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12 go for quick dip at Vesuvius

A daffy dozen took to the cold water of Vesuvius Bay for the sixth version of the Vesuvius Inn Polar Bear Swim on Tuesday.

Air temperature hovered just above the freezing mark and the water wasn't much warmer.

The 12 people joined George the nerd-dog for the quick dip.

The prize for the eldest went to Gloria "Fishlips" O'Hara and Geoff "Numbthumb" Swift. The youngest were Leaf Jason, 8, and Kati "Chirptwerp" Mouat. Swift listed his age as 49 while the others were not willing to divulge such information.

Wayne Simons won a prize for wildest costume.

Prizes were tee-shirts compliments of the Inn and the General Store in Ganges.

Honourable mention went to Barb Ryan who was first in and last out. She was taking her fourth New Year's Day swim at Vesuvius Bay.

George the dog was taking his fifth dip.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Goosebumps were in order at Vesuvius Bay on New Year's Day as the sixth annual polar bear swim took place. From left are Bev

Josephson, Geoff Swift, who was the oldest to brave the cold water, Kati Mouat, who was one of the youngest, and Donna Fenlon, with

her back to the shore. There were 12 entrants in the event sponsored by the Vesuvius Inn.

Lots of snow brings few problems

It has been a white New Year but the snow which fell to end the old year caused few problems in the Gulf Islands.

The snow began falling last Thursday evening and by the time it stopped on Sunday up to 15 inches blanketed the ground.

RCMP reported one accident caused by the snowfall.

B.C. Hydro crews were called to deal with two minor blackouts, one each on Pender and Saturna Islands. Trees had fallen across the Hydro lines in each case.

The department of highways crews have been busy plowing and sanding roads on the islands since the snow began falling.

Ganges weather-watcher Robert Aston reported that the recent snowfall was not close to a record. For instance, he pointed out that a storm at the beginning of 1982 dumped up to 27 inches of snow on the islands.

The 10-year average for winter snow is close to 36 inches of snow, he said, but the snow usually comes in one or two falls spread over a month. In the winter of 1982-83 there was almost no snow in the Gulf Islands.

Man found dead in park

The body of George Wilson, 23, was found hanging from the flagpole in Centennial Park on December 24.

Ganges RCMP reported that death was due to strangulation.

Wilson, who also used the name George Edwards, had been living and working in Calgary but was on Salt Spring to visit friends.

Coroner Morris Chernoff of Duncan will be holding an inquiry into the death.

Friends of Wilson gathered in Centennial Park on December 26. They lit a candle in memory of him and cut down the flagpole. The flag on the other pole in the park was lowered to half-mast.

Last-minute rush keeps sales at 1983 levels

Christmas brought good cheer to businesses in Ganges with sales equal to or better than previous years.

At Mouat's, manager Tom Toynbee said that while sales for the entire month of December were down about five percent from last year, the cash registers were kept busy nearer the big day.

He indicated that comparisons could not be made accurately because of a day less for shoppers this year.

And down in the mall, the story repeated itself from shop to shop.

Andy Elias at Radio Shack said sales were about twice as high this year as last. He had stocked his shelves for the rush and when snow fell earlier in the month, customers stayed on island, he said.

They bought computers, radio-controlled toys and video machines. Elias described the sales as a "dramatic increase" over last year and said that sales of the video machines were such that he "couldn't get enough of them."

At Gulf Island Video Rentals Darlene Ruckle reported a slow start for the month with business picking up closer to Christmas Day. The promotion days in Ganges

such as Light-Up Day were bonuses, she said. Customers were looking

Crews give rides to 30 people

The Salt Spring ambulance crew drove about 30 people home from New Year's celebrations.

Tom Lobbes, unit officer, said, "It was well received for the first time around."

The members of the Ganges Ambulance Association were not "run off their feet," Lobbes said, but they were kept fairly busy for most of the early hours of the new year, particularly when the bars on the island closed.

Lobbes noted that the ambulance crew expressed appreciation to the people who requested a ride home.

"We were glad to drive them," he said, "rather than have to scrape them out of a ditch."

The crew will put a similar program in action for next year as well, he added.

for tapes and videos, not only to rent but to buy.

At Video Ranch, Brent Birney told a similar story. Sales were about the same as last year, he said, but could be up slightly.

Noel Fowles of Black Duck Antiques also reported an increase in business over last Christmas season. He noted that customers tend to keep an eye on his stock during the year so that Christmas isn't so much of a rush at the store.

Turkeys and hams and legs of lamb were what people purchased from Matt's Meat Market, said Sandy Robley.

She counted about the same number of turkeys going out but noticed an increase in the number of hams. In addition to the traditional fare, the meat market also sold "lots of legs of lamb," she added.

Which is what went on at the meat department at Gulf Island Trading Co., said butcher Don Harrison. The same number of turkeys but more hams left the store as did a quantity of chickens, he said.

While the manager of the liquor store couldn't disclose the extent of sales, a look at the empty shelves near Christmas Day indicated that thirsts would be taken care of.

Workers at the post office also faced the regular Christmas rush, reported postmaster Fred Smidt-Neilsen. The volume of letters, in and out, matched the volume handled last year. Parcels coming in also matched the number of the previous year but the number of parcels going out was greater, he said.

At the Flowers and Wine Shoppe, Joanne Moger was busiest the four days before the big day. She said that business was definitely up over last year.

The Camera Store in Mouat's Mall also experienced a busy time. Becca Ritenour said that sales of films, flashes and batteries was the best in four years. She didn't expect such a rush because sales for the previous two years had been "lousy."

At the General Store, Lois and Dale Codd noticed that people seemed to be waiting to make purchases. Sales on Christmas Eve were very good, reported Codd, but over the month sales were slightly below 1983, he said.

Pegasus Gallery had an "excellent business for Christmas," said owner Yvonne Toynbee. The month

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Federal inquiry looks at water supplies

Problems will grow with population—Humphries

By BILL WEBSTER

The population of the Islands Trust area is growing while the supply of potable water is endangered and that's a concern of the Islands Trust.

Trust chairman Mike Humphries made a submission to the inquiry into federal water policy when the three-man commission was in Victoria recently.

The commission, headed by Peter Pearse, is travelling across Canada to listen to concerns about the supply of water in the country. The commission was in Vancouver for five days of hearings, Kelowna for two days and spent another day in Victoria.

Pearse is a professor of forestry and a governor of the University of British Columbia. Also on the commission are Francoise Bertrand, a dean at the University of Quebec in Montreal, and James

MacLaren, a consulting engineer from Toronto.

Humphries presented a brief to the commission which outlined the problems of water supplies in the Trust area. He focused not only on potable water but also the marine environment of the Strait of Georgia.

"The fresh water issues all relate to the fact that steadily increasing human population is placing a greater demand on a small infinite resource," Humphries noted in the brief.

The population growth can be measured with reasonable accuracy based on census figure changes. The mini-census in 1976 showed the Islands Trust area was home to 9,513 people. By 1981 the population had grown to 12,702, a 12% increase in five years.

During that time the population of the southern Gulf Islands rose to 8,001 from 6,420 for an increase of 25%.

The major concern, Humphries noted, centres on the fact that "there is no scientific basis available to estimate with any known degree of accuracy precisely how much surface and groundwater is currently available on each major island."

Without that knowledge, "it is not possible to estimate the carrying capacity of each island," he wrote.

Under the provisions of the community plans of the islands, the potential exists for up to 20,000 parcels of land which would, after full development, result in a potential population in the Islands Trust area of approximately 65,000 people.

The competition for water in the islands comes from wildlife, vegetation, agriculture and humans.

A number of problems in the islands have been identified such as saline intrusion, well interference, low annual rainfall resulting in lack of excess water for recharge and low water tables in summer months.

The Miners Bay area at Mayne Island, for instance, suffers from high coliform counts in the water and residents must boil the water before use.

Magic Lake at Pender Island has run into a water problem which threatens to become chronic and

some areas of Salt Spring are plagued with foul-smelling water which contains hydrogen sulfides.

The problems will increase, notes Humphries, as the human population increases.

He urges a monitoring program be introduced to measure both the quantity and quality of existing fresh water supplies. The provincial ministry of the environment would be the most appropriate agency to carry out the study, Humphries suggests.

But the provincial restraint program has resulted in reductions of staff and money at that ministry, he added.

"Methods of assessing and predicting the fresh water capacities of each major island should be developed," Humphries continued in his recommendations.

He also recommends that "models should be produced to identify the needs and effects of various mixes of land use (residential, commercial, agricultural and recreational, for instance) on known or predicted water resources and ecosystems."

Humphries also puts forward the idea of fundamental research "to develop methods to enhance groundwater recharge areas and to de-toxify contaminated sources of groundwater."

The Islands Trust has limited powers when dealing with preservation and protection of freshwater supplies, Humphries points out. The water rights branch of the ministry of the environment handles rights to surface fresh water. Groundwater is not regulated by any agency.

The waste management branch bears some responsibility for sewage and other waste disposal while other aspects of fresh water controls fall to the health departments as well as the highways department through construction of roads.

The federal control of fresh water extends only to those streams and lakes containing salmonid species.

He suggests that existing regulations covering pollution and contamination of fresh water, both federal and provincial, should be improved and "rigorously enforced."

Other regulations to ensure adequate maintenance of septic as well as other domestic sewage systems need to be developed by the province, he states.

In addition to tougher regulations, Humphries calls for an educational program to increase public awareness of the problem.

He suggests that financial

incentives, such as tax relief on land, buildings and a variety of land use practices, could assist in changing attitudes and behaviour towards water supplies.

The Pearse Commission will continue its hearings across Canada and is expected to produce a report on its findings later in the year.

Next week, a look at the problem of fresh water as seen by Mike Larmour of the North Sali Spring Waterworks District.

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Liquor store target

There was one break-in, one attempted break-in and a false alarm on Salt Spring over the Christmas season.

The liquor store on Jackson Avenue in Ganges was entered December 29. An unknown quantity of liquor was taken although police recovered some of the stolen items.

The burglar alarm sounded when someone broke the window of the front door.

That same alarm has sounded on several occasions recently for no apparent reason.

Which is what happened to the burglar alarm at the Legion Hall on Hereford Avenue in Ganges. Police arrived at the scene but could find no indication of why the alarm sounded.

At Fulford Inn, someone attempted to enter the premises sometime during the night. The front door was slightly damaged. Police were notified December 26.

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To be Frank

...by Richards

Sure makes you humble

Snow makes a fellow humble. Mind you, I started that way, anyway. But you give your car a new pair of knobby boots with little wires stuck in little holes and you wait till it snows. Now comes the test. For weeks you've been driving around with a roar from those tires drowning out everything else in sight. So you park in a small snowdrift. Comes the time to get out there's a driver in a four-wheel drive, big knobblies all over his four tires and stainless steel studs. He's just behind you. You put it in low and you give it some gas. The lovely, expensive tires run happily in the snow while the chariot remains at rest. You try reverse and come close to his bumper. You try forward and get a foot or two before you stall again. Then comes the lesson. The big f.w.d. gives one roar of POWER and slides to a right angle behind you, leaps out on to the road, swings to keep in line with traffic and disappears as the driver's supercilious sneer stays behind. That's put you where you belong! That's shown it to you the way he is! Why didn't you stay at home, fella?

Those Happy Old Years!

There were the happy old years, as well. You want to talk to some of the old-timers. I mean, by the time you've listened to fellows like Gordon Cudmore or George Heinekey you realize that a happy new year has nothing in it with a happy old year when money was scarce, but memories were in the making. It was Gordon telling me the other day about shooting crows. There was a bounty on crows in those days. You shot a crow and you took it in to the rod and gun club and you got a shotgun shell in exchange. The trick was that you used a .22 to shoot the crow and to reward you they gave you a 12 gauge shell for bigger and better trophies. You didn't have to send in the whole crow. You tied the legs together and sent those in to save the stink. There were more bounties in happy old years. They would pay bounties on sea lions, trying to keep them down, recalled Gordon this week.

Beaten by the whole bunch

It was Christmas and some sucker by the name of Claws brought into my extended family an electronic game. Until Claws did that, my life was smooth and I had even been caught smiling. But no more. You twiddle a lever to make your man turn around or walk forward. And you press a knob to enable him to attack. It wasn't supposed to be a war game. It also has Popeye fighting for the spinach and other peacetime pursuits. I have played it a half-dozen times. Perhaps even a dozen. And I have lost every time. I can't make the things turn or it won't advance when I want it to. My four-year-old granddaughter is a whizz. Her six-year-old sister can wipe me up. Even Women's Lib can walk all over me at that skill-testing contest. I've got too many grandchildren, dammit, and they all have that look like they're trying not to laugh and not quite making it. There must be something wrong with the game.

A poor, icy start

You know, an icy B. C. is a heck of a poor start for I.C.B.C.

It's very bad for me

I'm very sweet. Women's Lib takes a pinch of sugar in her tea. No. 2 daughter takes none. Me? Five lumps, please! Sugar is not a good diet; that's why I don't eat much sugar. Just five lumps, please. I get up in the morning and take two mugs of tea before doing anything. Then I have on mid-morning and one at lunch time. I might have a mug during the afternoon and I usually have one mug after dinner. And maybe another before I lie down for a well-earned night's rest. That, says Women's Lib, is a whole heap of tea. That, says No. 2 Charming Daughter, is a whole heap too much sugar. And I can't fight them. I know caffeine cuts you down in your youth and sugar challenges your ever growing up. And I know it's a bit late to look for those symptoms. All I know for sure is that I'm a lot happier knowing little and risking a lot than my family knowing all and risking little. I like five lumps, please, but don't tell anyone. I'm on a diet!

Another who couldn't wait

There was someone this week who couldn't wait for the liquor store to close, but he left enough for most people on Monday.

It's silly to always make them

New year resolutions? I rarely make 'em and it saves looking back on all the ways I went wrong last year. I only know of one resolution that I want to really keep. I'm determined to, this year, split no infinitives. Except when I feel the need of one. I am resolved this year to never split an infinitive. Doesn't it make you feel good making resolutions?

Back and forth

I had to go to Victoria. I would go over, take some of the grandchildren and have lunch with a friend. Then it snowed and my family assured their roads were good. So I went. I got to Swartz Bay and found the highway in worse condition than the island roads. I took no passengers, didn't get to the city and came straight back while I still could. My biggest trouble wasn't roads. It was the windshield wipers. I had been so busy trying to find something to take the film off the windshield that I forgot to make sure it wouldn't freeze. Every mile I had to stop to break the ice on the wiper blades. Next time it snows, I stay home.

You'll never live it down

It's times like New Year's Eve that make you realize how close to disaster you are. There's the liquor store doing a liquor office business as all Salt Spring Island lines up on Jackson to get its share. And you go home, kind of gingerly, knowing that you can live it up for just a short kick tonight, but it's likely going to take all of a happy new year to live it down afterwards.

Where did name come from?

Why Tantramar? Why was Tantramar so named? I wrote a few weeks ago about the Tantramar Marsh in eastern Canada. But nobody has come up with a suggestion how Tantramar at Vesuvius got its name. Is it named after the marsh? Or was it coincidence? Anybody know?

Bird count is held

When the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club held its annual bird count in December, the participants sighted 22,888 birds of 108 species.

Last year, there were 145 counters who sighted 24,823 birds of 112 species. Unusual sightings this time out included two Cassins awklets and a couple of cinnamon teal.

Co-ordinator of the one-day event, Marguerite Pearce, had 164 people in the field.

A more complete report will be made when the Trail and Nature Club gathers for a meeting later this month.



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Smeeton Park

It has been suggested to the owners of land at Musgrave that a proposed new park be named after Miles Smeeton, author, sailor and explorer, who once made his home on Salt Spring Island.

Mayor of North Cowichan, Graham Bruce, has suggested the naming of park property on the disputed strata title development on Musgrave to pay tribute to the former island sailor and his wife. Miles and Beryl Smeeton once made their home at Musgrave Landing.

Smeeton publicized the island and his memories of it in his various books.

If Rico Holdings Ltd. should establish the proposed park, the naming of it after so distinguished a modern pioneer would be a welcome gesture.

The many islanders who knew him or read him will warmly endorse Bruce's plea.

Essayists

For a number of years islands students have been encouraged to submit entries through their schools, for the Christmas essay contest sponsored by this newspaper.

The contest has been a heavy responsibility for everyone involved and the response has been gratifying. Judges have been drawn from our own staff and from the schools as well as from other island centres.

For the years since this project was launched the standards have been very high and the ranking of entries has represented a challenge to everyone associated with the judging.

The philosophy behind the annual program is that which sponsors all tests and contests in writing. The ability to clearly express an opinion is the first essential in all areas of communication. Two neighbours chatting over the fence must have sufficient fluency to be fully understood. The student far from home must have a command of expression to be able to write home of a new environment and a new experience.

Driftwood has enjoyed the experience over the past years. We feel that in a small degree we are contributing to a fuller and a freer communication between people in a coming generation of Canadians.

It makes it well worth while. The contest will go on in this and future years, and the publisher of this newspaper enjoys this annual opportunity of learning from islands students.

We have all been impressed by the quality of the entries and by the eager response of the contestants.

Impaired driving

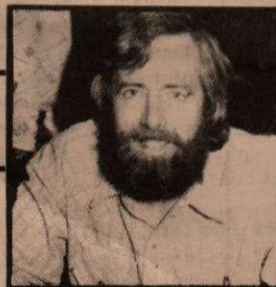
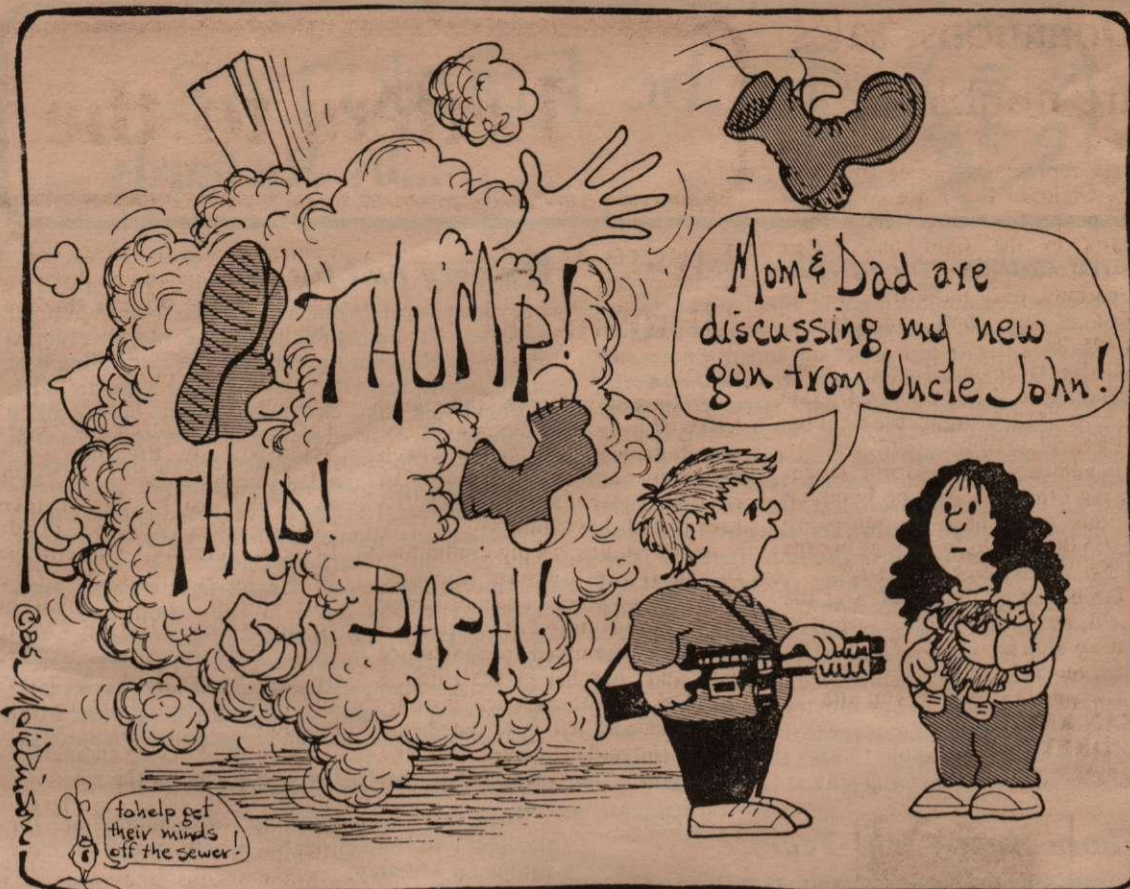
The new measures against drinking drivers are the natural consequence of an intolerable death toll on Canadian highways. Some of the measures will be a discouragement to the driver who shouldn't be driving.

It must be borne in mind that the driver who is completely under the influence of alcohol is unlikely to be influenced by any cautionary sense and must be steered away from a motor vehicle by his companions.

The federal government is planning to provide legislation whereby the judge may confiscate the vehicle involved.

This is probably the most effective of all measures. The man who is driving his own car will be reluctant to risk losing not only his own licence but his own car by excessive drinking. The car represents a big investment and a big part of the amenities of living. It will also discourage a car owner from lending his vehicle to a potential drunken driver.

The measure, however, does not go far enough. Confiscation should be mandatory in all repeat cases.



Tony Richards

TWO OF THE BEST DAYS of the year for travelling to Vancouver from the islands are Christmas Day and Boxing Day, when highway and ferry traffic is light.

But Boxing Day 1984 proved to be an exception when half the crew members of the *Salt Spring Queen* weren't aware that there was a 7 am sailing to Crofton. As ferry worker Walter Cantrill pointed out, it was the first time in 18 Boxing Days that the ferry didn't make its first run at eight o'clock.

But I wasn't particularly interested in Walter's statistics. We got up at six (after calling B. C. Ferries the night before to confirm there was a sailing at seven) and were determined to catch the 9 am ferry from Nanaimo.

We had a coffee party scheduled for 11 am in North Vancouver, followed by a 12-hour Danish smorgasbord luncheon beginning at one o'clock out in Coquitlam. And I had a special reason for being determined to be punctual: the last time we arrived on time was about six years ago and we go nearly every year.

And every year we discover a new suburb of New Westminster or an unfamiliar curve in the Fraser River as we travel blindly around the outskirts of Vancouver, buried under a pile of road maps, atlases and any other aids to navigation we can lay our hands on.

This year was to be different. We would travel to North Van first from which point getting to Coquitlam is a piece of cake—or to be more accurate—a slice of Danish pickled herring.

But wait—we're still tied up at Vesuvius and dawn is breaking over Stuart Channel. The aroma of fresh pulp fills the air as anxious travellers pace the deck, now and then casting an impatient eye shorewards for any sign of the tardy crew.

The gulls, too, are thrown off by the change in schedule and loudly voice their concern, as if to try to compete with the impatient yells of the kids in the back seat of our car.

But as any Vesuvius Bay resident knows, the *Salt Spring Queen's* departures cannot be likened to the National Research Council official time signal: it's not quite that accurate.

And when the occupants of the ship's payload—three vehicles—converge on the cardeck with thoughts of hijacking in mind, they smile sadly when one of their number tells how Quadra Island residents set their clocks by the *Quadra Queen*, which plies—like clockwork, of course—between that island and Campbell River.

Meanwhile, a full complement of crew has gathered aboard and the ferry sets sail for Crofton, whose smog beckons in the distance. Vesuvius Bay residents awake to the sound of car horns as elated

travellers celebrate their departure. The time: 7.40 am.

And so the good ship *Salt Spring Queen* chugs along for a good two minutes and the engines slow, stop, then reverse. An inquiry of the crew reveals that we are returning to the dock to pick up a latecomer. A latecomer. At 7.42.

The latecomer boards and one or two other stragglers come down the dock, happy to see the ferry had hung around waiting for them—for 45 minutes!

And so off we go again. We pull out of the dock at 7.50 just as the first earlycomers arrive for the 8 am sailing. But the *Salt Spring Queen* waits for no one but latecomers and the puzzled drivers gathering in the line-up glare at their watches, wishing they'd got new ones for Christmas.

The rest of the trip was uneventful. We made the 9 am sailing to Horseshoe Bay with five minutes to spare and sat down to Schnapps and herring at 1 pm to the sheer astonishment of our hosts.

But hold on, now. My story isn't over. We haven't returned home yet. It's the day after Boxing Day and the highway to Horseshoe Bay is solid cars. The line-up at the terminal is a mile long and we've got a two-hour wait for a ferry. It's colder than a witch's you-know-what, the kids (who were up till midnight) are thoroughly enjoying themselves being cooped up in the back seat of a small car and me, I've got my annual Danish hangover. So we spend two hours searching desperately in our souls for just one more ounce of Christmas spirit to help us through the day.

Four hours later we arrive at Nanaimo and we've got 35 minutes to reach Crofton and get on the 3.30 boat. We pass Ladysmith at 120 kmh, praying that the local RCMP are still opening their Christmas presents, and it's 3.15. As we turn off the highway to Crofton it's 3.25. It's 3.27 as we pull up behind a Doman's semi on the hill past the second railway crossing.

At exactly 3.30 pm, Thursday, Dec. 27, 1984, the *Salt Spring Queen* departed from Crofton. There is little doubt that it was the first time all year that the *Salty* left on time. And how do I know it was so punctual for once? I sat on the dock watching it leave, wishing my brand new watch was just two minutes fast.

MEANWHILE, the Fulford ferry generally runs on time—unless some stupid dope locks his keys inside his car, that is. The 6:45 sailing from Fulford December 23 was held up for 15 minutes while half a dozen crew members helped some nignog break into his car.

The first thing said nignog did the following morning was purchase a magnetic key holder and place it on the underside of his car.

I'll give you one guess to identify the driver.

Donations, sales are double

Sir,
As representatives of the Save The Children Fund, we know that the people of Ganges have their hearts in the right place. Our Christmas card sales, and donations, were more than double those of last year, amounting to \$1,626.78.

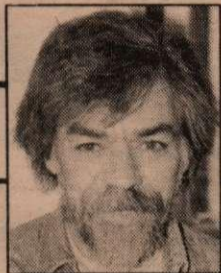
Collection cans for 1984 amounted to \$205.78. The plant sale realized \$515, bringing the total for 1984 to \$2,347.56.

In addition, cheques from Ganges for the Ethiopian Famine Fund, up to this date, have amounted to \$2,055.00, plus loose change in cans of \$80.12, totalling \$2,135.12.

On behalf of the children of the world, we thank you most sincerely, and we also send a big Thank-You to all our helpers.

Happy New Year to you all!

**JEAN NIGHT,
AUDREY FARR,**
Ganges.



Bill Webster

And so we begin another go-round.

Are you ready for 1985, otherwise known as the year of Ferd Snerd?

Who is he, you ask? Well, if 1984 was known as the year of George Orwell, then it's only fair that this year belongs to Snerd.

Everyone has heard of the unknown soldier, the unknown comic and other unknowns. Well, Snerd is the unknown unknown.

Louis Bolivar-Finchley brought him to the attention of the typewriter of this space and commented that it would be a good idea if Snerd were mentioned, if only to make him slightly less unknown.

Which is just the opposite of what a group of B.C. taxpayers want to do with Billie's Bunch. They, the taxpayers, have formed a new political party, the better to ensure that Billie and his Bunch become unknown after the next election.

It seems these taxpayers are not satisfied with the way the province is staggering from crisis to crisis. Either they, the taxpayers, want a more direct line between crises or else they want the province to avoid crises. Or quit staggering.

Louis claims the main thing wrong with B.C. is its location. It's almost as far to Halifax on the other pond as it is to Tokyo on this one, he claimed.

One is not sure what that point proves but Louis is not daunted by such trivia.

He went on to list other ruptures in the B.C. body politic. Lack of money for some things which are needed while other things of dubious value receive many bucks.

Gracie points her finger at spouses of single parents. Why, she asks, should spouses not pay their fair share of keeping bread on the table of single parents?

That's not a bad idea. But experience has proven that money which should be paid from one spouse to the separated spouse seldom changes hands.

Gracie has this great idea of hunting them, the non-paying spouses, down and making them

Living for all mankind

Sir,
On Saturday, Dec. 8 Gulf Island Christian Scientists gathered simultaneously with fellow church members on many continents to consider together a stirring call: "To Live for All Mankind."

As Christians deeply committed to their fellowman and to humanity's peace and progress, many thousands of Christian Scientists assembled in conference halls and churches in 145 cities of North and South America, Europe, Australia, and Africa to rededicate their individual lives to the achievement of world peace and

human freedom, based on the spiritual understanding that all men are in fact the beloved children of God.

The meeting—transmitted from the auditorium of the original 1894 building of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, to six satellites—was relayed to such cities as New York, Washington, Chicago, Los Angeles, London, Belfast, Vienna, Copenhagen, Berlin, Paris, Milan, Amsterdam, Stockholm, Lagos, Nairobi, Johannesburg, Harare, Mexico City, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Melbourne, Sydney, Vancouver and Victoria, and many other locations.

Videoconferencing engineers said the world scale of the meeting was "more than twice as large as anything they had ever before attempted."

Simultaneous translation of the videoconference was handled by church and United Nations translators in Spanish, German, Danish, French, Swedish, Italian, and Portuguese.

A panel of reporters from *The Christian Science Monitor* joined the meeting via satellite from the Old Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England.

In keeping with the *Monitor's* 75 year tradition of in-depth coverage of social, economic, political and cultural affairs, the panel discussed a broad range of pressing challenges—from the nuclear arms race to what one panel member termed "the saturation point of materialism in some of the western world." It was brought out that "the very urgency of today's problems, reminds us that our personal lives aren't here somewhere and world problems out there somewhere else."

The Christian Science board of directors, which called this special meeting, urged all Christian Scientists to join in this renewal of their resolve to live not just for themselves but for all mankind. Mary Baker Eddy, the Founder of our Church, wrote of the person who lives by this rule: "With selfless love, he inscribes on the heart of humanity and transcribes on the page of reality the living, palpable presence—the might and majesty!—of goodness. He lives for all mankind, and honors his creator." (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 294).
SARLIZABETH STIBBARD,
Ganges.

Planning healthy

Sir,
The article headed "The death of community planning" which appeared in your paper December 5, cannot go unchallenged.

Contrary to your misrepresentation, land use planning in our Province is very healthy indeed. Within British Columbia's 28 Regional Districts, 132 plans are adopted or in preparation. Of 35 Cities, 34 have plans adopted or in preparation; of 13 Towns, 12 have plans adopted or in preparation; of 46 Districts, 45 have plans adopted or in preparation. In addition, there has been no reduction in funding for planning, rather we have redirected the funding available to areas of highest priority.

The basic thrust in our land use planning policy has been to prioritize planning, starting first with growing communities with increasing population. Our second priority is those unincorporated areas fringing

on already established communities. Third on the priority list are the unincorporated areas, or rural areas, some of which require little planning, basically because people in these areas prefer a rural environment away from the regulations and red tape which follow excessive planning.

In the case of rural areas, where it is deemed necessary to do planning for Provincial economic reasons, such planning may take place. Similarly, where the people living in a rural community decide by referendum to have a plan, in their area, again it would take place.

It is indeed unfortunate that your reporter should, for whatever reason, produce such false information. It greatly devalues *Driftwood* as a source of accurate information when such an article appears.

The big losers, in this kind of reporting, are those who support your newspaper, the people of your community, the ones who should be entitled to the facts.

BILL RITCHIE,
Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Rules, animosity regulations

Sir,
In your last issue of *Driftwood* (December 19) Bill Webster wrote a very good column about life on Salt Spring Island in the 1800's.

Life on the Island was pretty much the same until about 20 or 25 years ago, after which so many people from the cities and of course from other countries "discovered" Salt Spring and moved to "paradise".

No sooner were a large number of them here than "this was wrong", "that was wrong", "nothing was right", so today we have rules, regulations, penalties, on-going arguments and quite a lot of animosity.

Today most of the newcomers don't even know how to spell Salt Spring Island correctly, they think Salt Spring is one word!

I was born on the Island in 1923 and with the rest of the people who were born here we are now a small minority, but if Bill Webster would like to talk to some of the "natives" we'll gladly tell him what happened to the Island he wrote about.

J. BENNETT,
Ganges.

Nice work

Sir,
Three Cheers for the Highways dept. Was amazed to find out those orange and white sleeper cabs operate best at night, at least when it snows they do.

I do not like to stay home on a Friday or Saturday night and being lucky enough to have a 4W Drive vehicle I saw no reason to, but found all the main roads were nearly as clear as they are in July. Nice work guys.

TERRY PHIPPS,
Fulford Harbour.

Dollar-driven planning

Sir,
The attitude of the Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Ritchie as reported in your newspaper is truly shocking. Land use planning where the main consideration is short term economic gain is an irresponsible abdication of this generation's duty toward future generations.

The statement that there is nothing special about the Gulf Islands, with the inference that a greater degree of planning is not necessary, represents the dinosaur type thought processes that have resulted in the aesthetic destruction of many portions of this Province.

Examples of dollar-driven planning decisions are all too common in other areas that were once unique, such as the Okanagan Valley. Until now the Gulf Islands have been relatively unscathed, thanks in great measure to the Islands Trust.

It would seem that, if Mr. Ritchie prevails, that longer term economic considerations might well be jeopardized. When the natural beauty of the Islands has been compromised sufficiently, then Mr. Ritchie will be quite correct—there will be nothing special about them.
BRIAN RADFORD,
Prince George.

Tour book for tourists

Sir,
I am part of a group of Gulf Islands Secondary School students that is making a tour and activity book for Salt Spring Island tourists. We would like to hear from anyone with ideas or knowledge about the history of Salt Spring, good hikes or walks, native history, old houses, historically significant spots, good fishing spots, geological formations and so forth.

Please contact The SEALS program at Gulf Islands Secondary School, 537-2213.
ROBIN DICKEY,
SEALS, Gulf Islands Secondary School.
December 1984.

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More Letters to the Editor

Love keeps life precious

Sir,
On Christmas eve morning the body of my friend George was found on the flag pole in Centennial Park. "How melodramatic" and "He wanted attention" were the comments.

George was 23. He had been a part of Salt Spring's community for eight years. He wasn't a stranger and many of us knew well his sapphire eyes and soft heart. He was having a difficult time with the debris that clutters life's cracked highway. It isn't always easy to be alive. Each of us knows moments of fear, doubt, futility and insignificance. It is the light of love that counters those shadows.

It wasn't the events of the last week of George's life that led him to perceive it as valueless. It was a continuing lack of nourishment to his roots. The greatest gift we have for each other is love. We can pour it out to feed each other and hold it up to light each others' way or we can hoard it, only allowing a trickle out for our own gains.

As human beings we are responsible for keeping our community and our world from becoming dark and hungry. Whether George's death becomes nothing more than a subject of ugly gossip it is up to us. Let's pay attention to the statement George was making. Life is precious and only love keeps it that way.
HEATHER EDWARDS,
Ganges.

Letter from Nepal

Sir,
Today I received this cheery Christmas letter from Nepal. Please print it for all those Salt Spring people who work to support our Kathmandu Children's Home.
"Greetings from Nepal. I want to thank you and all your co-workers for all you have done for Mendies Haven. The money arrived in the bank. I was able to bring it to Nepal to be put to use. Susan and I have been out shopping for Christmas. It is the first time we have been able to do it so early and be able to pay for

it. Today Susan was getting Chupples (thongs) for each child. Oh we do appreciate your help.

We are going to have the Big House plastered and painted. Norm Merkley is going to take some photos before and after for you. The children are all busy with their final exams. God Bless You. Elizabeth Mendies."

In 1984 Salt Spring Islanders contributed \$3,620 to Mendies Haven. Congratulations.
ALICE ANDRESS,
Ganges.

Enjoyable event

Sir,
On our recent visit to our daughter, her husband and family, I had the privilege of attending the Salt Spring Singers' Christmas Concert on December 9. I just had to write to say how much I enjoyed that evening.

I felt it was one of the most enjoyable musical events I've ever attended! I do hope they will make some recordings available for sale.
MRS. B. M. PABORSA,
Edmonton.

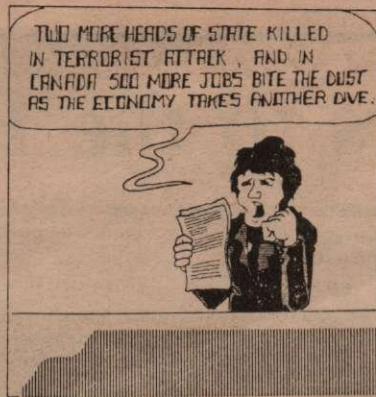
People care

Sir,
My family and I want to express our thanks and deep gratitude to all our dear friends and neighbours who pitched in and looked after everything when my dear husband Jack passed away.

We intended to have a small family service at St. Mark's Church, but, instead, the church was full, with standing room only.

Dear Noel Bracher, who had golfed with the "Fickle Fingers" with Jack, gave a lovely sermon and included in it a little verse I had composed for a few close friends, but somehow seemed just right for Salt Spring or so one dear friend thought, I will repeat it later.

After the sermon, our home filled up with friends, who had come back to express their condolences. Our children were overwhelmed, with the genuine feelings of the people here on Salt Spring. Our eldest son said, "Well Mum, I guess everyone



here on the island thinks they are family."

Our special thanks to Edna Gatt, Jean Holmes, Jean King, Jean Johnson and Eve Kirkland, ladies of Jack's beloved hiking club, who took over the providing of sandwiches and cakes, along with some others, whom I have yet to find out about, I don't know how they managed. I hope some day to be able to repay everyone for all they did for us.

Dear friends Arnold Andrew and Doug Gatt were pillars of strength for Jack through his courageous battle with that dreaded disease cancer.

Salt Spring Island is so rare For people here, do really care. They helped to smooth the rough roads out.

When troubles come, without a doubt. They're there beside you, sun or rain They help to ease your fears and pain. We're lucky here, life so depends On loving, caring, wonderful friends.

VINA READY and family,
Ganges.

Inaccurate title

Sir,
The editorial of December 19 by Gordon Sloan was an insightful a piece of work on the nuclear issue as I have read in many months. It reflects the process of the populist nuclear disarmament movement and its far-reaching effects on the minds of world leaders very accurately.

Question. How could you editorially select such an inaccurate title as "Peacemakers Zealously Gloomy Due to Lack of Confidence"? While the phrase is

present in one sentence, it is in a quite different context than the title suggests. The message to this reader is one of "hope" now appearing in nuclear despair! We do need "to more intelligibly account for hope in the midst of this peril". We need "MOOSE" and its message and "measure of hope".

But then I suppose I should always remember that a title is never the guts of a book, or play, or

song...or editorial!
REV. DR. GEORGE MORRISON,
Mayne Island.



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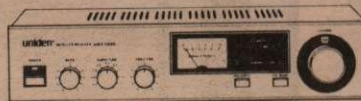
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Tenders are being sought for the supply & installation of a septic disposal field at the Galiano Elem. School, Galiano Island. The installation must meet all requirements set out by regulatory agencies having jurisdiction.

For details of the field please contact the undersigned. The successful tenderer will be expected to obtain all certificates & approvals from the dept. of health & the board of school trustees. The field design must be as per the spec sheet, and the configuration approved by the dept. of health. The board may not necessarily accept the lowest or any tender. Prior to letting a contract, Ministry of Education funding approval is necessary. Anticipated contract award is March 1985.

Sealed tenders will be received by the board of trustees up to 1400 hours on January 18th, 1985 at which time tenders will be opened in public.

Frank Sutherland
Supervisor of Works

Nostalgia for monarchy

By ANDREW GIBSON

There are those, I regret to say, who doubt the value of our British and Commonwealth system of constitutional monarchy, but their arguments are superficial, if strident. There can be little doubt that this system of governance is the most successful, and that being the case, it is a pity that, by an accident of history, the great republic to the south of us has for so long been deprived of its benefits. It is heartening to see that this may now, at long last, be changing.

Our Queen, or King, as the case may be, is the Let's Pretend head of state, and, being relieved of the duty to actually govern, can devote full time to the real job, which is to be a symbol of the values most cherished by the citizens, the chief one being stability. Far removed from the fears, jealousies and insecurities of others a monarch is rigorously trained to project an awesome dignity and to be unfailingly gracious to every one of the thousands of politicians, beribboned citizens, bouquet girls and native dancers who crowd around.

A royal speech is not intended to move, but to reassure (the only barn-burner in memory was the farewell address by Edward VIII). Its contents will of necessity be platitudinous, non-controversial, without surprises, and the audience will be comforted to know that the old virtues remain, the old order changeth not, and our favoured nation has a government that is legitimate, benevolent and, like the Creator, is aware when one of us sparrows falls out of its tree.

All of this is enhanced by the pomp, the glitter, the showmanship associated with royalty. Borne by royal carriages, royal barges, yachts and planes, attended by ermine-clad dignitaries exuding the deepest respect, feted everywhere, a constitutional monarch gives back, in exchange for this adulation, a priceless assurance of stability.

And, as a bonus, royal persons are at the centre of a very considerable industry. Forests are felled to make the paper with which to tell us of their activities. Millions of citizens know more about the royal corgies than they do about their relatives' offspring. Gifte Shoppe counters groan under the weight of ceramic royal dolls. Should a royal marriage occur, the event outdazzles even the celebrated nuptials of Tiny Tim and Miss Vicky. Far from being a burden on the nation, the maintenance of royalty in Britain is a bargain, responsible for revenues comparable only to those from North Sea oil.

Such a monarchy is a brilliant device. When the titular head of state is a living ikon, beyond criticism, and a focus of loyalty, unrest is stilled, the citizenry expends its energies in exchanging court gossip, the rich get richer, and ain't we got fun?

Ever since the unfortunate events of 1776, America has made do without this most successful of systems, but in spite of July 4th

rhetoric, it is now obvious that there is nostalgia for its return. Unfortunately, the political system doesn't often produce kingly or queenly persons—more typical are two-bottle men like Grant, speculators like Harding, or tumblers from grace like Nixon.

But now, at last, there has come a man who, although his friends may stumble in the mire, remains spotless, a man whose utterances, like the beating of the waves on the shore, lull without being intelligible, a man who, in other words, is essentially a monarch, a vision, floating changeless and unassailable above the tumult of politics, a response to the secret longings of a people too long deprived of the blessings of a monarchy.

The last king of America was George III, who was mad or, in the more precise vernacular, bonkers. To suggest any parallel between that problem and the present situation is a base, politically inspired calumny, because any serious student of the president knows that he is as intelligent and as informed as ever he was. But such speculation is not only petty, but irrelevant. Just as, during her days of imperial glory, the self-image of Britain came from the Thin Red Line and the splendid Charge of the Light Brigade, so the American counterpart has come from the Alamo, the frontier, the Halls of Montezuma, the O.K. Corral, John Wayne movies and...Death Valley Days.

It is an intriguing thought that, were it not for an accident of birth locale, our own Lorne Greene, Pa Cartwright, could have been Lorne the First. So, however admirable the character of the monarch, what is important is the ability to project the necessary image. There is no doubt that the president does this brilliantly, in a manner that pleases, if not all of the electorate, then the majority of those who vote, and who call themselves the Moral Majority.

These citizens stand tall, they just naturally behave properly, and they are very big on traditional family values, school prayers, white weddings and no fooling around first, you hear? They wear Stetsons, they talk horse lingo, they barbecue a lot, they own guns, and they like the trickle-down theory of income distribution. They keep themselves topped up spiritually by listening to such divines as Jerry Falwell. This gives them such an insight into foreign affairs that they can detect struggling democracies in Chile, Guatemala and El Salvador, and a threat to the Union from Nicaragua.

They are totally different from their counterparts, the Immoral Minority, who live across the tracks and exist on government handouts, or, if prosperous, live in penthouses on the avails.

When you analyze it, a constitutional monarchy needn't depend on flesh and blood. It is the image that is important and with modern communications this can be sustained indefinitely, just as was that of BB in Orwell's fantasy, except that the RR image is benevolent, not menacing.

Ron the First can go on forever.

CARE Tree meets \$10,000 target

The Pender CARE Tree gathered more than \$10,000 in donations again this year.

The project of the Pender Island Lions Club was directed by Doug Harker with Will McGaghey as co-chairman.

Each year the lights of the

Christmas Tree shine out over Swanson Channel with each light representing a donation to CARE of Canada. Money is used by that organization to help developing countries.

By the turn of the year, McGaghey said, the fund stood at

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Green Peas	36¢ lb.	Oatmeal	59¢ lb.
	SAVE 9¢ lb.		SAVE 14¢ lb.
POT	8¢/100 g	CRYSTALLIZED	58¢/100 g
Barley	36¢ lb.	Ginger Pieces	2⁶³ lb.
	SAVE 9¢ lb.		SAVE 69¢ lb.
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Creamer	1⁴⁵ lb.	Corn Starch	41¢ lb.
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Powder	1⁷² lb.	Muffin Mix	68¢ lb.
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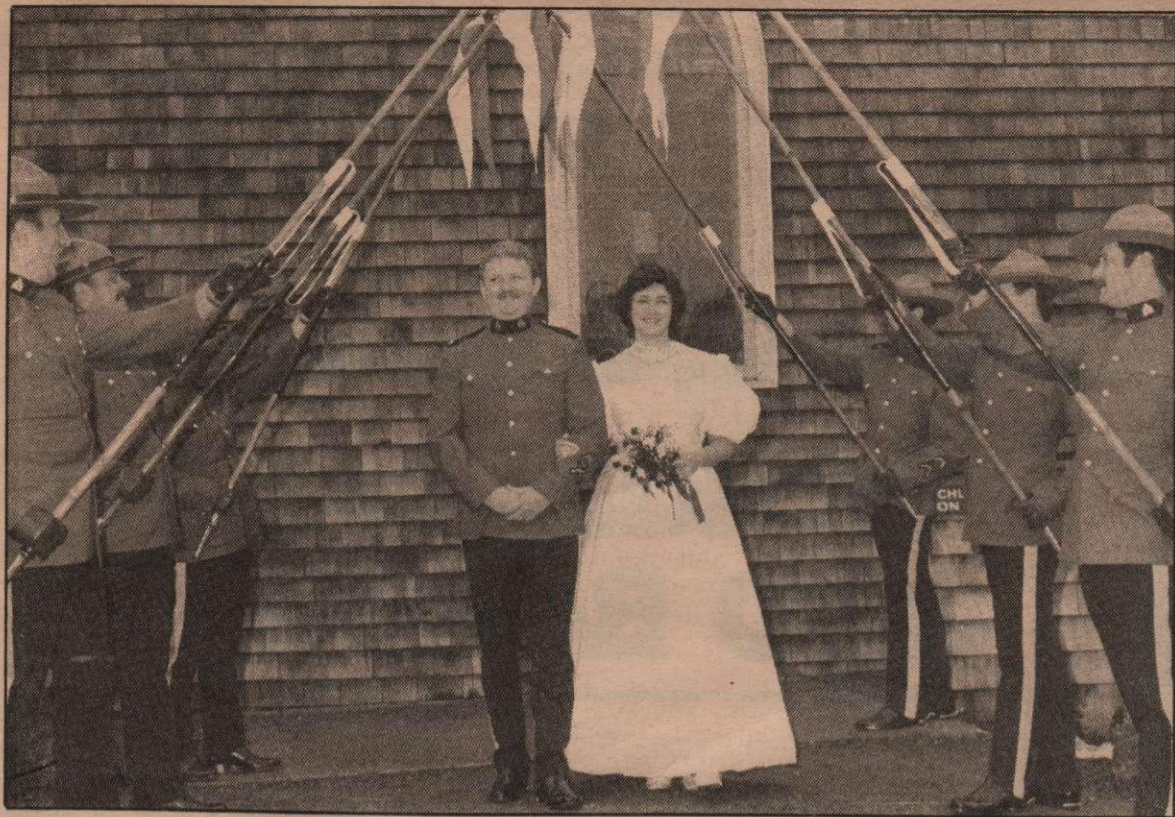
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RCMP officers formed a guard of honour when Constable Gary Styles and Lucinda Gye were married at Ganges United Church. The bride

and groom are flanked by, from left, Sergeant Mitch Hanks, Constables Ace Mainwaring and Dave Warren. The other rank includes, from right,

Constables George Braithwaite and Ted Gibson of the Sidney detachment as well as Constable Garth Baillie of Ganges.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Married at Ganges

Ganges United Church was the scene of the Christmas wedding of Lucinda Clare Gye and Ganges RCMP Constable Gary Rodger Styles on December 22.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Sonia Townsend of Ganges and Michael Gye of Sidney. The groom is the eldest son of Bruce and Wilhelmena Styles of St.

John's, Newfoundland.

The bride was attended by maid of honour Lisa Robertson with Jane Penny as bridesmaid.

Best man was the groom's father, Bruce Styles, while brothers

Raymond and Scott Styles were ushers. The groom was attended by Constable Tom Grace of the Sidney

detachment RCMP.

Guard of honour for the couple were Sergeant Mitch Hanks, Constables Ace Mainwaring, Garth Baillie and Dave Warren of Ganges RCMP with Constables George Braithwaite and Ted Gibson of the Sidney detachment.

Service was conducted by Reverend Al Skinner, pastor of the Ganges United Church.

Family of both the bride and groom were among the 75 guests at the ceremony. The reception was held at the Fulford Inn where the toast to the bride was presented by her step-father, Philip Townsend, of Ganges.

After the cutting of the cake, the couple departed for a short honeymoon.

January meetings scheduled

January meetings for various groups have been set.

The Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission meets January 8 followed by a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee on January 23.

The Trust Committees on the Outer Islands gather in February. On February 22, the committees from Saturna, North and South Pender get together. The next day, February 23, the committees from Mayne and Galiano Islands meet.

The Islands Trust meetings for the Outer Islands are tentative and may be held on other days.

The Gulf Islands School Board has a meeting set for January 10. The committee structure and the schedule of future meetings will be among topics of discussion.

Court sits on January 15 in Ganges.

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission holds its first meeting of the new year on January 14.

The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce will hold a general meeting January 24.

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Council holds writing contest

The Central Vancouver Island Regional Arts Council is holding its eighth annual writing contest, and Gulf Islands residents are eligible to enter.

The contest is open to all residents of Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Powell River. Categories are poetry or prose, both fiction and non-fiction, and there is a special section for first-time entrants.

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Children entertain parents, friends

Children of Gulf Islands schools entertained parents and friends at Christmas concerts just before the holidays started. At Salt Spring Elementary, top, the primary grades children performed December 18.

These kindergarten pupils were part of the act which had the children of up to Grade 3 on stage. At Fernwood Elementary School, middle, teacher Kevin Vine leads the choir in carols. Fulford Elementary

School, bottom, held a family open house instead of a concert and some of the pupils showed skill with musical instruments for the enjoyment of visitors.

Gulf Island schools have 51 computers

There are 51 microcomputers in Gulf Islands schools and the machines carry a value of \$80,000.

Computer co-ordinator Tom McKeachie reported to the trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board recently about the state of the computer programs in the schools. He has visited each school on Salt Spring, Mayne and Pender Islands to evaluate the programs. He told the trustees that he would soon get to the other schools in the district.

At Fernwood there are six Commodore 64's linked with two Apple compatibles and two printers. Instruction is given to pupils in Grades 3, 5 and 7 for one hour per week each. They learn language arts and problem solving.

At the other end of the island, Fulford Elementary School possesses one Apple and has two Apple compatibles and a printer on order.

Salt Spring Elementary School offers each child, from kindergarten to Grade 7, 1½ hours per week of computer time. The computer centre at that school has 14 Apple compatibles, a modem, a graphics tablet and two printers. Up to Grade 3 the pupils learn interactive computer instruction while from Grade 4 to Grade 7, the children are

taught word processing and use LOGO.

The Mayne Island school houses an Apple, two Apple compatibles and expects to have a printer and a modem soon.

At Pender, the pupils share one Apple compatible and a printer. The school is planning to acquire two more Apple compatibles.

McKeachie could offer no information about Saturna and Galiano schools.

At Gulf Islands Secondary School, the students have 18 computers spread through various departments.

McKeachie told the trustees that to date he has been busy as co-ordinator with "housekeeping" duties and expects to begin functioning on program development soon.

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The money comes from sales of their book, *Bits and Pieces*, as well as donations gathered during December.

The residents and staff chipped in money for the famine fund to supplement proceeds from book sales and more dollars were gathered when the Salt Spring Singers visited the senior citizens' home for a carol service before Christmas.

In November, the Auxiliary to Lady Minto and Greenwoods paid off the debt which had resulted from the printing of the book. The seniors decided at that time to earmark proceeds from the sale of the book for the famine relief fund.

The book was selling for \$4 at book stores around the island. Roger Coster of Volume II sent all the money from the sale of the book in his store to Greenwoods.

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Mitochondria are common to all life

True to my nature, I am of two minds about almost everything. This is not at all alarming to me, nor should it be, as for a Gemini it is quite natural. And this is what I like so very much about this whole thing, doing things naturally.

To be sure, this can be a bit of a handicap at times, especially when both of us are talking at the same time about the same thing, albeit from a different perspective as, for instance, my nature. Perhaps it takes being a Gemini to see the essential wholeness of the two, but then, perhaps not.

Filled as we are to the brim with mitochondria, the same as lettuce, those fiercely independent little engines of life energy, there is no telling where my nature begins, and where all of nature leaves off.

At one time, these things were clearly established and understood: this is a lettuce, and that is a bumble bee; this is a leopard, and this is a bird, a worm, or the fly on the window; and this is me; all as it should be, and in its proper place. This is not so any more.

Ever since we discovered that all life is energized by those ever-present mitochondria, that we have them in common with all life, be it potato, fish, lemon or broccoli, things are just not the same anymore; or conversely, they are a lot more similar than we thought they were. Where once there were definite boundaries between the one and the other, we now find that there are none, and that these borders existed only in our minds. Where once we had physicists, chemists and biologists, we now have molecular biochemists, as we are starting to put all things

together, and have stopped taking things apart.

This is very encouraging, also a most appropriate and promising beginning for a new year, and a new approach to life. We have indeed crossed the dividing line between the prophetically fateful year 1984 into the living promise of a brand new 1985, and a future we can all live with. The recognition that all life is one lies at the bottom of this fundamental shift in our perceptions and hence, we now have come to understand that we cannot improve the quality of our lives without improving the quality of all life.

We share the same amino acids, the same basic proteins, with amoeba, bacteria, worm, fish, fowl, insect and mammal; and thus the microbiotic life of the soil, the green life on the soil, and our lives, are directly and inseparably interrelated. Our health, our thoughts, our strength, our energy, including what we invest in our gardens, all come from our gardens.

As I cannot, in all good conscience, separate my nature from all of nature, these columns will reflect the essential wholeness of all life, as we go through the seasons of our gardens, and the seasons of our lives.

It follows then, naturally, that these gardening columns will be, for now, a bit unusual; but even this will change, as this understanding grows among all of us, until this sort of thing will be as common, and as widespread, as weeds.

To make a beginning then, we shall start at the bottom, the ground where our produce grows. Rich,

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

healthy soil cannot help but produce abundant, healthy crops. And the difference between barren minerals and rich soil is made by its content of organic, life-generated material. This sponge of organic material is a reservoir of nutrients, moisture, air and the living room for billions of bacteria, fungi, algae, worms and other assorted micro-organisms.

Ninety-five percent of these are not only beneficial, but absolutely vital. Beans, for instance, a legume, store considerable nitrogen in their substance, and upon decay, in the ground, this nitrogen then becomes available to nonleguminous plants.

Mycorrhizal fungi, which either live in or on the roots of almost all plants, if present before nematodes, will prevent nematode invasion, or compensate the plant for nematode damage, if the latter got there first. This fungus not only makes phosphorus available to plants in exchange for sugars, our second major nutrient, but it also controls nematodes and, to boot, nematode-carried virus diseases.

Potassium, our third major nutrient, is manufactured by plant life, and with the return of plant remains it becomes available to other plant life. In addition, after these micro-organisms are exhausted and call it quits, a matter

of hours at best, they become a rich source of fertility through the contributions of their very substance. In this scheme there is no way we can lose; on the contrary, we can grow our way to fertility and health beyond-otr wildest dreams.

The three major fertilizers are available, free of charge, courtesy of our soil life; the mineral balance of our soils can be increased and maintained with deep-rooted plants and the return of their remains to the surface layers; and the trace elements can be maintained in a similar way, in their crucially correct ratios in life-generated remains.

We can achieve all this in intelligent co-operation with the life in the soil and on the soil, at the same time as we grow our crops, and our sustenance. All we need to do is use what is given, wisely and considerately, in the cheapest, simplest and most hassle-free way of gardening.

For once, both of us, myself and I, are in complete agreement on this, with vigorous, if silent, assent by my mitochondria, who would like to take this opportunity to convey their best wishes to their relations, to those out in the fields, in the earth, in the air, and to those within all who are still separated by borders of their imagination.



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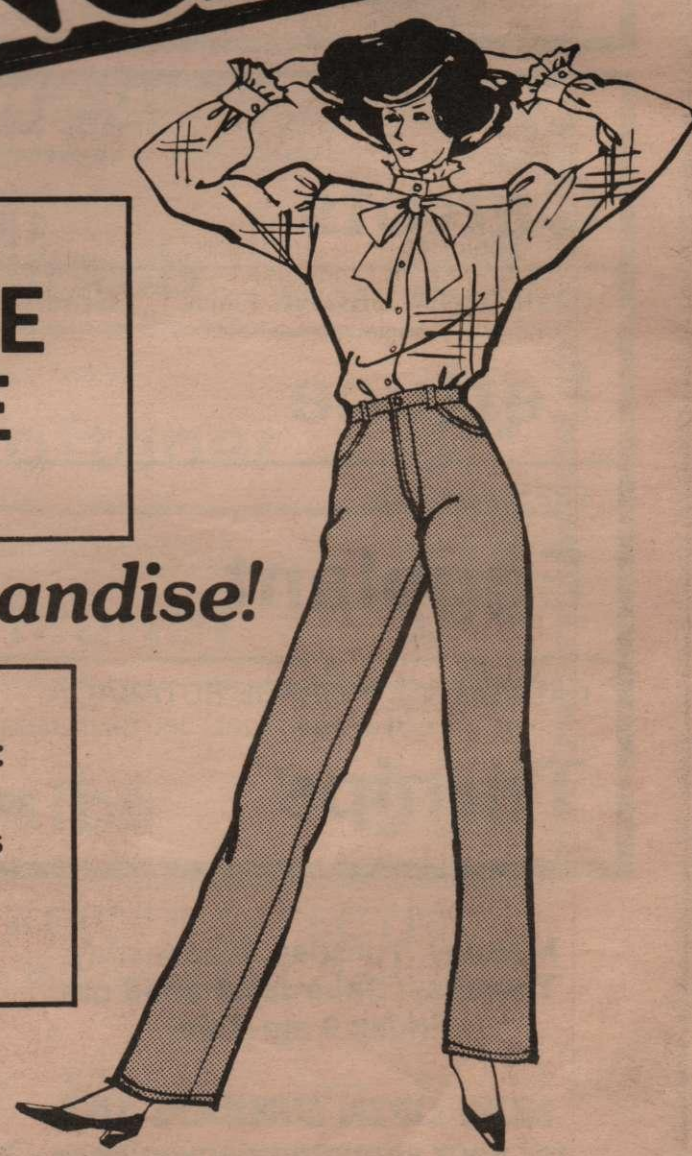


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Program begins January 15

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club's 1985 program begins January 15.

Caroline Moore will lead an easy walk in Arnell Park while Dougal Gatt will lead a regular walk in the same park and on adjacent properties. Participants in both activities will meet at Centennial Park at 10 am or Arnell Park at 10.15.

On the same day Val Keys will conduct a hike in the Channel Ridge area. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 10 am.

Finally, walkers and hikers will sit down for a potluck supper and the annual general meeting of the club at Central Hall at 6 pm. Members are asked to bring a casserole, salad or dessert, and their own plates and cutlery.

Members are also being asked to submit two or three slides of any

recent activities with a short description of each one. They may be left with Margaret Pragnell or at the Village Cobbler in Mouat's Mall.

Guest speaker at the annual meeting will be Simon Henson, who will discuss the stonecutter era.

On January 22 Kay Meredith will lead a combined easy and regular walk, visiting two or three private properties. A hike the same day will take place in the area north of Long Harbour Rd. Leader is to be announced. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 10 am.

Two events will take place on the 29th. There will be a regular walk on Mt. Erskine via Toynbee Rd. with leader Jack Foster and a hike at the north end with Lilian Beauchemin. Meeting place for both is Centennial Park at 10 am.

Seasonal Song

Christmas is coming, and my wallet's getting thin;
 When I think of giving presents, my head it starts to spin.
 But if I could, I surely would deliver to the door
 Of some respected persons what they've never had before.
 To Dr. B., thermometers, to measure public heat;
 To half the school board, tickets to a bracing ski retreat;
 To Billy in Victoria, and Brian way out east
 A story from the Arabs, re a barmecidal feast.
 The guest was disappointed, as you may well recall,
 To see the platters laden with no nutriment at all.
 Yet still he cried, the barmecide, "Come, beggar! come and eat!
 For here are morsels dainty, and food both rare and sweet!"
 The lesson (and it's there to read) I hope they take it well,
 That in this season of good cheer it rings a warning bell.
 To ask for tightening of belts from unemployment cases
 While manufacturing a smile like dear Amazing Grace's,
 Shows some insensitivity to others not so blest,
 With silver spoons and other boons—and do not think I jest.
 I'll give these pretty presents, which I hope they put to use,
 Just as soon as hot antagonists declare a Christmas truce.

—Murray Shoolbraid



Photo by Ed Bermingham

David Armstrong, left, of CKDA radio turns over boat to Horst Klein

Radio station gives boat to society

When CKDA radio station in Victoria decided to relinquish its boat the *Saturna Chief*, the B. C. Lifeboat Society found itself with a \$38,000 vessel.

President of CDKA, David Armstrong, presented the *Saturna Chief* to the Lifeboat Society December 5. Accepting the boat on behalf of the society was Pender Islander Horst Klein.

Originally purchased by Armstrong in 1963, the boat was used by Armstrong's television station, CHEK-TV. Later, when

Armstrong sold the TV station, his radio station purchased the boat. It has been used as a sea reporter as well as a service boat for the CKDA transmitter on Chatam Island.

CKDA has two other boats. A formal presentation of the boat was held at Van Isle Marina in

Sidney. The boat will likely be sold or raffled off by the society and replaced with Boston Whalers which are smaller, faster boats and effective in rescue work, a spokesman for CKDA radio said.



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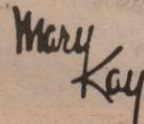
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Deaths

PLATTEN - Forrest, on Thursday, the 20th of December 1984, in her 86th year, at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island, the beloved wife of Ben, who died in May 1942. She is survived by her daughter June Costain of Victoria and her brothers Douglas Willock of Salt Spring; Jack Willock of Bayfield, Ont; her sisters Ainslie Green of Duncan and Cathie King of Vancouver. Also, six grandchildren Ann Kingerlee (Lantzville); Chris Easley (Sechelt); Stephen, Michael, Peter and Colin Lichtensteiger (Victoria and Vancouver); and seven great grandchildren. Forrest's friends are invited to meet at Greenwoods, Blain Road, Ganges, Salt Spring, on Saturday, January 5th, 1985 at 2 pm.

Lost

Does anyone know where my lost afghan puppy is? Tan colour with black face mask, wandered away Lee's Hill area early December. Reward. 653-9216, 598-1520, collect. 1

Announcements

Daniel Kenyon and Lisa Wilcox are pleased to announce the marriage of their parents, Lynda Anne Kenyon and John Daniel Wilcox at the Ganges United Church, New Year's Eve. The Rev. Al Skinner officiated at the ceremony. 1

Personal

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Al-Anon helps those who are living with or near a severe drinking problem. Wednesdays 1:30 pm. and Fri. 8 pm. For more information, phone 653-4573 or 537-5129 or 537-5014. 47-tfn

Women's AA meeting, Thursdays at 1:30 pm. Phone 537-2494, 537-5190. 43-tfn

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Notices

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— POSTPONED —

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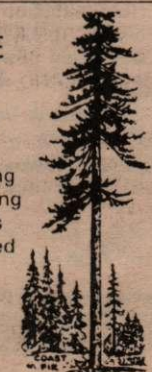
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Evening Service 7:30 pm
Bible Study & Prayer
Thursday 7:30 pm
Pastor: Rev. S.F. Hildebrandt
537-5757 537-2622

Ganges United Church
Hereford Ave., Ganges
Sunday, Jan. 6: 10 am
Festival of Epiphany
Family Service
Minister: Rev. A.N. Skinner
537-5812 537-9343

Anglican Parish Salt Spring Island

St. Mark's - Holy Eucharist - 8 am
St. George's - Holy Eucharist - 9.30 am
St. Mary's - Holy Eucharist - 11.15 am
Wed., St. George's, 7.30 - Stations of the Cross
Rector: Rev. John Bailey
537-2171

Catholic Church Salt Spring Island

Fulford - 9 am
Ganges - 10:30 am
Saturdays - Ganges, 5 pm
Rev. Fr. P.A. Bergin

Island Christian Fellowship Central Hall

Worship Service & Sunday School - 10:30 am
Family Night & Bible Study Tuesday 7 pm
Pastor & Mrs. Van Herwaarden - 537-4385

Salt Spring Baptist Church

506 Lower Ganges Rd.
Worship Service & Sunday School: 10:30 am
Family Fellowship: 6:30 pm
Pastor Brian Joyce
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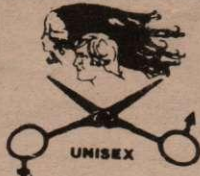
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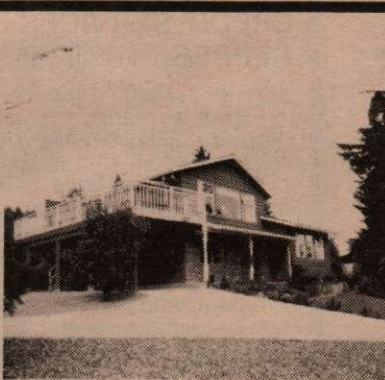
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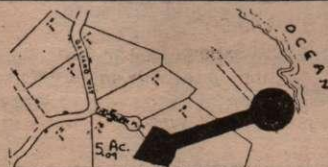
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Pet Week essay contest winners at Fernwood

When Fernwood School held their Pet Week, students participated in an essay contest. Winning essays are published below.

**BY KATIE CAMPBELL
Grade 3, Fernwood**

My cat Chooch has had lots of adventures in her life as a cat. One of her adventures was with an unicon. Now a unicon is a rather wierd kind of animal. A unicon is covered with coins. Chooch made friends with Patsy which is the unicon's name. Chooch met Patsy at a picnic when she had that adventure.

After her adventure with the unicon she had an adventure with a babbit. A babbit is like a rabbit but is different. How Chooch met that babbit is a very strange story, I'll tell you that. A babbit has long ears, a black and white tail, and walks on two feet. Well I'll just tell you how Chooch met that babbit. She was running along the road and fell in the babbit hole way down deep in

the ground below the earth. She bumped the babbit on the head. Now that babbit was not very happy about that. Chooch was very scared when she bumped that babbit on the head. Oh no, thought Chooch unhappily. Now that babbit was not at all mad in any way, or another. "Well now", said the babbit. "I should go an get some dinner", said the babbit happily to Chooch. Now babbits are forgetful animals and don't really know if someone is there or not, so that's why the babbit acted a little strange. And that's Chooch's adventure with the babbit.

Now if you want to hear the third adventure with a vird in it, stay by. Now a vird is like a bird but is not a bird! Now Chooch met this vird in a yard of flowers. The vird was very happy to meet Chooch, and Chooch was very happy to meet the vird! Boy they were quite a pair. After the vird had his lunch they went to have a tour of the vird's house. As they finished the tour of the house they both sang a very long song together.

The song was so long they took an hour to finish it! After they finished the song they had some dinner together. Now one thing was wrong, the vird had worms for dinner, and Chooch did not eat worms. Instead she ate cat food! Everyone knows that cats do not eat worms, and virds do not eat cat food, well not everybody does but that is not important. We let's get on with the story. Chooch was very hungry because all there was to eat was worms. "Can I have something else to eat?" asked Chooch. So the vird said that there was nothing else around the whole house. So Chooch left the virds house carefully. After Chooch left she went to a shop with fish, birds and other delicious things. Well thought Chooch, "I must find my owner". So she went to find her owner.

There are more adventures that Chooch had but I might not be able to tell you them all. Well I will tell you something else that nobody has ever heard before in the entire world: THE END!

**BY MELANIE BEECH
Grade 7, Fernwood**

It was 6:00 in the morning when I awoke to the roar of the wind rushing past my ear as Tammy and Sam tromped over my face. They leaped from my bed and raced to the window. Tammy's long white hair glistened in the cool morning sun as she batted Sam one. Sam bolted and leaped into the air. His eyes seemed to be fixed on Tammy as he gave a low growl and ambushed Tammy. With a leaping bound Sam fell upon Tammy's head. Tammy was so shocked at the sudden blow on her head that she just stood there in amazement while Sam pranced around her playfully. When Tammy finally came to, Sam and I were long gone having breakfast.

Tammy's fleecy white paws made a pitter-patter sound as she walked across the dutch tiles on the kitchen floor. She greeted me with an assuring purr and a warm lick. I finished breakfast and ran into my room. I quickly got dressed and hopped into the kitchen. I grabbed Tammy and Sam and walked outside. I met Bobby by the blue and gray fence. Bobby is my best friend. He lives beside me in a white and gray house. In our neighbourhood gray is very common for houses. Tammy and Sam followed close behind. After a while I challenged Bobby to a race all the way to the park. Bobby accepted the challenge. 1, 2, 3 GO!!!

I was in the lead, but Bobby wasn't far behind. At last! I reached the park just as Bobby came staggering across the finish line. I

turned around ready to be congratulated by Tammy and Sam, but when I turned around, Tammy and Sam were gone! I quickly seized Bobby's arm and ran back to where we first came from. No cats!!! My beloved cats were gone!

Bobby and I both went looking for them. We spent hours looking for them. Bobby gave up all hope, but somehow I just knew I would see them again.

When we got home, we went inside. Believe it or not they were lying on the sofa as lazy as Dad after a hard day's work.

If you really believe in something and keep on hoping as hard as you can you can make it happen.

**BY MELANIE FEWINGS
Grade 5, Fernwood**

I have a pet named Tiny. He is a very tiny, teeny, weeny, small ghost. In fact, he is only one millimeter tall by one millimeter wide and weighs one zillionth of a gram. Tiny is bright white and doesn't have skin, hair, feathers, scales, toes, hooves or claws.

He eats one Cheerio a day, and his

motto is, "A Cheerio a day keeps the doctor away!"

I found him sleeping on—guess what?—yes, that's right, my nose! He now lives in my teddy-bear's fur (his name is T. J.).

To keep him clean because his sheet acts like a dustcloth, I have to put him in the wash once a day.

He likes to play hide-and-go-seek and watch Tom and Jerry. Now, I'd better get on with the story before you fall asleep!

One day we were playing hide-and-go-seek together. When I called, "I give up!" he didn't come out of hiding, and I wondered why, because he's never done that before. I decided it was nothing serious though. Tiny was probably just playing a trick on me.

Actually, what had happened was this: my mother and father had gone away for the day, and mom had told me to dust the house because it hadn't been dusted for over a year and spider cobwebs were everywhere. Tiny had gotten stuck in one.

That night (Friday night), when

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First service Sunday

Pastor Brian Joyce and his wife Cathy have moved to Salt Spring Island to serve the new Baptist Church here. First service will be held Sunday at 10.30 am in the church's quarters at the Masons' hall, 506 Lower Ganges Rd. New

church is being "mothered" by the Sidney Baptist Church, where Brian Joyce was assistant pastor. A potluck supper held December 3 to introduce the Joyces to islanders drew 83 people.

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Islands 86 plans wood-carving project

Ganges may be part of a wood-carving project of Islands 86.

Sonia Birch-Jones, the coordinator of a project called International Wood Sculpture Exchange, sent a letter to region director Hugh Borsman to request that Ganges join the project.

Borsman indicated that he had turned the matter over to the Community Arts Council for action.

The idea, explained Birch-Jones, is to have a wood or stone carver from a Pacific Rim country come to Ganges and join a local carver for six months to allow each to create a sculpture.

The sculpture by the visitor would be set up "to grace the approach to the town of Ganges, while the B.C. counterpart . . . will carve a piece to be sent abroad," Birch-Jones explained in her letter.

The visiting artist could be helped financially through grants and assistance from the Canadian International Development Agency.

Birch-Jones outlined two other areas where financial help from the community would be needed in the project.

Money would be needed to accommodate the visiting artist and possibly the local artist for six months. A work space for the two artists would also be required.

"It is expected that the communities participating would allocate a public area to the artists where they could work and be observed by visitors and the members of the community.

"This will create a tourist attraction while at the same time giving local people an opportunity to share in what is ostensibly their own project," Birch-Jones wrote.

The wood for the carvings would be obtained from one or more Vancouver Island logging companies.

In addition to Ganges, the letter went to "significant municipalities and districts throughout the Vancouver Island area," Birch-Jones wrote.

To date, she explained, Victoria, Duncan, North Cowichan,

Nanaimo, Qualicum and Courtenay have agreed to join the project.

Birch-Jones is requesting that work space be supplied for the foreign visitor and the local artist.

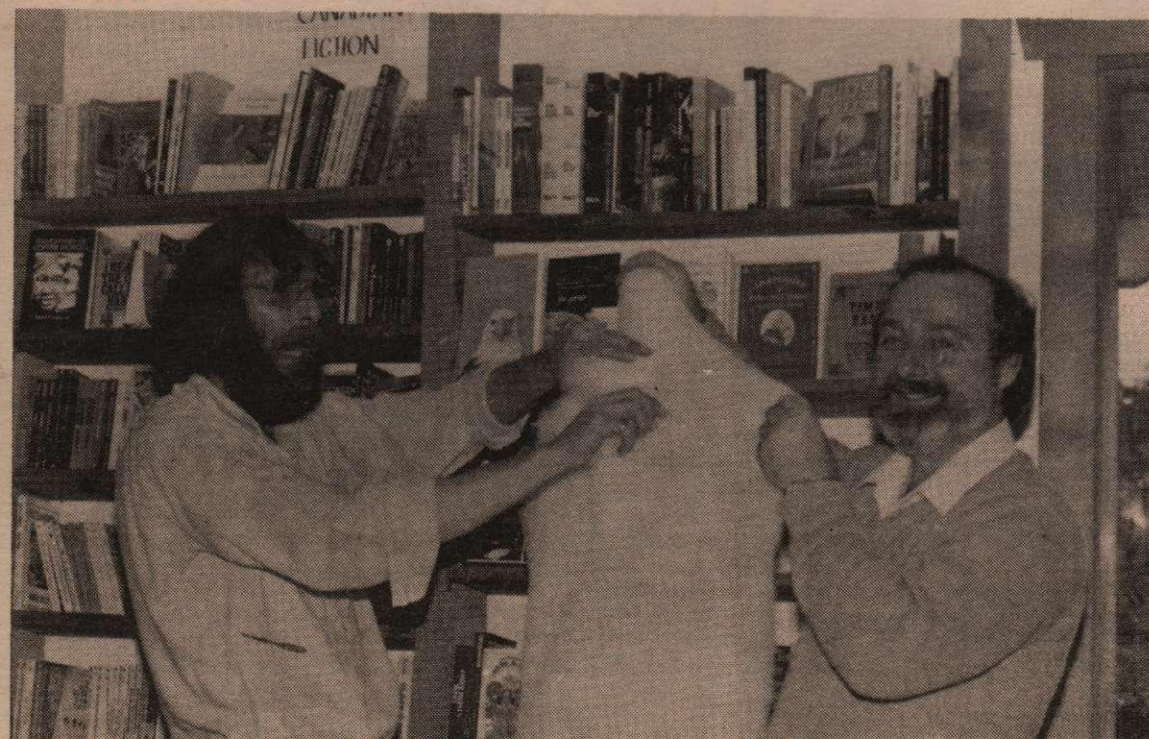
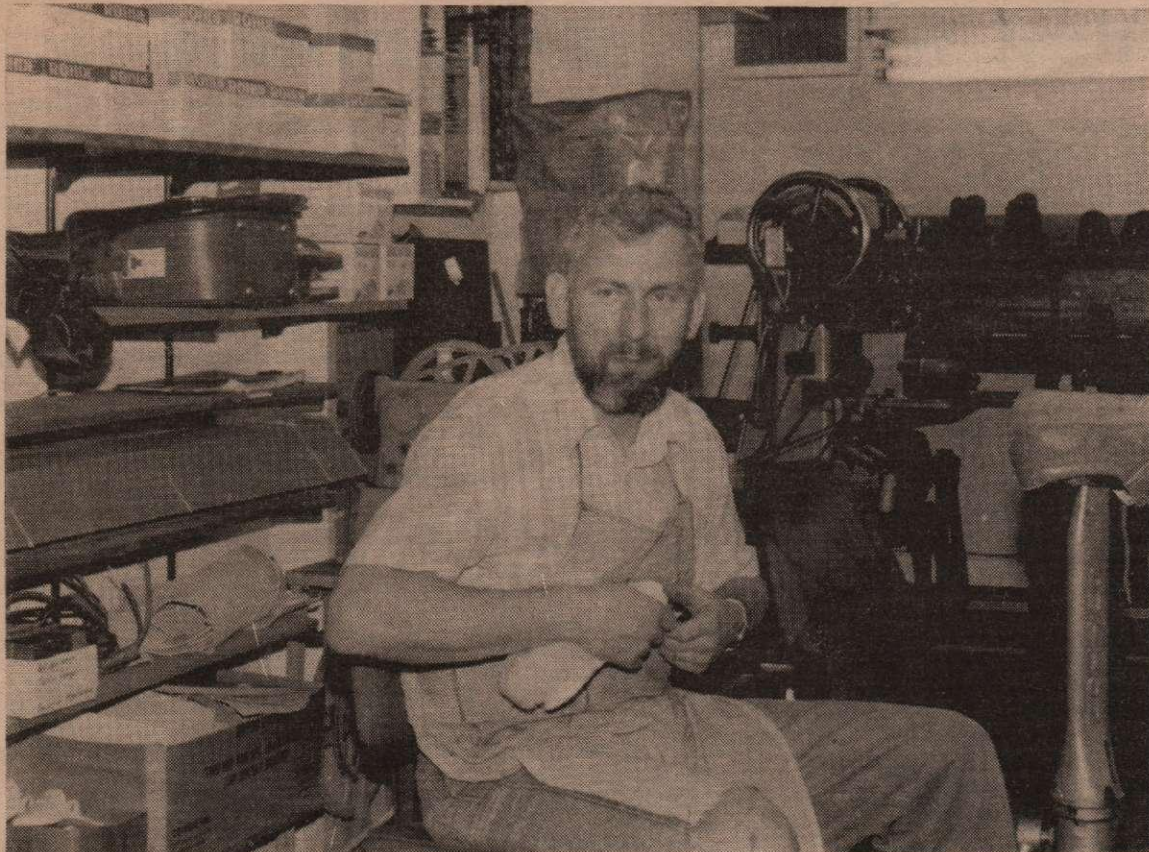
"The work space could be under a tent in a local park, or in an empty warehouse," she wrote. "Since the sculptures will probably be large, the space also must be large."

The benefits for participating in the project would include:

A lasting international heritage within the community; a degree of world-wide publicity; an opportunity to take part in a unique and beneficial cultural exchange; to have the opportunity of bringing into the community two artists of great repute; and to provide a unique attraction for visitors during 1986.

Birch-Jones indicated a willingness to come to Ganges to explain the project to interested parties.

"It seems only fitting that Ganges should be offered the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the concept," she wrote.



Students snap photos

Members of the camera club at Salt Spring Elementary School have been snapping photographs around Ganges recently. Top photo was taken by Grade 5 student Isabel

Prystawik of her father Theo Prystawik at Ganges Village Cobbler. Middle photo shows veterinarian Bill Vanderwekken treating an injured hawk. It was

taken by Vanderwekken's daughter, Penny. Lower photo, also taken by Isabel Prystawik, shows Roger Coster, left, and Jim Scott at Volume II bookstore.

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