

# Gulf Islands Driftwood

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## NATIONAL FLAG AT SCHOOLS

National flag is to be flown at Mayne school.

Last week a letter was received by Gulf Islands School Board from the Gulf Islands Legion. Legionnaires explained that the lack of a flag at the school had occasioned public comment.

Trustees were told that students had proved to be unaware of the flag or the national anthem or the Queen.

Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck told trustees that the national flag is not commonly flown at schools in the province. At Ganges it is flown at all times at Gulf Islands Secondary School and about 90% of the time at the elementary school, reported Principal R. D. McWhirter.

Trustee Mrs. Pearl Brau agreed that her 10-year-old son didn't know the words of O Canada.

Mayne Legion hoped that the flag would be flying for Fly-The-Flag Week, June 24.

## TWO TRUSTEES ELECTED AT MAYNE

The annual meeting of Mayne Island Improvement District was held at the hall on Saturday, May 18 with only a fair attendance.

Roy Betts was acting chairman and gave the report on the year's firehall activities and expenses.

Secretary Foy Miles read the minutes of the last annual

## THERE'S WORK AT POST OFFICE HERE

Looking for work? Take a look in the Post Office at Ganges.

Department of Manpower is maintaining a list of available jobs in Ganges Post Office. Among the current list are jobs for two game wardens and two marine engineers.

The posting is an experiment by the department to ascertain the response.

## THIS IS FORECAST LEVEL FOR ISLAND SCHOOLS

How many children will be in islands schools next year? Teachers and trustees are already trying to assess the needs next September. Here is the enrolment projection submitted recently by School Superintendent Cam Stewart to Gulf Islands School Board. Assessment shows a jump from 859 to 894, by September, 1974.

SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY								SEPT/74	SEPT/73	
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	TOTAL	
Galiano	8	5	5	5	3	4	9	5	44	44	
Mayne	7	4	7	3	5	7	5	8	46	36	
Pender	3	6	6	6	11	5	12	9	58	41	
Salt Spring (Elem.)	32	39	38	37	60	60	65	70	401	401	
Saturna	4	7	6	1	-	2	3	4	27	19	
Grade Totals	54	61	62	52	79	78	94	96	576	541	
SECONDARY											
	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL					
Gulf Island Sec.	66+	67	73	57	55	318					318
GRAND TOTAL									894	859	

## FIREMEN TAKE TOP AWARD



## VOTE NOW FLY LATER FOR \$25

Vote now, fly later. That's the new campaign slogan of the Tories.

In a campaign for supporters the Progressive Conservative Party has put up an expense-paid vacation trip for two to Europe as a bait.

The tickets are not cheap at \$25 a shot.

The ticket is a supporting membership in the party in BC and the prize is an additional encouragement.

Little firemen took the top award in the parade at Ganges on Saturday. All are members of the volunteer fire department on Salt Spring Island.

## NO STAFF FOR FENCE AT SCHOOL

When the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission asked for help in the construction of a steel fence, the Gulf Islands School Board replied that there was no staff available.

School staff are busy and face a tight schedule of duties, warned Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck.

Fencing is required for the new lacrosse box. Construction of the area has been shared in part by the school district, but trustees agreed that no further help could be offered.

## Five are elected to Hospital

Five new members were named to the board of the Lady Minto Hospital last week.

Patrick D. Lee, G. W. (Bill) Henderson and Mrs. Mary Stepaniuk, Salt Spring Island; Mrs. M. G. Whillans, Galiano and Mrs. Betty M. Fry, Mayne were elected at the meetings on the various islands last week.

Mrs. Betty Steward stepped down at Galiano and Mrs. Fry takes the place of Mrs. Marguerite Menzies, On Salt Spring Island. Mrs. Ruby Alton and Dick Toyne both withdrew

## WITH MODIFICATIONS

## Trust is here to stay

— MAY EXTEND ROLE

Islands Trust Act is to be amended in accordance with protests, but the Islands Trust is here to stay. Furthermore, it may be extended to cover other areas, a delegation from Salt Spring Island was told on Thursday morning last week.

Representatives of Salt Spring Island Planning Association were received by Municipal Affairs Minister J. C. Lorimer for a wide-ranging and open discussion of the new Bill 112, Driftwood was informed.

General trustees will be appointed for a two-year term, reported Mr. Lorimer. The delegation gained the impression that it is likely that one general trustee will probably be named from the Gulf Islands.

Administrative body of the Islands Trust will be in Victoria and local trustees as well as island residents will have access to it.

The minister also expressed the hope that in future the planning association and other island organizations will direct their enquiries direct to the Trust.

Mr. Lorimer also told the delegation that the trust will be enlarged, in all probability to include areas with the same problems, such as land use, transportation and local planning.

Residents will have a more effective representation through the Trust than is currently offered by their respective Regional Districts, suggested the minister, inasmuch as the Regional Districts are exercising a dual concern, that of the islands and the demands of the part of their area away from the islands.

Appeal procedure will receive further consideration, promised the minister and the local trustees will participate in the policy-making decisions of the Trust.

The Islands Trust is not to be another cumbersome bureaucracy, the delegation was assured, but will be kept small and effective "to help the islands to enjoy a high quality of life and to make local plans more efficient".

It is likely that the Trust will be able to find funds to help meet the high costs of sewer installation, Driftwood was told.

Members of the association left the minister's office with the feeling that the meeting had been productive. The minister also assured the association of his government's support of such local, elected bodies. They command the government's attention, he said, as representatives of on-going, responsible island thinking.

The minister indicated interest in maintaining communication with local organizations and said that the Island Trustees will also consider them an important link in local control.

## FRENCH IS ON FIVE YEAR PLAN

French lessons will be offered on an increasing scale through the islands. Last week trustees of Gulf Islands School Board agreed to apply for a grant for French tuition.

They also agreed that the application did not bind them to anything.

Over a five-year period the federal grant would steadily increase the staff and equipment devoted to French studies.

There was no assurance that the graduate in 1978 will be able to speak French fluently.

## BIG HOUSE FOR FIRST SHOW IN NEW BUILDING

First cinema presentation in the new activity room at Ganges was the graduating class's presentation of Dr. Zhivago.

There was an impressive attendance at both showings and the class made the show profitable despite the \$190 rental figure on the film.

Seats were used at the second showing for a screen in the new room.

When it was mooted that funds be collected to acquire a screen Principal R. D. McWhirter interrupted, "After buying a grand piano," he warned.

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