

It was a strange experience, sitting in a British living room to hear the history of the Quebec situation outlined on television. To some extent it was a new story, originating within the French Canadian province and outlining the Quebec viewpoints, both for and against separation.

Blood and Belonging introduced a stronger emphasis on the third factor in the Quebec story when it explained the Cree nation's stand on recognition of a nation and a people and self-government.

The British Broadcasting Corporation's program was augmented by contributions from the National Film Board.

The separatist program was outlined by various speakers in the province.

There was no contribution from the rest of Canada. The presentation was an explanation of the Quebec scene from the standpoint of the Quebecois, the Quebecker and the Cree.

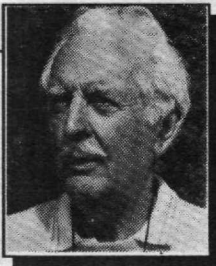
A people who have an identity, a language of their own, a culture of their own and a land of their own merit a nation of their own, the viewer was assured.

The province of Quebec has all these things.

The separatist plea was expressed very clearly. Not only does a culture in a language in a territory

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represent a justifiable drive for independence, the viewer was told, but such independence is seen as the answer to the province's ills. The sad state of Trois Rivières was outlined.

With an unemployment list representing 17 percent of the work force, the once-prosperous centre of the pulp and paper industry has seen its mills transferred to the United States, said the critics. The same Quebecois asserted that an independent province would cure such economic depressions.

The anglophone community was represented. Said one English Quebecker, separatism is the end of a dream, a dream that two peoples could live together in harmony in one nation.

The English contribution to Quebec was 200 years old, he urged, and the anglophone community had also lived and died in

the province of Quebec.

They were two solitudes, he commented as he reviewed the steady erosion of English contribution to Quebec administration.

A Haitian immigrant expressed regret that she would not likely be accepted as a Quebecoise. Despite her mother tongue, French, she has never felt "at home," neither when she came nor today.

But the crucial point of the presentation was the strange relationship of the three nations, Canada, Quebec and the Cree.

If Quebec is a nation meriting independence by virtue of its language, culture and territory, the Cree nation doesn't lag far behind, viewers were told.

"We are a nation," stated the Cree spokeswoman. "We ruled ourselves; we have our own language and our own culture. We have always lived here."

The presentation reviewed the massive James Bay hydro project with its two-billion-dollar underground generating station. The land on which the project stands was the land of the Cree nation, viewers learned.

The rivers have been destroyed by the project. The Cree have lived for ever on the waters, all destroyed, said the leader and spokeswoman.

Cree land is Quebec land, too. That there is wide interest here in the future of Canada and Quebec is very evident. I am constantly asked where we are going, and why.

If this presentation helps to clarify a picture that is scarcely clear to many Canadians, it has served a purpose.

While it was presenting a Quebec viewpoint, it might have been broader in scope had it referred to any other part of Canada.

The scene of snow

I was anxious to remind my family at home that if they used my car it needed snow tires should winter strike.

"Winter tires?" asked an interested audience to my call, "What do you want anything like that for?"

I explained that while we don't

suffer the excesses of the Prairie winters nor the snows of the Rockies, we do, from time to time, suffer inconvenience when it snows.

"Well, you don't need that kind of thing here!" I was told, in no uncertain terms.

On Sunday we went to a restaurant a mile or so away and it snowed.

We ate and it snowed. We finally left and it was still snowing. And three of us walked away from our stranded car.

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No more coal?

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The coal industry is offering millions of tons at a price below cost to move the stock piles.

And on the right-hand page are reports of two proposed coal mines that have as yet failed to gain planning approval.

What would they do with the coal if planning were approved?

Yeoman of Cestria, Deryn Mor winners

Yeoman of Cestria was first across the line with *Deryn Mor* placing first on corrected time in a Salt Spring Sailing Club race December 5.

Phil Hume was skipper of *Yeoman of Cestria* and Kevin Vine skippered *Deryn Mor*, which was also second across the line, followed by Tony Brogan on *Brigantia*.

The second in the club's Snowflake Series, the race began at 10 a.m. at the sailing club dock in Walter Bay. The five-mile course took boats from the dock to the Welbury spar and back.

Club racing coordinator Kevin Vine reports that races are being held weekly on Sundays.

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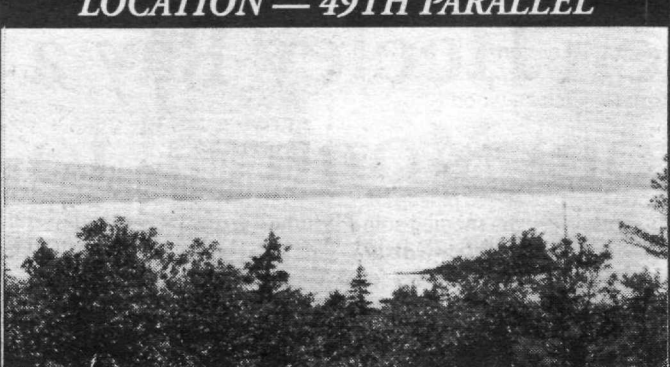
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 DEC. 18: Ometepe coffee tasting, Crossroads, 1-4pm.
 DEC. 18: Winter Market, Farmers Institute, 9:30-2pm.
 DEC. 18: Lions Garage Sale, Farmers Institute, 9:30-2pm.
 DEC. 19: Sunday School Christmas program, Community Gospel Chapel, 7pm.
 DEC. 19, 20, 21: Christmas with Scrooge, SS United Church, 7pm.
 DEC. 18 & 19: SS Singers Choral Christmas Concert, Ganges United Church, 7:30pm & 2:30pm.

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- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Playgroup for tots, Ganges United Church, 9:30-11am
- Line Dance, Meaden Hall, Legion, beg. 7-8pm/Int 8-9:30pm.
- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
- Cancer Support Group meeting, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wednesday).
- GISS Parents Group, School Library, 7:30pm (2nd Wednesday of the month).

EVERY THURSDAY

- SSI Camera Club, photography classes, 172 Reid Rd. 7-9:30pm.
- Weekly luncheons, Seniors for Seniors, 2 seatings 11:30/12:30.
- Weight Control Hospital Basement 7pm, no charge everyone welcome.
- Yoga with Beverlee Lane, SaltSpring Centre, 7:30-9:30pm.

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- Carpet bowling, lower hall, Central, 1:30pm.
- Story Time, Public Library, 9:30-10am (except holidays).
- "Bandemonium" G.I.S.S. band room, 7pm-9pm.
- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Monday each month).
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Golden Hands Santa's helpers



BEST DRESSED DOLLS: From left, Golden Hands Craft Group members Doris Hann and Betty Kennings show off some of the dolls dressed by group members and donated to Santa's Workshop last Thursday. The charming outfits are all designed to be removed, so the new owners can dress and undress the dolls.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

If Santa has any openings in his workshop, he might want to employ the nimble fingers of the Golden Hands Craft Group.

Already imbued with the spirit of giving, the 10 to 15 members of this Salt Spring group donate their sewing and craft skills to benefit others. Through two bazaars and luncheons a year, one in October and one just before Easter, they raise funds which are donated to various local charities.

Last Thursday, they donated 17 beautifully dressed dolls to the local Santa's Workshop. The dolls will be included in Christmas hampers distributed to low-income families throughout the island.

Some of the dolls — undressed — were donated while others were purchased by the group and dressed.

The outfits, created by Betty Kennings, Doris Hann, Mary McGregor, Elvie Hislop, Betty Halfnights and Dorrie Cherry, ranged from hand-sewn creations to knitted or crocheted baby sets. Often the volunteers also re-styled the doll's hair as well.

This year, their contributions have also included \$300 to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, \$300 to Lady Minto palliative care, \$300 to the Bessie Dane Foundation — which helps cancer patients — and \$200 to the Salt Spring Lions Club. Throughout the year they also donate work to the hospi-

tal thrift shop.

Treasurer Dorrie Cherry holds the only office in the group — otherwise members all vote on which charities to support and which activities to undertake. They meet every Thursday in the Croftonbrook recreation centre to plan projects and then take work home.

Cherry notes the group was originally composed of seniors from Croftonbrook but members now come from all over the island. Sewing, needlework, knitting and crocheting are the skills they share.

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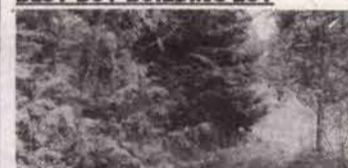
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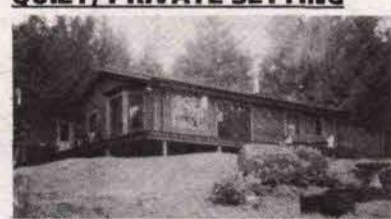
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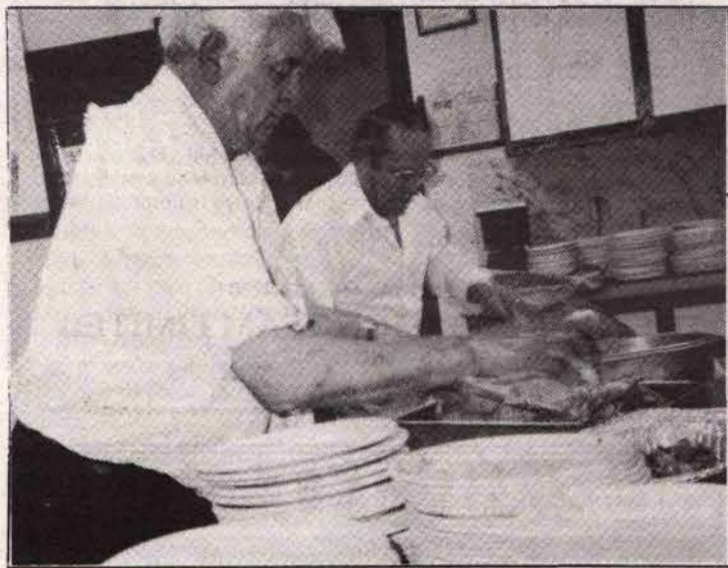


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Lions prepare feast for seniors

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FILLING 'EM UP: Volunteers, from left, Ken Barnes and Stan Sage slice turkey to fill plates at the annual Christmas dinner for single seniors, sponsored by the Salt Spring Lions Club.

Held in Meaden Hall, the event drew more than 200 seniors, many of whom were picked up by Lions Club members and brought to the hall.

Long tables were decorated with Christmas tablecloths and holly for the feast, presided over by Lions Club president Cal Mackay.

Mary Walker led the cooking crew of lady Lions in creating a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Entertainment was provided by the Salt Spring cubs and scouts, who sang Christmas carols, by two sets of dancers and finally, by the arrival of Santa Claus himself.

Santa handed out trays of homemade shortbread — baked by lady Lions — to all of the guests. Several guests also won prizes during the evening.

The event closed with songs led by Nellie Gilman.

Bake sale raises funds for food bank

Tasty treats translated into \$367.60 for the Salt Spring Island food bank following a bake sale at Brinkworthy Saturday.

The sale was held at Brinkworthy Centre by the Brinkworthy for Brinkworthy group. In addition to raising money for the food bank, the sale also gave non-baking residents a chance to stock up on Christmas treats.

bridge tricks

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners December 6 were: Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton, Rosemary and Bill Hook, Lois Johnson and Bill Buckler, Peter Jacquest and Fred Struve.

East-West: Jill Wainburn and Margurite Hall, Trevor Taylor and Keith Lavender, Conhor Hunt and Joan Conlan.

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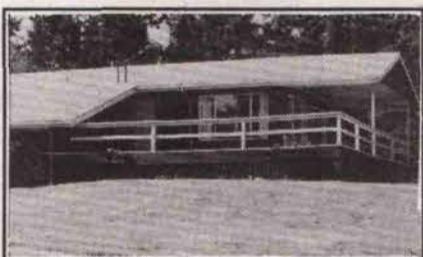
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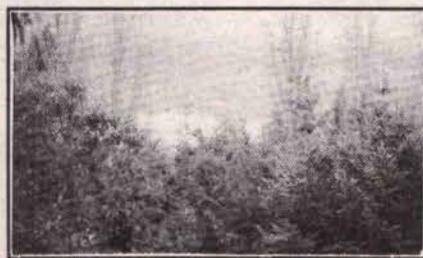
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Print, broadcast media witness Slugs' latest loss

• Slugs action photos—Page B7
By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Slugs discovered some valuable information during their Sunday night match versus the Victoria Twisters. First, they confirmed that their defenceman, Deadstop, is indeed very near-sighted, and secondly and more importantly, he is also as deaf as a post.

Unfortunately, however, it took yet another defeat before all these facts were gathered.

It was an important match all round for the Slugs. First of all, the Driftwood sent all-star photographer Tony Richards to snap some photos of the team and CBC Radio flew in their intrepid reporter, Arthur Black, to do an in-depth report. (In reality, Black got lost looking for a pub).

Even so, the press could not have picked a tougher opponent to witness the Slugs perform against. The Twisters have been our most difficult opposition for the past several years, and this night proved to be no different. The match started off quickly, with the Twisters taking command early. Fortunately for the Slugs and their fans, who, if you included the Zamboni driver added up to nearly a handful, goaltender Mark Hughes arrived with a hot hand, and it was a good thing he did.

The Twisters were all over the Slugs like a wet blanket, peppering Hughes with a number of shots, only to be stoned by him. It took the Slugs the better part of the first period to get on track, but once they did they started to make a game of it. With Hughes playing brilliantly in our nets we started to mount the odd foray into the Twisters' end-zone, and it didn't take too long before we managed to open the scoring.

Bernie Reynolds was left unattended in front of the Victoria goaltender and when the puck was delivered onto his stick after some tenacious forechecking by Johnny Procter and Paddy Akerman, he didn't waste any time putting the Slugs on the scoreboard. This seemed to give the Slugs some much-needed confidence and they started to turn things around. Even so, with the first period coming to an end we had been outshot 20-3.

Despite this, we felt we could actually win this match and were determined to give it our best shot. Right off the start of the second period the tempo picked up where it had left off from the first. About five minutes into the second period Slug defenceman Rodney Challborn made a nice end-to-end rush, culminating with a bullet drive from just inside the Twisters' blueline. Initially, the netminder stopped the puck, only to have it trickle over the goalline when he could not hang onto it.

This gave us the lead for the first time in the match, but was a short-lived phenomenon. Enter Deadstop. One of the worst kept secrets in the Slugs' hockey league is Deadstop's inability to see anything beyond the end of his considerable nose.

Combine that with the fact that he can't skate backwards (and some say forwards either), and it gives the opposition a rather overwhelming advantage. But the rest of the Slugs have somehow managed to compensate for this and take up his considerable amount of slack.

However, unknown to the Slugs or the opposition until last night was the fact that not only is he as deaf as a post, he hears bells and whistles which don't exist. All of

this came about late in the second period, with the Slugs trailing 3-2, but still well in the hunt for the victory.

The play was in the Slugs' end zone when the puck went into Deadstop's corner. Somewhere between skating from the net to the corner Deadstop swears he heard the referee's whistle blow so he didn't bother to pursue the opposing winger.

Not only is the Slugs' Deadstop as deaf as a post, he hears bells and whistles which don't exist.

While he skated away from the play, to the amazement of everyone else on the ice, the winger passed the puck out front and the Twister defenceman blasted one past Hughes, who didn't have a chance. This final act of incompetence by Deadstop really had everyone shaking their heads, wondering what he could do to top this act.

Shortly after that fiasco, when the team decided it was safe to let him back on the ice, he tried to jump over the boards just like the pros do. Unlike the pros, however, Deadstop did a triple-axe-over-toe-shoe, landing face first on the ice. His only real wish after that performance was that Richards' camera may have jammed on the play due to his laughing in the stands.

By the end of the second period we were trailing 4-2, despite everyone except the aforementioned individual playing a very strong game. Both forward lines were making some good plays and the passing game was working

quite well. On defence, the pairing of Scott Bergstrom and Paul Sinclair was clicking along as usual, with both players making a number of good plays to move the puck out of our end.

On the other line Rod Challborn was also putting in a superb performance despite having to cover up for Deadstop all evening, and Hughes was really putting on a show for the camera, keeping us in the game time and again.

The Slugs did something unusual at the start of the third period, they came out flying. The usual fashion for the Slugs is to be completely bagged by this point in the game, but it was most likely the fact that Deadstop got their adrenalin pumping late in the second period and it just carried over.

At any rate, the boys were determined to give the Twisters a real run for their money and it began to look like we might even pull it off. Paddy Akermann potted one for the good guys at about the half-way mark of the third frame, following some of the best forechecking ever done by the Slugs.

Linemates John Procter and Bernie Reynolds were in opposing defencemen's faces for the entire period and it finally paid off when they managed to strip them of the puck and get it to Akerman who doesn't miss on opportunities like that.

Unfortunately, it was too little too late, as the Twisters hung on, barely, to hand us the defeat. It was an unfortunate loss for the Slugs, who played a particularly good match against a team which usually blows us out of the water. But the boys can take some solace in the fact that things may be on the mend for the club, particularly if Luke the wonder dog comes through with his promise of hearing aids and spectacles for Deadstop.



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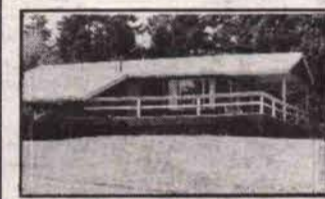
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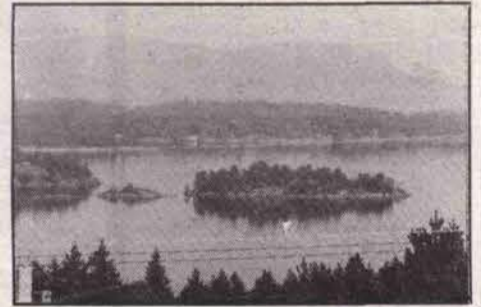
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.99 of an acre which has all day sun and only steps away from St. Mary Lake. Large trees at the rear of the property. A two bedroom home with the use of wood throughout, basement with windows for future development. Sun deck, fireplace, single carport, outbuildings and paved driveway.



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Thrifty's beats GVM at floor hockey

Floor hockey season came to a close at Salt Spring last week when Thrifty Foods defeated Ganges Village Market 14-11 for the championship.

Thrifty's Darren O'Neill scored the most goals for his team, earning him the title of MVP. Thrifty's took the game in the last period, with three unanswered goals by Justin Beaumont.

down the gutter

By RUTH HUME
Driftwood Contributor

October bowlers of the month at Kings Lane Recreation have been Christian Huser of the Smurfs and Megan Caron of the Peewees.

Bowlers of the month for November were: Smurfs: Valerie Harkema; Peewees: Jim Severn; Bantams and Juniors: Kimberly Sykes, Miles Hume, Robert Bergsma.

Top scores of the week:

Circus: Glen Hewitson - 209, Brian Radford - 209, Gordon Ruckle - 200, Ken Barnes - 208, Tony Farr - 209, Alani Robertson - 244.

Legion: Heather Kusch - 203, 202, 263/668, Bobby Woods - 228, Doug Sykes - 230, 247/669, Ben Martens - 210, 205, Steve Martens - 201, Ron Stepaniuk - 243, 626, Gary Whitehead - 204, 222, Myles Wilson - 210, Janet Severn - 300/635, Gary Gaetz - 212.

Golf ladies: Lorraine Toller 206, 310, 203/719, Maddy Cooper - 234, Mary Kirkpatrick - 205.

Tuesday morning: Helmut Losch - 256, Isabelle Richardson - 218, 209, Ed Allen - 200, 204, Gordon Hutton - 220, 229.

Tuesday afternoon: Margaret Baker - 258/656, Murray Anderson - 216, 230/610, June Webb - 217, 209, Bill Baker - 270, 259/677, Conrad Flebbe - 213.

Wednesday ladies: Mary Fraser - 276, Sylvia Ryles - 208, Ann Funk - 230.

Friday afternoon: Marg Baker - 201, 221, Bill Baker - 202, Bill Frontin - 240.

SOCCER SCORES

Boys

Under 13:
Salt Spring Strikers 4, Prospect Lake 6

Under 14:
Rainbow Rentals Raiders 1, Juan de Fuca 1

Under 15:
Salt Spring Rangers 2, Cowichan 4

Under 16:
Salt Spring Spurs 1, Prospect Lake 3

Under 17:
Salt Spring Spurs 1, Cordova Bay 5

Under 19:
Salt Spring Kicks 1, Cordova Bay 0

Girls
Under 19:
Salt Spring Striking Force 0, Gorge 6

Men
Division 2:
Salt Spring F.C. 0, Lakehill 5
Regular scheduled games are now suspended until January 15. On-island mini soccer will suspend play after December 18 and resume January 8.

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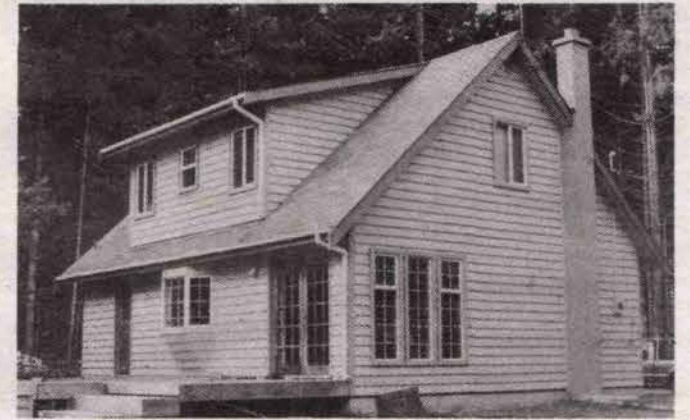
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TRAILING THE SLUGS: The *Driftwood* found the Salt Spring Slugs Sunday, but not in some sleazy bar in Duncan. They were actually playing hockey. Above, pretending to skate backwards but actually trying hard to stay upright is the famous Deadstop. Top left, Bernie Reynolds and left, Todd McIntyre show that Slugs' hockey is occasionally taken seriously. Photos by Tony Richards



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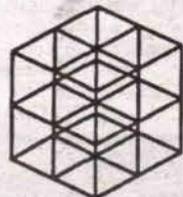
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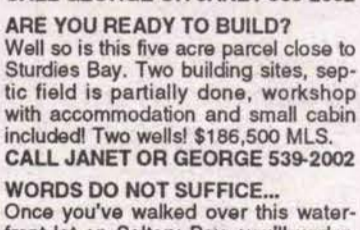
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With the weather causing mudslides and the wind wreaking havoc over the last couple of weeks my mind turns to indoor tasks. I like to be comfortable when I garden, so weather patterns dictate my calendar of events. If you are a grower and consumer of vegetables then you will likely have a system set up for storage, however big or small.

Storing vegetables for the winter months is simple and rewarding. Fruit is also simple to store, depending upon the type. During rain, when working the soil is both impractical and uncomfort-

able, the storing of winter produce is a much easier enterprise.

Tomatoes should be stored separately in cool, dark conditions, not touching each other. Parsnips

and carrots store best in cold, aerated dry places in sand. Apples like racks — and should not be touching — as do pears.

Peaches are very delicate and should be separately wrapped in paper (brown bags are great). Grapes store best hung in cool, dark places. And potatoes can be mounded in a cool dark corner.

On the subject of potatoes and their many uses and characteristics, a friend handed me a poem recently extolling the virtues of our humble tuber. It was found under the mattress of a five-year-old child at the turn of the century and has no known author. It is, however, very beautiful and I would like to share it with you.

To other potatoes I did talk

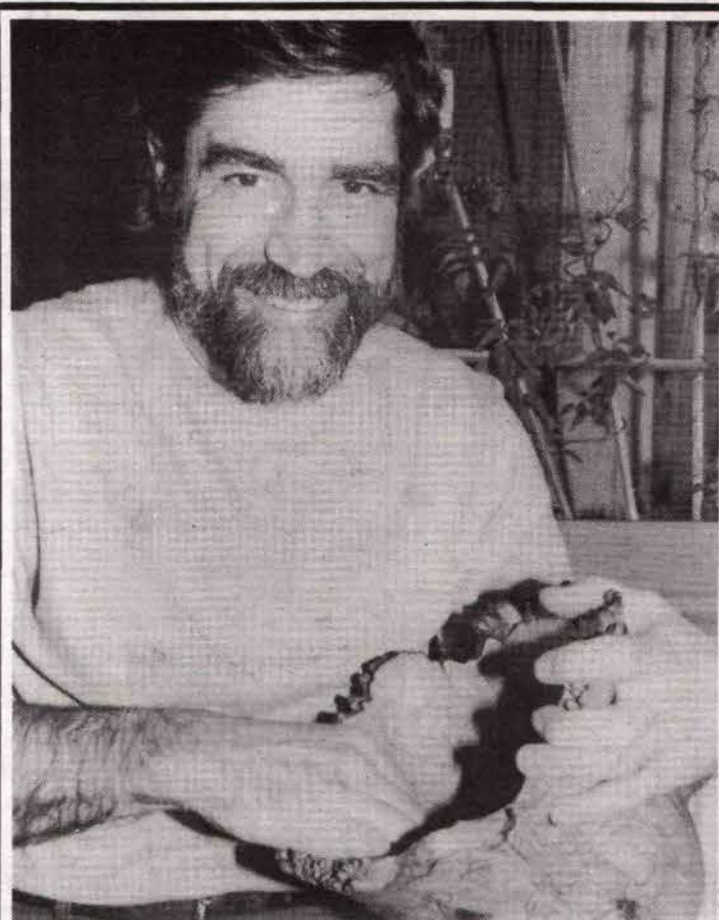
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DEREK DUFFY



about my friends —
How the crow Lars Porsena,
Does have a fondness for collecting things.
How Aphrodite, the mother pig,
has a fondness
For chocolate creams.
How my dear pig Peter Paul Reubens,
Wears a little bell coming to my cathedral service.
Potatoes are very interesting folks
I think they must see a lot
Of what is going on in the earth
They have so many eyes.
Too I did have thinks
Of all them growing days there
in the ground

And all the things they did hear.
And after I did count the eyes,
That every potatoe did have
And their numbers were in blessings,
I have thinks these potatoes growing here
Did have knowings of star songs.
I have kept watch in the field at night
And I have seen the stars
Look kindness down upon them.
And I have walked between rows of potatoes
And I have watched
The star gleams on their leaves.
— Anonymous



BOWLED OVER: Woodworker Bob McKay of Wood Plus Work puts the final polish on one of his creations, a hand-turned bowl with a rustic ruffled edge. McKay's work will be among the items offered at the Last Chance Christmas Craft Fair this Friday through Sunday in Mahon Hall at Ganges. Photo by Valerie Lennox

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Wool replaces tinsel in island home

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Forget the tinsel, tossed out after the holidays.

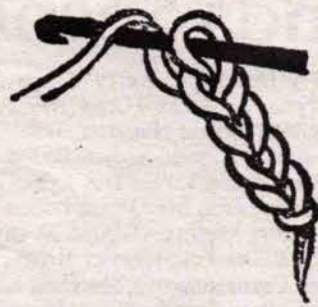
In Pat Pidlaski's Beaver Point home, the Christmas tree is draped with a colourful Christmas garland of crocheted wool — a project easy enough for a novice crocheter yet unique enough to become a family Christmas heirloom.

Required are balls of wool, a crochet hook and, to add glitter, a skein of metallic thread or wool. Pidlaski likes to use red and white mixed with silver in her garlands. However, children often enjoy mixing several colours in one garland, making it possible to recycle leftover skeins of wool into a Christmas decoration.

Pidlaski's major interest is weaving and spinning and she is also involved in the Salt Spring Tea Company. But while a loom or spinning wheel is not very portable, Pidlaski says she can hook a garland almost anywhere.

"It's a great craft to do on the ferry or to teach a child how to crochet," she says.

The first step is making a length of looped chain out of coloured wool. Seasonal colours, like red or green, work well and extra glitter



LOOP BY LOOP: Chain stitch can be done with fingers or with a crochet hook, as shown above.

can be added by using both yarn and metallic gold or silver thread to make the loops.

To make the looped chain, fold one end of the coloured yarn — or the yarn and metallic thread together — into a loop, tying off the end to hold the loop together. Moving down the strand, fold a loop and pull it through the first loop; a short distance further down fold a loop and pull it through the second loop. Continue until the chain reaches the desired length of the garland. Cut the yarn from the skein and tie off the end.

"You chain stitch forever, for as long as you want — maybe six

yards."

Next, move to one end of the chain and begin crocheting, doing three single crochet stitches in every loop of the chain.

Pidlaski finds the crocheted section works well when done in white wool, although other colours can be used.

To crochet, push the crochet hook through the front of each section of chain, lay the strand of wool across the hook and pull it through the chain loop, creating two loops on the hook. Lay the yarn on the hook again and pull it through both loops on the hook, completing one stitch.

Pidlaski notes this is easily done for anyone who knows how to crochet but beginners might want to find someone who knows how to crochet or consult a book for information on basic crochet stitches.

Continue along the length of the chain, doing three crochet stitches per chain link. As the crocheted section builds up, the garland begins to twist into a spiral. "Just by the natural way it goes, it curls in on you," Pidlaski said.

She noted the project is more forgiving than many crochet patterns. "If you make a mistake and forget one of your loops it doesn't

matter."

The finished garland adds old-fashioned charm to any Christmas tree and can be used year after year. "It's not stuff you throw away every year, like tinsel on the tree."

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HEELEY-RAY

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straight away so the director could see it the next day at lunchtime and decide on cuts and changes.

"I stayed in the studio after 6 p.m. — like doing homework. The editor would correct it. I learned real fast."

In 1952 Heeley-Ray was invited to Canada to the National Film Board (NFB) for a three-month contract. He never went back.

"After a sheer disastrous flight I reported to the film board (in Ottawa) next day. It was a dirty little converted sawmill across from the French embassy on the (Rideau) river.

"My jaw dropped about five feet. I had never seen such camera work in my life. It was absolutely beautiful — but the sound was awful."

So Heeley-Ray's job began, putting together a sound department and training dozens of Canadians in the art and techniques he had developed in the previous 10 years. And he gives the NFB credit in one department.

"They taught me more of how to work something out of nothing and

how to make it better from lack of money," he said.

Sometimes the pressures of studio life were too much, even for mild-mannered Heeley-Ray. *City of Fire* was a case in point.

It had an all-star cast, including Henry Fonda and Ava Gardner. Montreal was the city in the title, and it was meant to go up in flames. There were lots of special effects, and Heeley-Ray said the sound had to be done over several times.

"Finally we got it all together. One Saturday night, about 10 or 11 or midnight, I was working since dawn. I was bushed.

"The telephone rang. It was someone in Hollywood."

Heeley-Ray's assistant answered. "Well, he isn't going to like that. He just got finished."

"He said, 'I've got a list of changes . . .' and I picked up this reel and threw it at him!" Heeley-Ray said. "Take this reel and shove it up your ass!"

A reel of film weighs about 10 pounds and has a steel rim and could have done significant damage to his assistant. Fortunately,

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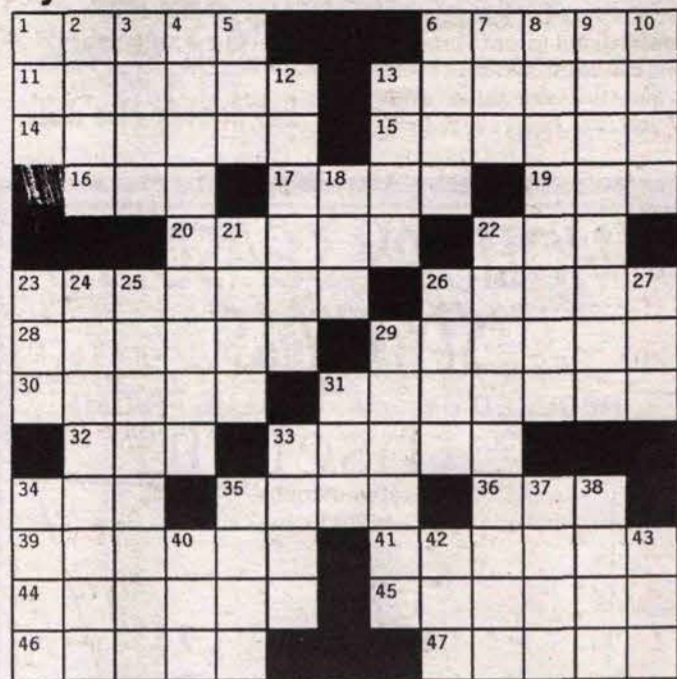
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- 6. Twists out of shape
- 11. Whole
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- 14. Cow man
- 15. Seventh heaven
- 16. Fizzle out
- 17. French seasons
- 19. Donkey
- 20. Slender candle
- 22. Short theatrical routine
- 23. Sharp-cornered
- 26. Capital of France
- 28. Fruitless
- 29. At peace
- 30. Dale or Linda
- 31. Paying guest
- 32. Common contraction
- 33. New Zealand pine tree
- 34. Advance in years
- 35. Fish propellers
- 36. Policeman
- 39. Crisp crackers
- 41. Teeth coating
- 44. Practice compositions
- 45. Unruffled
- 46. Removed from typeset matter

DOWN

- 1. Border
- 2. Geraint's wife
- 3. King of the Huns
- 4. Alternate
- 5. Hole in one
- 6. Soaks in water
- 7. Macao coin
- 8. Fixed
- 9. Fresh and clean
- 10. Domains of mariners
- 12. Mining tool
- 13. Plaintiff
- 18. Three comb. form
- 21. Fermented drinks
- 22. Prevent access to
- 23. Presidential nickname

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**Honour roll students named
by Gulf Islands Secondary**

Following are the honour roll students at Gulf Islands Secondary School for the first reporting period.

Grade 8: Jesse Anderson, Erin Baker, Elizabeth Baker, Ian Baker, Lara Brown, Kelsey Butkus, Kurtis Buyze, Regan Byron, Patrick Callas, Paul Campsall, Joel Carter, Dustin Chamberlin, Gina-Lily D'Attilio, Melissa Estable, Julia Filtness, Rebecca Forbes, Dani Gardner, Lisa Gardner, Alura Gilbert, Melissa Hingston, Caitlin Hohmann, Jeremy Keating, Rebecca Lavallee, Thor Magnusson, Jesse McLaughlin, Sara Miles, Anna Mussell, Norah Perkins, Molly Phillips, Graham Regan, Jamie Robinson, Franziska Satzinger, Peter Sloan, Jillian Speed, Helen Stacey, Courtenay Steele, Christopher Urquhart, Justine Wilkie, Kevin Willingham.

Grade 9: Nicholas Bardon, Rebecca Bazzard, Daniel Bennett, Erin Bergsma, Neacol Booth, Monica Byron, Scott Carmichael, Carly Clark, Anastasia Cyprus,

Emily Delahaye, Kerry Fraser, Molly Grayer, Andrew Greig, Brook Hamilton, Adrian Hingston, Witek Jarosinski, Kirsten Jensen, Prairie Jolliffe, Aaron Little, Tim Lyons-Howard, Eamon MacQueen, Robert McMahon, Matthew Oldroyd, Noah Pred, Sasha Prendergast, Briana Prosk, Crystal Sheehan, Sheri Smith, Lisa Stafford, Jennifer Storey, Nyssa Temmel, Mia Thorne, Jeff Walsh, Sarah Wilkin, Emma Yardley.

Grade 10: Jason Avedon-Savage, Eric Baker, Christine Bergsma, Jeffrey Brownsword, Kate Butkus, Daniel Byrne, Michael Campsall, Patrick Chesters, Jasmine Dares, Morgan Donnelly, Kathryn Fowles, Mary Fowles, Natalie Gardner, Katie Gilchrist, Timothy Gordon, Gwendolyn Haevens, Kristi Kallip, Rebecca King, Kelly Laing, Peter Locke, Kristine Lyon, Shena Martin, Scott McCaughran, Jeremy Miller, Jinny Provencher, Janelle Rondeau, Krista Scotvold, Sonnen Sloan, Mary Ann Spears, Julie Spencer, Jeannie Stacey, Carsen Swann, Nicole Tan-

ner, Jazzi Tinsley.

Grade 11: Zoe Bennett, Amber Cartwright, Nicki Lynn Esau, Tami Funk, Marie-Claire Gardner, Hung-Fei Huang, Anna Lam, Kevin Lynch, Krista McKeachie, Kirsten Somieret, Allyn Thomas.

Grade 12: Gitte Baker, Stanley Burns, Chealea Cote, Natasha Eyles, David Gaylor, Rachel Gillett, Dana Hawkes, Jenny Hill, Lianna Hingston, Erin Jarvis, Yvonne Lam, Matthew Larmour, Chris Magnus, Sky Marcano, Rita Phillips, Jaya Polden, Hamsa Polden, Paula Proctor, Gretchen Prystawik, Andrea Rondeau, Jenni Thomas, Lars Thoro, Serena Vaillancourt.

Principal's List:

Grade 12: Yvonne Lam, Gretchen Prystawik, Andrea Rondeau, Jenni Thomas. **Grade 11:** Zoe Bennett. **Grade 10:** Rebecca King, Natalie Louise Gardner, Julie Spencer.

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Christmas party-auction adds \$400 to IODE chapter's funds

By OLIVE MOUAT
Driftwood Contributor

One of the special days for HMS Ganges IODE is the Christmas party. Most members have the party in mind all year and lay away items for it because, dear reader, it is not really a party. It is a private auction sale.

Several years ago, Ann Leigh-Spencer suggested an auction as fun and as a way to raise money. What she urged was this: "Everyone gets presents that she will never use. Good! Lay them aside and bring them to the auction. Someone else will love them."

Members have done just that. Most have a drawer or a box into which they slip good, interesting, but — to them — useless articles. In December, these articles make a large part of the goods to be auctioned.

Of course there are other things too. Some represent sacrifice of an old treasure.

This year, Joyce Parsons, a former regent of this chapter who now lives in Duncan, brought two lovely boxes of her own special homemade chocolates. Often a member who has a gift for arranging green boughs and holly berries makes Christmas table centres that sell at once.

One year Margaret Howell decorated a birthday cake. Two people bid that up until, at \$30, one

bidder won out and happily took the cake to Greenwoods to a relation there whose birthday came a day after the auction.

This year there were several jigsaw puzzles, jars of jam and jelly, a couple of good books, an embroidered Mexican belt and a woven Salt Spring Island belt, and a wooden salt and pepper set with a built-in pepper-grater that the auctioneer demonstrated by sprinkling good fresh pepper over the table. There was a heritage plate, an electric can opener, a sweater, two new blouses and a beautiful hoyo, a plant that has shiny green leaves, is very attractive all year, and has flowers that look exactly like the flowers on grandmother's hat of 40 years ago.

Members try to bring two friends as guests. These friends are not pressured (much) either to bid or to join the IODE. Isabel Fitch deserved congratulations, both for her initiative and for her host of friends. She brought five guests.

Although the auction sale is not typical of an IODE meeting, it does show visitors a little glimpse of IODE-ers and the work that they do.

Some of these visitors come year after year and would not miss the auction sale. After all, though not members, they are loyal supporters of IODE; and then, too, one can sometimes find good

Christmas gifts.

Auctioneer Ann Leigh-Spencer was helped by "gopher" or perhaps "carry-away" Louise Foulis who hurried to deliver treasures to highest bidders. Meanwhile, Millie Young and Laura Faulkner quietly kept track of what each buyer owed.

The auction started amazingly nearly on time, proceeded quickly and with chuckles, and was completed before anyone had time to be bored.

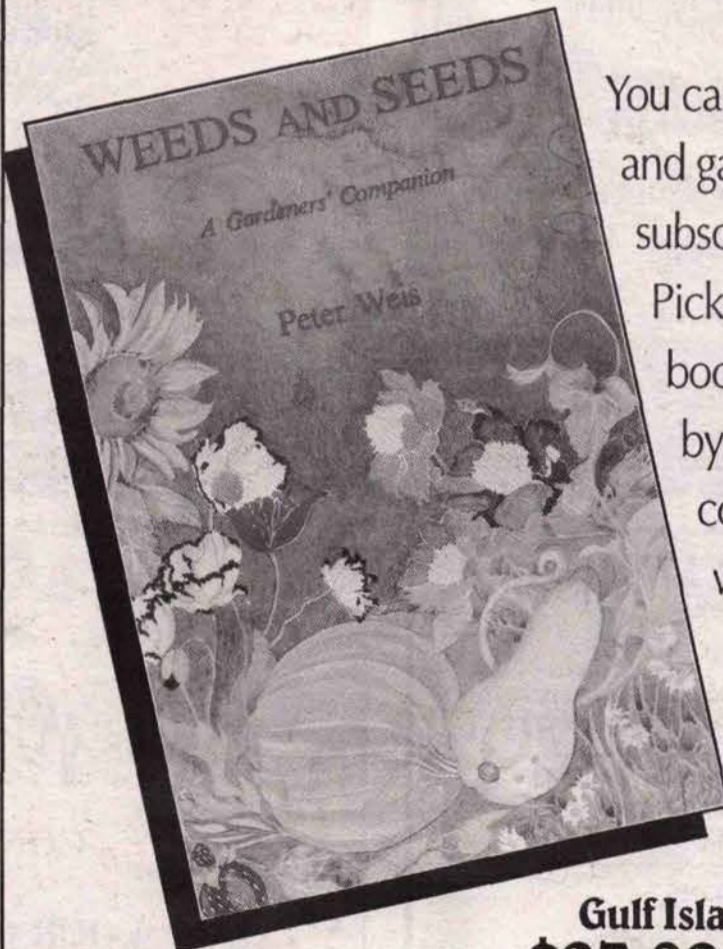
The rest of the afternoon was devoted to chatting, drinking tea and eating remarkable Christmas goodies. The goodies were good and also plentiful because each member brought samples of her best Christmas cooking. Everything not eaten was divided and sold.

This happy afternoon added \$400 to IODE funds.



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Fire safety tips offered for Christmas season

Keep the glow under control this Christmas.

The mix of seasonal cold, Christmas trees, festive lights and the seasonal rush can add up to tragedy. A space heater near a Christmas tree, an upset candle or sparks from a fireplace can all flare into a house fire.

Salt Spring fire chief Les Wagg offers tips to keep homes safe over the holiday season.

- If using a real tree, choose a fresh, green tree which is still holding its needles. Before erecting, recut across the bottom of the stump to ensure it will absorb water. Keep the Christmas tree stump immersed in water.

- Don't place the Christmas tree near a heat source.

- Use only cords in good condition when erecting outside or inside lights or when stringing extension cords. Don't leave Christmas lights on when leaving the home.

- After the Christmas morning frenzy of unwrapping, don't throw Christmas paper in the fireplace. Whenever you use the fireplace,

keep a screen in front of it.

- Be careful with candles. Don't use them on the tree, ensure they are not within reach of combustible material and do not leave lighted candles unwatched.

- When cleaning ashes out of the stove or fireplace, place them in a metal container and store them outside, well away from any combustible material.

Wagg notes several fires each year are caused by people who clean out the ashes and then put them in paper or plastic bags. This tip applies year round, not only during the holidays.

- Other year-round tips include making sure your house number is clearly displayed so emergency crews can respond to calls and installing smoke detectors and testing them regularly to ensure they are operating properly. Detectors are equipped with a test button on the bottom.

Finally, Wagg says, "The Salt Spring Island Fire Department wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday."

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Ferries, policing agenda items at Community Club meeting

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

The Saturna Community Club met December 7 to discuss several items of local concern. Ray Lindsey reported that the ferry survey forms sent to all islanders and local property owners have been collected. He reported that there was a very high rate of participation in the survey.

Local policing was debated at the meeting and after a great deal of discussion a motion was passed that the community does not want an official auxiliary police officer at the present time.

The health committee reported that the 911 response team needs more volunteers. Another IFA course will be offered in the near future.

This is a prerequisite of joining the team. Call Cal Hollings, the unit chief, at 539-2085 for more details.

The Community Club agreed to purchase a glucometer for the use of Laura Paul, our home care nurse, at the medical centre.

A meeting of the health plan committee to decide on the direction of local health care will be held on Saturna in February.

It was also noted that an overnight bed is available for those forced to accompany someone to hospital off-island.

The recycling committee reported that the closing of the island dump is progressing on track.

The Parks and Recreation Commission held elections for two new

saturna notes

positions. Cal Hollings was elected for a two-year term and Jon Guy for one year.

The commission is proceeding on negotiations for the lighthouse park and is also working on resurfacing the tennis courts. A line dance instructor is being sought by the commission for local classes.

Joyce Whitehead asked the Community Club to officially request that markers or pillars be added to the steep side of the East Point Road where it climbs out of Lyall Harbour valley, an area commonly known as the Missing Link. She noted that the road is dark and narrow and could be dangerous. The club agreed to make the request.

A hall clean-up and maintenance committee was formed to oversee the upkeep of the hall. The committee will be headed by the vice-president and include one member from each of the user groups.

As well as directing the maintenance of the hall the committee will create an official policy for use of the facilities by private members and groups.

A representative of F. Williams Holdings, Wolfgang Schewegler made a presentation to the meeting about the future of their extensive properties on Saturna.

He reported that there would be some changes and some development in the future but that the company was committed to keeping the rural flavour of Saturna.

He said the company was willing to keep large blocks of unencroached land green and to offer them to the community for parks or woodlots. The company has no intention of large-scale logging.

Input will be requested from the community, the Islands Trust and the APC before any final decisions are made.

The show must go on, was the motto of Saturna elementary school for the annual Christmas concert. In spite of power outages, flu epidemics, and a cold rehearsal the show did go on and with gusto.

The hall was full to capacity as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and neighbours squeezed in for a chance to enjoy a children's country Christmas.

The hall had been transformed by the combined efforts of the preschool group and the PAC. The children had helped to decorate the tree the afternoon before the performance.

Tobin Stokes took a day away from his busy life in Victoria to accompany the children during their musical performance. He praised the children for their hard work learning the songs.

Every child was a star in the show, and it was a magical night enjoyed by all. The Christmas season has begun on Saturna.

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By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

An island is an amazing place. With limited access to travelling entertainments, islanders organize their own. Usually there is a cause to be served. That is enough to get the backing and participation of the community.

The cause this time was the ongoing renovations at the South Hall — the theatre, the hall itself. Tastefully decorated with cedar boughs and tinsel, the building was filled to capacity for the three and a half-hour show at both performances.

The opening act featured young violinist Rowan Hartman. Now a teenager, it has been interesting to watch the development of this young artist over the past few years. Fiddle tunes are his forte at this time. Effervescent Ella (Johnston) and Active Elizabeth (Bosher) entertained next in a short skit, *At Home for Tea*, the latter in a most splendid Edwardian hat. There followed a fashion show like none seen before. Clothing from Galiano's "Deja Vous" shop were modelled with Johanna Poders as a most professional-sounding commentator.

Musical numbers included at this part of the program included Holly and Ian, a trio from Newfoundland (Holly is expecting). Later, Ian played again, the saxophone this time, accompanying guitarist Brad Prevedoros. Songstress Heather Martin, accompanied by singer-pianist-guitarist Carmen Braund, then performed three numbers. "Order and Chaos" provided an inventive musical experience. Rene Mahlow's crazed activities gave added interest to this act.

The show then continued with a monologue by Vivienne Brooke-Hart. The upbeat Cedar Crew with Chris and Carrie caught interest as

galiano notes

did Keith and Debbie Holmes playing *A New Day* on flute and guitar. Throughout the act the antics of the environmental Sharp Family were to be seen, and it all ended with Gordie Palmberg and Miss Kitty (Dexter Howell) and a skit on group hypnosis. Island characters in the second stage of a hypnotic spell were interviewed, including Ken Pattison whose clever impersonations of national, international and local people created a lot of laughter.

Hypnosis was certainly not the answer to Jenny Jarvis' problems as a chronic smoker. Clucking hens Sue Evans, Val Sibelius, Sue Friend and Margaret Howell reacted as only hens would to Palmberg's advice to "victim" Jamaica Evans. Rap dancer Constable Tom Norton kept "a poker face" throughout his part of the skit.

Act two featured the family band of Bernard Mignault, Francine Renaud and Tamara Persyko — the latter as vocalist. Barbara Landmark's playing of Brahms' *Hungarian Rhapsody* received a standing ovation and Arne Bell and Jacquie Bowers as opera performers, "brought the house down."

Musical selections by vocalist Heather McCrae were followed by Cathy Sharp and her "Louse Control" in which she was assisted by a group of local ladies. The program continued with an uproarious hamming of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* by two very athletic thespians, Arne Bell and Steve Nemtin. With masks and other assorted props, they bounced and

died for all to see — most magnificently did they fall to the "boards." Ending the evening was an excellent performance by the "Drum Addicts" and their dancing partners.

Keith and Debbie Holmes' rendering of a *Brand New Day* earlier in the evening might well have been a theme for the evening's performance and for the South Hall itself. Over the last year it has been given a new roof, a refinished floor, freshly painted walls, new comfortable chairs and a new septic field.

The evening's two mistresses of ceremonies, Cathy Friend and Diane Cragg, left no doubt the Galiano Club is aware of the hall's new improved image in the community and of the club's hope that what is now under way will continue. A reminder that Galiano Club memberships for 1994 are now due was made during the evening.

Santa comes to North Galiano

A noon-hour potluck for about 35 island children took place in the North Hall on December 4. Gingerbread men were decorated by the youngsters before lunch, and afterwards a small gift was received by each child from party organizer Dorothy Ross.

Santa arrived in Ken Allen's 1925 Ford Speedster touring car, festooned with holly and ribbons. The wee ones waited impatiently on the porch of the hall. Santa (Al Chambers), who seems to really enjoy his Christmas duties, sat by the lighted Christmas tree to conduct his interviews with his young admirers. This year he was assisted

by his hand puppet, "Christopher." The interviews over, Santa and the youngsters sat on the stage risers lustily singing Christmas songs accompanied at the piano by Carmen Braund.

On leaving, Santa danced his way from the hall to the children's singing of *Jingle Bells*, having told them he must be on his way to Valdes Island, the next stop on his pre-Christmas tour. It was a splendid, happy party.

But for the organizers...

With everything ready the day before but for last-minute food preparations, the kitchen crew got into action about 11 a.m. The coffee was on, the soup in the pot, the toasted buns ready for the oven — and then the power went off. A hasty trip was made to collect camp coffee pots, then a rush to light the pilot light on the propane stove.

Could all be ready on time? All was going well at last — "we can manage without heat and an unlighted Christmas tree" — when the lights came back on. There was an audible sigh of relief.

But there was still one problem. The pianist couldn't make it this year because of a meeting for the review of the Official Community Plan set for the other end of the island. Guests were met at the door with "you don't happen to play the piano do you?" There were no takers.

Then, to everyone's delight, there appeared former North Galiano resident, store owner, and *Driftwood* correspondent, Carmen Braund, also known to be an accomplished musician. Carmen's youngster Dominic was here to visit with Santa, hence their trip to North Galiano. How very glad the party organizers were to see them! This community has friends in high places it seems.

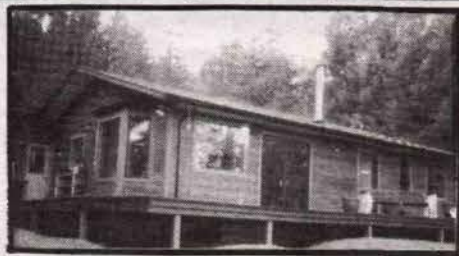
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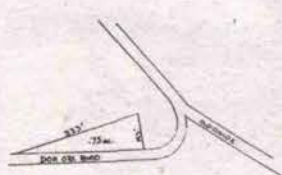
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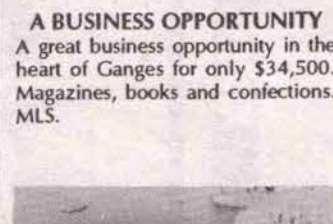
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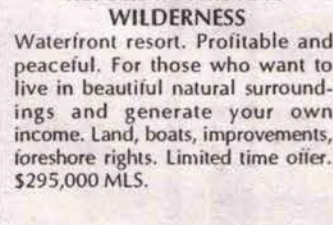
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