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GANGES, BRITISH COLUMBIA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1977

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Starts off at 11 am

Plans all set for May Day as Salt Spring celebrates

Plans are now complete for this year's May Day activities on Saturday.

Parade will start at 11.00 am at Lady Minto Hospital and will follow the same route as last year: From the hospital, down Lower Ganges Road to McPhillips Avenue, along McPhillips to Jackson Avenue and into the school grounds.

Crowning of May Queen Julie Collins will take place at noon, following the parade. After the crowning, Chamber of Commerce president Steve Nelson will officially open the May Day festivities.

ENTERTAINMENT

There will be no lack of musical entertainment throughout the day. The Gulf Islands Secondary School band will be playing, local Scottish dancers will dance, and the Salt Spring Island recorder group will record.

The Chamber of Commerce will be staging a beverage garden; while the thirsty fill up on beverages, the hungry will fill up on the Rotary Club's barbecued beef. Friar Tuck will supply hamburgers and Dagwood's Delicatessen will provide pizzas. According to Kevin Bell, who is in charge of the day's activities, "There'll be plenty of food."

Numerous booths are planned by various organizations and businesses; races are on the

Windsor seeks rezoning

Bill Windsor has now made formal application for the rezoning of his garage and workshop on Park Drive to commercial purposes.

Windsor contends that he was in business there before zoning and planning were introduced and that he should be entitled to continue without being labelled "residential non-conforming".

The application has to be made in order to bring the zoning error to the attention of the Capital Regional Board, he was told.

There will be a public hearing into the matter when the application has been considered by the committees of the Regional Board.

Population of Gulf Islands

Population figures for the Gulf Islands have been furnished by the Capital Regional District.

Figure for all the Gulf Islands is 6,288. Population of Salt Spring Island is 4,439. The figures are from the census held in June of last year.

agenda as is an egg toss. A tug of war is scheduled to take place at 1.30.

Musical entertainment is also planned by a number of local musicians.

Draw for the micro-wave oven, being raffled by the Chamber, will also take place on Saturday.

Woman trapped by log

A Salt Spring Island lady almost drowned when she was pinned underneath a log on the beach at Southey Point, recently.

Mrs. Marjorie Beggs, of Quebec Drive, had gone down to the beach at the end of Arbutus Road and sat down on a log. The log rolled and Mrs. Beggs was trapped underneath it. Her calls for assistance were heard by someone else on the beach, who in turn called Dr. Jerry Nestman.

The log had to be sawn through before it could be moved. By the time Mrs. Beggs was freed, she was half immersed in water. The tide was flooding at the time.

Accident occurred on May 1 and Mrs. Beggs was still recovering at Lady Minto Hospital last Wednesday. She sustained a dislocated foot and a broken bone in one leg from the accident.

May 24 marked on May 23 this year for holiday

Saturday is a holiday on Salt Spring Island for everyone who doesn't have to work.

It is May Day and the oldest continuous community program will be launched by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

May Day was instituted before the turn of the century and was an annual function in Fulford for many years. In its early days it was a children's party, with games, entertainment and refreshments.

In its final days it was staged on the Shaw property opposite Fulford Hall, now the property of Gordon Cudmore.

Several years ago the Fulford community gave up the event and the Salt Spring Island Chamber picked it up, moving it to Ganges.

IT SURVIVED

In recent years there have been moves to abandon May Day, but it has always survived any proposal to discontinue it. Part of its build-up was lost two years ago when Salt Spring Island Fall Fair took the produce and livestock sections from the late spring event.

This year it is still forging ahead as Kevin Bell has taken the reins. Monday is a holiday for almost everyone in the islands as Victoria Day is celebrated. Victoria Day marks the birthday of Queen Victoria and dates back to the formative years of the province.

Stores, offices and postal services will be closed on Monday, May 23. For years, known as the May 24 holiday, the date was lost when it was changed to the Monday preceding May 24. Strictly, May 24 falls on May 23 this year. As a result of the calendar juggling, Driftwood will be a day late next week to enable the staff to enjoy the holiday.

Not one market... but two

On Saturday morning, in Ganges, there were two farmers' markets. The die-hards were gathered in Centennial Park and the Farmers' Institute assembled in the old lumber yard opposite Ganges Crest.

The picture above shows the end of the new market. By 10.30, when this picture was taken, the eggs and the rabbits and other produce were gone. Lower picture, of the Centennial Park market shows some of the customers still milling around.

Meeting to discuss the location of the market was held in the Centennial Park at that time and strategy was discussed whereby the decision to close the market might be rescinded.

Speaking for the new market, Mike Byron suggested a picture



nearer 8.30 the same morning would have shown more action. Speaking for the old market, Wilf Bangert explained that there has never been any protest at the manner in which it is cleared up on Saturdays.

Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission decided against the market in the park several weeks ago.

Petitions are still being circulated on Salt Spring Island calling for its retention.



Resident fares unchanged

It's cheaper by ferry as rates are reduced

It's cheaper by ferry!

B.C. Ferries Corporation has announced rate reductions over most routes through the islands,

although commuter tickets and resident fares are unaffected.

It is now cheaper to travel to Vancouver and it is cheaper to have a high vehicle.

New rates are down as follows on the main routes between Vancouver Island or the Gulf Islands and the mainland: automobile, \$10 to \$9; adult, \$4 to \$3; child, \$2 to \$1.50. Buses also enjoy a reduction from \$30 to \$24. In this list the first figure is last week's rate and the second figure refers to the new rate.

Between Vancouver island and the Gulf Islands, or Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen, the following rates apply; automobile, from \$5 to \$4.50; adult, \$2 to \$1.50; child, \$1 to 75c. Buses are now travelling at the rate of \$12 each way on these routes, instead of the former \$15. Fare from the islands to Tsawwassen is lower than ever before.

Resident and commuter fares are the same as they were before.

Commercial rates remain at \$1.10 per foot.

Senior citizens who are resident in British Columbia may still travel free, Monday to Thursday, inclusive, on proof of age and domicile.

The party rate discount of 20% is still payable for groups of 15 passengers or more when arrangements are made at least seven days in advance.

Fare reductions have been made in the wake of a federal contribution towards West Coast Ferries.

Girl dies in fire

A 22-year-old Ontario girl lost her life in a fire on Galiano last Sunday.

Joan Alford died in a fire that broke out early Sunday morning at the cottage she was living in on the Prior property.

New beds for Lady Minto

Minister of Health, Robert McClelland, has given approval to the allocation of \$455,000 for improvements to Lady Minto Hospital.

The project will include the addition of 10 extended care beds and some renovations and remodelling.

Taxable value of islands

According to data provided by the B.C. Assessment Authority, the taxable assessed value of land and improvements on Salt Spring Island for 1977 is \$25,139,487. For the Outer Islands the figure is \$28,905,614.

Total assessed value for the Capital Regional District is \$812,923,747.



TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

Bravo, BC Ferries Corporation! It's still Victoria Day next week for the provincial Crown corporation.

Grant Carignan is a man who really lives his hockey. It is so much a part of the Carignan philosophy that it's coming out in his son. None of this "Dadda" bit in the Carignan family! Talking is all on the part of the Old Man so far, but the next generation is trying. Like "Hockey Man" and even "Hockey" in his sleep! I'll bet he slept the better for the Canadiens' win the other night!

Thinking of sport, there was Bob Anderson winning the Walkathon, first man home and all that. Next thing, you see Bob Anderson walking along the highway with his family. He wins the event, gets driven back to his walking family and finishes the course with them at an easier pace.

It's been draughty, lately. It's been wet, as well. During the bright, summery day last Wednesday Walter Carlson decided to cut the grass around his building. Standing by the grass was my car. Next thing a rock flies from the mower and pulverizes the driver's window. I'm waiting for Don Irwin to fix it, now and he can't move fast enough for me.

Everyone has his own pet recipe to keep living when he feels pretty sure he's not going to. Like George Pozderka at Harbour House. Try it when you're teetering on the brink of eternity and see whether it brings you back. You take a bottle of wine and heat it well. Add a teaspoonful of sugar and lots of black pepper. Then you take a hot bath and the doctored wine and next morning you're a new man! Mind you, I haven't tried it yet, but George has and he's still around. Any other offers on pet cures?

It's the most expensive car I've found in years. And there are two of them offered at the same price. I picked up a copy of Motor Sport last week in a news agency. Not every news agent carries it. It's an English automotive journal, specializing in sports and antique cars. Here are two cheapies. A Rolls Royce, 1910 model, immaculate; everything rebuilt and replaced, just like the day it left the factory, and only \$58,000. I figure I

wouldn't mind that car. And I wouldn't mind the \$58,000 either! But it was not the only one. Next page was an ERA, about 1934 for the same price. Never heard of it? Of course! English Racing Automobiles were built purely to enhance the reputation of the British racing car during an era when the German and Italian racing cars were sweeping the European boards. It was built as a racing car and in no other form and various manufacturers helped. At \$58,000 you can be the only Gulf Islander to own a racing car, a single-seater car, that has never been seen in the islands before. You'd be a big noise, then. They were built without mufflers.

It always comes back to glasses. I have a pair that are the ne plus ultra of fashion. They were still hot when I got them, the design was so modern. That's why they fall apart. Two weeks ago I was holding them in the living room, when the side arm fell off. On the carpet. So I lost the screw. Then I had a brainwave. I wiped my hand over the carpet, and, sure enough, the tiny screw jumped up. I found my watchmakers' screwdrivers and reassembled them. That was two weeks ago. The other day I found they were loose again, and, once again, tightened them up. It seems odd to me that the only way you can keep a modern pair of glasses in one piece is to buy a set of miniature screwdrivers to hold them tight. Why the screwdrivers? I have to keep the electronic typesetters running and you need every tool invented for that!

Charlie Byron is a stout man behind a backhoe. He proved it last week when he went to Vancouver Island and edged out every competitor. Charlie was competing in the Island Equipment Operators Association second annual backhoe contest. He was adjudged the best operator in the area. Contest was open to operators from Vancouver island and the Gulf Islands. Charlie chews the ground for Spencer Excavating. He gets the trophy.

Here's a sobering thought. If you plan to burn Driftwood, warns the Canadian Forestry Association of BC, your cast iron or mild steel heating unit or chimney may corrode at an accelerated pace. The Driftwood, is spelt with a small "D" and refers to wood off the beach,

Business group gets help to initiate study in harbour area

A matching grant of \$2,000 has been given by the Capital Regional District to a group of Ganges businesshouses.

The money will help pay for planners and architects to do a study on that area of Ganges from Harbour Grocery, down to Ganges Pharmacy and around to Everybody's Store.

The businesses in this area have unofficially joined in form-

ing the Harbour Market Association.

Les Ramsey, of Ganges Pharmacy, told Driftwood on Tuesday that the grant would be used to "explore the idea of revitalization".

"We intend to study the possibility of amalgamating all of the properties in this area into one," said Ramsey.

The grant will be used solely

for the purpose of coming up with a suitable plan; not for any building or renovating, he said.

The businesses in the association will have to come up with half of what it costs to make the study. The Regional District will pay the other half, going as far as \$2,000.

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GARDEN CLUB SETS PROGRAM FOR SEASON ON SALT SPRING

BY YELLOW THUMB

The Salt Spring Island Garden Club Executive met at the home of Miss P.M. McLean and Miss M. Cuttall, on May 4.

The following summer activities were approved and discussed:

May 18; Regular meeting, United Church Lower Hall. Alan Littler will be in attendance to answer any questions on all phases of gardening you wish to know about.

June 15; Coffee party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack James, Langley Road, Vesuvius Bay at 11 o'clock. Bring your very best rose and have it judged. New members are most welcome to attend.

July 20; Pot luck luncheon at Drummond Park. Time, 1 pm.

Sept. 17; Fall Fair. Now is the time to think about your entries.

On Monday, May 16, a workshop was held at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Edwards on the subject of flower arrangements. There were 18 members present and each member designed a composition and each was judg-

impregnated with salt. It sounds different that Driftwood is so salty it's liable to burn your chimney out!

Mary Garland Coleman, who writes poetry most of the time has published a small booklet. Its name? Driftwood! Mary Garland Coleman was a resident of Pender Island until she went to live in Vancouver. The booklet offers 20 pages of the messages that are hers. In a note, she told me all the poems have appeared in Driftwood in recent years. Funny thing.....I recognized a lot of them!

Ray Stelter has lost his glasses. And that's tough, I know only too well. Best thing he can do is report it to the RCMP!

At 70 a man may not be old, but he's getting pretty cautious. A reader complains that he has played golf in a good many parts of the world. Through his golfing years he would engage a caddy, who would carry his clubs and leave him free to walk the course and to play his game. On Salt Spring Island, in retirement, he wants to play golf, but the slopes are too steep for his 70 years. Why no caddies, he asks. Surely there must be youngsters in school here who would caddy for golfers? He suggested that a student could earn \$10 a day or more and learn how to play golf at the same time. All I said I'd do was write it. Don't throw your old clubs at me! Reserve the beating for the anonymous character who raised the subject. But there is a golf club or two around the islands; there are many elderly golfers and there are lots of students. What do you think?

THANK YOU You Did it Again!

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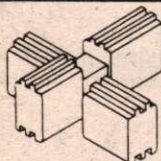
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Who done it?

Fares are down! After more than a year of grieving over fare increases on the ferry services to the islands, all residents and particularly resort operators are delighted with the decrease.

It is a year since the announcement by the British Columbia government of massive increases in ferry rates. It is a year since resort operators faced a grim year of empty suites.

Last year was the worst in years. The ferry rate hike and other factors brought a dearth of visitors and a grim tale for those catering to the tourist traffic.

Last week's announcement that the fares are to be reduced, even though the reduction is small, has brought smiles to the faces of resort operators everywhere.

There is an odd aspect to the reduction.

Islanders can thank the provincial government for relenting at last. Or was it the federal government? Islanders can thank the federal government for making a gesture towards the west coast after years of aiding the east coast. Or was it the province?

The answer is less significant than the fact that ferry fares have moved in the right direction at last.

Where do you go shopping?

Where do you go shopping?
And why?

The question was debated at some length when the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce merchants committee took a close look at island shopping habits last week.

A number of members agreed that if more residents of the island were to patronize island stores there is no reason why those stores should not be here to continue to offer a service for many years.

It was equally evident that, without adequate patronage from island residents, no store or business can hope to survive.

The only factor missing from the debate was the customer. The businessmen looked at each other and asked themselves, why do some island residents go off-island? But there was none to reply.

Not all businesses on the island were represented at the meeting. Those who attended agreed that a committee should be formed by the Chamber of Commerce to serve their interests. They supported the idea of a drive for shopping on the island. But there was no man to stand and to tell the businessmen why some would shop on the island and others would not.

The island is a community of interdependent people. The customer needs the business and the business needs the customer.

It is not the first representative group of businesses in a small community to look askance at the big city, with its brilliance and variety and display. It is not the first such business community to ask that very question. There is the inevitable attraction of window shopping to lure the islander away to the city. But that applies everywhere.

If any islander has an answer, the island Chamber would welcome it.

If a reader has a recommendation for the Chamber of Commerce, to encourage island retail stores, the Chamber would be delighted to hear it. The Chamber of Commerce is reached through Post Office Box 111, at Ganges and signed or unsigned comments and recommendations will be welcome. It's time to be blunt!

Change in the offing

Announcement last week by Regional Director George Heinekey revealed that the long-mooted Ganges sewer system is coming into closer focus.

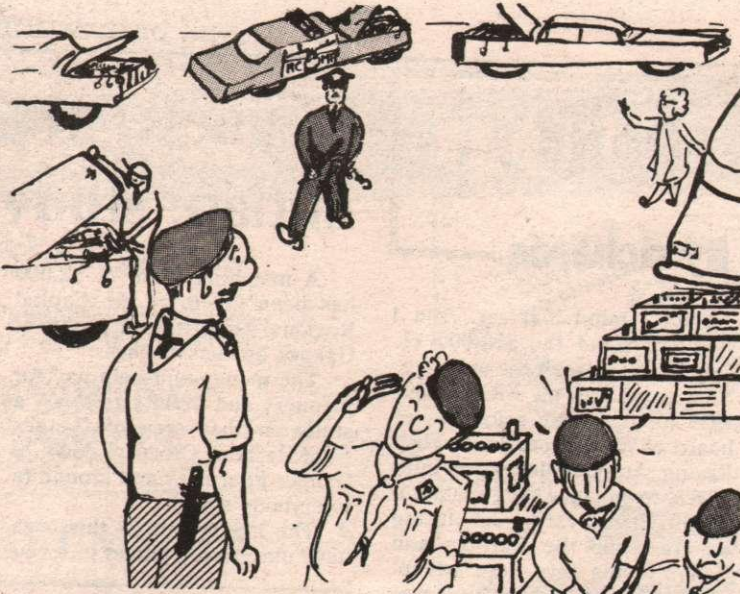
The announcement fell on hungry ears. There was considerable satisfaction in the commercial area of the Island. The need for a sewer system is such, today, that if the project were to fall through many Ganges stores would be obliged to close their doors, and the School Board might be facing a bill of close to a half-million dollars to keep the schools open in Ganges.

The situation is without doubt critical.

The announcement also carries another connotation. The advent of a sewer system in the community will bring about so many changes that Ganges is likely to take on a completely different complexion.

The system is urgently needed. Of that there can be no question. There is an equal lack of doubt that Ganges as islanders have known it for a hundred years is destined to become a Ganges none of us has known.

This is an era of change and a sewer system is the instrument.



When I said "go get a bunch of used car batteries for our Camp Funds Drive".....I meant discarded ones!

Letters to the Editor

DANGEROUS BOATING

Sir,
Our entire family has fallen in love with Salt Spring. We moved here about this time last year.

The casual pace and friendly people are so delightful, especially after city life.

There is, however, a fly - or rather several flies, in the ointment. I refer to those heavily polluting, noisy, high-powered ski boats on St. Mary Lake. I will give just a few examples from last summer.

I was in the middle of the lake, sailing my sabot, when a boat towing a skier started circling me trying to swamp me - and very nearly succeeding.

I was drifting along in my canoe when a boat towing a skier decided to see how close they could come to me and how much water they could spray into the canoe. I also saw this same thing happen to another canoeist, with a different boat and skier.

I observed a boat pass on one side of a swimmer while the skier passed on the other side of him.

Many times I saw skiers zig-zag through swimmers and waders, some of them small children, in order to get as close to shore as possible finishing their run in just a few inches of water.

Many times I observed boats manoeuvring among swimmers in order to tow skiers out from the shore.

These are just a few of the incidents, most of which occurred at, or near, the public access beside the Blue Gables.

This year I intend to press charges against anyone operating a boat in a dangerous or careless manner and I encourage everyone else to do the same. Get the number or name of any boat operating in the vicinity of swimmers and call the RCMP. These people can be charged under the Canada Shipping Act: Small Vessel Regulations.

Let's get those high powered boats out of there before they kill someone and before they turn the lake into a weed-infested oil slick.

K. Butler
Box 152
Ganges, BC
May 15, 1977

CAN HE BACK IT UP?

Sir,
In answer to Mr. Ray Tenisci member of Recreation Commission, to his letter of May 11, 1977, about some vendors "ripping off" the public selling store-bought goods under the guise of home-grown vegetables and antiques.

Has he got positive proof and I mean positive, that this is going on? Can he name the people doing it and where they have bought their merchandise? That is a terrible accusation for Mr. Tenisci to make unless he

can really back up his words.

Another thing. If they can rope off part of the roadway where the Farmers' Market is held, just for the walkathon, why can't the whole strip be roped off once a week for a few hours for the market?

Also, if they sell livestock, rabbits, chickens, etc., where Mouat's lumber yard used to be that will cause a big stink, more ways than one, from two restaurants and a grocery store nearby.

Before long you'll have the Health Inspector to contend with. Farmers who wish to sell the above articles, need only put an ad in the Driftwood. If people want them bad enough they will go to the farm and get them.

As for saying the Market has grown too fast, too soon, how long does he think it should take before it becomes a great attraction and attention to tourists as well as the citizens on the Island? I have talked with people from some of the other Islands and they look forward to a nice Saturday trip to come over in their boats and browse around the Farmers' Market and shop in other stores too.

Regardless of what is being sold, leave out livestock, keep the Farmers' Market going. Instead of argue and fight about it, let's all join in and enjoy it, have fun and get acquainted! It only lasts a few months out of the year.

So come on everyone. Let's go to the Farmers' Market next Saturday and all the following Saturdays and have a good time!
Mary McCardia
Ganges
May 16, 1977

THE WIZARD THAT WOZ!

Sir,
I don't know if I was discriminated against or merely underprivileged as a child but I never got to see the Wizard of Oz. So last week's performance was a great treat to this child.

At last I've joined the ranks

Church Services

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1977

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

of Those Who Know All About It!

I must admit I could not figure out who on earth this girl "Dawthy" was but, luckily I sat near her sister who told me "Dawthy" was short, or Canadianese, for Dorothy! That put right, the rest was bliss.

Except for something no one can blame the cast for, I refer to the aggravation caused by small infants brought along to see these shows. Not unnaturally they, too, want to know all about it and ask questions or make comments with loud clear voices which makes it nearly impossible to hear what one goes along to hear.

These days of infants watching the television and being able to talk out their little problems makes it essential that parents should either leave them at home until they can understand what they are taken to or wait at home) with them until it is safe to bring them.

I went to two performances and at each one I lost chunks of dialogue because some little darling was sitting, or bouncing around, nearby and requiring elucidation every few minutes. Sure, this was a kiddies' show, but now show at this hour and this long is for those of such tender years. Could they not attend a dress rehearsal maybe, as no doubt they had sisters and brothers in the cast and naturally would like to see something of it.

I can't think how we are to cope with this problem unless we suggest a price for adults, another for Old Age Pensioners and one, five times as much, for under fours! Surprisingly enough I am not, as it may seem, a baby-hater. I like them immensely, taken in small doses and privately!

But I speak with some feeling having had two of my own shows plagued with this problem and having been to many shows on the Island where concentration on the piece has been shattered by either a small voice commenting on everything under the sun or children roaring up and down the aisle unchecked by parents who, it seems, have far better concentration than I have as they don't even seem to notice them.

Congratulations are in order all over the place; the children who did such an excellent job, unflurried and competent, the parents who help out so cheerfully, the staff who laboured with such resounding success, the band who played so sympathetically for the young singers, the programme designer and colourers, in fact the whole bang shoot!

Most of all let us congratulate ourselves for being lucky enough to have such an enterprising Elementary School in our midst to entertain us yearly as they do. Many thanks to all.

Joan M. Raeside
Ganges
May 16, 1977

Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The steadily worsening tax situation in the Gulf Islands has caused concern among many people living in the Gulf Islands and the S.S.I. Chamber of Commerce has sent the following chart and letter to the Hon. Earle C. Westwood. As the chart and letter explain, our assessments have increased 60%, our mill rate 74% while our school budget has only gone up 30% since 1958. During that period the government grant has decreased from 68% to 19.5%.

The Victoria Day parade, next Monday, May 21, will form between the Ganges dock and the Cenotaph at 12.30 pm, with Bob Atkins as parade marshal. The parade leaves at 1.00 pm, goes across McPhillips Avenue, on to Jackson Avenue and across Rainbow Road to the school grounds. The May Queen ceremony begins at 1.30 with the sports events following.

The 1st Ganges Sea Scout Troop is going to miss Phil Williams, their scoutmaster for the past seven months. Mr. Williams, having passed the recent examinations for his commission as a B.C. Land Surveyor is moving to Victoria with his family in the near future. Ray Hill, who for the past two years has been an assistant scoutmaster, has agreed to take over the troop until a permanent scoutmaster can be found. Adrian Wolfe-Milner will continue to act as assistant scoutmaster.

Some ad-man mad-man has coined a new vulgarism, "Freshivates", as in "Fanta, the drink that freshivates". Enough to make you regurgitate.

TEN YEARS AGO

Betty Riddell is Fulford May Queen. Galiano student of Gulf Islands Secondary School, she will be crowned at Shaw's Field on Saturday afternoon.

Her princesses are Sherrin Stevens and Laura Rozzano.

Well, congratulations to our own Channel 6 TV! They must have used the persuasive powers of a magician. Why?

On their noon show of Friday, May 12 they had two of the most delectable morsels of femininity in our fair islands as guests. Saturna Island's demure Donna Begon and lovely Lorraine Campbell. Not being versed in writing about how the ladies are dressed or coiffured, will leave that department vacant. To me a mere male they just did a good job of publishing our C.C.C. and annual barbecue

projects. Thanks Donna and Lorraine. Nuff said!

A quiet family wedding took place in St. Mary's Church on Saturday morning when Elsa Horsdal of Reynolds Road, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Horsdal of Ottawa, and Beaver Point, and Arthur Raymond Fraser, son of the late Jack Fraser and Mrs. (Edna) Fraser of Fulford, were joined in matrimony by the Rev. Dr. R.B. Horsefield.

FIVE YEARS AGO

The formal opening ceremonies at Lady Minto Hospital will commence at 3 pm on Friday.

Premier W.A.C. Bennett will open the new wing of the hospital. He and the official party will tour the hospital and be entertained before they leave.

Principal D.L. Hartwig, of Gulf Islands Secondary School, has been named school superintendent. He will report to his new duties on August 1.

Mr. Hartwig came to Salt Spring Island six years ago. He is one of five teachers in the province to be appointed to the supervisory position at this time.

John Tisdalle, MLA for Saanich since 1954 and for the islands for nearly a decade, was rejected by his party on Friday last week.

Nominating convention last week chose Foster Isherwood, Victoria lawyer, in his place.

Old Fulford wharf was finished with flower boxes down the centre; new wharf is enclosed in chain link fence and barbed wire.

Last week Henry Schubart didn't like the effect when he spoke to the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

It's a caged pen with barbed wire, now, he reported, Long Harbour is not spoiled in this manner, he reminded the chamber.

There appears to be no truth in the rumour that two new ferries for Galiano are to be the Princess of MacMillan and the Princess of Bloedel.

There's a change at Ganges Crest.

Dave has quit and Dave has taken over. Dave and Vi Pauls have been lured away by the winds and the sea and Dave and Sonja Hill have taken over.

It's three years since Dave Pauls took over the former White Elephant Cafe. He undertook many changes and interior was completely reconstructed.

Scottish dancing entertains hospital wing



Dancing students called on the Extended Care Wing of the Lady Minto Hospital on Sunday afternoon to entertain the patients. Here are some of Kathie Bradshaw's students going through the paces of their Scottish dancing for the benefit of the hospital.

He has no other advice

Regional Director George Heinekey told a public hearing in Ganges last week that he can only give one advice to residents who question him on proposed rezoning or other projects. He urges them to attend such hearings and learn what is being considered.

The regional director made the statement after an applicant had stated that she overheard him in a telephone conversation with an island resident, urging that resident to attend the

hearing. "I have to be impersonal," he said later, "and the only information I can give anyone

who rings me is to come out to the hearing and listen and speak."

Telephone service is slowed

Telephone service was slow on Tuesday this week when some employees of BC Tel went on strike. Service on the Gulf Islands and in Victoria was affected.

Operator-persons on duty Tuesday morning were of the male sex and their inexperience at the job was sometimes evident. Nevertheless, service was maintained.

TO VANCOUVER

Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Yardley of Reynolds road, have spent a week with their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chapman of Vancouver.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS North Salt Spring Waterworks District 1977 Vesuvius Bay Road Pipeline Project

North Salt Spring Waterworks District, located at Ganges, B.C., invites tenders for the construction of a water pipeline with appurtenances and service connections.

Sealed tenders, clearly marked with the name of the Tenderer and marked "Tender for Construction of 1977 Vesuvius Bay Road Pipeline Project" will be received by North Salt Spring Waterworks District at their office on Upper Ganges Road at Vesuvius Bay Road on Salt Spring Island, B.C. (Postal address: P.O. Box 749, Ganges, B.C.) up to 1.00 pm Pacific Daylight Time, Wednesday, May 25th, 1977. and will be opened in public at that date and time. All tenders received after the above mentioned date and time will be returned to the Tenderers unopened and will not be considered in any way in connection with this invitation to tender.

Contract Documents, drawings, specifications and all other documents and drawings may be seen at the North Salt Spring Waterworks District office as above or at the office of the Consulting Engineers, John Motherwell & Associates Engineering Ltd., 2563 Macdonald Drive, Victoria, B.C. Copies may be obtained on payment of \$25 for each set required, which sum shall be payable to the Consultants and is refundable upon return of the documents in good condition within 30 days of the awarding of the Contract.

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BOOK REVIEW

THE LUCKY LITTLE DRAGON,
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If you really want to know why the little dragon is lucky, it's probably because he's following close behind the train that lost itself.

The train was the first production in the Good Knight series from Raeside's Wynkyn Press. This is the second.

The dragon was unlucky in the first instant because his boiler was caput and it is difficult for the genus to build up a good head of steam.

He goes through 19 quite brief pages to survive in the end, reprieved for that very inability to smoke like his forebears: a dead star in another universe.

I am not an authority on dragons. I don't even know what that authority is called. I am, nevertheless, a little worried. Examining the book from cover to cover I am left mystified as to how the unfortunate beast takes on nourishment. His teeth are located where his cousin, the crocodile might have them. And that's it. He's lost his lower plate!

It was Julie's night on Monday. It was Kristi's and Debbie's night, as well. On Monday the May Queen's Banquet was staged in Harbour House Hotel.

The three girls, all students at Salt Spring Island Elementary School, were the guests of honour, with their parents at this first banquet to be staged by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

The guests were introduced by President Steve Nelson, who also expressed his appreciation of the contribution made by hotel manager George Pozderka, who entertained the May Queen party and by Embe Bakery, who donated the massive cake. He also paid tribute to Teresa Rooke and Jean Slocombe, who prepared the floral arrangements.

Chairman Nelson presented each girl with a rhodonite locket, donated by Ellen Timbers.

About 50 attended the banquet. Picture shows May Queen Julie Collins cutting the cake while Steve Nelson and Princesses Kristi Sampson and Debbie Cruickshank look on.

And that would be a drag if he weren't a dragon.

The Lucky Little Dragon is a booklet written by Joan Raeside, illustrated by Adrian Raeside and printed by James Raeside. Which is not odd, because that family association is the nature of Good Knight books.

It's for children. Children of tender years would enjoy it read to them. Children of middle years would scorn it and older children might well take to it.

It is light, easy and amusing and is a good companion for the first book to come out of the Wynkyn press room. -F.G.R.

Dignitaries to be dunked on Saturday

A feature of last year's May Day festivities, the dunking booth, is to be repeated again on Saturday.

Certain local dignitaries and prominent people, including a Driftwood staff member, have been invited to take a quick dip.

Booth is to be staged by the J.B. Food Co-operative.

Jack Whyte is no newcomer to auto trade

The owner-operator of Gulf Island Auto Sales, Jack Whyte, is not without experience in the automotive sales business.

Whyte, who is originally from Saskatchewan, has been in the business for 14 years, dealing in cars in both Victoria and Vancouver.

Lene and Jack Whyte moved to Salt Spring Island in 1974. They have both been working in Duncan, where Jack has been employed by Vic Palmer Toyota. He managed a lot for Vic Palmer last summer on Salt Spring.

Lene is in charge of the bookkeeping for Gulf Island Auto Sales. She came to Canada from Denmark three years ago.

Two part-time employees are Peter Codling and Albert Kaye, Jr. They are in charge of reconditioning and cleaning the merchandise.



Gulf Island Auto Sales lot on Upper Ganges Road. Office is located in the background.

Mayne to be next to walk

Next Walkathon in the islands is sponsored by the school on Mayne Island.

Walkathon will cover a distance of eight miles, when Mayne students take a long walk on Wednesday, June 1.

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Everyone else seemed to be getting the same V.I.P. treatment. It's just the way they do things at Lady Minto.

Another advantage of writing this column is that it gives me an opportunity to congratulate some of my night-school photo students who seem to have done their homework with some degree of success.

Val Haigh, who took courses in Photojournalism, Freelance and Advanced Photography, has just sold a story and four color photographs to "Sea" magazine. When she received the good news of her \$450 windfall, Val was so excited that she dashed over to the hospital with

a huge bag of Chilean grapes. I think that Val Haigh's visit was the turning point in my recovery.

Beth and Ray Hill have done not too badly with sales of Beth's articles and Ray's fabulous photographs to "Westworld" magazine.

Cedric Barker has been busy in his spare time shooting Mouat's fashion advertising, staff portraits and getting first hand experience on 35mm, 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 and 4 x 5 cameras.

Even the teacher gets in on the fun, from time to time. "Photo Canada" bought an article and four color shots on the subject of Available Light Photography and sent me a Maclean-Hunter cheque for \$200 for the article which ran in Vol. 1 No. 1 of their new publication.

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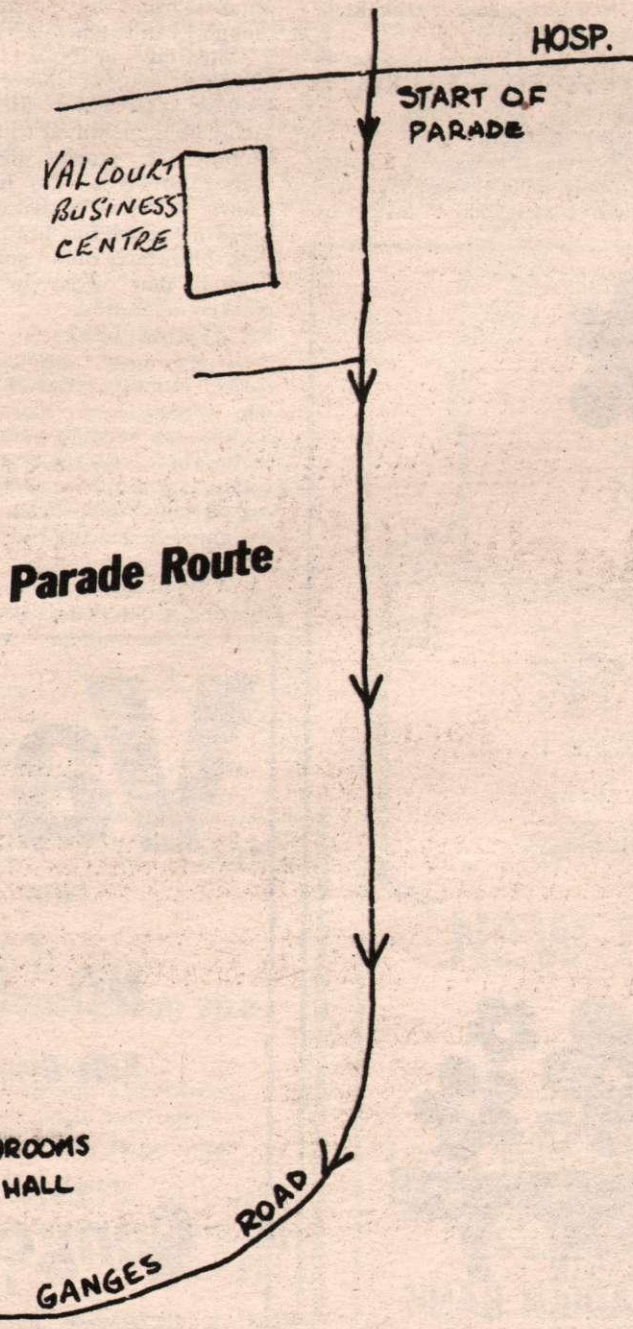
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PENSIONERS TAKE TRIP TO VICTORIA

BY PENSIONER

On Wednesday, May 11, Branch 32, OAPO took a full bus load to see the flowers in Victoria.

The bus left at 10.45, then on to Victoria along the Scenic Route to see the gardens and lovely flowers.

Then, along the sea front on to Beacon Hill Park, where we had our own refreshments and spent an hour.

This is a lovely time of the year to see the flowers, before the weather is too hot. We came back by the Sooke Road and on to Vesuvius for the 4.30 ferry. Everyone enjoys these outings. I would like to give a word of thanks to Tom Marcus, if I may, for his help in obtaining a small grant from the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission, as otherwise we would be unable to give these elderly people such pleasure.

Co-operative boat works exclusively for wood

The new boat repair shop at Fulford Harbour is the only one on Salt Spring Island dealing solely with wooden boats.

Tumblehome Co-op is made up of five craftsmen and the 26-foot boat they are building is sufficient evidence that they are competent wood-workers.

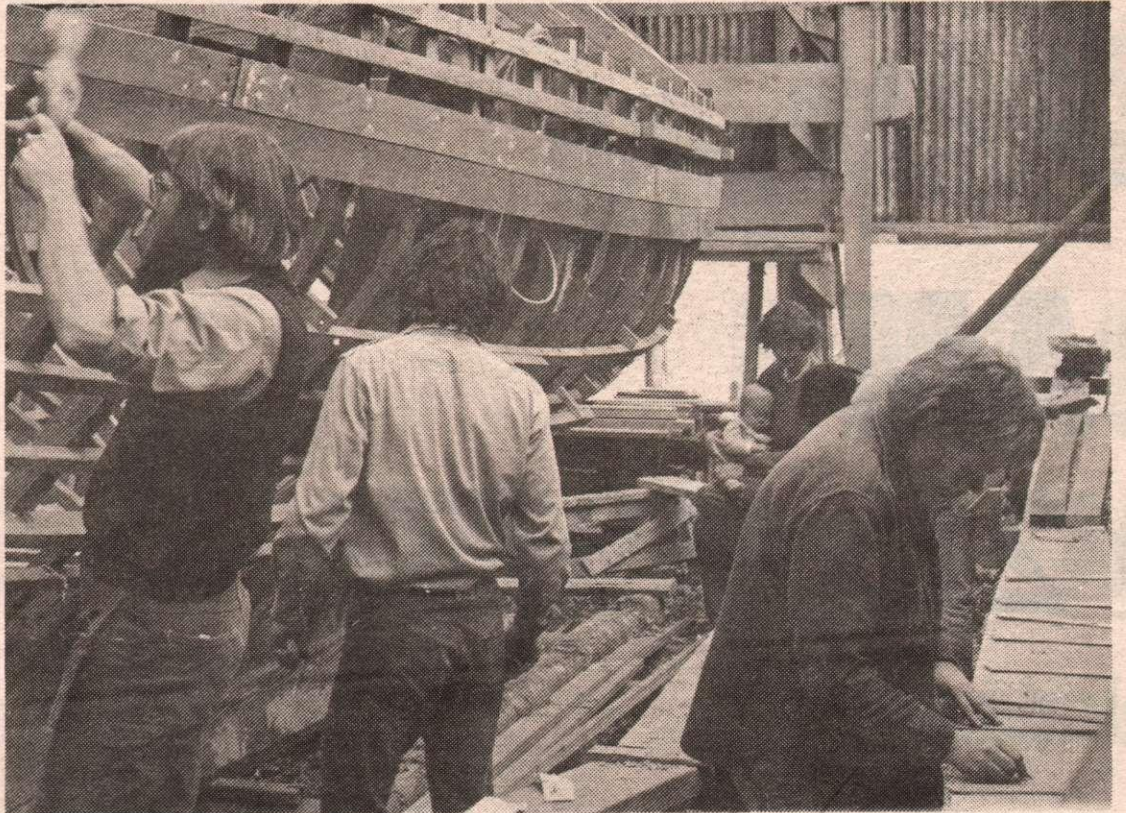
Jim and Kathy O'Donnell, Lynn Siebert and Liz Carr-Harris have been working on the boat for the last two years. Fifth member of the co-operative, David Greer, has only recently joined the group.

The services Tumblehome Co-op have to offer include bottom work, renovations, repairs and joinery. Their work has not been restricted to boats, however. They've been doing some construction work on Salt Spring as well as building fences and splitting and selling fence posts.

NORWEGIAN PILOT

The boat under construction in their shed at Fulford is a Norwegian pilot boat, a gaff-rigged cutter, designed originally for the North Atlantic. Overall length is 26 feet, beam is nine feet and she will draw four feet.

Planking, which has just been started, is one-and-one-



eighth-inch red cedar on one-and-three-quarters by two-inch oak ribs. The boat is designed with strength in mind: all her timbers are heavy-duty.

Three others of the same design have successfully circumnavigated the world.

Jim O'Donnell is the co-op

member with the most experience with boat-building. He has built four boats prior to the one they're working on at present. He also took part in building a wooden cabin on a 55 foot ferro-cement boat.

The co-operative doesn't intend to remain on Salt Spring

Members of the Tumblehome Co-operative at work on the 26-foot pilot boat.

Island. Two years ago they applied for a lease of some Crown land at the head of Bute Inlet, where, if the lease is granted, they hope to continue their operation.

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Death of Frank Richards is reported in England

BY NAMESAKE

I had it in the mail. I hadn't seen the brief report in the Vancouver Province. Others had.

It was because Frank Richards had died.

He was 92 when he went to his grave in Kingsgate, Kent, in England.

Who was he?

Frank Richards was a writer of reams of boys' stories. He was a writer somewhat in a field by

himself. Canadian Press described him as scholarly and that is probably the main feature of his writing which stood out. He was one of the few who had stock phrases from the classics, although I can't remember any.

Most boys in England 40 or 50 years ago, or more, were familiar with Frank Richards. Today he is identified with Billy Bunter, fat, greedy and dishonest. In his heyday he was known for the noble character of the prig who led the form, Harry Wharton. Harry didn't smoke or drink or play cards. Only cads smoked cigarettes.

ROTTEN APPLES?

There were various boys written into this series of boarding school tales. Most were Victoria-era pristine pure Galahads. There was the occasional rotten apple, but every boy hissed with Frank Richards and delighted to see the cad expelled.

Why so much fuss? I was figuring it out that Frank Rich-

ards wrote four weekly magazines of 28 small pages, or about 75 to 100 typescript pages each. That must have been 300 folios a week. Every month was another batch, perhaps a little more copious, but maybe not if that made another 200 folios a month who's arguing. There's 500 folios, double-spaced each week.

LIKE THE HARDY BOYS

Now, you can see why he was well-known. It was like the Hardy Boys sneaking out in soft covers at night and keeping the author hard at it on a second shift every day.

I grew up with Billy Bunter and the Magnet. There was the Gem, with St. Jim's School, by Martin Clifford. He was also Frank Richards. He had several running all the same time and all under different names.

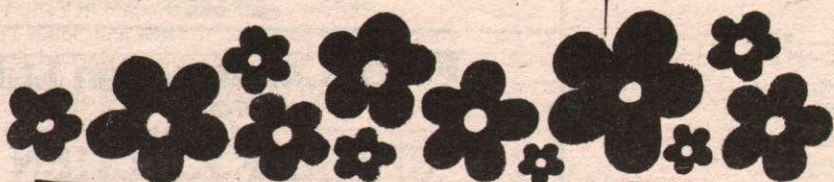
But my relative? Not at all: he was a prolific writer and a popular one for 50 years but he left me nothing. Even if he had it to leave. His fame was greater than mine. I had heard of him.

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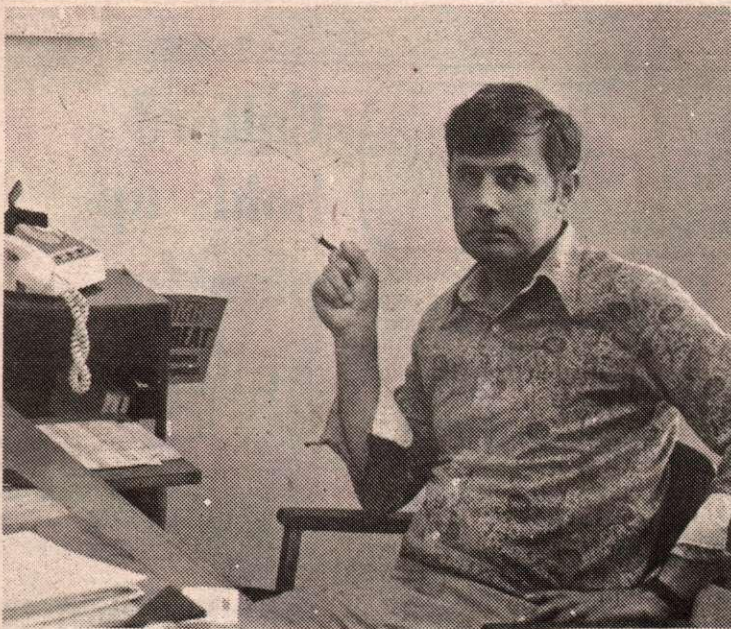
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Ray Stelter

Police officer at Ganges is promoted to rank of Sergeant

Last week the police officer in charge of the Ganges RCMP detachment, Ray Stelter, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. His promotion was effective May 1.

Sergeant Stelter has been on Salt Spring Island since July 1974. As Corporal in charge of the Ganges detachment he supervised two constables. As time passed, and the police boat in Ganges was re-located, the strength of the detachment increased. As N.C.O., with six constables in the detachment Stelter received his promotion.

Ray Stelter comes from Alberta, originally.

He left his home in Fort Saskatchewan to join the forces in July, 1960. He spent some time in training in Edmonton and moved on to Ottawa, where he stayed nine months before receiving a post in British Columbia.

Sergeant Stelter's first post was Merritt, British Columbia. From Merritt he moved to Kamloops, Smithers and Chilliwack, where he was promoted to Corporal, and finally to Salt Spring.

Sergeant Ray Stelter is joined by his wife, Gail, in enjoying island life. With their two child-

ren, they have a home on Forest Hill Drive.

Few members to set up May booths

Attendance was low at a meeting of the Store-Front Food Co-op held last Thursday evening at the Community Centre in Ganges.

Out of 54 members, eight were present.

Plans were made to set up a booth for May Day next Saturday.

SATURNA SCENE

BY KUKLOS

First, a few words from Jack Saunders, recently returned with Evelyn from the mainland, where they visited daughters and son and families --

"Archdeacon R.B. Horsfield visited us on Sunday, May 8, conducting the post-Easter service concerning the Resurrection. He had lunch with us. We, as everyone else, were charmed with his quiet humour and interest in the happiness of others. We look forward to his next visit. Daisy Bavis was in fine voice leading the singing while Polly Howarth was away.

Most members of the Saturna workforce came along to the Hall on Sunday afternoon to bid farewell to one of their own. Lucille Broten has sold her property here and is moving to Washington State near Everett to continue her life of service and joy to her relatives there. Oh lucky relatives! Oh sad Saturnalites! A friend of many years of both Lucille and Ron gave a delightful address to accompany a "going away" present of a stuffed wallet. We are all sorry to see the departure of Lucille and hope she will find time in the course of future peregrinations to stop off and visit with us. We wish her Good Luck and Happy Days!"

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday morning was also active at the Hall as the Lions put on a pancake breakfast. This is becoming a popular Mother's Day tradition in the Gulf Islands, and Saturna's mothers and escorts enjoyed the hearty fare provided.

On Monday there was a daytime 'Big Cleanup' at the hall which was very well attend-

ed by members of the Women's Club, Community Club, and others in the community. The spirit of cooperation was so strong that there were more workers than work to be done.

Monday evening the Women's Discussion Group made further plans for an upcoming Nutrition Workshop, now tentatively to be held Saturday, June 4.

On Wednesday evening a meeting was held of the Executive Community Club. Lengthy discussion ensued about the problem of keeping the newly-cleaned Hall in shape, in light of the large number of groups making use of its facilities. It was decided to make large signs reminding people to tidy up after their meetings, and to cart their trash away. There was also talk about the desirability of creating a new Historical Committee of the Community Club, to collect, preserve and display artifacts (photographs, records) of Saturna history. Anyone interested in serving on such a committee should contact Mike Hayes, President of the Club.

At the end of the week, Marjorie and Red Ferguson, (Inspector of Improvement Districts, Water Rights Branch) visited Saturna to meet with the Water Study Committee of the Club. Ann Bavis, Barry Crooks, Dave Crooks, John Money and Mike Hayes, at John and Shirley Money's home, were interested to hear Red's remarks and recommendations about the establishment of a public water utility. Everyone was glad to extend to Marj too (the charming woman on the ferries) the hospitality of our island.

Saturday night saw a good turnout again for the refinishing of the hall floor.

Some recent visitors have been Bari Elliott at her Cliffside property, Irene and Harold Menzies with daughter Barbara at their waterfront Lyall Harbour home, and Pat Carney with son J.P. IN Boot Cove.

Finally, though, when the weather has been good, it's been very, very good, can there really be talk of Hawaiian dancers later in the month?

NOTICE

THE LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL

Annual General Meeting of the above mentioned organization will be held on the following islands at times and places herein designated.

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| Mayne Island | Community Hall on Wednesday, 25 May, 1:00 pm |
| Galiano Island | Community Hall on Wednesday, 25 May, 4:00 pm |
| Saturna Island | Community Hall on Thursday, 26 May, 1:00 pm |
| North & South Pender Islands | Port Washington Hall, Thursday, 26 May, 4:00 pm |
| Salt Spring Island | Mahon Hall, Friday 27 May, 8:00 pm |

AGENDA

1. To receive the Chairman's Report.
2. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending 31st December 1976.
3. To receive various reports.
4. To elect five members to the Board of Management, three members from Salt Spring Island (Zones 1 and 2), one member from Galiano Island (Zone 6), one member from Saturna Island and Samuel Island (Zone 4), each for a term of three years.
5. Appointment of Auditor.
6. Extraordinary Resolutions.
 1. The fiscal year of the society shall be for the twelve-month period ending March 31st or such other fiscal accounting period as may from time to time be approved by the Minister of Health.
 2. The annual meeting of the members of the society shall be held on a day in June determined by the board.
7. Honorary Life Members.
8. Any other business that may come from the meeting.

VOTING PRIVILEGES

- (1) All Zone Members (persons who own land and pay taxes thereon in Zone 1-North Salt Spring Island, Zone 2-South Salt Spring Island, Zone 3-North and South Pender Island and Prevost, Zone 4-Saturna Island, Samuel Island, Zone 5-Mayne Island, Zone 6-Galiano Island, or spouses of such persons) who had made written application for membership in the society.

Applications will be made available prior to the call to order of the Annual Meeting.

- (2) Annual members: Members who have paid 50c for membership during the year 1976 to April 25, 1977.

(Signed) H. Hoffman, Secretary
Board of Management.

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NOTICE

THE GULF ISLANDS INTERMEDIATE AND PERSONAL CARE SOCIETY

2nd Annual General Meeting of the above mentioned organization will be held on the following islands at places herein designated, immediately following the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Annual Meeting.

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| Mayne Island | Community Hall on Wednesday, 25 May |
| Galiano Island | Community Hall on Wednesday, 25 May |
| Saturna Island | Community Hall on Thursday, 26 May |
| North & South Pender Islands | Port Washington Hall, Thursday, 26 May |
| SaltSpring Island | Mahon Hall, Friday, 27 May |

AGENDA

1. To receive the President's Report.
2. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending 31st December 1976.
3. To elect three members to the Board of Trustees, two members from Salt Spring Island (Zones 1 and 2), and one member from Galiano Island (Zone 6).
4. Appointment of Auditor.
5. Any other business that may come from the meeting.

VOTING PRIVILEGES

- (1) All Zone Members (persons who own land and pay taxes thereon in Zone 1-North Salt Spring Island, Zone 2-South Salt Spring Island, Zone 3-North and South Pender Island and Prevost, Zone 4-Saturna Island and Samuel Island, Zone 5-Mayne Island, Zone 6-Galiano Island, or spouses of such persons) who had made written application for membership in the society. Applications will be made available prior to the call to order of the Annual Meeting.

- (2) Annual members: Members who have paid \$1.00 for membership during the year 1976 to April 25, 1977.

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Mrs George St. Denis displays quilt



Lucky winner of the patchwork quilt was Mrs. St. Denis. The draw took place at Mouat's last week. Mike Alexander pulled the winning ticket. Seamstress is Mrs. Saunders of Isabella Point Road. Money made from raffle goes to handicapped children.

ON THE PENDERS

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

This Pender Island Correspondent was fortunate to receive an invitation to attend the Shanghai Ballet in Vancouver on opening night, May 5.

There was a capacity crowd to fill the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. The city's Chinese residents were present in large numbers to enjoy this performance. It was the first on the North American continent. The dignitaries of the city and surrounding municipalities were also there.

The performance was the well-known Chinese Ballet "The White-Haired Girl." It was very good theatre, although not great ballet by European or North American standards. We are not used to having singing combined with ballet, but I thought it effective and the singers were excellent. Two different girls performed the title role, something else we are not used to in traditional ballet, but the Chinese do not have "stars", in the Western sense, in their theatre, although this is a professional company. It is also a working company as all its members would do their share of farm work, as everybody does in China. Thus they have been able to make gigantic steps in agriculture and provide food for a large population. The scenery changes were many, quick and effective with very clever lighting effects. The company flew to Paris from China in two planes, bringing all their scenery, their own excellent orchestra, costumes and cast. Following their four-day performances in Vancouver, they will perform in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Hamilton and return to China the beginning of June. The tour was part of the official cultural exchange between the People's Republic of China and the Canadian Department of External Affairs.

Miss Marjorie Bailey has returned to her home on South Pender Island after a recent visit to Montreal.

The Pacific Command, Ladies Auxiliary, Canadian Legion Biennial Convention was held in Prince George from May 1 to 4. Pender Island Auxiliary, Branch number 239, was represented by Mrs. Irene Estelle, president and official delegate. She was accompanied by the vice-president, Mrs. Letty Hamilton and the Branch secretary, Mrs. Mae

Mooney. There were 800 ladies present at the convention, representing Branches in all parts of B.C. Our delegates enjoyed an inspiring learning experience as well as meeting old and new friends. The youngest member attending was 22 and the oldest 85.

Prince George branches, as the official hostesses, had decided on a "Western theme", and the entertainment at the Banquet was entirely supplied by the Branches. It was hilariously funny and the quality professional. In two years, the next Pacific Command Convention will be held in New Westminster.

Mrs. Donald Sellars of Pasadena, California has recently been the guest of Mrs. V. Gillespie at her home on South Pender Island. She will be returning home with stop-over visits on Orcas Island and in Seattle.

Receiving an invitation to the Naval and Air Show and Sunset ceremony on the evening of Friday, April 29 at Royal Roads Military College. I witnessed HMCS Saskatchewan manoeuvre in the harbour. We were treated to nearly an hour of Air Show, which was a truly magnificent display by the 417 Sqn "Deadeye Zips" first, then the highlight, to this correspondent, the Canadian Forces "Snow Birds", who put on an impressive show, exhibiting great precision and much training, and truly looked like beautiful Snow Birds in the rays from the setting sun.

The Graduating Class, as well as the undergraduates, took part in a series of Military Drills, perfectly executed and accompanied by the Royal Roads Band. As the Canadian flag was lowered in the last rays of the setting sun and the Band played O Canada, one felt proud to be a Canadian.

A birthday party was held Monday evening at the Legion Hall, complete with a beautifully decorated birthday cake to celebrate the third birthday of the Ladies' Auxiliary. It was a great delight to have Mrs. Edith Morgan, Zone Representative from Victoria a special honoured guest for the party, as Mrs. Morgan was present at the installation and one of the persons instrumental in bringing the Auxiliary into existence on Pender Island. Everybody had a good time with Alex Passmore in charge of the games and Mrs. Libby Licht and her helpers supplying the excellent refreshments.

Mrs. H. Spalding, Mrs. Connie Swartz and Miss Margery Bailey, all from South Pender Island attended the Sunday morning service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Mayne Island on May 8.

This service marked the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the church. It was Connie Swartz's father, Ralph Grey, then the owner of Samuel Island, and Canon Paddon who met on the beach at "the crack of dawn" and rowed through Canon Pass to East Point on Saturna Island to get the sandstone which had been hollowed out by the action of the sea and in its original form became the Baptismal Font in the Church. Incidentally, Canon Paddon had rowed over from Mayne Island and spent the balance of the night sleeping on the beach till daybreak when he was joined by Mr. Grey. A dangerous trip to bring such a large stone in a skiff through treacherous tidal waters. Many at that time marvelled at how they were able to do it. Today such a feat seems even more remarkable.

Fulford holds up plan for Fulford

Several items of community concern were discussed at the May meeting of the South Salt Spring Residents' Association held at Nan's Coffee Shop on May 10.

President Ron Simpson chaired the meeting and letters were read from government departments dealing with the mooring of live-aboard vessels in Fulford Harbour and erosion along the south west shore of Fulford Harbour.

The Association planned follow-up action on both items.

The Fulford Community Plan prepared by a committee of the Association was discussed and it was the decision of the meeting to withhold public release of the plan at this time.

Mrs. Nell Bushby accepted the position of treasurer, replacing Mrs. Barbara Lyngard.

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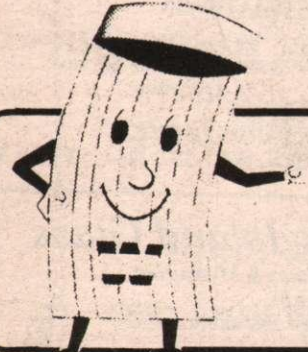
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Senior citizens stay to lunch on Tuesday



Senior citizens on Salt Spring Island were entertained to a Chinese luncheon in the United Church Hall last week. The Salt Spring Senior Services staged the event and Bryan Smith

accepted the offer to play the piano for the guests. Programs are planned for each Tuesday. The two pictures show some of the guests during the serving of Chinese food.

Merchants' committee

Where do Salt Spring islanders do their shopping asks Chamber

What are the shopping habits of Salt Spring Islanders?

Question has been raised by Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce during a series of seminars for island merchants.

Debating the formation of a merchants' committee, a number of island businessmen on Thursday evening discussed the whole problem of operating an island business.

How can islanders be encouraged to shop at home, they enquired of themselves.

The business community has to stay here, observed one member of the group, and it must have the support of the island community.

The merchants had the question very clearly stated. They were looking for the answer.

SHOPPING CAMPAIGN

Shopping spree or a shopping campaign was considered. Proposals ranged from the staging of a new Pirate Days to an all-night shopping program with staff dressed in pyjamas and other gimmicks.

Many housewives still look for identification marks such as the Good Housekeeping sign of approval. Why not a Salt Spring merchants' mark in the same manner, it was suggested.

Special sales and special methods of advertising them were examined, but the meeting recognized two separate groups of potential customer, the younger and the older residents. An appeal to one group might not attract the other it was felt.

TO ATTRACT PEOPLE

To attract more island people and to make them more aware of the business community was the aim of the meeting and the newly formed businessmen's committee.

The meeting was attended by the merchants who have been attending the series of seminars.

It was felt that the other businesses in the island community should be urged to take part to bring a greater success to the campaign.

The committee was named to include Keith Veltman, Brian Logan, Gary MacPherson, Chuck Hankins and Hugh Porter.

Resident cards still issued by ferries traffic department

Residents' cards are being handled by B.C. Ferries Corporation.

Bona fide residents of the Gulf Islands who want to enjoy the special ferry rates for residents may obtain an authority for reduced rates by applying to the traffic department of the corporation, at 816 Wharf St., in Victoria.

The office is open, Monday to Friday, from 8.30 to noon and 1 pm to 4.30.

Applicant must show proof of island residence. Ferry Corporation suggests a driver's license and current vehicle registration or current utility bills might serve the purpose.

A letter from an employer, confirming island residence might also suffice, Driftwood was told.

No cards are yet available, but the letter to authorize reduced fares will be accepted by the

ticket agents.

A permanent system of issuing cards through a government department is still under investigation. Regional district dropped the service when charges of discrimination were made in respect of the district's failure to recognize residents whose names were not on the voter's list.

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BALLOT IS PUBLISHED AGAIN THIS WEEK ON MARKET SITE

Few action in recent years have aroused as much comment as the recent move to switch the Farmers' Market from the Centennial Park to the old lumber yard in Ganges.

There have been at least two petitions circulated and there have been two meetings in the park, as well as a number of meetings in other parts of the Island.

Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission, which administers the Centennial Park, decided that the park would no longer be available for the Saturday morning produce market once an alternative site was found.

Subsequently, Mouat's offered the former lumber yard for the rest of the season and the Farmers' Institute accepted.

Not all users of Centennial Park go along with the Farmers' Institute. The die-hards are still striving to retain the park for this use on Saturday mornings.

Last week Driftwood published a ballot form and the same ballot is offered again this week. Readers are still invited to fill in a ballot, or a facsimile and send it to Driftwood, behind the liquor store, or at Box 250, Ganges. The vote is an unofficial gesture and has no official sanction or approval.

Provided a sufficient number of Salt Spring Islanders take the trouble to send back the ballot, a broad picture of island opinion on the subject will be evident.

Every Salt Spring Island resident or property owner is invited to offer an opinion.

Results place an obligation on nobody. Nevertheless, if the response is strong, then the island administrative functions will gain an insight into the real, grass-roots opinion.

Balloting closes at 1 pm, May 24. Any received after that date will be out of luck.

B.C. Old Age Pensioners — Branch 32

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 26

St. George's Hall - 2 pm

Discussion

Trips - Teas - Entertainment

FOLLOWED BY "SOCK IT TO ME"

Remember when ?



- Photo Courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Wagg

The above photo shows the original Salt Spring Island Trading Company store built in 1911.

You will note the lack of asphalt in the foreground and the stable in the background.

Thank you for the many pictures sent in. We expect to "go to press" by fall with a comprehensive album on the old, old days of the Gulf Islands.

There are still subjects not covered so your continued co-operation and trust will be appreciated. We have received a few from the Outer Islands, would welcome more.

This album will serve as a commemoration of Mouat's 70th Anniversary.

Please Contact either John Lees 537-2292 or Dick Toynbee 537-5537. Thank You.

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NOTICE

Revised Spring & Summer Schedule

Williams, Davie & Company, Barristers and Solicitors, of Duncan, B.C., announce that effective May 1, 1977, the schedule of the law boat "Glory Be" will be altered as follows:

EACH TUESDAY

Salt Spring Island: Fulford Harbour - 9.30 AM to 10.30 AM
Ganges Harbour - 1.00 PM to 5.00 PM

EACH WEDNESDAY

Galiano Island: Sturdies Bay - 9.00 AM to 9.30 AM
Mayne Island: Miners Bay - 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM
N. Pender Island: Hope Bay - 12.30 PM to 2.00 PM
Saturna Island: Saturna - 2.30 PM to 3.50 PM

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