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No windfall for islands schools says minister

The money won't be there but the education system will be improved, said education minister Jack Heinrich.

The money referred to was a windfall for the education ministry from wages which would have been paid to teachers except for the three-day strike in November.

The minister claims that at least \$12 million did not have to be paid to teachers who walked the picket lines for those days. In the Gulf Islands the amount comes to \$40,406.

Heinrich said the dollars will be put to use in the 1984 budget "to projects that will improve education in the province."

He indicated such projects could include provincial examinations, improvements of curriculum and training opportunities, computer instruction and special education.

Salt Spring school trustee Ron McQuiggan said he could not fault

the minister for withholding the money but he would have liked to have had the information about improving the system before the school board tried to find ways to keep the money in the Gulf Islands.

"I just wish," said McQuiggan, "he'd saved us a lot of spinning of our wheels."

MINISTER'S PROMISE

The minister had directed, in November, that school districts which ordered teachers to make up the time lost during the strike would receive the equal amount of the teachers' salaries for those days.

The Gulf Islands School Board had instructed teachers to make up the lost assignments for the pupils.

Mike Hoebel, vice chairman of the local school board and school trustee for Galiano Island, said he could not believe the lack of sensitivity shown by the minister.

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Undated commuter tickets

New procedures and new fares

Big changes in ferry travel to Vancouver Island took place this week when the new ferry fares were introduced on Tuesday morning. Passengers leaving the islands for Swartz Bay and Crofton had to buy tickets at the new rate of \$5.25 for car and driver, each way.

After representation from islanders during the past several weeks, the B.C. Ferry Corporation announced on December 21 that the regular fare would be amended from the previously stated \$11 return to \$10.50.

The corporation spokesman was highways and transportation minister Alex Fraser, who also announced the re-introduction of commuter tickets. The books of tickets will be issued without expiry date in books of 10 single tickets. The books are on sale at Swartz Bay and Crofton.

COMMUTER TICKETS

Travellers using commuter tickets will make the return journey for \$8, return, for car and driver. The previous rate, without tickets, was \$8.45, said Fraser. It was \$7.45 for the holder of a resident's pass.

The strongest representations were made to the ferry corporation by representatives of Salt Spring Island and Bowen Island. Residents of both islands asked for a return of the open-ended commuter ticket, with no expiry date.

Transportation committee on Salt Spring Island has called for the retention of residents' passes and roll-back of fares on all routes to a 6% increase.



Last time B.C. Ferries took cash for rides at Vesuvius and Fulford ferries was back in 1974 when Johnny Bennett was the ticket-taker. The old system was returned

on January 1 in conjunction with a ferry fare increase. Dennis Owen is ticket-taker at Fulford now and is shown taking a one-way passenger fare from a Fulford commuter.

The island delegations had also asked for a resumption of residents' passes, but the minister did not respond to that request.

New policy of collecting fares on the islands and eliminating the return fare at Swartz Bay or Crofton caused a delay in sailing of the Quinitsa on Tuesday morning.

Commuter tickets were introduced by the old Gulf Islands Ferry Co. Ltd. in the 1950's and retained by the provincial ferry corporation for a time. They were changed for a commuter ticket good for only 30 days, which was not eagerly sought by island residents.

Going to Victoria?

Take Salt Spring Island bus!

Off to Victoria? Take a bus! Starting on Monday morning, Jan. 9, there will be a daily service into Victoria every morning, to return each evening.

In addition to carrying passengers into the city from the island, the bus will also provide an express service, carrying packages from Victoria and Vancouver.

The new venture will have a long-time resident of Salt Spring Island at the wheel of the bus. Gordon Cartwright, of Beaver Point Road, will operate the service. He is the manager of the new Salt Spring Bus Lines.

The company is associated with Conmac Stages, of Sidney, who pioneered an island bus service several years ago on a once-weekly basis. It was subsequently discontinued, but at that time the

service did not include an express parcels delivery.

BUS SCHEDULE

The morning bus leaves Vesuvius at 8:30 am and Ganges at 8:45. It leaves Fulford on the 9:30 sailing to Swartz Bay and is scheduled to arrive in Sidney at 10:15 am and Victoria, 10:45.

The bus enjoys a stopover in Victoria until 4:30 pm, when it leaves for the ferry. The Salt Spring Island bus leaves Sidney at 5:15 pm and crosses over on the 6 pm sailing. It will arrive at Fulford at 6:30 and Ganges at 6:55 pm. Final point on the island is Vesuvius, where it arrives at 7:15 pm.

The arrival times are subject to the ferry vessel maintaining its schedule.

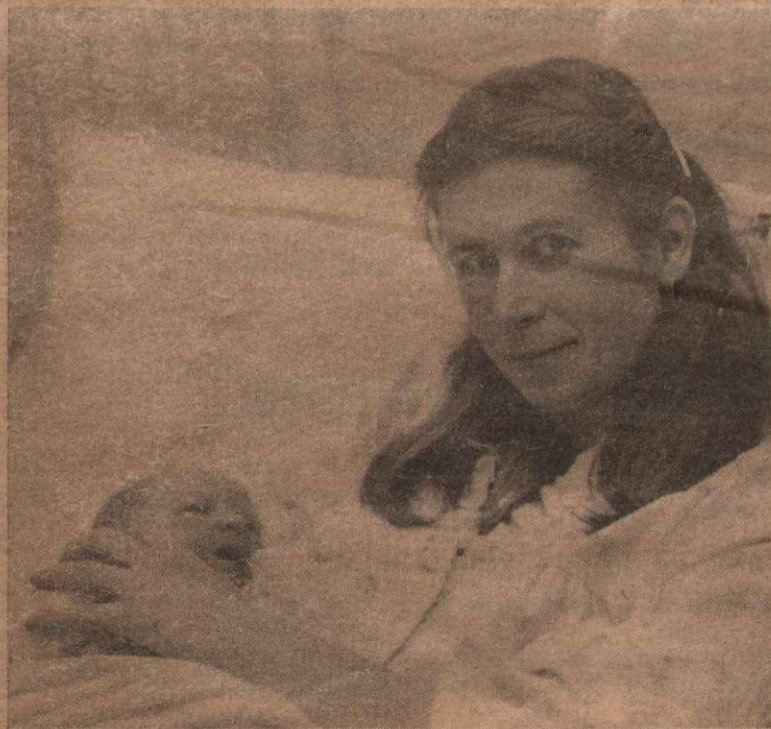
The new angle to the bus service is the express freight. The bus will

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The company offers same-day delivery from Victoria and Vancouver.

Packages for Salt Spring Island will be left at the Pacific Coach Lines freight depot during the day. They will be delivered to the Ganges Bus Depot at Cornell's Recreation Centre when the evening bus arrives. To accommodate patrons, the bus depot will be open daily from 11 am until 9 pm.

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First baby in 1984 was due in a false alarm on Christmas morning, 1983. Daughter of Carla and Bruce Evans of Galiano Island was due around December 23 and even gave

Happy new baby!

First baby in the Gulf Islands for 1984 arrived at 9 am on January 3 at the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital at Ganges. Weighing 3,800 grams (8 lb. 6 oz.) a daughter was born to Carla and Bruce Evans of Galiano Island. Mrs. Evans was transported to Ganges on Monday

night via the Gulf Islands Water Taxi. On Wednesday, Carla and Bruce were presented with one of the 85 car seats the B.C. Medical Association is donating to the 1984 first borns, to encourage safety on the road. Baby Evans is a sister for Marhya and Shannon.

Happy New Year to all our readers!

A fun day for swimming for bears

Enough's enough for Cydd Sturgess and Carol Clements at the Polar Bear swim on New Year's Day. Completely wet and thoroughly cold, the island swimmers are heading for shore.



It was a fine day for a swim, chorused the 16 people who splashed about Vesuvius Bay in the 5th Annual Polar Bear Swim, New Year's Day.

Organizer John Teagle, of the

Watershed boundary poses problem for owner

When a Salt Spring man wanted to build a second house on his property, he ran into problems and possible expenses he hadn't anticipated.

Michael Murray, Cranberry Road, went to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee recently to find a way out of the problems.

He told the meeting that he had wanted to build a second house on his 5.5 acres for his father. He realized that his property was partly in the Cusheon Lake watershed but the portion where he planned the house was over a ridge and obviously not in the watershed.

Nick Gilbert, Salt Spring Island Trust representative, said he had taken a look at the property and the portion where the new house would go did indeed slope away from the watershed.

Murray explained that to have the portion of his property taken out of the watershed zone would require extra expenses. He would have to hire a surveyor to determine the exact line and would also have to pay for a rezoning application and related expenses.

When the watershed zones were created on Salt Spring, the lines followed property lines and not the physical contours of the land.

Gordon Wallace, vice-chairman of the Islands Trust, suggested that staff have a look at the problem to see if some way could be found that property owners would not be liable for expense in such a situation.

Vesuvius Inn, urged the otherwise normal people into the water shortly after 1 pm. Statistician Don Small reported water temperature at seven degrees Celsius (44 degrees) slightly cooler than the air temperature of eight degrees (46 degrees).

Winners of the various categories were: George O'Hara, honourable mention; Dennis and Gloria O'Hara, oldest entrants; Nancy Old and Tony Turney, youngest entrants; and Barb Ryan, best costume.

Although no award was given for longest time in the water, Jesse Byron and Ryan again stayed there after the others sought the warmth of a snug blanket.

Byron, who has been in the chill water each of the five years, announced that this event would be his last splash.

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70 hampers given out at Christmas

Christmas was a better celebration for at least 75 families in the Gulf Islands thanks to the efforts of the Christmas Hamper group.

There were 70 food hampers given out, said organizer Jo Logan, and about five other people were helped in small ways. The efforts were a combination of the Salt Spring Community Society and the churches of the island headed by Al Skinner of Ganges United Church.

In addition to the food, the group collected at least \$2,500 in donations from various groups and individuals.

A cheque for \$460 was turned over to the Salt Spring Community Society by Gulf Islands Driftwood December 21 in aid of the society's Christmas hamper fund.

The amount represented half the revenue from subscription renewals between December 14 and 20.

In the issue of December 14, Driftwood announced that half the proceeds from subscription renewals during the following week would be given to the society. Readers were urged to renew their subscriptions to aid needy families on the island.

More than 90 subscribers responded to the campaign.

Toys for the children were also part of the efforts.

When the hampers were filled and distributed, much other food was left over. It will be part of the food bank at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill for distribution to the needy throughout the coming year. The food bank is a continuation of the Christmas Hamper campaign and donations of food, such as canned goods, would be most welcome.

1983 could be wettest year ever

Islanders were all wet in 1983. Wettest year for several years, 1983 might be a record-breaker for total precipitation, reports unofficial Salt Spring Island weatherman Robert Aston.

A total precipitation count for 1983 recorded 51.19 inches. In 1982, total precipitation measured 40.66.

The wettest month of 1983 was November with 14.15 inches of rain. The driest month of 1983 was August with 0.62 inches of rain.

The wettest year on record was 1980 with a total precipitation of 45.02 inches, reports Aston.

Precipitation was 6.17 inches more in 1983.

NO DREAM CHRISTMAS

While fresh-water ponds provided prime skating during the last frozen days of December, pre-Christmas chills didn't provide the white Christmas of which islanders dreamed.

But December was a cold month. For Thursday, Dec. 22, daytime high was 22 degrees Fahrenheit and overnight low was 13 Fahrenheit.

Total precipitation for December, '83 was 4.29 inches. This measured less than December, '82 which received 8.27 inches of rain and no snow.

"To the best of my knowledge the wettest year was 1980," explains Aston. "In 1980 we had 45.02 inches which included 31.5 inches of snow."

While total precipitation for the year of 1983 is above old averages

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105-125	230-275	14.25	31.30
125-145	275-320	15.25	34.30
145-165	320-365	16.25	37.50
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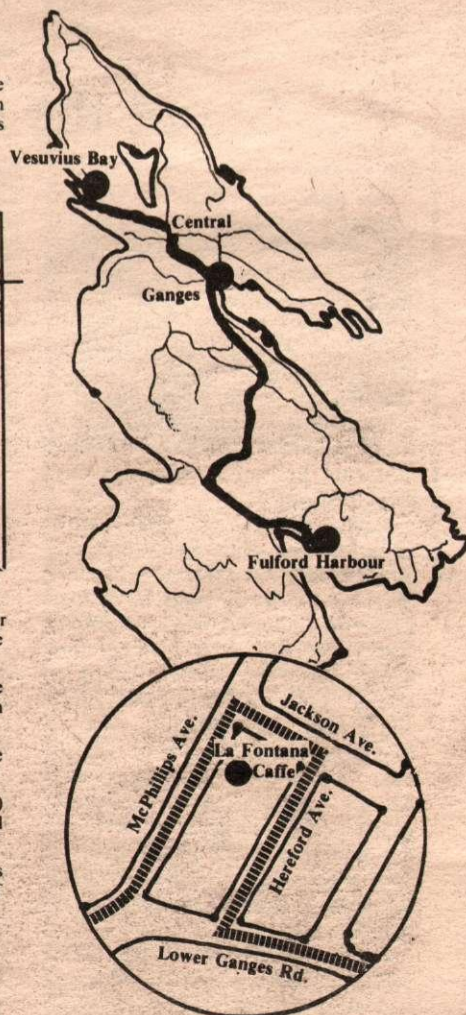
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Happy New Year!

It is not readily understandable why this brave new year should be happier than its predecessor. The only route to happiness seems to be an economic path. If the economy improves, then it will undoubtedly be a happy new year, but within the islands and the province of British Columbia there must be better times or happiness is destined to be difficult to find.

The old year has ended on a question mark. The province is split down the middle as the government demands restraint and its critics challenge its program.

Uncertainty greets the new year in every area. Only in the Outer Islands is there no hurtful dispute to leave islanders in jeopardy for the coming twelve months. Lucky Outer Islanders!

On Salt Spring Island the wounds left by seven years of dispute are still open and sore. The new year might well bring a solution to the contentious sewer issue and settle this long-smouldering dispute. The path has been laid and the report of the citizens engaged in investigating the issue should be ready in weeks.

A second issue faced by Salt Spring Island is the future of the Centennial Park in Ganges and the market. This, again, might well be resolved as the new year unfolds.

Resolution of these two issues could lead to a more harmonious year for a community sorely in need of solace.

Yet, there remains an issue in the islands which threatens to change the entire pattern of land use controls and planning here. The completion of the Campbell report on the Capital Regional District hints largely at the transfer of such controls to the minister's office, where the Bennett government has long maintained they belong. The report of the enquiry into the operations of the region indicated that local autonomy in terms of planning and land use is on the way out and major decisions are to be made in Victoria. The Vander Zalm land use act is coming in by another door.

The government's plans to amend the Municipal Act will steer province and planning in the same direction.

The transfer of decisions from the community to the government has been hinted at already as the province has overridden the concerns of the Islands Trust in connection with the Musgrave development and with the protection of watershed lands. Hardest hit by this transfer of power will be the Islands Trust.

On the provincial scene, the picture has rarely been more fearsome. The provincial government rides at the crest of the popular support wave. Restraint is the key word and a trail of unemployment and hardship is left behind.

The voice of the opposition has been silenced with the expulsion of the leader of the New Democrats from the provincial legislature and the only voice, loud and clear, to rail against harsh Social Credit policies has been that of Solidarity, the voice of the people to its sympathizers and the harsh cry of anarchy to its opponents.

The new year must bring back a voice and an identity to the opposition. If it also brings a softening of the iron hand on the wheel of this provincial ship of state, then the fortunes of us all in this coming year might well improve.

On the national scene the coming year will tell us all in this nation where we are looking for another term of years. If the Liberal government is to meet the challenge of the times and the Tories with a new leader, then the selection must be made within the term of this coming year. If Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau plans to relinquish his office, he will do so before the next election, and Canadians will see whose battle is joined in the months left to this present government.

The Progressive Conservatives have named Brian Mulroney. Will he meet a new Liberal leader or will two Montrealers meet at the national polls to contest the national leadership? Only 1984 can tell us.

Outside the borders of the nation the first and most important concern must be nuclear armament. Many Canadians are concerned over the nuclear issue. Some are indifferent and others, in considerable numbers, feel that nuclear weaponry is the only deterrent to nuclear disaster.

Happy New Year? God willing!



Letters to the Editor

Nuclear confusion and a free book

Sir,

Like most of your readers, I have become increasingly alarmed and confused by the seemingly imminent and inevitable peril of nuclear war. Most of us have had little real education about this subject. We now find ourselves faced with very little hard data from governments about the problem or its several potential solutions. At the same time, we are bombarded by numerous philosophical and political points of view whose spokesmen implore us to accept their pre-packaged approaches and

solutions to this massive problem.

If any of your readers are like me, they will have found themselves so confounded by the size of the subject, they will either have retreated from a response to it altogether or may even have reacted to the nuclear peril by declaring it isn't there. Worse still, many of us have contented ourselves with a concept of the problem limited in scope by the likes of *The Day After*. In the end, we may have come to the desperate and uneducated conclusion that a nuclear war is merely a dreadful kind of war but

one which is, like other wars, largely survivable.

I was recently presented with a copy of Jonathan Schell's amazing book *The Fate of the Earth*. Since I have the gloomy task of reading hundreds of pages of dull material myself captivated by Schell's account of the scope of the present nuclear peril. In a highly responsible, unbiased, trustworthy way, Schell manages to set out the military data, philosophical considerations and personal choices inherent in our nuclear predicament. He does it without a speck of sensationalism.

Anyone who, like me, has been putting off this subject out of sheer confusion owes their curiosity a favour. A supply of these books has been made available and, while they last, anyone who would like a FREE copy of *The Fate of the Earth* is welcome to pick one up at my office, 105 Rainbow Road (across from the school board office) 8:30-4 weekdays. Please come and help yourself.

GORDON SLOAN,
105 Rainbow Road,
Ganges.
January 4, 1984.

Shoot the sea lions

Sir,

Sea lions catch a lot of salmon because a salmon can swim fast but not very far. The reason is that it has to stop to breathe. When a salmon is going full speed its gill covers are flat, therefore it cannot breathe. It has to stop. That's when the sea lion makes its kill.

When a salmon is caught on a fishing line it will make a run, then it stops and acts lazy for a few moments before it can offer any more resistance.

A 30-pound fish can be taken on a 15-pound line. If the fish didn't run out of breath it would take out all of the line and keep right on going. Fishermen should be out shooting seals and sea lions during this wintertime when salmon fishing is closed. This would provide some wintertime employment and it would protect the supply of fish for next year and the year after that. The flesh of seals and sea lions is excellent for minkfeed or petfood. Eskimos and other native peoples have always hunted seals and walrus for food. It is a necessary source of protein.

Every year fishermen are given less time to fish because there is less fish to catch.

The number one priority should be to protect the resource. Fishermen should be more active in

promoting intelligent management because they are the ones who have the most to lose if the fish disappear: loss of livelihood and loss of money invested in expensive boats and licenses. Life savings wiped out and people living on welfare as a result.

Those people who work for the federal fisheries, meanwhile, are guaranteed their salaries whether there is any fish to catch or if there isn't. A lot of decisions vital to Pacific Coast fishery are made back in Ottawa. They are too complacent. Nobody seems to care.

The single most serious threat to commercial fishing is the unchecked increase in the seal and sea lion populations and nothing is being done about it. The Pierce report doesn't even mention seals and sea lions. Greenpeace does a lot of harm because they are an influential group that interferes in a number of matters where they have no business.

Only endangered species need protection. They should confine their activities to saving the whales. Fisherman have to start fighting back against indifference and narrow mindedness and the sooner the better.

GEOFF HOWLAND,
Ganges.
January 2, 1984.

Grateful to everyone at Lady Minto

Sir,

Words seem inadequate to express my heartfelt thanks to the staff at Lady Minto Hospital, to the kind, efficient nurses, and for the companionship of my room mates.

Thanks also to all my friends for the many cards and flowers, all of which were very much appreciated.

Greetings to His Nibs.
NANETTE NEW
Gulf Drive,
Galiano, B.C.
December 24, 1983.

Salt Spring watersheds

Island group to seek 20 acre minimum lots

The watershed zoning bylaw for Salt Spring Island may be changed to a minimum lot size of 20 acres in response to the rejection of a 30 acre amendment by the minister of municipal affairs.

The Islands Trust representatives for the island, Bev Unger and Nick Gilbert, met with Mike Larmour of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District and Tom Gossett of the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society, Tuesday, to talk about what could be done about the watersheds.

Both Larmour and Gossett urged the Islands Trust representatives to consider a change in the bylaw to the minimum lot size of eight hectares (19.76 acres).

They pointed out that the eight hectare parcel would be consistent with lot sizes in other zones on the island such as agricultural, uplands and forest as well as public and recreational land.

The minimum lot size in the Lake Maxwell watershed is zoned at 12 ha (29.64 acres).

TRUST BYLAW

Early last year, the Islands Trust sent an amendment of the watershed zoning bylaw to the minister for approval. The amendment called for minimum lot sizes in Watershed 1 zones of 12 ha (29.64 acres), an increase from the current parcel size of 4 ha (9.88 acres).

The ministry returned the amendment unsigned because a proper public meeting on the matter had not been held. Such an amendment to a zoning bylaw does not require a public hearing under the Municipal Act.

A public meeting was subsequently held and the amendment received wide support. But the amendment was returned from the ministry unsigned.

A letter dated December 12,

which accompanied the rejected amendment, labelled the increased parcel size "discriminatory" and questioned the effectiveness because of other developments in place at the lower lot size.

The letter concluded: "The Trust is encouraged to review alternative approaches to maintaining water quality standards other than increasing parcel sizes in the watershed."

POSTPONE TREATMENT

The increased parcel size would "only postpone the inevitable need to treat water to achieve public health standards," noted the letter writer John Taylor, deputy minister.

Larmour said the health department policy is to protect the source of water, which would be the land around the lake. He also said the cost of treating water for consumption would be "astronom-

ical".

Gossett added that if the quality of water goes down, there is no positive assurance that treatment would bring it up to acceptable standards.

Gilbert told the meeting that the chairman of the Islands Trust, Mike Humphries of Lasqueti Island, will be seeking a meeting with the minister. Part of that discussion will be to determine what the ministry considers adequate protection for watersheds.

The watershed areas of Victoria and Vancouver are clearly marked and undeveloped. It is against the law to walk in those areas.

One of the few protections left for watersheds on Salt Spring, said Larmour, is to limit subdivisions through the zoning bylaws.

TRULY WATERSHED

Unger said that the Islands Trust must be careful to determine what land is truly watershed. She said that property owners should not be expected to bear the costs of surveys to find out the limits of the areas.

While various government departments exert authority over such things as how much water can be drawn from a lake, what use the lake can be put to and what can be allowed to enter the lake, no department is primarily concerned with water quality, it was agreed.

EARLIER REPORT

Larmour read from a report on water quality in St. Mary Lake prepared by the water management

branch between 1979 and 1981. One of the recommendations of that report called for limited development around the lake.

Efforts should be geared to minimize nutrients going into the lake and a means to that end would be to improve older septic disposal systems of watershed properties, the report also recommended.

Gossett termed the situation "ludicrous". One ministry calls for protection of the watershed but when the Islands Trust tried to do it, another ministry rejected the efforts, he said.

Gilbert said that water treatment as suggested by the deputy minister is not inevitable. Watersheds, if adequately protected, show ability to handle development at a certain density.

TIME IS NOW

The time to protect the watershed is now, he added.

Larmour echoed the opinion. He said that if the water quality suffers, the use of the lake as a water supply would not be the only thing affected. The use of the lake for fishing and other recreational activity would also suffer, he said.

Gossett said the Water Preservation Society will be meeting soon and would call for the bylaw to be amended to the 20 acre parcel size.

The change, agreed the two Islands Trust representatives, would be considered at the next meeting of the Salt Spring committee.

More Letters to the Editor

Society shocked at zoning bylaw refusal

Sir,
It was with a great deal of shock and disappointment that the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society learned that the Minister of Municipal Affairs had returned by-law 87 to the Island Trust unsigned.

In your editorial entitled "Watersheds" of December 21, 1983 you rightly called for the provincial government to control contamination of our lakes since it is they who have rejected our Islands Trust's attempts to accomplish it through subdivision control. Particularly lamentable is the realization that at one time many years ago all land around our lakes was Crown land and at that time when there were no regional districts, no local government, and no Island Trust to protect us, our provincial government let all this Crown land go to private interests. Successive provincial administrations have allowed more and more subdivision further complicating attempts to control contamination of our water supplies.

Your editorial also stated, "...we all recognize that the people of Salt Spring Island are divided on the issue of watershed protection. There are many who challenge the imposition of a minimum lot size on specific properties as an effective safeguard for water quality." By this statement you appear to believe that the island is divided over the issue of watershed protection by zoning. Nothing could be further from the

truth. Ten years or so ago when all the island voted on a proposal to make 10 acres a minimum lot size in watersheds, the island voted over 85% for the 10 acre minimum. Today if a vote were taken on by-law 87, we believe the vote would be 85% or better for protection of watersheds by zoning. The by-law 87 public meeting held in September showed overwhelming support for the 30-acre minimum lot size for watersheds.

The Society regrets that such a small group of land owners, developers and real estate people have had such influence to persuade our B.C. Government to turn back legislation crucial to the future of Salt Spring Island. It is even more regrettable that those few who oppose by-law 87 have not realized that this by-law is in their best interests since watershed protection preserves their land investments as well as the potable water.

The fact that our water supplies on Salt Spring Island are deteriorating has been well documented. The Society believes it is imperative to prevent further degeneration. We will continue to work toward this end.

**TOM GOSSETT, President
Salt Spring Island Water
Preservation Society.**

Superb efforts

Sir,
On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross Society, B.C.-Yukon Division, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the citizens of Ganges for their most generous support during the recent Red Cross campaign for funds.

A very special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92, under the leadership of Mrs. Ruthe Grant, Campaign Chairperson, for their superb efforts.

Over \$2,900 was raised this year and we thank you all for your continued and most valued support.

**ZARINA DAYA,
Director, Financial Resources,
B.C.-Yukon Division,
December 14, 1983.**

R.R. 2, Mt. Maxwell Rd.,
Ganges,
December 22, 1983.



Bill Webster

It's Big Brother's year in 1984

Now that the excitement of the season is past and done with, rock sitters can get back to normal, if 1984 can be considered such.

"What excitement?" asked Suitcase.

He had come back to the Gulp Isles to rest from his task. Word was out that this year is the year to pull out all stops in his efforts to find that elusive Western Liberal, so he was here to recharge his batteries.

Just as I was about to explain, Louis Bolivar-Finchley chimed in.

"We went," said Louis, "him and me, to the waiting room of the North Salt Spring Ferry Turnaround to watch Club Manger mangle the Christmas story."

We had indeed done that. The Club presented their side of the question. The story, according to the Club, really revolved around Mary's efforts to have her son become an accountant. But fate decreed otherwise.

They were busy again on New Year's Eve at the other establishment. But the added attraction was the light show they brought in from Vic. Twas an illuminating experience.

Which brings us to the point of this sermon.

The Reverend Garner, pastor of the flock of the Church of What's On Tap brought up a moot point.

He claims that this year should be reclassified as the year I.

That ways, stated the Reverend pontifically, none will have to live through the Orwellian predictions.

He began to pound his fist on the bar, er pulpit, as he continued on his theme.

"It's here now, whether we want to see it or not," ranted Reverend Garner as he rose to the full heights of his fury.

"Why, do you know that every facet of our lives is controlled by government?"

He went on to list the ways Big Brother keeps his eye on us.

We need a certificate to prove we have been born. Just being around isn't good enough. The paper and a number proves our existence.

At the other end of the scale, said the Reverend, we need another certificate to prove we are dead. Not being around isn't good enough. We could have moved to Crofton, for all the government might know.

We need a piece of parchment to prove we can aim a vehicle and if our aim proves too good, the constabulary gives us another scrap of paper to prove that point.

Paper governs every aspect of our efforts, intoned the pastor. To build a home to house our bods requires paper. But just putting the structure up isn't enough. We need someone else

to come and fill out more paper to prove the thing won't fall down in the first strong wind.

Paper proves the drain from the throne runs out into a field. Paper proves that the power runs into the light bulbs.

Reverend Garner waved his hand to indicate his place of business.

"Paper is needed to prove this place can be open," he said.

"And more paper tells me when I can minister to my flock," he added.

"When my people," he said looking about the room, "feel the urge to help me in my cause, I have to fill out more paper to tell Big Brother how full their compassion fills my wallet."

He began to wave his arms and raise his voice. When the Reverend Garner gets rolling on a topic, he has been known to get carried away.

As the volume of his voice increased, several people who had gathered at the television set to watch an inspirational program chorused, "Shut up."

The Reverend quieted down but seemed to be hurt by their comments on his sermon. He looked at me and Louis for a moment.

"We have to do something," he said in barely more than a whisper, "they are out to get us."

Happy 1984, folk, make the best of it.

They enjoyed carol sheets

Sir,
Your efforts to supply carol sheets for the December 12 sing along were much appreciated, thank you.

The carol sheets printed in the issue of December 21st, I notice, have our own Canadian carol, *The Huron Carol*, included. That's good!

**MAE GEORGE,
R.R. 1, Mobrae,
Ganges, B.C.
December 27, 1983.**

The dead end is in sight

Nuclear-free islanders signal their concern

BY PETER PENTZ

The Islands Trust has declared our islands a nuclear-free zone, like Vancouver, like London (England), like hundreds of other places around the world.

The Trust is to be congratulated for drawing attention not only to our obvious weaponlessness but to our danger. Like every other inhabited part of the globe, we live under the constant cloud of potential annihilation from the secondary (if not the primary) effects of nuclear war.

Apart from our uncomfortable nearness to such obvious targets for nuclear attack as the Trident submarine base in Puget Sound and the residual weaponry at Comox, we are unlikely to survive the catastrophic climatic effects now predicted by international scientists as the consequence of even a "moderate" nuclear war.

It is a signal

The Trust's Chairman, Mike Humphries, makes the original and thought-provoking suggestion (*Driftwood*, Dec. 21, 1983) that NATO and the Soviet-block countries should exchange hostages in large numbers as evidence of mutual peaceful intentions.

If the U.S. and the USSR in particular could be persuaded to swap their top political and military "brass", with all their families, we could no doubt sleep more soundly in our beds. Addressing letters to Mr. Reagan and the U.S. defence chiefs at the Pentagonski, Moscow; or to Andropov (or whoever) at the Old White Kremlin, Washington, D.C., would be a pleasant change. Good luck to Mr. Humphries and anyone else who tries to bring about such a sensible re-location!

But we should perhaps consider whether this tactic deals adequately or most easily with the nuclear threat to survival. Is the problem really a lack of trust as Mike Humphries assumes? The almost total absence of trust between the Governments of the super-powers cannot be denied. But is trust needed at this stage? Or is the problem rather that both super-powers are now finding it politically impossible to face the facts of the military situation they have created?

Billions of weapons

For the last 15 years they and

their allies have been conning their citizens into providing billions of dollars for nuclear weapons allegedly needed for "defence by deterrence", but actually designed, not for deterrence, but for war-winning by surprise attack.

A few submarine missile-launchers safely at sea have for years been ample to deter either side from launching a nuclear attack on the other. There has clearly never been any risk of a rational (non-suicidal) nuclear attack on the U.S. itself. Not even with the approximate parity in long-range nuclear weapons existing today is there any prospect of a Soviet First Strike eliminating more than a thousand or two out of the huge number (9,500-odd, of which some 5,000 are in subs.) of strategic warheads which the U.S. has targeted on the USSR; and a few hundred would be enough to destroy the Soviet Union.

It was vulnerable

Until the '60's, on the other hand, Russia was vulnerable to a surprise attack which might have left it with little power to hit back. Since those early days of the Arms Race it has become impossible for the U.S. to launch a nuclear attack on the USSR without virtual certainty of awful retaliation. Both super-powers have known for years that neither was at present a rational threat to the other. In these circumstances trust is irrelevant: each side must hope the other is not controlled by maniacs bent on self-destruction; but building more weapons does not help to deter a suicidal lunatic immune to reason.

Why the build-up?

Why then has the arms build-up continued at such an awful expense—not only in economic terms but, far worse, in the misery, disease, starvation and death of millions in the "uninvolved" Third World?

The answer seems inescapable: successive U.S. administrations (Reagan's is only marginally different) have been deluded by dreams of ending Communism through nuclear High-Tech. If American taxpayers could be frightened into paying the bill long enough, superior U.S. technology would some day provide an arsenal of such size and accuracy as to make

possible total victory in the only way nuclear war could seemingly be won—by a sudden totally-disabling attack to which the enemy could make no reply.

Understandable

If this has indeed been the real, if hidden, objective of U.S. nuclear weapons policy for some 15 years, the emphasis on ever-greater accuracy in missiles designed purely for destroying enemy launchers before they could be used, becomes at least understandable—however criminal or immoral such an attack without warning might be judged.

On the other hand, there is general agreement that the relative technological backwardness of the USSR gives it no significant chance of reaching "First Strike Capability" ahead of the U.S.

And where now?

But where are we today? Aside from the ever-present and rapidly increasing risk of total mutual destruction by accident, error or individual lunacy, we face enormous new risks if the race for war-winning potential is allowed to continue.

Most obvious is the danger of war by mis-perception: if either super-power in the years ahead should become convinced that the other was near to winning the race its leaders would be under enormous pressure to launch their own incompletely-prepared but at least damage-sharing preemptive strike. Exit Homo Sapiens....

So we would be mad to allow the First Strike build-up to proceed, especially with weapons like the Cruise family of missiles which, being virtually undetectable by satellite surveillance, would require total trust on both sides if we ever got around to negotiating their subsequent removal.

And now we have the American, West European and Soviet scientists telling us that the explosion of a mere 100-200 megatons on cities (or near large forest areas) is calculated to produce a cloud of sooty smoke through which no sunlight would penetrate for a period of time long enough to cause freezing winter in summer, not just here but over the whole globe, with totally catastrophic consequences.

The dead end

We have, it seems, caught sight at last of the sign ahead of us: "NUCLEAR ROAD—DEAD END". We begin to see that the overwhelming military and hence political power which atomic weapons seemed to promise has turned out to be an illusion, a mirage. There is no way the nuclear powers can use these devices to threaten, coerce or police each other or their respective allies.

There remains only one strictly limited and temporary 'use' for a few invulnerable nuclear missiles of low accuracy—to deter direct nuclear attack on their possessor. But it would clearly be impossibly dangerous to have some 150 nations each with its own nuclear "deterrent"—vastly more dangerous even than to abolish the R.C.M.P. and equip each Canadian household with its own bazooka.

Not beyond the five

Even if we are able to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons beyond the five states who now "officially" have them, we will remain hostages, all of us, to their minimal deterrent arsenals with their permanent risk of accidental detonation. If the Nuclear Five can "protect" only themselves, not their allies (since

actual use of their weapons still involves their own suicide), what about the "unprotected" 145 nations, including Canada? If the rest of us can survive without nuclear weapons, do the Five really need to keep these dangerous objects lying around the house?

The end is in sight

We are in sight of the end. People in all lands read the signs. Millions insist: Stop now! Put the brake on! Freeze it! No more testing, no new weapons! Have some sense! Face facts! Scrap these useless nukes! And give us real defence that preserves life and freedom.

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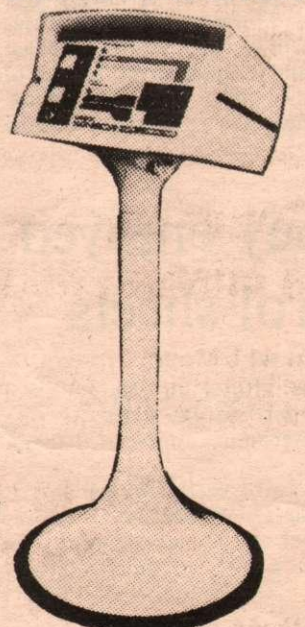
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Chocolates made at island store



A recently purchased chocolate machine permits Kevin and Gladys McCarthy to manufacture their own chocolate at Glad's Ice Cream and Candy Cottage.

BY VALERIE RICHARDS
How sweet it is!
It's been a whole year since Glad's Ice Cream and Candy Cottage opened its doors to island sweet tooth.

And since it opened there have been a few changes, including the recent acquisition of a chocolate machine that allows Glad's to manufacture its own chocolates right in the store.

Glad and Kevin McCarthy arrived on Salt Spring in the fall of '82 and fell in love with island living. The idea of a candy store came naturally for Kevin who has been in the fast food and service industry for many years.

The Alberta couple came west with their two children and opened Glad's at Christmas time last year. The store boasts treats from all over the world, including posy sweets from Japan and barley sugar from England. Orders for the Irish toffees and homemade chocolates pour in from as far away as Texas.

Dean's hand-dipped chocolates and homemade ice cream cones are big features at the store but the hottest items are the homemade white, milk and dark chocolate novelties.

While Glad manages the store,

husband Kevin manufactures his own figures and Christmas novelties at the chocolate machine. In addition to the plain chocolate novelties, Glad and Kevin are making truffles, miniature-style, with praline liqueurs, Cointreau and creme de menthe.

"We don't use sugar in that particular variety of chocolate," noted Kevin, whose pistachio truffles sell for \$15 a pound. They're hand-done like small works of art and because preservatives are not part of the McCarthy recipe, the chocolates are freshly made from farm-fresh eggs and whipping cream.

The \$4,000 chocolate machine is a sensitive and up-to-date device that controls the chocolate's temperature. While the blending chain rotates horizontally and the stainless steel basin rotates vertically, the movement and heat controls prevent the chocolate's fats from separating.

McCarthy tempers the white chocolate, rich in more cocoa butter than cocoa itself, and later melts a slab of Belgian milk chocolate in the basin. Milk chocolate contains less cocoa than dark chocolate and is softer and not as sharp as the dark,

which is enjoyed more by the elderly whose taste buds go for the sharper, stronger cocoa flavour.

Kevin has become a craftsman with the rich creamy mixture, creating molds of the candy cottage complete with toffees inside.

"The perpetual feast of nectared sweets" lives on inside the fairy-tale cottage at Glad's.

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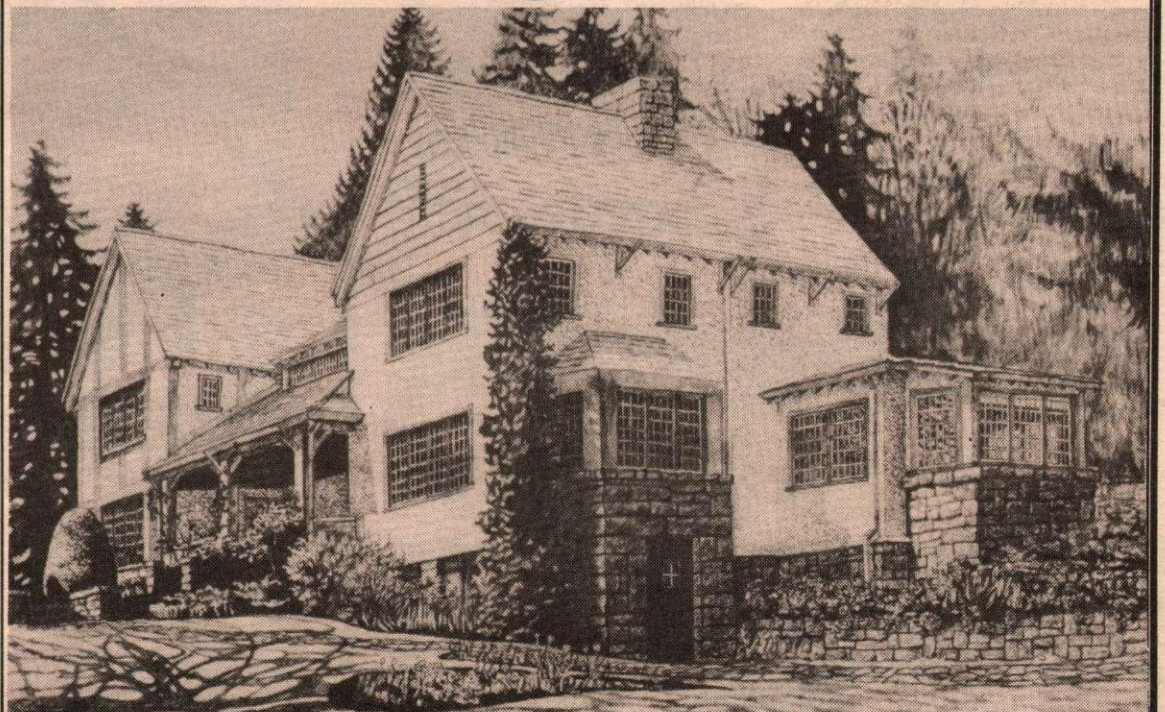
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Minor fire Christmas Eve

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A fire at 10 am, December 24 at the Tranter home on Epron Road, Ganges, was caused by a spark from the metal chimney falling on the shakes.

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And while we are at it, weaving our past and our future out of the now, we might as well make it a good one. For I at least prefer good memories to the lousy kind, good produce to poor, and good food to the not so good stuff, a good garden to the other kind.

And there is a guaranteed way of doing it with a history of 600 million years of success, and it is a simple way. Good, healthy soil is the key to success, to healthy produce, to healthy food and to our health; for from where would we obtain our health, if not from our food? and the same goes for our produce; where else, but from the soil could our produce obtain its health?

ON TO THE SOIL

So, to get our gardens off to a good start we shall devote ourselves to our soil. And again, it has been made very simple for us; the life below the soil sustains the life above the soil. So all we have to do is to make life as pleasant as can be for the life below the soil. This means that we should aim for a minimum of 7% organic content, to a maximum of 10%.

The combination of 40% mineral content such as clay, silt and sand, with 25% moisture, 25% air and 10% organic material, provides the perfect conditions for abundant soil life. Since clay is the richest source of most easily available minerals to our green life, I strongly recommend that clay be added to soils deficient in this source of minerals. The organic content will automatically arrange for a nice balance of available moisture, air, and nutrients, and ideal living conditions for all manner of soil life.

AND SOME COMPOST
And to assure ourselves of a lively level of soil life we can sort of inoculate our soil with life by adding a sprinkling of compost. Good compost, when finished, contains soil organisms at a rate of five billion to the teaspoon and is best applied to the top two or three inches of soil. This then looks after the condition and life of our soil.

Since our produce is highly bred for maximum production of food we then need to concern ourselves with the level of fertility, which must be high of necessity to provide the base for abundant growth.

And there is an easy way of improving our organic content, increasing fertility and obtaining edible harvests, all at the same time with the pea, bean and corn salad succession.

Set aside one half of your garden, or enlarge it by one half and proceed as follows. Sow any fast-maturing bush peas, the climbers take too long, such as "Laxton's Improved Progress" (55 days) anytime from early April to early May. Harvest at the height of their production and dig, till or plow under.

Follow immediately with bush beans, also fast maturing (and

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

again, climbers take too long), such as "Contender" (40 days) to "Blue Lake" (55 days). Harvest at their height of production and till under. **LATE MAY TO JUNE**

These should be sown anywhere from late May to late June to mature near the end of August.

Around the beginning of September follow with corn-salad to provide gourmet leaf lettuce from late fall to next spring. In spring this may be plowed under or pulled up by the roots, in the latter instance leaving perfectly prepared seed beds.

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This holds just as true for large scale commercial food production, alternate the pea, bean, corn salad succession with your usual produce by shifting from one to the other half of your garden each year. Initially, an application of long-lasting dolomite lime, up to five years, to a near neutral pH will provide the preferred acid-alkaline balance of our generally acid soils. After a few years, the organic content of this succession will maintain its own preferred pH.

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and the virus diseases carried by nematodes.

Eventually, the full spectrum of the 60-odd elements, both major and minor, and the trace elements will be generated by plant and soil life. In the meantime an application or two of seaweeds will assure their presence.

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Chairman of CRD lists new committees

Committees of the Capital Regional Board were announced last week by chairman Shirley Wilde. In addition to new committees called for by the Campbell Report are five standing committees.

Community health committee is headed by George Westwood and includes Dr. Hugh Borsman, Ken Hill, G.V. Laurenson, Martin Levin and R.L. Nestman.

Chairman of the local planning and zoning committee, which has no concern for the islands, is F.G. Kasper, with members Ernie Beland, G. Dunn and R.L. Nestman.

Both islands directors are members of the electoral area services committee, chaired by Vern Roddick. Members are Ernie Beland, Hugh Borsman, G. Dunn, F.G. Kasper and R.L. Nestman.

PARKS COMMITTEE

Regional parks committee has Pat Crofton in the chair with J.R. Cooper, G. Dunn, J. Lang, G.V.

Laurenson, Martin Levin, Dave Hill and R.L. Nestman.

Board approved appointments to two other functions. Elected at the chairman's request were Shirley Wilde to the Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association Board, with R.L. Nestman as her alternate.

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Folk music belongs to the country

BY URI COGAN

A small but enthusiastic crowd gathered on December 28 at Tribal Drum Communications on Salt Spring Island for an evening of music by local artists and designated as a benefit concert for IIPACS (Inter Islands Performance Cooperation Society). The weather was icy and slushy outside and nice and toasty inside and for the people who braved it, a rewarding evening of musical enjoyment.

Ken Hamm started the evening off with original songs and instrumental pieces, played on his unique collection of antique instruments. Many of Ken's songs were inspired by his travels along the West Coast and carry the flavour of the unusual and interesting people and places he has been to. Most notable were *Heart Only* and *Oburn*.

Ken's songs are hauntingly evocative and touching, especially those dealing with requited and unrequited love. This very gifted performer moved here from Thunder Bay, Ontario, and has been touring the coast for quite a while now. He is well known across Canada and is a very articulate artist, giving us a flavour of ourselves of a kind not to be found through the mass media.

NEWCOMERS

Ken Hamm was followed by a pair of talented newcomers with high expectations, Damian Turner and Gerry Kurz, this being their first public performance. They entertained and amused the audience with their sense of humour and lively songs, the most notable of which, *Lies*, with some luck may even make it to AM radio.

Next in the program was Caroline Pine, delicate, and perceptive with her new *White Woman*, a rhythmic positive approach to a coming apocalypse. Her songs are intricate and show a strong jazz influence.

House entered

The door of a Hill Top Road house was kicked in and a television set is missing.

RCMP were called to the Fulford residence December 13 to check on the incident.

The owner of the property lives in California and a friend keeps an eye on the house. That morning he went to see the house and discovered the door broken.

Investigation of the incident continues.

Caroline, a relative newcomer to the island, was joined by Ken Hamm and his compelling electric slide.

Susan Cogan came on next, another beautiful rendition of *In Favour of the Sensitive Man* and some other of her bitter-sweet love songs. Susan's clear voice was well matched by her guitar playing to the enjoyment of all, especially her daughter Yonit (just over a year old) who had to be talked out of joining mother on stage.

The evening took on a mysterious and romantic turn with candle light and Robyn Cherney's immense talent on the violin. Truly humble, Robyn kept apologizing for her lack of skill with the guitar, which this reviewer failed to perceive. Robyn's songs reach deep, sometimes to the verge of madness, but always with a brilliant clarity.

An overall impression, we are indeed lucky to have access to all the superb talent on this island. Ever since coming to Canada, over 10 years ago, I noticed that there is real homemade Canadian culture here. You will never know it through listening to the radio or shopping in the record stores.

I went to so many festivals where music of this kind was played, always in the country, generally in small communities and never have I seen even the CBC out there. The airwaves are dominated by mass produced and imported music and

the large record companies have no interest in this kind of music that reflects our own experience.

Folk societies shun the contemporary (anything newer than 50 years old) but the Canadian folk music continues to be heard, practically underground and sustained more by love than by bucks.

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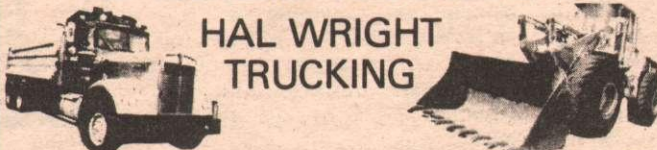
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Press council reports on issue more politics than journalistic practice

The B.C. Press Council has announced its adjudication in a case it called "more a matter of continuing community politics than a question of journalistic practices".

At a hearing in Victoria, Mrs. Beverly Unger, a Salt Spring Island member of the Islands Trust, lodged a complaint against *Gulf Islands Driftwood*.

Mrs. Unger claimed the weekly newspaper, by use of certain words in reports of meetings, had engaged in "subliminal character assassination" of her and was campaigning to destroy her effectiveness as a trustee.

The complainant accused the paper of inaccuracies and omissions and of printing an "untruth" in reporting a statement by her at one meeting.

She said the *Driftwood* had published a letter to the editor about her containing material that was

false and inaccurate, even after the writer of the letter had asked that it be withdrawn.

Driftwood publisher-editor Tony Richards told the council it was "nonsense" that the paper was trying to ridicule the complainant.

He and his reporter, who read his notes to the council, stood by the *Driftwood* story which Mrs. Unger claimed contained an untruth.

On the question of the letter to the editor, Richards said he did not receive the request to withdraw it until the paper had gone to press. "I regret the letter went in," he said.

The text of the Press Council's adjudication follows:

"While the components of this issue seem to be more a matter of continuing community politics than a question of journalistic practices, the B.C. Press Council has addressed allegations made by Mrs. Unger.

"1. Mrs. Unger accused the

Driftwood of reporting "untruths". The Council finds this charge was not substantiated.

"2. The Council upholds the complainant's contention that the *Driftwood's* choice of words on occasion puts her in an unfavorable light.

"Mrs. Unger claimed the *Driftwood* is campaigning to destroy her effectiveness as a director of the Islands Trust. The Council feels that this claim cannot be substantiated on the basis of the evidence presented to it.

"4. Mrs. Unger claimed the *Driftwood* printed a letter-to-the-editor containing material that it knew to be false and inaccurate. The Council finds that the *Driftwood* was alerted to the inaccuracies of the letter and should not have published it. Having published it, the paper, in its next issue, should have printed an apology for doing so."

Recovering at home

Islander hurt when truck rolls on icy Ontario road

At home in Burgoyne Valley, dairy farmer and long distance trucker Roger Hughes is recovering from injuries sustained when his Mack trailer combo went out of control in Ontario and rolled over, December 5.

Hughes was hauling Yakima fruit into eastern Canada when the accident occurred.

Travelling toward Sudbury on the highway, Hughes turned off on an embankment joining the local Sudbury road. He slid on the snow and ice road, according to an Ontario Provincial police report.

When the heavy unit rolled over, Hughes was trapped in his cab for an hour and had to be cut out by the Sudbury Fire Department. He was rushed to the Sudbury General

Hospital where he suffered a badly damaged leg.

Hughes has been trucking for over four years and prior to the Ontario accident operated three trucks.

Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$30,000 and wife of Roger Hughes, Val, explained that the truck and trailer were "write-offs".

Truck had been hauling pears.


Bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners December 19 were: Kevin Noble and Norm McConnell; Nora Day and Phoebe Stevens; Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; Alan Stewart and Kay Sinclair.

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Review of 1983 in words and

January

Mild weather eased the change of years and Ronald and Roberta Temmel of Ganges held the distinction of bringing the first baby to the Vancouver Island region. Jessica Temmel was born at 12:48 on the first day of the year in Lady Minto Hospital. She weighed in at 9 lbs. 9 ozs.

Gulf Islands teachers were granted a three percent wage increase by an arbitration ruling. The increase meant the average teacher would be taking home slightly less than \$1,000 more on an average salary of \$32,500.

Mayne Island would have a doctor. The Health Care Association of that island chose Dr. Robert Forrest, of Saskatoon, from among the applicants to replace Dr. Dennis Galvon who was giving up his practice among the 650 residents of Mayne Island. Forrest was chosen from a short list of 10 doctors who had applied for the job.

The recession hit the Gulf Islands in two areas: real estate sales and consumer buying. The assessment notices brought home the lowering of property values when islanders discovered that the assessment total had dipped 15 percent. The times and places for courts of appeal had been set for the various islands. Residents of the Outer Islands would attend the court at North Pender Island while a second court would be on Salt Spring Island.

Consumer buying had slowed during the final part of the previous year but merchants reported an improvement leading to the holiday season. While buyers were spending money, business people said they were comparing prices and buying the reasonably priced items rather than the more expensive goods.

The debate over the Ganges sewer project continued at the board table of the Capital Region. Saanich mayor Mel Couvelier expressed the opinion of several municipalities of the region when he termed the proposed referendum "a useless exercise in futility." The inspector of municipalities got into the act by withholding approval of the vote. Other efforts at the Regional table involved attempts to postpone the vote until the November civic elections.

February

Voters of Ganges would stay at home. The Capital Region cancelled the proposed referendum on the sewer issue. The directors heeded the warning of the inspector of municipalities that the vote would not be sanctioned and called the whole thing off.

The Ganges Farmers' Market became an issue with the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission. The group held a meeting and were confronted by at least 30 people who wanted the Centennial Park Saturday morning gathering left alone. The Commission was proceeding on the results of the straw vote which favoured some control on market activities.

The Gulf Islands School Board decided to end the junior high school classes at the Pender Island School. They voted to eliminate Grade 8 at Pender and establish a Grade 10 at the Mayne Junior Secondary School. John Zacharias, Pender Trustee and School Board chairman opposed the idea.

A community plan for Fulford was subject of discussion by the South Salt Spring Residents Association. The effort marked the fourth time in eight years that a

community plan for the south end village area was talked about.

A new motel was being constructed on Ganges Hill and the project could mean a move for the daycare centre which was occupying a house on the property. The owners of the motel had assured the daycare people that they could stay but a new location for the group was being sought.

The operating budget for Gulf Islands school district had been set at \$5.4 million. The amount showed an increase over the budget of the previous year of 7.2% with up to \$2.2 million to be collected from island taxpayers.

The money to buy property in Fulford for a new school had been allocated and the working drawings of the facility were at the ministry of education for approval.

The Salt Spring Islands Trust Committee turned down a proposal to develop 600 acres at Musgrave landing. The plan had called for 30 lots under strata title clumped close to the sea with the remainder of the tract left alone. The objection to the plan was based on it not meeting the requirements of the Salt Spring Community Plan.

March

A campaign to save the watershed of Lake Maxwell on Salt Spring had begun with a push to obtain signatures on a petition calling for government action to preserve the land around the lake.

Eva St. Onge, 92, returned to Pioneer Village on Salt Spring after a visit with her son in California. The pair were reunited after being apart for 46 years.

The Queen of Tsawwassen took over the run to the mainland from the Gulf Islands replacing the Queen of Sidney. When the Sidney returned to service after refit she would be used as stand-by vessel.

The old school site on Pender Island had been given to the people of that island as a crown grant. When the new school had been built, the old property reverted to the province and talks to have the land returned for the use of the people took several years.

The Queen visited Victoria and Driftwood photographer Alice Richards was there. She formed part of the media group covering the Royal visit to the provincial capital.

The Capital Region fired chief engineer Norman Howard and would not say why. Salt Spring's Yvette Valcourt was one of two who opposed the other 17 directors on the question.

Pender Island parents wanted out of the Gulf Islands School District because of the decision to drop Grade 8 from the school on that island. They wanted to join the Saanich School District.

The committee of Ganges citizens were to study the sewage issue but Yvette Valcourt refused to serve when the names of potential members she proposed had been turned down by the Capital Region board.

Flooding in Ganges was an identifiable problem but no one seemed interested in solving it. The Capital Region was willing to fund a solution but not work at it while the Islands Trust did not have the power to do anything.

April

The proposed summer ferry schedule provoked concern about service for Salt Spring Island. The Outer Islands seemed well-served but the runs to Salt Spring were less than satisfactory.



Hangin' flower baskets beautified Ganges and Lynne Richardson, left, grew lots of them while Pat Kirk helped organize the effort.

A provincial election was called for May 5 and candidates for Saanich and the Islands included incumbent Hugh Curtis, Social Credit, John Mika, New Democrats and Mary Jane Lewis, Liberal.

A land swap would be arranged to save the property owned by Texada Logging in the Lake Maxwell watershed of Salt Spring Island. The province would exchange the land for property elsewhere in the province of equal value.

The Ganges Farmers' Market was subject of a special meeting of the Capital Regional directors. They talked about the role of the market and what the region could do with it.

A test of hovercraft service for passengers only was announced. The air-boat would run from Ganges through the Outer Islands to Sidney for a two-month trial.

Something had to be done about the Farmers' Market or Ganges would lose Centennial Park, an official of the Lands, Parks and Housing ministry warned. The ministry was in the process of clearing a lease for the land with the Capital Region and the presence of the market was against government policy for parks.

The health officials of the Capital Region reported the core area of Ganges as being in greatest need for sewage disposal. The report would be sent on to the Ganges Citizens' Committee which was studying the problem.

Fire hazards at the Saturna Island School were of concern to the trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board. A list of 10 possible hazards including fire alarms which did not work had been presented to the School Board for consideration. Work crews were ordered to make the necessary corrections.

The new school for Fulford carried a tendered price tag of \$1.4 million. The Victoria firm of Herb Bates, Ltd. was successful in the bidding.

May

Gulf Islands voters had a choice of five candidates for the provincial election to be held May 5. Doug Christie of the Western Canada Concept and John Green of the Progressive Conservatives joined the list of the other three candidates announced earlier.

A motion of censure against Capital Regional director for Salt Spring, Yvette Valcourt, was passed by the island's Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion cited "repeated episodes of confrontation and lack of consideration for the

Commission and its members." The motion would be sent to the Capital Region for action.

The votes across the province were cast and counted with the result that the ruling Social Credit retained power with an increase in the number of seats. Hugh Curtis won Saanich and the Islands and would join 34 other party members opposed by 22 New Democrats. Standings when the election was called showed 31 seats for the government side and 26 NDP representatives.

The Ganges Farmers' Market would not be discussed by the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission until the situation surrounding the issue was clear. They would wait until the Capital Region acted before proceeding further on the matter.

John Zacharias, Pender Island school trustee, resigned as chairman of the Gulf Islands School Board over the action regarding the grade 8's at the Pender School. He was replaced by Charles Hingston, Salt Spring Island trustee.

Dennis Young, executive director of the Capital Region announced plans to resign. The directors accepted the resignation which takes effect October 31.

Discussions would be held to seek amendments to the Salt Spring Island Community Plan. The talks would be aimed at gray areas of the current Plan which offered little guidance in such things as ribbon development and down zoning of lots in the Ganges village area.

The Ganges Citizens' Committee met and hammered out the terms of reference for a study of the sewage disposal to be carried out. The group had representation from various groups interested in a solution to the long-standing problem.

June

Work was stopped on construction of the new school for Fulford when the site, at Beaver Point and Stewart Roads, was discovered to be in the Stowe Lake watershed. The zoning, Watershed 2, did not allow such facilities as schools and officials of the school district were wondering what happened. The problem had been that no one checked the zoning of the property when it was purchased or when the plans were being drawn up.

When the application for the building permit came to the attention of the Islands Trust, the error was discovered.



Sea Capers attracted this fellow and El

The lease for property at the Fulford firehall was being held up at the Capital Region by Salt Spring director Yvette Valcourt. She expressed concern about the proximity of the airfield. The site was to be used for a tennis court and other recreational facilities for the south-end residents.

Parents of children from Pender Island refused to send the children to Mayne Island for junior secondary education. They insisted upon having the children attend the Pender Island School but the School Board had decided to end that program and centre junior secondary classes for the Outer Island at the Mayne School.

A meeting of Salt Spring residents to talk about the school site fiasco resulted in almost unanimous agreement that the school be moved to another location. A change in the zoning of the site had been proposed but was opposed by most of the people at the meeting.

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee subsequently refused the application to change the zoning requirements for the site.

Hovermarine service to run foot-passengers between the islands and Sidney was planned to begin for a trial. The water air-craft visited the islands for a demonstration and the time of the run from Sidney to Ganges was 20 minutes.

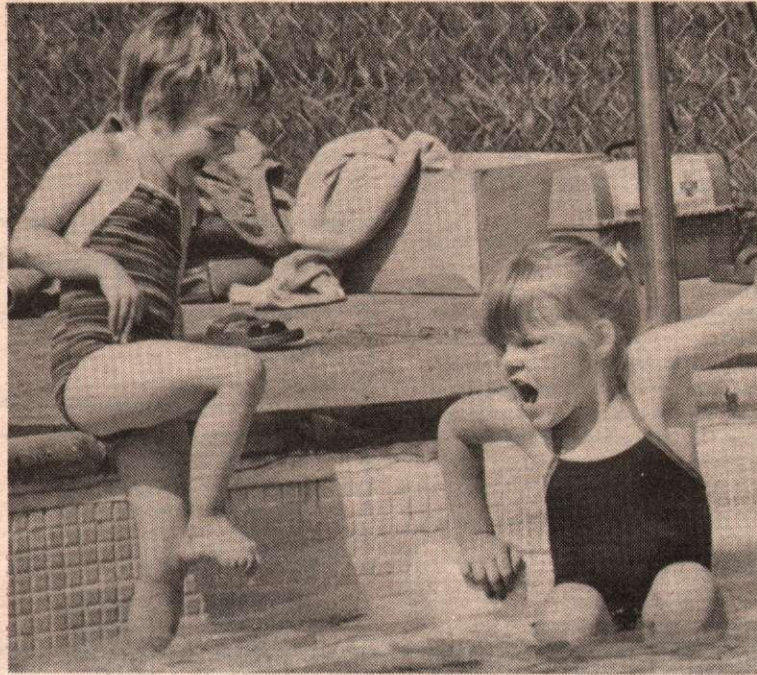
July

Lady Minto Hospital ended the fiscal year with a balanced budget. Figures released by the medical institution showed that although the administrators did not meet the \$2,600 shortfall from the previous

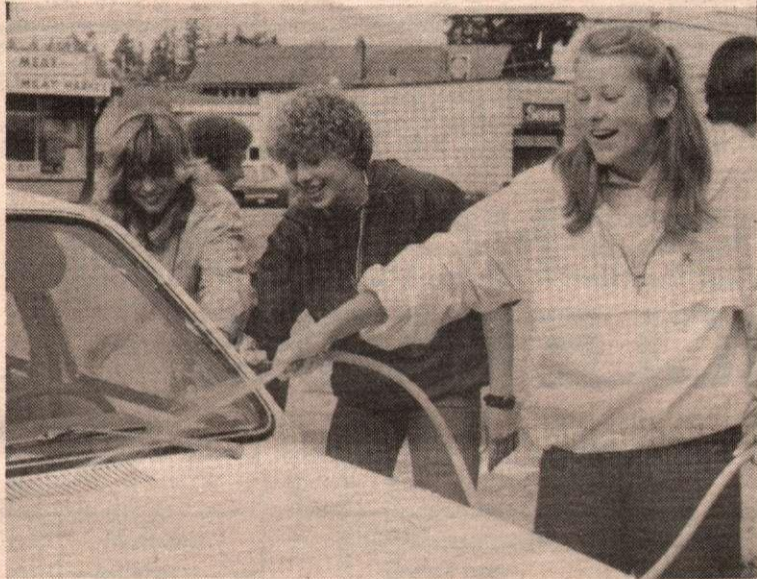
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n Hazenboom helped him fix his nose.



The water's chilly, said Emma Yardley, left, and Alicia Gopp.



the interim report of the sewage problem in Ganges and put it on hold. With only 12 of the 19 directors at the meeting, the decision to finance the study to the proposed cost of \$82,000 was postponed until a meeting of the board in September.

Lady Minto Hospital learned that it had \$2,042,742 to run things for the year. The budget figure presented by the health ministry represents close to \$200,000 less than the year before but comparisons were not valid because the method of arriving at a funding figure for hospitals had been changed.

The public tennis court at the Pender Island School opened after eight years of effort. The time had been taken by various ways of raising money to pay for the facility. Organizers said the court would serve for more than just tennis. It would be available to children for volleyball, floor hockey and possibly basketball as well.

The Vesuvius Queen rammed the ferry wharf at Vesuvius when a signal to put the vessel into reverse was not answered. The collision between boat and dock caused extensive damage to the loading ramp as well as several vehicles on the boat. The engine room worker had been injured before the accident and was unable to answer the signal from the bridge. Estimates of time needed for repairs ranged from 48 hours to three months.

Driftwood photographer Alice Richards was a double winner in a photo contest. She took first and second place in a competition sponsored by the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association. She was successful against more than 35

other photographers who submitted 150 pictures.

September

The dock at Vesuvius sat in a damaged condition and no movement to repair it was being made. A petition was being circulated on Salt Spring urging the ferry company to begin fixing the link with the Cowichan area of Vancouver Island.

A Vancouver company won the tender to run a water taxi service between Salt Spring and Crofton. Don Small had been supplying the service for commuters.

By week's end the ferry company decided to put the dock repairs to tender. The officials estimated that fixing the damage caused when the ferry rammed the wharf would cost close to \$500,000.

The Gulf Islands School Board was being cautious about the new site for the Fulford School. They held an option to purchase a five-acre property on South Ridge Road in the south island village but were waiting for approval from various ministries before completing the deal.

The Galiano Activity Centre was opened. Residents of that island had gathered money to pay for the facility which formed part of the extension of the school. Local MLA Hugh Curtis was on hand to officially open the centre.

The Ganges Farmers' Market had 60 days to cease activities or the lease for Centennial Park would be in jeopardy, the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission was warned by a ministry of parks official. The presence of the market was against government policy for

provincial parks and had to be removed, said the official. The commission would study the matter to see what could be done. Mr. Salt Spring?

October

The report was considered by the Capital Region and the directors decided to fund the sewage problem study in Ganges with a further \$57,000. Several directors expressed concern about the cost when the original motion in the spring had called for an expenditure of \$25,000.

Driftwood took top spot in competition with community newspapers in British Columbia and the Yukon. The award marked the third time in five years that the Gulf Islands newspaper took the best all-around newspaper award.

A proposed subdivision at Musgrave Landing on Salt Spring had been approved by the department of highways approving officer without consultation with the Islands Trust. The proposal had been turned down earlier in the year. The move angered residents of the island.

Mr. Mystery won the Mr. Salt Spring contest held in Fulford Hall in front of 250 appreciative women. A dozen males strutted their stuff vying for the honour. Rob Tranter was there.

Activity for the civic elections began. Vern Roddick announced intentions to seek a second term as director to the Capital Region for the Outer Islands. Hugh Borsman had announced his plans to challenge incumbent Yvette Valcourt as Salt Spring director. Valcourt had not indicated her intentions.

A committee of Salt Spring residents had been formed to look into the problems involving the Farmers' Market in Centennial Park in Ganges. The committee would find out what could be done about the matter before another public meeting would be held.

School Board elections were set for two islands at least. Voters on Saturna and Salt Spring would cast ballots for candidates.

A day in court would involve parents of Outer Island school children if the boarding allowance was not paid. The Gulf Islands School Board voted to take the parents to court to recover \$56 per month since October, 1982, which the parents owed.

November

Provincial government employees walked away from jobs as protest against the government's restraint program. The strike closed all government offices including liquor stores.

The Slugs, of hockey fame, joined a league to play at playing the game. The running commentary on their on- and off-ice antics would be supplied each week by various characters such as Knotso Funni and Ian Jukes. By the beginning of the month, Team Slug had rung up a two-win, two-loss record which threatened to get worse.

Teachers joined the growing list of those on strike against government restraint actions. With the teachers off the job, the number of strikers soared to 80,000 and more would join the protest in the coming weeks.

A reprieve for the Farmers' Market in Ganges was granted by the ministry of lands, parks and housing. Salt Springers had until the beginning of March to find a solution to the problem.

The strike ended when Premier,

Bill Bennett and representatives of Solidarity reached an agreement to talk about their differences. Teachers and government employees went back to work to end the strike.

Ballots were marked and counted and the results showed some won and others lost. Successful for the School Board were Lorraine Campbell on Saturna, Charles Hingston, Ron McQuiggan, David Williams and David Eyles won on Salt Spring. Hugh Borsman defeated Yvette Valcourt for the position of director to the Capital Region for Salt Spring.

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission held annual elections and four new members, Dan Evanishen, Maureen Bendick, Tom Hall and John Lomas joined Edith Sacker and Jim Ballantyne, who were re-elected to the commission.

A pig barbecue on Saturna Island raised \$1,300 for the fire department of that island. The event was held in the fire hall and attendance was limited due to the threat of a ferry strike.

December

The anti-nuclear group on Salt Spring hosted several representatives of other groups for a march through the village. They marched for peace to a meeting at the hall of St. George's Anglican Church. The visitors came to Salt Spring from the Outer Islands, Victoria and the American San Juans.

The ballots cast in the Capital Regional election on Salt Spring were recounted on a judge's order. Yvette Valcourt charged irregularities in voting and the votes were checked again. The results did not change but Hugh Borsman lost 11 votes and Valcourt lost four votes as a result of the second look at the ballots.

Ferry fares were going up. Management of the ferry company announced increases in tariffs which would average 27% on Gulf Island runs. Return trip tickets were done away with and travellers would have to pay at each end of the routes.

The Gulf Islands School District saved \$40,406 by not having to pay teachers for the three days of the recent strike. The amount had been figured out by the ministry of education and the local school trustees were waiting to see if the school district would lose that amount.

Santa Claus came to the Gulf Islands courtesy of the Bellingham, Washington, Jaycees. It was the 33rd visit to Canada by the jolly elf.

They gathered at the Activity Centre at the Galiano School to honour Peter Denroche. He was retiring from 22 years of service as bus driver for school children on that island. Denroche had logged close to 200,000 miles in his tenure as driver and produced a record of not having one child injured while in his care.

A resident of Salt Spring began court action against the developer of the property at Musgrave Landing as well as the approving officer. The 24-property development had been approved without consultation with the Islands Trust. That group had recommended earlier in the year that the development not be allowed. It had been turned down once but had reappeared with the approval of the highways department.

The Islands Trust urged an increase to 30 acres for watershed properties but the bylaw amendment was turned down by the minister of municipal affairs.

August

The Capital Region took a look at

Salt Spring looks at legal action over ferry fare hikes

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee is investigating legal action against the British Columbia government in response to the ferry fare increases.

Following report from Barbara Caves, of the committee, outlines its plans:

In response to the consensus expressed at the public meeting held in Central Hall before Christmas, the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee has formed a special trust fund at the Island Savings Credit Union to pay for examining the possibility of a group-action lawsuit against the government of British Columbia for discriminatory fare raises levied against the Gulf Islands by the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

Up to \$1,000 is needed to pay for the legal investigation necessary to find if such action is possible with respect to the contention of the committee that the ferry system is the Gulf Islands' highway and as such the Islands should not be constrained to make up the Ferry Corporation's

operating deficit any more than the most isolated resident of the most isolated British Columbia community is asked to pay any more in highway taxes than the city resident is asked to pay.

The transportation committee is working on behalf of all Salt Spring Island residents: those on

fixed incomes who will find the proposed increase cruelly punitive, those daily commuters who will be asked to dig deeper into an already shrinking income, and the sometime ferry user who will be forced to make fewer trips off-island because of the added expense.

Now is the time to support your committee. Any contribution that is made to the legal trust fund in the amount of \$5, or more, will be received by the bank.

The island transportation committee is holding a public meeting on Salt Spring on Thursday, Jan. 12. The location will be announced later.

Rudder damage idles Bowen Queen

The *Bowen Queen* sits idle at Langdale near Gibson's Landing this month, unable to move.

When the *Bowen Queen* left Fulford last fall to provide transportation to Bowen islanders travelling from Horseshoe Bay, her passage was cut short by a faulty rudder.

The leg of one of the ship's rudders was damaged during her

course and limping, she slipped into rest at Langdale where she awaits repair.

"They're still waiting for one of the parts," spokesman for B.C. ferries, Betty Nicholson, explained.

The *Bowen Queen* was relieving for the *Howe Sound Queen* which was in for refit. The Fulford ferry should be back on the Salt Spring run in late March.

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MAINLAND - GULF ISLANDS Tsawwassen - Gulf Islands	\$3.00	\$14.00	\$16.75	\$1.55	\$2.00
VANCOUVER ISL - GULF ISLS Swartz Bay - Fulford Hbr. Swartz Bay - Outer Gulf Isls. Crofton - Vesuvius Inter-Gulf Islands	\$1.25 1.00	\$5.25 3.00	\$6.25 3.50	\$0.55 0.55	\$1.00 1.00
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B.C. Senior Citizens with Pharmacare Cards travel free as passengers Mondays through Thursdays, except statutory holidays.

Commuter ticket books are available for travel on: Sunshine Coast, Bowen Island, Vancouver - Gulf Islands and Brentwood Bay - Mill Bay routes.

CLIP AND SAVE

Katimavik looking for jobs

Katimavik is alive and well and looking for work.

The Ottawa-sponsored youth operation to provide work and learning will be back on Salt Spring Island and looking for community projects.

The projects may range from renovating a library or constructing a playground to assistance with children or the aged, but it must not challenge the local labour force.

Katimavik wants advice from the community and individuals or organizations with a proposal may call the regional office in Vancouver at 736-8991.

Young Canadians between the ages of 17 and 21 are invited by the national volunteer youth program to enrol.

Volunteers spend nine months travelling in Canada, and all living and travelling costs are paid.

Candidates may find information from Katimavik, 201, 1622 West 7th Ave., Vancouver, V6J 1S5.

All drivers were clean, say police

Ganges detachment RCMP were busy during the holiday season, which for them lasted from mid-December until January 3.

They set up road blocks and stopped at least 163 vehicles for checks. The good news was that no one was found to be driving while impaired and all those people were wearing seat belts.

There were 11 traffic violation notices issued, but only one 24-hour suspension of a driver's licence.

There were three people injured in three accidents. None of the injuries were serious. In addition, there were 13 property damage accidents. Most of the crashes were blamed on road conditions.

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GALIANO HOLIDAY

Fire in icy weather strikes three times

BY KATHLYN BENDER

'How will the world end? In ice and fire', said the poet. So it was on Galiano at Christmas. We were not alone in the icy blast roaring across the Gulf, nor were we the only community without power, but we certainly had our ration of fire.

In the early morning of Christmas Eve Connie Kennedy was awakened by pounding on her door and as she looked out, the flames of the blazing Rod and Gun Club seemed only a few feet away from her home. Soon the biggest trap-shoot in the Club's history was underway, as the stock of shells began to explode with pellets whistling in all directions.

Although the Volunteer Fire Department responded promptly, the alarm was not raised until the fire had secured a good hold, and by the time the first fireman arrived the roof had fallen in. The Department was only able to save the accessory buildings and the nearby house, by laying down a water curtain.

Breaks Out Again

Preparations for a singles banquet, which was to have been held on Christmas Eve, had been going on late into the night. Three tired workers were taking a sleep break and at 3:15 am awoke to find themselves nearly surrounded by flames. They were able to make their way to safety and raise the alarm.

Later in the day there was a return call as the charred remains of the Club again burst into flames. While some volunteers were still on duty at the Club, another call came in from Tolan's cottage, where a fire had started in a wall. Fortunately on this occasion the firemen arrived in time to save the house, with damage only to the wall.

On a third occasion the firemen were spared a call-out by the prompt action of the owner of a property on the border of Bluff Park. Before retiring for the night the artist had banked his wood stove and put on

an egg-carton. In the early hours he was awoken by a roaring sound in the chimney pipe. Putting on a dressing gown over his pyjamas he went outside to inspect his chimney, and saw that the cap was red-hot and the egg-carton trapped beneath it. Leaning a ladder against the eaves he cautiously mounted the roof, and with a garden tool was able to dislodge the carton.

On turning to descend he discovered to his dismay that the cold east wind had blown down the ladder and he was marooned on the roof. 'Don't panic', he reminded himself. Lying prone he slowly inched his way down to the gutter and lowered himself until he was suspended by his almost numbed fingers. He let go and dropped to the hard, frozen soil, relieved to have suffered no injury.

Powerless

The power supplied to Galiano by B.C. Hydro is distributed in three phases which the layman refers to as circuits. The routing of these three appears to be random. The power may be off in one, two, or all three phases. On Christmas Eve all three phases were out of operation but by Christmas day, all but one had been restored, thanks to the efforts of supervisors working under extremely uncomfortable conditions. Friends in adjacent houses might find one with and the others without electricity.

At Page Drive, the senior citizens' lounge and residences are serviced by all three phases. The one supplying the lounge and providing water was out. Nevertheless, the Christmas dinner organized for the residents by Marjorie Phillips went ahead by firelight and candlelight. The turkey was cooked at Tingley's and an emergency-generator was used from time to time to supply water. A good time was had by all who attended.

There were many sighs of relief two days later when the last of the

phases was restored. Some people might regard this as an ominous warning.

Galiano Talent

Last spring local craftspeople were encouraged to complete a questionnaire put out by the Craftsman's Association of B.C. so that a sample of their work could be photographed and included in this province's first directory of crafts.

Now the book is out and those who are in it may be justifiably excited. The beautiful photographs and well-designed layout are a credit to Project Manager, Michael Ovenell, who is a Galiano weekender living on Jack Drive. We also offer congratulations to the following local craftspeople whose work is featured: Paul Hawbolt, Enzo and Tona Von Resori, Ken Maneker and Helen Anne Coe.

Future programs planned from this data-base are regional craft brochures and the development of marketing material for specific areas such as government agencies or Expo 86. This booklet is available free of charge to all members of CABC and may be purchased from the Craftsman's Association of B.C., 1411 Cartwright Street, Granville Island, Vancouver.

One of the craftspeople featured in the new directory is excited for an additional reason. Two years ago at the Seattle Conference of the

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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Pursuant to Section 769 of the Municipal Act, the following By-law No. 1208 cited as "Firearms By-law 1983, Amendment By-law No. 1, 1983" is hereby published as at third reading and prior to submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 1194 BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.

WHEREAS By-law No. 1194 adopted by the Board on the 23rd day of November, 1983, regulates the discharge of firearms within the Outer Gulf Islands Electoral Area;

AND WHEREAS the Board now wishes to have the provisions of the said by-law made applicable within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Clause 2 is repealed in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:

"2. No person shall discharge a firearm within a defined area comprising the whole of the Electoral Areas of Salt Spring Island and the Outer Gulf Islands within

(a) 150 metres of any school buildings, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling house, farm building or any other place where persons may be assembled or engaged in work of any kind, without the permission of the owner or occupier of the premises, or

(b) 25 metres of the travelled portion of a highway as provided in the Highway Act (1979)"

A copy of the by-law may be viewed during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

Bernard E. Doughton,
Secretary.

before holiday

Hand Loom Weavers of America Helen Anne Coe saw displayed a computerized loom, and began to dream of the potentialities its possession would open up. Last month Helen became the owner of one of the first dobby-computer looms in this area and is realizing more and more that her new possession holds the key to boundless creative understanding.

It may not be generally known that the first loom using computer-cards was invented as far back as 1801 by Joseph Jacquard in France. Helen's modern Dobby is a powerful aid which not only helps her make design decisions from a myriad of visual possibilities available on her TV screen, but also cuts down many hours of warp planning, and aids in the execution of high complexity patterns. Through this considerable reduction of woman-hours, Helen hopes to immediately lessen production costs of a craftline of small gift items, and then attempt what was previously uneconomic—the design and creation of custom fashion fabrics.

So that many Galiano people may enjoy the work of this far-seeing and creative weaver, St. Margaret's Altar Guild has commissioned an altar cloth for the Church. In addition Helen and her two apprentices Connie Kennedy and Chris Gaylor have begun work on a collection of custom designed clothing specially geared for island living, which will be publicly presented at a fashion show on Galiano Island this spring.

Galiano Historical and Cultural Society

Through the generosity of John A. Yuill, the Galiano Historical and Cultural Society has been granted the right to use "Dixie" Island in Whaler Bay to build marine ways and shelter for the planned construction of the replica sailing ship "Sutil".

This setting will provide maximum economy and utility along with the opportunity for interested persons to visit the site at scheduled times or simply view from Whaler Bay Dock.

Coming Events

The North Galiano Community Association will hold its annual general meeting this Saturday, January 7 at 3 pm in the community hall on Porlier Pass Rd.

The knowledge of what to do in emergencies is invaluable to islanders. For this reason our ambulance co-ordinator, Peter Dunn, is running a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Course on Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 1 to 5

pm at the Activity Centre. As this workshop is limited to eight participants those interested should phone Peter at 2629 without delay. Those unable to attend this first course will be happy to know that the course will be repeated at regular intervals.

Particularly beneficial for those with arthritis or a chronic lower back pain is a weekly series of classes beginning on Tuesday evening January 17th at 7 pm in the Ken Gaylor Gymnasium, and taught by Georg Plange. Georg is both a well-qualified and experienced teacher of the Felden Kraus Method of Awareness through Movement, which aims at improving the ability to move, at all ages. These classes will continue for at least twelve Tuesday evenings, and registration may be made at the first class. Participants should wear loose clothing and bring a mat. For further details phone Georg at 2485.

Islanders who are theatre buffs are reminded that Margaret Hollingsworth, formerly of Galiano, is having her play "War Baby", an intriguing new psychological drama, performed at the Belfry Theatre of Victoria every evening (except Mondays) at 8 pm until January 22 with matinees on Sundays, January 8, 11, 15 and 22.

On Sunday, Jan. 1, Rev. Pocock preached a New Year sermon at St. Margaret's Church on the text "And there was no room at the inn." Afterwards the congregation spontaneously decided to adjourn to the Lodge where they found that there was!

Our Rector will conduct morning prayer this Sunday, Jan 8 and Holy Communion, as is his custom, on the fourth Sunday, Jan. 22, both at 10 am.



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