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Easter greetings from the work of island artist

This Byzantine cross is the work of a former Island man. Symbolizing the gospel story of Good Friday and Easter Day, the carving took Frank Graham 20 years. The cross is made of white holly and it was carved with a penknife.

Centred in the main cross is the figure of Jesus, crowned with thorns. Each arm of the cross is the setting for a story from the gospels.

Frank Graham came to the islands many years ago, but he had undertaken this carving when he was a plumbing contractor in Victoria.

This old picture of the work makes a fitting Easter greeting.

No details yet

Ganges Plan ends in two reports

Ganges planning committee has failed to reach agreement and two reports have been filed.

The majority report and the minority report have been passed on to Regional Director George Heinekey and the Capital Regional District will now consider the two.

Chairman Henry Elder summarized the conclusion of his committee when he made a report to the Salt Spring Community Planning Association on Monday evening.

The chairman recalled that the committee had been struck in October, 1975, and had, since that time, held 33 meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

Committee consists of three members from the planning association and three from the Chamber of Commerce, with one each from the Lady Minto Hospital Board and the Gulf Islands School Board. The Regional Director is also a member.

C.J. Longueay came to the meetings as deputy regional director, recalled Chairman Elder and subsequently took part in the deliberations as Island Trustee.

He recalled that half way through the committee's deliberations the Capital Regional District decided to appoint a planner, to crystalize and put on a professional basis the findings of the committee.

At the end of five months the planner, Drew Thorburn produced a plan and a document.

"It was, at this stage, that it became evident that there were two points of view," recalled the chairman.

DIFFERENCES EVIDENT

The differences of opinion became increasingly evident and in the end there are two reports placed before the regional district, or two pieces of advice, commented Elder.

James Raeside endorsed the chairman's report. Regional Director George Heinekey now has to reconcile the two reports, he explained.



Comparisons offered March is wetter reports Ganges weatherman Carlin

There was more rain in March than in February, this year, reports the Dominion Weather Observer at Ganges, Howard Carlin.

The highest temperature in March was 56 deg. and the minimum, 33. The mean maximum was 47.2 and minimum mean, 36.

Precipitation amounted to 4.69 inches. This compares with February's 3.40 inches.

Comparisons with previous

months of March are shown below. Mr. Carlin furnished the information.

Year	High	Low	Rain
1976	51	24	3.40
1975	58	29	2.10
1974	58	26	5.20
1973	54	32	1.28
1972	57	29	6.42
1971	54	24	7.18
1970	60	29	2.97
1969	60	31	3.27
1968	66	32	1.16
1967	58	29	4.25

Reports perfect 29 hand

It was 29 in the hand when Wally Rogers was playing crib on Friday.

"Do you know what 29 means?" he enquired.

Wally reports he was dealt three fives and the Jack of spades and the five of spades turned up.

Crib players can recognize the significance. It is of more problem to non-crib players to calculate how that all adds up to 29. But it does!

FOR \$5 AND EXERTION

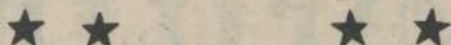
Garden plots are being made available on Salt Spring Island to anyone who wishes to grow some vegetables.

The plots cost \$5 and are located at Annabella Savage's farm on Vesuvius Bay Road.

Man in charge is Dave Phillips, working on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Farmer's Institute.

For the \$5 fee one gets for one season a 20 x 20 ft. garden area that has been turned over in preparation for planting. There is an adequate water supply available and more land will be turned over if the demand merits.

The play's the thing!



And the Prima Donna is an odd thing

The play's the thing! Or is it? When I go to see a play I have one basic purpose: I want to be entertained. I don't go to the theatre to be educated. Perhaps I am at fault. Perhaps we should all undertake a course of drama.

When the Salt Spring Players presented their three one-act plays last week I enjoyed three plays in strict order.

Marble Arch was a typical London play; easy, entertaining

and amusing. I liked it. White Lies was not quite so easy, not quite so amusing and quite entertaining. I enjoyed it, but I preferred the Marble.

I don't know whether I enjoyed the Bald Prima Donna. But I don't care very much for the parallels. Rock and roll in a hall illuminated by coloured flashing lights ranks about even. I have never enjoyed paintings which left me to wonder what

the artist had been drinking. They are all in the same boat with the prima donna.

Sections of the rock and roll may be attractive, but not in the oppressive setting. The colours of the painting may be pleasing, but not in the mass. Various parts of the Prima Donna were amusing, but not in the whole.

To look back on the play would be only possible to, if you could and then you realize that the individual patterns were as well as the end. The episodes were long drawn out but quite amusing although the sudden was there. Which is as warm a commendation as you could if you think back to the time when it was well-played.

You get the feeling that the play was written while the author was spaced out. And it's distorting your own senses to get with it.

WELL MAINTAINED

The first play White Lies, by Peter Shaffer, brought Suzanne Johnson to talk instead of sing. She kept the pace of the emoting young charlatan very consistently. She kept the play, of course. She over-acted, but there would have been no character without that display of emotional unbalance. You were left to wonder whether the emotionalism was that of Sophie playing the part of the Baroness or that of the role in playing Sophie. Not every newcomer to the community theatre could have kept it up without losing her arms in the wringer.

Suzanne was good.

NAVAL GOLFER COMES TO SALT SPRING CLUB FROM GORGE



New professional has taken over at Salt Spring Golf and Country Club. Len MacDonald, seen above, joined the golf club last week. He comes to the island from the Gorge, in Victoria.

A golfer from way back, he played all through is nearly 30 years with the Royal Canadian Navy.

Last week he was busy meeting the members of the island club.

Like many sailors, Len MacDonald hails from the prairies. He comes from Winnipeg and that's a pretty good place to come from, he suggested.

Right now, he's commuting from Victoria, but he is planning to acquire a house on the island and settle down, but he's not about to buy anything in a rush.

So far he hasn't spent a lot of time on the island, but he likes what he's seen.

right smooth pattern of Marilyn's right-hand-man.

Alex McCauley was convincing and if I happen to have an odd body to get rid of at any time, I'd not hesitate to call him.

Kathie Ackerman, and I am changing her name from the official program which omits the "C", was quickly there and quickly off the stage as the efficient radio reporter.

This easy entertainer was directed by Olive Clayton who also designed the set.

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Her supporting cast were less polished and less at ease on the stage. Byron Wilson was the group manager trying to get rid of a rival in the person of Perry Booth. Once they can forget the audience, they will both be assets to the players.

Direction was by Vivian Scheff and stage and design were the work of Preston and Donna Ford and Maya Halladay.

Marble Arch, by John Mortimer, was quick, professional: and how I loathe that word! and demanding. You couldn't miss the sequence or the pattern. Timing was excellent.

Marilyn Taylor always brings assurance to the island stage. She excelled as the naughty movie star trying to rid herself of her late lover who had the poor judgment to die in the bathroom.

KEPT ITS PACE

The play kept its pace and every player was with it. Experience was evident in Bryan Smith's handling of the supporting role as the revived corpse. He kept the right pace and the

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TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

On Friday there was trouble with the telephone lines. Calling Victoria the first time I heard the sad tale of Chuck who would be at work by 10. I haven't the foggiest idea who Chuck was. I have no idea who the child was who finally answered in place of the business house I was dialing. Then a charming lady who was spluttering in her indignation of my interruption of her telephone call. When she was asked had she dialled Driftwood, I thought she would come through the telephone wires, so wrathful was she. But, please, it wasn't my fault!

Elizabeth Ward is no slouch when it comes to walking. She has no car and she gets around on foot. So when she decided to go for a hike with the Trail and Nature Club, she was ready to walk with the best. And that's what she did. They were the best. Mostly aged beyond the 50th year, they walked and strode through the country as if gradients had never been invented. The young Ganges walker was more than impressed. She was staggered at their performance. But the worst was yet to come. One of her older companions remarked happily that if their regular leader were there they could maintain a better pace. The regular leader is a youngster of 75 years.

One day somebody came into the office and charged me with being a car buff. I don't know where he got that idea, but it started a pattern of thought. I grew up in another land. There were lots of vehicles. The other night I listed, out of curiosity, the various makes of automobile with which I was familiar while growing up. I could count 108 makes of car which I know were familiar to me nearly half a century ago. I omitted names I recall but cannot see in fact. To that I added some 40 commercial vehicles and on top of that about 50 motor cycles. As a boy I was expected to identify any one of that list of some 200 makes and each of the five or more sizes and styles under each marque. You could hardly not be a buff with that start in life. I went on with the list and recalled that my first vehicle, ever, was a 1922 Douglas, flat twin, 2 1/2 hp, with a V-belt drive and acetylene lighting. I paid the equivalent of 50 cents for it and never licensed it. My first vehicle in Canada was a 1927 Model T Ford coach in top condition for which I think I paid \$50. And the list of vehicles I can still recall covers 57, from 1934 until today. If I had a dime refund for every gallon of gas I've bought in those 43 years I could take a trip around the world!

If you figure Dick Royal is talking funny, don't freak out! He's learning to talk English proper.

What about a fund for the politically disadvantaged? We could have raffles and dances to

raise funds for the unfortunate wretches who have no friends in the government parties. If there are any.

Trouble with Canadian unity has never been the Quebecois. It's the Levescois. Ever since the province of Quebec became the province of Levesque we have been sitting on a volcano.....a French volcano, of course!

I went into Victoria to buy a bed: I don't mind sharing the floor with the dog, it's just his flees that get me. I hadn't bought anything for a long time from the vendor of beds and he looked askance at extending me credit. So, at his bidding I went to the company office and completed an identity card. It was something they needed urgently. I've dealt with them for so long they had forgotten who I was. The card asked me to sign a release that anything they knew about me could be passed on to anyone who might be interested. So I declined to sign. There was no argument, just a lengthy discussion. That lengthy discussion cost me the 3.45 ferry every time I go into the big city. When I miss the ferry for the sake of my bed, it's usually sailing the other way and early in the morning.

Friend of mine on the mainland is a newsman and a member of the local volunteer fire department. When he goes to answer a fire call, he gets a token payment from the fire department. One day, recently, he decided to pay a visit to Vancouver Island after a long absence. That meant driving to Tsawwassen and getting aboard any ferry. He was easy. It was \$28 to come over and return. Twenty-eight dollars! Not on his life! He turned round and drove back home, feeling the better for having saved \$28. That day he was called out to two fires. The following morning he attended a third. That was some good weekend! He saved \$28 on ferry fares and he earned \$21 for fire attendance. It's the quickest fifty bucks he's touched for a long time. And in this business you need everything that comes.

I've been reading the televi-

Spoof on ferries

IS THIS THE PATTERN OF THE FUTURE? ASKS ISLANDER

In view of the above we wonder if the future could hold something like this:

VICTORIA - B.C. ferry patrons will find something new when they arrive at their favourite terminal, beginning next week according to an announcement from the Transport Minister.

Automobile traffic has now been banned within a five mile

radius of any major terminal. Passengers are expected to disembark from whatever type of

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San Victoria Bureau
CTORIA - B.C. ferry patrons who want their cars transported on the vessels may be required to wait a mile or two back from where the ferries dock, according to Transport Minister Jack Davis said Monday.

The space saved near the dock could be used for parking cars belonging to people who want to board the ferries on foot, he said.

On signal, the cars, driven on to the ferry could drive a row or two to the vessels and without waiting, Davis said him during his estimates, told Conservative Leader Wallace the corporation what it can encourage to leave their

vehicle they are riding in and proceed to the ferry on foot. This is necessary to qualify as a foot passenger. For the present bicycles will be carried on board provided they are pushed through the qualification area. Future plans call for the establishment of hire-and-ride bicycle stands at each terminal.

Ganges businessman called me several weeks ago to take a look at his office, a solid island of spotlessness entirely surrounded by a green sea. The effect was by courtesy of the Health Department, dyeing for Ganges again. Unfortunately, I was called away before I had the chance to see it.

Thinking of television ads, I'm still wondering whether the baby headache ever grows up into an adult pain. I get a lot of little headaches and television advertising is one of the biggest, but how do you know whether you've got an adult headache? It is sure one adult pain....in the neck!

ROCKING DECK

Once on board, travellers will find another big change.

As the car decks are no longer required for the transportation of vehicles, they have been fitted with rocking chairs. The advantage of this, states the minister, is that it doubles passenger capacity. A less obvious advantage in that the rocking chairs are mechanically coupled to an extra set of propellers which are operated by the rocking motion of the passengers.

A saving in fuel costs of at least 25% is expected as a result. Incentives such as ice cream and soft drinks will be offered lower deck passengers. Further savings are anticipated with the introduction of do-it-yourself crewing later this year.

ENCOURAGEMENT?

The Minister deplores the negative attitude of some of his colleagues in the House who claim that tourist trade should be encouraged.

His reaction is an unqualified "NO": As there will undoubtedly be a few tourists leaking into the province for the next year or so, he is proposing to have illuminated signs on all main

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MOUAT'S MODEL CONTEST

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Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

How can they cram about 300 people into a small hall, seat them all happily and in rotation, feed them beans, buns, salads and pie, top it all off with hot coffee, without spilling the beans or a drop of coffee, and send them all home again, contented, is one of the marvels of our rural life.

But that's what they did on Saturday night, at the Bean Supper in the Beaver Point Community Hall.

"It all comes with practice," says Mrs. A. Stevens, and the people of Beaver Point Community have had nine years of it. So once a year at least the people of Salt Spring Island are full of beans.

An interesting newspaper is the Tundra Times, published on occasion by Ivan Mouat and family at Baker Lake in the Eskimo land on Hudson's Bay. Fascinating articles by Greg and Jeremy Mouat on life in the North and an editorial by Ivan states that they have signed up for another year at Baker Lake.

Ron Cunningham, S.S.I.'s only entrant in the Plowing contest in Duncan last Saturday, won third place, beating 20 contestants in the double-mounted plow classification.

At the Turkey Shoot held at the Rod and Gun Club range last Sunday, Mrs. Trudy Jackson won the first event, shooting against some of the better male shooters of the island. Louis Lorentsen won two events and Herb Skuce, Steve Warwyck and Larry Anderson won an event apiece.

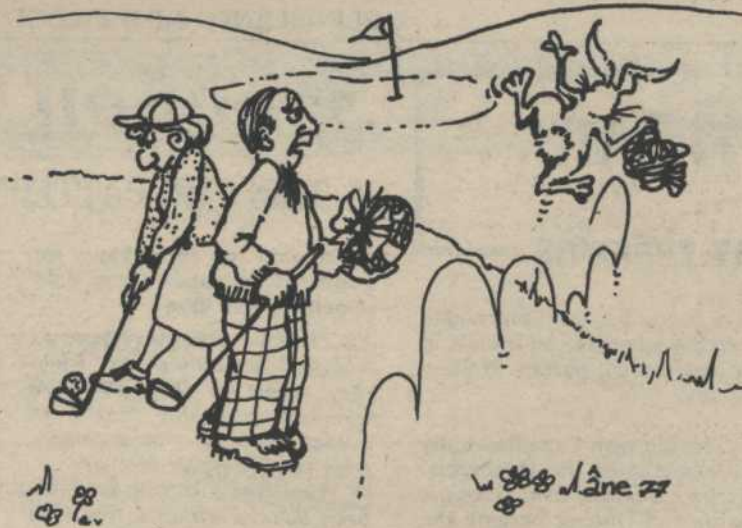
TEN YEARS AGO

If the future of farming on Salt Spring Island follows the pattern of a prominent provincial agriculturist, berries and bulbs will blossom on the rich valley beds before many years are out.

P.G. James, who has retired to Salt Spring after a career with the department of agriculture in Victoria, told the recent annual meeting of Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute that there is ample room on the island for specialty crops.

He suggested that loganberries may be readily grown and

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"Mabel.....you're not gonna believe this....."

Stench gets no easier!

It's gone on a long time and the stench of sewage in the nostrils of Ganges residents and visitors is unlikely to be relieved by the knowledge that the provincial government is concerned over it.

It is now nearly a year since the minister of municipal affairs and the islands member of the legislature, Mr. Hugh Curtis expressed interest in governmental participation in an experimental sewage project for Ganges.

It is almost a year since the minister was possibly the first in the history of British Columbia to cast official doubt on the long accepted axiom that sea water welcomes filth.

Every minister in every government in the past: every civil servant in every civil service; every elected representative in every electoral community; they had all known, without a shadow of doubt, that filth is dumped in the sea and left to rot horribly on British Columbia beaches. This is part of the very fabric of this province.

There were listeners in many parts of the province to feel a sense of elation at the sight of a minister challenging this old and stinking maxim.

But we rejoiced too soon. That was nearly a year ago and there has been not a word since. Ganges yet stinks. The community still faces noxious waters in winter and noxious odors in summer. The committee of stalwarts is still seeking means of alleviating the conditions.

It is, surely, not unreasonable to expect of the minister that he make some observation on the matter?

If he has changed his mind and come to the conclusion that the beaches are just the place for fecal refuse, we would plead that we are entitled to be advised of his new-found enthusiasms. If he is still aware of the problems of provincial disposal systems, then it is, still more, the time to reassure us of his concerns.

Mr. Curtis is as well aware as we are that the present and the past function of the Pollution Control Branch has been to meter pollution rather than to exert a control. The proposal that the government take an active part in the administration of a sewage disposal experiment meets the criticism that the province only vetoes systems and offers no help or advice.

A detailed provincial experimental program is not only the answer to the communities facing difficult disposal systems, but it is likely to be essential in future years.

Many have expressed interest in the minister's expressed concern for sewer experiments. Many have conveyed commendation to the minister for so unusual an interest. That surely, cannot be the end of the matter?

What's with the sewer project, Mr. Curtis?

Letters to the Editor

HE WANTS OUR HISTORY

Sir,
The Aural History Programme of the Provincial Archives collects sound recordings relating to the history of British Columbia. We are wondering if your readers might be able to help us fill a gap in our collection.

In former times, politicians occasionally made sound recordings of their speeches. We would be extremely pleased to hear about the existence of recordings made by former British Columbia or Canadian politicians. Do you happen to have recordings of former B.C. Premiers McBride, Oliver, Tolmie, Pattullo, Hart, or other prominent British Columbians. Even an early recording of one so recently passed from our political stage as W.A.C. Bennett, would now be a rare item.

If anyone has recordings such as these (or others which you think we might be interested in) I would appreciate hearing from you. The address is: Aural History, Provincial Archives of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4, phone 387-6748.

Derek Reimer
Assistant Director
Aural History
Provincial Archives
Victoria, B.C.
March 28, 1977

IN GRATITUDE

Sir:
During my convalescence I

have had the privilege of being served by the Homemakers.

This group of dedicated and competent ladies and, an able coordinator, deserves great credit.

I therefore take this opportunity to extend my most sincere thanks to: Kareen Captain, Mrs. Muriel Stacey, Mrs. Pat Desbottes, and the coordinator Mrs. Bryan Smith. I am also very grateful to my neighbours Mr. and Mrs. Birrs for the many favours and help, they have provided. Thank you!

J. Kirkedah
R.R. 2
Ganges
April 1, 1977

GRANTS OR COMMITMENT?

Sir:
In response to last week's editorial, I would like to make two points in defense of grants.

Governments seem unable to incorporate ways of acknowledging and accommodating change within their own cumbersome machinery. Private organizations and groups receiving assistance in the form of grants over the past six years have, by and large, acted as agencies for much needed social and environmental change and have done so at the community level.

Projects often perform services that should be, but are not, provided by the government and do so at cut-rate cost to the

taxpayer. Individuals employed on grants may be capable of earning salaries two and three times higher if employed by government or industry to do comparable jobs. Since commitment is high, work weeks of well over 40 hours are not unusual among grant employees.

Grants are not the answer to everything, and certainly ineffective if viewed as six-month make-work projects. But if used as seed money to initiate projects to become self-sustaining through community involvement, grants could be used to generate long-term employment and to fill social needs.

The question, then, is not whether Salt Spring should receive grants, but whether individuals are willing to give their own valuable time to make things happen without grants. Independence and self-sufficiency is a great dream, but it requires a personal commitment of time and energy to make it a reality.

Kathleen Lightman
Box 42
Fulford Harbour, BC
April 4, 1977

WE NEED GRANTS

Sir,
The recent editorial entitled, "Grants are not the answer", left me with an incredible ache in my head as well as a feeling of utter frustration.

Both symptoms can only be alleviated by voicing my opinion, as well as the opinion of many others on paper. I, too, feel that government grants are not the answer -- not the total answer and most certainly I do hope that the government officials involved on all levels in financing such grants are not sitting back complimenting each other for having distributed such funds without the awareness of why the funds had been allocated in the first place.

Handing out money is one thing, but having the awareness of what the money is to accomplish is another.

Perhaps some grants which have been issued have been frivolous, but that problem could easily be solved by initiating a stricter screening process.

However, this is not to say that all government grants are a waste of money as well as energy. A number of worthwhile grants have failed as the result of the lack of time involved to accomplish such enormous tasks. The greatest destructive force, however, behind the failure of many grants has been the lack of support from the local organizations as well as citizens as a whole.

It is all too easy to lump all such endeavours into one pile and say that they are all a waste of time and money; a generalization which would not be made by those who are informed and generally involved in social reforms.

It is always easier not to investigate and be critical than supportive in the same respect as it is easier to make war than sustain peace. Any true social

reforms of basic humanitarian philosophies have only become a reality in the past few decades in a history that numbers thousands of years of existence.

We are finally beginning to recognize the human rights of many who have been downtrodden for thousands of years, the poor and needy, the physically and mentally handicapped, the elderly, women, and the basic rights of children.

I am now working on a project which was given the title Salt Spring Senior Services.

The title speaks for itself. The job pays well below poverty level so we can hardly afford any nice holidays in any Pacific paradise. We are on a 24-hour a day call, seven days a week.

One of the greatest argu-

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A cross on a hill

A cross upon a hillside,
A-shining in the dawn,
But it o'er shadows trials,
And all the pain is gone
As we look on the glory
Of that cross on a hill;
We hear the Master whisper
"Sweet peace, be still, be still!"

A cross upon a hillside,
Takes all the gloom away,
Sends forth the brighter sunshine,
Brings back a newer day.
It meant much pain and suffering,
Many an anguished thrill;
But now it eases breaking hearts
"With peace, sweet peace, be still!"

- Anne R. Forsyth

Church Services

ANGLICAN

MAUNDAY THURSDAY, APRIL 7 - Approx. 9.15 pm St. George's (following Sister Bedes' 'Thought for Food' presentation) The Lord's Supper & Tenebrae

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - 10 am Special joint service at United Church.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 - 7 pm. St. George's Easter Vigil & Baptism

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 10 - At Sunrise Service at Centennial Park.

8.00 am St. Mark's Holy Eucharist

9.30 am St. George's Family Eucharist

11.15 am St. Mary's, Holy Eucharist

ROMAN CATHOLIC

HOLY THURSDAY - April 7 - Mass at 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY - April 8 - Liturgical Service at 3 pm

HOLY SATURDAY - Vigil - April 9 - Mass at 8 pm

EASTER SUNDAY - April 10

Our Lady of Grace Ganges Holy Mass 10.00 am

St. Paul's Fulford Holy Mass 11.15 am

There will be NO Catechism classes.

UNITED

THURS. APR. 7 - Maunday Thursday communion & tenebrae service in St. George's Anglican Church, Ganges at 7.30 pm

FRIDAY, APR. 8 - Good Friday service of readings and meditation in Ganges United Church at 10 am, with Easter Choir singing. A joint Anglican-United Church service.

SUNDAY, APR. 10 - Easter Sunrise outdoor service at the cenotaph in Centennial Park, Ganges at 5.30 am, followed by coffee and hot cross buns in Ganges United Hall.

SUNDAY, APR. 10 - Easter morning worship in Ganges United Church at 10.30 am with the Easter Choir and Mrs. Marlene Slingsby singing for use.

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Family Fellowship Agric. Hall Pastor John Rodine Sun. 7 pm

Bible Study Friday in the homes 7.30 pm

Down Through The Years

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will find a ready market at any time. He also spoke of flowers and bulbs and seed growing.

New entrance hall for Fulford Hall is taking shape. The walls and floors are already in beneath the new shanty roof. Volunteer workers are carpentering on the job.

A Centennial Project on North Pender Island is now under way, on three and a half acres of ground which has been donated by members of the Golf Club. A ball diamond, and playground and other facilities are planned, and the work is now in progress.

Salt Spring marksmen came out on top when they met rod and gun exponents from two other islands. Event took place at Ganges on Sunday afternoon.

Salt Spring team, running with a total of 215 points, included Gavin Reynolds, V. Jackson, Bernie Reynolds, K. Stevens and G. Scarff.

Galiano shooters held second place with a total score of 208 points. Shooting for Galiano were Fred Robson, A. Stewart, G. Willock, P. Denroche and K. Silvey.

Pender Islanders made a score of 191. Shooting were L. Bowerman, E. Lowerman, J. Scoones, P. Estelle and W. Bradley.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Bill Arnold romped home first in the Lions Walkathon at Ganges on Saturday. Notable island athlete, Arnold made the eight-mile course in 51 minutes.

He was followed by 13-year-old Arthur Buitenwerf in second place and Jim Talman running third.

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Do we think of those behind the scene

Who bring this miracle to our screen?

"I hae me doots", a Scot might say,

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Than lift the phone to say: "Thank you"

To Brian Logan and his crew,

So for those who don't have the time

Let me say 'thank you' with this rhyme.

Grace A. Wright

There'll always be a deer at Ganges. To Miss Betty Galt it is a very dear deer. It is almost a Scottish stag. Almost, because it is cast in iron.

The stag was cast about 150 years ago in Scotland. It is very similar in size and build to a Salt Spring Island deer, although the hindquarters are lighter, explains Miss Galt.

It now stands on her lawn.... all 500 pounds of it.

Danny Scoones, student at UVIC, achieved one of his top chess triumphs when he captured the Saanich Spring Open Tournament last week.

The former island student scored five victories and one draw in the six-round event, at the Gordon Head Association Hall.

Danny, 18, reads PRAVDA and translates the Russian chess news for the Victoria Club.

(From Page Two)

Marc Suess directed the Bald Prima Donna, by Eugene Ionesco.

I would have enjoyed the Prima Donna more, perhaps, if I hadn't started to freeze. During the White Lies presentation my feet cooled off. Please excuse the intimate details.

While we went through the Marble Arch, the cold stiffening of rigor mortis ran up to my chest and not even a glass of wine would thaw me out. By the end of the Prima Donna I had only one thought and that was to get a stiff drink and a hot water bottle. This sensation of chill vibration didn't encourage me to watch as closely and eagerly as I might, otherwise.

EPISODES

I liked the episodes. John Lomas reading the paper and making animal noises at his wife, Sheila Fraser was amusing. The manner in which their visitors dropped in was amusing.

The quite long exchange between Mr. and Mrs. Martin, David Fitchew and Lorraine Henderson, was too long, but still related to the opening scene.

Dawn Luker, as Mary, the maid, was the continuity factor, making sure that any link between episodes existed only in the viewer's mind.

The tale of the fire chief, Marion Thomas was cleverly done, but desperately long-drawn out.

The bedlam which followed was odd. I tried to roll in the aisle, but my frigid body would not respond, so I remained seated.

Bruce Eason, as the bald prima donna certainly looked different. The presentation was excellent and it was competently played. My sympathy is with the play and not the players.

And then we went home. Set design, which was imaginative and excellent, was by Art Lucs, with Janice Suess and Sandy Lucs, looking after costumes.

But....! Stage manager for the series was Reg Taylor and his stage crew were Dorothy Rogers, Ernie Rubright and Kevin de

The play's the thing on Salt Spring

Kelver. John Lomas and Reg Taylor looked after lighting and sound, with Wendy Hughes in charge of make-up. Deborah Gisi was looking after hair styles.

Elma Rubright and Delanie

Faulkner looked after publicity and House Manager Catherine Faulkner was assisted by Pat Desbottes and Bryan Condon.

Plays will be entered in the drama festival in Sidney, on April 21-23. -F.G.R.

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Health care course for seniors is to be offered two Thursdays

St. John's Ambulance Society was the sponsor of a Health-Care-for-Seniors course, which has just been completed on Salt Spring Island.

The last session was co-ordinated by the Community Society's Senior Services, and Island

people were resource speakers.

Shirley Schooner told of the role of the Public Health nurse in the community, and Faye Cocker spoke of the Home Care nurse's duties.

Phyllis Coleman held a brief yoga session.

Then Dr. David Wooldridge, who specializes in geriatrics, gave a well-received talk entitled, Preparation for Old Age.

It was decided by most of the people who were at the last Health Care class that they would like to learn more about

yoga for seniors.

Phyllis has agreed to give two sessions on Thursday, April 7 and 14 at the United Church at 10.30 am.

These will be sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Community Society.

There will be no charge, and registration is not necessary. Candidates for the course who don't have a ride but would like to take part in one or both of these sessions may call the Community Centre at 537-9212, or evenings 653-4283, and a ride will be arranged.

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They come every week or so . . . every month for sure, she reports. Some are correspondence courses, some off-campus independent study plans, with occasional consultations on campus. Some are extension courses sent to various communities in outlying areas.

"This month I have summer catalogues from UBC and Simon Fraser, pamphlets on apprentice training for skilled trades from the department of labour, and a small brochure from U Vic about two residential week ends in Victoria during the month of May on Writing for Rejection and The Potential of Mind and Body: Brain, Consciousness, and Certainty", says Virginia Newman, Co-ordinator of Continuing Education in Ganges.

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THOUGHT FOR FOOD

BY JOHN HALL

The World Council of Churches has "Food" for its theme this year. Very timely and important, because we are all threatened with food shortages and higher prices!

Can we do anything? Perhaps we can, by starting to grow some of our own food, or by growing more or better food if we are already gardeners.

Recently we visited several long-time gardeners to see what they do and to listen to their advice. Special thanks to the Molletts, of Fulford, the Macdonalds, of Ganges, and the others who did not want their names used.

They all agreed on the importance of building good soil. This is essential, because we live on a hilly and rocky island. By composting kitchen and garden wastes, and even seaweed with manure, a fine, rich soil can be built up over the years. The aim is to return to the soil as much or more than is taken out, and to make up for deficiencies. This is a long-lasting process but more than repays the time and effort spent.

SELF-SUPPORTING

A few gardeners even manage to grow enough to support themselves and their families. Most manage at least to grow their basic vegetables.

But whether you have a large or small garden, the trick is to grow a variety of food and to plant in succession to extend the growing season. By growing cabbages, late broccoli, and kale, for example, we can have fresh greens through the winter. And by choosing different types of fruit trees and berries we can have early and late crops here as well.

This is where you can experiment, they say. Try several brands of seeds, different types of the same plant, new varieties and old. This way we find the types and varieties which grow well in our soil.

We can also grow some types for seed, or trade seeds and produce with others. By the way, gardening seems to bring out friendliness -- close to our roots or something. They all either gave us some unusual seed or plants, or shared some tips on pest control. And it helps to find a new interest to share when meeting people.

SEED PREPARATION

Some plants, tomatoes especially, need to be started in flats or pots and protected indoors or under a glassed frame or greenhouse outside. While some extensive greenhouses are to be seen, it does not take much trouble to start a few plants in the house.

It all depends on the types and numbers of plants which need this care.

For storage, most people now use freezers if they grow a volume of produce, although old methods are always in use. A cool, dry room with little range in temperature is needed for vegetables and apples to see the winter through.

Another way is to dry some fruits and vegetables in an oven or specially made dehydrator.

It really is easy to get started, and once started one finds lots of encouragement. Magazines like Organic Gardening and newspapers give basic advice; fellow gardeners are most helpful and the farmers' market is a fine place to sell or trade a surplus.

We are also fortunate in having P.G. James, of Vesuvius, who is always willing to share his professional knowledge of agriculture and special knowledge of Salt Spring soils and climate. A funny thing also, but gardeners all say they're only amateurs, in spite of their success. That's part of the fun.

Finally, when we grow our own food several things happen. We learn to appreciate plants much more, and to realize how much we depend on them. We even learn something about the way our planet functions.

More immediately, we enjoy fresh food, nutritious and good-tasting. We see the results of our efforts and derive satisfaction from them. And we have taken a step towards becoming more self-reliant. We benefit both ourselves and others by helping to increase the supply of food in the world.

APRIL 13 - 8 pm Elementary School Library

Dr. John Coombs will give an informal talk on controversies surrounding the medical problem of low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) - its symptoms and treatment. This talk may have to be postponed if Dr. Coombs is busy. Please phone 537-2512 for last minute confirmation on that evening.

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New precision repair service opened



BY TONY RICHARDS

A new service on Salt Spring Island is offered by Salt Spring Precision Jewellers. Located in the Premises of Mod 'n Lavender at the Valcourt Business Centre, the business is operated by Alec Houston.

He came to Salt Spring with his family in August of last year. Originally from the west coast, he has lived in the Maritime provinces of Canada for the last 20 years.

Mr. Houston began his work with watches as a hobby, 25 years ago, while serving in the Navy. After 12 years in the Navy he went to work for the Department of Transport as an air traffic accident investigator. A month ago, Mr. Houston began his own business on the island, turning his hobby into a commercial venture.

The business of watch and clock repairs has changed considerably in the last few years with the advent of specialized electronic equipment to assist the watchmaker with his work.

When a watch is brought into Mr. Houston for repair it goes first to a diagnostic machine called a "rate recorder".

The watch is placed in a holder, which is simply a microphone. The latter is connected to the recorder, a small machine similar to an electro-cardiograph.

HEARTBEAT OF THE WATCH

The microphone picks up the ticking, or the heartbeat, of the

watch and the sound is amplified by the Recorder. At the same time, a narrow strip of paper is running through the machine. The markings on this paper indicate to the repair man what, if anything, is wrong with the watch. The angle of the line as it appears on the paper shows whether or not the watch is running slow or fast and by how much. Markings other than the line will tell the watchmaker if there is dirt inside the watch.

From there, the watch goes to the workbench, where the required repairs are carried out.

There are a few old wives' tales connected with the workings of a watch, Mr. Houston told Driftwood.

"It is virtually impossible to overwind a watch," he said.

"A lot of people believe they have overwound a watch when, in fact, the reason it has stopped is because it is dirty."

He also recommended that the best watch to buy is a good Swiss-made, because it will last a lifetime.

A watch will get dirty though he said, and it should be cleaned about once every two years.

DEMAGNETIZER

Another tool Mr. Houston uses is a de-magnetizer, which he made himself.

Its purpose is to de-magnetize tools or watches. Electric watches have very strong magnets inside them and the tools used in working on them become magnetized themselves. The de-magnetizer consists of a coil and a resistor.

Alec Houston is seen examining a watch at his shop in Ganges.



Power from a wall outlet is introduced into the coil and the tool is then placed inside the windings of the coil. The operation is over in seconds and the tool is no longer magnetized as a result of the rapidly reversing

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Christ is Risen! O glorious thought.

What hope in us these words have wrought.

Christ is Risen! No more the tomb

Will hold for us a lasting doom.

Once again in that Upper Room,

He did in sorrow gently chide

The one who first would not believe

Until he saw that wounded Side.

For you and me He suffered too

That all our sins might be forgiven.

His awesome wounds still bleed anew

When we refuse the gift He's given.

O never let our memories dim
The glory of that Easter morn.
O let us love and worship Him,
Rememb'ring well the pain He's borne.

- Grace A. Wright

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Mr. Houston reports that he is gratified with the response to his new venture and that there "is certainly a demand for the service," he has to offer.

He lives on Salt Spring with his wife, Thelma, and two boys, who are attending school at Ganges. They have one daughter, who works in Victoria.

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BACKSTAGE OF OTTAWA

Island student learns of Canadian

By Richard Cobanli

Grade 11, G.I.S.S.

I have recently returned from a one-week stay in Ottawa, where I attended the "Forum for Young Canadians".

There was a total of 101 students from all corners of Canada, currently attending senior high school. Selection was

partially by population, therefore B.C. sent 13. Most students were from non-metropolitan areas.

The Forum is a non-profit, non political organization founded in 1975 with the purpose of fostering a better understanding

of the Canadian Political system but, more important, to bring together young Canadians of all social, racial, cultural and economic backgrounds.

This was achieved by all living together at Ashbury College.

I shared a room with a student from P.E.I. and a student from Montreal, who spoke little English. At mealtimes we were encouraged to mix with other students, from different parts of our great nation.

I would like to give a resume of the week's events.

DAY 1: SATURDAY, MAR. 19

This was a very long day, beginning with the 6.40 ferry sailing to Vancouver and finishing at Ashbury College at 1.45 am, Sunday, Ottawa time.

DAY 2: SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Being hauled out of bed at 7.30 did not give me much time to adjust to the three hours lost in transit. After a welcoming breakfast, the Forum was officially opened with an Interdenominational Bilingual Service by Rev. Father Guilbeault and Rev. Tommy C. Douglas MP, who, I discovered, was also a Baptist minister.

At 11.30, after the service, the main sponsor of the forum, Canada 2000 - Science Council, outlined the course for the week and expressed their welcome to the students.

We then formed into smaller groups and had a mock cabinet debate. This was followed by a bus tour and a visit to the National Museum of Natural Science and the War Memorial museum.

Supper was served at 6 pm followed by a lecture on the Canadian Political System by Senator Eugene Forsey, Canada's Constitutional Expert and James Hurley, Federal Provincial Relations and Economic

expert.

Group discussions on the evenings' sessions were held at 10 pm, so as you can see we had a long and full schedule.

DAY 3: MONDAY, MARCH 21

Lecture by Hal Kroeker on Priorities and Planning. He is Secretary to the Chamber.

He then spoke on the Central Agencies, Prime Minister's Office, Privy Council Office, Treasury Board, Public Service Commission and Federal-Provincial Relations Office.

In the afternoon we listened to Nicolas Gwyn, Assistant Secretary at the Office of Federal-Provincial Relations, talk on Federal-Provincial relations and problems.

We also visited the Senate and had tea with Honourable Renaude Lapointe, Speaker of the Senate.

In the evening we had a fiery session with Tony Abbott, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, on the responsibilities and duties of a Cabinet Minister.

The day closed with a current priorities discussion in our groups.

DAY 4: TUESDAY, MARCH 22

James A. Jerome, Speaker of the House of Commons, along with Allistair Fraser, Clerk of the House of Commons, gave a lecture on the duties and responsibilities in their respective fields.

This was in the Chamber of the House of Commons.

We then heard Louis Lavoie, director of operations for the office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada speak on the electoral system. This was followed by a panel lecture by Herb Breau MP Parliamentary Secretary for External Affairs and Mr. Lincoln Alexander, MP, on getting elected.

In the afternoon we had the privilege of sitting in on the



RICHARD COBANLI

House of Commons question period. After this incredible session we met in the Railway Committee Room to listen to a panel of MP's, Bob Kaplan, Miss Flora MacDonald and Lorne Nystrom who discussed with us if Parliament is in control.

Supper was served in the same room, with MP's and Senators being the guests of the

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Concert is scheduled for April 17 as church series reaches end

BY ERIC COOMBES

On Sunday, April 17, the eighth and final concert in the series sponsored by the Parish of Salt Spring and the Community Arts Council will feature the mixed voices and instrumentalists of the Max Cameron Senior High School, of Powell River, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Stowell.

Probably not so well known in this part of the province, this choir has, down through the years, won wide acclaim from the Pacific Northwest, across Canada and even into Europe.

Under the expert direction of Mrs. Stowell, the choir is well known for its authentic renditions of national songs sung in their respective languages.

A recent example of this was at the World Fair at Spokane, two years ago when their rendition of an Indonesian song drew an emotional response from an Indonesian group in the audience. Following this particular performance which was through invitation of the co-ordinators of the World Fair, the choir was asked to sing at various Canadian locations from Edmonton to Halifax and with an invitation to sing in the Eurovision contest in Denmark.

One outstanding member of their group, until his graduation in 1976, was a bass singer who just recently won an audition into the Vancouver Metropolitan Opera Company with top marks but, because of his age, was

ineligible for membership.

This particular singer, is studying both in Canada and Europe with his sights set on La Scala, Milan. There is a record on the market, right now, with the B.C. Boy's Choir, which features this young man as a soloist.

The variation of the types of music performed by the choir can be summed up by the well known five "B's", Brahms, Bach, Beethoven, Beatles and Baccharach.

With the demand for their presence being so high, we are very fortunate to be honoured with their presence for this concert. Due to the time factor involved in travelling from Pow-

ell River to Salt Spring, this concert will be staged at 3 pm rather than the customary 2 pm. The usual collection will be taken to help offset costs and it is to be hoped that this final concert will give us a packed house. Don't miss this one!

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students from their constituencies. At my table sat T.C. Douglas, MP; Geoff Beddoes, student at Parklands Secondary; Michelle Schofield, student at Claremont Secondary and Donald Munroe, MP, all from the Esquimalt-Saanich area. After a superb and memorable supper, Ed Broadbent, MP, leader of the NDP, spoke to us about being the Leader of a Minority Party.

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Activities on this day were running a little late, due to a massive snowfall but we still made it to the National Press Building, where we heard Miss Marjorie Nichols, Parliamentary Correspondent, Vancouver Sun and P. Racine, Parliamentary Correspondent for Radio Canada.

The afternoon was set aside for shopping and free time. I had the honour of a lunch date with Mr. Douglas and his executive assistant, after which I was Mr. Douglas's guest at the House of Commons question period.

The evening was spent at The National Arts Centre, attending a mime performance by Mumminshanz from Switzerland.

DAY 6: THURSDAY, MARCH 24

The morning was spent in the Lester B. Pearson building conference auditorium, where Mr. Marcel Prud'homme, delegate to NATO, Allan Beesley, Assistant Secretary of State of External Affairs and Legal Advisor for the Ministry of External Affairs and Major-General Jean Jacques Paradis, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, spoke to us on Canada and the World.

In the afternoon was a lecture on minority rights by Ms. Monica Townson, Vice-President of the Advisory Council of the Status of Women, Denis Nicholas, vice-president of the National Indian Brotherhood and Mark Gordon of Inuit Tapisat, which represents Inuit rights.

We later attended a panel discussion in the Supreme Court of Canada courtroom to learn about the Justice System. The panel consisted of The Right Honourable Bora Laskin, Chief Justice of Canada and The Honourable Mr. Justice Jean Gauthier.

In the evening, James Hurlley (Federal Provincial Relations Office) spoke to us on The challenges of National Unity. We finished the day with a soiree of songs and skits.

DAY 7: FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Our final day of Forum commenced with a session by Robert Johnstone, Executive Director of the Anti-Inflation Board

Louis R. Desmarais, President and Chief Executive of Canadian Steam Ship Line and Borek Zoska, assistant director of research and legislation for the Canadian Labour Congress on Canadian Business, labour and government.

Friday afternoon was called a plenary session, where delegates from each province in the forum gave a short speech on problems in their province and a question period followed.

On our way back to Ashbury College we visited Rideau Hall, home of the Governor-General and had the honour of meeting him briefly. That evening we attended a banquet in the National Arts Centre where a good many votes of thanks were given and, at 11 pm, a farewell dance began which lasted all night, in the College.

DAY 8: SATURDAY, MARCH 26

This was the only day of disappointment. Having lived with 100 students for a full week you gain many new friends, and everyone wished the Forum lasted longer.

This Forum has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I shall cherish it as long as I live.

I not only learnt how the Canadian systems of government are run, but, more important, I have gained the experience of knowing students from all over the country.

Before I close, I would like to tell you a story that is a lesson learnt by all the Forum students.

"Two newspaper reporters, one from the Globe and Mail and the other from the Toronto Star, constantly made quips at one another in their columns.

These reporters hated each other, yet they had never met.

One day, a third reporter went up to the one from the Globe and Mail and asked him if he would like to meet the Toronto Star reporter. His answer was 'No!' then he continued; "If I meet him, I might like him, and then I wouldn't be able to hate him anymore".

This story applies to Canada today.

In closing I would like to thank the following, for without them, I would not have been able to attend: Canadian Pacific Airlines and Crown Zellerbach who subsidized my travel costs; Gulf Islands School District, who paid half the course fee; Principal Bob McWhirter, who encouraged me, along with most of the other teachers and, finally, the Forum for Young Canadians for preparing such a fine program.

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Bill has been on the west coast all his life and lived in Burnaby before moving to Salt Spring ten years ago. For the last thirteen years he has been fishing on the west coast of Vancouver Island. His last boat was a 38' troller, the Vicki II, which he has just sold, severing his last tie with the salmon fishing industry. Bill has not turned his attention totally away from the sea; he's been gill-netting herring for the past few years, and has just returned from a herring fishing trip.

The taxi service on the island has changed hands several times in the last decade; Chester Reynolds was operating it until



the Hitchcocks took over in November of last year.

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The major expense in operating a taxi is the insurance. But rates on the island are still lower than those in the major centres such as Vancouver or Victoria. Bill and Dorothy are two people on Salt Spring who would not benefit by a bridge linking the island to Vancouver Island. Their insurance rates would

increase by about \$300 per car.

A minibus and three cars make up the fleet of vehicles. The minibus makes a regular trip to Victoria once a month and has also served to carry basketball and soccer teams to off-island games.

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Bill and Dorothy Hitchcock standing in front of the mini bus and one of their cars.

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Atcheson. Mr. and Mrs. Atcheson have operated the store in Mouat's Mall for the past three years, supplying islanders with flowers and wine and beer making equipment.

John Atcheson will not be going far from his store. He will be moving across the hall into the Little Gallery, working in partnership with Reg Ashwell. Ron Moger was formerly with a trust company in Calgary.

Letters to the Editor

(From Page Four)

ments against this grant is that this money should be given directly to the elderly. I would be the last to say that more money shouldn't be given to them -- \$250 a month is hardly an acceptable living allowance.

However, what this grant is costing would only raise the income of a small fraction of the number of seniors living in Canada by \$1 a year. What this money can accomplish with the help and support of each community is tremendous, proper transportation, drop-in centres, more senior involvement, a co-ordinated volunteer service, as well as numerous other services which would most certainly enhance the lives of many seniors.

It is not enough to mouth platitudes and theories without the action to follow to accomplish and bring about a solid reality.

Issues such as these always seem to boil down to a grass roots level. How many of us are willing to settle for a smaller and less expensive home, as well as sacrificing that third car in the garage? The cost of living in

Canada is well out of hand, but most of us have very little to complain about upon investigation of those who are living on fixed incomes for whatever reasons.

There is no harm in re-evaluating our priorities and judgments in what we do in our own lives as well as what the government is doing with our taxes.

Most of us would probably prefer to see our tax dollars going into social reforms, which are long overdue, rather than into the pockets of corporate welfare bums who are already living in luxury as well as many of the other elite who are living off our society as parasites.

Let this be where our darts, are pointed rather than at small groups of government grant workers throughout Canada who are truly trying to improve the welfare of others.

I think, too, that if our efforts are truly sincere, the occasional error, or perhaps the lack of total success in obtaining our goals is allowable.

Elizabeth Ward
RR 3, Churchill Road
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Is this ferry of future?

(From Page Three)

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Ultimately, he hopes Vancouver Island and adjacent islands will be sealed off from the polluting effects of vehicles and tourists, as has already been achieved at some northern coastal ports, where ferry service is no longer necessary.

The Sunshine Coast will be the next area to receive attention states the Minister as there are still large numbers of private boats traversing coast waters enroute from Washington to Alaska. It may be necessary to bring in legislation to ban any kind of mooring facilities so that they will not be encouraged to stay.

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M. Larmour [Secretary]

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BOOK REVIEW

Excellent recordings could be misleading

"THE GULF ISLANDERS", edited by Derek Reimer. Provincial Archives: Sound Heritage, Vol. V, No. 4. 78 pp. \$1.75

The Provincial Archives, repository for provincial history, has collected recordings of British Columbia. This book is the

edited and modified typescript of one of its collections. The project is a good one and the people of the province, in

future years, will reap the benefit of the work which went into these collections. This particular presentation

suffers from one shortcoming. It is very selective and considers, to too great a degree, the early settlers of British origin. This particular form of selection leaves the reader with an inaccurate impression of the early islanders.

The book opens with the recorded reminiscences of the Hamiltons, Mabel Davis and Bea Hamilton. They were the daughters of a wealthy English family and they recall the early days of the Century when they first arrived.

The Reynolds family, who arrived about the same time, are not mentioned. There is a considerable volume of information on Henry Bullock, but there is no reference to the Mouats.

The editor can scarcely be criticized for using only what was available to him and the original recorder of these interviews, Imbert Orchard, of the CBC, was at the time searching out stories on the colourful characters who were once among the islands. The editor is to be commended for the overall presentation of the reminiscences.

The interviews are invaluable as long as they are not taken out of their real context, which would set them among some very ordinary people.

This is not a sweeping criticism either. Archie Georgeson would be after me with a pretty flexible stick if I included him as an eccentric settler. But the people who are recorded are not necessarily the subjects of the story. And, as Archie says, there were some families who were just English by birth and "..... were just the same as we were".

I remember someone coming to the office about 30 years ago and reminiscing about visiting Mayne Island. I don't remember who it was, after all these years. He explained that he was on the island in the early evening and, as I recall, he was invited to dinner.

His host explained. He invariably dressed for dinner. In due course, the host appeared in the dining room, immaculate in a tuxedo that had served him for many a dinner and bore the gravy marks to prove it. Neither clean nor pressed, it was, nevertheless, the last tribute to an ancient tradition.

And these reminiscences could go on.

There were many English settlers on the islands and there were many who didn't have to work unduly hard to make an adequate living. But there were a lot of early settlers who had to work very hard to make a very meagre living and the reader might have been reminded of that fact.

With this warning in mind, the rest of the book is not only pleasant; it is quite delightful, with its memories recorded exactly as they were remembered.

For mine, the most colourful of the collection is probably the Payne family. I go for their story, partly because I knew most of the family, as a reporter knows the people in his own community, and I heard many tales of their early days and partly because they spread themselves through the general area instead of staying put.

They transported horses to the goldfields and fished and explored the north lands and looked for gold. They also enjoy the biggest share of space. Which is probably fair enough, there were lots of them.

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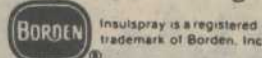
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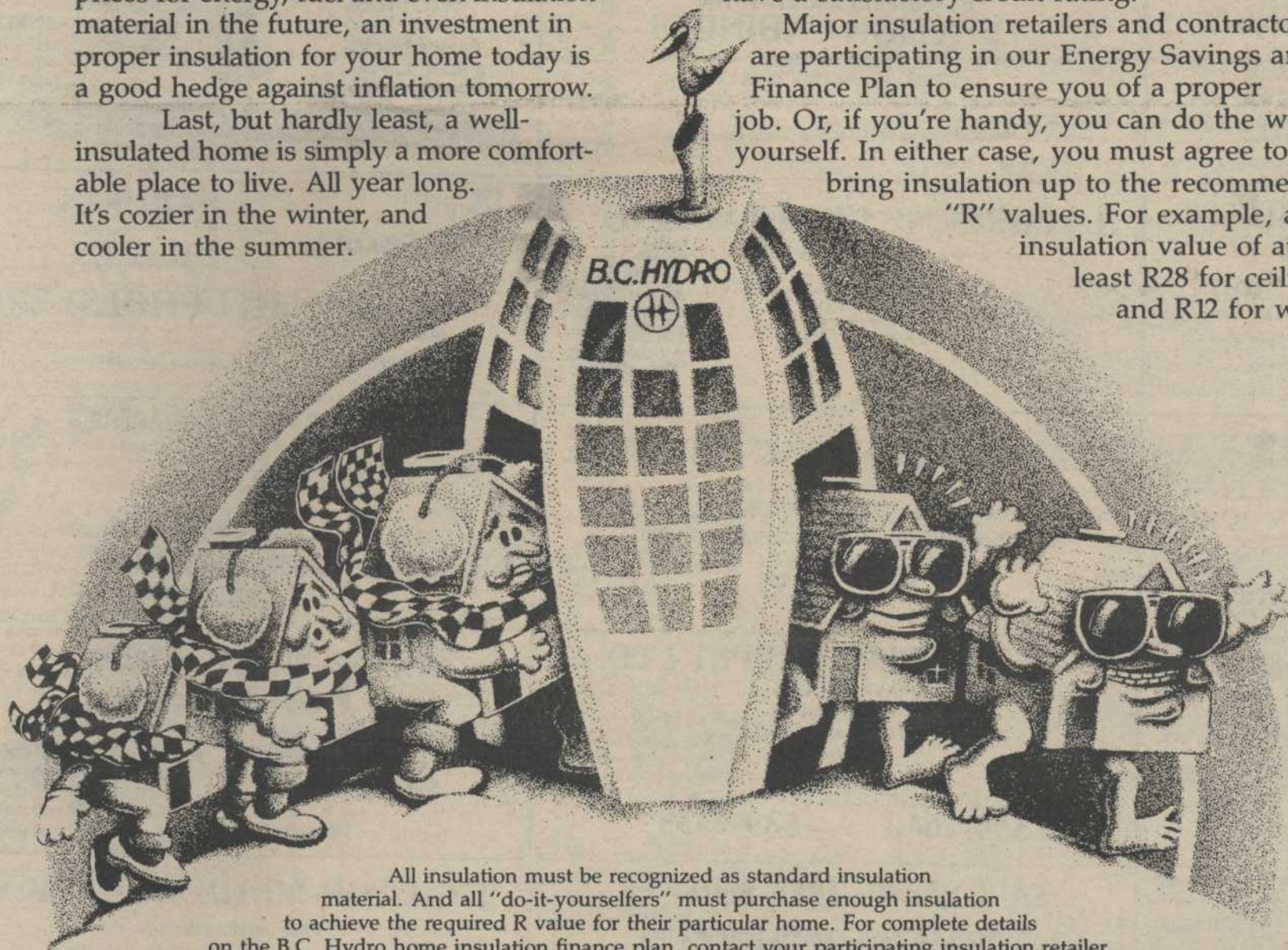
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Radio club called when boy is missing during trip

When a 13-year-old boy was lost on Salt Spring Island last Wednesday, he was found with the aid of local CB radio enthusiasts.

Mike de Grandis was one of nine boys from the Third West Coquitlam Scout group who came on a bicycle trip to Salt Spring. They were accompanied by two Scout leaders who came by truck.

Upon arriving at Long Harbour on Wednesday they set out for Beaver Point via Stewart Road.

Mike, who was in the lead, failed to turn on to Stewart Road from Cusheon Lake Road and

finished up back in Ganges. From there he made his way back out to Long Harbour, where he was found just after eight o'clock that evening, after an emergency search.

The Scout leaders had a CB radio in their truck and when it was discovered that Mike was missing they used the radio to call for assistance.

First contact was made with a CB station on Pender Island, who in turn raised someone in Saanich. The message was then relayed back to Salt Spring Island and was picked up by operators of Gulf Islands CB Club.

Book review

(From Page Twelve)

Bea Hamilton speaks of her childhood. Beryl Weatherell recalls that the early English

settlers were "snobbish in a way". Constance Swartz recalls the visit of Earl Grey....or, better, she recalls her father's memories of it. Mrs. M.K. Cunningham remembers Henry Bullock and his eccentricities.



Of course it isn't! This is in Suva, in the South Seas, where another group of the same family settled about 100 years ago.

Mary Backlund, now Mrs. Harding, had no clear idea of what they sold in the bar at Point Comfort on Mayne Island, but she knew it was the attraction. Ida New rowed the three miles to Hope Bay one time to go to church and couldn't get home until Tuesday for rough weather. Devina Baines had no fog alarm at Porlier Pass in the days when her father was lightkeeper.

All seven have contributed, over the years, to the columns of Driftwood.

As my boss would tell me in clear terms, many years ago, "Alright, cock, he's an oddball! And where does he come from? Is he a Canadian or an Englishman?"

And I would hang my head low and admit that the oddball in question had, in fact, started his eccentric life in that great land across the seas. The reference to greatness was also his.

So who am I to argue?
- F.G.R.

"THE TRAIN THAT GOT LOST", by Joan Raeside and Adrian Raeside. Wynkyn Press.

This is a home-made book. It is written by Mom, illustrated by Son and printed by Dad. It couldn't be more nearly a family operation.

The presentation is a "Good Knight" book and is the first of a series planned by the creators.

The train that got lost left the driver, a grossly incompetent employee of the railway company, to depend on the good offices of the creatures of the wilds to get him going again. But that really reveals the plot, which is a little unfair.

It is not intended for adults. It is intended for children and it is hoped that enough adults will read it to the children who get it.

The Raeside family is not lost. They all live on Salt Spring Island, where only the outsiders get lost.

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