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## Ambulance drivers to give rides home New Years Eve

The ambulance crew on Salt Spring will be offering a community service on New Year's Eve: a ride home.

Party-goers are offered a ride from a party to their home but not from one party to another, said a spokesman for the ambulance drivers.

They will begin the service at 11 pm and continue until at least 4 am.

"It's basically just to get people home safely," said Tom Lobbes, head man of the ambulance service for the island.

There will be two-man crews available for the ride home. One will drive the party-goer and the other person will drive the party-goer's vehicle.

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## Lice problem at Fulford

Head lice are plaguing children at the Fulford Elementary School and up to 20 pupils have been sent home at various times for treatment of the affliction.

Principal Bob Brownsword said that some of the cases are recurring and a new policy for readmittance will be in effect.

"It's a bit of a problem," he admitted.

Some parents volunteered for training in detecting the lice and the public health nurse showed them what to look for. If a child is suspected of having head lice, the findings are confirmed by a second person, Brownsword said.

The child is sent home for treatment with instructions for parents on how to get rid of the pests. After treatment, the public health nurse will check the child's head and if no lice or eggs are present, the child can return to classes, Brownsword explained.

When school resumes January 7,

each child at the Fulford school will be stringently checked.

Brownsword expressed concern about the problem spreading to other schools on the island. He noted that some of the children involved have older brothers or sisters who attend Gulf Islands Secondary School in Ganges.

But a check with principal Bob McWhirter at the secondary school showed that so far no problems have developed there.

Similarly, Tom Watson, principal of Salt Spring Elementary School, said no children in that school are afflicted. A child had been sent home for treatment for head lice earlier in the school year, he said.

The children of SSE will also undergo a stringent head check when school resumes after the Christmas break.

There is no problem of head lice at Fernwood Elementary School but the children will be checked when the school reopens in January.



Driftwood photo by Frank Richards

## Snow stops wreckers

Two wreckers have slid off the road in this picture and they are trying to help each other. Picture was taken last week on Upper

Ganges Road above Churchill Road. The snow had glazed to the point where nothing could find a

grip. Only exception was the cyclist who rode down the hill while cars were sliding from side to side.

## George Orwell's year in review

### January

The New Year began with new fares and a new ticket structure being imposed by B. C. Ferries. Prices went up to \$5.25 for vehicle and driver and would have to be paid at both ends of the line. To ease the brunt, B.C. Ferries would reintroduce the books of commuter tickets.

The Rod and Gun Club of Galiano lost its clubhouse on Christmas Day when fire raged through the building. The volunteers of the fire department were also called to deal with two other fires. One blaze was in the wall of a cottage and the other was a chimney fire at another residence.

The Ganges Citizens' Committee received an interim report from engineer Steve McMinn. He had checked the area of the village on Salt Spring and had concluded that land disposal of sewage was not feasible.

The bus service between Salt Spring and Victoria was inaugurated. Gerry Conrod and Wayne MacArthur had started the runs which left Vesuvius in the morning to catch the Fulford-Swartz Bay ferry and returned to the island in the afternoon.

The cold weather froze the reservoir at Saturna Island and the hockey "team" used the surface to attempt to play the game. Children at the school threw water on the tennis court to create a sheet of ice to play on. Memories and tales of previous cold snaps prevailed.

Legal action against B.C. Ferries would be taken by the Salt Spring Transportation Committee. The suit would be based on the

contention that the ferry system was for the Gulf Islands what the highways system was for the mainland.

A meeting at Pender Island heard about the adventures of two residents, Dr. John and Alice Toogood who had spent two years in Zambia. He had been in that country to advise farmers on how to grow wheat.

### February

A second legal challenge against the results of the Capital Region election on Salt Spring was to be launched by defeated candidate Yvette Valcourt. She had challenged the results in a judicial recount but the margin of votes by which Hugh Borsman had won was not substantially changed. The new challenge claimed that some voters on Salt Spring had voted more than once.

Magic Lake was in trouble and the Capital Region was looking at ways to save the man-made Pender Island lake. A dam had blocked a stream to form the lake but the ground which was flooded was a peat bog. The lake would have to be drained and the peat scraped away. CRD engineers would study the problem and suggest a solution.

A group from Galiano Island travelled to Mayne Island to celebrate Robbie Burns Night at the school. Piper Glen McLeod escorted the haggis and John Mundie delivered the address to it. Dinner and dancing followed.

The Farmers' Market at Centennial Park in Ganges could stay, decreed the ministry of lands,

parcs and housing, but the mid-week vendors would have to find some other place to ply their trade. The lease would be transferred to the Capital Region and a Salt Spring group was expected to take the sub-lease for the park.

The Gulf Islands School Board was considering daily water taxi service for students from the Outer Islands who were in high school on Salt Spring. Students from some islands commuted daily but students from Saturna in particular were forced to board in homes on Salt Spring while attending school. They returned to Saturna for the weekend.

K & R Your Food Store filed bankruptcy proceedings claiming liabilities of \$4.7 million. The grocery market in Ganges had closed its doors but was rumoured to be opening again under new ownership.

The Slugs and the Jellyfish from Salt Spring attempted to play a game of curling. Confusion reigned while members of both sides tried to figure out what to do with the brooms and those heavy objects on the ice.

### March

A community plan should protect the rural community, Hank Schubart told a meeting of the Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission. The meeting had been called to hear what residents thought about potential changes to the community plan. The plan was being reviewed as a matter of course because it had been in force for at least five years.

The log dump would be moved to

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## Matt Robley places second in sheep shearing contest

Matt Robley of Salt Spring is second best in sheep shearing.

He entered the Open Shearing Competition in Edmonton in October and turned in the second best performance. He recently received a silver medal from Sunbeam Appliance Services for his efforts.

The medal, noted Sunbeam officials, is much sought after and is recognized around the world by professional sheep shearers.

Robley had been in Edmonton on a contract to shear 2,000 lambs at a feed lot when he heard about the competition and decided to enter.

He sheared three sheep with an average time of 61 seconds per sheep. The judges look at the time taken to shear the animal, the way the shearer presents and handles the sheep as well as the minimum number of cuts on the animal.

Robley, who owns Matt's Meat Market in Ganges, began shearing sheep when he was 14 years old and living in the north of England.



Matt Robley displays the silver medal he won in Edmonton when he came second in a sheep shearing contest. The owner of Matt's Meat Market in Ganges sheared three sheep for an average of 61 seconds per sheep to take the silver.



Driftwood photos by Bill Webster

### Tree sales brisk

Sales of Christmas trees were brisk in Centennial Park at Salt Spring last week. Nursery school parents, above, were at one end of the Saturday market offering trees for sale. From left, Jill Urquhart, Yoan Rushforth, Barbara Jordan-

Knox, Erin Baker, Jean Albert, with Tansie and Eleesa Craigie, helped people choose the right tree. Boys of the 1st Ganges Scout Troop displayed their trees at the other end of the parking lot. From left, Jason Geiger, troop leader Tom David,

Rhonon Heitzman, with Malcolm Shoolbraid in front, Curtis Galbraith, Damen Grooms, Abba Skye, Adam Baines, Mark David, Dean Crouse, Rod Shoolbraid and Mark Delyle urged people to purchase Yule greenery.



## Park gets \$2,000 grant

Assistance towards renovations at Centennial Park in Ganges has been approved by the Capital Regional Board.

Last week the board confirmed Hugh Borsman's grant of \$2,000 to the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission. Money is in trust for the park.

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...by Richards

## Ain't proved nothin' yet!

The windshield was thicker and thicker. The film lay on the glass like it was frosted glass. I used anti-freeze and I used water but I still had to peer to see through it. Finally I broke down and bought an alcoholic haze remover. It didn't rain for days afterwards and I'm still not sure whether it works.

## But nary a fire

I called a Vancouver Island businesshouse about a purchase for the fire department. I got a wrong number in White Rock. "Who did I get?" I asked the fellow who answered the phone. It was the Surrey Fire Department.

## Not in his shoes!

The driveway was washed out, explained Les Ramsey before I called on him. I would need gumboots to negotiate the roadway after a deluge. I don't have any. Last pair I had were left over from the war and my family grew big enough to swipe them. I think. So I borrowed a pair of boots from my son-in-law. You'd think a big fellow like Ken Byron would have big feet. But, no way! I could feel my toes pushing hard at the front end of those boots. I'm grateful but I can tell you without any exaggeration: I wouldn't want to be in his boots! But, maybe they pinch him as well.

## A few seconds from frozen

Big frost the other day! I got up with the lark: late shift lark: and tried to make a cup of tea. No water! All this is old hat. I've been there before. I shivered my way to the pumphouse and switched the heat on. As I walked to the kitchen door I could hear the water already running. The frost must have just reached the pipes when I discovered it and it only took three minutes of heat to clear it again. I'm not complaining; it was a cheap round.

## They wouldn't fit

Talking of fitting, I'm having trouble. I wouldn't want to think that I'm getting fat, but I do know for sure that most of my clothes embrace me more warmly than they did when they were new.

## More nonsense

It was war and the shells and bullets were flying around as Col. Gaum and Capt. Brown made their way around the defences. When the gallant colonel wasn't looking a stray shell decapitated him and left the unit leaderless. There was a hurried debate and it was suggested that Brown be made up to major and take over command. "Nonsense!" retorted the general. "You couldn't promote Brown. He's gaumless!"

## Why do we bother?

We got a Christmas tree. With all the trees at our disposal, we bought one. It is, or it was, a magnificent specimen of trimmed balsam. Each year we attack the forests and bring in such a tree. For two or three weeks we happily watch the needles fall on the carpet and we hang hot lamps on it to ensure that it dries out thoroughly. At the end of its sentence the tree is returned to the woods to rot and we remark how clean the room looks without it. I never did like setting up a Christmas tree.

## They might hear him!

That's another thing about Christmas. Dreaming of a white Christmas? You're cuckoo! A white Christmas should be outlawed. We haven't had one for a decade, said the CBC announcer, and this year should be the record killer. A man like that should be muzzled. He probably sits in a studio next to the weatherman and if the weather office heard it they might just serve one up.

## Keep pointing downhill

Drive an automatic? For years I've made a practice of slipping into reverse when the car, a rear-wheel drive, is sliding around on the snow. Going downhill the rear wheels always try to catch up with the front. Then I snick it into reverse and the car reorients itself which is a rude way of saying it points where you want it to. Only two problems I've found are the fellow behind who can't control his speed to the same extent and the odd time when the wheels catch hold of the road and the motor stalls. But don't blame me if you try it and cream the buggy.

# Regional committees named

Of the 19 directors in the Capital Regional District, two are named from the islands. Dr. Hugh Borsman is regional director for Salt Spring Island and Vernon Roddick fills the same role for the Outer Islands of North and South Pender, Mayne, Galiano and Saturna.

Chairman Howard Sturrock named his committees two weeks ago and the following lists show which director serves on each committee.

Community health committee: chairman, Esquimalt Mayor K.A.S. Hill, Salt Spring director Borsman, Langford director Rick Kasper, Victoria Alderman Martin Levin, formerly of Salt Spring Island; Saanich Alderman John Mika; North Saanich Alderman Harold Parrott, and Metchosin Mayor Herman Volk.

Regional parks committee: chairman, Saanich Alderman Allan Peterson; Victoria Alderman John Cooper; Central Saanich Mayor Ron Cullis; Levin; Mika; Sooke director Ray Nestman; and Outer Islands Director Vern Roddick.

Sanitation and water committee: chairman, Victoria Alderman Eric Simmons; Borsman; View Royal director Patricia Masy; Sidney Alderman Loyd Burdon; Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier; Hill; and Oak Bay Mayor Doug Watts.

Electoral area services committee: chairman Roddick, Borsman, Colwood director Dunn, Kasper, Masy, Nestman.

Local planning and zoning committee: chairman Nestman, Dunn, Kasper and Masy. This committee is not concerned with the islands whose planning and zoning problems are the responsibility of the Islands Trust.

Executive committee: chairman, Saanich Alderman Howard Sturrock, Cullis, Hill, Nestman, Peterson, Roddick and Simmons.

### APPROVED

The same meeting approved the appointments of Ray Nestman to the Victoria Labour Relations Association and Howard Sturrock as his alternate.

Sturrock was named delegate to the municipal finance authority with Doug Watts as his alternate.

# Provisional budget sets basic expenditures on islands

Provisional budget for the Capital Regional District has been set at \$40,562,750. The provisional budget is not a firm estimate of next year's expenditures. It is an approximation and merely provides a basis on which to spend money in the new year until the new budget is prepared and adopted.

In addition to health services and other expenditures shared by the entire region there are various sums devoted to the islands.

Budgeted tentatively for the Outer Islands is \$838,120. This includes \$448,260 for the Magic Lakes sewer system and \$153,330 for the Magic Lakes water service. Saturna Island water system will get another \$134,060.

Pender fire protection takes \$30,350 and South Galiano fire services costs \$27,560. The Galiano activity centre takes another \$26,870, with \$10,040 for the North Pender activity centre. Total of \$3,730 is set aside for grants-in-aid and \$2,700 for parks. \$1,220 is for the South Pender share of the activity centre.

Salt Spring Island collects in

direct services another \$495,690.

Ganges sewer system takes \$335,590 and parks and recreation calls for another \$124,380. The sum of \$19,650 goes to the Maliview sewer system and \$9,630 for grants-in-aid. Activity centre accounts for another \$6,320, with \$120 for parks acquisition.

Final budget must be prepared by March 31.

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## A happy new year

As the year of grace 1984 reaches its close it is interesting to examine the past 12 months and to ascertain what went wrong and why 1984 was not the happy old year we had all wished.

The economy went a little more sour than it had been in 1983. Not everyone was hard hit, but the community suffered. The islands had their share of families living on precarious incomes. The islands saw businesses struggling to continue after years of moderate success. The year marked the end of a number of island ventures.

Nationally, Canadians looked to the Conservatives to resolve their woes and elected the Mulroney government with a record majority. It is early to expect any marked change as a result of political change. The economic scene on a national scale went from grim to grimmer during the past year.

Provincially, the economic scene has been dead. The two senior governments are protesting lack of revenues and the provincial government pleads poverty in every ministry and department. The economics of government rubs off on us all. It rubbed abrasively on many in the islands during the past year.

Ranking close to the deteriorating money picture has been the steady increase in the political split in the province. This division into political camps has extended itself into almost every aspects of society and the progress of this split has been evident throughout the happy old year. The same clear-cut division is identified with local administrations and even in matters outside the range of normal political activities.

Close to home, little has been resolved during the year. On Salt Spring Island the same old debate on sewers has continued unabated. The challenge of Centennial Park in Ganges has been debated and argued, but it is still not clearly established just what is the future of the dispute over selling in the park.

Majority of local issues have centred on provincial government measures of restraint. The islands have been no different from other parts of the province in their approach to the economies demanded by the government. Services have disappeared from the community and staff of government operations have been chopped. Economics demanded of the schools have been vigorously fought but without evident victory.

What lies ahead in this happy new year?

We all know what we would like to welcome in 1985. The first call is, of course, for jobs. Any ray of hope in the picture of 1985 will be welcomed by all Canadians. We would welcome an early announcement by the federal government that there is a new hope and a new prosperity moving into sight. We'd like to see some fruit on the Tory government economic vine. Indeed, we would like to cash in on the election.

Provincially, we would like to see a prospect of easing up. We would welcome a relief from the restraint program. We need a new increased cash flow in all areas of provincial business life.

But most of all, we would welcome the dropping of the barriers. There must be a meeting between the two factions in the province. There must come an end to the division of British Columbia. The division of British Columbia is a greater and a graver threat to the future than even the lack of jobs. It is a guarantee to all of us that there will be no jobs in the foreseeable future unless both sides relent.

If the coming year of 1985 were to puncture the arrogance of the government and to humanize the pompous workers' unions to the point where they could communicate with each other as intelligent human beings then it will, indeed, be a happy year.

If so great an advance towards reason and discussion and debate among British Columbians were to materialize we might even dream of the day when more British Columbians might put their efforts to work for the province and not merely for the favoured section of the province.

Free and open debate in the province could resolve most of the problems facing us in the regions.

There it is: Happy New Year: and let's get together in 1985!



### Family Night at Greenwood's

It was Family Night at Greenwood's on Salt Spring December 19, and the residents and friends sang Christmas carols, above, with the help of the Salt Spring Singers. Margaret Threlfall, left, of the Singers joins Mae and

Joe Wallace in a song. The residents and others had been campaigning to raise money for Ethiopia and managed to collect close to \$200 for the famine relief fund. Below, the Rotary Club brought Santa and

Mrs. Claus to Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwood's to hand out baskets of fruit and good cheer to the elderly. Santa discusses the event with Elizabeth Ogilvie while Mrs. Claus looks on.

Driftwood photos by Bill Webster



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Plumper Sound at South Pender Island. The move was the beginning of an agreement with developers on that island and would be in effect for three years. The proposal put to the Islands Trust was for a 46-lot subdivision as opposed to the 22 lots allowed under the zoning bylaws. A large area of land would be set aside for a community park. The Trust would consider the proposal further.

The Ganges Citizens' Committee recommended that the sewer system with outfall be proceeded with. The committee approved nine motions put forward by Capital Region director Hugh Borsman.

The legal challenge to the Capital Region election on Salt Spring had been denied by the Supreme Court of B. C. Allegations that more than 100 voters had cast ballots twice were not proven. Only two names on the list were in question.

The preliminary approval of the strata title development at Musgrave Landing on Salt Spring had run out and the developers were seeking a six-month extension. The

proposed 24-lot development was the subject of controversy with the Islands Trust leading the way in opposing it.

Gulf Islanders would be required to pay an additional levy on their Hydro bills in order to subsidize bus service in the Greater Victoria area. But residents opposed the scheme because no bus service was available on the islands. The matter had gone to cabinet for approval. The scheme would add \$2.40 to each Hydro bill.

The Community Club on Saturna held its annual meeting and elected Taimi Hindmarch as president. Reports from various committees were heard. Jim Campbell ended 30 years as chairman of the barbecue committee but would help out where he could.

**April**

The provincial cabinet said no to the proposal to levy a transit tax on

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residents of the Gulf Islands.

The houseboats on Horton Bay would have to be moved, the Mayne Islands Trust Committee decreed. Residents near the bay had complained about the houseboats for many years and the Trust decided to invoke the zoning bylaws to get them moved.

The wind hit speeds of up to 40 miles per hour and knocked out electrical service to Saturna Island for more than 20 hours. None of the other Outer Islands suffered disruption of service but areas of Salt Spring were blacked out. The storm lasted four hours and caused delays in ferry service as well.

A by-election to fill the position of school trustee was held on Pender Island. John Zacharias had resigned due to ill health. Joy Ridley won and took her place at the school board table.

Visitors to Galiano Island were no strangers. Alan and Vivienne Clarke came back to talk about their experiences with Canadian Executives Services Overseas. The pair had run Galiano Lodge for many years. With the service group they had visited many countries to talk about business and Vivienne had written a book, *Let's Die Living*, about their experiences.

The property in Ganges which would be the site of a proposed senior citizens housing project was rezoned by the Islands Trust Committee to permit plans to proceed. The proposal called for 20 units. The site was near Pioneer Village which had been created for seniors many years ago.

By month's end, the harmony of the Ganges Citizens' Committee had dissipated and doubts about the continuation of the committee were expressed. Some members were frustrated at the amount of time wasted while other members were frustrated that the committee had recommended the sewage system and ocean outfall as a solution to the problem facing Ganges.

**May**

Larger lot sizes in watershed areas would be pushed by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District. J. J. Fairley outlined the situation on the island. About half of the Maxwell Lake watershed was protected from development. At St. Mary Lake, about 45% of the properties had been developed and larger lot sizes would reduce the potential development of the remaining land, he said.

The Auxiliary to Lady Minto Hospital was prepared to spend close to \$21,000 to purchase equipment for the Gulf Islands medical facility. The hospital would be spending \$39,000 for equipment as well. The auxiliary would supply a cardiac monitor defibrillator among other items.

The Ganges Citizens' Committee censured Capital Region director Hugh Borsman for remarks he had made at a CRD meeting. Borsman had told the other directors that the committee seemed to have served its usefulness and should be ended.

A group on Galiano, calling itself the Montague Harbour Conservation and Enhancement Society, had an option to purchase Sutil Lodge on Montague Harbour but needed financial assistance to complete the deal. They wanted to turn the area around the lodge into a historic and cultural centre.

The Island Futures Economic Development Society came into being on Salt Spring. The goal of the group was to encourage development of small business to create employment. Membership fee was \$1 per person with a requirement to purchase a share in

artists, sculptors and craftsmen of the Gulf Islands.

**July**

B. C. Ferries announced that service to the Gulf Islands ran a deficit of close to \$10.7 million. Service to the Outer Islands had a \$4.1 million loss while the two Salt Spring runs lost a total of \$3.1 million. The Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route was \$4.6 million in the red. The only run which made money for the ferry company was that at Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay.

A railway linking Fulford and Vesuvius on Salt Spring was being talked about. A group of entrepreneurs on the island were rumoured to be ready to begin construction of the line.

Crew members of the *Queen of Tsawwassen* saved a woman from drowning. A Vancouver woman had fallen overboard as the ferry approached the mainland terminal. The rescue crew, under direction of chief officer Tim Stratholt, reached the woman within minutes. Gary Wyrozub jumped in to hold her above water and when she was taken aboard the lifeboat, chief steward Val Perkins began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

A federal election was called and two candidates were ready to contest Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands. Jim Manly would seek re-election for the New Democrats and Tory Don Taylor had the nod for that party. Mike Coleman indicated

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**Bill Webster**

Once again, as we reach an ending, habit moves us to look at what was and attempt to discern what will be.

The year of Big Brother turned out much the same as any other. Part of each day in the Gulf Isles featured sunlight, liquid variety or otherwise, while the remainder of those days were dark.

Not much change there, eh? The year spanned 366 days and covered 12 months, which is what other years of less notoriety contain.

To be sure, politicians talked more during the year than has been the case in recent times. Brian of B. C. took his anointed place and John of B. S. inherited a slightly dented crown.

While the rest of Canada suffers from lack of money and jobs and other neat things of life, we on the rocks continue in idyllic isolation, protected as we are by that cloud of surliness which buffers us from out there.

Which in a way marks a problem of proportion hereabouts. When the forces of out there begin to creep and crawl towards the rock, the shouts of indignant outrageousness echo up and down the coast and attract more attention.

What we have to do is develop a subtler means of whacking those forces of out there on the head when we commence the preservation and protection of rock life. That way less attention comes our way.

Perhaps we could use the talking ploy. Whenever rock sitters get together to discuss such things as sewers or markets or other events of life, talk becomes a way of non-communication.

Each of the sundry sides of any particular issue on the rocks talks tirelessly, endlessly and futilely. Because no one listens.

Think of it. If we could turn that ploy outwards against the forces of out there, few if any would attempt a move against the tranquility of rock life.

Consider what talk has done

to such projects as the Grunges flee market and effluent ditch. Consider what talk has done to other projects such as a community plan for the south end of Salt Spring.

Why, those items have been around for years and seem no closer to a solution than ever. The talk has been friendly and neighbourly to be sure, but it has been talk and a lot of it.

We have evidence that talk works. The small Pender talking, debating and chowder society talked a developer into doing what should be done to a proposed subdivision.

The folk of the small Pender will have a park full of trees complete with mountain because for two years or more, they talked.

Obfuscation should become the diplomatic language of the rocks. When the forces of out there come knocking at the door, we should greet them with friendliness. We should engage them in conversation. We should talk them silly.

Who, other than reporters paid for such torture, wants to sit around listening to words piling up and meaning nothing?

But of course, within the rocks nothing, as usual, would get done. Grunges will continue its existence as an ugly, but prosperous, collection of shanties. What would be lost if we can't find a parking spot? After all we don't want to pave paradise for a parking lot, do we?

Meanwhile, out there events will unfold. Brian of B. C. will continue his secret governing of the country while closer to the rocks, Billie's Bunch will cast about for other facades the better to show tough-guy images to the populace.

On the rocks, life will continue and the words will flow. Liquid sunshine will green the grasses of January.

From the trypewriters of this space, Louis Bolivar-Finchley, Suitcase, the Rat and others, best wishes for what comes next.

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# Convincing argument offered for protecting South Moresby

**BY BILL WEBSTER**

The efforts to preserve South Moresby Island in the Queen Charlottes have gone on for a decade and the group trying to save the islands has come out with a lavish book to prove its point.

The book, *Islands at the Edge*, offers a convincing argument for protecting South Moresby.

One of the contributors is Bristol Foster of Salt Spring, who until last summer was the director of the ecological reserves branch of the provincial government.

About 10 years ago, a logging company prepared to begin logging operations on South Moresby. Protests against the proposal began

with the Haida and it spread quickly to become an international protest.

One of the few remaining clusters of totem poles in a natural setting is located at Ninstints on Anthony Island and UNESCO has declared the area a World Heritage Cultural Site.

The Haida have submitted a land claim for the entire Queen Charlotte group and efforts are aimed at having the southern portion of the archipelago declared a national wilderness area.

There are 138 islands in the South Moresby group and the proposed wilderness area would cover approximately 550 square miles.

Seven members of the group,

which calls itself the Island Protection Society, have contributed articles to the book. Each article focuses on one aspect of what makes South Moresby unique.

Foster, who wrote his PhD thesis on the Charlottes, outlines the special features of the evolutionary process of the Queen Charlottes to explain the singular range of flora and fauna on South Moresby.

Some plants grow there and nowhere else. Other plants and animals are found on South Moresby and only at scattered points around the globe.

The black bear of Moresby, for instance, is far larger than any other species of black bear in the world.

Evidence, although not conclusive, shows that the Charlottes were one of the few glacier-free areas of Canada during the last ice age.

South Moresby, labelled the Canadian Galapagos, offers scientists a rare opportunity to study evolution.

But, said Foster, the chances of having the area set aside as a wilderness "don't look terribly good."

The government is in no hurry to act because of the logging on the island, he said.

"They look at South Moresby as dollars," he said. "If we could show that there are more dollars in tourism than trees, there is a better chance they'll change their minds."

Foster explained that no one involved in the book is being paid for his efforts. All money realized from the sale of the book, with a price tag of close to \$30, goes to the Island Protection Society.

The articles are well written by people who know of what they write yet the technical information is presented in plain language. The photos and reproductions of art work are first rate.

*Islands at the Edge* would make an interesting addition to anyone's coffee table book collection.

# Name Musgrave park for Smeeton—North Cowichan

North Cowichan Mayor Graham Bruce has requested that Rico Holdings Ltd. of Victoria name the proposed park at Musgrave Landing after the Smeeton family, who once lived at the Musgrave settlement on Salt Spring Island.

Bruce wrote to Rico Holdings recently to request that the park in the controversial strata title development be named after Smeeton.

The Smeetons farmed at Musgrave following the first war and became friends of many in the Cowichan area where they shopped and socialized. Beryl and Miles along with daughter Clio left Musgrave for Britain where they bought their first boat. They returned 20 years later.

During their years sailing, the

Smeetons wrote numerous books of their journeys making references to both Musgrave and their friends in the Cowichan Valley.

In the 1930's, Beryl Smeeton was the first female to climb Tirich Mir in the Himalayas, thus achieving fame not only as a writer and sailor but as an adventurer.

The Smeetons sold their Musgrave property to retire near Calgary where they raised moose. Beryl Smeeton later died.

Miles Smeeton, now in his late 70's, lives on the eastern slopes of the Rockies. Their only daughter lives in Victoria.

Response from individuals and organizations has been enthusiastic about naming the park after the well-known family, wrote Bruce.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Bristol Foster is a member of the Islands Protection Society, dedicated to preserving South Moresby Island in the Queen Charlotte group. He explained that

the book, *Islands on the Edge*, was written to tell people why the area should be protected by illustrating the natural attributes to be found there.

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# Denman group calls on island landowners to seek protection

The campaign started before municipal affairs minister Bill Ritchie assured the Islands Trust that it is a long-lived organization. The campaign to retain the Islands Trust was launched on Denman Island by the island's ratepayers association. Late last month a circular was prepared, calling

general attention to the plight of the Trust.

The minister has offered his assurance that the Trust will live. Readers who care to express their views on the permanence of the Trust and its value to the isolated communities were invited to pass this expression to the minister at the Legislative Bldgs., in Victoria.

### DENMAN MESSAGE

Here is the Denman message addressed to the island landowner:

*The Islands Trust is in jeopardy! The Trust mandate: to "Preserve and to Protect": in the orderly changes that must take place is being challenged! The concept under which you may have invested in the Islands is changing.*

*Small landowners and rural residents are losing control over what sort of developments they wish to see occur in their island communities.*

*We are witnessing moves by large landowners to circumvent community or settlement plans via a recent provincial government order-in-council that removed the need for strata title developments to comply with these plans.*

*There are indications of possible government moves to remove the need for subdivision compliance with community plans.*

*The Islands Trust organization itself now operates under the public threat from the minister of municipal affairs, "Co-operate or Die". A threat, which more increasingly seems to mean, co-operate with developers and forget the preservation of the aesthetic and*

*natural environment upon which rural property values depend, as well as the tourist industry of the future!*

*The Islands Trust needs your support now. Write to the Minister and express your opinion.*

## Lions stage dinner

Salt Spring Island Lions Club entertained over 70 guests at the annual Christmas dinner in the Legion Hall on Sunday evening.

The event was gratifying to the service club when 14 eager assistants attended to seat the 79 guests and there were 18 to serve dinner.

Dinner was cooked by the Lions ladies and the use of the hall was donated by the Royal Canadian Legion.

A sing-song formed a major part of the entertainment program. It was led by Nellie Gilman.

Guests were mostly elderly residents and others who might otherwise not be able to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner.

The service club had prepared coloured hats and other festive additions to the tables.

Lions drove guests to the dinner and provided transportation home again.

In charge of the evening's program were Dennis Owen and Ron McQuiggan, with many of the club members taking part.

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# Time to acknowledge gifts of plants, living or dead

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The turkey, the good cheer, the Christmas tree, the poinsettia and the table it sits on, the house for that matter, myself, even my wife for goodness sake, our children too, all have been raised on the gifts of the green folk, if one comes right down to it. And as far as the giving is concerned, the green family has me beat by many miles, for those guys never stop giving. The least I can do then is to thank them for all they have given, keep on giving, and to acknowledge all their gifts.

Any living plant, the whole teeming, tribal structure that makes up what we call a plant, does all of the following: It traps and stores energy from the sun; it takes carbon dioxide, the waste of our breath, out of the air, nitrogen from the air or soil according to kind, and combines this with water to make carbohydrates.

It returns oxygen to the air and creates and maintains our ozone shield; it purifies water, as water is assembled anew in the process of photosynthesis; it transpires purified water into the air, at a rate of 280 litres per day for an average tree; it maintains the humidity level of our air; it shades the ground to prevent moisture evaporation; it prevents erosion with leaf and root; it stabilizes air and soil temperatures; it removes pollutants from the air and the soil; it provides food, or stored and elaborated solar energy with leaf, nectar, seed and fruit; it absorbs elements and minerals from the soil and contributes these to the cycles of life; it provides humus with decayed leaves, stems, seeds, fruit, twigs, and trunks; it provides seeds for its propagation; it penetrates, loosens and works the subsoil, steadily

enriching it; it provides aesthetic value.

Any dead plant, with the decay of any of its substance, including roots in the soil, provides the humus to do all of the following: change barren mineral soil into loam; retain soil moisture; provide nutrients for plant and soil life; leaven the soil to admit and retain air; provide the life environment for all soil life; stabilize soil temperatures; stabilize soil acid-alkaline balance; activate cation exchange between minerals and plants.

In addition, the remains of many plants provide fibre for cloth, twigs for baskets, wood for construction of houses, furniture, and implements, and fuel for heating, cooking and the forging of tools. I do not know what we would do without them. This then is what all plants do and this includes all weeds, shrubs, trees, vines and also our crops, while they are growing, and with their decay.

With a three-deep player of ground cover, shrub and tree, the green life of the earth thus creates and maintains the complete biosphere of the whole planet as it constantly manufactures and distributes oxygen and ozone, removes carbon dioxide and pollutants, retains and distributes purified moisture, stabilizes air and soil temperatures, stabilizes our climates, feeds, clothes, shelters, heals and delights all life on the surface of the earth.

Not bad, I should say, for motley bunch of cells, chloroplasts, mitochondria, bacteria, fungi and worms, and God knows what else. But the major credit must go to the chloroplasts, for they are the only ones on this whole earth who can use the sun's energy, and thus make everything else possible.

The idea comes to mind that perhaps there is a way to gild a chloroplast like baby shoes, and to wear it, on a pendant, around my neck. I would like that. In the meantime though, since living chloroplasts, even dead ones, are of far greater value to me than gilded ones, I can grow things: anything, it

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BY PETER WEIS

does not matter what; anything that is green and grows. As long as it has a leaf or two, it is alright with me—even weeds. And come to think of it, especially weeds. They are easy to grow, and they are the pioneers of life.

Moss, for instance, is an age-old pioneer, one of the oldest actually; it arose out of the combination of three very early life forms, an alga, a fungus and, of course, some mitochondria, and they are still getting along together just fine, making a living on stones, somehow.

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# The year in review

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that he would be after the Liberal nomination.

Residents of Galiano Island heard that the minister of lands, parks and housing had turned down the application to lease 150 acres of crown land for a recreation complex. A Nanaimo group had not been able to convince ministry officials that it was a non-profit organization.

The department of highways had granted an extension of the preliminary layout approval for the proposed strata title development at Musgrave Landing on Salt Spring Island. An additional condition took into account a concern of the Islands Trust. The developer would

have to protect the area where phantom orchids grew.

## August

B. C. Ferries would be laying off 221 workers by October. Traffic on the ferries had dropped over the past three years, said ferry company general manager George Baldwin. It was nine percent below the 1981 level. A rumoured cut in service might affect the Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen run but no confirmation of that was given.

The Galiano Lions Club hosted the Fiesta for islanders and visitors. The events of the day began with a pancake breakfast in Sturdies Bay.

A parade led the way to Bellhouse Park for more fun and games. Eva New was Queen of the Fiesta.

The rock concert at Walker Hook on Salt Spring proved to be less successful than organizers had hoped for. Only about 500 people showed up to listen to the music. Rain dampened the fun on the second day. Organizers had hoped for 3,500. The island braced itself for problems but few arose. Extra police were brought in and the staff at Lady Minto Hospital expected the worst.

A minor crimewave swept Galiano Island with five separate incidents of theft and breaking and entry being reported to police in one week. Investigation of the incidents involved the criminal identification branch from Victoria.

A proposal to solve the sewage problem in Ganges by use of a coal filtration system was explained to a public meeting. The system, claimed supporters, would be cheaper than the Capital Region's system. But the directors at the CRD turned thumbs-down on the idea claiming that insufficient information was available on the coal filter.

The school-community centre on Pender Island was the focal point for the annual fall fair. Local MLA Hugh Curtis officially opened the event. The fall fair allowed islanders to show off their skills at baking, cooking, crafts and raising animals.

The federal election was slated for Tuesday and eight candidates were contesting the seat for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands.



King and Queen Neptune, John Hartman and Carla Reid, at Salt Spring Sea Capers in June.

## September

The Progressive Conservatives would form a new federal government with the largest majority in election history of the country. Locally, Jim Manly retained his seat with a 1,500-vote edge over second-place Tory Don Taylor. Nationally, the Tories took 211 ridings with the Liberals taking 40, New Democrats 30 and an

independent elected in Ontario.

The cuts in jobs announced by B. C. Ferries would affect 25 people in the Gulf Islands. The ferry company employed 144 regular workers in the Gulf Islands. A spokesman for the company said the layoffs would mean a saving of about \$2 million.

The Islands Trust council

gathered on Pender Island for a regular meeting. During the weekend, the trustees reviewed 10 years of operations of the Trust.

The Historical and Cultural Society of Galiano Island held a meeting to elect directors for the coming year. The society awarded

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### Prints given to society

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Christa Weiss display one of the prints. The society in turn gave Bateman an original print depicting Montague Harbour by Ronaldo Norden.

## Hill outlines hospital plans and achievements of 1984

Chairman of the Capital Regional Hospital Board, Ken Hill, recalled the opening in October of the new Royal Block at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, when he gave his report to the board December 12.

Hill also spoke of the planned expenditure of \$3,400,000 at the same hospital for the purchase of equipment and the replacement of obsolete equipment.

The chairman was named for a further term at the previous meeting.

The region enjoys the benefit of the hospital and health planning commission, which is functioning extremely well, said Hill. It is the only one of its kind in the province.

The commission consists of representatives from the medical profession, hospital boards, lay persons and a minor number of politicians, explained the chairman.

Among studies undertaken on behalf of the commission has been the current investigation into the provision of adolescent psychiatric facilities.

Trustees heard a recent presentation from the Greater Victoria School Board, when Carol Pickup spoke of the alarming number of juvenile suicides and pressed for additional services.

Hospital executive committee will include Outer Islands director Vern Roddick.

## Students awarded

Fernwood Elementary School on Salt Spring has announced awards for citizenship for the first quarter of the school year.

Awards for September to December went to Steven Ansell, Grade 1; Meghan French and Mikailan Hogan, Grade 2; Arjuna George, Grade 4; Kaya Reiss and Lise Rondeau, Grade 5; Ryan Davies, Chelsea Eldstrom and Chris Dafoe, Grade 6; Aeron Jensen and Heather Thompson, Grade 7.

The honour roll pupils were also named:

Grade 1: Erin Larsen, Cara Herman, Jeannie Stacey, Dianne Krause, Mary Fowles.

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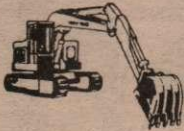


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Nanette and Donald New for their services in enriching the culture and nurturing the history of Galiano.

A proposal to develop 1,433 acres of land on North Salt Spring between St. Mary Lake and Sunset Drive was discussed at a public meeting. The developers held the meeting to tell islanders of their plans. When fully developed, the plan called for 394 lots and a potential population of 1,265 people.

The helicopter pad at the Mayne Island Health Clinic was finished and ready for use. The Capital Region would purchase insurance for the facility but some question about the legality of the pad was discussed. The CRD will determine if it has the authority to operate such a pad even as an emergency facility.

The Salt Spring Fall Fair attracted close to 4,000 people to the Farmers' Institute grounds on Rainbow Road. The day-long event featured competition in crafts, cooking and baking as well as in the cattle ring. The pentathlon again proved popular. Al and Carol Gear kept organizers busy to ensure a successful event.

strong beginning for the tourist season in June, the number of visitors fell off during mid-summer only to pick up again after Labour Day.

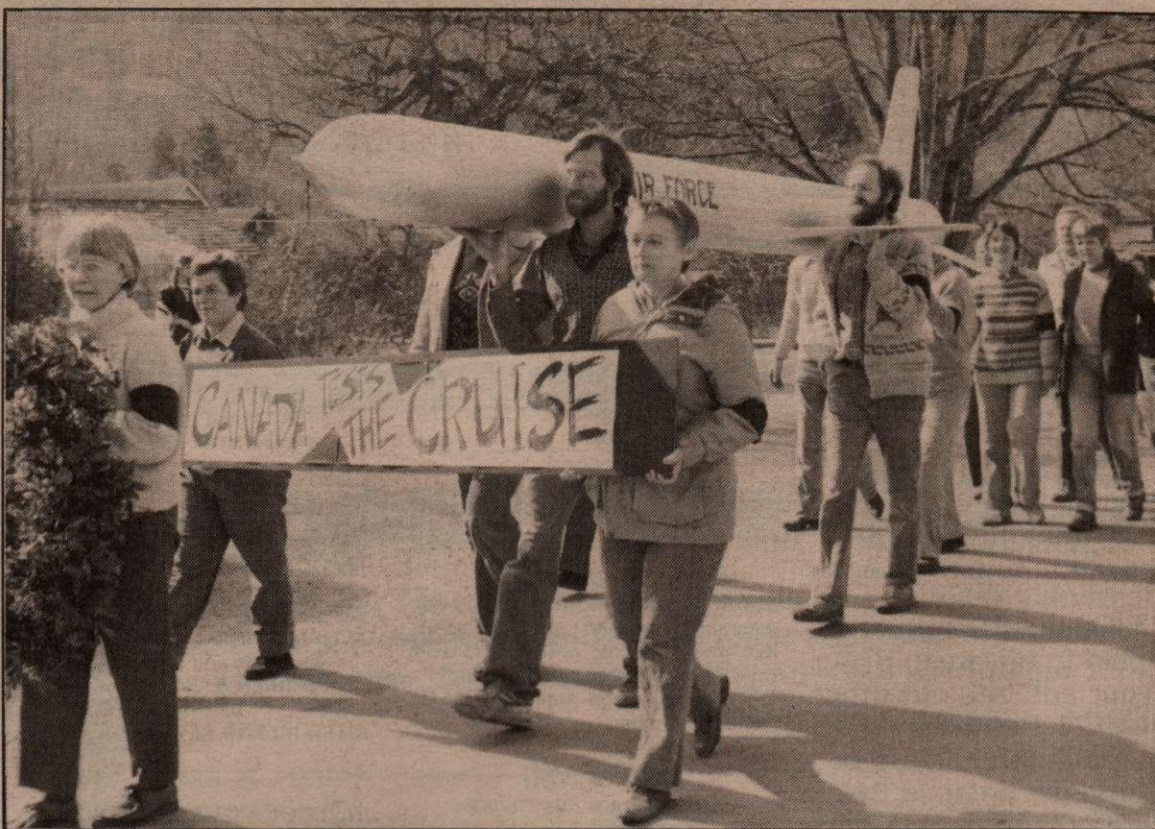
A medical evacuation heliport would be constructed at North Pender Island. The Lions Club of that island was organizing the proposal. A grant of \$12,500 had been received, said Gordon Wallace, who was chairman of the Lions committee looking into the matter.

The Capital Region passed a bylaw to control smoking in public places. If a no-smoking sign were posted, the person who lit up could face a fine of \$25 to \$500.

The RCMP would not enforce the no-smoking bylaw. The Capital Region would not enforce it either. Signs for no-smoking areas were available and the public was expected to co-operate with the spirit of the bylaw.

The island lottery was won by Tom and Pat Wilson of Quadra Island. Islands 86 had offered Twilight Island in Ganges Harbour as the prize in the lottery. The scheme raised \$688,000 for use in promoting the islands during Expo 86.

The elections for positions on the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission would not be held. Capital Region director Hugh Borsman said he would appoint six members to the group. He wanted to avoid the controversy over Centennial Park which had diverted efforts of the commission for several years, he said.



Islanders march in Ganges to protest cruise missile testing

up to six inches of snow in various locations. Several traffic accidents were reported. By the weekend, most of the snow had disappeared in the falling rain.

Warburton Pike had been a familiar figure in the Gulf Islands in the early days. He would be the subject of a talk by Wilbur Kneebone who would speak to the Gulf Islands branch of the B. C. Historical Society at Galiano Island. Kneebone was from Victoria and had researched the life of the eccentric Pike.

The pupils at the Mayne Island school were in the broadcasting

business. They had a radio station on the air to play selections of music as well as interviews with island residents. The station operates at the 50-metre band and has zero kilowatts of power. It was part of the language arts program for the pupils.

The rash of break-ins on Salt Spring lasted from May to early November. RCMP were processing charges against eight young people including two juveniles as a result of investigations.

Elections in the Gulf Islands resulted in changes to the Islands Trust committees. Luke Harrison

and Nick Gilbert were successful on Salt Spring while Dianne Cragg and Don Macdonald won on Galiano. South Pender voters elected Steve Wright and Wendy Munroe.

The school board elections saw Bert Beitel and David Eyles retain their seats on Salt Spring. Margaret Howell, Galiano, and Joy Ridley, Pender, were elected by acclamation.

The winds hit speeds of up to 85 miles per hour and power to the Outer Islands was lost. Parts of Salt Spring were also without electricity for periods of time. The high winds

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## October

Driftwood added another award to its collection. The Gulf Islands weekly was chosen third in a provincial competition for community newspapers. Earlier in the year, Driftwood came first in a national competition.

The tourist season in the Gulf Islands was inconsistent, reported resort and marina owners. Aircraft in Ganges generated close to \$130,000 in sales, said manager Marilyn Strongitharm. Despite a

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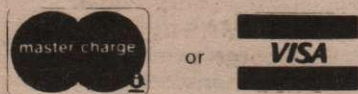
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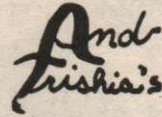
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CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24  
St. George's -  
Holy Eucharist - 9 pm  
St. Mary's -  
Holy Eucharist - 7 pm  
St. Mark's -  
Holy Eucharist - 11 pm  
CHRISTMAS DAY, Dec. 25  
St. George's -  
Holy Eucharist - 10 am  
Sunday, Dec. 30:  
St. George's -  
Holy Eucharist - 9:30 am  
St. Mark's -  
Holy Eucharist - 11:15 am  
St. Mary's -  
Holy Eucharist - 11:15 am  
Rector: Rev. John Bailey  
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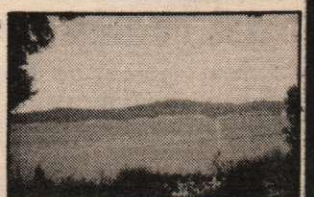
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In the Dec. 12 issue of Driftwood, I mentioned that I had to sell one more property to reach this year's goal: THANKS to one of you this has taken place! My smiling banker says don't stop now, the year is not finished. (HUMBUG)

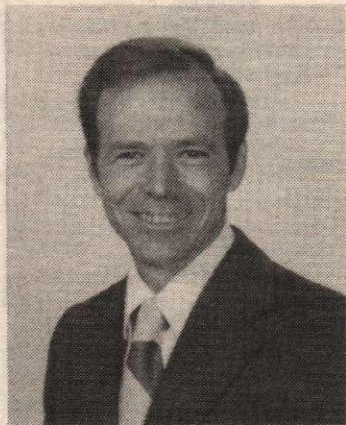
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## View Properties

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## Thieves take \$150

Another business in Ganges has been hit by thieves in the night.

The latest establishment entered was Ganges Bin and Barrel at the Upper Ganges Mall. Someone broke into the place during the early hours of December 19. No damage was done but a cash drawer containing \$150 was taken.

The front door was not secure, investigating police officers found, and could be opened easily despite being locked. A rear door was also found unlocked.

Investigation of the incident continues.

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### Real Estate for Sale

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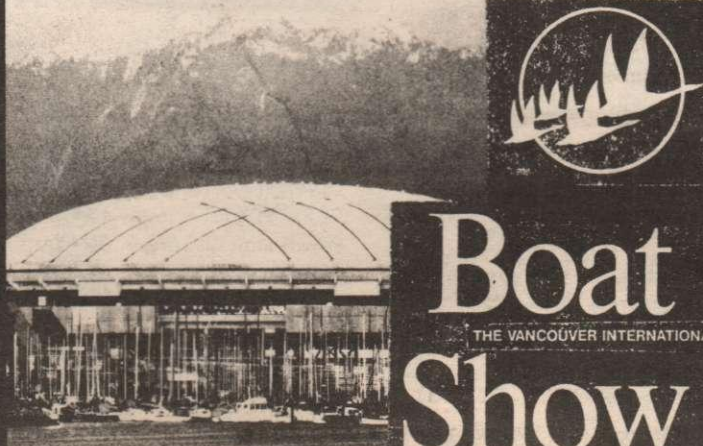
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# LEGION NEWS

BY BETTY GALT

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthful new year to all.

Branch 92's many activities pertaining to the holiday season got under way with a bang this month.

The catering of our loyal ladies auxiliary to dinner, luncheons, etc. and the holding of the Lions Club annual Christmas dinner for old-age singles, helped to bring cheer and the spirit of the season to many. The fellowship, the stories of Christmases past, all help to bring the festive day of the present a little more into line.

During this month there was a most successful garage sale, a letter and picture were received of our adopted child in India, and the Christmas Ship visited.

One of the biggest and most interesting jobs coming up, besides the Croftonbrook housing complex, which I'm pleased to report is going along very well indeed is the planning across Canada for the Legion's 60th anniversary in 1986.

It's hard to believe the years pass so quickly so we must plan ahead.

The "Tulip" committee will soon be out working—a flash of red tulips from coast to coast across our land. These must be bought and planted in 1985 for the "flash" of red to be out in bloom for the spring of 1986.

Therefore, watch *Driftwood* for details for our area. And try to think of a good deer repellent!

The Sick and Visiting Committee is busy planning extras for Lady Minto and Greenwoods. We are all so glad to know that members in hospital off-island are able to be home for Christmas.

As this will be the last report until 1985 a few pertinent facts from Chuck Bayley's write-up on the legion (Vancouver *Sun*) are in order. He writes: "The Royal Canadian Legion through its membership and programs, is one of the largest organizations dedicated to improving the well being of the elderly, the young, and second world war vets."

"The Pacific Command division covers B. C. and the Northwest Territories. The division has 179 branches including a Seattle branch, with a total membership of slightly more than 110,000."

Pacific Command raised in 1983 "\$47,000 for the family practice program, and \$45,000 for the training program in community geriatric medicine to the U.B.C. faculty of medicine, (these are annual grants)".

Other grants and bursaries and almost \$2.5 million raised by 136 ladies' auxiliaries for aiding charities and social agencies and their own projects, are just a few of the many places where our money goes.

Then too, the whole command raises "more than \$300,000 for sponsoring juvenile teams in soccer, baseball, hockey, lacrosse and track and field. Branches also helped Scout, Cub, Guide and cadet groups".

This will I hope, give you a better idea of the part your branch takes, not just here at home base.

Like other Command branches we have a service officer who is available to help if you need advice and help in resources available through D.V.A.

"The aging membership brings up the future of the Legion. While it's much discussed, there's no answer, peace being an imperative with veterans." So concludes Chuck Bayley.

From your branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, peace on earth, goodwill towards men in this 1984-85 Christmas season.

Next general meeting of Branch 92 is January 7 and the next meeting of the auxiliary is January 14.

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Vancouver Canucks player Gary Lupul signs autographs for eager young Salt Spring Island fans earlier this year. Some say that signing autographs is what Canucks do best.

## The year in review

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and snow delayed ferry service in the islands as well.

The Parks and Recreation Commission would have Merv Walde, Val Wanless, Strick Aust, Spencer Marr, Phil Hume and Irene Fewings as the new members for the year.

Hugh Borsman, regional director, had named the six to the commission.

### December

A meeting of residents of Fulford attracted 125 people to offer opinions about the proposed community plan for the area. The message was clear: the people of Fulford did not want a community plan.

The Islands Trust would not be eliminated, said municipal affairs minister Bill Ritchie. He had been making threatening noises about the Trust but when he met trustees to discuss the matter, he said the Trust would stay. But, he added, the islands did not warrant special consideration. He told the Trust that the islands were no different than a community such as Terrace.

A total ban on hunting was the call put out by a meeting of residents on Galiano Island. The matter was

put to a vote and 49 people favoured the ban while 20 others voted against it.

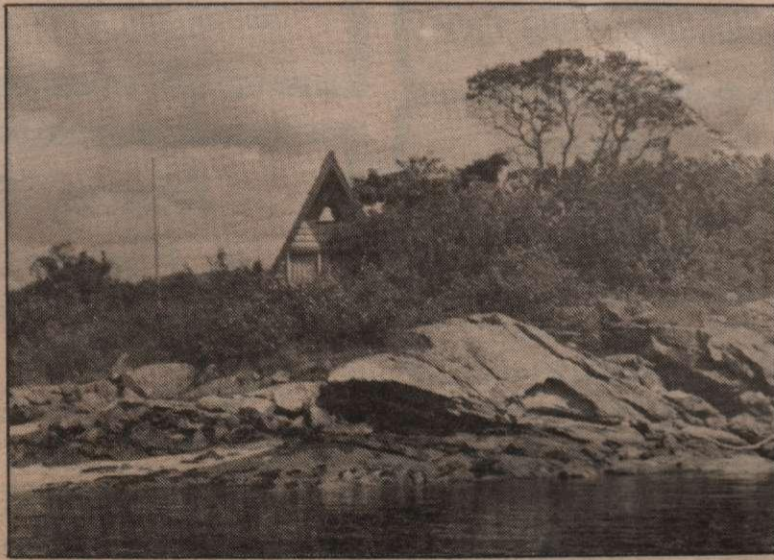
Fire destroyed the seiner *Westview No. 3* off Southey Point on Salt Spring. The two men on board were rescued by the fisheries vessel *Atlin Post*. Volunteers from the island's fire department were taken to the scene to help fight the blaze. Value of the boat, destroyed in the fire, was set at close to \$200,000.

A proposed development of 470 acres on South Pender Island was given tentative approval by the Islands Trust Committee of that island. The developers wanted 46 building lots with the remaining 300 acres to be dedicated as a

community park. The plan had general approval of the residents of the south island.

The Gulf Islands School Board again turned down a request for ski trips. A delegation of parents and pupils attended the school board meeting to request that the trustees reconsider an earlier refusal for the Grade 7 ski trip. But the board could not muster the required two-thirds majority and the matter was set aside.

Santa Claus came to the Gulf Islands from Bellingham, Washington. The Jaycees of the American city were on their 34th cruise with Santa. He visited each of the islands to distribute candy and a small gift to each child.



Islands 86 offered Twilight Island in Ganges Harbour as the prize in a lottery. It was won by a couple from Quadra Island.

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# Down Through the Years with Driftwood

## Twenty Years Ago

The storm swept through the Gulf Islands bringing high winds, low temperatures and snow. Hydro power was knocked out on several islands with Galiano and Saturna suffering the most. It took a Hydro crew almost 2½ hours to reach Saturna through the gale which lashed Navy Channel with 50-mile-per-hour winds. On Salt Spring, the highway crews were out ploughing the roads in an effort to keep traffic moving.

Santa Claus paused at Fulford Hall for a children's party but because of the weather he arrived two days late. The party had been set for Saturday but was cancelled when Santa couldn't make it. By Monday he found time in a busy schedule to visit the Fulford children.

Despite the stormy weather, Nels Degnen went fishing. He took Fred Morris and Tom Isbister out to wet a line. They returned with two 9-lb. salmon and three good sized grilse caught in Ganges Harbour.

An application to the public utilities commission was being made to build a waterworks distribution system for properties on Old Scott Road on Salt Spring. The applicants were James and Gordon McConnell and Hugh Ross.

The Older Boys' Parliament would meet in Victoria shortly after Christmas and Brian Rogers of Salt Spring would be there. He was nominated by the Young People's Bible Class at the Ganges United Church and was chosen from among many boys in the Victoria area.

The Lions Club would be staging an outdoor carol concert on the esplanade in Ganges. Singing would be helped by the high school choir. The event, coming in by airplane.

## Fifteen Years Ago

The bottle drive on Salt Spring gathered many empty bottles for the Scouts, Sea Scouts and Cubs. The boys had gathered enough bottles during the year to be able to purchase a 20-foot sailboat for the Sea Scouts to use for learning the art of sailing.

Papajohn reported from Saturna that the pupils of the school did quite well in the Legion essay contest. Shirley-Ann Johnson was first for Grade 2. In the Grades 3 to 5 contest, Dolores Carlson was first and Dale Lawson tied a pupil from Galiano for second. For Grades 6 and 7, Diana Carlson was first while Debbie Carlson and Jennifer Davidson received honourable mention. The contest was open to all children at the Outer Islands schools.

The junior girls' volleyball team from Gulf Islands Secondary School went to two tournaments with great success. The Ganges team took top honours in all three games. They travelled to Saanich where they

came second to Mount Newton. The midget girls went to Duncan and managed a tie for first place in another tourney.

The creative writing contest was Canada-wide in scope and Catherine Fraser of Gulf Islands Secondary School received a certificate of merit for her entry. Only 20 students in each province received the certificate from Canada Permanent Trust which had sponsored the contest.

Brian Hawksworth of Ganges had been part of the Brentwood College Rugby team which toured England. They played five games against British sides. The team had won the Vancouver Island and the provincial title as well as the independent schools championship.

## Ten Years Ago

Poetry ran in the family. Michael Coleman won first prize in the sonnet portion of the Alberta Poetry Contest. His successful verse was entitled *Michael: a song for my father*. His father was the late Bishop Michael Coleman who had served the parish on Pender Island for many years. His mother, Mary Garland Coleman, was a noted poet with many prizes to her credit.

The turkey bingo was staged by the Salt Spring Lions Club. Nearly 300 people turned up at the activity centre for the games. Les Ramsey was in charge of the organization for the event while Denis Andrews and Bill Simpkin shared the calling.

Papajohn reported from Saturna that the Lions Club was busy organizing the annual trip to Victoria for island children. He was unable to be more specific about dates and times but when the event was ready, signs would be posted around the island to let people know what was happening.

The children of the Mayne Island school put on their annual Christmas concert for the enjoyment of residents. Ms. Ruben's class presented a play called *The Woodcutter and the Three Kings of Christmas*. Santa visited the children to end the evening and hand out bags of candy.

Mary Backlund was to retire as Galiano correspondent for *Driftwood*. She offered a thank you to many people who had made her task easier. Backlund had been a president of the Media Club of the Vancouver Island area as well as holding offices in other media organizations.

## Five Years Ago

A policy of compensation for farmers who lose livestock to dogs had been developed by the Outer Islands Region. If the animal attack had been taken care of, compensation would be taken on if no evidence of the attack could be found.

The concert put on by the band

from Gulf Islands Secondary School was successful in raising more than \$800. The money would be used to buy music and uniforms in preparation for the band's trip to San Jose, California, in April.

The Carpet Bowling Club of Mayne Island would sponsor a New Year's Eve Dance in the activity centre at the school. Cost of the evening would be \$6 and more information was available from Roy Betts. The price of the ticket included supper.

The Salt Spring Masons held a special fund-raising dinner at the Golf Club. There were 300 tickets sold for the event and the Masons raised \$1,500 for their building renovation fund. A hind quarter of beef was won by Ray Simard and Walter Carlson won the front quarter. Mel Topping had donated the beef for the draw.

The annual meeting and election of officers was held by the Outer Islands Branch 84 of the Royal Canadian Legion. Hugh McFarlane was chosen as the new president with John Dought assuming the title of past-president. K. Foye Miles would be first vice-president with Margaret Patterson as second vice-president. C.J. Halliday would be secretary-treasurer.

An application to have Active Pass closed to sports fishermen was being sent to the federal ministry of transportation. Herb Buchanan was the regional director for the Coast Guard and he was asking for the closure because of small vessels getting in the way of the larger ferries and other big ships using the pass.

## Bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on December 10 were Gertrude Hall and Margaret on North-south; Fred Struve and Gordon Mutton, John Phoebe, Eliston, Chandro, East-west; Bunny Jordan and Isabelle Richardson, Alan Stewart and Kay Sinclair, Marion Ashmore and Vivian Storr, Dorothy Crofton and Mary Clements.

Tuesday night, north-south: Anne and Norm McConnell, Fred Struve and Dawny Scarfe, Bunny Jordan and Fred Melhuish, Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton. East-west: Isabelle Richardson and Mary Clements, Joe and Madeline Frantz, Dorothy Edwards and John Noakes, Fred Gurney and Vera Sarginson, Mildred Gurney and Kay Javorski.



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# Train set, 'He-Man stuff' among Christmas wish

BY BILL WEBSTER

Christmas is a time for children; a time they can ask for the toy which they would really like to have.

And a check with some of the younger folk on Salt Spring Island showed that children are asking for conventional gifts. And of the children asked, aged from 10, not one was seeking a war toy.

Joshua and Jonah Marshall are twins aged four, each of the youngsters want candy for Christmas although Jonah is asking for puzzles to use himself with.

Sean Pring, 10, is asking for more practical things. He wants snow tires for car and a Corvette to ensure that the tires are used. He also wants a video machine as well

as a big truck.

Chris Davis, 8, expresses a wish which boys have had at Christmas time for many, many years. What he wants for Christmas is a train set. But he doesn't want just the circular track, the model he has in mind goes "all over the place."

While the questions about toys were aimed mostly at boys to find out the popularity of war toys, some girls were also asked.

Vanessa Lomas is seven and she wants a Chimp Sprite. When asked what that was, she replied that it is round, with rainbow legs and is blue in colour with a red nose.

Her sister, Lehanna, is three and she wants a Romeo Sprite.

"He's red," explained young

Lehanna.

But Jenny Lomas, nine, has a simple request. She isn't asking for anything.

"I want it to be a surprise," she said.

Mike Dafoe, 7, was asking Santa for "He-Man stuff." He wants Skeletor for Christmas.

Heath Cooper, 6, is looking for a bike and he wants a flag to put on that bike.

Brother Blain, 4, only wants a remote-control jeep to play with.

It would seem, from talking with a cross-section of children, that Christmas wishes this year are not too different from wishes of years past.



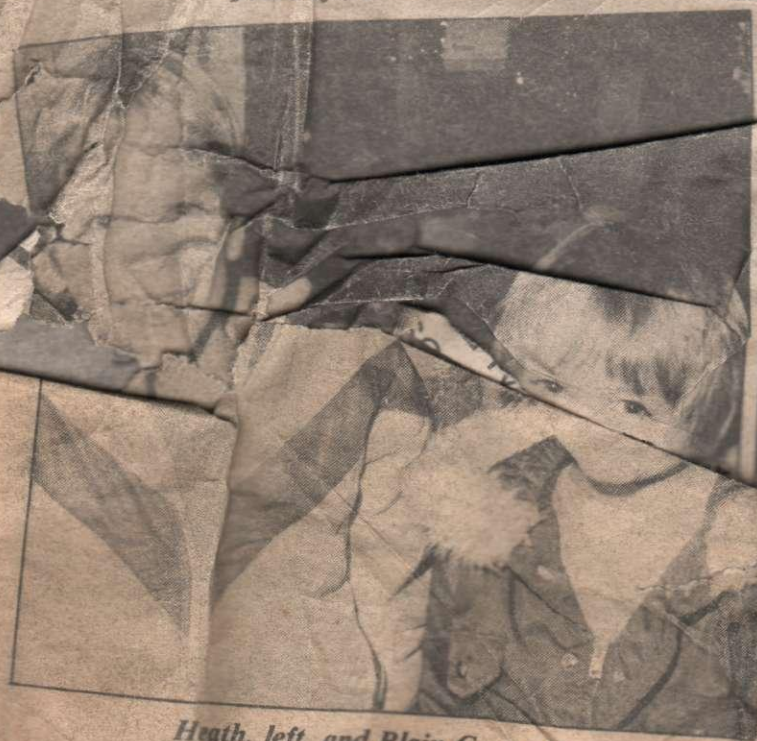
Joshua, left, and Jonah Marshall



From left, Lehanna, Jenny Marie and Vanessa Lomas



Sean Pring



Heath, left, and Blain Cooper



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