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If it says 50 it only means 30!

If you drive at 50 and it isn't 30, you'll be in trouble. Just the same as if the sign says 100 and you don't keep down to 60, you got it again!

After September, there will be no such thing as a 30 mph speed limit. The limit will be 50 kilometres per hour.

The sign that says "30" right now will soon say "50". And it will mean the same thing.

After the holidays are over, on September 6, highways crews will start to change road signs. By September 30, across Canada, from coast to coast, all signs will be in kilometres, in a silent tribute to the national switch to metric measurement.

There won't be a mile to be seen: not by a country kilometre! Only place where the traditional measurements are to be found in future is a man's own back point-nine kilometre. That's his back yard in the old measurement.

Curtis announces change

Islands Trust to elect all members under Bill 25

Islands Trust battle is over: an election is guaranteed.

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New amendment, changing the means of selection of general trustees, eliminates the charges of undemocratic administration which have been levelled against the Trust by its critics.

VARIOUS VIEWS

"Since the Bill was introduced February 25 and debated in Second Reading, April 6, many residents of the Islands within the Trust have expressed varying points of view," Curtis told Driftwood after announcing the change.

A considerable number of those who wrote expressed satisfaction with the basic provisions of the Bill, he noted. However, they stated concern over the fact that the three general trustees would remain as appointed members of the Trust rather than elected, as their local trust counterparts have been from the outset.

Taking this concern into account, the government has reviewed the Bill.

NOT UNUSUAL

The amendment will provide a procedure similar to that which is found in other local government activities within the province, especially regional districts; that is, the duly elected local trustees from each island will be called together to elect from their ranks, a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a third general trustee who will serve with that designation.

Curtis observed that as a result of this change, no decision will be made by the Islands Trust except by elected individuals from within the Trust area.

Fulford takes trophy for Women's Softball



Fulford Ladies Softball team, shown above, won the Islands trophy at Ganges on Saturday. Story is on Page Nineteen.

She hooked her first sea gull at Vesuvius wharf after practice

It was a fishing trip for the record.

When Mrs. Pauline Farmer was visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Greg Barnes, Churchill Road, recently, they went to Vesuvius to learn how to fish.

To keep the family in the picture, the party took a recorder to send to Britain. It would bring the live and lively sound of her great-grandchildren to Mrs. Farmer's mother in England.

When she made her first cast, she hooked a 12 ft. dinghy. It was too small, reports Pat Barnes, so

they "threw it back".

The tape tells the rest of the story. Mrs. Farmer is recorded with her message to her mother explaining what she is doing. It suddenly breaks off into a shriek, "I've hooked a seagull!"

She had.

Omitted

List of petitioners calling on Ganges householders in the sewer petition program was published in Driftwood last week.

The name of Mrs. Ruth Grant was inadvertently omitted.

Letter bears 16 names

Ganges group asks second vote on sewer installation

Group of Ganges residents have expressed criticism of the recent sewer petition in a letter to Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis, MLA for the Islands.

Signed by 16 property owners, the petition calls for a further expression of opinion on the sewer vote.

Copy of the letter to the minister follows:
GANGES PROPOSED SEWER SYSTEM

We would like to bring to your attention that during the recent circulation of the sewer petition in Ganges, we were given to understand that this was just to test the opinion of the property owners concerned.

No information was given as to the cost of this project as it affects each property, nor were we advised if we were included in the sewer system, being situated outside the "Phase One" area.

We feel the whole petition was handled very poorly, and should not have been taken until all the facts were known.

We would like to suggest to you sir, that a new official ballot be taken, when all the costs, etc., are given.

Yours Sincerely,
C. Butterfield, C. Weston, R.

Ferguson, M. Saunders, J. Saunders, Jack Kovac, W.M. Carter, G. Frost, Frances M. Wood, Lionel Wood, Elsie D. Macdonald, Ian S. Macdonald, Ethel Davidson, Webster Davidson, A.N. Huska, Mrs. Huska.

Two days from prairies

That's some mail service, said Mrs. D. McTier of Pine Place, Ganges, when she found in the mail some rolled newspapers and a letter from Winnipeg.

The mail arrived in Ganges on August 27. It bore a date stamp of August 25 in Winnipeg.

Two days from the prairie was something to talk about!

Then she looked again and found that the date stamp was August 25, 1976. It had not taken two days to get here, but a year and two days.

If there was a box car lost for a year, maybe her mail was in it, she suggested.

Holiday delays paper

The arduous task of producing a weekly newspaper week after week has worn down the staff of Driftwood to the point where a holiday is a necessity. On Labour Day, the staff will take advantage of the general holiday and the calendar will be juggled accordingly.

Next week's paper will be juggled to come out one day late.

Thieves steal paint from volunteer repair man after Blackburn Lake wharf fixed

Ed Chew, Ganges sailor, has undertaken an annual task. He has made himself responsible for the upkeep of the wharf at Blackburn Lake.

Each year he overhauls the swimming facility for the use of youngsters on Salt Spring Island.

This year's project was the acquisition of some 3/4 in. plywood to cover the holes in the decking.

By the time he had covered the float it looked good and he decided it only needed a coat of paint.

He put a barricade down the middle, to paint half of the deck

one day and the other half, the next day.

But the Salt Spring Island vandals got there first.

The barricade was torn down and the paint was stolen. The thieves did not only steal the paint: they even took the mixing bucket.

Skilful and competent



Entertainers do just that!

Four Seasons came and went within a week end at Ganges.

The very competent Victoria musical theatre presented three completely different entertainments in Ganges Activity Centre during the week end.

On Saturday afternoon they played Victoria Variety, 1899. The setting was simple, as they usually are, and the costumes were authentic.

The program was built around New Year's Eve, of 1899, as the company sang themselves into the 20th century.

The setting and the costumes

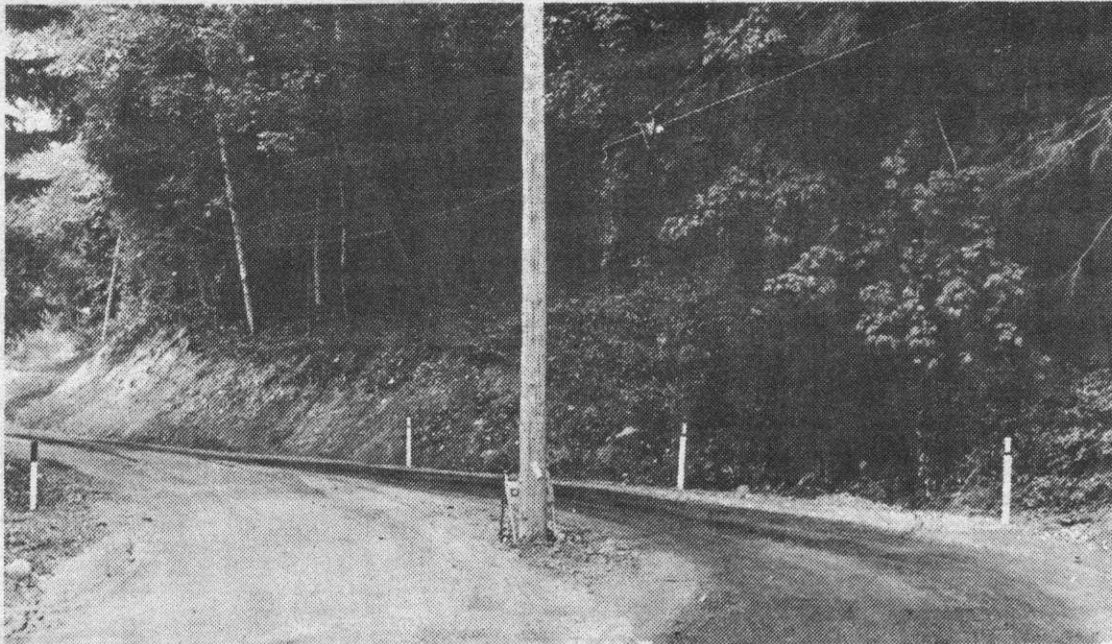
were the vehicle for the presentation of music and songs which entertained the people of 77 years ago.

On Saturday evening they played an Evening with Noel Coward, a program of music of the between-war period as devised by Coward.

The end of the two-day presentation came on Sunday evening, with the presentation of an abridged Mikado.

WELL SELECTED

Four Seasons are closely identified with Gilbert and Sullivan. And very appropriately. The Mikado



No! The pole isn't growing there. And it wasn't placed in the middle of Cranberry Road at Ganges. Road has been widened and utility pole is to be moved.

was the swansong of the Four Seasons in Summer Theatre here.

For the capacity audience in the Activity Room, it was the crowning achievement.

Mikado proved the man for all seasons.

The presentation of this comic opera in a space of slightly more than one hour is more effective and more entertaining than might be imagined.

The company was thoroughly rehearsed and the movement flowed as smoothly as the music.

This Victoria company is a very valuable asset to the Salt Spring Island Summer Theatre.

TAKING PART

Taking part in the three presentations were Marge Adelberg, at the piano; Marge Bridgman, John Heath, Catherine Lewis, Nan Long, David McIntyre, Ray Middleton, Helen Middleton, John Pugh, Janie Woods Morris and Gavin Rhodes.

The presentations were staged by John Mannering and John Heath and John Heath was responsible for the production design.

The week end program was sponsored by Salt Spring Players. -F.G.R.

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To meet in league play

The Salt Spring Island Recreational League Playoffs have come down to the last two teams.

In quarter final play Dagwoods defeated G.A.S. 20-4, Legg beat Bills 15-6 and Kitchen rolled over Police 15-2.

The semi-final features some excellent softball, League champion Cablevision edged Dagwood 2-1 in one of the finest games played this season. Coby Byron of Dagwoods and Jim McGoogan, of Cablevision, pitched superlatively.

The score was 0-0 until the bottom of the fifth inning when Cablevision scored two runs on close plays at the plate. In the bottom of the ninth Paddy Byron opened the inning with a ground rule double down the left field line and scored on Mike Wells single. With the tying run of base and two out the Cablevision squad retired

the last batter on a fly.

Pat Lockert a second for Cablevision played well as did Jack Speed behind the plate. For Dagwood Paddy and Coby Byron fielded well and Jimmy Taylor and Scott Stepaniuk caught difficult long ball flies hit by Bob Storey and Elmer Bichel.

Kitchen's looking-strong particularly at the plate in defeated Legg 13-6. Eric Kitchen and Mike Sutherland were hitting for extra bases.

Rick Scotton pitched a good game for Scottons while Rick Kitchen at short and Roger Kitchen at first fielded well.

For Legg's Malcolm Legg hit a home run and Don Funk returned to his hitting form. Gary Hartwig and Marty Legg executed a perfect squeeze bunt play.

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Grandma's Bonnet

O where are the Grandmas of yester-year,
Who dressed without caring for style at all.
Feeble, majestic, with love, or with fear,
Grandma still ruled in her own little sphere.
I hate to think she's gone for good -
That little old soul in bonnet and shawl.
Children still marry, beget as they should -
Grandmas stay young by wishing they could.

For years I meant to write a sonnet.
To a grandma in a velvet bonnet.
It wasn't easy - Fourteen lines of verse,
Five-foot iambic, rhyming made it worse.

But now I've made a start upon it -
She doesn't wear the thing, dog-gone it!

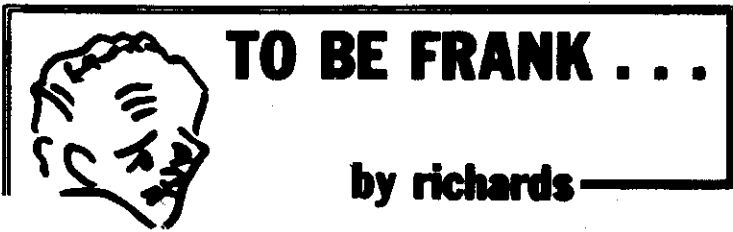
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TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

It was the Case of the Kidnapped House Guests, or Freeloaders at the Wine-Bibbers' Ball. Lloyd Martin was expecting house guests at his Ganges home. So was Mrs. Martin. The guests were coming over on the Long Harbour ferry. Gordon Parsons was expecting some guests to assess the quality of his cellar. So, when the ferry was due Gordon was there to meet the ship and collect his guests. What's two or three among friends? So he picked up rather better than his fair share. After an hour or so of sipping some very fine wine, the Martin guests began to get curious as to where their host might have got to. So they started some quiet but persistent questions. And that's when it came out that they were being entertained in the wrong house. They contacted Lloyd finished their drinks and continued their party where they thought it had started.

Food never quite makes the grade. Not on television. The announcer describes a particularly delectable treat and you see a cross between a dead slug and a slimy pond. After a long hour of assurances that this is the ultimate in flavour, texture and taste, you get a vision of gluey lumps. Just be glad you only have to look at it! Imagine what it must smell like!

And CBC is getting unlistenable. If you turn the volume down to avoid being deafened by the advertisements you can't hear the text. If you turn up the volume to hear what a man is saying, the noise of the ads is enough to have you out of your chair. A pox on the CBC!

Why do we get more red-necked and hard-line as we get older? I was listening to the sad tale of how criminals are babied in the modern Canadian prison. The teller of the tale was waxing indignant and getting quite hot under the collar about the beauties of modern prisons. The critic has never stepped inside a prison: he has had no intimate disclosures from former inmates. Like the majority of us he formulates opinions on the slightest and flimsiest evidence and then stands firmly by his new-found principles. Worst of it is, he's converted me to his way of thinking and I've taken out patents on a new electric rack. It pulls a man apart without painful exertion on the part of the executioner.

Mind you, our cat is the same way. He has it something fierce for the cat next door. And a nicer cat you never saw! Not only a clean, attractive pussy cat, but he has eaten as many of our mice as he could have found in his own home. So they fight and our cat finished up with a bloody face....and I mean a gory one...and we bring him in to get the blood washed off and he sits at the window, growling softly until we open it and let him out to get the other side of his face torn off him. Where's all the gentle, liberal tolerance of his misspent youth? He's old and prays at the shrine of St. John Birch and tears the neighbour's cat apart.

It was Josie Utley. On the front page of this newspaper, two weeks ago was the picture of a rug recently woven by the weavers. And showing the rug was Josie Utley and the lines weren't there to say so. And now it's too late! But that's who it was.

Had a notice from Charles Barber, Victoria MLA and municipal affairs critic for the opposition. He explained at some length why the NDP was supporting the new change in Bill 25, the Islands Trust Amendment Act. Charles tells how his colleagues in the NDP are with him and how fortunate it is that the opposition has successfully challenged the Bill and forced the government to further amend it. The report was convincing and sincere. It was so convincing and sincere that I forgot for a few minutes that it was the NDP who brought in the original Islands Trust legislation and who let the Trust slide down the slipway of legislative bills into the stormy NDP seas of legislative accomplishment. He almost had me convinced.

St. Mary's Lake, they write, week after week after week. And it ain't! It's St. Mary Lake, according to the geographers. It's like St. Mary Axe, in London (Eng.). Whoever heard of St. Mary's Axe?

Live off the land and like it urges Salt Spring Island advocate of plan

How do you learn to live on the land? How do you learn to live off the land?

The two questions are the same and both have been asked by Anno Delaney, of Ganges. She has also found the answer.

In the State of Washington there is a Rural Apprentice Program.

As the name implies, the individual who wants to get back to farming is trained in the lore and science of agriculture.

Farming is a way of life and not the result of a four-year college course, explains the program brochure. In the United States, 1976 ushered in an agricultural statistic that has disturbed many American farmers. That year saw one-third the number of farmers engaged in agriculture at the turn of the century.

North America needs farmers and the North American farms

need farmers, it is believed.

The apprentice program simply brings together the farmer and the worker. The farmer expresses interest in the scheme and is introduced to candidates for the apprenticeship. Ideally, the apprentice is expected to spend six to 12 months on the farm, learning the day-to-day business of sowing, cultivating and harvesting or raising dairy cattle or one of the thousands of other aspects of

farming.

Anno Delaney, at Box 891, Ganges, is an authority on the apprenticeship program. Ask her!

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Islands Trust

In one quick change Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis has undermined a substantial part of the opposition to the proposed amendments to the Islands Trust Act.

With his announcement last week that Bill 25 will provide for the election of general trustees, the minister has brought the Trust into the area of acceptable democratic institutions.

The change makes no difference to the minister's original plans to transfer the land-use function from the regional districts to the Trust.

The regional districts will be relieved of the responsibility for land-use legislation among the islands. While this function will be undertaken by the Trust, the regional districts will continue to be responsible for health, sewage disposal, recreation and other functions, as well as local improvement projects.

The advisory planning council will become part of the Islands Trust responsibility and, although it has not yet been spelt out, it is entirely feasible that building regulations and similar administrative functions will also pass under the aegis of the Islands Trust.

There are already many critics of the planned changes. Yet, if we are to accept that local control is of vital importance in the administration of our communities, then the Islands Trust comes closer to home than the regional district concept ever could.

At the present time the planning change visualized on an island is the responsibility of 18 elected representatives. In the islands only one of those representatives was elected by the community concerned and only two are islanders.

Under the new legislation the change in zoning will be the responsibility of the two members elected on the island concerned. All those elected representatives considering the matter will be islanders.

Any satisfaction in this particular aspect of the make-up of the Trust presupposes that an island resident has an insight into island problems denied to lesser men.

Only problem remaining in island administration is the appointment of alternate directors to regional boards. To spread the cloak of democracy evenly over the islands contours, the alternate directors should be elected and not appointed. This would apply, of course, to areas outside these island shores where elected representation has not been given the same emphasis. But it should!

Letters to the Editor

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Sir,
We were extremely sorry to hear of the passing of Stan Wagg. We were on the Ferry on our way to visit with him on Thursday, August 18 when we heard the sad news.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to all concerned through the medium of your paper.

Your Sincerely
Mr. & Mrs. D. Wells & family
Victoria, BC
August 22, 1977

RATES UNREASONABLE

Sir,
The wharfage rate increase protested in last week's Driftwood by Darryl Georgeson is not only unreasonable but totally unfair. How can a government agency so concerned with anti-inflation policy levy an increase of up to 500% and reduce existing services.

These people have made it impossible for most ordinary people to afford the pleasures of a boat (possibly an essential need on an island)

Granted the old rate of 2c a foot per day may not have been enough to meet increased costs, but a 500% increase is not reasonable. This increase, along with the loss of the "K & R dock", is to me just one more example of provincial and municipal government policy to

ment (locals) in order to encourage the affluent (tourists).

I realize this letter is three months late but I can no longer resist the urge to bite the foot that kicks me.

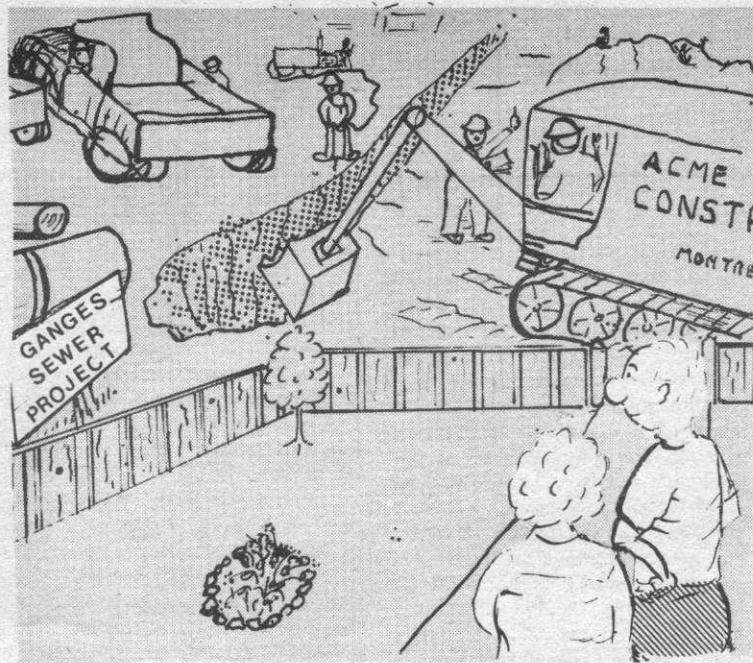
Stephen Ball,
Cedar Lane,
Ganges, B.C.
August 29, 1977

MIKADO AND OTHERS

Sir:
Please allow me to express my gratitude to the Salt Spring Players for bringing the Four Seasons Company here again. My memories of last year's Gilbert and Sullivan were still warm when we went to see the Victorian Variety on Saturday afternoon. The Evening with Noel Coward and the marvelously simple and comprehensible Mikado just reinforced my belief that this is an outstanding theatrical group.

I wish all children could be introduced to Gilbert and Sullivan by this company instead of being possibly bored and even scared by the full-dress productions which I remember from my own childhood.

In the face of such teamwork it may be unfair to single out John Heath, but his versatility in performance, direction and costume design just has to be the single greatest asset of the company.



I can remember when it was a problem just to figure where to locate the outhouse!

to larger cities and bigger audiences.

Which brings me to the other reason for my letter. I was horrified that all tickets were not sold. I've no way of knowing how much such a company would cost; but I would venture to suppose we would need three pretty full houses to make any kind of profit. The Saturday afternoon house was appallingly thin - where were all those people who don't like to go out at night?

The evenings were better, but not full. Where are all those who complain "there's nothing to do on Salt Spring?" or "what on earth do you do in the evenings?" Where were the people who "miss the theatre"? Where were the parents who crowd the schools to watch their children trying to put on a show without any idea of what they are aiming at?

It's true there were no special prices for children, but the tickets were reasonably priced. For less than the cost of a movie in Victoria; for the cost of a few packages of cigarettes or four large bottles of pop, a valid and memorable theatrical experience could have been theirs.

People I've spoken to "didn't realize it was on" or didn't know it was this week end". Really! Do they never read Driftwood? Do they not look at posters in store windows? I know many of us come to the island to slow down, but surely not to atrophy altogether. Wake up out there, or next year the Players may not be able to afford to bring us such a treat. Let's hope that "Charlie Brown" plays to full houses, or our hardworking Salt Spring Players may find themselves in serious financial difficulties.

I don't believe we get the government we deserve - I've certainly done nothing in my life to deserve the government we have now - but it is very true that if we don't support the arts they will vanish and then we will indeed revert to barbarianism.

Mary C. Williamson
RR 1, Ganges
August 29, 1977

YUKON WAR VETERANS

Iris Warner, Whitehorse author-researcher, is working on a Remembrance Day 1977 feature story about Yukon veterans of World War II.

She has a list of 100 Yukon men and women who served in the three branches of the Canadian Armed Forces. Many of them are now living in the far flung parts of British Columbia, and across Canada.

She asks them to send her the following information: number, name, rank, picture in uniform, service details, medals and awards highlights of war experiences, and a touch of personal background.

The Pacific Coast Militia Rangers had a Yukon Unit.
The late Klondike Pete Huley, Hollywood comedian and Gold Rush pioneer, was a member of the

O Well!

I wonder why I 'write' my best
After I've settled down to rest?
All snug and warm I douse the light,
And then I have this urge to write.

Such lovely words to make a rhyme
Go dancing through this head of mine;
Or just to make it really worse
They form into a perfect verse.

I turn aside to seek repose,
Then comes a masterpiece of prose
To get up now I'm really torn -
NO! I'll not write until the morn.

Then when the morning comes at last,
I rise at once to break my fast.
With paper, pen, prepared to write

The words have gone, gone with the night.

What fame and fortune might be mine -
If only I would write in time;
But what a blessing to all those
Who might have read that verse or prose.

- Grace A. Wright

Rejoice

Yesterday was full of sorrow,
And how uncertain is tomorrow
Even the present ain't so hot,
But, Lord above! It's all we've got!

- John Healey

when he proved himself a sharp-shooter.

Mrs. Warner would appreciate hearing from ex-members so that their history may be recorded. All veterans, or readers who know of veterans, may write to Iris Warner, 14-15 Klondike Road, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 3L7.

Otto Nordling
Yukon Sourdough Veteran
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| | St. George's | Family Singing Practice 9.10 am |
| | St. Mark's | Holy Eucharist 11.15 am |
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| ROMAN CATHOLIC | St. Paul's | Holy Mass 9.00 am |
| | Our Lady of Grace | Holy Mass 11.15 am |
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| | Saturdays | Sunday School 10.00 am |
| UNITED | Dr. V. McEachern | Worship Service 10.30 am |
| | 537-5817 | Fellowship Hour 11.30 am |
| COMMUNITY GOSPEL | 537-5812(church) | An Hour of Sharing and Caring 6.30 pm |
| | Pastor Moe | Sun. Sch.-all ages 10.30 am |
| MAYNE ISLAND | 537-2622(church) | Evening Service 7.30 pm |
| | 537-5395 | Thurs. Bible Study 7.30 pm |
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| | 539-5710 | Pastor J. Rodine 7.00 pm in the homes |
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Grass fire

Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department was called out to a grass fire on Saturday afternoon.

Fire was on the property of Alf Temmel, Hillcrest Drive, Fulford, and was reported to have been caused by burning garbage without an incinerator.

Info Health

BY DR. BOB YOUNG

Early on the day his surgery was booked, a hospital patient got out of bed, dressed, and quietly went home. Mr. Smith, as I will call him, was tracked down later in the day and confessed that after having been asked three times during the night to "Wake up, Mr. Johnson, and take this medicine" he felt that he should get out before he received Mr. Johnson's operation.

This story, which is true, was told at a recent hospital staff meeting where doctors were discussing the effect of "cost containment" on quality of care.

B.C. hospitals have been placed under very stringent budgetary control in recent years, and hospital administrators have been hard pressed to make ends meet. Predictably, numerous areas were found where savings could be effected: any institution can economize to some degree without seriously compromising its functioning.

PROBLEMS IN SERVICE
The decreased staff to patient ratio has inevitably caused problems in maintaining the quality of service to those patients. While decreased food, laundry, and housekeeping services may be acceptable economy measures, a decrease in the quality of care is not.

The cost of running hospitals has increased much faster than the general inflation rate, and both the provincial and federal governments are alarmed at the large number of dollars required to keep them operating.

Doctors, on the other hand, are concerned that present budgetary restrictions are beginning to affect the quality of medical care in hospitals.

Nobody likes to be sick or in hospital. When a person becomes an in-patient, however, I am sure that they want the highest quality of care that can be provided.

If the quality of hospital care is being compromised by excessive restriction of funding, monetary restraints will have to be re-examined and the purse strings loosened.

Then Mr. Smith would more likely be assured that his operation will be the one he was expecting.

Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Sandra (Sandy) Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, gave an excellent showing at the Legion Junior Olympics held at Empire Stadium in Vancouver on Friday, Aug. 24.

Sandy set a new Junior Track record when she placed first in the midget 50 yard dash with a time of 6.4 seconds. She came second in the 100 yard dash with a time of 12 seconds and ran fourth in the A.A.U. Open for Canada and the United States.

Warning has been issued to American sport fishermen to check with Canadian immigration officers before crossing the border to fish in Georgia Strait.

Saturna Island residents last week complained that the visitors were taking up to 150 salmon each.

RCMP police boat Sidney rounded up several U.S. sport fishing boats and told the fishermen that they must check in at the Canadian customs and immigration station at Bedwell Harbour before fishing in the strait.

Ganges is once again on the Canadian scene. MacLean's Magazine, in their September 8 issue, quotes one of Driftwood's classified advertisements. The ad quoted starts "Experienced hide tanner required...." Driftwood classifieds bring results!

Bob Akerman and his son Ted have just returned from a visit to the P.N.E. in Vancouver where they took about 50 woolies across to be sheared by the New Zealand sheep shearing champion, Godfrey Bowen. Mr. Bowen has sheared as many as 536 woolies a day. The shearer can part a sheep from its wool in 50 seconds flat. Doesn't sound as if he goes wool gathering, does it?

TEN YEARS AGO

This year's hot dry summer has accomplished what the game conservationists have been begging the provincial government to do for years.

When the season opens on grouse, not a grouse will be shot.

Amateur conservationists have contended that the annual toll of hunting will destroy all trace of the bird. Professionals have not supported the idea. As the numbers steadily decrease, the woodsmen are convinced that they will enjoy the questionable pleasure of being proved right.

Man was selling a car to an unknown islander. It was a beautiful car in the top bracket and in the pink of condition. The vendor glowed over the features of this magnificent motor car. The purchaser agreed warmly with him. The deal was ripening up on a real "old boy" basis.

Where was he from, the vendor enquired of the purchaser. Pender Island.

The warmth of the exchange collapsed. The vendor shrugged his shoulders.

He knew those island roads and the car deserved a better future than that, he exclaimed. The sale was off!

Painting was a pleasure in Ganges for the past several weeks as artists of every persuasion were present to take part in the art classes here.

Summer school was presented in the United Church, Hall in Ganges when Murray McDonald came here from the University of Edmonton to direct the course.

Students ranged from near-professionals with years of training and skill to near-amateurs armed with little more than a great enthusiasm and a set of brushes.

Former provincial president of the Consumers Association of Canada, Mrs. Betty Young opened the Pender Islands Fall Fair on Saturday.

Fair was staged in the Port Washington Hall. Formal opening was at 1.30 pm after judging had taken place.

Standards were notably high, reported the judges, notable among the children's exhibits.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Shane Heinekey hardly got wet! A young mother from Mayne Island was en route to Crofton, when her two-year-old son threw her wallet into the salt chuck.... complete with \$80.

A fellow passenger saw her plight and called the scuba diver from his store in Ganges. It was case of in the water and out again, with the wallet and 80 wet dollars.

This is Hugh Curtis' last year as chairman of the Capital Regional District "one way or another" he told a political audience in Ganges last week.

Speaking as a provincial election candidate in St. George's Hall, Curtis assured his audience he would be chairman of the regional district only until December whether elected or not.

The speaker warned his audience against those who would have them believe that the Regional District could be turned around, altered or made to go away "at the snap of the fingers".

If the Regional District had erred in any way, it has erred on the side of caution, stated Hugh Curtis.

Ben and Ben are still in Ganges, although no longer the operators of Salt Spring Island's newest grocery store. Last week Ben's Lucky Dollar became a branch of Duncan's K & R and the father-and-son team Ben and Ben Greenhough stepped down.

It was a partnership of five years' standing. In 1966 the Greenhoughs took over the grocery department of Mouat's Store. They continued to operate in the basement of the older building until last year, when the new building was completed on what was once a mud flat.

He didn't know what decals were ★ ★ ★ ★ And it cost him \$5 to find out

Charles Nelken of Salt Spring Island, was fined \$5 by Judge D.K. McAdam in Provincial Court at Ganges last Wednesday.

Nelken was disputing a traffic violation report given to him on July 20 for failing to display decals on the license plates of his vehicle.

RCMP Constable Dennis Parsons told the court that he and Const. Janet Shelley had stopped Nelken on the Fulford-Ganges Road near Ganges. Nelken was driving a GMC pick-up truck at the time.

Mr. Nelken told the court that he and his wife had moved to the island from Alberta on July 9.

Shortly after moving, Nelken had asked his wife to go to Ganges

and purchase BC license plates for their two vehicles. She had purchased the plates and given her husband the plates for their truck while she put the plates on the car.

She hadn't said anything about putting decals on the plates, said Nelken.

DECALS FELL OUT

He told the court that when the

police had stopped him and asked for registration, he had taken the papers from the truck and the package of decals fell out. He said he had expressed some surprise at the time, now knowing what they were for.

After police had explained what the decals were, Nelken said he had offered to put them on right away. The police, however, had given him the violation report, anyway.

In handing out the fine, Judge McAdam said that the offense had been proved.

"It's not for me to say if the police should use discretion in such a case," he added.

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How far is Darjeeling from Salt Spring Island or where is Osoyoos?

One might imagine that the distance between Osoyoos and Ganges is about the same as that between Ganges and India, judging by the mail service between those points.

A letter from Osoyoos took five days to get to Ganges last week. Another letter mailed from Darjeeling, India, arrived at Ganges seven days after it was mailed. The letter from India was from

Nick Humphreys, former resident of Salt Spring Island.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gil Humphreys, Nick left the island almost three years ago for Hawaii. He has travelled through New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines. He was in Bangkok a few weeks ago and has recently arrived in Darjeeling.

He explained in his letter that he had "made it out of Bangkok, for which I'm thankful".

He passed through Calcutta and described that town as living up to its reputation of people and poverty, and that there were cows all over the place.

WHEN FOG LIFTS

Darjeeling, which is 8,000 feet up in the Himalayas, he describes as "cold and wet", but the scenery is beautiful when the fog lifts.

"The town itself is built on the side of the mountain," he writes, "so if you want to go anywhere it is either down or up."

Humphreys goes on to say that there are millions of tea plantations in the area and even some cedar and pine trees. The hotel he is staying in, which costs 40 cents a night, is built of cedar: "a pleasant change from bamboo".

The sale of marijuana is controlled by the government there. A few hundred yards from his hotel, says the island traveller, is the "Ganja Bhang Shop" where one can buy a kilo of marijuana for \$7. **RELIGIOUS CENTRE**

He expects to go to Benares, the religious centre of India, within the next couple of weeks, and "watch the burning bodies".

"Supposedly if you die of old age they burn you; if you die of some disease they throw your body into the Ganges to be cleansed. It sounds as if there are a lot of bodies around the place, anyway."

He expects to be in Afghanistan in the near future, and advised that any correspondence be sent to him there at the town of Kabul.

Fishboat drifted she says

A Salt Spring Island man was fined \$100 in Provincial Court at Ganges last Wednesday for fishing in a closed area.

Court was told that Andrew Fraser had been fishing for sockeye within a closed area in Barkley Sound on June 28, aboard his vessel, the Nimpkish Wind. Mr. Fraser's wife appeared for him in court and entered a plea of guilty.

She told the court that her husband had been fishing on a legal fishing day but had inadvertently drifted over an imaginary line in the sound into a closed area.

After he had been found guilty and fined by Judge D.K. McAdam, the Crown asked for forfeiture of the three fish found in Fraser's possession at the time.

Mrs. Fraser told the court that the fish had been taken at the time her husband was apprehended by the Fisheries patrol vessel.

Death of Mrs. Nan Powell at Pender

Mrs. Naomi (Nan) Powell of North Pender Island, died last week at the age of 71. She passed away at Shaughnessy Hospital in Vancouver on August 24.

She is survived by her three sons: David of Alaska; Tom of Crescent Valley and Bill of Pender Island. She also leaves two daughters, Mrs. Alice Stetch of Thunder Bay, Ontario and Jessie Powell of Vancouver, three sisters, two brothers and nine grandchildren.

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Family celebrations took place recently as David Carpentier, eldest son of Gene and Betty Carpentier, married Colleen Hill, making the Carpentiers in-laws for the first time! David grew up here, and went to school on Saturna, and Colleen has been a regular visitor for some time.

Off-island visitors this past week have included Virginia Newman, of Salt Spring, who was over to discuss adult education needs and desires for this locality.

Representing the Capital Regional District engineering department were Frank Romaindo and Mike Williams, who accompanied Barry Crooks and Mike Hayes on a tour of the island areas to be affected by the feasibility study for a possible new water system. The next step is Jim Campbell's seeking Regional Board approval for the feasibility study.

Barry Crooks is home from fishing, as is his brother, Dave. Jan Crooks and the kids are back from a stay at Shawnigan Lake. Terri Siemens has returned from Winnipeg in time to finish off a Canada Works application in conjunction with Jan, Melanie Gaines and Juanita Hutton-Potts. They hope to be able to provide services for all parts of the community, from pre-schoolers, to teen-agers, to the senior citizens.

BUSY AT EAST POINT

Melanie and John Gaines, and Dick and Dowrene, have been busy with relatives out at their East Point properties: Lisa and Geir Rakuaag, Melanie's niece and nephew and later, Charlene and Norvald Rakuaag their parents, with Ann and Laurene; and the Jones family (John's sister), Mary and Darell, with Laura and Kathy.

Betty and Gordie Wick have been playing host for a good part of the summer to Michelle and Shane Wick, and to Betty's nieces Jill Lawley, Kelly Watson, and Lurliene Kavic, who have been a great help in operating the family store. Friend Robbie Robertson has also been visiting. Coincidentally, this Robbie Robertson works for the iron workers union, while new property-owner (next to Ruth Connor) on Saturna, Robbie Robertson, works for the steel workers union.

Susan House is back on-island after a long stay in Edmonton.

DONATION OF \$95

Ann Bavis, representing the Saturna Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment, reports receiving a thank-you letter from the Vancouver branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation for the Department's donation of \$95.

After seeing husband Don fly back to the Persian Gulf, Lil Cunningham had a sudden trip herself - to hospital in Victoria with eye trouble. We're glad to see her home again. Laurie was in good hands with Lou and Jim Money.

Arthur Ralph is still in Resthaven, in Sidney, and his visitors (including Eddie Reid, Sylvia Hogg and other islanders) report that his spirits are good, and he's enjoying the cards, and good wishes from everyone, and all the attention from the nurses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget the Lions auction to be held September 3rd at the Fire Hall.

A popular annual event, it can be even more successful this year if you have items to donate or to be sold on consignment. Persons to contact are Lions President Bob Hindmarch, or Tom Davidson.

Also, Sunday swap-and-shop at the Wharf will be continuing into the fall. More buyers and sellers needed!

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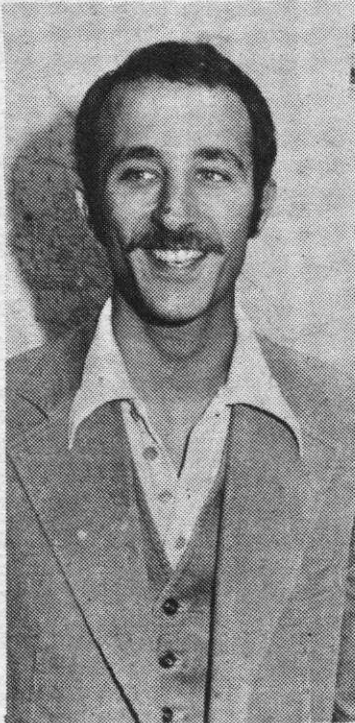
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Property management for islanders is his new project on Salt Spring

It's not a new service he's offering, says Martin Lipsky. He has merely brought it into being as an independent pursuit.

Property management is the natural accompaniment of property ownership. Lipsky, through his



MARTIN LIPSKY

newly established Salt Spring Property Management, has set it up as a business entirely on its own.

As the name implies, Lipsky manages property for the owner.

Many island property owners

are away from the island for the majority of the year. Lipsky is here all the time.

He will undertake the rental and the collection of rents for an island property. He will look after maintenance and repairs in the interest of the owner and he will undertake every aspect of management that would normally be done by the owner when he is here.

A northern resident owning property on the island was called here to check out a minor failure in plumbing, he recalls. The repair bill was less than \$100, but it cost the owner about \$500 to get here and the loss of his ordinary duties as well.

THEY'D DO IT

Lipsky is looking further afield.

There are many property owners in the islands who would be happy to rent their homes if they had a means of keeping a tight control on what is going on. Salt Spring Property Management is the control, he hopes.

Martin Lipsky came to the island several years ago from his native Vancouver. An Arts graduate, he spent his initial earning years with the Vancouver Crisis Centre.

When he came to Salt Spring Island, he turned his attention to property and became a partner in Seagull Construction Ltd.

The property is here and the need is here, he asserts, and the response is showing up even in the short time he has been in operation.

Driver is warned and fined by separate police officers

Luke Harrison of Ganges was found guilty and fined \$25 for operating a vehicle with inadequate tires when he appeared in Ganges Provincial Court on Wednesday last.

Harrison was disputing a Traffic Ticket Information given to him by RCMP, July 20.

Const. Janet Shelley told the court that she had noted the cord to be showing on the left front tire of

Mr. Harrison's vehicle, a 1967 Ford dump truck. She had given him a ticket for it.

However, court was told that minutes before, Const. Dennis Parsons had given Harrison a warning ticket for the same offence.

Mr. Harrison asked Const. Parsons why he and his fellow police officer didn't get together on the matter.

TWO IN TWO MINUTES

"I got a blue ticket warning me to get repairs made and two minutes later I got a white one fining me for the offence," said Harrison.

He said he had gone to Duncan within the ten days and had the tire fixed. The shop he had gone to had said that the tire could be recapped and used on a school bus because the rest of the tire was in good shape.

Judge D.K. McAdam, however said the two tickets could exist side by side.

"I don't know if it's a desirable thing or not, but it's not for me to decide," said the judge.

"The evidence here indicates that the tire was inadequate," he added and imposed the fine.

Citizens band at picnic

It was Citizens' Band all the way when the Gulf Islands CB club held its first annual picnic on Salt Spring Island.

There were more than 25 members and friends.

President Henry Schwagly described it as a relaxing day.

There was enough for a bigger turn-out, he told Driftwood, but the event was a success in every way.

The salmon donated by the Tamboline family was raffled and won by Roy Lee, of Fulford.

WALKING AND HIKING RIGHT THROUGH SEPTEMBER MONTHS

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has prepared a schedule of activities for September.

Sept. 6; walk: Beaver Point area; leader, Sue Mouat. Meet, 10 am, Centennial Park; 10.30 am, Fulford Drive-in. Hike: Plateau; leader Val Keys. Meet 9.30 am, Fulford; 10 am, Centennial Park.

Sept. 13; walk and hike: Nose Point; leader, Joane Millner. Meet,

9.30 am, Fulford; 10 am, Centennial Park.

Sept. 20; walk and hike: Mount Maxwell circular; leaders, Jack Webb and Don Kertland. Meet, 9.30 am, Fulford; 10 am, Centennial Park.

Sept. 27; walk: Shepherd Hills; leader, Vera Pirillo. Hike: T.B.A.; leader, Gerry Holland. Meet, 9.30 am, Fulford; 10 am, Centennial Park.

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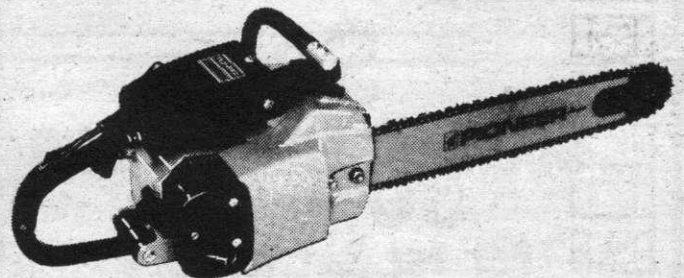
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ISLANDERS AT WORK

It was a dry year when coffee bar

By Tony Richards

The year 1958 was a dry one on Salt Spring Island and that's one of the reasons why Nancy Patterson has been running Nan's Coffee Bar at Fulford for the past 19 years.

The Pattersons didn't have any water where they were living but

the building down near the wharf did. It was one of the deciding factors that made them purchase that building.

The coffee shop was first opened by Mary Gurney (formerly Mary Gervin) who now lives near Cen-

tral. It changed hands a few times before the Pattersons took over.

Nancy Patterson came to Salt Spring Island about 50 years ago from her birthplace, the Queen Charlotte Islands. The building that houses the coffee shop was pretty much the same when they bought it as it is now, although the interior has undergone some renovations.

There are many things on the island that have changed in the past 20 years or so, and there are many that have not. One change is in the service of food on the ferry to Swartz Bay. Mrs. Patterson used to operate the concessions on both the Motor Princess and the Cy Peck.

In those days sandwiches were available and so were bacon and eggs for breakfast. But times have changed and the British Columbia legislators expect travellers to pre-

Home of Fulford Harbour's famous pies

fer such fare as cakes and donuts for their morning meal.

STILL TO BE FOUND

However, bacon and eggs can be purchased at the coffee bar at the head of the harbour. Unfortunately, the eggs are now coming from off the island. Until very recently the eggs were being supplied by both the Pattersons and the Cudmores. Embe Bakery,

seven young ladies to cook, serve and clean up. Most of them only work during the summer, while they're not in school.

Mrs. Patterson leaves the operation of the coffee bar in the hands of Anne Sinclair and the other ladies who are employed there. Nancy looks after the bookwork and the ordering and also works in the grocery store that is operated by the Patterson family.

Anne Sinclair, who works at the coffee shop for the nine months of the year that it's open, comes from a family of restaurateurs. She came to Canada from Holland in 1960 and helped to run the family restaurant in Victoria.

She lived on Saturna Island for four years before she came to Salt Spring seven years ago. She has been cooking (making pies included) and waitressing at Nan's for two years. She runs the coffee shop by herself during the quiet months of the year.

Pam Kitchen, formerly Pam Webster, came to Salt Spring from Terrace, when she was 12 years old. She has worked at Nan's for a month and it's her first job in a coffee shop.

It can be very quiet in the coffee bar sometimes, she says, but it is not unusual for 50 people to come in at once when the ferry arrives. Pam also makes pies, as well as other cooking, and she serves customers and cleans. She is married to Rick Kitchen and has two children.



Nancy Patterson carefully removes a pie from the oven. It is one of 10 that are sold every day.



Anne Sinclair didn't object to having her picture taken. The photograph was taken before any smoke from the forgotten hamburger showed in front of the camera.



Catherine Cartwright is enjoying herself as she cooks a hamburger.



Anyone who's worked at Nan's is well versed at scooping out ice cream, as Patricia O'Donnell demonstrates.

at Ganges, supplies the buns for the burgers and Burgoyne Dairy brings the milk for the milkshakes.

Nan's Coffee Bar has become famous through its pies. Not long ago, the editor of an American magazine expounded upon the excellence of Nancy's pies in his magazine. He was a regular customer at the coffee shop for some time.

Nancy Patterson used to pick the berries herself but, nowadays, they get them from Saanich. They buy 100 lbs. at a time and freeze them.

Canned pie filling is something you'd never see in Nan's kitchen.

The famous Fulford Harbour pies sell at the rate of more than 10 a day; 16 or 17 on Sundays.

Sunday is the busy day because that's when all the island visitors are heading back home. Ice cream is another big seller at Nan's. On a Sunday, they'll sell up to 600 cones and that's a lot of ice cream!

ABOUT SEVEN

Nancy Patterson employs about

Patricia O'Donnell has worked for two summers at Nan's but says she is definitely not going to make a career of waitressing. She was born on Salt Spring and is going into grade 12 this fall at Gulf Islands Secondary School. She doesn't want to stay on the island after she's finished school and plans on taking up nursing.

Also going into grade 12 is Catherine Cartwright who has been working at the coffee bar since April. She does some cooking but concerns herself mostly with the serving of food. She recalls a few regrettable incidents when she forgot to erase an order on the board in the kitchen and got double orders from the cook.

She came to the island from Salmon Arm in 1973; this is her

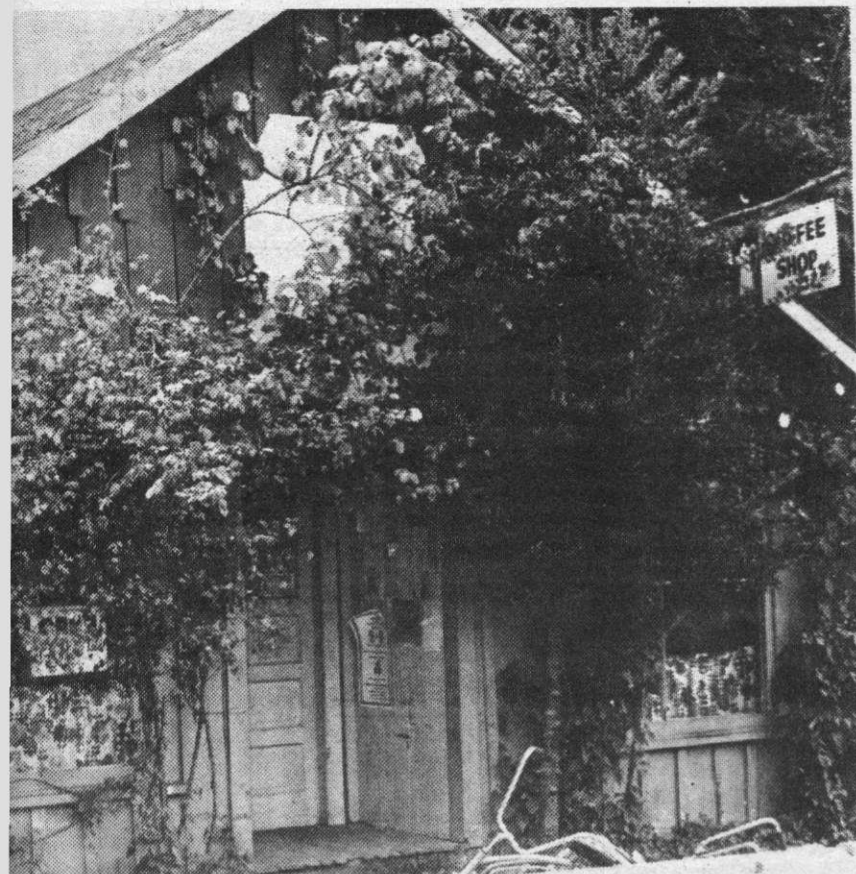
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first job in the catering business. Her plans for the future include university after finishing high school.

Elaine Patterson is well acquainted with the coffee bar business because she grew up with this particular coffee bar. She has worked for her mother for the past two years but says she wouldn't go in for waitressing as a career. Elaine was born on Salt Spring and

will be in grade 12 this fall at the Ganges school.

Carol Smith is a waitress with one week of experience at her newly chosen trade because that is how long she has been at Nan's. She has worked in a kitchen before though, cooking not only for her family but at a resort she and her husband owned at Hazelton, B.C.

She came to Salt Spring two and a half years ago from Vancouver. Carol's husband is a commercial diver and fisherman.



Got her! Elaine Patterson proved to be very elusive when it came to taking her picture. But the photographer won out in the end.

Janet Lacy has lived on Salt Spring too long so she is leaving soon for Dawson Creek where she will study at the Agriculture College and play ice hockey. She expects to be there from two to four years.

Janet has worked at the coffee bar for the last two summers. She came to the island from Chilliwack 19 years ago. She graduated last year from the high school in Ganges.

Working at Nan's, she says, will be her last stint at waitressing.

Janet wasn't around when the pictures were being taken: she is, no doubt, envied by some of the other young ladies who proved to be extremely difficult subjects to get on film.

They may not like having their pictures taken, but they can sure make good pies. If you've ever wondered where the delicious aroma of fresh baked pies was coming from while you were waiting for the ferry, now you know.

Underneath that luxuriant growth of ivy is Nan's Coffee Bar, serving the best pies in Fulford Harbour.




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Carol Smith pours a cup of coffee for a thirsty customer.

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Island fisherman and crew sail big vessel from east coast through canal

Driftwood received a letter on Thursday from Bruce Hildred, skipper of the 62-foot schooner, Anna V. Fagan. Hildred and his crew of five islanders are on their way to Salt Spring from Newfoundland, where the boat was purchased last year. They left Newfoundland a few months ago and have recently come through the Panama Canal.

The letter which comes from Hildred and fellow crew-member

Marianne Grittani, was written on Friday, Aug. 12, from Acapulco, Mexico. Marianne writes first:

Here we are in sunny Acapulco tied up at this luxurious yacht club with a swimming pool and 1,000 palm trees.

But alas, all good things must come to an end. Today we've been hassling with clearance papers, diesel fuel and a bunch of other things. We're hopefully leaving

first thing in the morning, though I guess it wouldn't be a catastrophe if we left the morning after.

FUEL AT 15 CENTS

Bruce is trying to find oil for the engines, about five gallons worth. What a hassle though: not speaking Spanish doesn't help much either. When we fueled up it only cost us 15 cents a gallon!

We're heading for Ensenada from here, with maybe a stop in Manzanillo.

We've been busy stripping, scraping and painting the boat: she'll look pretty spiffy by the time we get home. Which won't be too long: a month or maybe a bit more.

The boat's doing a grand job. Day after day the engines are still chugging away. The trip from Panama to here took ten days and they didn't skip a beat. Oil pressure in the port engine dropped really low in a matter of a few hours one night, but Bruce put three quarts of oil in and it came back up. We've had no real bad problems, though.

The following is from Bruce Hildred:

We've been fishing a lot since we left Panama and have caught a bunch of bonita (tuna), searra, dolphin (fish) and another big lunker: don't know what it was. It weighed about 25 to 30 lbs. and tasted really good. I made a big lure for marlin, but haven't had any luck yet.

We saw a spectacular show of porpoises that was perhaps five miles across. There were maybe 50 or 60 around the boat at once.

We had pretty good weather coming across the Caribbean. We had the Easterly Trades with us at a steady 25 to 30 knots and the boat took it really well. The Pacific is definitely more passive: the most we've seen so far is about 30 knots.

There are some fantastic lightning shows, or electric storms, down here.

Panama was hot and muggy but neat to see, although I don't want to go back. The water was really

dirty. The locks themselves were quite something....it's quite a trench.

There's good tequila here in Mexico: it's real smooth. The beer is good too; it's about six per cent alcohol.

Slightly soiled

I've only been a little sinner,
And someday I may reform,
But don't expect a winner,
And don't ever rave and storm.

I'd like it known all over town,
That however the angels roar,
Please don't pick me up when I'm down,
Just keep me from falling lower.

- John Healey

Farmers' Institute offers advice to Fair exhibitors

With only two weeks remaining until the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair is staged on September 17, the Farmers' Institute has outlined the following suggestions to assist exhibitors.

RABBITS

Betty and Dennis Owens, as rabbit co-ordinators, would like to see all owners of rabbits on the island to enter them in the fair. The Owens may be reached at 537-2595.

They have a few suggestions to make to ensure that the rabbit section is successful.

Don't enter any rabbits which have any infections such as sore feet or any animals that are sick. Rabbits that are moulting will be disqualified and soiled animals will not have a fair chance to win.

Owners are requested to supply water dishes and food for their animals; water will be supplied on the fair day. Mr. and Mrs. Owens also ask that rabbit owners do not feed any other rabbits but their own.

POULTRY

Two days before the showing of poultry, owners are advised to bath the bird in tepid water preferably using lux or a non-detergent soap. The feathers should be soaked well before applying the soap. The bird should be rinsed twice in tepid water following the bath.

A little bluing may be added to the rinse water for white birds in order to improve the whiteness of the feathers.

A nail brush should be used on the legs and feet, making sure that the nails are clean. The day before showing, a little mentholated ointment applied to the comb will improve the red colour.

Exhibitors are advised to remember the following: Get your entry form and fee in well before September 10; select only your very best bird for showing; and prepare them well with both appearance and feed. Dirty birds or those infested with lice will not be judged.

Co-ordinator is Joyce Hartwig, 537-2348.

BEEES

There was an error in this section of the programme.

"Class 5, Honeycomb, one only, shallow frame" should read "shallow or deep frame". This will enable all beekeepers to enter this section.

Co-ordinator is Dick Poole, 537-2643.

LIVESTOCK

It is the responsibility of the exhibitors to have sufficient handlers to show their stock.

Dates to remember are: before September 10, entry forms must be in to Box 961, Ganges.

Friday, September 16, exhibits must be in place between 6 and 10 pm.

Saturday, September 17, Fair Day. Grounds will be open to the public at 10 am. A dance will be held at 8 pm.

Programs and entry forms are still available at Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply, Pattersons' Store, Fernwood Store, Vesuvius Store and Ganges Photo and Print Shop.



BY PAT DOHERTY

An average of nine ladies turned out during the hot spell to play in the nine hole division each Tuesday. On August 23, the Kennedy Cup for nine-hole seniors was won by Alice Brown, and the runner up was Win Pitts. Non-competitors played fewest putts, won by Marie Hopkins.

In the 18 hole division, 25 ladies played on Tuesday, with Anne Monro taking first division low net with 71. Mildred Gurney and Charlotte Cooper, in the second division, tied with 77's.

In the qualifying round for the Crofton Cup, which is the Club Championship for the men, 27 golfers turned out, with Malcolm Robertson being medallist with 79. Six other golfers came in with 81.

In the final of the championship flight in the Parsons Cup, it was Art Forrest over Ray Parsons.

Driving tip

OVERCOMPENSATION: Accidents caused by drivers who overreacted. They accelerated or braked too fast or turned too quickly. They allow the right tires to drift onto the shoulder and then lose control by attempting to get back on the road too abruptly.

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BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

George and Lil Morisette have been coming to visit relatives on Galiano for some years now, and have finally decided to retire near their sister-in-law, Mrs. Alice Morisette.

They had been looking at different styles of homes, and finally they bought a mobile home. It looked pretty easy to have this big double unit set on their favourite piece of ground, when they were figuring it out from their residence in North Vancouver.

But it got quite a bit more difficult, as they looked at the winding road, and the way of getting it on to the Island.

Following all arrangements, they came to the big day.

Neighbours from all round came to witness this big event, among them their close friend, C.O. Twiss, who is at the ripe age of 92.

The movers, who come from Victoria and Sooke, were most efficient in their plans, and it was marvellous to see how well they had everything planned.

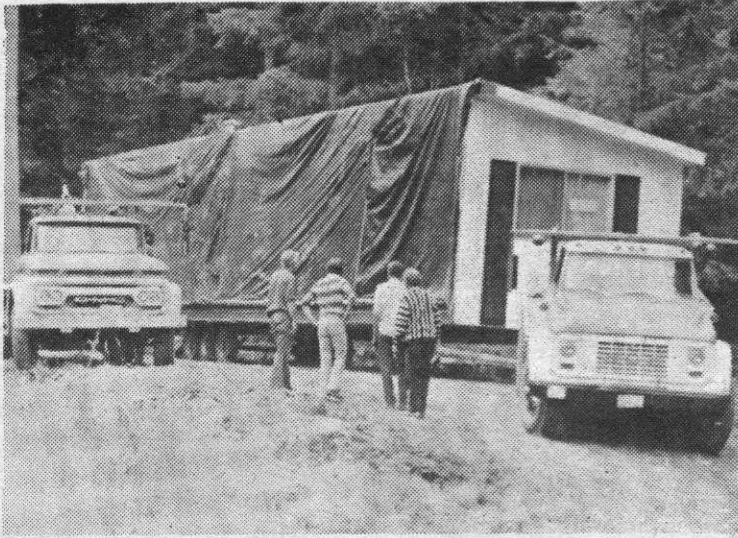
Getting the big units off the barge was quite tricky, then the long ride down past the golf course, and into the winding Twiss Road, where there were several sharp turns.

This did not slow them a bit, and by then, there were a lot of people who came to marvel at this big house riding so smoothly around the bends in the road.

Mr. Twiss was quite overcome, he said that he had never seen anything like this one in all of the many years he has lived on Galiano.

He followed the workers all of the way from beginning to end, and when asked if he was tired, said that he would "not have missed it for all the world."

Mr. and Mrs. Morisette were also very happy to see the home set on the land, their retirement home on the Island.



GALIANO

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

The Galiano Painters Guild will resume their sessions at the Galiano Hall on September 14, at 1 pm, following their summer recess.

The book and bake sale held recently at the Fire Hall was most successful, the ladies were so pleased with the results, they will continue to hold their book sales on the third Saturday of each month now. Next one will be on September 17.

Mrs. Clair MacAllister, of Victoria, was a recent guest of Betty Fairbank, and visited friends on the Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Nigel Morgan, and their son and family, the David Morgans, all of Vancouver, have been spending their annual holidays at their home at Georgeson Bay.

Bruce Good, of Tofino, Vancouver Island, has been spending a pleasant holiday visiting his relatives on the Island.

This coming Saturday, at 10.30 am, a most important event will take place at the Galiano Golf Club. Finals for the club championship will take place between John Rees and C.F. (Chuck) Webb.

Mr. Webb tells us that the Labor Day Fun tournament, on September 5, will be played, beginning at 1 pm.

Don't forget to be preparing your best fruits, vegetables, and

thinking of your best cooking to put in the second Harvest and Flower show, at Galiano Hall on September 10. It is sponsored by the Senior Citizens, Branch 94.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neale spent several days visiting in Vancouver last week.

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Cattle rustlers in Islands

Cattle rustlers were at work on Saturna recently and Jim Campbell lost a cow.

The head and entrails of the animal were found Saturday in the woods off Narvaez Bay Road. Mr. Campbell said on Monday that the cow had probably been killed a week or ten days before.

RCMP at Ganges are investigating.

Driver knows nothing

When Harry Spence, of Ganges was involved in a car accident on Wednesday, Aug. 24, he could offer no information to the RCMP.

Young driver suffered a blow to the head when the Ford pickup rolled.

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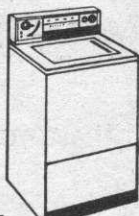
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While the buildings and transportation system in 1894 may have left room for improvement, the pupils of Vesuvius School, Central were most favoured to have as their teacher, Raffles Augustus Robert Purdy. Mr. Purdy was able to take students from primary levels through University entrance. He was highly certificated and an outstanding man.

Unfortunately, Mr. Purdy does not appear in this picture, those that do are, from left to right, front:

Mr. Edward Wakelim & Mr. Edward Harrison beside the yoke of oxen, Walter Norton, unknown, Lionel Beddis, Dorothy Norton, Margaret Mouat, Joel Broadwell and Luther or Charlie Bittancourt. Rear: Francis Norton, Will Mouat, Gilbert Mouat, Howard Wakelim, unknown, Arthur Walter, Elsie Norton, Mary Walter, and Mary Mouat.

Thank you for your contributions to our 70th anniversary album. Pictures, comments and corrections are all gratefully received. Please call Dick Toynbee 537-5537 or John Lees, 537-2292.

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It's a new language

Computer brings data systems to the Islands

BY FRANK RICHARDS

They write their own language, but they can't talk it.

They're the computer specialists with David Simpson's Simpson Data Systems.

Their language is APL and every detail of information stored in the computer system is translated into this new language.

And what does it mean? Simply "a programming language".

It's the newest business to hit the islands, the data service.

The service uses a language of its own to translate data into electronic impulses, but the three Davids are using a jargon of their own to describe the functions of

their equipment.

It's the world of computers.

To the average islander, educated in front of a television set, the computer is disappointing. **DISAPPOINTMENT!**

A computer that will perform any accounting function for any and every business; that will keep an inventory up to date for larger businesses; that will perform any calculation no matter how involved and at the same time will bring information instantaneously from any part of the world; and it weighs 25 pounds and sits on a normal office desk!

The visitor is not the only disappointed onlooker.

Simpson reports that when he was arranging his insurance, prior

to bringing the unit to its new home, he was talking specifications. They had the name, designa-

getting bitten and avoided further questions.

Principle of use is that during

or bring in outside statistics. It can find an instant answer to highly complex calculations.



The three Davids at SDS....Dave Burrows, David Simpson and Davey Banks

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tion and all details of this machine. When he told them the weight, there was an unbelieving pause.

But that is what it is: a lightweight machine loaded with heavy data.

There are three men involved in the operation in the Lancer Building in Ganges. There is David Simpson, electrical engineer, computer wizard and the driving force behind the new operation.

He graduated in electrical engineering from the University of Alberta and then looked to electronics and computers.

A young-looking 39, he has already spent 15 years with computers. He talks their language; thinks their think and provides the enthusiasm that the computer's cold brain fails to generate.

MATHEMATICS

There is David Burrows, who started out in Salop, in Britain and crossed the world to graduate in mathematics from Simon Fraser. Young, unmistakably English and quietly confident in this strange new world of science which he has already mastered.

Third David is David Banks, student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, mathematician and nephew of Simpson.

In addition to the Ganges staff, the young firm has a further associate on the mainland. Stenographer and operator will shortly take her place in the office.

The data processing company hopes to draw business from the island. Small businesses and small accounting programs will be part and parcel of their function. Large businesses in search of detailed lists of statistics from storage banks all over the world are, equally, their potential customers.

The advantage of the island operation to island customers is the immediacy, explains Simpson. Not just to the Gulf Islands, but to Vancouver Island as well. Instead of tying in communications and computers, they offer a service on the doorstep, he explains.

The Simpson operation uses an MCM computer, produced by Micro Computer Machines Inc. The typewriter keyboard will feed information into the system. It is equipped to accept tape and it can be fed by this means.

STORAGE CAPACITY

The unit is linked to a floppy disk unit which provides on-line storage to 2,000,000 bytes. At this point the reporter was fearful of

the day the computer is used for storage of information as well as extraction of other information.

During the night it is running at all times, accepting further information automatically. The computer is provided with a battery unit which will keep it going in the event of a power failure or brown-out. The batteries keep the equipment running to end of the intermediate function and then it switches off. While switched off, it meters the power supply and when the voltage is up and constant, it automatically switches on again and continues its task.

How will so many people keep busy?

The staff is engaged in preparing systems and programs as well as operating the equipment. Running the keyboard is only a fraction of the total work involved, they all explained.

RANGE OF ACTIVITY

On the islands, off the islands, the data system can maintain records in accounting, keep tabs on inventory, analyze internal records

If the student is prepared to sign up a contract, it will even do his homework for him.

David Simpson started out in Alberta, as a graduate of the university in Edmonton, he worked for the college with the computer centre.

Later, he joined the staff of an international data system and spent eight years applying his techniques to commerce and industry. Part of that time was spent in Vancouver.

With his family, he came to Mayne Island and commuted to Vancouver. After a time he found Salt Spring Island and moved here, but still commuted to work.

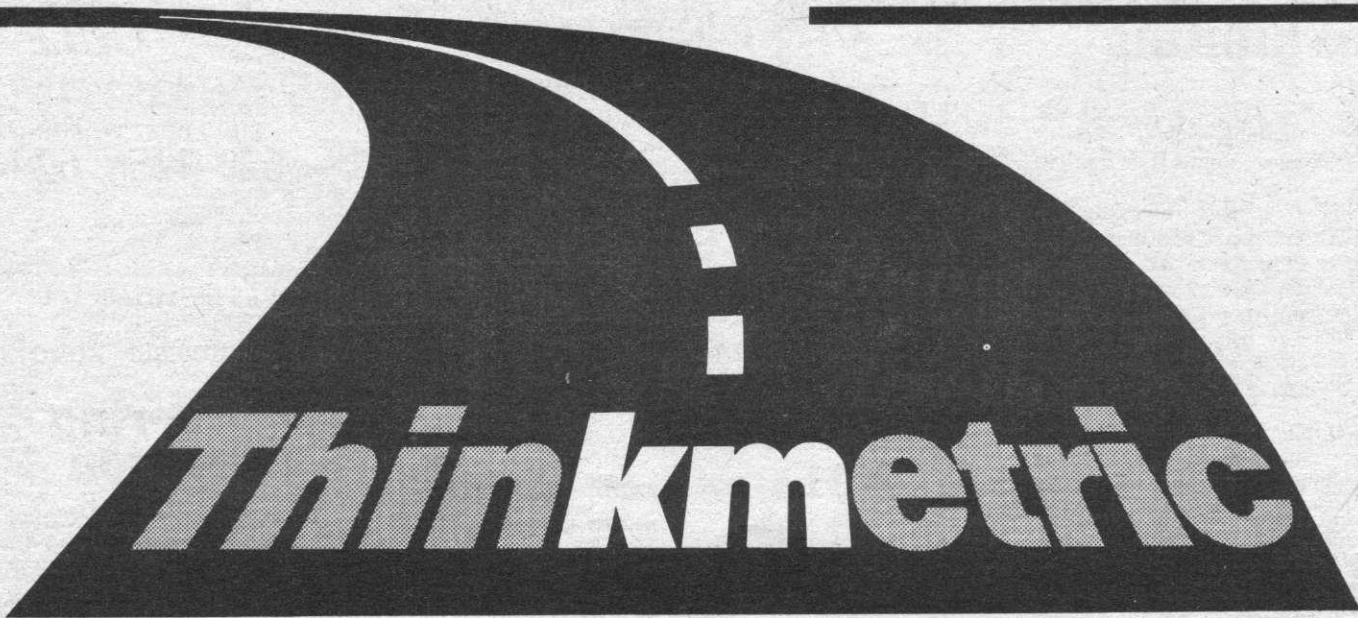
It was the travel that decided it. Instead of commuting to the computer, why not live with it? And that's what he has done.

He's been here for a year. David Burrows has only been here for a month or so, but he's sold on Salt Spring Island already.

It looks like the 20th century has caught up with Salt Spring Island at last!

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WHY THE RUSH?

This is an important part of Canada's nationwide metric programme to convert all standard measurements to the decimal system – the simple arithmetic method used by most countries in the world.

We have already become accustomed to the change in heat measurement from fahrenheit to **Celsius**. Weights will change from ounces to **grams**; pounds to **kilograms**. Fluid measurements are already changing from pints, quarts and gallons to standardized litres. Distances will be measured in millimetres (1/1000 metre); centimetres (1/100 metre); metres and kilometres (1000 metres).

It has been found in other countries that phases of metric conversion introduced "cold turkey" gain the quickest acceptance. Those of us who laboured as schoolchildren to convert feet to yards to miles may have a little trouble at first, but metric is being taught in our schools; it is the universal language of scientists and engineers; and, in the near future, will see full usage in the United States. Let's do it now!

DISTANCE

One kilometre (km) is .621 of a mile. One mile is 1.609 kilometres (km). However, the easiest way to visualize a kilometre is as $\frac{5}{8}$ of a mile. Here's a simple example of conversion:

$$\frac{100 \text{ km} \times 5}{8} = \frac{500}{8} = 62.5 \text{ miles}$$

or

$$\frac{100 \text{ miles} \times 8}{5} = \frac{800}{5} = 160 \text{ km}$$

HERE'S HOW DISTANCE SIGNS WILL BE CHANGED:

| NEW | km | OLD |
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SPEED

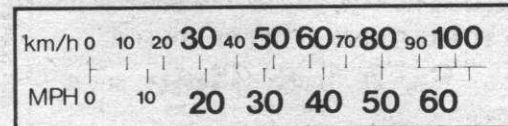
Remember, that as they are posted, new speed zones in **kilometres-per-hour (km/h)** automatically become legal, even though they may not be a precise conversion from the previous speed limit in mph. Here are some you should become familiar with as soon as possible.

| NEW | MAXIMUM | MAXIMUM |
|-----|---------------|---------------|
| | 50 | 80 |
| | km/h | km/h |
| OLD | MAXIMUM | MAXIMUM |
| | 30 | 50 |
| | | |
| NEW | | EXIT 50 km/h |
| OLD | | EXIT SPEED 30 |

On winding highways we urge extra caution in approaching curves with advisory speed signs converted to km/h. These signs warn you what speed the curve or corner may be safely negotiated at. Take it slowly until you become thoroughly familiar with the metric system.

SPEEDOMETERS

Most 1977 and all 1978 model cars have speedometers and odometers calibrated in km/h and km. Some earlier model cars have speedometers with dual calibrations. If your speedometer indicates only mph, you may find this conversion scale handy. Familiar speeds are in large type.



Always drive at the posted speed. You'll be surprised at how little time you really save when you exceed speed limits.

Thinkmetric

Here are some tips:

1. Think (and talk) kilometre. Make it family fun while driving together.
2. When taking short, familiar trips mentally convert your mileage to kilometres. Remember the 5:8 formula.
3. On longer trips, make sure you have a current "Beautiful British Columbia" road map (published by Tourism British Columbia, Ministry of the Provincial Secretary and Travel Industry) available at tourist information centres. It has conversion tables for most destinations in the province and nearby.
4. Keep our metric folder in your vehicle.

Overhead clearances. Both advance and fascia signs for limited clearance overpasses will be in metres. For a reasonable period of time, a sign in feet will appear for a short distance in advance of the metric signs.

Fuel consumption. Gasoline will continue to be sold by the gallon until January, 1979 when they will commence conversion to **litres**. Kilometres per gallon will be used to measure fuel consumption until that time.



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Garden Club sets out rules for exhibiting

BY YELLOW THUMB

Garden Club members are reminded that the deadline for entries in the Fall Fair is September 10.

All entry forms, with fees, must be submitted to the Fall Fair Committee, Box 961, Ganges, or to a Section Co-ordinator.

Entry forms are available from Patterson's Store Fulford or Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply, Ganges. The Committee most strongly recommends that you keep this date well in mind.

There are two distinct forms for submitting your entries. The yellow form is for Section A; horticulture only. Entries for all other sections must be on the blue entry form.

On Friday, Sept. 16 the buildings will be open to enter exhibits from 6 pm to 10 pm.

A most successful pot luck picnic was enjoyed by 45 members and friends of the Garden Club on July 20 at Drummond Park, on a very beautiful Salt Spring morning. The variety of food was unbelievable.

A workshop will be held on September 12 at the home of the Misses McLean and Cuttell, Bayview Road, Vesuvius Bay, from 10 am to 12 noon. Subject will be preparing exhibits for the coming Fall Fair.

The Chrysanthemum Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Freda Carter on September 8.

Ex-mafia gangster to preach at Ganges on Wednesday

Former underworld member Joseph Donato is coming to Ganges next week.

Founder of the Joseph Donato Evangelistic Outreach of Burbank, California, Mr. Donato will speak at the Community Gospel Chapel on Drake Road at 7.30 pm September 7.

Donato, who grew up in Pennsylvania, was involved in underworld activities for many years, including gambling and bookmaking. He spent some time in prison and was charged twice with murder.

Donato claims to have undergone a religious experience five years ago and has since abandoned his criminal activities to form the Evangelistic Outreach.

The Outreach goes into prisons, schools and churches, holds rallies and gatherings "to share the Good News of Jesus Christ".

Joseph Donato has written a book entitled "Tell it to the Mafia" in which he

tells the story of his life in the underworld.

"Instead of racing forms and stockmarket reports, I am reading the Bible," says Donato.

WANTED TO CHANGE

He had wanted to change his life and wished he could start all over again.

"I tried marijuana, tranquilizers, hypnosis, doctors and a psychiatrist. All of these avenues to Utopia resulted in dead ends...." reads his report on his own history.

"On March 8, 1972, at 7 o'clock on a Wednesday morning, I met God Almighty! What an experience! Too beautiful, too loving, too powerful to put into words. In 10 seconds Jesus came to me with something that I had been searching for all my life."

Evangelism Outreach, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and to communicating his word throughout the world.

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It could not be better!

They're all good men, Charlie Brown when first showing reveals everything

BY BRYAN SMITH

There's an old saw in show business that a poor dress rehearsal is a sure sign of a successful opening night. I had the privilege of being invited by Reg Taylor to the pre-dress rehearsal night, at the Activity Centre, of the Charlie Brown show.

I cannot see how the actual dress rehearsal or the whole run of the show could be any better than the run-through I witnessed that night. How do the youngsters do it?

From where I sat, up front, I was very impressed by the natural ability and talent of the whole cast. No one acted. They were the parts they played. No one was a star. They were all stars. Not a line was missed.

The teamwork, the zest, and their own enjoyment of what they were doing really came across to the sparse audience who could not help but respond in like manner.

CARTOON STRIP

I am taking it for granted that you are all familiar with the famous "Peanuts" cartoon strip which features, for the most part, the trials and misfortunes of Charlie Brown with his moon face and alternate moods of despair at his ineptitudes and then sudden bursts of enthusiasm which are immediately dashed to the ground by his group of friends and Lucy in particular.

Val John as Charlie Brown with her attractive round face did very well in a difficult role. Lucy was played by Marcie Berner and she was so good I "hated" every

moment she came on stage.

Caroline Andress, as Patty, was pretty and well cast and her father, our eminent local vet, should have shrunk in his seat when she delivered the line "What kind of a dog are you?" to Snoopy.

STRONG BARK

Amy Newman's bark as "Snoopy" was as strong as ever. Can that lass ever belt out a song!

I particularly liked her scene with Linus and the dance routine as devised by Sue Bowler.

Tony Desbottes was Linus in every way.....restrained yet with deep attachment to his blanket.

And Scott Slocombe was a natural as Sherry, the intellectual cynic of the group.

His deadpan delivery and unconscious humour were a sheer delight but, then, what else could you expect from this bright young man who has the odd alligator and boat-constrictor as a roommate?

My hat is doffed to the pianistic artistry and direction of the M.D. Alan Magee, who also played the part of Schroder, the Beethoven lover. Peter Mannering did a fine job as overall director and so did Sue Bowler as choreographer.

The professional touch of Yvonne Toynbee was evident, as

production manager, as were the combined efforts of Marilyn and Reg Taylor as stage managers.

LIGHTING

The lighting changes were well mixed by Alan Layard but the lady on the spotlight should really confine her efforts to the excellent actress she is or stay in her stationery shop!

The program design is worthy of mention and credit for that goes to Elma Rubright.

The music was really first class and I particularly liked "My blanket and me" and the finale number, "Happiness". "Supper Time" as portrayed by Amy Newman was a show stopper. Clark Gesner is to be congratulated for his creative abilities re the book, music and lyrics. The way the youngster coped with difficult phrasing and their self confidence and ability make's one realise that the Salt Spring Players have plenty of thoroughbred 'colts' in their 'stable'.

Please-----please-----Go see it!

Alan Layard and Caroline Libresco are in charge of lighting. Costumes are by Lorraine Henderson.

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Four face marijuana charges in Ganges Provincial Court

There were four different charges of possession of marijuana heard at Ganges Provincial Court last Wednesday.

Charles Walker of Salt Spring Island, was fined \$75 after he pleaded guilty to possession of nine marijuana plants. Court was told that Ganges RCMP, acting upon information they had received, found the plants in Walker's garden on July 31.

Warren Gaw was fined \$75 for having marijuana in his possession when searched by RCMP, July 24, at Ganges. Search was made when the vehicle driven by Gaw had been

stopped by a routine roadblock and police noted a strong smell of the weed inside the vehicle.

Steven Jackson appeared for Donald Stewart, of Victoria, who was given the same fine on the same charge. Stewart had been a passenger in Warren Gaw's car at the time the latter was checked by a roadblock. Stewart also pleaded guilty to the charge.

Murray Farrup was fined \$125 for possession of marijuana. RCMP had found 25 marijuana plants, growing in the Cape Keppel area of Salt Spring Island.

All four charges were heard by Judge D.K. McAdam.

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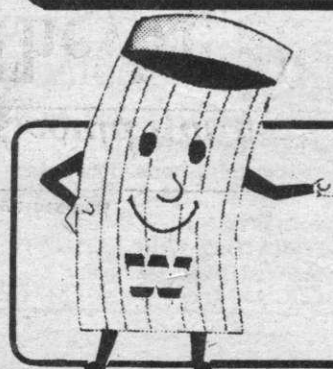
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