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## Curtis gives welcome sign to new service

First trip to the island was Monday when the Salt Spring Island bus service was launched. Marking the inaugural run was

Saanich and the Islands member of the legislature, Finance Minister Hugh Curtis. Wishing the new service good luck, the minister is

flanked by Gerry Conrod, left and Wayne MacArthur, principals of the Salt Spring Bus Lines.

## Senior citizens pay less with tickets

Use of the commuter tickets for ferry travel between the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island takes some of the sting out of the fare increases and senior citizens actually pay less.

When the B.C. Ferry Corporation raised fares January 1, a storm of protest broke out in the islands. The resident's pass and subsequent discount went by the boards in the

tariff changes.

Ferry officials softened the blow by removing the time limit on the use of commuter tickets. The tickets had been good for only 30 days.

Senior citizens, before the fare increase, could travel from Monday to Thursday and pay only for a vehicle. As passengers, they travelled free on those days.

The cost of a round trip for seniors who travelled on the first four days of the week had been \$6.10.

With the use of commuter tickets for vehicles, seniors now pay \$6 for the round trip. By using their Pharmacare cards, seniors still do not pay as passengers, Monday to Thursday.

The books of commuter tickets come with 10 tickets and can be purchased for vehicle and driver at a cost of \$40. Passengers pay \$10 for a book of the tickets. Seniors with Pharmacare Cards can purchase a book of tickets for vehicle only at \$30.

The commuter who travels as a foot passenger feels the bite a bit harder. Under the previous fare structure, the commuter on foot paid \$1.35 for a round trip. Under the revised fares with the commuter tickets, the foot passenger pays \$2 per round trip.

The books of 10 commuter tickets can be purchased at the Crofton ferry terminal or at Swartz Bay. Seniors must show their

structure itself.

There were two casualties. A dog and a cat had been left indoors when the residents went out.

The alarm was answered by the pumper and tanker trucks from the Fullford fire station as well as the tanker from the Ganges fire hall.

Neighbour Robert Andrew told *Driftwood* Tuesday that plans were being made to hold a benefit dance to provide aid for the couple.

An account has been set up at

financial assistance to the couple.

and approximately \$35,000 for the

Without the commuter tickets, the round trip costs \$2.50 for a passenger and \$10.50 for a vehicle and driver.

## Land disposal is not suitable, committee told

BY BILL WEBSTER

Land disposal of sewage in Ganges is not suitable, the Ganges Citizens' Committee learned last week, and the ideal solution to the problem would be sewers, with disposal to the sea as a possibility.

Steve McMinn, engineer with Underwood McLellan, talked to the committee about the findings of the sewage disposal study he is conducting in the village.

He said that soil conditions and a high water table make on-site disposal unsuitable in the village as well as in the area around it.

McMinn had a crew working on soil samples and test pits to check the soil of the area in November. The field work took place during the period of heavy rains.

The test revealed that the low area of Ganges contains a high water table. McMinn said that even if a drainage system were installed in the village, the water table would not be affected very much.

The soil is composed of sandy material and coarse gravel and an impermeable layer of coarse material is located less than four feet below the surface in most areas.

At least three smaller areas of the village have ground conditions suitable for on-site disposal. Properties near the intersection of Kanaka and Church Roads, along the north side of Desmond Crescent and near the end of Swanson Road were the areas found to be suitable.

The ridge running from the schools to the hospital has bedrock

too close to the surface.

McMinn noted that Ganges had been built in the worst possible place for septic disposal. Ray Hill, representing the Sewer Alternatives Committee, wondered if it were possible to move the village elsewhere.

In the interim report prepared last summer McMinn had noted that a large off-site disposal field could be a solution. The crew had looked at areas around the village and none was satisfactory.

An earlier report on sewage disposal had indicated that an area in Mouat Park might be a good location for a large off-site field. McMinn's crew checked the area and found it, too, was unsuitable.

He told the committee that all of the septic systems in Ganges can be expected to fail within 20 to 25 years. When repairs to the fields become necessary, he said, the fields would require variances from the standards set by the health act.

But he noted to allow variances for large-scale disposal systems would only magnify the problems.

He listed several options for consideration. The business section of the village could be hooked to a sewer system connected to a treatment plant with the effluent disposed of somewhere, perhaps the sea.

The residential area could be left as it is and systems repaired with variances as they fail.

The sewer line could be extended

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## Licence renewal time

Dog licences are up for renewal for 1984.

Capital Region animal control officer Bill Leach urges dog owners to get their licences. A male or female will cost \$20 for the dog tag but if the animal has been neutered or spayed, the cost dips to \$10.

Dog owners have until the end of March to tag their animals and after that date the licence cost \$5 more.

"I'd like to give a pat on the back to Salt Spring dog owners," said Leach.

The congratulations come through a total of \$8,645 paid for licence fees last year. Outer Islands dog owners chipped in close to \$1,700 for the tags.

A CRD bylaw states that it is illegal to allow a dog to "be at large."

The term is defined where the dog is not under control by being "on the property of its owner or of another person who has the care and control

enclosure.

"Or, securely fastened so that it is unable to roam."

If a dog is seen in the vicinity of sheep and a farmer thinks it may harass the sheep, the dog can be shot.

Leach said evidence of sheep attacks dropped last year. The CRD paid out about \$1,000 for sheep and poultry killed by dogs. When the CRD took over the function of animal control five years ago, he said, the yearly average payout for killed livestock came close to \$4,000.

Dog licences can be obtained at various locations on Salt Spring, Pender, Mayne and Saturna Islands.

In addition, the licences can be obtained from the animal control officer for each island. On Salt Spring, Howard Byron carries out

"Or, in direct and continuous charge of a person who is competent to control it.

"Or, securely confined within an

Island; Lynda Kenyon, Galiano Island; and Bruce Parsons on Mayne Island.

### For Centennial Park

# New crown lease may be possible

A new crown lease for Centennial Park in Ganges could be arranged to take into account the Farmers' Market, says Gordon Sloan, chairman of the new Centennial Park committee.

Sloan said the possibility of a new lease had come out of a meeting with the regional director for the ministry of lands, parks and housing.

The Centennial Park committee was set up as a result of a public meeting in October. The meeting had been called by the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission to gauge public opinion about the park and the presence of the Farmers' Market.

The committee will hold a public meeting February 16 to explain what has happened and to find out what the public wishes on the matter.

Prior to the public meeting, the committee will talk with Hugh Curtis, local MLA, as well as the Salt Spring Centennial Society in an

effort to come to a unified front on the fate of the market and the lease for the park.

Sloan explained that the Centennial Society had been formed in the mid-1960's to develop the park, which had been created on land fill when the government boat basin was built.

Although the society had been instrumental in creating the park, it had never held the lease for the public facility.

The lease had been granted to the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce. The ministry of lands, parks and housing deals with municipal governments in such matters and the Chamber of Commerce, at that time, was considered the local government for the island.

Subsequently, the chamber assigned the lease to the Salt Spring Recreation Society. That group came under the jurisdiction of the Capital Region when it was formed and tenure to the park was in doubt

for several years.

Last spring, the Parks and Recreation Commission urged the CRD to take over the lease and as the process unfolded, the department of the parks ministry objected to the presence of the market and other commercial activity in the park.

The matter brewed for several months and in September, an ultimatum came from the parks people in the provincial government.

The Parks and Recreation Commission was given 90 days from September 1 to get rid of the market or the lease for the park would not be issued.

The deadline was later moved to March 1 of this year.

Sloan said the discussions with the regional director for the parks department revealed that the officials consider the Chamber of Commerce to be the lease holder and that group was in breach of the lease because of the commercial activities in the park.

There could be a new crown lease, indicated the ministry official, and with the right wording and careful consideration of the facts, the market could stay in the parking lot of the park.

Sloan said the committee was attempting to determine who should take the lease. The Parks and Recreation Commission, said Sloan, wanted the lease to be assigned to the CRD.

The Centennial Park committee is composed of representatives of five island groups with interest in the park.

Linda Hoover represents the Parks and Recreation Commission, Ray Hill sits for the Salt Spring Planning Association while Nick Gilbert represents the Islands Trust, Jon Oldroyd, Chamber of Commerce, and Gary Sawdon, Farmers' Market vendors' group, complete the membership on the committee.

Sloan was chosen as an independent chairman.

# Land disposal

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to hook the institutions—the schools, the hospital and Greenwoods—to the line. The residential areas could be added to the system as hook-up became affordable, he said.

He said that to allow variances to septic field disposal would not be a good long-term solution.

The last option, he said, would be to do nothing. Residents could patch up their septic systems and the holding tanks in the business district could be upgraded with continued pump-out.

Shirley Wilde, Capital Region chairman, was at the meeting and she told the committee that to leave the residential areas of the village alone would mean zero or very slow growth for Ganges.

As the report was being made to the committee, members seemed disappointed by the contents. Wilde said to them: "Sit back and let the shock waves roll over you. Then come back and make a decision."

The committee should study the report and come up with a series of recommendations for the CRD board, she said, including the solution which was wanted.

Ron McQuiggan, representing the school district, said the choice had come down to one between affordability and technical capability. He said many people

were against a sewer system because of costs.

If the committee decided upon a sewer with a treatment plant, Wilde said, the recommendations should note that the solution is not affordable. The CRD can then approach the provincial government in an effort to obtain a one-time grant to help reduce the cost of the system, she said.

McMinn presented an oral report to the committee. He will give a written version to the committee members within two weeks.

He told the committee his next step in the study would be to come up with possible solutions to the disposal problem based on the results of the field work. The solutions will contain costs which would be necessary information if the matter goes to referendum to gain public support.

When the members of the committee have had a chance to study the report, they will meet again to discuss what can be done.

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## Club Mongo Christmas Story

Club Mongo gave their version of the Christmas story to an audience at Vesuvius Inn on two evenings before the Day. Dave Roland, left,

had a part in the production while Sue Bowler played a distraught Mary who wanted her child to grow up to be an accountant.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

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## European Hair Design

Franz Beijk is pleased to welcome **GARY LUNDY** to European Hair Design.



Gary is a newcomer to Salt Spring, having previously worked as a hairstylist for over 15 years in Ontario. Gary invites his new friends and other Islanders to come and see him at European hair Design. He will be working on Mondays and Saturdays (9-5) beginning Saturday, January 14. Appointments are not always necessary.

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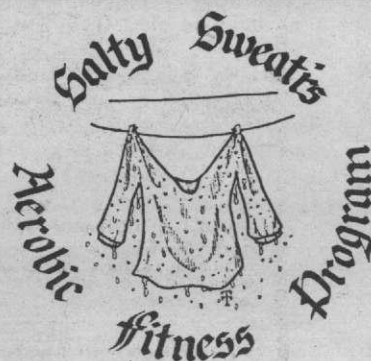
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We are considering starting a **MEN'S CLASS** - probably around

Interested participants, classes could start middle of January. Please call 537-9627.

To Be

Frank

by richards



# Farmer asks for guidance on future of Ganges farmers' market

Lynne Richardson, of North End Gardens, on Salt Spring Island, wants information on the future of the Farmers' Market in Ganges before settling plans for the new season's crops. She has asked the chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission for help.

"It seems to me that no one wants to lose the farmers or the option of purchasing fresh vegetables in a market", she wrote. "As you can well imagine or know for fact, farming is one thing that it is not possible to do on a moment's notice, requiring sometimes three months preparation before a vegetable is ready for sale."

She is reluctant to "invest my time and money in something that is as unstable as the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Market," she told the commission. Because of distance, it is impossible to grow what she normally does for sale only on her own premises.

"The market is absolutely essential to make any production of bedding plants, tomatoes and lettuce worthwhile.

"Without the option of selling in Ganges, my whole operation as a grower is in jeopardy. I have spoken with other individuals in the same situation and my fears and hesitations are shared entirely."

## CAN'T TAKE CHANCES

She cannot take a chance on growing plants and produce if it could happen that there would be no place in Ganges to market the produce. This is question that must be resolved and her doubts put to rest, said the letter.

"Will there be a market or not, and where will it be, if not in Centennial Park," she asked.

Seeds must be ordered, plants must be started much before the spring.

"If yourselves and the people of Salt Spring want the option of buying locally-produced plants and

vegetables, you have to give the farmers the assurance that there will be a place to market their produce otherwise they may not grow it."

The community is negotiating with the province the future use of a provincial park for marketing purposes.

Also to be resolved is the legal lessee of the waterfront property. Originally held by Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, the lease was transferred to the old recreation commission but the legality of the transfer is being checked.

## But I didn't picket!

My doctor must have figured I was a protester. I had a sore spot on my face which he corrected. When I had recovered from the agony of treatment, my mentor urged me, "Don't picket!"

## That immoral passion for pie

Pork pie is the constant reminder that it is Christmas. Having made three pork pies of substantial dimensions I wasn't hungry. The first remonstrance came from Tim Meade, who pointed out that the Melton Mowbray pork pie comes from a village near that of Leicestershire town. And he should know: he once supervised the operation of a hotel in the area. The second comment on pork pies came from my kid brother, Laurence, calling from the sub-zero temperatures of northern B.C. He recited a poem of some antiquity, penned by Richard le Gallienne:

*Strange pie that is almost a passion,  
O passion immoral for pie!  
Unknown are the ways that they fashion,  
Unknown and unseen of the eye.  
The pie that is marbled and mottled,  
The pie that digests with a sigh:  
For all is not Bass that is bottled  
And all is not pork that is pie.*

What more can a man say when he is in love with the meat in the pastry? Except to caution that Bass is the beer that made Burton a brewery and not even a pizman would call for it for breakfast.

## It's close to home!

So I forget! Who doesn't? It's just that I get more absent-minded with the advance of time. A long time ago I deplored this evidence of the passing years and I heard from Ralph Chatwin on Mayne Island, who sent me a poem by an unidentified writer who suffered from the same disease. I still haven't discovered the writer, but here is the verse and if you find it close to home, you might figure you're not alone:

## A Little Mixed Up

*Just a line to say I'm living,  
That I'm not among the dead;  
Though I'm getting more forgetful  
And more mixed up in the head.*

*For sometimes I can't remember  
When I stand at the foot of the stair  
If I must go up for something  
Or if I've just come down from there.*

*And before the fridge so often  
My poor mind is filled with doubt,  
Have I just put food away, or  
Have I come to take some out?*

*And then there are times when it's dark out,  
With my nightcap on my head,  
I don't know if I'm retiring,  
Or just getting out of bed.*

*So, if it's my turn to write you  
There's no need in getting sore,  
I may think that I have written  
And don't want to be a bore.*

*So remember, I do love you,  
And I wish that you were here;  
But now it's nearly mail-time  
So I must say "Goodbye, Dear".*

*There I stood beside the mailbox  
With a face so very red.  
Instead of mailing you my letter  
I have opened it instead.*

## I'll bet they're wrong!

I'm sure they're wrong when they talk about the Russian leader. Announcers mostly call him Yurien Drop Off. The CBC is nearer, I'll bet, with Uri An-drope-ov. I shudder to think how a Russian radio might mash up some good Canadian names.

## And still they come!

And a Merry Christmas to you! We're keeping it up late this year. The cards are still arriving. Like yesterday it was a card from Ontario, mailed on December 14. That's not bad considering how far it is to Ontario. You could walk it that fast even if you ran. Today I had one from Australia mailed December 20 and one from Cornwall, in England, postmarked December 19. The service from Mid-Wales is not so efficient. The card today from that cold country was mailed November 17. Less than two months, anyway! So it's still a Merry Christmas!

## They poured better


When I grew up we used to have funny pot jugs with handles. The big difference was you could pour milk out easily with those things. The cardboard jugs we use now seem to let everything go in one big swoosh.

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## Thursday meeting on ferries

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee will sponsor a public meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 8 pm in Mahon Hall.

At that time, the committee will give its progress report on the measures taken to date in its dialogue with the B.C. Ferry Corporation about the fare increases levied on the Gull Islands runs.

At this time, an accounting will be reported on the monies presently in the legal fund that has been set up to enable the committee to take legal action against the ferry corporation.



**S.S.I. NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT GROUP** General Meeting Wed., Jan. 18, 7 pm, S.S. Elementary Library. Everyone welcome—we always need new people if we are to be an effective movement for peace.

**Congratulations to Gordon Sloan** for giving away copies of Schell's *Fate of the Earth* at his office, corner Rainbow/Lower Ganges Rds. Thanks also to **Tom Gossett**, who bought trunksfuls of *The Hundredth Monkey* to sell at just \$1/copy at *et cetera*.

**FACT:** The superpowers will spend \$1,000,000 *per minute* on arms this year.



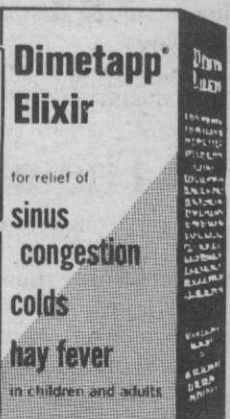
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## Health services and medicare

The national government and the provincial governments are debating the costs and the apportioning of the costs of medicare. In short, who pays when Johnny gets sick?

The federal government is short of money and the provinces are running into restraint. The costs of health services are going ever higher and rarely does the ordinary Canadian get into the debate.

It's us they're talking about. It's each and every Canadian and each and every Canadian family facing the bill.

Whatever the various governments might say on the subject, it is a pretty safe bet that right across the nation the ordinary Canadian wants medicare and he wants it without gimmicks.

Most Canadians have faced the cost of services in the area of dental work and glasses and they have been unable to meet some costs. There are island children today who have need of dental services which they will never get. No Canadian wants to see medical and hospital services in that same setting.

The various governments are facing economic problems such as have not been evident for 50 years. Money is a scarce commodity these days. And that's too bad for government and too bad for each one of us. But we want our health services. We want to be able to see a doctor and go into hospital and be treated and cured without working for a lifetime to pay off the cost.

If the costs are too high, those warring governments might well address themselves to cutting down. If the federal contribution is too small, let's see it boosted. If the provinces are the culprits, let's see 'em!

But don't play games with this, the first essential to a happy new year.

## A pleasing service

As each year closes students in the islands schools are invited to compete in the essay contest established several years ago by this newspaper. This has proved to be one of the most pleasing services introduced by *Driftwood*. The quality and the variety of submissions are a credit to both students and teachers, but the outstanding character of the annual contest is the ingenuity of many of the submissions.

For many years the critics have examined our vociferous society with the conviction that we had long since lost the art of communication.

The annual presentation of students' work represents a reassurance in the midst of these fears, because the ability to express himself is the first requirement facing every child who rises to adulthood.

It is pleasing to find so many able writers and to help them, in a small degree, to be heard by their own community.

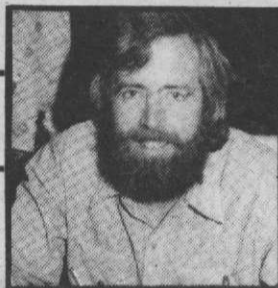
## The end of a fairy tale

David Conover was a man who lived his own fairy tale. He came to the islands because he could find no better place to live. He and his wife then carved out a home and a small business from the island woods. Life on an island, an idyll in the making, and life in a homemade home on an idyllic island was his introduction to island living. He translated it into his bestseller.

When he wrote *Once Upon an Island*, the newcomer to letters discovered a whole new world of print. The continent went wild over his story of Wallace Island. The book was taken up by *Readers' Digest* and its circulation rose into the millions. Not only was the book hailed from one side of the continent to the other, but it was distributed in seven languages.

David Conover was a quiet, unassuming man who tickled the public fancy with his autobiography. He is mourned by his family and his friends in and out of the islands. But he has left millions of

Conover lived out his life and died peacefully in a Victoria hospital. But his fairy tale will live on forever.



## Tony Richards

**A GOOD WAY** to begin the new year in this space is to fill it with some items that never made it into print last year.

**YOU CAN ADD** two names to the growing list of talented actors resident in the Gulf Islands. And remember the two names: It's more than likely you'll see them again some day in the cast of a Salt Spring Players production.

Nine-year-old Kaya Reiss and 10-year-old Ian Skinner were the stars of the show at Fernwood School's Christmas Concert back in early December. Both gave an excellent performance in a Christmas play entitled *Amahl and the Night Visitors*.

And for kids that age, memorizing all those lines was quite an accomplishment.

**THE CROWD OF PARENTS** at that affair wasn't much larger than at least one audience that gathered to hear a Christmas performance by students of another local school.

A Salt Spring Elementary School choir entertained Christmas shoppers outside Mouat's Mall, providing a pleasant interlude to the hustle and bustle of beautiful downtown Ganges.

**THE LOCAL** student population was busy entertaining prior to Christmas, but before that they (150 of them anyway) were busy writing.

And once they had completed their entries for our Christmas essay contest, four local residents began the monumental task of reading their work.

Our thanks to the four judges for their time and effort: Sue Underwood, David Reid, Gary Machell and my wife Alice.

**FORMER NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER** Andy Bigger of Pioneer Used Office Furnishings in Duncan sent us a cheque last month.

It was made out to *Driftwood* by Health, Wealth and Happiness Unlimited and drawn on the Bank of Good Fortune, Unlimited. The amount payable: 365 days of good luck and prosperity; negotiable anywhere and signed by Andy, director of good wishes.

home of Mrs. L. Bittancourt in 1931. The story had also reported that the power in question was supplied by the Nanaimo Utilities Company.

Johnny says power didn't come until 1937 and that it was supplied by the Nanaimo and Duncan Utilities Company.

"How could we make a mistake like that?" he asked.

Well, he can blame Woody Fisher for the error because the way it was printed last month was exactly how it appeared 20 years ago.

And there was no letter to the editor from Johnny the following week to point out the mistake.

**ONE OF THE BETTER** Christmas presents I received this year was waiting for me when I returned from a too short, two-week holiday.

The gift consisted of up-to-date quotations from the Toronto Stock Exchange.

It was about one year ago that I began taking an interest in the stock market. I decided at the time that caution was called for and that an intensive study of the market would be a wise prelude to actually making a purchase.

So for several months I read books on investment strategy, pored over investment newsletters and kept my eye on a number of share prices.

After six months, during which time most of the stocks I was watching climbed by at least 20% in price, I felt ready to take the plunge and become affiliated with one of two groups: the 11% who were successful in market investing and the 89% who weren't.

I quickly joined the latter. In taking my plunge I selected three stocks. They, too, decided to take a plunge.

For four months I watched as their prices steadily fell. Once a week I calculated my ever-increasing losses and every day I turned with growing dread to the financial pages of a daily paper.

At the same time I watched share prices of a few other companies continue their upward trend and silently wept as I made mental calculations of the profits I could have made.

This week, however, I am rejoicing. My three stocks have regained their lost ground by moving back up to the price I paid for them.

Having been on the brink of disaster, reaching a point so low as to consider leaping from my office

report summarizing events of 20 years ago. In *Down Through the Years* it was recalled that power was first brought to the Salt Spring Island experience, one that has shown me the negative side of market investing. Surely there's no other way but up from here.

## Tape recorder needed

Sir,  
This is to wish you and *Driftwood* a Happy New Year with the hope of more accurate reporting so that our relationship may prove smoother.

Along these lines, please consider this a formal request to send a tape recorder with your father if he is sent on an assignment where I am involved. I find I'm having to spend too much of my time correcting his listening apparatus.

The latest is page 2, December 21 issue, "Chairman to pursue question of commuter tickets." What seems like objective reporting is really skewing the reader away from the true drift of the meeting. The Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee was pressing for retention of the resident's discount pass and rollback of fares to a six percent increase for all runs operated by the Ferry Corporation.

Furthermore, it was in the context of the inequality between B.C. Ferry and Highways Ministry systems that I stated that former Transportation Committee chairman Tom Loynbee had written to the ministers. Mr. Loynbee had questioned the mandate of the Ferry Corp, i.e. to operate as a business aiming at profit when the ferries are our highways. I never said he had written to our MLA that the mandate be changed, as ferry service to us was unfair and overpriced compared to islands north of Salt Spring.

The other important point made and unreported, was that, in contrast to the 10-12 calls our MLA said he received approving the fare increases, I conveyed to Mr. Curtis that the 140 Salt Springers who appeared at a meeting on one day's notice were unanimously opposed to the increases they considered punitive. Mr. Curtis denied the rates were punitive.

The *Driftwood* article seemed more geared to pleasing our MLA and the Ferry Corporation than to accurately reporting Salt Spring Islanders' concerns. Mr. Curtis did say there would be no increase in subsidy, but the context within which he stated it was most significant, I believe. Mr. Hodgson had not been able to give us an adequate explanation of the one-way fares, the system that would be instituted, or a rationale for how the fares were arrived at. He seemed to

## There are people who care

Sir,  
On Friday, the 30th of December last, shortly after leaving the ferry at Vesuvius, I noticed steam billowing from the hood of my automobile, as a result of which I had to stop. Almost immediately, while my passenger and I were surveying the motor with that usual sinking feeling, at least three Salt Spring Islanders offered their assistance by assuring me I was welcome to use their homes, telephone, etc.

This kindness was followed by a young man who examined the motor, diagnosed the problem, and in short order produced a length of hose which he cut and installed. He then took two trips to his home for water to fill the radiator, wished us a Happy New Year, and waved us on our way.

I would like not only to thank these lovely people for their assistance, but to thank them for reminding me that there are people

be softening his position toward us as he took his departure prior to the end of the meeting. He promised us he would reconsider. It was at this point that Mr. Curtis reminded him there would be no further government subsidies forthcoming! One would never get the impression from *Driftwood* that our MLA was working against us instead of for us.

In all fairness, it is true that Mr. Curtis has been in favour of granting us the return of the book of tickets with no expiration date. As long as three years ago he told us he could see no reason why the books weren't in operation. However, nothing had been done by his office to bring this about until this December '83 meeting. The Transportation Committee knew in advance that the Ferry Corporation was willing to grant this concession. For this reason, we didn't even introduce the subject. It was Mr. Curtis who brought it up, favourably recommending it to Mr. Hodgson. We, the committee, believe the ticket book is a help to those able to afford the advance lay out of \$40, but would not help our large population on fixed incomes.

It is interesting that your father chose to accentuate commuter tickets while the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee was centering on rollbacks and resident's passes. It was also interesting that the *Driftwood* was allowed in the meeting while our minister forbade entry to CHEK TV and the *Times-Colonist* reporters.

I sincerely hope that 1984 will find you heeding the B.C. Press Council recommendation that your reporters routinely use tape recorders.

**BEVERLY UNGER,**  
Island Trustee,  
Chairperson, Salt Spring  
Island Transportation Committee,  
January 1983.

## Communications chief problem

Sir,  
The current price of \$10.50 for the ferry crossing to Victoria represents a 41% increase over the past fare of \$7.45, a bit much especially for the commuter! There are commuter tickets, but you have to pay \$40 in advance for 10, (rather than buy them on the spot). This seems to underline the chief problem of B.C. Ferries—poor communications!

Most complaints fall directly on the undeserving ticket-taker or deckhand (not the management). Or you get a runaround. I went to the Swartz Bay terminal to fill out a complaint form on the increase and was repeatedly told by a smiling desk girl the form had to be returned there and signed by her supervisor before it could go to the management. Another commuter, who couldn't get a receipt, finally said the only solution was for the ferries to be taken over by a private corporation;— (another dinosaur institution that has to change.)

But I hope B.C. Ferries is aware of the alternative approaches to the problems involved; i.e. changes to the scheduling, re-routing, rates and services should be done wherever possible with some consultation to the commuters and staff and both staff and public should be kept informed well in advance of these

# Letters to the Editor

And of course, it would improve the morale of the staff and crew. Quite personally, I've always enjoyed wandering around the B.C. Ferries having coffee, playing cards and talking. I hope that doesn't change.  
**SUE HISCOCKS,**  
Ganges,  
January, 1984.

## Man is problem not seals or sea lions

Sir,  
Re: letter to the editor, December 7, 1983.

While I can understand how Mr. H. arrived at his subjective impression that seals are to blame for the depletion of lingcod in our coastal waters, I completely disagree with it.

Before commercial overfishing, there were plenty of seals, cod and salmon.

I believe that the principal cause of the present scarcity of fish is man, not natural predators.  
**B.K. DOBOVICNIK,**  
Gold River, B.C.  
January 2, 1984.

## Another good year

Sir,  
On behalf of the residents, the Board and the staff of Greenwoods I would again like to thank all those marvellous Gulf Islanders who made 1983 yet another good year for us.

It means a great deal to our residents to have such willing and generous friends, and it's good to see that the "year of restraint" has not restrained the Gulf Islanders in any way when it comes to sharing with Greenwoods.

Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and we wish you all the very best for 1984.

**JONNA MATTIESING,**  
Administrator,  
January 9, 1983.

## Generous support

Sir,  
On behalf of the executive of the Salt Spring Island Auxiliary to the Victoria Branch of the BCSPCA, I would like to thank the islanders for their support in 1983.

Our fund-raising activities, such as the fund drive, and the Christmas raffle, were responded to with heartwarming generosity.

Our best wishes to all our supporters in 1984.  
**ANN McPHEE, President,**  
Salt Spring Island Auxiliary  
to the Victoria Branch, BCSPCA,  
January 5, 1983.

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## Red tide warning lifted

Red tide warning in Gulf Islands waters has been lifted by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Local waters are now open for the harvesting of all shellfish with the exception of butter clams and scallops, which are still closed in certain areas.

Further information can be obtained from the fisheries office at Duncan.

In addition, sport fishing is now open in all of the tidal waters of Cowichan Bay.



Bill Webster

## Silver lining may be taxable

And so we wind down to the days when Ma Nature plays misty for us.

The patriotic pickup creeps through the low white and dodges those folk who insist upon tempting fate and the law by driving with only parking lights lit.

But then again, driving habits on the hiways and byways of the Gulp Isles on occasion qualify people for danger pay. Not that any complaints are being made, mind you.

Life on the rocks comprises many such small surprises.

The days unfold to remind us, constantly, that the more events change, the more they stay the same. Some folk know that and act accordingly while others are surprised to find their pet peeves refuted.

Suitcase is a case in-point. He continues his search for that elusive endangered species and, like Diogenes with his lamp, cannot find what he looks for.

Pierre of the One-Finger and nine political lives urges all good men to come to the aid of their party. He won't admit that the danger which the aid must defend against is reflected in his shaving mirror.

He cruises the globe to protest

Meanwhile in another part of that town, Brian of B.C. nods knowingly and waits. Regardless of what happens in the other party, Brian's Tories stand an excellent change of ending years and years of opposition frustration.

They, the tried and blue Tories, will form the next government. About all that can be said about that is...

It will be, folk, a government with a different approach to interfering with our existence. The Tories have watched which actions of the Libs have upset us and they will change the thrust of the poking finger.

As Louis Bolivar-Finchley is fond of saying, "Governments take the elevator and we get the shaft."

Louis has found a new cause. He is campaigning, with able help from the Reverend Garner of the Church of What's On Tap, to organize a protest against governments which go poking about in our private business.

His main theme is that we elect people to represent us only to find that the chosen emerge as opposition to our plans and aspirations.

"Leave us alone," chorus the Reverend and Louis.

A wise man once said that the

Provincially, Billie's bunch think restraint means adding to the deficit.

Federally, Pierre's parade think?

The feds don't know what deficit spending is. They have a large computer which has but one task and that is to figure what our great-great-great-grandchildren will pay by way of interest on the money being spent today.

The difference between bucks which came in in 1983 and bucks which went out comes close to \$30 billion. And 1984 has arrived.

The printing press at the mint, needless to say, works overtime.

"So," asked Louis, "what good will it do to have the parties in the House of Commotion change seats?"

Louis is, if nothing else, an optimistic pessimist. He knows that if the dark cloud of life really has a silver lining, we'll be taxed for a capital gain.

Just a few days ago, he came to the mansion. He waved a national scandal magazine under my nose and shouted in my ear.

"Look at this," he yelled. "Look at this."

The feds, it seems, had at one point decided to put a surtax on

## How can those turkeys keep smoking?



**BY FRANK RICHARDS**  
I like bacon and ham and kippers. I like Finnan Haddie, black Alaska cod and almost anything else that's smoked. And I spend half a lifetime trying to get myself the same way.

From the day I got caught by my grandmother smoking in the bedroom until the morning I turned to peanuts instead of cigarettes, I devoted a fair-sized fortune on fags. In fact, by the time I was 40 I figured I had invested so much in smoking I couldn't afford to give it up.

I started as a live-a-day man and I ended up as a two-and-a-half pack man. One day I bought 50 and the next day it would be 75. It was glorious! I would light up in the morning and take that first puff. The world would fade out of sight and my face turned scarlet. My nose ran and my eyes watered and I spluttered and coughed until the first fag was gone. Two more in rapid succession and I gradually came back to reality.

For the rest of the day I would smoke incessantly, starting them all and finishing most of them. The edges of my desk were black and charred from thousands of dollars worth of tobacco, paper and saltpetre that had died on the wood.

The best period was the war, when the Red Cross sent me 50 a week and another philanthropic group sympathetic to my militaristic nature doubled it. When they were gone the air force sold us duty-free cigarettes as long as we didn't set

foot in England—or in Canada. With terms like that you just had to smoke.

Ever tried smoking a corn cob pipe in a sports car? The taste of the corn smoke is less than delightful. When the bowl catches fire you either let go or go up with it. I had to sell the car and buy a sedan to preserve my sanity. But even that was unsuccessful.

I had clothes with little holes all over them and I had carpets and bedclothes punctured in the same manner. There was a lovely brown sheen on windows and walls and furniture as the tars settled even before I did.

**'After 40 years  
I had a throat  
like a raw steak'**

After 40 years of high-pressure smoking I had a throat like a raw steak. That's when I changed my mind.

One day I went for my morning's supply of cough mixture when I wondered why I was doing it. Then and there I was a reformed character. I turned from nicotine to peanuts. That's something you can't smoke. For weeks my lungs were turning pink and my colleagues were getting mad. There were

peanut shells everywhere. I was never good on aiming so I just aimed for the floor as I ate the heart out. It was tough on the office and the family, but I only once smoked again.

Only once did I come near sliding back. It was when I saw my family all leaning forward, lips pursed, eyes closed, hands shaking, air blue and I was suddenly plagued with the beautiful nostalgic memories of lovely girls and packs of cigarettes and everything else that fills a fellow's mind. So I rushed out and bought a pack for myself. I could scarcely wait to light up!

Talk about garbage! There I sat pulling, sucking and breathing, just waiting for the rush of tobacco into the system. What tobacco? What system? It was dead. The memories had done me wrong. There was no nostalgia here. There was nothing.

It took me a week to finish the pack and was I ever glad to see them go! You see, I went cold turkey nearly 20 years ago.

Now, when I read about Cold Turkey Day each year I am unmoved. When you've been through it you only wonder how those turkeys can keep on smoking like they do.

Go on! Quit smoking! Be like me! Or maybe you'd rather carry on smoking?

But if you want to share the misery, January 11, this day, is Cold Turkey Day. Why not quit, urges the B.C. Medical Association, on Cold Turkey Day?

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## Island news from far away

Mrs. Helen Skuce, of Ganges, has been learning about Salt Spring Island. She read about her home island in a recent issue of the Sudbury Star.

The Ontario daily paper carried a picture of a group of houses sailing from Vancouver Island to Salt

Spring Island. A second picture, on the front page of the eastern newspaper, showed the truck driven by Roger Hughes, of Fulford, lying on its side on a Sudbury road.

The island trucker was injured when the truck skidded on icy roads and rolled over.

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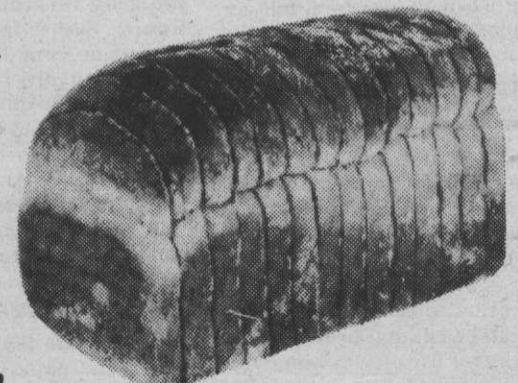
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A smiling Isabel and Donald Goodman sit in front of their three children at Saturday's reception in the Masonic Hall at Ganges. Standing are Laurence, Barbara and Isabel. Driftwood photo by Frank Richards.

## Island couple marks Golden Wedding

Last weekend Goodie and Isabel Goodman celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in Ganges. They launched the celebrations to mark their 50 years together with a reception in the Masonic Hall, when the room was packed with old friends and new friends to greet the island couple.

They continued to celebrate on Monday, the anniversary day. They were married on January 9, 1934.

The couple marked, in fact, the 52nd anniversary of their first meeting. The May 1 dance in

Mahon Hall was the scene of their first introduction and they have danced their way down the years.

The first years saw them looking after a property at Long Harbour point, thanks to Fred Abbott. After 10 years at the point they moved into Ganges and Goodie went to work for the Salt Spring Island Trading Company, where he worked for three years.

### GARAGE OPERATOR

He left the Trading Co. to manage the Shell station in Ganges, which he did for seven years. The last two years were the hardest.

At the urging of the late Dr. Francis, Donald Goodman went into the funeral business. For some years he represented Hayward's Funeral Parlour on Salt Spring Island. During the first two years he was both undertaker and garage operator until he relinquished the garage and took on the funeral service as a full-time job.

The property on Jackson Ave. was for sale and he acquired it for a funeral home. After renovating the building, he had all the facilities but, he explains, it was a funeral home and no parlour.

"It was a great thing for Ganges," he recalls.

In 1962 the proprietor of the Victoria funeral parlour died and Goodie decided to set out on his own. In addition to the funeral home, he also worked as janitor at Ganges School and Isabel was an operator with the B.C. Telephone Co.

It was the right decision and the Goodman Funeral Home flourished until 1982, when he retired. They had sold the property two years previously.

### GRATEFUL

"We've been very grateful to the people of Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands", he told a reporter on Monday. "We have been well-received by most people."

But the successes and problems of making a living in the islands are secondary in their minds to the contentment they have found in their family.

"We have certainly been blessed with a nice family," said Goodie.

Taking part in the celebrations were their three children, Barbara, Laurence and Don as well as wives, children and grandchildren.

And today, 50 years after the wedding at the peak of the hard times, they have their three children, five grandsons, four granddaughters; five great grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

On Saturday afternoon there was no part of the island without representation at the open house. There were pioneers and old timers sharing reminiscences with youngsters and newcomers. They were all friends of the Goodmans.

## OTTAWA REPORT

### Three men will be missed

BY JIM MANLY, M.P.

As the countdown towards an election begins, three MP's have already announced they will not be running.

Ray Chenier, Liberal member from Timmon Chapleau, will return to his former job in school administration. First elected in 1979, Chenier served as parliamentary secretary to the minister of Indian affairs and northern development where he acted as trouble-shooter for a very troubled department. His bluff but sympathetic approach made him popular with many Indian people and he worked hard to get them a better deal.

Unfortunately he didn't always have enough clout to bring the department into line and sometimes could not deliver on his commitments. In the House of Commons he loved to heckle the opposition parties and was given the nickname "Groucho" because of his dark hair and small moustache.

Coming from a traditional Liberal riding in Northern Ontario, why won't Ray Chenier run in the next election? My guess is that he saw himself dead-ended. Although every bit as competent as many cabinet ministers, Chenier stood little chance of ever getting into the cabinet since that area is already represented by Judy Erola and several other prospects wait patiently in the wings.

Doug Roche, Progressive Conservative member from Edmonton South, best known as a spokesman for peace and for justice in developing countries, is international chairman of the Parliamentarians for World Order. Roche's fellow Conservatives did not always approve of his position on world events. He was replaced on an important committee studying Latin America by Sinclair Stevens, a hard right-winger.

In a *Financial Post* article (August 20, 1983), Roche pointed to foreign policy as a political pitfall for his leader, Brian Mulroney. He warned about the growth of a new right-wing philosophy which has developed within caucus since 1980.

"The centrepiece (of this philosophy) is massive military spending," stated Roche. "The possibility of a limited nuclear war is not ruled out. The Third World is viewed through the prism of the Cold War; foreign aid is slashed; repressive military regimes are bolstered and moves to restructure the world economy for the benefit of the poorest nations repudiated as anathema to global capitalism".

Doug Roche must be disappointed by Mulroney's appointment of Sinclair Stevens as external affairs critic. While keeping his party loyalty, Roche says he is quitting electoral politics so he can "work full-time in the cause of peace and development." Some of us thought he had already been doing a pretty good job of that.

Finally, New Democrat Stanly Knowles has announced he will not run in the next election as he has not sufficiently recovered from his stroke of two years ago.

Except for a four-year period following the Diefenbaker landslide, Knowles was a constant member of the House since he was first elected in 1942. Respected on all sides for his knowledge of parliamentary rules as well as for his unceasing battle for veterans and senior citizens, the decision to retire wasn't easy for Stanly Knowles. But he set high standards for himself and knew he could no longer meet them.

Ray Chenier, Doug Roche and Stanly Knowles. Three good men from three different parties, who for various reasons have decided they will not seek re-election. The House will miss them.

## Sentence suspended

A young man who was driving a car at 120 kilometres per hour in a 90 km zone was in Ganges provincial court recently to answer the charge of speeding. He had been taking his turn as driver for a long trip when the offence took place near Clearwater, British Columbia, last June.


His father was in court and told the judge that the boy was normally a good driver but wasn't paying attention at the time.

Judge G.S. Denroche suspended sentence when the youth entered a guilty plea but noted the points, three for speeding, would be counted against his driving record.

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### Guest chef

Maralyn Horsdal prepared Fisherman's Pie as guest chef at Fulford Inn last Saturday. She was the first of a series of chefs to cook for patrons of the Inn. Regular chef Gary Lewis invites any and all to

present their favourite menu as part of a competition which runs through to the spring. Winners of the chefs' contest stand to win gift certificates of \$100, \$50 or \$25. The judges are the customers.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

## Basketball teams are winning some, losing some

The basketball teams at Gulf Islands Secondary School are going through a period of win some, lose some.

The senior Scorpions lost two games against strong opposition in the South Vancouver Island league. Claremont beat the island side 63-57 and Parklands swamped them 92-62.

The team is anchored by seven Grade 12 students led by Jack Andrews. The grads will be gone next season and coach Larry Roy views the season as a building year.

The senior girls team, under direction of principal Bob McWhirter, has won a game but lost another. The team features younger players this year with only four seniors on the team.

The junior and midget teams are coached by John Callas and on a trip to Duncan recently the juniors lost to Quamichan 56-46. The

midgets, however, won against the Quamichan midgets by a score of 35-21.

January 20 will be the date of a senior Scorpion tournament at GISS. The games begin at 3 pm.

### Singers tuning up for season

The Salt Spring Singers are tuning up for their 1984 season and are ready to welcome anyone who wishes to join them.

The group meets at St. George's Hall every Tuesday from 2 to 4 pm.

New music has already been distributed so anyone interested in joining is urged to do so soon.

# Lions campaign for Arthritis Society

Campaign is under way to raise funds for Canada's number one chronic disease.

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## Assessments close to last year

Arrival of 1984 assessment notices among the islands has not brought sharp comment. The assessments follow very closely last year's figures and property owners have no widespread objection.

The spiral in values three years ago resulted in strident objections to assessments and unprecedented protests to the courts of revision.

The assessment is an indication of the assessor's valuation of individual properties. It is not an indication of taxes for the year. These will not be established until the middle of the year.

Canadians—30,000 of them children—suffer from arthritis, a disease that the Arthritis Society of B.C. terms "a national health problem of drastic proportions."

Arthritis is a complex collection of more than 100 different forms of rheumatic disease. Some forms, if left untreated, can be fatal. The disease cannot yet be cured but it can be controlled.

"People who have this disease do not have to suffer needless pain or the fear of disfigurement," says the society. "All it takes is a recognition of the warning signs, proper medical

treatment and your continued support of arthritis research."

The society has spent more than \$30 million since 1948 in support of arthritis research and the training of arthritis specialists.

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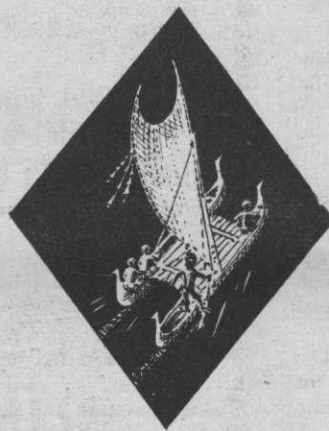
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Fred and Lola Brookbanks at their home in Ganges. "Marry someone with whom you're totally compatible," advises Lola Brookbanks. Driftwood photo by Val Richards

## Compatibility is essence of successful marriage

Fred and Lola Brookbanks celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 22, 1983.

To mark their 50 years of marriage the couple opened a 1934 bottle of madeira and went to the Empress Hotel in Victoria to visit with their granddaughter.

The couple was married in North York, a suburb of Toronto, in 1933. Over 40 years later they came to Salt Spring to retire. Both had been active in community affairs in their native Ontario before they came to Salt Spring Island in 1974.

Both have been active participants in island life.

Mrs. Brookbanks has continued a lifetime experience of public affairs and has served on the board of Lady Minto Hospital as well as the

hospital planning commission. **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**  
Fred Brookbanks has been president of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club and still devotes many of his sparetime hours to club affairs. He is currently engaged in the provision of housing for the elderly on Salt Spring.

Their advice to newlyweds is based on experience.

"You can't give up your individuality when you marry," advises Lola. "You must remain two different people. You have to give 60% and expect 40%."

Husband Fred maintains that neither party should be subordinate in a marriage.

Fred and Lola Brookbanks have one son and three grandchildren.

## Trap shoot Saturday

Local marksmen have their sights set on a trap shoot at the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club Saturday.

A prize shoot, open to the public, will be held in conjunction with an inter-island shoot between Galiano and Salt Spring.

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# Predatory insects are nature's tireless bug killers

Last week we talked about growing our fertilizers and our organic soil conditioning, all with three edible crops, in one season. This will give us healthy and fertile soil and result in healthy and abundant produce.

This week we shall talk about protecting our produce from all those little critters that are just as eager as we are to obtain their sustenance from this produce.

We have two factors in our favour. The first is the natural disease resistance, and insect resistance, of our crops if they can draw on the resources of the full spectrum of minerals and healthy microbial soil life. The other factor is nature's own system of checks and balances.

Healthy soil, rich in minerals and microbiotic life, is the result of the soil improvement method detailed in last week's article. So we have that one looked after. To encourage nature's system of checks and balances we need to do some planning to encourage maximum presence and efficiency of the predatory insects. Nature's bug killers are free, eager, tireless, efficient, merciless, non-poisonous and on constant alert as long as they live.

And when they die they add to the fertility of the soil with the highly organized substance of their little bodies, and as if all this were not enough, many of them are also pollinizers to boot.

We know these tireless little helpers as spiders, gnats, midges, flies and wasps. The little black hunting spiders, for instance, extremely fond of aphids and worms, cut and otherwise, require nothing but a bit of ground cover, and the value of this ground cover is fourfold.

## SHELTER FROM BIRDS

It shelters the little spiders from birds and gives them an all-important sense of security. The ground cover further retains moisture, suppresses weeds and

adds its organic content to the soil in its decay.

Green and growing ground cover, such as white clover, sheared to two inches, with the shearings laid down as mulch, works well with the larger vegetables such as beans, cucumbers, squash, corn, cabbage and tomatoes. It does not work well with onions, carrots, beets and lettuce as it tends to overwhelm these and other smaller vegetables. For these a mulch of hay, weeds, grass clippings or leaves, any non-growing mulch, is more suitable.

The large common wasp is extremely fond of cabbage worms, tent caterpillars and other assorted insects. No encouragement is needed, the recognition of their value is enough. We have come to respect, trust and cherish our wasps and this feeling is mutual—they respect and trust us as much.

That leaves a veritable plethora of flies, from the large "robber fly" to miniscule ones, armies of midges and gnats and the tiny, predatory wasps. All their larvae, commonly deposited on caterpillars as eggs, are truly voracious consumers of all manner of caterpillars and pests, and in their adult stage they thrive on aphids and other insects. For every pest there is a predator or two or three; all we need to do is encourage them a bit.

The most important factor for their presence is the ready and close availability of nectar at the most critical stage in their life cycle, the female's egg-laying stage.

## DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON NECTAR

In this stage the female depends entirely on nectar during her tireless hunt for suitable hosts for her eggs, the food supply for her larvae as they grow. In this critical stage the female will not stray far from an assured nectar supply, especially the miniscule ones.

We can assure ourselves of successive generations of these predatory insects by providing a ready food supply close at hand, in our garden.

The best sources of nectar, especially for the tiny ones, are our aromatic herbs with umbel-type blossoms such as parsley, dill and fennel. Umbel blossoms consist of

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Foxglove Nursery Consultant

thousands of tiny blossoms massed together in an umbrella-like shape. These tiny blossoms are the best source of floral nectar available to the tiny insects.

The daisy family, the compositae, also have massed, tiny blossoms and are a good source of nectar, but they are not edible for us. Another important and long-lasting source of nectar is the extra-floral nectar of buckwheat and the Jerusalem artichoke. These plants exude nectar on their leaves and stems for a long period of time and thus can provide sustained availability of food for the egg-laying female.

## PERMANENT HERB BEDS

Best results may be obtained by setting aside a permanent bed of herbs in strategic locations in the garden. Any garden larger than 50 by 50 feet should have more than one such bed. In the small garden a central location would be best, in larger gardens 50-foot intervals

would provide good accessibility.

Interplanting of crops with herbs, such as dill with cabbage, would intensify the coverage, and confuse the cabbage moth as well.

Since Jerusalem artichokes are quite aggressive, a perimeter location, divided by a walk from the adjacent bed, is advised. This would also be a permanent situation as this artichoke is a perennial and an excellent source of fresh tubers, especially in winter, rich in starch without calories and sugar without sucrose.

A permanent bed of herbs is advisable as parsley blooms in its second year, and at least in my experience, is by far the favoured source of nectar for these little helpers. On a sunny summer day I am reluctant to come within 10 feet of our blooming parsley for fear of inhaling thousands of dancing specks in the clouds of ecstatic insects. This is the reason why we

plant fresh parsley every year and let last year's parsley go to blossom.

Thus we have the benefit of our own fresh herbs (we can smell our oregano from a distance of 10 feet), delicious fresh winter food, and a trouble-free and healthy garden. And we have long forgotten the expense, the labour, the equipment, and the trauma of poisons.

Instead, our garden teems with life, below and above the soil and we know we are part of this life. And when our little one comes running into our garden and asks: "Daddy, can I eat this?" I can say "yes" and I know it is good.

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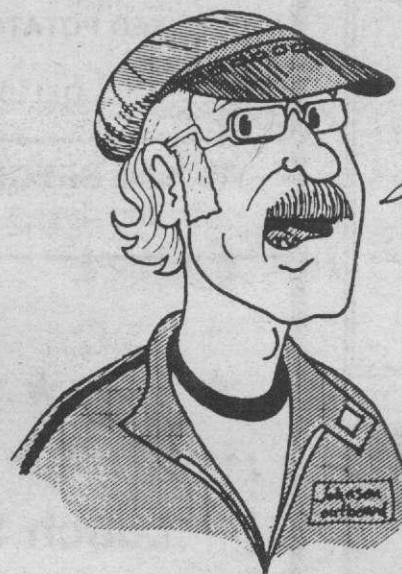
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**Div. 3B:** S.S. Wranglers vs Peninsula, Sun., Jan. 15, 11:30 am, Portlock.

**Women's:** S.S. Sockeyes vs Oak Bay, Sun., Jan. 15, 11 am, Victoria.

**Div. 5C:** S.S. Selects vs Cordova Bay, Sat., Jan. 14, 11:30 am, Portlock Park.

**Div. 6C:** S.S. Sounders vs Juan de Fuca, Sat., Jan. 14, 11:00 am, Victoria.

**Girls:** S.S. Cosmos vs Juan de Fuca, Sat., Jan. 14, 2:15 pm, Victoria.

**INTRA-ISLAND: Junior, Sat. 9 am:** Leopards vs Panthers, Portlock #1; Devils vs Demons, Portlock #2; Mites vs Eagles, Portlock #3. **Senior, Sat. 10 am:** Stingers vs Sharks, Portlock #1; Kicks vs Jazers, Portlock #2; Fury vs Dodgers, Portlock #3.

**ADULT SOCCER:** Re-starts Jan. 22, 3 pm, Portlock Park.

**BINGO:** Wed., Jan. 18, 7 pm, Kanaka Place. \$2.50 admission includes 2 cards.



Auditions held at Mahon Hall Sunday for the Salt Spring Players' drama festival production, *Royal Gambit*, held the attention of producer, Sue Wyatt, left, and director Dawnie Scarfe.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

# Players get ready for festival

The drama festival is not until mid-April but the Salt Spring Players have begun work on their entry.

The community theatre group will be presenting *Royal Gambit*, a

play about the relationship between Henry VIII and his six wives. The play was written by Hermann Gressieker.

Director Dawnie Scarfe held auditions for the seven parts last Sunday. Al Wyatt was cast as Henry and will be assisted by Marilyn Taylor (Katirina of Aragon), Dawn Luker (Anne Boleyn), Angela Taylor (Jane Seymour), Pat Desbottes (Anna of Cleves), Ann Prosk (Kathryn Howard) and Janis Seuss (Kate Parr).

The play focuses on the interaction between Henry, who remains the Tudor man aging as the drama unfolds, and the six women who represent the feminine mystique at different times from the

actual era up to today.

The set has been designed by Mike Armstrong. Scarfe calls it "a deceptively simple but well planned set."

Costumes will be arranged by Frances Eide.

Dwaine Prosk will be composing original music for the production.

Scarfe said she is "enthusiastically anticipating a top-notch Easter treat for island audiences who will once more have the opportunity to enjoy the many talents of a dedicated and gifted group."

The play will be staged April 19, 20 and 21 on Salt Spring before being presented as the Players' entry in the zone competition of the drama festival.

## 'Scrawny' plants net fine

A Salt Spring resident was fined \$200 for possession of 34 "scrawny" marijuana plants when he appeared before Judge G.S. Denroche recently.

Robert Burns, 45, had been charged with possession of marijuana when RCMP discovered the plants on his property in October. He had told the police at the time that the plants were for his own use.

Judge Denroche was told that the plants were small and "scrawny" and did not amount to much. Burns asked for a conditional discharge on the offence because he has an opportunity for employment which might be jeopardized by a criminal record which conviction of the possession charge would bring.

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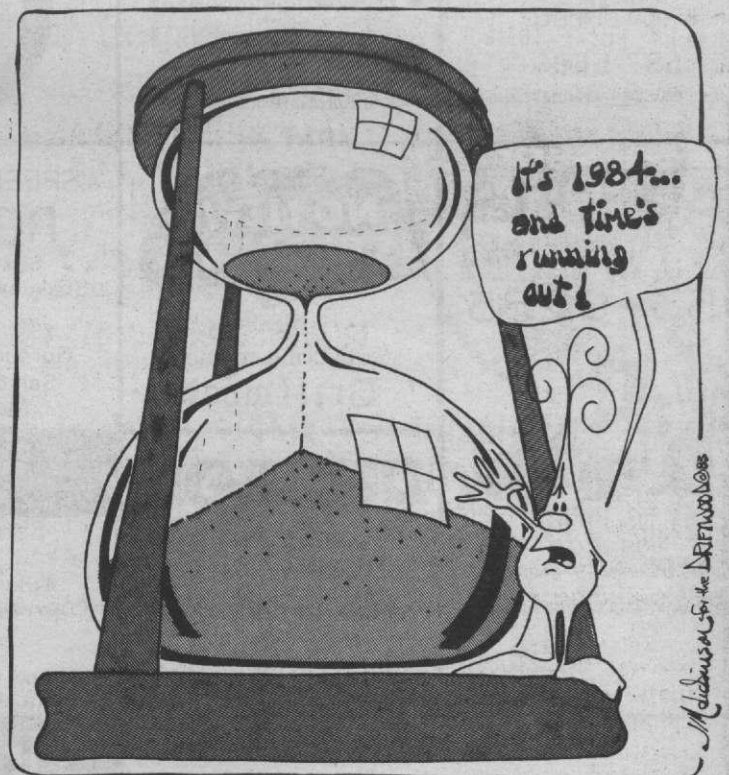
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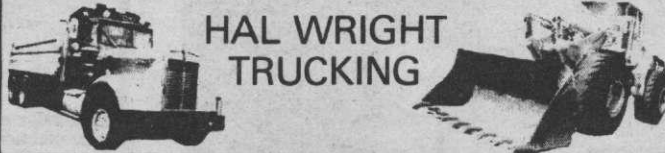
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# SATURNA SCENE

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

Cold! Cold! Unseasonably cold for us at Christmas. An unusual but recurrent theme this Christmas was freezing water: water pipes, pumps, baths, buckets, dishes, washes of clothes and radiators. Unheard of things froze, things that brought memories of '48 and '37 and warm stories of how people coped.

The hockey "team" that goes into Sidney to play, just drove up to the reservoir, hucked their gumboots, tied on their skates and whizzed off. Not to say the kids didn't take full advantage of the cold. At school they carried buckets of water to the tennis court and let it freeze. Those kids who didn't have skates skidded, slipped, ran on their feet, rode bikes on the ice, and pushed and pulled each other along.

The immigrants from the prairies bragged to the immigrants from the south, "Why this is nothing where I come from." The operative phrase is

"come from". Here you can talk about it—there you have to experience it.

My best Christmas present was waking up in the predawn Christmas morn and feeling my nose warm as my toes (that were deep in a down comforter).

Talk about novel Christmas plans: Betty Spears fractured her hip while carrying a ham down to the main house for Breezy Bay's Christmas Eve dinner. Christmas Day she spent getting operated on and now has three stainless steel screws and a pair of crutches for unexpected Christmas presents.

On the 29th of December, at our church, Nan Campbell and David Logan were joined in marriage. The cleric performed the service in a warm and lively manner. And there was singing by Saturna's singers. A

touching moment was when the minister asked the parents of the couple to stand behind their children and then addressed special words to them, the responsibilities they had accepted and were presently accepting. He spoke at length about love in marriage.

Lots of friends and relatives of the family came from Vancouver and Victoria and many island friends came to celebrate with the couple. The reception in the hall provided time for visiting among lots of good friends and old acquaintances. Several young friends and relatives of the family busily passed plates of tasty morsels. Carl Ducette was David's best man and Jacques Campbell was her sister's bridesmaid. Bob Hindmarch delivered the toast to the bride and Faedra Campbell caught her aunt's

bouquet. The wedding day was also that of Jim and Lorraine many years previously. The Campbell's had a houseful for the entire Christmas season as people came early and stayed on.

Jeannie Ratzlall came up from Texas to be with her family. Jeannie will be moving back to the west coast in April. She says that nursing in a west Texas oil town is a very different experience from working in B.C.!

Kim House, Kaliya Muntean and Ian Gaines were home for the holidays. Kim and Kaliya now go to school in Vancouver and Ian in Victoria.

The New Year's Eve "do" at the hall was boisterous and lots of fun. This year the parents put it on.

To everyone (in George Orwell's

famous year) I wish a lively and loving year.

Marie McMahon is in the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. Her many friends wish her a prompt recovery.

Bill Treeby made a candy wreath for the kids of the island. He left it in Lawson's store so the kids could cut themselves a piece.

Tracy Pillsbury's daughter, Lindy, visited from Israel this Christmas. They haven't seen each other in a long time and Lindy has been leading a very different life.

On Monday the 16th, Mike Marshall, superintendent and secretary-treasurer of our school district, will meet with parents at the community hall.

The recycling depot will be open at the dump. It is an optional volunteer program involving glass and tins. The tins must be washed and flattened before being put in the barrels.

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A realistic study & discussion course.

**CENTRAL AMERICA IN CRISIS**

**DAVID REID, Co-ordinator**  
Co-sponsored by Ten Days for World Development.  
4 Thursdays; starts Jan. 19; Elem. Library; 7:30; \$10  
1 Monday, Feb. 6, 1 pm; St. George's Hall, \$5  
Jan. 19: **EL SALVADOR:** Jim Harney, free-lance photo-journalist.  
Jan. 26: **NICARAGUA:** Rick Craig, BCTF International Solidarity.  
Feb. 2: Bishop Remi de Roo from Victoria.  
Feb. 6 (Monday): Luncheon: Pat Hynds, Maryknoll lay missionary to Nicaragua.  
Feb. 9: **GUATEMALA:** Barbara Wood, Anglican Church youth worker.

**G.E.D.**

G.E.D. (General Educational Development) prep course can be arranged for those who want a High School Equivalency certificate. Informational pamphlets, applications to write the test, and test schedules are available at the Cont. Ed. office.

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Panel of local lawyers, **KATHY RATZ co-ordinator**  
Wed., Feb. 8, 7:30; no fee; Harbour House Banquet Rm.  
How new government legislation can affect you.

# Continuing Education Classes—Winter '84

**SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)**

**ART**

**CALLIGRAPHY**

**SYLVIA SKELTON**  
Sunday, March 25; \$20; Elem. Library; 10 am-4:30  
Learn how to create this decorative printing style.

**DRAWING & PAINTING**

**DIANA DEAN**  
8 Wednesdays; starts Feb. 1; Art Rm.; 7:30; \$36  
Drawing towards painting. A basic drawing class—tone, line, form—development of compositions for painting.

**DANCE**

All dance classes will begin the week of January 23 in Mahon Hall. Fees are based on 6 sessions (to end of February).

**BALLET & TAP**

**SUE BOWLER, LOTTIE BROCHIN**

Tuesday, Jan. 24:  
3-3:30: new 3's & 4's, returning 3's; \$12  
3:30-4:15: 6's & 7's with some experience; \$18  
4:15-5:15: 10-up; ballet only, toward point work; \$24

Wednesday, Jan. 25:  
3-3:30: new 5's, returning 4's & 5's; \$12  
3:30-4:15: 6's & 7's with more experience; \$18  
4:15-5:15: 8's & 9's; \$24

Sue and Lottie will be teaching in 2-week shifts, starting with Sue.

**DANCE with Lottie Brochin**

Monday, Jan. 23:  
8-9: A Touch of Jazz for Over 40's, \$24

Wednesday, Jan. 25:  
6-7: Adult Ballet, \$24  
7-8: Intermediate Jazz Dance, \$24

Thursday, Feb. 2:  
3:30-4:30: Teen Disco. 4 sessions. \$12.

**JAZZ DANCE with Penny Christie**

Monday, Jan. 23:  
4-5:30: Pre-teen Jazz; \$18  
5:30-7: Beginners Jazz; \$21  
7-8: Intermediate Jazz; \$18

Sunday, Jan. 22:  
5:30-6:30: Total Body Workout; \$18

**SHOP**

**FURNITURE MAKING**

**ILLYD PERKINS**  
11 Wednesdays; starts Feb. 1; Woodshop; 7 pm; \$50  
Hand tool methods applied to traditional joinery. A variety of projects to be undertaken, including making a number of small tools.

**GASOLINE ENGINES SIMPLIFIED**

**COLIN NICHOLSON**  
6 Tuesdays; starts Jan. 30; Metalshop; 7:30; \$30  
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**WOODWORKING—OPEN SHOP**

**DON KREYE**  
6 Mondays; starts Jan. 30; Woodshop; 7:30; \$30  
Not for beginners. Bring your own project to work under supervision.

**FABRICS**

**MAKE YOUR OWN JEANS**

**KAREN JOHN**  
2 Mondays; starts Jan. 30; Textiles Rm.; 7:30; \$15  
Bring pencil and paper.

**MAKE YOUR OWN SWEAT SUIT**

**KAREN JOHN**  
2 Mondays; starts Feb. 13; Textiles Rm.; 7:30; \$15  
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**MORE QUILTING WITH JOCELYN**

**JOCELYN HOLMES**  
8 Wednesdays; starts Jan. 25; Textiles Rm.; 7:30; \$30  
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**SPORTS**

Groups wishing to use school facilities should check with Continuing Education office regarding room & fee scheduling.

**FOODS**

**CLASSICAL COOKING & CULINARY HISTORY**

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**EAST INDIAN MEALS**

**MANO SANDHU**  
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**LANGUAGES**

**FRENCH — BEGINNERS**

**MICHELLE DEMERS**  
10 Wednesdays; starts Feb. 1; Small Graphics Rm.; 7:30; \$40  
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**FRENCH — INTERMEDIATES**

**GINETTE RICHER**  
10 Mondays; starts Jan. 30; Foods Rm.; 7:30; \$40  
Social and travel conversation.

**LATIN — INTERMEDIATE**

**JOHN HALL**  
12 Thursdays; starts Jan. 12; Ganges Hill School; 7:30; \$35 (\$60/ couple)

**SPANISH**

**MADGE KIMBALL, FRED STRUVE**  
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**DATES:** Friday evening & all day Saturday, Feb. 17-18  
**PLACES:** Mahon Hall and the Community Centre, Ganges Hill  
**FREE:** Conference is free but tax-deductible receipts will be given for donations.  
**FORMAT: FRIDAY NIGHT, FEB. 17**  
7 pm, Mahon Hall: Don McMillan of Nanaimo's Community Development Advisory Society. Talk, discussion, potluck dessert & coffee. Registration and distribution of Saturday's program.  
**FORMAT: SATURDAY, FEB. 18**  
9 am-4 pm, Community Centre, Workshops, meetings large & small, soup-kitchen & brown-bag lunch, socializing, displays of locally-made goods, organizational strategies with Nanaimo's Don McMillan, Jeremy Hewitt of the Ministry of Industry & Small Business, Dana Weber, consultant-trainer in consumer & worker cooperatives, John Olson, Community Business Development, Vancouver, Clive Dayson and Bill Warren, intermediate-tech people from B.C. & National Research Councils; Kathryn and Ross Gentleman from B.C.'s newest credit union, and others.

## GENERAL INTEREST

### ACTING

**APRIL CURTIS**

9 Thursdays; starts Feb. 2; Room 10; 7:00; \$45

An exploration of creative methods used by the actor in developing performing skills including theatre games, movement, sensory work & improvisation leading to scene work.

### BUILD YOUR OWN HOME

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### BUSINESS MACHINES

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Beginning or brush-up typing on electric & electronic typewriters. Practical experience w/dictaphone, 10-key adding machine, word-processor/computer. Learn at your own speed. Bring typing paper.

### FRESH & DRIED FLOWER ARRANGING

**JEAN WILLIAMS**

4 Tuesdays; starts Jan. 31; Art Room; 7:30; \$20 plus materials  
How to preserve in glycerine & silica gel; what kinds of flowers to grow and to collect in the wild.

### MS. OR MR. FIX-IT

**COLIN NICHOLSON**

5 Tuesdays; starts March 13; Metalshop; 7:30; \$25

Semi-technical things around the house usually can be fixed with common tools and the skills this course teaches: faucets & fuses, soldering & circuit breakers; pipes & pumps. You'll also learn when not to tackle the job yourself.

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Understanding the use of the magnetic compass, deviation, variation, etc.; coastal chart study; steering a course; wind, leeway, current and tidal effects, etc.; radar & radio; basic meteorology; nautical astronomy.

### PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS

**LARRY SCARFE**

5 Mondays; starts Jan. 30; Rm. 4; 7:30; \$20

How to get the most out of your camera to improve your photographs. Prints & slides will be shown & discussed.

### PSYCHOLOGY AND YOU

**DR. KATHRYN DEWOR**

8 Tuesdays; starts Jan. 31; Rm. 4; 7 pm; \$40

Come and enjoy relating psychology to your life. Learn how to change unwanted behaviour, learn about the powers of your mind, learn self-hypnosis and relaxation through discussion and active participation.

### QUESTING

**DEANE RUSSELL**

Sunday, Feb. 12; \$10; Elem. Library; 10 am-4 pm

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### SCOTTISH HERITAGE

**MURRAY SHOOLBRAID**

6 Thursdays; starts Feb. 2; Elem. Teachers' Lounge; 7:30; \$20

The civilization of Scotland: history, music, literature; its contribution to the world, particularly Canada.

### STUDY SKILLS/RESEARCH SKILLS

**PAT JAMES**

3 Mondays; starts Jan. 30; High School Library; 7:30; \$15

Logic & method of studying, increase recall mastery, finding, recording & storing information sources.

### CREATIVE WRITING

**HONOR GRIFFITH**

Saturday, Feb. 4; \$15; Elem. Library; 9:30-12, 1:30-4.

Explore the writing process, develop techniques for overcoming blocks to creativity. Analyze principles of good writing through evaluation of our own and others' work. Bring some of your own writing if you feel comfortable doing so.

### YOGA MIXED LEVELS

**PHYLLIS COLEMAN**

6 Thursdays; starts Feb. 2; Community Centre; 9-10:30 am; \$24

Absolute beginners please contact this office and we will set up a time for you.



### First baby receives gifts

There's a baby who should sleep comfortably day and night! Holding her new daughter is, centre, Mrs. Carla Evans, of Galiano. Holding

the safety car seat donated by the B.C. Medical Association is Dr. Jim Buchan, while Julia Tesson is offering the layette provided by the

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary. The gifts are provided in token of the young lady's being first island baby in 1984.

Driftwood photo by Val Richards

## Jim Manly to visit Salt Spring

Jim Manly, MP for Cowichan, Malahat and the Islands, is in the riding to talk about the proposed Canada Health Act and how it affects hospitals.

He spent time early in the week in

Victoria to talk with representatives of the B. C. Nurses Association. Discussions were also held with various union officials about the effects on employees.

The talks also included the

administration people at Royal Jubilee.

Manly will be on Salt Spring Island Thursday. He will hold discussions on how the new Health Act will bear on health services for Canadians.

He also plans to attend the meeting which will look at the increased ferry fares.


Following his visit to the island, Manly intends to continue his round of talks with administration and union officials at the Ladysmith hospital.



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**J. C. Jensen,**  
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for: Minister of Transportation  
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Dated: January 3, 1983  
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## Windshield becomes target

A Ganges man came back from Vancouver on the late ferry last Friday and got to the top of Ganges Hill before his pickup ran out of gas.

When he returned to the parked vehicle the next morning with a can of gas, he found the windshield broken.

RCMP checked the situation and concluded that a passing motorist had used the windshield as a target for throwing beer bottles.

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### Swinging in the rain

The Sock and Toque Tournament at the Salt Spring Golf Club attracted 56 entrants on New Year's

Day including this happy group. Maryalice and Jim Burford wore the right headgear for the drizzle

while Pat and Thelma Carey made sure Gene and Dorothy Graham kept the right score.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

## January and June tests planned

Grade 12 students will be writing provincial examinations in January and June with the marks forming half of the students' final standings.

Education Minister Jack Heinrich has said the exams will be based on provincial curriculum and developed by a committee of teachers.

"It is important that we return to centrally-marked provincial examinations," he said, "to ensure that there is a consistent measurement of the quality of education in the province."

Gulf Islands Secondary School principal Bob McWhirter said the students of the school have had no problems with set examinations in the past. But he is concerned about the curriculum which "in many cases is outdated or needs revision."

He said the Grade 12 students at GISS study marine biology and he wonders if such a difference will be noted when the exams are set.

The students will write exams in English, literature, French, algebra, biology, physics, chemistry, geography and history.

The exams will be two hours in length and are scheduled for January 23 to 30. The results will be sent back to the school in February.

The next set of exams is scheduled for June 14 to 22 and the results of the second set of exams will be sent back in July.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship examinations will be written at the same time as the provincial exams. Students writing the scholarship tests will have an extra hour added to the exam time.

There will be supplemental examinations in August. Students who lack a passing grade get a second shot at it.

The ministry of education will be sending letters to students and parents to explain all aspects of the provincial exams.

## Ten Days program begins

This year's Ten Days for World Development program at Salt Spring Island will begin Thursday, Jan. 19 with a presentation by Jim Harney of Boston, Mass.

The program's theme this year is *Central America in Crisis* and is designed to offer the opportunity to better understand the issues facing Central America today.

During the next few weeks five guest speakers, all of whom have lived or travelled in Central America, will contribute their own perspectives, based on personal experience and study.

Next Thursday's presentation will include a slide show that tells the history of the popular movement for social change in El Salvador and the church's involvement in the struggle.

In 1968 Harney, who had recently been ordained a Catholic priest, participated in the burning of 50,000 Vietnam war draft cards. For that

act he spent two years in prison. Since then he has devoted his time to reporting, through photography, the struggle for social change in Central America. Harney has lived with the people in the "free zones" and was present at the funeral of Archbishop Oscar Romero when the army opened fire on the crowd outside the cathedral.

Ten Days for World Development is a development education program sponsored by the Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and United Churches of Canada. The program is being offered in conjunction with continuing education and registration for the current series will be accepted at the office in Mout's Mall.

Individual sessions may be attended without prior registration.

Next week's meeting begins at 7:30 pm and will be held in the library at Salt Spring Elementary School.

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