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SLIP, SLIDING AWAY:
Island youngsters Anthony Graham and Derek Shelly enjoy the recent snowfall (top, left), while Derek Shelly takes a tumble (above). At top, an island woman fights the elements in Centennial Park, and at right, Linda Taylor and Alicia Coelho bundle up for the cold.

Driftwood photos by Derrick Lundy



Analysts currently considering results of recreational survey

The results of a survey documenting recreational needs and wants of Salt Spring Islanders are in the hands of analysts, and will soon be released. Seventy per cent — or about 500 — of 700

He hopes the survey produces a good representational sample, by including people of all ages, family sizes and income levels. Respondents were not required to identify themselves by name on the

Atkins commits support for VHP

Uncertainty over future funding for the Victoria Health Project is causing concern at the Capital Regional District and has sparked one resignation.

The uncertainty spills over to Salt Spring where the successful Seniors For Seniors program obtains funding from the VHP.

By BILL WEBSTER
Driftwood Staff Writer

Salt Spring's director to the CRD Julia Atkins says she will continue pressuring the provincial government to commit to full funding for the VHP "which represents (a) new attitude and approach to health care in B.C."

CRD health care committee member Bryan Watt handed in his resig-

nation, December 14, providing himself the opportunity to speak out about funding the VHP. He expressed concern that funding could be split off from a variety of sources and the project could lose its coordinated initiative.

"It's just so ironic that government does something that borders on the brilliant and then changes the funding," he told the *Driftwood*.

The Victoria Health Project was initiated three years ago; the \$8 million in funding runs out in March of next year.

The project aimed to create an atmosphere of individual responsibility and self-reliance based on community health care.

For instance, elderly people were encouraged to stay in their homes

HEALTH PROJECT A8

Arctic system blasts island with snowfall

Winter unleashed its fury on the Gulf Islands three days before its official start, resulting in chaos on island roads.

Ganges RCMP documented six accidents December 18, and numerous other vehicles were left stranded in ditches. Ferry service on various routes backed up somewhat but only the *Vesuvius Queen* failed to cope with the weather.

By BILL WEBSTER
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While snow dusted the island for most of the morning, heavy snow began falling by 1:30 p.m. and continued into the early evening. By the time the storm moved on, it had dumped 3.6 centimetres (1.4 inches) of snow on the island.

Temperatures hovered around -5 degrees Celsius, dipping to -12 Celsius at higher levels.

Shortly after the heavy snowfall began, ice slicked the roads. Vehicles skidded off roadsides all over the island. One driver lost control near the top of Ganges Hill and struck a hydro pole, cutting off power to numerous residents.

SNOW STORM A2

GST and Canada Post lead to price increase

Gulf Islands Driftwood single issue cost will go to 60 cents from the current 50 cents effective January 1, 1991.

Part of the increase will go towards the federal government's new Goods and Services Tax. The rest will provide an increase to dealers who sell the newspapers and Driftwood Publishing Ltd.

A lower price per copy is available to subscribers living on the Gulf Islands who can receive the *Driftwood* for 52 weeks at a cost of \$21 plus the seven per cent GST. Elsewhere in Canada, subscri-

newspaper could increase at least eight-fold as they rise from 5.2 cents to 41 cents or more based on weight. The increase involves subscribers on letter carrier routes.

Newspapers received notice of the increase December 1 and the Canadian Community Newspapers Association which represents 675 community papers across the country has launched a protest.

"Many newspapers run year-end subscription campaigns as the *Driftwood* did," said Carlson. "The timing is very poor and the difference is extreme"

Driftwood

NEWS BEAT

Local accident rates rose as fast as snow fell and roads froze last week, causing havoc for the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.

Corporation spokesman Kim Prissick told the *Driftwood* Thursday that south coast Dial-a-Claim centres were dealing with "a very heavy load on the phone" after snow and freezing temperatures turned many roads into skating rinks.

The Lower Mainland Dial-a-

Storm: an ICBC nightmare

Claim Centre, for example, received 4,100 calls on Wednesday and were only able to deal with 2,300 claims. Prissick said that while the centre worked overtime, it was not operating at full staff because some employees could not get to work.

She said ICBC urges people to take public transportation, if possible, when roads are as hazardous as they were last week. "People are just not used to driving in these conditions," she said, which makes accidents more likely. If alternatives to

driving cannot be found, she said, people should "just take extra care and caution behind the wheel."

Prissick confirmed that people who are not insured for collision on their vehicles are responsible for any damage incurred to their car in an

accident, regardless of the weather or road conditions at the time.

She corrected one myth that claims made by people with summer tires on their vehicle would not be accepted by ICBC. She said claims will still be processed even if cars are not equipped with proper snow tires.

Prissick advises people to not call Dial-a-Claim centres until the afternoon, when the initial morning onslaught of calls has subsided.

SNOW STORM

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Cars backed up in both directions on Fulford-Ganges Road and local RCMP closed the hill to south-bound traffic.

"We had to close the hill," said Sergeant Larry Wendel who directed traffic at the corner of Fulford-Ganges Road and Seaview Avenue. "There were vehicles all over the road."

At the Cheshire Cat, owner Clive Williams was kept busy selling cups

of coffee to residents who waited in his restaurant for the hill to re-open. Watching vehicles skate down the slick surface of the hill became a spectator sport for patrons.

Children walked home from school, slipping and sliding in the ice and snow.

The sanding struck arrived at the hill by 3:40 p.m. but RCMP kept the road closed until 4:30 p.m. by which time most of the vehicles were

cleared from the roadside.

Meanwhile at Vesuvius, the *Vesuvius Queen* left the dock at 6:07 p.m. for the trip to Crofton. The little ferry made a safe but weatherbeaten passage to the wharf on the other side by 6:28 p.m. The vessel sat at the Crofton dock until 10:15 p.m. when the high winds let up and the return trip could be made safely.

That last trip arrived at 10:39 p.m. carrying 12 vehicles and 29 passengers.

Ferries on the other routes ran late, said Bill Bouchard of the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

"Things worked out well, despite the weather," he commented.

Hydro crews were kept busy restoring power at various locations on the island. Lights went out when poles were hit by vehicles. High winds and blowing snow also added to the problems as linemen worked into the night to ensure power surged to homes.

At one point in the storm, traffic heading north on Lower Ganges Road backed up from the curves at Booth Canal Road to close to Brinkworthy Road. Drivers experienced difficulty negotiating the slight hill just past Booth Canal Road and the traffic behind waited.

The weather Victoria office explained the situation to the *Driftwood*: a high-pressure Arctic air mass moved south and met a high pressure ridge. The storm was caused by the northern air moving across and over the stationary front which sat just off-shore.

By Wednesday morning, when the sun came out, most of the problems were sorted out, although traffic continued to crawl hesitantly around the island on slick roads.



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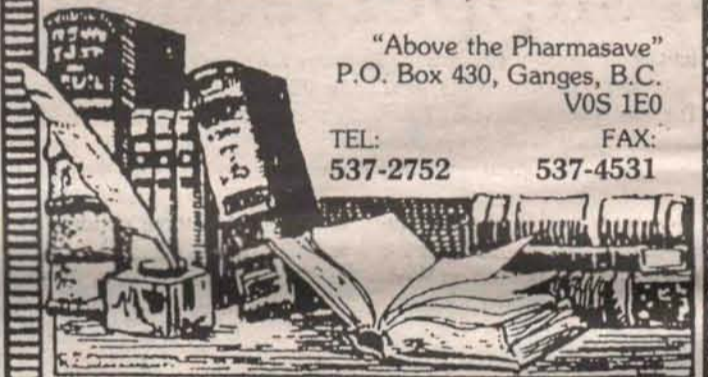
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WEATHER

OUTLOOK: For the week starting Monday, Dec. 24.

Weatherman promised a moderating trend to disrupt the winter weather icing the island.

He isn't sure when it will occur but when it does, temperatures should get above freezing and rain will fall.

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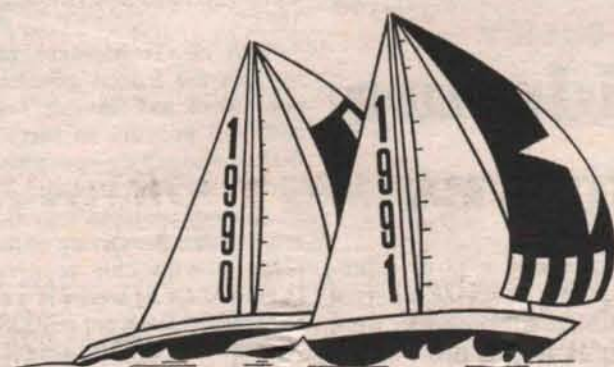
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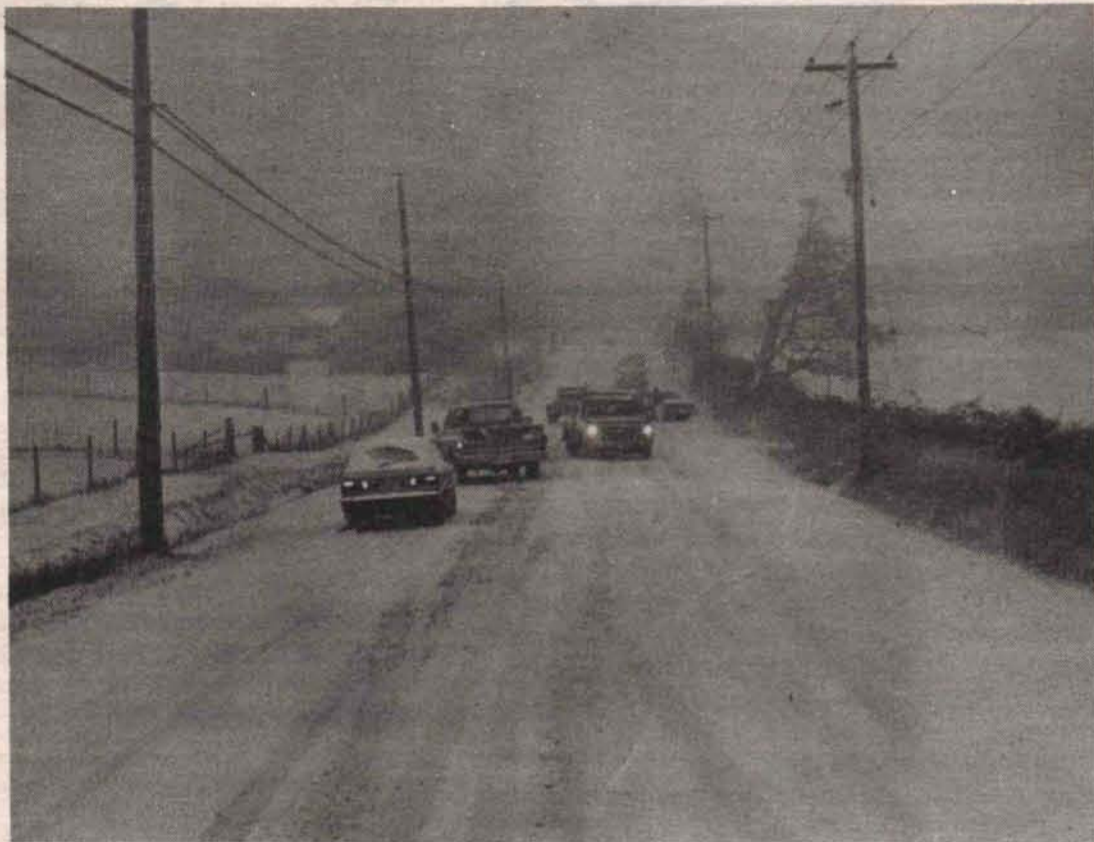
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NEWSBEAT



ON THE HILL: Tuesday's snowstorm caused the usual havoc on Lee's Hill, as vehicles able to move forward dodged those that could not. The hill later received a heavy dose of sand and salt to avoid further awkward scenes. Some other island roads remained treacherous all week.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Island schools feel effects of slippery, snowy roads

Many Salt Spring students had difficulty getting home in the snow last Tuesday afternoon, and school hallways echoed with emptiness Wednesday when most students stayed warm at home.

Buses were unable to take students home in the fast-falling snow on Tuesday and did not run on Wednesday due to hazardous road conditions. They were back in operation Thursday covering most island routes.

Fulford Elementary had the lowest turnout of island schools on Wednesday with only 13 pupils in attendance. Principal Barb Aust told the *Driftwood* many children stayed at the school until 5:45 p.m. Tuesday afternoon waiting for rides to take them home.

Because the power was off at the

school, Aust said they "sat in the dark in the library with candles." Food was provided to stranded children.

Luckily, she said, several community members with four-by-four vehicles came to the rescue. Aust said even people without children at the school provided a shuttle service.

"They heard we were in trouble and couldn't get kids home so they volunteered to help out," she explained.

She said these "angels of mercy" told her to contact them in the future if their assistance is needed.

Salt Spring Elementary also housed some students until almost 6 p.m. Tuesday, said office secretary Yvonne Fee. She estimated that only about 50 of the school's 350 students were in class on Wednesday.

All Gulf Islands Secondary

School staff were at school on Wednesday but had only 50 students to teach. Regular enrolment is 475.

Fernwood Elementary had the highest number and percentage of students on Wednesday. Over 60 of the school's 296 pupils made it to school.

Gulf Islands Secondary School vice-principal Hugh Archer said the school's policy is that it is "always open" unless closed by district superintendent Mike Marshall. Archer said students are advised to listen to Victoria's CKDA radio station to verify closure during inclement weather and have a phone list to inform each other of bus operation.

School attendance increased on Thursday with buses again on the road.

SURVEY

From Page A1

"The school board and architects want to come up with the kinds of facilities we would like to see in the school," he said. The PRC can then start work on a shared use and cost agreement with the school, which will be necessary before final plans are made.

"We need a clear agreement on how it (recreational facilities) would be paid for," he stressed.

Approval of construction costs, cost sharing and tax dollars required "obviously will have to go to referendum," said Lamb. He pointed out that one of the questions on the survey dealt with how much respondents would be willing to pay in taxes for new facilities. Having a ball-park idea of how much revenue might be expected through taxation is also helpful for planning, he indicated.

While the household questionnaire received a healthy response, he said the survey of recreational user groups "is not as complete as I had hoped." Getting together with such

work on design concepts after talking to teachers in January, now is the time to express desires for recreational facilities in the new school.

Survey results will be detailed in future issues of the *Driftwood*.



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LETTERS SECTION

Confusing

To the Editor,
I attended my last solid waste committee meeting on September 24 during which the committee reviewed a draft of a flyer, authored by a small group of committee members.

I pointed out the distinct slant of the flyer and some misinformation which would confuse the reader.

Having a respect for the intelligence of the flyer reader, I insisted the flyer be factual and unbiased, thus not compromising the credibility of the committee.

On reading a borrowed copy of the flyer I noticed my advice was disregarded.

The August 17, 1990 revision of the Gartner-Lee consultants report claims an on-island landfill tipping fee on January 1, 1992 would be \$89.19 per tonne (\$.56 per 14 pound bag).

On January 1, 1992, Hartland Road Landfill will be charging \$90 per tonne (\$.57 per 14 pound bag with a \$5 minimum charge) plus ferry fees, time and gasoline.

In 1993 an on-island landfill tipping fee would be \$90.11 per tonne (\$.57 per 14 pound bag) while Hartland Road will be \$120 per tonne (\$.76 per 14 pound bag with an unknown minimum charge).

Some of the estimated costs in the Gartner-Lee report are excessive. Using more realistic actual costs will result in a lower tipping fee for an on-island landfill.

Capital funding for an island landfill would be provided by investors seeking a 10 to 12 1/2 per cent return on investment, not through taxpayers as noted in the flyer.

The highest environmental standards were employed by Gartner-Lee in costing out a new landfill for Salt Spring Island.

An on-island landfill would be operated through a society with all users having membership.

With less than two years of life, short of draining Heal Lake, Hartland Road Landfill is a poor option for a long term solution to our garbage.

Hopefully the above facts counter some of the misinformation contained in the flyer.

JOHN ELLACOTT,
Fulford Harbour

Unwarranted

To the Editor,
On Monday, December 10, I attended a community meeting to learn about the problems of solid waste disposal and the solutions possible.

We were fortunate to have as main speaker, Mr. Grant Anderson, a director of Gartner-Lee Ltd., known throughout North America as an expert in the field of hydrogeology. He has also lectured in Europe and

Africa. At the present time he is the prime consultant to the Ontario Crown Corporation which is responsible for the safe disposal of industrial and toxic wastes in Ontario.

Mr. Anderson chose as his topic the construction of landfills, the costs which could be anticipated in their construction, together with the hazards to be dealt with. His terms of reference did not include a detailed analysis and costs of specific disposal sites on Salt Spring.

It was most unfortunate that at question time Mr. Anderson was subjected to unwarranted rudeness and interruption from those in the audience who felt that he had no personal experience of problems on Salt Spring.

As a result of this, many left the meeting remembering only the discourteous treatment of Mr. Anderson and other speakers on the panel.

If good speakers are to be attracted to the island they must be assured of a fair hearing. There is little incentive for a man of Mr. Anderson's standing and experience to return to Salt Spring. A pity that a few loudmouthed individuals can give our community a poor reputation!

PATRICIA MASSY,
Ganges

No conflict

To the Editor,
Thanks to the good sense of both Ken Stewart, Conservation Officer and Sergeant Larry Wendel of the RCMP, there should be no conflict between safety for the High School rowing program and the EMO.

An adequately powered safety boat, standing onshore, together with basic good safety precautions, should keep the rowing activities active.

The Electric Motor Only ruling will make the lake infinitely safer for activities such as rowing, sailing, fishing and swimming, as well as helping to reduce a very serious pollution program.

If the rowing club and school board can demonstrate the same good sense as the RCMP and Conservation Service, the rowing program should be very successful.

THOMAS HALL
Board Member,
SSI Water Preservation Society

Learn respect

To the editor,
I would like to express my gratitude to the students and staff of Fernwood Elementary School for the enjoyable evening on December 13. A lot of time and hard work must have gone into this Christmas event. I believe a good time was had by all. Unfortunately though, I think some adults must be re-taught the meaning of "respect for others," as well as what the word "manners" means.

Mr. Creswick's choir was very

nice to hear, although as the gym filled, the adult chatter rose to the point of almost drowning out the children's carols. If these people had walked in while Tuned Air was singing, would they have kept talking? I think not.

As I said before — these children worked very hard for this evening, and I believe they should have been shown the respect they not only earned but most definitely deserved.

PAULINE BATH,
Ganges

Play, then work

To the Editor,
In Ireland, when the pub becomes too crowded, the people go out into the street; sometimes there are more people outside than in. We are careful with our glasses and we throw our paper garbage about. When everyone has gone home an amazing thing happens. Somebody cleans up — either an employee of the pub, or next morning a professional garbageman does the job.

Now, here in Canada, the same system would work well in our summer beer gardens. We all know that there is a mess after a party, so why get all sanctimonious about it?

After work, play. After play, work. Get along kiddies.

You're welcome.
Regarding garbage, I would like to donate a piece of land for a new "clean" landfill. Nothing capable of leaching toxins would go in it. Adjoining the landfill, I would like to donate five acres for a recycling operation. As well, I pledge two days a month of volunteer work at this recycling facility. A few hundred others could donate time too, and we'd need only minimal grants from the government.

Can someone give me the land that I'll donate? heh heh.
KEITH MCHATTIE,
Ganges

Demands reply

To the Editor,
The article on the front page of the December 12 *Driftwood* demands a reply. As I was quoted in the article, I suggest that the reporter reflect carefully on the short phone conversation she had with me during a busy Monday office (approximately one minute).

I denied knowledge of the articles in the Victoria and Vancouver papers regarding the Borsman-Cherry case because I had not seen or heard of them. I knew that a medical problem had existed and that litigation was in process (seven years ago). Perhaps the reporter could have found the time to interview face to face the appropriate medical representatives (eg. chief of staff and president of medical staff) and the hospital administrator before embarking on

such a tragic and sensitive case in our local newspaper.

I would emphasize to the public that a very thorough form of scrutiny exists at the Lady Minto Hospital in the form of medical audit. Every case (emergency and inpatient) passes through the audit and if disciplinary action is necessary such is legally pursued.

The public should also be aware of the great concern for their welfare and future health care being negotiated and planned by numerous

official bodies on the island which involves many hours of meetings. The medical attendance at these hospital meetings is against the strong advice of the B.C.M.A. which recommends doctors withdraw from all committees until their negotiations with the government are satisfactorily concluded.

Certainly, the Cherry and Borsman families deserve our sympathy.

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OPINION

Capital Comment

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — As if the cabinet shuffle wasn't embarrassing enough, Premier Vander Zalm had to refer to it as a cabinet for the 21st Century.

If this is what the next century has in store, Arthur C. Clarke had better rewrite his bestsellers 2001 and 2010, lest folks be too optimistic about the future.

It's difficult to decide what's most embarrassing about the cabinet shuffle, the return of Bud Smith, the appointment of an absolute political rookie to the all-important environment portfolio or the equally disconcerting choice for labour minister.

Smith's return to cabinet is somewhat bewildering. True, I never expected the premier to be too worried about his former attorney general having mixed politics with justice, but considering Vander Zalm's preoccupation with everyone else's morality, I thought that Bud might remain a has-been.

In his finite wisdom, however, the premier brought Smith back into the cabinet fold as regional and economic development minister. There are times, the premier said, when strong people are needed in certain portfolios. Smith said he had learned from his misfortunes, but he wouldn't elaborate.

Cliff Serwa's elevation to environment minister is a Vander Zalm classic. The MLA for Okanagan South has never held a cabinet post. His only experience is four years as a backbencher.

Job demands an experienced politician

Vander Zalm's only reaction to critics was that he'd pit Serwa against "any environment minister in North America." What is this? My-dad-is-stronger-than-your-dad?

The environment portfolio is, by far, the most important job in any cabinet today. The job demands an experienced politician who can go a round or two with Ottawa, ride herd on industry and keep the environmental groups happy. Serwa isn't it.

I will give Serwa credit for honesty. He admitted that he doesn't have much of a clue about his new duties, but said he'll learn. I also admire his candour. Asked what he thought of his predecessor's resignation, Serwa said he respected John Reynolds' decision and added that under the circumstances, he would have done the same.

Honesty and candour are admirable character traits, but they won't necessarily make Serwa a good environment minister.

Next to environment, labour is the most tricky portfolio in this province. A bad or ineffective minister can trigger labour unrest, he may be unable to prevent strikes that a stronger minister might have avoided.

Rabbitt is a political neophyte

Like Serwa, Jim Rabbitt is a political neophyte. Elected on his leader's smile four years ago, Rabbitt is probably destined for the political scrap heap. Like many of his colleagues, Rabbitt will turn out to be a one-term wonder and that's not much of a qualification for the job he holds now.

The third newcomer to cabinet is Harry de Jong, the new minister of agriculture and fisheries. Although equally inexperienced, De Jong will have the time to learn on the job. His path won't be strewn with as many land mines as those of Serwa and Rabbitt.

I wouldn't want to belittle the role of agriculture and fisheries in British Columbia's economy, but they're not nearly as demanding as environment and labour.

The other changes were inspired by the game of musical chairs. Stan Hagen, former regional development minister, takes over the education ministry from Tony Brummet who was dropped from cabinet because he's retiring from politics.

Ivan Messmer moves from parks to solicitor general. John Savage, former agriculture minister, is now in charge of parks. The 14 other cabinet ministers keep their jobs.

Greeted with a collective yawn

The whole thing has been thoroughly boring. How boring? It's been so boring that senior public servants who are normally fascinated by cabinet shuffles greeted this one with a collective yawn.

I am reminded of a number of cliches, including the one about rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. Really, the question does arise: who on earth would want to be appointed by this premier to this cabinet at this time? The answer is, every backbencher.

That's why Vander Zalm has had a relatively easy time with his caucus. Aside from last year's brief revolt by four Sacred MLA's — Graham Bruce, Dave Mercier, Doug Mowat and Duane Crandall — the Social Credit caucus, cabinet members included, has been remarkably untroubled.

Reunion

To the Editor,
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To the Editor,
 The best Food Bank Auction ever! At time of writing, the Community Society reports the total received at \$5,849.75.
 Although the venue has changed slightly this year, the generosity we have counted on in the past was unchanged and in fact surpassed. The organizing team of myself, Bob Wilde, Audrey Wilde and Janet Hoag were aided by the last minute, inspired contributions of Sue Savage and Claudia Clarke. We also co-opted several early birds for help in setting up.
 Central Hall was decorated by Achievement Centre Art. The standing room only crowd was treated to entertainment by Raging Grannies

and the dynamic duo of Henry Bade and Charlie Erck.
 Sweet treats were served by Fran Eide, Renee Woodsend and Maggie Warbey. Thanks to Harlan Olsen for generously donated coffee and tea; to Paul Linton for his delicious apple juice; and to the bakers of the assorted desserts. Dessert sales were added to our monies raised.
 Three auctioneers alternated their way through an impressive list of goods and services, which expanded even as they auctioned. Thanks to these late donors who missed mention in the *Driftwood* ad.

Highlights included simultaneous auction of three cakes by David Phillips, Gordon Sloan and Arvid Chalmers and the surprising \$30 raised by the sale of Dietrich Luth's toque (we

are assured there are more where that came from!)
 The Community Centre hopes to convert the funds to 100 hampers for Christmas distribution. I'm sure that all who gave of their time, those donating goods and services for auction and those readily buying that night and also the needy recipients of the hampers, can echo Tiny Tim's sentiments: "God Bless Us, Everyone!"
LOIS PHILLIPS,
 Ganges

Aids misinformation

To the Editor,
 The November 14 issue of *Driftwood* contained an article entitled "Aids misinformation is prevalent." Unfortunately this article itself contains misinformation in spite of the noble goal: "... to improve knowledge and ability to prevent spread of the disease."
 Paragraph five in this article says: "Blood donors and recipients, since blood testing began several years ago, cannot acquire the infection because a new needle is used for each donor or recipient. Each pint of donated blood is checked carefully for presence of HIV."
 Two paragraphs further, this same article says: "When an individual contracts HIV, the infection does not show up through testing for up to six months."
 An article in the June 12, 1989 issue of *Time* under the title "Silent AIDS" says: "Now a study has shown that some people may carry the AIDS virus for three years or longer without its being detected by widely used antibody screening tests."
 Accordingly, the statement that blood recipients cannot acquire the infection is wrong since there is this period during which a donor would pass the screening test but still spread the AIDS virus to the recipient. One could argue about the probability of such infection, depending on whether the six-month or the three-year period is more correct. Nevertheless, your readers are entitled to know that cannot is misleading.

I have contacted AIDS Vancouver Island which promised to correct this, but since it has so far not done this, I have decided to write this letter to you with a copy to them.
HANS DOBNER,
 Ganges



KEEPING WARM: Islander Nina Wichland strolls through a snowy Fulford Harbour, bundled up in winter clothing to battle Arctic-like weather.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

THEY SAY A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS GIVEN THE COST OF THIS SPACE HOWEVER I HAD TO MAKE A CHOICE BESIDES THE FILM IS STILL IN MY CAMERA FROM LAST YEAR SO THIS TIME I'VE CHOSEN A THOUSAND WORDS BECAUSE IT'S CHRISTMAS-TIME AND I HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO I FEEL OBLIGED TO THANK SOME OF WHOM HAVE PAID ME MONEY SOME OF WHOM I'VE PAID MONEY SOME OF WHOM I OWE AND WILL PAY TUESDAY AND SOME OF WHOM OWE ME AND I KNOW WHERE THEY LIVE THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AND WHERE THEY PARK THEIR CARS I MUST THANK MY HUSBAND BECAUSE HE'S A GREAT SUPPORTER DON'T MENTION THE MUFFLER AND VAL FOR HER BLIND DEVOTION AND KATHLEEN AND JESSICA FOR THEIR TALENTS THEY DISPLAY SO WELL THE NEW DELI PEOPLE WHO KNOW MY USUAL COFFEE-BREAK CHOICE AND THE VESUVIUS GANG WHO FEED US EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT EVEN THE LOCAL CONSTABULARY WHO SHOW GREAT DEVOTION TO DUTY BY AIMING THE RADAR EYE MY WAY THE CREDIT UNION GIRLS WHO KNOW MY NAME AND SMILE EVEN THOUGH THEY SEE ME EVERY SINGLE DAY THE POST OFFICE STAFF WHO GIVE ME A RECEIPT WITHOUT BEING ASKED BUT MOST OF ALL MY WONDERFUL FAITHFUL CUSTOMERS WHO GIVE "SHARON'S" A REASON AND THEIR PATIENCE WHILE I ORDER THINGS FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE AND WHO SINCERELY APPRECIATE MY TASTE IN MERCHANDISE AND SO I WISH EVERYONE IN MY WORLD A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU

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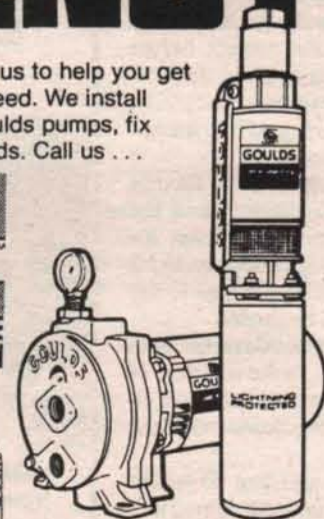
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HEALTH PROJECT

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rather than go to hospital for perceived illness. They were supported in the home through visits from representatives from various agencies such as home care aides, and community health nurses.

The end result saw more hospital beds freed for acute care patients, plus a dramatic cut in costs.

Atkins said, "I am impressed that this direction offers not only the potential for better quality of care, including care in a setting that the individual chooses, but also for more economic delivery of health care services."

She noted the CRD has been moving towards more health care in the home, greater individual responsibility for health and less reliance on institutional resources for some time.

"Bryan Watt was a definite champion of this approach."

CRD health officer Dr. Shaun Peck said he regretted Watt's action and stressed VHP funding had not been "cut." He noted the project had been set up with a time limit and would be evaluated beginning in January.

"I think it's been a tremendous initiative," Peck said.

Funding, he said, would depend upon the evaluation of the various components of the project and how effective each one had been.

Rod Deacon of the VHP explained the project was a "co-operative experiment among the Ministry of Health, CRD community health and Greater Victoria Hospital Society."

"In January," he said, "we'll put together a big picture for government of what we've been able to do in the past three years."

Funding for the project, he continued, "is not an us versus them situation."

He offered a positive note: "Nobody has asked us to wind down the Victoria Health Project."

"It's our move to come up with a comprehensive study and until we do, it's difficult to say what will happen," he said.

Deacon views the VHP as a research project which, in size and scope, has not been carried out anywhere else. It will serve as a model for the future as the population of Canada ages. The current population of Victoria, with a high portion of elderly, is what Canada will look like in 25 years, he said.

"We think we're having quite a bit of success in what we set out to do," he added.

Graydon Gibson, communications manager for the ministry of health, explained that no decision, one way or the other, on funding for the VHP has been made. The ministry, he said, is waiting for the evaluation report for the project before acting. Funding is in place until the end of March, he reiterated.

"Nothing is going to happen immediately," he stated.

Don Lawrie, assistant to finance minister Mel Couvelier, told the *Driftwood* the budget process for 1991 is just getting underway and it would be difficult at this time to say exactly what will be funded.

He said the evaluation report from the VHP must go to the ministry of health to be used as a basis for assessing the budget implications of the project.

Wally Ratz, assistant to health minister John Jansen, confirmed that the ministry is waiting for the report.

Ratz repeated a comment by Jansen to the effect that "if a program

provided benefits for the people and saved money, it would be foolish to cancel it."

Atkins defended the program, particularly Seniors for Seniors, the Salt Spring component.

She said the seniors' has been filling the role of a "wellness centre," offering services to seniors — and others — on an as needs basis.

Atkins noted the cost of medical care increases when people get ill.

"Dealing with illness is an expensive business," she said. "We can't afford our own illnesses."

Channelling money into such endeavours as the VHP "clearly will have the greatest long-term beneficial impact on future health care costs," she said.

"Otherwise we will simply retrench the capital intensive, tech-

nology-driven, illness-oriented health care system that is driving health care costs through the ceiling without noticeably improving the general health of the citizens it should be serving," she stated.

Atkins pledged support for the effort to seek full-funding for the VHP "including Salt Spring Seniors for Seniors," she said.

Carla Camhoot, Seniors for Seniors administrator, told the *Driftwood* the group is constantly seeking other sources of funding. For now, under the VHP, dollars are assured until March, she noted.

A grant from the federal New Horizons program will be sought. If that grant comes through, money will be available to keep the seniors help centre operating until at least September, she said.

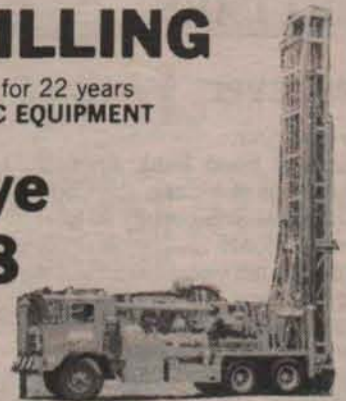
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Students make ads for annual design contest

Career preparation programs throughout B.C. and including the Gulf Islands are getting more support than ever from the Ministry of Education, says local Gulf Islands Secondary School teacher Sandra Locke.

For the second straight year, students in Locke's graphic arts career prep program students took part the *Driftwood's* ad design contest.

This page and the four following pages feature samples of their work for local businesses. A panel of judges will select the top three advertisements and readers can vote for their favourite with the reader's choice ballot found on this page.

Locke says she felt much better about the school's participation in the ad design contest this year. "I was more on top of things."

One of the difficulties for students who are used to a different type of deadline is to develop a sense of urgency for what needs to be done, says *Driftwood* publisher Joyce Carlson. And a second is the need for follow-up so each party is comfortable with what is happening.

Through the contest, students learn what it is like to translate a message from the business operator to customers through the newspaper medium so that message has a successful conclusion. Because the ads appear in the issue between Christmas and New Year's, the ad are not "hard-sell" but mostly seasonal greetings or industrial type ads that give an idea about the business itself.

A total of 12 of the 15 career prep students participated in this year's contest. They are Peter Erickson, Sara Morris, Sara Persykl, Andrea Gates, Kyle Finmore, Ginny Montrichaud, Aaron Lord, Peter Griffith, Candace Walde, Tristan Delisle, Chandra Deslisle, Chandra Deslisle and Janaki Larsen.

Part of their training involves putting out a school calendar each fall and the ad design contest. Locke says she would like to have a major project for her students in the spring. At that time they will be working out logos and layouts as well as other aspects of graphic arts. Students can help groups produce posters for their special events, she adds.

Next year, Locke expects to have the program set up so career prep blocks occur back to back, giving her more time to work with the students. "It will be much more workable than having one block at a time."

She plans to expand the program to include a marketing component next year and wants the students to sell their own ads for the newspaper contest. In the past the regular sales staff has made the sales and turned the participating names over to Locke.

Support for career preparation programs is definitely growing, she says.

Locke attended a conference on career preparation in November which showed what other school districts in the province are doing.

"Education is really changing and cooperative education is the coming thing," she adds. "It's becoming more and more important in preparing students for life after school."

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NEWSBEAT

Red ribbons attached to automobiles should remind islanders not to drink and drive this season.

The Mothers Against Drinking Drivers (MADD) group is once again selling red ribbons as a reminder "for a less violent holiday season."

Gulf Islands Secondary School CounterAttack group is selling the ribbons on the island. Marg Sitton,

Ribbon support requested

counsellor at GISS told the *Driftwood* approximately 70 have been sold so far at \$2 per package.

The students of GISS CounterAttack are involved, she said, "because it's a sign of what's going on."

MADD urges drivers to tie the ribbon on the left side of the car as a sign of support for the group.

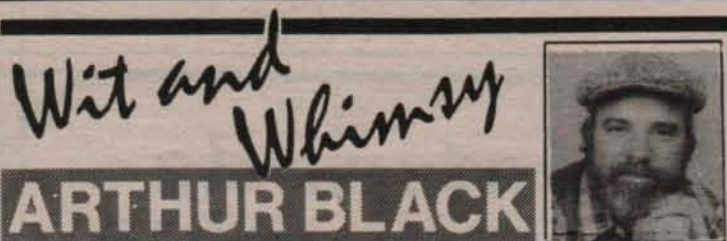
"Let's change the meaning of *tie one on*," is the motto for the campaign.

Money from the sale of ribbons is split between MADD and GISS CounterAttack, said Sitton. The students are raising money to show a film on the effects of drinking and driving.

The film costs \$425 for rental and requires several special screens. The students are aiming to show the motion picture in May.

Although more than 70 ribbons have been sold on the island so far, few are evident on vehicles.

"I wonder why more people haven't put them on their car," asked Sitton.



The chubby little guy with the strawberry-coloured map of Albania on his balding forehead stopped in the Kremlin lobby, cleared his throat, and stepped up to the microphone.

"They say that President Mitterand has 100 lovers," he deadpanned. "One has AIDS but he doesn't know which one."

"President Bush has 100 bodyguards," he continued. "One is an assassin, but he doesn't know which one."

Pause. Lay on that Jack Benny pre-punchline stare.

And President Gorbachev has 100 economic advisers. One is smart, but he doesn't know which one."

The Soviet President tells a joke. Not a great joke, to be sure. Nothing that John Crosbie or the Royal Canadian Air Farce would steal — but a joke. Told by a Russian. In public.

Just another rivulet in the Great Soviet Thaw, I guess. Not enough that they withdraw from Afghanistan, melt down their missiles, open the door to Macdonald's and Pepsi franchises — now their leader does Johnny Carson monologues. What next — Barry Manilow CDs in Russian?

Well, nobody ever said Freedom was cheap.

Many jokes will not survive transition

Comrade, have you heard about the new contest in Pravda? They're looking for the funniest political joke of the year.

Really? What does the winner get?

Well, first prize is 20 years . . .

That's an old joke — and one that was whispered, not broadcast, back in the Bad Old Days. Of course, some hoary Russian chestnuts are hardly enough to withstand Glasnost and Perestroika.

One Muscovite to another: "Hey Vladimir, why are you running?"

"I'm running to Kiev to buy cabbage!"

"Are you nuts? Haven't you heard of the shortages? The only cabbage available in all of Russia is right here in Moscow!"

"I know, but the lineup stretches to Kiev!"

That joke makes as much sense now as it did under Stalin, but a lot of jokes won't survive the transition and more than a few professional jokesters will have to go into comedy drydock for refitting.

Russia destined for last laugh?

Yakov Smirnoff, for instance. Yakov's the ex-Russian who defected to America several years ago and has been surviving rather handsomely on the rubber chicken circuit by poking fun at the Great Gray Soviet Monolith.

Yakov Smirnoff joke: In the United States you have freedom of speech. You can go up to Ronald Reagan and say, "I don't like Ronald Reagan." In the Soviet Union you have the same thing. You can go up to Chernenko and say, "I don't like Ronald Reagan."

Very old joke. Chernenko is dead. Ronald Reagan turned out to be more ossified than Gorbachev and Yakov Smirnoff is a stand-up comic badly in need of new material.

This is no joke

Perhaps Russia is destined to get the last laugh. Let me throw one more comedy routine at you:

"There are at present time two great nations in the world . . . the Russians and the Americans. The American relies upon personal interest to accomplish his ends and gives free scope to the unguided exertions and common sense of the people. The Russian centres all the authority of society in a single arm. The principal instrument of the former is freedom; of the latter, servitude. Their starting point is different, and their courses are not the same; yet each of them seems marked out by the will of Heaven to sway the destinies of half the globe."

Hey. You're not laughing.

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NEWSBEAT



OFF TO CALGARY: Long-time Salt Spring resident Millie Morgenson gets ready to cut the cake at a farewell party held for her at Lady Minto Hospital's Extended Care Unit three weeks ago. Daughter Babs MacInnes helps her mother with the task. Morgenson has been an ECU resident since 1978 and is joining two other daughters in Calgary.

Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

Abalone harvesting closed

Fisheries Canada recently stressed the closing of abalone fishing for a year.

In a notice of closure for abalone fishing, federal fisheries noted, "This action is taken in the interest of con-

servation of abalone stocks on the coast of British Columbia."

The ban took effect December 16 and remains until December 31, 1991. To emphasize the importance of the ban, the quota for abalone sport

fishing has been lowered to zero from 24 per day.

Abalone in all areas of the coast have not reproduced at a rate which matches the harvesting of the creature.

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Changes needed in health care delivery

Changes in delivery of health care are needed to cope with an aging population on Salt Spring, the Community Health Council (CHC) heard at a recent meeting.

Greenwoods Intermediate Care Facility representative on the council Donna Regen outlined expected growth in the number of people aged 75 or older. As of 1991, estimated figures stand at 1,002 throughout the Gulf Islands and are expected to grow by 25 per cent to 1,254 by 1996. A further 22.7 per cent increase to 1,539 is expected by the year 2001.

When Greenwoods opened in 1979, she explained, the 50 residents were classified as requiring either personal care or first level of intermediate care. Over the years, changes to a more stringent criteria for classification has caused the level of care required at Greenwoods to rise to second and third level of intermediate care. It also incorporates several extended care residents.

While agreeing changes are needed, officials at Lady Minto Hospital have concerns about the current viability of the hospital's acute care status in light of such changes.

Lady Minto is the only facility on Salt Spring classified for extended care. A problem arises when beds at the hospital are not available for people needing extended care service.

Lady Minto has been recognized by the Ministry of Health to have 31 extended care beds and 19 acute care beds. But with a growing number of elderly people requiring extended care being placed in acute care beds, a shortage of acute care beds has developed.

Greenwoods administrator Marg McKay said that facility is recognized as an intermediate care institution. It has several residents who need extended care but who cannot be moved to Lady Minto because of

25 other beds in Lady Minto were occupied by 16 elderly patients, seven acute care patients and two maternity cases.

In effect, of the 19 beds classified as acute care beds, only nine were available for that use.

Chairman of the board of directors of Lady Minto Hospital Gordon English said the board is concerned about losing even more acute care beds to extended care.

He told the *Driftwood*, however, that pressures on beds in both Lady Minto and Greenwoods would be eased as the home care service for Salt Spring expanded.

Assistant administrator of Lady Minto Karen Davies explained that in 1958, the hospital carried a rating of 25 acute beds. In 1972, 15 extended care beds were added to the hospital and a further 10 were added in 1978.

In the early 1980s when the provincial government introduced restraint in spending, Lady Minto accepted funding to change six of the acute care beds to extended care.

Davies expressed concern that if classification of acute care beds is changed, it will be extremely difficult for the hospital to have the classification changed back as the population grows and the acute beds are needed.

Both a report prepared for the Capital Regional district in 1987 and the Gallagher report prepared earlier this year, recognize a need for 19 acute care beds now and in the foreseeable future.

The reports urge additional extended care beds for Lady Minto to accommodate the expected change and aging of the population while maintaining existing acute care beds for that purpose.

English offered the CHC a suggestion from Lady Minto board of directors. A committee of administrators of the two facilities plus two members from each of the boards of directors would meet to discuss

NEWSBEAT

Winter driving advice offered

When it comes to driving in a Canadian winter, the Boy Scouts have the right motto: be prepared.

Winter driving need not be the hazardous adventure it was for many islanders last week.

Winter driving requires extra care and common sense. Before starting off, one should clear all ice and snow from his or her vehicle's windows, exterior lights, hood and roof.

It is also important to get a feel for the road surface by testing brakes and steering capabilities.

The Canadian Tire Auto Club recently released a number of tips for winter driving:

- Before heading out of the driveway, ensure the vehicle is in excellent working order, and equipped with a basic motor survival kit.

This kit should include a scraper and brush, shovel, booster cables, sand, salt or kitty litter (to help free a stuck vehicle), traction pads or pieces of old carpeting, first aid kit, flares, extra fuses, radiator hoses and fan belts.

- If the vehicle is not starting easily, it is inadvisable to gun the motor and spin the wheels. This merely turns the snow to ice.

- Motorists should double the distance usually driven between them and other vehicles.

- Never attempt to stop and turn at the same time on a slippery road: do one or the other.

- Don't pump the brakes on an icy road. This could throw the vehicle into a spin.

- Skidding in winter generally results from the driver's failure to react in good time and by driving too fast for road conditions.

Most people get stuck in the snow at least once in their driving career. If this happens, work slowly to dig the snow away from the wheels. Position the traction pads or pieces of carpeting under the drive wheels. Spread either a bag of salt, sand or kitty litter and gently accelerate out.

Those stuck in a rut should rock the vehicle back and forth, building the momentum to get out. Drivers of automatic cars should brake before shifting from reverse (or vice versa) to avoid transmission damage.

The club advises of the following winter hazards motorists should be aware of:

- ICE: Watch out for shaded areas, bridges and overpasses. These sections freeze first and stay frozen long after the sun comes up.

- BLACK ICE: In winter, asphalt has a grey-white colour. Drivers who spot black ice ahead, should slow down and be ready to de-clutch or shift into neutral. Those who must brake, should do so smoothly.

- BLOWING SNOW: Always use low beam headlights in blowing snow. High beams reflect of the snowflakes, giving a "white-out" effect.

- WET SNOW: Snow can build up in the wheel wells of the car and actually restrict the driver's ability to manoeuvre or steer. It's a good idea to clean out the tire wells on a regular basis.

Texada "Prince" dies at 64

A 30-year relationship between Salt Spring Island and "The Prince," has ended with the recent death of Texada Logging company owner Johann Thurn und Taxis.

Thurn und Taxis died December 13 at his home in Regensburg, Germany. News of his death reached Salt Spring the next day. The Prince, as he was known locally, was 64 years old.

Saanich resident Frank Rainsford managed Texada holdings on the islands for many years before retiring. He remembers putting a classified advertisement in a Munich paper in 1959. Thurn und Taxis answered that ad and the 30-year relationship with Salt Spring began.

Texada Logging currently is the largest land-holding company on Salt Spring with many hectares of forest in Burgoyne Valley and on the slopes of Mount Bruce and Mount Maxwell.

Rainsford described Thurn und Taxis as a "very congenial man to work with."

In Germany, the company holds

extensive land in Bavaria and draws on close to 500 years of experience in forestry. In Canada, Texada has land in Vancouver, forest land in the Gulf Islands and on Vancouver Island as well as a fish farm.

Rainsford said Texada draws on its European experience and uses a balance of clear-cutting and selective

logging in its operations. The company, he said, followed the lead of Thurn und Taxis in being concerned with longterm holdings of land.

With the death of the company owner, Rainsford does not expect any changes in the operation of the company.

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Businesses report receiving solicitations that look like invoices for advertising in the directory. Because they appear to be bills, the bureau says they can pass through

accounting departments unless closely scrutinized.

The directory's circulation is unknown, says the bureau, and it is not considered to have any advertising value. It has no connection with B.C. Telephone Company's Yellow Pages.

According to the bureau, some companies also received solicitations for the directory in January and July of this year.

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NEWSBEAT

B.C. Ferry workers ratify new contract agreement

Ferry workers ratified a new contract with B.C. Ferry Corporation which calls for an increase in pay of approximately \$1.90 per hour by next November.

The previous contract expired October 31, this year and the new pact takes the workers to October 31, 1992.

Ferry workers union spokesman Lee Cochrane noted the 3,500 union members accepted terms of the contract. The bargaining committee urged acceptance by the workers when the deal was hammered out in early November.

Bill Bouchard, communications manager for B.C. Ferries, said a deck hand currently receiving \$16.82 per hour, will receive a six per cent raise immediately and a further five per cent by Novem-

ber 1, 1991. At that time, the deck hand will be paid \$18.72 per hour.

Cochrane said the ferry workers union has not gone on strike since 1979. The new contract marks the fifth time an agreement between the union and the corporation has been reached without strike action.

Negotiations for a new contract began September 5 and reached an impasse on November 3, just before the deadline for a strike. Negotiations over that weekend resulted in a tentative agreement between the bargaining committee and the ferry company by November 5.

Union officials visited various terminals to explain the contract to workers and to gain their support for the contract. The voting concluded earlier this month.

B.C. "crime wave" is sparked by drinking driving offences

Conviction on a charge of impaired driving carries penalties far beyond those set down by law.

Attorney-general of B.C. Russell Fraser noted in a press release on Christmas CounterAttack: "While most of us are making plans to enjoy the forthcoming holiday season, the police have already mustered their forces to blunt B.C.'s biggest crime wave."

The "crime wave" he went on to say is sparked by drinking drivers, not hardened criminals.

Russell saw the results of impaired driving and listed them:

- Drinking drivers cost more than \$130 million for police enforcement and medical services last year.

- For every five prisoners in B.C.'s jails, one of them had been convicted of impaired driving and experienced an average stay of 50 days.

- The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia paid out 1.1 billion for auto claims. Russell noted that 21

cents of every dollar paid to ICBC for auto insurance helps cover the cost of drinking and driving.

- Each year, accidents caused by drinking and driving injure or kill 6,000 people.

- Under the law, a driver can lose his licence for 24 hours if the policeman at the roadside checkpoint suspects he is impaired.

If he considers the impairment serious, he will be asked to take a breathalyser test. The legal limit for the blood alcohol content is 0.08 per cent.

- Refusal to take the test could also result in criminal charges being brought against the driver.

The Crown also has a choice of how to present the case in court. If the offence is serious, the Crown could go for an indictment, which means a jail sentence could be in order on conviction.

If the Crown seeks a summary conviction, the penalties could be less severe.

Conviction on a first offence for impaired driving carries a mandatory suspension of driver's licence for 12 months and a fine which can range from \$300 to \$2,000.

Conviction for a second offence carries a mandatory driving prohibition from 12 to 36 months, a 14-day jail sentence and a fine of \$300 to \$2,000.

Subsequent convictions could carry greater jail sentences.

Conviction on a charge of impaired driving means you hold a criminal record. Those with a record could be barred from certain professions, from being bonded, from travelling to certain foreign countries.

Conviction also carries added points on a driving record which is reflected in high ICBC rates for auto insurance.

"Don't be a drinking driver — and the target for the 1990 Christmas CounterAttack police enforcement campaign," urged Fraser.

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WHAT IS IT?

The seven per cent GST is a multi-stage, value-added tax which will replace the aging 13.5 per cent federal sales tax (FST), or manufacturers' tax. Until the GST hit the headlines, most consumers weren't even aware of the existence of the FST. But it's been there all along, buried in the prices of most manufactured goods, with the exception of food, clothing, footwear and pharmaceuticals. The GST will also replace some other federal taxes, such as the 11 per cent communications tax, which shows up on your telephone bill every month, and the telecommunications programming services tax, which appears on your cable television bill.

According to the government, the manufacturers' tax favours imports over Canadian-made goods. Businesses have long complained it is an unevenly applied tax. The GST is much broader-based.

To put it in perspective for you, the manufacturers' tax is paid by some 75,000 businesses in Canada. When the GST is implemented, 1.6 million businesses will be charging the new GST. Almost every good and service offered in the country will be affected.

"The service sector represents the biggest broadening effect of the GST," says Ron Pickerill, President of the Certified General Accountants Association of B.C. "For the first time in Canada, consumers will pay tax on hairstyling services, cab fare and season tickets to everything from hockey games to the theatre,

to name a few. If you are a business person and use services such as public relations, management consulting, portrait photography and accounting, you'll also be paying the seven per cent tax."

The implementation of the GST also means businesses will have to change the way they do business, from pricing strategies to hardware equipped to deal with the GST.

Pickerill says: "If you're having trouble understanding what's expected of you under this new tax, see your local Certified General Accountant. CGAs have the expertise to help prepare you and your business for the GST."

When it comes to paying GST, the user will bear the brunt of the tax. While GST will be paid at every stage of production, it will be refunded to every registrant — a person required to collect GST on behalf of Revenue Canada — except the end user. Exempt services, medical and dental care for example, will not be taxed and no refunds will be available to the suppliers of these services.

BE PREPARED

If you're like most people, there's probably still a tiny part of you that refuses to believe the GST is about to become reality.

But, the GST is on the way. And yes, it can be confusing and it will be a bit of a shock. But with a little knowledge, patience and common sense, you will survive.

WHY NOW?

Ottawa says it needs to implement the GST now to raise revenue and put the brakes on Canada's soaring debt, now estimated at almost \$400 billion. In 1991 alone, the GST is expected to yield almost \$21 billion.

The tax is also designed to increase Canada's competitive advantage in the world marketplace.

"The manufacturers' tax gives imported goods an unfair advantage," says Ron Pickerill, President of the Certified General Accountants Association of B.C. "Manufacturers of Canadian-made goods, such as furniture, appliances and automobiles, must pay tax on the selling price, making their products more heavily taxed than those manufactured in other countries — and therefore, more expensive."



HOW WILL THE GST AFFECT ME?

Some goods will cost less; others will cost more. In theory, on goods where the effective tax rate is above seven per cent, prices will fall. On goods which were never subject to the manufacturers' tax — clothing and shoes for example — prices will increase. And for the first time, Canadians will pay tax on services — so things like haircuts, travel, lawyers' fees, restaurant meals and take-out food will cost more.

Some goods and services have been declared tax exempt — or zero-rated — including basic groceries, residential rents and dental and health care.

"But don't expect huge savings," says Al Kerfoot, First Vice President of the Certified General Accountants Association of B.C. "In the case of rent, health and dental care, prices are actually expected to increase. Though consumers don't have to pay GST on these items, the supplier does not recover the GST paid to offer the service and may raise the price to recoup the cost."

But, despite price increases on services and goods which were never subject to the manufacturers' tax, consumers are being told they will pay less tax in the long run. Ottawa is predicting that the competition for consumers' dollars will force businesses to pass on the full savings from the elimination of the higher manufacturers' tax.

Says Kerfoot: "There is no clear cut answer to this question. Only time will reveal how the Canadian marketplace responds to the GST."

7 KNOW-KNOWS ABOUT THE GST

1. Know that the GST replaces the Federal Sales Tax — or Manufacturers' Tax

4. Know if you qualify for a GST Credit for lower and modest income Canadians. For

6. Know the goods and services that are — and aren't — taxed.

GST SURVIVAL

WHAT'S UP

- Clothing up 5.9%
- Footwear up 6.3%
- Restaurant Meals up 5.2%
- Hotel/Motel Room up 5.7%
- Rent up .3%
- Drycleaning up 5.3%
- Hair Styling Services up 5.9%
- Movie Admission up 5.6%
- Annual Magazine Subscription up 5.5%
- Cab Fare up 4.8%
- Safety Deposit Box up 6.2%
- Dance Lesson up 6.4%
- All-Terrain Bicycle up 6.1%
- Pain Reliever/Cold Capsules up 2.2%
- Basic Monthly Home Telephone Service up 5.7%



WHAT'S DOWN

- Basic Groceries down .8%
- Beer down 1.8%
- Toothpaste down 1.1%
- Toiletries and Cosmetics down .4%
- New Car down 3.5-4.5%
- Furniture down 1.8%
- Household Appliances down 1%
- Gas down 1.6%
- Bus Fare down 1.2%
- University Tuition down .1%
- Golf Clubs down 1.2%
- Video Cassette Recorder down 1%
- 20" Colour TV down 1%
- Monthly Cablevision down 4.4%
- Long Distance Calls down 4.3%



The above percentages are based on Statistics Canada data and are documented in Revenue Canada's "Key List" which estimates the effect of GST on prices in 1991.



SHOP SMART

Budgeting and comparison shopping will take on new meaning with the arrival of the seven per cent goods and services tax. Here are some basic guidelines to help you negotiate your way through the minefield.

According to Maureen Holloway, Second Vice President of the Certified General Accountants Association of B.C., "Grocery stores will be one of the major tax confusion zones. Basic groceries will not be subject to the GST. Statistics Canada predicts basic grocery prices will drop one per cent due to the removal of the manufacturers' tax paid indirectly through administration costs. But the grocery store sells a lot more than groceries and consumers will find non-taxable and taxable items mixed among the shelves."

Basically, groceries purchased in bulk quantities will not be taxed. But — here's where it gets confusing — small prepared portions will be taxed. Cleaning products, facial and bathroom tissue, magazines and snack foods such as soft drinks and potato chips will also be subject to the GST. And you may find your headache worsening instead of easing when you buy pain reliever — non prescription drugs, including Tylenol, will be taxed.

It will take time to catch onto the system of what's taxed and what isn't. If you have any doubts about how much you're paying, ask.

The guidelines are simpler when it comes to the question of payment for services — consumers will pay tax on virtually every service available. So, when you play a round of golf, go to the movies, buy an annual health club membership or hire a mechanic or a lawyer, you'll be charged tax.

And when you head off on your first shopping trip after the GST is implemented, expect pricing inconsistencies.

Says Holloway: "There has been a lot of controversy about whether the GST should be shown separately on invoices. Revenue Canada is giving businesses the option of adding the tax at the cash register or including it in the sticker price."

As consumers, we're conditioned to comparison shop. It will be a more complicated exercise under the GST. For example, the sticker price of a video game at Store "A" is \$30 (GST excluded); at Store "B", it's \$32.10 (GST included). Gut reaction has you heading back to Store "A" — but once it tacks on the GST, you end up paying \$32.10 anyway.

YOUR RIGHTS

GST legislation includes a provision to protect lower and modest income Canadians, so they don't pay more sales tax in 1991 than they do today.

The GST Credit will be calculated each year based on income and family information you provided with your 1989 income

tax return. If you haven't filled out the GST Credit information, pick up a 1989 tax form at your local Revenue Canada office. The credit will be paid in advance every three months.

For information on whether you qualify for the GST Credit, call 1-800-267-6620.

WHAT'S TAXED

WHAT'S NOT

It's easy to see the GST favours bulk buying

Less than 6 muffins, cookies, croissants

Single servings of yogurt (under 500 g.)

Seafood purchased in a restaurant

Family-sized packages of baked goods (6 or more)

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Driftwood

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



ON STAGE: The Activity Centre at Salt Spring Elementary School was at standing-room-only capacity last Thursday night, as students of that school presented a variety of talent in their annual Christmas concert.

At top, the intermediate school band entices the audience with Christmas carols under the direction of Tone Prosk. At right, Grinch Leticia Canales and faithful hound Nicolas Griffin help perform *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*.

Driftwood photos by Derrick Lundy



Wildlife artists' entries requested

When the Brant goose returns, the show begins.

In April, the mid-island Wildlife Watch Society will stage the inaugural Brant Festival 91 in Parksville-Qualicum Beach. The festival celebrates the return of the Brant goose to the Brant Capital of Canada.

As part of the festival, wildlife artists, carvers and photographers are invited to submit entries to the wildlife art exhibition.

Information about entries can be obtained by phoning the festival committee in Parksville at 248-4347. Entries must be submitted before January 14, 1991.

Wildlife artists such as Robert Bateman and Fenwick Lansdowne, among others will be represented. Sale of their work will help establish a Wildlife Legacy Fund.

The Western Canada Carving Competition moves to the festival from B.C. Place. The competition will be a joint effort of the Brant Festival and Ducks Unlimited. Carvers will gather at the Parksville Is-

land Hall to show their skills with knife and wood.

Native artist Bill Helin of Parksville will demonstrate native carving techniques along with other noted Native artists.

The show runs from April 12 to 14 and promises to become an annual event to welcome the talkative sea goose on its migration.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Locals support choir

A choir from Nicaragua will tour Lower Vancouver Island, thanks to the generosity of local residents.

Money to cover the costs of bringing 30 children from the Central American country was raised through a raffle. When the draw was made, two Salt Spring Islanders won the prizes.

Carol Houghton won a Robert Bateman print — *Evening Call, Loon* — and Richard Krieger won a copy of Bateman's latest book, *Artist In Nature*.

The event, *Sing For Peace*, is being organized by the Social Justice Committee of Holy Cross Church. The children will arrive in mid-February and sing in various locations for two weeks.

Organizers are looking for a concert site on Salt Spring, aiming for a February 20 performance date. The children head home on February 21.

One organizer, Mary Simpson, said \$4,800 had been raised through the raffle. The group hopes to raise additional funds to allow the children to sing in more places.

Anyone interested in helping financially can call Simpson at 386-3346. Tax receipts will be issued if the cheques are made out to Holy Cross Church.

Donations needed

Recession affects many aspects of life these days and hard times could be affecting B.C. Lung Association's Christmas Seal campaign.

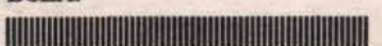
The campaign to raise dollars for medical research and community education runs from November through to January 31 with an aim to raise \$1.35 million.

Now standing at the halfway mark, \$950,000 has been raised including \$118,897 from the Greater Victoria area said Maurice Cownden, of BCLA. Past experience has proven that donations fall off after Christmas. The amount raised so far represents about one per cent increase above the amount raised in 1989 during the same period.

The Victoria area of BCLA runs from Jordan River through the capital city and Saanich to the Gulf Islands.

With less than three per cent of revenue coming from government sources, BCLA depends upon the generosity of the people, Cownden notes.

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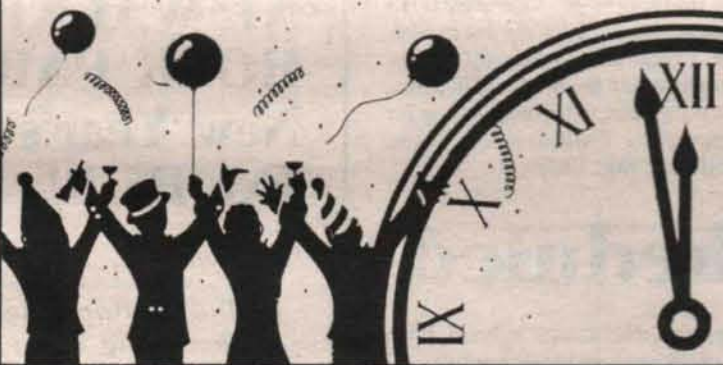
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CHILLY SINGERS: Salt Spring Elementary School students recently braved a cold winter wind to sing Christmas carols in Centennial Park. Many children wore seasonal headgear like Santa hats and garland tiaras as they entertained their audience.

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Tide tables show little difference between high and low tides that day and those seeking the thrill of survival and the agony of goosebumps will crowd the beach waiting for the start of yet another Vesuvius Inn Polar Bear Swim.

The "mayor of Vesuvius Beach" will once again officiate the event, carrying out the one municipal duty entrusted to him by residents of the north island village.

Participants are asked to show up earlier than the 12 noon splash-down to register for the event. Registration is required to ensure the number of people who come out of the water equals the number who went in.

After the chilly splash, everyone is invited back to the Inn for warm-up exercises and presentation of awards. Hot chocolate and hot dogs will warm participants and spectators alike.

As an annual event, the Polar Bear Swim marks the beginning of yet another year on the island and as such should not be missed.

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BY JOHN MASTERS
Video Reviewer

The short story has been out of fashion for years, which is a pity — not every tale lends itself well to longer treatment. Recently, in this post-literate age, a few people in Hollywood have been trying to stir some visual interest in the form.

New York Stories is the prime example: three major directors each made a film of about half an hour's duration; these were then strung together to add up to movieland's favoured unit of time, 90 minutes. The result got mixed reviews, but almost everyone said how refreshing the idea was.

Women and Men (HBO) is another effort in the same vein, again with worthwhile, if not sterling, results. This time the tales are all adapted from short stories written in the 1930s and 40s.

Women and Men is subtitled "Stories of Seduction" but only the first of the three segments, "The Man in the Brooks Brothers Shirt," by Mary McCarthy, involves seduction. Set in the 1930s, when train travel was still elegant, it stars Elizabeth McGovern as a 24-year-old radical journalist heading west to California.

In the club car she is set upon by a 40-year-old salesman (Beau Bridges).

Loathsome though she finds him, she decides there may be an article in it, and so accepts his invitation to drink whisky in his compartment.

The second piece, Dorothy Parker's "Dusk Before Fireworks," takes place in the 1920s in a Paris apartment. Since Ken Russell directs, the suite is abundantly over-opulent. Kit (Molly Ringwald) is a young flapper who has come for an evening's assignation with the silk-robed Hobie (Peter Weller), whose home has been furnished — unwittingly — by the husbands of other women.

The pair never gets further than martinis, however, because those other women keep phoning to make appointments of their own.

The trilogy is completed by "Hills Like White Elephants," a very brief Ernest Hemingway short story fleshed out and somewhat altered by Joan Didion and John Gregory Dunne. Robert (James Woods) and Hadley (Melanie Griffith) sit in an out-of-the-way Spanish railway station in 1925, waiting for a train, and for something to restore their troubled relationship.

All three tales have that short

story quality — distilled or simply on stilts, as your taste dictates. The first two are more obviously literary, spiked with droll wit. The acting is solid, with the possible exception of Weller. McGovern is terrific.

Just out:

• *Dick Tracy* (Touchstone). Warren Beatty stars in and directs this big-budget rendering of Chester Gould's 1940s-style comic-strip detective. In the tradition of *Batman*, the scenery is fabulous.

Madonna as nightclub singer/bad girl Breathless Maloney is almost a match for the sets. With Al Pacino as the lead villain, Big Boy, and a host of other Hollywood names in minor roles, including Dustin Hoffman and James Caan, all heavily disguised as bizarre crooks like Mumbles and Pruneface.

• *Last Exit to Brooklyn* (RCA/Columbia). A critically praised film version of Hubert Selby Jr.'s novel, published 25 years ago and one of the first books to look at the underside of The American Dream. Selby's tales are set in post-war Brooklyn, an already rotting place peopled by hookers, hustlers, and petty cons, everyone looking for something. With Jennifer Jason Leigh, and Burt Young.

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Everyone (including women) is welcome to play, say the Slugs. If fears of being checked into the boards would prohibit participation, they stress there will be no body contact allowed in the games. Providing your own equipment is required.

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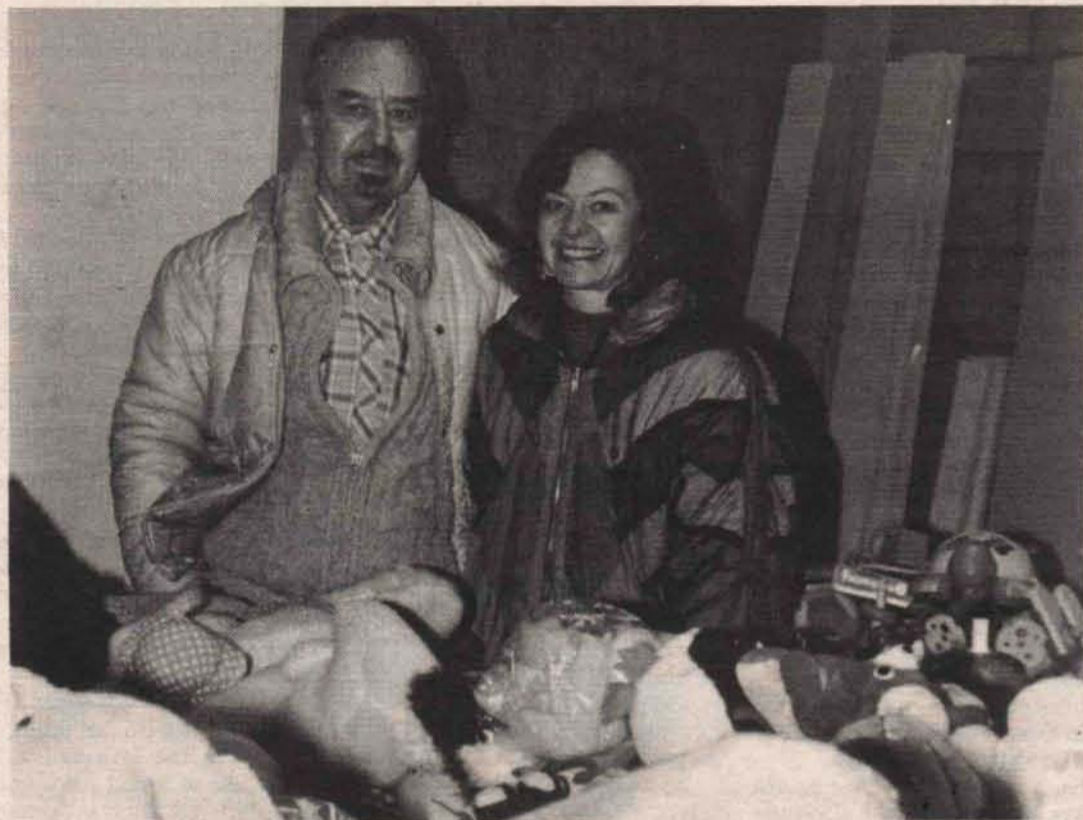
Salt Spring Slugs hockey team evened its win-loss record with a 9 to 7 victory over the Sooke Hawks on December 15.

The Slugs' seventh win of the season saw Todd McIntyre score three goals, with a pair from Dan Akerman. Goals from Bob Brown, Peter Huser, Pat Akerman and Shane Betterman rounded out the scoring.

Goalie Mark Hughes made several key, third-period saves to preserve the win.

The Slugs are not in a formal hockey league but play a series of exhibition games against teams in the region.

Right-winger Peter Huser is the team's scoring leader to date, with 14 goals and 20 assists in 14 games played this year. Bob Brown and Pat Akerman are tied for second spot with 26 points each. Todd McIntyre is close behind at 14



Driftwood photo by Gail Sjoberg

SANTA'S ELVES: Bob Appleton and Donna Bompas show some fruits of their and others' volunteer labour for the Community Centre's Santa's Workshop program. Many island children had a more exciting Christmas Day receiving new and refurbished toys from our own North Pole.

Hampers benefit 100 local families

There were many merrier Christmases on Salt Spring this year due to record levels of generosity.

Almost 100 Salt Spring homes enjoyed a healthy yuletide meal from the Community Centre's Christmas food hamper program, and Santa's Workshop provided gifts to many island youngsters.

Although cards provided to social assistance recipients to indicate their need for a food hamper were not included with November cheques as usual, Community Centre manager Libby Jones said close to 100 homes received Christmas food hampers. About 100 hampers were also distributed during the last two Christmas seasons.

As of last Thursday morning, the Bank of Montreal had collected \$2,443 in cash and several boxes of food for the hamper program.

Bank loans manager Cal MacKay said staff members were happy with the results of their appeal.

"Our customers have been really generous and it has worked out really well," he said.

Funds raised by the bank were added to the record amount brought in by the annual Christmas food bank goods and services auction on December 1. The final tally from that event was \$5,849.75.

Santa's Workshop coordinator Bob Appleton also believes toy donations were up this year. He said Changing Habits' toy and food bank depot attracted some high-quality donations and even an anonymous \$100 for purchasing toys.

Appleton was assisted by Donna Bompas and noted the extraordinary amount of work done by her, as well as Croftonbrook's "Golden Hands" women who created and spruced up a large number of dolls.

Soviet insight gleaned from Tallinn journey

The following is last in a series of four articles chronicling a trip to the Soviet Union taken by Driftwood editor Susan Lundy between October 25 and November 6 of this year.

By SUSAN DICKER LUNDY
Driftwood Editor

Each visit in the Soviet Union seems to land us in a spot prettier than the one before it. The colourful and majestic Leningrad surpasses the elegant but grey Moscow; however, neither urban centre can compete with the rural beauty of Tallinn in Estonia.

As the dingy Areoflot jet circles Tallinn, a myriad of colourful postage-stamp gardens reaches up towards us. The sun shines on emerald-coloured grass from a grey sky backdrop; the buildings are constructed of warmth-emitting brick; and the blue-grey ocean spans the horizon.

"Each of our three tour guides speaks of her nation with a mixture of pride, anguish and fear at the complexity of unravelling 70 years of communism and travelling safely into the future."

Estonia is one of the Baltic nations seeking independence from the Soviet Union and with it, an end to a 1,200-year history of invasion and domination by the Vikings, medieval German crusaders, Poland, Sweden, Russia, Nazi Germany and most recently the Soviet Union.

in Estonia, some 40 per cent of the population has immigrated from elsewhere in the Soviet Union. The Estonian and Russian factions both have their own language and culture; and both disagree over separation from the USSR.

Only 82 kilometres of water in the Gulf of Finland separates Tallinn from Helsinki, Finland. Tallinn is therefore more westernized than other areas of the USSR, flooded on weekends by Finnish people eager to take advantage of cheap alcohol and accommodation. Saturday night we sit in the lobby watching, amazed, as hotel guests stagger from bar to bar, walking into walls and tripping over chairs.

The air is colder in Tallinn and we have to move quickly as Alle guides us through the "old town." The narrow, cobble-stone lanes and stacked buildings were founded close to 1,000 years ago, however, many of the original buildings have since burned down.

During a bus tour of the area, Alle talks about the day-to-day life of residents in Tallinn and other parts of the Soviet Union. The ugly grey apartment blocks (some have been augmented by colourful murals in Tallinn) are arranged in town-like clusters, holding 10,000 people. Each unit has its own set of stores and two schools. One school teaches children in Estonian and the other in Russian because "Soviet law says everyone has a right to learn in his own language," Alle says.

The size of apartment provided depends on family size (3.1 members is the average family size). Apartment dwellers pay a minimal rent (four per cent of their salaries), electricity, and water. The city takes care of heating and maintenance costs.

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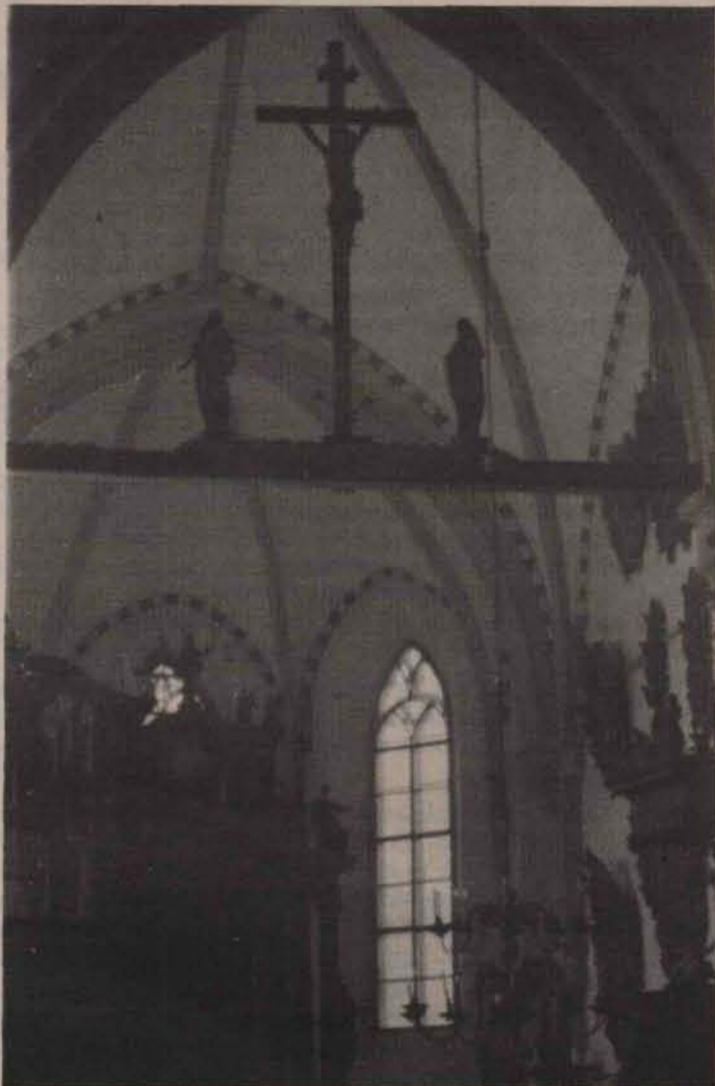
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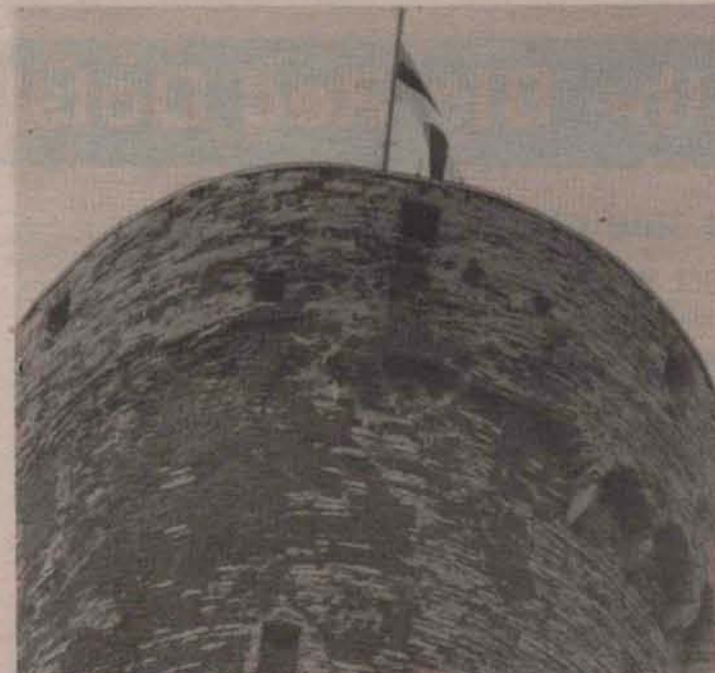
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Gothic cathedral in Tallinn, Estonia sits in the "old town," a medieval section founded close to 1,000 years ago.



Cobblestone streets and clusters of buildings mark the medieval town of Tallinn.



lection, plus a small amount towards maintenance.

Her apartment cost 4,800 rubles (\$960). (As a tour guide, she is paid well, approximately 200 rubles — \$40 — per month.) She put 40 per cent of the cost down and then paid back her loan at 0.5 per cent interest.

Social programs in the USSR are well-developed. Women retire at 55 and men at 60; they receive a minimum pension of 100 rubles per month.

Maternity leave begins two months prior to the birth and runs two additional months after, with full pay. Mothers receive 35 rubles per month until the child is one year old, and can stay home without pay for two more years without interrupting their work record.

Those who are sick or hospitalized receive 100 per cent of their salary.

Interests rates on money in the bank increases with the amount of time it is left there.

Each of our three tour guides speaks of her nation with a mixture of pride, anguish and fear at the complexity of unravelling 70 years of communism and travelling safely into the future.

As an outsider, the task appears immense.

In Leningrad, tour guide Anna says the city decided to build a stock exchange but could not find anyone who knew how to "make, plan or design" a stock exchange building. The problem was solved, she says,

when it was decided to move the naval museum from the building built as a stock exchange in the 1800s and return it to its original use.

The lack of customer-tempting window dressings on store fronts; the missing "super-host" approach towards tourists; both are further indications of a society ill-prepared for a market economy.

Svetslana is less critical of the Soviet system than Anna or Alle. She fears implications of the future on the elderly and the handicapped, people previously cared for by the state.

"Now there will be poorer people," she says.

"It (change) is good for the young people," she tells me later, adding that the obnoxious youngsters seen illegally selling souvenirs to westerners on the streets, will be the wealthy Soviets of tomorrow.

Svetslana believes it is not the system that was at fault, but the corruption of the country's leaders over the past 15 years.

As we drive towards Zagorst outside of Moscow, Svetslana points to clusters of quaint, somewhat run down log houses. Many people who have a flat in the city also have a country home, she says. The State owns the land but citizens can use the land for construction of a house and reaping of a garden. Under the new economic structure the flats will become the property of the people (many of whom do not want what they consider substandard accommodation), but the future of the

countryside homes is still under debate, Svetslana says.

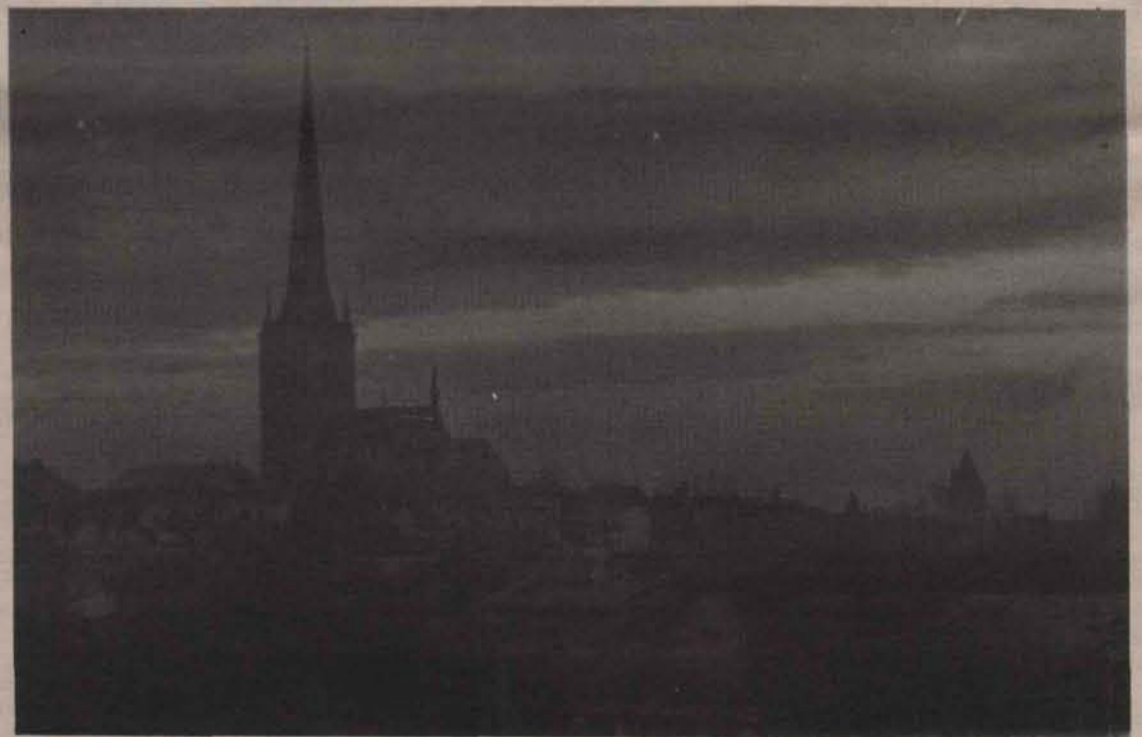
Anna is forceful in her criticism of a system which prohibited the right to own private property. "They kept us equal in poverty," she says.

Svetslana, on the other hand, believes the USSR has yet to see the real poverty that will be washed in by a new economic tide.

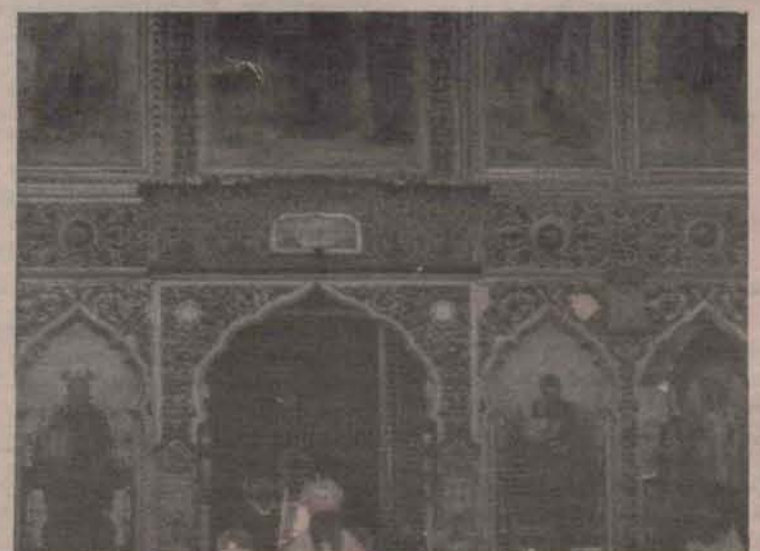
In retrospect, I saw fewer indications of poverty in Moscow and Leningrad than in numerous European cities I've travelled through. I was approached by only one beggar (who was immediately "told off" by a passer-by in a river of angry Russian). However, it is dangerous to make blanket statements after spending only a short period of time in just a few areas of the country.

When I'm asked if I would like to return to the Soviet Union, I respond in the affirmative. I would like to spend more time seeing different places and getting to know these big-hearted and strong-willed people.

The vision for future of this great nation is lost in a haze of uncertainty and seemingly insurmountable complexity. And yet, the spirit and pride of the people and their extraordinary will to survive, is bound to carry them through the transitory years, bringing them to a brighter spot in the future.



View of the beautiful rural town of Tallinn in Estonia as seen early one morning from a hotel room window.



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Favourites for New Year's celebrations

The dawn opened like a rose
And peeled back the night
From the waiting rocky walls,
She set a match to clouds and
made them glow

Then sauntered down the mountains,
touching every shape
With snow

This morning a frozen wind blew down the inlets of the mainland and scattered the rains and heavy banks of clouds to the south and west. It leapt across the waters of the Strait and struck the islands off the coast with gusts of air, clean and arctic. You could smell it and feel it in your clothes.

The wind made the ravens silent and the eagles stare. It covered the ponds with ice that was brittle and sent the wood ducks, complaining, into the willows. The sunlight the wind brought was sharp and strong and hurt the eyes.

By two in the afternoon the sun had illuminated the branches of the Hootka roses, the ones that flower first at every equinox. For an hour the sun heated the red fruit until it shone crimson and translucent. And then the colours faded and died into that good, brilliant, winter night in which all the stars and planets gleamed and burned deeper and deeper into the profound endlessness of space.

In this season there is poetry and hymn, love, and memories that will set snares upon the running heels of hope, before the New Year comes and ends things ... and begins them again.

For all this I think warm, sweet fare is best: dishes made with stores of fireweed honey, the smoulder of Eastern spice, new wines, and fruits exotic and expensive from the tropics. Those recipes which follow — Spiced Wine and Dates Alexandrine — are favourites I prepare every New Year's when Janus watches over the world.

Janus was the god of time past and time future, whose temple had two doors, one to face the old year, and one already open to the new. They say the doors of his temple were closed only when peace covered the whole earth — a rare moment worth praying for.

Happy New Year Janus, and Happy New Year to all who read this, too.

Spiced Wine

- 1 cup white wine
- 1 lb. clear honey
- 1 tsp. peppercorns, ground
- saffron, a pinch
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 dates, pitted and chopped
- 3 1/2 quarts dry white wine

In a saucepan combine the honey with a cup of wine. The wine should not be expensive, since the cooking will reduce both the strength and the flavour of the grapes. A dry Okanagan white does well enough. Stir this continuously.

Now pour the honeyed wine into a deep pot and season with pepper,

Country Gourmet

JOHN EDWARDS



saffron, cinnamon and dates. Add the remaining wine. Simmer, uncovered for one hour at least, stirring occasionally. It will be necessary to skim the impurities given off by the honey. Strain and serve hot, in tulip glasses.

There are many variations which you may wish to try over the holidays. The authentic will want myrrh, a spice which must be used in the smallest possible measure.

Other flavourings I enjoy are juniper, sweet thyme, and absinthium ... all used "In Moderatio," as indeed they should be drunk.

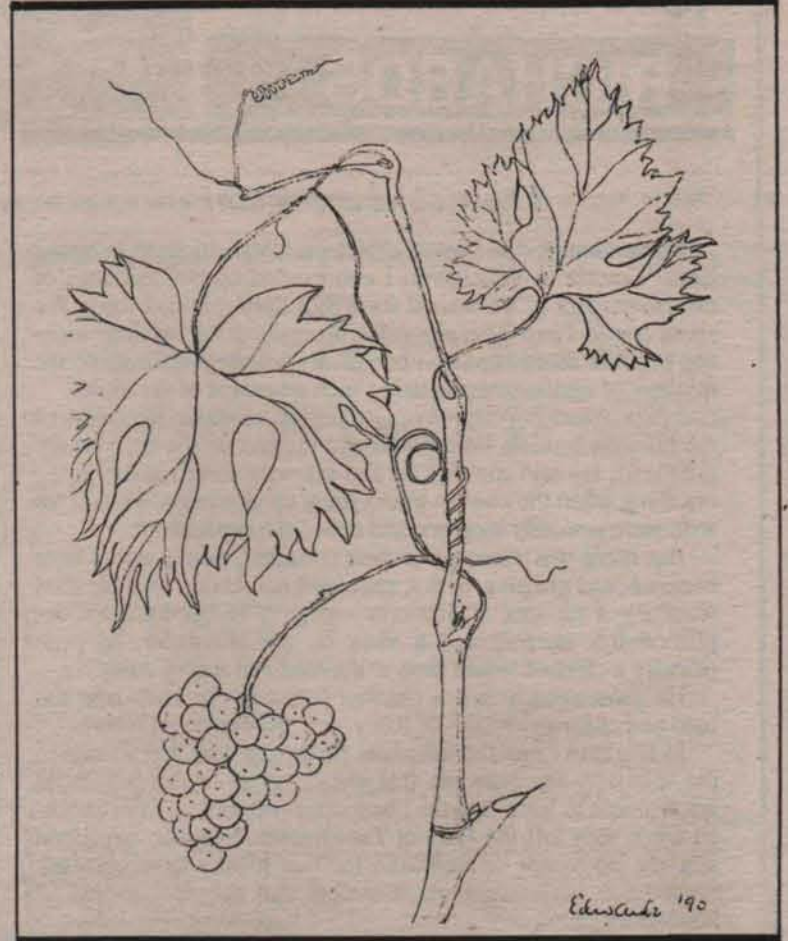
These recipes have a richness for which I make no apology. Taste my Spiced Wine and Dates Alexandrine before midnight on the last day of the year and THEN make your resolutions. Think of the bees who made these treats possible by their unstinting zeal!

A thousand sweets my hands have shaped
For them alone the careful bees have toiled.

Dates Alexandrine

- 20 whole pitted dates
- 20 roasted almonds
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- salt
- 1/3 cup honey
- rashers of bacon, cut in halves and trimmed of fat
- ground coriander

Moisten the almonds and roll them in cinnamon. Vigorously stuff one into each date. Place all the dates on a large plate and sprinkle them with salt. Now pour warm honey across them. Roll each in a strip of bacon. Secure with toothpicks. Sprinkle generously with coriander. Cook in a hot oven (450) for six minutes only. Serve at once.



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Those chickens again!

Some months ago I wrote of the wretched chickens in transit from Victoria to Vancouver. I commented on the reactions of my passengers as we waited for a Salt Spring Island ferry. We sat in comfort in the car alongside several trucks carrying chickens in great discomfort and one of my passengers wrote to the minister of agriculture protesting such treatment of the birds.

I met Maurice Walford in Ganges recently. He lives part of the time on Isabella Point Road and the rest of the time on the mainland. He told me that he and his wife were also awaiting our ferry when the poultry trucks drew up alongside. He and his wife were similarly incensed and called the department.

But there was a sequel to their concerns. Some weeks later Maurice was chatting with a mainland neighbour who recalled watching a number of chickens escaping to freedom. He explained that he followed a truck on the mainland and periodically a chicken would drop to the road and scurry away.

He subsequently saw a chicken living in the bush near the road and enjoying the life of Riley, new feathers and no bars.

In England I met the indignant passenger who had written to the minister. She tells me that she heard from the provincial government to learn that the transporters of poultry were checked when they left the ferry at Tsawwassen. She also explained that she no longer eats chicken for fear it may have been accorded the same inhumane treatment that she encountered in British Columbia.

A white Christmas?

My dreams never extended to a white Christmas. Not since I abandoned childhood did I have that kind of dream. But circumstances brought me very, very close. Heading for a Christmas in England, I arrived at Manchester airport and was met by an old friend. I have reached that unhappy stage of life where most of my friends are old as are my old friends.

We drove miles across the country and over the Pennines through rain, sleet and road repairs. Once in Yorkshire we breathed a sigh of relief and watched the sleet from indoors. Next morning was a nightmare and the blizzard piled snow into drifts, catching men and machines across the country.

A day later and I might have been among the hundreds stranded on the highways. Today while the rain hangs heavy in the grey skies, forecasts of a white Christmas are dismally gaining strength.

In emergency

If I suffer a minor attack of bubonic plague or should I sustain an injury while staying in England a benevolent British government pays the doctor for his attention to my ills. This is part of the health scheme here. Mind you, they do put a brake on now and again. If my teeth fall out into the washing machine and come out toothless, I have to pay for new teeth. Similarly, if I break my glasses the bill comes to me. But, by and large, my well-being is assured by the state.

How come, ask my Brit friends, when they visit me they have to pay for every medical service they might need? Why ask me? I don't know the answers. But it does seem a bit raw that I get every attention I might need when I come to this side of the Atlantic but my visitors are left out in the Canadian cold.

Could be that the Brits are suckers and should be about now starting to bill us. But hope they don't take my advice!

Christmas fare or not so fair?

A Christmas cake, custom-made of rich fruit cake and smeared all over with marzipan and icing . . . just visualize it. It's 10 inches square. Or, say, 30 centimetres by 30 cm. roughly. What's it worth?

At 42 pounds or \$85 it seems uncheap.

Another world war?

I reckon I'm one of the cynics. I'd sooner see Canada in the role of peace-keeper than peace-enforcer. In other words, I'm no Shaw man. I don't value peace so much that I'll fight for it. Oddly enough, the government didn't consult me before taking its present stand.

When the British government announces to all the world that unless there are enough volunteers there will be conscription to fill the vacant places it leaves me to wonder. Is conscription the next step in Canadian commitments?

A sober Canadian sentinel

IODE stages "fun" event

Many gentlemen have a touching belief in magic. One has only to say, "Let there be food," and lo! there is food. Most women know that even a potluck meal, even a dessert party will require planning and plain old-fashioned work.

By OLIVE MOUAT
Driftwood Contributor

Members of the IODE know a great deal about work. Bridge lunches, fashion shows, garden parties, all demand a great deal of planning and then hours of work—plain, hard, physical work. That is why, in December, work is set aside and a meeting of pure fun is held. Everyone tries to bring four items, something for the community food bank, something saleable, a small sample of her Christmas baking, and a friend or two.

Tables placed in the centre of the room are covered with the saleable articles. Chairs are ranged on both sides. Ann Leigh-Spencer is auctioneer, aided by Sheila Palesch as runner and Millie Young and Reta Bastick as cashiers. Articles vary greatly. Once in awhile the person who brought some exotic object is forced to explain what it is and how it is used. For example, that hollowed-out piece of glass is meant to lay a pipe on.

"A dollar," called out a non-smoker at once, to the horror of her friends. (A secret vice?) She did not win the bid.

There was a tiny hot plate to keep a teapot or a cup of coffee warm; a beautiful old china cup which everyone coveted and bid on; books; a Christmas table centre, freshly made of evergreens and one tall, red candle; a blue mountain candy dish with hand-carved stand; and a hundred other treasures including one of Margaret Howell's special cakes.

"Four dollars for the cake." / "Five." / "Six." / "Ten." "Twenty-five," said Margaret Mayo and got it.

Bidding over, tea was served. Talk about treats — talk about calories. Between bites, buyers watched for the opportunity to pay for purchases.

As soon as everyone had finished her tea, all the dainties that remained were arranged on paper plates, covered with wrap and sold, adding quite a few more dollars to the auction's results.

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It is the meeting when, having enjoyed tea and more than enjoyed too many delectable delights, all able-bodied members pile chairs and rush to help with dishes.

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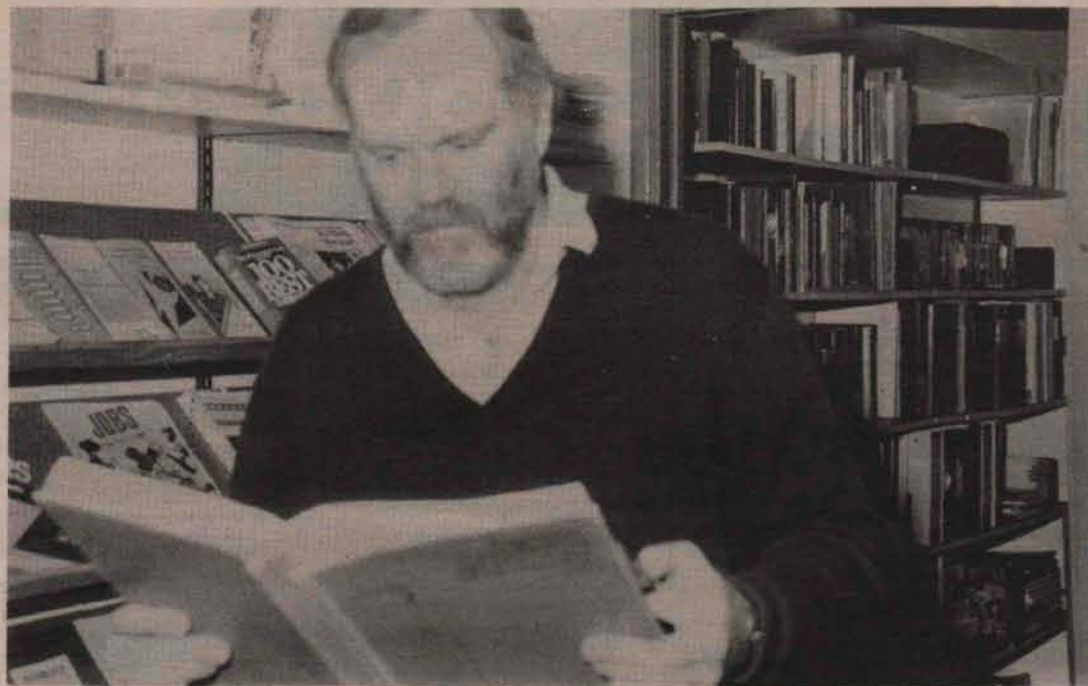
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A FOCUS FOR EDUCATION: Scott Bergstrom offers students of Gulf Islands Secondary an opportunity to see clearly where they should be headed to get the job they want after schooling is finished. Bergstrom acts as co-ordinator for the career education program at the high school.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster.

GISS, district consider cooperative education

Cooperative Education, where students combine class room study with work experience, could become part of the education system at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

GISS teacher Scott Bergstrom prepared a report on the cooperative education proposal for school board consideration. Trustees agreed the idea contains merit and offered their approval in principle.

Bergstrom explained, "Cooperative education is a federally-funded work study program that provides students with the opportunity of exploring their academic interests in a working environment."

Students taking part in the program can obtain up to three credits towards graduation requirements. The first credit comes through the in-class portion of the cooperative program while the work aspect, up to 200 hours spent in a work situation, would allow for accumulation of two credits.

A training plan for the work aspect would be developed jointly by the work supervisor, the co-op teacher and the student. Each student would keep a weekly log recording hours worked and tasks completed.

Several times during the work experience, the supervisor would complete an evaluation of the progress of the student.

Students taking part would not be paid by the employer for co-op placement. However, the employer would be encouraged to cover out-of-pocket expenses such as travel costs.

Students would be considered employees of the ministry of education and covered for Worker's Compensation by the ministry. The employer would be expected to explain safety requirements of the work place as well as accident reporting procedures.

Bergstrom explained to the *Driftwood* that the co-op program is similar to the career preparation pro-

gram, but holds some major differences. Career prep requires more in-class related courses and not as much time spent in the work place, he said.

With the report accepted by the school board, Bergstrom will now talk to the Chamber of Commerce in an effort to come up with 25 or 30 good local programs which would work with co-op students only.

Last year, 65 businesses around the Gulf Islands took part in the work experience program. Bergstrom will sort through the list of businesses in an effort to line them up for each program.

"I think it will be really beneficial for students who aren't sure of where they want to go," he said of the co-op program. He expects the experience will "make education come alive for them."

He has not yet applied for a federal grant but will do so when he has a better grasp on how extensive the program will be.

The maximum grant would be \$200,000 over a four-year period with the non-federal share being \$120,000 or 40 per cent of total expenditures.

For the first year, the maximum grant would total \$68,000 to cover up to 85 per cent of the actual costs. In year two, the grant would be a maximum of \$60,000 covering 75 per cent of money spent while the third year grant would cover up to \$44,000, 55 per cent and the final year being \$28,000 or 35 per cent.

Non-federal funds required would be: year one — \$12,000, 15 per cent; year two — \$20,000, 25 per cent; year three — \$36,000, 45 per cent; year four — \$52,000, 65 per cent.

The program falls under the Canadian Jobs Strategy of Employment and Immigration Canada. Bergstrom expects to have a proposal for a co-op program ready to submit to the school board by early in 1991.

Mulching raises funds for dry after-grad plan

Christmas trees can be disposed of on Salt Spring with a clear conscience this year.

Gulf Islands Secondary School's dry after-grad committee has organized a tree mulching service for a nominal fee.

Trees can be dropped at the recycling depot at Ganges Village Market until January 10, where they will be picked up and mulched with machinery donated by Ganges RCMP Constable Rod Holland.

The \$2 fee should be put into the marked container on site, says committee co-chairman Brian Betts. More funds can be donated to the service, if desired, as all proceeds go towards the 1991 dry after-grad celebration.

Once trees are mulched, the remains will be shipped out and made into garden mulch.

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12 POINT TYPE
16 POINT TYPE

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CHARGED BY THE WORD**

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BIRTHS 5

SNETSINGER/Horsford Dewey, Margaret and Nicholas are pleased to announce the magical birth of Hannah Eileen, born December 12/90. Special thanks to Dr. McPhail, Maggie Ramsey and the Lady Minto Staff. 1

DEATHS 8

WILSON, Robert of Salt Spring Island, passed into the presence of his Lord at the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital on December 20th, 1990 at the age of 85 years. Predeceased by his sons Robert and John. Lovingly remembered by his wife Susan; daughters and sons-in-law Ruby and Wyc Livingston, Pearl and Malcolm Graham, all of Salt Spring; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews in Ireland. Robert and Susan recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

How good is the God we adore, Our faithful unchangeable Friend, Whose love is as great as His power, And knows neither measure nor end,

Funeral Services were held at Sands Funeral Chapel, 1803 Quadra St., Victoria, on Saturday, December 22, 1990 at 11:00 am, with Mr. Wyc Livingston officiating. Interment followed at Salt Spring Community Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital. 1

IN MEMORIAM 11

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY IN MEMORY/IN HONOUR In B.C. & Yukon the Canadian Cancer Society supports research, education and patient services. Mail gifts to Salt Spring Island Unit, Box 1147, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0. Please include name of person being honoured or name of deceased and where to send cards. 1st wk ea mo.

PERSONAL 23

MID 40's Salt Spring gentleman seeks warm relaxed woman to share life's joys and sorrows, sunrises, sunsets, romantic dinners, and appreciation for humanity and nature. Enjoying life but would like a partner to share it with. Reply to Dept. G c/o Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges B.C. V0S 1E0. 51-2

COMMUNITY SERVICES 26

FAMILIES of Schizophrenics meet informally in homes for mutual support and exchange of information. Phone 537-9237 or 537-5264. tfn

ALANON - A PROGRAM for family and friends of alcoholics. For information, 537-2317 or 653-4288. tfn

A.A. MEETINGS, Salt Spring island, phone 537-9337 or 537-2317, GALIANO - 539-2235 or 539-5770, PENDER - 629-3312. tfn

DRESSINGS ARE FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Carol Miller, 537-4023 or Health Services, 537-5541. tfn

ACOA MEETING, held every Wednesday at 7:30 pm at the S.S. Community Centre. tfn

OVEREATERS ANON Meetings held Thursdays, 7:30 pm, at the Community Centre. 52-2

LOST & FOUND 29

FOUND: Safety glasses on North Beach Road. 537-2098

NOTICES 32

THE GULF ISLANDS Shrine Club will pick up donations any time, and store for Spring and Fall garage sales. Phone Jim Napper, 537-2925, Bob Morgan, 537-9843. tfn

DON'T FORGET

DRIFTWOOD'S HOLIDAY SEASON Publishing Deadlines
JANUARY 2 DISPLAY Thursday, Dec. 27, 12 noon
REAL ESTATE Tuesday, Dec. 18, 3 pm
CLASSIFIED Thursday, Dec. 27, 4:30 pm
TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY Friday, Dec. 28, 12 noon
JANUARY 9 Regular Deadlines

Gulf Islands
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YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER



20% OFF EVERYTHING
(EXCEPT PARKER SHIRTS)

40% OFF ALL XMAS STOCK

Dec. 27-31 only
Rainbow Crafts
Flowers and gifts
GASOLINE ALLEY
537-5031 1



On behalf of all the Staff, we wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.
A special thank you to all of our customers, it is a pleasure to serve you.

Salt Spring Nature works

CREEKHOUSE
Foot of Ganges Hill
537-2325 1

SUMMER JOY ART STUDIO

ARTIST: ADRIEN TOWN
Paintings, oil or watercolour
Commissions, Prints, Cards
120B HEREFORD ST.
MON.-FRI. 11-4 pm
537-5969 or 537-4044 50-tfn



NOTICES 32

S.S.I. PRESCHOOL, a co-operative preschool, has openings in January for 3 and 4 year olds. Call Anne at 537-2620. 51-2

SALT SPRING ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Annual Membership Drive

Join or renew before Dec. 31 and have a chance to win in our draw for dinner for two. The Chamber Business and Travel Info Centre welcomes regular and associate members. Pick up membership forms at the office or phone 537-4223. 50-3

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NOTICES 32

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Computerized bookkeeping services, letters, etc. Small business consulting. 537-4622. 51-2

SPACES AVAILABLE for 3-5 year olds at S.S.I. Daycare, starting January. Pre-school program, mornings, plus full-time daycare. Phone 537-2114. 51-2-alt

COMING EVENTS 35



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The Baha'i Community of Salt Spring Island invites you to...

Friday Night Discussions on PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION



Dec. 28th • 7:30pm
Joyce McLean
"OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD"

BRAE HAVEN
(opp. GVM at Greenwoods)
call 537-9561, 9898, or 5188

S.S. Fishermen Association Meeting

THURSDAY JAN. 10th
at the S.S. Elementary School Library at 7:30 pm

AGENDA:

1. Harbour Association update
2. Membership
3. Dance

Please attend

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES 50

BUSINESS FOR SALE: Pender Island Taxi, metered cab with radio, phones and licenses, all established. 629-6534. 51-3

HELP WANTED 55

YOUTH WORKER

The S.S.I. Community Society requires a youth worker on a permanent/part-time basis (3-4 days per week) to perform the following job duties:

1. To create youth support groups.
2. To liaise with peer counselling programs.
3. To make contact with youth in their group environments.
4. To offer educational workshops on addictions.
5. To offer individual counselling to youths with dependency problems.

Please submit resume to:

Director
S.S.I. Community Society
Box 1106
Ganges, B.C.
V0S 1E0

or to the Community Centre
Competition closes Jan. 7, 1991. 52-2

WORK WANTED 60

FAST EFFICIENT men available who can complete your large or small project on time and on budget. Shaun Adams, 537-4079. 30-tfn

READY-MAIDS ARE READY to take care of your cleaning needs. Top notch work, reasonable rates. Call Karen at 537-4331. 50-3

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TRUCK PARTS, '74-'79 GMC Chev 1/2-ton and 3/4-ton. 537-2503. 50-3

1976 DODGE VAN, not a looker but reliable, runs well, no rust, \$1000 obo. 537-5877. 50-3

MOTORCYCLES 110

1976 750 Honda, \$450. 537-9703 after 4 pm. 42-tfn

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Red or Yellow Cedar
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waterfront
gallery

ANNUAL SALE BEING

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FOOD PRODUCTS 150

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QUALITY FISH TO ISLANDERS FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS...
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Jan. 4th
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WOMEN'S CHOICE
Environmentally sound reusable feminine pads and liners. 100% cotton fleece. Pamela. 656-2907



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THE "INDISPOSABLES" Cotton Diapers and accessories. Marlene Maynard. 537-4844. 51-tfn

STOVE, FRIDGE, Kenmore Harvest Gold, good condition, 2 pieces, \$475 eves. 537-4369. 51-3

EVERGREEN XMAS wreaths for sale. \$25.00. 537-4631. 50-3

FOR SALE: 2x 100 lb Propane tanks (one full) 1 regulator, almost new. \$150. 537-2617. 51-3

FOR SALE, 1980 MAZDA, P/U, \$2500; Bunk beds with futons, \$200; Large wicker arm chair, \$75; Yamaha stereo amp., \$75; Bath tub, \$10; 537-2690. 51-3

FOR SALE: If you give a hoot for someone, this Christmas give them a Doug Penhale owl print, hot off the press. Phone 537-4418. 50-2

TWO COMPLETE Bachman HO electric train sets, lines, switches, etc., on 4'x8' board, never used, cost over \$800, offers. 537-9347. 50-3

OLDER STYLE FRANKLIN wood stove with screen, \$75.00 OBO. 537-9174. 50-3

ELECTROLUX VACUUM Cleaner with power head and tools, \$100; 6 ornamental light fixtures, \$100, the lot or sell separately. Furnace, fan and motor as is, \$20. Electric reduction gear. Motor ideal for winching. 12 rpm, excellent condition, \$200; 4 solid elm armchairs with cushions, excellent condition, \$450, or will sell separately. 653-9589. 51-3

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MISCELLANEOUS WANTED 170

Small self-contained travel trailer wanted to buy, reasonably priced. 537-9703. 42-tfn

GOLD AND SILVER wanted to buy. Purchased by weight in any form or condition. 537-4897. 51-2

DO YOU NEED YOUR PIANO tuned for Christmas? Phone Ken Ackerman Piano Service. 537-4533. 50-3

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS 175

DO YOU NEED YOUR PIANO tuned for the Holiday Season? Phone Ken Ackerman Piano Service. 537-4533. 50-3

COMMERCIAL



CHURCH NOTICES

December 30th

Anglican Parish
Salt Spring Island

St. Mark's, Tuesday:
Holy Eucharist - 10 am
St. George's, Thursday:
Holy Eucharist - 5:15 pm

SUNDAY
St. George's
Joint Service 10:00 am
Service of 9 lessons and Carols
St. George's, 7:00 pm

Bishop Barry Valentine
Rector
Parish Office: 537-2171

Salt Spring Island Baptist Church

Admiral Hall
506 Lower Ganges Rd.
SUNDAY:
10:30 Family Worship with Sunday School
6:30 pm
Evening Fellowship
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
Evening home Bible Studies
Rev. Brian Joyce
537-2222

Catholic Church
Drake Road
Ganges

New Year's Mass Schedule
Dec. 31, 5:00 pm
Jan. 1, 8:30 am (Fulford)
10:00 am &
11:00 am (Ganges)

Community Gospel Chapel
Drake Rd., Ganges

SUNDAY: 10:30 am
Morning Worship with Sunday School

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 pm
Bible Study & Prayer
Pastor: Chris Cormack
537-2622
Affiliated with A.C.O.P.

Salt Spring Pentecostal Assembly
Central Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 am
MORNING WORSHIP
10:30 am
Bible Study
Home Meetings
Wednesdays — Fulford
7:30 pm
Thursdays — Ganges
7:30 pm

For more info call
537-4143
Pastor: Jim Caruso
Affiliated with P.A.O.C.

Ganges United Church

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT 201

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE space available in very attractive ocean view Grace Point Square. 4 days available plus evenings. Reasonable rent enjoy the best to work in. 537-4420 (work), 653-2029 (home). tfn

BUSINESS FOR SALE. Pender Island Taxi, metered cab with radio phones and licences. All established. 629-6534. 51-3

SEAVIEW PROFESSIONAL office space available in January on second floor of Lancer Building. Present tenant will subsidize rent nearly 50% on sublet so you pay only \$300/mon. for 616 sq. ft. presently serving as dental office. Private bathroom, large reception desk, cabinetry, several sinks and counters, drapes and airconditioning can remain in place. Call Gary Machell at 537-5293. 51-2

CREEKHOUSE

Prime downtown office space Second floor Large deck with sliding patio door. 673 sq. ft., \$10/sq. ft. plus cost. Contact Leon Aptekmann 537-5669 49-6

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR YOUR AD

HOUSES FOR RENT 210

ONE BEDROOM cabin available until May. Heat and light included. \$385 per mo. Phone 537-5773. 50-3

COMFORTABLE 3 BEDROOM and den waterfront home, fireplace, 2 baths, 6 months lease, no smokers, no pets. Phone Peter, 537-4529, S.S. Property Management. tfn

NEW 2 BEDROOM view home in Vesuvius. Includes family room, 2 bathrooms, large deck and 4 appliances. Available now. \$650 per month. 537-9504. 50-3

FOR RENT: Vancouver "Getaway" apartment for woman. Fully furnished, sleeps 3. Available most Thurs.-Sundays. \$15-\$25 per night. Help defray my commuting cost. 537-5480. Judith Boel. 49-6

WANTED RESPONSIBLE retired family to rent this brand new 2 bedroom home while they build or get to know Salt Spring. No pets, no smokers. \$600 per month. Phone Peter. 537-4529. tfn

3 BEDROOM DUPLEX- \$600 /mo. Maliview area. No pets. Available Dec. 1. 537-2626. tfn

AVAILABLE FOR JAN. ONLY. To right person or couple, lovely furnished Fernwood seaside cottage, \$200, and responsible for outside dog. Inquire. 537-2809. 51-2

HOUSES FOR RENT 210

FULLY FURNISHED, NEWLY decorated 1 bedroom home, in town. Long term. \$600 per month. Couple preferred. No pets. Phone Peter 537-4529. tfn

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Box 1012, Ganges
537-4529 44-tfn

BRAND NEW 2 bedroom, 2 bath home in Vesuvius, long term, no smokers, no pets, all appliances, \$700 per month. Phone Peter, S.S. Property Management. 537-4520. 52-tfn

THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY accommodation. Self contained ocean front cottage for 1 or 2 adults, \$125 a day. 653-4386. 51-3

NEW 2 bedroom view home in Vesuvius, includes family room, 2 bathrooms, large deck and 4 appliances. Available now, \$650 per month. 537-9504. 50-3

WANTED TO RENT 215

N/S PROFESSIONAL Couple with 1 child and pets would like to rent a 2-3 bedroom home, prefer Ganges area. Call 537-5588, 9:30-6 or 537-4145. 51-3

WANTED TO RENT 215

WANTED: ALL TYPES rental property. We provide qualified renters, long or short term. Call M&M Garvey (Property Management) for all your needs. Reasonable rates. Access 537-9422. 52-2

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DON'T FORGET: Driftwood deadlines for Jan. 2nd issue: Display, Thurs. Dec. 27th, 12 noon. Classified, Thursday, Dec. 27th, 4:30 pm. Too Late To Classify, Friday Dec. 28th, 12 noon. Have a safe holiday! 1

RECYCLE THIS PAPER

Trypewriter of

BILL WEBSTER



And so the year passes into the history books to be remembered for what did not happen as well as the mess that occurred. We, residents of the rock, can look back on 1990 as a typical year of existence hereabouts. Few, if anything happenstances happened.

- The Seawalk was not completed.
- Logging on Mount Bruce was not curtailed.
- Scalping Mount Tuam continued.
- Agreement of logging practices was not reached.
- Ways and means of disposing of garbage was not settled.
- Improved ferry service was not implemented.
- Roads were not improved.

Speaking of which, we were not told why only part of Stewart Road was paved and the remainder allowed to deteriorate.

Walker Hook road did not slide into the sea, although there is hope for an occurrence in the future.

Slow drivers did not speed up.

Fast drivers did not slow down.

Conniving reporter Webster did not steal a wreath, he won it fair and square.

Emissions from Crofton mill did not please island residents.

Ganges sewer, for the fourth year, did not pollute Ganges Harbour.

Mount Baker did not erupt.

The famed and fabled earthquake did not shatter our happy homes.

Salt Spring soccer fans did not emulate British soccer fans, although some of the teams did.

The trypewriter added two folk to his list of fans. He also added 8,000 to his list of critics.

The country did not fall apart, noticeably, much to the chagrin of Premier-uno Billy Vander Slam who wanted to become Emperor of the West.

Vancouver Lions did not win the Grey Cup.

Vancouver Canucks did not win.

What's his name, the primo-minister, did not make the list of the 1,000 most popular persons in the country.

Toronto did not improve its image or popularity with the rest of Canada, eh?

And so it goes.

Life continues in spite of momentary setback otherwise known as success.

As rock life moves into the new year which, as was pointed out a year ago, actually begins the last decade of the century, we can — to be sure — expect more of the same.

Sewers and seawalks, garbage dumps, road bumps and trees stumps, the *Quinisa* and gas-powered boat races on St. Mary Lake. Look for such events to crop up occasionally to disrupt the peaceful flow of island life in the coming year.

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AN ELF MAKES A NEAT FRIEND: Emily Hickford holds the cuddly elf which was the prize in a raffle to raise money for the Save The Children Fund. Mary Pickstone, left, Joyce Pickstone and Joyce Jamieson watch as Reverend Barry Cook of Ganges United Church draws the winning ticket. Coincidence prevailed. The winner was Mary Pickstone, visiting Salt Spring from England. The Elf was created by Brenda Knight.

Lady Minto's first baby of 1991 will receive variety of presents

Lady Minto Hospital's first 1991 baby will be a real winner.

The hospital's auxiliary will give a silver mug, fork and spoon to the first infant born at Lady Minto this year, in addition to a washable diaper. Auxiliary president Bea Carr says the auxiliary also plans to give a washable diaper to all babies born after the honoured first one.

For the eighth consecutive year, the B.C. Medical Association is welcoming 1991 New Year's babies throughout the province by providing free infant car seats to parents of newborns.

Infant car seats manufactured by Evenflo Juvenile Products will be given out to parents of the first baby born at each of B.C.'s 84 hospitals.

Promoting use and correct installation of car seats to ensure infants' safety is part of the BCMA's campaign. BCMA Communications Committee Chairman Dr. Jim Rhodes says, "if the seats are not installed properly, safety will be compromised."

It was found that only nine per cent of 187 infant and child car seats checked at a Vancouver inspection clinic in June were correctly installed and used.

These figures are worse than a 1989 Transport Canada survey that

showed only 54.3 per cent of B.C. children under five years of age were properly restrained in car seats, says Rhodes.

"While that is a slight increase from 1987 Transport Canada figures of 53 per cent," he stresses "there is still a great need for parents to be made aware of proper installation."

The BCMA reports that infant fatalities in car accidents can be reduced by 90 per cent and disabling injuries by 65 to 70 per cent if restraint seats are properly used.

In 1988, 14 B.C. children under the age of five were killed and 798 injured in motor vehicle accidents.

The BCMA estimates that for every one per cent increase in the wearing rate of seat belts and child restraints, there is a cost saving of \$1.35 million in health care and insurance costs.

The same BCMA report says that in a 50 kilometre-per-hour crash, a 10-pound infant in the arms of a buckled-up parent will be ripped out of the parent's arms with a force of over 300 pounds. The infant suffers this collision with the same force as if he or she had been dropped from a third storey window.

In a rear-end collision, children seated unrestrained in the back of a van or station wagon will be

catapulted through the rear window, smashing into the pavement less than 1/2 second after impact. In a forward crash, they will be hurled into the front seat backs and dashboard.

Rhodes cautions parents who shop for children's car seats in the United States to be aware that American models may not meet Canadian safety standards and can be unsafe. Seats complying with the standards are marked with a Canadian motor vehicle safety sticker.

For information about seat inspection clinics in the province, parents can contact their local Insurance Corporation of British Columbia safety department.

UBC seeks information

Henry Bullock was referred to as the "squire" of Salt Spring. One of his efforts was to accept boys from an orphanage in Victoria to work for him on his Robinson Road farm.

When Salt Spring Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion honoured one of "Bullock's boys" — Fred Clemo — on Remembrance Day, the matter sparked interest from the University of British Columbia.

Neil Sutherland, of the Canadian Childhood History Project of UBC wrote to the *Driftwood* to gather more information.

"The articles on Fred Clemo . . . mention he was one of Henry Bullock's boys. Sutherland wrote in his letter.

"The reference intrigued those of us working in the Canadian Childhood History Project, which is investigating the history of children and young people in Canada.

"If any of your readers would care to tell us more about Bullock's Boys, we would be delighted to hear from them."

He noted the address for the project: Canadian Childhood History Project, Dept. of Social and Educational Studies, UBC, Vancouver, B.C., V6T 1Z5.

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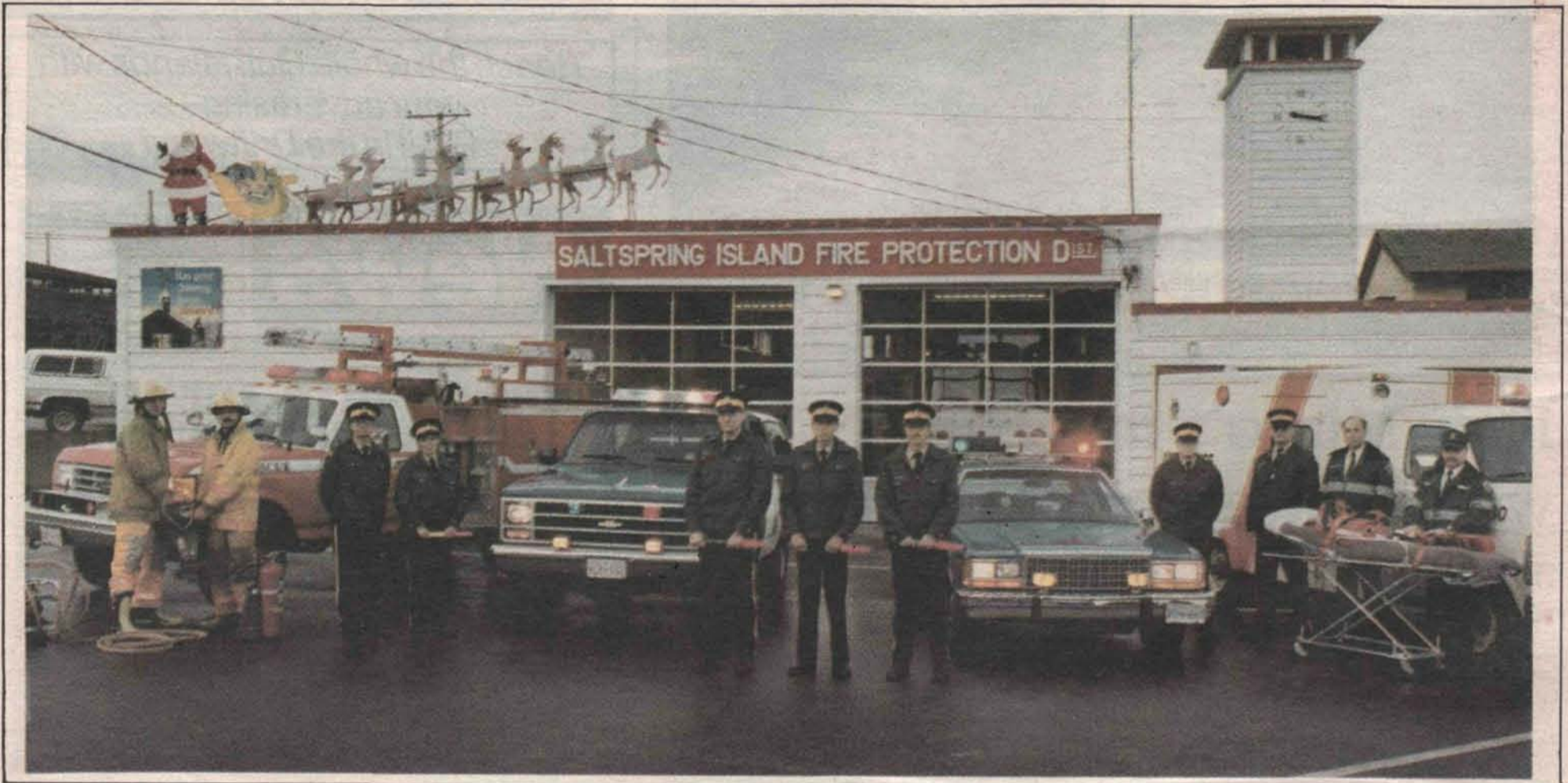
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