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THE PATH IS CLEAR

Path has been cleared for Ganges pioneer residents.

Department of highways has announced that it will undertake the clearing and construction of a footpath from the Pioneer Village to the Ganges village shopping centre.

Number of island organizations supported the drive to have the footpath made.

Salt Spring Lions Club on Thursday announced that it will now press for a continuation of the footpath up to the Lady Minto Hospital.

Islanders Look With Favour On New Plan

- DENSITY PLANNING PROPOSED IS "OPTION D"

Density planning project for Salt Spring Island was given a warm and sympathetic hearing on Monday evening at one of the quietest planning meetings ever seen on Salt Spring Island.

Plan calls for general subdivision in all parts of Salt Spring Island using six acres as the basic measure.

Evolved by Ray Hill and his committee, the plan had been thoroughly examined by the association before its presentation to the public.

"The alternatives offered in the brochure, Gulf Islands Options, do not in the opinion of the association, suit us Salt Spring Islanders," said Mr. Hill. He summarized them.

"Option A is ridiculous. Option B, controlled development, deserves consideration. It would tend to structure out life-style." It would bring a neat and orderly pattern of island living, suggested the planner, but many islanders came here to get away from just that way of life.

Option C would leave the island to islanders in the off-season, but it "would be nasty in the summer" with thousands of visitors.

The speaker urged that Option D, the do-it-yourself plan, is needed.

"We need a plan to perhaps triple our present population

without greatly disturbing our haphazard settlement pattern."

It is a plan aimed at clarity and fairness, he explained.

Owners of lots of one to six acres would be allowed one division into two lots. They need not be the same size. The man with a lot of 6-18 acres would be allowed to subdivide into three lots and owners of a lot exceeding 18 acres would be permitted to create one lot for each six acres. In no case would lot size be governed, subject to an arbitrary minimum size.

All would be subject to strict approval by health and highways departments.

Where property remains undivided to its fullest permissible degree, the title deed would be marked to indicate the extent of permissible subdivision. When all subdivision has been completed, the title would be endorsed, "No further subdivision possible".

Use of property for non-residential purposes would be permitted through the normal application channels by way of the Capital Regional District.

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NOT ONE - - - BUT THREE AMBULANCES



Not one...not two...but three Lions ambulances!

This was the picture last week outside Lady Minto Hospital when the Salt Spring Island Lions Ambulance Society showed up with the third emergency vehicle.

New ambulance is a bright yellow. It has come here from the mainland, where it was operated by a construction company in the north of the province. Although two years old, it has run less than 2,500 miles and has never carried a patient.

There are three for a short time. The society is disposing of the Number One ambulance.

Lions Club will attend to its disposal. It will be offered as a prize in a Lions project.

The ambulance has served the island faithfully for 10 years. For most of those years it was the only ambulance on the island. It is equipped with all the accessories to keep an emergency patient alive, but the equipment will not go with the vehicle.

The 1961 Econoline will be offered as a window van. It has done a very small mileage and it has never been called on to carry a load.

A decade ago the Lions were eager to acquire the vehicle. Today, they are using almost as much energy in its disposal. In charge of the contest is Bill Trelford at Island Garage.

The Ambulance Society offers free emergency service to members at an annual cost of \$5 per family. Any member of the Lions Club will provide information to newcomers to the island and many Ganges merchants can undertake to enrol new members.

Enquiries may be addressed to the Bank of Montreal in Ganges.

CORRECTION

It wasn't Yvette Valcourt. At least when Mrs. Valcourt was burning copies of Gulf Islands Options, she was not doing it for the Citizens' Group on Planning, she reports.

Spokesman for the group, Ted Delmonico was taking part, but Mrs. Valcourt was speaking for herself and no organized group.

HAVE A HEART!

Have a heart! says the Gulf Islands Heart Unit. Everyone who has a heart is invited to a symposium on the heart to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The symposium will include a film and a panel discussion on the heart, diet, danger and treatment.

According to Dick Toynbee, chairman of the unit of B.C. Heart Foundation, although the expectation of life is increasing, heart attacks and other complaints are striking at a steadily earlier age.

Symposium will take place in the high school auditorium at 8 pm.

Every opportunity will be given to the public to ask questions of the panel of doctors. It is free. Visitors will also learn

of the Heart Foundation and its aims.

SEVEN PLANNERS ARE NAMED

More than 150 islanders attended Monday evening's planning meeting in Ganges to elect seven members to the Salt Spring Island Planning Association for a two-year term.

The association is a voluntary group of island residents and property owners who have come together to evolve a satisfactory plan for the future development of the island.

Amid almost unprecedented harmony the meeting named Dr. David Lott, Mike Larmour, Mrs. Ruby Alton, Alf Temmel, Ed Chew, Jim Wilkinson and Peter Thomson to the board.

Leaving the board of directors, without seeking a further term were Wilf Bangert, Matthew Schubart, Eric Donnelly, Nita Brown and Cynthia Wood-ey.

Mrs. Brown, secretary of the association since its inception, was presented with a memento of her service to the island group.

In accordance with an amendment to the constitution, the directors will elect their own chairman within eight days. In the past the office has rotated from meeting to meeting.

FUND IS LAUNCHED

Fund has been opened at the Bank of Montreal in Ganges to help the Ganges family who lost all their possessions in a fire on Sunday.

Sponsor of the fund is Rev. Fr. Frank Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. Laszlo Bedocs were away from home when their house was burned.

See story on back page.

BIG CAT GETS ONE VICTIM

BY BEA HAMILTON

Signs of a cougar have been found at Ganges and at least one sheep was attacked at the Mike Larmour farm on Beddis Road.

The sheep was killed in the back yard, about 100 yds from the home.

So far, no wild cat has been sighted but the tracks left are definitely identified as those of a cougar.

So far, no one on the Island has a tranquillizer gun, although, says Bob Akerman, they would like to see someone come along who is an authority on this more humane method of dealing with these unwelcome visitors.

In the meantime, people who have sheep, goats, (old or new) in their backyards, might keep an eye open for the prowler. They are not averse to sampling little dogs and cats, so watch your pets!

DECISION REVERSED AS

Referendum Is Passed

Department of municipal affairs has ruled that the referendum gained approval by 1,132%.

Earlier returns from the Capital Regional District had indicated that the referendum to

The one-tenth mill recreation referendum voted on last December on Salt Spring Island has passed.

PROTEST OPTIONS

Small group of Salt Spring Islanders attended upon Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Campbell on Wednesday to protest the Gulf Islands Options and to ask that he direct the Capital Regional District to have them destroyed.

Salt Spring Island Director Marc Holmes has been lukewarm towards the options and their questionnaire and Outer Islands Director Jim Campbell has stated that he will watch them with interest but with no assurance that he will be guided by them.

CHURCH MEETING HERE

On Thursday evening, Feb. 10 there will be a gathering of Salt Spring Island Anglicans.

Members of the Anglican congregations of the island will meet in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.

The sponsors are hoping to see a substantial number of members at the meeting. It will be followed by an informal get-together over refreshments.

Reports have been duplicated and are being circulated to each member instead of reading them at length.

allow spending of up to 1/10 of a mill for recreation purposes, had been defeated.

The referendum required a 60% of the votes cast by valid ballot to pass. The regional authorities interpreted the phrase, "valid ballots" to mean all ballots validly claimed and used at the polling station.

The department phrase, "valid" means only those ballots that were deemed valid when the votes were counted. In other words, rejected ballots, of which there were 42, should not have been counted in working out the percentages.

The percentages, according to the department, must be based on the "yes" and "no" votes and the rejected ballots excluded from that count.

As a result of the elimination of the 42 rejected ballots, the final count is recorded as 637 for, and 405 against, or a majority of 61,132% in favour of the one-tenth mill spending.

In the original tally, the "yes" vote was recorded as 58,76%.

It was noted by the regional authorities that under the ruling from the department the "yes" vote had passed by a majority of 12 votes.

BOTTLES STOLEN FROM BOYS

Most contemptible theft on Salt Spring Island for many years occurred Saturday.

Island Cubs had spent the day collecting bottles. The boys stored them at the door to the basement of Mouat's Trading.

On Saturday evening 45 dozen bottles were stolen.

The Cubs are short of \$10 as a result of the theft.

AIRSTRIP PROPOSED AT FULFORD

BY WAYNE COOPER
Grass landing strip is proposed for Salt Spring Island.

In response to a number of queries received by the Salt Spring Island Ratepayers Associ-

- PRIVATE STRIP MAY BE START OF CLUB

ation, an investigation was conducted into rumored plans for the construction of a landing strip for light aircraft on Salt Spring Island.

Plans are being laid for the introduction of a grass landing strip in the Fulford area. The promoter of the venture recently acquired properties adjacent to Fulford Hall. He has confirmed his intention of completing the necessary engineering and construction of the landing strip for possible use this summer.

Under the terms of Department of Transport regulations, a private "strip" can be constructed without license on private property for the use of the owner.

The promoter has stated that there is a growing interest in a Salt Spring Island Flying Club. He feels that it is too early to consider the development of a commercial port but he does believe this to be a distinct possibility in the future.

Salt Spring Island Regional Director, Marc Holmes indicated that while no formal notification of the "Strip" has been received by him, it would have to conform to the Salt Spring Island zoning bylaw.

The Ratepayers Association received a cross-fire of reactions from islanders including the following summarized opinions:

IN FAVOUR:

The introduction of a Flying Club will meet the avocational aspirations of many islanders who have been unable to take such training on Vancouver Island, or the mainland, for time and cost reasons.

The presence of land airlift facilities will enhance available emergency services for the island and particularly for the residents of the Fulford area.

The construction, development and growth of the "strip" will provide employment opportunities, particularly for youth.

The potential use of the strip by clubs and private operators from the Mainland, Vancouver Island and from the United States will bring additional business opportunities and revenue for the benefit of the entire island.

OPPOSED

The noise factor to the residents in the immediate area of the "strip" may be critical, while to other island residents it may well constitute an unacceptable noise factor.

The danger to stock, frightened by aircraft entering or leaving glide path areas can be a hazard, particularly to fur-bearing animals.

Values of properties adjacent to the "strip" will be adversely affected.

The danger to real estate and residents, although minimal, is a new hazard being introduced where such danger has been relatively non-existent before.

While DOT regulations require the maintenance of 1000

feet levels over built-up areas, weather conditions and irresponsibility on the part of some pilots have often dictated a deviation from this restriction - to the obvious risk of residents below.

Professional flying training at established clubs is readily available now on Vancouver Island and the cost/time factor of a ferry ride should be of little or no concern in consideration of the overall cost of such training.

Emergency air lift facilities are available now through the float plane service from Ganges which service has met the needs of our growing community for some years now.

The introduction of numbers of droning aircraft is a form of sound pollution which is neither in keeping with the peace and tranquility nor with the esthetic beauty of the island. People have left the metropolitan areas and come to the Gulf Islands by the hundreds in part to escape just such features as the noise of aircraft.

While the Ratepayers Association remains impartial on this subject, it is felt that residents should be aware of the situation which has already given rise to some speculation. The association is prepared to receive and pursue the answers to any questions on this or any other subject of concern to Salt Spring Islanders.

Trade this heart for hers

Laura Secord

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A LOSS TO PENDER

Jamie Scott Corbett

The death of the late Gertude Corbett for so many years known to the islanders as Jamie Scott, will be a great loss to everyone on North Pender. Ever since she and her husband, Major Scott, came to live here about 35 years ago she was part of the island life.

Having been a nurse, she became at once on call to anyone in need of medical aid. Since there was no resident doctor, her help was invaluable.

She treated everything from removing a tick to answering a call for oxygen which was kept at her home.

Early in her days on Pender she joined the Women's Institute and until the year before her death had continued to serve in several posts, the last in 1970 as president.

She also served on the District Board as president. She was nominated for the provincial board.

Besides her work in the Women's Institute, Jamie Scott Corbett was very active in the Red Cross, receiving several commendations for her work.

The sympathy of the island goes out to her husband, Percy Corbett.

IT WAS COLD AT NIGHTS IN JANUARY

Mayne Island weather in January was cold. Figures are furnished by W. W. Hunt-Sowrey, of Mayne Island.

Total precipitation including rain and snow, was 3.2 inches. Snowfall amounted to 6.8 inches and rain 2.52 inches. There was measurable precipitation on 19 days.

In January, 1971, total precipitation at Mayne was 4.86 inches including 14 inches of snow and 3.46 ins. of rain.

January was generally speaking a very cold month. There was slightly less than normal rain and snow, but on many days there was a very heavy outfall wind from the interior which sent temperatures, especially at night, quite low. Shade temperatures went down to 17-18 degrees F., but the wind factor reduced these to near zero in the open.

During the month there was a fair amount of sunshine, with quite a lot of rain and some snow between the 13th and the 23rd. The month began and ended with some snow covering on the ground.

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-Grace A. Wright

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By Richards

On the heights the grass is green; On the slopes the grass is green; On the flats the grass is green. The grass is very, very green. And that's about the only editorial observation that is completely safe to publish. No one is going to fight over that one!

I have a friend in Victoria who fell in the kitchen and broke her hip. She lay on the floor unable to raise herself. Using her one sound leg, she crawled to the table and reached a cigarette from the edge of the table. She then dragged herself in great pain to the kitchen door to call her neighbour. Her neighbour was out. She crawled through the house and opened the front door. Through the screen door she could see the street. When a family walked past, she banged on the door and signalled them. They probably figured she was nuts and ignored her. Three hours after her fall she was able to attract the attention of a passer by and received help. She couldn't phone for help because she has a wall phone and it was far out of reach. It's a thought... a wall phone alone is not much cop if you're a long way off help.

Trouble with Doug Burke's dog is that because he lives around the police office he figures he's a police dog. That's

why he guards the house.

That was a good picture of the badminton coach, said Ed Williams. Commending DRIFTWOOD in public, eh? commented a nearby friend. Why not? asked Ed, I condemn him in public!

Thinking of Ed Williams reminds me of the report from England when the garbage truck had loaded 36 bottles and didn't know they were full until the juice started to run out of the crusher.

I'm starting a protest to the Almighty against the Ten Commandments. They were imposed upon me without prior consultation.

I have a note on my desk that Doug Lohr at Fulford is offering Grade AA double-yolk eggs for \$12 a dozen. There's a free consultation with an expert on chickens going with each dozen eggs. I think there may be an egg famine, even at those prices.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR RAPHAEL UNDERHILL

Raphael Underhill passed away on Monday Feb. 7 at the age of 83 years. He lived on North End Road, Ganges.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn at home; one son and one daughter, and a brother, Henry, of Calgary.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11 in St. Mark's Church, Ganges. Archdeacon R. B. Horsefield will officiate, followed by interment.

Goodman's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ADVENTURE FOR ISLAND STUDENT

Salt Spring Island Rotary Club has gained approval of its plan to send an island student to Ottawa.

The student will take part in an "Adventure in Citizenship". Candidate will be chosen for his ability to speak for himself as well as other features.

Club will announce plans for the selection of a candidate during the next several weeks.

The successful student goes to Ottawa, where he lives at the home of a Rotarian in the Capital City and is introduced to the seat of government.

FORMER ISLANDER DIES IN IRELAND

The Crawford family recently learned of the death of their father, William Crawford in Co. Tyrone, N. Ireland. He was in his 75th year. Death was due to a heart attack.

Mr. Crawford was a resident of Salt Spring for 36 years, was a well known dairyman and shoe repairman.

He leaves his wife, Hilda and three sons, Jim, Tom and Richard; two daughters, Rosemary and Elizabeth, and four grandchildren.

Music, Maestro, Pleases!

It was fun at Windsor's Castle on Sunday when the members of the Gulf Islands Arts Council gathered to meet and honor the likeable Maestro, Laszlo Gati of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, who arrived via the mid-day ferry and was met by Windsor Utley, and swished through

the rain to the Castle, where he was the guest of the Utleys during his stay.

Some fifty members gathered early in the afternoon and enjoyed the informal talk. Mr. Gati has a happy sense of humor that slips out unexpectedly during his talks, so it was good listening as well as informative. The cheeky minah bird, although covered up in his cage, let out some appreciative (at least, we hope it was appreciative) whistles at intervals. Musical moments were all too

FULFORD

BY BEA HAMILTON

The meeting of the W. I. has been put off from next Thursday to Tuesday, Feb. 15, and will be held at the home of Mrs. A. McManus, Sr., unless there is further notice. Sorry to hear that so many people have the 'flu bug.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake races will be on Feb. 15, with the usual excitement and prize giving and we noticed that the Legion Auxiliary ladies were busy selling tickets on an electric frying pan at Ben's Store. How are you on tossing the flippin' pancake?

The Salt Spring Rotary are getting excited about their Friday Valentines Costume Ball where prizes will be given for best costumes. Refreshment, soft drinks, ice, and music by "The Rustlers". This will be at the Fulford Hall, 9:30 pm to 2 am and proceeds go to charities. Just thought I'd remind those interested.

SENIOR GIRLS WIN ONE GAME AND LOSE TWO OTHERS

The senior girls basketball team for Gulf Islands Secondary School returned home Saturday night after competing in the fourth annual Belmont Invitational Basketball Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

After losing close games to North Delta Senior Secondary and Semiahmoo Secondary, the girls defeated Claremont Senior Secondary of Saanich.

Earlier in the week the girls maintained their unbeaten league record by defeating Cowichan Senior Secondary 50-12 at Duncan.

On the previous weekend the girls split two games with West Vancouver Secondary School, winning 28-19 on Friday night and losing 29-20 on Saturday morning.

GALIANO

BY MARY BACKLUND

Dr. Les Robinson is now home after a bout in hospital in Vancouver; he is coming along slowly, reports Mrs. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weaver, of Victoria spent a few days visiting brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Weaver.

Jim Jones is ill at home after undergoing a painful operation recently in Victoria, and it will be three months before the results are known.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Killick went to Victoria on Thursday, when Mr. Killick entered St. Joseph's Hospital for surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Georgeson of Sidney spend the week end with their son and family, the Gordie Georgesons. They had a big houseful. Mrs. Georgeson's sister and Paul Adank and Norman Bamford were also here from Vancouver.

Mrs. I. A. Murphy and Mrs. Joan Callaghan both told us yesterday that they have snowdrops blooming in their gardens... happy day!

short when Artist Utley and Maestro Gati demonstrated what flute and violin could do together when expertly handled.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Utley, and they were good. Maj. G.C. Matthews gave a vote of thanks to the honoured guest, and to the host and hostess. It was a great honour to have Mr. Gati at the gathering and combined with the unusual and unique Castle home of the Utleys, it made a perfect afternoon for the members. We hope to have some pictures of the party next week. -B.H.

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RICHMOND SCHOOL VISITS ISLAND

This week end Burnett Junior Secondary School from Richmond will bring four basketball teams to Salt Spring to play teams from the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Boys and girls midget and junior teams will take part in the games. Burnett teams played here last year and it is hoped to have local schools make a return visit later in the year.

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SATURNA

BY PAPAJOHN

What a lovely Sunday morning even if it is wet! It's raining. A lot of our neighbors can now find out where their water pipes froze and have running water again.

Our school kids were playing hockey on a sheet of ice near the school when Stevie Lawson's stick hit wee Jamie Carpentier in the mouth and Jamie lost a front tooth. Shortly afterwards Granmarie said to Stevie that now he would have to buy a new tooth for Jamie and Stevie replied "Oh no, I have an old one at home he can have!"

Among the rabid hockey fans on Saturna Bill Lawson is the luckiest, - he got two tickets to Friday night's game, so Bill and rabid fan son Dale got to see a game, live.

Home from a visit to part of their family in Everett, Wash., are Ron and lavish Lucille Brotten. Also home is the doughty Johnny Bentum. Trim Trudy won't have any trouble knowing where Johnny is for a few weeks.

Good news for Morris and manifold Molly Littler last week, - they sold their home on Boot Cove. It is not good news for all his many friends on Saturna. The Littlers were one of the family here and in their quiet way were a very real part of our Island life. More about their future plans later.

Bantering Bernice Crooks, bashful Betty Carpentier and antic Andy Johnson had a shower in the hall Saturday night for Geraldine (Geri) Sheldon of Chemainus who will be the beautiful bride of Donald Thomas Davidson on February 26, in Chemainus. Gorgeous Geri (was tempted to use adjective gilpy here) will reside on Saturna after the marriage. I see the words celery and tomatoes in my notes here but that is what Granmarie asked me to get at the store and I forgot. So about the shower. Lovely Lorraine Campbell made the cake and it looked so nice we don't know how they had the nerve to cut it; mim Marj Blaine made the corsages which were so real you would have thought it was summer and all the flowers were in bloom.

The sad news is glad news this week. Johnny Bentum is home; Bob Hindmarch is out of hospital and home, looking none the worse for wear and best of all, tantalizing Taimi Hindmarch is home from Lady Minto and looks as nice as when she left. It must be the atmosphere that Harold Hoffman, Mrs. Barnes and the staff generate over there. OUR Lady Minto Hospital must be the only one the patients hate to leave, if you can believe that.

Now that we have end loading on the wharf someone has suggested why can't we also have a "biffy". Fulford has had one for years.

Library Running Out Of Space

It was the best library meeting in years. Chairman of the Salt Spring Island Centennial Library Association, George Wells enquired whether the record attendance at the annual meeting in Ganges on Monday was prompted by the weather or renewed interest.

Library is in the black, reported Treasurer Earl Hardie. With a building fund still far off the needed \$10,000 estimates, the association has now set aside over \$2,000.

During the past year, reported the treasurer, there had been 619 memberships bringing in \$619 and 41 sustaining memberships representing a revenue to the library of \$164. Book sales and fines had brought in \$203.19 and donations, \$618.70.

The government grant withdrawn more than a year ago had been replaced, providing another \$1,000. Final revenue came from bank interest of \$77.76.

The meeting debated an increase in rates for membership, but members felt that it would be undesirable to make any move that might prevent islanders from using the library.

The building in Ganges will no longer accommodate additions to the library and the need for expansion is growing with each year, it was reported.

Secretary Mrs. Connie Porter, reported a continuing progress. The membership stands at 619, showing an increase of 79 over last year.

There are an additional 134 juvenile members who pay no fee.

During 1971 278 new books were purchased and another 390 were donated. Total number of books in the library is 8,489 as well as 652 uncatalogued paperbacks.

The volunteer librarians issued 23,529 books, up by more than 2,000 from the 1970 figure.

Library has been open 22 hours a week. It is open every day except Sunday.

Mr. Wells reviewed the year's operation and assured the meeting that the government grant will be retained now until such time as the community is invited to join a regional library and refuses or there is a municipality established here.

Mr. Wells spoke of the committee which had been struck to investigate alternative

means of maintaining the library. In view of the continuation of the grant the committee report had been filed, he explained. It would be invaluable for the future boards in its wide range of information.

Mr. Wells concluded his summary with an appeal for more members. The money needed to expand would be best raised by increasing

membership, he urged. Elected to serve for two years on the library board were A. M. Sharp and Mrs. Porter.

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see the day when an Englishman or a Frenchman or a German feels that he is a European first and everything else second; to recapture some of the pride of the Roman in proclaiming 'civis romanus sum'. It's useless to pretend that it's going to be easy; but once embarked, there's going to be plenty of fun along the way. Nobody seems to have commented on that.

Think of the free interaction of our national quirks: French excitement, German energy and British phlegm. What a lot we have to learn from one another.

I'm thinking this minute of gardening, which offers a particularly gorgeous example of the different ways in which the English and the Germans approach the same subject.

On a trip to Europe in the Spring of 1971, some German friends familiar with our comparatively recent urge to subdue the bush on an island off the coast of British Columbia, took us to the Gardening show staged by the Federal German Government at Cologne. The organizers couldn't have picked a better spot - a spacious park extending along the left bank of the Rhine, with a good view of the cathedral in the distance.

Everything was organized to the hilt. Seven huge carparks, with a fleet of minibuses to take you to the exhibition grounds; everything clean as a whistle, neat footpaths, a model children's playground with the most ingenious gadgetry for kids I've ever seen; overhead an aerial cobweb of wire with gaily painted gondolas offering a bird's eye view of the whole affair; on the ground a miniature railway running dead on time; huge permanent buildings whose cavernous interiors offered unlimited scope for display; excellent catering in a spacious pavilion - cheap, tasty and un rushed. It was a triumph of planning and organization. And it had absolutely everything but the main thing: flowers. Somewhere in this magnificent exercise the object of the game had been lost.

Perhaps one shouldn't be harsh. There was a pretty massed bed of pansies at the entrance, and riding the railway I distinctly saw a clump or two of iris in the middle distance. But by and large, it was variations on a missing theme. The inside of the dis-

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play buildings echoed with emptiness. Cologne's sister city in England (I forget which) had got its parks department to send along a display, which sat there, shivering with loneliness.

However, the show was packed with visitors, propelled by the characteristic German zeal in accomplishing a set mission with zest and energy. It was tiring just to watch them latching on to the few blossoms which had escaped being admired to death. They were having a roaring time, with no apparent generation gap to mar the family front.

Scattered around were commercial exhibits displaying gardening tools and equipment. There was one ingenious wheeled gadget with spokes that prepared the soil for planting. I asked about it, and the man on the stall showed me how it came apart in three easy motions and could be packed into small space for shipping. He offered to ship it to Canada by the next mail, and quoted a reasonable price. His order book was close to hand. Yes, he'd take a traveller's cheque, and he had the current exchange rate at his fingertips.

By this time our feet were aching, and we made for the exit, passing on the way two dozen precisely marked rectangular plots, on which an equal number of "gardening engineers" had been invited to display their skills in landscape gardening. Stout lads - their geometry professors would have been proud of them. Wherever Nature had tried to tug away from a disciplined leash, they brought her back to heel. It was like a Roman galley with a flowerpot on every other bench. The best that can be said about these arid plots is that the guilt emblazoned signs of their creators detracted some attention from the full impact. If the plots were not impressive, the signs were, listing at length the letters and diplomas in non-gardening acquired by the men concerned.

My German friends, smarting ever so slightly under my evident lack of enthusiasm, remarked that if there wasn't too much on display, it was evidently because we were, so to speak, between seasons. Bless them, they are close to all I hold dear but they are not gardeners in the sense my English half has come to understand. My Austrian half, of course, is taking no part in this discussion; he considers flowers merely as a setting in which to consume cakes and hot chocolate.

Three days later we arrived at the Chelsea Flower Show. Never having been before, we hardly knew what to expect, though we'd heard talk of it

for years. Somehow, while living in London, we'd never got around to going. It's easier to make up your mind when you live half way around the world.

It was raining cats and dogs. That much we did expect, and we'd providentially borrowed umbrellas. Once through the gates, we were enveloped by total chaos. There must have been about a quarter of the space allocated to the Cologne show, thronged by three times as many people - notwithstanding the rain, which everybody ignored. The paths were lined with stalls exhibiting everything under the sun to do with gardening; there must have been several miles of them.

Almost immediately, the Lady Elizabeth stopped, attracted by a display of bee-keeping equipment. The man on the booth was charming. Ah yes, he'd heard of British Columbia. Bit far out, wasn't it? They keep bees there, do they? Interesting.

He was the British version of "Death of a Salesman". Whatever my wife dragged out, he would patiently explain, with the tolerance due to an idiot cousin from the colonies. He'd then take it gently from her hands and put it back where it came from. In the end, she picked up half a dozen items and held them out to him saying: "I'll have these". He looked shocked. "Now, Madam, here?"

"Yes", said my wife, reaching for her purse. The man looked embarrassed. He was being put in the impossible position of actually having to discuss one of the great unwritten rules.

"I'm terribly sorry, Madam, but you know, we don't actually sell things at the Show".

The Lady Elizabeth raised her eyebrows. She asked what then was the point in displaying goods - baiting the tourist? The man said no, of course not. It was merely to...er well display, so that one would know where to go if one wished to make a purchase. At the proper time. Later. Not now. This was the Royal Show. One didn't sell things at the Royal Show.

Our travellers' cheques thus remained intact. We came back to Canada without the items. The British balance of payments continues. Plus change... Briefly, I thought of the advantages of mating our lad with the German salesman's daughter. Then you might possibly finish up both the charm and the goods.

Then the crowd caught us up and tossed us into a churning mudbath in the first of several marquees, each of which was

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OUR TOMORROWS . . .

- BY GEORGE LIDLIFTER

n't a great deal smaller than Barnum and Bailey's bigtop. Except, of course, that this one leaked. In fact, they all did. Umbrellas were much in evidence. Inside, I mean. Nobody thought this incongruous; at least they didn't twitch a muscle. Little men with cloth caps were dragging their wives behind them in a fever of excitement. This you could tell by a flickering of the eyelids, occasionally. They had notebooks poised to write down the name of a new dahlia. Dowagers sailed through the throng like galleons, forgotten at the ready. Carnaby Street was there, sniffing eclectically at a pyramid of roses. A man in a bowler hat and pin-stripe suit cut through the crowd, detouring slightly from the Bank of England. All the accents jostled comfortably: Eton, Billingsgate, Oxford, Bradford, Bow, Downing Street Karachi, Melbourne, Somers-et; even, so help me, Victoria

It was totally and gorgeously disorganized, a colourful human anthill ignoring weather and discomfort, squelching through the mud in the brotherhood of a common purpose - the worship of flowers. And there were flowers all right, not in discreet, random-spaced bunches, but in banks, mountains, pyramids, tubs, baskets, glades; standing, propped up, and hanging; miniatures and giants; hundreds of varieties of roses, carnations, orchids, dahlias; the specialist societies vying with private nurseries; the delphin-

iums a symphony in blue, some over ten feet tall, alternating with the geranium grower next door awash in a sea of red and pink.

There were myriads of people, but even more flowers. You couldn't move for flowers. You see what I'm driving at. When your eyes are fixed firmly on the objective, you don't get sidetracked by ways and means. In a word, it was a complete opposite of the Cologne show - a triumph of purpose, and a disaster of means.

Take, at somewhat different ends, catering and plumbing. I don't know what it is about the British that they will line up patiently in a stinking, muddy, leaking tent to pay good money for lukewarm bath water and the unguided missile they assuage; or the two squares of laminated cardboard they call a sandwich. The coffee still defies description - not that, in any case, you can tell the difference between the same fluid served as tea. You see it, but you don't believe it; there they stand, happy as clams, ankle deep in mud and searching for the bit of roof that doesn't leak, clutching their mug and the slop on which, somehow, they sustain life. It's incredible. The Austrian half still doesn't believe it: he's shaking his head and muttering away inside, if not over what passes in England for food, but over the good humour and tolerance with which these atrocities are surrounded. It's magnificent. No wonder

though that there are Englishmen even self-respecting mosquitos won't eat.

When the mixture has somehow passed through the tract and Nature calls, you line up again - outside in the rain this time - to form part of the snake wending its way towards a hole in the ground surrounded by a loose framework of match sticks and canvas. This you will refrain from mentioning in polite society. If, however you're sufficient of a lout to do so, the response will be a raised eyebrow and the comment: "it works, doesn't it?" And who can say it doesn't. That's the damnable part, as is the complete certainty that I'll be there next time it opens.

Now that I'm recuperating in quite a nice little convalescent home, I've time to speculate on what is likely to happen when the Royal Horticultural Society acknowledges the Hannoverian (gardening) line sufficiently to invite a director of the Bundesgartenschau to participate in the arrangements for the next Chelsea Flower Show. I'd like to

be a fly on the wall of that office. I also wouldn't mind sitting in with a couple of old gardening sweats from Wisley or Kew, unadorned by diplomas but gnarled with knowledge, are invited over to Germany to help re-focus the next Bundesgartenschau. That's one for the archives of the coming Europe. I can't wait to get on with it.

MARK 45 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Geordie Georgeson entertained a group of friends at their home on Saturday night, Feb. 5, in honor of parents, George and Janet Georgeson, now living in Sidney, on their 45th wedding anniversary.

A most enjoyable evening was spent when guests were entertained by Len Weaver, a teacher of the guitar. His brother Pat, also sang and played the mouth organ.

Among those present were Mrs. Sophia Rustad, Archie Georgeson, Mrs. Dora Arnfinson, Mrs. M. Backlund, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Len Weaver, Mrs. Alice Morissette and sister from Vancouver, Mrs. Dorothy Lupton, Tom Carolan, Paul Adank, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Baines.

GARDEN CLUB

BY YELLOW THUMB

The Garden Club is having its first meeting of 1972 next Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. at the United Church Hall.

We're going to talk about seed catalogues and how to read them, for sometimes they don't mean quite what they say.

Mrs. Ian Macdonald will help us to read between the lines. She will also show us slides of garden perennials and flowering shrubs on the island and nearby places - just to whet our appetite, and show us what can be grown.

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A Youth Bowler is identified by the YBC symbol, and the proficiency badges he wears.

Bantam Bowlers will go to Nanaimo for the event at Fiesta Lanes.

Boys' singles nominee is Guy Facca and in the girls' singles will be Jennifer Byron.

Bantam girls' team includes Kathy Ackerman, Lyn Ryles, Lori Wood, Cheryl Crane, Susan Chew.

Bantam boys are Ross Stacey, James Lyon, Randy Howard, Derrick Crane, Scot Webster.

Junior events will be rolled at Courtenay Bowling Lanes the same day. Rolling in the singles will be Lorraine Baker and Doug Lewis.

Junior Girls are Marlene Archer, Kathy Thiele, Paula Bedford, Glenda Clarke and Vicki Wood. Junior boys' team includes Gary Duncan, Michael Kelly, Steve Dumas, David Girard and Billy Anderson.

Senior singles will be fought by Wanda Paton and Dan Bedford. Girls are Sharon McManus, Judy Kelly, Allyson Foulis, Wendy Lindsay, Barbara Ross.

Senior boys are Pierre Val-

court, Steve Legg, Julien Valcourt, Leo Bedford and Murray Henderson.

The winners of the zone finals will go on to the provincial finals and the successful bowlers will then go on to the national finals at Sudbury, Ont.

The number of Youth Bowlers in Canada vastly outnumber any other organized sport in Canada, said Flip Bedford, of Leisure Lanes.

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FROM NEW ZEALAND SHEEP TO SALT SPRING LAMB

John Spiers is a Rotary exchange student here from New Zealand. Last week he told Salt Spring Island Rotarians that he was here to learn something. He then told something. He outlined briefly his homeland, its scenic beauty, its resources and its people.

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John lives with his parents on a New Zealand sheep farm. He is living during the first phase of his stay in British Columbia with a sheep farmer. His first home on the island is with Bob Akerman, of Fulford.

Both are sheep farmers, but the New Zealand pattern of sheep raising has been developed along scientific lines far beyond the practice on Salt Spring Island, commented Farmer Akerman.

Divided into two islands and located nearer the tropics than is British Columbia, New Zealand depends in a very large part on its agriculture; explained the visiting student.

The population of 2,500,000 is increasing at the rate of 50,000 per year, or a density of 27 per square mile.

The agriculture is centred on the stocks of 60,000 sheep and sheep and cattle production. In addition, the countryside produces fruit and vegetables in exportable quantities.

Fishing is of less importance to New Zealand than it is to Canada, explained the speaker. Although carried on around the coasts, the gross value of the catch is about a million and a half and most is exported.

The national production of meat, wool, butter and cheese is \$700 millions. Four-fifths of this total is contained in the livestock farming.

John Spiers distributed tie pins depicting the national bird, the kiwi. It has fluffy feathers and is about the size of a local crow, he explained.

It is utterly inedible, he replied to a question. The kiwi

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is a scavenger. So thorough is it that campers would be ill-advised to leave a watch in the open. The kiwi will get hold of anything in sight.

Mineral wealth is notably short in New Zealand. There is gold, but not in commercial quantities and there is coal but no market exists now for solid fuel.

Newest industry to meet the New Zealander is the production of aluminium. The New Zealander uses the English pronunciation, with the "i" before the final "um".

John is here for a year and will learn of British Columbia from his hosts, the island Rotary Club.



John Spiers is seen with his host for the time being, Bob Akerman.

ROADS TO THE ISLES

* * * * * Complications On The Way

W. J. Stepaniuk, chairman of the transportation committee of Salt Spring Island Planning Association, told a Ganges meeting on Monday that transportation will be the major determining factor in the future of the islands.

There has been a definite change since 1960, said Mr. Stepaniuk, when the B.C. government took over the ferries.

Improved service, highly mobile population, more money to spend, shorter working week, and more leisure time have contributed. The desire to get away from the congestion of overcrowded cities and car traffic starts the pattern.

The most desirable spots are within two or three hours' drive or ferry trip from the city, commented the speaker. It often starts with a weekend on the Island, the purchase of a lot, construction of a summer cottage and ends with a more permanent home and early retirement, which is also a factor.

"This committee feels that we will be getting a good share of the population seeking a quiet and independent life," he observed.

Most of the people will bring two or three cars with them, and the committee feels that the role of the car on the island should be carefully examined.

Provincial statistics confirm this. In 1960 there were 1,602,000 people in B.C. and 560,271 motor vehicles or about three people for every car.

By 1970 the population of B.C. had reached 2,137,000 and the total number of vehicles registered, 1,020,000, a ratio of 2.1 persons per vehicle.

Add to this the total number of vehicles visiting the province each year, 1,100,000 from the U.S. alone, as compared to 394,081 in 1960.

After considerable discussion it had been agreed that a bus service, even if it had to be subsidized, must be encouraged and given all consideration, he told the meeting.

A transportation corridor of one highway lane, 12 feet wide, can carry a maximum of 3,600 passengers per hour by car. Half filled buses can carry 60,000 people per hour, or 17 times as many as the car. Trains, half-filled, will transport 42,000 passengers per hour, or 12 times the number handled by the auto.

A highway lane can comfortably hold two bicycle lanes, allowing passage of 10,600 people per hour, almost three times as many as cars.

A path the width of a highway lane can accommodate 6,300 walkers per hour, 1.7 times as many as automobile passengers.

This committee had considered briefs on alternate routes and access roads to the beaches and lakes. "Later in the

year we will be bringing our information to the islanders for their consideration," said Mr. Stepaniuk.

The committee felt that the beach at Vesuvius Bay should be Number One priority, with regards to improvements and facilities, he urged.

The Committee would welcome volunteers to help examine and evaluate the potential of every beach access, he told the meeting.

When making a request for the opening of a particular access to lake or salt water, islanders could be given all the necessary information. The department of highways has agreed to erect signs to mark the access roads, he added.

There is an indication that there will be some improvement to the shoulders of the roads and to Ganges Hill.

Ganges is going to be more or less the business and administrative centre of the Island, he explained, and then the Number One problem will be the bottleneck caused by the road pattern in that area.

"Of course there are also water and air transportation to

consider, and this committee has been looking into the various aspects of communications. There seems to be no simple answers to any of the problems that are facing today's communities."

The 1971 B.C. highways budget was \$137,000,000; that is \$134.00 per vehicle.

"And that's just for bridges, highways, roads, and ferries, not salaries. If we average that out, it comes to \$68 for every man, woman and child in B.C. If you add the Federal and Municipal spending it averages out at \$110 for every man, woman and child in B.C." He carried the pattern into the island.

"We have 2,600 people on the island. At \$68 per person it brings a budget of \$176,000. Surely we can have 10 per cent to provide paths and sidewalks for pedestrians and cyclists?"

It had been a rewarding year, said Mr. Stepaniuk. "I wish to thank Mrs. Cynthia Woodey, Eric Donnelly and Ray Hill, the Capital Regional Board, our Regional Director, Marc Holmes, and the Advisory Planning Commission for their help and co-operation during the past year."

"We hope the islanders with different, even opposing, ideas, will work together and will achieve the ideal balance between ecology, progress and enjoyable living conditions."

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When we walked into a pub in England at Christmas, we were greeted with a reference to the man who used to motorcycle. It was direct quote from that current issue of DRIFTWOOD.

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Far East and in many European countries.

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CHANGE OF NAME CAUSES DELAY

Regular council meeting of the Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce was held in the schoolhouse on February 2. In the absence of the president, Bill Beach took the chair.

It was reported that the papers for the Youth Opportunities Program would be further looked into, and given to one in the community with interest in a special project.

This correspondent was brought to task for an error in the last report of the council. It was announced that Dr. and Mrs. Mansfield Beach live at North Galiano, not at Retreat Cove, and also that Dr. Beach comes for office hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays, not on the days given last month. Mrs. Backlund apologised for any inconvenience to Dr. Beach.

Publicity chairman Mrs. H. Knudson told the council that the advertisements are now being received for the new brochure, which may be a little

VALENTINE BALL ON FRIDAY

First annual Valentine Dance will be presented on Friday evening by the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club.

Dance will be in Fulford Hall from 9.30 pm.

First Valentine Costume Ball will be the first of many if the response is good on Friday.

Proceeds will be used for Rotary projects in the community.

held up because of the change of name proposed at the last council meeting.

Secretary Dr. Glen Stahl reminded the group that this council now pays for two lights in the village, installed some time ago, for the convenience of people at Sturdies Bay.

Annual meeting will be held in the hall on Saturday, March 4.

NOTICE

It has come to the notice of management, that some employees have been dying on the job. This practice must cease immediately, and any employees found dead in an upright position will be struck from the payroll.

In future if a foreman notices an employee has made no

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My sincere thanks to each individual who stood for election for the Planning Committee. - Marg Johnston. 4-1

A Memorial Service for the late Mrs. Alyce E. Twiss "Twissy" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 1 pm in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Galiano Is. Rev. O.L. Foster officiating. Following the service Mrs. Twiss' ashes will be interred in Galiano Cemetery. No flowers by request. Donations may be made to the Memorial Fund for Mrs. Twiss. 4-1

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To each and everyone we wish to convey our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many letters, cards, flowers, messages of sympathy and concern extended to us during the recent tragic loss of our beloved Alyce E. Twiss "Twissy", a wonderful wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother. "Her memory lives on" -C.O. Twiss, Mrs. Florence Bellhouse and families. 4-1

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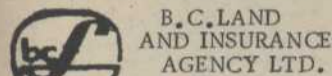
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ISLANDS PLANNING

(From Page One)

Mr. Hill suggested that if a man has 72 acres and decides to divide it, could keep and farm 40 acres. He then has 32 acres left. He can divide that land into 11 lots. All deeds and titles would be endorsed, "No further subdivision possible". If he sold part and kept part, the title would then be marked to indicate the remaining subdivision potential. The planner listed the effects of his proposal.

Most people would have the opportunity to undertake at least one subdivision. The plan would result in various sized lots following approxi- mately the same distribution pat- tern as at present.

The property owner would be able to design his subdivision to enjoy the benefits of percolation, contour, trees and view. A development can also be grouped for access, sociability and services. In addition, the large-left-over piece may be used as common land for the benefit of the residents of the development.

Where a farm is retained after subdivision, the taxes would go down in token of the fact that it has now only farm potential and cannot be valued as a potential development.

The purchaser of any piece of property knows its subdivision potential at the time of purchase and the rules of the game are the same for all.

The Island Plan might have a better chance of survival than a series of zone lines, noted Mr Hill, since the endorsement of the title would serve as a deterrent to later changes.

The plan had been examined by a real estate salesman and a regional director, he concluded and both had described it as reasonable.

Jack Russell, of the associa- tion, added that the plan would deter the large developments such as the Magic Lakes on Pender Island.

"A large developer must average three lots to the acre," he commented.

Alf Temmel wanted more refer- ence to higher density areas, although the plan was "cleverly thought out".

The plan strives for equal op- portunity for everybody, noted Mr. Temmel, "and this will never be fulfilled."

The plan was a tribute to the association, commented Director Marc Holmes.

Chairman Bob McWhirter had already explained that the planning association had evolved this proposal while Mr. Holmes had also presented a plan using open space develop- ment. The two were closely parallel and wholly unrelated, said Mr. McWhirter.

The Holmes plan takes its basic pattern as four acres and it visualized the establishment of parkland on pieces of land left over after subdivision.

Mr. Holmes was in high gear when Mrs. Phil Valcourt's tape recorder made a sudden high shriek. It was met with laught- er.

Tom Toynbee enquired of provisions for sewage disposal and water supply.

The planner agreed. Ganges should be zoned a business dis- trict and the plan itself is broad and requires closer rules and specifications.

Director Holmes urged his earlier plan for the retention of forest lands as forest lands in perpetuity. He was supported by I. C. Shank.

Henry Schubart spoke of spot zoning for commercial and in- dustrial sites. There would be a need for some kind of basis for locating non-residential us- es.

He was told that the overall population accommodated by the proposal was estimated at about 15,000.

A. E. Pike urged that a basis of engineering facts would be needed before such a plan could be properly drawn. All details of a property such as water supply, sewage disposal facilities, access, view would have to be investigated, he suggested.

He was applauded. Marc Holmes explained that the provincial government has completed a survey of water sources and there is probably enough water on Salt Spring Is- land to serve a population of about 50,000.

Mrs. Beth Wood commended the association on its produc- tion. She was sceptical about people maintaining lots of too great a size and the effect of re- taining larger lots was to rule out older residents, she feared. Mrs. Wood spoke forcefully ag- ainst endorsement of the title. Subdivision refers to the use of land, she suggested, and has no place on the title.

"The plan must serve the needs of the community at the time," she added. Mrs. Wood expressed confidence that the plan could be worked with vari- ations, "but don't offer restric- tions beyond what is needed."

"We're dealing in princip- les," commented Ray Hill.

"We're dealing in the rights of men," countered Mrs. Wood

Ted Delmonico felt that re- strictive covenants are undesir- able. He advocated a forum of people well-versed in the subject to discuss the technical aspects of the plan.

His proposal was adopted and the association will call a meeting later to present the plan and a forum of planners, lawyers and engineers to exam- ine the proposal.

Bob Blundell's amendment to the forum resolution failed to gain support. He urged that all technical authorities be drawn from Salt Spring Island.

Meeting was urged to com- plete a planning questionnaire, advocating the "Association Plan" as Option D.

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The junior girls basketball team at the Gulf Islands Sec- ondary School won their first league game at Chemainus last week, after an opening game loss to Lake Cowichan.

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Last weekend the team trav- elled to Dunsmuir Junior Sec- ondary to play in a tournament. The girls played quite well, despite losing to Dunsmuir in the opening game, and a loss to Campbell River Junior Sec- ondary School in the second game.

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On Monday the brook still chattered alongside the charred remains. The concrete mixer stood where it had been

left after the last stage of construction. A few burned clothes and an undamaged tricycle lay against the former home.

Building was destroyed despite efforts of the Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department. The loss was partially insured.

It was yet another tragedy in the lives of the couple who have lost two of their three children to accident.

FUND

Rev. Fr. Frank Sutherland announced on Tuesday that a fund has been established at the Bank of Montreal in Ganges to help the stricken family.



BRAINS AND PLANNING OPTIONS

Bert Barber was among supporters of the Hill planning proposal on Monday evening at Ganges.

"Options A, B and C were drawn up by a man with two brains," he told DRIFTWOOD. "One was lost and the other was out looking for it."

The Hill proposal is a good one, he added, with a few minor changes.

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FR	1150	10.2
	2035	2.1
12	0520	10.8
	0935	9.9
SA	1305	10.2
	2115	1.7
13	0540	10.9
	1010	9.4
SU	1410	10.2
	2155	1.5
14	0555	10.9
	1045	8.7
MO	1510	10.0
	2230	1.8
15	0610	10.9
	1120	7.7
TU	1615	9.8
	2310	2.4
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	1210	6.6
WE	1740	9.4
	2345	3.3
17	0640	11.1
	1255	5.4
TH	1835	9.1

BAND TO COME OUT ON SHOW

The Gulf Islands Schools band will hold their first public concert on Wednesday evening, Feb. 23 at the Secondary School Auditorium.

The band, under the leadership of Maj. John Dought, consists of 50 students from both Salt Spring Elementary School and the Gulf Islands Secondary School, and is now in its third year.

The band hopes to use money collected from the concert to buy music and music stands.

Divers To Descend In Ganges

Harbour House will be headquarters this summer for the Canadian spearfishing championships, July 16.

About 80 competitors are expected to take part. They will bring their families and guests to join in the diving convention.

Contests will be staged in Salt Spring Island waters and contestants will come from all parts of Canada.

Bryan Lewis, competition chairman, was on Salt Spring Island last week to make the arrangements. Plans will be completed around the end of March.

The headquarters of the divers will be Harbour House, although competitors will be housed at various resorts on the island. Arrangements will be made by the hotel for finding accommodation.

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