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Top provincial sailors heading east



BRUCE COBANLI

Two Salt Spring Island boys and Under Youth Championships sailing race at Vancouver.



ROBBIE CANNON

Two Salt Spring Island boys and Under Youth Championships sailing race at Vancouver.

Bruce Cobanli and Robbie Cannon won the trophy in a four-metre Flying Junior.

Seven races were held to determine the champions and 12 boats took part. Bruce Cobanli said on Monday that they were all very close races. Winds were fairly strong and it rained both days.

They hope to enter the Western Canada Finals next. These are to be held in August at Regina, Saskatchewan.

Trophy for Menzies

Two islanders place in Bathtub Race results

Salt Spring Island gained some prominence at the Nanaimo to Vancouver Bathtub Races last Sunday.

Bathtub sponsored by islander Lloyd Lacey placed sixth while Nelson Marine's tub came in 38th. There were 155 tubs in the race.

Pilot of Nelson Marine's bathtub was Mike Menzies, of Salt Spring, who won the Carling O'Keefe trophy for the Most Sportsmanlike Bathtubber. This is the first year the trophy has been awarded.

Steve Nelson said on Monday that all went well for the first ten minutes until their tub flipped over. They lost 20 minutes in righting it and getting the motor going again. They lost a few more minutes when they ran out of gas at Sand Heads. Menzies' time was two hours, 40 minutes and 50 seconds.

WORKING TILL SUNDAY

Nelson said they didn't finish work on their tub until 4.30 Sunday morning.

"We didn't even get a chance to sand the fibreglass," he said.

It was a good race, according to Nelson, although the water was rougher than last year.

"If we hadn't flipped over, we

would have placed somewhere around twentieth," he said.

Pilot of Lloyd Lacey's bathtub was his cousin, Bob White of Gibson's. It was Lacey's first race and White's fifth.

Sponsor of the tub was Rounder of Canada. Mr. Lacey is the Canadian distributor for the Rounder Hydrostatic Loader.

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Pender Red Cross goes over \$1,000

The annual Canadian Red Cross campaign on North and South Pender Islands raised \$1,030, a figure well over the quota according to co-ordinator, Jean Hinton.

Mrs. Hinton expressed thanks to the residents of the islands and also to the following volunteers: Maude Baird, Diane Beegan, Ellen Corbett, Nancy Forbes, Lettie Hamilton, Molly Hall, Hope Jennens, Addie Logan, Mary Roddick and Nellie Williams.

Plans are laid to go ahead with Portlock Park facilities

Portlock Park committee met on Wednesday evening in the Court House at Ganges to make plans for completion of the playing fields at Central.

Regional Director George Heinekey, from the chair, reported that better than half the revenue from the 2½ mill levy on Salt Spring Islanders had been used up.

At April 30 the total payments made by the Capital Regional Board in respect of the park property stood at \$34,180. By the present time an unaudited estimate showed a total expenditure of \$35,584, he added.

Total revenue amounted to \$62,850.

Water is now connected at the park and the committee is taking steps to put up the inside fence at the running track and to clean the ground to be seeded to a softball diamond.

The inside track will delineate the soccer field and permit levelling of the track, the committee agreed.

It will also discourage use of the field by cars.

Neither Colin Mouat nor Aage Villadsen was on the island on Wednesday evening and the plans of the Lions Club for constructing the rest rooms were not clear. The service club has allocated \$5,000 towards this project.

SOCCER SEEDED

Soccer field has been seeded and committee members expressed some interest in the brown growth which has developed there.

Further meeting of the committee will be held in the next two weeks to establish a schedule of projects.

Portlock Park was launched by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club and the original plans called for the construction of a swimming pool and skating rink.

Costs proved beyond the community's range and the Capital Regional District staged a referendum when islanders were invited to vote 2½ mills to complete the sports and recreation facilities and abandon the structures.

It was named after Tom Portlock, active Salt Spring Island Lion who worked especially hard for the park and its success.

Galiano parents protest board requirement

Is Outer Islands Education second-grade? A special school board meeting is planned to resolve the question.

Trustees of Gulf Islands School District have been asked, a second time, to permit students at Galiano to attend Gulf Islands Secondary School. Galiano parents have been asked, a second time, to give it another chance.

On Thursday afternoon last week a small group of parents attended the school board meeting in Galiano School and protested the board's ruling that Galiano students must attend Mayne Island school.

Harold Grills explained that Galiano parents had called for the allocation of boarding allowances for daily transportation.

"Why do we have to accept second-grade education?" asked Grills. "Many items listed as unavailable to the Outer Islands were promised last January."

Larry Holbrook asserted that the standard is closely parallel with

Salt Spring Island. The industrial arts and home economics rooms are less ambitious than at Gulf

Call for Salt Spring instead of new Mayne middle school

Islands Secondary School, he admitted.

Mr. Grills quoted from the letter he had received from the superintendent of education Bob Huestis, currently on holiday.

He quoted the reference to "well-qualified, enthusiastic staff members....."

"You are saying that, with proper teachers, certain things should happen," pursued Grills. "They haven't happened."

The Galiano parent stayed with it.

CONTRADICTION

The superintendent had written that with well-qualified, enthusiastic teachers limited facilities could be surmounted. Then the letter explains that the problems facing the teaching of social studies are attributable to too much teacher preparation: "The statements contradict each other," he charged.

The reference in the school board letter to teacher problems was incomprehensible to Harold Grills.

A poor attitude on the part of students is not a teacher problem, he asserted, it is a parent problem.

In the smaller schools there is a wider range of ability, had suggested the board. Must they all be "A" students, asked Grills.

On the outer Islands all students are in one class. On Salt Spring Island there are various

classes in one grade, countered Holbrook.

Every time the school board

says "this should be...or" we hope to be able... it costs the student a

year in education, persisted the critic.

French was offered one day a week and was unsuccessful last year, he went on.

"How can a student be failed?" he asked

Yet all students who attended the unsuccessful classes were given a fail mark in their report cards, he protested.

Gerry Coers paints 500 numbers



Rotarian Gerry Coers was presented with an award on Tuesday evening last week in token of the time he devoted to a Rotary project. His project was the Grey Cup board for the annual service club breakfast. Gerry has painted 500 numbers on the board. It was a pleasure, he assured his fellow Rotarians. Presentation was made by President Bert Timbers.

New ferry booth at Sturdies Bay

Tenders have been called for the construction of a new toll booth and a new addition to the waiting shelter at the Sturdies Bay ferry terminal on Galiano Island.

Both facilities are to be constructed complete with electrical installations.

Tenders close on August 5.

Mr. and Mrs Ray Kinnear are married in Ganges United Church

On June 25 an afternoon ceremony was held in Ganges United Church when the Rev. Vern McEachern united in marriage, Barbara Lynn Underwood, young-

est daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Underwood, of Surrey, B.C. and Ray Kinnear son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kinnear, of Ganges.

The groom was supported by his brother Errol and the ushers were his brother John, and a friend, Steve Dumas.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

She chose for her wedding gown a floor-length model of white nylon over net and lace medallions and pink rosettes. She carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Bridal attendants were her two sisters, Donna and Brenda Akerman. Their bouquets were white daisies, lilies and baby breath.

Relatives and friends attended a reception at the Salt Spring Island Golf Club.

The bride's table was covered with a lace-crochet table cloth and centred with pink roses and tapered crystal candle holders.

BRIDAL CAKE
The bride's five-tiered cake was made by the bride's parents and decorated by her father. It stood on a lace-crochet table cloth. Both cloths were made by the bride's grandmother, Mrs. H. Adshead of Fulford.

Kenneth Adshead, uncle of the bride, was master of ceremonies.

Raymond Tenisci said grace.

Dale Underwood proposed the toast to the bride. Steve Dumas proposed the toast to the ma'rions of honor.

Miss Heather Adshead was in charge of the guest book.

After the reception, dancing was enjoyed music was supplied by Udo Burger.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. F. Underwood, Clark and Wendy Forrester, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Underwood, all of Langley, B.C. Steve Dumas, Errol Kinnear, of Regina, Sask., and Miss Rafenia Kinnear, of Ontario.



Barbara and Ray Kinnear after their wedding last month.

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Ganges fisherman coming into Panama Canal on long voyage

The Anna V. Fagan is more than half way to her destination, Salt Spring Island.

The 62' schooner, owned by Ganges fisherman Bruce Hildred, left Newfoundland recently and is reported to have left Puerto Rico for the Panama Canal more than a week ago.

Bruce reports in a letter that they saw some pretty rough weather between Newfoundland and Bermuda, and experienced a nine-day storm on that stretch of the voyage.

He reported some minor trouble with the engines, and that he now has all the sails he can find room for. However, the masts are somewhat short, so she cannot

carry as much sail as she should, and is therefore a little slow, he noted.

Arrival of the schooner at Ganges is anticipated for some time in late August or September.

Camera taken from car

California visitor has reported the theft of a camera from his car at Ruckle Park. Wayne MacGregor was parked at the Beaver Point Park and a Canon, valued at \$130 was removed from the car. Back of

the camera is marked, "Calla High School".

Theft occurred on July 14. RCMP at Ganges is investigating.

Sorry Folks!

Due to our involvement with the Pender Island School, we simply can't take on any more work until September.

Harland Electrical Services

Box 1203, Ganges, B.C. Phone 537-2602 29-1

Advisor to visit Salt Spring

Information and advice will be available to islanders wishing to apply for a Canada Works Grant when a representative from Canada Manpower comes to Salt Spring August 4.

Sue Lyons, of Victoria, will be at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill at 10.15 am to hold a workshop for those interested in applying for a grant.

The new job creation program replaces the Local Initiatives Program.

Application forms will be available at the centre. Deadline is August 26.

Bath tubs

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SIXTH OUT AND IN

Mr. Lacey said their tub was sixth out of Nanaimo Harbour and sixth into the finish line at Kitilano.

A large number of Australians took part in the race and they placed first, second and third. Lacey told Driftwood they were using special fuel mix and some modifications had been made to their motors.

"We used standard fuel and a standard motor on our own tub," he said.

White's time was two hours and 14 seconds.

Lacey is planning to get a team of three tubs together to represent Canada at a bathtub race in Australia next year. He and his cousin will also be entering the Kelowna to Penticton race at the end of July.

Lacey said they were presented with a trophy for making sixth place. The first ten bathtubs all receive trophies and all the tubs that finish receive smaller trophies.

GULF ISLANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARDING HOMES
On **Salt Spring Island**
Boarding homes will be required by September for Outer Island pupils who will be attending Senior Secondary School at Ganges.
Pupils are boarded from Mondays after school until Friday mornings. They return to their homes for week ends and school holidays. The School District pays a standard rate of \$125 per pupil per month directly to the Boarding Homes.
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TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

They were talking about the Round-Pender Race. They were members of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. It's a club of single-minded sailing. With the exception of Doug Foerster, who went the other way. Everyone was becalmed, so Doug cleared off to starboard while the others stayed with port. Then he too, ran into a windless situation. But he was out of sight of the other contestants and gone for so long that when the leaders straggled into harbour and saw no sign of Doug Foerster, they were prepared to grant him victory and leave it at that. That's when he sailed in at the end of the line. If he'd only kept out of the way another few hours, he could have fooled them all.

These politicians are nuts! I wouldn't have my son-in-law as an executive assistant. I wouldn't even want him as assistant executive!

Nothing if not a motorcyclist, Steve Nelson reports covering 1,900 miles in four days when he made a quick trip to Reno, Nevada. He was riding his refurbished four-cylinder machine. He rode south with salmon and came back with the tale of trouble when a car struck his motorcycle and smashed a crash helmet. He won.

I shall be going on the early ferry, I said. Don't forget it leaves at 7:15, now, cautioned Doug Thomas. He reports that many Salt Spring Island passengers still get up a half-hour earlier than they need, when they are heading to Vancouver these days.

I was on Galiano on Thursday to listen to the words of wisdom which characterize the meetings of the Gulf Islands School Board. Last time I attended a school meeting on Galiano there was a Daimler 2½ litre in the school yard. It had gone

Report of assault checked

Report of a group of senior high school youngsters that they were beaten up in Montague Park is being investigated by the RCMP Detachment from Ganges. Alleged assault took place recently, but the boys failed to report it until they reached home on the mainland.

Only articles reported stolen in the incident are a radio and sunglasses. Alleged assault occurred in the middle of the night.

by last week. *** Funny thing: the national government has printed a ream of stuff on metric measurements, but they have yet to tell me, I think, how to translate picas, ems, ens, agate lines and points into decimetres, centimeters and metres. In printing there are 72 points to an inch. That makes 28.368 points per centimetre. An agate line is one-fourteenth of an inch. That makes it 0.0714285 inches, or 0.0281428 cm. We charge by the agate line. In the past we have announced that our rate was 17 cents a line. Now we have to figure that it is 17 cents per 0.0281428 cm. I guess it must be clearer that way. A column has always been 10.5 picas wide. It is now 4.137 cm. wide. And Grace McCarthy says "Smile!"

Where have the Arcraft banners gone?

Where have the Arcraft banners gone? They have disappeared and have left Mahon Hall looking naked.

Next Wednesday, July 27, anyone interested is invited to join in the making of new banners. This will take place at 10 am at the Community Centre, on Ganges Hill.

Also at the Centre at the same hour there will be a story and puppet activity time. All ages are welcome to take part in either event.

Comes from Vienna to fish here

Austrian visitors staying on Salt Spring Island need no lessons in fishing.

Oscar Stromberger went out on his birthday and caught two Beautiful BC salmon, "just off Ganges"

Mr. and Mrs. Stromberger, with their daughter, Erica and Mr. and Mrs. John Dinohobel with their three children, Johnny, Betty and Karl, are all from Vienna. They are the guests of Mrs. and Mrs. D. Lea and family, of Ganges.

On vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Art Buckley and family from Good Hope Lake are on Salt Spring for a short vacation, visiting family and friends.

What's new about diesel cars?

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Diesel came up with that motor in 1892 !

There's always something new. Like the Volkswagen Rabbit with a diesel engine. Cheap to run because it does a good mileage on fuel and fuel is cheaper than gas. It is also less offensive in some respects.

To the United States motorist, the big diesel engine will provide him with a big car and a high fuel mileage to keep the United States government happy.

The government wants less fuel consumption with a minimum of personal inconvenience.

Diesel is different. It emits less carbon monoxide and less hydrocarbons than gasoline when it goes through the motor. It gives out more nitrogen and more ash. Mostly, it brings pollution figures down.

In Germany, the Rabbit represents the logical diesel step at about 50-60 miles to the gallon. In the United States the next entry into the catalogues will be General Motors with the V-8 diesel for the Oldsmobile and better than 25 miles to the gallon.

But what's new? Rudolf Diesel invented his engine in 1892. For three-quarters of a century the diesel has been used in every area of mechanical endeavour. It drives trains, ships, trucks, generators. There are few areas where the diesel engine has not been seen.

DIESEL BUS
I went to school once. That was a long time ago. In the morning I boarded a double-decker bus and in the evening I came home the same way. In the 1930's the bus was powered by a diesel motor. It also drove through a torque converter and the driver didn't shift gears, it had an automatic transmission. In 1934 I drove a gasoline powered car with automatic transmission.

During the Second World War a substantial part of European transport was powered by diesel. Since that war most London taxis have been diesel-powered.

The diesel is less peppy than the equivalent gas driven unit. The motor is noisier and needs more attention to detail. But who has driven a Mercedes five-cylinder diesel without being impressed?

In British Columbia the small

Stolen at wharf

Two sleeping bags were stolen from the Tahsis I, when it was at the Centennial Wharf in Ganges, on July 16.

RCMP at Ganges are investigating.

car has already taken a prominent position in the automobile industry. It is likely that the small diesel car has a better future in this province than the larger diesel, with its poorer economy and heavy cost of tires and other materials.

But don't let's figure there's anything new in this diesel busi-

ness! It's as old as the hills! -F.G.R.

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A pitiful story

Most people, upon having made an error, will seek to correct it. And when it could have an influence on someone's livelihood, that error becomes even more serious in nature.

The Capital Regional Board has admitted it made an error, and yet they have made it clear that the error will remain uncorrected.

The local planning and zoning committee of the Regional Board decided last Wednesday to ignore a 188-name petition. The long list of islanders was pressing the board to rezone land belonging to Bill Windsor for industrial use.

Chairman Jim Campbell said he didn't understand why Windsor did not receive industrial zoning at the time By-law 66 became law. When the by-law was brought in, island properties were to be zoned according to current use. In Bill Windsor's case, this did not happen.

Bill Windsor says he has been operating a garage on Lakeview Crescent for the past eight years. He has not been allowed to rezone because his garage is located in a residential area. He originally applied for rezoning when the Community Plan was being drawn up, but that application disappeared in the bureaucratic confusion and the regional district has been unable to find it.

He applied again earlier this year, but was turned down after the planning department, the advisory planning commission, the technical planning committee and the local planning and zoning committee all recommended that the application be rejected.

When By-law 66 was introduced, property owners on Salt Spring Island were assured by the regional director that zoning patterns would follow existing land use. However, board members who were sitting at that time are no longer on the board, and the present board has ruled that earlier commitments are no longer binding.

The Capital Regional District may be commended for admitting its mistake. But refusing to rectify the situation is certainly not commendable.

How many other mistakes have been made by the regional district in the past and how many more will they make in the future? And how many of them will be corrected?

The petition for a sewer system for Ganges, that is presently being circulated, is not without its errors, and some of them are very major ones. Do we have any guarantee that they will be amended?

Perhaps Bill Windsor's only hope lies with the Islands Trust. If Bill 25, giving the Trust responsibility for planning and zoning matters in the islands, is made law, then maybe we shall see the Regional District's mistake corrected.

If the Trust is powerless in this matter, Bill Windsor is in a perilous position if his garage is destroyed by fire. Operating as he is, with a home industry, he is neither allowed to rebuild after a fire, nor is he allowed to expand his present business.

The Capital Regional Board must be a continuous administration. When a director on the board speaks as an elected representative, he is speaking for the board and not simply for himself.

No director should make any decision or announcement that will not obtain after his term in office is over.

The decision made by the board last week means that the commitments of the individual director die with him when he is defeated at the polls, dies or withdraws from public office.

Does this mean the breakdown of orderly government as we know it?

The whole story is pitiful.

The region made a mistake. Rather than admit the error, the board is prepared to disown all statements and commitments made by former directors in order to avoid the embarrassment of apologizing.

Surely the ministry of municipal affairs cannot countenance this pattern of administration.

Letters to the Editor

DISMAL PICTURE

Sir:
Mr. Gordon Wright's letter in your last issue paints a dismal picture of our bucolic island but no doubt an accurate one.

In the three years since I visited our island no improvements in the ambience of Salt Spring apparently have occurred.

The village of Ganges still occasionally exudes an unpleasant odor; traffic is helter skelter;

vandalism and robberies, unknown when I first came to the island 18 years ago, are on the increase. Government is chaotic. And developers, the bane of modern civilization, are apparently on the increase.

In short, Salt Spring Island is suffering from a lack of direction by responsible authorities and the developers are waiting at the gates to get in and make a killing. This is the sad story of all



"Walk from a ferry slip onto a B.C. ship".....AM Spencer

American towns and cities I know of, and many Canadian ones too.

The killing of the plans for multiunit development of the Heinekey property is good news, but no sooner is one project, which would destroy some of the amenities, shot down but another crops up. I once thought that in Canada such things couldn't happen, but they do.

I hope the application for a land-use contract by the Scotton company is shoved into the waste basket as the Heinekey one was. It would open the island to the fate of some of the San Juan islands: population growing by leaps and bounds, automobile traffic increases, shopping centres, crime increases, and eventually the end of the somonolent way of life we used to enjoy here.

It is up to the citizens of the island to make their political clout count, for they alone, as we in the U.S. have learned, can stop such disasters.

Anthony Netboy,
Post Office Box 420,
Jacksonville, Oregon 97530,
U.S.A.
July 5, 1977

TRIBUTE TO THE DEDICATED DRINKERS

Sir:
We re-cyclers would like to pay tribute to the dedicated drinkers of Salt Spring Island. Anyone who has worked at the re-cycling shed cannot fail to be impressed by the sheer volume of liquor bottles returned to the depot for sorting and smashing.

We just have a couple of requests: please don't be so bashful, some of you. There is no need to conceal each bottle in its own paper bag. Please don't be so hasty, some of you. We are quite willing to wait until the bottles are rinsed. In fact, we prefer it. The smell gets a trifle overpowering after a couple of hours! Please remove all corks and caps, including the little metal ring around the neck of some bottles. The sole exceptions are gallon jugs which may have the caps left on.

Actually, glass is the heaviest, most time-consuming and least remunerative of all the re-cycling materials, so every extra minute spent on it is grudging. We cannot take old lamp bulbs, camera fittings or dirty medicine bottles, and all glass has to be sorted according to colour.

Certain high-grade papers are producing the most returns these days, so, office managers, please re-cycle your old filing cards and papers of all kinds. Just bring them in a box or parcel and we'll welcome them. By now everyone knows that newsprint should be packaged and securely tied, not bundled, and we still cannot process magazines. Check with the Thrift Shop—they can re-sell some periodicals.

Cans still cause much unnecessary work. Both ends must be removed and the can washed before being flattened. Sardine, oyster and luncheon meat cans are not suitable. Nor are pop or beer bottle caps, unless the bottle is attached, in which case we are glad to re-sell them and accept the money as a donation towards expenses.

Pieces of wire, parts of automobiles and electrical hardware all find their way to the re-cycling depot and have to be thrown into our garbage bags. Some cans (Pamper Cat Food, for example) have rounded bottoms which do not fit into can openers, so if you're ecology-minded, make sure the cans you buy are "lip-pped" top and bottom.

Clothing, toys and household cast-offs should be taken to the Thrift Shop, or to the Free Store in the Community Centre.

We always need volunteers to work from 10 am - 1 pm on Saturdays, and we are really short of able-bodied men who would be available during the day when the truck comes from Victoria. It's really hard work to empty the shed, but takes less than an hour when there are enough people on hand.

We all owe a great debt of gratitude to all our willing workers and certainly not least to you, Mr. Editor, for your generosity in donating space in the classified section to our weekly notices.

Thank you all, and keep the re-cycling materials rolling in. We hear that we've fallen behind Oak Bay in the quantity of liquor bottles, but we're way ahead in the quality of our sorting and general organization. Congratulations on both counts!

Sanchia Seward,
Mary C. Williamson,
Ganges, B.C.
July 12, 1977

WE CANNOT SIGN!

Sir,
I wonder how many citizens on the Island are aware of the 59% increase of Capital Regional District cost on their tax assessment this year?

For what?
I contend that it is for more bureaucratic bungling, as usual!

Highly paid professional sewer engineers and associates recently did an assessment for costs to each property owner in Ganges on their portion of costs for the sewer.

They presented us with this presentation, totally biased, and definitely showing favouritism in one area.

Example:
Valcourt Business Centre, 13 units assessed, \$2,340;
Lancer Building, \$1,800;
Mouat's Trading Store, Mall, Salty Shop, Post Office, 9 units \$216;

Duplex, corner Rainbow Road and Lower Ganges, nothing;
K & R Grocery Store, nothing;
Ganges Pharmacy, \$216;
Ship's Anchor Inn and Restaurant, \$270;

Parcel #168, Ganges Crest, living quarters, (1 unit omitted) Miller and Toynbee Real Estate \$576.

These are some of the discrepancies we have been able to find; there are more of them.

We, as taxpayers, are being asked to co-sign a mortgage for \$2.2 million, without knowing the actual amount of repayment for each individual concern.

We have been told that after this petition is signed, we will be reassessed. So, in fact, we are asked to sign a blank contract, without knowing what our real commitments will be.

We are prepared to pay our fair share of the cost. However, we cannot put our name to such a contract!

Mrs. M. Nehl Spriggs was repeatedly told that they could not include her property into the sewer area, although they have gone right around her, because they at this time could not change the boundaries. However, they already have changed the boundaries for someone else.

Why was this petition allowed to go to the public with so many discrepancies?

Who in our local area was responsible for this?

Phil & Yvette Valcourt
Ganges
July 15, 1977

Northerners

Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Richards spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richards, Madrona Drive. They were accompanied by three of their children, Janet, Jennifer and Andrew.

Lawrence Richards is a teacher in the Peace River Country and comes south from Fort St. John when the spring thaw is over and the fall frosts have yet to start.

Church Services

ANGLICAN SUNDAY, JULY 24, 1977			
No Service at 8.00 am St. Mark's			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Morning Prayer	11.15 am
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			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9.00am
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	11.15 am
	Ganges	Holy Mass	5.00 pm
	Saturdays	Ganges	Sunday School 10.00am

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Community Church 539-5710 Pastor J. Rodine 7.00 pm in the school 7.30 pm

Bible Study Friday in the homes 7.30 pm

Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Salt Spring Island businessmen and friends of Mr. Tourist were saddened at his recent passing. Mr. Tourist, who has been coming to Salt Spring Island for many years, had been missing for weeks and his hosts on Salt Spring were anxiously awaiting his arrival.

Finally it was learned that he had succumbed in Victoria, a victim of complications caused by Seattle World Fairitis and unseasonal weather. He was found at the C.P.R. docks where, authorities believe, he was crushed to death by a mob of his relatives trying to get on the returning boat to Seattle. He was clutching a Seattle World Fair pennant, a ticket stub for a Tally Ho ride and a totem pole made in Japan. His wallet was empty.

Left to mourn were the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, resort, motel and camp operators.

TEN YEARS AGO

Two Gulf Islands representatives have been named to the embryo Capital Region Hospital District No. 23. They are Doug Cavaye, of Salt Spring Island, and Miss Joan Purchase of Pender Island. Both are trustees of the Lady Minto Hospital.

On Saturna Island, the very active entertainment committee of Steve Maskow, Lloyd Smith (who played his guitar all evening) and Manson and Mary Toynbee put on another gala Saturday do in the Hall. This time we had a folk dance, assorted kinds. Music by gentle Clarice Warlow and Alfonso Sencio, piano, Lloyd Smith, guitar and Mrs. Bev Robertson, accordion. Alfonso is an exchange teacher from the Philippines and can really tickle the keys.

Angela Brigden received first class honours with 86% in the grade 7 piano examination of the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto, held recently in Victoria.

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FIVE YEARS AGO

There were 14 students when Don Irwin offered his scuba diving course on Salt Spring Island. On Saturday the skin divers went through their paces for the qualifying test. They swam in the waters off the Collins Road property of Mr. and Mrs. L.G.

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Some islanders looked askance at the wind on Sunday and steered clear of the salt chuck. Some braved the weather and got skunked.

There were three groups out searching for the elusive fish.

Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club Fishing Derby brought in a massive 11 lb. cod as top fish.

North Galiano Community Club Fishing Derby saw the scales tip at a 30 lb. spring.

Mrs. Peter Loisselle, Vancouver, landed a 30.12 lb. spring salmon and her husband took a 21.12 lb. spring.

Top cod weighed 14.8 lbs.

Canadian national spearfishing championships brought in hundreds of pounds of fish, all shot under the sea in Ganges Harbour.

Harvest was high on Sunday.

Building among the islands has doubled this year.

In June, permits valued at \$693,157 were issued by the Capital Regional District among the islands. For the same month last year permit values stood at \$329,306.

Greatest advance was seen in the Outer Islands, where this year's figure of \$406,916 compares with last year's level of \$169,800.

The two comparative figures for Salt Spring are June, 1972, \$286,241, and June, 1971, \$159,506.

No glasses . . . fined \$25

Mark Beaner was fined \$25 in Provincial Court at Ganges last Wednesday for driving a motor vehicle contrary to restrictions.

Beaner, who pleaded guilty, was checked by RCMP on June 24 on Salt Spring Island. Upon examination of his driver's licence, it was found that he was required to wear corrective lenses when driving. Beaner was not wearing any at the time.

Fine was imposed by Judge D.K. McAdam.

Ups and downs in Victoria

Wallace withdrawal recalls earlier Tory member

BY IMPUNDIT

Where are the Tories going again?

With the resignation of the leader, Dr. Scott Wallace, the Progressive Conservative Party in British Columbia is perilously close to the position it held a quarter-century ago.

The provincial Tories, already in a minority position in the Coalition government of the post-war period, slid into oblivion as the Social Credit Party attracted Tory supporters to a new and untried government for British Columbia.

The experience of the Conservatives was that of the islands, because the last days of Conservatism in British Columbia were the last days in office of the Islands member, Dr. Larry Giovando. The Islands were, at that time, in the same constituency as Nanaimo when it came to provincial affairs.

It was the era of a Tory program of milk for school children. The election campaign called for this service to schools, while the voters of the province were looking for a rise out of the depths of inactivity of provincial government.

The Social Credit offered highways. The Tories offered milk and the Liberals weren't quite sure what they had to offer. It was, equally, the era of excitement for the CCF who were sitting on the sidelines, hoping for enough disunity in the right-wing parties to promote the left to full government.

All these things were happening when the Conservatives last relinquished their desperate grasp on provincial affairs.

The pattern of islands and Conservatism was repeated several years ago when there were two Conservatives elected to the legislature and one was Hugh Curtis, of Saanich. He was also Curtis of the Islands and, once again, the flicker of life in the Tory party was evident among the islands.

Mr. Curtis later withdrew from the Conservatives and joined the Social Credit Party to hold his seat for that party and become the minister of municipal affairs.

It is also notable that when Dr. Giovando went out of political life, he did so in face of the Social Credit movement. When Mr. Curtis changed his allegiance, he joined the Social Credit Party. In its early days the Social Credit supporters refused to consider their association as a political party. It was known, rather, as a movement.

POLITICAL TRAGEDY

For the amateur politicians of British Columbia and even of other parts of Canada, the demise of the Conservative Party was a tragedy. Even though the observer might have been politically opposed to the Tories, it was inconceivable that a part of the Canadian fabric could be ruthlessly torn aside and the party fall into near-oblivion.

Few of us were able to forecast it accurately.

Where are the forecasts now?

Is the Conservative party destined to find a new and dynamic leader who will lead them back to

the stars? We have seen a long procession of new and dynamic leaders in the course of a quarter-century. And only one has left his mark on the pages of Canadian history.

Dr. Wallace will long be remembered. He will be remembered as the man who might have led the Social Credit Party to victory had he remained in their ranks.

He will be remembered as the Conservative leader who has gained the sympathy and admiration of all parties: a leader with more following than followers.

Dr. Giovando retired quietly 25 years ago, his withdrawal from the political scene almost overshadowed by the great changes of the era.

Dr. Wallace has retired as party leader amid acclaim as his announcement overshadows much of the present-day political alarms. That's history, that was!

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Airmen and ex-airmen are on list

Stickers from the International Air Show in Toronto were distributed last week to Rotarians who had flown with the air force in the Second World War and who were currently in possession of a pilot's license.

Florence Hepburn, guest speaker had visited the air show and picked up the stickers for island aviators.

Two air force veterans were presented with the stickers, Bert Timbers and Charles Baltzer.

Three present-day fliers also received the award, Chuck Hankins, Doug Foerster and Phil Valcourt.

She tends her Tripp Road garden and recalls those early days of island life

BY TONY RICHARDS

Joan Springford is an enthusiastic gardener and evidence of this is at her home at Tripp Road on Salt Spring Island.

Mrs. Springford has lived on Salt Spring for 60 years. Born in New Zealand, she lived at Shannigan Lake for a few years, where her father was rector of the Anglican church. In 1917, she married Cecil Springford and moved to the island.

Mr. Springford ran Fernwood Farms for a time and he also ran

the Bullock farm, where they lived in the house near the front entrance to the estate.

LAMP CHIMNEYS

"It was my job to clean the chimneys on the lamps," remem-

of the First World War, and was gravely wounded in that war.

For a long time, he operated for



Mrs. Joan Springford stands in her garden at her home on Tripp Road.

The first telephone on the north end of Salt Spring was installed in Cecil Springford's house just before his marriage.

The nearest phone was in Ganges at the time; a fair journey by horse and buggy, so that during the two years the Springfords were at Fernwood, they had many visitors who came to use the telephone. People from Galiano even came to use it, said Mrs. Springford.

"I think he must have had to twist a few tails to have it put in," she said.

It wasn't long after, however, that the telephone company installed a pay-phone near the Fernwood wharf: "on a lovely big fir tree".

The next move was to their own property when they purchased some land on Beddis Road from Ted Walter. They lived there until 1927, when they moved to Tripp Road.

For 50 years, Joan Springford has been working on her garden to make it look the way it does.

"It was nothing but blackberries and broken bottles when we moved here," she says and her description of the house at that time is not a favorable one.

During her 60 years on the island, Joan Springford has seen a lot of changes. She recalled the time Gilbert Mouat came round to their house and asked Cecil if he would sign his name to a petition to have electricity brought to the island. He signed, but his wife was not pleased that they would be charged 50 cents a month for it.

bers Mrs. Springford, "but I was still not pleased with the prospect of electricity."

And last week she had a passing doubt about it when faced with the prospect of having to clean out the refrigerator.

Mrs. Springford was active in the IODE during the Second World War, and many pairs of socks were knitted by herself and fellow members. The wool, of course, was island wool, which they carded and spun themselves.

WAR VETERAN

Cecil Springford was a veteran

hire his launch, the Illahic, out of Vesuvius Bay. Mr. Springford was often employed by Gilbert Mouat to travel to various different islands to appraise livestock which Mr. Mouat was considering buying.

Cecil Springford died in May, 1949, from the effects of injuries sustained during the war.

The blackberries and broken glass have gone now; they have been replaced by many varieties of flowers and plants, shrubs and fruit trees: a garden that has become the admiration of many passers-by.

FERNWOOD

BY JESSIE SAYER

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee were recent guests of Mrs. Lee's grandmother, Mrs. G. Kennett. They drove all the way from Pine Point North West Territories and found the roads in good condition.

Mrs. Terry Kennett and son, Greg, arrived from Saskatoon with Mrs. Lin Sayer of New Westminster accompanying them.

They enjoyed travelling all roads on the island and drove up Mount Maxwell. One day was spent on Vancouver Island, visiting Cathedral Grove and picnicking at Englishmans River.

The following day they visited Victoria, enjoying all the attractions for visitors. They left for home on July 12.

A number of California guests are in residence on Wallace Island. Hopefully they will enjoy pleasant weather.

Acting as volunteer at the Tourist Information booth, formed by the Chamber of Commerce, is very interesting.

Everyone signs the guest book, some from close to here; some as

far away as Amsterdam. They want maps of the Island, the province and ferry schedules. They also seek information about the Outer Islands. The boating tourists want information on where they can find safe moorage, stores and most important, a laundromat!

Fernwood has a new resident, little Kyla Fielder, daughter of Colleen and Bob Fielder, residing in the Rogers residence.

Refusal to blow costs \$450 fine

Eric Nelson of Pender Island, paid \$450 for refusing to comply with a breathalyzer demand after being stopped in a roadblock at Pender Island.

Mr. Nelson pleaded guilty to the charge when he appeared before Judge D.K. McAdam in court at Ganges last Wednesday. Incident took place on June 24.

Marijuana cost \$100

Possession of marijuana cost Kurt Arnason of Salt Spring Island, a fine of \$100.

RCMP found about an ounce and a quarter on July 5 when they searched the house Mr. Arnason was staying in. He appeared before Judge D.K. McAdam.

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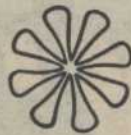
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Ross Corder and his wife, Mabel are living up the Cranberry and they can look up Active Pass from their living room, half-way to Burnaby.

Mrs. Corder has relinquished her connection with a Christian radio show every Sunday evening. For years she has been associated with Berniece Girard and her Sunday night show over CJOR.

While the program was being broadcast, Mabel Corder would be in the wings, taking telephone messages and offering information.

It was a full-time job, recalled her husband, this week. During the week she would call on many of the people who were in touch with the radio message.

Ross Corder is here from Quesnel. For the past six months he has been working in the northern interior.

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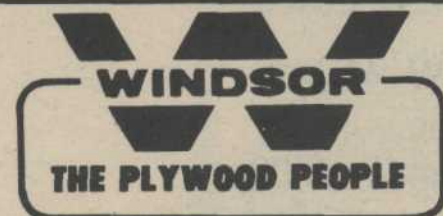
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In these days of the tapering 1970's, there are periodic uproars over the horrifying results, every time another batch of beginning University students is given a test to determine the proficiency of those aspirants to higher learning, in the English language.

It is a little amazing to see what ingenuities are often employed to explain away the fact that close to 50 per cent of students show inadequacies in the language in which they propose to study for the next four or five years.

Excuses are offered that subjects other than English occupy the high schooler's time too much, that text books do not stress English enough, or that certain students are of immigrant stock who are not familiar with English.

Cases can perhaps sometimes be made of these claims, but not very good cases. The main problem for the student seeking to attain a reasonably good knowledge of English is that the various surrounding influences during his formative years do not suggest any too much respect for language generally.

It is hard for the layman to puzzle out explanations for what he sees and hears, but psychologists could probably come up with reasons for the widespread tendency of adults, even in this enlightened age, to avoid like the plague any sort of reputation for meticulousness in the use of language.

By now, relatively few people below the age of 50 did not graduate from high school, and certainly most have been exposed to the rules of good grammar. Yet every day, one hears on all sides what often appear to be deliberate scambings of cases and tenses, aimed, one suspects, at the avoidance of any accusations of pedantry.

So much for the pressures on the street, working to the worsening of the language. But what about the other forms of communication, the media, both written and spoken -- books, periodicals, radio and television?

With books, there is ample opportunity for picking and choosing. Newspapers and magazines are a little different. There is a greater compulsion to read whatever is offered, if one wants to keep abreast of news and opinion. There are good journals and bad, yet the more reputable seem to make an honest attempt to present the language in a form that is reasonably sound without being too sticky.

The situation with the broadcast media, radio and T.V., is something else, and one cannot help feeling that a lot of the problems with the usage of English by young people today can be laid at the door of airwave communicating.

For some reason, radio and television have an enormous impact on listeners, especially in their very early years. Those who control broadcast media, oddly enough, are wondrously easy-going about the sort of people they allow to go before cameras and microphones, and bombard a few million pairs of ears each day with brands of phraseology and diction that could only make any competent grade 6 schoolteacher wince with pain.

What has to be realized is that the quality of language by a people is not something that can be controlled by some magical single-shot means, such as putting the heat on high schools.

What happens to a young person's language development at high school is important, to be sure. But that is only one section of a whole web of influences that together determine how we are going to handle the tricky business of communicating.

Embryo University graduates are showing up poorly today when their handling of English is given serious consideration. Blaming the high schools may be in order, but blaming nothing else is a gigantic cop-out by us all!

SATURNA

A successful tea and rummage sale was held in the Hall by the Women's Discussion Group. Islanders and off-island visitors enjoyed the bargain-hunting, and the sale of home-baked goods, which accompanied the tea. Thanks are due to all who donated food or miscellaneous items for the sale. Proceeds will go to cover expenses for past and future workshops.

The good weather has prompted renewed interest in the establishment of a softball diamond. A temporary backstop and diamond has been made in one of the fields at the Breezy Bay farm. Games have already been played, with everyone looking forward to inter-island challenges later in the summer.

At the Lions Club recent meeting, the Lawson family had a lucky streak, as father Bill won the Pot O' Gold, and son Stephen won the Texas Mickey (with the first ticket he'd ever purchased!) there was more discussion about the upcoming Auction - a summer tradition. Tom Davidson is the man in charge.

The "summer residents" are at home in various parts of the island. Lloyd and Myrtle Stewart have been enjoying the view from their front yard, as have The Menzies in their waterfront home. Neighbour Steve Maskow celebrated his birthday during the week.

Other valley neighbours Polly and Graham Howarth have been hosting the Oster family, with their three older boys, and a baby sister. Jeffrey, Therin and Daniel were glad to find the play equipment at the school was so close by.

Taimi and Bob Hindmarch continue to entertain their Finnish relatives. Liisa, Riita and Eija travelled down to Astoria, Washington, then to Nanaimo for a family reunion during Bathtub weekend there.

Lots of work on home and homestead has been going on, for Gene and Betty Carpentier, Don and Geri Davidson and Laura and Em Coombs. All the improvements take more advantage of sun and light, and those sundecks are already seeing use.

While Terry Siemens, Community Club secretary, is in Winnipeg, reservations for the Hall can be made through Stella Coutts, the Vice-President, 539-2037.



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Info-Health

'Hug of life' can prevent tragedy

BY DR. BOB YOUNG

The 'Hug of Life' has joined the 'Breath of Life' as a proven method of saving people that are suddenly stricken.

The breath of life, or mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, has been taught for several years, and has virtually completely replaced all other forms of artificial respiration administered by laymen.

The hug of life is new, and surprisingly, replaces nothing, with the possible exception of a pat on the back.

All of us have been present when someone suddenly has a choking spell while eating. A laugh, a cough, or a gasp can easily cause a piece of food to 'go down the wrong way' and enter the trachea or windpipe instead of the esophagus.

Fortunately the subsequent violent sputtering and choking is usually effective in expelling the food, but occasionally it is not and the patient suffocates and dies. The hug of life can prevent this tragedy.

A person who is choking will be unable to breathe or talk, and his skin will turn blue very quickly. A person having a heart attack will be breathing and able to talk in most instances. If choking occurs while a person is eating the hug of life should be given before mouth-to-mouth

breathing or heart massage is used.

SIMPLE PROCEDURE

The procedure is simple. Think of the lungs as being a soft plastic bottle, and the chunk of food as a cork jammed in the neck of the bottle. A sudden squeeze on the bottle will blow the cork out.

Wrap your arms around the victim while standing behind him. Make a fist with one hand and place the fist in the pit of the victim's stomach - just below the point where the ribs flare. Place

the other hand over the fist and quickly press inward and upward - almost as though you were trying to lift the person with your hands.

This may be done several times if necessary. It is best to be aggressive the first time as each attempt reduces the amount of air left in the lungs, and subsequent attempts will produce less pressure.

Several people have saved their own lives by using their own fists, sometimes increasing the pressure by leaning on a table edge.

Mr. and Mrs. George St. Denis
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are having an

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to be staged by their children:

Mr. and Mrs. Denis St. Denis,

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rixon.

-No Gifts Please-

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Tutors are commended

Tutor system, introduced as an LIP program in Gulf Islands School District has been a great help, trustees of the Gulf Islands School District were told last week.

A grateful parent wrote that her son had undertaken tutoring in mathematics and that she was very pleased with the result.

She expressed the hope that the system would be continued in the future.

The tutor system is not operated by the school, it was noted, and tutoring is offered outside school hours.

The volunteers who launched the program have applied to repeat it with a government grant through the ministry of education.

Nearly a score of students are being helped by the tutoring system, it was noted, although the location was not mentioned.

If a student in grade 10 needs help to cope with mathematics it would infer that he had troubles in earlier grades, suggested Chairman Charles Baltzer. Not necessarily, he was assured a new concept could prove insurmountable, although previous courses had been no problem.

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Land of milk and honey is new Ganges Mexican food patio

BY TONY RICHARDS

El Zocalo, in Mexico, is a town square. In Ganges, it's a patio restaurant featuring Mexican food, primarily tacos.

Pea Baby Shop since last September.

A couple of trips to Mexico have given them an insight into the production of tacos and liquados,

is locally purchased, is steamed. "We are dealing as much as possible with island merchants," said Maggie last week. "We use as much local produce as we can."



Churning out the tacos at El Zocalo are son-and-heir Cisco, George McClaren, Brenda Schuck and Maggie Love. Brenda is preparing a shake while George tries one out.

Maggie Love and George McClaren opened their new business at the Valcourt Centre a week ago last Saturday. George and Maggie are not new to the business community here: They have been operating the Sweet

or fresh fruit shakes.

Brenda Schuck may or may not have been down to Mexico, but she also works behind the counter at El Zocalo.

They make their own tortillas for the tacos, and the beef, which

MILK AND HONEY

The fruit shakes are made with milk, honey and fresh fruit. The flavour depends on what fruit they have; when I was there, a choice of four flavours was available: banana, cantaloup, papaya and watermelon.

Also featured on the menu are freshly made orange and carrot juices and sandwiches.

Heir to the business is two-month-old Cisco, son of George and Maggie.

El Zocalo is located next to Land mart Drugs at the Valcourt Business Centre.

ON THE PENDERS

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The second movie sponsored by the Pender Island Cultural Society will be shown at the Port Washington Hall on Saturday, July 23 at 8 pm.

Title of the movie is "Its a Mad Mad Mad World."

The first movie the society sponsored was shown at the Port Washington Hall Wednesday evening, July 6, and was "The Summer of '42."

A successful and enjoyable Swap and Shop Fair was held on the school grounds at North Pender Island, Saturday, July 2.

A large amount of merchandise donated by residents and merchants will be used for the purchase of library books for the Pender Lender Library. Individual tables were rented and the articles sold by the Women's Institute, Canadian Legion Auxilliary and a number of island residents.

Rain was threatening most of the afternoon and although there were a few showers the "turn-out" of vacationers and residents was encouraging. Hope to see you at the Pender Lender Library, "Swap and Shop Fair" in 1978.

The Pender Lender Library Committee wishes to take this opportunity of saying thank you to the volunteer workers, merchants, on and off the island who so kindly made donations, the School Board, and anyone and everyone connected with the success of this "Swap and Shop" event.

Miss Enid Lemon is back in Victoria after a stay on South Pender, Salt Spring and Saturna Islands.

Miss Lemon was in charge of the British Columbia Forest Service Library in the Legislative Buildings. Now retired, she continues her visits to the Islands and other parts of B.C., in her VW camper. She is now free to devote more time to her life-long interest in natural history. She is a contributor to Forestalk, a quarterly resource magazine. A recent article of hers was on "The Black Bear."

Bob and Zena Georgeson of Cedar, V.O., with Derrick, were week-end visitors at Clakili, with their cousin, Mrs. Constance Grey Swartz.

Harold M. Pardey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pardey recently graduated with Honors from the British Columbia Institute of Technology in Business Management Technology. He is now employed in Vancouver as assistant manager of the Tonto Diamond Drilling Co.

Gregory Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A.B. Simpson of Schooner Way, Magic Lake recently graduated from the University of Calgary, with the degree of Bachelor of Education and plans a teaching career in the Calgary schools, following in the steps of his father who retired recently to enjoy life on Pender Island.

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Guide cord is presented to Sharon Perkins

BY COMMISSIONER
Salt Spring Island Brownies, Guides and Rangers had a busy year.

Sharon Perkins was presented with the "All Round Cord" by District Commissioner Mrs. L.B. Denison, at a Mothers Tea which was the wind-up for regular meetings until September.

The Leaders did not have a rest, and have just returned from a week at Camp Creina on Vancouver Island.

The Brownies had a Hawaiian Theme for their Pack Holiday. Each girl made her own grass skirt and leis to wear at their Luau. One day was spent at the Forest Museum in Duncan and the Brownies particularly enjoyed riding on the train.

Guides from Saskatchewan were also at Camp as guests of a Chemainus group who visited Saskatchewan last year. The Commissioner and Guides from Ladysmith District joined the local Guides for a week.

This was the first time the newly formed Ranger Group have been at Creina. They are planning another camp later in the summer.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial "Guides Own" service was held on Sunday to pay tribute to the World Chief of Guiding, the late Olave, Lady Baden Powell. What better way to revere her memory than to maintain the heritage she left for her Guide family: good camping for all?

In July 1,500 Guides will gather on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

for an International Camp. This is particularly enjoyed during her lifetime. Eight Guides and four



District Commissioner Mrs. L.B. Denison presents Sharon Perkins with the "All Round Cord".

leaders will be attending from the local area. Six hundred applied but only two hundred were accepted for leaders to go on staff. One of these is Mrs. Donald Perkins, the newly appointed Camp Adviser of Salt Spring Island. She will fly with other guides from the province to Sydney, N.S., where they will be bused to Camp Cape Breton. Guides from Hong Kong and Taiwan and all Canadian provinces will be attending.

Return from eastern Provinces

Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Baltzer are back home after a holiday in the east.

They visited their native maritimes and went on as far as Newfoundland. Climate was very similar to ours, wet in spots. Worst was in Prince Edward Island, where they found potatoes rotting in the ground as a result of excessive rain.

They were back in time for Mr. Baltzer to resume the chair of the Gulf Islands School Board on Thursday, when trustees met at Galiano.

Trees are eaten by saw-fly as new generation coming

An infestation of the striped alder saw-fly has been reported on Salt Spring and Gabriola Islands.

Tom Gossett, of Foxglove Farm on Cranberry Road, told Driftwood last week that a severe attack is being made on the alder trees around his farm.

"It looks like fall up here," he said.

According to Dr. Douglas Roff of the Pacific Forest Research Centre in Vancouver, infestations of the saw-fly occur about every decade and last for about two or three years. This is the second year they have been reported on Salt Spring.

"I don't think we have to worry

about the trees being killed," said Dr. Roff on Monday.

"I've never heard of trees dying from it before," he said.

This particular fly is only common on the coast and the area between Mill Bay and Nanoose, within five miles of the coastline, is also affected.

WITHOUT LEAVES

The flies are feeding on the leaves of the coastal alder. Most of the trees between the Howard farm and Foxglove Farm on Cranberry Road are almost totally without leaves.

Dr. Roff said the trees will produce more leaves before fall, but the saw-flies will be dropping from the trees and building cocoons a few inches below the ground. In the next two weeks, the second generation of adults will be emerging from the cocoons, and will be staging another attack on the trees.

Papal blessing for work

Leader of the choir at the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Grace in Ganges, Doris Delong, was presented with an illuminated scroll at Mass on Sunday. The scroll represented a Papal Blessing, or a special blessing from Pope Paul, in recognition of her work as choir director.

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Pictured above is a most remarkable lady, Mrs. Winnie Watmough. Winnie arrived on Salt Spring in 1924 and passed away in 1975.

During this period she made a great contribution to our Islands and our older residents.

Winnie stood five feet high in her prime years. She drove logging trucks, was business manager for her family logging company, bought and sold logs and lumber, operated a sawmill and a logging business and at the same time found the opportunity to befriend many.

All of us who had the pleasure of knowing our Winnie will think of her greatest accomplishment as being the establishing of her Cusheon Lake Cottages for old timers.

This venture was started early in the depression years, eventually over 25 cottages were built. No profit was envisioned by Winnie but strictly care for those in need. These cabins were physically constructed by Winnie herself and a number are still standing.

How many of us can think of such an unusual and outstanding citizen?

Again this week we have received more photos of the old days on our Islands.

More pictures of Galiano, Mayne, Saturna, the Penders and even the outer island, Vancouver Island will be appreciated.

Upon reproduction of your photos, they will be returned to you. Our photo album will be produced in the early Fall.

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New Valcourt Shopping Centre gets green light from board

Phil Valcourt, of Ganges, has been given approval by the Community Health Services of the Regional District to go ahead with construction of a grocery store to the north of Ganges.

The new store will be located on the former Malcolmson property just north of the Valcourt Business Centre. The building on the property, presently occupied by Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply, will be dismantled and replaced by a shopping centre that will include

a grocery store and new premises for the feed store. More stores are to be added next year.

The building will be one storey in height.

Finds boat

Ed Williams, of Village Bay, Mayne Island, has reported finding a 10-foot fibreglass boat. The boat may be claimed from the RCMP at Ganges.

Galiano parents protest ruling

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Larry Holbrook agreed with him.

"I would say no one on Mayne Island should be failed in French," he stated.

Grills showed a report with that fail mark in French.

NOT DONE WELL

When the question of teacher-pupil ratio was raised, the chairman suggested that they were discussing school administration. "No Mr. Baltzer," snapped Grills, "we are discussing the education of our children and it was not done well."

He had been on the phone many times and he had been assured of pending changes, went on the protestor, but nothing ever changed.

"Our children still didn't get an education."

In face of the problems of operating a new school with only part of the facilities in use, Mayne School had done well, suggested Baltzer.

He is optimistic enough to think it will improve after September, he added.

Another parent told the board that she had faced up to the likely problems of teaching industrial arts and those courses requiring special facilities.

She had assumed that the academic subjects would be taught "at least as well as at another school".

She has set up classes every Saturday for a half-day to teach the subjects that have been left out in class, she told the board.

The protestors were supported by one trustee.

LEGITIMATE CONCERNS

"There is no doubt about it that these are very legitimate complaints and legitimate fears," said Tom Davidson. "These things have been filtering in to the board."

Various trustees expressed warm confidence that the matter would be resolved in the new school year.

"You said that last year," replied Harold Grills. "It's not you

and it's not us we're playing with: it's the children!"

The chairman offered a solution.

"I am prepared to call a board meeting on Mayne Island in September," he told the group, "and have a mass meeting."

"You are well-meaning," replied Grills. "We, as parents, are well-meaning. Now you ask again. When one child is concerned, we don't have that kind of time!"

What of the boarding allowance, asked Mrs. Grills.

The chairman recalled that when the proposal was first made to establish a middle school for the Outer Islands, a boost was offered in transportation allowance. The undertaking carried a condition. Attendance had to be 90% at the new middle school.

When Ann Foerster was chairman she offered Galiano parents a choice of three courses; said Mrs. Grills. They could take correspondence courses or attend school at Mayne or at Ganges.

CONTROLS?

Is there any kind of controlling body to ensure that a teacher follows through, the board was asked.

"Can I go to the Superintendent and show him my child's workbook in science?" she asked, "and ask him: 'Is this adequate to meet the requirements of the high school at Salt Spring Island?'"

When Chairman Baltzer asked whether she had been to the principal he was assured that the principal had taught mathematics and was a "light in the school".

Experience of Pender Island parents has been that students attending Ganges school have shown as good a standing as any who went to Sidney, Pender or anywhere else, commented Don Fairweather.

The meeting ended with the decision to give Mayne school one more try.

In the meantime some parents will seek a daily transportation allowance to enable students to board at Salt Spring Island.

Work on the site commenced last week when Daisy Holdings began preparations for blasting. It is expected that drilling and blasting will take about a month to complete.

Potlatch will feature music

Browning Harbour will be the scene of the Pender Potlatch (Craft Fair) on July 30, 31 and August 1.

It will be in the style of a medieval fair with displays of various crafts as well as musical entertainment. Browning Harbour may be reached by boat or by the ferry system and transportation will be provided from the ferry dock.

On the first evening there will be a dance with the Home Town Band from Victoria, on Sunday evening a Classical and Jazz Concert will take place led by Ian McConkey, and Monday afternoon the Wild Blue Yonder group from Salt Spring will be entertaining.

The Potlatch is sponsored by the Pender Island Cultural Society and detailed information may be obtained by writing to the society at Port Washington, B.C. VON 2T0; c/o Sue Lehto or Fred Fuchs. An admission fee of \$1.50 per day will be charged.

Future of teacherages in islands to be examined

Teacherages in Gulf Islands School District are to be the subject of an investigation.

At last week's meeting of the school board, at Galiano, Don Fairweather and Wilfred Peck were directed to bring in a report on the district-owned residences on various islands.

Secretary-Treasurer Wilf Peck noted that when there was one teacher to each island and housing was scarce, the provision of a

teacherage was of benefit to the district. On Mayne Island, with five teachers, one teacherage is of little benefit.

He noted that of five teacherages in the district, only four are in use by teachers. If one of the properties should be required for use by a teacher, it is almost impossible to require a tenant to leave. It was also noted that the rent charged by the district is about half the going rate.

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