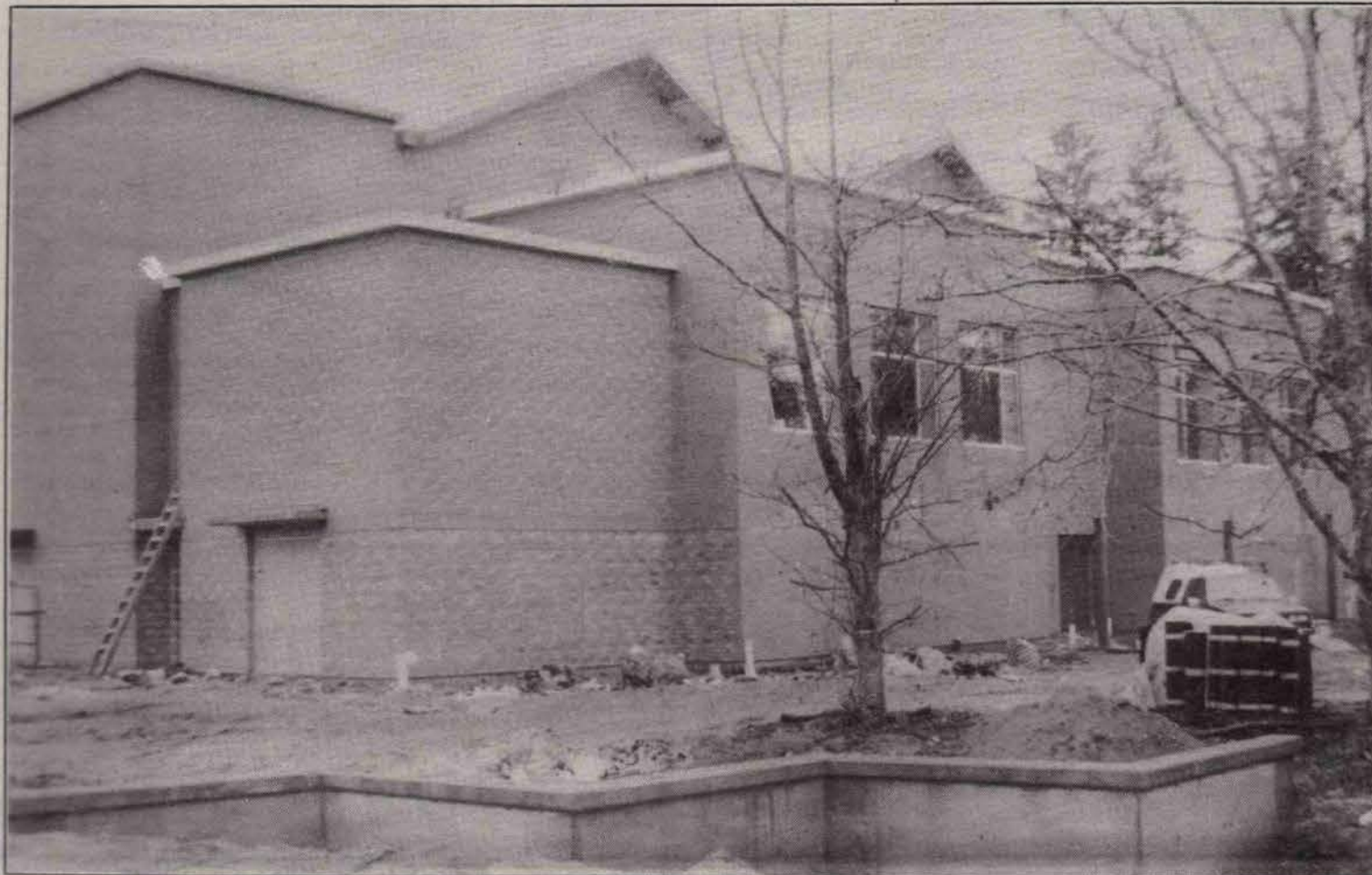




Open campus design features four buildings



New school state-of-art facility

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

From the basement heat pump to the skylights, the new Gulf Islands Secondary School is a state-of-the-art creation which has already collected one architectural award.

Now taking shape at 232 Rainbow Road, the new \$13-million school is designed as an open campus, with the gymnasium, food services/cafeteria building and music department separate from the main block of the school. The design separates those programs likely to generate noise — and tantalizing aromas — from the rest of the school.

Covered walkways will connect the four buildings, which at this point are partially completed and divided by a sea of mud. But enough has been done to give visitors an idea of the final shape of the structure, due to open next September.

The gymnasium is the first building rearing from the mud billows next to the parking lot. Twice the size of the gymnasium in the current high school, the massive structure boasts a lofty ceiling and enough space for four volleyball courts.

The ceiling is high enough so badminton birdies won't fly into the lights, district manager of plant services Rod Scotvold said. Piercing the walls are small glass block windows arranged in two staggered rows, linked with a decorative cross effect where the rows meet. Another decorative effect, seen throughout the school, are curved or arched ceilings in the corridors.

Up to 100 spectators can be seated on the mezzanine floor overlooking the gym. Under the mezzanine level are tucked the change rooms, storage areas and physical education offices.

A retracting wall can be used to divide the gymnasium into two sections and pull-out bleachers set against the wall will allow assembly of the school's 500 students at one time.

Next to the gymnasium is the teaching kitchen, which will double as a cafeteria. A small hospitality suite is attached to the main cafeteria seating area. This suite could act as a mini-restaurant to give students practice in serving and preparing meals as a prelude to jobs in the hospitality industry.

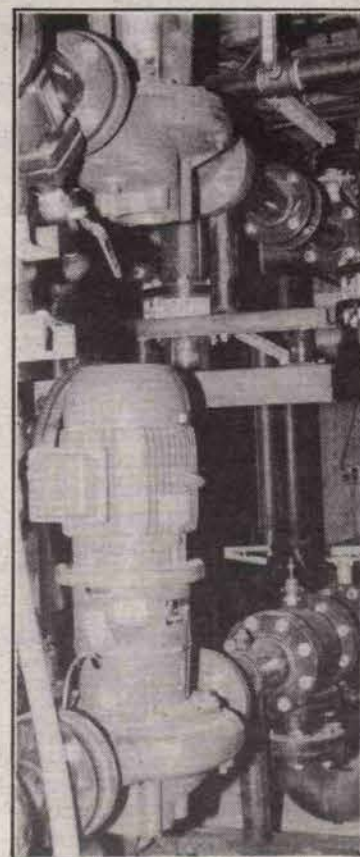
The location of the teaching kitchen also allows for large catered events in the gymnasium — or the use of the combined facility during a community emergency such as an earthquake.

Behind the food services building is the music section. The main classroom, equipped with a dramatic sloping wood beam ceiling

SCHOOL B13



TAKING SHAPE: Gulf Islands school district's new secondary school, under construction on Rainbow Road near Ganges, is beginning to take shape. Above, the gymnasium will accommodate four volleyball games at once, and provide a large hall for community events. At left, an arched hallway links classrooms, while below, just a few of the pipes and pumps that make up the school's heating system. The new facility is scheduled to open in the fall of 1994 and serve about 500 district students in Grades 9 through 12. Photos by Tony Richards



We drove through Blubberhouses, in North Yorkshire, and I inquired of a fellow traveller how did blubber travel in the Yorkshire Dales? Gilbert Brookes, who has lived all his 82 years in and around Harrogate, explained that the Dales were for many years a source of lead. Some worked in the lead mines and others were engaged in the various processing operations and the mills. Workers were of all ages.

Children taking on their first employment were introduced to a heavy and harsh industry, and few enjoyed the experience. They often finished a long day's work in tears.

In the northern dialect, to cry is to blubber. Hence, the village in which they lived and worked and wept was identified by crying children. Rather than terming the village the home of weeping it was known as the Blubberhouses and it still is.

Cold spell

It was cold here in November. The chill winds blew direct from the Arctic slopes of Russia and, for a few days, held the mercury in a clamp of ice below the freezing mark.

Then came a change. The wind blew from the Arctic wastes of Canada down the western shores of Europe and the same frigid cold prevailed.

I was hard done by. I had not heeded warnings of such wintry spells and I suffered.

Didn't help my case when I heard reports from the islands of snow and ice and chill winds. Two lands with but a single frost: two thermometers that sink as one! Of course, the weather has been relatively balmy the last few days.

I've heard it all at home

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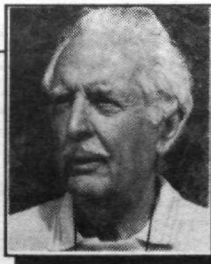
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in the Mother of Parliaments. And maybe the new measures outlined by the finance minister were not those we expect of Ottawa. But the effect was so familiar!

Smokers will pay more for their pernicious habit and drivers face a further boost in the price of gasoline. Finance ministers are a breed alike! Wine bibbers will face a boost on the favoured bottle. Although there was no further impost on beer or spirits, that was probably because such a boost might have been politically incorrect. With manufacturers and retailers all biting the bedclothes at reports of vast quantities of cheaper liquor coming in from the continent, a further impost would have been, perhaps, the straw to break the liquor camel's back.

Forecasts of converting the network of motorways to toll roads were given by the finance minister who rejoices here in the name of Chancellor of the Exchequer. As soon as the required electronics

have been devised and installed, the driver goes back to the earliest days of motoring in Europe, when only the wealthy could afford a car. Aim of the process is to find more money for the maintenance of roads from one end of the country to the other.

This, again, is a reflection of the annual dilemma of every Canadian finance minister as national and provincial revenues fall while costs of all services rise.

Police are declining to investigate serious crimes on the grounds that they cannot afford the costs involved. Welsh police have announced that the costs of providing police protection to members of the Royal Family and others is climbing beyond their revenues and are asking royalty to stay away from the principality of Wales.

These incidents are a parallel of the new budget. While expenditures are cut back in an attack on that familiar enemy of the people, the deficit, and sharp limits are

placed on the freedom of municipal councils to increase taxes, such regional services as police, fire and education, among others, are limited in the amounts they can spend.

Compounding the problem is the fact that so many councils are of Labour persuasion, while the national government is Conservative. The observer finds clear traces of political motives in many of the protests.

Nevertheless, the parallel with the picture at home lies in the yet unanswered and unanswerable challenge: how to allocate limited government revenues.

Biggest challenges to the new budget are probably the newly imposed Value Added Tax (Canada's GST) on heating fuels and the equally new measures to safeguard social assistance by ensuring that every application is just and merited. Heating has hitherto been tax-free and government critics speak of the loss of billions of pounds to unjustified claims for help.

Sound familiar?

Chasing the thief

High on the list of British crimes is car theft, or "joy-riding." The death toll exerted by the removal of cars and their use in drag races is impressive. Some of the deaths involve the thief himself, or herself.

Many involve pedestrians and innocent drivers.

No mention has been made of the possibility of using the projected toll system on motorways as a measure against such thefts.

The scheme provides for electronic identification of all vehicles passing beneath gantries on the highways. The computer reads the identity of the vehicle and charges a fee, yet to be set, for every mile travelled.

It would seem no great problem to use such a recognition system as a means of tracing vehicles illicitly driven.

Lucky gambler!

Every time I visit England I end up a winner. I attend various social functions tied to the support of one community fund or another.

Like at home, community projects often raise funds by raffles. I have won bottles of wine, candy, a sweater and other valuable commodities.

When I went to a slide lecture by John Bevers on the Scottish National Trust I not only learned of the innumerable noble dwellings of the land and the development of whole villages by the Trust, but I left the hall with a bit of auld Scotland to remind me. The prize was a bottle of Glenfiddich malt whisky. I'm just glad I went!

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DEC. 11: Green Christmas Craft Fair, SS Center, Blackburn Road, 10-5pm.
DEC. 11: Christmas Dance party, Beaver Pt. Hall, 8pm.
DEC. 12: Breakfast with Santa, Fulford Hall, 9am.
DEC. 12: SSI Christmas bird count.
DEC. 13: Pensioners building fund, Bingo, Masonic Hall, early bird 7, reg. 7:30.
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Oxygen, Geritol keep the old geezers going

By MALCOLM LEGG
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Salt Spring Old Boys 1,
Sidney 4

The lads travelled to Sidney last weekend, still looking for that elusive second win of their season. The old geezers had every reason to feel confident going into this game.

For once the team had a full complement of players, including four substitutes which meant the lads could get to the sidelines for oxygen and Geritol infusions

The team was actually the healthiest it has been in a month.

before continuing.

Secondly, their opponent was actually short a player and with no substitutes they would naturally tire as the game progressed. Unfortunately for the Old Boys, a man advantage is like putting the Canucks on the power play in hockey — it rarely works.

Thirdly, the team was actually the healthiest it has been in a month as Paul Hartman, Darryl Lister and this writer were all back from nagging injuries, as well as Bill Lea from the flu. (Our constant patronage of our sponsor Pharmasave seems to have resuscitated most of the lads. In fact, there was one suggestion that by Christmas they should have made back most

soccer kicks

of their investment in the club.)

Fourthly, the field was very slick, almost like a skating rink due to the heavy frost, but the Old Boys had two players who could handle these "icy" conditions in Mark "Gino" Hughes and Paul "Pavel" Sinclair.

With all these positives the lads came out fired up and went straight into attack. After only five minutes "Alley" McNutt made a classic run down left wing (we have only waited three years to see him do this, after hearing all the tales) and put in a fine cross that Drew "Rookie" Lindsay craftily deflected in. Yes, the lads were riding high — maybe, just maybe their fortunes had changed. Unfortunately, someone forgot to tell the man in black (he is called a referee which means he rules the game impartially which is why I will only refer to him as the man in black).

Sidney crossed a ball in from the right wing, which only got through due to a foul the man in black missed, that was blasted goalward. The shot struck the referee, stunning him as well as knocking him down, then rebounded to another Sidney player who scored.

The goal would have been good except the referee was temporarily knocked out and did not actually see the ball go into the goal — of course the man in black called it a goal anyway. (based on the

remainder of his vision of the game both teams had a lot to complain about)

Ah! but he was not finished as 15 minutes later he called a penalty shot against the Old Boys because a Sidney player fell down after a nice clearance by "Alley" McNutt. (I have a feeling he does not like Scotsmen as even Cal Mackay was steaming by game's end.)

Of course, Sidney scored but not on the first shot because Henry "Trying to become a legend once again" Braak made the mistake of stopping it, so Sidney were given another chance and scored.

Fortunately, the half ended before the man in black could do any more damage, and by the start of the second half the lads were re-primed and ready. Well, maybe almost ready, as Sidney scored after only five minutes on a long blast that eluded Henry.

The Old Boys dug down deep at this stage (no, they were not digging their own graves) and really

poured into attack, creating some excellent scoring chances. Everyone got into the act and every single chance was missed. In fact, Drew, Ziggy Karl and Paul Hartman had enough great opportunities to put the lads ahead.

But it was not to be as a late Sidney goal closed out the scoring, leaving the lads still looking for win number two.

Next weekend will see the lads close out the fall session with their team party on Saturday at the bowling alley and their Sunday morning game against A & A United at Portlock. It sure would be a nice



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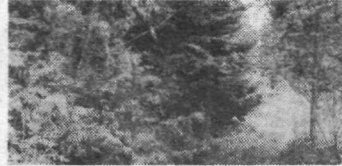
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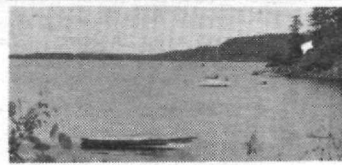
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The two-day derby saw 42 fish weighed in, organizer Ross Walker said Monday. They were cutthroat, rainbow and steelhead and all were in caught in St. Mary or Weston lakes. Most were caught in the St. Mary Lake.

No bass were caught, a result of the recent cold weather, Walker said.

Half those caught were hatchery fish, the other half wild. Hatchery fish can be identified either by tags or clipped fins.

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Under 19:

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Bridge tricks

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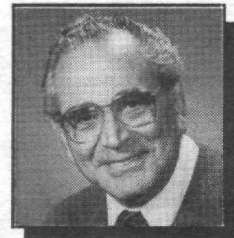
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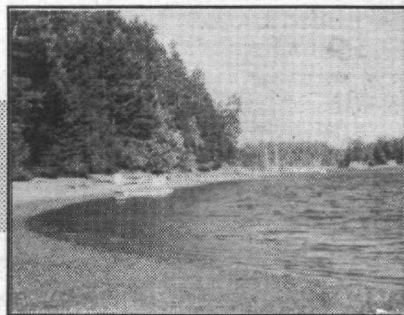


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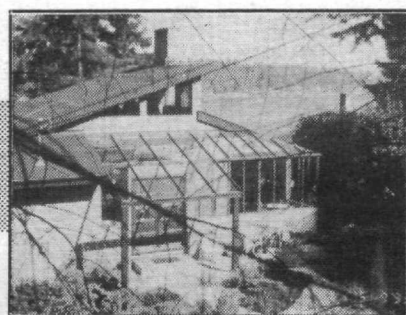
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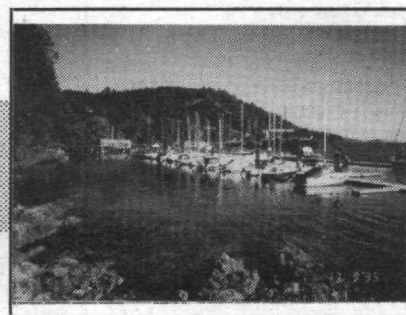
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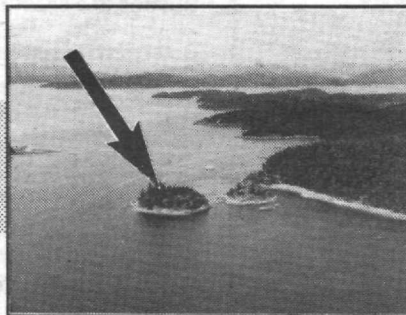
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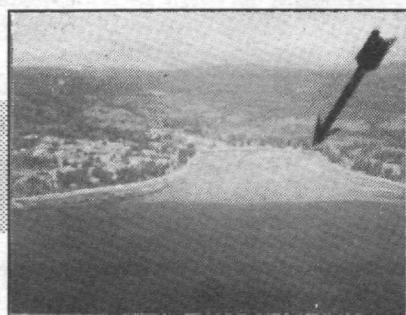
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Seeing eye dog refuses to help Deadstop

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Slugs returned to their old form last Friday, following their brief foray in the winning column. The contest was versus the Mill Bay Jets, on their home turf, and the boys were still smarting over the last-second loss this team had handed us just a few weeks ago.

Keeping this in mind, we had the largest contingent of players show up for a game so far this season. Fourteen skaters in all showed up, but unfortunately for us none of them happened to be our all-star goaltender, Mark Hughes, who it turned out was stuck in a space-time continuum around his popcorn bowl and forgot about the match.

Undaunted, we managed to obtain a netminder from the opposi-

tion, some short, grizzled old guy who the Jets all called "Pops." On closer inspection we noticed that his goalie gear appeared to have many years of accumulated dust on it, but beggars can't be choosers, so we didn't say too much about it.

The Slugs also got together to try to help Deadstop improve his game. They persuaded our most loyal fan, Kim Jorgenson, to bring out her trusted K9 friend, Luke the wonder dog, to act as a seeing eye dog for Deadstop. Unfortunately for Deadstop, Luke watched him perform in the pre-game warm-up and refused to have anything to do with him. Even a dog has to protect his or her reputation around someone like Deadstop.

Once the game got under way it looked like we were going to do all right. Bernie Reynolds opened the scoring for us two and one-half

slug trail

minutes into the match with a hard snap shot from just in front of the net, and the team was looking and playing rather confidently. But then, as it happens all too often to us, we ran into a wall on the opposition front, and they began to dominate the play.

Before we knew what had happened, we were trailing the Jets 4-1 and were looking like the completely disorganized bunch of twits we really are. This led to the team becoming very frustrated at our inability to capitalize on any of our opportunities, and the match became a rather chippy affair. Despite this, however, some of the

players kept right on digging and after a number of missed chances, it finally paid off.

Darren O'Neil cut the lead in half part-way through the second period, on a nice individual effort. But that was how the score remained until the start of the third period, when Paddy Akerman added another one for the Slugs to make the match even more interesting. But the Jets came right back and added another to take back their two-goal lead.

By this point in the game both teams were beginning to tire, but at least for the Slugs, we were beginning to get a few more scoring opportunities, and John Procter made good on one of his many rushes to bring us back to within one, once more. But that was all she wrote, in regards to Slugs scoring on the evening.

Despite pulling the old, grey dude out of the net for an extra attacker in the final minute, we could not get the equalizer and lost to the Jets for the second straight time. The only consolation was that it was a beautiful moon-lit ride home on the fishboat.

The Slugs' second match of the weekend was against the Lake Cowichan Senators, a team which had thrashed us 11-6 in our last meeting. We started this game off in classic Slug fashion — we were down 2-0 before the first minute was up, and were beginning to wonder just what the heck was going on with this club. Fortunately for our fan (make that two, because Luke the wonder dog had come back to make sure he wasn't seeing things at the last match), the

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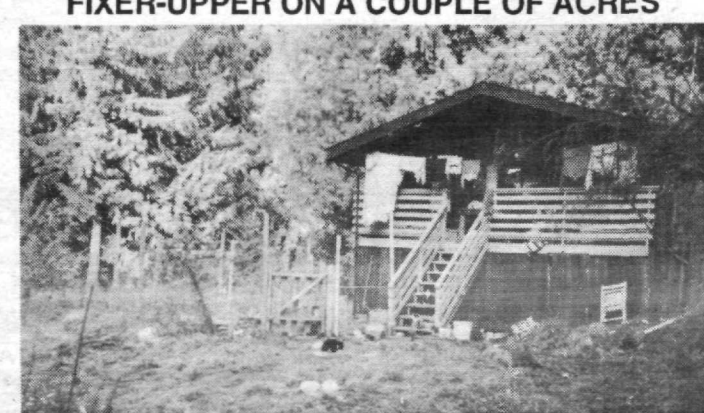
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High school basketball teams begin league play

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midget boys team lost 35-29 to Shawnigan Lake despite a hard fight.

The junior boys team played sound defence to beat another

Shawnigan Lake team 70-22. The Scorpions held Shawnigan to six points in the second half while scoring 35 of their own. Dominating the rebounds were Chris Jason,

Tim Gordon, Peter Locke and "Leroy."

High scorers were Nigel Ramer with 18 points and Eric Baker with 16.

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SLUGS

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Slugs settled down and began to mount a well organized attack versus the Senators.

Johnny Procter opened the scoring for the Slugs on a nice passing play from Danny Akerman. It should be noted at this time that Danny (I got an assist on that one too) Akerman has been occasionally accused by some members of the Slug hockey team of claiming to have assisted on goals on which he couldn't possibly have helped out, like when he never showed up for the game.

While this may or may not be true, on this night at least he was true to his word, setting up a number of goals and scoring opportunities. What makes this even more amazing is that this is being written by yours truly after I turned down a cash offer from his sister Roberta to "say something nice about Danny."

Once we got on the scoreboard the team never looked back, with Pete Huser scoring two and Todd McIntyre and Paddy Akerman with one apiece to give us a 5-4 lead at the end of the first period. But it was the second period where we really began to pull away. It all started with Rodney Challborn's goal from the top of the face-off circle. The only thing unusual about this goal was that it came from the top of our face-off circle and not the opposition's, a distance of well over 100 feet.

Following that the Slugs really took it to the Senators. Paul Sinclair scored an unassisted goal on a beautiful end-to-end rush. Johnny Procter added yet another goal by beating the goaltender with a nice shot over the glove hand. It was at this point that the line of Danny Akerman, Pete Huser and Todd McIntyre really began to cook, giving the opposing goaltender fits every time they stepped on the ice. Before the end of 40 minutes of hockey the Slugs were ahead 12-6, due in part to the two goals apiece added by Huser and McIntyre, along with the aforementioned help from their humble winger, D. Akerman.

Most teams at times like this — holding a six-goal lead with just 20 minutes to play — would be confident that victory was at hand. The Slugs, however, are not like most teams, basically because we have seen leads nearly this big vaporize in the third period. We knew the Senators could come back if we gave them the opportunity, and that is just what we gave them.

Fortunately for the Slugs, net-minder Hughes had some different ideas about the outcome, and despite Deadstop's best efforts, he managed to hold off the Senators long enough to claim the victory. Even so, the Senators did put on a strong comeback, adding four goals in the final frame to make it 12-10 for the Slugs. Not exactly a strong defensive duel, but then it did give the new Slug defenceman, Scott Coleman, a taste of what it's like to play in the not-nearly-so-big leagues.



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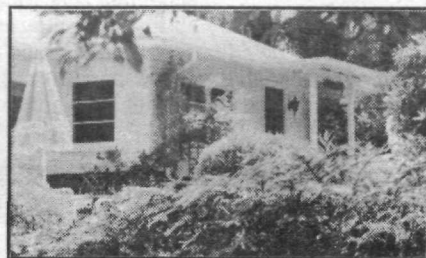
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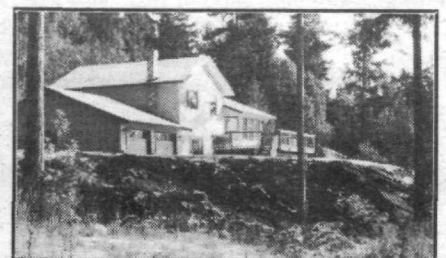
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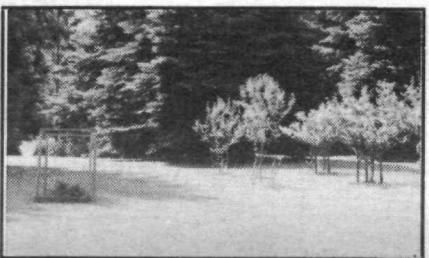
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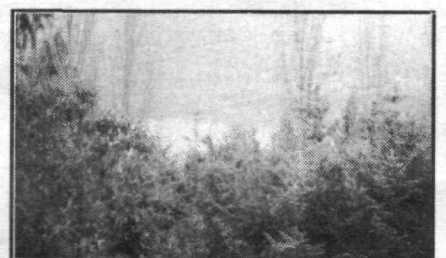
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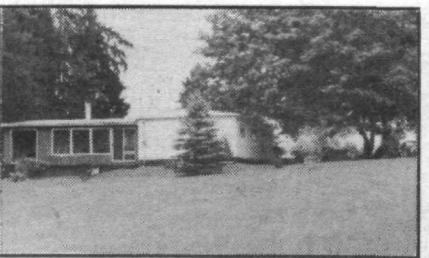
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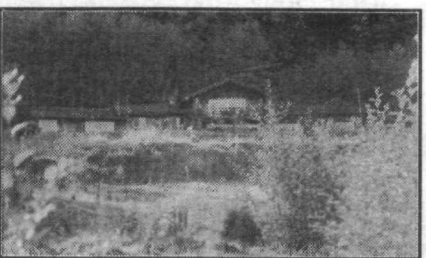
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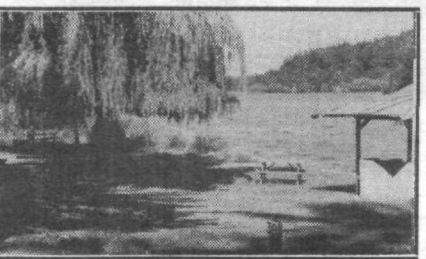
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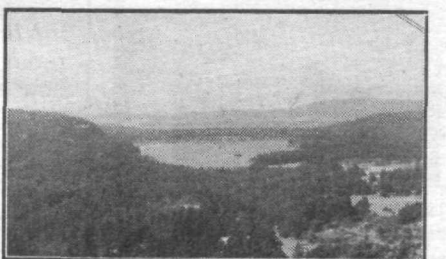
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The trail is considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission to be an integral part of the island-wide community parks trail network. The Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club has raised the funds to construct the staircase and has completed the design work.

When construction began it was found the bottom end of the stairway was situated below the high-water mark, necessitating obtaining a lease. The Capital Region okayed the lease application last month.

By RUTH HUME
Driftwood Contributor

Top bowling scores this week at Kings Lane Recreation were:

Smurfs: Valerie Harkema - 69, Jesse Hume - 23, Christian Huser - 14, Kaita Lyne Severn - 36.

Peewees: Jessie Stepaniuk - 86, Julian Hazenboom - 61, Megan Caron - 43, Kara Huser - 84, Daniel Draper - 53, Kimberly Cormack - 74, Braden Dragomir - 88, Stephen Severn - 97, Casey Stepaniuk - 69, Amanda Sykes - 74, Jim Severn - 85, Jacquie Harkema - 81, Suzy McEwen - 33, Tristan Poltorak - 64. Bantams: Andra Bergsma - 179, Arla Hillis - 84, Dylan Hume - 121, Kimberly Sykes - 118, Miles Hume - 144.

Juniors: Kylie Coates - DNP, Fields McHattie - 114, Jonah Marshall - 208, Joshua Marshall - 178,

down the gutter

Cris Poltorak - DNP, Robert Bergsma - 208.

Circus: Ben Cooper - 203, Ann Isbister - 218, Norma Eves - 202, Brian Radford - 202.

Legion: Ben Martens - 232, Doug Sykes - 261, 217/613, Ron Stepaniuk - 214, 240/613, Gary Whitehead - 276, 205, 204/685, Bob Graham - 209, Steve Martens - 207, Carol Martens 297, Sharel Tara - 219, Heather Kusch 212, 202, 231/645.

Golf ladies: Lorraine Toller - 201, 205, Maddy Cooper - 227, Mary Campbell 208, 218, Mary

Kirkpatrick - 225.

Tuesday morning: Mike Elrington 243, Isabelle Richardson 230, Goodie 208.

Tuesday afternoon: Margaret Baker - 215, 236/639, Murray Anderson - 204, 200, Ed Allen 257, C. Hobbe 243, Conrad F 621.

Wednesday ladies: Mary Walker - 239, Norma Eves 214, 205, 195/614, Sylvia Ryles 298, Margaret Farup 208, 232.

Friday afternoon: Bill Frontin - 228, Bill Baker - 203, Gene Graham 231, Edie Gear 202, Jack Godwin 238, 203.

Fires prompt warning over ceiling heating panels

Two residential fires have led the province's chief electrical inspector to order the disconnection of two brands of ceiling heating panels.

The Aztec-Flexel panels produce radiant ceiling heat and were manufactured after November 3, 1989 by Thermaflex of Scotland. The two fires occurred this year in Fairmont and Maple Ridge.

"Home and building owners who have this brand of panel or who are unsure of their brand of panel, should turn off the ceiling heating panels breaker at the fuse box," said electrical inspector Roy Roderick. "They should also immediately consult with their building or electrical contractor to identify the panels and ensure disconnection if it is the specified Aztec-Flexel product."

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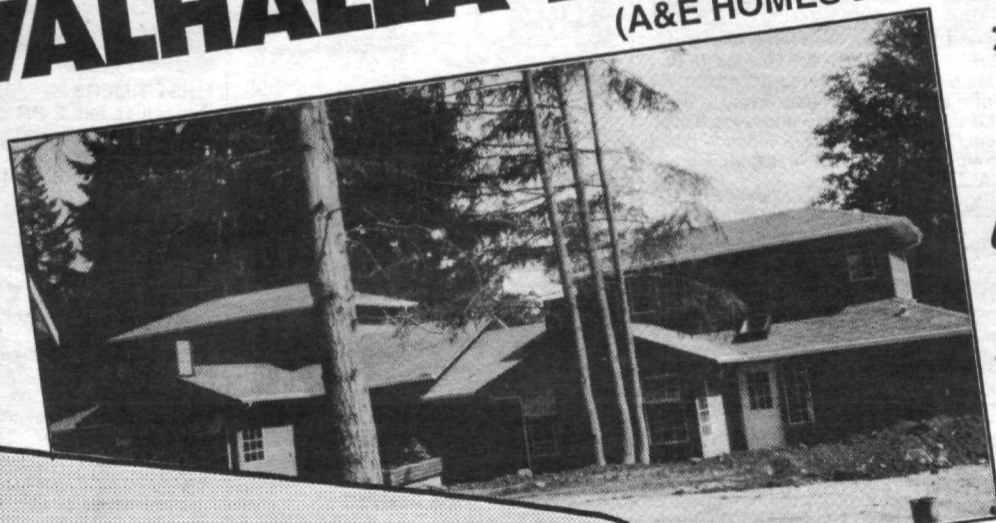
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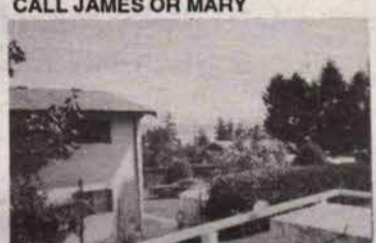
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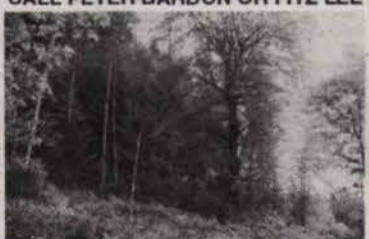
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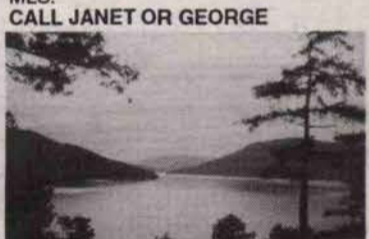
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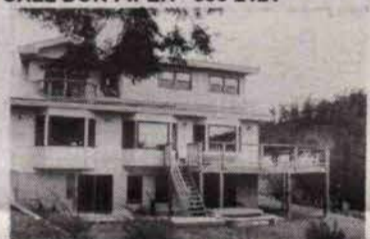
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Books on Yugoslavia among new offerings

By ANN BARBER
Driftwood Contributor

The ever present temptations of a literary nature that are available in the Mary Hawkins Library have triumphed recently over duty, preventing the writing of this report.

Two excellent books on the former Yugoslavia have lately been devoured. One is by Slavenka Drakulic and is called *The Balkan Express*. This is a moving account of the effects of the recent events on people and their relationships. The other, *A Paper House* by Mark Thompson, is rather heavy going. But it leaves absolutely no doubt as to the complexity of the situation and the futility of anyone like myself, who has always lived in a peaceful land, ever being able to comprehend the hatreds which are buried so deeply in the psyches of one's neighbours.

The autobiographies of two of recent history's favourite politicians, Margaret Thatcher and Pierre Trudeau, and books by Terry Waite and Terry Anderson on their experiences as hostages are other new arrivals begging to be read. In the fiction department there is Margaret Atwood's latest, *The Robber Bride* and for a special treat the books by the remarkable Nick Bantock whose trilogy, *Griffin & Sabine, Sabine's Notebook* and *The Golden Mean*, appeal on so many levels. The fantasy, the artistry and for the inquisitive among us, the envelopes enclosing letters are irresistible.

Each book (fortunately short) just has to be read at least twice in case something was missed the first time around. His latest book, *The Egyptian Jukebox*, is again a visual triumph and contains a puzzle. For something completely different we have two books with local interest. *Silas*, the Antarctic diaries and memoirs of Charles S. Wright, is the story of Robert Falcon Scott's last journey to the Antarctic as seen through the eyes of Charles Wright, the expeditions's physicist and glaciologist.

Charles Wright was the father of the well known local artist, Pat Wright, owner of the Fieldmouse Gallery. She has done the wonderful illustrations which add so much to an already fascinating and beautiful book. This is one that is never to be taken into a bathtub or left on a ferry!

Webster McDonald is the author of *Memoirs of a Maverick Lawyer* and a local resident with long and interesting experience in the legal world.

In the middle of last week's board meeting, four huge boxes arrived filled with our beautiful new books bags just in time for Christmas. The gumbooted bookworm of our logo, created for us by the creative mind of Caroline Hamilton, looks wonderful and prompted the whole board to buy one for themselves immediately. Joining the bags very soon, we hope, will be mugs — also sporting the logo. The bags are displayed in

the library and cost \$18.

And now for the bad news. Due to increasing maintenance costs — one of which is keeping the room warmer over the winter — there will be a charge of \$10 for the use of the Windfall Room starting January 1. The library shares the room with the Historical Society which caretakes the Archives kept in the room. Obviously special care is essential for the preservation of archival materials which necessitates that temperature and humidity be maintained night and day.

This seems a good opportunity to sing the praises of the archives and the archivists, Peggy Tolson and Mary Davidson, both of whom have long time connections with the island. The archives are open to the public every Wednesday morning with the enthusiastic and

knowledgeable archivists in attendance. Also, they have all the old copies of the *Driftwood* there.

Also starting in January (and this won't cost you a penny), due to popular demand the library will remain open until four o'clock on Saturdays as on weekdays. This will be on an experimental basis, so if the volunteers feel it is not worth their while it will be discontinued. On that note it is interesting that recently in the Fraser Valley librarians were threatening to strike if they didn't get triple pay for working on Saturdays.

One of our board members, Tony Burrige, has been reading statistics and once again he has proved what a bargain the library is. Though the cost of the average B.C. library per capita is \$28.51, the Capital Regional District (CRD) spends only \$6.61 per

capita on the Salt Spring library. This is a CRD grant and does not come from local taxes.

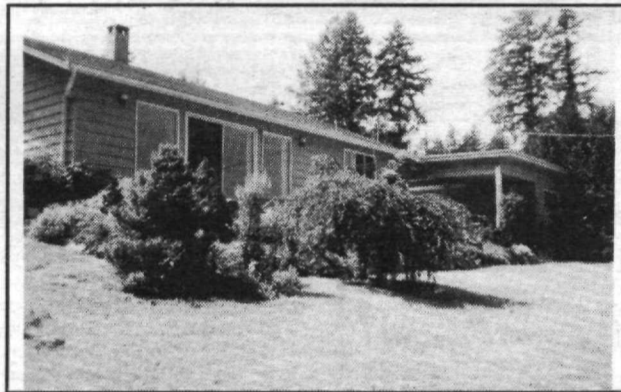
The Salt Spring library also contains the largest number of books per capita of libraries with a corresponding circulation. Tony figures the volunteers save taxpayers \$32 capita (about \$200,000) per year. Just a reminder of what a deal our \$5 membership is.

This year our Christmas elves, Barbara Wood and Nora Perkins, have been busy decorating. So

come in and see what they have done and you can, at the same time, browse among the new shipment of cassettes and the good supply of children's Christmas books.

The library will be closed on Christmas Eve and will not open until Tuesday, December 28. It will also be closed on Saturday, January 1.

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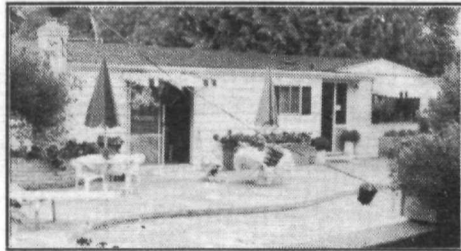


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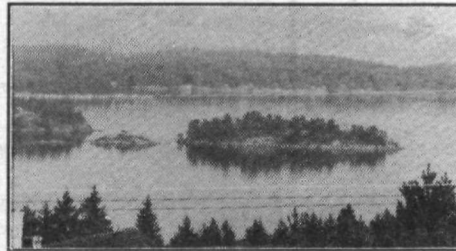
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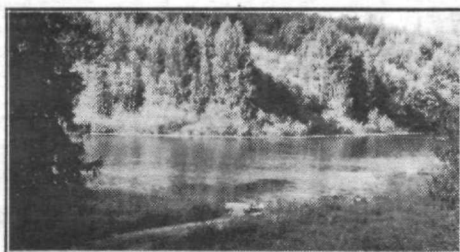
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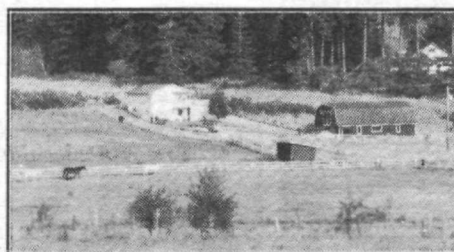
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A new child identification program is starting up on Salt Spring in the new year.

Century 21 Islands Realty has agreed to sponsor, in part, a child passport program in which personal and detailed information about a child is documented on a regular basis with photos, fingerprints and palm prints, in case a child goes missing.

The child passport idea has been used in Ontario and in Sooke, RCMP Sgt. Don Smith said, and he brought the idea up at a meeting of the local Community Police Advisory Committee.

"We brought it to the meeting. We said this is a good idea. Let's do something about it."

Committee member Brian Betts, who also sells real estate with Century 21, had the idea of getting the real estate company to

take on the program.

"There are many different programs and ideas about documenting children in case they go missing," Smith said. "The main thing is you gather information, you put it somewhere, you keep it current."

If something does happen to the child, the parents can hand local police an up-to-date dossier on the child.

The passport lists information such as name, date of birth and characteristics such as blood type, race, languages and religion.

Then there follow 18 places to put information that changes from year one to year 18: height, weight, address and photo.

Neighbours, doctor, dentist and friends are included, who may prove useful if the child disappears. There is also space for a code word

— a word that only the child and parent share and which may be an identifying word.

Century 21 manager Neil Congo is co-ordinating the passport program on Salt Spring. During a three-day period in February, Century 21 and local RCMP will make available 1,500 passports, in which finger and palm prints will be taken.

"It is key for all kids up to age 18," Congo said, "from as young as one."

It is important to remember that parents will keep the passports and will regularly update them, especially with photos.

Other local businesses are invited to help sponsor the program on the island, Congo said. A box for donations has been placed at the Century 21 office in Grace Point Square.

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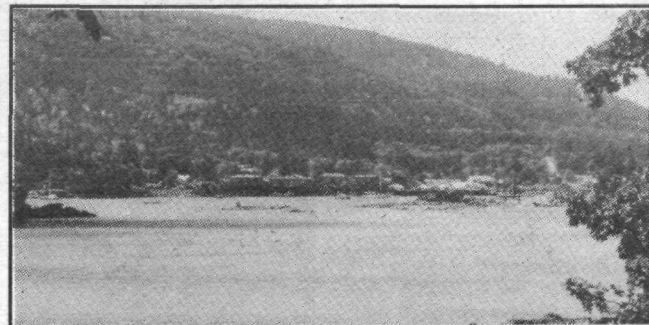
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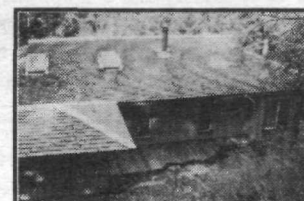
The home has many fine features — oak kitchen, 3 bathrooms, 4 bedrooms, as well as views of Mt. Baker, North Shore Mountains, Active Pass and most of the Southern Gulf Islands. Self-contained in-law suite and a 2-bay carport. \$369,000 MLS.

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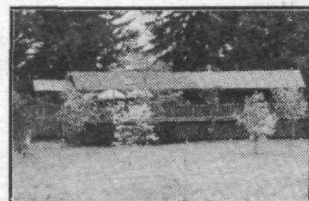


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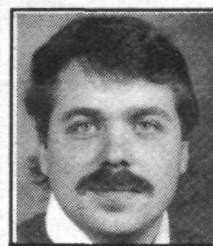


This sun-soaked property is 3.90 acres and is totally private with pasture and groves of trees. It has a bit of everything. This home has 2 bedrooms, a large living area, over 800 sq. ft. of deck to enjoy the sun, carport. This is a must see. \$299,000.

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Nickel sale draw offers choice from 30 prizes

A bargain basement price and a chance to pick the prize — that's the attraction of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation's next fundraising raffle.

From December 13 to 16, raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 by volunteers at Ganges Village Market. Each ticket will contain 20 perforated stubs, giving each buyer 20 chances to win. The raffle has been dubbed a "Nickel Sale" since each stub costs five cents.

Buyers will also be able to increase their chances of winning a specific prize by depositing more of their tickets in the individual draw for that prize. Approximately 30 prizes will be available, including a router, gift certificates for restaurants, a children's game, a tape recorder, perfume, a hairdressing certificate, table centrepieces, a box of smoked salmon, an orthopaedic back rest and table cloths.

The tickets will be sold and prizes will be on display at Ganges Village Market from December 13 to 15 and in the hospital foyer the morning of December 17. The draw will be made at the hospital at 2 p.m.

CARE tree lit at Pender; Lions' target is \$12,000

A Christmas season landmark has reappeared with the lighting Saturday of the CARE tree at Pender Island.

The Pender Island Lions Club turned on the lights to kick off its annual fundraising drive for relief and development projects funded by CARE Canada.

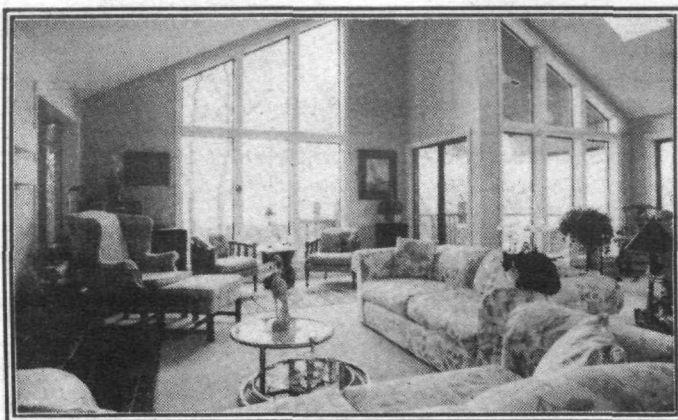
Each light on the tree represents a donation to the drive, whose target this year is \$12,000. Last year the Lions Club raised more than

\$10,000. White lights represent memorial donations. At the top of the tree is a star of white light in memory of George Pearson, whose idea the tree was.

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Sound of pipes may echo in Salt Spring highlands

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

There is no mistaking the sound of a bagpipe — and Salt Spring Islanders are used to hearing them on special occasions such as Remembrance Day and Robbie Burns Day.

But some island pipe enthusiasts want to bring the sound of the Scottish highlands more regularly to island ears by forming a local pipe band.

Salt Spring Legion sergeant-at-arms Harry Read has been running an ad in the *Driftwood* calling for island pipe and drum players to come together and form a band. He played a side drum and glockenspiel in a band during the war.

So far, he said, "we've had a few inquiries from 17 and 18-year-olds and we've had a few inquiries from older people."

Local resident John Williamson has been playing the bagpipes for a long time. He learned them first as a child in Scotland, but stopped about age 16. He picked it up again after he moved to Canada and has been playing for more than 20 years here.

"You can trace bagpipes back 4,000 years," Williamson said. "Some people think now it wasn't a lyre Nero was playing as Rome burned, but a form of bagpipe."

Popular the world over now — there are Ghurka pipe bands in Nepal and Idi Amin had a pipe band in Uganda when he was president — bagpipes are most closely associated with Scotland. Everybody recognizes tunes like *Scotland the Brave* and *Amazing Grace*, which was composed for the Dragoon Guards pipe band.

For a time, Williamson said, pipes were banned as an instrument of war in the British Isles. That was in 1746 after the Battle of Culloden between the Scots and the English. The music of the pipes was kept alive, Williamson said, by memory and by mouth.

It was not written down until much later, when Queen Victoria brought the pipes — and everything else Scottish — into vogue again.

The bagpipes are quite a singular instrument. It is the only continuously blown wind instrument played, Williamson said. It is made up of a chanter pipe, which has holes to play eight notes, two drone pipes and the bag. The pipes are usually made of African black wood, but sometimes plastic is used.

The bag is most often made of sheepskin but is also made with elkskin. In hot countries, pipe makers have substituted goatskin because it holds the heat better, Williamson said. Pipes have even been made with Goretex.

"It has regained its popularity," Williamson said. Pipes are being taught in some school band

programs now and it is not as difficult as it seems.

"You have to keep steady pressure on the bag, keep blowing air and keep playing notes," he said, "all from memory — you don't go walking along with notes in front of you."

Starting musicians learn on a practice chanter where they learn the scales and exercises and can play simple tunes.

"Once you get the idea of the

time and the beat, marching in the band comes naturally," he said.

Marching in island parades and at all sorts of island events is what the band may do in time. Read said he was hoping to drum up enough interest in the idea before Christmas with the idea of being able to play something on Robbie Burns Night January 23.

Interested islanders should contact Harry Read for more information.



Photo by Graeme Thompson

PIPE-DREAM: Two local residents, John Williamson, left, and Harry Read, are hoping to find enough players of bagpipes and military drums to form a Salt Spring pipe band. Islanders will no doubt hear more as Robbie Burns Day draws near.

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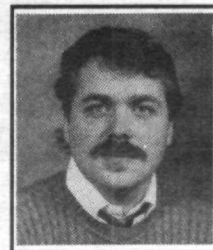
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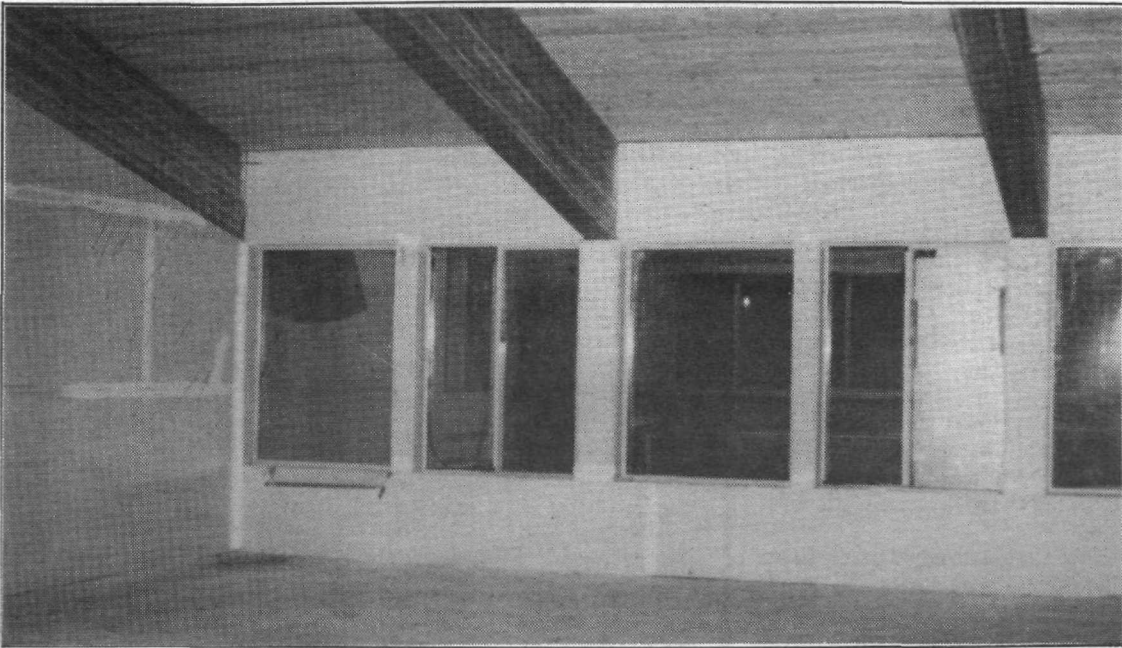
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APPROACHING LOCK-UP: Much of the new high school at Ganges is nearing the lock-up stage as workers aim for its opening in the fall of next year. At top, workers stand on a platform outside the resource centre. Behind the gable at left is the entrance foyer while at the far right is the applied technology area. Above, a classroom nears completion.

SCHOOL

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ing, is flanked on each side by five sound-proof practice rooms. The facility is also designed to incorporate computer and video technology, with a designated video instruction studio, a recording studio and a computerized composition studio.

Secretary-treasurer Ken Starling hopes the variety of programs to be offered in the school will keep young people in the Gulf Islands school district. Many now drop out or go off-island to larger schools. "We're hoping that this new building and the programs in it will attract the students back."

At present, budget cuts and declining enrolment have forced cancellation of the band program in the current secondary school as well as virtually eliminating music instruction in local elementary schools.

Despite budget cuts, a new technology program was added to the high school this year. Next September the program will move into a specifically designed science and technology wing. That wing is one of three classroom areas in the main building of the new school. The other two wings are designated "business instruction" and "global awareness."

Before the students reach the classrooms, they will enter a foyer which would do justice to a five-star hotel, complete with a two-storey ceiling, skylights and walls of glass. Flowing water will be incorporated into the landscaping leading to the entrance.

Off the foyer at one end is the multi-purpose and drama area, designed for easy public access during performances. Starling notes the entire school was planned with public access in mind. The

gymnasium, cafeteria and music buildings can be used independently of the main school block while the classrooms can be closed off from the resource centre/library and drama area. The entire school is also handicapped-accessible.

Drama and music are not the only arts accommodated in the school. The art area includes classroom space and accommodates a darkroom, a place for print making, a computer video room and a sink

A new technology program will move into a special science and technology wing.

for working with clay.

Natural light is stressed throughout the facility. Walls of windows admit light to the main foyer. Windows line classrooms in the business section while skylights and clerestory windows admit light either directly from outside or from other parts of the building.

"You won't need a lot of artificial light in here," Starling remarked, stepping into a brightly lit classroom where the lighting was yet to be installed.

Although the majority of ceilings are composed of heavy cedar beams and cedar planks, there is actually little wood used in the overall construction of the school. The walls are framed with metal studs, which dramatically reduces the fire hazard in the building.

Pipes carrying water run along the building's floors and ceilings:

the ceiling pipes serving sprinklers and the floor pipes serving the school's unique heating system.

"This is the most amazing part of the whole building to me," says Starling, guiding visitors down a level to a massive array of pipes and valves surrounding a water furnace.

The pipes run throughout the building's floors, bringing warm or cool water depending on the temperature of the day. The water is also circulated out to pipes laid under the school's playing fields, collecting warmth from the ground on cold days and dispersing heat through the ground on hot days.

Starling estimates the system — combined with the energy-efficient windows used in the school — will cut heating costs by two-thirds.

The school is being wired throughout with computer hook-ups and telephone lines to accommodate modern technology. The applied technology section includes two rooms — a large workshop with bay doors for mechanics and a classroom equipped with wiring for computers to teach applications like auto-CAD.

The guiding principles behind the design of the building were to be as environmentally responsible as possible, to use natural light as much as possible and to use non-toxic materials.

Although nine months from opening, the school is already attracting notice, including an article citing the unique water furnace heating system and a 1993 *Project of Distinction* award at an international exhibition of school architecture. Architects are Don Marshall and Shiv Garyali of Victoria.

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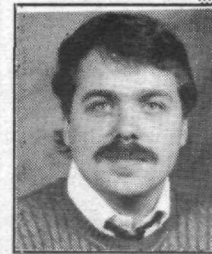
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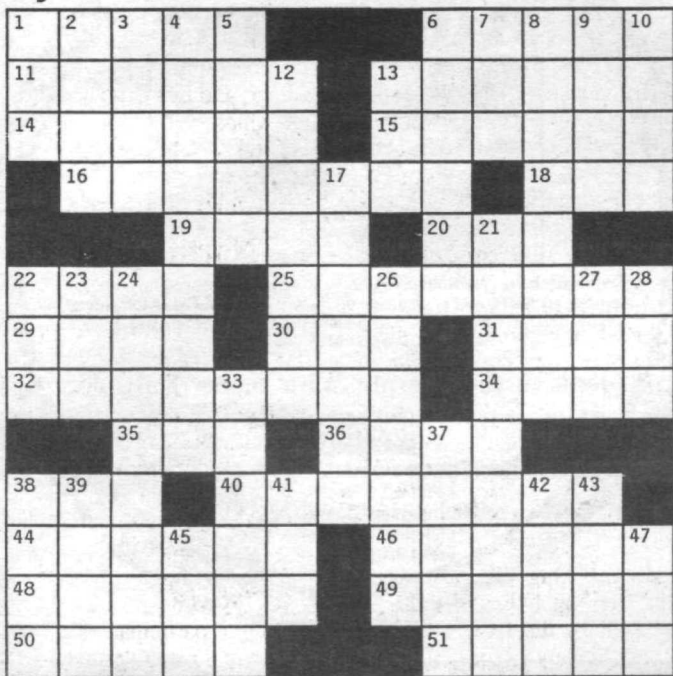
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Santa plans Saturna visits; Christmas concert on Friday

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

The Christmas season is fast approaching and the Saturna community hall is humming with preparations for the annual Christmas concert. The students at Saturna elementary have been practising at the hall every morning all week for the gala event, to be held at 7 p.m. Friday.

The play centres around a gingerbread man (Miranda Middleditch). Grandma (Amber Hutchison) and the grandchildren (Corinne House, Jessica Emmer-son, and Carlos Manzano) bake up a fine batch of cookies for Santa (Cara Lee Money).

The toys come alive with singing and dancing. Kalia Hollings plays a cute and cuddly teddy bear and Faron Nicholas gives a few surprises as the Jack in the Box. The primary children complete the cast under the Christmas tree.

Santa is expected to arrive after the performance with presents for all the local children. Special Christmas treats will be served to round out the evening. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission is a non-perishable food item for Christmas distribution by the PAC.

Santa is his usual busy self on Saturna at this time of year. He is scheduled to return here Saturday morning on the Jaycees' Christmas ship.

He should arrive at about 10 at the government dock. This is an enjoyable event for kids of all ages. Come on out and have some fun.

The candlelight dinner will be held December 14. This is one of the nicest dinners of the year. The whole event is staffed by volunteers.

If any profits are made they are

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used to upgrade the hall. Tickets are available at both stores but they usually sell out almost immediately so don't delay if you want to get one.

The Sunday school class at St. Christopher's church has been industriously painting up a life-sized nativity display for the church. About a dozen children from three to 12 each gave some of their own artistic talent. The figures were donated by Barb Ropars and Marjorie Davidson. Look for the scene outside the church.

Please join the congregation for the annual candle lighting service December 19. The children will be joining the celebration to sing one special carol.

Len Sohler, Saturna road foreman for almost a decade, has taken an early retirement due to health problems. Len has been active in the Lions Club and he is expected to continue in that role as his health improves. I'm sure the community joins me in wishing Len a happy and healthy retirement.

Gowan Armstrong, the manager of the Narvaez Bay Trading Company, was given a farewell party by his fellow workers and friends this weekend. He is looking forward to life in Victoria. His cheerful face will be missed here on Saturna.

Karaoke finally made it to Saturna. Friends and neighbours of Melanie Gaines gathered at Boot Cove Lodge to wish her a happy birthday.

The karaoke machine brought in just for the occasion was a big hit with everyone. Many happy returns, Melanie.



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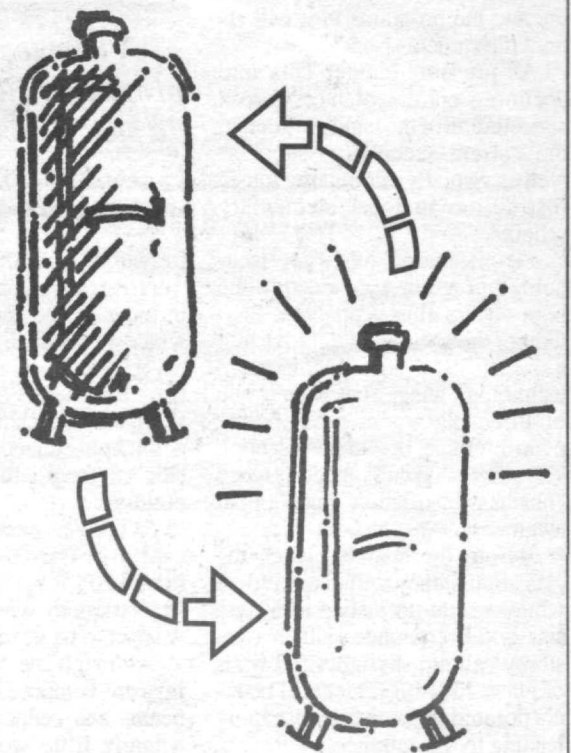
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Chevron plans to eliminate gasoline sales

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

Galiano residents are troubled by news that the island's only gas station will no longer be able to sell gasoline after the present supply runs out. The gas bar is privately owned and is run in conjunction with a convenience store.

The bulk storage tanks for petroleum products are located behind the gas bar and are owned by Chevron Oil. The tanks were upgraded in the mid-70s but recently-passed environmental laws make another costly upgrading necessary. Chevron recently announced the closing of a number of their outlets across the country.

Added to the cost of supplying gas and oil products to the island are barging charges. These are paid by the retailer and reflected in the price of fuel at the pump. Oil companies have never been too keen on barging into Sturdies Bay where winter storms can be serious and spillage can result.

The new owners — the Lees — are devastated, having bought the business in good faith. Galiano residents too are very worried: the island's ambulance, school bus, and fire trucks depend on the local supplier for fuel as do many work vehicles and private automobiles which seldom, if ever, go off the island. About four to five trips up and down the island for North Galiano residents represents a tank of gas for most vehicles and a trip off the island to "fill 'er up" is getting increasingly expensive as well.

On Mayne Island gas is delivered to the island's station by tanker trucks on B.C. Ferries' dangerous cargo trips, a require-

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ment since the burning of the wharf at Miners Bay a year or so ago. Galiano could have similar deliveries if the island's tanks were in good enough condition for storage, but it seems there is doubt that they are.

Montague Harbour Marina will be in serious trouble as well when it reopens for business for the 1994 season since its fuel supply has been delivered from the Chevron storage area in Sturdies Bay in the past.

Island businesses are very dependent on a secure supply of fuel. Homeowners with oil furnaces are to receive home deliveries from a local man who will be able to truck a supply on the regularly scheduled ferries. Diesel fuel from Petro Canada is being delivered to logging companies now on regularly scheduled ferries runs. But some doubt it will continue after the current intensive logging comes to an end.

The Galiano Chamber of Commerce is looking into the dilemma and MLA Clive Tanner has been notified.

The problem of gasoline availability on the island is very important to all. In earlier times marine fuel was available on North and South Galiano. But things are much different today with only one gas bar and one marine station. It is to be hoped the new Galiano plan recognizes that change is inevitable, and that it will be flexible enough so that things now accepted as necessary may, without too much red tape, be relocated speedily in a changing community.

Raccoons and dogs

Over the past two months raccoons and roaming dogs have been creating havoc with local farm stock. In at least two areas raccoons have raided chicken pens, destroying birds at will. Owners of the birds are particularly upset since nearby, in both instances, are people who feed the raccoons nightly.

Animals such as raccoons can manage well on their own. There is a good life to be had on the foreshore and the island's many tidal flats. These areas present a perfect smorgasbord to these most adaptable of animals.

More serious, however, have been the attacks of roving dogs on sheep. Two sheep farms on South Galiano have had their flocks attacked by dogs — one farmer losing three sheep and the other pretty well his whole flock.

A daylight attack at Mary Ann Point, mid-way in Active Pass, was seen by a resident of Mayne Island. Noticing the two attacking dogs he phoned Galiano's NRS office. A phone call to a South Galiano sheep farmer brought him and an assistant to the scene. There they found three dead sheep, one badly injured and the remainder of the flock down on the rocks in the pass attempting to free themselves from the dogs' attack.

Downing one of the frenzied dogs, the two men attempted to rescue the sheep one at a time from the pass' frigid waters. They were successful in doing this but several of the animals were badly injured and were not expected to survive. The result of the attack has been devastating to the flock and the farmer. Those sheep that survived the dogs' attack — and broken limbs from the rocks on the beach — later developed pneumonia and died. Both farmers have decided to "retire" from farming.

There goes their farm taxation status and with it an attempt to put local farmlands to their best use.

Guild Christmas sale

A very successful sale of crafts and home baking was held in the South Hall on November 27. A fundraiser for the Ladies Service Club, the money raised will go to help Galiano people and organizations in need.

A big seller at the sale were the Christmas wreaths made by Audrey Simas and Pat Hughes, raising \$480.

Winners of the raffle were

Carole Parkinson, a Christmas cake; Jessie Bellhouse, a turkey; Ingunn Templeman, a grocery hamper; and Les Brown, a dressed doll which came with a carrying case and several changes of clothing. A great gift for some little girl — a granddaughter, perhaps?

North Galiano church service

North Galiano's annual Christmas church service will be held in the Community Hall on Sunday. Beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon, the service will be led by Reverend Margaret Edgar and feature Christmas readings and carols. The choir from Saint Margaret of Scotland Church will be on hand to lead the singing.

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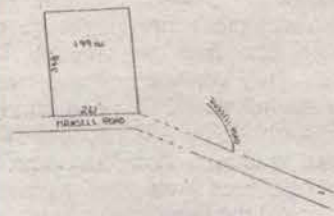
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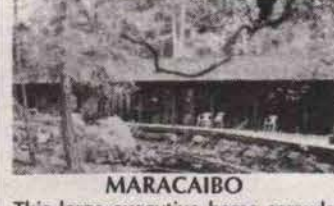


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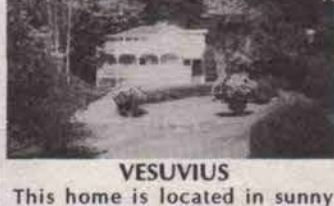
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A WATERFRONT DREAM!
Low bank, southwest exposure, 3.03 acres. A combination of open pasture, rocky knolls with oak, arbutus, yew and fir trees. Comfortable swimming from spring to autumn. Municipal water, cable-tv. Prestigious area of superb properties. \$450,000 MLS.
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Two-bedroom, two bathroom townhouse. Skylights, gas fireplace, built-in vacuum system and three appliances. Only one left at this price. Maintenance-free living at its best. \$157,900 including GST MLS.



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