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## Everyone can ride at last!

### New provisions for immigrants

Amended procedure has been adopted by the BC Ferries whereby landed immigrants and others whose names are not on the voters' list will be granted residents' permit.

Persons who are refused a permit by the Capital Regional District office on Yates St., in Victoria, may appeal to the Traffic Manager of BC Ferries.

The Traffic Manager will adjudicate and, if the applicant can prove himself a bona fide resident of the islands, the regional district will be authorized to issue an identity card.

Gail Secor, of the Salt Spring Island Community Society, directed an enquiry to Chairman Jim Campbell, of the Capital Regional Board, recently. She asked why landed immigrants had been excluded.

Last week Mr. Campbell replied and a copy of his letter is published below:

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It seems necessary to clarify the position of the Regional District on the matter of the issuing of the so-called resident ID cards for reduced fares in the Gulf Islands.

When the fare increase was announced and the system of offering reduced rates to purchasers of books of tickets was cancelled, it was explained to us by the Ferry Authority that it had not been possible to successfully administer a resident rate system for Sechart, and the Authority would not attempt to do it again.

The Regional District was asked to do it, and asked to make a commitment that it would not issue cards except to those that it could ascertain were indeed residents.

#### VOTERS LIST

It was at my suggestion that the voters list was to be the

## Two chimney fires in

### Fulford area

Two chimney fires in Fulford area. No damage was reported in either case.

One fire occurred at the home of Allan Horrocks, opposite St. Mary's Church on Fulford-Ganges Road.

Second chimney fire was at the farm house of Pierre Boisvert, the former Gavin Reynold's farm.

## Two boats recovered by police

Two 12 ft. boats were stolen from the Fulford area on Wednesday night, Feb. 16.

Two juveniles were apprehended in Victoria on February 17.

The boats were recovered from Saanich Peninsula.

basis, because it is in fact the only source of documentary evidence that we have, and it is the Regional District which has the responsibility of the voters list.

For some time, initially, the

cards were issued on the voters list but as well on some other evidence of residence (such as drivers licenses). We quickly found, however, that disturbing-

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## Committee gives all of Ganges a close examination



Health committee is seen examining the drainage problems at Salt Spring Island schools. From left to right are Les Ramsey, Tom Toynbee, Don Ife, sanitary inspector; Health Committee chairman Sandy Noel, F.R. Severson, Health Officer A.S. Arneil and J.R. McKenzie. They agreed that the ditch at their feet was no concern of the committee.

## Slight increase in cost

Sewer system in Ganges has risen in cost even before it is undertaken.

Last week Regional Director announced that the proposed system will come in at an estimated price of \$2,600,000.

System for Ganges village rejected by voters in 1967 was estimated at \$186,000.

## PERMITS FOR JANUARY SHOW SLIGHT DECLINE THIS YEAR

Building in the islands did not get off to the same flying start this year that characterized January, 1976.

Report of building permits issued by the Capital Regional District in the islands shows a total of seven new dwellings in the Outer Islands. These are all located on Pender Island.

They are valued at \$195,194.

In January, last year there were eight permits issued in the Outer Islands, to a value of

\$179,398. Of this total, two were located on Pender Island, two on Galiano and three on Mayne.

This year has seen no permits issued in respect of construction on Galiano, Mayne or Saturna.

On Salt Spring Island, for the month of January, 1977, there were nine permits issued on Salt Spring Island for an estimated value of \$289,760. These included seven single-family dwellings, one duplex and one mobile home.

For the same month last year there was a total of 12 permits taken out, to a value of \$371,488. These covered 10 single-family dwellings and two mobile homes.

## Small trees are donated to Board

Gulf Islands schools will be attractively laid out when a recent contribution is planted.

Last week trustees heard a report from Building Committee Chairman Don Fairweather that a donation of hardwood and softwood shrubs had been received from the B.C. Forest Service.

They will be used for planting in the grounds of different islands schools.

The trees are valued at about \$2,000, reported Fairweather.

## CAMPAIGN FOR BLIND IS HALF-WAY SAYS SAWFORD

Campaign in the Islands for the Canadian Institute for the Blind is about half-way there, reports Chairman Phil Sawford.

Sawford is directing the drive on behalf of the Salt Spring Lions.

Donations to the fund may be left with or sent to the Bank of Montreal in Ganges.

In the meantime, the campaign chairman has presented this office with a copy of the CNIB Bulletin. The bulletin devotes most of its space to specific reports on activities in various parts of the province and the Yukon. It also lists activities of the organization or help from other sources.

#### HINTS TO DRIVERS

One of the items mentioned is the hints to drivers published

in a recent issue of the British Columbia Automobile Association magazine. The CNIB was asking for every blind person's

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## To teach French

Mrs. Anne Dybikowski has been engaged as a part-time teacher of French at Mayne Island.

Last week the Gulf Islands School Board approved the appointment when the department of education granted Mrs. Dybikowski a letter-of-permission to teach.

## THREE PLANE LOADS COME IN

### Committee takes close look at Ganges sewage

Health committee flew into Ganges on Friday, looked around, learned of the commun-

ity's sewer problems at first hand and flew out again.

They weren't the only ones to fly in. CHEK TV flew in a crew to examine the situation and CBC TV also brought in a camera crew by plane.

It was an impressive gathering of administrators as six directors, local residents and regional district staffers toured the Ganges area.

They started with the soggy ground behind the Ganges Pharmacy and continued along the low-lying ground behind the Pemberton-Holmes office.

#### EXAMINE SITE

From there they inspected the proposed site for a treatment plant and took a look at McPhillips Ave.

The tour of inspection covered the beach in front of the island schools and the school property.

After coffeebreak, they saw the head of the harbour and continued on to Valcourt Business Centre, the new Lancer Building and the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

During their inspection of the core area of Ganges, or that section around the harbour, they were followed closely by television cameras.

#### TAKING PART

Taking part were; Committee members J.R. McKenzie, of Victoria; F.R. Severson, of Saanich; J.M. Tipton, of Metchosin; George Westwood, of North Saanich and George Heinekey, of Salt Spring Island. The island's regional director is not a member of the committee.

With the administrators were Health Officer Dr. A.S. Arneil, Jack Fry, regional information officer and Chuck Longueay, alternate to the Salt Spring director.

Showing them around were Tom Toynbee, Les Ramsey, Bob Blundell and other islanders.

The visit followed a formal request from representatives of the Ganges business community asking for permission to install holding tanks for sewage until such time as a sewer system is installed.

## First car-cat collision costs \$200

Danger.....cats!

Report of a cat-car collision has been made to Ganges Detachment RCMP. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200. Damage to the cat was not clear as the animal did not stay at the scene of the accident. It is the first such incident on the island.

Driver Robert Romano, of Sharp Road, Ganges reported that the cat ran in front of his import sports car and struck the cowl near the front of the car.

He stopped promptly, but the damage was done and the cat was gone.

### Good progress on CNIB

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co-operation in traffic. If you are blind and you are crossing the street make sure you carry a white stick very clearly in order that motorists are aware that you cannot see them. The other side of the coin would be addressed to the driver, said Sawford.

"Make sure you observe the white cane when driving down the street!"

Isabel Beveridge, who has been entertained by island Lions on many occasions, reported

from Victoria. She listed a talking calculator acquired for a

There are reports of fishing clubs and skiing for the blind sportsman.

The lack of sight is so very clear to everyone, whether sighted or not, that there is little to tell islanders, said Sawford.

"Just close your eyes and you will see very clearly why we ask for your support," he told Driftwood, urging islanders to help those less fortunate than themselves.

### Carrying the can while tour is made



Carrying the can is Les Ramsey. He is seen walking through Ganges with CBC reporter Jackie Melville and Dr. A.S. Arneil, regional medical officer of health.

name, holder of the Victoria Cross, who was serving as a legislator.

In 1961 she was acquired by BC Ferries and in 1966, she went to the fishing camps with J.H. Todd and Sons, Ltd.

In 1975 the 62-year-old vessel was bought by a group of Salt Spring Islanders and came home.

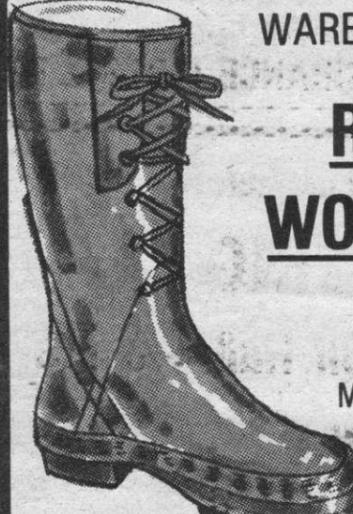
It's all in the book. Before closing the book, the reference to the Motor Princess is interesting. Unquestionably, the oldest vessel still in service around the islands, the Motor Princess, now the Pender Queen was constructed in 1923 at Yarrows, in Esquimalt. She measured 165 feet long, by 44 feet in breadth and nine feet depth. She had a registered gross tonnage of 1,243 and was equipped with a 12-cylinder diesel and twin screws.

You can go on for hours. But better you read it for yourself. I'm glad I did. -F.G.R.

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### New book on early ships

"The Pacific Princesses", By Robert D. Turner. Sono Nis Press, 252 pp. \$24.95

Co. and renamed the Cy Peck, after the Saanich soldier of that

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There was a time, when I first wrote a book review on the west coast, that anything priced at \$25 had to be a dictionary or an encyclopedia. In so short a time, the cost of production has soared and the value of the dollar has dived. Today, a book of this quality and localized interest could not be found for less.

The Princesses will appeal to every islander who knew the island seas more than a decade or so ago. It will appeal to every reader who has an interest in shipping-around the coast and particularly among the islands.

For example, there are many islanders who remember well the schedule of the Island Princess: can that be so long ago? But there are less island readers now who recall the first Island Princess; the vessel that became Salt Spring Island's own ferry fleet and is now at a weary anchor in Long Harbour, the Cy Peck.

Ferry crews in the islands still enjoy the operation of the Pender Queen. Many of her crew find her a pleasing vessel to work. How many readers have enjoyed a typically formal Canadian Pacific dinner aboard the Island Princess?

In the days when she sailed between Sidney and Steveston, the Island Princess, now the Pender Queen, carried a full galley and a crew of waiters.

You can still drive into Victoria and take a meal aboard the Princess Mary. And she's not likely to go down. But how many recall the thrill of running down to the wharf when the Princess Mary was here? Or her predecessors?

They are all in the book. Did you know what became of the Princess Mary? Do you remember that her hull became a bulk carrier, or a large barge? And that it sank en route from Skagway to Vancouver, a couple years after leaving the CPR service.

It's all in the book. The pictures are fascinating even if you don't remember one of the ships. The luxury of the CPR Princesses is a reminder of a past era.

The appendices identify the Cy Peck as having been built in Tacoma, Washington in 1913. She was originally named the Daily. In 1918 she came into the Canadian Pacific fleet as Island Princess. In 1930 she was acquired by the Gulf Islands Ferry

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## TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

And I never knew that! When the Chief Scout married the Chief Guide, they were establishing one of those kinky records that Guinness is always looking for. Robert Baden-Powell and his bride shared the same birth date. The only other fellow I know in my history inabilities is Shakespeare. But he didn't marry a dame born on his birthday. He died on his birthday. And that is the only reason I know he was born on April 23, same like St. George. The Scout and Guide leaders were both born on February 22.

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Salt Spring Island traveller brought me a report from California of the murder of an American in Mexico. The report stated that a couple were travelling in a motor home when a Mexican car pulled in front of them late in the evening. The operators of the other car jumped them and commandeered the vehicle. They stopped and killed the driver. The dead man's fiancée explained that the Mexican police offered little help and that she was held responsible for the costs of the funeral for her boy friend. The clipping bore a brief message: "I hope you are not planning a trip to Mexico.... they tell me it's getting real bad!" And that's from a woman who has been there many times in the past.

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The Bowen Island publication also enjoys a sense of humour. I like the odd filler; example: We visited the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican last summer and admired the ceiling. It took Michaelangelo 16 years to paint it while lying on his back all the time. Had he used a roller he could have done it in a couple week ends.

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Sandy Noel is a Saanich Alderman. He is also a Capital Regional Board Director and chairman of the community health committee. And I've quit listening to him. He carefully explained to Jackie Melville, of the CBC that he was gratified at being interviewed by a young lady instead of the common run of old men smoking cigars. And I've known him a long time. I think he was president of the pensioners when I was a rookie reporter.

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George Heinekey has ideas on dog control. He tells me that in Burnaby they have a by-law that requires a dog owner to walk behind his dog with a plastic net and collect what may not be left on the sidewalk.

## Info-Health

BY DR. BOB YOUNG

Observing a person having an epileptic seizure generally causes confusion, fear, and a sense of helplessness on the part of the viewer. Convulsions usually start unexpectedly, and the change in the victim, often shockingly rapid, is difficult for the uninitiated to understand.

There are several types of seizure disorders and the term 'epilepsy' is occasionally used to include them all. It is more usual to refer to the major seizure disorders as epilepsy and give the milder forms other names.

### ELECTRICAL IMPULSES

All forms are due to intermittent changes in brain function associated with increased electrical discharges from brain cells. The excessive discharges may be triggered by the presence of a brain disease such as tumor, stroke, infection or injury.

Low blood sugar or low calcium levels also may be at fault.

Many cases of epilepsy are due to unknown causes, and most childhood epileptics fall into this category. The later in life that seizures start, the more likely they are to be due to organic disease.

The type of seizure that develops is usually fairly constant for an individual. It probably depends on the part of the brain that generates the excessive electrical stimulus, and on how far it spreads.

In a grand mal seizure the current affects the whole brain and results in a major seizure, loss of bladder and bowel control and loss of consciousness.

### MINIMAL SIGNS

Other convulsive disorders may have minimal signs - jerks, tics, or brief 'absences' or blank spells. Momentary loss of consciousness, so brief as to be unnoticed, may occur.

An accurate diagnosis of the type of convulsive disorder that is present is important. A wide variety of drugs is available now, but most are quite specific, being useful in one form of epilepsy but not in another. Consultation with a neurologist and use of the EEG (brain-wave) machine usually lead to a specific diagnosis.

Many epileptics are able to lead normal lives while under treatment. A well-controlled epileptic is allowed to drive if he remains seizure-free for several years. The use of alcohol is forbidden as it lowers the seizure threshold, and the alcoholic epileptic has real problems.

## HE'S STILL IN THERE WHEN SUPPORTERS HEAR

# Tommy Douglas Farewell

Tommy Douglas, MP for Nanaimo, Cowichan, and the Islands, has announced his plans to retire.

He will serve in the House of Commons until the end of the present government, he has stated. He will not seek a further term.

Last week the former national N.D.P. leader was feted in Ladysmith.

This report is represented from the Ladysmith Chronicle.

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Saying goodbye is never easy, but last Saturday local NDP'ers had an especially tough job.

They had to say goodbye to a man who means more to them than perhaps any other man in Canada. Tommy Douglas, one of the few remaining "grand old men" of the Canadian and world political scene, was making his last formal appearance with the party before stepping down from active political life and his supporters were out in numbers to say "thank you" for the 41 years he has been a force for political change in Canada.

### OVER 150

Over 150 NDP'ers, mostly from the local Sam Guthrie Club, gathered at the Native Sons Hall

to pay tribute to their leader. But it was not a night of sad farewells; Douglas, whose motto has been "If they're laughing, they're listening," made certain of that.

The Douglas wit was honed to its sharpest. His listeners were behind him all the way and the sharper the barb, the better they liked it.

From Otto Lang to Mackenzie King, Canada's ruling politicians took a beating from the MP from Nanaimo-Cowichan and the Islands.

"Mackenzie King proved a man can be prime minister for as long as he wants," Douglas quipped early in his speech. "John Diefenbaker proved anyone can be prime minister."

"Pearson proved we didn't need a prime minister and Pierre Trudeau has proved we are

better off without one." Douglas said.

### SURPRISED

He also supplied a novel twist to the old axiom "Behind every successful man there is a woman."

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## Let's not go overboard!

Let's not go overboard in Ganges! Judging by current reports it could be a messy procedure, at that!

There is a problem of sewage disposal in the Ganges area and a publicly-established committee is investigating the need for proper facilities.

The committee has investigated two methods of sewage treatment not previously attempted in the province anywhere else. If the Coulthard system is established in this community, it will be a first. It could introduce a new system of treatment to communities throughout the province.

A second new look is being given to the treatment of liquid sewage and, again, the proposal here is to innovate.

The provincial government has shown interest in these systems and although the Capital Regional District has prepared a further survey of the sewage area, the proposals await the government's final decision on taking part in the launching of a pilot treatment plant.

The present, very widely-publicized campaign on Salt Spring Island is aimed at a parallel target. It is not hitting at the sewer committee responsible for the preparation of the overall plan, or at the provincial government for its expressed interest in the project. The new campaign is doing a simple job in a complex manner.

The property owners and merchants in the Ganges area are concerned at the lack of provision for renovation or construction in the Salt Spring Island commercial area. They have looked back on history and found that it has been a long time since construction and renovation were decent and acceptable words in Ganges.

In order to keep up with the demands of the island population and to maintain a workable standard of cleanliness in the community, they have asked for permission to install holding tanks for sewage. Instead of leaking the discharge into the community's gardens and overflowing into the sea, they want holding tanks which would be pumped out as necessary and the effluent dumped in approved areas on the island.

The spokesmen for this group are not asking for an alternative to a sewer system. They are asking for a temporary provision to tide them over until the major work can be carried out.

It is unfortunate that the emphasis on the need for this provision has created an impression, outside, that Salt Spring Island is wholly affected. The conditions which have been generously advertised outside the islands prevail only in limited degree in certain areas. They are, perhaps, the legacy from an unplanned development in the past.

But the accompanying fears of polluted domestic water and fearsome living conditions are the by-products of publicity.

The truth of the matter is that Ganges is served by a water source whose quality is unparalleled in most small communities.

Don't let's go overboard on this!

## Letters to the Editor

**ACT NOW ON DOGS!**  
Sir,

These questions are addressed to the residents of Salt Spring:

Does a child have to be seriously bitten or mauled on the school grounds before you will become involved? Does an elderly friend or relative have to suffer a broken hip when their balance is upset by a romping dog in the village? Do you have to turn the garden hose on your child after playing in Centennial or Drummond Park to remove the faeces from their clothes? What does it take to get you involved?

I have occasion to pass the school grounds almost daily. On most occasions dogs are running out of control on the grounds - sometimes as many as five or six. Yesterday I watched a large dog dragging half-burned garbage from the incinerator and growling possessively at children as they passed on their way to the playing fields. Two other dogs were jumping at the children, trying to get the snacks from their hands held high above their heads.

Last week a dog fight occurred. I was horrified to see small children with their faces so close to the snapping jaws trying to separate the "poor doggies".

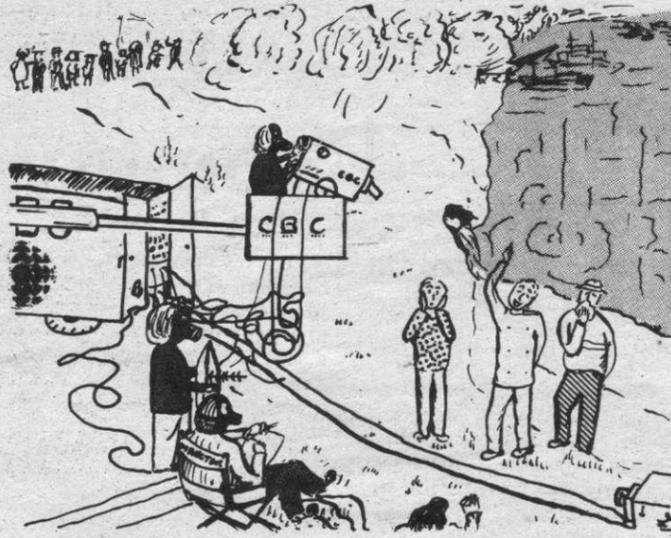
The elderly on our Island enjoy their freedom and independence. It seems a shame that their, sometimes unsteady or delicate balance can be upset so easily by dogs not under control.

The sidewalk to Pioneer Village, the raised walk in front of the Crest and the Bank of Commerce, the parking lots and green areas in the Village are all spaces that the elderly are exposed to injury.

The defecation on our playgrounds, parks and recreational facilities is appalling. Perhaps someone should recall the program on the infestation of worms in children shown on W5 and 60 minutes last fall. I realize that is the extreme, however contamination can and does exist.

There is only one solution to this problem on the Island.

Write a strong letter to the Capital Regional District, attention of Mr. G. Heinekey and Mr. J. Campbell, demanding that an Animal Protection Officer be



"SEWAGE" -- CBC-TV covered the Ganges waterfront.

## Down Through The Years With Driftwood

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

B.C. Hydro is presently carrying out some construction work on Salt Spring Island to provide an increase in power available for Holdfast Natural Resources, the Pozzolan plant on Welbury Bay. This increase from 12,000 volts to 25,000 volts on the Scott Rd. power line, will necessitate some interruption to service to parts of S.S.I. and all the Other Islands during the estimated six weeks needed for completion.

The following pupils of Mrs. Doris L. Crofton, L.R.S.M. were successful in the recent piano examinations of the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto. Grade two, Angela Brigden, 1st Class Honours; Grade One, Glynis Horel and Judy Luddington, 1st Class Honours.

Ganges United Church was the scene of a beautiful wedding on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2.30 pm, when Dr. N. Hughes united in marriage Barbara Faye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bennett of Ganges, and Herbert Daniel Brackett, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Brackett of Pender Island.

The birthday of Lord Baden-Powell was honoured on Sunday, Feb. 18 at 11 am by a parade of the S.S.I. Sea Scouts, Wolf Cubs and Brownies to the Ganges United Church. Local Scoutmaster is P.D. Williams, Cubmaster, Fred Perry, and Brown Owl, Mrs. D. Hook. The flagbearers were: Sea Scouts, H. Sprecker and G. Moutat; Cubs, E. Booth.

### TEN YEARS AGO

New manager has taken over the Bank of Montreal in Ganges.

Newcomer is James Merston formerly of Haney, who has taken over the management of the island branch in the place of J.C. Jeffery, who is now on the mainland.

Five members of the Women's Institute of Pender Island were invited to attend the February 16 luncheon in the Terra Cotta Room at the Dominion Hotel to honour the founder, Adelaide Hoodless.

Attending were Mrs. H.G. Scott, past president of the South Vancouver Island district; Miss Marion McKechnie, president of the Island W.I.; Mrs. P.H. Grimmer, director of the South Vancouver Island District; and Mrs. N. Grimmer and Mrs. B. Phelps.

Salt Spring Island is no laggard in the blossom world.

Last week Mrs. M.B. East, of St. Mary Lake, brought a bouquet of daffodils picked from her

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## Core Curriculum 100 years ago in New York school

Core curriculum is nothing new. Here is a sample of the core curriculum established in a New York school in 1870, or better than a century ago.

The curriculum was brought in by Frank Bower, retired educationalist on Salt Spring Island.

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1. Teachers every day will fill lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks.

2. Each day teachers will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's sessions.

3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of pupils.

4. Men teachers may take one evening a week for courting purposes, or two evenings if they go to church regularly.

5. After 10 hours of school, the teacher should spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.

6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.

7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years, so that he will not become a burden on society.

8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity and honesty.

9. The teacher who performs his labour faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of 25 cents a week in his pay, provided the Board of Education approves.

## She has been with them for 40 years

The Burgoyne United Church ladies held a bake sale and tea at the home of the president, Mrs. R. H. Lee on Feb. 16.

The event was opened by Mrs. Gladys Lee, who had been in the organization the longest, about 40 years.

The large table was filled to overflowing with baking and vegetables, sewing and other items and was sold out in no time.

The sum of \$121.25 was realized and will go towards the new foundation for the church.

Those helping were Gladys Lee, Kay Catlin, Madge Walker, Evelyn Lee, Edna Fraser, Thelma Reynolds and Kit Moulton.

A contest, "Guess the weight of the cake" was won by Madge Walker. It was a decorated valentine cake made and donated by Evelyn Lee.

## Fined \$450 for driving offence

Driving with a blood-alcohol content of over 0.08% cost a Ganges driver a \$450 fine last week, when he pleaded guilty.

Fined was Jack Wellington Taylor.

Court was told that a routine police patrol observed Taylor's vehicle travelling slowly and wandering on February 2.

A breathalyzer test had revealed levels of 0.18% and 0.17%.

His license was suspended and he surrendered it to the court.

Sentence was imposed by Judge D.K. McAdam.

placed on Salt Spring, now.

Until this is done livestock will suffer, children and the elderly will be exposed to unnecessary risks, wildlife will be harassed and injured and people will have no one to enforce pound laws on stray animals.

Please act now! Whatever your reasons, and demand immediate enforcement of our laws.

Marguerite Lee  
RR 3, Ganges, BC  
February 18, 1977

## Church Services

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1977

Church	Location	Service	Time
ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Morning Prayer	11.15 am
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 23			
Special Service at 7 pm, St. George's, Ganges			
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9.00 am
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	11.15 am
UNITED			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30am
An Hour of Sharing and Caring 6.30 - 7.30 pm			
COMMUNITY			
GOSPEL			
Pastor Moe	Ganges	Sun. Sch.-all ages	10.30am
537-2622(church)	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30 pm
537-5395		Thurs. Bible Study	7.30 pm
MAYNE ISLAND			
St. Mary	629-6655	Rector J. Daniels	11.30am
Magdalene	(Anglican)	Pastor John Rodine	Sun. 3 pm
Family Fellowship	Agric. Hall	539-5710	
Bible Study	Friday	in the homes	7.30 pm

## NEWS FROM GALIANO

BY WINNIE LIVER

Several families home again on the Island after winter vacations elsewhere. The Pat Weavers returned from California and Arizona, and Ollie and Ruby Garner from a holiday in Tahiti and south seas islands.

Tommy Carolan observed his 76th birthday last Friday when wife Joan brought two big birthday cakes to the Galiano Club's monthly Bingo night. Forty people enjoyed the cake and wished Tom many happy returns.

Mrs. W.J. Maier also celebrated her birthday on the 17th, entertaining a small party of friends at afternoon tea in her home.

There will be communion service at St. Margaret's church next Sunday at 9 am with Rev. Daniels officiating. Plans are being finalized for the observance of the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4th, at 2 pm in the Church. This is a service for women only, held in churches of every denomination in every country of the world on this day.

Mrs. C.E. Morshead is co-ordinator for the service on Galiano.

The Ladies' Service Club held their annual meeting last Monday afternoon. The new slate of officers includes president, Peggy Chunn; vice-president, Doris Strudwick; secretary Corinne Snell; treasurer, May Drew; Sunshine Convener and record book, Isabella Murphy; nominating officer, J. Bellhouse.

The date of the rummage sale was announced. It will be on Saturday, April 16. Anyone wishing to donate to this may call Corrine Snell or Sally Riddell who will come and collect.

Last week, Alice Maier celebrated her birthday and we wish her belated greetings on this special occasion.

The Galiano Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Galiano Hall. The time is 8 pm. The Chamber has worked extremely hard this year. They had the old barge removed from Sturdies Bay, helped to get the ferry fares

World Day of Prayer will be marked on Friday, March 4.

reduced, and are still working to get access to the beach on Scoones Road. We hope that the community will support this worthwhile organization.

The Galiano Lions held their monthly dinner meeting last Thursday and were visited by the District Governor, Gerry Medcalf and President Fred Bennett and three other members of the Mayne Island Lions Club. They returned the gong which mysteriously disappeared two years ago. Charter President Frank Basarab presented a giant gavel to Gerry Medcalf. This is "to keep his pack in order".

The Lions discussed the forthcoming seafood dinner which is being held on March 19 in the Galiano Hall. The Walkathon will be on Easter Saturday in aid of the Galiano Housing Society to provide storage space for the residents of Page Drive.

The Canadian Red Cross Society, British Columbia and Yukon Division, announces their drive this year starts March 1. This year's chairlady on Galiano is Margaret Prior. The canvassers are Devina Baines, Lorna Tweedale, Lottie Frewer, Nan New, Eva New, Alice Maier, Kitty Weaver, Alexandrine Siders, Christine Finnis and Jay Marchand.

### GOLF CLUB NEWS

A very successful darts final was held on Friday night at the clubhouse. The doubles final was won by Marney and Bill Burton, who beat Cam Prior and George Georgeson. Bert Mozley won the high singles.

A new competition will start on Friday evening.

There were over 40 members present for this very well run competition.

For Ladies' Tuesday Bridge please make your own four.

## World Day of Prayer March 4

On Salt Spring Island it will be celebrated in the Community Gospel Church on Drake Road. The speaker will be Mrs. Mary Lockie, of Nanaimo.

in Action, selected by the Christian women of the German Democratic Republic, or Gebe eine Libesgabe.

Originally the Women's World Day of Prayer, the annual gathering for all denominations to pray together for a selected cause has been established for many years. Each year the women of a specified country prepare the theme and the purpose of the day of prayer.

This year the theme is Love

Program, prepared and printed by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, informs the participant that the Christian women of the German Democratic Republic who have prepared the world Day of Prayer for 1977 on the theme, Love in Action, send warm greetings to all who belong to the family of God around the world, uniting on this day.

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# LEARN IT AND DO IT

## But don't fool around with CPR!

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Of course you've heard of artificial respiration! Who hasn't?

But it's not just artificial respiration? it's this new system of pumping the heart while you blow air into the victim's lungs. They call it CPR, or cardio-pulmonary respiration. Last week it came to the Lions Club, again.

Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation? Old hat! But what about this pumping the heart?

The Salt Spring Lions Club

was closely linked with emergency aid when the service club operated an ambulance service on the island. Last week was the first encounter with artificial life support since the ambulance was taken over by the provincial government.

Jack Donald, of Victoria came to the regular meeting of the club to offer information and advice on the emergency treatment of drowning, electric shock or sick patients who collapse

with heart and breathing suspension.

The presentation consisted of an address by the speaker and the showing of a film depicting cases where help was applied and the effects. He concluded with a demonstration of "Resusci-Ann", the life-saving dummy with heart and lungs.

### THINGS HAVE CHANGED

Things have changed, explained the professional fireman who is a graduate of open heart surgery. Even the "pre-cordial thump" illustrated in the film is now no longer practiced, he reported.

Donald looked back on other changes. He explained that if a person is assumed to have choked on an obstruction in the windpipe, the traditional method was to pat him on the back. That's an outmoded system.

The helper stands behind the patient and puts his arms around the chest. He then places his hands at the base of the chest cavity and jerks sharply. The patient promptly discharges anything lodged in the wind passage.

No more pats on the back!

### THEY MUST BE MET

Heart troubles are not merely something to be treated by Resusci-Ann. They are to be met ahead of the emergency treatment, urged the speaker.

He recalled several years ago, going hiking with his family. Trying to recover his breath in the cold, mountain air proved beyond him. He had a prompt medical and went into hospital for an artery by-pass.

He was off work for 10 weeks



Photographer snapped a startled Ted Gear watching Jack Donald working with Resusci-Ann, the co-operative doll.

and then went on light duties for a time. Six weeks later he was a full-time fire-fighter.

Now he is devoting a substantial part of his time with the Heart Foundation, urging people to take the necessary action before surgery is necessary.

He made one or two observations.

### LEARN TWO WAYS

Everyone who learns artificial respiration should learn two methods. Mouth-to-mouth respiration is not always possible. There are times when facial injuries prohibit it and there are times when the accompanying incidents are too nauseating to the helper.

If the patient has ingested part of the contents of the stomach, the Good Samaritan could take in that fluid and be unable to proceed from nausea. Then he should be able to resort to a less efficacious, but still useful system.

Another caution he offered was: never practice on a conscious patient. The procedure of mouth-to-mouth respiration and heart massage could be injurious to anyone who is not unconscious.

In the film he depicted, the humans undergoing the treatment had been given an anaesthetic before the process was demonstrated.

### NEVER GIVE UP

His third caution was familiar to many who have attended lectures on emergency aid; never give up!

Artificial respiration should be kept up until a doctor is available to decide that it is no longer feasible.

Course in respiration and

heart recovery can be arranged through the Heart Foundation or the first-aid groups.

Many members of the service club brought their wives to listen to the address. Jack Donald was introduced by John Lees, who is more at home in a Rotary setting.

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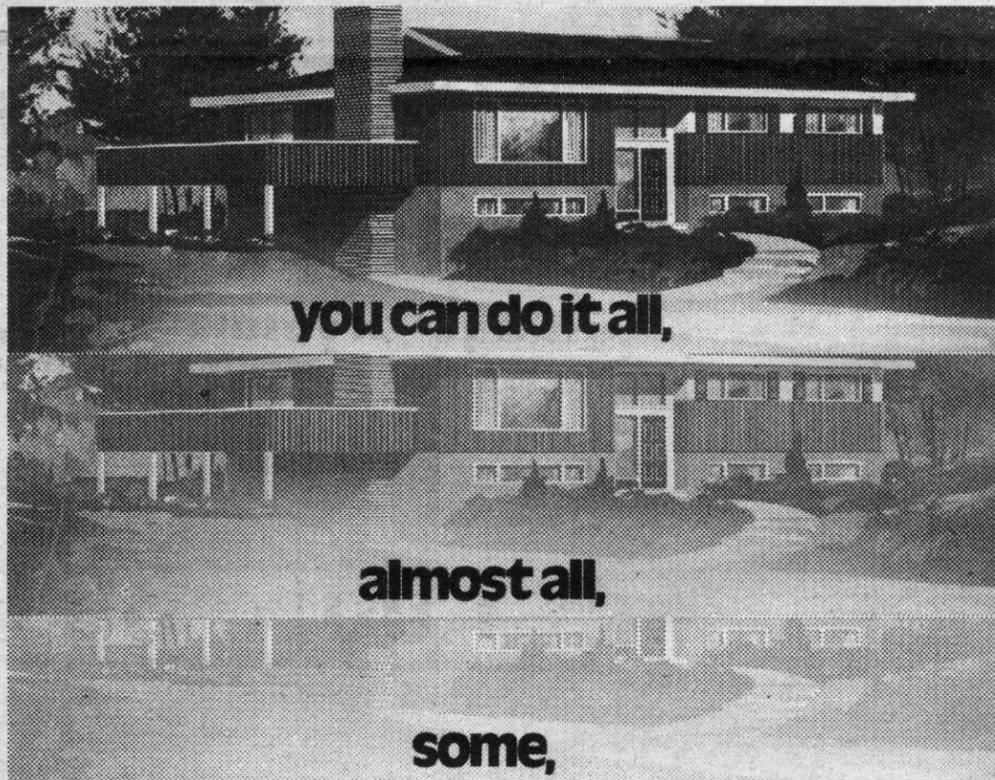
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## CLUB MEMBERS LEARN OF AILMENTS OF HOUSE PLANTS

### BY YELLOW THUMB

Regular monthly meeting of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club was held on February 16, in the Lower United Church Hall. There were 45 members present.

Jack James, recently returned from Ottawa, opened the meeting with a talk on winter sports, markets and experimental farms he had visited while in the east. He also stressed the fact that Canadians will have to start growing their own food, especially in view of the serious drought in California.

Jackson Barker then presented slides of various roses with a running commentary on each variety.

### SAMPLE BOTTLES

A draw for sample bottles of Algine Liquefied Seaweed then took place much to the delight of the winners.

The meeting then adjourned and the usual super refreshments were served.

On Monday, February 21, a workshop on houseplants was held at the home of Mrs. Bunnie Jordan.

The 20 members present enjoyed refreshments prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Dorothy Edwards, Mrs. Alice Maybee and Mrs. Elsie Macdonald, delighted the gathering with talks on the care of house plants from the first potting to the glorious end result.

Several members brought ailing and unidentified plants on which members were asked to give clinical opinions. Cuttings, clippings and plants in the starting stages were freely distributed as well as knowledgeable pamphlets covering every phase of the subject.

One of the most interesting workshops then adjourned with many expressions of thanks to the hostess.

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- Grace A. Wright



## DOWN THE GUTTER

...with Sandy

Anyone who came into the alley this past weekend while the Y.B.C. Junior Zone finals were being rolled were sure to get their ears full of a lot of noise....cheering actually.

Many, many thanks to the following scorekeepers who volunteered their skills for this tournament: Jim Holder, Marg Miller, Lib Noble, Ruby Vaughn, Nellie Miller, June Henderson, Elvie Hislop, Jean Blatter, Ernie Booth, Blaine Matthews, Ron Cunningham, Wally Rogers, Donna Dawe, and Randy and June Webb.

Julie Collins, our girl's singles rep, and our girl's team consisting of Elaine Mostad, Kenna Marshall, Heather Adshhead, Debbie Cruickshank, and Trish Westcott were all in the lead by the end of Saturday but after Sunday's bowling fell back; Julie to second spot being beaten by a girl from Duncan by only 22 points, and the team to 3rd position.

Victor Piperno, our boy's singles rep, and our boy's team of Kevin Kline, Gordon Hitchcock, Patrick Sloan, Paul Trenholm and Eddy Westcott didn't fair too well at all in the competition. However, for everyone a great wealth of competitive experience was gained. Maybe next year!

Sunday was also the day our Bantam reps, Kara Cruickshank

and Jonathan Jenkins, along with coach/chaperon Steve Miller went into competition in Chemainus. Steve reports that the kids were beat out by the Chemainus reps but they too gained a lot of experience.

This coming Saturday our Senior reps, Susan Marleau and Kevin Noble, travel to Esquimalt with coach/chaperon Ken Collins to compete. Good luck!

### BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Connie Hardy led the ladies once again with 210-274-275 for a 759 total while Dan Bedford led the men with 220-240-298 for a 758 total.

### 300 CLUB

Three new members last week and all on the same day: Brenda Helfrich (304), Harty Bader (306), and Gady Webster (320).

### PROVINCE TEAMBOWL

Final team to qualify this year was the Tangents of the Circus league with +352. Next week I'll let you know what happens next for all the teams who have qualified.

### THOMAS ADAMS

Here is the list of winners forming the four teams to represent Salt Spring Island in the up-coming zone finals to be held March 19th or 20th.

Ladies Team number 1: Brenda Helfrich, Eve Marcotte, Harty Bader, Phoebe Stevens, and Carol Kaye.

Men's Team number 1: Glenn Blomley, Blaine Matthews, Charlie Byron, Pat Byron, and Ken Collins.

Ladies Team Number 2: Jean Stevens, Ada Woodley, Kathy Cartwright, Kay Javorski, and Donna Dawe.

Men's Team Number 2: Alex Campbell, Alf Carr, Leo Toutant, Doug Hack and Dan Bedford.

If for any reason you cannot make it to the zone finals, please let us know immediately so that a runner-up may be contacted to take your place.

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# Flying missionary explains duties

BY OLIVE MOUAT

When the Rev. John Mellis came to Ganges last week he addressed the Mizpah Unit of the United Church Women. There were also members of the Island Anglican congregation to hear his report on the flying missions of the islands.

Rev. John Mellis explained the reason for using a mission

aeroplane in his parish instead of a mission boat.

He began by mentioning the fact that he was a young man and had been only five and a half years engaged in his present task, with the result that even with study and research there was much concerning the early Christian work on the Coast with which he was unfamiliar.

He had a picture of John Antle, a master-mariner who, inspired by the work of Dr. Grenfell in Labrador, came at the turn of the century to that rugged, wind-swept part of BC in a row-boat. He found isolated men alone, sick and starving; and came again to minister to

them in the Columbia. He brought a doctor for the sick and food for the hungry, because the body needed help as well as the soul.

## CANON GREEN

Another picture showed Canon Green, descendants of whom were living on Salt Spring Island 30 years ago.

Other pictures were of Wayne McKenzie, pilot of the first missionary plane, and of early mission boats, combined with pictures that he himself had taken.

A slide showed a port of call -- a floating post office, a floating store, and a cluster of buildings, some on shore, some on water. Another showed an Indian family. One was taken at the christening of an Indian baby and another showed a newer mission boat. Several gave glimpses of the mission plane.

The most colorful depicted sea and islands from the air and miles of dark forest lighted by one scarlet maple. To accompany the slides, Mr. Mellis brought an interesting sound-track prepared by his brother.

## EARLIER BY BOAT

Early work done by Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian missionaries and then by Anglican and United Church missionaries had been by boat. At that time, this was the only way by which people who had settled along so rugged a coast line could be reached.

Many of these people were hand loggers. Their homes were spaced along the coast, accessible only by water, with distances of several miles between neighbours. The mission boat was literally a God-send.

It brought friends to the lonely, help in emergency, a doctor in case of illness or accident, and the message of the

nearness of God.

Those on board were often the only visitors these isolated people had and the crew of the mission boat was eagerly awaited and warmly welcomed.

During the years there has been a transition from individual loggers or small groups of loggers to larger camps, much farther apart.

The mission boats began to require several hours to travel

# AND IT'S QUICKER BY AIR

from one camp to the next.

The present aeroplane, cruising at about 200 miles an hour, takes 10 or 15 minutes to go from one camp to the next, and could go from its base to its farthest point of call in an hour.

It is this saving of travelling time that has inspired the use of an aeroplane. Basically, the work today is the same as it has been for 70 years or more, according to Mr. Mellis, "To present Christ's love to people who live in isolated places."

Only the method is different.

## MIXED CREW

Rev. John Mellis is an Anglican; his co-pilot, Bill Eliasson, an ex-air force mechanic and a "wizard with the plane's main-

tenance," is a member of the United Church of Canada.

The plane, the George Pringle, was named after a young man whose father was a United Church minister and who had hoped to enter the ministry himself, but who was killed overseas during World War II.

Recently the plane has been repainted. On it are the words, "Working together for Christ" and also "Anglican and United Church of Canada." This is an ecumenical service supported by the two churches.

The aeroplane is based at Port McNeill. Thanks to being able to land in the fresh water of Nimpkish Lake or to climb onto the "Alaskan float" made especially for it by friends in Port McNeill, the plane can be used all year except in the very worst weather. Advantage is taken of the time of storms to give the plane its annual overhaul.

## EACH DOING HIS THING

During a typical trip, Mr. Mellis and Mr. Eliasson start out together. Mr. Mellis is dropped off at one of the larger logging camps; Bill Eliasson continues on the plane to make a number of calls on individuals or small groups of people, and finally returns to pick up his fellow-worker. Each is doing what he does best, one with a large group, the other with small groups.

Mr. Mellis is very enthusiastic about work done in the logging camps of the Nimpkish and Woss Valleys. The trip that he finds the most nerve-racking of all that he makes is the one during which he must land on and take off from a stretch of narrow river.

"If you ever," he said, "get the urge to pray for us, don't resist."

## FORMER ENGINEER

Among the more than fifty people who came to listen to Rev. John Mellis were Doug and Elizabeth Dane. In the early 1930's Doug was relief engineer on the Columbia and Bessie was the first Matron of the Anglican Church's mission hospital, St. Mary's, at Pender Harbour.

Their questions encouraged the visitor to point out many changes, and a few ways in which nothing has changed.

Mr. Dane mentioned the work of Rev. Ray Ashford who served God in the United Church mission boat, the Sky Pilot, from 1930 to 1935, and whose widow Belinda lives on Salt Spring Island.

When asked, Mr. Mellis said that he and Mr. Eliasson serve between 50 and 60 places, have active contact with about 120 people, and cover about 24,000 miles in a year in the plane. He added, "The harvest is rich and abundant."

After almost two hours of slides, questions, answers, and discussion, tea was served by members of the Mizpah Group.

## Driver is acquitted

Clifford R. Lee, of Fulford was acquitted when he appeared in Ganges Provincial Court last week to face a charge of driving with a blood-alcohol count over 0.08%.

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## THERE ARE SOME DELAYS AS FLYING PRIEST SAILS LATE

The Mizpah Unit of the U.C.W., at Ganges, held its regular meeting on Thursday.

The meeting was regular but not usual. There was no business part.

The whole time was at the disposal of a guest speaker, Rev. John Mellis, pilot of a mission plane that serves the northern part of Vancouver Island, the corresponding part of the mainland, and the islands in between.

It had been decided to invite members of the Anglican Church and any other interested persons to hear Mr. Mellis, to devote the afternoon to his

message, and to conclude by serving tea.

The committee planned well, but, nevertheless, the meeting was far from routine.

For one thing, the first guest to arrive was the gentleman to sweep the chimney.

## BACKGROUND MUSIC

His vacuum cleaner provided background music; his need to turn off the furnace provided a brisk atmosphere; and the fact that he and the teatime coffee-maker shared the same circuit provided the circuit-breaker with exercise and many people with problems.

Add to that the weather.

Mr. Mellis planned to reach Salt Spring Island early, via the

Crofton-Vesuvius ferry.

Unfortunately, the wind that blew so happily all morning had more knots than the ferry.

The grounded pilot had none of the delicious lunch that Mrs. McEachern had prepared, but was later rushed as quickly as the speed laws permit from ferry wharf to church hall, arriving only a very few minutes too late to start the meeting at 2 o'clock.



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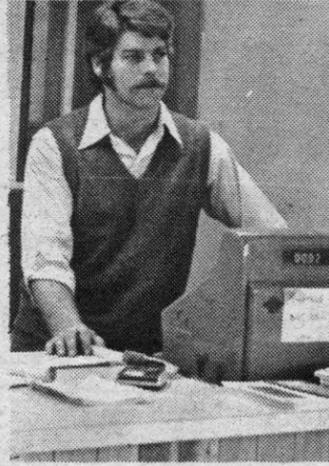
tion and the formal opening will take place on Saturday.

It was a long battle to get the centre constructed because the building is located in that area of Ganges which was excluded from the Salt Spring Island Subdivision By-law and was frozen.

When Mouat's asked the Capital Regional District for specific approval of this project on the grounds that it stands next to the BC Hydro and was obviously an industrial site, the region's approval was delayed by the Islands Trust.

There was about a year's delay before the island company was given permission to go ahead with the building project.

That is a thing of the past. The building has been completed by Lancer Construction and even the weather was kind in holding off for sufficient time for the road through the property to pack down.



HALVOR EIDE

**SUCCESSOR**

The new centre, under the direction of Halvor Eide, is the successor to the lumber yard formerly located on Lower Ganges Road at Hereford Ave. It also carries some of the supplies hitherto stocked in the main

Mouat's Store.

The new centre represents the first major move by the island firm in 70 years. The lumber yard was not always

located on Lower Ganges road, but it was little more than a storage area. Mouat's has always centred on the building overlooking the harbour.

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**SATURNA SCENE**

BY KUKLOS

Another public meeting was held at the Community Hall to discuss the proposed purchase by the "Age of Enlightenment", the Transcendental Meditation Society, of the Crown Zellerbach land.

The meeting was chaired by Walter Bavis, and joining him at the front of the hall were Bill Sheffield, President of the Community Club; Jim Campbell, Chairman of the Capital Region Board, and other members of the Planning Committee, including John Gaines, Barry Crooks, and John Money.

Much lively discussion ensued about the possible pros and cons of the land purchase for the use of the Meditation Society as a large, year-round retreat.

As a rough estimate of support, a vote was taken, indicating that opinion was pretty well divided on the issue. A large number of abstentions also split the vote. Many people felt that more information about the plan was needed before a decision could be made to totally endorse it, or reject it.

**TO BAKERY WITH LOAD**

The LIP workers, Susan Ryce, Linda Cote and Stu Cooper, continued their program of student enrichment, with a day-long trip to Victoria for ice skating, followed by a tour through a large bakery. All the kids were excited to bring home their own fresh loaf of bread as a souvenir. Other activities included a Youth Recreation Night at the hall on Friday, a Saturday afternoon Macrame session, and an after-school hike on Tuesday.

A short parent-teacher meeting was held at the school - the viewing of a film, and some discussion followed. Also, visitors at the school during the week included R.W. Huestis, District Superintendent of Schools, from Lake Cowichan, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the School Board, in the person of Don Fairweather, of Pender Island.

On Monday, the Saturna chapter of TOPS visited the Mayne Island chapter, and were entertained for the evening.

**ISLAND VISITORS**

Son John has been on-island visiting parents Frank and Mary Copeland. Jim Carney too has been down in the Boot Cove area visiting his mother, who has been in residence at her home. Stacey Bavis has been over, with her parents, Ann Bavis, and Chuck Bavis. Paul and Sean Hayes have been staying with Mike and Maggie Hayes for a week, as has Maggie's sister, Pat, from Vancouver.

Work has started on the conversion of a recently acquired government truck into a tank truck for the Fire Department. Helping with the conversion were Barry Crooks, Don Hogg, Bill Lawson and John Money.

*To Barkley Sound*

Five Salt Spring Islanders are leaving for Barclay Sound this week to gillnet herring.

Bruce Hildred, accompanied by Bill Hitchcock, will take his troller, Blackfin, to Bamfield where they will meet Alf Carter, Geoff Howland and Andy McGoldrick who will be going by car. The opening date for the herring fishery is set for February 27.



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# Choral group calls for more voices

BY ERIC COOMBES

The formation of an Island choral group has been somewhat slow due to the lack of potential vocalists. Although the original course information indicated the "rudiments and singing of choral music," please do not be

misled or deterred.

The whole purpose of the course is for singing. It is for those who enjoy singing, for those who like singing and for those who would like to sing. The rudiments are combined in the actual singing of each indivi-

dual work and, through this, a greater knowledge of reading music can be achieved.

There are, presently close to a dozen participants, and, believe me there is a nice harmonic sound developing, but we do need more voices of all ranges, soprano, contralto, tenor and bass.

I understand there is a scaled fee for more than one family member, and currently, negotia-

tions are under way for a student rate.

I am aware that there are some students who would like to sing. Please phone me at 537-5834 or Mrs. Virginia Newman at 537-9251 or just come along to the school portable at 7.15 on Wednesday evenings. It can be a fun thing but we need the cast to provide the fun. Thank you!

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## ON THE PENDERS

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Saturday evening, Feb. 12th a Valentine Dance was held at

### Come home for visit on Salt Spring

Mr. and Mrs. N.A. Howland, of Victoria, were visitors on Salt Spring Island last week end. It was home from home to the couple who have spent most of their lives on Salt Spring.

They were entertained at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Howland, Ganges. On Valentine's Day they entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bond, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiedswang, and Mrs. Irene Palmer.

the Legion Hall with about 60 people in attendance.

Mrs. Libby Leicht, Irene Ferguson and Donna MacDonald were in charge of the arrangements and the Pender Island Orchestra, whose members are Margaret and Dick Tallman, Bob Allison and Fay Matty, supplied the music for dancing.

The Door Prize was won by Maggie Mennie and the Spot dances by Bob Cripps and Alex Passmore.

Charlie Harrison, this year's Legion president, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Everyone enjoyed the dancing and the supper of chile con carne, cole slaw and garlic bread served at midnight.

The tables and the Hall were gay with Valentine decorations.

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- Gaynor and Sally Round

The limerick idea submitted by Ray,  
Made me shout out Ole!  
For making words rhyme  
Is a great way to pass time -  
And you don't even need an M.A.!

- Grace A. Wright

## Author to speak at workshop

Derek Reimer, assistant director of the Aural History Department of the Provincial Archives of B.C., will be on Salt Spring Island for an open discussion of the Provincial Archives Aural History program, on Friday, Feb. 25, from 2 pm to 3 pm at the Salt Spring Island Community Centre.

Mr. Reimer has written a book, Gulf Islands, which is being published by the Archives and will be made available to the public in March.

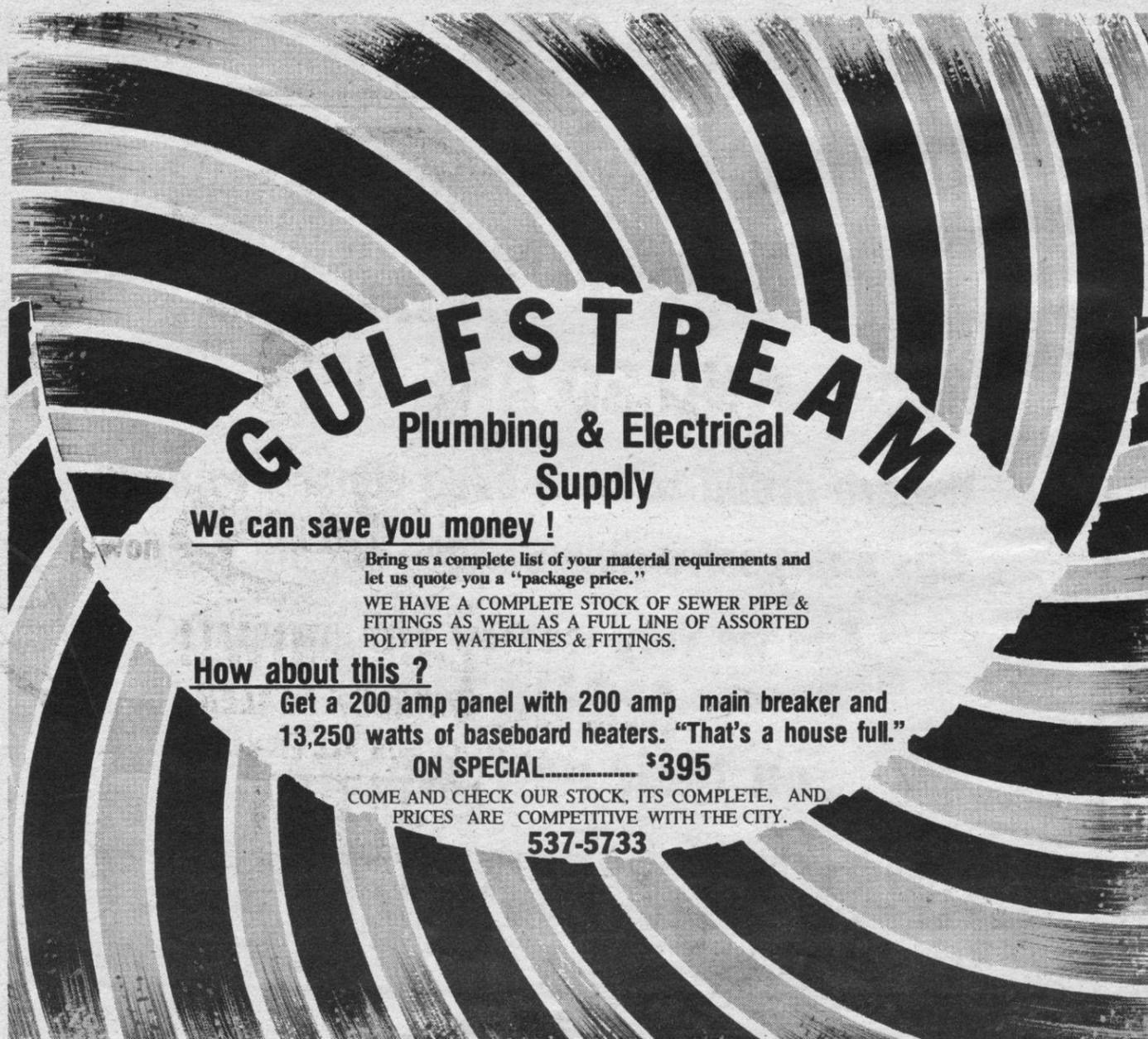
The discussion will follow an aural history workshop given especially for the LIP project members of "Senior Services", who will facilitate the formation of a tape recorded library on the island. Seniors who are interested in participating in the collection, sharing, or processing.... transcribing....of the recorded word, song, or sound may contact Senior Services at 537-9212.

Senior Services focuses on community involvement, and the ways in which the elderly can contribute to their community as well as the ways in which they might be helped.

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# THOUGHT FOR FOOD

## MOST COULD GROW FOOD FOR ALL THEIR NEEDS EVEN YET

BY NIGEL DESBOTTES

Do you believe that people are hungry because of a scarcity of food and agricultural land?

This is the first of Six Myths exploded by the Institute for Food and Development, whose 1976 findings we will share with you in this and subsequent articles.

Even in the worst years of famine in the early 70's there was enough grain alone to provide everyone in the world with over 3,000 calories a day, not counting all the beans, root crops, fruits, nuts, vegetables and non-grain-fed meat.

What of land scarcity? The Institute looked at the most crowded countries in the world to see if there was a correlation between land density and hunger. There was not.

Bangladesh has half the people per cultivated area that Taiwan has. Yet Taiwan has no starvation, while Bangladesh is the world's worst basketcase.

China has twice as many people per cultivated area as India. Yet in China there are no hungry people.

In Central America and the Caribbean, where 70% of the children are undernourished, at least half of the best agricultural land grows crops for export, not food for the local people. In the Sahelian countries in Africa, exports of cotton and peanuts increased as drought and hunger loomed.

### MISTAKEN ANSWER

Mistakenly assuming greater production to be the answer, we have supplied large-scale irrigation, chemical fertilizer, pesticides, machinery and seeds, but when these efforts are expended in a system shot through with power inequalities, they only bring greater profit to those who already have land, money, credit "worthiness" and political influence.

When agriculture is viewed as growth industry, a catastrophic chain of events is set in motion. Competition for land sends values soaring.

Higher rents force tenants and share-croppers out of business. With the new profits the powerful buy out small farmers gone bankrupt trying to adopt new technology. Large commercial growers mechanize to avoid labour problems. The newly unemployed swell urban slums.

In Sonora, Mexico, the average farm used to be 400 acres. After 20 years of publicly-funded modernization, the average is 2,000 acres, with some as large as 25,000.

In Southern Asia, where the Gross National Product has risen, the rural poor are worse off than before. A current study by the I.L.O. concludes "the increase in poverty has been associated not with a fall, but with a rise in cereal production per head, the main component of the diet of the poor". The seven countries concerned account for 70% of the rural population of the non-Socialist under-developed world.

### NONE IS LACKING

The Institute concluded there is no country without sufficient agricultural resources for the people to feed themselves.

The chief obstacle to this solution is that people do not control the productive resources. When control is in the hands of the producers, people are no longer liabilities. They are potentially a country's more under-utilized resource and most valuable capital.

People who know they are working for themselves will not only make the land produce, but through their ingenuity and labour make it ever more productive. Human energy, properly motivated and organized, can transform a desert into a granary.

The six Myths of the report are followed by six First Principles. The first is: "There is no country in the world in which the people could not feed themselves from their own resources. Hunger can only be overcome by the transformation of social relationships and only made worse by a narrow focus on technical inputs to increase production."

All this information, and more, is contained in a broadsheet distributed by Ten Days for World Development, a joint education programme of the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Churches of Canada. Now in its fifth year, Ten Days continues its support of the international movement towards a "New International Economic Order". Its focus for 1977 is "Food".

The editorial heading the broadsheet reads, "When people are hungry as a consequence of natural or man-made catastrophe, we feed them. This is charity and it is right and good, but it is not justice. Justice will be accomplished when the obstacles to people's feeding themselves are removed. Among these obstacles are some myths which you and I carry around in our heads. Only when we understand why people starve in the midst of plenty, can we begin to do something about it."

### THOUGHT FOR FOOD EVENTS

#### Nutrition Workshop

Community Centre, Ganges Hill. Saturday, Feb. 26, 9am - 5pm and Sunday, Feb. 27, 12 noon - 5pm. Will focus on individual needs and world-wide issues relating to food values, production and consumption. Two videotapes and film. Registration \$20. Phone 537-9212 (days) or Alice Andress 537-5483 (evenings)

#### Food First Workshop:

St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Chemainus, Saturday, March 5. Registration \$2 at 9 am Workshop 9.30 am - 4 pm. Bring your own lunch. Resource persons: Joseph Collins, co-director, Institute for Food & Development Policy, San Francisco. Co-author (with Frances Moore Lappe) of "Food First" and Barbara Wallace, MLA. Aims of workshop: exploring issues raised in "Food First": developing skills to help analyse systems: community education: mutual support and encouragement.

more about

## Down Through The Years

(From Page Four)

garden. She apologized for the small number in the bouquet, but explained that she had already distributed so many daffodils that she was running short.

Mrs. F.E. Margaret Robson was elected for a second term as President of the Galiano Club at a well-attended meeting in the hall last Wednesday night.

Mrs. Robson is the first woman president in the history of this 43-year-old organization.

School population of the Gulf Islands is growing at a pace far beyond any expected by the early school boards here.

When a reader called Driftwood last week and enquired of the need for new school facilities in face of a stagnant population figure a quick analysis of school statistics brought into focus some interesting information.

In September, 1963, the school population of the Gulf Islands stood at 529. It is now somewhat more than 620. Students attending school at Ganges in September, 1963, numbered 438. There are now 529. Overall increase is about 20 per cent over the three years.

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### FIVE YEARS AGO

On Monday morning the Sea Master ploughed through the waters of Ganges Harbour and turned to steer past Chocolate Island. Before the skipper knew what had hit him, the big fishboat was up on a rock. It had not showed in his depth-finder, he later commented. Then it was too late. Throughout the day other fishboats stood by and kept lines on the Sea Master for fear it might capsize at low tide. It was eventually pulled off the rocks at high tide, nearly 12 hours after running aground.

Bowling a good game lately? So is Lyn Hedger. Last Wednesday she rolled a 374 single. Previous top score was 373, rolled by Walter Carlson. It is still the men's record for the lanes.



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## FARMERS CALL FOR EFFECTIVE CONTROLS ON ISLAND DOGS

The Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute has formed a Dog Control Committee under the chairmanship of Pat Akerman, Beaver Point Road.

This committee held a meeting on the evening of February 14, to try to find some solution to the problem of dogs roaming at large, not only molesting sheep, but also invading duck ponds and chicken yards, being a nuisance on the streets, and wandering into the school yard.

As the Capital Regional District is now in the process of taking over dog control from the department of agriculture, a letter has been sent to the former office asking for immediate assistance in solving the dog problem on the island and for some effective and enforceable controls.

Other groups on the island have also been asked to support the committee by forwarding letters indicating their concern to the Capital Regional District Office.

### TOLL OF SHEEP

In the past two months 170 sheep and lambs, some of them registered animals, have been destroyed by dogs.

Financially, that is a lot of money lost to the local economy. In 1975, the situation was even worse, with more than 200 sheep and lambs destroyed.

"Everyone enjoys watching the antics of a young puppy or the well-trained obedience of a mature dog," said a spokesman for the Institution, "We also take pleasure in seeing a field of

peacefully grazing sheep with their lambs. With proper controls, the two can exist together!"

### New procedures

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ly large numbers of people who were not truly residents were prepared to, and did, misrepresent themselves to obtain a pass.

Many of those who were refused subjected my staff to abuse and harassment.

It became necessary, therefore, to apply the strict interpretation of resident as had been originally agreed.

### THEY SEE THEMSELVES

It is true that this interpretation leaves out some who see themselves as residents.

In order to rectify this, the Traffic Manager of the B.C. Ferry Authority has agreed to adjudicate the case of anyone who does not meet the requirements of the original agreement, and on his authority this office will issue a resident ID card.

There has been a lot of criticism on the question of discrimination. It should be remembered that landed immigrants are not the only group being discriminated against. Those who are under 65, as well as all residents of other parts of the province, are also being discriminated against.

In short, a system of tariffs which offers a rate benefit to anyone on the basis of such things as age or place of

## Guides meet in Ganges at Legion Hall



Guides meet every week in the Legion Hall at Ganges. Here they are seen at last week's assembly.

residence is essentially discriminatory and, therefore, certain to be administered in an arbitrary way.

I wish the Regional District had no part in it, but had we not taken the job on we were advised that there would not have been a "resident rate" for the Gulf Islands.

## Specialist teachers for Islands

Two specialist teachers are to be engaged in the islands.

For Salt Spring Elementary School a part-time learning assistance teacher is to be engaged. Gulf Islands School Board approved the appointment last week subject to confirmation from the department of education.

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## Driver convicted when only witnesses are citizens

Driver who was involved in a single-vehicle accident on Pender Island last summer was convicted of impaired driving in Ganges Provincial Court last week.

The information was laid by private citizens and the only police witness called gave evidence of jurisdiction.

John Raymond Barker was fined \$300 after two witnesses testified that he was intoxicated when he drove his car off the road on South Pender Island on May 28, 1976.

David Baxter, manager of the Bedwell Harbour Resort at that time, stated that he was called to the pub to check out a patron who appeared to be intoxicated.

He had observed Barker for a few minutes and had cut him off. Barker was not staggering, but he was talking what appeared to be poetry and he was not making sense, said the witness.

### IN COLLISION

Barker then bought a case of beer and went to his car. The witness told the court that he had watched Barker enter his older model Pontiac convertible and try to drive away. The car collided with another parked vehicle and there was a delay while names were exchanged.

The resort manager explained that he had gone to the car park and urged Barker to have a nap before driving. Barker had very soon afterwards, tried to back out of the car park and had run his car into the ditch. Once again, he was exhorted to rest a while. The last they saw of him at Bedwell Harbour was about 3 pm or 4 pm, when he drove

away, stated Baxter.

Dr. H.C. Rogers explained that he was a physician practicing on the Pender Islands. At 8 pm on May 28 he was called out to a car accident on Boundary Pass Road, where he found a Pontiac in the brush with the cushions lying on the ground nearby and a man in the front seat who "appeared drowsy or asleep."

The occupant of the car did not respond to ordinary questioning and the doctor was obliged to shout to gain a response.

The man was removed from the car and placed in Dr. Rogers' car. They had elicited the information that he was from Salt Spring Island and the doctor took him to the ferry. During the trip to the dock, he dozed, sang, snored and talked, said the witness.

By the time they put him on the ferry, he was recovering to a limited degree and was able to walk with assistance.

### SMELLED OF ALCOHOL

Barker appeared to be under the influence of alcohol, stated the doctor. He smelled of alcohol and his speech was slurred. He was unable to walk, let alone operate a motor vehicle.

The man was clean shaven at the time of the accident, said Dr. Rogers and he could not positively identify the defendant now wearing a beard.

The evidence of David Baxter was pretty conclusive, said Judge D.K. McAdam. The only unusual aspect of the case was the minimal contribution of police officers.

He found Barker guilty as charged.

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