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## For the young at heart

It's the young at heart who play taking part in the Salt Spring Island Lions Club bingo. Vying with her for successful numbers are Julie Matthews, at left, and Dolores Bird. More pictures, Page 28.

## Don't proceed with Fulford plan, APC to tell Trust

The Fulford Harbour community plan won't be proceeded with but it won't be done away with either.

The Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission (APC) decided last week to recommend to the Islands Trust committee that it not proceed with the plan. But the APC agreed that it could be used as a basis for any future plan for the south Salt Spring area.

Maralyn Horsdal, who represents the South Salt Spring Residents' Association on the APC, said, "It's a motherhood plan." It had not been presented very well, she added.

Islands Trust planner Dave Morris said two problems with the plan emerged from the November 28 public meeting where it was discussed. The area which the proposed plan was to cover was too large, he said, while the area which would have been considered as the village core was too small.

Horsdal noted that the original

concept had been for a core area from half a mile to a mile from the ferry terminal. But as the plan was being circulated to various agencies, the recommendations came back to make the area larger.

Islands Trust representative Nick Gilbert explained that the watershed area, although some distance from the village, was included to allow people a say about potential development there.

Similarly, the area was expanded to include Isabella Point because of the persistent rumour that B.C. Ferries was to move the ferry terminal from the village to the point.

Other areas were similarly included for various reasons, with the idea being to allow the public some say in development of the area.

Nancy Wigen, who worked on the plan, went to the APC meeting

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## Trust gives tentative approval to Pender development

BY BILL WEBSTER

The proposed subdivision on South Pender Island, when fully developed, could double the population of the island.

South Island Estates is currently seeking zoning changes to allow the subdivision to proceed. The South Pender Island Trust Committee gave tentative approval to the scheme at a meeting last week.

The committee approved zoning changes to parts of the 470-acre property but will study results of a public hearing before going ahead with two other zoning bylaw changes which would permit the

project to begin.

Larry Killam explained the project on behalf of the developers. He said they were seeking 46 building lots with a large area of land to be dedicated as park.

The area in question lies between Plumper Sound and Bedwell Harbour and stretches down-island from the canal.

There would be nine building lots in the canal area, the smallest lot being just less than two acres, as well as 38 lots of about one acre each

along Canal Road overlooking Plumper Sound.

Under existing zoning, the developers could put in 23 lots based on a 20-acre average. They are asking for a 10-acre average to allow 24 additional lots.

They base their request on the proposed park dedication of approximately 300 acres.

Killam explained that the park would be turned over to the Second Century Fund which in turn would dedicate it to the community. In

addition, land would be added to Beaumont Marine Park which forms the southerly boundary of the property.

Killam explained that the project would be carried out over the next 15 years. He said that to dump 46

lots on the market all at once would "drive the market through the floor".

The community plan calls for a maximum population on South Pender of 1,095 people. There are,

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## Police busy with roadblocks

Safe Driving Week on Salt Spring kept the RCMP officers busy as they combined the effort with the Christmas CounterAttack program.

There were four motor vehicle accidents during the week and one of them resulted in injuries.

Under the Christmas CounterAttack program, RCMP patrols have stopped close to 200 vehicles. The effort is aimed at a reduction in the number of impaired drivers and an increase in the use of seat belts.

Ganges RCMP report that no impaired driving charges resulted from the roadblocks although five other charges under the motor vehicle act were laid.

The CounterAttack program continues until January 3.

## Committee proposed to look into renovations

The issue of Centennial Park in Ganges is slowly sorting itself out and the next step is a serious look at renovations to the area.

Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring director to the Capital Region, told a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission recently that he had \$2,000 from the grants-in-aid fund for use in park improvements.

He suggested that a committee be set up to look into the matter of renovations.

The lease had been assigned to the CRD, he noted, but the Chamber of Commerce did not want to accept the sub-lease.

The proposed committee would be composed of representatives of the chamber, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Centennial Park Society as well as the group of residents who had begun

the task of looking at renovations to the park.

The commission agreed with Borsman's request to hold the \$2,000 in trust.

He explained that officials at the ministry of lands, parks and housing had agreed to arrange a free crown grant of the land. The area would either become a regular park within the parks system of the CRD or a community park.

Salt Spring, Borsman explained, is not part of the CRD park system which meant that to benefit the island, the park should become a community park.

He also noted that steps are being taken to apply for a Canada Works grant of approximately \$50,000 to improve the park.

Tom Hall was appointed to speak for the commission on the park improvement matter.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

## Receives Canada Cord

Big event for Pathfinder Melanie Marshall of Salt Spring Island was receiving the Canada Cord in a ceremony on Monday evening. Canada Cord is the highest award

possible in the Guide movement. Melanie is a member of the Salt Spring Pathfinder Unit. More photos on Page 25.

# Plan rejection follows year of 'intensive work'

BY TONY RICHARDS

The outcome of a meeting at Fulford Hall two weeks ago has left at least two south Salt Spring Island residents surprised, shocked and "a little bit flabbergasted."

The meeting at Fulford Hall November 28 rejected the Fulford Harbour plan, a document that took one year of "intensive work" by about 10 south-end residents.

Last week Sid and Nancy Wigen explained in an interview how the plan was put together. They were unable to say, however, where the plan will go from here.

The proposal for a Fulford Harbour plan originated with a request from the provincial government about a decade ago. Work on the plan has continued, off and on, since then. It was about three years ago that Sid and Nancy Wigen went to a South Salt Spring Residents Association meeting called to discuss the plan. Their initial response was similar to that at the November 28 meeting, they recalled.

They went to the meeting prepared to fight against the proposal but returned home rather

better informed about and prepared to work for the planning process. The meeting decided that Fulford Harbour should indeed have a plan and a previous draft of a plan was used as a foundation. A committee of the association was formed and a group of resident-planners went to work.

Sid Wigen said each of the people involved concentrated on a different aspect of the plan. Proposals were drawn up and presented to the group. If a proposal didn't receive unanimous agreement from the committee's members, it didn't go

in.

A year and a half ago the plan was submitted to the Islands Trust and it was reviewed by the Advisory Planning Commission, which recommended a number of changes. Most of the recommendations were adopted, Wigen said.

Discussion of the plan took place at a number of association meetings, which were always well advertised, he said.

"There was no desire to inhibit participation. We wanted as much input as possible."

He felt there was a reasonable cross-section of people on the committee too.

Neither he nor his wife was sure why the plan was rejected last month. But they did hazard a guess that many people went to that meeting with the same ignorance of planning that they had a few years ago, when their reaction was negative upon seeing the word plan.

They pointed out that an actual discussion of the plan never did take place at the meeting, which drew 125 people. Feelings were running too high, they said, and "a substantial number of people were afraid to speak."

The "stinger" of the evening, recalled Sid Wigen, came when it was suggested that proponents of the plan had a vested interest in it, and would benefit from its implementation.

"No self-interest went into this plan, to my knowledge."

As far as the Wigen's are concerned, autonomy is the key in having a plan for Fulford Harbour. They say the essence of the plan is in the last paragraph.

"A local planning commission will advise the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee with regard to development proposals and planning issues in the plan area. This commission shall be responsible to the needs and desires of the community at the time of the proposals. The planning commission should be composed of five representatives elected from the plan area."

Recalling the November 28 meeting, Nancy Wigen wondered about the connection between Salt Spring residents and the peace movement.

"It's ironic," she said, "that a peace caravan could originate on Salt Spring Island."

One of the Wigen's major concerns now is the division among south-end residents.

"We don't want to see the community split over this. It would be a disaster."

## Over-regulation a concern

BY BILL WEBSTER

The main message coming out of the rejection of the proposed Fulford Harbour community plan centres on over-regulation.

Speaker after speaker, talking against the plan, brought up that aspect.

Bob Patterson, of Patterson's Store in the village, was hesitant to

become involved in the debate. He did say this week that the people of Fulford seemed to be afraid of the number of regulations governing their lives now. That was a main reason why they rejected the plan, he noted.

Bob Akerman had listened to comments about the plan and had read it carefully, he said.

"There's not too much beneficial to the community there," he said.

He also supported the contention that the Salt Spring Island community plan covered Fulford adequately. That plan would be "all right until such time when there is a need for a Fulford plan," he pointed out.

When a Fulford plan is needed, he added, "Fulford residents will get together and make their own plan."

Some of the statements in the plan come under other jurisdictions.

Blair Nelson, who runs the gravel pit at the top of Lee's Hill, pointed out at the meeting that his operation is governed by the department of mines.

The plan states: "Any development that would be a nuisance by generating excessive noise or smell should not be allowed."

That section had him concerned, he said. The running of a gravel pit is a noisy operation and he wondered if complaints about the noise would force him to shut down.

Another aspect of the plan calls for septic tank setbacks of 300 feet from a lakeshore and further that a maximum sized drain field be installed.

Regulations in the health act, both provincially and through the Capital Region, spell out the size and location of both septic tanks and drain fields near sources of domestic water.

Akerman contends that the plan comes at the problem "backwards".

He suggests that the village should be declared a heritage site. There is no room for expansion in the village core as suggested by the plan, he said.

He sees the inevitability of the ferry terminal being moved to Isabella Point. Development should be controlled to move in that direction, he said. With the relocated ferry terminal, expansion will be drawn to Isabella Point.

There is room there for development, he said, and such development would benefit the community through an expanded tax base.

Jim Fogarty, a tax consultant with a business in Fulford, sees the community plan as a dead issue not because of rejection by Fulford residents, but because of the attitude of the provincial government.

The statements in the Fulford plan, he said, were only guidelines.

Fulford needs a plan, he said, as a statement of what the community should be like in 10 years. But both sides of the issue should sit down and talk. The plan would be a compromise of perceived needs, he said.

The plan is needed because development now proceeds "piecemeal", he continued.

There is and will continue to be frustration on both sides, he said.

"Without co-operation, we're just fighting each other."

While the two sides disagree on the rejected plan, each side sees the need for controls in Fulford. And each side sees the need for some sort of guideline to direct growth.

## Fulford plan

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to defend it. She explained that the line indicating the village core was arbitrarily drawn to show where the core currently is, not where it should be.

She explained that her preference was for the village to be developed in the direction of the school.

The plan was created not to hurt people, she explained, but to get residents to look at what was in the community before major development of the area begins.

APC chairman David Williams, representing the Gulf Islands School Board, said he had received nine letters on the matter. Three opposed the plan and while the other six were in favour of it, the writers called for modifications.

He also noted that a petition bearing signatures of about 80 people had been submitted in opposition to the plan.

He said that any plan should come from the Fulford community. The rejected plan had been worked on by a committee of up to 10 people but with little consultation with the Fulford community, the meeting agreed.

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# To be Frank

...by Richards

### Cut it short, Dad!

I'm going bald, says Women's Lib. She doesn't say it gleefully. Nor does she put the right amount of sympathy in the message. I'm a suspicious man and I listen for those nuances of accusation. Actually, it doesn't matter a damn. At my age I don't need hair anyway, but it does lead me to offer advice; and I don't often. If you're going to lose, keep your hair thin. Then nobody notices. I mean, how many of his friends will ever point the finger at Yul Brynner and warn him his hair is getting thin. Yet, it's quite on the cards that it is doing just that. Walk around looking like a refugee from a pre-war prison and the passing of each greying hair will attract little comment. Wear your hair like that and you might as well lose it, anyway. But if you persist in walking around like a dry mop looking for a wet floor they're bound to jeer as the mop thins out.

### Watch it! It's a lye!

Living dangerously, says Lola Brookbanks. She read the old recipe for soap published here last week. Lye is dangerous, she warns. In fact, she suggested that the recipe should have warned of the hazards of using the caustic preparation. Trouble was that the author of the recipe, half a century ago, didn't think to mention it. But there's no harm in a warning. If you think of making soap, use lye with great care and caution, said the Salt Spring Islander. Lye was derived from wood ashes, soaked in water. The alkali would dissolve and leave the remains of the ash. It is usually derived from other means. All such alkalis are caustic, and dangerous to the skin. They dissolve the animal matter in fats preparatory to making soap.

### When Santa took a taxi

Santa Claus was a busy man. He came to the fire hall in Ganges last week and he was warmly welcomed by dozens of youngsters. They swarmed over him and sat on his knee to open their hearts. When Santa came to the hall, he was all set to do his stuff and move on to his next port of call. But they wouldn't let him go. He was past his deadline, and all Santas have deadlines, but the children were still stepping on Santa. His next move was to Kanaka Place. How could he step out of the fire hall and make his way next door without being followed by a flock of adoring children? He didn't try. Santa called a cab and Lee McColl picked him up at the fire hall, did a wide turn around Ganges and came back to deliver the Jolly Red Giant to Kanaka's door.

### That was last time

The more things change...It is only 27 years since the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce was concerned over plans to move the Chek TV, Channel Six transmitter to Mount Bruce. It was stated that the Victoria station had been transmitting from Victoria. The proposed move to Salt Spring Island, it was feared, would blank off Channel Five to the island and to Saanich Peninsula as well as Duncan and other Vancouver Island communities. The chamber of commerce exhorted the federal government to permit no move of the system until careful study might prove that there would be no threat to existing television services enjoyed in CHEK's listening area.

### They had grandstand view

The ferry ran late. I know because Bryan Smith was on it and let me know. He boarded the ferry at Crofton and started the long voyage across the sea. About half-way across the ferry left its route and steamed up the channel in a northerly direction because a fishboat was calling for help. Bryan reports that passengers had a grandstand view of the burning seiner, *Westview*, whose loss on December 2 was reported last week.

### They change with the times

I've been reading a few spy stories lately. Those where the shrewd and superhuman cookies of east and west meet over the bodies of the superhuman women. They're a modern fairy tale with all the stylized characters. And I thought back to the forebears of the superhumans. For the past four or five generations detectives have moved out of popular fiction and into centre stage of the screen, where they are cleverly sandwiched between advertisements. But if today's super sleuth, clad in Paris suits and Italian shoes flits from bed to bed with consummate ease, cast a mind back into his grandfather's day. Or further back. Take Sherlock Holmes; no bedroom scenes there.

On the contrary; had Holmes been in the practice of murmuring "Dear Watson" rather than "My Dear Watson", he might have made Oscar wild and they could sing together of Reading Jail. There was Sexton Blake and Tinker. Like the lonely cavalier and Tonto. Tinker and Tonto knew their places and there was no frustrated social notes reporter taking down impressions for Sunday's paper. The Ranger rode a horse and Jimmy Bond rode a modified DB. But look where that car got Jimmy! It's fantastic! Which is the name of the game all the way from dear Watson and Tinker to the stroll among the stars. And the difference in courage! "Merciful Heavens!" gasped one famous detective and fell fainting to the ground. My grandmother quoted it for me.

### BOND FAINT?

Can you see Bond fainting? It was Dixon Hawke who was trapped in the London cellar with neither youthful aide nor luscious maid. Hawke was facing death with the same nonchalance of the unfortunate modern western spy of steel trapped in a Moscow cellar. Daunted? Not on your life! Knocking the dottle out of his pipe, Hawke deliberately filled the bowl with scraps of coal gathered from the dank and dark cellar floor. With moist mortar, he sealed the bowl of his pipe and then held the lighter under the bowl. The heated coal produced enough gas to permit him to light the jet from the mouthpiece of the pipe and to employ the hot jet to burn the lock out of the door. And those were the days before some undulating Russian witch would promise so much with her eyes in the light of the burning gas. The same fantasy lives, but these days it lives it up.

### No class, she writes

The Scots had the last word. That was the word about the Canadian newspapers and the criticisms of the Queen. Margaret Doherty produced a copy of the *Daily Record* from Burns' country. Columnist Joan Burnie (I guess it's Burnie's country) finds the most damaging epithet in a Scotswoman's sporan. "That's the trouble with those colonials," writes the indignant Scot, "no class!"

### Racing fire truck

I lived near Lye. It is a small manufacturing town in the English midlands and offered very little to attract tourists. The only attraction I found there many years ago was the town's fire truck. For many years the fire engine was mounted on a Panhard-Levassor chassis. Before it became a fire truck it had been a racing car, having been built for racing before the Great War. The gas ran through the motor like water into a drain, but that fire truck was so fast it could get to the fire before the alarm was sounded.

### Quote of another era

Quote of another era: "In replying, Col. Macintosh, after sincerely expressing his appreciation of the gift, addressed the members." How appropriate!


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## Off and away

One of the attractions of high school is the opportunity of going skiing. The students take time out of class to travel by bus to a suitable snowy hill and the break makes a pleasant holiday.

From the student's standpoint, it is a delightful opportunity to take part in an activity that doesn't exist in their home community. From the teacher's point of view, it is a pleasant and pleasing way of teaching sports and athletics. But from the school trustee's seat at the board table there is a growing concern that the practice is a very thinly extended line of education.

In other words, some trustees see the trips for skiing and similar exercises as a thinly disguised holiday rather than an academic study.

There is another aspect of the practice that is less than delightful.

If these trips were financed by the district out of tax revenues, there would be no reason to question them. But the responsibility for paying lies with the individual parents. Those who can afford to send their children on the trip are probably least concerned. The parents who cannot afford the fees are obliged to expose their children to the scorn of their peers that they are too impoverished to travel.

As an educational experience the regret of the impoverished child is possibly beneficial. It should not be part of the curriculum.

These are hard times. Money is scarcer than it has been for 50 years and many families are hard-pressed to meet the costs involved. For this reason alone trustees are taking the proper course of action in terminating them.

If they are indeed merited, then let us see them paid for out of the tax revenues of the district.

## Hullo, Santa!

On Saturday and Sunday Santa Claus will sail into the islands to visit the children. And as all good island children know full well, Santa doesn't always use his sleigh: he comes into the islands by his own Christmas Ship.

This is the 34th visit by the international Santa Claus. He is brought here by the Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, across the international line, in Washington. For most of Saturday, the red-clad St. Nicholas visits children in the American islands. He crosses the line, though Santa has no knowledge of political geography, and comes into Ganges in the later afternoon.

After staying overnight in Ganges, Santa leaves early Sunday morning and tours the Outer Islands before crossing the line again and completing his day of rest among the United States island communities.

The gesture of bringing Santa Claus to the children of remoter places was a warm and pleasing Christmas wish from the Bellingham Jaycees. The idea of extending that visit to children of two nations was a neighbourly move in keeping with the season of good will. It is now history. It is history in a seasonal setting.

Trip Costello has played the largest part in this annual visit. For many years he was the personification of St. Nicholas, year after year.

The Christmas Ship is an international event that proves every year that the hand of friendship, like Santa Claus, recognizes no international boundaries.

## Computer in the nursery?

Concern has been expressed that taxpayers should not be paying the wages of a nanny for the prime minister's children. But judging by a statement made last week by prime ministerial advisor Fred Doucet, our concerns should be focussed on the type of care the Mulroney kids are getting.

Said Doucet: "The nanny is one of many of the staff at 24 Sussex Dr. who interface with the children on a habitual basis."

Perhaps they should investigate the possibility of engaging a computer to do the job.



Tony Richards

**SALT SPRING ISLANDER** Tom Gossett didn't know the island had so many movie stars until he went to Hawaii.

Tom wrote from Maui November 27 to say one is never far from Salt Spring. He'd seen the film *Glitter Dome* on Home Box Office the night before and was surprised to see Our Gas Co.'s Preston Ford playing the part of a policeman.

He had another surprise somewhat later when he saw actor James Garner dictating a letter to police secretary Dawn Luker of *et cetera* and Salt Spring Players fame.

Preston and Dawn were among several islanders who took a quick trip to Hollywood on the *Bowen Queen* when the movie was shot in Victoria a year ago.

Dawn reports that so far no one has purchased the Canadian rights to the film. However, it's reported to be opening this month in cinemas in nine other countries, some of them in Europe.

The film was seen in Victoria last month in what was likely its only public showing in Canada to date.

**UNSIGNED LETTERS** to the editor never get to feel the warmth of newsprint, unless I feel the message should be passed on. One such letter arrived this week from a parent who suggested to his teenage children that for one week they eat only soup for dinner and drink no juice or milk—just water. The money saved would purchase a Christmas hamper for a less fortunate family on the island.

The parent was surprised when his children decided it was a marvellous idea and carried it out with no complaints. That's Christmas in the islands for you.

**THOSE OF US** who ply a trade in this prosperous little town of Ganges have the opportunity to get together once a year just before Christmas. It's a tradition as old as the Ganges Centre Association itself and gives merchants a chance to compare notes on the windfall profits that people say they are supposed to be making.

It's a meeting of business people that discusses neither the sewer nor mid-week vending. It's the Centre Association's annual Christmas banquet, the second annual version of which was held Saturday at Kanaka Place.

It's a popular event. In fact, Marguerite Lee, formerly of Foxglove, enjoyed herself so much as a guest last year that she bought a Ganges travel agency to become eligible for membership.

For two years in a row the Kanaka Place's Jackie Hembruff has proved to her fellow business people that she is indeed an excellent cook. And Kevin McCarthy put aside candy-making (also for the second year) to organize the affair.

Another factor which has made the banquet such a resounding success is in the music. Gary Lundy on

piano, Dwaine Prosk on bass, Ray Newman on sax and Doug Rhodes on drums play a variety of music for those who know they're too old for Club Mongo (and for those who are too old but won't admit it.)

One of the highlights of the evening came when "Robber" Bob Blundell, given a microphone and an audience, had very little to say. Bob was honoured for his contribution to the community over many years.

**THE DEBATE** over the giving of war toys for Christmas is interesting, particularly for those of us who spent many childhood years playing war games and enjoying them too. It is interesting because I am not the warring type.

However, it's an issue we don't need to consider in our family. My 10-year-old son is saving his money to buy his own war toys.

**JOHNNY BENNETT WASN'T** at the trap shoot Sunday so he must have stayed home to concoct his semi-annual letter to the editor.

John writes this week to suggest the seal population in Fulford Harbour needs managing before salmon enhancement will work in Fulford Creek. Too large a population of blue herons is also reported to be a problem because they eat too much of the salmon's feed.

It was with these problems in mind that Fulford Harbour resident Nancy Wigen called the fisheries people in Nanaimo. They agreed there was a problem but said Ottawa wouldn't do anything for fear of Greenpeace raising a fuss.

Where Paul Watson & Co. have failed to take over the operation of the provincial wildlife branch Greenpeace has succeeded in formulating federal policy on fisheries management.

**AL GEAR** was crying the blues a few days ago about the chickens he won at the trap shoot a week and a half ago. He won two birds and each one cost him 40 bucks.

He's lucky. As a result of shooting in near-blizzard conditions I've got a \$25 cold, a \$20 sore shoulder and \$15 worth of anger and frustration at being unable to hit more than seven out of 10 birds.

**THE FINDER** of a small white kitten gave me the following message to pass on to the kitten's former owner.

"To the person who dumped me up the Cranberry in the cold and wet:

"I depended on you for food and shelter and you left me on the side of the road. At my age how did you think I could survive? Why didn't you take me to the SPCA or the vet's to be put to sleep? You would have been kinder to me.

"By the time you read this I probably will have been put to sleep, but at least I won't suffer. Have a miserable Christmas."

## Used toys wanted

Sir,

Christmas is a special time for most of us, and together we can make it a special time for all. Do you have a box of toys in your attic or basement that your children have outgrown? Used but still usable toys can make another child happy—they need not gather dust. Donations of new or used toys can be made at your Church next Sunday, at any Food Bank box, or at Breakfast with Santa at Fulford Hall on Saturday, Dec. 15.

If you can't donate toys but you would like to be a Christmas elf, come to Santa's Workshop at the Fulford Hall on Monday, Dec. 17 at 2 pm. We will be repairing, sorting and wrapping toys. Donations of wrapping paper, ribbons, tape and tags are always welcome, and of course, cash is always helpful too. When everything is wrapped, it will be turned over to the Christmas Hamper program for distribution.

If you have already made a donation to the Food Bank or the Christmas Hamper program, thank you. If you haven't, please remember as you prepare for your special family Christmas celebration that there are families in our community who need our help.  
**CAROL SIMPSON,  
REV. AL SKINNER,**  
Santa's Workshop,  
December 10, 1984.

## Dedicated volunteers

Sir,

On behalf of the Salt Spring Auxiliary to the Victoria Branch of the B.C. S.P.C.A. I wish to thank all those who have so generously contributed to our annual fund drive.

The Salt Spring Auxiliary is an extension of the Victoria Branch. We have a very dedicated local volunteer executive committee which guides and helps the part-time inspector, hired by Victoria, in looking after animals in need on Salt Spring Island.

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Best wishes for the Christmas season and the coming year.  
**C.E. ANDRESS, DVM, MSc.,**  
President, Salt Spring Auxiliary,  
S.P.C.A.  
December 1984.

## Who will police removal

Sir,

I appreciated Carol Simpson's letter (December 5) pointing out the dangers of a naive attitude towards the communist leaders of the U.S.S.R. Those of us who have relatives behind the Iron Curtain could share many stories of the hardships and more importantly, loss of freedom since the Communist takeover. Though part of Jesus' message of "Peace on Earth" was to forgive your enemies, we can no more trust them to fully disarm than we can trust Clifford Olson to babysit our children. Have we forgotten the warnings of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn?

I believe that nuclear arms are immoral and am for a verifiable multilateral disarmament. But who will police the total removal of nuclear arms? The only way that I can see it happening would be

through a world government and that much power in the hands of one man or group of men (women?) would be devastating. People with that kind of sweeping power have a nasty habit of declaring themselves "God" and commanding unquestioning obedience. Is that the price we want to pay for survival?

If not, then perhaps without divine intervention our planet really is "terminal". Perhaps we can no more avoid death as a planet than we can avoid it as individuals. Perhaps the only peace on earth that exists is the peace of heart God promised us through submission to the Lordship of His Son Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate this Christmas.

**VAL KONIG,**  
R. R. 1, Ganges,  
December 7, 1984.

## Gratifying response

Sir,

We wish to thank all those who donated tools and money to the Tools for Peace campaign on Galiano. The response was truly gratifying for so small a community, especially at a time when so many people are experiencing hard times here.

We hope you will remember that the hungry of Ethiopia also need help, and there is a campaign to organize aid for it on the island which deserves support.

**W. W. COWARD,  
ANDREW LOVERIDGE,**  
Galiano Tools for Peace,  
December 3, 1984.

## The ultimate 'dead end'

Sir,

Those of us in the nuclear disarmament cause have only partially succeeded in getting our message across, the message being "Nuclear devices are totally useless as weapons because they are ultimately suicidal".

We have only "partially succeeded" because at one level of consciousness most people will agree with the message, yet at another level they get bogged down with the idea that nuclear devices are necessary for security against the Russians, that because they have some, we'd better have some, too. (That kind of thinking prevails on the other side as well, obviously: within a few years of each American advance in nuclear technology, the Russians have "caught up".)

So, there is a sort of "double-think" situation which allows potential global suicide to be (a) undesirable, but (b) acceptable, co-existence is preferable to co-existence. It is my belief that the Americans and the Russians have no right to risk the rest of the world's life systems; "annihilation without representation" is the epitome of misuse of power.

If security rests in quantities of so-called nuclear weapons citizens of the world should feel infinitely secure in the knowledge that the West has some 30,000, that the Russians have 20,000, that each side is building more, that other nations are close to joining the "club". It is this fact that leads us to declare an "unacceptable risk".

Certainly, the Russian threat exists. Poland and Afghanistan are glaring examples of forcing "friendly neighbours". But what about the American threat in trying to assure "friendly neighbours" in

Central and South America? And what about the Chinese "Red Menace"? Scarcely 15 years ago it existed. Now they're on "our side" which means we have more communist allies than Russia has.

"Better Red than Dead" has no significance in the nuclear age. We are beyond the point of solving ideological problems using the threat of global catastrophe. The nuclear path is the ultimate "Dead End".

Turn to the excellent article by Frank Jones in the November 7 *Driftwood*. All who have seen death must ask themselves "why?"

The Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Group hope you will express your concerns to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, to M.P. Jim Manly, to your friends and neighbours, and join us in a mutual struggle for survival in the new year.  
**RAY NEWMAN,**  
Ganges,  
December 1984.

## Doctor ignored

Sir,

The reports of the October functions with regard to the old Lady Minto Hospital and the various resident doctors of it, I have only just had the pleasure to read.

I was, however, very disturbed that one doctor has been completely ignored and I find that omission to be inexcusable indeed.

Dr. Sutherland was a very competent General Practitioner. She served the people of the Islands well having a car and a boat. She was the first female doctor to graduate in Britain which in itself is a remarkable accomplishment, and I believe took her early training in Edinburgh, Scotland.

It is possible by the time this reaches you, there will have been other people who have noted the strange absence of any mention of her. Mr. Ivan Mouat, who I understand was organizer of the function, obviously knows better, and I hope he will in the not too distant future rectify this glaring insult.

I well remember Dr. Rush. He amputated my left little finger and never gave it back to me, (but that was finger-licking good, I guess I've never missed it).

The Lady Minto Hospital on Ganges Hill did yeoman service to all in its day, and it is comfortable to know it is still to serve in that way for long into the future. I wish the operators great success in the future.  
**DON D. FRASER,**  
1161 Burnside Rd. W.,  
Victoria, B.C.  
V8Z 1N5  
December 4, 1984.

## Warnings unheeded

Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizers of the Aid to Ethiopia Campaign of Galiano for doing such a fantastic job. I felt that the participation of the children by donating their toys and helping with the Toy and Garage Sale was totally appropriate in teaching them the responsibility of every individual in a situation such as this.

I feel a great pride of all Canadians to their overwhelming response to the horrific tragedy occurring in Africa.

I do feel a deep concern however that it has taken the world this long

to respond to a problem that many wise people have been warning us of for a number of years. So much of the sorrow could have been averted had we reacted with our generosity in time.

I cannot help but feel an even deeper concern (fear) that humanity as a whole is not heeding or responding to the warnings of a growing number of scientists, physicians, clergymen, generals, and even some politicians to an impending tragedy of unimaginable horror—that of nuclear annihila-



Bill Webster

Life on the rocks goes on as usual, but with a neat twist being added by a couple of events of recent occurrence.

Seems the people, meaning the greater number of individuals, had their way.

Down in the deep south of Salt Spring, the famed and notorious community plan which would have planned events to a fine point was not wanted by many residents. They showed up at a meeting and said so.

Although there were times at that meeting when it seemed that the people were not being listened to, they eventually got the word through and the plan was put out to pasture.

And over on the small Pender, the people came out ahead as well.

To be sure, the situation on Small Pender was a compromise but, nevertheless, the people will be recipients of a rather large park.

The developers get their share of the real estate market while the people get to keep the mountain for all to enjoy.

The two incidents highlight very real problems here on the rocks.

On the one hand, there are some who would regulate life on the rocks to such an extent that the people would find it very difficult even to breathe.

On the other hand there are some who would raise the drawbridge and fill the moat with all kinds of nasty creatures the better to keep other folk away.

For the first bunch, perhaps a look at the government telephone book might be in order.

Consider the Capital Region and how it attempts to say what can be done or neglects to do what should be done.

As for the province, begin with A as in agriculture where the rules governing the farms come from. The attorney-general tells us how we use such things as the highways and other aspects of rock life.

Move on down through B.C. Ferries, consumer and corporate affairs, education, and don't

tion of all life!

I can only hope that the lesson of Ethiopia is that we, as individuals, can make a difference, and that it is our God-given responsibility to make that difference and to respond to those warnings by demanding that an end be put to the insane arms build-up.

Perhaps this is an inappropriate comparison—but I wonder?

**DAWN CHRISTIAN,**  
R. R. 2, Galiano,  
December 4, 1984.

P. S. To put appropriateness in its place, I wonder how we, as citizens of the world, can morally allow more than a million dollars per minute (that equals 600 billion dollars per year) to be spent globally on the arms race while pennies are spent on helping the millions of starving people of our world.

forget energy, mines and resources.

Read through the list of government agencies which touch us directly or indirectly. Environment, finance, labour, lands, parks and housing as well as transportation and highways.

Check page iii of the government phone book. There are 26 ministries or agencies listed. Of those, 19 touch the rocks with varying degrees of influence.

And don't forget the ministry of municipal affairs.

The cry goes out. One side, the over-regulators, echoes a similar message coming from the other side, the drawbridge raisers.

What happens when those nasty developers descend upon these beautiful rocks?

The Islands Trust has fallen heir to the role of guardian and protector of life on the rocks. That bunch seems to have learned a bit from the fiasco of Musgrave.

Check the talk which went on over the Small Pender parcel. Listen to the words of compromise being exchanged over the north Salt Spring development.

Growth is inevitable and changes will come with that growth. What rock sitters have to do is control the growth and ease the changes.

Growth will be limited by the fact that there is only so much rock. There is only so much water. Combine the two and that makes for a rather good control on growth.

But change is a different matter.

That's where the Islands Trust should come in. While growth can be controlled by natural factors, change is an aspect of the eye. People, doubtless, do not want endless series of buildings sporting a repetitive style.

Neither do they want an eyesore which belongs in a city and not on the rocks.

Another aspect of the two meetings mentioned is that the people actually decided to speak out. They weren't content to be told what will happen.

That's a message many others should listen closely to.

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## More Letters to the Editor

### Insult to community

Sir,

For some time now, I have been reading Mr. Anthony Netboy's letters to your paper on various subjects, which at times are even interesting and show some degree of literary skill. However, his last letter truly was an insult to the business community and Salt Spring Island as a whole.

Here is a man who comes to Canada, and was fortunate enough to find Salt Spring Island. He was made welcome. He then proceeds to downgrade everything and everybody while still enjoying the benefits and privileges we offer in this great country and fine community. Our medical program is one that is particularly beneficial to him. I have appreciated his patronage, however, if Ganges is too prosperous, it is no thanks to him. Mind you, if rudeness and lack of courtesy to those serving him brings prosperity, he spreads that around generously. I have seen waitresses reduced to tears and microscopic stature by his manner. I'm not surprised he can't smell the sewer.

Is Ganges beautiful? You bet your life it is. Islanders and the business community went to great lengths to beautify Ganges at their own expense. Many dollars and countless hours of volunteer labour go into cleanups, hanging baskets and flower boxes. Our visitors and islanders alike never ceased to comment on their beauty all summer.

If he has been here "for years"—how many more years will it take him to appreciate our Little Bit of Heaven, its inhabitants and all we have to offer.

I came here in 1955 and nowhere in the world could you find people who are more willing to help and give of themselves when help is needed, give one comfort and understanding and moral support. This I experienced myself. There are no words to express my gratitude for what people have done for me and my family on this island. I'm sure Mr. Netboy has had the same done for him at one time or another—but that part of his memory bank has become "temporarily disconnected".

I would suggest that Mr. Netboy check the ferry schedules, note the departure times and from which terminal and remove the Ugly Duckling from our Swan Pond.

RITA DODS,  
Box 272,  
Ganges.  
December 7, 1984.

### Seals live on salmon

Sir,

In a recent issue of *Driftwood* there was quite a write-up about the condition of the creeks and streams on Salt Spring Island and the dramatic drop in the number of salmon observed in the creeks and streams during spawning season.

Missing from the write-up was the number of seals at the mouth of Fulford creek, living on the salmon before the water was high enough for the fish to enter the creek.

The Provincial Fish and Wildlife Branch finally woke up to the wolf problem and are doing something about it. Vancouver Island should be next!

Isn't it about time that the Federal

Fisheries woke up to the seal and sea lion problem?

J. BENNETT,  
Box 52, Ganges.  
December 7, 1984.

### Thank you for support

Sir,

I wish to thank all who supported me in the recent school board election, and to assure them that I will continue to take an interest in the deliberations of the Board, and the progress of education on Salt Spring.

MURRAY SHOOLBRAID,  
Ganges.  
Nov. 25, 1984.

### Time is running out

Sir,

Monday evening, Nov. 25, I attended a lecture at U.B.C. with Dr. Helen Caldicott on the subject of nuclear war. Most people have heard of Dr. Caldicott with the success of the NFB film *If You Love This Planet*. Her language and her style continue to have a dynamic and chilling impact. Her message is clear: "Time is running out!"

Her lecture in Vancouver urged all of us to draw upon our instinctual drive to survive and harness that collective will through the democratic processes available to us to save our planet. As a humanist she believes that the compassion and good in all of us can be mobilized to thwart the military efforts currently threatening to "murder" us all.

Dr. Caldicott is the voice of reason in an atmosphere of unprecedented madness. She offers a ray of hope in a time of utter despair. We must, if we are to survive, learn to see ourselves as a planetary family struggling to solve its problems, rather than as assorted people and nations assessing blame or exporting solutions.

She proposes that we begin by learning to perceive our relationship to the Soviet Union and her citizens differently from the way we have been taught, namely as our "enemy". So long as we persist in

this perception it will only lead us to war, nuclear war. Dr. Caldicott proposes that we have to make the Soviets our "best friends".

The development of nuclear war-fighting technology has made our national boundaries obsolete. Radiation from the use of these weapons will know no boundaries.

In closing, a quote from Tocqueville lends itself well to Dr. Caldicott's message.

"The nations of the world are like travellers in a forest. Although each is unaware of the destination of the others, their paths lead inevitably toward meeting in the centre of the forest. In this century of wars and planetary crisis, we have been lost in the forest of our darkest alienation. One by one, the accustomed strategies of nation-states— isolation, fortification, retreat, domination—have been cut off.

"We are pressed ever more deeply into the forest, toward an escape more radical than any we had imagined: freedom with—not from—each other. After a history of separation and mistrust, we converge on the clearing."

Some of us have awakened to the threat and are beginning to change the priorities of our lives to ensure that this planet we care for so passionately will survive. Others of us still sleep unaware of the danger. Dr. Caldicott is the human siren incessantly calling to those who continue to slumber.

CONNIE KENNEDY,  
Galiano Island.  
November 31, 1984.

### Cattle egret sighted

A cattle egret was sighted at the south end of Salt Spring Island Sunday.

Jean King told Driftwood she saw the rare bird in the Roland Rd. area of Fulford Harbour. She said the bird was a young one, pure white with black legs and a long, dull yellow beak.

She said it looked like a gull except for its long legs.

King reported the sighting to the Rare Bird Alert in Victoria and learned that three cattle egrets have been seen in the Victoria area during the past week.

## Isabella Point bus debate not over yet

A school bus may be running at least part way down Isabella Point Road on Salt Spring after all.

The school board has decided to have staff look at the schedule of the Fulford bus runs to determine if changes in times of pickups at various points could allow for a bus run along Isabella Point Road as far as the Lacy corner.

The current schedule allows time for picking up children for the Fulford school before the bus returns to Ganges with pupils going to school there.

The school board is being pushed from two sides on the matter. Parents in the Fulford valley do not want their children riding the school bus down Isabella Point Road.

Those parents consider the road to be too dangerous for a school bus to negotiate.

At the same time, the school board is being lobbied by parents of children living down Isabella Point Road for the bus service.

Isabella Point Road, to the Lacy corner, is no worse than any other island road. At that point it dips into a hollow and curves sharply. The road begins a steep climb up the hip of Mount Tuam with several other sharp curves along the way.

At Mountain Road, the road

becomes gravel and is less curvy to the end.

There are 11 school-aged children living along Isabella Point and Roland Roads. In addition there are 18 more children who are under school age.

The school board had promised a bus for the children along the road earlier this year but reversed the decision when the safety factor was pointed out. The department of highways has said that there is no money available to fix the road.

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## Parents, pupils address board

# Ski trip request denied again

A Grade 7 ski trip to Mount Washington has been rejected again by the Gulf Islands School Board.

A delegation of parents and pupils came to the meeting of the school board last Wednesday to try to convince the trustees to allow the trip at least for this Grade 7 class.

School trustee David Williams put forward a motion to approve, in principle, the proposed ski trip for spring, 1985.

But board chairman Charles Hingston said the motion was essentially a motion to rescind a previous decision of the school board and as such would need a two-thirds majority.

At a school board meeting November 15 the vote to approve two ski trips ended in a four-four tie and went down to defeat.

Williams presented a motion to rescind that decision and the vote was five trustees for the motion and four trustees against. The requirement for rescinding the motion was six votes.

Hingston, Williams, David Eyles, Joy Ridley and Margaret Howell supported the motion. Jeannine Dodds, Ron McQuiggan, Bert Beitel and Lorraine Campbell voted against the motion.

Jack Speed spoke to the trustees on behalf of the Salt Spring Elementary School parent advisory

committee. He presented 50 letters of support for the ski trip to the school board.

Speed said the trips offer several benefits to the children. Activities on the ski slopes generate confidence building, he said.

They learn about social contact, having to spend so much time with other students. They learn responsibility through having to be where they should be on the slopes as well as having to look out for their fellow students, he said.

He reminded the trustees that the pupils and parents had raised \$6,500 toward the trip last year.

He suggested that the school board approve the trip at least for this year and that several trustees go along to see for themselves the benefits to the children.

Kurt Sadler is in Grade 8 at Gulf Islands Secondary School. He told the board that children look forward to the trip for several years as they come to the end of their elementary school training.

The trip, to Grade 7 pupils, is a symbol of graduation to high school, he said.

A petition signed by 31 pupils in the current Grade 7 class was handed to the board.

Williams introduced his motion, he explained, because the outdoor recreation committee of the school board was to come up with a local

activity which would replace such trips as the ski outing.

There was no time to find one for this year, he noted.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools, said that Hingston was correct in his ruling. But he added that while the board was bound by the rules, it should "not fetter itself."

Salt Spring school trustee Ron McQuiggan restated his opposition to the ski trip. They cost the school district the salary of teachers who go along as chaperones, he said.

Speed pointed out that the teachers would be paid whether they were in the classroom or on the slopes.

Salt Spring Elementary School principal Tom Watson told the meeting that if up to 30 pupils went on the trip, only one teacher would go. More than that number of students would require two teachers, he said.

Former school trustee Strick Aust, at the meeting in support of the ski trip, suggested that if the elementary school asked for two ski trips of two days each, back to back, Marshall could approve the trips without board sanction.

Under board policy on field trips, if the outing lasts for less than two days, the superintendent of schools can approve them on his own.

Trips of longer duration, such as the ski trip which lasts four days, need board approval.

## Ecumenical service Sunday

The Annual Community Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday at 2:30 pm at Ganges United Church.

The ecumenical service will be led by a combined choir from the Anglican, Community Gospel, Roman Catholic and United Church congregations.

Donna Wilson will be the organist, with Joy Johnsen directing the choir and congregational singing. The choir will be presenting three anthems for the Christmas season. The congregation will join in the singing of Christmas carols and nine scriptural selections from the bible will be read by members of the participating churches.

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## Island schools plan Christmas activities

Each of the schools in the Gulf Islands will be presenting a Christmas event to entertain residents.

The fun gets under way at Saturna Island Friday when the community gathers for an evening of relaxation. The children begin the program at 7 pm and Santa will visit the community hall later in the evening.

The primary grades of Salt Spring Elementary School put on their Christmas concert December 18 at 1:30 pm. The action takes place in the activity centre.

The students at Gulf Islands Secondary School have the opportunity to spread season's greetings on December 18. The concert begins at 7:30 and takes place in the gymnasium.

But December 20 is the busy day when six schools present Christmas activities.

At Pender School the children will be presenting the operetta *The Little Blue Angel* in the activity room with a starting time of 7:30 pm.

The same evening, the children of the primary, intermediate and

junior secondary classes at the Mayne Island school present a concert for residents.

At Galiano, the school children join in the Galiano Club Christmas party. The children will entertain with a series of short plays to be staged in the South Galiano community hall. The fun begins at 1 pm.

At Salt Spring, the children of Fernwood Elementary School present their concert at 7 pm in the gymnasium of the north-end school.

At Salt Spring Elementary, the intermediate grades children have an opportunity to show their stuff at a concert slated for 7:30 in the activity centre.

And down in Fulford, a family Christmas Party is in the works. Principal Bob Brownsword explained that each class is responsible for part of the party. One class brings the decorations while another brings cookies and a third sings carols and so on.

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# Tentative approval given at Pender

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according to Capital Region figures, approximately 107 people now living there.

The community plan population estimate is based on a potential development on South Pender of 476 lots.

The current proposal would add 24 lots to that total with an additional 55 people.

Using the census standard of 2.3 people per household in the Gulf Islands, the proposed 47-lot subdivision could add a total of about 106 people to the current population figure.

Concern at the public hearing touched on the increase in population. The increase would put a strain on health facilities for the island as well as use of the ferries. There is no fire truck on South Pender either.

Killam told the meeting that the developers intended to set aside the proceeds from the sale of one lot to help purchase a fire truck for the island.

Ken Clarke told the meeting that his objection to the proposal centred on the canal area of the development. The terrain was not suited to lot averaging, he said.

Clarke suggested that the road which would lead into the nine-lot canal subdivision be moved closer to the canal and that the area between the road and the water be dedicated land. The developer would be allowed the same number of lots, he suggested, but away from the water.

The developers propose that four of the nine lots in the area would front the canal. They plan a one-acre lot near the bridge as well as about 3.5 acres around the creek to be set aside as parkland.

A couple of the lots would bear a restrictive covenant at the waterfront due to the presence of middens, Killam explained.

Wendy Munroe, newly-elected representative to the Islands Trust for South Pender, expressed reservations about the possibility that a building might be put up on Ainslie Point. Killam assured her that such a restriction could be part of the plan.

John Henshaw told the meeting that the developers knew the restrictions on the area which are contained in the community plan. He said he did not oppose the concept of developing the area but had reservations about the lots on Canal Road.

The beach access to be set aside on Canal Road did not allow access to the beach because of the steepness of the bank, he said.

The community plan, he said, "is still what is good for this island."

Nick Gilbert of Salt Spring, vice-chairman of the General Trust, reviewed provisions of the community plan and noted that the proposed development seems to fit the goals of the South Pender plan.

Gordon Wallace, of North Pender, explained that he had been

part of the negotiations with the developer over the past couple of years when he sat on the General Trust.

During that time, he said, the developers had proven to be co-operative. The matter under consideration was 24 lots which the developers were asking for in exchange for the park dedication, he told the meeting.

Wallace laid out what he termed a "worst case scenario" if the plans were not approved.

The developer could, under existing rules, put in 23 lots. They could go through the department of highways for approval of bare land strata title lots, that could lead to 22 lots of approximately half an acre each squeezed into the canal area, he suggested, with the remaining portion of land being held and used as a tree farm.

He stressed that he did not think the developers would go for such a scheme.

"I consider this proposal to be fair and in the best interests of South Pender Island," he concluded.

South Pender trustee Steve Wright agreed with the assessment. He said that the offer of dedicated land was generous and would be good for the community in the long term. But, he said, he had concerns about the 38-lot Canal Road portion of the plan. He had reservations about the siting of the lots along Canal Road.

Wright suggested that one bylaw be approved but that the remaining two bylaws be held back.

Islands Trust chairman Mike

Humphries of Lasqueti Island agreed with the proposal to pass only one bylaw. It should be sent to the minister of municipal affairs, he said, as a signal to the developers, the minister and the people of South Pender about the intention of the Islands Trust in the matter.

The bylaw approved changes to the designation of the area where the lots are proposed from parkland to rural residential. The two bylaws which were not acted upon deal with assigning a rural comprehensive development tag to the land in question.

The bylaws will be considered by the Islands Trust committee at a later date when the submissions from the public hearing are considered in detail.

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Artist Allan Edwards' rendition of Showcase '85

## Showcase '85 will feature best of local artists, craftspeople

Showcase '85, slated to take place at Salt Spring next March will feature the best works of islands artists, craftsmen and sculptors.

The three-day show will be adjudicated and is set for March 29-31, 1985.

Gulf Islands artists and craftsmen are urged to submit three entries for the exhibition. Entry forms will be available early in the new year.

Members of the adjudication committee include Gary Cherneff, pottery and ceramics; Bruce Pearson, jewellery; Elaine Potter, fibre arts; Simon Henson, sculpture; Dennis Marshall, glass art; and Allan Edwards, painting.

All works submitted must not have been shown elsewhere and the show will not be a sale. Prospective buyers will be directed to contact the

individuals involved in the show.

Space limitations also dictate size of the works. Paintings and glass art should not exceed 42 inches in width and 48 inches in height. Fabric art should be less than 42 ins. by 60 ins. Sculpture should not exceed 12 ins. by 12 ins. by 18 ins.

Sculpture close to that size can be adjudicated early by sending a slide to Henson before March 15. Information to be included with the slide would be dimensions of the work as well as name and address of the sculptor.

The show is being sponsored by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.

## Folk Society presents Folkpourri on Saturday

An entertaining mixture of folk styles provided by local and off-island musicians is promised by the Salt Spring Folk Society at its Folkpourri Saturday at St. George's Hall.

Performers will include the Wednesday Night Band, Charlie Erk and Lisa Geller, Mary Williamson, Peter Clark, Henry

Baade, Reid Collins, Barb Slater and Kevin Wilkie and special guests Laurie and Sue Postans from Victoria's Rainy Cove folk group.

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**GALIANO NEWS**

**Many different activities offered at Golf Club**

**BY KATHLYN BENDER**

Galiano Golf and Country Club has a membership of more than 200, the majority of whom take part in one or more phases of the club's activities. It is true that most members are retirees, but some of these have continued to play golf into their 90's, and anyone under 60 is a mere youngster.

The golfing fraternity is supplemented by the "social set" who use the club premises for darts, scrabble, crib or the less arduously intellectual pastime of bridge.

Each fall the golfers stage an awards night when, after wining and dining, some of the players are rewarded for their skill or good fortune with a wide selection of trophies. Many of these have been announced in this column during the course of the season.

A summary of the major prizes follows: ladies' captain Helen Hoole presented the men's prizes, with Harold Keenlyside winning the club championship. John Liver, men's captain, presented the ladies' awards and Ivy Smith took the Blackwood Trophy for ladies' champion, and also the May Ferguson Trophy for the best improvement in handicap score. The Price Trophy, ladies' handicap, went to Winnie Liver. The men's spring handicap, the Dr. Beach Trophy, was won by John Silvey, while the men's club handicap championship was won by the late Frank Sarson. Elizabeth Steward was awarded the Nixon Bowl and her sister Margaret Prior won the Tothill Trophy.

Monday evening sees the clubhouse full of progressive bridge players who actually compete for money! From a full house a lucky player can take home up to four dollars. On Friday afternoon the purists pay to play duplicate. This is supposed to be a game of skill alone, with lady luck left out in the cold. This is an illusion. How else could Bea Thompson win so often?

She was at it again on Friday in the Mayne Health Centre where 16 Galiano players competed with, but not against, a like number of Mayne Island duplicate bridge players. Mrs. Thompson, assisted by the steady play of Margaret Robson, topped the Galiano contingent, while the Mayne couple with the

highest points total were Marguerite Hall and Margaret Ellison.

**Mercy, it's cold!**

Feeling hot or cold is a relative matter. McGee from Tennessee naturally felt cold in the Yukon but somebody from Winnipeg can evidently feel hot on a cool winter day on Galiano. Mercy Peterson, 12, arrived a few weeks ago from Winnipeg and her family found accommodation in a house on the shore of Georgia Strait.

On Saturday, when the weather had moderated after a cold spell, Mercy was on the beach helping her father by toting firewood up to the house. Feeling warm from her exertion Mercy decided to go for a swim, for air and water temperature were a balmy 5° C. Donning a swim suit, Mercy dithered a while just getting her feet wet. Determined to take the plunge she leapt from a drop-off into four feet of what, to a normal Galiano resident, would feel like frigid brine. Someone should have warned her. Mercy, it's cold!

**The Maggie**

The value of the British pound is so debased that the government has decided to withdraw the pound note from circulation and substitute a large brass coin. When the pound sterling was the international currency, the British pound was a gold coin called a sovereign.

Before their currency was metricated the British had an interesting collection of names for their coins from the humble farthing (a quarter penny), copper (one penny), tanner (sixpence), bob (one shilling), florin (two shillings) up to the guinea (21 shillings). In Yorkshire the new one pound coin is called a "Maggie", because it is thick (unintelligent), brassy (aggressive), and thinks it is a sovereign. Mrs. Thatcher is probably not amused.

The Canadian dollar is in a similar parlous state. Perhaps the Bank of Canada should follow the British example and issue a one dollar coin made of potassium. In the West it might be known as the Trudeau, because the name of the metal is the same in French and English, it easily tarnishes and in contact with water, it becomes caustic.

**Nature notes**

Tony Kingscote, from his home in the valley, has a good view across to the beaver ponds, on which there is now a large population of ducks and geese. In the recent cold spell when freshwater lakes were covered with two inches or more of ice, there was always water kept open by the ducks, notes Margaret Robson.

Woodpeckers are prominent, especially the pileated variety with the scarlet crest. These are now attacking any apples still left on the trees, supplementing dessert with a few juicy morsels of protein in the form of codling moth larvae.

Downy woodpeckers are tearing lichen off the old apple trees, and large number of flickers can be seen feeding among the grasses in the Georgeson Bay area. They, and the host of robins which accompany them, are probably feasting on the larvae of crane fly or similar species.

Dr. Kingscote has seen an Anna's hummingbird and watched two bald eagles bathing for half an hour in a valley pond.

**Play School**

The Galiano Play School would like to thank George Tully, L & M Plumbing, Peter Estabrook, Mike Banks Electric, Hall and Betty Tingley and Ollie Garner for their help with the play school project.

Insulation is still needed and to raise funds there is a turkey to be raffled, donated by George and Vera Harris. Tickets are available at Burrill's, the Corner Store and the pub. The draw will be held this Friday at 11 am at the market.

**Coming events**

The Thrift Shop is open for discriminating Christmas shoppers on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to noon. This Friday there will be a classical music recital at La Berengerie on Montague Road. Vancouver flautist Dorie Durstling and pianist Maudie von Klavenran

will play pieces by Debussy, Telemann, Chopin, Gluck and Taffanel.

Bookworms may stock up for Christmas reading at the Women's Auxiliary Book Sale at the South Fire Hall on Saturday from 2 until 4 pm.

Dorothy Livesay will give readings from and sign copies of her newest book of poems, *Feeling the Worlds*, during a wine and cheese party at Marie-Claire Von Hausmann's new Earthen Things Gallery on Shopland Road from 4 to 7 pm on Saturday.

This coming Sunday will be an extremely busy day especially for Galiano's children. The young at heart of all ages are invited to meet Santa Claus and the crew of the Christmas Ship due at Montague Harbour at 8:15 am with a 30-minute stay.

From 10:30 to 11:30 am at St. Margaret's Church the Sunday School scholars and congregation will enjoy a White Gift Service led by Jim McAlonan of the inter-faith mission boat, *Coastal Messenger*. Following the service everyone is invited to meet Jim in the Sunday School hall across from the church.

In St. Margaret's this Sunday evening at 7 pm an attractive program will be presented by the pupils of Galiano School. They will sing carols and do readings as the script of a slide presentation of a nativity play, *Tell it on the Mountain*, which evolved from a book by Mildred Cummings at Hazelton, B.C., about the children there.

Each of the three classes at school is hard at work rehearsing plays for the annual school concert, which will be followed by the Christmas Party sponsored by the Galiano Club in the South Community Hall beginning at 1 pm on Thursday, Dec. 20. This will also be part of the diamond jubilee celebration of the Galiano Club, which began operating 60 years ago.

Two years ago La Berengerie Restaurant opened with a thank you dinner to all who had helped in the construction. Those whose taste buds still remember the North African cous-cous and the lissome nubility of the superbly costumed belly dancer will be happy to know that Doreen and the cous-cous are making a return engagement on Saturday, Dec. 29.

John Edwards, Galiano author and schoolteacher, and sometime resident of Salt Spring, will be present to autograph his recently published book *Of Cooking* at Volume II bookshop in Ganges this Saturday at 1:30 pm.

**IODE holds luncheon**

There were nine tables of bridge at the annual bridge-luncheon held at St. George's Hall recently by HMS Ganges chapter IODE. Prizes were won by Vivian Storr and Marion Ashmore.

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### Singers perform for Christmas

Leading the audience in a Christmas carol sing-along is Joy Johnsen with the Salt Spring Singers. Sing-along was part of the program when the Singers held their

annual Christmas concert in the Ganges United Church for two performances on Sunday. Two soloists were featured during the

concert. Allan Cole joined the Singers for *Do You Hear What I Hear?* and Dorothy Cummings sang *The Jesus Gift*. Highlight of the

performance had to be the *Hallelujah Chorus* which combined the Singers and a dozen additional voices in the grand finale.

## Cheerful performance

Contributed  
BY DOUGLAS HARKER

The Pender Island Choral Society performed on November 27 and 28 in the Community Church with a cheerful enthusiasm which was readily transmitted to the audience.

The highlight was, for this reviewer, *Hear Me Singing, Lord*, a medley of religious tunes sung with rare feeling. Other nostalgic numbers such as *Moonlight Bay*, *Sentimental Journey*, *This Land is Your Land* and the participation song *Chiapanecas* brought back happy memories, especially to older listeners.

Jock Murray's recitations, *The Cremation of Sam McGee* and *Albert and the Lion*, were well received. Betty Gowan accompanied and played a Schubert impromptu with sympathetic skill. Her piano duets with Elsie Barnes were also highlights of the concert.

The basses and tenors, almost half the choir, were ably led by Tom Madden who was in fine form. Director Reg Jackson is to be congratulated on conducting and training the group.

## Islanders graduate

The fall convocation ceremony at the University of Victoria in November featured two graduate students from Salt Spring.

There were 340 graduates taking part in the ceremonies. Elissa Poole of Fulford received a doctor of philosophy degree.

Susan Pye was awarded a Master of Arts in English.

## Children to sing for Christmas

Children of the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island will have two opportunities to sing for the festive season. On Sunday they will join adults for the carol service at 7 pm. The children will present two selections during the service as their contribution to the parish celebrations.

On Sunday, Dec. 23 the children will play a major role in a special service. Congregations from St. Mary's and St. George's are combining their services at 10 am at the latter church. The Sunday School will present a musical pageant of the Christmas Story in place of the sermon.

During the offertory each child will place a white wrapped gift of canned food under the Christmas tree as his offering to those less fortunate. A potluck lunch of "finger food" will be held in the church hall following the service.

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# Investigation continues into charitable status for district

The Gulf Islands School Board continues to explore whether charity really can begin at home.

The trustees had decided earlier this year to find out if charitable status was possible for the school district. Superintendent of schools Mike Marshall gave a report on the progress of the matter at a school board meeting last week.

Charitable status for the school district is being considered as one way to get around the tight money situation of the province's restraint program.

Marshall told the school trustees that he had spoken with officials at the federal level and had been informed that few obstacles stood in the way. He had also talked with officials in the ministries of education and finance and came away with the opinion that they would consider it favourable when the time came.

Marshall explained that over the past 100 years, many people have given many gifts to the school district. But the district in turn has not been able to do anything but say "thank you".

He gave as an example the Robsons on Galiano who had donated the land where the school is located. The Farmers' Institute on Salt Spring had given the land for the Ganges schools complex to the

## Board to adopt a pet policy

The bus policy of the Gulf Islands School District is under review and pets may get a break.

Salt Spring school trustee Ron McQuiggan introduced the revised bus policy as a notice of motion at the school board meeting last week.

"What about Pet Day?" asked Dorothy Kyle.

She represents the non-teaching staff at school board deliberations.

McQuiggan read the relevant point in the policy. The bus driver should not allow animals, firearms or explosives on the bus, the policy states.

"Animals are lumped in there with some real doozies," McQuiggan agreed.

The policy will be scrutinized to come up with provisions to allow pets to be taken to school by children on Pet Day.

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As a charity, he said, the school district would be able to say "thank you" and also give out a tax receipt for the gifts.

Marshall will continue to check

the finer details of the situation to determine the benefits and drawbacks of being a charity. He will talk with officials in other school districts which are considering the move as well.

## Bridge Winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on December 3 were:

North-South: Jean Herring and Anne McConnell, Marion Ashmore and Vivian Storr, Helen Shandro and John Sarginson, Marguerite Hall and Bea Thompson. East-West: Dorothy Crofton and Mary Clements, Joe and Madeline Frantz, May Whiten and Margaret Ellison, Kay Sinclair and Alan Steward.

Tuesday night: North-South, Irene Hawksworth and Gordon

Hutton, Bunny Jordan and Fred Melhuish, Gordon Parsons and Bud Keech, Dawny Scarfe and Fred Struve. East-West: Mary Clements and Isabelle Richardson, Chuck Beasley and Mike Testart, John Noakes and Dorothy Edwards, Lois Popkin-Clurman and John Sarginson.

OAP's, Fulford: Marion Andrew and Jean Orr, Terry Devine and Bob Scott, John Noakes and Dorothy Edwards, Elsa Drummond and Val Gyves.

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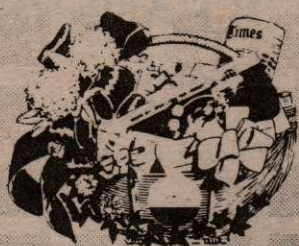
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# Clean copper with tomatoes, silver with rhubarb

It comes as a bit of a surprise to find that I have drifted into December without proper notice by whoever is in charge of these things. It is disconcerting to find oneself well into December, while still busy with November, not to mention some leftovers from October.

I get the distinct impression that time is speeding up and that I am, if not standing still, at least on a time track where the months are somewhat longer than officially sanctioned. It is no good to make some sort of petition either, to claim ignorance, preoccupation, or what have you, as this would, apparently, lead to difficulties, mostly with the children.

To them, the time till Christmas seems like several small eternities, whereas to me it seems to be a matter of mere minutes. And after Christmas comes the new year with its new demands, such as the planning of next year's garden, the study of seed catalogues, and the ordering of seed.

All this seems a bit hasty, especially while this year's winter beets are still in the ground. I suppose that I shall have to give them eviction notices, something that does not come easily to one who has raised them so carefully, for so long, and has seen them grow from a tiny seed to sturdy adulthood.

### NEW ADVENTURE

One would suppose that after all these years I would be accustomed to this sort of thing, to this eternal pattern of growth from seed to maturity. Still, it seems that a bit of one's heart is attached to them, at least until they are safely eaten. But then, there is the excitement of next year's new adventure of growing a

whole new garden from scratch, and another opportunity to sow, to care for, and to raise a whole new crop of green life.

Before we get started on this new enterprise, though, there are a few October items that are clamouring for my long overdue attention. Sometime in October, my wife had discovered that ketchup, yes, our common, ordinary household ketchup, is by far the best copper cleaner she has ever had the pleasure of using, bar none.

It is cheap, it works like a charm, it is organic, and it seems that the tomato part of this substance is the effective agent. At about the same time, a lady told me of her success with common rhubarb leaves as an excellent silver cleaner. It may be the oxalic acid content of rhubarb leaves which does the job; in any case, she just crumples a bit of leaf, like a moist, green cloth, and shines up her silver with it.

### TOXIC OIL

Although I have not tried this one myself, it apparently works like a charm. Along similar lines, researchers at the University of Georgia have discovered that citrus oil, the oil in the skin of citrus fruit such as lemons, limes and grapefruit, is highly toxic to house and stable flies, black soldier flies, fire ants, cat fleas, paper wasps, and house crickets. When fresh, the citrus oil kills these insects on contact, but loses its effect rapidly with age.

We have a couple of cats which are hosts to some fleas, something which has bothered me more than the cats. As I have been hunting around for some time now for an organic method of flea control, this

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BY PETER WEIS

cheap, effective and environmentally safe method appears like a godsend to me. The slight citrus flavour of our cats does not seem to bother them at all or to clash with their personalities, and it will be an outright blessing at kitten time.

### MORE TO COME

And there is more to come as we find out more about our biosphere, ourselves, and all it contains. Like the heart stimulant digitalis, derived from foxglove flowers, the curative value of the purple cone-flower, *Echinacea purpurea*, has long been known to North American Indians and Europeans alike. This medicinal plant has recently become the subject of extensive study in North America after pioneering studies by Sandoz Co. begun in Europe around 1950.

It is now an approved drug in West Germany and it is also used as an effective insecticide against house flies there. But the medicinal value of this plant seems to be far greater than just a control of house

flies. Recent tests have shown that extracts from the roots and leaves of this plant stimulate our immune system and are effective against chronic infections, allergies, certain cancers, and viral diseases such as canker sores, influenza, and herpes.

It now appears that the purple cone-flower has rather potent and effective medicinal value for a rather surprisingly wide range of afflictions which borders on the marvellous, and that it may be headed for distinguished service in the maintenance of our health. *Echinacea purpurea angustifolia*, to give it its full and proper name, is not to be confused with *rudbeckia*, another, and similar, cone-flower.

The purple cone-flower, *E. purpurea*, is a perennial, hardy in all

climates, and it is a coarse, stiff plant with large clumps of erect stems, one to two metres tall. Leaves are oblong and seven to 24 centimetres long. Its flower heads are quite showy, with purple rays and dark purple centre, to bloom in late summer over a long period of time. The purple cone-flower likes full sun, takes average soil and water, and its clumps may be divided in spring or fall.

It never fails to amaze me that such a valuable plant should also be so nice to have around and to be so sturdy and easy to look after. To me, this is not only astonishing, but a demonstration of the wholesome beauty of the fabric of life, and its miraculous wholeness.

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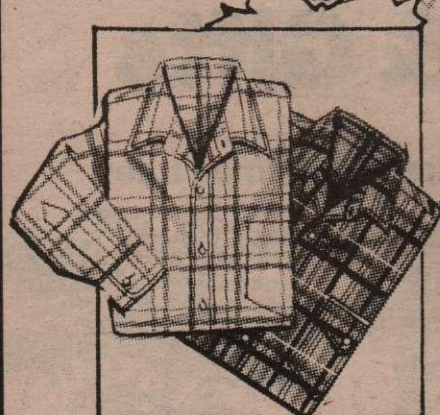
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as Meals on Wheels chairman Dorothy Sneddon accepts the cheque from Legionnaire Fred Jones. The drivers, clients and

organizers of Meals on Wheels were guests of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Legion at a Christmas dinner Sunday.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

## Sturrock named to chair by region

Serving a second round as chairman of the Capital Region Board is Howard Sturrock, alderman of the municipality of Saanich. Sturrock was named to the office on Wednesday last week when his candidature was not opposed. He went into office by acclamation.

The election race developed when the acting chairman was named.

There were two candidates for the office, Martin Levin and Ray Nestman. Levin is a city alderman and Nestman comes from Sooke.

The directors voted and the results showed a tie. Each man took nine votes. Saanich Alderman John Mika was absent, attending another civic meeting.

The meeting broke off; candidates did a little campaigning and staff telephoned Mika to get back and straighten it all out. By the time Mika arrived Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier had left the building and left his alternate, Saanich Alderman Murray Coell, in his place.

#### NESTMAN NAMED

Vote was 12-7 in favour of Nestman.

Acting chairman is an unpaid office with few duties. The acting

chairman assumes the direction of board meetings in the absence of the chairman. He also takes the chair if the chairman is sick or resigns.

While the meeting was awaiting the results of the campaigning the Regional Hospital Board re-elected Esquimalt Mayor Ken Hill chairman.

Sturrock was elected chairman in December, 1982 and served until fall of 1983, when he resigned through sickness. Acting chairman Shirley Wilde assumed the chair and was confirmed in office in December, 1983. She lost the mayoralty race in Metchosin last month and, with it, the directorship on the Capital Regional Board.

### Topics are still sought

Lady Minto Hospital will stage another community health forum early in the new year and suggestions for topics are still being sought.

Among the suggestions being considered are preventive medicine, medications, Alzheimer's disease and diseases of the aging, sports medicine, teen pregnancy and parenthood and sexually transmitted diseases.

Topics examined in previous forums have been cancer, heart disease, arthritis and osteoporosis.



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## No more for alternates

Capital Regional Board paid brief attention to remuneration two weeks ago.

The executive committee recommended no increase in remuneration be paid to alternate directors for attendance at board meetings.

It was felt that the attendance at board meetings is only a small part of the function of a regional director. Many hours are spent at committee meetings, commission meetings and in municipalities dealing with regional business. The alternate director does not involve himself in the other duties of the director.

The board also endorsed its past policy of paying directors on a sliding scale. The scale is reached from an evaluation of the duties and responsibilities of a regional director.

Directors from Colwood and

Langford each receive an annual stipend of \$8,677 of which \$2,892 is considered expenses and therefore relieved of tax liability. Directors for Sooke and Salt Spring Island receive \$7,636, of which \$2,545 is considered expenses. Director for the Outer Islands and the director for View Royal each receive \$6,767, including expenses of \$2,255. Directors from Sidney, North Saanich and Metchosin are paid \$6,325 and \$5,072 is awarded the director from Central Saanich.

The directors named from the inner municipalities are paid on a lower rate because it is considered that their regional duties are less onerous. Those rates were not considered last week because the board was debating only that clause which covers the new municipality of Metchosin and includes the more lightly populated communities already listed.

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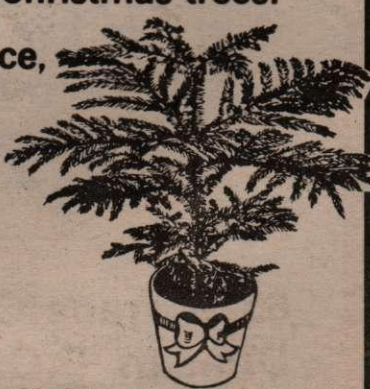


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