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## High-priced hockey stick

Auctioneer Mike Hayes may have been wondering why anyone would want an autographed Team Slug hockey stick, but that didn't deter him from trying to get the highest possible price for it at school auction Saturday. Staged by Salt

Spring Elementary parents group, the auction raised nearly \$2,000 for the school's fine arts program. Hockey stick, along with an expenses-paid trip to a Salt Spring Slugs hockey game, went for \$33.

## Farmers' Market can stay but mid-week vendors must go

The Ganges Farmers' Market can stay in Centennial Park on Saturday but the mid-week vendors will have to move.

That news was announced at a public meeting held by the Centennial Park committee last Thursday. The main issue in the problem remaining is which island group will hold the lease for the park.

Gordon Sloan, chairman of the committee, explained the options available.

The ministry of lands, parks and housing would be willing to lease the park to a government body, preferably the Capital Region. That body in turn would sub-lease the park to a Salt Spring group, either the Parks and Recreation Commission or the Chamber of Commerce. The Centennial Society

could take charge of the park.

The society was formed to gather money and create the park in the 1960's as a project to mark Canada's Centennial in 1967.

Sloan told the meeting that the officials at the ministry were willing to permit the existence of the Farmers' Market. When a lease is granted it would contain provisions for the operations of the park, including the market.

But the officials also expressed concern about the use of the park by vendors during the week. If they remained in the park, the ministry could demand a commercial lease for the park subject to a commercial rate, which Sloan noted would be unaffordable.

The standard lease for crown land to be used as a park runs from 20 to 30 years, said Sloan, but the

ministry would be willing to consider a rental agreement of \$1 per year for up to 60 years.

The Centennial Park committee was formed at a public meeting held last October. The committee was charged with the responsibility of finding a way out of the problems surrounding the use of the park and of finding a suitable lease structure for it.

The committee has representation from various island groups which have interest in the park. Linda Hoover represents the Parks and Recreation Commission, Gary Sawdon sits in for the Farmers' Market Vendors Association, Nick Gilbert is the Islands Trust representative while Jonathan Oldroyd talks for the Chamber of Commerce.

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## Decision expected Thursday by Ganges Citizens' Committee

Decision time has come for the Ganges Citizens' Committee following a meeting with Underwood McLellan engineers on the study of options for sewage disposal in the village.

By the end of a three-hour meeting Thursday, the members of the committee agreed to talk with the groups they represent and return to the table this week to make a decision.

Steve McMinn, project engineer, explained that his crew had looked at soil and water table conditions in the village area and for two miles around but could find no suitable location for a large-scale ground disposal site.

Several members of the committee, including Bev Unger, representing the Islands Trust, as well as Ray Hill and Noel Fowles of the Sewer Alternatives Committee, urged McMinn to look further afield for a suitable site.

He agreed that a further look might discover a suitable area but also expressed doubts for a suitable site.

He agreed that a further look might discover a suitable area but also expressed doubts about success.

"It's very difficult to get a definitive answer," he said. "How far do you go?"

Capital Region chairman Shirley Wilde urged the committee to accept the report. She noted that many people had hoped for alternatives to an ocean outfall but the conclusions of the engineers that ground disposal was not suitable, had to be accepted.

"The moment has come," she told the committee, "and I believe you are going to have to search your souls and make a decision."

Earlier in the meeting the committee had agreed with various conclusions to which the engineers had come.

They agreed that there was no opportunity for ground disposal of sewage from the core area either in the core, to other vacant property in the study area or to land in the vicinity of Ganges.

McMinn explained that he had looked at eight vacant lots in the study area which extends from the foot of Ganges Hill to Greenwoods. None was suitable for septic disposal, he said.

The area around the village which

had been looked at included land to Booth Bay on the west, Bullock Lake on the north and to Cusheon Lake on the south.

The study team had checked 44 sites to sample soils and survey the possibilities.

In answer to a question from Hill, McMinn said the team had not looked at land along Churchill Road because soil maps of the area had not shown promise of any large suitable areas.

For a large-scale disposal field to handle the effluent from the village, an area of close to 70 acres would be

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## K & R in bankruptcy

Salt Spring Island's largest grocery store closed last Thursday when K & R Your Food Store Ltd. went into bankruptcy.

Ross Hill of bankruptcy trustees Coopers & Lybrand told *Driftwood* Monday that they were trying to sell the inventory of the company's stores and purchasers were being sought for the equipment. He said several people have expressed interest in taking over the lease on the Ganges store but was unable to say how long it would remain closed.

On Thursday morning a sign

on the door read, "Closed temporarily, re-opening soon." By Monday morning the sign was changed to read, "Closed until further notice."

Store employees were given termination notices late Thursday afternoon.

K & R operated several food stores on Vancouver Island. The Duncan and Parksville stores have been taken over by Overwaitea and remain open.

K & R had been in business on Vancouver Island for about 20 years and purchased the local store from Ben Greenhough about 12 years ago.

## Committee to explore job creation agency

The Islands Futures conference held at the Community Centre in Ganges last weekend resulted in the formation of a committee to look into setting up a job-creation agency for Salt Spring.

The conference was attended by up to 150 residents who heard about the benefits of a community development advisory committee.

By the time the talk was finished, an ad hoc group was chosen to explore the possibilities. The steering committee will be composed of Marg Simons, Macie Pring, Dale Codd, Mary Williamson, Mike Kent, Michael Schubart, Paul Minvielle and Ingrid Vopel.

The committee is to seek out individuals in the community who would be willing to serve on the development committee.

The focus of the weekend talks was on what the community could do for itself in creating employment.

At the wind-up session, Hank Schubart, who had acted as chairman for a workshop, said, "The really creative thing to be done is create small production units."

Don McMillan, administrator of the Nanaimo Community Development Society, explained how that group worked.

It had been originally funded with \$400,000 from the federal government. The society had set up a separate investment committee which helped fund projects aimed at job creation.

The funding supplemented individual investment in a company being set up and the investment group helped the person obtain backing if necessary.

McMillan said the society was only interested in companies which would work. They checked things carefully to ensure that jobs would be available and that the company would be around for awhile.

The investment group, noted McMillan, looked at the social return as well as the monetary return of any company which sought funding.

After the workshops were completed and the group gathered to make a decision, Schubart summed up the situation on Salt

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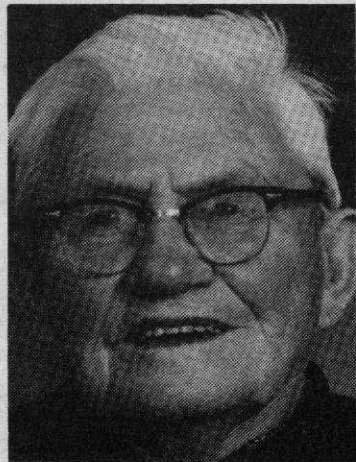
# Death of Ed Lumley Saturday

Edward Louis Lumley, of Churchill Road, Ganges, died on Saturday. His death, at 84, breaks one of the last links with the pioneers of Salt Spring Island. He was one of the first students to attend Isabella Point School, more than 80 years ago.

Ed Lumley was one of the last Salt Spring Islanders to follow a pattern of living which has given way to increased settlement of the island and the greater population.

During his life he engaged in three occupations, logging, farming and the sea. He was a fisherman and he was a tugboat skipper. There were always plenty of trees to cut and farm produce was in constant demand. And fish were plentiful. It was the sea which held him and for over 40 years he was on the water. **FIRST PEACE OFFICER**

For the first 23 years of his life he lived at Isabella Point with his family. His parents were William and Mary Lumley and their large family grew up, working on the family property and enjoying a remote, isolated life in the Isabella Point community. William Lumley was from Britain and his wife from San Juan Island. William was the



Ed Lumley

first peace officer in the area and had tales of rowing off-island on police business.

The Lumley family was one of some five families between Fulford and Isabella Point.

In 1923 he was married and, although his new wife, Becky, was also from Isabella Point, they moved to Ganges, where they rented a home for \$5 a month until they could build their own. Ganges was as far distant from Isabella Point as

another island or another part of the province might have been, he recalled later.

He logged off the Churchill property across the harbour from Ganges and acquired a piece of property on which to build. They moved in in 1928.

His attachment to the sea made for a nomadic life and the family moved up and down the coast. Ed would be fishing or skipping a coastal vessel and Becky would find employment in the canneries up the coast. In the winter they would return to the island.

During the war they moved to Steveston, coming back to the island in 1958.

### SOCCKER ADDICT

In his youth Lumley was a fervent soccer player and in his latter years he enjoyed nothing more than a soccer game, as a spectator.

He leaves three daughters, Rita White, Gwen McClung and Jackie Hembruff, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His wife, Becky, died in 1971.

Funeral services were at Ganges United Church on Tuesday at 1 pm, with the Rev. A.N. Skinner officiating.

# Mid-week vendors must go

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The problem came to a head when an official of the ministry of lands, parks and housing informed the Parks and Recreation Commission, which had been trying to renegotiate a new lease for the park, that the presence of commercial activities in the park rendered the current lease invalid.

The commission was given a 90-day deadline from September 1 to put an end to the commercial activity. The deadline was subsequently extended to March 1

of this year.

George Heinekey spoke to the meeting as a trustee of the Centennial Society.

He explained that the society had, when the park was created and in operation, voted itself out of existence. A group of five trustees had been set up to look after the park.

Heinekey said the area was more than just a centennial park, that it represented a memorial park. The trees had been planted by descendants of island pioneers. The stone cairn was a memorial of HMS Ganges, after which the village was named. The cenotaph marked a Legion memorial to islanders who had died in the wars.

In addition, a time capsule was buried in the park.

The Farmers' Market had originated in a small area across the road from the school board office but had been told by the department of highways to move.

Heinekey told the meeting that the trustees had agreed to allow the market to set up in the parking lot of Centennial Park. The trustees, he said, were eager to have the market stay in the parking lot.

Oldroyd told the meeting that the Chamber of Commerce was willing

to accept the sublease for the park.

CRD director for Salt Spring, Hugh Borsman, said the Parks and Recreation Commission was hesitant about renewing its responsibility for the park.

The commission had held a sublease on the park. The Chamber of Commerce had held the original lease but assigned it to the commission when that group came under the umbrella of the CRD.

The current lease, with the re-assignment, may or may not be valid, said Sloan.

The ministry could turn the park over to the island in two ways. It could be given as a free crown grant or be the subject of a lease arrangement with a government body.

Sloan indicated that either way, because of the presence of the Farmers' Market, the lease would carry stringent conditions on the use of the park.

The ministry would prefer, if the area was to remain a park, to lease it.

The meeting concluded with an agreement that the chairmen of the various groups involved in the park issue would get together to determine which island organization would hold the sublease.

# Sewage leak from field?

The septic field at the Valcourt Centre became the centre of attention for residents of the area last week.

Complaints from neighbours of sewage leaking from the embankment where the field is located were directed to Capital Region health officials.

The CRD health office explained that when a dye test is done on a septic system, a red powder is put into a toilet. Upon contact with the water, the dye turns fluorescent green. If green water appears near the septic field, the health officials consider the field a failure.

In the case of the septic field at the Valcourt Centre, a bright green liquid ran from the bank across the service area of the lumber yard below it before flowing down the hill to the ditch on Desmond Crescent.

The manager of the lumber yard had a culvert and ditch installed at

the entrance to the yard this week to divert water from the bank.

The water which flows through the ditches from the vicinity of the Valcourt Centre runs past the senior citizens' home and eventually finds its way into Swanson's Pond.

The water continues through the village until it empties into the harbour near the health food store.

Phil Valcourt, owner of the shopping centre, said of the septic field, "I don't anticipate any problem but if there is, I'll look after it."

If a septic field fails the dye test, the health department gives the owner of the system up to two weeks to propose a solution and obtain a permit for fixing it.

Several residents below the Valcourt Centre have indicated that they will issue a formal complaint to the health office about what they consider a recurring problem.

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# Veterans' names wanted

Names of Salt Spring Island residents who joined the armed forces between 1939 and 1945 are being sought by the Ganges branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The names are wanted for the Legion's roll of honour of second world war veterans.

Legion spokesman George Heinekey told *Driftwood* that 160 names have been gathered so far, a figure which he believes is 95% of the total. The list has been posted at the Legion Hall.

Anyone who can supply more names is asked to contact Heinekey or Colin Mouat.

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**What a waste, that was!**

I was never going to be caught out again. I had had enough of searching for matches and lamps when the power failed and going without hot food for a week when we had no stove. This winter I went in deep. I acquired three lamps and a wood-burning cooking unit. When the wind howled and the lights flickered, I laughed. Darkness held no terrors for me. Shivering in the cold was a thing of the past and we knew we could eat. We laughed in an empty cause, for the weather was a perfect gentleman of winter moods. There was no shattering wind to bring trees down on the power lines undefended, at the time, by the customary indefatigable Hydro crews. No snowstorm swept the islands to snatch the torch of comfort from our grasp. In fact, I wasted my money and that hurts. All I can do is hope for a thoroughly miserable winter somewhere in the future while we still have oil in those lamps.

**A date fell on Saturday**

Due to an oversight, Friday, March 10, falls on a Saturday this year. As a result of this unco-operative date, the Rotary dance will be staged on Saturday, March 10. It is an improvement, however, over last year when the date was a Thursday. It has something to do with Leap Year and the Salt Spring Rotarians didn't leap in time. And a leap in time would have worked fine for the dancers on Saturday, March 10.

**It cost him \$16 to find out**

His story was so sad I lent him my crying towel. I don't use it between elections, anyway. My friend had appealed an assessment before the court of revision. But, "No!" he responded. He had not appealed anything. Several years ago he was the trustee of an estate and during his trusteeship he received notices from the assessment commission. The estate had long been settled and he explained to the assessment office that it was no longer any concern of his. The assessor's office checked the records and discovered that he was right. And they told him so. No argument. Then he got a bill for \$16 for the cost of checking the title. For aught I know he's still out there, weeping.

**Mardi Gras every week?**

Wayne Taylor must like pancakes. When I saw him buying up half the Trading Company's stock of pancake mix I suggested that he was indulging his appetite with some abandon. He explained that he was getting the goods for Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day or Mardi Gras, and that his students were heading for a big fry-up. Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, isn't it? he concluded. I hadn't been aware of it, but I'm always looking for information. Later I looked up on the calendar, but nobody who sends me calendars marks such events and no calendar could tell me when was Ash Wednesday. I was obliged to refer to the *Driftwood* Date Mate and learned that Pancake Day, or Mardi Gras, or Shrove Tuesday was, in fact, a week later. Now I'm curious but too polite to ask. Did Wayne have his big pancake feed last week and, discovering the error, have another feed this week?

**Why no races no more?**

It was easy when the Legion Ladies had the annual Pancake Day races in Ganges. You always knew in those days. But one year they did and the next year they didn't. The pancake races were erased from the Salt Spring calendar without comment. Maybe we ought to start them again. Preferably indoors.

**Woman driver and Ladies' Lib**

I spend a lot of time reading automobile ads. I like cars and the ads always intrigue me. If I had a few million I could find a dozen cars a week to buy and try. As it is I drive them in fantastic imagination. But when you read those ads you can't help noticing that the vast majority of drivers in the province are female. Even the veriest muscle car, with fat boots and Holleys, only a million miles on new engine, is "lady-driven". I like the expression. It's reminiscent. I've been lady-driven for 40 years and I feel an immediate bond with those cars. But why lady-driven? Why not woman-driven? I've never heard of Ladies' Lib. And, in any case, almost every car on the road is "lady-driven" part of the time. No ad tells you, exclusively woman-driven. There's no such car.

**He gardens with glee**

Gardening with glee was Bernard Moore at Ganges on Wednesday night. The radio gardener came to St. George's Hall and filled the hall with gardeners. When he invited topics for discussion he was inundated with recommendations. But it wasn't merely his evident

the audience. He handles the mike as easily as he handles the trowel and evinces skill in both directions.

**In 1981**

**Drainage study found two options**

Drainage problems in Ganges could be fixed for up to \$300,000, states a Capital Region report prepared in 1981.

The report has been in the files of the engineering department since it was prepared as a follow-up to the Spar report which had made some general recommendations on the problem.

The Islands Trust had asked the CRD to undertake the study, which bore a price tag of \$8,000. The report was finished in March of 1981.

Two ways of solving the drainage problem were looked at, with a third way rejected outright.

"For aesthetic purposes," says the report, "the ultimate alternative would, of course, be a completely enclosed system with curbs and gutters with individual drain connections to every lot.

"This alternative was not considered in this report."

One of the acceptable alternatives would have been a diversion drain placed along Rainbow Road from Kanaka Road to the ocean. A second diversion drain would be installed at Seaview Avenue and run down Fulford-Ganges Road to the creek opening.

The cost of this alternative had been set at \$170,000.

The Rainbow Road diversion would eliminate most of the problem of excess water, the report noted, which meant the Seaview diversion might not be needed. To pipe Rainbow Road alone would reduce the cost to \$142,000.

The second alternative would be based on upgrading existing systems

to an enclosed drainage system to handle anticipated flows. All existing tributary ditches would be upgraded and left in service. Cost had been estimated at \$300,000.

The report noted that the drain system could be installed in conjunction with the "upcoming sewer installation" but that if such were the case "little money, if any, can be saved."

The way to save money on the project, the report noted, was to have the work done immediately (1981).

"Further delay will undoubtedly have an effect on increased costs," the report concluded.

The report was made available to Steve McMinn, the Underwood McLellan engineer who is studying the septic disposal options for

Ganges. Hugh Borsman, CRD director for Salt Spring, made the report available.

The CRD engineers confirmed the findings of the Spar report. The main problem has resulted from lack of planning for storm drainage as the area around the village has been developed.

The water runs down from Mount Belcher on one side and from the land past the hospital on the other.

The culverts passing under roadways were too small to cope with the flow, the report noted. In addition, the culverts had not been cleared for some time with the result that accumulated debris reduced capacity by approximately 25%.

The ditches also needed cleaning and rechanneling.

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**Thurs., Feb. 23:** Anatomy of Arms Race, St. Mary's, Fulford, 7:30.  
**Sun., Feb. 26:** Community Centre, noon. Brown-bag brunch, discussion.  
**Mon. Feb. 27:** 8 pm, Central Hall: *8 Minutes to Midnight*, new Helen Caldicott film. Free. Sponsored by Women for Peace. Outer Islanders: for billets call 537-2833, 537-5959.  
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## Unfinished business

For many years a parcel of land on Cusheon Lake has been available to the community for park purposes. In 1958 the Powell River Company presented 60 acres of lakefront land to the community.

When the island recreation commission sought to develop it for swimming, neither the Island Trust committee nor the residents of the area favoured a recreational facility on the lakeshore in a watershed. The plan was abandoned.

But the property is, in fact, used regularly as a swimming beach. It also serves unofficially as a dump and for other purposes.

What is its future? What use should be made of it and how should it be administered? These questions are still demanding an answer and if we close our eyes the property won't go away.

The commission, the Trust or the government must establish some future for that 60 acres or it may be developed in some manner unacceptable to the community.

## Doubly blessed

When the nation is closely examining the national budget, we in British Columbia are doubly blessed, with the advent of the provincial budget to add flavour and vinegar to the national program.

There are as many critics of both budgets as there are Canadians or British Columbians, respectively. And most of us who criticize express greater concern for the direction in which the tax dollar is directed than for the fact of its being demanded.

There are two significant aspects to the twin budgets. Both programs throw a weak and flickering light of hope for the immediate future. On neither the provincial or the national scene does the finance minister draw a pattern of hope and high expectations. On neither scene does the finance minister indicate confidence that the government plan for expenditure is destined to bring about rapid or sweeping changes in the welfare of the nation or the province. There is no buoyant hope for increased employment, great demands in production or any other of the urgently needed areas of relief for thousands of Canadians. Neither minister reveals that confidence in the ability of government to change the course of economic trends that is the prerogative of opposition.

The budget, national or provincial, is a collection of cold facts. But the taxpayers represent a gathering of warm people, facing problems that are not soluble in columns of figures.

We all pay taxes as long as we have money with which to pay them. In the provincial budget there is provision to meet the cost of hospital insurance out of an augmented income tax. It is likely that the vast majority of British Columbians will be happier to meet the costs in this manner, rather than a fee for service. British Columbia, with its vast area and minute population, still suffers from a stagnant economy. Still more services for the community of British Columbia might be underwritten in the same manner, as long as the present state prevails.

## The printed word

For many years the popularity of the public library on Salt Spring Island has shown a steady increase. Despite pressures from television and radio for the attention of the leisured islander, despite the calls for recreation and entertainment from every direction, the island resident still remains faithful to the source of

Since the rise of home electronics many authorities have sadly forecast the end of the book industry and the abandonment of the printed word. This picture is far from the case on Salt Spring Island. Not only has the Salt Spring Island library maintained its constant increase in clientele, but there remain three stores on the same island devoted to the sale of books, with a number of other stores offering reading material as part of their stock-in-trade.

The success of the island library is an assurance that tradition in print is holding its own.



## Letters to the Editor

### Old friends

Sir,  
The changes which inevitably occur as a community grows are naturally of concern to some of us who are of the pre-B.C. Ferries era. I believe we look upon the large fir trees between the Trading Company and Rita's Inn as old friends, and wonder if it is really necessary that they should cease to be part of the texture of the village.  
**CHUCK McCLEAN,**  
**PATRICIA L. McCLEAN,**  
R.R. 2, Ganges.  
February 16, 1984.

### Meeting place needed

Sir,  
After attending a meeting last night in one of our inadequate meeting halls, I am more convinced than ever that what Ganges needs is a new meeting place to serve the 5,000 people who live on the island. It needs this perhaps as much—if not more—than a sewer.

The meeting places on the island serve very well for flea markets, exhibits of arts and crafts, but they sorely lack warmth and intimacy, the charm of a modern hall where we can enjoy a concert, a lecture, a conference, or a play.

Perhaps the provincial government, so rich in money, can spare a mite—say, \$500,000—from its grandiose projects such as Expo 86—to help finance such a place. Perhaps there is in our midst a family so rich that it will build a hall to memorialize forever its name and achievements. I have in mind Lord magnificent 18th century theatre.

Surely the residents of our island would be glad to contribute their share in the form of a minute per capita tax....I throw the idea open for discussion.  
**ANTHONY NETBOY,**  
Box 1249, Ganges.  
February 19, 1984.

### Take the bus!

Sir,  
Three cheers for Salt Spring Bus Lines!!! The service is wonderful. To a long-time footsie like me, heaven is not having to trudge all the way from the dock to the parking lot to catch a bus. Also, you can sit on the bus for the ferry crossing and avoid the passenger "lounges" on the dreaded *Quintisa*.  
The bus stops in Sidney and then at four places in Victoria: the Mayfair shopping centre, The Bay, Eaton's and the Crystal Gardens. It goes on the 9:30 ferry, so it gets you to town by 11 am, giving you five hours for shopping, lunch and business. It leaves Crystal Gardens at 4:45 and makes the same stops on the way home.  
Please, everybody, take the bus! It's cheaper than taking a car, and it's too good a service to lose through lack of local support.  
**MARALYN HORSDAL,**  
Fulford Harbour.  
February 7, 1984.

### Spine-tingling thriller

Sir,  
*Deathtrap* is the upcoming Salt Spring Players' production, and we expect that it will be well attended, as it is a spine-tingling thriller!  
We are pleased to be able to put tickets aside at "et cetera" for those people who are unable to make the trip into town, and who might otherwise be disappointed at the door due to a possible sell-out.  
However, we would like to remind your readers of our reservations policy: tickets will be

the performance. At that time, they will be sold to anyone who might be waiting at the door.

*Deathtrap* will be playing at Mahon Hall Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 23-25 and March 1-3. We hope you enjoy the show!  
**DAWN LUKER,**  
for Salt Spring Players.  
February 1984.

### Caldicott film to be shown

Sir,  
At 8 pm, Monday, Feb. 27, at Central Hall, Salt Spring Islanders will have an opportunity to view an important award-winning film *Eight Minutes to Midnight*, shown for the first time on Salt Spring, by Women for Peace.  
*Eight Minutes to Midnight* is a portrait of Dr. Helen Caldicott, M.D., a leading activist for the cause of nuclear disarmament, and a spokesperson for Physicians for Social Responsibility. The documentary has been honoured internationally by film festivals, and acclaimed wherever it has been shown. It combines inspiration and information in a most compelling way, and has been called "...one of the few films of which it can be said one has an obligation to see it...a testament to the power of one woman's conviction...(the) focus is clear and unerring and (the) film blooms with a fascinating intensity."

In impassioned appeal to audiences everywhere, Dr. Caldicott entreats us all to "...take the world on your shoulders like Atlas and make a total commitment—you inherited the earth—it is your birthright—and they are your children."

A first step could be seeing *Eight Minutes to Midnight*. Bring a friend. Join with us at Central Hall—everyone is welcome.

There will be discussion possibilities following, and refreshments will be available. Donations are requested to cover rental and mailing costs.

**MAGGIE HAYES,**

February 1984

This week's exchange rate on US \$\$:

**23¢**

says S.S.I. Chamber of Commerce.

## Passive park inappropriate

Sir,

At a recent conference on drinking water quality, Blair Seaborn, chairman of the International Joint Commission, warned that completely safe drinking water could become a thing of the past in Canada.

This statement is very relevant to our situation on Salt Spring, where the community is facing a serious long-term problem with water quality in its major lakes, Maxwell Lake being a possible exception.

Unlike most communities in British Columbia, our watersheds are almost 100% privately owned. This essentially means that many, if not most human activities in the watershed that are detrimental to water quality cannot be prevented, simply because this would interfere to an unacceptable degree with the right of the property owner to do what he wished on his own property. This problem is made even worse by a number of natural factors that make our lakes very sensitive to degradation.

Given this situation, it seems unwise to compromise, and further jeopardize water quality by accepting proposals such as a passive park at Cusheon Lake. A passive park is intended to make less of an impact on the environment than a regular park. Even so, the permitted uses include hiking, swimming and picnicking, and facilities such as trails, pit privies, garbage receptacles and a parking area would be built.

The Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society's specific concerns with the proposed passive park could be summarized as follows:

1. The park, as proposed, would adversely affect water quality in Cusheon Lake, a source of drinking water. The Provincial Government's guidelines for the use of Crown Land In Community Watersheds suggests that parks are not an appropriate land use in small watersheds. A park would not be considered for a minute in the Vancouver and Victoria watersheds, where foresight and determination have ensured some of the best water quality in North America.

2. There seems no effective way of ensuring that the adverse effects will not grow as the park becomes more widely used. As a large area beside a lake, it would be widely advertised and promoted, and ultimately could cater to a very large number of people. The authorities in charge of the park will wish, not unnaturally, to maximize recreational opportunities in the park and lake.

3. It is almost impossible for the park authorities to control man's activities in a large public park. Thus we may expect unauthorized dumping of waste and increased risk of fires, for example.

4. Once established, the park would almost certainly not be discontinued even if it created serious water quality problems.

5. The principle of developing parks in watershed areas would apply to all the major sources of water on Salt Spring, thereby adversely affecting most of the island's population.

6. Alternate sites for hiking, picnicking, swimming, etc., do exist or could be developed on Salt Spring. We do not have alternate sources of water supply.

7. It is quite possible that an alternate use for the Crown Land at Cusheon Lake can be found that will be more in keeping with protecting the lake.

**MIKE LARMOUR,**  
Secretary,  
Salt Spring Water Preservation Society,  
February 1984.

# More Letters to the Editor

## Interesting reading ahead

Sir,

The Lady Minto Hospital's Historical Committee would like to thank those members of the community who generously submitted information and documents for our history of the hospital and health care project. We have now retrieved the board minutes and accounting records from 1921 to 1948 and I'm sure have some very interesting reading ahead.

Again, we invite all those who have information, documents and memorabilia appropriate to our project to contact either myself at the hospital (537-5545) or Mr. Gordon Brown (res. 653-4687).

Thank you for your support.  
**DIANA HAYES,**  
Historical Committee,  
Lady Minto Hospital,  
February 20, 1984.

## Uruguayan still in prison

Sir,

Salt Spring residents who signed the Amnesty International petitions requesting the release of the Uruguayan mathematics professor, Jose Luis Massera, a little over a year ago will be disappointed to hear that Professor Massera is still in prison in Uruguay, despite all efforts of Amnesty International and thousands of private individuals.

Fifty Nobel Laureates have recently signed a request for his release which was sent to the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations presently in session in Geneva.

Although Professor Massera is only one of thousands of prisoners of conscience adopted by Amnesty International and other private groups, his case has attracted international attention due to the high number of internationally recognized scholars who have tried to intervene on his behalf.

**SHEILA REID,**  
Box 689, Ganges,  
February 19, 1984.

## 'Sutil' project not discussed

Sir,

The Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce would like to make a policy statement. A matter of matters that affect the majority of lives of the residents of Galiano, in any manner, would only be entertained if that matter had gone before a Public meeting, and the responses of that meeting would then be reflected in any actions.

We, therefore, would like to inform the residents of Galiano that at no time has the Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce been approached, had the opportunity to discuss or theorize the current "Sutil" project on this Island. Because the Chamber is "in the dark" regarding this project, we have neither sanctioned nor opposed its being.

The minutes of every Chamber meeting are available, upon request, for public perusal, and will reflect the above statement, the "Sutil" project has not been presented to us.  
**SHIRLEY COULTER,**  
Secretary,  
Galiano Chamber of Commerce,  
January 1984.

## Donations of exceptional quality

Sir,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the Goods and Services Auction held Saturday night.

Over \$1,700 was raised to augment the fine arts program at Salt Spring Elementary School. Last year the proceeds from the auction helped to hire an art aide. This year, we hope to expose the children to new and exciting experiences in music, dance and drama.

A number of parents outdid themselves with donations of exceptional quality, and most of them showed up to see their offerings snapped up by the highest bidder. Their generosity merits particular recognition.

They are too many to name here, so we will find some other way! Public thanks, though, to the Volunteer Firemen for their help.

**ROBYN SMITH, HELGA WILLIAMS, BONNIE KREYE, MAGGIE HAYES, for the Salt Spring Elementary Parents Group.**  
February, 1984.

## Plenty Canada

Sir,

Representatives of Plenty Canada are coming to St. George's Hall Sunday night to present a slide and video show, and a fund-raising sale of crafts from Central America.

This inspiring organization is an outgrowth of the Steven Gaskin Farm in Tennessee, and is dedicated to the practical implementation of the proposition that, with positive, co-operative small-scale projects and appropriate technology, there can be plenty of essential food, energy and human resources to meet the physical and spiritual needs of all of us on this planet.

Some of their low-budget innovative self-help projects for Third World peoples include: integrated soy production and marketing programs, tools, supplies and assistance in the organization of rural co-operatives; construction of homes, schools and clinics; clean water and appropriate sewage disposal; simple solar energy uses and gardening and food preservation in the Caribbean, Central America and Africa.

For an uplifting look at people helping people with little bureaucratic interface, please attend our meeting and craft bazaar at 7:30 February 26.  
**RALPH D. MILLER,**  
Ganges,  
February 20, 1984.

## Not a heavy nuclear movie

Sir,

I am writing this open letter to you, Tony, to tell *Driftwood*, your readers, and everyone I know about a movie being shown on Salt Spring this coming Monday night, by Women for Peace.

Each century there happen a few individuals that stand head and shoulders above their time, providing leadership and inspiration of a calibre that shapes history.

Mahatma Gandhi was such a man. Who among us who saw the movie *Gandhi* failed to be moved? Why did it take decades after his death for the movie to be made?

This is not always the case. The movie I'd like you to see is such a movie. The person it's about is alive and kicking.

It's the story of Dr. Helen Caldicott, pediatrician, mother and anti-nuclear campaigner. (She's the doctor that speaks in *If You Love This Planet*).

This isn't another heavy nuclear movie. It's a rare portrait of one of those rare people who only happen a few each century. It's a springtime chance to be fueled with a little of the sort of humanity that living in these times needs.

It's just as good a movie in its way as *Gandhi*, just not made and advertised on a Hollywood budget.

Central Hall, 8 pm Monday, Feb. 27.  
**ANDY ORKIN,**  
Box 34,  
Ganges,  
February 17, 1984.



Bill Webster

## Temporary measure? Not likely

And so, dear folk, we discover what our peerless leaders think of us.

Budget time comes. Both at the Stone-Pile-By-The-Harbour and the Gas House by Colonel By's Ditch.

From what came down, it would seem that both finance misers found out, perhaps by opening their eyes (but such is doubtful), that you and I had a nickel or three left over from the last tax bath.

Federally, we are being asked, as good citizens each, to foot the bill for continued squandering. While provincially, the message comes clearly: don't get sick.

Meanwhile the recession goes on and on and on.

Hugh of the Many-Turned-Coat pats himself on the back because we'll only be paying eight percent more in taxes. Even that increase is only temporary, says he.

Remember way back when the government decided it needed a temporary measure to pay for the war to end all wars? The deep thinkers of that day came up with a way to pick our pockets legally.

Temporary measure, indeed. That's similar to poking someone in the eye with a sharp stick and telling him not to worry because it will heal soon.

But that's what happens when budgets are presented. Not only do citizens suffer but the English language also takes a beating.

Marc Shylock, of the federal robber bunch, tells us his way of handling bucks will get us out of the mess we're in by 1988. Maybe.

He wants us to pay our ton of flesh and carry that massive deficit which our children and their children will have to finance. The good news, he says, is that the deficit will only be \$29 billion and not the \$31 billion some said it would be.

But, of course, what he also wants us to ignore is that the national debt will total \$142 billion by the magic year 1988. They do know how to spend our money, don't they?

1988, you ask?  
That year will be close to the election after next. Brian of B.C. will cream the Libs next election and Marc Shylock expects, in 1988, to take credit for any turnaround.

Only a cynic would say that. A cynic could be described as someone who doesn't like the way the federal Libs spend tax bucks.

Recently, with fanfare and drum roll, they announced a national job creation program. The dollars, many of them, would go towards putting Canadians to work.

Each member of the Gas House was given money to put to use in his constituency. But the handouts were limited to the Lib benches.

There they were, 145 stalwart Canadians, trying to find use for \$500,000. Not to buy votes, of course, but to put people to work.

Guess how many bucks came west?

Another way of looking at the graft would be to translate the money into dollar bills. Each bill is half a foot long. If they were laid end-to-end and side by side the results would be impressive.

The bucks could follow the centre line of the national highway between Victoria and Winnipeg 3½ times. With another line of bills going north to Whitehorse just to spread things around.

Think about it, folk, 'cause that's the closest the \$72,500,000 will ever get to Western Canada.

And the Libs wonder why we don't elect any out here.

Suitcase, it would appear, hasn't done a good job. But then a Western Liberal is quite similar to a prairie dog hole in a sand storm. You know they are there somewhere but you don't find them until you step on them.

And now for something completely different.

*Driftwood* labourer Frank recently waxed eloquent about the metric system.

What he didn't mention was that if God wanted man to be metric, Jesus would have had only 10 disciples.

## More Letters to the Editor

### Outrageous idea

Sir,

After attending last weekend's "Island Futures" conference, I am totally convinced that I have witnessed one of the most staggering, mindboggling, outrageous ideas ever presented to the public. Michael Linton managed to make a presentation in the last five minutes of Friday evening's Mahon Hall meeting that caused a minor sensation that is, in my mind, comparable to a breakthrough in a field such as quantum physics or some other specialized scientific field.

LETS—Local Exchange Trading Systems—is the name of a non-profit trust initiated in Courtenay within the last 12 months that is basically an information exchange and recording service. LETS incorporates an internal currency called "green dollars" and from a participant's point of view this is how it works:

When two members of LETS conduct a business transaction concerning the exchange of either goods or services they first agree on a price. All or part or none of the amount of money changing hands during the transaction can be green dollars as per the consent of the participants. The amount of green dollars to be spent is then registered by the purchaser with the LETS recording service either by a telephone call to an answering machine (which by the way is in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week) or by a cheque written to the seller that may be delivered to the LETS registry by hand or mail.

A record of the transaction including the amount and other information the participants require is entered into each participant's account. For the charge of one green dollar per month all members receive a computer printout of the record of their account plus a bulletin listing the goods and services available from the other members. More updated information is available at the LETS office.

In fact as the system grows it becomes not only a market place but an employment agency and a service directory. Every member has access to certain information concerning other members' accounts, specifically their balance and the flow rate of their account.

When you think about it there are all kinds of people in our community with skills and goods being offered. Those same people need a variety of services and products. The only thing preventing the exchange is the lack of currency which we as a community (and I strongly suspect our Provincial and Federal governments) have no control over. It seems absurd to me that we all sit around moaning about the lack of money when in fact money is really pieces of paper that hold value simply because as a society we agree that they are in fact valuable.

In other words a dollar bill is nothing more than the representation of an idea and it's getting pretty obvious to most thinking individuals that we have come to a point in history where it is time for us to change our ideas about a lot of things including the economic structure. Let's face it, there is a consensus in our country that the present economy is not working.

There is even a Royal Commission on Economic Development running around Canada right now being paid ridiculous amounts of money to try and figure out why the rest of us don't have any.

Obviously you can only earn and

spend green dollars within the community, so the system cannot replace the existing monetary system. In effect, possession of a green dollar is an idea, (just like normal currency), which represents a commitment from the community to the LETS member. There are no debts in the LETS system, but rather a commitment to the community. A commitment not only of goods or services but to spend locally.

If you are interested, baffled or willing to lend some support to the physical incorporation of the LETS system here on Salt Spring (with branches in the Outer Islands, who knows where this might end!) feel welcome to join the meeting being held at the Community Centre this Thursday at 8 pm.

**DEMIAN TURNER,**  
R.R. 3, Ganges.  
February 1984.

### Attitudes have changed

Sir,

I wrote you a letter after seeing the cartoon last week (February 8); only later did I read your editorial. It was a good editorial and I agree with it.

Teachers used to teach children to respect their leaders and see good in them and strive to be good enough to be Prime Minister some day.

I know one retired teacher who held up as examples to her pupils priests, doctors and the prime minister, encouraging them to work hard so as to be worthy of such a job.

It is not leaders who have changed so much as people's attitudes to them.

**NANCY WIGEN,**  
Fulford Harbour.  
February 12, 1984.

### Coalition commended

Sir,

I would appreciate your publishing this letter to enable the members of the Progressive Conservative B.C. Caucus to publicly express their appreciation to the members of the Fishermen's Survival Coalition who visited us in Ottawa, February 6-9, 1984.

The Coalition members are to be highly commended for the manner in which they conducted their business while in Ottawa. They were able to clearly enunciate to Members of Parliament from all Parties, as well as to the media, the crisis situation that presently exists in our west coast fishery. They were a credit to our province.

Citizens of British Columbia and every province in Canada, must become aware of the urgent problems that presently beset one of our vital industries. The situation is addressed in speeches made in the House of Commons, February 3, 1984, and a P.C. Party Fisheries policy statement is clearly put forth by the Hon. John Fraser. Copies of Hansard are available from local P.C. Association offices or by writing to any Member of Parliament.

Many thanks to the Fishermen's Survival Coalition—we listened carefully and will do all in our power to assist you in preserving a resource and a way of life.

**LORNE GREENAWAY, M.P.,**  
Cariboo-Chilcotin,  
Chairman—B.C. Caucus.  
February 13, 1984.

### Saddened by tree removal

Sir,

At the last Salt Spring Trust meeting we were saddened that the development permit was allowed that would seemingly permit the removal of the mature Douglas Fir trees from the new Island Savings Credit Union site, but we were even more concerned that it was passed in an irrational and unharmonious way, using bullying and false arguments.

That the issue of the tree removal was looked at without any professional opinion from either arborists or horticulturalists as well as what the public may think, is deeply disturbing and disappointing.

After the Trust committee meeting, we called Mr. Eric Smith at the Department of Highways, who said that it was their policy to keep trees standing wherever possible and we should try to get the developer to change his mind regarding the tree removal. Also we spoke to Mr. Jerry Chesters who is with Saanich Municipal Grounds and on the Heritage Tree committee of The Victoria Horticultural Society, who, when the situation was explained, could not understand why the developer would consider taking the trees down when every community like ours that wants to project an image of an attractive, resort area goes to extreme lengths to preserve any natural objects, especially mature trees.

Douglas Fir live to a very old age, 300-500 years, and internationally are considered to be highly ornamental and desirable landscape subjects. When grown in the open like these trees, they are well anchored as a tree can be. They are old enough to have withstood our considerable winds. They have strong lateral branches.

We understand that Art Williams, a professional tree man, has offered to inspect the upper parts of the trees for damage and recommend maintenance. If trees like these are considered unsafe, nearly every home, school, care facility, etc., is in danger.

Besides their landscape value, which is high, we are trying to determine any heritage value. The fact that they are all in line, on the property line, suggests that they may have been planted, as fir trees rarely grow in straight lines. If they were planted, the age of the tree would certainly indicate the planter would be eligible for Pioneer status. If anyone has any information in this regard, please contact us.

We want it to be known that we do not oppose Mr. Toynbee's development in Ganges, indeed we feel that his consideration for heritage and aesthetics has made areas like Mouat's Mall very attractive. We only want to see the same consideration applied to non-fill areas where natural objects like trees are prominent features.

Why not build on ground level, i.e. slab construction, leave the elevated walkway, which we think is nice, add a railing, interplant the trees with something like Rhododendrons and other companion plants, and make Ganges an attractive town, in harmony with the natural beauty of the rest of the island.

In closing, we want our Island Heritage preserved and enhanced, in Ganges and the rest of the Island, not just on paper, as the Island Savings logo, but the real thing. No, we don't feel that Paul Watson has

anything to offer that would be of any help, but we sincerely believe the people of this island have the good sense and environmental awareness to preserve what is good and irreplaceable.

**TOM HALL,**  
Box 1218, Ganges.  
February 20, 1984.

### Intentional communities

Sir,

Next Thursday, the first day of March at the Community Centre at 8 pm, we have a visitor coming who shares a connecting link between our community and what are called Intentional Communities around the globe.

More and more people choose a lifestyle that collectively makes a statement. Recently Donahue had a grouping who are becoming very powerful in the housing developments in Florida. Communities that disallow children. This makes a statement. Now there is also Sun City, a whole registered city which disallows children. This makes a statement.

David Thatcher has travelled the world around visiting intentional communities. With his slides and commentary we may become more aware of the statement we are making as our community with individual members express themselves in day by day activities.

David's expenses will be assumed by those gathered and perhaps the incentive to continue his special project of networking communities will be forthcoming.

A quote from David is this: "We live in an unprecedented time! The potential of mankind, for so long buried in isolated human hearts, is emerging."

See you all Thursday, the first.  
**GARY LUNDY,**  
R.R. 2, Cranberry Rd.,  
Ganges.  
February 1984.

### School auction raises \$2,000

Sir,

I appreciate this opportunity to express sincere thanks to those persons who participated in the Salt Spring Elementary Goods and Service Auction.

Many parents and local merchants volunteered great items for the auction itself. Although the Saturday night turn-out was less than anticipated, those that did attend were very generous; approximately \$2,000 was raised for the school's Fine Arts Program.

The organizers, Robyn Smith, Maggie Hayes and Bonnie Kreye, did a terrific job as did our local auctioneer, Mike Hayes. Thanks also to the Fire Department for their kind assistance.

**T. WATSON, Principal,**  
Salt Spring Elementary.  
February 20, 1984.

### Noble sentiments

Sir,

We Canadians heartily endorse the dedication to peace exhibited by all our government leaders when speaking in the House on February 9.

Each stressed different aspects: Prime Minister Trudeau, the need for more meaningful communication between East and West, and more political input by the world's leaders; opposition leader Mulroney emphasized the need for more consultation in Parliament and for the build-up of more conventional weapons to allow NATO to drop its "first use" nuclear strategy; Mr. Ed Broadbent expressed the necessity for Canada not to test the cruise missile and for a more consistent peace policy.

Well and noble though these sentiments are, we wish they had given us a dream of a future unified world where peace could be a permanent reality.

We are the first generation that has acquired the power of life and death over our Spaceship Earth, the first to bear the tremendous responsibility for all future generations. While our technology has raced ahead, our awareness and our thinking have not changed rapidly enough, nor radically enough to accommodate our present predicament. We still think of a world of nation states divided into "us" and "them", and cannot think, as yet, of a unified, one-world global village.

Our domineering "me first" mentality forces the world's governments to waste our precious assets ever more rapidly in the ever accelerating arms race.

Yet, we are ever more insecure and ever more terrorized by the monster we have created. As Bertrand Russell stated, "the price of peace is the happiness of our enemy", yet by 1986 President Reagan wants to spend one billion dollars a day on arms (a billion dollars represents a stack of one-dollar bills 67 miles high!).

We hope that our Canadian leaders will help us make the necessary transition from a world ruled by violence to a world ruled by peaceful consent.

To quote Bertrand Russell again, "Science has made unrestricted national sovereignty incompatible with human survival. The only possibilities are now world government or death."

**BILL PATERSON,**  
Galiano Island.  
February 1984.

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# Rezoning may provide solution to dilemma of Salt Spring land owner

For at least a year and a half, Michael Murray of Salt Spring Island has been trying to untangle red tape to build a home for his father and now he may be able to do it.

Murray owns 5.5 hectares of land on Cranberry Road and his problem stems from the fact that a small portion of the property lies within the Watershed 1 zone. The remainder of the land, including the part where Murray wants to put the new house, is over a ridge from the watershed area.

When the matter first went to the Islands Trust in 1982, the committee rejected the application to subdivide the property.

"It is against the policies of the Islands Trust and against the public interest to permit subdivision of less

than four hectares in areas zoned as watershed."

Murray applied to the department of highways approving officer for a subdivision under Section 733 of the Municipal Act. That section allows for land to be subdivided to permit construction of a separate residence for a close relative.

The approving officer rejected the application, citing the hazard of falling rock from the cliff face which runs through the property. The cliff forms the boundary of the watershed area.

The approving officer also cited a requirement of the Salt Spring subdivision bylaw which calls for 10% frontage on the highway. In addition, the access to the lot did not meet the department of highways' minimum sight distance.

But Murray did not give up. He went back to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee to find a way out of the dilemma.

At a December meeting of the committee, the trustees instructed staff to find a way around the problem.

The matter came back to the committee last week with a possible solution.

Murray told the committee that he wasn't concerned about how the land was zoned. "All I want to do is build a cottage," he said.

Islands Trust vice-chairman John

Rich of Bowen Island suggested that the entire property be rezoned to Rural. He also suggested that strict conditions be put on the use of the small portion of land within the watershed.

Rural zoning would allow up to three single-family dwellings on the parcel, provided each has frontage on the highway.

To facilitate the matter, the committee agreed to waive the requirement of 10% frontage in this case.

The rezoning application, under a previous agreement between Murray and the Trust, will not cost him the usual \$250 fee.

The rezoning would provide a truer definition of the watershed limit in that area, the committee noted.

## Board will advise of projects

The Gulf Islands School Board has decided to advise the Islands Trust of any project "which the public can see" before beginning work on such projects.

"It's because we built a fence," said Mayne Island trustee Jeannine Dodds.

The board has encountered criticism of the wire fence which was put up at the Lower Ganges Road end of the Ganges school complex. Advance warning to the Islands Trust before beginning future projects would be a courtesy, the trustees agreed.

Board chairman Charles Hingston said the process followed by the board has not been wrong. But the school board "would like to hear complaints before projects are in place instead of after," he added.

Ron McQuiggan, school trustee for Salt Spring noted that all school board plans have been made public. The plans for the Ganges school complex have been on display in the school board office.



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# Galiano Players deserve full credit

# Friday Speech arts program

### Review

By MARTIN CLARKE

It is Saturday night on Galiano, and we the Pageant Players of Bowen Island are spirited away from our afternoon's production of *Just So Stories*, put on for Galiano School, into the island's community hall, which unfolds first as a pub, then chapel and later a village as a whole. The singing words of Dylan Thomas fill the air. The play is *Under Milk Wood*.

The Galiano artists deserve full credit in pulling off this difficult piece of work and putting it on the stage. Originally a play for voices, there is little movement required, with the result that the actors have to rely heavily on voice interpretation, timing and great sensitivity to each other. And this was done to the audience's delight and satisfaction.

Yet when movement occurred, the play seemed at its best. The beginning was a wonderful piece of theatre, entwining both the players and audience, for after the actors were shoed from the bar and out of the hall by the call, "Time, ladies and gentlemen, please!" they returned moments later as the chapel's choir and the audience were transformed into its congregation, lifting their voices to *Bread of Heaven*, Dai Bread's favourite song.

A tapestry of words and colour followed, a delight to the eye and ear. The play was an integrated whole, beautifully climaxed by the poetry of Captain Cat and Rosie Probert portrayed by Joseph Fleming and Debbie Holmes, and echoed in the singing of Polly Garter (Willow Jewel) who brought dignity to her roll.

Elsewhere there were splashes of colour and humour admirably portrayed by the 30-strong cast, as

duets, trios, quartets and solo flights of fancy rippled and sometimes thundered through.

The back-drop was a subtle piece of creativity envisioned by Keith Holmes who brought us back full circle through the eye to Galiano's southern shore with Mayne Island's Georgina Point lighthouse beckoning in the distance a stone's throw away.

The totality of the endeavours of Galiano Island's artists was further displayed on the program with Ronaldo Norden's drawing of Llagerub village and pub, and a

replica of its sign, "The Sailors' Arms", crafted in cedar by Jordan Hartman and placed at the doorway of the hall.

The Celtic calligraphy on the program, done by Willow Jewel, was done with as much love and care as "...The White Book of Llagerub" and the director's (Morriss Rees') portrayal of the play.

An exceptional set, a fine atmosphere and a play well done with love.

An opportunity to see first-hand the results of Salt Spring Elementary School's language arts program will be offered at the school Friday.

Between 1:15 and 2:45 pm students will give short story and poetry readings before parents and any other interested members of the public.

Kindergarten through Grade 3 classes will give group readings while Grades 4-7 students will give

individual, oral presentations.

While parents and others will have the chance to see and hear the accomplishments by students in speech arts, the students themselves will be given the chance to speak before the public.

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## Hiroshima survivor to speak at Mayne

A survivor of Hiroshima will speak at the Mayne Island Agricultural Hall this evening (Wednesday) at 6:30 pm.

Mrs. Kinuko Laskey, with husband David, will show two films made from footage purchased from the U.S. government archives in 1980, footage that was withheld as confidential for 35 years.

A spokesman for the Mayne Island disarmament group said Laskey tells her story in a manner intended to inform and mobilize rather than "psychologically numb" her audience.

The Laskeys live in Vancouver where Kinuko is president of the Canadian Atom Bomb Survivors.



Dr. Helen Caldicott

## Caldicott film at Central

*Eight Minutes to Midnight*, a 60-minute documentary portrait of pediatrician, author and activist Dr. Helen Caldicott, will be seen at Central Hall next Monday.

The award-winning film presents the story of Dr. Caldicott's work to inform the public of the medical dangers of the nuclear threat.

The film will be shown at 8 pm with a discussion to follow. Refreshments will be available and donations to cover costs will be requested.



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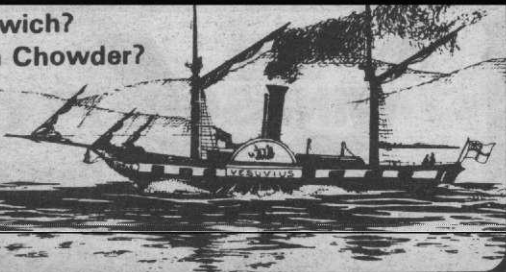
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### Boys choir at Ganges Sunday

The British Columbia Boys Choir will give a performance 2:30 pm Sunday at Mahon Hall in Ganges. Founded in 1968 by its present musical director, Donald Forbes, the choir has performed around the world. They toured Europe for the first time in 1969, giving 22 concerts

in 19 countries. Since then the choir has toured Europe nine times and has been to Russia, Hawaii, through parts of the U.S. and across Canada. They have made 19 recordings. The local performance is being staged by the Salt Spring Concert Society.

### Fulford man will go to Winter Games next month

The B.C. Winter Games are set for Fort St. John in March and Salt Spring will be represented.

Brian Rowley of Fulford has been entered in the speed skating competition.

He picked up his interest in the sport "years ago" in England and currently indulges his interest with the Esquimalt Speed Skating Club.

The B.C. Winter Games, and the Summer Games, are geared for provincial athletes who have not competed at the national or international level. While primarily aimed at the youth of the province, the games also include older folk, such as Rowley, 53, to give them a

taste of major competition.

Rowley said that he skates against younger competitors at the Esquimalt club.

In Fort St. John, he will have the opportunity to skate with entrants in his age bracket.

The speed skating events at the Winter Games will be indoors. Rowley noted the difference between indoor and outdoor competition. Outdoors, the skater skates against the clock while indoors several skaters line up and the event becomes a race with the first across the finish line declared the winner.

The games run March 1 to 4.

### Islanders attend conference

Eleven members of the Salt Spring Island Baha'i community attended a study conference on peace held February 5 at the University of Victoria. The conference was one of many held simultaneously across Canada, and sponsored by the Canadian Baha'i community.

Speakers included Reggie Newkirk, a Baha'i and human rights worker, and representatives of Islamic, Christian, Sikh and Hindu religions.

The peace movement was represented by a member of the Cowichan Connection for Peace.

Aileen Neish of Salt Spring Island reports that it was "an exciting and

heart-warming coming together of concerned people...and there was a strength of conviction that as we work together...the hope for world peace will indeed become a reality."

The conference was videotaped and local Baha'is have expressed their willingness to arrange for its viewing by other peace workers.

## Workshop for women will focus on dissatisfaction with one's body

Dissatisfaction with their bodies is a feeling shared by many women, and an upcoming workshop at Ganges will offer women a chance to overcome that feeling.

The workshop is the creation of Susan Slatkoff, a counsellor in private practice in Victoria, who one day heard two friends complaining about how they hated their bodies. Wondering how widespread such feelings were, she began investigating and discovered that almost every woman she met did not like her body. The few who did had spent time and effort in changing their attitudes.

Since then, while Susan Slatkoff's body has not changed, her feelings about it have. Before, she liked her body about five percent of the time. Today, she says, she likes her body about 90% of the time.

In putting the workshop together, Slatkoff found that a large number of influences in today's society act together to prohibit women from liking their bodies.

One of the main culprits, she found, is advertising. To sell goods, advertisers try to create insecurity for women by telling them they are not acceptable as they are. In that way they create a market for cosmetics, fashion and diet products.

According to Slatkoff, the cosmetics industry earns half a million dollars an hour in the U.S., and in each minute \$16,000 is spent on the diet industry.

Other factors are some of the cultural attitudes about bodies in general. Society tends to believe that beautiful is good, and that ugly is bad.

Slatkoff says women are given negative messages about female bodily functions such as menstruation, pregnancy and menopause. Virtually all cultures have some sort of taboo about menstruating women.

Self-acceptance, Slatkoff believes, "is the key to liking our bodies, and in order to do that, we have to understand all the factors which work against that self-acceptance."

The workshop, which will be held

in two parts, will look at a historical perspective concerning changing ideals of female beauty, examination of media influences, exploration of the issue of strength and control over one's body ("seeing our bodies in a different way, as a potential tool for pleasure or strength rather than only aesthetic"), menstruation, fear of fat, sexuality, aging, menopause and others.

First part of the workshop will take place Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm at the Community Centre and the second on March 10 at the same time and place. Only those who attend the first part will be permitted to attend the second. Fee

is \$2 per day and pre-registration is required as enrolment is limited. Free daycare will be provided.

Slatkoff says that by imparting information, coupled with sharing and support, women can uncover and challenge life-long patterns of body hatred.

"In beginning to understand why they don't like their bodies, they can begin to dispel damaging myths about women and their bodies, and hopefully achieve a greater degree of satisfaction, without the bodies changing.

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**GALIANO NEWS**

**Development permit granted for neighbourhood pub**

**BY KATHLYN BENDER**

The Islands Trust is sometimes criticized for acting too slowly on applications for development. This past week the Trust excelled itself by issuing a development permit barely a day after the applicant appeared in the Trust office.

In case there are those who find that such haste is unseemly, it should be noted that negotiations had been ongoing for some time and that it was only the final paper work and the formal approval by the Trust committee that was expedited in this remarkable fashion.

As soon as George Harris received approval from community health services for the sewage disposal system he took steps to obtain the final permit to allow work to commence—the Islands Trust development permit. With the aid of Galiano trustee Christa Weiss, the necessary documents were prepared on Wednesday to place before the Trust at its monthly meeting on the following day.

On Friday the permit was in George's hands and work on clearing the site immediately north of the community hall was commenced.

**Under Milk Wood**

The speaking of a few lines of dialogue has denied us the pleasure or the pain of critically reviewing Galiano's production of *Under Milk Wood*. But since about a third of the population of the island have, in the past week, taken part in one or both of the two performances the event cannot be altogether ignored in this column.

Although not an official production of Galiano Players, many members of the dramatic society played their parts, in one way or another, in making the production a success. The large cast

of over 30 ranged in age from a baby in arms to some very senior citizens, including one who celebrated his 70th birthday during the second performance.

Most were strictly amateurs, some with no previous stage experience, but a few had professional training. The artistic community gave great support by donating their time and talents to painting scenery, designing programs, taking photographs and making tapes, or giving moral support behind the scenes or the bar.

Dylan Thomas' play is a celebration of life as lived in a Welsh village with a population about the same as on Galiano and with a similar collection of "characters".

This simplified the task of some of the actors who were almost playing themselves, particularly a Mr. Pugh. The Welsh atmosphere was simulated quite successfully by the fervent singing of the cast and congregation of *Bread of Heaven* and the almost too realistic "pub" milieu. The directions of rugby coach Morris Rees and his musical Welsh diction in the leading role further accentuated the Welshness.

That it was difficult to tell who were enjoying themselves more—the actors or the audience—was something that would have given great satisfaction to the author as we hope it did also to the producer.

**Housing Society**

Last Sunday the annual general meeting of the Galiano Housing Society was held in Page Drive Lounge. Retiring president Basil Bengier was replaced on the Board by Bill Scoones. With returning directors Stuart Mann and George Griffiths he was elected by acclamation to a two-year term along

with Jean Tully, Frank Greenhalgh and Ken Allen. At their first meeting these six will elect a president and appoint secretary, treasurer and one more director.

The members of the society, many of whom were tenants, voted in favour of a motion to not expand the lounge area by 300 square feet as proposed by the Galiano Branch of the Senior Citizens Association. On a motion of Andrew Loveridge the meeting set up a committee to investigate the possibility of providing emergency heat in the units during power cuts which seem to happen rather frequently at Page Drive.

**Just So Stories**

At the invitation of the cast of *Under Milk Wood*, with their expenses defrayed from the proceeds of the two performances, the Pageant Players from Bowen Island visited Galiano on Saturday to perform a delightful series of Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories* in the Ken Gaylor Gymnasium for the children and young-at-heart of the island.

Noni Byers, Julie Nosek, Martin Clarke and Jack Headley, through the aid of colourful props—animal heads, head-dresses, masks and puppets—and with spoken verse, songs and movement, were able to convey the essence of each story to the audience.

On behalf of the children we thank the cast of *Milk Wood* for raising the money to bring this appealing entertainment to Galiano for their pleasure.

**Coming Events**

On Thursday the Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual general meeting at the South Galiano Community Hall at 7 pm and on Saturday the Galiano Club will hold its annual general meeting

in the same place at 8 pm.

Also on Saturday evening, Ralph Brine will present a video film of a canoe trip he and three friends made across Canada, retracing the voyages of Canada's early explorers and fur traders, at 8 pm in the North Galiano Community Hall.

On Sunday, rector Leonard Pocock will celebrate Holy Communion in St. Margaret's Church at 10 am. The following Sunday, March 3, will see the second of a monthly series of ecumenical services conducted by Rev. Sydney Bell.

**Lions Club**

The fame of the Lions' annual seafood dinner grows from year to year. This year the club has booked the activity centre for St. Patrick's Day, March 17. As there is a seating

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**New co-ordinators to be elected by Amnesty**

Several new co-ordinators will be elected at the annual meeting of the Salt Spring Amnesty International group February 28.

Group, urgent action network, adoption and membership co-ordinators are required.

Members of the urgent action network are currently writing letters on behalf of victims of torture, people under sentence of death, prisoners requiring medical attention and others.

The adoption group is working for the release of adopted Russian prisoner of conscience, Vasilievich Tyurichev, 36, who is being held in Smolensk psychiatric hospital.

Special campaigns are being planned this year including a focus on human rights abuses in certain countries.

A highlight of the annual meeting will be a report by Gary Sawdon on the Guatemalan refugee camps in southern Mexico. Group co-ordinator for the past year, Sawdon is currently visiting the camps and will return to Salt Spring in time for the meeting.

Plans are being made to stage a benefit concert in March or April, featuring classical guitarist Paul Banks and pianist Harold Brown.

Further information can be obtained from Amnesty spokesman Murray Reiss.

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**Two new Lions are welcomed by visitor**

When the District Governor of Lions was guest of honour at the Salt Spring Island Lions Club

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**Warning issued**

Ganges detachment RCMP have issued a warning to islanders who insist upon parking on Morningside Drive in Fulford despite the no parking signs.

And to back up the warning, Ganges RCMP have issued 10 parking tickets to various vehicles in the area. The tickets were put on vehicles parked too close to the fire hydrant, parked in the "no parking" zone or obstructing traffic.

Sergeant Mitch Hanks said of the situation, "I appreciate there is a parking problem there. But that doesn't give people the right to block the road."

If, in the opinion of the police officer, a vehicle is obstructing the free flow of traffic, it will be towed away at the owner's expense and a parking ticket issued.

Complaints from residents on the street near the ferry terminal brought the police warning. Vehicles are parked on both sides of the street and could interfere with the passage of fire trucks or ambulances.

**Storage area to stay**

The pile of sand on department of highways property at Central on Salt Spring isn't polluting St. Mary Lake, says Highways Minister Alex Fraser.

The Islands Trust had written to Fraser to express concern about the pile of sand and other stockpiles on highways land at Central. The land on which the sand sits is zoned Watershed 1.

But the minister says that any surface run-off from the storage yard travels about half a kilometre downhill to Duck Creek and "hence offers no possibility for watershed contamination."

Duck Creek runs out of St. Mary Lake to the south.

The storage yard offers quick access to materials for road crews, the minister noted, "for the benefit of all island residents."

He said that the storage area will stay where it is. But crews are in the "process of constructing a berm and landscaping to screen the area from surrounding properties."

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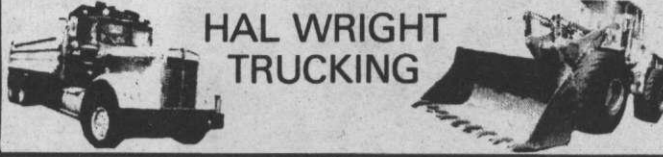
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## B.C. Gardener is speaker at Garden Club meeting

Large attendance at the February meeting of the Salt Spring Garden Club was one indication of the keen interest in the presentation by Bernard Moore, the B.C. Gardener.

He came directly to Salt Spring from a speaking engagement in Kamloops.

Moore called upon club members to suggest topics for him to discuss and many gardening interests and problems were aired. They included moss control in lawns and on sidewalks, the use of cold frames, building up of topsoil, the cause and treatment of brown spots in apples, taking rhododendron cuttings and treatment of fall raspberries.

Control of garden pests such as slugs, carrot rust fly and deer was also discussed.

According to one Garden Club member, the meeting thoroughly enjoyed Moore's humorous comments and felt it was an evening well spent.

● Bernard Moore, authority on growing and gardening, was the guest speaker at last week's meeting of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club. Moore is heard regularly on CBC, offering information and advice on all aspects of growing plants. He is shown speaking in St. George's Hall on Wednesday evening, when he entertained an audience that overflowed on to the floor as he answered questions and enquiries on every aspect of gardening, starting off with the correction of moss in lawns.

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# Gasoline Alley rezoned for redevelopment plan

The rezoning of Gasoline Alley in Ganges was approved by the Islands Trust last week.

Jeff Adelman, owner of the complex, had been seeking approval to rezone the property as the first step in a redevelopment project.

The property is currently zoned Commercial 3 for the front portion and Industrial 1 at the rear.

The recommendation which came to the committee from the Advisory Planning Commission was to rezone the entire lot C3 and amend the permitted uses of the zone to allow for the offices which Adelman wants to put in.

At that APC meeting, he had objected that the rezoning be contingent on putting in a public walkway along the shoreline as called for in the Ganges plan.

The APC had approved the rezoning subject to no increase in sewage output from the complex as well as "to the acquisition of public access to a strip along the high-water mark being considered a

priority..."

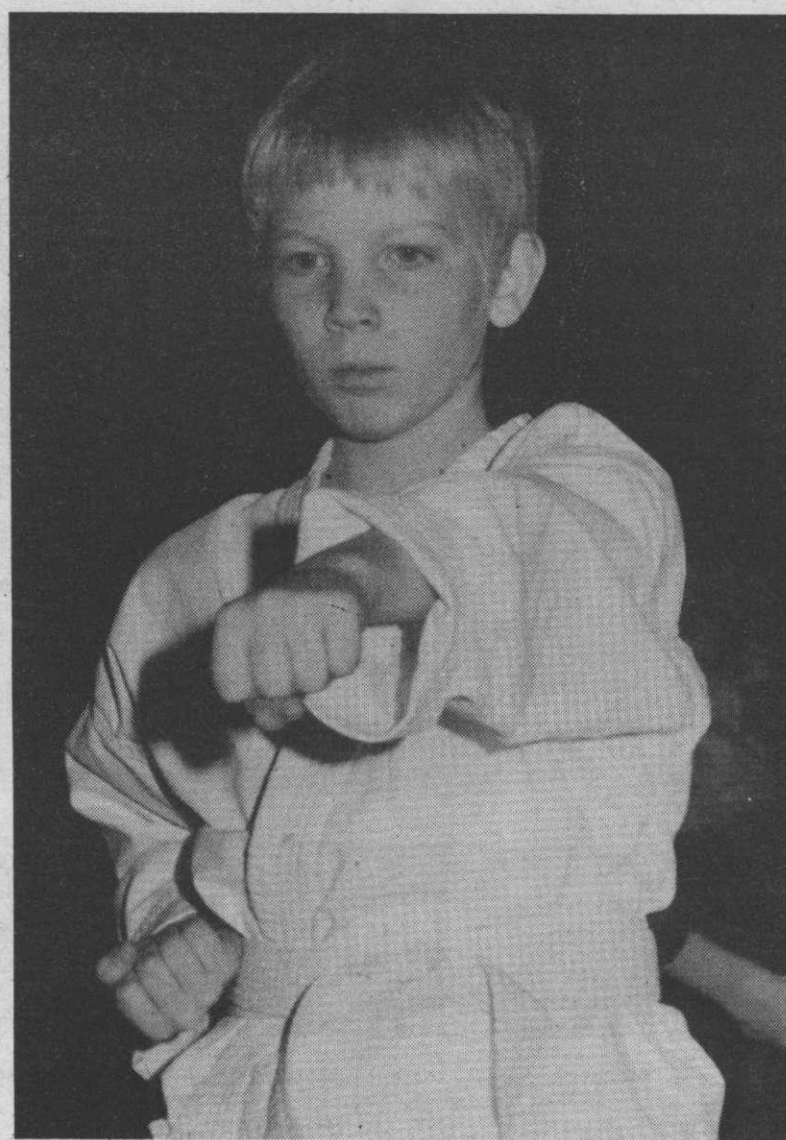
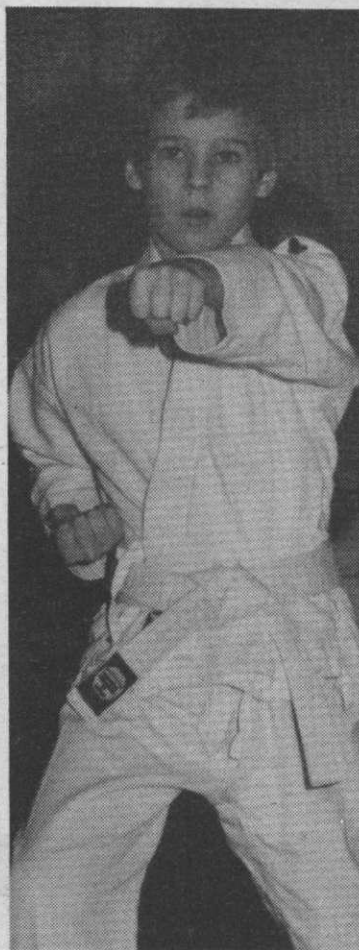
At the Trust committee meeting, Adelman read a letter from his lawyer which noted that under the Islands Trust Act, the Trust is limited to questions of land use through zoning only.

They cannot make demands such as access to a walkway as part of rezoning applications, the lawyer noted.

John Rich, Islands Trust vice-chairman and representative for Bowen Island, said the walkway issue was irrelevant to the rezoning application but may be relevant to an application for a development permit.

Adelman's plans must be approved by the advisory design panel in order to qualify for the development permit. Such a permit is required of all development in Ganges.

Adelman said he intends to phase out the industrial use of the site and create office space on an expanded second floor of the building.



Driftwood photos by Bill Webster

## Club members advance

It was promotion time for members of the Salt Spring Karate School Saturday. Among those who earned higher degrees were Mark Anderson, above, who shows the form which helped him earn a yellow belt. Trevor Hardie, right, concentrates on his actions and also earned a yellow belt. Two other members of the school earned their yellow belts, which is the first step up the ladder of karate. In addition, four yellow belt holders advanced to orange belts and one green belt holder earned a blue belt. Frans Beijik, instructor at the school, holds a brown belt. New classes begin in March.

# Trust expresses concern for toxic waste disposal

The Islands Trust sought a definition from the ministry of the environment for toxic wastes which shouldn't be dumped in the garbage.

Toxic waste, replied a ministry official, would be herbicides, pesticides, explosives and liquids of a gaseous or flammable nature.

John Rich, vice-chairman of the Islands Trust, said last week of the information sent, "The ministry of the environment should be doing more than just telling us what we know already."

The letter to the Trust explaining what domestic toxic waste is noted that any list would be incomplete. Rich noted that what was sent was incomplete.

Tom Hall, a nursery operator on Salt Spring, told the meeting of the Trust committee that the ministry of

the environment tells him how to dispose of containers of toxic materials which he uses in his orchards.

The instructions are, said Hall, to crush the containers and take them to the garbage dump.

Trustee Nick Gilbert pointed out that the ministry licenses the Salt Spring dump, which is located in a watershed, and allows toxic material to be dumped there.

The committee agreed to attempt to get a more complete list of domestic toxic materials. They will also send a letter to the minister to express concern about the lack of guidelines on hazardous material disposal and urge the ministry to provide such guidelines.

# Library activity on increase

All areas of library service—registrations, circulation and collections—showed an increase during the past year, the annual meeting of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association learned last Wednesday.

The meeting heard annual reports from board members and approved amendments to two of the bylaws.

Elected to serve a two-year term on the board were Marie Crofton, Margaret McDonald and A. Pike.

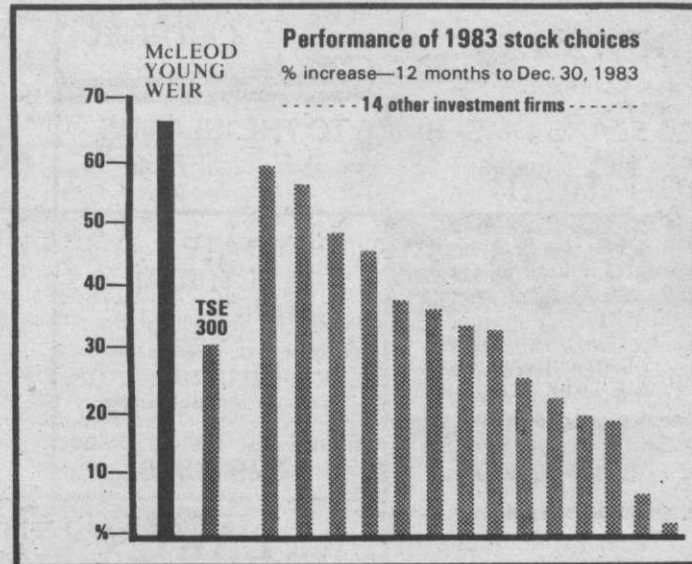
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# Self-sufficiency believed possible in many ways

There are no reasons whatsoever why the islands could not be self-sufficient in many more ways. Fruit, produce, herbs, both fresh and processed, eggs, poultry, lamb and mutton, are a few items which come to mind readily and for which a small base exists already.

The economic benefits to the islands would be manifold. It would provide many islanders with a source of income and buyers should benefit as well as ever more expensive transportation costs would not have to be added to retail prices. We would also gain a measure of independence from strikes, exchange rates, closures and other unforeseen obstacles.

The list of "local products for local use", the subject of the Island Futures conference on the weekend, is far more extensive than the few categories mentioned above and could lead to a solid, viable base of an islands economy.

In this regard I would like to add a few examples of small beginnings. Last year Foxglove carried "Scarlet Runner" bean seed from a local grower and of excellent quality.

Similarly, on my latest visit to the same establishment I was confronted with the most elephantine garlic I have ever seen. The loose bulbs must be close to eight inches (20 cm) across and the individual cloves are as large as

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There cannot be more than four or five cloves to the pound, they are gigantic and, of course, locally grown. Potatoes, onions, garlic, carrots, storage cabbage and winter squash are among the vegetables which store readily and lend themselves easily to sustained income production by avoiding the glut and famine cycles.

Yet fresh vegetables, especially in winter, could also be a nice and steady source of income if properly managed. Eva Temmel, for instance, is selling organically grown corn salad, leeks and a few other winter vegetables, at our Farmers' Market right now.

My faithful readers are well aware of my strong encouragement for growing fresh winter vegetables and I am pleased, to say the least, with these small beginnings towards local self-sufficiency.

Corn salad, a gourmet green, since it overwinters readily here, should provide any grower with a fairly steady income from early February until early May as it may be harvested continuously just like leaf lettuce. Jerusalem artichokes, an excellent vegetable in many ways, should also be readily available. The Island Futures concept has my full and enthusiastic support for these and other reasons.

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## IODE to buy kiln for Victoria Cancer Lodge

Monthly meeting of the HMS Ganges chapter of the IODE was held recently at the home of Dorothy Edwards. Regent Margaret Mayo conducted the meeting.

February is the anniversary month of the founding of the IODE, which took place in 1900.

Two forthcoming meetings were announced, the provincial in Coquitlam April 8, 9 and 10, and the national in Victoria on May 14-19. The Ganges chapter will be participating in the arrangements

for the latter.

Roma Aston reported on her visit to the Cancer Lodge in Victoria, and described the atmosphere as warm and pleasant. The chapter has earmarked \$1,000 as a donation to the lodge and it was decided to purchase a kiln for the recreation room. It will be used by people staying at the lodge for making jewellery and other items. Not only will it provide entertainment for them, but it has a therapeutic value as well.

Slate of officers elected by the meeting is as follows:

Honorary regent, Dorothy James; past regent, Roma Aston; regent, Margaret Mayo; vice-regent, Christine Searles; secretary, Madge Farncombe; assistant secretary, Anna Warrington; treasurer, Hilda Cullis; assistant treasurer, Jean Shopland; education officer, Olive Mouat; public relations, Alma McQuiggan.

Conveners are: services, Dorothy Edwards; talent table, Margaret Howell; hospitality, Joy Whitecross; membership, Ena Patrick; hospital, Anna Warrington; echoes, Fran Elliott; citizenship, Lydia Purser. Standard bearers are Joyce Parsons and Margaret Howell.

## Mathews to serve second term

Dave Mathews was elected to serve a second term as president of the Ganges Centre Association at its annual meeting Monday evening.

Secretary is Joanne Moger and Terra Tepper, Pat Barnes and Yvonne Toynbee were named directors for two-year terms.

The association was formed one year ago.

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AGENDA:

- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Chairman's Report
- Fire Chief's Report
- Report of Volunteer Firemen
- Election of Trustee (one for a term of three years)
- Appointment of Auditor
- Any other business

**Trustees would appreciate a good turnout of island residents.**



### Golden Age Bowlers make presentation

When the proprietors of Leisure Lanes bowling alleys in Ganges marked their 25th wedding anniversary last weekend, some of

their friends gathered to mark the event and to make a presentation. Terry and Jean Jenkins are seen as they are presented with gifts by

Hilda and Frank Cullis, of the Golden Age Bowlers, on Sunday afternoon. There was also a tiered wedding cake.

### Jim Manly guest at meeting

Island MP Jim Manly was a guest at the Salt Spring NDP annual meeting and potluck supper Saturday evening.

He spoke on the upcoming federal election and last week's federal budget. Manly compared the budget with a large water barrel

full of holes, with the trickle effect providing little help for the average person.

New officers elected at the meeting were Jan Havelaar, president; Dave Williams, vice-president; Lydia Purser, secretary; Fred Maybee, treasurer; Beth Ariss, membership; Phyllis Sinclair,

publicity and *The Torch*; Irene Wright, federal representative; and Donna Jenkins, program.

Provincial leadership candidates will be visiting Salt Spring during the next few months, beginning with Graham Lea on March 1 at 7:30 pm in the United Church Hall.

The group will be holding a garage sale March 17 at the home of Jim and Phyllis Sinclair, 210 Old Divide Road.

### Gabriola residents protest hikes

A group of Gabriola residents has formed a committee to protest the recent ferry fare increases on vessels operated by the ministry of highways.

Residents in Protest of Ferry Fares (RIP-OFF) objects in particular to the \$2 charge for bicycles, an increase of 400% over the discount fare charged before January 1.

The group is also opposed to the 25% increases in other fares.

RIP-OFF is seeking a roll-back of fares to within the 6-5 inflationary guidelines, establishment of a discounted fare for senior citizens and people on low incomes and abolishment of the bicycle fare.

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Women's: S.S. Sockeyes vs Gordon Head, Sun., Feb. 26, 11 am, Victoria.

Div. 5C: S.S. Selects vs Bays UTD, Sat., Feb. 25, 12:30 pm, Victoria

Div. 6C: S.S. Sounders vs Bays UTD, Sat., Feb. 25, 11:30 am, Portlock Pk.

Girls: S.S. Cosmos vs Juan de Fuca, Sat., Feb. 25, 2:15 pm, Portlock Pk.

Div. 6C: S.S. Sounders vs Peninsula, Sun., Feb. 26, 11 am, Victoria.

INTRA-ISLAND: Senior: Sat., Feb. 25, 10 am: Lazars vs Dodgers, Portlock #1; Stingers vs Kicks, Portlock #2; Fury vs Sharks, Portlock #3. Junior: Sat., Feb. 25, 9 am: Demons vs Eagles, Portlock #1; Leopards vs Devils, Portlock #2; Mites vs Panthers, Portlock #3.

PRE-SCHOOL: Every Saturday morning at 9:30 am at Portlock Park.

ADULT SOCCER: Every Sunday 3 pm on the Ganges School Grounds.

**ISLANDS TRUST  
NORTH PENDER ISLAND  
TRUST COMMITTEE**

**Notice of Public Hearing**

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the North Pender Island Golf Course Club House on Otter Bay Road, North Pender Island, on **SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1984**, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Proposed North Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 23 (being Zoning By-law, North Pender Island, 1978, Amendment By-law No. 1, 1983) is a By-law to amend North Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5, being the "Zoning By-law, North Pender Island, 1978". In general terms, the intent of the proposed By-law is to:

- 1) Add "mooring buoys" as a permitted use in the Water A Zone (WA); and
- 2) To reduce the maximum height of buildings in the Commercial 2 Zone (C2) from 9.7 metres (32 ft.) to 7.0 metres (23 ft.).

A copy of the proposed By-law may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 716 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 720(2) of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, C.290, an additional copy of the proposed by-law may be inspected at the Post Office, North Pender Island.

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| <b>ROAD TEST</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General performance</li> <li>2. Engine performance</li> <li>3. Transmission</li> <li>4. Brakes</li> <li>5. Driveline/R. Axle</li> <li>6. Steering</li> <li>7. Clutch</li> </ol>   | <b>ON HOIST</b>           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26. Exhaust system</li> <li>27. Oil leaks</li> <li>28. Driveline (U. joints)</li> <li>29. Clutch linkage</li> <li>30. Brake pads &amp; linings</li> <li>31. Brake calipers</li> <li>32. Brake hoses &amp; lines</li> <li>33. Shock absorbers</li> <li>34. Steering linkage</li> <li>35. Wheel bearings</li> <li>36. Tires: Front, Rear, Spare</li> </ol>  |
| <b>ELECTRICAL</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Horn</li> <li>9. W/S Wipers</li> <li>10. W/S Washers</li> <li>11. Heater motor</li> <li>12. E.S.P.</li> <li>13. Instruments</li> <li>14. Headlights</li> <li>15. Side marker lights</li> <li>16. Turn signals</li> <li>17. Back-up lights</li> <li>18. Stoplights</li> <li>19. Tail lights</li> </ol> | <b>BODY</b>               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>37. Damage</li> <li>38. Glass</li> <li>39. Door locks</li> <li>40. Hood latch</li> <li>41. Trunk latch</li> <li>42. Mirrors</li> </ol>  |
| <b>INTERIOR</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20. Seat belts</li> <li>21. Parking brake</li> <li>22. Clutch pedal (free play)</li> <li>23. Brake pedal (free play)</li> <li>24. Air conditioner</li> <li>25. Interior lights</li> </ol>  | <b>ENGINE COMPARTMENT</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>43. Cooling system</li> <li>44. Hoses &amp; drive belts</li> <li>45. Battery &amp; cables</li> <li>46. Engine oil (level)</li> <li>47. P.C.V. valve</li> <li>48. Air cleaner</li> <li>49. Carburetor</li> <li>50. Power stg./fluid (level)</li> <li>51. Auto. trans. oil (level)</li> <li>52. Ignition point dwell</li> <li>53. Ignition timing</li> <li>54. Hot idle</li> <li>55. Emission Control System</li> </ol> |

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