

Price had acted on behalf of Valcourt when she was sued for libel by Young.

He sounded a new challenge to Young when he told the board that the original petition had been falsely certified. "And he can sue me if he wants to..."

TO ALL ISLAND

Pat Crofton asked whether the referendum might be presented to all Salt Spring Island. There is no legal means whereby the entire island could vote for a project serving only a small part of the island, he was assured.

Chairman of the board Howard Sturrock explained that the \$2 million federal grant may or may not be repayable. The remaining \$645,000 will have to be repaid by somebody, he said.

Director Valcourt wanted a ballot inviting residents to call for a study of alternative disposal systems, but the chairman did not understand how it could be accomplished.

Debate on the presentation of a referendum was held over while the board considered Mel Couvelier's

plea for a bylaw re-scheduling the designated area whereby the costs of a rejected sewer would be borne by the Ganges community.

NOT FOR THEM

Couvelier emphasized that he was not prepared to saddle his ratepayers of Saanich with the cost of an island project.

He was reminded that the region should accept its own responsibilities. There was also some suggestion that any bylaw to validate the designated area would end up in court and would probably be thrown out.

Many directors foresaw numerous more lawsuits arising out of the sewer saga. Defeat of the referendum will result in a spate of lawsuits, warned Crofton.

"I can see suits from people denied the opportunity of resolving their own problems and from those who have proceeded on the expectation of a sewer system. Mr. Price will have a full-time job for the rest of his working days."

Don Rittaler was not convinced that the referendum will settle the matter.

IT WON'T GO AWAY

"We still have a health problem that won't go away," he recalled. Reviewing the potential cost of the sewer, he said they weren't as high as they might appear.

John Cooper responded that it was a matter of rights and not of costs. Due process, he asserted, is the proper course of action.

The board rejected the Couvelier proposal for retaining financial responsibility on the island and approved the Pollen motion for a referendum.

Medical officer of health Dr. A. S. Arniel was asked what he would do if the referendum should fail.

He would carry out tests and require that any inoperative system be corrected, explained Arniel. Those who are carrying on with a pump-out might require him to demand a treatment plant at the dump.

The installations discharging in excess of 5,000 gallons a day would not fall within his responsibility, he noted. These would be the concern of the waste management branch.

Authority to present a referendum to Ganges sewer area on February 5 was approved by the Capital Regional Board on Friday afternoon in a special meeting.

After directors approved the vote, they defeated a motion calling for the exclusion of Executive Director Dennis Young from taking part in the referendum.

Motion was initiated by Director Yvette Valcourt who has long maintained that the original petition which launched the sewer project was not adequate, despite its certification by Young. Valcourt feared a "conflict of interest".

Property owners in the sewer area will be asked "Are you in favour of Bylaw 1108 which establishes a specified area to benefit from the sewer, to cost \$4,800,000, the net cost of which will be paid by the property owners of Ganges, after grants?"

Jean Vodden was named returning officer.

The board also approved the holding of a public information meeting to explain what the costs will be to individual property owners.

Packer, freighter collide

A packer from Seattle and a freighter from Squamish collided in Trincomali Channel during the storm early Saturday evening.

The freighter *Swan Arrow* was en route to Squamish and the packer *The Varsity* was on a trip to Alaska.

The *Varsity* suffered damage to the starboard side near the bow but the *Swan Arrow* was not damaged.

The two vessels met in the dark and the collision was tentatively blamed on poor visibility and heavy seas.

No injuries were reported.

The incident drew the attention of the Ganges coast guard unit which stood by at the scene to render assistance. It will be checked by the coast guard investigation unit from Vancouver.

Fulford Harbour Tide Tables

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Storms lash islands

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"Hopefully," said the spokesman, "we'll have service back to normal by Christmas."

The schools in the Outer Islands were closed Thursday while on Salt Spring Fernwood School was also closed. Salt Spring Elementary in Ganges was operating normally by noon Thursday as was the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Repair efforts by both the Hydro and telephone crews were hampered by the third storm to hit the islands on Saturday.

The winds of that storm, blowing from 80 to 100 km per hour, caused cancellation of ferry service to the mainland as well as the Vesuvius-Crofton service.

Fulford-Swartz Bay ferry continued on schedule.

The Gulf Islands crews were aided in their efforts by five crews from the lower mainland and Vancouver Island. Thirty men worked to repair the damage and restore power.

While only a few homes are without power this week, the majority of Hydro customers were back on the circuit late last week. Pender Island was restored to electric power by Friday while Mayne, Saturna and Galiano were hooked up by Saturday.

B. C. Tel has had a more difficult task, said a spokesman for the telephone company.

"We're badly in the weeds in the Gulf Island," he said. The phone crews have been trying to catch up with the demand and men have been called back to work from vacation to aid the repair efforts.



**A Merry, Merry Christmas
and a Very Happy New Year**

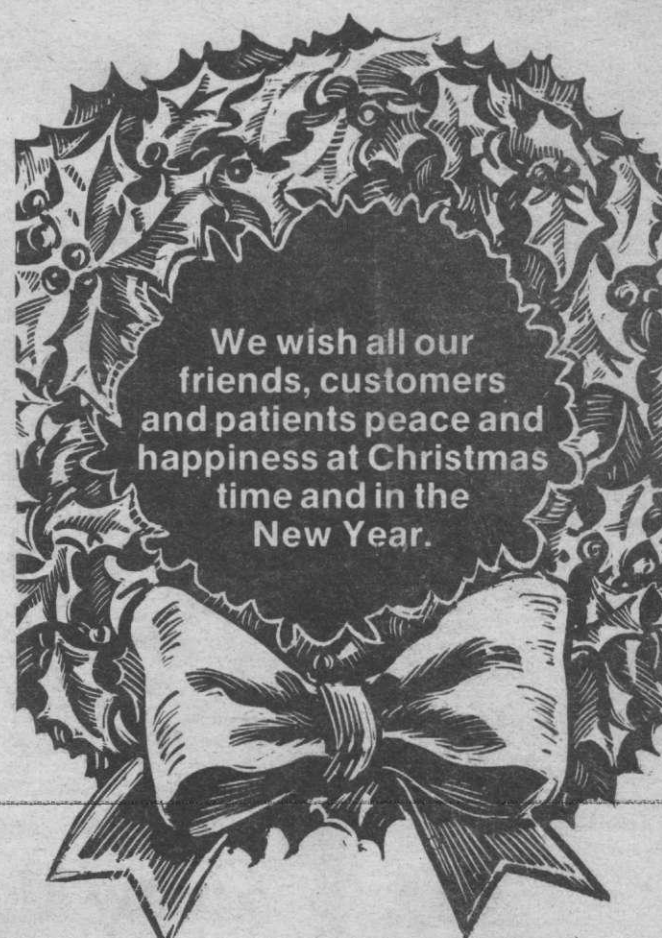
from your friends at

Island Savings

HOLIDAY HOURS:

FRIDAY, DEC. 24 9:30-3
CLOSED DEC. 25, 26, 27, 28

FRIDAY, DEC. 31 9:30-3
CLOSED JAN. 1, 2 & 3



We wish all our
friends, customers
and patients peace and
happiness at Christmas
time and in the
New Year.

THE FALLOT FAMILY

Waiter Fallot - W & W Electric
Lucia Fallot - Alma's Knitting Room
Barbara L. Fallot - Registered Massage Therapist
Abe Fallot