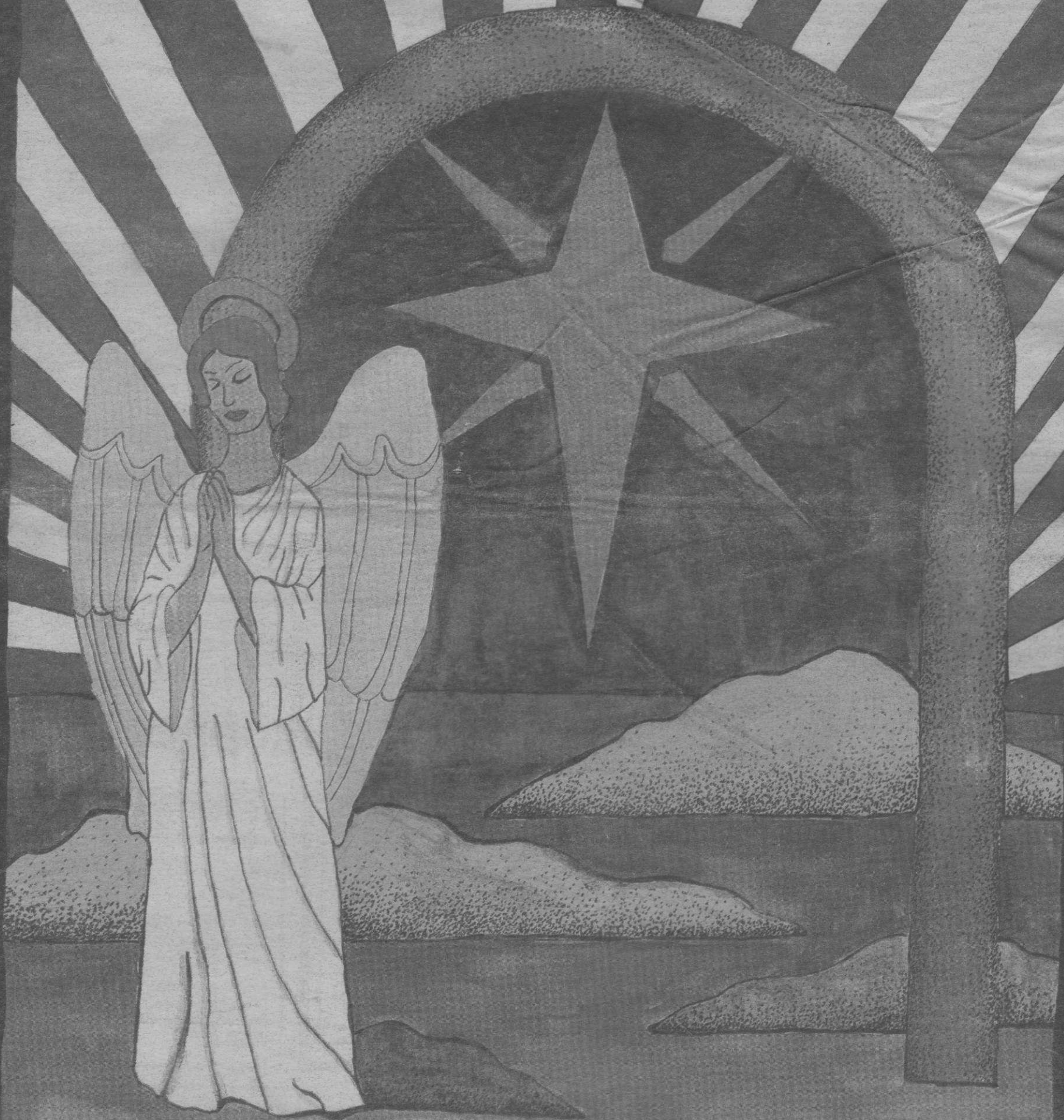


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PEACE ON EARTH

At Gulf Islands Secondary

Short-term solution cost \$100,000—principal

It will likely cost in excess of \$100,000 to provide Gulf Islands Secondary School with a short-term solution to its space and facility problems, GISS Principal John Wellingham said last week.

Wellingham noted that the school, according to ministry guidelines, is already approximately 550 square metres short of the space required to accommodate 400 students. "You're looking at six classrooms," said Wellingham. "We need them for September — in fact, we need them right now. That's several hundreds of thousands of dollars — and its only a short-term solution."

Wellingham has compiled a list of facilities needed at GISS, and both he and the school district want local residents to know about these needs.

"We need a computer room, a learning assistance room," he pointed out. "There's a shortage of classroom space to handle the projected enrolment over the next few years. We need a medical room, and there is a shortage of space to put supplies. Right now, they're stored in the furnace room, which is illegal.

"We need counselling offices, and a career centre ... Most important, I think, is the fact that the students have no place to study. Right now, they sit on the floor in the halls. They have no place to go and eat their lunch.

We'd like to be able to give the students a place of their own, not a lounge because that has the wrong sort of connotations, but a gathering place.

"We have desperate need for a life skills room for students with severe learning disabilities. We're short 120 lockers; the public address system, the PA system, is old and non-functioning. The change rooms in the gymnasium need upgrading. They need new lockers and need to be renovated."

Wellingham said it would be nice if the school had a few other facilities as well. He noted, for example, that at present, students involved in the agriculture program are bused to the farmers' institute, which wastes time. "It would be nice also to have the agriculture program closer to school," he pointed out.

GISS's principal added that the

building currently used for the Gulf Islands Program Serving Youth (GIPSY), although recently renovated, "doesn't have much life left." The GIPSY students, he said, will be "mainstreaming" and should be able to easily get back to the school for courses such as Industrial Education, Home Economics and typing.

Wellingham said these improvements are all necessary if the community wants its school to strive for excellence. He stressed, however, that to accommodate students currently coming up through the Gulf Islands' elementary system, the district will eventually have to look at purchasing property and building a new school. "With that, of course, we're looking at millions (of dollars)," he noted.

Superintendent of Schools Mike Marshall said that at present, School District 64 has no specific site for a new school in

mind. However, he said that in choosing a new site, the board of trustee will likely want to consider the purchase of a piece of property ranging in size from 10

to 20 acres.

"We're not meeting with people (to get a new site)," he said. "Right now, we're just trying to establish the need."



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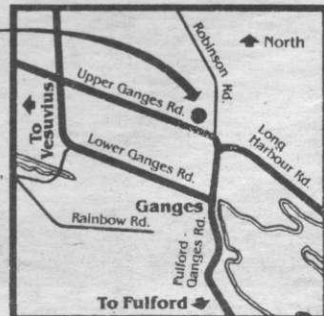
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. . . by Richards

Dictionaries again!

The first test of a Canadian dictionary, for me, is to check "lance-corporal."

If a dictionary is offered to me as a Canadian dictionary, then it must include in its definition of the military term the fact that this rank may be found in the Canadian services.

A truly Canadian dictionary should tell me that the rank has Canadian connotations. I looked through several the other day while waiting for Women's Lib in Victoria.

None told me that the rank had ever been heard of in this vast land.

One "Canadian" dictionary stated that the rank was found in the ranks of the United States marines and the British forces. A second dictionary clearly adapted, by name to Canada, identified lance-corporal as a military rank in some countries. The third such reference work omitted the word rather than define it.

There are, no doubt, many other ways of identifying a truly Canadian dictionary. I have to confess that I use no such device. I merely criticize those which identify themselves by nationality and then trip up on a Canadian rock.

An island dish

Some years ago I looked for a typically island recipe for cooking clam chowder. I was inundated, but it was difficult to name one recipe as an Islands Chowder.

It might be easier to be distinctive with an islands salad dressing. Last week the former chairman of the Islands Trust reported that there are over 500 islands in the Trust area, lying between Vancouver Island and the mainland.

An islands dressing would obviously be a 500-island dressing.

The annual swearing

It happens to them all at this time of year: each new member of a municipal or similar administrative body is sworn in. Each takes the oath of allegiance as well as that of conscientious performance of the new duties. The latter oath requires the formal declaration that the successful candidate for office employed no "bribery, corruption or intimidation" in order to get elected.

And the final phrase in the allegiance oath, "... so help me God!"

How many times?

I bore true allegiance to His Late Majesty when I was in the Royal Air Force. I swore the same allegiance when I was employed by the Canada Post Office and upon transfer to the Royal Canadian Air Force reserve, transferring the allegiance to his heirs and successors, I swore that same allegiance, "so help me, God," to Her Majesty.

There must be thousands of Canadians who have repeated that same oath, down the years. It is, indeed, so familiar, that it brings a nostalgic note to such public affirmations by others.

Neverbare

It was a gift and you should never look a gift tree in the leaves.

When it came I figured it was a deciduous tree. I looked the word up to make sure I knew how to spell it, but I was wasting my time. The leaves are glued on.

An evergreen, you say?

But the leaves are red!

It's an ever-reddy!

The holly and the ivy

Last week I went forth with box and clippers and gloves to hack holly off somebody else's bush. By invitation, as well! I enjoyed my neighbour's hospitality and holly, both. Then I read Wendy Hughes' comments on the significance of the evergreens at Christmas.

It took my mind back to my very early days.

We had "hollies." When crossing the fingers we were immune from the normal youthful requirements. You were empowered to lie if you had Hollies and you could not be responsible for other little deceits. I imagine the crossing was significant of the Cross of Jesus, and it guarded against evil in the distant past. The permit to dishonesty was probably a youthful invention for convenience.

There was another practice that almost eludes me. That was the use of holly to slap the back of the hand of your victim if the victim was not in possession of some other plant.

In the summer there was another such practice dating back to Cromwellian wars. On the appropriate day, anniversary of the almost legendary hiding of the king from his enemies, each child "sport his oak." The idea was to carry a stinging nettle and if the next encounter brought you face to face with a person devoid of oak you slapped the back of his hand with the nettle. The slapping was a punishment for lack of proper loyalty to the throne. The practice echoed the time when King Charles was hidden in a large oak tree when Roundheads were searching for him.

Highway hazards

Who's right? Who's wrong?

There is a hazard to cycling on the islands roads. Narrow, twisting, steep, many roads afford little space for traffic of a scrupulously orderly pattern. Many a driver has expressed dismay at an encounter with visiting cyclists.

The driver sees an undisciplined confusion of bicycles spread across the road and negotiates his way through. But what does the cyclist in this merry gathering make of it all? Here's one answer.

Bob Simons brought along a cyclist's guide to British Columbia, islands and all! This is how the visiting cyclist sees you, the ogre behind the wheel of that bullet you fire from the front of your house that morning.

Mouat Provincial Park offers running water and pit toilets, the reader learns. Cycling on the island is fun, and most bikers tend to relax their strict road disciplines on the quiet country roads.

But read on!

"Unfortunately, though traffic on the island is sparse, cars travel at high speeds, passing on corners or driving on the wrong side.

"Cyclists must remember to ride defensively while enjoying the scenery."

And that's the way you look to them! And the way I look!

Before you

send it,



seal it . . .

Islander is graduate

Salt Spring Island resident Maggie Warbey was one of 410 graduates honoured at the University of Victoria's convocation ceremony held November 29.

Warbey, an eight-year resident of the island, received her Ph.D in linguistics at the ceremonies.

Warbey's thesis dealt with the particular problems faced by people studying English as a second language. Her work focused on ambiguous words such as "would, could and should" and the difficulties experienced by students trying to interpret the subtle shadings of meaning involved. In the course of her research, she worked with students from Quebec, France, Spain, Mexico, Argentina, China, Vietnam, Thailand, Japan and Iran.

Raised in California, Warbey completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of British Columbia, and her Masters Degree at UVic in 1976. She has taught linguistics at both Camosun College and UVic, and currently teaches a course in linguistics designed to upgrade the language composition skills of students whose native language is not English.

UVic officials noted last week that 167 graduates at the university's November ceremonies were from British Columbia communities outside Victoria. Another 55 were from out-of-province.

"We are committed to doing all we can to ensure students from smaller centres and communities are given the opportunity to attend university," said UVic Pre-



Maggie Warbey

sident Howard Petch. I am pleased at the number of men and women from outside Victoria who are now attending and graduating from the many excellent programs offered at the University of Victoria."

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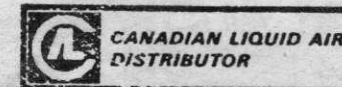
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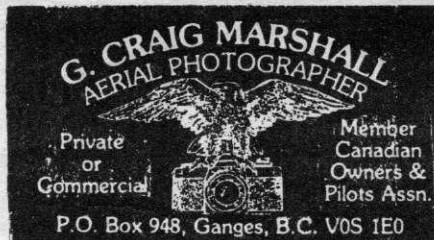
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Only a few listen to the Christmas message

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Glory be to God on high and on earth peace to men of goodwill. Every Christmas comes the refrain as angels we hear on high.

Of how many other things do they sing?

Do they sing of war? Of children in prisons? Of charred bodies burned for amusement? Do they sing of Christians hating Christians? Or Jews and Arabs?

There are other thoughts at Christmas. We hear many of them until we wish they would stop. But what of Good King Wenceslas, scrupulously brought out of his closet every Christmas and dusted off. There's one king who is famous, not for his conquests, but simply because he had consideration for one of his subjects.

Is he still looking out? And what does he see?

Does he know that the snow, deep and crisp and even, is hiding the mangled bodies of the victims of torture? Or that the mounds beneath

the snow are accumulations of weaponry by so many of good will?

Or is Wenceslas a kind of lonely man out there with his page and otherwise alone? Does he look for support through the lighted windows of good wills and hearty appetites? What could he be thinking while we parade his good works before stuffing him back in his closet?

God rest you, merry gentlemen! Let nothing you dismay!

Why should we be dismayed? We're on top! Good homes, good food, good companions ... what more could we ask for? And what's all that about going astray? You can tell at a glance that we haven't gone astray. No way!

Christmas carols are for singing; not thinking. We sing them so heartily from the lips! Carols in the heart? You must be kidding; carols are for singing at Christmas!

There have been campaigns to put Christ back

in Christmas and to permit Santa Claus to take a second place. It's been a long time, maybe 2,000 years since Christ was in Christmas, preaching goodwill towards men. But the message is like carols and we pay it the same lip service. Christmas and goodwill is like the carols. Our lips pay tribute while our hearts are elsewhere. If we really manifested good will toward men could we tolerate war, brutality, murder, torture?

Goodwill is the message of Christmas and it is so very simple. Without goodwill towards another how can we hope for peace on earth? As we sing of the First Noel another child has died at the hands of a human being; another man has been knifed for his meagre possessions; another manifestation of man's hatred for man has come and gone with lethal results.

This season of love and merriment will never reach the heart until we can all forget our enemy's faults and seek for him the same joy and merriment we expect for ourselves.

Christmas is the greatest sermon we will ever hear and so few of us pause to listen to its message.

Merry Christmas—now don't ruin it

It could really wreck someone's holiday—and maybe their life.

Like it or not, social drinking has become almost as much a part of Yuletide as evergreens and tinsel. Christmas, as the popular carol notes, "Tis the season to be jolly," and each year, thousands of British Columbians 'make merry' at parties in their homes and offices. Most of these get-togethers with friends and family conclude happily, but every year, there are a few that end in disaster.

This isn't a good time to take chances. Anyone who's enjoyed a drop or two of "good cheer" should stay off the road; if they won't do it for themselves, they should do it for their friends and loved ones.

Because nothing ruins Christmas quicker than a death in the family.



IWA settlement only a temporary cease-fire

VICTORIA — The bitter woodworkers strike is over and British Columbians can breathe a collective sigh of relief — for now.

Unfortunately, the main issue, contracting out, was not resolved. The strike didn't end because the two parties agreed on the major bone of contention. It ended because both sides had run out of steam — for now. Chances are more than good that the hostilities will be resumed 18 months from now. And when that happens, the government will, once again, be faced with the unenviable task of stepping in. This time around, the two parties narrowly avoided government intervention.

Premier Vander Zalm was poised to recall the legislature the

week after the industry and the International Woodworkers Union reached their uneasy truce. A day before the two parties decided to end the strike, the premier said this was their last chance.

Under extreme economic pressure, tired and broke, the two parties agreed on a compromise that is bound to fail. A Royal Commission is to look into the issue of contracting out and make a non-binding recommendation with 18 months.

The track record of Royal Commissions is not very good. Few of them have ever achieved anything, and there's no reason to believe that this one will be different. In the end, the government will have to do what it

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

should have this time. It will have to intervene in the dispute and dictate a settlement to the two parties.

Letting the striking woodworkers and intractable companies stew in their own juice for five months was one thing. Endangering whatever economic recovery may be in store for British Columbia was quite another.

The cost of this strike to the economy was high — an estimated \$2 billion, half a billion of which is attributable to lost wages.

For the unions, the issue of contracting out is a matter of survival. That's why the other unions have rallied around the IWA. The companies view the issue just as seriously, claiming that their future health depends on whether they are allowed to contract work out to non-union companies.

If the strike had been simply over wages, it would have been settled long ago. This strike was different. Both sides had been determined all along to go to the wall. If ever there was an example

of a Mexican standoff, this was it.

Nothing has struck closer to the heart of trade unions in the past decade than their shrinking memberships at the hands of technological change.

The IWA alone has lost an estimated 5,000 jobs to improved technology. It doesn't take a degree in psychology to understand why that union is digging in its heels over further job losses.

A few weeks ago, the premier said there has got to be a better way to settle labor disputes than by striking. It seems that, so far, the solution has eluded him. A Royal Commission certainly isn't it.

Wholesome

Sir,
It has come to my attention that Off Centre Stage is planning a non-alcoholic dance on New Year's Eve. I wish to wholeheartedly offer my support and appreciation to this endeavour.

I find it difficult to understand why so many of us seem to need a glass or bottle of booze clutched in our hand to be able to socialize. Far too often, when the booze is gone, the socializing is over.

I have made a personal decision some ten years ago not to use the substance in any of its myriad forms.

Too often I am confronted by the boozy breath of those who have been drinking and can never seem to get upwind of them. I can assure you that it is very unpleasant to those of us who do not use the substance, particularly if the drinker is closer than 3 feet from us.

So again, I applaud the Off-Centre Stage people in their continued attempts to provide us with wholesome and creative forms of entertainment.

DAVE CLEGG,
Ganges.

Second class

Sir,
I would like to add my remarks to your article describing the mechanical failure of the *Queen of Sidney* on December 7.

The *Queen of Sidney* never made it to Galiano and Mayne (7 o'clock sailing) leaving the cars and passengers on board while it was being repaired.

We arrived for the 9:50 pm sailing and were told the ship had been tied up for repairs. When I went over to Berth 5 I was told it should be repaired in an hour. At 11 pm we were told the ship was sailing and would take the cars and passengers to Galiano and Mayne, then they would come back and pick up the cars and passengers for Salt Spring Island.

By this time we had been in the coffee shop for an hour. No coffee, milk, etc. were available. We were facing another three hour wait for the ship to return. I questioned Mr. Jensen about the availability of a motel for passengers, especially those with young babies and children, to no avail. I went to the administration and arranged for donuts, coffee and sandwiches at the corporation's expense.

The *Sidney* arrived back for us at 1:45 am and left at 2 am. They still had passengers for Pender who had been on the ferry since 7 pm. We arrived at Salt Spring Island at 4 am.

I must say the crew on the *Sidney* were just great. They were perhaps more tired than we were. There is always a possibility of mechanical failure on the ferries, but surely some emergency procedures could be put in place when such a thing happens. No one mentioned to us the possibility of staying in a motel or hotel. I believe in a situation like this a "chit" or voucher could have been offered.

One cannot help but feel like a second class citizen. If the Victoria ferry broke down, another ship would have been dispatched.

It was not a very pleasant experience for those concerned and I feel your article did not describe the inconvenience to us all.

BEN TAYLOR,
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Irony

Sir,
Mr. Donald Lander, the new president of Canada Post (salary \$125,000 per annum) offers us some of the best irony of the day. He tells us that C.P. must have a balanced book by next year and postage must go up. He predicts a 40 cent first class stamp in two or three years.

Why must the postal service have a balanced book? No other major country achieves this. The U.S. postal system normally loses \$300 - 500 million annually. If they do better than that they cheer. Mail service is usually regarded as one of the major services provided by a federal government, like highways. Considering the astronomical wages some postal employees get, balancing the budget can only be at the expense of the service. And it is.

Here's a sample: In the past couple of weeks I received letters from Portland and Seattle which took at least a week to get here (I'm sure the fault is C.P. as U.S. Postal Service prides itself on expeditious delivery, overnight within 400 miles or so). Letters from Florida take 10 to 11 days to get here, again because of the curious circumnavigation they endure after crossing the border. For some reason, overseas mail arrives more quickly, but not as quickly as 10 years ago: Letter from the U.S. 7-8 days, France likewise, Australia, 9 days.

What can one say? I would suggest to Mr. Lander that he consider using the pony express, which in the 19th century delivered mail from the midwest to San Francisco in three to four days, or carrier pigeons if they can be trained.

Postal rates in Canada are curious, as Lewis Carroll would say. Friends from the U.K. who visited us last summer were so enchanted with the island they wanted to send post cards home. Before doing so I told them to consider this: All postcards cost 68 cents to send, the card itself 25 - 30 cents. No matter how small the

message, like "Wish you were." They didn't send any. The picture card business is dead on the island. The cards themselves are usually obsolete. To send friends a book is even more horrendous. Often the postage for overseas air mail is as much as the book. Do you see many people sending books by mail? Only publishers and booksellers get discounts on mailing books.

I wonder if Mr. Lander knows what's going on?
ANTHONY NETBOY,
Ganges.

Tree of Light

Sir,
George Pearson, who conceived the idea of a Tree of Light for CARE in 1960, died January 16 in his 100th year. To him and his wife Edith we owe a debt of gratitude for their unselfish devotion in seeking contributions each year at Christmas time and giving every cent collected to help people who were less fortunate than themselves.

They chose CARE of Canada to be their agent to feed the hungry, care for the sick and give encouragement and renewed hope to those who thought they had been forgotten.

To acknowledge his initiative and dedication in helping the needy, a Tree of Light will shine again this year over Swanson Channel and it will be called the George Pearson Memorial CARE Tree.

The tree will have some white lights because, traditionally, they have been used to signify donations sent as memorials. The large white light at the top of the tree will be in memory of George Pearson. The tree will also have coloured lights in keeping with the festive season. The lighted tree will be a symbol of our willingness to share our good fortune, by giving a Christmas present to CARE.

The Pender Island Lions Club, which has been looking after the CARE Tree since 1975, is most

appreciative of the hundreds of friends, on and off the island, who have supported this endeavour. The need is great, but as you have demonstrated so many times, so is your generosity. We are counting on you to make it another banner year.

Some people can make a large contribution, some can make a small one. Do your best because we need them all. The only ones that will not help the needy are the ones we forget to mail to Lions CARE, Pender Island, B.C. V0N 2M0. All donations will be acknowledged and a receipt for tax purposes will be forwarded to you.

May your Christmas be joyful and may the New Year bring you good health and happiness.

ROSS MCKINNON,
Chairman
CARE Tree Committee,
The Pender Island Lions Club.

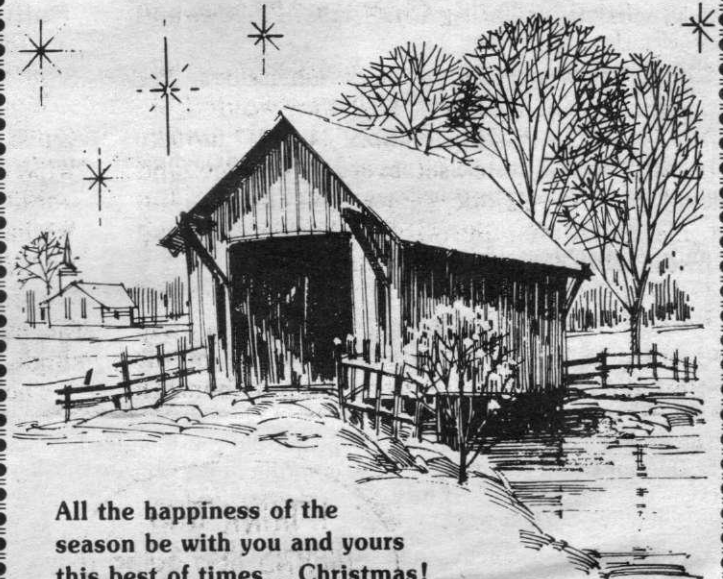
Inappropriate

Sir,
The *Sidney Men's Wear* ad (*Driftwood*, Dec. 3, p. 33) is tasteless, not funny, and inappropriate for a "family" newspaper.

As a parent and a psychologist I am particularly concerned that such casual treatment tacitly condones such behaviour.

STEPHEN NEMTIN,
Bluff Rd.,
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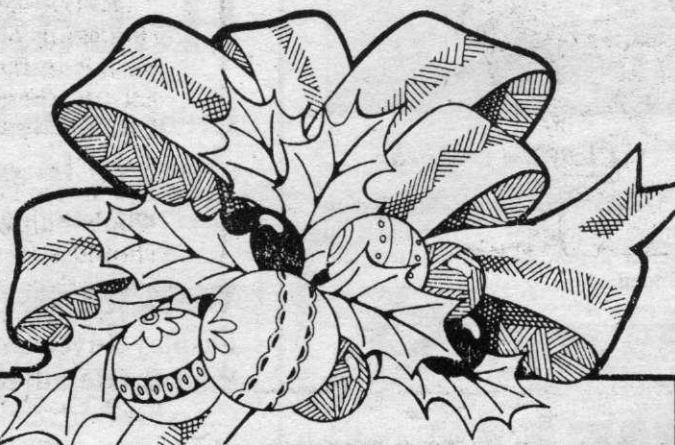
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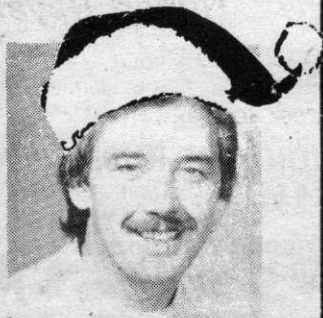
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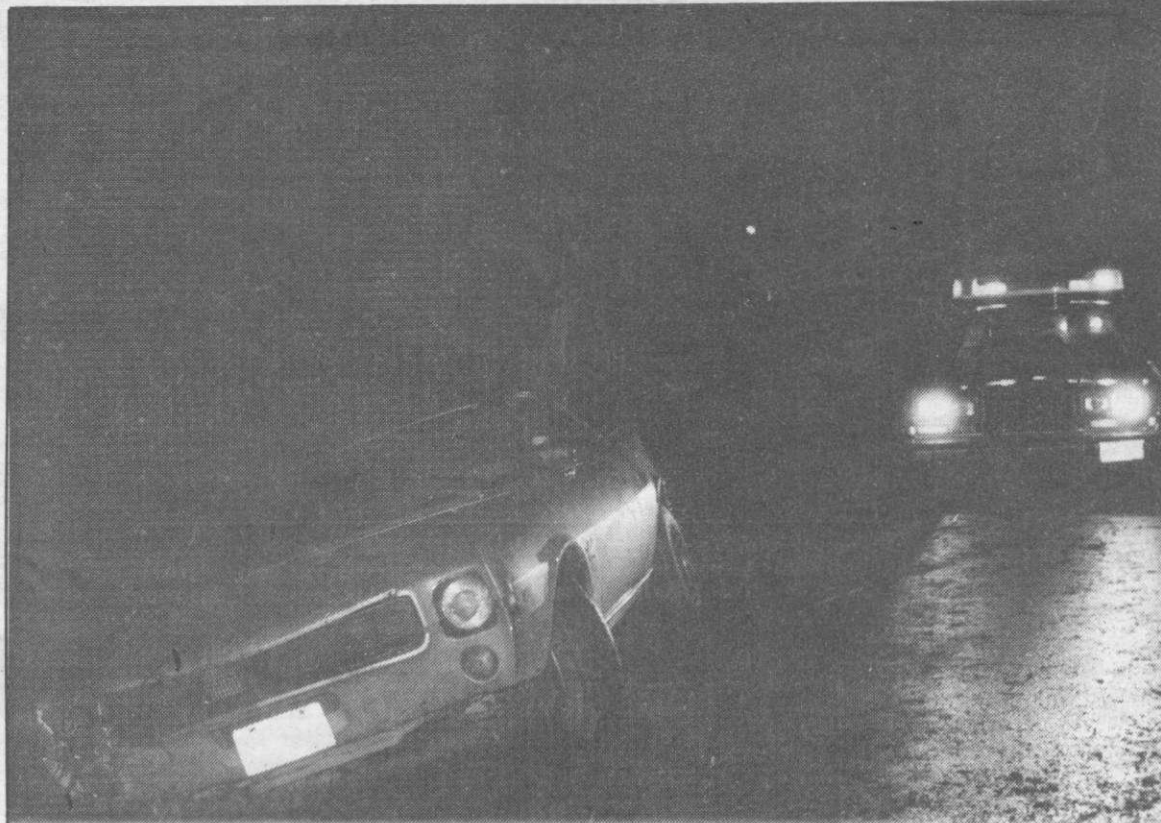
Ganges RCMP officials are currently investigating a single-vehicle accident that occurred along Lower Ganges Road at approximately 10:55 pm Saturday.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks of the Ganges RCMP detachment said Monday that the locally-owned 1969 AMC Javelin was north-bound near the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club when it spun out of control and collided with a telephone pole.

Damage has been estimated at more than \$3,500.

And in other news, a police spokesman stated that two young offenders were apprehended Sunday evening in possession of a vehicle owned by Gordon Lee of Salt Spring Island.

The vehicle was reported stolen Sunday morning. A couple of similar incidents were also reported on the weekend, and police are continuing their investigation.



RCMP members from the Ganges detachment are still investigating this single-vehicle accident which occurred along Lower Ganges Road on Saturday. The vehicle apparently lost control and slammed into a telephone pole.

Driftwood photo by Mike Turkki

Women's League meets

Twenty-three members of the Catholic Women's League attended Mass on December 10 with Father P.A. Bergin.

A short meeting of the organization followed. President Alicia Anderson announced at the meeting that the parish's potluck supper was to be held December 14 at 6:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held January 14.

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At Beaver Point

Craft fair most successful yet

The Beaver Point Hall craft fair held December 5-6 was the most successful ever, organizer Christine Donnelly said last week.

According to Donnelly, the event raised approximately \$2,000 for maintenance and upgrading of the facility.

"It was a huge success," she said Thursday. "It was the biggest one we've ever had. Most of the crafts people did well. Oh, there were a few who maybe didn't, but generally, the people I talked to (said their sales) were up."

So many crafts people expressed an interest in selling items at some had to set up their tables in the red schoolhouse behind the Beaver Point Hall. Yet even these

people did considerable business, according to organizers.

"We had 10 people up in the little red schoolhouse," she said. "At first, they were a little concerned that they might be a little too far away, but in the end they did all right, too."

Craft fair organizers collected a 15-per-cent commission on all sales made by craftsmen at the event. Those selling items at the fair also paid a \$5 registration fee.

"We collected \$1,600 from the 15-per-cent, and then there was the \$5 registration fee," she noted.

Additional funds were raised by selling food and holding a raffle. "We raised \$150 on the raffle," Donnelly noted. "The three winners were Nancy Wigen, Alice Andress and Glenna Berry. The kitchen brought in well over \$600, but there were expenses there. I'd say we collected about \$2,000."



Christine Donnelly

Hall officials are scheduled to meet tomorrow (Thursday) to select a new hall committee, she added.

Bachelor of Music awarded

C. Scott Gould received one of 1,109 academic degrees awarded November 12 by the University of British Columbia's senate.

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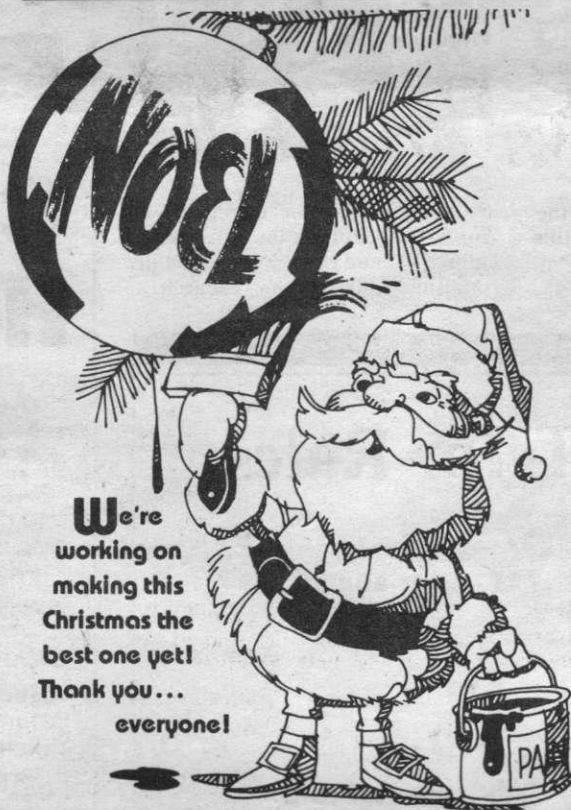
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Christmas events planned

Christmas can be a lonely time of year, especially for hospital patients.

But on Salt Spring Island, staff members at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital work with the local ladies' auxiliary to make the Yuletide season special for hospital patients and shut-ins.

The hospital does its best to organize special activities for its patients during Christmas, particularly the 30 individuals living permanently in extended care. Activity co-ordinator Jan Jang noted that on December 19, the hospital will be decorating Christmas trees with the help of patients, ladies' auxiliary members, and junior hospital volunteers (known as Candy Strippers).

"Then, on the twenty-third (of December), we'll be having an afternoon tea in the extended care unit," she said. "All the relatives will be invited."

The hospital already had the Salt Spring Singers in to entertain its patients, she added, and on Monday, local children were scheduled to visit with the elderly. Guides and Brownie groups visit the hospital, and the patients have enjoyed making gingerbread men.

Betty Galt, president of the ladies' auxiliary, said the organization's 93 members do their best to make life pleasant for hospital shut-ins.

At Christmas, the ladies' auxil-



The Christmas Ship's Santa Claus, Tripo Costello, visited both the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and Greenwoods during his visit to Ganges on Saturday. Events such as this one help make Christmas more enjoyable for hospital patients.

Driftwood photo by Mike Turkki

ary continues its many regular hospital programs. For example, every Saturday, a cake is brought to the extended care ward to celebrate patients' birthdays. "We do the favours (special place cards) for the trays in the hospital as well," she noted.

Special events are organized at Christmas, however, and some additional services are provided. "We'll be there on December 19 at 3 o'clock in extended care with the junior volunteers to decorate the Christmas trees, which we supply," she said.

Jang said Christmas Day at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital will be reserved for family visits. "We don't usually plan anything for Christmas Day," she noted. "We leave that open for relatives to visit, make it a day for the families." The hospital does

serve its patients a traditional Christmas dinner on that day, however.

Jang praised the work of the ladies' auxiliary to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital. "They are very helpful," she noted. "They serve tea, and make cakes and cookies for the patients. They also take care of the flowers (brought into the hospital).

Galt added that the auxiliary gives every patient in extended care a present at Christmas.

Friends and relatives of hospital patients are encouraged to visit Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital during the Christmas holidays. As anyone who has been in the hospital will note, nothing brightens a day more than a visit from a caring friend or loved one.

Merry Christmas.

Union opposes Ottawa drug bill

The Hospital Employees' Union has joined seniors and other concerned citizens across Canada in condemning the federal government's controversial plan to give brand name drug manufacturers up to 10 years of exclusive marketing rights on new drugs.

Lee Whyte, HEU assistant secretary-business manager, said last week that the proposed changes to the Patent Act could force prescription drugs up 200 per cent and cost Canada thousands of jobs.

"It's clear that the Tory government's fascination with free enterprise has prompted it to yield to the U.S.-based multinationals who always put profits before principle," said Whyte. "By changing the drug Patent Act, the big losers are going to be lower income people and seniors."

Whyte added that although seniors are entitled to free prescription drugs under provincial health insurance plans, any increases in the price of prescription drugs will be passed on to consumers in the form of higher taxation.

The federal government's planned changes in the Patent Act have been opposed in the House of Commons by New Democrats and Liberals alike.

NDP Member of Parliament Jim Manly, along with his party colleagues, has opposed the Tory legislation. Manly claims Canadi-

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Alienation leads to renewal of separatist feelings

By FRANK RICHARDS

Two charming ladies were talking over lunch. They were considering the political scene in Canada and they were saddened by what they saw.

"Who are you voting for in the next election?" came the question. "Brian or John?"

"Neither! I'm voting for British Columbia!"

Such an exchange two years ago was a rarity. It would have been unthinkable from a middle-aged, fervent supporter of the Progressive Conservatives. But that was two years ago. That was B.C. before the Conservatives.

Many Tories might not agree, but the presence of a strong and increasing pressure towards separatism is very clearly evident on the coast.

It was common, even fashionable for decades to complain that Ottawa doesn't know where British Columbia is. Today it is becoming evident that more and more British Columbians have lost sight of Ottawa as the federal government governs Central Canada and forgets the extremities. Canada does not consist solely of Upper Canada and Lower Canada, despite the government's convictions.

Alienation of the west is not a new disease of this seething confederation that is Canada. Alienation arises from not simply one incident or circumstance. It is the building up of a sense of frustration. It is the product of self-centered legislation by central government multiplied by the number of kilometres separating us.

When Canada went through a bitter experience in combatting strong pressures for the separatism of Quebec, there was a national sense of accomplishment among thinking Canadians. Indeed, many British Columbians were eager to press for unity and took an active part in the national campaign for integrity.

Two years ago Brian Mulroney gathered his victorious forces on Parliament Hill and entered the halls of government with a force never seen before in the national capital. One nation: one people: one leader. The nation was Canada and the people were Canadians and the leader was Brian Mulroney. He was the most powerful man in the history of the nation. His domain stretched further than that of any Canadian leader in many years. He was solid.

There had been another world leader who coined that slogan of power. "Ein Reich: Ein Volk: Ein Fuhrer," said Adolf Hitler. And where is he today?

It was Bruce Hutchison who offered an invaluable advice to Mulroney and any other prime minister when he urged that the first responsibility of the national leader is to hold the nation together.

What is the profit to a Canadian prime minister if he gains the entire nation's vote and then suffers the loss of his provinces?

How has the Mulroney government exerted this accelerating sympathy with western separatism?

If we look back over recent years we find the Tories shutting their own leader, Joe Clark, in the closet. Clark had come to the top when the party was boiling down its list of candidates for party leader. Few knew him: few wanted to know him.

Time passed and Clark grew up in office. A western country boy in a posh eastern suit, he just didn't fit the role at the outset. He was new, he was unknown and, worst of all, he was from the west; that wilderness that starts where Ontario leaves off.

Clark soldiered on and his party decided to ditch him. By the time he went he had gained stature and he had learned responsibility by exercising it. He came in an

forces of eastern power and the western extremities.

Within the Conservative rule there has been little to inspire western Canada to a great new sense of oneness with Ottawa. When the question of aircraft maintenance was under discussion, the government made it very clear that these were central Canadian planes they were talking about and those central Canadian planes would be serviced in a central Canadian setting.

So much for the west! A small incident, certainly, but an acute irritant to a segment of the populace already accustomed to being left out of the picture of Canadian power.

There remains little doubt in the west that if the federal government could build Pacific lighthouses in Ontario or Quebec, that's where they would be today.

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unknown and he went out not only widely known, but widely lamented.

The Tories were content; they had rid themselves of this western unknown who had sought to poke his Albertan nose into national affairs.

When Mulroney was elected with his great force of Tories, there was disaffection in the Liberal ranks and we watched, as a nation, the antics of eastern Canadian Liberals trying to wrest the mantle of power from John Turner, elected from Vancouver. The forces of opposition to Turner's leadership were grossly exaggerated by an eastern press and there was great rejoicing in all of Liberal Canada when Turner won out. But the nation, Liberals and all the others had watched the battle, once again, between the

These little incidents, coupled with the national juggling of all government contracts in favour of the central portion of the nation, have jarred western confidence in their position in this nation.

Worse than the self-portrait we get of the west is the rising shade of the alternatives.

When Quebec was speaking of separation the act was a geographic problem, apart from the principles involved. Not so on the west coast. A new nation of British Columbia would merely deprive the Canadian nation of its west coast connections. But, argue the budding separatist voices, would Ottawa know that its coast had gone?

It may be that the Mulroney government will recognize what is happening to the west coast before it is too late. Equally, the burden could fall on John Turner, should he assume the reins of government

following another national election.

The only aspect to this sloughing-off by the west coast that is very clear is that sympathy for independence is stronger than it has been since 1871, embracing legislators, writers and voters.

Separatism has been the call of the disaffected, the extreme rightists, oddballs in the west. Today it is examined by columnists, it is reviewed by politicians and it looms as a dream

of escape from oblivion into a new land of significance to the thinking, informed, conventional voter.

Now is the time for government concern. It is of vital importance to the future integrity of the nation that some distant government ear be attuned to the wail of the west while that wail is of infantile proportions. Let the wail rise to orchestral quality and it will be too late.

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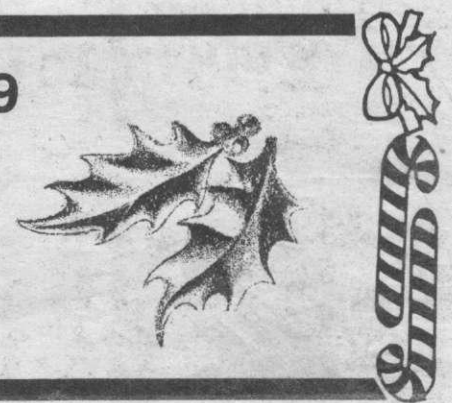
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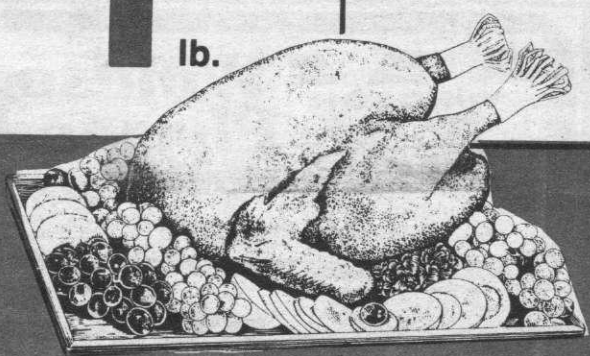
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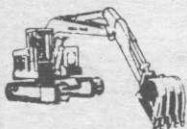
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Visiting professor observes education system

China seeks stronger ties to speed development

By MIKE TURKKI

China. For decades, the country and its people were locked away from North Americans by a Communist government that wanted little to do with western ideas.

Yet times are changing in the nation built by Mao Tse Tung. Since the chairman's death, China has cautiously opened its doors to the world; new ideas are entering the country, and some of its people are now permitted to leave and study abroad.

Ying Ge Wang is one Chinese citizen who has stepped through that portal and seen the world outside. Wang teaches languages at August First Land Reclamation University in Peide, a town in China's northern Heilongjiang province — a region most westerners will remember better by its old name, Manchuria. A tall, wiry man who looks closer to 36 than his true age of 56, Professor Wang smiles and laughs easily. His eyes twinkle from behind his rimmed glasses as he talks with enthusiasm about his country. His unpretentious attitude impresses him instantly like-

When Wang just completed his trip to Canada, which was his first trip outside China. In the past three months, he has observed post-secondary education in this country under a program sponsored by the Canadian International Development

known as the Black Dragon Consortium (Black Dragon being the English translation of Heilongjiang), the CIDA project involves three Canadian post-secondary institutions: the University of Alberta, the University of Guelph, and Olds College. These three centres of higher learning are currently taking part in an academic exchange program with Chinese universities and colleges. "We are sending graduate students here to study," Wang explained, adding that more than 20 Chinese students are currently enrolled at the three Canadian schools.

Wang, who visited Salt Spring Island last week to visit friends David and Kay Kos (who worked in China and taught him English), was born in Liaoning province south of Heilongjiang. He learned foreign languages in his youth, and served as an interpreter.



While on his first trip abroad, Professor Ying Ge Wang of China (left) managed to pay a visit to his

friends Kay and David Kos on Salt Spring Island. Professor Wang met David and Kay when they

were working China, and has kept in touch.

Driftwood photo by Mike Turkki

Now, he teaches Russian, Japanese and English to a new generation of Chinese students.

"At one time, Russian was the leading foreign language learned in China," he said. "Many learned Russian, but now they are learning Japanese or English."

During his short visit to Canada, Wang said he has seen and learned a great deal. "Many things about your country im-

of Edmonton. "Heilongjiang and Alberta are sister provinces," he said.

The exchange of ideas and experts has been initiated primarily since 1979, Wang said. "My country has undergone great changes in that time," he said, "in its economy, education and some political aspects."

Yet Wang vividly remembers life before the great changes of

classroom used an example," he recalled. "He said there were no classes in China. That turned out to be the wrong thing to say. It was the wrong point of view at the time."

Now he can laugh at the memory. But then, it was quite different. "We didn't have freedom then," he noted, suddenly quite serious.

But now, thanks to the "open door policy", changes are taking place, says Wang. Chinese exchange students are bringing new ideas home with them, and according to Wang, the government is encouraging them to learn. "There are a lot of new ideas," he said. "The government is not worried about these new ideas. They (students) should learn, and the government allows them to learn. Things are a lot more open now, in literature, for example."

In an effort to modernize and speed the country's development, the Chinese government is developing stronger ties with the West and Japan. Japanese and English are the two languages students are most encouraged to learn, although they can still receive instruction in Russian, French

and German.

During the Cultural Revolution, Wang said, most Chinese students were learning Russian, although a few did learn English. "Now, it is the opposite," he said. "Eighty per cent are learning English."

"We have more people learning English in our country than you have in your entire country," he noted with a chuckle. "There are 250,000,000 people in China learning English, a quarter of our population."

According to Wang, 30 per cent of China's high school graduates now go on to university. However, he agreed that many Chinese do not complete their secondary schooling.

Only those students with the highest marks can enter university in China. His youngest daughter, for example, failed her national entrance examination. "She will have to study more, and try again," he said.

Chinese university students, according to Professor Wang, differ in many ways from their Canadian counterparts. Students here, he said, tend to be more active in the classroom. "Your students are more lively," he said. "They raise different questions, and they raise them during the lecture. In China, it is not like this. In our universities, our students raise questions after class. I think your way promotes discussion. Our students tend to just listen, and take notes. They are quite passive, not aggressive enough. I would like to encourage my students to be more active."

Not only are Chinese students different than ours, but so are Chinese universities. In the past, Wang said, all post-secondary education was provided free of charge to those who met entrance requirements. "The government paid all of their tuition fees," Wang noted, "but now, they are trying to change that. They offer scholarships, and can loan students the money. We feel the system will work better that way."

Canadian universities, particularly those in British Columbia, claim they are suffering from a shortage of funds. According to Wang, universities here are very lucky in comparison to those in China.

"The conditions for students to

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press me deeply," he said. "I have deep impressions of your people, society and education."

"Your country can be a lot of help to ours," he continued. "We can learn much more from you. You are a developed country, while we are still developing."

The climate in Heilongjiang is quite similar, Wang said, to that

of the past seven years. He was a teacher during the Cultural Revolution, a time when China's youth — spurred on by Mao's call for perpetual revolution — rebelled against its teachers. Some professors, he noted, were sent back to work in the fields. "In Beijing (Peking), at a university, a foreign language professor in the

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New directions seen for chamber

Rockliffe named president

Newly-elected chamber of commerce president Rick Rockliffe said last week that the business organization will be moving in new directions this year.

"It will represent more than just the small group it represented in the past, I think," Rockliffe, 37, said Friday. "I'm pleased we have Pat Corneille (of Fulford Marina and Cowichan Marine Services) from the southern end of the island, for example."

Rockliffe, owner of Blue Gables Resort and Ganges Gas, has been a member of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce for two years. He said he never



Rick Rockliffe

suspected he would be chosen to lead the business group. "I was pleased when I was

elected, though," he said. "But there's a lot of work ahead. Jack Cherry, who is vice-president, and myself have spent six or seven hours charting the course of the chamber's direction for the coming year."

Rockliffe said he was pleased with the attitude of chamber members and their enthusiasm. "It looks like we have a strong business background," he noted, "and a very, very able group of people. We're going to start the ball rolling."

Rockliffe said he would elaborate on the chamber's plans for the coming year sometime this week.

More internal promotion urged

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce should become more involved in the internal promotion of Salt Spring Island business, the organization's annual meeting was told December 3.

Outgoing president Tony Richards told last Wednesday's meeting that the chamber's new executive should consider naming

a retail services committee to spearhead campaigns and promotions for local businesses. Richards also urged that the chamber take over the functions that have been carried out by the Ganges Centre Association.

He also proposed that membership dues be doubled to enable the hiring of a full-time manager. The benefits provided to members through the tourist information centre alone more than justified such an increase, he said.

In a written report to members, Richards cautioned directors against sitting for more than one term as president. He pointed out that the chamber had not been as active during his second term because business and other inter-

ests began demanding more of his attention.

Richards, who is publisher of the *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, observed that there were two accomplishments that stood out in his mind, the highly successful Harvest Ball which was designed to clear the deficit created by this year's jazz festival, and the striking of a Ganges incorporation study committee.

The latter group, which has already begun deliberations, must report back to the chamber by June 1, 1987.

Richards also praised the work of former chamber manager Moe Gerwing, who left Salt Spring Island last week, TravelInfo Centre volunteers co-ordinator Sandi Ballantyne and his fellow directors.

China

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learn are much better here," he noted. "Your universities are large, and have many places for the students to learn. There are not enough places for students to learn in China. In our university, for example, we have only a very small library. We have 1,200 students, and it can be very crowded. The dormitories in China are much different, too; here, each student may have his own room, but in China, six or seven students may share a room. They don't have many places where they can go to study."

According to the Chinese professor, post-secondary education in his country also suffers from a shortage of qualified instructors. "In your country, you have many qualified, experienced professors with Ph.D.s, Masters degrees. There are not so many in China. We have not as many experienced professors. We need more — maybe in five or 10 years, we will have more with Ph.D.s and Masters."

According to Wang, a lot of China's hopes for the future are carried upon the shoulders of its students studying here. "That's why the government is sending a lot of students over," he said. "When they return to China, they will take with them the learning, the new ideas."

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Columnist Jack Scott had two Christmas cards

By JACK SCOTT

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"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college.

"He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with world except the naked power of His divine manhood.

"While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying—and that was His coat.

"When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centrepiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

"I am within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as

powerfully as has that one solitary life."

And here is Carl Sandburg:

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And asks questions of the old men, questions

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And found under shadows thrown on still waters

By tall trees looking downwards, old and gnarled,

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Young Dayna Byron didn't seem to know whether to smile or cry when she sat on Tripo 'Santa'

Costello's knee Saturday. However, her mother Dawn

managed to convince her that the 'strange' man in the red suit meant her well.

Driftwood photo by Mike Turki

Discovery makes 36th visit

The Bellingham Jaycees' Christmas Ship was greeted by a large crowd of well-wishers Saturday as it sailed into Ganges Harbour for the 36th time.

Decorated with strings of glowing Christmas lights, the *Discovery* was escorted to its berth at the Ganges dock by a small flotilla of local boats. Santa Claus, played once again by Tripo Costello, greeted islanders (some of whom had waited nearly an hour or more) from the vessel's bow while Jaycees dressed in clown costumes waved from its deck.

After taking time to greet a few of the youngsters, Santa left for Gulf Islands Secondary School in a van provided by the Salt Spring Island Fire Department. Some of his helpers followed in the department's vintage fire engine.

Dozens of youngsters were already waiting in the high school's gymnasium for Santa when he arrived. During the next hour and a half, more than 200 island children sat on Saint Nick's knee and told him their Christmas wishes. In return for their good behaviour, they each received candy and a small gift courtesy of the Jaycees.

Those in attendance estimated that between 350 and 400 people attended the get-together — at least a third more than ever before, according to Christmas Ship volunteers.

Santa is presented with plaque for his 25-year record.

When the last child had been attended to, Santa and his entourage took their act to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and Greenwoods, where they were greeted with enthusiasm by patients and residents.

Their duties finally over, Costello and the Jaycees drove back to the Christmas ship. After changing, they enjoyed a meal in the fire hall. Chamber of com-

merce president Rick Rockliffe and firemen's association president Hans Hazenboom presented Costello with a plaque in recognition of his 25 years as the Christmas Ship's Santa Claus.

After spending the night in Ganges, the *Discovery* continued on its goodwill voyage through the islands.

The young and not-so-young were once again thrilled by the Christmas Ship and the generosity of its crew.

One islander who took his children out in a boat to greet the *Discovery* was at a loss for words to describe the experience. "It was really something," he noted.

While this year's visit by the *Discovery* and her crew was a success, the future of this project remains uncertain. A 10-fold increase in liability insurance costs

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Malcolm and Pearl Graham of the Chalet Bed and Breakfast House serve hot apple cider on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. Chili was also sold to hungry Salt Spring Islanders as they waited for the Christmas Ship to arrive.

Driftwood photos by Mike Turkki

Santa sails to town aboard the Discovery

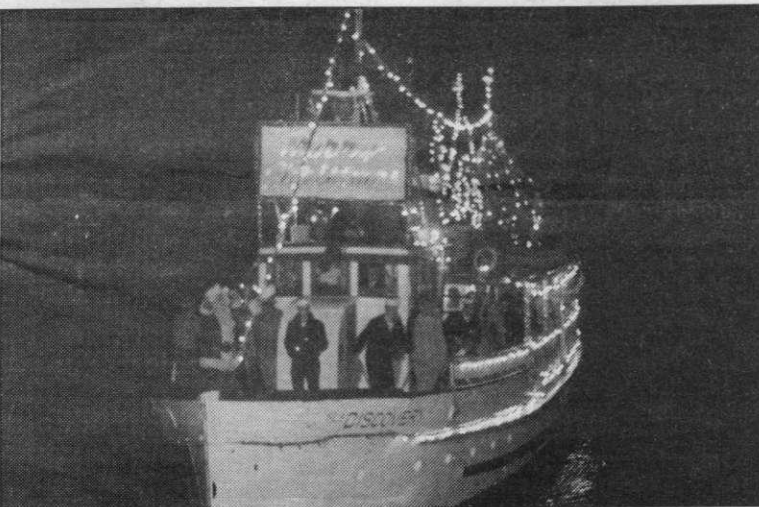
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has some Christmas Ship members concerned that this could be their last Yuletide voyage to the islands.

Gulf Islands residents are coming to the ship's aid, however. Galianoites raised nearly \$1,500 for the Christmas Ship with a benefit dinner on December 8,

and here on Salt Spring Island, residents donated more than \$100 to the cause at local businesses on Saturday.

Donations are still being accepted, and anyone wishing to contribute to the Christmas Ship fund can do so at the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce office.



The Christmas Ship sails into Ganges for the 36th time with veteran Santa Claus Tripo

Costello standing on its bow. Hundreds turned out to welcome the ship on Saturday.

Decorated boats greet ship

The skipper and crew of the Christmas Ship *Discovery* chose three winners from among the decorated boats that greeted their arrival in Ganges Harbour.

The *Amathea*, owned by Tom Gilbert, was judged best decorated boat, while *Great White* (piloted by Ross McIlvenna) placed second. A bayliner guided by Bob Smith was chosen third-best decorated boat.

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Overheard in the lobby after the premiere of Stravinsky's Rite of Spring: "Yes, but is it music?"

Overheard in the lobby after the premiere of Varese's Poeme Electronique: "Yes, but is it music?"

A jet scrapes the sky over my head and I ask, "yes, but is it music? Perhaps the pilot has mistaken his profession." (preface to the New Soundscape by R. Murray Schaffer).

It is the intention of this author to form a New Music Society on Salt Spring Island. The purpose of this organization will be to provide concerts of 20th century music. Education, from adult to elementary school levels, will be an area of concern and we will seek funding for the commissioning of works appropriate to a variety of age and skill levels.

Historically we see that when the frontiers of art are pushed outwards, non-comprehension and rejection result. As time passes the senses become accustomed to the new creations and gradually these works are understood and their innate beauty appreciated. Let us not dumbly follow this

process. Let us, rather, eagerly embrace the new sights and sounds.

It is safe and easy to proclaim as great that which past generations have lauded. The lack of familiar standards by which new music can be judged is discomfiting to many but this very situation gives us the opportunity to listen to the sound for its own sake without prejudice or projection of expectations.

Fear not the loss of tradition; no modern composer that I know of advocates the abandoning of music from the past. As Edgard Varese has said, "No matter how original, how different a composer may seem, he has only grafted a little bit of himself on the old plant. But he should be allowed to do this without being accused of wanting to kill the plant. He only wants to produce a new flower."

It is my impression that a function of elementary and secondary schools is to prepare a student for university education. This is certainly what is expected of courses in English, mathematics and various sciences. But the arts remain a mere decoration to the school curriculum and a shabby one at that.

Unless a student has parents

art seen

with the financial means to provide private training, he or she will not be able to meet university entrance requirements. This is true not only for music but for the visual arts and drama as well.

The goals of music training must include musical literacy, personal development and employable skills.

In Hungary, music is central to the education process and teachers of other subjects regularly participate in their school's music program. Music making requires a large-scale integration of imagination with mental, physical and perceptual process. The concentration gained through such activity is of direct benefit to other fields of study.

Music in Hungarian schools finds a place in history and social studies classes through the playing and singing of material relevant to the cultures being studied. At the elementary school level children are capable of writing down the tunes they hear. This is literacy of the same order as the ability to write down the words one hears.

This type of training is not approached as such until university level in Canada and I dare say many teachers of music would be hard put to demonstrate fluency in such a process.

Today there is a vast music industry employing people in sound engineering, electronic synthesis, computer operation and marketing. These activities should

all be prepared for in our schools. Not all music students will become instrumentalists but many could be involved in these related areas and in so doing learn artistic applications for their studies in the sciences.

A reordering of priorities and large-scale investment is needed so that our arts education programs can insure the existence of culture.



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By BARBARA CALLAHAN

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"It's a very simple dance", says Jorge Hernandez, leading vocalist of SALSA 3, the Afro-Cuban-Latin band that will be performing December 19 at Mahon Hall on Salt Spring Island. "It's a two-step."

It's the Salsa. It's a bliss. Ms. Dolzal, 18, a University of Victoria Student, reports that her relationship with a "Columbian from Bogota" used to undergo social duress and some physical stress when the couple hit the dance floor. Then the Salsa craze blew in from back south.

"He told me: All you have to do is march and move your hips," Dolzal says.

In Victoria and Vancouver,

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Peace

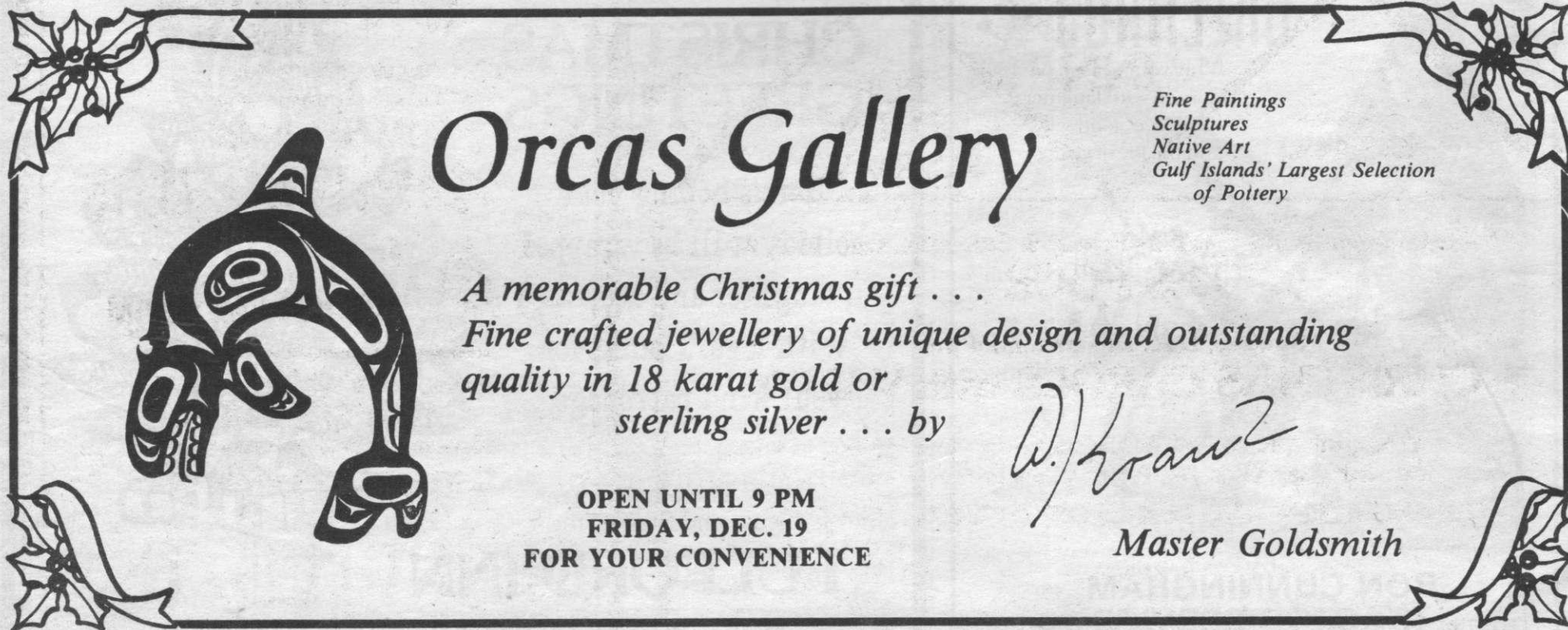


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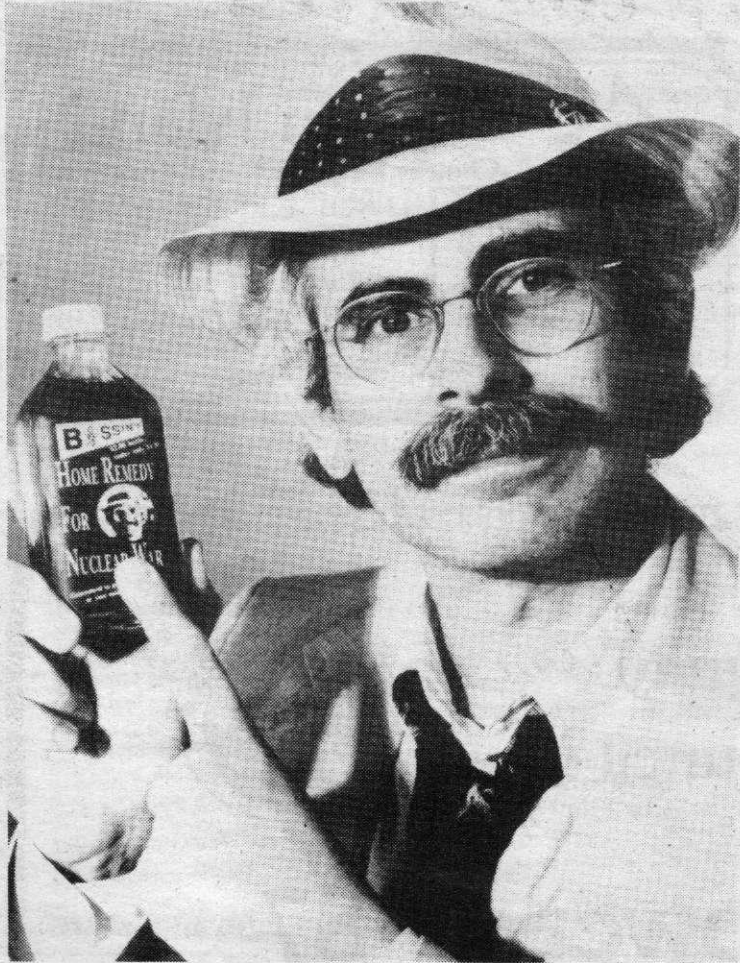
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A home remedy for nuclear war

By SHANNON WILLOW

A home remedy for Nuclear War? Impossible you say?

Completely possible, says Dr. Bossin, and he's coming to Salt Spring to prove it, with a new old-time travelling musical medicine show. He's so sure of the cure that his bottled remedy comes absolutely guaranteed to prevent nuclear war—or your money refunded.

Like his predecessors of the last century, Dr. Bossin entertains, informs and offers a cure for the ills of his time—in this case, the fear and frustration of living in a nuclear age.

Bossin has taken his show on the road across Canada, and the United States, and is booking an engagement in the USSR this year. Last winter he played to full houses in the Vancouver East Cultural Centre. Reviewer Neal Hall of the *Vancouver Sun* commented "Step right up and try Bossin's Home Remedy for Nuclear War...a snake-oil cure that is two-parts comedy, two parts of disarming political theatre and a liberal dose of catchy songwriting."

For a show that is both uproarious and uplifting don't miss Dr. (Ph. D. Rochdale College) Bossin's musical medicine show, at Mahon Hall on Saturday, Jan. 17.

Salsa is coming

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Salsa is footing aside other variations of Latin Dance Music. Lawyer Moore-Stewart showed up at one of the presentations of *SALSA 3*, at the new Alhambra hotel in Victoria. His verdict: "This is one dance that you can do from the moment you are born."

Above the waist, Salsa action has the approximate agility and combustibility of Mr. Ferley doing a Maypole dance. Partners move sideways. The real fire is down below. Partners can press hips close enough to grind grain, dance a few steps, drift away from each other, then as the music quickens, come together again. Organizers predict, that when Salt Spring Islanders see *SALSA 3* December 19, the music will grab them so much, that even if they get tired and soaked in sweat, they won't stop dancing.

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Hornby pioneer's life story told in hilarious new book

Smile Back, by George A. de Pape. Published by McCutcheon van Vugt Communications of Calgary.

By **MIKE TURKKI**

Smile Back is the story of one man's pioneer life in Western Canada. In this soft-covered book, George A. de Pape (alias Sammy Sammy, the legend of Hornby Island) tells of his experiences in southern British Columbia and Alberta from the early 1900s to 1980 — and he relates them as only a pioneer could.

In a simple, conversational style, de Pape chronicles the joys and hardships of pioneering. Though an autobiography, this book tells not only the story of de Pape's long and often difficult life, but the communities in which he and his family lived. Through de Pape's colourful stories and personal family photographs, the reader gets a glimpse at such places as Denman Island in 1916 and Wetaskiwin, Alberta after the Great War.

de Pape — who claims to have "fished, sheared sheep, divined wells ... been a cowboy, builder, writer, cook and composer" but never attended school as a child — tells of 'riding the rails' during the Great Depression and being out of work in southern Saskatchewan. Unlike some autobiographers, he tells his story simply, without a lot of embellishment or braggadocio. After getting his 'crowing' over with in the book's preface (which readers are encouraged to skip if they don't enjoy hearing someone blow his own horn), he moves swiftly into his story — mercifully sparing the reader the more mundane details of family life.

de Pape, who never attended school as a child, concentrates on only the highlights of his 78 years of living, experiences like the one that occurred in Scapoose, Oregon in 1915 when he was seven:

"Dad only made a dollar a day in the logging camp near Scapoose. It did not go far to feed a family of ten, so us children, it seemed, were always hungry."

"One day when the family was away, my brother Gus and I decided to raid the raisins which my mother hid under her bed from us always hungry kids. It was very dark under that bed and my brother Gus, who was five years older than me, said, 'I will

take the big raisins because I am older than you, and bigger too, and you take the small ones.

"Those small ones tasted terrible, so I lit a match. Boy did I get a shock! Gus was eating the raisins and I was eating rat manure. Smart brother, eh?"

de Pape's formula works. After reading only a page or two from *Smile Back*, the reader will be hooked. This book, with its gold-nugget anecdotes, is a joy to read.

It does have one shortfall, however. Typeset on a word processor and bound with cerlox, *Smile Back* looks more like a cookbook than the entertaining autobiography that it is.

Yet as publisher B.J. McCutcheon notes in his forward, it's almost a miracle the book even made it to press. de Pape wrote it long-hand in 1980, only to find that potential publishers couldn't read it. To make matters worse, one copy of the manuscript went missing, and with it, all the early photographs that the author had

been able to collect.

By publishing of this book, McCutcheon implies, McCutcheon/van Vugt Communications Ltd. took a risk. Yet with even limited promotion, it should do well in the Canadian market. At \$15, it's a real steal.

As de Pape himself says: "Parts of it would make a dead horse grin."

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The Christmas story will be presented in a special candlelight concert featuring harp, hammered dulcimer, flute, classical guitar and singing in the United Church at 8 pm Friday, December 19.

The unique three-person group *Peace Within* brings five instruments to the stage, combined with voice to vividly tell the Christmas story. The haunting sounds of the harp and the soft ringing of the hammered dulcimer and other instruments bring alive Christmas carols both old and new.

The story is told by actress Ann Lidstone, a North Vancouver resident. Lidstone has been active in Vancouver theatre including Holiday Playhouse—the forerunner of the Vancouver Playhouse. She was also the first manager of the North Vancouver Centennial Theatre, where she had her own drama school and is the founder and director of the Kootenay Children's Theatre. She also teaches acting at the University.

Lidstone is a visual artist

with paintings throughout the world. She trained in both ballet and acting under teachers from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and Ballet, London.

Lori Pappajohn of New Westminster is the harpist and flutist of the group. She has been on a busy performance schedule this past year with New York harpist Deborah Nyack. Lori has performed both classical and jazz aorks with numerous groups in Canada and the United States. She appears on three record albums.

Name the instrument, and the third member of the group—Tom Klassen of Vancouver—probably plays it. But he presently spends his time perfecting three—classical guitar, hammered dulcimer and voice.

Klassen established himself as a folk musician performing in coffee houses in Toronto. Presently he has been studying classical guitar at UBC. He has performed in Europe as a member of the University Singers, and this spring he will be continuing his music studies in the United States.

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Lions Club dinner caters to 85

By FRANK RICHARDS

There were some 85 guests when the Salt Spring Island Lions Club presented its annual Christmas dinner in the Legion Hall at Ganges on Sunday evening, December 14.

The Lions Club has staged the dinner every year since its earliest days. Originally in the White Elephant Cafe, now the Kanaka Place, the annual dinner was moved in later years to the Legion Hall, to accommodate the large guest list.

In charge of the preparations last week was Ron McQuiggan, who welcomed the guests on behalf of the club.

Before dinner the guests were entertained by the clown, John Van Schaik, who spent the evening producing animals and other ornaments from balloons. Dorothy Brown provided music.

While the guests arrived and found places at the tables, the Lions Club was behind the scenes, carving and cutting and serving. Waitresses were mostly members of the Lady Lions.

Preparations have been



Tables were crowded and one additional table was laid when the Salt Spring Island Lions staged their annual Christmas party for pensioners in the Legion Hall on

underway for many weeks. About 200 invitations were sent out. On Sunday tables were laid for 75. Last-minute adjustments brought that figure up to 85.

Saying Grace was Pastor Jim Caruso of the Pentecostal Church.

Sunday. Facilities were donated by the Royal Canadian Legion. Balloons on the tables were the work of the clown, John Van Schaik.

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Island loses 'Mr. Rotary'

Bob Blundell, Salt Spring Island's "Mr. Rotary", grocer and island promoter has succumbed to the sickness that he had suffered for several years. On Wednesday, December 10, Bob Blundell died in Ganges.

One of the best-known figures on the island, the retired grocer came to Ganges with his family in 1967 to take over the Harbour Grocery at the foot of Ganges Hill. Within months he was blending into his 20-year role of an island character.

He and his wife, Edane, operated the grocery store in the building now occupied by Gulf Islands Realty. Later they acquired the property at the corner of Fulford-Ganges Road and Sea View Drive where the Harbour Grocery is still situated.

Never lost for words, the Ganges merchant was a tourist information service long before the Chamber of Commerce established one in the community. He was also a pioneer in seeking to combat unemployment on the

island and operated a job-seeking service many years ago.

A staunch Rotarian for many years, he deplored the lack of a club on Salt Spring Island. He soon corrected the shortcoming and was the prime mover of the new Salt Spring Island Rotary Club. He was also its charter president.

In later years he was named a Paul Jones fellow in token of his service to the club. For many years he was also a member of the executive of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

He added a propane distributing service to the grocery store and constructed a new prefabricated building adjacent to his store. During the years he also acquired the old Driftwood building next door to the grocery.

He leaves his wife, Edane, at their Reid Avenue home at Ganges and a daughter, Barbara and two grandchildren, also on Salt Spring Island.

Funeral services will be held in Ganges United Church on Saturday, December 20.



And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

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Luke 2:25-32

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