



Planning and land use regulatory agency in the islands from the Gulf group north to Howe Sound is the Islands Trust. Here are the trustees from designated islands lying between Vancouver Island and the

mainland. Trustees were at the Courtyard Inn, in Victoria, last week to elect their own three general trustees, a chairman and two vice-chairmen to form the executive of the Islands Trust.

Also in the picture is Trust manager Cynthia Hawksworth. Trustees from Gambier Island, Anthony Lelani and John Lockner, were not present when the picture was taken.

setting it straight

Report on the statutory meeting of the Islands Trust last week carried a reference to the referendum presented several years ago by the Capital Regional District inviting voters call for the abolition of the Islands Trust. The vote was not offered in the Outer Islands, as the *Driftwood* story stated. It was confined to Salt Spring Island. The referendum was defeated.

New officials sworn in

Trust handles islands' affairs

New list of Islands Trust representatives from all 13 designated islands includes many newcomers to the Trust.

The Trust includes two trustees from each designated island and the full Trust council numbers 26.

Three of the trustees elected on the various islands are elected by their colleagues to form the general trust. Serving in this capacity are Chairman Nick Gilbert, of Salt Spring Island; Vice-chairman

Carol Martin, of Hornby Island; and Vice-chairman Steve Wright, of South Pender Island.

Remainder of the list of local trustees is as follows:

Bowen Island: Dan Leigh and Peggy Rose; **Denman Island:** Glen Snooks and Hamish Tait; **Gabriola Island:** Russ Bates and Susan Yates; **Galiano Island:** Donald Macdonald and Arthur Wood; **Hornby Island:** Robert McGee and Carol Martin;

Lasqueti Island: Melinda Auerbach and Barry Kurland; **Mayne Island:** Marie Elliott and Louis Vallee; **North Pender Island:** Peter Campbell and Doreen York; **Salt Spring Island:** Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne; **Saturna Island:** Jim Campbell and John Money; **South Pender Island:** Ruth Jacobsen and Steve Wright; **Thetis Island:** Elmer Bichel and John Dunfield.

COUNTERATTACK



Forest zoning discussed

When Islands Trust council decided last week to re-establish the forest and land use committee, there was some discussion of the status of land taken out of tree farm.

The property remains in its forestry zoning whether trees are actually being grown, explained vice-chairman Carol Martin of Hornby.

There is no automatic rezoning to some other use, added Trust manager Cynthia Hawksworth.

The new committee will bring back a report on the status of such land and the manner of its zoning.



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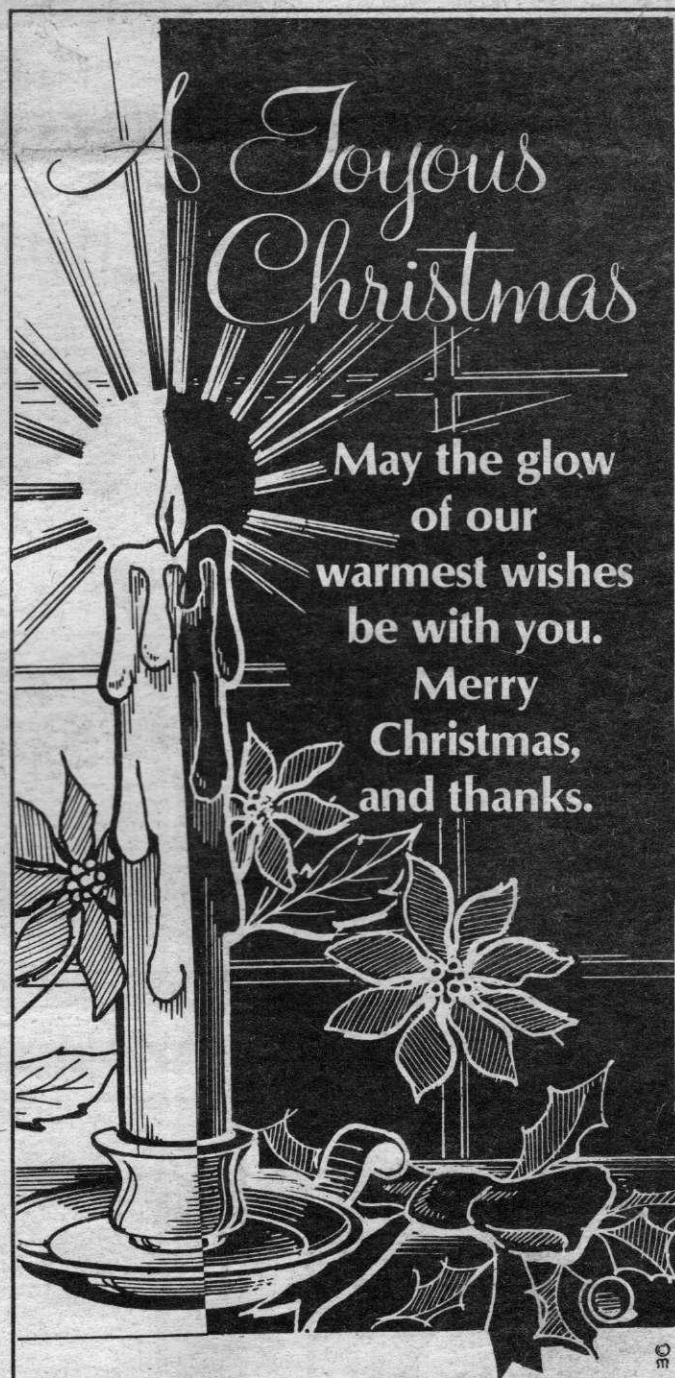
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USE CHRISTMAS SEALS



Crowd treated to good display of soccer skills

By CHARLES HINGSTON

Wet weather and "awesome" soccer left players, parents and referees soaked but happy after 14 Salt Spring teams played at Portlock this Saturday.

The Demons and Eagles, exchanging players in sportsman-like style, played to a 3-3 tie. Justin Smith played particularly well in this exciting end-to-end encounter.

Panthers beat Firebirds 2-0. Of particular note were the improved skills of all the players. In this very evenly played match, Jesse McLaughlin worked hard on the Panthers' front line and Greg Stringer was strong in defence for the Firebirds.

The Lazars defeated the Sharks

4-0. One of the highlights of this interesting game was Eric Baker's headed goal direct from a corner kick. Improving skills such as this and the energetic play made for an entertaining spectator sport.

The Stingers and Hornets also played to a 4-0 score. The Hornets get the nod as the fastest improving team at this time.

The Kicks beat the Hawks 2-0 in a fast and furious game. The boys' energy seemed in proportion to the volume of rain falling!

The Cardinals and Furies played "aggressively," to quote one bedraggled spectator. The final score of 1-1 was a fair reflection of the play. Both teams deserve credit for an increasing mastery of technical skills.

In another match, the Fillies downed the Blue Bombers 2-0.

This game was the last to finish in worsening weather conditions. It was worth the wait. The girls showed remarkable tenacity (outlasting several parents). Lianna Hingston scored her first goal for the Fillies, which was especially exciting for your objective sports writer. Goalies Melissa Hazenboom for the Bombers and Lorna Walde for the Fillies were outstanding.

This week's Intra-island soccer was notable for a couple of reasons. As already mentioned, the improving skills at all levels coupled with end-to-end play make for exciting Saturday mornings. Parents who braved Saturday's weather were not disappointed.

Special mention must go to organizers, referees and coaches,

all of whom are fine examples to our young players. Last but not least, congratulations to Jamie

Sharpie who has sold three and a half books of raffle tickets for the soccer association raffle.

Selects drop 3-0 contest to Lakehill

By MALCOLM LEGG

The Selects' last game of 1986 was not a pre-Christmas treat for their many fans, as the local squad came up with a poor effort in dropping a 3-0 decision to Lakehill.

The Selects beat Lakehill 6-3 in their last meeting but this time around the boys played as though they could win the game without working to get the result.

A key factor in the game was the strong wind blowing, which Lakehill had advantage of in the opening half. With the wind at their backs, the Lakehill boys were able to build a 2-0 lead by half-time.

Early in the second half a defensive lapse allowed Lakehill to add to its lead and put the Selects behind the eight ball.

The team tried to rally but its play was too scambly and rushed, and in most cases broke down with a bad pass or miss-kick.

The local squad tried valiantly but this Sunday was not to be its day, as even when the Selects did break in, the Lakehill goalie robbed them of their just reward.

For the Selects, the loss was a big disappointment after the previous week's solid 2-2 tie with Cowichan. But the result also served a good lesson for the team; it learned that in order to win soccer games, every player has to give a full effort, no matter who the opponent may be.

At this time this writer would like to wish all the players and parents a very special Christmas and hope the new year brings all wealth, happiness and lots of victories for the Selects.

The fall session has seen the boys play some of the best soccer of their careers but I feel the New Year will see the team do even better.

The team hopes Salt Spring has enjoyed the soccer and sends its seasons greetings to all who have contributed to its efforts. The team hopes to see you all back on the sidelines in 1987.

Soccer Scoreboard

Intra-island

Junior: Panthers 2 (A. Hingston 2), Firebirds 0.

Eagles 3 (K. Jukes 2), Demons 3 (B. Smith 2, C. Kinnear 1).

Senior: Hawks 0, Kicks 2 (H. Jason 2).

Lazars 4 (G. Kaye 1, A. Morris 2, E. Baker 1), Sharks 0.

Stingers 4 (S. Blakeway 1, A. Bell 2, C. Collette 1), Hornets 0.

Cardinals 1, Fury 1.

Blue Bombers 0, Fulford Fillies 2 (L. Hingston 1, N. Eyles 1).

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Tenders are invited for the supply of equipment and services on an hourly basis to carry out repairs and construct new service connections and respond to emergency calls for the year 1987. The successful tenderer will be required to provide an hourly rate for a backhoe and an operator who will assist the utilities foreman in carrying out repairs and installation of services for the water and waste water system within the Magic Lake Estates specified water and sewer service areas on Pender Island.

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down the gutter

The league round of the high-low doubles has been completed. The results are: circus league, Alicia Baxter and Anne Isbister; men's league, Vic Dodds and Dave Betts; Tuesday ladies, Elizabeth Socher and Dianne Little; Wednesday ladies, Elizabeth Socher and Miona Irwin; Wednesday night, Geoff Barrett and Mike Bath; Legion league, Betty Birakowski and Fred Broadbent; Friday night league, Marlien Slingsby and Leslie David.

These bowlers will bowl against each other on Saturday, January 10 to decide which pair of bowlers will go off-island to bowl in the zone finals.

This will be the last *Down the Gutter* before Christmas so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year.

Before we get to the bowling scores we have a list of bowlers who have bowled well and won themselves a small turkey in the form of a gift certificate. The (I was going to say 'lucky' but should say 'skillful' bowlers were: Cynthia Davidson, Jack Webb, Cliff Jory, Elizabeth Socher, Mary Vickers, Jerry Alexander, Fred Broadbent,

Vicki Griffin, Brent Duke, June Webb, Lil Nicholls, Anne Isbister and Chris Baines.

High rollers for the week of December 8 were:

For the ladies: Deanna Marleau, 800 (274, 248, 278); Julie Bedford, 763 (267, 258, 238); Vicki Griffin, 744 (285, 224, 235); Margaret Robinson, 713 (298, 224, 191); Susan Marleau, 706 (239, 272, 195); Sheila Lucas, 702 (273, 233, 296).

For the men: Ken Collins, 778 (310, 208, 260); Bill Harper, 777 (298, 210, 269); Steve Marleau, 766 (212, 266, 288) and 709 (255, 251, 203); Geoff Barrett, 729 (185, 200, 344); John Cottingham, 727 (226, 278, 223); Vic Dodds, 704 (220, 279, 205); Dave Betts, 702 (240, 207, 255).

300 games: Geoff Barrett, 344; Ken Collins, 310.

Pins over average: Vicki Griffin, 258; Deanna Marleau, 192; Bill Harper, 189; Olive Wilkie, 154; Irene Mostad, 152; Geoff Barrett, 138; Julie Bedford, 133; Margaret Robinson, 125; Fred Broadbent, 125; Mary Vickers, 106.

Golden Ager High Rollers

Monday afternoon: Jean Haines, 231; Bill Hague, 229; Cynthia Davidson, 202; Walter Brigden,

200.

Tuesday morning: Bill Harper, 298, 269, 210; Edie Gear, 238, 210.

Tuesday afternoon: Margaret Baker, 246; Gwen Wakelyn, 236; Ruby Billington, 222; Mary Vickers, Flo Kavanagh 215; June Webb, 204.

Friday morning: Margaret Robinson, 298, 224; Isobelle Richardson, 272; John Richardson, 202.

Friday afternoon: Jack Webb, 229; Vic Dodds, 227, 207, 201; Ed Allan, 222; Gene Graham, 221, 210; Anne Isbister, 209, 200; Dick Young, 208; Jim Gilson, 200.

Over 700: Bill Harper, 777; Margaret Robinson, 713.

Over 600: Vic Dodds, 635; Edie Gear, 627; Gene Graham, 621; Isobelle Richardson, 616.

Youth Bowling

Peewees: Corry Schwagly, 87; Stephanie Collette, 92; Graeme McKague, 121; Tom Langdon, 112; Trevor Harrison, 110.

Bantams: Amy Schwagly, 138; Jessica Lundy, 103; Bobbi-Jo Little, 89; David Collette, 177; Dylan Lundy, 121; Chris Collette, 120; Jeff Grant, 176; Eric Taylor, 155; Aaron Slingsby, 202.

Juniors: Earl Bakewell, 211; Jay Pinchin, 139.

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The chief objection was directed against American charter boats in Canadian waters. It was stated that hundreds of U.S. vessels come over with three to six lines overboard. Canadian sport fishermen are allowed only four salmon, but this rule did not apply to Americans fishing in Canadian waters.

The chambers agreed to send a letter of protest to Ray Williston, with a copy to be sent to the federal fisheries department.

School trustees agreed unanimously but without enthusiasm to sell 15 feet of school playing field to the department of highways for the widening of Rainbow Road. Closure of Kanaka Road from Rainbow Road to the school bus shed, which the board had hoped would compensate for loss of land along Rainbow Road, was left in abeyance.

Objection to the Kanaka Road closure was made by resident Dr. G.H. Holmes, and for this reason, the ministry of highways was unable to close the road.

School trustees were forced to take a second look at their approval in principle of Saturna's plan to take the island's school children on a cross-Canada trip as a centennial project.

A letter from Leslie Peterson, minister of education, indicates that while he shared the board's enthusiasm for the venture, he felt compelled to point out certain liabilities that would rest on board members' shoulders.

"There is nothing to prevent absence of children from school for this venture, if the board has approved the principle involved," noted Peterson. "The children are simply absent for those days, unless the board is prepared to consider this a school activity. If the board wishes to consider this a school activity, then it should consult with its solicitors as to its liability for the safety and well-being of the children."

The Lions Club offer to help with the children when the Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas Ship, was accepted with appreciation by the local chamber of commerce.

The ship was scheduled to arrive December 17 or 18, but a detailed itinerary had not yet been released. The chamber also indicated it would seek cooperation of a Victoria radio station in publicizing the Christmas Ship's arrival.

Fifteen years ago

There were 157 volunteer donors at a Red Cross blood clinic in Ganges.

The clinic was sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion on Salt Spring island and staged in the Legion hall. Fourteen of the volunteers were turned down and a total of 143 gave blood.

Students were well-represented, and 20 of the 22 student volunteers were accepted. Donors were rejected when suffering from any temporary malady such as a cold, and the donation of blood could worsen the malady. Salt Spring Island's representa-

tive on the Capital Regional District board was Marc Holmes.

After the liveliest political campaign seen on Salt Spring for many years, director Holmes retained his seat against two contenders by a comfortable margin.

Holmes received 586 votes to Beth Wood's 467 and Jim Wilkinson's 42.

Saturday was a black day for school trustees and recreation proponents.

The school building referendum was rejected by voters when a proposal to spend \$752,000 gained only 51 per cent support among Gulf Islands residents. A majority of 60 per cent was required if the proposal was to become a reality.

The proposal called for the building of a new elementary school here using the shell of the old one. Also suggested were the construction of new home economics and industrial arts facilities in Ganges.

A telegram from a traveller in the Far East reported that former Salt Spring Islander Doris Anderson was in Nepal and safe from the Indo-Pakistan war.

"Safe in Kathmandu. Future plans uncertain," was the text of a telegram sent by Anderson, a former Beaver Point nurse who had written a detailed account of her travels around the world.

Ten years ago

Corporal Ray Stelter of the Ganges RCMP detachment warned motorists that "if you drink, don't drive, and if you drive, don't drink."

He pointed out that during November, police picked up eight drivers and charged them with impaired driving. "It is significant," the RCMP officer added, "that the average reading (blood-alcohol level) was .220 (220 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood), which shows that we're

picking up drivers who are extremely impaired."

The ladies' auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion on Pender Island were hostesses on Saturday afternoon, November 27, at a pre-Christmas bazaar and tea.

More than 150 island neighbours attended and did some Christmas shopping. Organizers said it was an honor to have Edith Morgan of Victoria — a South Vancouver zone representative — come to Pender Island to open the bazaar.

About 70 young musicians, members of three school bands, were scheduled to perform at a special Christmas concert here.

The students were scheduled to play under the direction of Wilf Davies, school band master. They were members of Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior and junior concert band, and its senior stage band.

Five years ago

Ferry berth three at Swartz Bay caught fire, and although damage to the berth was extensive, no one was hurt.

The excitement began shortly after 10:30 am and the various arrivals and departures of the ferries were interrupted for almost two hours. Officials speculated that the blaze began in a wing wall on which a pile driver was working. The berth was being revamped to accommodate the longer ferries, and a spark from an acetylene cutting torch apparently started the fire.

Canada almost had a constitution following approval in the House of Commons.

The vote, 246 in favor and 24 against, signalled the approaching end to the debate which raged across the country concerning Canada's constitution. Of the opposing votes, NDP MP Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands) could not support the bill because, he said, it did not contain adequate protection for native Indian peoples.

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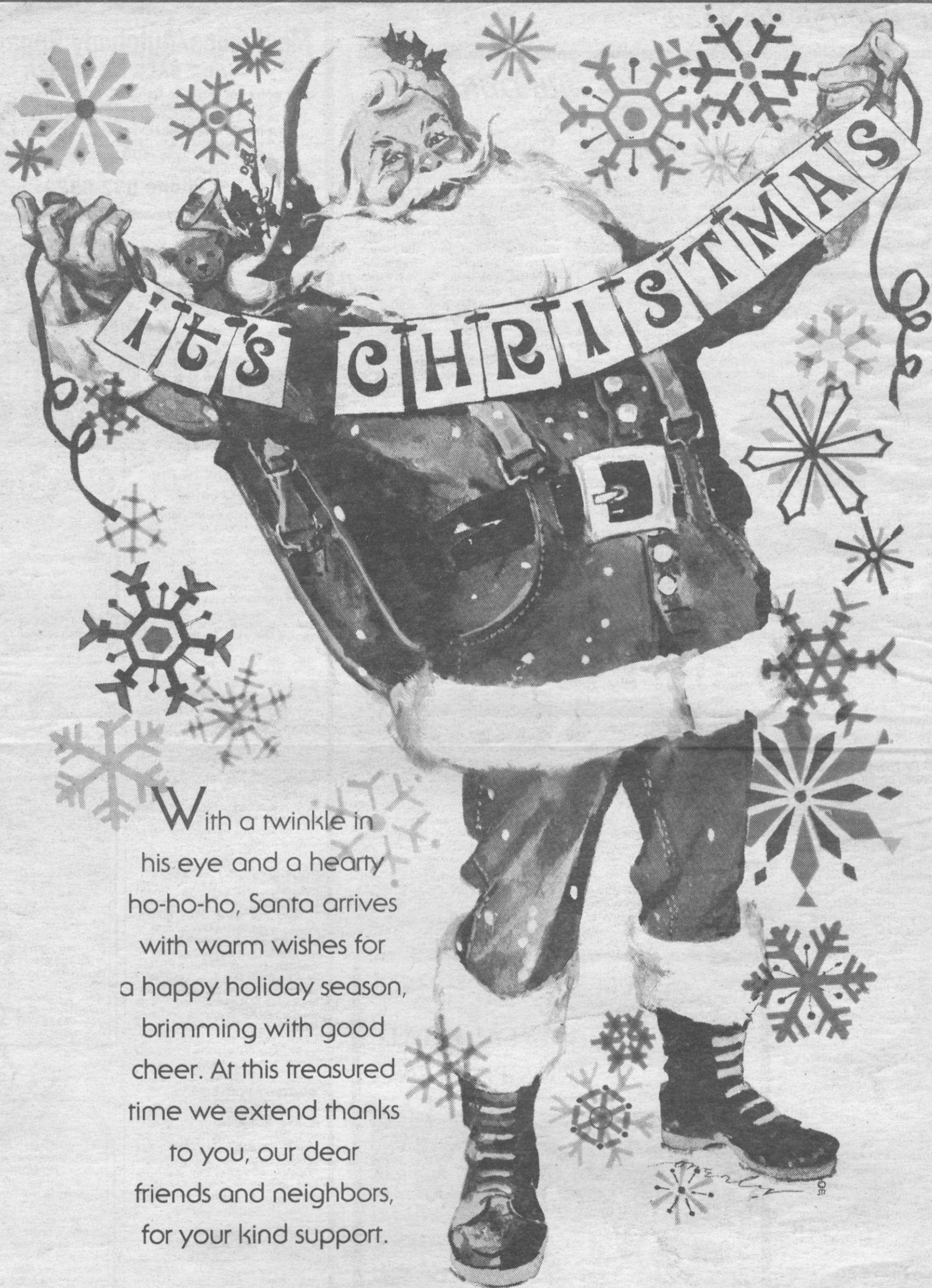
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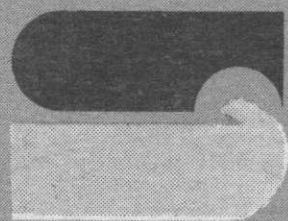
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MOTT'S CLAMATO JUICE **168**
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Large Servel kerosene refrigerator, \$300. Wind up 78 rpm gramophone, many records, \$125. 5379510.

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Walnut dining room suite, 6 chairs, & buffet. 5379272.

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Mouat's Top Floor

220 v. baseboard heaters, used, 2 only, 6 ft., \$25 ea. 1 only 4 ft., \$15. 1 only 2 ft., \$10. Two wall thermostats for above, \$10 each. Stop water pipes from freezing, thermostatically controlled wrap-around tapes, 2 only 15 ft., \$12 ea. 2 only 12 ft., \$12 ea. 2 only 9 ft. \$10 ea. one 3 ft. at \$8. Safety glass shower door, fits 23 1/2" opening, \$50 used. "Hacienda" colour brickettes for fireplace hearth, etc. 80 only, covers 12 sq. ft., \$20. Still in boxes, never used. Call for appt. 5372925.



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Hideabed couch, beige tweed, \$75. 537-5311. Good condition.



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537-5380, eves.

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112 Hereford Ave. 5374404

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Over 25 local artisans have made wonderful gifts: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE * Pottery * Scarves * Soaps * Yarn * Etc. ON SALE

Adam complete family computer system. Everything you need in one package. Black and white 12" TV included. Bought new in April 1986. \$375. 537-4204.

The Best Selection of Men's Shirts and Sweaters

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For Sale

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High quality handcrafted dulcimer in immaculate condition, \$125 firm. Call 537-9536.

WE BUY & SELL NEW & USED CHAINSAWS

Ross & Ganges

537-4202, Harbour's End

1974 pickup, runs well, good tires, \$750. Westinghouse 30" electric range, gold, \$125. Offers on both. 653-9220.

AM/FM cassette car stereo complete with speakers. Brand new, still in the box. Paid over \$300, sell for \$200. Also, 1967 Plymouth Belvedere, runs good. First \$100 takes. 537-9318 eves.

Old oak dresser with mirror, \$200. White double dresser with large mirror, \$100. Head and foot boards, \$15. Attractive open-arm chair, \$70. Comfortable Queen Anne armchair, \$100. 537-9363.

New Fresh Ground Grains from 1986 crop for Cattle. Horses, Pigs. Also Whole Grains, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Kenny's Granery, 161 Garner Rd., 653-9258. Always The Best Price.

30" Kenmore elec. range, clean, good working stove \$125. Large chesterfield and chair, \$100. 15 gal. aquarium, filters and pumps, \$50. Chev 235 cu. in. 3-spd. trans., \$100. Phone 537-4514, 11-8 pm.

Cars, Trucks

1973 Volvo, 4 dr. excellent condition, comfortable ride, leather upholstery, low mileage, one owner, rust free, sun roof, 6 cyl, automatic, power steering, power brakes, \$3500. 5372454.

1969 Buick Le Sabre, 4 dr., running condition, \$300 obo. Phone 6534350.

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Sam is coming, Jan. 5/87. Scrap cars removed, cash for runners, some removed free. Charges for some. Phone 537-2428 days, 537-9829 nights.

Cars, Trucks

1969 Ford Cortina 1300 cc auto, winter tires, good Island car, \$350. 537-4071.

1974 Kenworth COE, tandem QHD 4.63, Hendrickson Leaf susp., 13 spd. trans. Twin polished 120 gal. alum. Plush interior, twin airseats, air slide fifth wheel, sold as is, where is by certified cheque or cash. To view on Thursday, Dec. 18th, 141 Booth Rd. (off Rainbow Rd.). Tenders. Highest bid not necessarily accepted. No Motor. 537-5769.

1956 Pontiac (Canadian), 2 dr., 350 v/8, 650 dbl. pumper, four BBL, Turbo 400 auto, new interior, buckets, new paint, tach, custom gauges. Asking \$2800 obo. Partial trades considered. Phone 537-4428.

Mobiles, Trailers

Mobile home, good condition, 12' x 60' in Fulford. To be moved, \$11,000. 537-9977 days, 537-5224 eves.

Superior R. V. Centre Ltd., in Sidney is looking for R. V. consignments. We will pick up from the Gulf Islands. Phone 656-9434.

Mobile home pad on private farm setting near Maliview Drive. 537-9311.

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Ross & Ganges 537-4202 At Harbour's End

Found

Keys at the corner of Wildwood & Lower Ganges on large wing. Please pick up at Driftwood office.

Canvas tent and other assorted garbage off Baker Rd. beach. Phone Bruno to collect. 653-4592.

SPCA has found Siamese cat, unneutered male, Seal Point, 5372123.

Male dog, light brown. Found in Mt. Tuam area. 653-4470.

Lost

Tuesday, Dec. 9, pair of brown gloves and small toque vicinity Centennial Park. Finder, please phone 5372158.

Rebounder off top of my car on Long Harbour Road on way to ferry. Please phone collect 8736906, Vancouver.

At Grey Cup breakfast, black ski jacket, 5372196 or 537-9468.

Set of Pinto keys and brass leaf key chain. Call collect 228-1802.

Fulford area, light brown part-lab dog. Would like to know what happened to him. 653-4260.

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to all you kind people who gave so much of your time in helping to rescue the cat.

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to Shirley and Donald Baker for putting up Prince and Jim; the two Clydesdales that pulled the haywagon for the light up ceremony. The Bakers have done this several times before. A BahHumbug to the person who reported to the police that the horses were obstructing traffic as they were being led into town. NOT nice. 1

On behalf of the Catholic community of Galiano Island, I wish to thank the Anglican Parish of Saint Margaret's of Scotland and especially Mr. & Mrs. Ian Hooley Sr., for their outstanding cooperation and hospitality during the past year. And again, sincerely thank you!

Connie Hoffer

Thank you for working to make the Food Bank Auction such a success: Maggie Warbey, Robin Warbey, Brenda Cornwall, Jetta Martinez, Vicki Miller, Marion Thomas, Joyce Jameson, Maggie Hayes, Kerry Chalmers, Carol Swift, Janet Hoag, Ann Warbey, Jenny Bradford, Betty Ball, Carol Fowles, Delanie Faulkner, Michael Hayes, Noel Fowles, Jim Bradford, Terry Warbey and Caitlin Hayes. Also, many thanks to Driftwood and to the 100 donors of goods and services. 1

Announcements

Announcing: GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A reception will be held at 8 pm. in the Ganges Legion Hall on Wednesday, December 24 in honour of Orlando and Anne Funk to celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss. Their children and grandchildren invite you to this occasion.

Travel

For all your travel plans phone Cathy Taylor, Beacon Travel, 537-4486. 1

Travel toll free. Call 1-800-742-0864, Aladdin Travel, Sidney. 48-tfn

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Personal

Psychic & Tarot card readings with Ratna. A reading reflects what is happening for you personally and in relationships. Gift certificates and group readings available. Phone Ratna, 537-9834. 1

Attention Grandparents: when company arrives remember you can rent a crib, high chair or playpen at Gulfstream Supply, McPhillips Ave., 537-5733. 513-alt

There is still time to be one of the first 1,000 people to join the Swimming Pool Society. Become a member of the 1,000 Club! Box 531, Ganges or 537-5149. 48-tfn

Research announcement. Looking for sleep-disturbed children for my doctoral project. Approved by UBC Ethics Committee. Call Judith Boel, 537-5480. 49-tfn

Help build a pool. Save your books & records Salt Spring Island Pool Society's February sale. 50-tfn

Wanted

Page for medium sized dog. Phone 537-5411. 1

Wanted

Spring cleaning? Moving? Estate Clearance? Cash for furniture, appliances and odds n ends. Call The Great Ganges Junk Co. 537-4421, Outer Islands call collect. 51-tfn

Dead or Alive: International Harvester Cub Tractor and/or parts and pieces. 537-9509.

Wanted to rent - Video camera. Christmas Day only. 537-5197. 1

Brownie uniforms, size 6X and 8. 653-4267 or 653-4284. 1

Work Wanted

Painting & wallpapering. Quick & tidy work. Call Kirstie, 537-5432. 512

Need someone to care for your pets or plants while you're away? Call Homecare, 537-9536. 1

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Landscaper and gardener horticulturally trained and experienced in design, planting, maintenance, pruning and greenhousing. Fully insured. Phone David, 653-4270. 48-tfn

If you would like a hand with a project or want to speed up a job, give me a call. Creative carpentry, drywall, painting, etc. Very reasonable rates, either by the hour or by firm estimate. All work guaranteed. Call Shaun Adams, 537-4079.

Mature reliable woman available for house cleaning on an every other week basis. North End only. References available. \$7/hr. 537-4116

Help Wanted

A temporary vacancy exists for a 0.6 Grade 5/6 teacher at Fernwood Elementary from Jan. 5 June 30, 1987. The position will encompass math, social studies, science, reading skills and physical education. Applicants should have a background in these areas. Submit applications with supporting documents by Dec. 22nd to Mr. R. D. McWhirter, Director of Instruction, School District 64, Box 128, Ganges, B. C. V0S 1E0. For further information, contact Mr. M. G. Woodley, Principal, 537-9332. 1

Mature loving person to care for my 1 year old son, 3 days a week, preferably in my home. 653-4396. Also - wanted, a crib. 1

Wanted to Rent

HOME OWNERS WANT TO RENT YOUR HOUSE but are worried about the problems that go with renting? Let me handle this for you. R. D. Property Management 537-5411 49-tfn

For Rent

Small 1 bdrm. cottage, electric heat, utility room, small sundeck. Walker Hook area. \$275/mo. plus hydro. Available. Jan. 1. 537-9363. 1

Storage space for rent. Warm & dry. Up to 150 sq. ft. or less. 537-5050 for information. 1

For Rent

Mayne Island - 3 bdrm. house, 1-2 yr. lease. \$275/mo. 1-576-6110, Surrey. 50-4

Mobile home pad on private farm setting near Malivue Drive, 537-9311. 50-4

2 bdrm. house with view, North Beach Rd., \$400 per mo. Phone 388-9661 or 537-4203. 50-tfn

Cosy 3 bdrm. house, wood heat, country kitchen, view of Long Hbr. Quiet location. Responsible tenants needed for imm. occupancy. \$450/mo. 537-2358. 50-2

Mobrae area house with lakeview. 2 bdrms., large loft. 1 1/2 bathrooms, \$410. 537-2395. 50-2

Spacious 2 bdrm. resident in 100 Hills area, panoramic views, close to Island facilities. Contact after 6 pm. 537-9272.

1 bdrm. apartment, fridge, electric range included, close to Ganges, \$275/mo. Call Bob, Dick or Mel, 537-5515, 9 to 5 pm. 48-tfn

1-2 bdrm. insulated cottages in a quiet resort setting. No pets. References required. Some units available on a year-round basis. Phone 537-2832. 48-tfn

Storage space for rent, 537-9311. 48-tfn

- * 2 Bdrm. Suite *
- * 1 Bdrm. Suite *

Seniors - no pets or children. View, w/w carpets, drapes, etc. Laundry & parking incl. A. P. Lloyd, 537-2670 48-tfn

Furnished bachelor suite, \$250 per month. Hydro included. Close to town, mature person preferred. Phone 537-2012 or 537-5091 after 6 pm. 48-tfn

Commercial & Industrial 5 Property FOR RENT

1152 sq. ft. in Ganges core area \$700 per month. 537-2458 47-tfn

Cosy 2 Br. house, long term lease, \$400 per mo. 653-4335.

Villa-style seafont home, large 2 bdrm. plus on acreage. Semi-furnished. Available Feb. 1. \$400/mo. Phone 604-291-7458 or 537-5688. 1

3 bdrm. house with deck, fireplace, view of Booth Bay. Quiet, sunny location, \$475/mo Available now. No pets please (413) 4985650. 512

Exec. view home on small acreage, 2 BR on main, lge. liv. rm. with fireplace, sep. dining, hot tub and more. Close to village available Jan. 1/87. \$500/mo. Call Santy, 537-5577 or eves. 5372773. 1

Sunny, secluded lakefront duplex. 12 bdrm. Wood and electric heat. All appliances including washer & dryer. No children. \$350/mo. 5374486. 1

Duplex, Jan. 1/87. 2 bdrm. with stove & fridge. \$300/mo. Phone 5379680. 513

1 bdrm. cottage. 2 bdrm. cottage. 2 BR mobile home for rent. All in Fulford. No pets please. 653-4520. 49-tfn

1 bdrm. waterfront cabin, carport, fireplace, Beddis Rd. area, \$275/mo. 537-5650 after 5 pm. 51-2

Large waterfront home on 1 acre, \$575 per mo. ref. required. Call 537-5568 and leave a message for Mel or Lynda. 1

Community Services

Are you having a problem controlling your eating? If you're interested in helping yourself, we're interested in helping you. Call Overeater's Anonymous, 537-9253 or 537-2618. 49-tfn

Community Services

Dressings are free to Cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Carol Spencer, 537-2154 or Health Services, 537-5541. 48-tfn

Canadian Adoption Re-Union Registry (CARR), for adoptees, birth parents and siblings. Write to: Box 7051, Station D., Victoria, B.C. V9B 4Z2. 48-tfn

A. A. MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS MIXED MONDAY, 8 pm. - closed discussion TUESDAY, 7:30 pm. - closed big book study-step meetings FRIDAY 8 pm. - closed discussion except last Friday of month, open speaker & birthday night. LOCATION: Nurses Residence PHONE 537-2323, 537-5190, 537-2618 or 537-4170. 48-tfn

Notices

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Section 189

In the matter of GLENN
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And in the matter of
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And in the matter of Lots 5
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No flowers by request.
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BLUNDELL, on December 10,
1986, Robert Blundell of
Ganges, B.C. Robert was a
member of Rotary Interna-
tional and is survived by his
wife Edane, daughter Barbara
Buckler and two grand-
daughters Candace and
Andrea Buckler. Services will
be held Saturday, December
20th at 1.30 pm. at Ganges
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LAPHAM, On December 12,
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Pender Legion filled to capacity

Farmers' Institute dance draws 158 to hall

The Pender Legion was filled with a rollicking crowd Friday night for the Farmers' Institute Christmas bash.

Wanted - all Famers the sign read. And they all came, farmers, famers — young and old — to dance, listen to carols, win door prizes, spot prizes, and give things away.

The purpose of the event was to raise money for the Farmers Institute bursary. The fact that all and sundry had a good time was a bonus.

Gordon Wallace, recently retired North Pender trustee, was master of ceremonies, managing the flow of musicians, prize-givers and dancers. Students from Pender school sang Christmas carols under the guidance of

Judy Neil.

They were followed by a barbershop quartet: Tom Madden, Jock Murray, Lloyd Gould and Lance Butler made up the four-some. Joyce Sky followed them with her accordion, then Richard Hall on clarinet and Betty Gowan on piano performed a duet. Betty was joined by Tom Madden performing a base solo, and Mary Reher made a third with her flute for their next number. Joey Billyeald and Mary completed the performances of the evening with Christmas songs from around the world.

But that wasn't the end of the fun. Bob Allison and his band struck up their fiddle and piano and filled the room with some good stompin' music. The crowd

responded, and several were awarded with prizes for their enthusiasm. Not all names were available for winners of several spot dances, but *Driftwood* did learn that Joyce Sky and Robert Conkey won the special — a bag of toilet paper and a bag of Irish carrots (i.e. potatoes).

It was a night for prizes. The Chalmers, Conkeys and Murrays, Mrs. Sheila Hall and Mrs. Kirby all won door prizes donated by island businesses.

And those who worked to make the evening a success were given gifts. Bob and Helen Allison coordinated the entertainment,

and Joan Bannister and Margaret MacAulay managed all the food for the event.

Last, but not least, Winnie Steves and Jean Lions, the two women who coordinate the Veterans' visit every year, were presented with gifts of appreciation for their work.



Umbrellas and rain hats are required gear for greeting Santa—on the Gulf Islands that is. Mayne residents fill the government wharf waiting for the Discovery.

Presentation made

Christmas Ship given donation from Galiano

A great welcome awaited the Christmas ship as it sailed into Galiano's Montague Harbour on December 13.

Umbrellas and rain gear were occasionally useful, but fortunately not essential for the 82 children, their parents and grandparents who came to see Santa Claus. He received them under an awning specially rigged for the event on the deck of the marina.

Clowns entertained the children with magic tricks, tattoos and ingenious balloon sculptures while they awaited their turn to sit on Santa's knee and receive their gift from him.

The parents of some of the children had themselves sat on the same Santa's knee when they were children up to 25 years ago. Tripo Costello's quarter century of service as Santa was acknowledged by a handsome banner thanking him with love from Galiano. This was accompanied with a personal gift for him.

The Christmas Ship Society presented Santa Claus and the Jaycees with a cheque for \$1,200 in U.S. funds as a contribution to the operation of the Christmas Ship which has been coming to Galiano for the past 35 years.

The Jaycees made a surprise presentation to the Christmas Ship Society, a plaque which read: "Presented to the Galiano Christmas Ship Society for their tremendous community spirit and generous contribution." The plaque was received by Shirley Coulter and will be placed in the pub with suitable ceremony at a later date.

Santa then returned to the ship which was brilliantly lighted in red with an outline of Santa and his sleigh in white lights, this was the work of the Sea Scouts. Watching the lighted ship sail off into the dusk as the sound of the carols grew fainter was a moving experience; a fitting end to a merry occasion.

Committee considering hall

The Pender Island Hall Society decided to form a committee to investigate construction of a new hall for the island at their meeting last week.

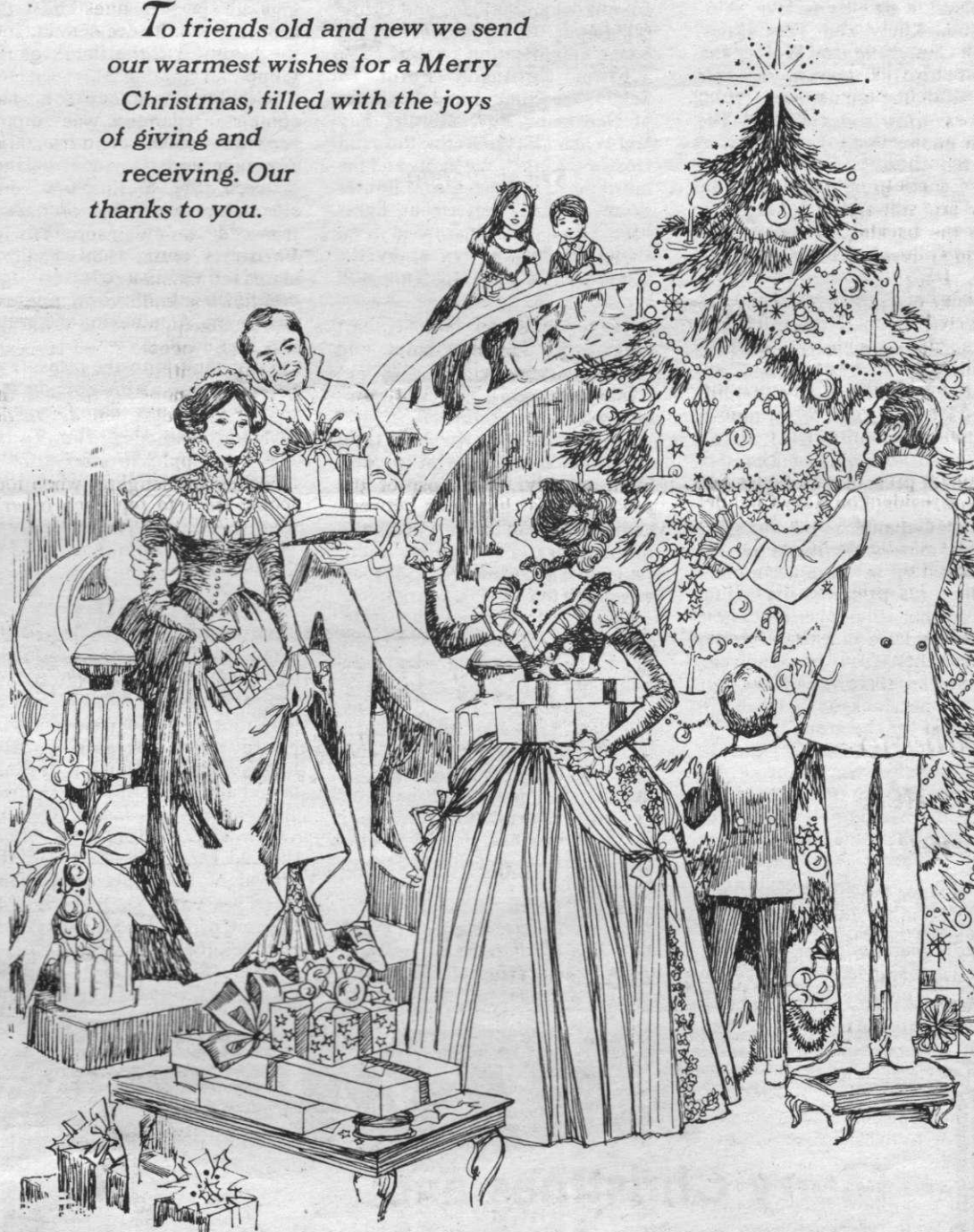
The committee, chaired by Steve Wright, will be made up of three other members of the Hall Society, representatives from some of the island groups inter-

ested in getting more space and some outside groups. Betty Glover, Doreen York and Mike Hilts of the Hall Society were named to the committee at the meeting.

The Society's next meeting is tentatively set for January 14. Steve Wright says he hopes to have the entire committee set up by then.

merry Christmas

To friends old and new we send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas, filled with the joys of giving and receiving. Our thanks to you.



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Expo performer plays for Galiano's children

For many years the Galiano Club has given the children of Galiano a traditional Christmas treat of individual gifts presented by Santa. This year the parents asked that the usual format be modified — that the bulk of the money be spent on live entertainment with token gifts of oranges and candy canes. So last Wednesday afternoon Roberta Lynne Stones, an accomplished performer from Expo and UBC graduate, came to demonstrate musical participation at its best. She played on piano, synthesizer and omnichord, but more than anything she sang for the children and with the children. Before long, heads were nodding, feet tapping, hands clapping and voices singing songs of laughter, warmth and friendship.

After an intermission there was a fine example of community co-operation between school and Galiano Players when pupils Erin Jarvis, Jennifer Dunn, Yarah Hooley, Kate Hennessy, Alex Wilson, Kirsty and Tess Hales, Noah Church, Mason Walker and pre-schooler Adam Harris presented the dinner-scene from Dickens' *Christmas Carol*. The script was written for this occasion by Ian Hooley Sr., who also directed the production, assisted by Judi Wilson and Marianne Bennetts as wardrobe mistress. Bill Callaway was the lead singer.

Acis and Galatea

A unique occasion is in store for music lovers on Galiano in January. The Cecilian Ensemble from Montreal will be on tour in B.C. from January 17 to 25, and on Monday, January 19, will present G.F. Handel's masque *Acis and Galatea* in the South Community Hall on Galiano.

This mini-opera is scored for five vocalists who are accompanied by seven musicians playing on instruments of the period. These musicians perform with the Studio of Ancient Music of Montreal, whose artistic co-director, Christopher Jackson is the harp-sichordist for the group.

Acis and Galatea was Handel's most popular work during his lifetime. The libretto is by John Gay and is based on the account of the nymph Galatea and her shepherd lover Acis in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. Each beautifully written air in this operetta shows that Handel was a master of the Italian operatic idiom.

Acis and Galatea has never been performed on the west coast. There

will be seven performances in all; two in Vancouver, three on Vancouver Island and the remaining two on Hornby and Galiano. Music lovers may like to arrange parties with their friends, or give tickets on sale now from local outlets as a Christmas gift to take advantage of this very unusual opportunity.

Caverly's Carols

Ron and Sandy Caverly of Galiano Lodge have introduced a new Christmas custom to Galiano.

To combine a wedding anniversary celebration with a present for Galiano residents, Ron decked out his boat with Christmas lights and a large picture of Santa Claus. In Victoria he purchased records of Christmas carols sung by the Mormom Tabernacle Choir. After dark, the Caverlys have been cruising the southeast Galiano coastline with coloured lights ablaze and carols echoing across the water from the boat's amplification system.

From Collinson Point to Salamance Point, round the shores of Georgeson Bay, Sturdies Bay and Whaler Bay in Active Pass and Gossip Channel, the lights and the music have cruised. From houses situated on the waterfront, lights have blinked in salute and been answered in like manner by the Caverlys. Nice idea, Ron and Sandy.

The Robsons

Margaret and Fred Robson, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, wish to thank all the friends who sent cards and good wishes or attended the reception organized by the Ladies Service Club.

The story of Fred and Margaret on Galiano deserved not a paragraph but a book. Margaret is the sister of Joe Garner who wrote *Never Fly Over an Eagle's Nest* in which both she and Fred are mentioned.

On Galiano, the Robsons operated the Lodge and have been associated with most island organizations including the chamber of commerce (Fred is the current president), Galiano Club, the fire department, rod and gun club, Lions, the golf club and many more.

Later in life Fred took up duplicate bridge, and last Friday with Bea Thompson as partner, topped the scoring at the weekly duplicate bridge session at the Golf

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Club. He is a student of the game, always willing to learn, which is almost a necessity when playing with the formidable Mrs. Thompson. Margaret is also an excellent player and has, on occasion, placed first. The Robsons are planning to take life a little more easily but not much. Their next project is to tour New Zealand in a camper early in the New Year.

Renaissance Singers

The return visit of the Renaissance Singers of Vancouver on Saturday last delighted a large audience in the Activity Centre. A gymnasium is not usually considered an ideal place for a musical performance, but the acoustics did little to detract from the beautiful choral work of the group.

With one exception the complete repertoire was sung a *cappella* which requires strict discipline and fine tonal balance between the four parts. The selection chosen by the choir provided a wide spectrum of Christmas music from medieval traditional carols to the compositions of contemporary composers. Conducting the group was Harold Ball.

Contributing to the pleasure of the audience was the obvious fact that the singers enjoy making music. During their stay on the island they were continually breaking out into spontaneous song, finishing up in the Hummingbird Inn where the patrons enjoyed a free and delightful concert.

Sympathy

On behalf of Galiano residents we should like to express our sympathy to the families of two long-time Galiano residents who passed away last week. Rosette Lapham lived quietly on the shore of Whaler Bay. She was known and loved by many friends, particularly weavers with whom she had been associated from the revival of this craft on Galiano many years ago. She entered Lady Minto Hospital in early November and died there last week.

Tony Brooke-Harte was for many years, with his wife Vivienne,

owner and operator of the Spanish Hills Store. In his younger days he was a musician in the big band era of the '40s. He held a number of administrative positions on the mainland before moving to Galiano. To the Brooke-Hartes, the store was more of a community service than a means of livelihood. To Vivienne and their three sons goes our sympathy.

Senior Singles

On Sunday evening, Galiano Lionettes entertained more than 30 "singles over 65" residents of Galiano to a dinner and entertainment in the South Galiano Community Hall.

Convened by Mary Knowles and Margaret Robson with Betsy and Sylvia Baines acting as chefs, a delicious meal was served to nearly forty seniors. The entertainment was provided by Gertrude Shead on piano and Pat Weaver on accordion. With the assisting Lions and Lionettes, approximately 70 people joined in community singing of old, mostly very old, favourites.

What is it?

On Sturdies Bay Road, opposite Cain Road, a strange structure is being erected. What is it? *Driftwood's* investigative reporting team is on the job. Secrets of Galiano's 'Woodengate' will be revealed. Read all about it in the next edition of *Driftwood*.

No Tears

On November 28, the Pub's atmosphere held a magical quality for me. Cars bursting out of the

Dandy

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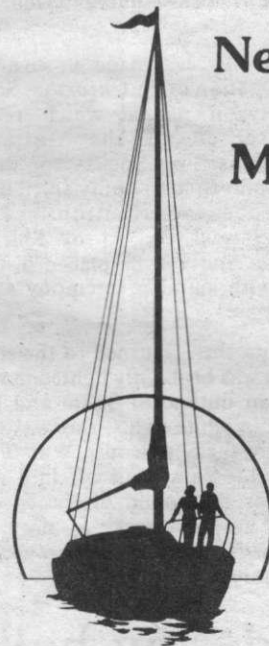
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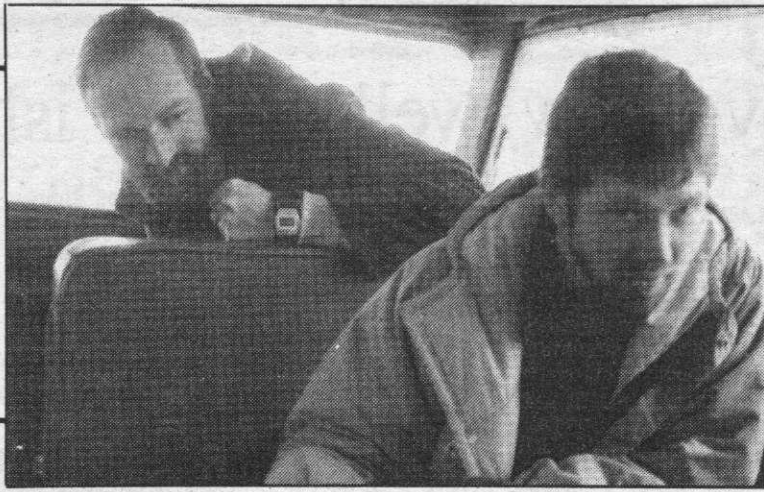
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Islands trustees caught playing with pennies on the water taxi. Chairman Nick Gilbert looks on as vice-chairman Steve Wright plans his next move. The game is a legacy from retired chairman Mike Humphries.



Public confused by details

Pender lot clustering plan put on back burner by Trust

A bylaw that would give the South Pender Trust committee authority to grant development variance permits was put on hold at this weekend's meeting.

Confusion and a lack of consensus arising from the public hearing attended by 18 people convinced trustees that the bylaw should be put on the back burner until the public can be better informed.

Bylaw 19 would have given the Trust committee responsibility for granting or denying permits for the clustering of lots through parcel averaging when there is more than one zone in a subdivision area.

An application presently before the committee is an example of the principle. The developer wants to cluster the total number of lots permitted in his land area — which encompasses agricultural, forest and rural land — in the rural section of the land. Normally, he would be allowed to develop two-acre lots in the R1 zone and no smaller than 10-acre lots in the forest and agricultural zones, seven lots in total. By averaging the parcels, he could create seven four-acre lots.

Concerns about the effect of the bylaw were raised, ranging from

a comment that it subverts the community plan to a concern that future variance permits could be put through without public hearings.

South Pender trustee Steve Wright said it would be an amendment to a bylaw, not the community plan. Islands Trust planner Dave Morris said hearings would still be held if the committee thought it was necessary, and added that each application would be considered individually.

At present, if a developer wants to cluster lots, he or she can proceed through a bare line strata plan. This is not popular with developers because it involves a complex legal structure — including setting up a strata title board and corporation — and considerable expense.

The committee agreed that South Pender trustees should meet with their APC and that another public hearing would be necessary.

In other business, the committee agreed to review South Pender's water zone with Trust staff to ensure that fish farm applications would have to go to public hearing on the island.

Morris reported the transfer of land from South Pender Estates

has made progress. The ministry of forests and lands is in possession and will give it to Capital Regional District Parks once they have placed a covenant on it requiring that it be used only for park purposes.

Galiano groups active

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particular interest are Keith Holmes' *Santa* and Alistair Ross' *Hansel and Gretel*. The gallery is in a particularly seasonal spirit this year with new works guaranteed to bring a smile...

Senior Citizen's Tea

The newly expanded lounge at Page Drive was already strained to capacity Monday afternoon, December 1, as the Branch 94, Senior Citizen's Association of Galiano Island hosted a "thank you" open house and tea to show off their new facilities.

President Les Woodbridge welcomed the many visitors, and gave a brief history of the enlargement project which had its start as an idea some three years ago. He expressed the club's thanks for grants from the B.C. Senior's Lottery Fund and the B.C. Provincial Lottery Fund. Mrs. Fulton, from the Senior's Lottery, and Hugh Curtis, from the B.C. Lottery, had both sent their best wishes for the occasion.

Mr. Woodbridge also thanked all who had contributed; with special mention to Cecil Gore for drawing up the plans; Galiano

Lions and Salt Spring Lands' Galiano branch for donations; Don Seed of Gal-Isle Construction who was in charge of construction; and the Galiano Housing Society, owners of the building, for their co-operation. Many others, too numerous to thank individually, had all contributed to the success of the project.

Bob Waite then offered a vote of thanks to president Les Woodbridge, whom he denoted the "chief bulldozer" of the project, always pushing ahead through all obstacles, to the final successful conclusion.

The weatherman co-operated also, supplying bright sunshine, which showed off the lovely flower centrepieces on the tea tables, which were supplied and arranged by Mrs. Cliff Coolidge. A large pink poinsettia centred the "goodies" table, which offered a fantastic array of dainty cakes and cookies, all baked by the ladies of the seniors' group. Tea and coffee was served by hostess Dorothy Woodbridge and her large crew of helpers.

The new lounge, with its much-enlarged kitchen facilities, will certainly be put to good use during the coming winter, and for many years to come.

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Many varieties of holly grow well on the island

Over the past few weeks, articles were dedicated to cotoneasters and Pyracanthas, verdant, broad-leaved evergreens that give us an abundance of colourful berries during the bleaker months of fall and winter.

This week, as we approach Christmas, it's both timely and appropriate to cover another similar beauty, the holly. Cut branches of holly laden with berries are used to grace wreaths, table centrepieces, and as accents or inclusions with Christmas parcels that are to be sent to far away places. To many of us it is the "icing on the cake," our regional trademark, and we flaunt it as well as share it. This is all done with just cause as hollies are good indicators of a mild climate, and coastal British Columbia is the only part of Canada that can produce a good crop of holly. Well, enough of this gloating, let's get on with the show.

Ilex the holly genus is made up of several species, most of which give us those lovely red berries amongst familiar foliage, and there are even more hybrids and cultivars which do an even more splendid job, but a few are spoilsports and produce only black berries. This group is the Japanese holly (Ilex crenata and cultivars), most often grown for their small, dense foliage and their unique growth habits. There are many dwarf species, some resembling boxwoods, but all without the delightful red berries. The showy ones, known as Christmas hollies or the English holly, are either the species Ilex aquifolium or hybrids thereof.

Hollies can grow to heights of thirty feet or more and widths of up to twenty feet. With shearing or pruning, they can be kept below six feet or trained to form dense, formidable hedges. Most often they are deer resistant, but if hard pressed the deer (and sheep) will pester them and eat the lower leaves. The spiny-edged leaves live for several years, so defoliation can be quite hard on younger or

weaker plants.

The inconspicuous flower buds are already formed on the branches of 1986 growth and they will open to small white blooms in the next several months, depending on temperatures. After pollination has taken place, it takes until the following November for the berries to form and colour up. I'm explaining this to make the point that it takes two years to make berry-producing wood, so don't prune back all of your growth shoots in one season or you will sacrifice all of your berrying for the next year. Prune the plant back over a three-or-four year period and you will restore the shrub without missing a year's berrying.

There is one other critical thing about hollies and that is their sex lives. Essentially, hollies are either male or female, so you require one of each in order to get berries to form on the female plant. There is no easy way to identify the gender of an unsexed plant; there are no growth differences, bumps, lumps or otherwise. The only method that works is to examine the flower structure of each individual plant.

Now, after all of this talk about male-female affairs, we come to the exceptions, those varieties and cultivars that are capable of making berries without the help of a male plant. This short list includes Ilex aquifolium *San Gabriel*, a reliable bearer of seedless berries; I.A. *van Tol* or *J.C. Tol*, a bush with almost spineless leaves (but not as vigorous a grower); and I. *San Jose*, a very productive, strong grower. These self-productive plants are preferred, as they only take one plant's space in the home garden situation, but where you're planning a hedge or group planting then the species and other cultivars are favoured, as you only need the

your garden

by
Chris Schmah

occasional male to pollinate the female flowers to produce berries.

Whatever variety of holly you choose, the growth habits and characters are similar. They like a loamy, well-drained soil with a pH of 5.5 to 6.0. They will tolerate a wide range of soils, growing just fine on sandy and clay-type soils as well, but will not enjoy having their roots under water for any extended period i.e. more than a couple of weeks. They will grow in full sun or deep shade, but they do their best job when they get enough sun to promote full berry production, but not so much that they look scorched, bleached and yellow-leaved; six to ten hours of full sun would be just fine.

Water young plants deeply, weekly, and older, established plants only during periods of drought, if at all. Give them an annual feeding in February-March with a balanced, slow release fertilizer. Pale green, anaemic foliage can be caused by a number of things including too low a pH, lack of nitrogen, iron deficiency, or magnesium deficiency.

In most situations, liming and fertilization will bring back that healthy green colouration we desire.

There are lots of varieties of holly that are worthy plants for your garden, but space won't permit listing them all. A choice pair is I. *meserveae* *Blue Prince* and *Blue Princess*, or even *Blue*

Angel, with their deep, almost blue-green foliage with bright red berries. There are also variegated foliage cultivars such as *Silver Queen* and *Silver King*, which provide striking accents and tasteful change from the usual

green. Both for the festive season and for year-round landscaping value, the noble holly is still the best way to deck the halls, and the hills, and the hedgerows, and the shrub border, and the
Happy gardening.



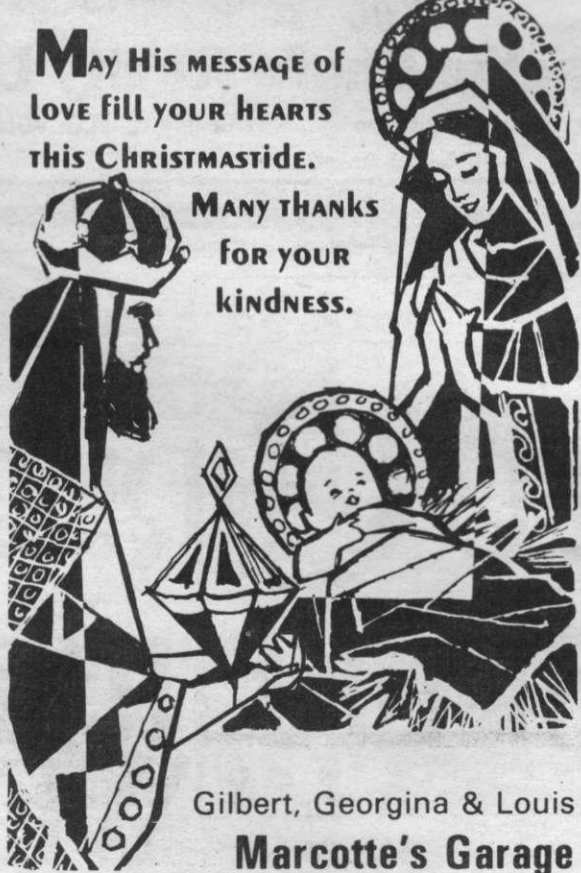
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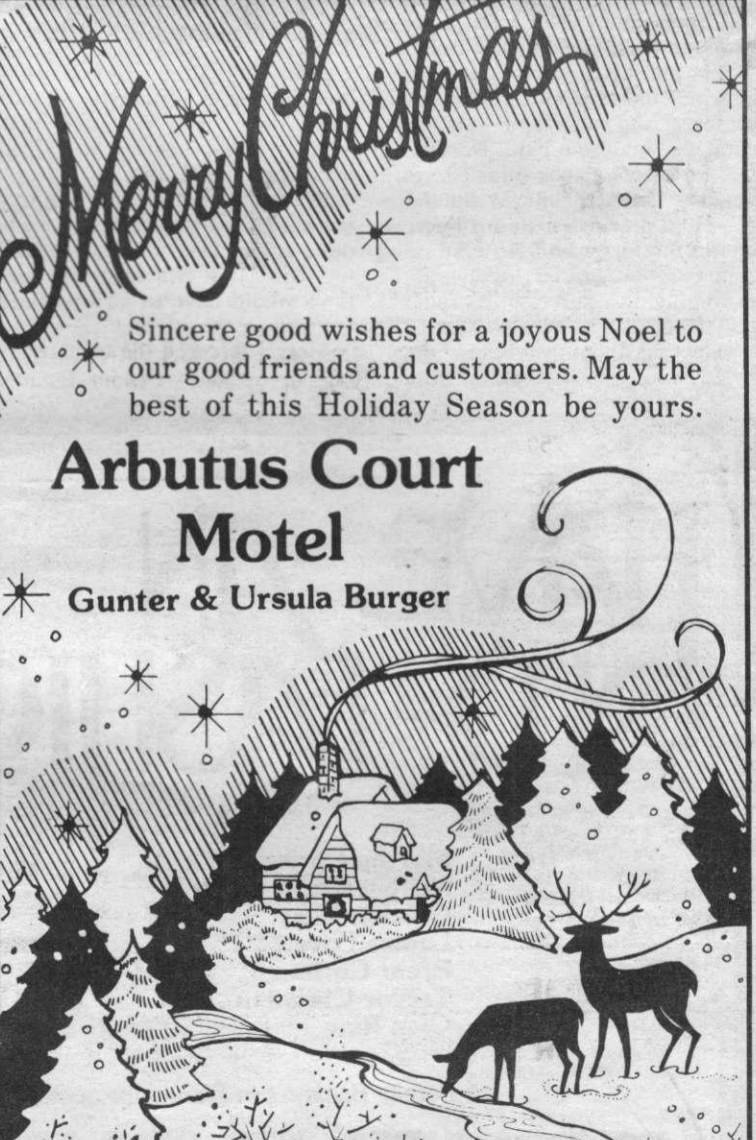


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Grade 5-7, second place

Ghost finally feels Christmas joy

By Lisa Caldwell
Grade 6, Salt Spring Elementary

Once there was a house. It was old, it was deserted, it was haunted. No visible ghosts, just the soft, heart broken sobs of a mother whose tragedy was too great to let her sleep the eternal sleep she so richly deserved.

For it was in this luckless house, 100 years ago, her child breathed his last breath of that Christmas Eve without even seeing the tree. The tree withered in time and his gifts were brought to his room, but he was no longer there. They gathered dust and mother's tears, first real then ghostly, for 100 years.

Just two days before Christmas, it came to pass that a car, a newly cut tree, and four happy passengers were stopped by a blizzard directly in front of the house of sorrow.

"Well, that's it! I have to stop! I can't see where I'm driving."

"There's an abandoned house. Let's get shelter."

"Bring the tree, or the wind and snow will break the branches."

In they went, four strangers and a tree.

"What an interesting house. I'll bet it's been empty for years."

Soft yet penetrating, the mother's sobbing finally reached the young intruders.

"What's that?"

"It sounds like a woman crying."

"M-maybe this place is haunted!!"

"Oh nonsense! That storm outside is making noise in the chimney."

"Yeah, you're right. Let's go explore this place."

Up the creaking staircase they went ... along the dusty hall.

"Say look! A little boy's room."

"The toys look unused!"

"There's even ornaments in here."

She was there, unseen, rocking and sobbing softly.

"Why don't we try these ornaments on our tree?"

"Why not! It will give us something to do!"

"We'll have an old fashioned Christmas."

And with the enthusiasm of youth, they decorated the room, the unseen hostess observing them.

"Golly it looks good!"

"That was fun but I'm tired."

And as the snow fell and the wind howled ... they slept.

It took form slowly; in the middle of the festive scene the young child appeared, face aglow with ecstasy. Joy that only Christmas can bring.

Through the night he played with his toys ... and as his mother watched her sobbing subsided and finally stopped.

As the dawn broke he slept peacefully in her arms ... and they slowly faded away.

The people returned the ornaments to the dusty room and the car was shoveled free of snow.

The travellers raced down the

newly plowed highway ... little realizing the joy they had brought to a mother's heart! The sobbing was stopped forever. The boy had enjoyed his last Christmas on earth.

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Christmas a time of loneliness

By Leila Crowther
Grade 10, Gulf Islands Secondary

The slush and ice, mingled with dirt and exhaust, lined the sidewalks and curbs. Cars inched their way along the slimy roads, skidding at stoplights and cursing the carelessness of others.

The stores and shops huddled and seemed to be squashed against one another, constantly flashing their neon Christmas lights to the world, trying desperately to sell out their over-stocked items before the holiday's end.

Among the thousands of people who walked the wintery mess of downtown, whose feet were frozen and whose cheeks were red, was a woman. She was just another face in the crowd with no home, no family, just a grocery cart full of her belongings.

She wasn't a young woman. Her

face was a map of wrinkles encircling her eyes and mouth and becoming deeper with every passing day. Her eyes were a liquid grey, beautiful if you looked close enough and her body was old and bent. As she walked slowly down the street shuffling and mumbling, people would say, "What a poor woman," but no one would help her.

Christmas was not a holiday for her. She had last celebrated it about two years ago, maybe longer. She had no friends, no family, and most of all, no money in which to spend on such an occasion. If anything, she needed new shoes. Hers were falling apart and the newspaper she stuffed in them got soggy and clung to her toes in a matter of minutes.

No, Christmas was not for her, or for the hundreds of others in the city who scrounged and searched tirelessly for something to fill their worn bellies, something that at least made them remember what

food was.

So the weeks turned into days, the spirit of the holidays reaching a climax as occupied Christmas shoppers, mumbling and fretting to themselves, pushed and bumped into the old lady, not bothering to apologize, and at most giving her a disapproving glance as she stumbled in her worn shoes along Sixth Avenue, stopping only to pick up tasty bits of paper that blew and scuttled along the frozen sidewalks.

Christmas Eve was a cold, starless night. The wind that snuck up on the city and whipped the unexpected was icy and unfeeling. She had, on a stroke of luck, found an alley which was well lit and supplied her with piles of newspaper in an untidy stack in which to use as a blanket. Her body ached with arthritis, her frigid bones feeling brittle like the ice forming on the doorway. But her fatigue of being old and weary

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Second best essay in Grade 8-10 about past tropical Christmas

By Toby Ross
Grade 9, Gulf Islands Secondary

Let me tell you about my last Christmas. For the past three years I have lived on a forty-one foot sail boat in the South Pacific. Since we have lived on a boat for fourteen years and this was our third trip offshore, I have also spent other Christmases in the tropics.

We left in the fall of 1983 and visited the California coast and into Mexico where we stayed for a year and a half. We had two Christmases there, and my Granny and Grampa came from Pender Island to be with us both years. After leaving Mexico we spent nearly a year cruising in the South Pacific, including French Polynesia, Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga and Samoa, arriving at Fanning Island in time for Christmas. Fanning Island is a coral atoll only 180 miles from Christmas Island and roughly one thousand miles south of Hawaii.

We arrived early in the morning, first sighting a dark line on the horizon which turned out to be the iron wood and coconut trees on the reef fringing the lagoon. Coming in the pass that led into the lagoon we saw tuna and manta rays playing around below us. We anchored just inside the pass near the village. Customs and Immigration officers came out and cleared us into the country. After that we went ashore and started to fish from a bank of

broken up coral along the pass. We landed several fish right away, similar to cod, weighing about 15 pounds. While we were at Fanning Island I fished much of the time.

A couple of days after our arrival we met Alan, an Englishman. He had a native wife who spoke good English,

'A four-inch stainless steel hook with a tuna carcass on it was now embedded in the huge mouth of an eight-foot shark.'

something which few of the people did. I had made friends with about every kid in the village by then. The people didn't live in thatched houses as in Tonga, but in wooden houses with hardly any furniture built by the plantation company which owned the whole island.

One day my father and I ventured out the pass in our eight foot dinghy and using a two hundred pound test line and massive lures we started trolling with our two horse-power Seagull

engine. We sighted a flock of seabirds swooping and diving, so we headed for them and soon hooked a thirty-five pound tuna. It was no easy task hauling him in, fighting like a crazy all the way. I had to get him in fast before the sharks arrived and stole our dinner. What a thrill to finally land him.

Christmas Day dawned and even before I thought of presents I checked my heavy shark line. A four-inch stainless steel hook with a tuna carcass on it was now embedded in the huge mouth of an eight-foot shark. He was hauling on that rope so hard that I had to use the sheet winch to haul him in. I tied the rope up on a cleat so the shark just hung there and would soon die. After all that excitement I went in and we opened our presents.

Alan invited us to his house for Christmas dinner. We went in at 10 o'clock so my mom could help prepare the food. The pig was cooked underground since early morning. What a meal — roast pig, fish cooked in various ways, including raw, rice, taro, freshly baked bread and coconut cream. One of the best things was palm-heart salad. I had two massive helpings of everything and boy, was I stuffed. I'll gladly have roast pig any day rather than turkey. That was the best Christmas I have had yet.

Christmas held no meaning anymore

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was a greater pain, and she uncomfortably slept with her face tucked like that of a roosting chicken, into her neck.

Next morning was no different from the last. The sky was dark and snow threatening, with clouds of grey smog penetrating the quiet city, covering it like a death blanket. She sat slumped over, leaning against the old doorframe, eyes aching and tear-ridden with sleep, wanting to shut but at the same time, refusing.

At noon, she made her way towards Main Street, plodding with unsure feet on the treacherous sidewalks and pushing her only reliable companion, the grocery cart.

The streets were peaceful and still, with occasional sounds of slammed-on brakes and honking horns. Three or four people passed, smiling and greeting her, wishing her a "Merry Christmas" and hoping a "Happy New Year."

"Could it be Christmas?" she thought unsurely. She remembered past occasions of decorated trees and big wrapped parcels, but that was long ago.

She came to the corner of Twenty-seventh, turned right and shuffled on.

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E...EMBE BAKERY makes gingerbread men...cute peeking over the top of a stocking.

F...FLOWERS & WINE fill balloons with helium...make an arrival that will delight any child with these.

G...GENERAL STORE stocks all sorts of little things that would be easy to give to the older kids. Pencils, hair clips, notepaper... many good ideas here.

H...HUMPERDINK'S has some delicious looking baskets of foodstuffs...or a round of cheese; make it into a wreath!

I...ISLAND TRADING has nuts...fill a basket & decorate with some holly. Holly is \$1.99 for a big bunch at FOXGLOVE.

J...Join in the revelry of a Wassail Bowl.

K...KANAKA PLACE will cater your parties. They will be serving a champagne brunch on New Year's Day for a very reasonable price.

L...Luxurious and one-of-a-kind sweaters for your favourite person at the LOOM ROOM.

M...MOUAT'S...at the front of the store, kerosene lanterns made in Czechoslovakia. They give a soft glow and create an ambience of Christmas past. How do they make and ship them here for only \$5.19? MORNINGSIDES STUDIO at Fulford features some nice craft work by local artists.

N...Napkins tied with bits of holly, cedar and pretty ribbons set the table off nicely. If you are using name cards, use regular gift tags and tie them to the napkin.

O...O'HARA'S FISH...they have a great selection right now...try oysters in the turkey dressing for a change. ORCAS GALLERY...new spacious gallery, pleasant for browsing. Soapstone carvings from \$15 to \$6,000.

P...POSTIES...Put a little something in your mailbox for him.

Q...Cute little cups with toothbrushes and tiny things for tiny tots at good prices at the SALTY SHOP.

R...RADIO SHACK...remote control cars & trucks...know

anyone who needs a new telephone? Across the hall, check out RARE FIND very carefully. Often I have found the perfect odd something.

S...Santa's reindeers might need a snack of oats or hay on the eve. STRATHCONA HOTEL at \$19.95 a night for islanders...give someone a night out in Victoria!

T...a nice cuppa at the TEA SHOPPE in Mouat's Mall.

U...Unusual coffees at Heritage

U...Unusual coffees at HERITAGE BOUTIQUE. If you have a coffee lover on your list, Heritage has a special on plunger-type coffeepots. I have one and think it's great. Very tidy!

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W...Welsh Rabbit...for a brunch, very easy. An ancient dish which some people started calling "rarebit". The name is actually a culinary joke. When the hunter's bag was poor, a Welsh housewife cooked cheese instead of rabbit.

Melt 2 tbsp. butter in chafing dish or double boiler. Stir in 6 cups grated cheese until completely melted. Stir till smooth. Add 4 egg yolks to 1/2 cup of beer with a fork. Add slowly to the cheese, a spoonful at a time. Use a whisk to stir. Add 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard, 2 tsp. Worcestershire, 1 tsp. salt & 3 drops Tabasco. Continue to stir until mixture is thickened. Serve on hot toast.

X...Marks the spot. Hide a brazil nut somewhere, maybe in a cake, on Christmas Eve. The finder is the one who opens the first present on Christmas morning.

Y...Yummie candies on this island! HARLAN'S TRUFFLES, SALTY SHOP, GLAD'S...they are all delicious.

Z...Zoo animal cookies at Gulf Island Trading...also Zaleas (I know) from the fantasy selection at FOXGLOVE.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Send a little something to the crabby lady down the road, set an extra place for your lonely neighbour that doesn't like you very much. Ask your child to give up one of his presents for someone who is more needy. Christmas is such a jolly time, but a very lonely time for some people. Sing carols outside the house of a shut-in. It makes us feel so good to do a kind deed.

Oh, yes...the Wassail Bowl. A custom borrowed from the Saxon times when they drank to the toast of "Waes Hael"—Good Health. The reply is "Drink Hael!"

Bake 6 apples at 350° for approx. 30 min. Add 1/2 tsp. each ground cinnamon & ginger, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg to 2 cups ale or beer. Heat but do not boil & stir occasionally. When hot, add 2 tsp. grated lemon peel and add 1 quart of beer or ale. Stir the wassail again until it is very hot; add the apples and serve the drink from a big bowl.

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CHRISTMAS ESSAYS

Grade 11-12, winner

Boyhood experiences create present Christmas spirit

By Sonya Hickman Grade 11, Gulf Islands Secondary

Many years ago a baby was born in a poor village in Germany. His family wasn't very poor because his father worked very hard as a cabinet maker. But all of his friends were so poor they could hardly afford Christmas at all. In fact, they could usually expect a warm pair of socks or a sweater knitted by their mothers, and that would be more than enough for them. As he grew up little Wolfy would always feel bad when he received three or four beautiful gifts, therefore he usually shared all of his gifts with his friends.

As Wolfy grew older his father taught him carpentry, but he was bored by this. Instead, he started to carve little animals and dolls out of

wood. Soon he had a whole collection of little toys with moving parts and wheels. Yet, as he worked he watched his friends

'Yet, as he worked he watched his friends become poorer and poorer.'

become poorer and poorer. It was at that point that he promised moved to a small city, and with the money his father had saved for him, he started a little toy shop of

his own.

At first he worked alone, being new at the business. However, his small business started to grow, and soon he was able to hire three other toy makers to work with him.

After a few years he had saved enough money to take a small holiday. He took a huge bag of toys with him and went back to the small village where he grew up. He saw all of his old friends, now with families of their own, and still very poor. His heart ached for all these people. They would stare at him and what they thought to be his fancy clothes.

On Christmas Eve, just as dusk was falling and children were singing Christmas songs and candles were being lit on trees, Wolfy took his sack of toys and crept through snowy streets. He left beautifully wrapped toys on poor families' doorsteps. Then he went back up to his room where he watched the children's faces filled with excitement and happiness as they discovered their gifts.

That was all Wolfy needed this Christmas. He had made some children very happy, and he would continue to do so from that year on.

Grade 11-12, second

Yuletide poem tells about Christ's birth

By Arwen Foster Grade 12, Galiano Island

What an odd place for a king to be born, it was nothing but a stable, rough, bare. Joseph and Mary were but simple folk; as for the oxen and donkey, well, it must be admitted, they smelled. The straw clean enough, though very coarse;

and the wind blew through, the cracks in the door; the only light, a gutted candle, stuck in a cranny in the wall. The floor was bare, hard-packed dirt.

How could God let His son be born, in such a lowly place? Well, Jesus was humble, He needed no palace; He is too good for no one, yet, He's the greatest of all.



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Crowd voices opinion on Trust fish farm bylaw

A long and vocal public hearing on Mayne Island preceded the reading of a bylaw which will force all fish farm applications on Mayne to public hearing.

The bylaw, if signed by the minister of municipal affairs, could be in effect within a month. If this is the case, the two companies currently working on management plans for development on the island will have to apply to the local Islands Trust committee for re-zoning before getting the go-ahead. This would mean another public hearing.

All the Gulf Islands Trust committees have been forced to re-examine their water zoning bylaws since the influx of fish farm applications in the area. A one-month moratorium has provided some breathing space, but they are still trying to catch up with the backlog. A report from David Gillespie, chairman of the B.C. Fin Fish enquiry of the ministry of Forests and Lands, is expected in the Trust office this week. Many people are anxiously awaiting its findings.

At the Mayne Island hearing, the 54 people attending almost unanimously expressed their approval of the bylaw. The sole opponent present was Javier Serrano, a resident on Navy Channel, and manager of Corsa Enterprises, a Canadian company intending to set up salmon pen farms in front of his property. He said it wasn't fair that the trust was setting up laws to restrict farming now. When he had made his application, the zoning allowed it.



Steve Wright

"It is the duty of the Trust to go ahead of citizens, so we know where we can walk and where we can't walk."

Trust Chairman Nick Gilbert agreed with Serrano's point, and said: "In our defense, we are subject to severe restraint. It is frustrating for us as well."

Vice-chairman Steve Wright said aquaculture has hit government quickly, and most of the process so far has been between senior levels of government and the industry. "If anybody needs input," he said, "it's your local government."

Aqua-Nor Salmon Farms, a company applying for a license to operate a pen salmon farm in Campbell Bay, was represented at the meeting by a letter from Dwain Ruckle, director of the company. In it he described the company's plans and stressed that preventing pollution was its first priority.

Ruckle said a lot of the information circulating against salmon farms was inaccurate and that people were making uninformed assumptions. He questioned the democracy of the decision-making process, saying the fight against salmon farming on Mayne Island was at the "insistence of a small number of islanders who've persuaded neighbours and friends to join them."

Responding to this last comment, Jack Puddifoot of Mayne said: "If he's concerned with democracy, that's what's happening at the moment."

Following Puddifoot's remarks expressing approval of the bylaw, at least 24 people stood to agree with him, citing concerns about water and noise pollution, the danger to wildlife already in the bay, and aesthetics. There were bursts of applause after several speeches and laughter when four people tried to top each other's adjectives. They were "vehemently, definitely, unequivocally, and enthusiastically in favour of the bylaw."

In addition to the verbal statements, the Trust had 18 letters of support for the exclusion of salmon farms.

At a point when it seemed there were going to be no objections at all, Serrano appealed islanders to think about Mayne's economy. "With all respect," he said, "most of you are retired, you're not in your first years when people think about starting a business."

Serrano and the owner of Corsa Enterprises, Pedro Vivancos, bought the property one year ago as an investment and a place to live. Serrano says he wants to be able to make a living on Mayne Island and feels he should be allowed to.

Mayne is not threatened by salmon farms, Serrano told the meeting, because there are only two or three sites that wouldn't be restricted by federal regulations. "Campbell Bay is not the best place," he said, "Navy Channel is." He told the Trust committee it should just zone the areas it

wants to protect and leave others open for development.

Serrano's lot is along an open stretch of shore on the channel. The company plans to start out with one net pen and work up to 12 in a period of five years. "Five years is lots of time to talk," he told *Driftwood*.

When Serrano's presentation was over, several people approached him to express appreciation for his situation, but still said they were against salmon farms.

In a free-ranging discussion after the committee meeting, more objections were heard. One man said: "We've heard arguments that make it sound almost as good as mother's milk, but these people are doing it to make money."

The Trust committee is maintaining a neutral stance on the issue until more information, including Gillespie's report, is available. "The bylaw is a holding action," said Steve Wright.

Galiano business group remains active

Plans for 1987 were discussed at the December 11 meeting of the Galiano Chamber of Commerce.

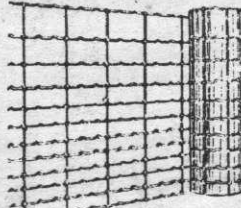
The Chamber's advertising brochure will be published earlier than usual this year so that copies will be available for distribution as soon as possible. Any new businesses wishing to be included in the brochure or any businesses wishing to revise their ad are urged to write to the chamber at Box 73 immediately.

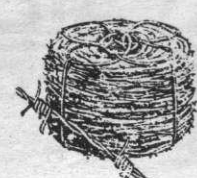
George Harris will be arranging a visit by an insurance agent who will provide information about a group disability and dental plan available to chamber of commerce member businesses.

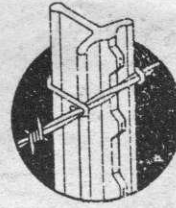
This plan enables owners of small businesses and other self-employed persons to obtain coverage as part of a national organization. Anyone who is interested may phone George at 539-5472 or write to the chamber to arrange an appointment early in the new year.

In January, executive officers of the B.C. Ferry Corporation will be visiting Galiano to receive submissions from community organizations regarding their projected future use of the ferry system. Any organization wishing to send a delegation to this meeting is encouraged to contact Shirley Coulter at 539-5733.

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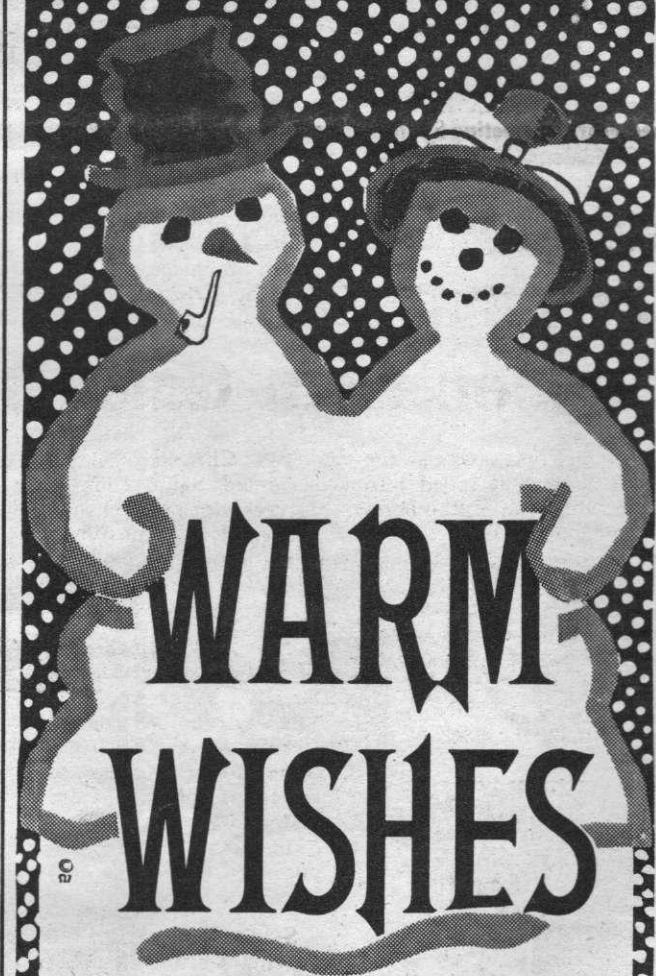
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Children learn while enjoying activities

Day care centre offers varied program

The Salt Spring Island Day Care Society is tucked away in the basement of a building along Charlesworth Road. It doesn't have a high profile in the community, but it nevertheless provides much-needed services to parents on the island.

Aileen Neish is one of the day care centre's three workers. She noted that the non-profit organization has an enrolment of approximately 30 children, although only 12 are in the centre at any given time.

The day care centre, a non-profit organization, is open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. The pre-school program gets underway in the morning, and between 8 am and 9:30 pm, the children are free to play.

At 9:30 am, though, Circle Time starts. For the next half-hour, the children sit together and sing songs, listen to poetry, play games and enjoy musical activities. Yoga is a regular part of Circle Time, and all activities are designed to stimulate the children's use of their senses, memories and listening skills. Neish said themes for Circle Time vary from *The Child and His Family* to *Nutritious Foods*.

Starting at 10 am each day and continuing for 45 minutes, children at the centre enjoy an arts, crafts or baking session. Four children at a time participate in these activities, Neish explained, while the others enjoy free play.

These art, craft or baking sessions, the teacher added, are "chosen to fit in with our theme, and many skills are honed during this time...e.g. eye-hand coordination, spatial relationships, colour and design awareness, cutting, pasting, planning and creativity."

"We have access to the Salt Spring Elementary School library," she continued, "which enables us to have a fresh supply of interesting books to augment our own library."

After snack time, Show and Tell — a favourite with all children — takes place. During this time, the children share something special with others, said Neish. In the past, birds nests, a wasp nest, fish and other objects have been brought to the day care centre by the children.

Between 11:30 am and noon, the children generally play outside. Noon to 1 pm is lunch hour, while 1 pm to 2 is designated as a free play period.



Driftwood photo by Mike Turkki

Day care worker Aileen Neish helps two of the centre's children, Robert Heaton (left) and Blake Mitchell during a morning arts and

The afternoon concludes with story time, a rest period between 2:15 pm and 3 pm, an afternoon snack and an hour and 45 minutes of play time that can include music and stories.

"Excellent music equipment, including a tape recorder and a record player, were purchased in the spring with money raised by the parents, children and teachers at a fund-raising event," said Neish.

The day care centre often organizes field trips for its children, too. In September, for example, the children had "a wonderful visit" to a local farm. There, they saw apple juice being made and had the opportunity to taste it. On December 11, they were scheduled to visit Embe Bakery.

The day care centre's outdoor facilities provide the children with plenty of fun as well. Swings, rubber tires, a slide, climbing bars, a large covered sandbox and much more have been constructed on the site.

Even during free play, children have the opportunity to learn. "We have a wide variety of

crafts session. The children learn valuable skills each day at the Salt Spring Island Day Care Centre.

cognitive games and puzzles, imaginative and creative activities," Neish pointed out. "(We have) a housekeeping corner, dress-up clothes, puppets, a good-sized room devoted to block building. Painting is encouraged at all times, a playdough table with lots of cookie cutters (is available), and a large box which (we) alternate between water play or beans, lentils and sand."

Kindergarten children are encouraged to participate in all activities at their own level in the day care centre, said Neish. The centre also has individualized folders, worksheets and games to help prepare these children for math and reading lessons.

The Salt Spring Island Day Care Centre remains an active and viable service organization in this community. Anyone wanting more information is encouraged to call the day care centre at 537-2114.

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CHRISTMAS ESSAYS



Gulf Islands Driftwood staff member Alice Richards with some of the hundreds of Christmas essays submitted by Gulf Islands students. The winners were selected this week.

400 essays submitted

Contest winners announced

Nearly 400 Gulf Islands students put pen to paper during the last month to compete for \$250 in prize money in Driftwood's annual Christmas writing contest.

Judges spent the past week wading through mounds of essays, stories and poems from island students. Winning entries are published elsewhere in this issue.

The winners are:

Grades 1 and 2: First place, *The Snow White Dove* by Jessica Blagborne, Salt Spring Elementary; second, *Santa Cancels Christmas* by Drew Abercrombie, Pender School.

Grades 3 and 4: First place, *The Red Nose* by Anna Lam, Salt

Spring Elementary; second, *The Ice Cage* by Michael Weisner, Fernwood School.

Grades 5-7: First place, *Merry Christmas* by Miranda Swift, Fulford School; second, *The Last Christmas* by Lisa Caldwell, Salt Spring Elementary.

Grades 8-10: First place, *Christmas for the Down and Out* by Leila Crowther, Gulf Islands Secondary School; second, *Tropical Christmas* by Toby Ross, Gull

Islands Secondary School.

Grades 11-12: First place, *Christmas Story* by Sonya Hickman, Gulf Islands Secondary School; second, *Born in a Stable* by Arwen Foster, Galiano Island.

First-place prizes in each of the five categories, beginning with Grades 1 and 2, are \$20, \$25, \$30, \$40 and \$50. Second prize in each category is a gift certificate for a book worth half the value of the first-place prize.

Grade 1-2, winner

A story of snow white doves

By Jessica Blagborne
Grade 2, Salt Spring Elementary

Once upon a time there was a little dove. But he was a sad little dove because he wanted to be a Christmas dove. All the animals in the forest didn't like him because he was plain white, and all the other doves were all different. None of them were plain white.

But one day he heard someone crying in the bush. He peeked in and he saw a little girl dove as white as a snowflake.

"What is the matter?" he said to her.

"All of the other doves tease me

because I'm plain white," she said. "Well, I've got an idea," he said. "You do?" she said.

"Yes, I do. Here's my idea. We'll call the king of all the doves."

"Yes, that's what we'll do," she said. "Well, then what are we waiting for? Come on, let's go!"

"Yeah, let's go," he said. "We're off to see the king, the wonderful king of doves."

When they got there they told the king the whole story.

"Well," said the king, "I'll go there and talk to the doves."

When the king got there all the doves started yelling. "The king is here, the king is here."

So the king talked to them, and when the king had gone, all the doves said, "sorry."

Years past, and the two doves got older and older. Pretty soon the doves died and got covered with snow. Then the snow melted and some children came and picked the doves up. But as soon as the children's fingers touched the doves, the doves came alive and rose and became two beautiful Christmas doves.

Grade 1-2, second place

A snooze in the manger cures Santa of his ills

By Drew Abercrombie
Grade 2, Pender School

On the day before Christmas which was Christmas eve, Santa got sick.

He couldn't think straight, so he decided to cancel Christmas!

His elves brought in jokers but

that didn't work. So they gave him presents but that didn't work either.

But when they took him to a manger that Jesus once laid in he snapped out of it and started work on it right away.

Grade 3-4

Rudolph wasn't well-liked

By Anna Lam
Grade 4, Salt Spring Elementary

"Oh look at his red nose. It's like a light bulb," cried the reindeers. Poor Rudolph he was having a terrible time making friends.

"Hey Red Nose, get out of here! We don't need you."

Rudolph was very upset. When it was dinner time everyone refused to sit with Rudolph.

"Nobody likes me here. They don't even need me," he said to himself.

Rudolph walked with his head down out of Santa Claus' workshop. Rudolph walked to the forest sadly.

"Help! Help!" It was coming from a bush. There were two scared little bunnies.

"Hello, my name is Rudolph. What are you doing here?"

"We're lost and we can't find our way home," cried the bunnies.

Rudolph said "Climb on my back, maybe I can help you find your way home."

Rudolph was walking when he saw some yellow eyes peering from the bushes. Rudolph went over to see what they were.

Wolves jumped out at him. Rudolph ran as fast as he could but they were gaining on him. Rudolph gave a big leap in the air and he couldn't believe it. He started flying around and soon the wolves were gone.

Rudolph saw some lanterns and

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CHRISTMAS ESSAYS

Grade 3-4, second

Chipmunk saves Santa Claus

By Michael Weisner,
Grade 4, Fernwood School

It was winter time in the evergreen forest. Every good critter had put up their stockings and gone to sleep except for two animals, Brian and Chip. Brian is a magic bunny rabbit that invents things, and Chip is the chipmunk that can chew through almost anything.

Well after they had finished hanging their stocking, they went outside and had a snowfight. Then Santa came by. Brian and Chip saw him go by. Then suddenly, out of nowhere, a beam of light hit Santa. He started falling.

Chip said, "We have to save

Santa or the children will never get their presents."

They hurried through the forest to Santa. When they got there, there was Grilda, the witch. Santa, his reindeer and the presents were in an ice cage made from the icy water in the creek. The cage looked water in the creek.

The roof of the cage was slowly going down and Grilda was cackling "ha ha ha, Christmas will be ruined."

"Not if I can help it," said Chip. Then Brian jumped up and zapped Grilda away.

Chip said, "How are we going to get Santa out of the cage. You can't use your magic. You used it all on

Grilda and I can't chew through the bars because I hate going through the water and it's too cold."

"Think of it this way. Either you go through the water or Santa dies and Christmas will be ruined," said Brian. "Come on, you can do it," encouraged Brian.

"I can do it, I can do it," thought Chip and he ran right through the water onto the ice cage and chewed the ice to pieces just in time. The next day Chip was awarded a medal in honour of his bravery.

Every Christmas you should think of the chipmunk who conquered his fear and saved Santa and Christmas.

Grade 5-7, winner

Santa's daughter stops a fight

By Miranda Swift
Grade 7, Fulford School

Once in a time, far in the past or the future there lived a girl named Merry Christmas. Merry Christmas was not an ordinary girl, she was the child of Christmas.

She did things that other children did most of the time, like drop glasses of milk, play in the mud, track water over the best rug in the house, take out mom's clothes without asking, and was just plain bad. But when Christmas time came around, Merry Christmas had to be on her best behaviour.

You see, she was Santa Claus' daughter and had a special responsibility that was very important to Christmas. She was the one who had to use special Christmas magic on all the people who were in bad moods near Christmas time.

Every year she would fly overtop the world on Rudolph and sprinkle fairy dust on all the people who were not in the spirit.

She loved these peaceful rides on

Rudolph wasn't popular at first

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he went down to see what was there. When they got closer the two bunnies yelled "Mama!" Rudolph brought him down.

"Oh thank you for finding my two bunnies," cried the mother rabbit. "Now we can have a Merry Christmas."

Rudolph flew away and said, "Merry Christmas!"

Back at the workshop Santa asked, "Where is Rudolph? I need his nose for a light."

The other reindeers knew where Rudolph was and they were sorry.

Then in a split second Rudolph came back and said, "Sorry I'm late."

Santa said "You are the reindeer I've been looking for. Come on, you are at the front."

"Sorry Rudolph, we really are," yelled all the other reindeers.

"That's okay. Merry Christmas to you all," said Rudolph happily.

Rudolph, the smell of pine trees being decorated with colourful balls and silver tinsel, the sound of church bells chiming and carollers singing, it was heaven.

On one of these rides, she noticed a pair of boys fighting. With a sprinkle of dust, the problem was solved and the boys stood up, smiled and patted each other on the back.

"Sorry pal," one said.

'Merry Christmas raced up the front steps, gasping for breath. She threw open the heavy door and ran inside.'

"Yeah, me too," replied the other.

As an old man with a cane passed them, they helped him across the street. "Merry Christmas!" they cried cheerily.

Merry Christmas sighed. All was well and nothing could spoil a day like this.

A few weeks after Christmas, Merry Christmas was enjoying a ride over the hustle and bustle of Salt Spring Island. Everything was going along as it should. And yet... a frown flickered across her usually cheery face. Something just didn't feel right. Worriedly she

looked down.

A group of kids were tormenting a small child. Angrily she swooped down to rescue the poor boy.

"With a sprinkle of fairy dust," she thought, "everything will be all right. If it works at Christmas, it should work now." She reached into the sack of leftover fairy dust and sprinkled it over the children.

"There," she sighed. "But as she was about to leave, she took a last look down, wondering what they were saying. A gasp escaped from her throat. The children had taken no heed to the magic. In fact, they were beating up the unfortunate child even more!

"I must not have aimed right," she thought, and threw a whole handful of dust on the crowd. Nothing happened.

"What on earth will it take?" Merry Christmas exclaimed, and dumped the whole bag off the edge.

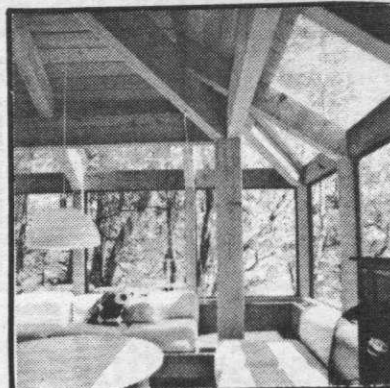
"There. Now I can go home." But Rudolph wouldn't budge. Instead, he tossed his head towards the ground. Impatiently, she looked down. The kids had started to go wild and beat up anyone who crossed their path.

Merry Christmas screamed in horror. "Go Rudolph!" she cried, "take me home. Now!"

Rudolph nodded and galloped off as fast as a lightning bolt and in a twinkle they were home.

Merry Christmas raced up the front steps, gasping for breath. She threw open the heavy door and ran

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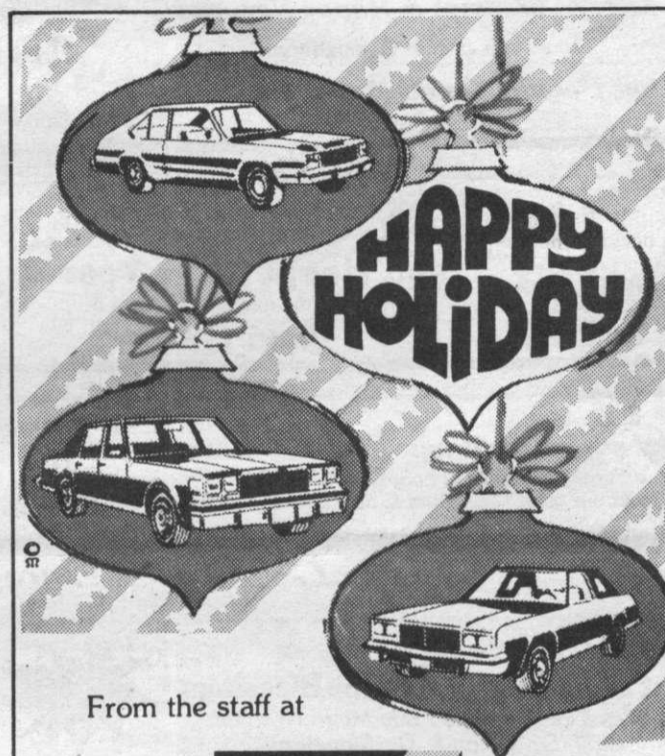
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Santa's daughter

Girl put Merry into Christmas

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inside.

She hurried by Mrs. Clause who frowned and wagged her finger, but Merry Christmas didn't stop. She ran past the kitchen where delicious smells wafted and a cook called "Merry! Come in and have a bite!" But still she didn't stop.

She ran right up to a door marked WORKSHOP. KEEP OUT and pushed it open. There she saw Santa working on his latest model train for 1987.

"Child! You are not allowed in here!" a worker from a nearby bench called.

But Merry ran right up to Santa's lap. "Oh Santa, she panted, "you've got to help! You've got to!"

Santa smiled. "Slow down, Merry," he said, "and tell me what you're babbling about."

Merry took a deep breath and told him the story from the beginning. When she was finished, she asked, "What will I do? The magic didn't work."

Santa nodded gravely. "Merry Christmas," he said, "There is something you have to understand. I know you had good intentions, but this magic doesn't work after Christmas. The magic you need comes from the inside, not the outside. Sure it's fun to sprinkle fairy dust on something and your problem is solved, but that is not reality. Now go back there and solve the problem yourself."

Meekly, Merry Christmas bowed her head and ran back to the sleigh.

"Come on Rudolph," she coaxed. "Back we go."

With that Rudolph leaped up and galloped on a puff of wind back to Salt Spring Island, and back to the same street they had

left just minutes before. There he stopped and Merry Christmas looked down anxiously to see what was happening.

By then, crowds of boys and girls were shouting and making threats with their fists.

Around the corner Merry Christmas went, to a deserted alley where she stepped out of the sleigh and told Rudolph to stay there. She then boldly marched into the middle of the fight.

"Stop! Stop! Stop this now!" Merry Christmas screamed as loud as she could. All at once, everyone

'You bullies are making fools of yourselves. Not only are you hurting yourselves, but you are destroying the happiness of Christmas holidays.'

was quiet and focused their attention on the small girl.

"You big bullies are making fools of yourselves," she cried. "Not only are you hurting yourselves but you are destroying all the happiness of Christmas holidays. Now remember how happy you were at Christmas? You can be as happy as that now if you just work and co-operate together. You don't need something like Christmas just to make you happy. Your whole life should be like the spirit of Christmas."

All the kids looked around at each other in embarrassment and some scuffed their feet on the pavement.

Merry Christmas smiled. "Well, I've got to go now. I hope you'll think about what I said."


And with that she fled back to the sleigh. "I hope they've learned a lesson," she thought, "because I sure know I have."



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—Isabella Mouat

District can cope, says superintendent

Ministry cuts school district budget by \$49,000

School District 64 will lose \$49,000 during the 1986-87 school year as a result of lower-than-anticipated enrolment increases, but district officials told trustees recently the cut will likely have little effect on district operations.

Superintendent of Schools Mike Marshall explained that while district enrolment didn't decline this year, it didn't reach anticipated levels. As a result, the district's budget — which was based on predicted enrolments — will not be quite as high as originally anticipated.

"Most of the district's funding is driven primarily by student enrolment," Marshall said. "We expected this year that we'd have a lot of students coming in. But while our enrolment is no lower than it was — in fact, we've gained a few — we had expected it to be about 45 students higher."

This lower-than-anticipated enrolment increase has prompted the ministry to reduce the district's budget. The enrolment shortfall could have cost the district \$148,546, but the ministry has indicated it will only reduce the 1986-87 budget by \$49,000.

The ministry will make the budget cut by reducing transfer payments to School District 64 beginning in January.

Driver gets jail term for offences

A 38-year-old man was given four months in jail December 9 after pleading guilty to three charges in Ganges Provincial Court.

William Percy Maclean pleaded guilty to impaired driving, refusal to provide police with a breath sample when requested, and resisting arrest. Charges of escaping lawful custody and mischief to public property were stayed by the public prosecutor.

Judge Hudson ordered Maclean to serve one month in jail for impaired driving, two months in jail for the charge of refusing to provide a breath sample, and four months for resisting arrest. All sentences will be served concurrently.

The charges stemmed from an incident that took place here March 12 on Walker's Hook Road.

In commenting on the case, Crown Counsel Derrick Lister advised that the court does not take lightly to people resisting arrest.

Marshall said School District 64 should be able to cope with the \$49,000 cut. "We will have to temper our spending accordingly," he told trustees, "but I think we can do it."

"We have enough time, and our budget is large enough that we should be able to control our spending to handle it (the reduction)," he said in an interview

'Most of the district's funding is driven primarily by enrolment.'

with *Driftwood* later. "If we have some exceptionally cold weather in January, February and March, it could be a little more difficult, because heating costs money. But yes, I think we can live with it."

And in other education news, School District 64 is warehousing a shipment of 60 Tandy 1000 computers and other hardware until Marshall and other officials ensure that the district will not be liable for the equipment.

The Tandy company, which supplies computer systems to other educational institutions — including the Calgary school district — has offered to let School District 64 "test drive" the equipment, which consist of the 60 computers, standard monitors, two large demonstration moni-

tors, four printers, miscellaneous other equipment and software. The company hopes School District 64, after trying the IBM-compatible computers, will agree to buy some or all of them when its Fund for Excellence in Education grant arrives in the new year.

Although the offer to use two complete computer labs for several months 'free of charge' is enticing, school trustees and district officials want to ensure they are in no way committed to buying the product or accepting liability for it.

Marshall told trustees at their December 4 regular meeting that while excited by the offer, he also had some serious reservations about it. "This is a large amount of money (to spend) and we won't be suckered or pushed into it," he said, adding that he planned to review the Tandy use agreement to ensure the district was not committing itself in any way to purchasing the computers.

After considerable discussion at their meeting, board members — acting on a motion made by trustee Charles Hingston — agreed to accept Tandy's "short-term proposal" for temporary use

of the equipment, provided the liability issue and other concerns were addressed.

School District 64 has been informed by the ministry that it

will receive \$66,000 from the Fund for Excellence in Education early in 1987 for the purchase of new computers and computer-related items.

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Fisheries department reopens bay to angling

Sports fishermen are welcome in Cowichan Bay again following yesterday's removal of the fin fish angling ban there.

Bob Tupniak, fishery officer with the department, said Thursday the sport fish boundary signs erected in Cowichan Bay were to be removed on December 16, thus reopening the tidal waters to sport fishing for fin fish. Lingcod fishing remains closed there until April 16, however.

Tupniak explained that the department of fisheries and oceans closes Cowichan Bay to sports fishermen each fall, to protect salmon that congregate in the bay prior to making their annual spawning run up the Cowichan River.

Most salmon are now making their way up the river, he said, although a few chum are still in the bay. "But they won't take a hook anyway," Tupniak stated.

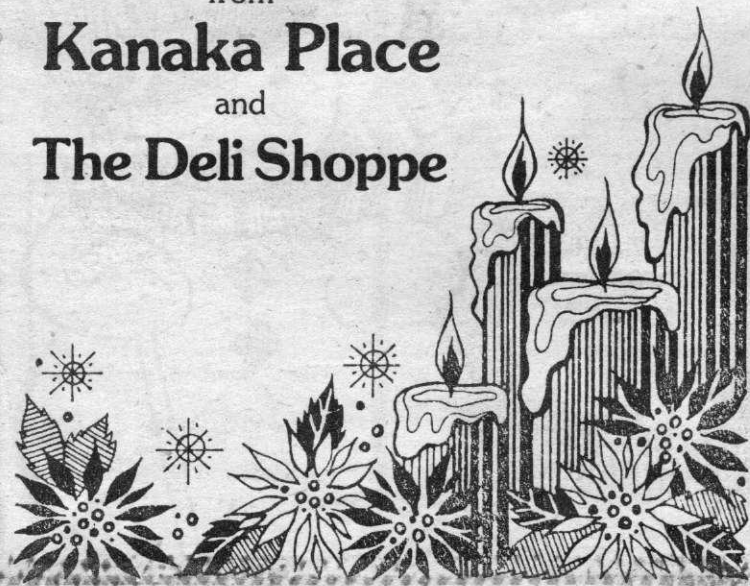
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The *Queen of Sidney* sails into Long Harbour on its last run of the season. The vessel was taken off

the run last week, and replaced by the larger *Queen of Tsawwassen*.

Service was not interrupted by the scheduled change.

Elementary school principal accepts job with ministry

Salt Spring Elementary School is losing its principal.

Tom Watson, who also serves as School District 64's coordinator of special education, has accepted a position with the ministry of education.

Watson, 40, has been employed by School District 64 for the past nine years. ("I'm working on my 10th," he noted Thursday.) He is scheduled to begin his new job January 5.

In his new capacity as coordinator of special education for the province, Watson will handle special education of the "severely or profoundly handicapped, the moderately mentally handicapped, the mildly handicapped, the autistic, and the physically disabled." He views the work as a challenge.

"I'll be doing a lot of travelling, which will give me the opportunity to see a lot of the education

(system) in this province," he said. "I see it as a learning experience ... I get quite excited when I think about it."

Watson didn't plan on applying for the job when he first learned about it last May. However, on

'Even then, when I was offered the job, I took a week to think it over.'

the urging of others, he submitted an application in October. It wasn't until November that Salt Spring Elementary's principal learned he'd been selected for the job.

"Even then, when I was of-

fered the job, I took a week to think it over," he said. "There are a lot of programs started in the district that I wanted to see through."

Watson will spend at least a year and a half in his new position. After that, he has the option of remaining with the ministry or moving on to another job.

Watson has three children, two in elementary school and one in secondary school. He and his family will continue to live on Salt Spring, and he will commute to work in Victoria each day.

"I'm joining the 6:30 (ferry) crowd," he noted with a laugh.

bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on December 8 were: North-south, Bee Thompson and Marguerite Hall; Molly Hardy and Helen Shandro; Corinne Forster and Althea Morrisette; Lorna and Peter Pentz.

East-west: Marion Ashmore and Vivian Storr; Anne McConnell and Mona Coulter; Chuck Beasley and Don Nemeth; Margaret Ellison and John

Coates.

Tuesday night, north-south: Bud Keech and Gordon Parsons; Dorothy Crofton and Helen Shandro; Chuck Beasley and Don Nemeth; Robert Bradford and Martin Hunt.

East-west: Mary Clements and Isobelle Richardson; Norma Keech and Shirley Parsons; Ray Russell and Mike Testart; George Lampier and Stan Stewart.

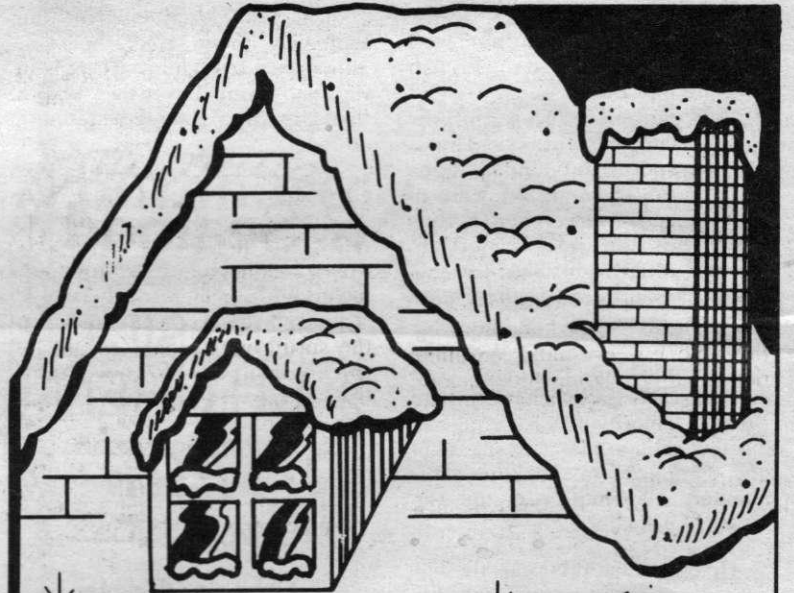
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