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This blessed spot!

Smiling minister opens tourist information booth

British Columbians are privileged to live in this province but the islands are a blessed spot in British Columbia.

Opening the new tourist information booth in Ganges on Friday evening, Provincial Secretary Grace McCarthy was speaking in her second capacity as minister of travel industry.

She commended the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce on the manner in which the members have pressed for a booth and she spoke particularly of the efforts of Bert Elford, president of the Tourist Association on Salt Spring Island.

Mrs. McCarthy reflected on the value of the tourist industry to the province. It is the third largest industry here and it brings in a total of one billion, two hundred millions every year, said the minister.

Many of the islanders and visitors were sporting smile butt-travel industry.

She is not the first to press for such a campaign of welcoming visitors, admitted the smiling Grace McCarthy but it is worth an effort to make the tourist feel that he is welcome in the province. With such a reception, he will not only be happy to come again but he will tell his neighbours, she urged.

TO SHARE THE ISLANDS

In looking at the island setting, she suggested that the islands people who want no Coney Islands and may not be too warmly disposed towards extensive increase in development of the islands, would be happy to share so beautiful a place with visitors for a few months in the year.



Cutting the ribbon at Ganges booth

Pat Baines and Grace McCarthy at the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday. Mrs. McCarthy cut the ribbon at the tourist booth and Mr. Baines is chairman of the tourist committee of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

Group of young picketers carried placards which read, "We have a smile for you, too, Mrs. McCarthy!"

She expressed appreciation of the message. She might, one day, be wishing she had the youngsters in Victoria, she noted.

No decision on fares

No decision had been reached on Tuesday afternoon regarding inter-island ferry fares.

The meeting on Galiano Tuesday of last week heard islanders' comments on plans to re-introduce a fare between the islands.

Wayne Steeds kept a tape of the meeting for Municipal Affairs Minister and Islands MLA, Hugh Curtis. Islands Trustees from various islands were present.

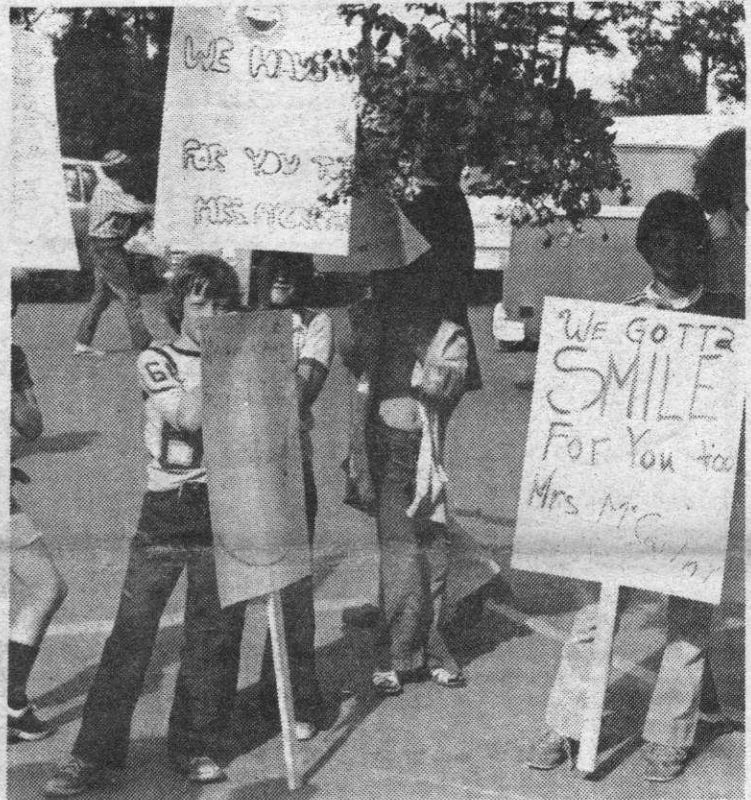
But, as yet, no decision.

Before formally opening the facility and cutting the ribbon, she spoke to Queen Julie Collins and her Princess Kristi Samson.

Before a crowd of about 50 people, she declared the informa-

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"We got a smile for you!"



She could use those pickets in Victoria some time, quipped Travel Industry Minister Grace McCarthy on Friday. She had a smile for the picketers.

CLOSE LINK WITH CLUB AS ALEX SPENCER TAKES HIS FISH

When Alex Spencer won the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club salmon derby at the week end, he was continuing a long tradition.

Spencer was sailing in the Heather Ann. He was using an old rod. Both boat and rod were at one time the property of the late Vic Jackson.

Stalwart member of the club, Vic Jackson rarely missed a derby.

The link with the sporting club did not stop there.

Spencer was using a 5½ Super Diamond spoon, a gift from club member Jim Spencer.

The successful fisherman added the technical details. The salmon was hooked and landed in 10 fathoms of water, off the blinker at Beaver Point. His wife, Helen was steering the boat.

Alex Spencer sealed his association with club members by donating \$25 from his prize money back to the club.

What kind of a fish is that?



When Howard Page, of Isabella Point Road, saw a piece of seaweed on the beach at Fulford he found it moved. It proved to be a jelly fish of some kind. On the dry land it collapses into jelly. In the water it resembles a hairy crab. The fish was shy of the camera, but this picture conveys something of what the strange fish looks like.

Dan Reynolds and George Moulton

Two islanders Canadian champions after shooting competition last week

Two Salt Spring Island marksmen came back this week from Vancouver with trophies from a trap shooting competition.

Dan Reynolds, who had already shot to the top of provincial contests brought back the Canadian Trap Shooting Champion-

ships in the open handicap Junior D Class, with 92 out of 100.

Sharing national honours was George Moulton, who brought back the Open Single D Class Trophy for all of Canada. He shot 192 out of a possible 200.

There were about 500 taking

part in the shoot-offs.

Other contestants from the islands included Sharon and Bernie Reynolds, Jack and Duane Reynolds and, from Galiano, Edmond Crocker.

The championships were shot off over the Dominion Day week-end.

Come and help!

Some critical of progress on Portlock Park facilities

Some dissatisfaction is being expressed by Salt Spring Islanders over the lack of progress being made at Portlock Park.

Regional Director George Heinekey told Driftwood last Friday that it is "all volunteer work" that is going into the preparation of the park area. He suggested that anyone dissatisfied with progress should "get out there and go to work".

The director said that the Lions Club had offered to put up change rooms and that they were going to do it in June. There is no sign of any change rooms as yet.

Mr. Heinekey said that the seven member committee in charge of Portlock Park was to meet on Tuesday evening, July 12. A report on that meeting will appear in next week's Driftwood.

Chamber critical of report

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has expressed regret that the Victoria Times recently published a report criticizing the condition of Ganges Harbour.

Chamber President Steve Nelson suggested that the Chamber would welcome an equal space devoted to the "promotion of the scenic beauty and quality facilities that exist on our island".

Alexander Smith Galiano engineer comes back after 50 years for honour

Dr. Alexander Smith of Galiano Island, was presented with a life membership to the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia at a ceremony at Ruckle Park last Sunday.

Dr. Smith was born in Tacoma, Washington, in 1907, and went to school in Victoria, B.C. From 1925 to 1928 he was a teacher at Burgoyne Bay School on Salt Spring Island, following that he attended Victoria College for two

years and then the University of British Columbia for three years. At UBC he obtained an M.A. in honours geology, in 1933.

FIVE COMPANIES

Between 1933 and 1940 Dr. Smith worked for five different mining companies in British Columbia. In 1940, he went to California where he became a teaching fellow at Cal Tech. He received his Doctor's degree in philosophy there in geological services, in 1947. The following year he became a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia.

In 1949 Dr. Smith took charge of the Vancouver office of the St. Eugene Mining Company. He was with Falconbridge Mines after that until his retirement. After retiring, he was a part-time consultant for West Frobisher and United Keno Hill Mines.

Dr. Smith is married and has four children.

Members of the executive of the Vancouver Island branch of the association met at Ruckle Park last Sunday for a salmon barbecue at which time Dr. Smith was presented with the life membership.

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Madness at Vesuvius



Scene from the film clips to be used in forthcoming musical "Madness Strikes Back" to be seen in the Activity Centre at Ganges from July 27 through August 12.

Actors are left to right, Tom Bowler, Arno Bangert, Dawn Luker, Sue Newman, Dorothy Roberts, Bob Simons, and John Lomas who assembled at the ferry dock in Vesuvius to enact a scene from the play.

MADNESS STRIKES BACK AT GANGES AS CONTROLS RISE

"Madness Strikes Back" is scheduled for presentation at the Activity Centre in Ganges from

July 27 through August 12.

Written by Virginia Newman, with ideas suggested by Gwen Hind-Smith, Wilf Bangert and Ray Hill this all-new musical show concerns the plight of Salt Spring Islanders faced with increasing government regulations, and their solutions.

He calls for bigger road signs

The visit paid to Salt Spring last week by an RCMP car equipped with radar has prompted one local man to make a suggestion concerning road signs on the island.

Local drivers rarely pay any attention to either speed limit or stop signs, he says, so perhaps those signs should be increased in size by about five times in order that they might be noticed.

There were a few hapless drivers who fell into the radar trap last week and sustained some losses of points.

Eva Jorden, secretary at the Ganges RCMP office, told Driftwood that the radar car will be making regular trips to all the Gulf Islands. The car comes from Colwood she said, and will be visiting a day at a time.

"MSB" will feature music by Virginia and Ray Newman performed by Bogwater and sung by various cast members, including Hugh and Dorothy Cummings, John Lomas, Dawn Luker, Alex McCauley, Dorothy Roberts, and Sue and Amy Newman.

Evening performances are July 27 to 31 and August 4, 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12.

Matinees are July 31, August 1 and August 7.

All tickets are reserved at \$2.50; children to 12 and OAP's at \$1, and will be available at Et Cetera Book Store. Due to several unusual production features, seating will be limited.

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Next draw September 5th.



TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

The Yukon is like the islands, only bigger. Or Salt Spring Island is like the Yukon, only smaller. Chuck Hankins was telling me the other day that The Yukon is a close-knit community, despite its size, and that opinions tend to become very strongly held and frequently find the community taking strong sides just as they do in the islands. Only thing is that it's warmer here when winter comes. * * *

Came along by Harbour House one night last week and there was a goat standing in the middle of the road. I figured it was no place for a goat, so I stopped and went to move him. From the goat ran a long rope and from the rope was a heavy concrete block. By the time I discovered the concrete the goat's manager came on the scene. He just got tired of standing in one place, explained his lord and master, so the goat dragged the block behind him. The operator of the goat then dragged the block back and towed the goat to a safer location. * * *

It was touch and go when I came in from Vancouver one day last week on the Swartz Bay ferry. According to the schedule I could make the one o'clock sailing into Fulford Harbour. But there were these tourists and I didn't make it. It is very frustrating to walk the mile and a half from Berth One at Swartz Bay to the ticket office and have your ferry sail away before you even get to the end of the trail. There's probably not a darned thing anyone could do about it even if there were anyone around who wanted to, but it's still annoying. * * *

There's something wrong with my mind. A lot of people will warmly agree: but it never boggles. Seems everyone who has a typewriter goes boggling at fairly regular intervals. Man eats too much, swears too much, paints big murals, thinks deep mathematics and I just can't boggle. Blase, you'd call it, I guess. My mind just boggles at the things that happen without boggling. * * *

Peter Bingham will never forgive us. There, on the front page of last week's paper, was a picture of the Legionnaire with his medals on the wrong side. The critics didn't look closely. The picture showed the Ganges veteran with

his cap badge off-limits as well. And the seat was on the wrong side of the cairn. The pressman (may his tribe increase!) "flopped" the negative. It was printed wrong way round. Peter was right, but his picture wasn't. * * *

See Johnny Bennett on his way to Vancouver the other day to acquire some clay pigeons for the week end rod and gun frolic. Would have thought he'd buy clay eggs and raise them himself. * * *

Where could you find it except in a British publication: excerpt from a letter to the editor of the Autocar, seven years ago: "..... even the presence of a Bentley or Rolls-Royce does not guarantee there will be a gentleman inside." There's Women's Lib for you! * * *

Vee Elder was too busy to talk for long on Saturday morning. She was running essential supplies to Mahon Hall. * * *

Ruth and Ted Hamer were running around Salt Spring Island at the week end, renewing old acquaintances and that was a full-time job. * * *

Of course you know my car..... it's the one that runs around at a 45-degree angle and there's always a wrecker in front! * * *

Who would you want to be shipwrecked with? And I'm thinking of a shipload, not a hermit. Think of the problems. Supposing it was a shipload of conservatives. You'd never get anything done. * * *

You couldn't talk about anything because they would all agree. And you couldn't do anything because nothing you could suggest had been tried before. You'd be there forever and you could die of boredom. * * *

So you get stuck with a crowd of liberals. At least they could debate most things under discussion and you'd stand a good chance of escape, because they would always give a new proposal a whirl. * * *

Then, again, they could be all radicals. Everything you discussed would be torn apart and analyzed and you would still be stuck on the island because any proposal for escape would require such careful analysis and such extensive attack, it could never work out. It's just a good job the road has a middle! * * *

Visitors express pleasure at improvements on Salt Spring

Two American visitors were delighted with the improvements to Ganges Small Boat Harbour

Not so long ago John Thomson addressed the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce on the subject of conservation of power. It had me concerned and I did some reading up on it. Now I know what it's all about.

The basic unit is a volt, which is off-putting if it comes again; and a jump in current comes from raising the volts.

A coulomb is a French Canadian cowboy and an ohm is where you use most of the power.

Resistance is when you don't want to turn down the thermostat. High voltage is at the top of the long poles and low voltage is a battery on the cupboard shelf.

An electric fire is too many cords going to the same plug.

And a fuse is what you blow when the neighbour turns his stereo up too high.

A short circuit is a power outlet half-way down the wall.

An appliance is what BC Electric used to tell you to buy and what BC Hydro wants you to slow down on.

A black-out is when the heat's on. And the heat's on now to cut back in the use of power, come winter. * * *

Fish rarely run in a salmon derby. That's the basic law of the sea. But fish stories make up for the lack of running fish.

Like this week end on Salt Spring Island.

There was the Rod and Gun Club Salmon Derby. It wasn't so much the big fish. It was the tales, like when Norman Best tried to hook himself and still had to have a hook taken out at Lady Minto. And George Heinekey who encountered the fisheries patrol in Sansum Narrows. Should have been here yesterday, commented the helpful fishman, they were really running.

Phyl Agar was happy with her six-pounder, but she didn't do anything about it, she was on her way to a dinner party. I presume they served salmon, although she didn't make that too clear.

Luckiest fisherman of all was Kent Villadsen. He was up and away as far as Welbury Bay when his motor started to overheat. He spent his derby day struggling

last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Nordhaus expressed their pleasure to Travel Industry Minister Grace McCarthy on Friday afternoon, when she opened the new tourist information booth.

The visitors also wrote an expression of appreciation to the

back to port on a mini-outboard. * * *

Michael Rhodes, of Port Coquitlam, didn't wait for a fish derby. On the island for the first time for several years, he went out fishing with Daddy, Fred Rhodes. Daddy caught nothing. Michael caught a 22-pounder. Which all goes to prove that the Mounties don't always get their fish!

Ganges community. Their comments are as follows: * * *

We wish to say "Thank you" to the people of Ganges, for the bang up job of up-grading here.

This is our third summer cruise to your friendly town, as we are one of the tourists spoken of by Mrs. McCarthy.

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Incorporation is no panacea

Once again the question of incorporation of Salt Spring Island has been mooted. Several years ago Mr. Tom Marcus carried out an extensive investigation into the possibilities of a municipality on Salt Spring Island. His conclusion was that the proposal would resolve many of the administrative problems facing islanders, but that the cost would be out of proportion to the benefits.

The picture may have changed vastly in terms of cost to the community, but this is open to doubt. The only aspect of the picture which could change materially is the attitude of the average islander to the cost involved.

If every Salt Spring Island property owner were to decide that the privilege of self-determination would warrant any degree of cost, then incorporation could loom around the next corner.

The obvious advantages would be the privilege of attending to all matters of zoning and planning ourselves. This advantage would be experienced by the minority, however, as the majority of property owners are destined to retain the zoning of their property from the time they purchase it to the day they relinquish it.

The privilege of self-government would extend to other areas. Sidewalks in the commercial areas could be one advantage. The privilege of electing a mayor and aldermen would be with the islanders. The privilege of paying for every improvement they might see as beneficial would also be theirs.

Had the question of incorporation arisen before the advent of regional districts, the answer would be unavoidable. With a regional government to assume the administration from the ministry of municipal affairs, a municipal identity is less pressing.

The basic consideration cannot be simply the amount of money required to administer such a corporation. There must be two main factors in any discussion of the issue. The first is that incorporation of part of the island would be fatal. There is sufficient unrest in the island without an administrative division.

The second factor is that we must not assume that all our internal disputes will die a natural death as the result of electing a local council. To the contrary. The fight would come home to be waged with greater vigour and probably greater venom than ever as Yates St., in Victoria.

Incorporation is unquestionably a good idea. It is almost unquestionably an expensive idea. But no municipal council is likely to change human nature. Every island will always have its divisions and its rifts. Islanders are nothing if not individualists.

Four young islanders

Last week two island boys reached top place in the British Columbia sailing championships in Vancouver. Going through their paces at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Bruce Cobanli and Robert Cannon were first in their, under-16 class.

The boys are keen sailors, but that is scarcely sufficient qualification to reach a first in this type of contest.

Salt Spring Island has been fielding a strong team in the small-boat sailing events for several years. Island sailing buffs have already put Salt Spring on the sailing map in past years.

At the same time, in Vancouver, two other young Salt Spring Island residents were busy shooting clay pigeons in a trap-shooting championship.

Both Dan Reynolds and George Moulton have shot with success in past events. Entering the lists to compete with the nation's top marksmen, the local youths' success was in the face of very strong competition.

Salt Spring Island is undoubtedly on the map for provincial sailing buffs and for the nimrods of the province: indeed, of the whole country.

All four young men deserve the very warm congratulations of the community.

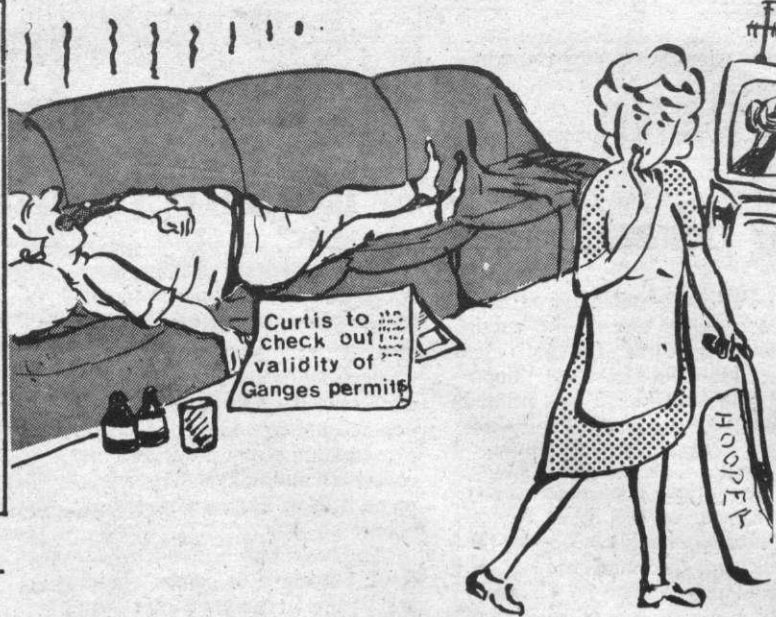
Letters to the Editor

ANOTHER NAME

Sir,
So they have decided on a name for the new school. I do not question the wisdom of those who selected the name for the new school at Fernwood from the suggestions from the public but mine would have been

different.

I was unaware of a dead-line for a suggested name, but like so many of my good intentions throughout my life mine has fallen victim to the thief of time. I do not expect to be around when the next new school is built on Salt Spring Island, but if and



"I wonder if that includes marriage permits?"

Son of Salt Spring man at Dijon

The son of a Salt Spring Island man has been named as one of only six foreign visitors granted the title of professor in French universities for 1977-78.

Dr. Michael Ashwood-Smith, son of Mr. A.G. Smith of Pioneer Village at Ganges, is taking his year's study leave at the University of Dijon, where as a professor, he will give a series of lectures.

He will be working mainly on the basic aspects of the biology of freeze-drying bacteria.

Dr. Ashwood-Smith is a specialist in a number of fields of biology, and in recent years has been carrying out research on finding a way to freeze white blood cells, which would aid in the treatment of cancer patients.

He has been chairman of the Department of Biology at the University of Victoria for the past three years.

when a new school is again needed, I hope someone will suggest the name which I would have suggested for what is now Fernwood School.

I think that the name of the man who taught the children of some of our primers for ten years without pay should be commemorated for all time.

If someone else has suggested his name and it was not accepted, I hope it was not because of the colour of his skin. His name was John C. Jones.

Andrew A. Stevens
Beaver Point Road
Fulford Harbour, B.C.
July 4, 1977

NO! NO! NO! NO!
Sir,

I read, with interest, your story in last week's Driftwood about the proceedings of the 'Ganges Planning Committee' and my eyebrows arched over the content. I write to correct matters of fact.

Although the committee is generally known as the Ganges Planning Committee, its members, shortly after its formation, reconsidered its name in view of the direction of its studies and then called itself the committee for Planning the Community of Ganges.

Such an emphasis upon social matters has dominated many of its deliberations. You mention that the committee has worked for 16 months, but, in view of the fact that the committee was struck in October 1975, I think the figure should be in the order of 21 months.

During that time 33 meetings have been held at which minutes were taken and three more were sponsored of an unofficial nature.

The terms of reference under which the committee laboured were recorded on November 2nd, 1976, as:

"An independent committee which is recognized by the Capital Regional District, and acting in an advisory role to our Regional Director."

On March 29, the director was advised by means of two documents, one, prepared under the auspice of the Planning Department of the CRD and the other, a minority report prepared by two committee members. It was not... as you suggested...the intention of the committee to "amalgamate" the two reports; this difficult task was, in fact, left to the Director.

A final report...as a Community Secondary Plan...was produced, and the committee gave its blessing. However, the authors of the minority report were of the opinion that their suggestions had been ignored. In consequence, the minority report will be presented to the public for consideration and judgement.

It is not unusual for diversity of opinion on matters of planning which enter into future projections, some of which are speculative.

However, when a committee has been subject to 'very hard work' over a long period of time,

differences of opinion should be of considerable interest to the public.

In the end it is a public matter to determine the future of the Ganges area and set a pattern which might apply to the whole island.

Henry Elder
Chairman, (of the now disbanded) committee for Planning the Community of Ganges
RR 2, Ganges
July 10, 1977

Arneil favours any method of combatting accidents

Regional Health Officer A.S. Arneil has expressed strong support for vehicle safety legislation.

In the Capital Regional District area he commented, last week, only 1.5% of all deaths result from motor vehicle accidents. Many of the dead are young.

For deaths from all causes, the average age of death is 75. For motor vehicle accidents, it is 35.

For deaths from all causes the commonest age to die is 88, for motor vehicle accidents it is 19.

Lost work years are the number of work years lost by someone dying before they reach 65. Motor vehicle accidents resulted in 1,203 lost work years (about 14% of all lost work years from all causes).

About 2½ times as many men as women die in motor vehicle accidents.

Five times as many drivers as passengers die in motor vehicle accidents.

Deaths occur every month of the year.

INJURIES NOT LISTED

These are only the deaths, said Dr. Arneil, not the far greater number of injuries.

"As the Regional Medical

Health Officer, I strongly support any and all steps being taken to try to cut down on the number of accidents, and the injuries therefrom, be it by legislation such as seat belts, by enforcement, by land or by air, by defensive driving courses, or by education.

"Philosophic theories have a hollow ring in the post mortem room!"

Sheep are under fire from dogs

Island sheep have been taking a beating again from dogs.

RCMP report a number of complaints from Pender Island.

Gwen Ruckle reported finding a dog among her sheep last week. She caught the animal.

Visitors and tourists must be aware, suggested the Ganges Detachment this week, that dogs must be under control at all times.

Church Services

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1977

| Church | Location | Service | Time |
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| ANGLICAN | | | |
| St. Mark's | Central Ganges | Morning Prayer | 11.15 am |
| St. George's | Ganges | Family Eucharist | 9.30 am |
| St. Mary's | Fulford | Evening Prayer | 7.30 pm |
| Daily: Mon.-Fri. | | | |
| St. George's | Ganges | Morning Prayer | 9.00 am |
| Weekly: Wednesdays | | | |
| St. George's | Ganges | Holy Communion | 9.00 am |
| ROMAN CATHOLIC | | | |
| St. Paul's | Fulford | Holy Mass | 9.00 am |
| Our Lady of Grace | Ganges | Holy Mass | 11.15 am |
| UNITED | | | |

Outdoor Service and Picnic at 11.00 am at Ted Parsons' place on Scott Rd. Bring picnic lunch, hot thermos, cup, cutlery and camp chair. Freshie and ice cream provided.

An Hour of Sharing and Caring. 6.30-7.30 pm

| Church | Location | Service | Time |
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| COMMUNITY GOSPEL | | | |
| Pastor Moe | Ganges Box 61 | Sun. Sch.-all ages | 10.30 am |
| 537-2622(church) | | Evening Service | 7.30 pm |
| 537-5395 | | Thurs. Bible Study | 7.30 pm |

| Church | Location | Service | Time |
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| MAYNE ISLAND | | | |
| St. Mary Magdalene | 629-6655 | Rector J. Daniels | 11.30 am |
| Community Church | 539-5710 | Pastor J. Rodine | 7.00 pm in the school |
| Bible Study | Friday in the homes | | 7.30 pm |

Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Many visiting yachtsmen have been heard to say that they would love to live in the Gulf Islands if there was a way to make a living; a living that would not interfere too much with their pleasure. Here are a few suggestions:

Take out a barber's license, put a barbering chair in the cockpit of their boat and cruise the isolated islands, cutting hair.

Cruise slowly, of course, with the fish line out. Stop at a small settlement, cut hair, sell fish and save the hair, to stuff pillows, etc. and sell those to the tourists.

A semi-retired dentist could install dental equipment in his boat and without half trying make a fortune out of the millions of bad teeth that must lurk in every little cove up and down this cruising area.

A show-repairing boat, stopping in far-away places whenever the owner got tired of fishing or cruising, would be greeted with enthusiasm by poorly shod natives with money in their hands.

A good man with knife and scissor sharpening equipment, a sign painter or even a lawyer could pick up enough work to fill in the idle hours between cruising, clam-digging and fishing.

Final plans to hold the famous Indian War Canoe races on Salt Spring Island on August 11, were made last Sunday when Chief Edwin Underwood and four other members of the tribe visited the site of the races, the lake at Lakeridge Summer Camp (the old Bullock estate).

The day's entertainment, a rare treat for residents and visitors will feature, beside the races, exhibitions and Indian dances,

plus other events to be announced later. The races will be between four of the 11-man, 52 ft. colourful war canoes.

TEN YEARS AGO

Trustees of Gulf Islands School District have expressed concern that popular opinion has criticized Gulf Islands Secondary School as a particularly costly structure.

This week Gil Humphreys told Driftwood that the architects responsible for the project had made a short analysis of costs.

The building cost \$474,000 or approximately \$16 per square foot.

The covered walk raised the figure about \$12,000 over an uncovered area, said Mr. Humphreys.

Part of the cost analysis shows that about \$13,000 was expended above the costs on an ideal site, where neither rock nor unusual foundation work should be encountered.

These additional costs averaged about 50 cents per square foot, Driftwood was told.

Island helicopter pilot settled for a little one, then he built it himself.

Bob Bambrick, of Galiano, flew to Fernwood wharf from Galiano recently aboard his one-man whirlybird.

Another islander, Marvin Hanson, has also built himself a helicopter, but he experienced troubles last week and the machine sank. The pilot brought her down on the water and struck a deadhead. The blow punctured the pontoon and the helicopter slowly descended into the water.

Still a few more things are to be completed at the new Browning Harbour Marina, but it is now open, and has already been visited by many islanders and visitors.

Tennis court is all set for games to come and the dining room is in operation, as are the marina facilities.

FIVE YEARS AGO

A subdivision on Salt Spring Island has been inspected by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Greater Victoria, Dr. J.L.M. Whitbread.

Dr. Whitbread has stated that he will not issue permits for septic tanks in respect of 84 lots in a Walker Hook subdivision set up 81 years ago.

He said there is insufficient space for individual wells and septic tanks and suggested that lots be amalgamated in order for construction to take place.

Watering the garden is cut back sharply in North Salt Spring Waterworks District. Earlier restrictions this summer had called for watering every other day. New restrictions last week call for watering for four hours maximum, every other day.

Garden use is restricted to 7 am to 9 am and 7 pm to 9 pm.

Thieves broke into Ganges Pharmacy again during the night of Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8. Drugs, money and watches were stolen.

Players enjoy grant to assist Salt Spring Summer Theatre

The Salt Spring Players are the recipients of a grant from The Canada Council Explorations pro-

Theatre in the Park in the mainland city for the last two summers. Sue Newman has worked on productions of Salt Spring Madness Inc., devised by her parents, Virginia and Ray Newman.

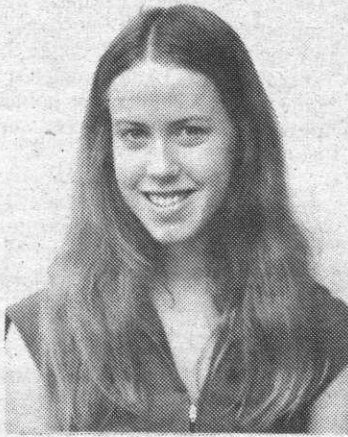
Auditions will begin on Friday, July 22 at 10 am in the School Activity Centre. Mr. Magee has asked that candidates offer two prepared songs, one of character style, such as children's patter songs and another to contrast and show technical ability.

Mr. Mannering will continue auditions on Saturday, July 23.

The performances are scheduled for the end of August.

Any islander who sees himself as a Snoopy, Peppermint Patty, Schroder or Lucy is a sure candidate said a Players spokesman.

Auditions are open to everyone and for further particulars readers may speak to David Fitchew or Dawn Luker, at Etcetera Book and Stationery in Ganges.



SUE NEWMAN

gramme for their project, Salt Spring Island Summer Theatre 77.

This will enable them to present a production of the musical "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," by Charles M. Schulz based on the famous comic strip, Peanuts. Cast will be drawn from the island.

This production will be directed by Peter Mannering, well known Canadian actor, and director Mannering was, for many years, associated with Bastion Theatre in Victoria. He directed the Gilbert and Sullivan productions of the Four Seasons Musical Theatre seen here last summer.

Music Director is Alan Magee, who was also associated with last year's Gilbert and Sullivan performances. Choreographer is Sue Newman of Salt Spring.

Sue has had experience of the Charlie Brown show in an Opportunity for Youth Programme in Vancouver. She was also with

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GOLFING

BY PAT DOHERTY

Fourteen ladies were out to play in the nine-hole division on July 5 in an iron competition, won by Audrey Allan.

The consolation prize was won by Marie Hopkins.

In the 18-hole division, the low net winner was Marg Frattinger, Phyl Henderson and Mildred Gur-

ney tied for runner up. The first part of the Inter Island Cup was won by our team on Tuesday, the return match will be played on July 19 at Galiano.

On Wednesday, July 6, 60 people turned out for the Chili Supper, and 36 stayed on to play in the mixed two-ball.

Proceeds from the supper went towards junior golf.

Prize winners of the junior draw were 1, Mrs. D. Elliott; 2, Len MacDonald; 3, Ada Woodley; 4, Gavin Reynolds; 5, Nancy Reid; 6, Jim Rooke.

Golf winners were: closest to pin number 2; ladies, Kas Black; men, Alex McCauley; closest to pin number 3, second shot, Mary K. Thomas and Jim Jeffrey; low net, Louis Popkin Clurman and Tom Dobson, with 66; low putts, Cathy Cairns and Stan Reid with 14; high putts, Charlotte Cooper and Art Appleby.

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Wingwall at Montague is completed

Work on a 24-foot wingwall at the Montague Harbour Ferry Terminal on Galiano Island has now been completed.

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The project, total cost of which was \$96,000, including materials and engineering supervision, consisted of removal and disposal of a 24-foot timber pile wingwall and its replacement by a new one.

RUN-AWAY WINNER

In the recently played Jensen Cup for senior men golfers, Bumps Irwin was the run-away winner, and we apologize for not mentioning it sooner.

Hot golfer last week was Tony Rayner who shot two eagles (two under par) on two consecutive holes, numbers 7 and 8.

On Sunday, July 10, the senior men played for two new trophies on the golf calendar.

Those were the Buzz Brown Trophy for low gross and the Tom Butt Cup for low net. In addition, in order to sweeten the pot, the two trophy donors put up a bottle of rye apiece for closest to the pin on number 2 and number 11.

A fine turn-out resulted, and after the days play was over, it was Al Whorley, the winner of the Buzz Brown Trophy with a fine low gross of 78.

Fred Gurney won the crock for closest to the pin on number 2.

Tom Butt proved to be something of an Indian giver, as he tied Bob Atkins for the Tom Butt Cup, and then proceeded to win back the crock he had put up for closest to the pin on number 11, by being the most accurate at that hole!
NO PLAYS AS YET

There has been no play that we know of in the mixed two-ball, but there has been considerable activity in the mens number 1 as several teams jostle for position, and try to ascend the ladder to the top spot.

Last week Jim Mayo and Bob Atkins successfully turned back the challenge of Buzz Brown and Tom Butt.

In another match the writer and Malcolm Robertson parried the efforts of Pro Len MacDonald and Larry Davies to move up the ladder of success.

In this match, one member of our team who shall remain anonymous, came in with a net 57.

After the game the pro was heard to say that it was the worst ambush the MacDonalds had been in since the clan was bushwhacked by the Campbells at Glencoe.

To visit the Outer Islands



Virginia Newman, Co-ordinator of Continuing Education for Gulf Islands School District will be visiting the Outer Gulf Islands during the month of August. She will be attempting to ascertain the wants and needs of the residents of Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna.

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Two islanders very glad to be back

Two Salt Spring Island residents are back from an extended eastern trip.

Miss Betty Galt and Miss Jean Robertson both agree that "there is no place like home, British Columbia and Canada."

Miss Galt attended the graduation ceremonies of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, in Maryland. She then came back to Canada to take in the 150th anniversary of the city of Goderich, Ont.

Her great-great-grandfather was one of the founding fathers of the Ontario city.

She visited many other Ontario communities before joining Miss Robertson for the journey home.

Jean Robertson had been to Montreal, New Brunswick and Vermont.

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In Memoriam

Nick Stevens . . . a great fisherman

BY LILLIAN HORSDAL

Another native son of Salt Spring Island died a short time ago.

He was Nicholas Davies Stevens, late brother of Andrew and Peter Stevens and Irene Sileck.

He also leaves a daughter, Dorothy Taylor, and two sons, Homer and George. He had 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, all of Delta.

At the time of his death "Nick", as he was known to his family and friends, had lived in Ladner for many years. Never in his long and fruitful life did he stray far from the sea.

Along with his brothers, Andy and Peter, living here on the island, he was an excellent fisherman. The Stevens are fishermen from way back.

Their grandfather, Nicholas Giannaris, a captain in the Greek Navy, where the family came from originally, owned three ships.

Their father was also a fisherman, here on Salt Spring.

The reason the family name was changed from Giannaris to Stevens, when John Stevens, the father, came to Canada, was because the officials of the fishing canneries were unable to either spell or pronounce the name Giannaris.

The Stevens family have seen their new name honoured and respected throughout the province.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Nick was always interested in social development and its various forms just as he always worked to improve the lot of the fisherman.

The Stevens mother, Emma, was a Salt Spring Island girl and Nicholas was born on the beach of their summer home on Salt Spring on September 3, 1891. He was one of eight children born to this couple.

All the boys followed in their father's and grandfather's footsteps to become outstanding fishermen.

If only the fisheries department had listened to the wisdom of this family of fishermen we would not be almost bereft of salmon as we are today.

At one time schoolchildren were taught to compare the red blood corpuscles to the prolific salmon in the Fraser River. Now? What an anaemic lot we must be!

As a young man, Nick loved the sea as do all his family. He was only 12 when he bought his first boat for \$5. He rigged it for

sailing and won many races with it.

Like the rest of his family, Nick was hard working. He had a well developed sense of humour and loved telling stories of his experiences. In fact he was quite a historian.

His stories frequently appeared on the pages of The Fisherman.

It was through this medium that his tales were handed down from generation to generation. It was not only members of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union who enjoyed and learned from his tales, but many outside the industry looked forward to and treasured his stories.

BITTERNESS
During the early years of Nick's life, he learned about the regiment of militiamen called the "sockeye fusiliers" despatched to Steveston to intimidate the Fraser River fishermen who were striking for a minimum price of 25 cents per sockeye salmon.

In those early days there was much bitterness between the B.C. Fishermen's Union and the government.

In fact Frank Rogers, the union leader, was gunned down during the CPR strike in 1903. No one was ever convicted of that crime.

Because of the exploitation of man by man in the capitalist society Nick became a supporter

of the old Socialist Party of Canada.

This later became the CCF, of which Nick was a prime instigator. For years he was chairman of the CCF Club in Ladner. He always worked hard for the common good of workers because of his sense of fair play and justice.

Nick was a staunch and active member of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union. His son, Homer, nephew of Andy and Peter Stevens, was president of the union for years. He inherited his father's love of justice.

Nick was intensely interested in conservation and stream-care. He never tired of talking about ways of enhancing the salmon runs. He helped to establish the first spawning channels and was a strong advocate of the greater use of new methods and more spawning streams. It is tragic that so many deaf ears were turned to Nick's appeals.

RECOGNITION

In 1970 he was granted an honorary membership in the U.F.A.W.U. In 1967, in recognition of his years of work, the Chamber of Commerce in Ladner made him a life member.

His health eventually forced him to cease all such work but he continued to advise all who turned to him with problems.

Lang Road, Ganges.

The Worthy Matron of Trincomali Chapter, Mrs. James Mayo, extended grateful thanks to Mrs. Smith for opening her home to the guests when rain prevented the planned garden party.

Successful tea held by Eastern Star

Despite showers, a successful tea was held by Trincomali Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of Vesuvius Bay on Saturday, July 2.

Norma Rutherford, Worthy Matron of Unity Chapter, Langford welcomed the visitors and officially opened the tea. Margaret McCallum, Ganges, made and donated the necklace door prizes. These were won by Mrs. Kenneth MacKenzie, Erskine Heights, and Mrs. A. Quinton, Vesuvius Bay.

A large teddy bear made by Mrs. Ted Searles of Fulford Harbour was won by Mrs. Mel Topping, Ganges, and the hamper was won by Mrs. Lewis Summers,

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TED ANDERSON AT MAYNE ISLAND

BY ELSIE BROWN
 Edwin Rudolph (Ted) Anderson of Fernhill Road, Mayne Island passed away at Victoria General Hospital on Sunday, July 3, in his 71st year. He is survived by his wife, Blanche, three sons, Elwyn, Leslie and Garry of Vancouver, two daughters, Mrs. Velda Lefler of Vancouver, Mrs. Beverley Millar of Ladysmith, seven grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Helen Luxton of Vancouver and Mrs. Evelyn Luxton of San Diego.

Mr. Anderson was an active member of the community, holding office in the Silver Maynes as well as the Agricultural Society, and member of the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Association.

It was with a sense of great loss the many friends of Ted Anderson paid their last respects to a valuable member of the community.

A memorial service was held at the family home on Mayne Island at 2 pm, Sunday, July 10.

About 100 family members, friends and neighbours came to express their sympathy to Blanche Anderson and her family.

The service was led by Jean Beaumont and Bill Sawyer. Mr. Anderson's favourite poem, "Crossing the Bar" was sung by Mary-Belle Jarman.

Roy Betts provided fine background recorded music, and the TOPS members, directed by Mabel Johnston and Margaret Bennett, supplied refreshments.

A handy best friend



This visitor to Ganges is about the 160th to inquire for information at the tourist booth. Eeyore is an Old English Sheepdog who has hitchhiked across the continent from Michigan, U.S.A. along with Chris Melcher. They have been on the road for 14 weeks and are now on their way back.

Eeyore, who packs between 15 and 20 pounds, is being shown literature on Salt Spring by Marg. Cuttle of the Information Centre.

GALIANO

Camp Galiano has opened under the supervision of Cathy Pattison. Children aged 6 to 10 are welcome.

For further information, telephone 539-2868. There is a meeting of the Board of School Trustees at Galiano School on July 14. All those wishing to attend should arrive no later than 1 pm.

Ron Page and his brother Ken have been on the island this past week working the family farm. Marjorie Phillips and her son Adrian who have been living on the farm are returning to England some time this month. Also leaving the island this month are Steve and Patty Fletcher who are tripping off to Africa for two years.

Whilst here I sit, worried about ferry fares!

ther," said Mrs. Lee, "when the sun comes out, the phone starts ringing."

FULL HOLIDAY

She said they had to find alternate accommodation for 20 campers over the July 1st week-end because they had no more room.

At Cottage Resort, Mrs. Jean Haarbrucker had a similar report to make. She said they were well booked up for the season and they, too, had been unable to accommodate a number of tourists on the Dominion Day week end.

Fred Gurney, at Green Acres Resort, told Driftwood they were filled up on the long week end, but otherwise business has been no better than last year.

At Mayne Island, business has been really good, according to a report from the Mayne Inn. The situation is the same at Pender Lodge, where business has been "not too bad".

A number of the resort operators on Salt Spring expressed confidence that business would continue to show an improvement as a result of the new tourist information booth at Ganges.

Business generally better report island resorts

Judging from a number of phone calls made by Driftwood last week, the tourist business on the islands has improved over last year.

Most of the eight resorts that were contacted reported that business has been fairly good so far.

Terry Elford at Booth Bay Resort said it was "up for some and not good for others". He said it was slower getting started than last year.

At Cedar Beach Resort, it could be a little better although

it's still better than last year. On the other hand, Mrs. Gunter Burger at Arbutus Court Motel said there was "not very much to talk about" and that out of 12 rooms, 11 were empty. The only difference over 1976, she said, was they saw a few more people over the July 1st week end this year.

Glady Lee at Blue Gables Resort said they were very pleased and that camping has been really good over last year.

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Paint-in at Ganges



Anyone with a brush can take part

The Chamber of Commerce on Salt Spring is planning a paint-in at Ganges on Saturday afternoon.

Former home of Gulf Islands Cleaners is to be spruced up with a coat of paint by anyone who wishes to wield a brush, islanders and tourists alike.

Brian Logan is in charge of the colour scheme, and according to reports, it's anybody's guess what the colour or colours might be.

Dennis O'Hara told Driftwood last week that anybody was welcome to participate in the project and he asked that prospective painters bring brushes and cleaning materials.

The building, which is adjacent to the office of Pemberton, Holmes Ltd., has been unoccupied for the last few years.

The paint-in is part of a move

to clean up Ganges. There is a profusion of flowers blooming in the village now as several merchants have placed hanging flower baskets in front of their premises.

HE LOST HIS HELMET

He didn't say how he lost it, but Jimmy Kilgour, of Fulford, reports that he has lost a motorcycle helmet, almost new, on Lees Hill.

Any reader who finds such a helmet may call Driftwood to contact the owner.

Return to fares in exchange for passes asks meeting

BY BERNARD HUGHES

On Tuesday about 60 islanders including representatives from Galiano, Salt Spring, Mayne and the Penders attended a meeting at the Community Hall.

The meeting was requested by B.C. Ferry officials, who expressed a deep concern about the increase in inter-island ferry traffic (85% if you believe in statistics) The main spokesman for B.C. Ferry Corporation was Gulf Islands Terminal Agent Bob Anderson of Salt Spring.

The essence of the situation is that when B.C. Ferries, under the Socred Government, substantially increased fares between the Islands and Tsawwassen, they, in an effort to appease irate islanders, introduced free inter-island travel. Islanders were not fooled by this.

It was voiced strongly both at the time and Tuesday's meeting that islanders do not want charity at a cost.

Most people at the meeting expressed a desire to return to a fare-paying system between islands, provided fares between the islands and Tsawwassen be reduced for permanent residents by the use of commuter passes.

NOT FINANCIAL

The problem facing the ferry corporation is not financial. It is the threat to efficiency of service. They feel that, with the increase in inter-island traffic, the service between the islands and the mainland is threatened. There are greater delays in loading and unloading cars and the risk of people getting left behind at Long Harbour is, of course, increased.

Many constructive statements were made from the floor, perhaps the best being voiced by Marie Hardy, of Galiano, who suggested a mini-bus service be introduced between Long Harbour

and Ganges as an incentive for travellers to leave their cars at home.

The meeting was a nice political move by the B.C. Ferry Corporation. They create a situation which affects all islanders' lives, especially the merchants of Salt Spring, and in one meeting put the blame on their customers and pave the way to justifiably reintroduce fares within the next few months. MLA Hugh Curtis sent a tape recorder to the meeting.

more about

Grace McCarthy

[From Page One]

tion booth open and cut the ribbon.

Booth is the former Bill's Taxi office which stood near Island Garage for many years. It was acquired by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and refurbished for the new purpose in a large degree by donations of labour and materials.

It is located towards the rear of Centennial Park in Ganges, adjacent to the small boat harbour.

Following the ceremonies on Friday Mrs. McCarthy met various residents of the island and some visitors.

One visiting couple expressed their appreciation of the improvement in the park and wharf area in the past year. They attributed the improvement in no small part to the wharfinger, James Stuart.

Greeting the minister were Chamber President Steve Nelson; vice-president, Gary MacPherson and Tourist Committee chairman, Pat Baines, with Bert Elford and many operators of island businesses and resorts.

If you have something for this column: call Elsie Brown at 539-2480.

MAINLY MAYNE

BY ELSIE BROWN

The island was shocked by the sudden passing of Ted Anderson at Victoria General Hospital. Our sympathy to his wife Blanche and other members of the family. He will be greatly missed by all his friends on Mayne and elsewhere.

Coming events include the following:

Sunday, July 31, Mayne Lions Annual Fish Derby. Fred Hansen is in charge of arrangements.

If the person who bought the Hoover upright vacuum cleaner at the Lions Auction on May 22 will phone 539-2186, she can pick up the proper fittings in return for those sold with it in error.

Saturday, August 20, 1.30 pm. Mayne Island Annual Fall Fair at the Agricultural Hall. Exhibits, entertainment, refreshments, raffles, prizes and fun for all. More info in later issue.

The Miniature Golf Course has been re-activated and players may receive golf clubs at the Museum. There is no charge. Please return golf clubs to the staff at the museum.

Tea and coffee will be served outdoors during the summer at the Museum. A donation of 25c is requested.

NATURAL HISTORY

Thirteen members of the Vancouver Natural History Society toured the island over the Canada Day holiday week end, examining inter-tidal marine life. They were later entertained by Len and Norma Chatwin, Laura Point Road who showed slides of marine life they acquired while trekking in Nepal and New Delhi, India in 1968.

Congratulations to Ann Chatwin who was the recipient of the

Lions Fred Greenslade Memorial Scholarship Award last month.

Charlie Purdon is the new operator of the taxi service on Mayne at Miners Bay.

Visiting Jack and Anna Morbin, Campbell Bay has been Jack's mother Mrs. Esther Morbin of Garson, Ontario. Another visitor has been Jack's brother Dennis of Colorado, USA.

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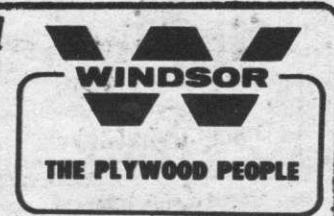
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That was not an easy week as mechanical world collapsed

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Last week nothing came. The last paragraph of the paper the week before had shown some odd looking lines.

It was a bearing in one of the motors, said Know-it-all. It was a circuit, said the service department in Toronto.

Now, there are quite a few circuits. I've counted an even 400, which means there are about 4,000. So Toronto tells you which

one to look at. It's the motor, we repeated.

It's the circuits, said Toronto. Eventually they sent a man to rescue us.

It's the motor, he decided at last, there's a bearing gone.

So we ordered a motor. Last week there were problems. If Aunt's name was spelled the wrong way or Canada suddenly lost 10 years, what of it? So did I!

For the entire long holiday week end I was busy rushing off-island to other shops to do our dirty work for us.

We finally produced a paper.

TAXI EVERYWHERE

On Thursday I caught the morning ferry and taxied to the airport. I taxied back and caught the 11 am sailing to Swartz Bay. We happily watched the Bowen Queen sail out as I commenced the 500-yard sprint to the gates, freedom and asphalt parking.

Arriving home at 4.30, I tore the machine apart and replaced the errant motor. It didn't work.

On Friday morning Cathie Mouat looked at the machine. Of course it wouldn't work, she said, the settings were all wrong. It went.

For the first time in two weeks I could relax and take a breath.

Still breathing on Saturday, I headed into Victoria. Lots of time! The cars started loading and I started starting. But they did and I didn't.

We never left Island soil. It was the injector, I think.

That was one good week!
- F.G.R.

Marks 100th birthday



A birthday party at Park Drive Guest Home last Tuesday marked the celebration of Mrs. Helen Burnett's 100th birthday and Mrs. Priscilla Nicols' 98th.

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Summer program at Community Centre

(CONTRIBUTED)

The first of a series of Wednesday activities at the Community Centre will get under way, July 20.

This session will start at 10 am with the choice of drawing and painting for adults and children or balsa wood glider-making. At 11 am there will be games.

If you are an eager painter you are welcome to continue painting, but then again if art isn't your thing, and you don't want to make a glider, you are welcome to come at 11, and join Jehzrah Hearne in games for adults and children.

Adults who have experienced a session of games with Jehzrah

will appreciate what fun is in store.

The Community Society would appreciate your help in planning other Wednesday sessions.

We have had offers of help from teachers to hold sessions in creative dance, fold dance, batik, working with raw wool, puppet making, script writing and spontaneous drama, story telling, movie making and movie viewing. We are open to more suggestions. Readers may call the Centre from 10 till 12 a.m. on Friday, July 15, or Monday, July 18, to report family preferences, or their ideas.

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NEWS FROM NORTH GALIANO

Library will return to former hours

BY DEVINA BAINES

A very beautiful trophy was won at the Galiano School on the last day in June.

It was the Larry Grills Memorial Trophy, carved out of local wild cherry wood by Bruce Pearson. The money for it was raised by the school children themselves last October, when Larry was still with us and he had the most pledges himself.

It was won by Joey Crocker, 11 year old student from North Galiano.

The trophy remains in the school, but a scroll, beautifully done by Gillian Allen, was sent to the student, along with a book, both of which he can keep.

We hope more children will learn to play fairly, complain less and show a good sense of humour, as this is what young Larry exemplified.

VISITORS

Mrs. George Sleen, Sicamous, B.C., Miss Wilma Appleby, of Chemainus, and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Slee, and three children of Victoria, spent an enjoyable holiday at Montague Park a short time ago while visiting old friends on the island.

We are sorry to report that Stephen Thompson is a patient in Chemainus Hospital. Best wishes Steve!

Nearly all the fishing fleet is away now for the summer, going as far north as Prince Rupert, the Skeena and West Coast.

Miss Sylvia Silvey, Powell River, is spending the summer with her friends, Lois and Connie Crocker.

We are glad to welcome back Ken and Ollie Barnes for the summer at the Porlier Pass Marina.

Mrs. Joy McLeod, Mrs. Thelma Brunsmann, of Ladysmith, and Mrs. Tillie Bamford, of Sidney, spent a day visiting their parents recently.

Brad Thompson has gone north to Rivers Inlet to join his father on the "Fawn Bluff". Lorne Silvey is spending the summer with his parents fishing on the "Air Flow".

Betsy Baines, Kathy and Larry, and Marilyn Crocker and Clayton travelled to Port Alberni this week to see their husbands. Young Larry is now on the West Coast on his dad's seiner "Searcher". Mrs. Baines is holidaying with members of her family in Duncan.

Dr. Verchere of Ladysmith, is spending some holidays at his summer home on Valdez.

We are so happy to have Bill and Muriel Franklin home again

As an experiment for the month of June, the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library extended the Friday hours from 3 pm closing to 6.30 pm, with the idea that it

after Muriel's very bad winter, healthwise. She is looking really well. Keep up the good work.

The Woody Cowards and Norm Russells, are back home from their vacation and feeling much better.

might be helpful to subscribers who were unable to come at the earlier time.

However, due to little interest and practically no business, the library volunteers will return to the original hours of 11 am to 3 pm on weekdays and 11 am to 1 pm on Saturdays.

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If you can't get to a UIC office you can go to a Canada Manpower Centre. Or you can mail your application direct to Ottawa. But you'll have to send original documents or certified copies. And if there are problems with your application or documents it's going to take longer to iron them out than it would face to face in a local office.

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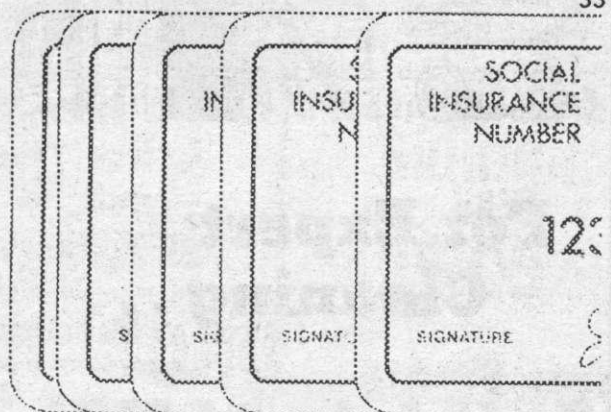
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National unity is paramount

Winnipeg convention draws two island delegates

BY PARTYMAN

Where could one bump into both David Lewis and Ed Schreyer in a single circuit of a dance floor?

Where could one hear 1,000 people voting not to accept donations from corporations?

Where could one talk, in quick succession, to Quebecers about unity, maritimers about unemployment, Prairie farmers about grain shipment rates, and Yukon Indians about pipeline routes?

Why, the NDP Federal Con-

vention at Winnipeg, during the Canada Day long weekend, that's where!

Of eight delegates representing our riding of Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands at the Convention two were Salt Spring Islanders, Irene and Tom Wright.

More than 300 resolutions submitted by riding associations across Canada (including resolutions on Energy and National Unity from this riding) were submitted for discussion and am-

endment in smaller panel sessions before the large-scale plenary sessions brought all delegates together for the two final days.

Sixty-three resolutions made it to the floor in the plenary sessions for final debate, most of these being carried for adoption as party policy.

Topics covered ranged from tax reform, A.I.B., public housing, building codes, energy conservation to pipeline routes, a graduated retirement scheme, portable pensions, international trade, investigations of the RCMP and a Freedom of Information Act.

NATIONAL UNITY

The issue which most caught the imagination of the convention and the eyes of the media was that of National Unity. National NDP leader Ed Broadbent and former leader David Lewis both gave vigorous speeches in favour of the National Unity Resolution.

This resolution stressed the right of Quebecers to decide their own future, but at the same time advocated economic and constitutional changes which would end regional disparities and thereby encourage Quebecers to see the value of staying within Confederation.

Among those present at the Convention were British Columbians Dave Barrett, Tommy Douglas and Rosemary Brown.

British cabinet minister Michael Foot spoke to the plenary session on the British economy and the progress of the Socialist International.

Elected to the council of The Federal NDP were British Columbians Colin Gabelmann, Rosemary Gray, Robin Geary, and Gerry Stoney.

The long sessions of hard work

for the delegates were lightened by colourful displays of ethnic songs and dances by young Manitobans, and a satirical revue which took the mickey out of just about everybody - including some dignitaries who were present (NDP) and some who were absent (those other parties).

Hearings to listen in Islands?

A citizens' environmental group in the Cowichan valley is investigating the possibility of having the West Coast Oil Ports Inquiry hold hearings in Duncan and on the Gulf Islands.

The group, known as Clearwater, has asked the commissioner, Dr. Andrew Thompson, to hold hearings in this area. The inquiry was known formerly as the Kitimat Oil Port Inquiry.

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Nelson lists all who helped set up tourist booth here

It was not a one-man job, reports Steve Nelson, president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. He was speaking of the new tourist information booth in Ganges.

There were lots of helpers, both individuals and local firms, says Nelson.

Here is his list:

Halvor Eide, Kent Villadsen, Aage Villadsen, The Speed Brothers, Don Hickman, Hank Schubart, Jim McClean, Art Hazenboom, Terry Elford, Bert Elford, Jim Mollison, Lyle Brown, Pat Baines, Barney Baines and Tom Brown.

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The Chamber president also expressed the special gratitude of his directors to Mrs. Grace McCarthy and John Plul for coming to the island for the opening and for the money grant from the department.



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Merchants rated in Chamber questionnaires

Cleanliness, staff knowledge and pricing criticized by shoppers

BY GARY MACPHERSON

The Chamber of Commerce has received a substantial number of completed questionnaires rating island merchants. Committee chairmen Brian Logan and Keith Veltman were pleased with the number of questionnaires received and the detailed response they showed.

The committee will be tabulating the results of the questionnaires and the results will be forwarded to each merchant involved. Spokesman for the committee, Keith Veltman, stated that "it would be the responsibility of each individual business owner to place his or her own significance on the results."

"The questionnaires certainly served their purpose, as definite patterns emerged throughout for each business rated, and although we did not receive replies from 100% of island residents, the replies we did receive could be construed as indicative of the feelings of island residents."

"We would hope that as each business owner receives their individual report, that they view the results in a positive manner, being aware that our customers see faults and weaknesses of which we are sometimes unaware," said Veltman.

HANGING BASKETS

It was reported by the committee that a number of questionnaires reported inadequacies in terms of cleanliness, staff knowledge, etc. Veltman reports that the chamber will be doing its utmost in helping businesses to improve in these areas. A recent program encouraging businessmen to place hanging baskets outside their premises has proven most successful.

A number of questionnaires were also found to be critical of prices in many island shops.

"Pricing is one of the most difficult areas to assess", reported Veltman. "All island business

people are keenly aware of price competition in the major market areas. It is the belief of the committee that there exists a definite effort on the part of island merchants to keep their prices competitive and in general, island prices would seem to compare favourably with similar size shops in the Victoria and Duncan area."

The committee noted that price comparisons by consumers must be made with off island merchants of the same general size, and realize that those same off-island businesses have difficulties in competing with the large chain-type stores and discount merchandisers.

It was reported by the committee that with a recent drop in gasoline prices at one local service station, there was only a three cent differential in gas prices between Salt Spring and Victoria. This would equal only a thirty cent difference in 10 gallons, a very small difference indeed.

SOME PRICES LOWER

Grocery prices generally compare favourably on the basic items such as bread, milk, butter, eggs and produce. In some cases, the committees noted, there were items found in Salt Spring stores priced lower than some well-known chain operators in Victoria.

It is certainly to the benefit of the individual consumer on Salt

Spring to constantly compare prices of goods and services, and if the price of an article seems extraordinarily high, to question the merchant involved. This action, if done in a positive manner, will help the merchant to remain aware of price competition.

We must all act responsibly in this area, stated the committee, and be sure of our facts and remember that while Salt Spring merchants are anxious to supply their goods and services at the most competitive prices they are also entitled to a fair and equitable profit margin to justify not only their time and effort but also their capital investment, for which they alone are responsible.

After the results of the questionnaires are fully tabulated and the results sent to the merchants, a meeting of all Salt Spring merchants will be held. The merchandising committee will at that time be unveiling their plan for an island-wide promotion based on the "Shop at Home" theme.

"We have taken this positive action on behalf of the Salt Spring merchant, and now we are counting on their return support of this program", said Veltman.

"If we are to accomplish the goals we have set, we must have the co-operation of all concerned," he added.

Reunion of class of '67 draws 18 former islands students

Gulf Islands Secondary School graduating class of '67 held a very successful reunion under bright sunny skies at the Horel farm on Cusheon Lake Road on June 25.

The party was well attended by over half the graduating class and six of their high school teachers. It was a barbecue buffet and beer party under the cherry trees overlooking Cusheon Lake.

Pat Earl Mitchell, who was unable to attend, called from Great Falls, Montana, with best wishes for a successful reunion.

The group managed to get in a rousing game of volleyball. Towards evening it looked like

it might rain, so they hauled the hay into the barn, and ended the party by a visit to the local licensed premises to cure the hayfever. Darlene Horrocks and Cherri Jurica were responsible for getting everyone together again after ten long years.

Those grads attending were: Linda (Archer) Simpson, Marilyn Bridgen Cunningham, Betty Fennell, Daphne Mouat, Cherri (Horel) Jurica, Betty (Riddell) McColm, Winona Quinney, Jean (Bennett) Jackson, Darlene (Marcotte) Horrocks, Alan Holmberg, Bob Motion, John Roland, Brian Wolfe-Milner, Eric Gladman, Jim Morris, Bob Noren, Debbie (Wein) Dahl, and Earl Rogers.

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New marine railway opens at Ganges



New marine railway at Harbour's End Marina hauled Laurie Mouat's 24 foot boat out of the water on Friday to undertake its first test.

The equipment came out with flying colours.

One set of wheels and the rails are the only parts which have not been replaced. The main frame is of steel girders and the side members are solid and adjustable.

Hauling the rig up the beach is a gas-powered winch.

Author of the ways is John Page, who devotes his working days to the marina and his leisure time to motorcycles.

The system was locally designed and manufactured, like everything built at the marina.

THEY BOTH LIKE IT
While Adam Morrison crawled around the propellor to scrape off barnacles and other sea life, Chuck Hankins took a close look at the new equipment and he liked what he saw.

Laurie Mouat was reminiscing about the days when Mouat's had a marine ways outside the store.

He recalled his youth when he would take many a fair-sized craft around the island to collect and deliver produce and other goods.

He also took a close look at the present time. There are more barnacles this year than he has seen for a long time, he commented.

And he's been seeing barnacles for a few years.

Hospital Auxiliary makes presentations to students

BY ELSIE MACDONALD
Hospital Auxiliary bursaries awarded in 1977 to students planning to enter the field of medical science, were presented to Ann Wilson and Kathy Taylor.

The girls are embarking on careers in medicine and nursing respectively. The awards were presented by Auxiliary president Mrs. V. Petapiece at the recent school graduation ceremonies.

At the last meeting of the Auxiliary before summer recess, Mrs. Petapiece also reported presentation of badges to hospital youth volunteers, five girls and two boys, for accumulated hours of voluntary non-nursing service to patients.

New smocks for the girls and shirts for the boys have been ordered for them to wear at their work. Copies of a hospital manual offering direction and advice to student volunteers, have also been obtained for use by the young people.

Mrs. Nora Chester reported steady sales of a variety of handicrafts made by Extended Care residents, all of whom work under severe handicap.

New cupboards have been installed for storage of craft materials between work sessions. This will be a boon to volunteers who have found it difficult to store bulky materials and unfinished articles without clutter.

ORDER MAGAZINE
Mrs. Pamela Wilson reported the large print magazine, so much appreciated by many patients, has been re-ordered for the hospital library.

The Auxiliary has presented a gift to hospital worker, Miss Lassie Dodds on her retirement after 34 years of faithful service to Lady Minto Hospital. Lassie's cheerful presence and helpful manner will be missed by hospital volunteers. Her readiness to go "the second mile" will be long remembered.

We wish her many happy years in her new and more relaxed life!

September 26 meeting, to be held in Legion Hall, will be preceded by a get-together luncheon for all the members. Notice in detail will be mailed prior to the event.

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