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Gilbert elected chairman of Trust

Chairmanship of the Islands Trust returned to Salt Spring Island on Saturday with the election of Nick Gilbert. He takes the office left vacant by the retirement of Mike Humphries of Lasqueti Island.

Gilbert is the second Salt Spring Island trustee to hold the chairman's seat on the Trust. Marc Holmes was the first Salt Spring Island trustee and the second incumbent of the top office on the Islands Trust

Naming of a trustee to the chair is the first duty of members after an election. The chairman is elected by trustees from the 13 designated islands, two from each.

Serving with Gilbert on the general trust are Carol Martin, who held the same office previously, and newcomer Stephen Wright of South Pender Island. The Islands Trust administers land-use regulation and all matters relating to planning and zoning in the islands between Vancouver Island and the mainland from Victoria to Howe Sound.

Each of the 13 named islands within the Trust elects two trustees

to serve on their 13 island trust committees. The smaller, non-Turn to Page 7

Discovery to arrive Saturday

Monday night's Save the Christmas Ship benefit dinner on Galiano was a tremendous success, according to Shirley Coulter, one of the event's organizers.

"How did it go?" asked Coulter in a telephone interview Tuesday morning. "It was superb. We had three members of the Bellingham Jaycees there, and our MLA Terry Huberts. I don't want to get ahead of things, but I would say we raised close to \$1,500."

According to Coulter, approximately 130 people attended the dinner at the Hummingbird Inn. She was impressed by the generosity and unity displayed by the

"So many people gave and donated," she said. "And for any neighbourhood pub to give up an entire night, a night they could be making money on, well, that's really something. The staff (of the inn) worked for free, the chef worked for free — the entire proceeds were donated. There were no administration costs whatsoever."

Coulter added that local residents Margaret Edgar and Wendy Roberts worked for days preparing the desserts. Carmen Braund and Barbara Landmark provided entertainment at the dinner by playing the piano.

According to Coulter, Bellingham Jaycees attending the benefit dinner were "overwhelmed.

"I think they expected a little thing," she said.

Coulter and other members of the Save the Christmas Ship society hope the success of the Galiano dinner will convince residents on other Gulf Islands to raise money for the Christmas Ship.

"Hey, we've moved mountains, and we've done it together," she said. "I don't mean to blow anyone's horn, but look at what a community of less than 900 people can do.

"If the other communities show the same kind of enthusiasm, if the other islands pull together, there should be no problem (saving the Christmas Ship)," she concluded.

Galianoites organized Monday's benefit dinner after members of the Sea Scouts and Bellingham Jaycees announced that dramatic increases in the cost of liability insurance could scuttle future visits by the Christmas Ship Discovery.



Christmas wishes

Jeremy Keating (left) meets Santa Claus face-to-face in Salt Spring Fast Foto while a clown tries to get in on the action. Dozens of children told Santa their Christmas wishes during Saturday's Light Up festivities. More Light Up photos on Page 13.

School expansion top priority here

The need to expand Gulf Islands Secondary School has become a major concern for School District 64 and its board of trustees.

Predicted enrolment increases
— combined with existing site
limitations — have made it imperative that the school be expanded,
Gulf Islands school board mem-

bers were told last week.

District Superintendent of Schools Mike Marshall told trustees here December 4 that the analysis of GISS facilities has been completed. He noted that officials from the ministry of education have already determined that the school is "500 or 600 hundred square metres"

short of the space required to accommodate 400 pupils.

The school's population is expected to increase dramatically during the next few years, Marshall said. School district officials predict GISS' student population will easily pass 400 next September

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Need for more housing creates interest in co-ops

The need for more affordable single-family homes on Salt Spring Island, particularly near Ganges, has convinced a few local residents to consider the establishment of a co-operative housing organization here.

Jackie Truscott and architect Bob Hassell said Friday they feel such an organization could make it easier for some Salt Spring residents to find housing on the island, especially near services.

Hassell, who has been involved with co-operative housing ventures in such areas as Vancouver's False Creek, said that while the construction of additional single-family housing is allowed here under the community plan and has been sanctioned by the Islands Trust, the much-needed units just aren't being built.

"One of the reasons it's not happening, I think, is because there are no real developers on the island," explained Hassell. "There are landowners who would like to do it, but they don't really have experience in marketing or construction, or maybe they lack the financial capability.

Hassell and Truscott noted that while the Grace Point development will provide some additional Turn to Page 10



Jackie Truscott

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Baseley retires

Police detachment honours guard

Salt Spring Island resident Charles Baseley was honored last week for his 14 years of service to the Ganges RCMP detachment as a casual guard.

In a brief ceremony conducted December 2 at police headquarters here, Baseley was given a plaque in recognition of his work with the detachment. Baseley, now 81, has decided to retire from guard duty.

"He has served our detachment with distinction and reliability over the past 14 years," said Inspector Michael F. O'Reilly, second officer of the Victoria RCMP subdivision, in making the presentation.

Baseley has had an extensive career in law enforcement. He began work in the field in 1939, when he served the Canadian Penitentiary Service in Collins Bay, Ontario.

In 1940, with war in Europe already underway, he obtained a

leave of absence from his job to enlist with the No. 2 Traffic Control Section, No. 2 Provost Company CASF. While with No. 2 Provost Corp, he was attached to Captain Risley's Roughriders. He served in England, France, Holland and Germany, and remained in the corp until October 1945.

After the war, Baseley returned to his job at the Collins Bay Penitentiary. He took officer training at RCMP "N" Division training barracks in Rockcliffe, Ontario in 1948, and continued with the penitentiary service.

Later that year, Baseley was transferred to New Westminster, B.C., where he was employed by the penitentiary service until his retirement as farm manager in 1966. He then moved to Salt Spring Island.

"In April of 1972, Mr. Baseley offered his services as a casual guard to our local RCM Police detachment," noted Inspector O'-Reilly. "His expertise was recognized and certainly appreciated over the years."

In accepting the award, Baseley



RCMP Inspector Michael O'Reilly (right) presents Charles Baseley with a plaque in recognition of the latter's many years of service as a casual guard. Baseley has decided to retire.

Driftwood photo by Mike Turkki said he enjoyed his work with the detachment over the years. "I like working with these young fellows," he said. "They keep me young."

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Group decides upon purpose

Task force continues work

The recently-established St. Mary Lake task force was scheduled to hold its second meeting last night (Tuesday).

Hart Graham, chairman of the task force, said last week that no final decision was made at the organizational meeting in late November as to who will sit on the task force or what its priorities will be. However, he said those attending the meeting were able to decide on the task force's purpose

"Its purpose is to preserve and improve" all potable lake water sources on Salt Spring Island, he said, but particularly St. Mary Lake.

"We haven't got all our objec-

tives outlined yet, but we want to get it sorted out quickly so we can get started (on the work)," he

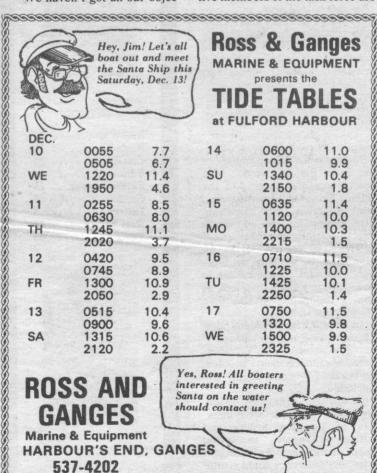
Graham added it is still not certain who will be filling the task force's final two positions. Apparently, the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society has not yet indicated if it will accept an invitation to join the task force, nor has the ministry of environment appointed its representative yet.

yet.
"But there's no problem with
the ministry," Graham said. "In
fact, I plan to call them and find

In addition to Graham, executive members of the task force are

Vice-chairman John Richardson (Highlands Water Board), Ed Ritaller (Lakeshore Water Board) and Ron Birth (Fernwood Water Board).

The St. Mary Lake task force was established by Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring's representative on the Capital Regional District board of directors. It includes representatives from four island water boards.



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I finally settled for neither the cheapest nor the most expensive and I paid two dollars and something, with tax.

It isn't a battery that the storekeeper made himself and it doesn't go on for days after everyone else has gone home. It isn't there to lead the way out of disaster after having been dumped by Great-Great-Grandfather the day he passed out in the back of the boat.

Buying a battery is a major chore and the effort is enough to make anyone thirsty.

Gee! They're lucky!

Lucky drug companies! The international drug manufacturers have a minister of government to look after their interests in Canada.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we, the Canadian consumers, had someone to represent us as warmly in the government?

. . by Richards

It wasn't me!

The brief paragraph in this column two weeks ago was wandering on its own through the pages of **Driftwood**. It was lost.

Reference to Hank Knutsen and the Lions Club was the lead paragraph from a story inviting donations of toys for the B. C. Ferries handicapped children's Christmas trip.

A matter of dress

There was a profusion of ties sported by the male element of the Islands Trust on Friday afternoon. The ties aroused comment.

Explained one wise islander: Only time an islander wears a tie is when his beads are being restrung.

There must have been a lot of islanders came unstrung last week!

What? No ferry committee?

Parking facilities in the vicinity of ferry wharves should be considered by the island's ferry committee, it was suggested at the weekend Islands Trust council meeting.

But not all islands have ferries or committees.

"We have no ferry committee," commented one wag, "but we do have a bridge club!"

on Galiano at 4.

setting it straight

A Salt Spring Island property reported last week as being the site of an automobile repair business is not being used for that purpose.

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee had received complaints about three auto repair businesses operating on Beddis Road. However, Ian Kyle, a tenant on property owned by Dr. Charles Beale, claims he is not operating a business.

Kyle told *Driftwood* that he repairs vehicles as a hobby.

Honour roll released

Gulf Islands Secondary School released its November reporting period honor roll last week.

A total of 49 GISS students in Grades 8-12 made the honor roll.

They are:

Grade 8: Annesley Broadhead, Meggie Coombes, Amrit Crowther, Ryan Davies, Kate Gilbert, Nick Hock, Deanna Little, Willie McGuire, Alison Proctor, Kella Sadler, Tanya Trory, Kirsty Walde.

•Grade 9: Robin Coombes, Julie Cunningham, Suzanne Jacquest, Lisa Koski, Tara Martin, Odette McCarthy, Izak Ondre, Shandra Platts, Juda Shugar, Heather Thomson.

•Grade 10: Jenny Barnes, Joe Cocker, Lisa Codd, Tamara Holmes, Melissa Hunt, Eva Lam, Fewings, Chris Koski, Amos Lundy, Tony Mason, Chris Watson, Samantha Wellington.

•Grade 11: Jennifer Anderson, Kathy Caldwell, Jason Cherney, Angela Donnelly, David Jacquest, Alison Stafford, Ryan Steuart, Lynn Vanderwekken. •Grade 12: Susan Box, Robert

Bradford, Michael Brown, Erin Fewings, Chris Koski, Amos Ludy, Tony Mason, Chris Watson, Samantha Wellingham.



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Christmas ship arrives Saturday

The 36th annual visit of the Bellingham Jaycees' Christmas Ship is a go.

That's the word from Brian Evans, chairman of the Jaycees' 36th annual Christmas Ship program. Evans said last week that the *Discovery* is scheduled to arrive in Ganges at 6 pm this Saturday (December 13).

Members of the Bellingham Jaycees said recently that the rising cost of liability insurance could scuttle future Christmas Ship visits to the Gulf Islands. The Sea Scouts, the organization that owns the *Discovery*, faces a nearly 10-fold increase in liability insurance costs.

Until this year, liability insurance for the vessel cost the Sea Scouts \$648. The latest insurance bill, however, totalled \$6,190.

The Jaycees, he said, plan to donate at least \$500 to the Sea Scouts to help meet rising insurance and operating costs. "We'll have to push a little harder for donations," he added.

Evans feels the Christmas Ship will be saved. He predicts Gulf

Islands residents and the City of Bellingham will rally around the Sea Scouts to keep *Discovery* afloat.

At Ganges, the Christmas ship will be escorted into the harbour by a flotilla of decorated boats. Carol singing, under the direction of Gary Lundy, will begin on the Ganges wharf at 5 pm.

The Chamber of Commerce will sell chili and hot cider on the wharf, proceeds of which will go towards buying gifts for next year's Christmas ship sailing.

Santa Claus will greet Salt Spring Island youngsters at the high school gym shortly after the ship's 6 pm arrival time.

The volunteer firemen will host the ship's crew at the firehall. Following completion of his duties, Santa Claus will proceed to the firehall where he will be presented with a plaque in recognition of his contribution to goodwill in the islands.

Tripo Costello of Bellingham has been playing the part of Santa Claus for 25 years.

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Three departing trustees were there are the start

Three trustees who have served the Islands Trust from the beginning have left the planning arena this year.

Gordon Wallace of North Pender was named to the Trust when it was first established. He served as local trustee for several years before his election to the general trust.

Michael Humphries came to the board at its inception as a local trustee from Lasqueti. He was later elected to the general trust, which is the executive committee of the Islands Trust. Latterly he served as chairman.

John Gaines, from Saturna, was named to the appointed general trust in the early years of its being. He was not a charter member. When the general trustees were elected from the Trust council, Gaines was promptly re-elected.

The Islands Trust is unique. No other

administration in North America enjoys the services of such an elected body to administer land use regulation and control. No other administration has established an agency with the stated mandate of preserving the rural character of a community. But there is another area in which the Islands Trust differs from most land use regulatory agencies. While the regulation of land, its planning and zoning are the main concerns of the Trust, it has also enjoyed a concern for the principles of environmental protection beyond the range of most regulatory bodies.

The Islands Trust has examined a wide range of factors bearing on change in land use and deterioration of land quality. The trustees, during the 11 years of its being, have pursued the mandate of preservation and protection.

There have been instances of ministerial

displeasure when various ministers of government have, in the past, expressed indignation at the trespass of trustees into the realm of their particular portfolios. The Islands Trust has wandered through the forests and the environment. It has met the minister of highways on his own thoroughfares and it has walked on provincial and federal water in its examination of factors bearing on possible hazards to island

There have been times in the past when this wide-ranging enquiry pattern of the Trust has brought the weight of provincial disapproval upon the members' shoulders. There have been times when the province has sought to put down this creature it whelped during the dog days of the New Democrat regime. And there have been times when some trustees have forgotten that they were elected to serve islanders professing a wide range of philosophies.

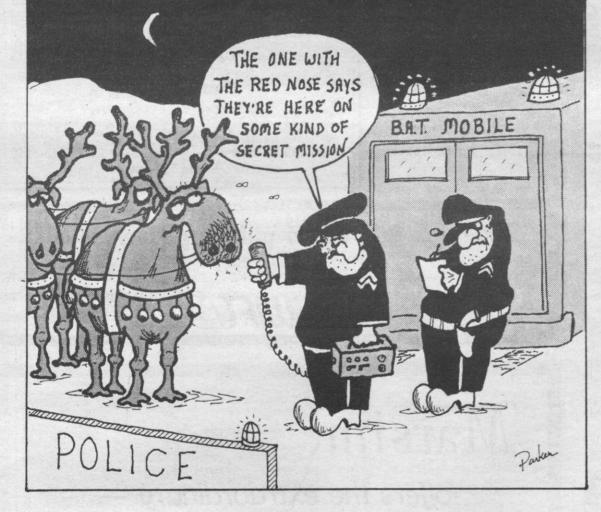
The Trust has represented the widely accepted and the fervently-supported principle that planning starts at home. This conviction has led to some sharp exchanges with ministers in the past as provincial policies change more fluidly than island philosophies.

Planning in the islands today is the result of the work of trustees who have devoted many hours of their time with little reward other than the conviction that the islands will benefit.

The Islands Trust is neither more nor less than the people who serve on it. As a local land agency it is doing very much the same as any other agency charged with the regulation of land would do. And, perhaps, the most significant tribute to the Trust has been the fervent support it has enjoyed from the community it serves.

As a new year opens for the Trust the loss of Dr. Michael Humphries from its deliberations will be felt within its organization and beyond. A convinced environmentalist who pursues his concerns without undue bursts of sentimentality; a skilled administrator and a man who never resorts to anger, he has steered the Trust along a path the smoother for his contribution.

That the former chairman should excuse himself and pass into oblivion is unthinkable. Humphries could, no doubt, echo the American naval hero, John Paul Jones: I have only begun to



Ministry of tourism report paints bright picture

VICTORIA — Saturated with doomsday scenarios painted daily by the nattering nabobs of nega-

Then let me brighten your day with a bit of good news brought to you by your friendly ministry of tourism which has just released its 1985 annual report.

Even without the benefits of Expo - which will be reflected in the next annual report - tourism is alive, well and growing in British Columbia.

Affected by none of the ills that have been torturing our resource industries, tourism reports a healthy \$2.4 billion revenue for 1985, about \$80 million more than in 1984.

British Columbians travelling capital in their own province, spent about \$1 billion, up \$5 million from the previous year. Tourists from other parts of Canada left \$694 million in our province, an increase of close to \$30 million, and U.S. residents deposited \$508 million worth of tourism revenue in our coffers, up \$38 million from

The benefits of revenue derived from tourism are fairly widespread. The major share, 24 per cent of the total, went to transportation. Restaurants are close behind with 23 per cent of the total revenue. Another 20 per cent was spent on accommodation, 16 per cent on shopping, 9 per cent on

comment

Hubert Beyer

recreation and 8 per cent on

A bit of an eye-opener are the statistics on the distribution of the tourist dollar by region.

The largest chunk went to southwestern British Columbia which took in 30 per cent of the total tourism revenue in 1985. Vancouver Island corralled 20 per cent, the Okanagan-Similkameen

Salmon Arm and Kamloops, accounted for 12 per cent.

That leaves only 25 per cent for the rest of the province, and I'm sure I'm not the only one who thinks that's a bit lopsided.

Victoria can draw on a pool of close to six million people sitting practically at its doorstep in Seattle and Vancouver, while the more remote regions have the disadvantage of being far away from any major population centre.

But I believe that any obstacle can be overcome. Aggressive marketing and, more important, targetting the right markets can

area 13 per cent and the High Country, which takes in Vernon, increase its share of tourism increase its share of tourism revenue.

> With the right marketing techniques, I'm sure, the more remote regions of British Columbia can tap a vast market.

Editor on sick leave

Driftwood editor Duncan Mac-Donnell is currently away on sick leave and is not expected to return until early in the new year.

Sincere thanks

Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the members of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce for honouring me last week at their dinner. I regret that owing to prior commitments I could not attend.

Also, I would like to thank the members of the Chamber for the lovely gift. I have enjoyed coordinating the Travel InfoCentre and was pleased to be of assistance to the business community of the island.

My sincere thanks also goes out to the many other volunteers who were so dependable and loyal, and without whom the operation of the centre would have been impossible.

SANDI BALLANTYNE,

Restore sight

Christmas! Before long your readers will be experiencing that loveliest season of the year, so what do they think about Christmas?

To numerous people, far and wide, it means the celebration of Jesus Christ, God's gift to the world. To children who attend Sunday school, it means the excitement of rehearsing for the Christmas play and singing carols. To many elderly people, it means lovely memories of Christmas

What though does it mean to numerous people in the Developing World? It means another day of struggling to live. The destitute and curable blind have no hope unless some person who feels compassion for them sends \$25 to Operation Eyesight Universal, P.O. Box 123, Stn. M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2H6. This \$25 will restore a person to sight paying for hospitalization, surgery, cataract glasses and follow up care.

If the patient is the bread-winner of the family it means that he or she can once again work to provide for their family instead of having to beg. A card is sent to each donor with name, sex, age and address of every person whose sight is restored.

I have been fortunate enough to be able to help several people have their sight restored, and it is a real thrill when I receive a card showing that a person has received sight. It is a greater thrill when the person restored to sight is a child. What rejoicing there must be in a family.

We can never match God's priceless gift but we can enable a blind person to see. By doing so we shall have a truly happy and blessed Christmas.

KAY RACICOT, Summerland, B.C.

Great success

The eighth annual Ganges Fishermen's Association dance was held on November 29, and it was a great success.

We would like to thank the contributors of the generous door prizes: Mouat's for the can of antifouling paint; Canfisco, for the gift boxes of canned seafood; Arthur Conner, another can of antifouling paint; Scott Plastics and Trotac for their gifts.

A raffle raised \$70 for the local salmon enhancement project. We extend a hardy thanks to Roger Coster of Volume II Bookstore for supplying the beautiful book, The Art of Robert Bateman, for this raffle

MARINA SCOTT. Ganges.

letters

Be humane

As consumers, most of us are unaware of the suffering and deaths inflicted upon animals by some companies. Often a group of animals are force-fed a product (cleaning fluid, shampoo, car cleaner) until half of them die.

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To be truly humane, we must all be concerned about the suffering of those who cannot defend themselves.

FLORENCE SILVERMAN,

Boasting

Sir, Move over Salt Spring lamb ... we've got something else to boast about on this island, The Salt Spring Singers.

After listening to the last concert realized we have a Salt Spring Sound in our midst. (Now all we need is an auditorium to house them). They get bigger and better every year, every concert in fact.

This island is becoming well known for its arts and crafts. The potters have their pots to admire after they've made them (unless they drop them), the weavers have their hangings to admire, but the sound of the singers has gone.

But somewhere I read that all sounds made are kept forever rolling around somewhere or other and the sounds we heard at this last concert will, we hope, drown out some of the more ugly sounds that are around these days.

I'm sure I'm speaking for many of the audience when I say thank you Singers for all your devoted work on our behalf (and I know how many hours have been spent on rehearsals) and as for Joy and Angela, what can one say except how lucky can we be to have such fine musicians in our midst who are prepared to spend so much of their time to give us something that seems so ephemeral but, indeed, is

not at all. Of course it would be nice if we could hang some of the singers on the wall and tap into them at will! JOAN RAESIDE, Ganges.

Santa's Workshop

Sir, Christmas is almost here and once again Santa's Workshop is in operation.

We have a home this season through the generosity of the owners of the Upper Ganges Centre. We have lots of toys that need washing and/or fixing. We have lots more toys coming in.

What we don't have a lot of is people to do the fixing. If you would like to be an elf this season please call me. I will arrange for you to pick up a key to the workshop and you can go in whenever you have a spare hour or two. We need you!

CAROL SIMPSON, Santa's Workshop.

P.S. To all of you who have called to ask where you can bring toys-they will now be accepted at Patterson's Store in Fulford, KIS Office Services in Ganges, and North Salt Spring Waterworks at Central. Thank you!

Socialized

Air Canada is taking over Air B.C. The Mulroney Conservatives are nationalizing British Columbia's big, privately-owned airline. Air Canada's brass has one-upped CP Air, another west coast company.

Result: the standings in the air war game ... Quebec 2, B.C. 0. We have been socialized with our own federal dollars!

There are other consequences. Air B.C. personnel must now be bilingual. Its planes will be maintained in the east. Management decisions, including routes and airfares, will be made in Montreal. It is big, far away government, centralizing another service, Red Tory style!

JACK DAVIS, M.L.A., North Vancouver/Seymour.

Trust meeting

Sir,
The local trustees for the Islands Trust will be holding an informal public meeting at 7:30 pm on Thursday, December 11 in the high school band room. Everyone is

One topic for discussion will be density transfer (see November 26 Driftwood for background). This idea may allow us to shift development away from sensitive areas - such as watersheds - and into more suitable areas.

There will be plenty of opportunity for people to ask questions or raise concerns about the work of the Trust.

PAT BYRNE,

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Humphries gives final address to Islands Trust

By FRANK RICHARDS

It was his last address from the chair, when Dr. Michael Humphries spoke briefly to the Islands Trust on Friday afternoon. He recalled some of the incidents and some of the highlights of the 11 years of the Trust, and looked at the immediate pressures facing trustees.

The Islands Trust council consists of all 26 trustees from the 13 designated islands, meeting to correlate islands administrations and to discuss those areas where all islands can benefit from the experience of one island.

The council was not always so called. Originally it had no name, recalled Humphries. It was simply a gathering or an assembly of all those trustees.

When the Trust was first established 11 years ago there were three other members. First Trust included the 26 local trustees as well as three general trustees named by the province.

This practice was later discontinued, when Hugh Curtis was minister of municipal affairs, in favour of the present routine whereby general trustees are named by the local trustees themselves from among their own numbers.

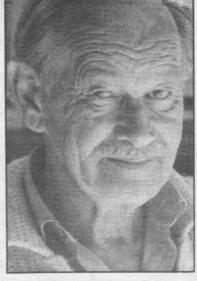
First meeting was staged in the Island Hall Hotel in Parksville in 1974, recalled the speaker. The next meeting was in the provincial museum, where space was at a premium.

During these earlier years there was also a tension between the local trustees and the appointed, general trustees. It was in 1977 that six of the local trustees walked out.

"They argued that the body should be a significant entity with its own guidelines and procedures."

A special meeting in June of that year supported the trustees and the council was formally set up and so named. The meeting defined its function and included the assembly of trustees with an opportunity to correlate problems and procedures on the various islands

The provincial museum was no



Michael Humphries

match for the Islands Trust. The board room proved too small and the Trust was again looking for somewhere to meet. Mary Lee, for many years the office manager, found the New Democratic Party's caucus room. But this time the boot was on the other foot. The caucus proved too big.

'At Lasqueti, trustees found out what it means to live on an island without car ferry or hydro.'

The retiring chairman called to memory the day when the Trust council walked in on the aftermath of a party meeting and discovered secret papers and notes all over the place. There was a hurried call asking the Trust to gather up the papers and to treat them in confidence.

After several minor embarrassments, the Trust was still looking for a "politically-immaculate" meeting place. On discussing the problem with the Courtyard Inn, they were offered the use of the "courtrooms."

"What could be more politically-immaculate?" asked the speaker.

In latter years the Trust has made a practice of holding council meetings on the various islands. Humphries recalled the various islands which have hosted such meetings.

"I gave trustees an idea of the islands."

He extended the thought to Lasqueti, his home island.

"At Lasqueti trustees found out what it means to live on an island without car ferry or hydro."

He also looked to the future. Representations have been made for a budget increase to meet the increase in planning.

The planning function will meet the need of 10 islands for revision of their community plans, said the chairman. He termed it a "major undertaking."

The Trust had examined its own mandate, reported Humphries.

"What do 'preserve and protect' mean?"

He was referring to the requirement in the Islands Trust Act that the Trust preserve and protect the islands.

"Preserve what; for what and by what means?" he enquired.

Answers became necessary, said Humphries, when it became necessary to explain to other government offices just what the Islands Trust is doing.

"If we are to follow the requirements of the act, we can only do part of it by the regulatory process. Beyond that we need the concurrence and support of the government."

He was referring to the proclamation of that part of the Islands Trust Act approving a trust fund

Of salmon farms, the speaker told the Trust council that a brief had been submitted to the commission enquiring into mariculture.

"It is essential that the islands get their own controls."

Watershed control can only be instituted when the term is properly defined, he went on, and that must be done very quickly.

The speaker observed that the Islands Trust area embraces nearly 500 islands, some under the jurisdiction of local trustees and others controlled by the general trust.

In conclusion, Humphries spoke of the value of a good public relations committee to "tell people what we are doing and how we are doing it."

His final words referred to the regulation of land-use in the islands.

"I take our mandate very seriously," he said. "It matters!"

The Trust has no provision for non-regulatory means of controlling future development. The Niagara Escarpment Commission found a means of establishing a trust fund, he commented.

"If they can, we can," he urged.
The missing link he sees in land
use control is the lack of an
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Committee considers fish farming

A new committee of the Islands Trust will address the question of fish farming.

The coastal zone committee will be concerned with aquaculture to embrace all types of raising fish in both fresh and salt water. Manager Cynthia Hawksworth reported that the Trust has asked the premier and the minister of municipal affairs to extend the Howe Sound moratorium on salmon farms to include all the Islands Trust area.

There is cause for haste, suggested Jim Campbell. Mariculture is a significant matter, he urged.



"I hope the committee addresses that matter as soon as possible."

The committee will invite John Stockner of Gambier Island to take part. Stockner is president of the Limnological Society of North America. Limnologists, the

trustees were told, are biologists concerned with lakes.

The provincial government is preparing a report on mariculture and the manager recommended taking no action until the report is released.



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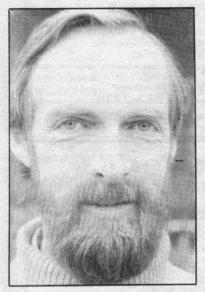
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CounterAttack blitz underway on island

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This year, Ganges RCMP will work with police from Duncan to keep impaired drivers off the road. Roadblocks will be estab-



Nick Gilbert
Gilbert elected
chairman of
Islands Trust

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designated islands are either brought into the aegis of a nearby designated island or they are the responsibility of the general trust.

In past years it has not been the practice to reveal the voting pattern at Trust elections. On Saturday newcomer Jim Campbell of Saturna insisted that it was the democratic responsibility of the Trust to give out the number of votes won by each candidate.

Gilbert polled 16 votes, the meeting was told, and his only opponent, Carol Martin of Hornby, took eight votes.

Five candidates sought the third seat on the general trust. They were Carol Martin and Steve Wright, who were both successful; Russ Bates of Gabriola, Elmer Bichel of Thetis, and Jim Campbell of Saturna

Martin took 15 votes; Wright, 12; Campbell, 9; Bichel, 8; and Bates, 4.

The local trustees form the trust committee on their respective islands, in conjunction with the general trust. The trust committee is the authoritative regulatory body in respect of land use and planning.

The general trust is primarily concerned with those matters which relate to all islands.

Use Christmas Seals

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lished throughout the area, and police will be making spot checks to ensure motorists are adhering to all rules of the road.

Driving while under the influence of alcohol is a serious offence in British Columbia. Drivers convicted of a first offence lose their driver's licence for one year and can be fined up to \$2,000 or serve up to six months in jail.

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Even a small amount of alcohol can impair an individual's ability to operate a motor vehicle. Police officials note that drivers can become unsafe with a blood-alcohol level as low as 50 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood—well below the legally-impaired level of .08.

While it is recommended that anyone under the influence of alcohol refrain from driving a motor vehicle, police note there are some guides available that help drivers determine if the amount of alcohol they have consumed dangerously impairs their ability to drive.

The amount of alcohol a person can drink without impairing his ability to operate a motor vehicle can vary greatly according to the individual's weight, sex, and tolerance to the drug.

However, the attorney general's ministry publishes a handy guide that shows how specific amounts of alcohol will affect the average individual's bloodalcohol level.

According to the guide, for example, a 100-pound individual who consumes two drinks in quick succession (24 ounces of beer, six ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of liquor) is likely to have a bloodalcohol level of approximately .087 — slightly above the legal limit of .08, but well in excess of the .05 figure that is considered a safe driving limit.

A 250-pound adult, however, could probably consume more than twice as much alcohol before becoming legally impaired. As noted, however, the way alcohol affects and individual varies from person to person.

person to person.
"To be safe, do not drive after drinking," noted CounterAttack representatives.

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Saturna's Campbell new ingredient on Gulf Islands' regulatory body

the Islands Trust recipe for landuse regulation last week when the strongest opponent of the Islands Trust concept took his seat at the council table.

Newcomer to the islands regulatory agency is Jim Campbell of Saturna Island. A critic of the Trust from the time it was instituted to take land use controls out of the hands of the regional districts, Campbell showed no eagerness to change his opinion as a result of his recent election to the

His first contribution to the Trust was his candidature for a seat on the general trust. He explained that he had been responsible for the concept of local plans by local people many years ago. The community plan was a creation of the community. A vociferous opponent of the regulation of land use by an appointed board, he had bitterly objected to the intrusion of the general trustees.

In the early years of the Trust, the general trustees were appointed by the government rather than being elected by their colleagues. On Friday he told the Trust council that he was seeking a seat on the general trust and that former Saturna trustee John Gaines had supported his candidature.

When the council debated the proposal for calling on the government to proclaim the section of the Islands Trust Act that provides for holding land in trust, Campbell accused his colleagues of seeking a measure which they didn't understand.

"Playing with undefined concepts is a waste of time," he charged.

Trustees are talking about having sections proclaimed without knowing what the effects of such legislation might be, said Campbell.

The Islands Trust Act provides for the establishment of a Trust





Jim Campbell

measure.

Had the general trustees taken any action on that proclamation recently, he enquired.

Proclamation had been discussed, replied chairman Nick Gilbert, much along the lines discussed.

The general trust has directed its staff to submit information on the implications of proclaiming the Trust fund.

Campbell said he was pleased that the Trust had started out on the right road after eight or 10 years of discussion.

Denman's Glen Snook congratulated the general trustees on taking that action.

The question of proclamation of the section of the act which could provide for the holding of land in trust was placed on the agenda for the March meeting of the council.

John Money of Saturna wanted consideration of watershed

property.
"Land taxation does not recognize zoning," he explained. "Incentives for holding such lands could be offered through

taxation."
Bill 7 deals with taxation, submitted Trust manager Cynthia Hawksworth, and there is still opportunity to get input into the regulations.

The bill deals mainly with forest land, replied Money. He wants to go beyond wood lots to green belts and other areas.

New Saturna trustee expressed concern for the small islands through the Trust area and the lack of controls over aquaculture. He called for immediate action in zoning all the islands.

When Campbell expressed criticism of the general trust for their failure to include Samuel and Tumbo Islands in the Saturna Island community plan, he learned that the two smaller islands are included with Saturna, and it is the responsibility of the local trustees to apply zoning to both those islands.

When the Saturna plan was originally prepared, the general trust of the time declined to include them. A change was made subsequently and they are now part of Saturna, explained vicechairman Carol Martin.

The Saturna Island Trust Committee has the necessary jurisdiction to zone the islands. Campbell was told. Islands under the jurisdiction of the general trust will have controls imposed as soon

as possible, said Chairman Gilbert. Campbell is the former chairman of the Capital Regional Board. During his term with that board he was a constant critic of the Islands Trust. It was he who launched a referendum in the islands asking for the abolition of the Islands Trust. It was roundly

The Saturna Island trustee has been in public life for the past three decades. Before coming into planning and regional administration he was for 10 years a trustee of the Gulf Islands School District.

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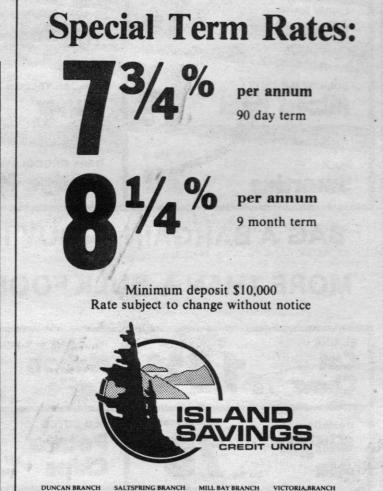
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HAPPY SHOPPING!



Day of Dialogue proves successful for district



Barb Aust

Organizers of the Day of Dialogue held here November 29 said last week they were reasonably pleased with the meeting and its achievements.

Barb Aust, president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, said Monday that "a good start (was made) on opening up a communications link" between school district teachers, administrators, support personnel, trustees and parents.

"We made a start - the communications committee of district 64 was activated, with its first meeting scheduled for

January 6," she said. "(There was a) suggestion for change in board policy, that there be parent reps and student council reps on the

According to Aust, the Day of Dialogue succeeded in breaking down some barriers between the groups. The meeting also allowed the groups to decide if their focus should be internal or external communications.

She said there was good input from all groups at the meeting. Several people indicated they wanted a more open forum for giving their personal views, while others liked the structure of the process used. "This pointed out the diversity of the people involved," she noted.

David Eyles, chairman of School District 64's board of trustees, said Friday he felt the Day of Dialogue "went well."
"We had a fair degree of participation," he noted.

The goal of the meeting was improved communications within the district. The Day of Dialogue was designed to identify communications gaps in the district, priorize the problems, and select a steering committee to work for improvements.

Saturday vendors will have use of park front

Saturday vending will be permitted along the front of Centennial Park under the proposed park re-development plan, Phil Hume, a member of the parks and recreation commission, said last

However, vendors selling out of their vehicles will be required to use the parking lot along the west side of the park adjacent to Gasoline Alley.

"We are going to allow stalls and tables in the front of the park, but no vehicles," explained Hume. "What we'll have is an L-shaped area for vending. It (the re-development proposals) will actually double the market area.

We've said we want to improve the Saturday market."

Commission members feel they are close to reaching an agreement with Saturday vendors that will resolve the problems associated with vending. Hume said at a recent recreation commission meeting that the organization was awaiting a written proposal from Saturday vendors that will outline how they plan to police it, handle parking problems, and clean-up.

The two groups have still not worked out a weekly rental fee for the park. The recreation commission has suggested Saturday vendors pay a total fee of \$200 per week, while the vendors them-selves would prefer to pay \$100.

Campbell gives word of advice to landowners

New Islands Trust member Jim Campbell had a word of advice to property owners at Saturday morning's Trust council meeting.

Property assessment is made on the market value, he told his

The only effective appeal is that the assessor misjudged the market value and the only valid argument







Need for housing creates interest in co-op idea

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waterfront housing in the area, it will cater primarily to upper income families and individuals. "The units will be in the \$170,000 to \$180,000 range," he said. "Down at the other end of the scale, we have the provincially-subsidized senior citizens' housing, which — thanks to the service clubs — has been built here. But that leaves a tremendous gap in between."

The architect noted that each year, Salt Spring loses citizens because many aren't able to find affordable housing close to a service centre. Elderly and retired people, he said, are moving to such housing projects as Sidney's Twin Oaks Village. At Twin Oaks, a townhouse can be purchased for as low as \$59,900.

"We're finding that people are being forced to leave the island because they can't get housing here," he said. "These people generally belong to one of two broad groups. Often, they're retired people who can no longer cope with living on their five acres out in the weeds. Perhaps the joy has gone out of chopping wood. But for whatever reason, they want to leave their homes and be closer to services. They have some assets, and thus are not eligible for the lower-cost seniors' housing here. They want to sell their home and move to a more affordable or convenient location in the village where they can walk to shops. They'd like to stay here, but right now they often have to

"The second group is what some call 'the empty nesters.' Their families have grown up, and they may want to spend time travelling, or golfing, or fishing. They might not want to maintain a large home anymore. They're

moving to Twin Oaks, or Water's Edge, because the type of housing they need is not available here

"As you can see, there's a huge gap between Croftonbrook and the Grace Point development. We've been plagued with enquiries."

Truscott identified another group of people who she says are looking for housing in and around Ganges but can't find any. "There's people who dream of owning their own home, or building their own home, but can't afford it under the present circumstances."

'There's a huge gap between Croftonbrook and the Grace Point development.'

"Then, there's newcomers to the island, too," added Hassell. "The back-to-the-land movement of the '60s and '70s is over now, and people are interested in townhouses. Some people have the idea of spending time here, or living here part-time, and want a place of their own to use as a base."

According to both Hassell and Truscott, a co-operative housing group could meet the needs of all these groups. They stressed, too, that while some people automatically equate it with dreary apartment buildings, co-operative housing can take many forms.

"There's no reason why a co-operative development can't cater to single family living," said Hassell. "It can include individually identifiable units with their own front and back doors, garden space and a locking garage for

their vehicles. There are all sorts of possibilities."

Truscott, who has been involved with designing, building and selling homes for many years, noted that housing cooperatives can be tailored to suit the individual needs of their members. In the same cooperative development, some individuals may have equity in their homes while others may be simply 'renting' them from the organization.

Hassell and Truscott gave two examples of co-operative housing organizations.

There are, for example, builders' (or equity) co-operatives, which are essentially the same as condominium developments. Housing units can be owned individually with a minimum of between 20 and 25 per cent equity. Monthly payments are made to cover the mortgage on the individual unit as well as the cost of maintenance, upkeep of the grounds, services and taxes. The units, however, can be sold on the open market at market value.

Another common form of cooperative housing venture is the federally-sponsored co-op for lowincome rental housing. The units are developed through a nonprofit organization which mortgages the property as a whole. In such co-operative developments, 70 per cent of the tenants must have earnings in the middle income bracket, while 30 per cent must be lower income families that qualify for the B.C. housing rent supplement. Tenants make limited share purchases in the organization, and pay either a fixed rental fee for the units or 30 per cent of their gross income.

These are only two types of co-operative housing ventures. Both Hassell and Truscott

stressed that there many other variations of these two basic forms.

Hassell and Truscott are hoping the idea of forming a cooperative housing organization here will 'catch on.' They have tentatively scheduled a meeting of interested individuals for Dec. 20, with the time and location to be decided soon.

"What we're looking for initially is some kind of response," said Hassell, who noted time restrictions make it necessary to start organizational work before Christmas. "If we are going to qualify for federal funding, the deadline is February."

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School expansion top priority here

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"We've got about 45 Grade 12s leaving this year," the superintendent told trustees. "They'll be replaced next year by 75 or 85 Grade 11s. And there are hundreds of students coming up in Kindergarten and Grade 1."

School district officials said they foresee "a big crisis coming" at the school. "It's going to be crammed," noted one individual at the meeting. "It will be horrendous come September."

In an effort to cope with the situation, School District 64 has placed the GISS expansion on its capital budget for 1987-88. The ministry, however, has classified the school expansion as only a medium priority project — a condition the school district and its board of trustees wishes to change.

A letter has been sent to the ministry, Marshall said Friday, outlining the district's concerns and its desire to make the GISS project top priority.

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In the Overwaitea Plaza, Duncan 748-3115 / 748-5022 mit to the ministry a list of capital projects they wish to undertake in the coming year. The ministry, in term, will grant approval for some but generally not all the projects. Projects classified as 'high priority' are generally more readily approved by the ministry.

Marshall said the ministry of education might eventually want to consider purchasing property for a new high school. He noted the current site is limited in terms of parking and possible areas for expansion

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Four School District 64 trustees were sworn in last week at the board's regular meeting by Superintendent Mike Marshall (centre).

Trustees sworn in

They are (from left) Bert beitel, Joy Ridley, Margaret Howell and David Eyles. Eyles was elected board chairman at the same

Eyles chosen as board chairman

Salt Spring Island trustee David Eyles was elected chairman of Gulf Islands school board at its regular meeting December 4.

Eyles, a realtor and former vice-chairman of the board, was declared chairman on the second ballot, defeating Saturna Island trustee Lorraine Campbell. Campbell had held the position last year.

In a show of solidarity, however, the board elected Campbell vice-chairman by acclamation.

In accepting his new duties, Eyles said he appreciated the work Campbell had done on behalf of the board. He added in an interview later with Driftwood that he was glad to have Campbell as his vice-chairman, and added that the school district is fortunate to have a strong, unified board of trustees.

Eyles' election as chairman came after he and three other trustees - Bert Beitel, Margaret Howell and Joy Ridley sworn in as members of the

Eyles said Thursday afternoon that trustees have revamped their committee structure. Last year, he noted, the board had six committees. This year, they have been amalgamated into three: Buildings, Grounds and Conveyance; Negotiations and Finance; and Education - Personnel.

Eyles said he felt the new committee structure would help the board. He pointed out that three trustees will serve on each committee, with an alternative being appointed to "fill in" when one of the three is away. "That way, we'll be able to maintain continuity," noted the board chairman.

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In other business from Thursday's meeting of Gulf Islands school board, trustees approved a planned field trip to the marine station at Bamfield by Gulf Islands Secondary School's Biology 11-12 class.

A total of 36 students are scheduled to make the February 4-6 trip. Fund-raising efforts have already started, as school officials estimate the cost of this excursion at approximately \$2,100, or \$70 per pupil.

Trustees briefly discussed the students' plan to raise money for the trip by organizing a Bingo. Although it was suggested some parents might not like the idea, board members said they didn't disapprove of the Bingo.

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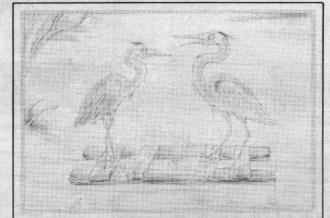
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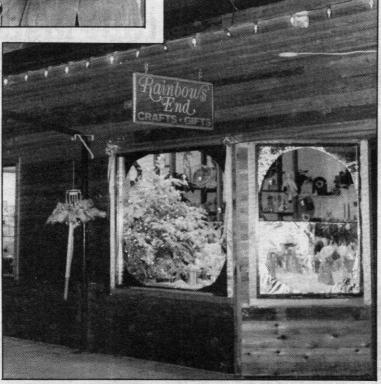
Santa Claus took time to enjoy a ride on Jack Hughes' hay wagon. Dozens of children clambered into Hughes' wagon for a trip through downtown Ganges.



Eric Donnelly plays his trombone during a performance by the Gulf Islands Secondary School stage and concert band.



Rainbow Crafts in Gasoline Alley was judged best-decorated business in Ganges during last week's Light-Up celebration. Store owners Lenora Outerbridge, left, and Phyllis Fetherston, right, receive \$200 cheque from Gulf Islands Driftwood's Catherine McFadyen. Second place was awarded to The General Store and third to Mouat's Top Floor. They won \$100 and \$50 respectively.







Santa thrilled young Tammy Madigan, who sat on his knee during a brief visit to Salt Spring

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Saturday food bank auction raises \$3,000 for hampers

Saturday's benefit dinner and auction for the Salt Spring Island Community Centre's food bank raised approximately \$3,000, organizer Sue Bradford said Mon-

Sue said the \$3,000 "just about covers" the cost of the food bank's Christmas hamper program. She expects at least 100 hampers will be put together for the island's needy.

At least 134 people attended the dinner that preceded Saturday's auction in Central Hall. Sue said 134 dinner tickets were sold at \$3.50 each. "The dinner was basically done at cost," she noted. "It was basically to bring people out, to get them interested, and I think it worked.'

Approximately 100 items were on the auction block, and bidding was fast and furious at time. A book on the art of Salt Spring

Auctioneer Mike Hayes scans the crowd for bidders at Saturday's food bank auction while daughter Kaitlyn looks on.

Island resident Robert Batemen which contained a sketch by the artist - sold for \$170. A fur coat sold for \$65, while three beautifully decorated tablecloths with matching napkins sold for

Auctioneer Mike Hayes, assisted by his daughter Kaitlyn and

Jenny Bradford, kept those at-

tending the event entertained

throughout the evening.

Wednesday, December 10, 1986

Sue said she was reasonably pleased with the event. She noted that last year's food bank auction raised approximately \$2,000.

"So we surpassed last year's (figure)," she noted.

She added that donations to the food bank's hamper program will also help meet its expenses.

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The groups hope that with one

minute of committed thinking from at least one per cent of the world population, a shift in world consciousness could begin.

The Salt Spring Centre invites anyone who is interested in joining the experiment to contact them as soon as possible. The gathering will be at 355 Blackburn Road at 4 am on December 31. They will be holding a special ceremony at that time.



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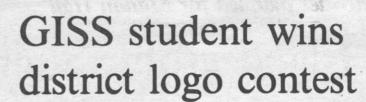
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The second-place entry was submitted by another Grade 12 student of GISS, Naomi Potter. She will receive a gift of up to \$20 in value.

Third prize went to Brian T. Stacey, also a Grade 12 student at GISS. His prize will be up to \$10 in value.

Box's logo design will be sent to a professional graphic artist for rendering. It will then be reduced and displayed on all School District 64 letterheads, business

cards and correspondence.

Judging in the contest was done by School District 64's board of trustees at their regular meeting December 4.

Rotary Club president Mike Marshall (left) shares duties with members Tim Stafford and Ross Braiden during the club's recent Grey Cup luncheon at Fulford

Jack Miles, Daniel Munter and H.

club's annual Grey Cup event

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Denise Harrison got more than she bargained for at the Rotary Club's annual Grey Cup luncheon held November 29 in Fulford Community Hall.

In addition to seeing the Hamilton Tiger Cats ambush the heavily-favored Edmonton Eskimos 39-15, Harrison was the luncheon's grand prize winner of \$1,000.

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Still, all over the world there are groups of people who, using different kinds of tools, are chipping away at the tribalism, the militarism, the power hunger and the secrecy that can engulf us.

Here on Salt Spring, four such groups will join together this weekend to inform and entertain. The Voice of Women, the Nuclear Disarmament Group, Tools for Peace, and Beyond War will all be represented at Mahon Hall from 6-9 pm, on Friday, December 12 and on Saturday December 13 from 10

There will be a continuous program of such films as If You Love this Planet, Speaking on Peace, The Nairobi Women's Conference, and Gwynne Dyer's three-part series on war. Simultaneously there will be the video presentations Beyond War, Under the Nuclear Shadow, Nuclear Winter, The Last Epidemic, and the UBC Political Science series. There will also be a documentary of the arrival of the Tools for Peace ship in Nicaragua earlier this year.

There will be a display of the Chilean women's famous arpilleras, tables with crafts for Christmas gifts, a bake sale, coffee (Nicaraguan), and good things to eat and drink provided by GIPSY. A big welcome for all children, who will have their own craft corner for making play-dough and paper tree ornaments.

Admission is free. The film and

video schedule is now posted at the hall, and on the bulletin board at Mouat's Mall.

Then, also at Mahon Hall at 8 pm on Saturday, there will be NicaNoel, a variety program of song, dance, comedy, sing-songs, a dollar auction, and suitable refreshments. Admission to this light-hearted happening is \$2.

Finally, on Sunday (December 14), there is the 1986 Beyond War Awards to the Contadora group of nations trying to bring peace to Central America. This satellite

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Parks commission looks at results of '86 survey

The results of a survey conducted earlier this year will be discussed at a December 29 meeting of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

The commission intends to review the survey's findings in more detail and possibly develop recommendations concerning development of recreation programs.

Once recommendations are made, they will be released to the community and a public meeting called to consider them in more detail.

The survey was carried out by the commission, which formulated the questionnaire and distributed it to randomly-selected individuals on the island. A total of 443 respondents — 238 females, 205 males — provided the recreation commission with information on a variety of issues.

A large number of the respondents (196 of 443) were age 61 years or over and had moved to Salt Spring between 1971 and 1980. Sixty were between the ages of 51 and 60, while 22 were between the ages of 15 and 30. This, noted commission chairman Glenn Woodley, reflects the large proportion of retirees on Salt Spring.

Woodley pointed out that, according to the survey's initial results, most respondents felt performing arts, creative arts and crafts, competitive sports, social activities, outdoor nature activities, fitness classes, and adult education services were adequate.

It was also discovered that respondents travelled off the island most often to enjoy the performing arts and other activities.

Most of those surveyed said that what Salt Spring needed most were bike paths, an indoor swimming pool, and public access

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Ornamental lights on Christmas trees can be a serious fire hazard unless reasonable precautions are taken, warns Earle Pritchett, safety co-ordinator at Hydro's corporate safety department.

He points out that people should not assume an artificial tree is safe from fire. Some of the popular reusable plastic trees are flammable. Enquire about this point before buying.

When selecting a natural tree, buy a pine or Douglas fir in preference to spruce. Both will hold their needles longer than spruce and present less of a fire hazard. Try to find a tree that has been freshly cut.

Before decorating, check out the tree lights.

"Each string of lights, new or old, should be examined for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them," says Pritchett.

When preparing a natural tree and stand, saw an inch or two off the tree's butt using a diagonal cut. This exposes a large surface to moisture than a straight cut.

Stand the tree in water. commercial holder or a pail filled with sand and water can be used. The water should be replenished regularly. Some trees will absorb about half a litre a day. Trees should be kept away from heating vents or radiators.

"And to be on the safe side, turn off lights when you retire for the night, or any time the tree is left unattended," says Pritchett.

Decorating houses or outdoor Christmas trees can also be hazardous unless proper safety precautions are taken.

The greatest danger occurs when people string up ornamental lights on trees near overhead power lines. If a line is touched or the light wire swings against it, electrocution can result.

He advises anyone putting lights up outdoors to take these safety measures:

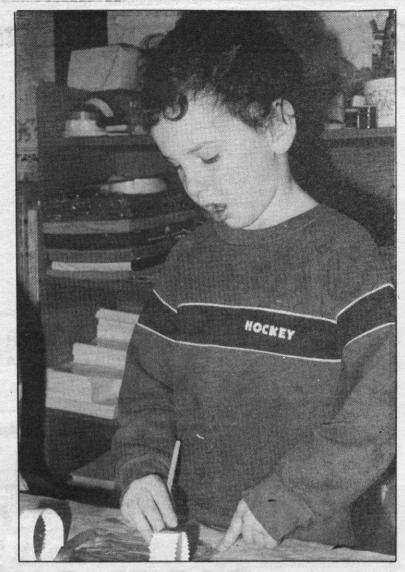
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Sam Davies enjoys a Christmas craft session at Salt Spring Island Day Care Centre. Davies and his

friends learned how to make lanterns on Monday morning. The day care centre is going strong

Parks commission looks at results of 86 survey

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to beaches. A majority added that they would be prepared to accept tax increases of between \$10 and \$50 to pay for these new facilities.

Recreation commission officials feel the additional comments made by respondents will be helpful in gauging the community's mood and desire for additional services.

The comments made most frequently by survey respondents

concerned the construction of an indoor swimming pool. Twentyone respondents said the parks and recreation commission should "build a pool," while 19 others suggested "building a recreation complex including a pool.'

The commission hired a private firm at considerable cost to conduct a similar survey approximately seven years ago. The results of that survey are available to the public.



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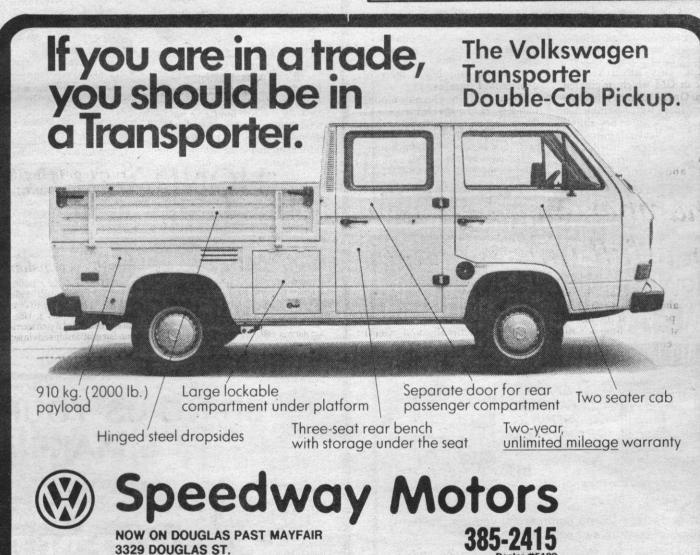
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Imported cars dominate North American market

By FRANK RICHARDS

What's with the motor business? Why are General Motors laying off so many workers in the United States? And why are Canadian employees worried about their

Take a look at the traffic on the ferry next time you go to Victoria or Vancouver. Count the cars! Sure enough, the ferry's full, but what's filling it? Take a glance at the classified columns of your newspaper. Count the cars and check what fills the columns.

The biggest shaker to the North American car industry is the imported car. Detroit, and to a lesser degree, Windsor are not weeping their eyes out over the number of Rolls Royces, Mercedes, Porsches, Jaguars, Lamborghinis coming on the market. They are the elite cars for a specialized market with the money to buy them and the desire for a different style of driving.

The significant imported car is the Japanese car. The car that sells in North America comes from Japan. For years Detroit was the home of the world's automobile and General Motors was the biggest manufacturer in the world. But not today: Toyota has taken that slot. Datsun, from Nissan, ranks close. Then there are Honda, Mazda, Subaru, all running as close as they can.

Check the newspaper advertisements and count the imports. Of 10 advertised in a recent Driftwood, four used cars were imports. The daily papers emphasize this market submission to foreign cars.

A recent issue of the Times-Colonist in Victoria listed 286 used cars. Of that total 133, or 46 per cent were imports. The figure could have been higher, because there are cars advertised as Chrysler or GM which originated in Japan. On the balance side some of the cars listed were assembled in Canada. But the summary shows that on this particular day almost a half of the used cars listed were made in Asia or Europe.

What about the half-way

Members of the Salt Spring

Island Chamber of Commerce

approved a proposal at the annual

meeting last week calling for the group to engage a full-time

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financing the position, the meet-

ing gave approval to spending up

to \$600 per month to pay a

half-time temporary manager.

The motion called for a subcom-

mittee to draft a job description and hire a full-time manager by

Moe Gerwing and Sandi Ballan-

In other business, chamber treasurer Pearl Graham submit-

ted a financial statement that

showed a \$1,600 surplus on operations for the year. Revenue

Election of officers saw the new

executive named by acclamation.

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Beth McDonald, Ewart Gallery.

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manager.

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Chamber members call

for a full-time manager

figures. These cars are half-way between the run-of-the-mill everyman's car and the elegant elite costing a mint of anybody's money. You could list Volvo, Audi, BMW, Peugot, Rover if you can find one, and Alfa-Romeo. They all cost a little more. They all bear a prestigious name-plate. And they are all selling in large numbers.

The past quarter-century has shown that the trend towards smaller cars has kept up. But it has shown another trend which was quickly adapted first by the Japanese makers and now by Detroit. The motoring public likes a small car as long as it has pleasing, comfortable seating and plush carpets.

The day of vinyl door coverings and floppy rag to cover the seats is past. Import or Canadian-made, the new car of today shows all these trends.

Some in the industry saw the trend many years ago. Manufacturers of large cars were not eager to retool at the drop of an opinion hat. They continued with the giant car and brought in little cars from Europe and Asia. It was many years before the North American Industry actually started to manufacture small cars at home. And each year saw the import gaining a greater hold on a greater market, or at least, a greater share of that market.

It wasn't the popularity of the smaller car that turned the scales. The consumer's opinion has been glossed over by the industry until the vaunted oil shortage alerted the world's politicians to the danger of a world without oil.

Giant cars became large cars and large cars became medium cars and so on, down the line. It wasn't polite to drive a tank because you were taking too big a share of depleted oil supplies.

Quite abruptly, the automotive industry in North America was being directed, persuaded, urged or coerced into making smaller cars. And the makers did just that.

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that small tank filled the bill and took less filling, at that. The same with the adherent of the large power buggy. He happily brought a littler power buggy and enjoyed the ease of driving as well as the greater economy.

All was settled and the entire industry lived happily ever after,

It was not like that at all. During the years that the North American industry had idly watched the consumer play with small cars, more and more consumers were brought into the world of imported cars. They liked the car and the name and many of the components.

The driver who found an import with a different feel to the steering or the brakes or the transmission enjoyed the difference and associated it with this new strange make he had found. And he went

educate the customer into acceptance of these features in the domestic car as well.

on buying that strange make until it was no longer strange. If the domestic maker is to recover his market, he must re-

Europe has seen this transition. The British car industry is a fraction of what it was once. Japanese cars are to be found everywhere, not only throughout Europe, but in every state of the American Union. Rent a car in Hawaii? Bet it's a Japanese import!

General Motors is pulling in its horns and eliminating staff. Chrysler went through a nearcollapse until Ford released just the man Chrysler was looking for.

Jaguar escaped from the Leyland conglomerate and prospered. Chrysler left Europe and Renault joined forces with American Motors.

The German industry is not only

prospering, but it has given its name the world over to the car that is better designed, better built and the mark of reliability. While it is such names as Mercedes, BMW and Audi which have helped Germany to reach its reputation, the Volkswagen has enjoyed such a following all over the world that you just daren't criticize the Bug to a Beetle buff!

It isn't the North American market that is shrinking and threatening the industry. It isn't just the import. It's the fact that the foreign car, equipped with a motor from two to three litres, has been busy selling on this continent while nobody was looking.

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Community-based development topic of speech

Community economic development is a growing movement in B.C., according to Michael Clague of Vancouver's Social Planning and Research Council (SPARC).

Clague spoke last month in Ganges at the annual general meeting of the Island Futures Community Economic Development Society. Of special interest in Clague's talk was the newlyformed Alberni-Clayoquot group in Port Alberni, which has established a set of guidelines for business planners that represent a wide spectrum of local opinion: the chamber of commerce, environmental groups, native Indians and labour. Input from the community there is also welcomed.

In other news from the Island Futures meeting, the organization's 10-member board for 1986-87 was selected, although the IF constitution allows up to 15 members. The new Island Futures board consists of Lou Rumsey, Richard Blagborne, Bev Unger, Rich Atwood, Hank Schubart, Ken Renaud, Virginia Newman, Jim Fogarty, Beth Hill and Dave Williams.

Board members hope more people will decide to join the movement, which traces its roots to the United Kingdom. In the U.K., attempts to promote community-based economic development were initiated when high unemployment began to tear away the fabric of society. In a search for answers to pressing economic and social problems, local people began to look to their own community resources and set up new, more co-operative struc-

In B.C., several areas have started special investment funds with the capital earmarked for local enterprises only. Capital from the fund is allocated to enterprises chosen for their labour-intensive, environmentallysound and economically-healthy aspects.

At the Island Futures AGM, three local speakers also presented ideas that the organization considers to be possible.

Schubart spoke on the possibility of establishing a communityowned and operated venture that would collect and sell materials left at building sites.

Such a "boneyard", Schubart said, would provide jobs in the community as well as opportunities for volunteer input. The business would be run by a board of directors that would include all



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Schubart noted that recycling of this type is the ultimate goal in "local production for local use." and one of the Island Futures'

A presentation by Nick Gilbert also sparked interest at the

Gilbert's presentation entitled An Island of Trails dealt with the potential for development of a hiking trail network throughout

Gilbert, a member of the Islands Trust, noted that thousands of acres of undeveloped land exist on the island, including more than 5,000 acres of Crown land and nearly 9,000 acres of tree farm land. He pointed out that the island relies on both tourism and services for the elderly, both of which would be served by the development of an island trail system.

Gilbert said that with population and growth putting increasing pressure on the island, it is essential that a master plan be completed for Salt Spring trails. The Trust, he noted, has already established a task force to get on with the job, and its members are receiving guidance from the Trail and Nature Club.

Although it would take many years to complete such a trail system, Gilbert said the crucial element now is to establish a comprehensive trail plan.

The third local presentation made at the Island Futures annual general meeting dealt with the topic of community land ownership.

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Board member Dave Williams said community land ownership is possible here. He noted it could be a labour-intensive endeavour, one that would allow profits to be reinvested locally. It would have low environmental impact, he claimed, and could actually enhance the quality of life on the

The purchase of a parcel of MacMillan Bloedel land totalling 4,859 acres (the asking price is \$5 million) would have to await a detailed feasibility study. However, it was suggested that local capital could be available.

If purchased, the land could be used for a variety of purposes. It could, for example, be a primary producer of forest products requiring intensive silvicultural practices for maximum production, as well as a source of wood for secondary processing on-site (sawmilling, planing and kiln-drying) combined with marketing and local manufacturing endea-

The property would also become a source of firewood for local use, and an upland site for a mariculture industry. Williams outlined a half-dozen other potential uses for the site at the meeting.

In return for a large initial investment, he concluded, the community could obtain local employment and significant economic returns - while at the same time protecting sensitive areas of the environment.

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Success new to island-born artist

Salt Spring Islander Lil Sampson Irwin has been painting and drawing ever since she can remember. It's always been just another hobby for the 46-year-old mother of three, a recreational activity like the sports she plays during her free time.

Yet lately, Irwin's art has become something more than just a casual hobby. Last week, her first show opened successfully at Marsim Craft and Gift Shop in Ganges, and she discovered there is a demand for her native Indian

"For years, I've been just giving it (artwork) away," said Irwin last week, shrugging her shoulders. "I don't know how long I've been doing the art. I've just always done it.

"We never talked about selling it before. Then they (Marsim's) asked if they could show my work. We had 42 (pieces) there at the show, and 20 of them sold the first night.'

The youngest of 13 children, Irwin is the daughter of Elizabeth and Chester Sampson. She's a direct descendant of Salt Spring's first white settler, Henry Sampson, whose wife Lucy was a West Coast Indian.

Irwin - who says she's always liked the style employed by West Coast Indian artists — taught herself to paint and sketch. Because her mother and father neither encouraged nor discouraged her from drawing, she was left to develop her talents as she saw fit. Her only formal training was gained in a sketching class she attended 23 years ago.

"They (her mother and father) just took it (her art) for granted," she said. "It was just something I

did.
"They didn't have art in high school when I went to school. You took it up to Grade 6 and that was it. But my teacher (in elementary school) took my art to the United States with her, and used it for teaching. The kids just loved it, I

Irwin uses India ink for her native art. Black and red are common colors in her work, although she has experimented with some silver.

At first glance, Irwin's Indian art looks like the traditional work of West Coast Indian artists.



Salt Spring Island artist Lil Irwin with some of her native Indian art. Despite her recent

Eagles, fish and other creatures are favorite subjects. Yet while she sometimes gets ideas for new works from books on the subject, her finished pieces are totally

but they couldn't," she noted.

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For example, although two works may contain sketches of eagles, the designs appearing within the birds' bodies are never identical. "I've asked people to pick out two (pieces) the same,

successes, she doesn't plan to become an artist full-time.

The amount of time Irwin spends on each artwork varies. She will often start a piece, then "leave it for a while" until she formulates additional ideas for it. "You can't really put a time limit on it," she said.

Though it is only recently that Irwin began to consider selling her artwork, over the years some of her pieces have nevertheless found their way into homes around the world. Irwin originals now hang in homes in Calgary, Germany and South Africa.

Irwin said her family is pleased with her success. "They're ecstatic," she said. "The kids say:
"Way to go, Mom.' They've always encouraged me to do more

with it, but I've always kept it to myself. Even some of our friends have said: 'Hey, I didn't know you did that.

"Don (Lil's husband) is quite proud. He's been telling ever-

Despite her recent successes, Irwin said she doesn't plan to go into painting or drawing full-time. "Nope, I don't think so," she said. "It's just a hobby. It's relaxing, and I think I'll just keep doing pretty much as I always



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