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Biggest salmon is 10 lbs. 6 oz.

Wind and rain over the week end were no deterrent to Bernie Reynolds, who caught both the largest salmon and the largest cod in the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club salt water fishing derby. Reynolds took the \$75 prize for his 10 lbs. 6 oz. salmon and the \$25 prize for his 21 lb. cod.

Second-largest salmon was caught by Randy Bennett, of Sardis; his fish weighed in at 10 lbs. 2 oz. for the \$50 prize. The third-largest salmon, for the \$25 prize, was caught by Leslie Stevens, of Salt Spring, and weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz.

The consolation prize of \$100 was won by Joe Guilbault, of Ganges.

The derby was held Saturday and Sunday.

Organizer of the derby was Randy Sloan, who said on Monday that the turn-out was poor although close to 200 tickets were sold. Only six fish were entered and Sloan estimated that 20 people had gone fishing in the hopes of hooking on to the big one.

Islands Trust meeting

Salt Spring Islands Trust will meet next week in Victoria. Meeting will take place on Tuesday morning, April 4, in the Trust office. This is the former St. Anne's Academy.

PAT MACPHERSON SPEAKS

Committee does not see need for second school at Fernwood

The Fernwood Parents' Committee does not deem it necessary to build a second school on Salt Spring Island, Gulf Islands School Board was told last week.

Pat Macpherson spoke for a delegation from the parents opposing the Fernwood School. The group attended the school board meeting in Ganges on Thursday afternoon last week.

The opponents had collected 479 signatures on a petition opposing the school in one week, she told trustees.

The group had discussed their opposition with the minister of education, Pat McGeer, and he was unable to understand why the school board would fly in the face of public opposition. Mrs. Macpherson reported to trustees.

Mrs. Macpherson asked whether the board had looked at alternatives. She had been told by McGeer that money is available for

They weren't completely skunked



Alan Davies holds the eagle as Randy Howard carefully strokes the back of his head.

Island boys take home full grown bald eagle in derby

Two Salt Spring Island boys who had entered the derby and gone fishing on Saturday went home skunked as far as salmon were concerned, but they didn't return empty-handed. They went home with a full-grown bald eagle.

Alan Davies, 14 and Randy Howard, 17, were fishing in Sansum Narrows when they saw the eagle on the beach. They went ashore to take a closer look but couldn't find it. A little later, they saw the bird again and when they went to look, it didn't fly off, but hopped away from them.

They eventually caught the

eagle by throwing their coats over it and tying its legs.

First-aid treatment was later given by veterinarian Claus Andress, who discovered the eagle had a broken wing, the result of a gun shot. Driftwood was told the bird had probably been shot 10 days or two weeks before and had lost a lot of weight.

The eagle has been staying with Alan Best on Ganges Hill, who said Monday that the bird has been offered to the Children's Zoo in Vancouver.

Emergency feed for the hungry bird was provided by Salt Spring Sea Products; by Monday he was eating well, Driftwood learned.

Week end is busy one for police

The holiday week end was a busy one for the RCMP detachment at Ganges. Police apprehended six impaired drivers and three others were given roadside suspensions. In addition, there were four accidents.

picture and evaluates it, when there appears need for new facilities. This evaluation is passed on to the ministry of education. It is then assessed by the provincial personnel.

"Has the minister approved the building?" asked Mrs. Macpherson.

In principle, replied the chairman.

"Has the final approval come through?" pressed the spokesman for the committee. It has not.

THREE GROUPS
There had been three sets of officials on the island from the ministry of education, reported Secretary-Treasurer Wilf Peck. They came to look at the site, the bus situation and the population map, he reported.

The third of the calls had been made that same morning, said Peck. The official had been charged

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Two dogs kill 21 sheep - \$1,200 loss

Two dogs were shot on a farm on Mansell Road Monday morning after 21 sheep were killed out of a flock of 60. Karl Hoeller, manager of the farm, said Tuesday that the loss in the value of the animals alone amounted to \$1,200.

On Monday morning, Dr. Claus Andress, Ganges veterinarian, spent almost six hours treating sheep that had been injured. There were only 14 sheep left unharmed by the dogs: four ewes and 10 lambs.

Mr. Hoeller had been in the process of building up his flock when the Sunday night/Monday morning slaughter took place. He is left with numerous motherless lambs and a smaller flock than that with which he began a year ago.

Mr. Hoeller was surprised at the ignorance of people with regard to the ways of sheep. One man had asked him if the sheep could not defend themselves in any way against the dogs.

Driftwood learned that charges under the Domestic Animal Protection Act may be laid against the owners of the dogs.

Gulf Islands Studios

Sponsors are pleased with their success

Gulf Islands Studios received its initial grant from Canada Works in November last year, for the purpose of teaching art education throughout the Gulf Islands. The project consists of three professional artist instructors, Bill Wheaton, Frances Faminow, and Pat Barnes.

The sponsors are pleased with their success.

In November, Bill Wheaton and Frances Faminow began art classes on Mayne Island.

Frances instructed line, colour, and design, at See Studio, and Bill instructed a watercolour course at Gulf Island Studio.

The programs were for 10 sessions and were geared to adults. During this period both instructors also taught children's art classes.

All these programs have been successfully completed, and new courses are presently being organized.

WEAVING AND FABRIC

In December, Pat Barnes began weaving and fabric on Salt Spring Island. The programs were organized

Students create disturbance at Pender

Pender Island was the scene of a minor disturbance Tuesday afternoon. Members of the Ganges detachment RCMP went over to Pender after being notified that about 30 high school students were creating a disturbance.

Rumours of an escaped convict being in the area were untrue.

ized for both children and adults. The adult courses were taught in her studio, the Loom Room, and the children's courses took place in the classrooms of the elementary and secondary schools.

These courses will soon be completed, and new programs will be announced shortly.

Since January, Gulf Island Studios has expanded its programs. Bill Wheaton instructs a painting class in the United Church on Salt Spring Island, and Frances Faminow instructs classes on Pender Island. Frances teaches both adults and children. The adults are taking a course in line, colour, and design, and the children are taking general art.

Eventually Gulf Island Studios hopes to have art programs on Galiano Island and Saturna Island.

New chairs provide comfort at Court House

Island wrong-doers can expect more in the way of comfort at the Court House in Ganges. About eight chairs have been placed in the lobby at the provincial government building.

The court deals with juvenile matters first when it is in session, and is then closed to the public. In recent months, the large numbers of juvenile cases have resulted in people having to wait in the lobby for up to two and a half hours. There were no chairs at all before.

Spotlight on Theatre

Drama Festival slated for Salt Spring

BY MARILYN TAYLOR

With three weeks remaining in which to finalize arrangements, Salt Spring Players will be hosting the British Columbia Drama Association's South Island Zone Festival this spring in Ganges.

Festival entries have been sub-

mitted and programmes are in the process of being laid out to accommodate the requirements of each entry.

In addition to Salt Spring Players, there will be four Community Theatre groups participating in this year's Zone Festival: Manta Players from Colwood; Peninsula Players from Victoria. Gulf Islands Secondary School will also enter a play produced by the school under the direction of Ian Thompson.

NINE PLAYS

Altogether, nine plays have been entered in this Festival which will now run three nights, beginning on Thursday 20 April through Saturday, April 22. Theatre space to be utilized will be the Activity Centre at the Elementary School.

This Festival's adjudicator will be Ron Pollock, whose credentials include professional experience at

Stratford, Ontario, as well as North Carolina, Edmonton and Vancouver.

At the close of the Festival a Best Production will be chosen to go to the provincial finals, which will be held in Powell River this June.

Watch for posters and flyers as well as a detailed account of the productions to be published in Driftwood.

It should be a super Festival: see you at the Theatre!

Fined for driving with no insurance

Andy Mitchell, of Mayne Island, pleaded guilty in Ganges Provincial Court Wednesday to driving a vehicle without insurance.

Mitchell's vehicle was involved in a two-car accident on Fernhill road, Mayne Island on February 28. He was fined \$250 by Judge D.K. McAdam.

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Utley to display paintings and drawings of Italy at Sidney

Utley is showing himself next week.

Windsor Utley, Salt Spring Island artist of international repute, is also the proprietor of Utley's Art Galleries, at Sidney. From April 2 until April 16, the featured display at the Sidney galleries will be the recent paintings and drawings of Italy by Windsor Utley.

Artist and musician, Utley has been exhibiting his work since 1944, when he was unknown.

Since that time he has gained a wide following.

The present exhibition is devoted to the work he has completed since his last Italian visit in 1977.

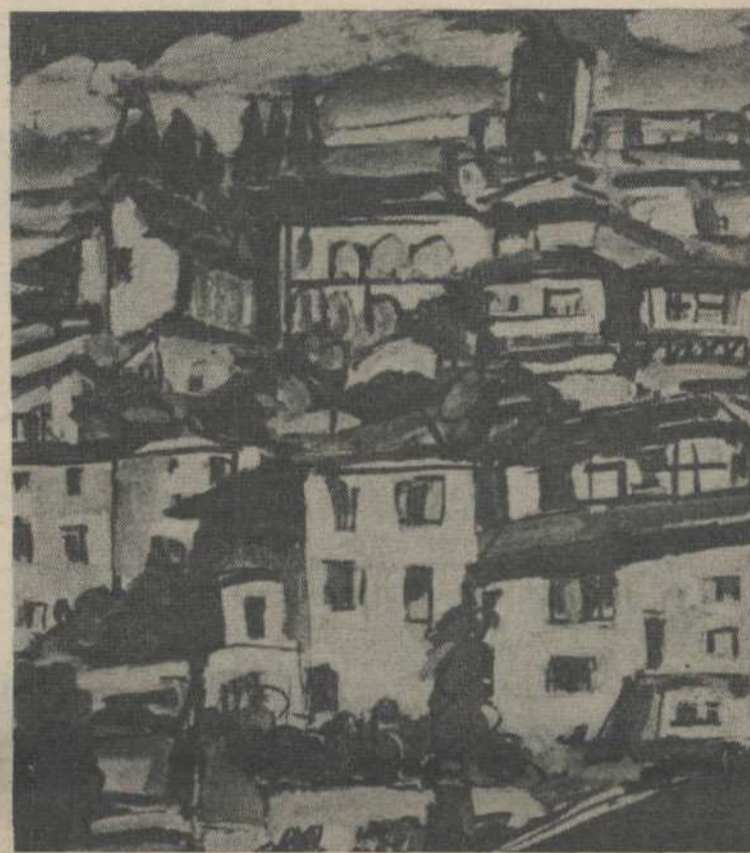
Nearly 30 years ago the island artists spent two years in Siena. Italy has held an attraction for him, ever since, and his works reflect the Italian influence.

Colin Graham described Windsor Utley as the Italian Presence, when he had a one-man show in the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria in 1972.

GANGES STUDIO

Utley has his studio in Ganges, above the Recreation Centre, overlooking the harbour. His house down the harbour, termed Windsor's Castle, is better known than his studio. The striking building is notable from outside and inside and even in the house, the Utley love affair with Italy is evident.

The romance of Italian history;



the landscape and architecture of Italy; even the beach scenes of the brilliant Italian Rivers are seen in Utley's work. They will be seen at the art gallery in Sidney, near Patricia Bay Airport.

Columbia. During his residence in the Washington city he had three one-man shows in Seattle Art Museum. He has enjoyed many one-man shows since his early days as a painter.

Taking part in the direction of his gallery are Mrs. Josephine Utley and their son, Claude Utley.

The artist operated a gallery in Seattle before moving to British

Bridge winners

Following are the winners of the Canadian Legion Duplicate Bridge on March 21.

During the afternoon, east-west winners were: first, Peg Richardson and O'Dell Reid; second, Jean Johnston and Viola Webb; third, Hilda Orchard and Lois Popkin-

Clurman. North-south: first, Helen Shandro and Phyllis Henderson; second, Alf and Vera Nichols; third, Bunny Jordon and Mary K. Thomas.

The evening's winners were, first, Mary K. Thomas, second and third, Fred Melhuish and N. McConnell.

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by richards

Anyone can make a mistake. On Wednesday I got up early to take the paste-up of Driftwood to Ladysmith, where the paper is printed. I caught the 7 am ferry to Crofton, drove up to Ladysmith and walked into the shop of the Ladysmith-Chemainus Chronicle at about 7.45. Good timing!

It was then that I discovered I had brought nothing with me. The truck was empty! That cookie crumbled messily.

I have a thing about notations in books. I used to find them, years ago, giving references for quotations. Sometimes there would be a notation at the foot of a page to translate a quotation into English for the benefit of the less erudite. Like me. But now any writer who spent six weeks in any university learning the Morse code knows that everything must have copious notations. Sometimes they refer to extra information that the writer put in as an afterthought. Nine times out of ten, he might as well have left it out altogether. Take Hazlitt. He wrote, a century ago, about the west coast. Not once did he use annotations. No silly little numbers with corresponding numbers at the foot of the page. If he'd sailed in the mid-1900's, it would have been black with 'em. Lot of status, there! Meself, I never read 'em. If the books is worthy reading I'll believe the writer was a brain without silly little numbers to tell me so.

Valerie, who has been on and off the staff of Driftwood since she

left school, is off. On Monday she left for Europe. But I see it like this: I haven't lost a daughter, I've gained a car!

In Grand Forks, like everywhere else, they had labour troubles. Everyone else was wrong. The Grand Forks Gazette published a statement from one of the affected, though not disputing, parties. In part, the statement ran: "The Board of School Trustees and CUPE which has placed both teachers and students in this district in an incredibly stressful situation which has severely inhibited the learning process for the past two weeks." Where else, but from a teachers' association, would you find a report like that? Never a bull's eye! Always approach the target tangentially. One day we'll have teachers who can no longer communicate with the common herd. Not yet, of course, but...one day!

The Rotary Adventure in Citizenship was a blow to aging chauvinists. First I found myself torn to ribbons by Pauline Lyngard in her address on the Role of Canadian Women. Then Jane Saba explained that I was obese, overweight, overfed, under-exercised and generally an unpleasant sample of humanity. At least, everything she covered in her speech on Physical Fitness left me outside the door. But I got Jane's message. I don't take enough interest in athletic pursuits. So I bought a sports car!

You can't be sure whether it is

They learned more than French as students visited Quebec cities

When a group of Gulf Islands Secondary School students went to Quebec for 10 days, they not only found a new world of French, they found new French-speaking friends.

Irene Wright, French teacher and sponsor of Quebec tours for the students, told Gulf Islands School District trustees last week that the students had previously known French as one of the subjects in school. When they went to Trois Rivieres, they found it a reality.

Mrs. Wright outlined the tour and some of the highlights.

She told the trustees that if a person learns to speak one language there is no technical reason why he can't learn another.

She described the manner in which the islands students had encountered difficulty and explained that the greatest barrier to communication was the reluctance to start speaking a strange language.

The older students had less problems. It was the youngest level who were the slowest to try out their French. She recalled that once they were engaged in winter

half-past-one or 73 degrees, fahrenheit when you are in the school board office, now. They have a new clock, a metric clock. Instead of the conventional clock where every man and his dog knows the time by the position of the hands, this one has all kinds of figures around the dial. I hope it works a 100-hour day. I mean, if it's a 24-hour clock, how do they make that metric?

Like everyone else in the country, I watched some part of the Prime Minister's address in New York. I listened to him speaking to an American audience. I didn't know until after the opposition speakers had had their say that it was an election speech. I heard the Canadian epistle to the Americans. Then I heard Mr. Broadbent tear it into shreds. Mr. Clark followed with an equally scathing summary. Only two others spoke on the subject. They were not politicians; they were businessmen. And they warmly endorsed it. All this proves the worthlessness of the TV policy of according time to opposing parties to tear apart a government spokesman. We never hear a sensible, constructive criticism. We only hear the bitter, often vicious, attacks of the men who wish they were government. It is such television shows that convince many Canadians that the party comes before the country. Such empty spontaneous attacks, launched solely as an automatic response to a government statement lead many of us to suppose that any opposition member would rejoice in the collapse of Canada as long as it took the government party with it. The comments are not only worthless, they could be written by any grade four student in any Canadian school, because we all know the commentary before it is broadcast and we can even visualize every sneer and every smirk that accompanies it.

games, they lost their inhibitions and started to loosen up.

The trip was well organized.

QUESTIONS IN FRENCH

Scott Slocombe recalled the trip from Montreal, where the French hosts were speaking French and pressing for answers. On the bus to Trois Rivieres, the islanders were asked the size of their shoes and various other statistics as a means of starting the responses in French.

The tour was an immersion course. No English was spoken and a system of fines was imposed on anglophones who resorted to English.

The tour was sponsored by the university at Trois Rivieres and an analysis of the procedures, with students' reaction, submitted in English, will be made later.

Such a trip to Quebec is an eye-opener for the students, said Mrs. Wright, because they are exposed not simply to another language, but to a new series of customs and a culture quite distinct from their own.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and would gladly do it again, the board was assured.

There will be another such trip this spring, for another group of island students.

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The odorous harbour

For the past dozen years there has been a general acceptance that a sewer system for Ganges was needed. Residents and tourists have wrinkled their noses at the odours rising from Ganges Harbour. It is, unfortunately, an aroma that appeals only to the few.

There has been a steady campaign for those dozen years to install a system in Ganges. In latter months it has become a controversial issue. The project has been ordered, however, by the Pollution Control Board and plans are going ahead.

While the service to the central core of Ganges is the heart of the controversy, there is an aspect of any decision on a sanitary sewer system that cannot and must not be overlooked.

The health of the Islands depends to a very considerable degree on the efficiency and competence of the Lady Minto Hospital and its staff.

The hospital was constructed in 1958, 20 years ago. It was conceived and built to serve a population one-half of the size of its area today. The community depends on the availability of a reasonably up-to-date hospital. Today, the hospital enjoys the benefit of a devoted staff and a conscientious administration. But even they cannot, alone and unaided, provide the modernization that the community is assuredly entitled to expect, but the facilities that spell the difference between living and dying.

The people of the community and the administration of the regional district are confident that a sanitary sewer system will be installed in Ganges in the foreseeable future and that the needed changes to the Lady Minto Hospital will be carried out.

Since the first foul bubble ruptured on the surface of Ganges Harbour, to release its warning jet of sulphuretted hydrogen, many years ago, the need for sewers in the area became evident. There has always been a warning cry from concerned watchers that improperly drained areas are conducive to disease. In Ganges we have the double threat of disease due to filth in the harbour and of lack of adequate medical facilities if the hospital cannot expand to serve the growing community of the Gulf Islands.

In recent weeks we have heard protests against the sewer project and we have heard pleas for amendment of the system proposed. It is easy to be sympathetic with any call for improvement, but how long a delay can we afford? Many of the questions being asked today might better have been asked 20 years ago when the proposal was young and the need less urgent.

By all means let us press for the best system and the best treatment that can be evolved. We should accept it without question that we want these things. But, please, don't let us argue specifics up to the time when it is illustrated, tragically, that the debate has overlived its proper span!

The Ganges sewer proposal is not a luxury; it is a necessity. The area to be served and the manner of that service are secondary. It must not bog down on those debates.

Letters to the Editor

DISARMAMENT

Sir,

Ever since the introduction of nuclear weapons, it has been evident that these instruments of total destruction represent the greatest threat to the survival of mankind.

While some progress has been made toward limiting the development and spread of these terrible devices, it is generally recognised that these steps have fallen far short of what is necessary if any of us are to achieve real security.

We are convinced there is a solution, if a sufficient number of like-minded people can be convinced to use the power they possess to compel disarmament, and there exists a unique opportunity to do just this when the United Nations General Assembly meets in Special Session May 23 to June 28 this year to discuss one question only: disarmament.

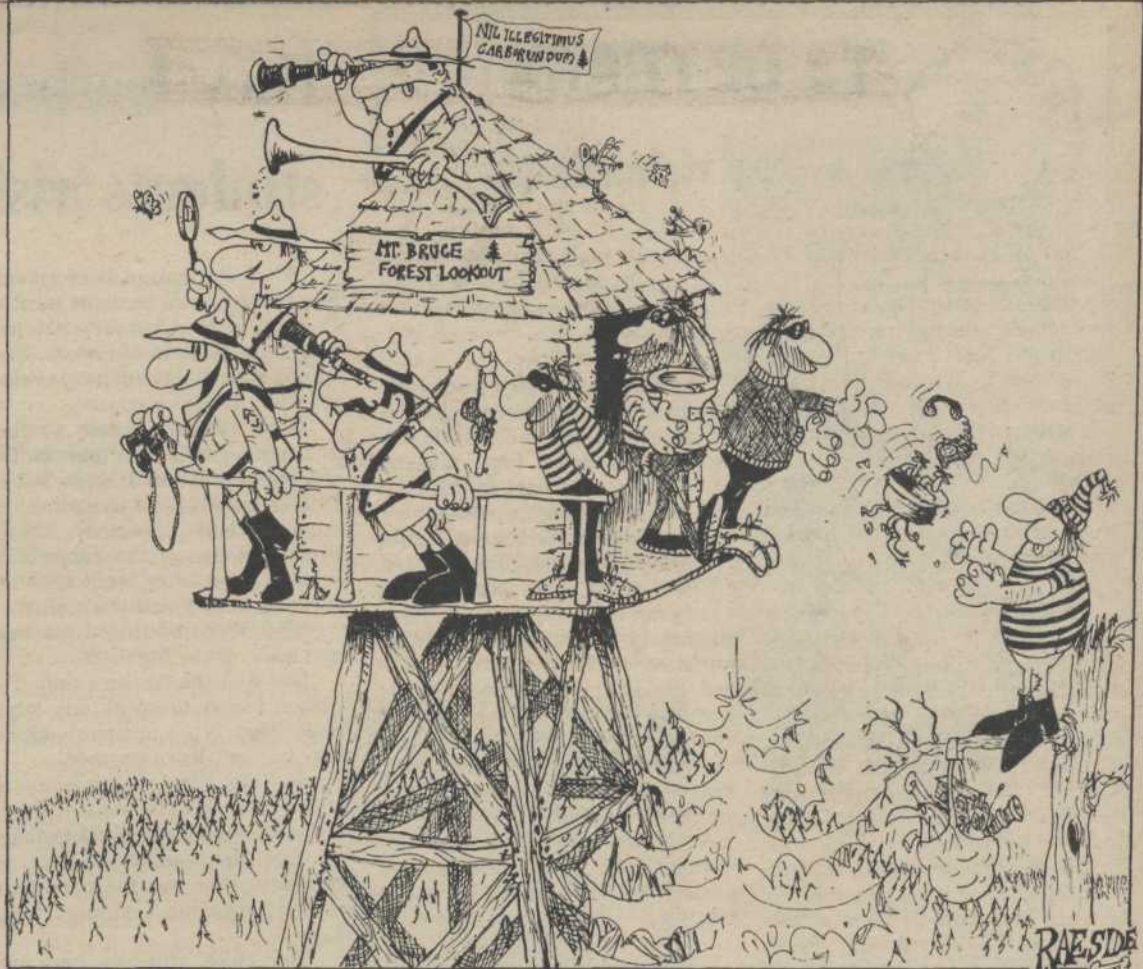
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sensus of opinion of a number of groups, church, labour, peace, environment, who are concerned about the increase in magnitude and destructive capacity of world weaponry.

40,000 copies of this brochure have already been printed and are being circulated to a very wide range of diverse groups of citizens, with the hope that it will arouse discussion and promote action.

Plans include a Disarmament Week end for March 31 - April 2, with a request to Vancouver City Council to declare March 31 Disarmament Day, and a proposal to the churches that they mark April 2 as Disarmament Sunday with appropriate action. We intend also to ask the public for signatures on the postcard by setting up tables at downtown locations and suburban shopping centres.

We hope you will find it possible to become involved in this campaign to stop the arms race



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before it spins out of control altogether, and we look forward to hearing your suggestions.

For the Ad Hoc Coalition for Disarmament

(Rev. James R. Roberts, Chairman)
187 West 16th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
March 14, 1978

SCHOOL COSTS

Sir,

Please keep us informed of our School Board's efforts to control the runaway costs of education in the Islands (if any).

Or are they really concerned with costs?

Can they justify:

- (1) Closure of the Secondary School on December 20 and 21?
- (2) Closure on February 2nd?

What will happen:

- (1) On April 3rd?
- (2) On May 19th?

Aren't car use allowances of 23c per mile, about 7c per mile too high?

What possible justification can there be for paying substitutes for teachers junketting to California this month?

Keith Jackson
RR 1, Mayne Island
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March 16, 1978

SAVE ENERGY

Sir,

A noted Churchman, speaking in a Cathedral in England, opened his remarks to his audience with these words, "We know that we sometimes upset one another by what we say..."

I hope that I will not upset anyone with what I propose with the following suggestion. I propose to change the economy of the world, i.e.: we have been advised by the media to lower our "Thermo Stats" and to turn out our lights - i.e., to generally save power and to conserve our diminishing natural resources which are not only scarce but costly because the Arab Nations have consistently raised the price of oil and oil products.

While we go on economizing approximately 50% of the year by adopting Daylight Saving (Putting the clocks ahead of Standard Time one hour) for the summer period, we must accept that this is only a half measure.

I propose to set the clocks behind Standard Time for the Winter period as much as they are set ahead of Standard Time for the

summer period, i.e. one hour. (A change of two hours from summer to winter.)

I further propose to change the work day to nine hours during the summer period and to seven hours during the winter period. For this purpose let us forget about spring and autumn. For the whole year the work time would still average eight hours a day.

However, in the summer period we would have the advantage of more free power from the sun than we would have in the winter period. The common sense thing to do is to take advantage of the longer day during the summer period.

We would then be more independent with regards to oil and oil products than we are now.

It is a geographical fact that the Earth oscillates north and south of the centre position: one half of the year north and then one half of the year south of the centre position.

That is why we have the seasons. So, by setting the clocks ahead of Standard Time for the summer period we would get more free power from the sun and that would justify using this power for a longer work day, i.e. nine hours during the summer. Then, when winter comes, when we would have less power and a shorter day, we could take it easy and sleep longer because we would be working a shorter day and would not need as

much power, etc.

This plan would benefit the whole world as both North and South Hemispheres would benefit alternately from the scheme. Come one day, say spring Equinox, March 21st, clocks would go ahead one hour. Then, when the autumn Equinox comes on September 21st, the clocks would go back two hours, (i.e. one hour ahead of Standard Time for summer then one hour behind Standard Time for the Winter.)

Has the world any objections?
J.L. McNeil,
Ganges, B.C.
March 17, 1978

TOO MUCH

Sir,

I note from your issue of March 8, 1978, a lengthy letter from Mrs. Yvette Valcourt with respect to her objection to the manner in which a sanitary sewer system is proposed for the Ganges area.

While I respect and would defend Mrs. Valcourt's right to speak out on this and other issues, I sincerely believe that her critical comments regarding me cannot go, unanswered.

On a number of issues which troubled Mrs. Valcourt I have always attempted to deal with her fairly and as promptly as possible. In fact, a member of your newspaper staff was present at a very

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Church Services

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1978

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mark's	Central	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
St. Paul's	Fullford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am
UNITED			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812(church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm
COMMUNITY GOSPEL			
Mr. L. Sheppard	Ganges	Sun. Sch.-all ages	10.30 am
537-2622 (church)	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30 pm
MAYNE ISLAND			
St. Mary Magdalene	Sundays	Rev. John Dyer	11.30 am
Community Church Pastor J. Rodine 539-5710			
Sunday, 3 pm in the school			
Bible Study, Friday in the homes 7.30 pm			
GALIANO ISLAND			
St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am

Letters to the Editor

[From Page Four]

lengthy meeting one afternoon last summer as representatives of the Regional District, Islands Trust, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Medical Health Officer and I sat in an attempt to identify and resolve several matters at issue.

Neither that meeting, nor others which have been specially arranged for Mrs. Valcourt could in any way be considered "a formality" or "a mere waste of time".

Mrs. Valcourt holds very strong views and expresses them in a forthright manner. Whether I agree with her or not is beside the point - rather - I try at all times to listen and function objectively. My office remains open to Mrs. Valcourt on any matter, including the current dispute but, however, I think that most of your readers will understand that it is not possible to arrange meetings requiring a reasonable amount of time on 24 to 72 hours notice.

In this particular case, as in others, I have returned Mrs. Valcourt's telephone calls through the working day as well as in the evening, and at times have been subjected to extremely critical comment which is not necessary, not productive and goes beyond the limits which even an elected representative of all the people in a given constituency should be required to accept in silence.

Hugh A. Curtis,
MLA
Saanich and the Islands.
March 22, 1978

IT IS YOUR BACK YARD

Sir,
A reaction to the news of B.C. Hydro's proposed Georgia Strait transmission line seems often to be: "Well, as long as it isn't in my back yard."

Islanders and coast people, the Georgia Strait IS your back yard, and your front yard. As school-kids in Ganges, we used to think of Texada as a far-off post in our vast and nebulous northland, and don't recall Lasqueti even being marked on the map. It is still amazing somehow, that the distance from here to Galiano is the same as that from Ganges to Victoria. The entire Strait of Georgia from Quadra to the San Juans is less than half the size of now dead Lake Erie.

The size of our dwindling (in more ways than one) environment aside; those persons who react as above are missing a major point. That is, that Vancouver Island does not need more hydroelectric power from the mainland. To condone the Hydro line is to ask for unchecked over-consumption and waste, a continuous spiral of increasing debts and exploitation of our resources (the damming of our rivers, the loss of prime agricultural land, the losses to our fisheries) as well as local hazards

like possible oil leaks from the line into the Strait, for what? Perhaps to fuel the industrial fires of Japan et al through multi national corporate agreements by the Tri-Lateral Commission, of which Bonner is a member?

We firmly believe that with increased efficiency B.C.'s power production and consumption, the usefulness of our present hydro-electric supply can be extended until less ecologically costly, renewable, and safe power sources can be utilized. At any rate, with conservation measures becoming part of our daily habits (one of our mothers is so quick to close the fridge door she almost catches her grandson's fingers; the other doesn't even own a fridge), we feel it is understandable for all of us to feel a little bit righteous and to demand that industry become conservation minded also. The three largest electricity consumers on Vancouver Island are the "forest product" outfits. Forest products plants can (apparently some already do) burn their own wastes to produce enough electricity for themselves, even with some left over.

How about it? Self-sufficiency is a worthy goal. Diversification of our power sources will give all of us greater security. The pressure to provide, that Hydro believes is upon them, would be relieved, they would not have to overextend themselves (and our pocketbooks) after all, and we would have no problem "hanging on" until we learn to utilize better power sources.

With nuclear fusion (not "fission" which is the process associated with radiation and poisonous waste); geothermal sources, sun, wind, waves, tide, photovoltaic cells and so on to choose from in the future, it seems that locally applicable technologies should be developed by the time we need them.

N.D.P. spokesman Lorne Nicolson (MLA Nelson-Creston) has called for an inquiry into B.C. Hydro's policies and activities, and a possible 10 year moratorium on all new B.C. Hydro construction projects. It seems this would give Hydro (and others) more time, money, and energy to put into further research and planning of alternate power sources.

We say let's all prod Hydro and our government to act with more restraint in the current "boom or bust" cycle.

R. Hildred,
B. McClean,
Lasqueti Island,
March 19, 1978

FERNWOOD SCHOOL IS NEEDED

Sir,
Despite the insistence of a parents' group that no one in

Fernwood wants a school, I can assure you there are many who like to see the school constructed without further delay.

I feel this small, vocal group has misrepresented the parents of Fernwood. Did 78% of the people polled wish to see the school stopped? We were given the distinct impression it was only for a temporary delay. Not all parents were polled and those with only preschool children were not even taken into consideration. No general meeting has been held since before this poll was taken.

Yes, Ganges is a convenient location for a school. Many parents work in Ganges. Many parents can drive their children to and from school without disrupting their days. Nearly all after school activities take place in Ganges. Could it be, a school in Fernwood would be a personal inconvenience to many people?

Fernwood school has been in the planning for at least three years. The anticipated overcrowding in Ganges is now a reality. Fernwood school is needed and needed now! I suggest these concerned parents utilize their never-ending energies and come up with some positive, constructive ideas for Fernwood School.

Ellen Hazenboom
Ganges, BC
March 27, 1978

INTRODUCED BY NDP

Sir,
In last week's Driftwood, Education Minister Pat McGeer is reported to have stated, speaking of the ICBC, "The rates are just over 50% of other parts of Canada". What he neglected to say was that in some parts of Canada, notably Saskatchewan and Manitoba where there is government sponsored insurance, the rates are lower than in B.C. These provinces manage to provide lower insurance rates without recourse to bringing in an alien advisor at \$80,000 per year.

I would like to remind Dr. McGeer, and others with short memories, that the insurance savings he was speaking so proudly about came into being because of legislation introduced by an NDP government which he and the Secreds strenuously opposed.

I.C. Shank
Ganges, BC
March 25, 1978

TOUR A TOTAL SUCCESS

Sir,
The students of the Gulf Islands Secondary School Concert Band and the stage band would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all the people in the community who helped to make our California tour a total success.

The trip proved to be completely worthy of the effort. It allowed the students to acquire a better understanding of an environment foreign to them. The students were brought to the awareness that being Canadian was something special.

Everyone realized that working and cooperating together made the group a functioning unit.

Sing-a-longs such as 'Alice-the-Camel, and Doo-Daa's were common, as the group formed into a big happy family.

On behalf of the students, we would like to especially thank our parents for their understanding and co-operation. Also thanks go to the many other contributors such as the Chamber of Commerce and M. McLoughlin for the tokens of appreciation, the assistance of the Lions Club at the dance and the band uniforms donated by the Rotary Club.

Thanks are expressed to the community for supporting the band by attending concerts, dances, and

buying our multitudinous raffle tickets.

We thank our chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Byron, Miss Sitton, and Ms. Purnple for their responsibility and leadership.

Special thanks are conveyed to Mr. Wilf Davies, our bandmaster, for making this tour possible. It should be noted that we hit only one McDonalds on the entire tour.
Eric Elford
Jill Johnson
Ganges, BC
March 27, 1978

ORIGINAL CHARTER WANTED

Sir,
I would be grateful for the assistance of yourself and your readers in tracing the original charter granted by the Boy Scouts Association to the Salt Spring Island Cub and Scout Association.

According to the Islands Regional Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of Canada, the original charter was issued in May, 1932. At that time the Leader and the Group Committee were as follows:

Cubmaster: Mr. George Elliot;
Chairman: Mr. W.E. Scott, Secretary: Mrs. Joan K. Springford; Members: Mr. F.H. Walter, Mrs. Ida Crofton, Mrs. Nancy E. Englis, Mr. G.R. Crofton.

The present Group Committee is interested in obtaining the original charter in order to complete our records. Therefore, if you or any of your readers can assist us in locating it, we would be very grateful. Please contact me at 537-9661. E.D.E. Hoskin, chairman

First Ganges Group
Boy Scouts of Canada
RR 3, Ganges
March 25, 1978

Two cars collide

Damage was over \$200 when two cars were in collision at Ganges on Saturday.

The vehicle owned by Pat Taylor, of Walker Hook Road, had been parked in front of Embe Bakery when it rolled down the hill and struck another vehicle parked in front of Ganges Harbour Grocery. Second vehicle was owned by John Shearing.

Police said the transmission linkage had broken on the Taylor vehicle, causing it to roll down the hill.

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Saturday, April 1st in Victoria
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More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON
For the Committee for World
Development Education and Relief

The final session of our evening study group was enlivened and enriched by the Rev. Wes Maultsaid, Co-ordinator of the B.C.

World Development Committees. He talked of the hazards of his job, being answerable to 10 Bishops and five Presbytery Officers! He talked about the Church Task Forces enquiring into corporate responsibility, northern develop-

ment, human rights in Latin America, and Ten Days.

Wes served for three years in Belize, where he quickly realized he had more to learn than he could possibly teach; that he received more from them than he could ever hope to give. Belize is about the size of Vancouver Island (their Anglican Cathedral is older than most Canadian churches) and originally the home of one million people. The population has shrunk to 140,000 with an average income of \$450 a year. Food costs the same as in Canada!

The Task Force on Northern Development has recommended there be no pipeline until native land claims are settled. Do you know that milk costs twice as much in the Northwest Territories as in Edmonton? But alcohol is no more expensive, being subsidized by the government! ***

Ten Days Committees point out that Canada is importing more food and growing less. Five food chains control all our markets, and food is being grown for profit, not people. We talked about strawberry jam. Mexican strawberry millionaires pay their workers slave wages so they can undercut Canadian growers. B.C. used to have 14 canneries. Now we have five, four of which are in financial trouble.

Following a recent letter to Driftwood criticizing CIDA, we asked Wes if the churches monitor these funds. The churches receive grants from the non-government side of CIDA, monies being used to liberate people from the conditions in which they live. CIDA workers are in touch with only the poorest of the poor, and corruption only creeps in when large sums are administered by those who are already wealthy.

Good News: The Midland Bank of Great Britain has withdrawn all its funds from Southern Africa, following the example of a big U.S. bank.
Bad News: We spend 25 times as much on armaments as on all aid programs.

Good News: Falconbridge, a source of embarrassment to many of us, is not really Canadian! It is American owned, and called Canadian to take some heat off the U.S.

Bad News: Eugene Whelan, although sympathetic to Susan George and Gonzalo Arroyo, visit-

Some people would call it

Baloney . . . by Tony

It's quite fashionable to read Driftwood. It's even more fashionable to start reading Driftwood at page six.

In some quarters it's fashionable to drive Cadillacs. And in others, it's fashionable to wear fur coats made from the skin of the harp seal.

It's unfortunate that the economy of Newfoundland is dependent to a certain extent on the clubbing of young seals. There's something very wrong when a full-scale slaughter of young animals is necessary to satisfy the whims of the fashionable. And if such a

ing economists during Ten Days, complained he is number 16 in the Cabinet and has no clout! Whatever you think of Mr. Whelan, number sixteen is a pretty ominous position for the minister dealing with something as vital as food!

Gonzalo Arroyo said we must not be too easily discouraged.

"The poor have vision and hope," he said.

Speaking in Toronto, he was told of a slum district where he would find poverty, even in Canada.

"Come to Mexico City," he replied, "and I will show you 800,000 poor. There, you don't have to look for them!"

Argelia Tejada told Wes Salt Spring was one of the best places she visited! ***

FLASHBACK

Remember Sadie Vernon and the jam factory? It now employs 18 women. A group of Belizeans will visit B.C. this summer.

April 8. Workshop in Chemainus. Details from Alice Andress.

April 22nd. World Relief Tea. Bakers are having problems with

slaughter is necessary to give a boost to the economy, then this country is in serious trouble.

Mankind will have taken a major step forward if and when the word fashion becomes obsolete. Surely there are more important things to live for.

This paper will be indescribably dull: the old man's away again and before leaving, made me swear on a stack of Driftwoods that I wouldn't say anything unkind about the Rotary Club.

our request for cutting down on sugar. We are simply asking that people be aware of the message of the Third World; which is, don't buy our cash crops. Force the growers out of business, so that we can grow food for ourselves. Of course we cannot turn the clock back to the days when we didn't use sugar (and when diabetes was unknown) but we can discover that we need much less than we thought and feel healthier the less we use.

Scott Slocombe is successful

A Salt Spring Islander was successful with his entries at the third International Fish Show held at Victoria March 13 to 18.

Scott Slocombe won first place in Marine Photography, Medium Gichlids and Most Beautiful Intermediate (17 years and under) Tank. He also placed third for the Best Aquarium Plants.

Show took place at the Hillside Mall.

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If the slip has arrived but you need more information...

If you did get a T4U and still need an itemized statement, fill in the same card. You must write the total UI benefits you got in 1977 somewhere on the card.

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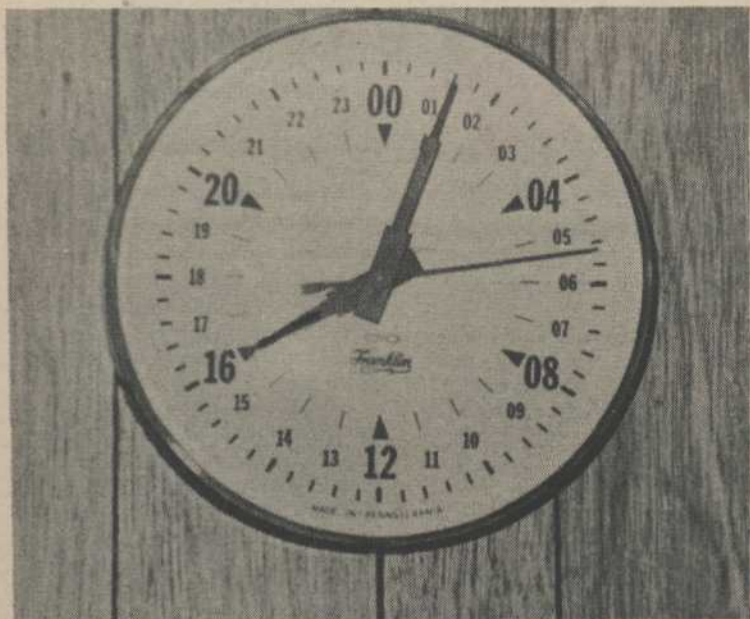
in Mahon Hall, Ganges

Agenda:

- 1) Financial statements
- 2) Election of trustees
- 3) Appointment of auditor
- 4) Any other business

The trustees would appreciate a good turn-out of island residents

It wasn't eight o'clock



Readers may think that a Driftwood photographer was up early to get this picture, but they would be mistaken. The picture does show a clock but it doesn't say 8.01. The time shown is actually 4.01 pm and the clock is a metric one.

It is the first 24-hour clock to be purchased by Gulf Islands School District and it hangs in the board room at the school board office in Ganges.

Galiano Lions elect officers

Galiano Lions Club were hosts to two fellow Lions from Sidney. Art Moshagen is running for zone chairman, he was accompanied by Art Kool. They were welcomed to the dinner meeting prepared by Mary Knudson and Helen Neale.

Election of officers for the coming year were as follows: president, Roy Harding; vice-president, Tommy Carolan; second vice-president, Henry Knudson; secretary, Archie Frewer; treasurer, Albert Lantinga; two-year director, Reg. Cornwell; one-year director, Peter Dunn; tail-twister, Frank Basarab; Lion Tamer, Cam Prior.

Mr. Harding gave sincere thanks to his committees for their hard and dedicated work during the past year. New officers will not take their official positions until July 1.

It was reported that the recent seafood dinner was a success, with monies made to be spent on a worthy cause on Galiano.

The Dene are the people

★ ★ ★
They know who they are

BY MARY WILLIAMSON

Who are the Dene (pronounced Denny with the emphasis on the second syllable)?

Item 4 of the Agreement drawn up by the Dene people (at the request of the Minister of Indian Affairs) in October, 1976, reads:

"4. The definition of the Dene is the right of the Dene. The Dene know who they are."

Isn't that a beautiful and profound statement? Think of the thousands of books written, and the millions of dollars made by psychiatrists, all to help people like you and me to find out who we are. And the Dene know who they are!

One of the reasons they know who they are is that they are aboriginal people and they still survive in the land which has been their home from time immemorial, the Mackenzie Valley. We may call it the Northwest Territories, or the final frontier, or whatever we choose. But to them it is home. Their homeland.

NEARLY TRICKED OUT

They were almost tricked out of it in 1921, and it is doubtful whether our mandarins in Ottawa will ever grant them the autonomy they seek, within the country of Canada, but at least they know who they are, and those of us who take

the time and trouble to listen can find out, and maybe help ourselves in the process.

For instance, they govern by consensus. An issue is debated and then a vote is taken. Those who vote against, or are undecided, are invited to state their reasons.

These are again debated, and another vote taken.

The process continues until all are agreed. How's that for an advance on democracy?

Certainly there is a chance that some may vote with the majority as the easy way out, but at least they are all informed of the issues and given an opportunity to state their case and then, and only then, is another attempt made to win them over.

CONCERNED CANADIAN

Michael McNall, co-editor of an excellent new magazine "The Concerned Canadian", visited Ganges on Sunday, and talked to a small group at the Community Centre.

He is concerned with "Project North", an inter-church project on Northern Development.

In September, 1975, the Anglican, Lutheran, Mennonite, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and United Churches of Canada, along with the Canadian Council of Churches, formed this project to help them-

selves more effectively address the challenges of native land claims and northern development.

Their two objectives were:

- To support the creative activities of Native people engaged in the struggle for land claims and Northern development, especially in communicating their struggle to people in the South and

- To challenge and mobilize the Church constituency (some 15,000, 000 or more adherents) in the South and to respond to the ethical and moral issues of Northern Development.

SMALL GROUP

Let us hope that their success in the second objective is not measured by the size of the group which turned out to hear Michael McNall on Sunday!

D'Anna Carson joined us to give more facts and figures, and we saw some slides of the first National Assembly of the Dene, where 1,000 people talked for seven days and finally came up with the Dene Declaration.

I was impressed by the huge WARNING notice outside the camp: "NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS" and Michael told us every car was searched before being allowed to enter. There were three or four old houses and the contrast between them and the beautiful tents and tepees was perhaps symbolic of our different ways of life.

Michael remarked on the children: they are very independent, but they didn't get into any trouble or cause any trouble. They were very happy and never cried.

LITERATURE

Michael left quite a fair sampling of literature at the Community Centre. Just ask the Community worker if you would like to borrow it, but the best thing you can do to become more informed is to subscribe to the "Concerned Canadian", 4660 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria, B.C. V8Z 5M1. Their information brochure states: "we do not have any political affiliation. We do not wish to portray any form of radicalism or extreme political viewpoints."

Sample letters are available at the Community Centre, Et Cetera, Volume Two and Sunshine Farm Foods.

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SOME FURTHER NOTES

Story of Capt. Cook and Canada

BY FRANK RICHARDS

It was probably a severe blow to the Indian peoples of the islands that Capt. James Cook, RN, neglected to call on them when he was sailing up and down the Pacific coast, 200 years ago. It was never established that he even knew the islands existed, still less visited them.

The interesting feature of the bi-centennial is the light it throws on the Royal Navy of the 18th century and, of course, the relationship between the Navy and the coast of British Columbia.

There remains Cape Cook to remind posterity of his visit and Nootka Sound to remind posterity

of the main link with the famous explorer and hydrographer.

Walbran mentions the naming of Cape Cook and explains that it was originally named Woody Point by Cook. That was March 29, 1778. Nootka was junior and was not christened until April. Estevan Point was named Breaker's Point by Cook. It was changed.

Woody Point was cancelled out by Capt. George Richards, of Plumper, in 1860. It was Richards who coined the name, Cape Cook. **TO SCHOOL**

Walbran recalls that Cook was the son of a farm labourer, James Cook. His father gained an appointment as hind, or foreman, or

bailiff, at Airey Holme, the property of Thomas Skottow. Young Cook went to the day school at Ayton.

It is interesting that Skottow was socially so far above the young boy that without the name of Skottow, James Cook would have been unknown. Yet, history recalls Skottow solely because the bailiff's son was on his property.

Cook was apprenticed to haberdasher and grocer in Staithes until he was about 18. At that time he shipped in the collier, Freelove, 450 tons. It was operated by the Walker Brothers, John and Henry, of Whitby.

He stayed with it and was ultimately promoted to mate

aboard the Friendship, a new vessel in the same line. He served in that office for three years.

In 1755 he joined the Royal Navy, shipping out as able seaman. In the Eagle, 60 guns, under Captain Hamer, he served for a month before being promoted to Masters Mate. He was serving in that capacity when Capt. Hugh Palliser joined the ship.

Palliser fell in line with Mr. Osbaldiston, MP for Scarborough, who wrote on behalf of various neighbours, in favour of the young Cook. He was given a master's warrant and appointed to the Solebay. In October, 1757, he was appointed as master to the Pem-

Money stolen at school

RCMP at Ganges are investigating the theft of \$200 from a gym locker at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Money belonging to Greg Sollitt was stolen Monday morning.

broke, Capt. Simcoe.

They sailed to North America and Cook brought credit to his friends in his work on the St. Lawrence.

In 1759 he was transferred to the Northumberland, Capt. Lord Colville. It was in Northumberland that he made a survey of part of the coasts of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. His work gained the attention of Lord Colville and of the governor of Newfoundland, Capt. Graves.

He went back to England and in 1862 he was married in Little Barking, Essex. A few months later he went back to Newfoundland to engage in marine surveys, where his work was excellent.

Cook made the rank of Lieutenant to sail to the South Seas and to witness the transit of Venus. When Cook, in Resolution, returned to the South Seas in 1775 he had an able seaman aboard, George Vancouver, who was to give his name to western Canada.

In 1776 Cook set out for his last voyage. His second ship was Discovery and the captain was Commander Charles Clerke. Vancouver was now a midshipman in Discovery.

After a survey of the north Pacific coast, he set out for the southern warmth and lost his life in Hawaii.

Less well-know aspect of Cook's visit to Nootka was the fact that he was carrying a considerable load of furs taken on Vancouver Island. By the time the two senior officers had both met their deaths, the two ships sailed home from the southern hemisphere by way of China, where they sold their furs. The profit realized, reports Walbran, was so great that the crew wanted to go straight back to Nootka and get some more.

FUR TRADE

The return of the two ships to London in 1789 spelled the beginning of the fur trade on the northwest coast of the American continent.

Cook's widow was living at 88 Mile End Road, London and remained there for several years after his death. She died at Clapham in 1835.

The history of the explorer-hydrographer shows the manner in which he and Vancouver were both from the lower deck. In 1842 William Taylor, of Greenwich died suddenly. Admiral of the Red, Taylor was the only surviving officer who accompanied Capt. Cook on his last voyage. Taylor was rated able seaman.

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First on Salt Spring?

Caesarian Section on cow at Fulford farm

A successful operation was carried out on a cow at Fulford last week. It is believed to be the first Caesarian Section ever to be done, to a cow, on Salt Spring Island.

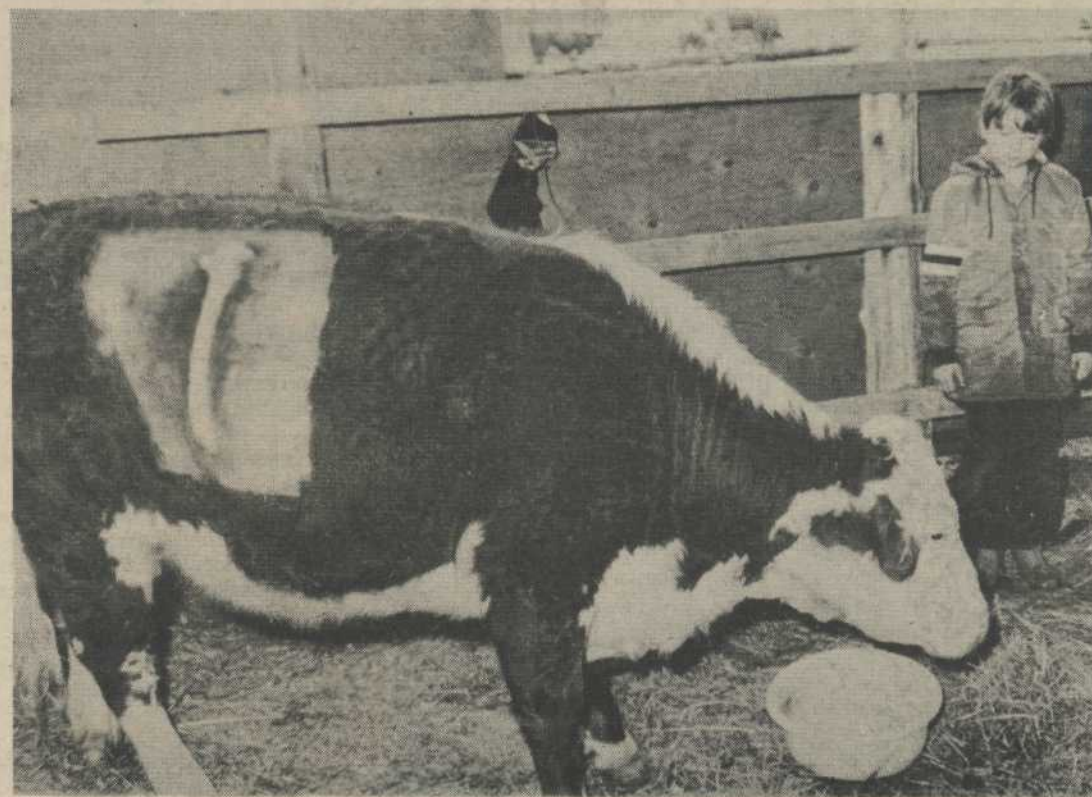
The purebred Polled Hereford belongs to Lyle Hamilton-Horne and the Caesarian was done by Dr. Claus Andress last Tuesday. Dr. Andress told Driftwood that the cow was too young to be bred and furthermore, that she had been bred to a Charolais, a larger breed

than Hereford.

The calf had died inside the uterus and could not be removed through the birth canal. Hamilton-Horne explained that the whole side had to be cut wide open.

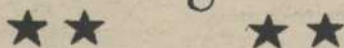
"My oldest boy, my wife and myself pulled out the dead calf," he said.

A week later, the cow was doing well and her owner didn't foresee any complications in breeding her again in a few months' time.



The mark on the cow's side is where the incision was made when she underwent a Caesarian Section last week. Lance Hamilton-Horne looks on.

C'est la guerre !



Another war and memories

BY FRANK RICHARDS

The Lebanese were fleeing before the Israelis, stated the radio announcer. Two carloads of corpses were there to bear witness to the attack.

And my mind went back more than a quarter-century.

It was another war and another association of people.

The Belgians were running through France. They were accompanied by the northern French. I was stationed in Auxi-le-Chateau, to the south of the English Channel. As a very junior airman, I had neither rank nor responsibilities. While we remained in the community, a mini-air force without airplanes or air field, our duties were simple.

Day after day we spent walking through the town.

It was a typical small French town of the Pas de Calais, its only claim to distinction, in the eyes of the British troops, was the estaminet. The Devonshire Arms. That was operated by a First World War British soldier who had married a French girl.

The other feature of the town was the line, the unending line, of traffic passing from north to south. **ALL WORE A MATTRESS**

Cars, trucks, hand-hauled carts and pedestrians with nothing. They all made their dreary way from the German invaders. The cars were loaded with people and possessions. Trucks carried the urgent needs of the owner. Some had rescued a baby buggy. Others looked to small items of furniture. They all carried people and they all wore a mattress on the roof.

The people were the escaping evacuees. The buggy or the table or the chair were their treasured possessions and the mattress was their only hope against the enemy fighters which would swoop down on them to kill off the fleeing women and children, suddenly a target of war.

There was a pathos about that procession which stayed with me for many years.

A small group of us RAF personnel would walk to the north end of the town and get into conversation with the passing parade. Some spoke English and all spoke French. We all spoke English and very few spoke French.

We discovered afterwards that the line ran from the Belgian border to the south of France. We fought it for a hundred miles and more.

ALL THE SAME

The stories were all the same. The German Panzer groups were threatening their towns and villages and the northern people had fled with what they could grab before the Germans entered their homes.

They wept or they cursed when

they illustrated the stutter of machine guns. Many a car showed holes in the bodywork where bullets had penetrated without crippling car or passengers. The victims of successful air attacks never reached Auxi-le-Chateau. They remained along the side of the road to be buried by the army that had destroyed them.

A few days after encountering these people with their tales of horror and heroism we also fled. The enemy scouts were within hours of our position and it was indefensible.

For mile after mile after mile we

drove across fields and through ditches to pass the paralyzing line of traffic stretching across the length of France.

Today, the paralysis is in another land and the language they speak is neither English or French, but I feel I was there once and it is being lived over again.

The notes I had on the evacuation through France, culled from comments made by our casual encounters, were all stolen by the petty thieves who enlist in every army.

But, as the evacuees told me so many times, with a Trudeau-esque shrug, "C'est la guerre!"

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BY VALERIE RICHARDS

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MacGillivray hails from Edmonton, Alberta, and left eight years ago to come to the coast. He had studied American and English history before he started his own delivery service company in Prince George. He abandoned that endeavour to take up environmental instruction at the Strathcona Park Lodge.

Colleague Bill Chipman is an easterner, from Sarnia, Ontario. He was an insulator for five years out east before he came west, two years ago. Chipman was with Seagull Construction and Moutat's Lumber Yard before he ventured into business with MacGillivray.

IN JANUARY

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Easter back in school!

The Easter holiday is coming back.

In 1980 the Spring Break will be the Easter holiday again and the brave new world will be back on a traditional schedule.

In recent years the Easter break was abandoned in favour of a more regulated spring term. Easter varies according to the lunar calendar. Schools did not.

While schools marked a spring break, they also closed down over Easter. Back on the old scale, they recover the two lost days, but the term is flexible again.

The Easter holiday in future will begin on Good Friday or end on Easter Monday, according to the date of Easter.

Two minors are charged

Two minors from Vancouver were arrested Saturday and charged with theft under \$200 and for being in licensed premises.

Ganges RCMP received a call from the Harbour House Hotel about the two, who had failed to pay their bar bill. They had then stolen a bottle of liquor and hidden it outside the hotel. They were later apprehended at Moutat Park.

Bridge Club at Mayne successful

The Thursday afternoon Bridge Club held in the Health Centre on Mayne Island has been a most successful venture, according to Isabel Geehan.

"We will continue playing bridge as long as players turn out," she said and expressed thanks to all those who participated.

DOWN THE GUTTER

...with Ken Collins

The fallen star fell even further this past week. On Tuesday last Julien Valcourt again bowled close to 200 pins under his average. He blamed it mostly on the fact that it's hard to bowl with a ball and chain on your leg, plus the nasty name-calling by his team-mates. This week he is going to put in ear plugs and get his ball and chain on wheels. Have you ever heard of a guy getting a foul because his ball and chain went over the foul-line?

Just a reminder that our two ladies' teams will be bowling in the Thomas Adams classified tournament, on Sunday next, April 2 at 12.30 pm in Chemainus. Best of luck to you ladies; may one of you come back a winner.

I would like to thank all the people who have remarked to me about my weekly column. This way at least I know all my efforts are not in vain. I have tried to keep it both informative and a little humorous. I hereby apologize to anyone I might have offended, but without you to write about, my column would be a dull one indeed.

We have so many people bowling 800 triples and 300 games this year, that Ruth is running out of both space and numbers for the honour roll board. She has had to resort to steering numbers off the bowler of the week board to keep up with it.

FIRST 400

On Thursday last, the first 400 of the current season was bowled by yours truly, Ken Collins. I started out with 15 in the first frame, followed by nine strikes and a right corner which I picked up, making the magic total of 403. This was my fourth 400 game, the other ones, all bowled when I was living in Kitimat, were 418-410-408. Ruth

tells me that this was only the third 400 game rolled in league play here on Salt Spring. After writing about the do's and don'ts of bowling it was about time I did something to prove my points.

Once again this past week we had some very good totals rolled, they are as follows: Julien Valcourt (720) Sam Cochrane (704) Charlie Gulland (750) Charlie Byron (735) Terry Jenkins (781) Connie Kelly (744) Carol Kaye (775) Donna Dawe (710) Ken Collins (855-773-750-736) Bunty McNally (799) Bob Akerman (724) and Albert Kaye (731).

The 300 games came from Kevin Kline (300) Andy Fisher (304) Charlie Gulland (301) Julien Valcourt (311) Ken Collins (307) Charlie Byron (304) Carol Kaye (335) Cathy Cunningham (306).

Here is a list of the players who have bowled their way into the school teams to represent Salt Spring in the seventh annual secondary school tournament. The boys' team will consist of Kevin Kline, Jamie Marshal, Andy Fisher, Brent Dawe and Kevin Noble. The Girls' team will consist of Kenna Marshal, Susan Marleau, Tracy Slocombe, Elaine Mostad, and Lisa Hughes.

Ken Collins, with his 855 triple, earns himself the Bowler of the Week honour, and for the ladies, Bunty McNally with her 799 came out on top.

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Trail and Nature Club activities for April

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has drawn up the following schedule of activities for April, 1978.

April 4, Walk: Mount Maxwell circular; leader Jack Webb. Meet 9.30 am Fulford Drive-In, 10 am Centennial Park. Hike: Kathy's Hill; leader Mary Sylvander. Meet 10 am Centennial Park, 10.30 am Fulford Drive-in.

April 11, Nature walk: Leader I.C. Shank. Meet 10 am Centennial Park, 10.30 am Fulford Drive-in. Walk and Hike; Woodley Ridge (near Ladysmith), leader Marion Foote. Meet 9.15 am sharp to catch 10 am ferry at Vesuvius.

April 18, walk: T.B.A. leader Ted Brown. Meet 9.30 am Fulford Drive-In, 10 am Centennial Park. Hike: Bob's trail; leader Bob Ball. Meet 10 am Centennial Park, 10.30 am Fulford Drive-in.

April 25, Bird Walk: leader Gertrude Smith. Meet 10 am Fulford Drive-in, 10.30 am Centennial Park. Walk and Hike: Ruckle Park area, leader Bob Kertland. Meet 10 am Centennial Park, 10.30 am Fulford Drive-in.

Question and answer from board

There will be a question-and-answer period at the end of regular Gulf Islands School Board meetings, if the board acts on a recommendation last week.

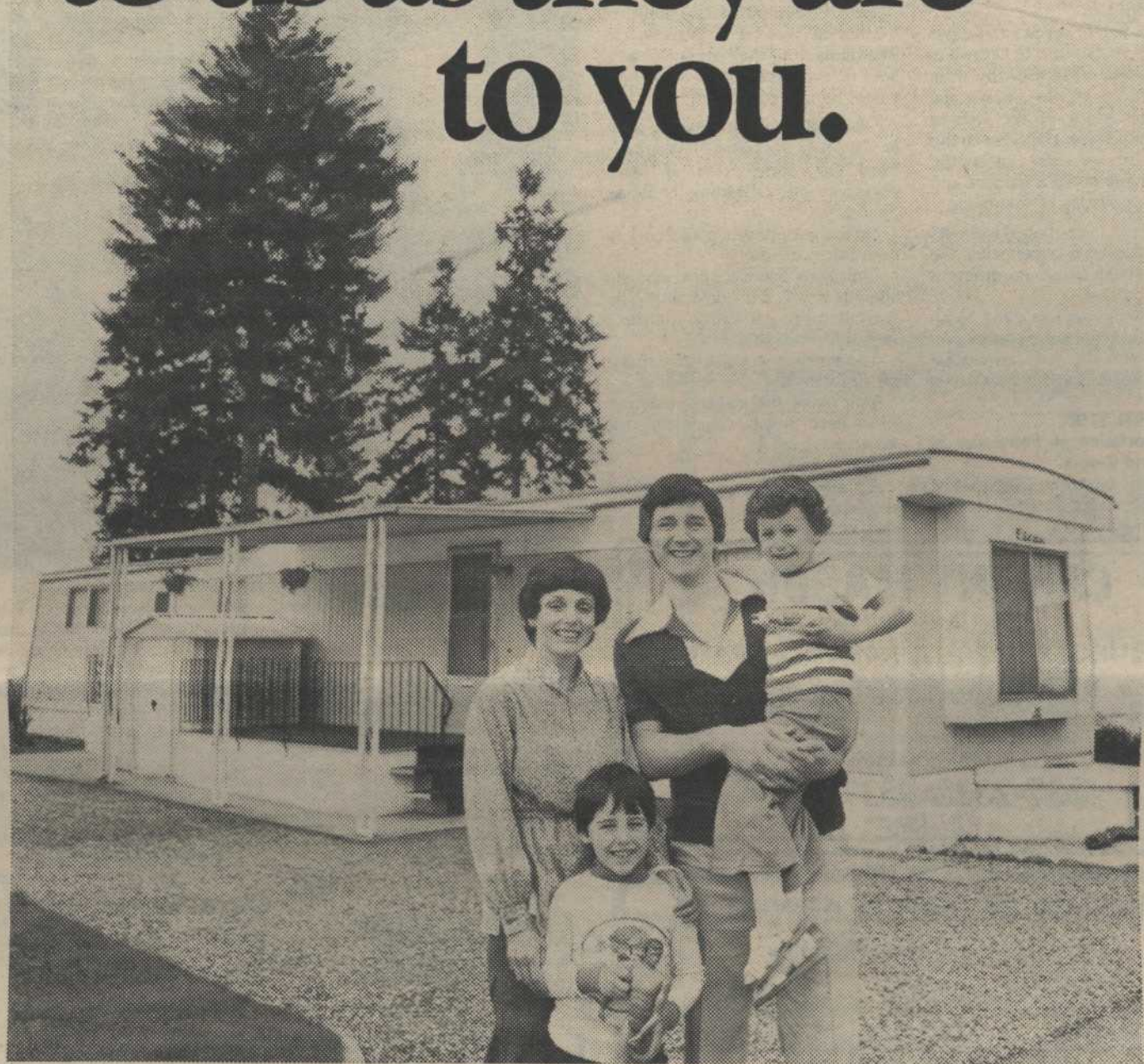
Mrs. Pat Macpherson, spokesman for the Fernwood Parents opposing a school at Fernwood, suggested such an exchange at the close of board meetings.

"I see nothing wrong with the idea," observed Chairman Tom Davidson.

It would be good if everyone were told of the proposal, added the proponent.

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Donna McFadyen off to Ottawa

Seven students enter Rotary Club public speaking contest

Donna McFadyen won the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship on Tuesday night last week. Ganges student was given top place in the public speaking contest staged by the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club in Harbour House Hotel.

The grade 11 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School spoke on Citizenship.

She was one of seven candidates for the one-week jaunt to Ottawa in May. She will travel east by train and return by air. In Ottawa she will be the guest of the Ottawa Rotary Club. During her visit to the capital, she will also meet the Islands Member of Parliament and sit in on the House of Commons.

The service club opened its doors to guests for the occasion when the students spoke on seven different subjects.

In second place was Jane Saba, of Galiano, who spoke on physical fitness. Jane the only contestant from Grade 10. The other six are in Grade 11.

MARK HOUSTON

Transportation of Petroleum in B.C. inland waters.

Society is based on oil, said the first speaker. He referred to the

connotations of vast ships, hundreds of feet long and millions of gallons of oil.

America must be supplied with oil.

There is an oil barge in Ganges Harbour about every three days, said Houston and there is the constant danger of an oil spill. The nearest clean-up equipment is located in Victoria or Vancouver. The damage to the harbour from a spill of even thousands of gallons would be irreparable.

"The risk is great enough as it is," he told Rotarians. "We don't need the added risk of large American ships, heading for Puget Sound."

He expressed little confidence in assurances of safety.

The responsibility lies on the shoulders of the navigator, he reminded the gathering, and he's only human.

There will be at least three major oil spills by 1990, he predicted.

Don't risk the natural environment here to solve our problems, he urged.

CHRIS LAKE

Canada's energy outlook for the future.



Jane Saba and Donna McFadyen.

First use of artificial light by renewable energy was in China, 3,000 years ago, said Chris Lake, when they used a lantern powered by glow worms.

The advent of fossil fuels and the seemingly endless supply of efficient and convenient power brought about a new era, he recalled.

By 1985 Canada's domestic sources of oil will be far short of her needs. In addition, Arctic exploration has been disappointing, he commented.

Coal is already looming as an important part of the power picture. Coal was the important fossil fuel of 300 years ago, he reminded the Rotarians, and it is now making a world-wide comeback.

He looked at electric power.

There is scarcely a Canadian who does not rely on electricity, he observed, yet there is little hydro potential left in the country. The

power producers are looking to nuclear generators. In 1976 nuclear power accounted for two per cent of the nation's power needs. By 1990 this figure will probably stand at 10%.

Nuclear power is not to everyone's liking. There is the major problem of nuclear wastes, said Lake. The wastes have a radioactive life of 20,000 years.

"I wonder whether nuclear development is worth while?" he mused.

He favoured renewable resources: sun, wind, tides, and garbage.

Renewable energy is desirable and inevitable, he forecast.

Rather than deplore the looming shortage of power, we should be thankful for the resources that Canada is fortunate enough to possess, he concluded.

LORRI LARSEN

Maurice Duplessis
Saint or sinner?

Maurice Duplessis was premier of Quebec for two periods, recalled Lorri Larsen. His contribution to Canada and Quebec is being re-evaluated, she told Rotarians and the maligned politician is being re-examined as a great leader: the man who brought to Quebec a recognition of its own individuality.

When Maurice Duplessis took over the Quebec leadership he brought the Union Nationale to a province whose previous government had been charged with too

close a co-operation with the anglophones.

The Second World War, with its conflicts between Quebec and the federal government brought Duplessis down in 1939, but he was re-elected in 1944, said the speaker.

For all his faults, Maurice Duplessis was instrumental in retaining the religion, the culture and the ways of old Quebec.

History shows that Duplessis was engaged in a fight against central government, said Lorri.

PAULINE LYNGARD

The role of women in Canadian Society.

Look back 50 years, urged Pauline Lyngard. In the 1920's woman's place was in the home, as wife and mother.

The average woman was married at 25 or an old maid.

In 1928, revealed the speaker, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that women were not people within the meaning of the British North America Act and were, therefore, not eligible for membership in the Senate.

First woman in Canadian politics was Agnes McPhail, in the 20's. By the 30's there were more women in federal politics, she recalled. There was a Mrs. Black, representing the Yukon, and many men were leery of her.

The frantic 40's wrought the great change in the life of the Canadian woman. The Second World War was the factor. Women left home to serve in the forces or to fill in the vacancies left by men who were away with the forces. When the war ended, women sought to hang onto their jobs, and not always with success.

Women still rarely reached executive rank in business and the churches seemed to be against working women, said the speaker. The Bill of Rights, in the 1960's brought it into the open, with a prohibition of discrimination against race, colour, religion or ...sex.

She cited Judy laMarsh as one of the successful women of the 60's.

Thirty-two per cent of the labour force in Canada is women.

The struggle continues. Women are more than just bearers of children, she urged, they are individuals.

DONNA McFADYEN

Citizenship

The country is fighting a battle for harmony and unity, said Donna McFadyen, the winner of the competition. And if the country is to keep together it will depend on

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the people themselves or because of the pioneers who built the country.

They pioneered and they prospered and they moved westward. And the prosperity was the result of the good citizenship they displayed, said the speaker.

and under-exercise, some 80% of Canadians are physically inactive, she charged.

"Eat less and eat the right foods and get the exercise your body needs," she urged the service club.

Everyone should be doing

The second annual Parent-Teachers Club Carnival Night was held Wednesday evening March 22, in the new School Gym. There was plenty of room for all the games and the crowd of 150 of all ages from the babies to our oldest citizens.

Everyone took part in the games of chance and had a good time. In the Cake Walk, Ronnie Turner was lucky to win one of the fancy decorated cakes by making sure he stood on number 13 when the music stopped! Ray Neal operated the used book stall while his wife Judy and helpers were very busy selling tickets for the many games of chance.

They had them all there: Ring Toss, Clown Ball throw, Darts to break the balloon, Fish Pond, but the most popular was the Spook House. A long line-up developed waiting to go in just like Disneyland. Some of the kids were really scared, but it was so thrilling they just had to go back again.

Terry Driscoll was a very realistic witch with mask and long wig. The Spook House was organized by B. Fraser, Sheila Driscoll and Martha Nance. The Senior Home Economics Class made root beer, bottled in real beer bottles, under the supervision of Teddy Kent while Barb Fraser and Muriel

Wallace supervised the making of the peanut brittle and home-made fudge, the prizes for the Ball Throw game.

Karen Watson was responsible for the beautiful candied apples and pop-corn balls at the Dart Throw game. Beth Amies and helpful mothers were responsible for the refreshment stand and the home-made doughnuts.... delicious! Bingo was, as usual, very popular. The caller was our school principal, A. Rundle-Woolcock, assisted by G. Wallace and T. Orlaw and students. The pot-bellied old-fashioned ceramic stove prize was donated by Littlecraft. The many other prizes were donated by the Pender Island and Sidney merchants.

She had 13

There was an error in last week's paper in the story about Elizabeth Sampson, of Fernwood.

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Pictured above are the students who entered the Rotary speaking contest. From left to right they are Pauline Lyngard, Scott Slocombe, Jane Saba, Chris Lake, Lorri Larsen, Mark Houston and Donna McFadyen.

A citizen is a person owing allegiance to and enjoying protection from a government, she told the club, quoting a common definition.

A citizen should know his entitlement and his duties.

Citizenship is in the attitude of a person. It is the factor that makes Canada one of the best countries to live in.

The good citizen is prepared to look further afield and assume duties and responsibilities in the wider community of nations, she urged.

When laws are made by the citizens, liberty is guaranteed.

Canada is a land of people with a strong sense of citizenship, she was confident.

JANE SABA Physical Fitness

Between 40% and 50% of Canadian children are obese, stated Jane Saba, Galiano student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, who ranked second in the contest. Obesity is being 20 pounds overweight, she explained.

Too much food and too little exercise are the contributory factors.

Why be physically fit? Because the fit stand the strain of living better. Heart attacks and other ailments are the result of smoking and drinking and excessive weight.

"Being fit is the only way to enjoy life to the full," said the student speaker. With overweight

something about the physical fitness of Canadian children, she urged. It should be part of the school curricula.

"A 60-year-old Swede is fitter than a 30-year-old Canadian!"

Fitness is one of the most important factors in a long, happy and successful life, she declared.

"Are you one of the many Canadians today still appallingly inactive?" she concluded.

SCOTT SLOCOMBE Conservation vs. Industrial Expansion

Oil is the problem.

The question on the west coast has been the dispute between an oil line from the coast and the grandeur of the interior, suggested Scott Slocombe. Many felt that the danger to the environment was too great. The government agreed and said "No" to a supertanker port.

Too often projects are built where they do the greatest harm, he observed and many countries avoid the cost of putting in proper control devices.

Ecology is like the human body, he told the service club. Once any part is damaged, the whole suffers.

"We can't halt industrial expansion, and we shouldn't try," said Slocombe, "but we must find means of living together.

Part of the battle would be legislation to restrict activities which would further endanger an endangered species, he urged. Once that species is gone, it is gone for all eternity.

"Do we want our children to wonder about a tree or a crow as we wonder about the dodo?" he asked.

Principal R.D. McWhirter thanked the service club for the project and Darryl Foerster expressed the gratitude of the service club to the students who took part.

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If skill in baking has any bearing on voting, local women supporters of Social Credit made a big score on Saturday at the Social Credit League tea held at Mahon Hall. Attractive pies, cakes, bread and other delicacies were offered for sale at the well-laden home baking table in charge of Mrs. J.B. French, assisted by Mrs. D.L. Slingsby and Misses Gail Slingsby and Janey French.

A plug for our favourite event of the year: the Beaver Point Bean Supper to be held Saturday. If you have been there before you know the delights of this old-fashioned get-together. If you are a newcomer you are in for a treat. The price is 75 cents per person with pre-schoolers free.

Trout fishing at Weston Lake reached magnificent proportions last week when Mr. and Mrs. Evans of Victoria checked in with 10 fish, including a seven and a quarter pounder.

TEN YEARS AGO

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has called on the director of pollution control to call a public hearing to enquire into the current application for sewage disposal in the waters of Trincomali Channel.

At a special meeting last Wednesday evening the chamber heard a number of letters from residents of the island protesting the plans of Maliview Estates Ltd. to discharge partially-treated sewage into the sea.

Boat-launching ramps are not an attractive asset to a

residential community, Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce learned last week.

The chamber met on Wednesday to discuss the installation of a ramp at the foot of Ontario Drive, off Quebec Drive.

They heard a three-man delegation from the area protesting the ramp.

A petition bearing 17 signatures was also presented to indicate the opposition of the neighbourhood.

It was the second protest to be heard by the chamber in respect to a launching ramp. Last year there was loud objection by residents of Beddis Road when the chamber sought permission for a ramp at the Beddis Road park.

Green light has been given to Magic Lake Estates Ltd., Pender Island for the discharge of partially-treated sewage into the waters of Swanson Channel.

The approval has been granted on a three-year basis for the discharge of 23,000 gallons daily into the channel. Discharge is from a three compartment treatment tank.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Michael Doherty is on his way to Ottawa. The Ganges student at Gulf Islands Secondary School will spend a holiday in the capital at the expense of the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club.

On Tuesday evening Michael won the public speaking contest, which is the pass-key to Rotary's Adventure in Citizenship.

There were three other contestants: Laurice Beveridge, of Mayne Island; Sherry Ryles, of Salt Spring; and Dianna Scruggs, of Saturday.

Galiano Club staged a bingo night on Saturday with president Jim Ripley and almost all the members of his committee helping.

Proceeds all went to Harry Baines, who lost his boat by fire last week. He is now rebuilding the cabin and has yet to replace the engine and all his gear.

Commune of intellectuals is planned for Salt Spring. Former Walter Smith farm at Musgrave's has been purchased for adaptation to communal living.

The property was scene of a tragedy last year when a cabin caught fire and a small child was burned to death.

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Arneil asks for qualified teachers

Dr. A.S. Arneil, Medical Officer of Health for the Capital Regional District, has requested Gulf Islands School Board to ensure that every school in the district has a teacher qualified to give first aid.

District Superintendent Bob Huestis told school trustees at the board meeting last week that all but two schools in the district have a qualified teacher.

Huestis is going to look into the possibility of training a teacher in each of the two schools.

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Mark anniversary at Ganges

THEY MARRIED IN ENGLAND IN 1928

BY ELSIE MACDONALD

March 16 was a special day for Mr. and Mrs. W.J.C. Carter, of Ganges, for it was on that date, in 1928, they were married at Epsom in Surrey, England. A family reception to mark this golden anniversary was held at Harbour House Hotel.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Carter continued to live in Surrey, at Leatherhead and Reigate, until they came to Canada, in 1947.

They arrived at Dryden, in north-west Ontario on December 23, in time to spend their first Christmas in their new homeland. It was a distinct change of climate and scenery from their old home in

the mild south of England.

For 12 years Mr. and Mrs. Carter operated a dairy farm near Dryden. After a brief residence in Southern Ontario, the couple came to Vancouver in 1960. Following a short stay in that city they moved to Salt Spring Island, and settled down in their present home on Ganges Hill, by Beddis Road.

OVERSEAS SERVICE

Mr. Carter has a special interest in news coming from India and Palestine. He did military service in those countries during World War One.

In India he helped to guard the Afghan border at Quetta, a lonely job for the young soldier who had joined the second Fourth Hants Regiment at the age of 17.

Mrs. Carter is an enthusiastic gardener and an active member of the Garden Club. Almost every square foot of the Carter property, not occupied by the house, is under cultivation. Passers-by enjoy the succession of lovely flowers that border the long curving driveway from early spring until late autumn.

In 1972 Mrs. Carter became interested in exhibiting her garden flowers and vegetables in the local show. In six years she has been the proud winner of 23 trophies. This must surely be a record for Salt Spring Island!

CELEBRATING

Present with their parents for the special celebration were son-in-law and daughter, Mrs. Heinz Heidenreich of Squamish, and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Carter of Victoria. Six of the couple's 11 grandchildren and three great-grand-children were also present at the party, as well as



Mr. and Mrs. Carter

nieces and nephews from Burnaby and Surrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter were delighted when pianist Bryan Smith played old favourites including "If you were the only girl in the world" and "The Anniversary Waltz".

Congratulatory messages were

received from the Governor General of Canada; Prime Minister Trudeau; Lieut.-Governor Walter Owen; Premier Bennett; Hon. Hugh Curtis, M.L.A.; Mayor Young of Victoria, and a host of friends near and far.

INFO-HEALTH

BY DR. BOB YOUNG

Oncology is the study of tumors and other forms of cancer, and the medical specialist who confines his or her practice to this field is known as an oncologist.

In actual fact almost all doctors find themselves involved in treating patients with cancer, unfortunately all too often. Management of malignant disease is a real challenge to the profession and to

the individual doctor.

Cancer is a term which, in its broad definition, includes many forms of malignant new tissue growth, especially that which spreads either locally or to distant parts of the body. I can think of no organ that is immune.

A doctor must constantly be suspicious that a patient's symptoms may be due to a malignancy. Early detection is frequently the most important factor in obtaining a cure. Many routine tests are carried out in attempts to diagnose early cancer, with the Pap smear perhaps being the best known.

When a case of cancer has been diagnosed, a treatment plan must be organized. This plan varies widely depending on the type, location, size and activity of the tumor. It may be as simple as excising a small skin cancer, or complex enough to involve extensive surgery followed by x-ray therapy and powerful drugs.

MANY CAN BE CURED

Through all this the physician must advise and support his patient. Many cancers can be cured, and many may be held in check for long periods of time. The list of curable cancers is slowly growing as knowledge increases, but it is a sad fact that the course of certain tumors is affected little or not at all by any form of medical treatment.

In these cases the physician must test his mastery of the art of medicine. The patient requires support, understanding, and usually sedation and pain relief. He must not be abandoned just because the doctor is unable to cure him. The terminally ill patient may be more dependent upon his doctor as the end nears than he ever was before.

Andy Mitchell

is Talent

Night winner

Andy Mitchell, of Mayne Island, took first place at the Harbour House Hotel pub's Talent Night last Tuesday.

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A Victoria pianist, Glenn Hansen, took third place.

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