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No public at annual meeting

It was the 18th annual meeting of Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. Date was April 11.

Chairman Fred Donaghy noted that the attendance in Mahon Hall included firemen, firemen's wives, trustees and one reporter.

His attention was drawn to the presence of Peter Thompson, who later appeared as a candidate to prove the chairman's point that there were no disinterested members of the general public.

Subsequently, the sparse attendance was cited as proof of public confidence in the department and in the way it is being run.

Patrick is re-elected as trustee

Kenneth Patrick of Salt Spring Island, was re-elected by acclamation as a trustee of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District at the district's annual meeting last Tuesday evening. He will serve a three-year term.

It was decided at the meeting to change the manner in which nominations for trustees are taken. In future, nominations will be called for prior to the meeting and closing date will be at least two weeks before the annual meeting is called. This will enable the names of the nominees to be published beforehand, the meeting was told.

Sea Scouts is in if leaders can be found on Salt Spring

Ganges Boy Scouts are at sea or, at least, they will be when they find a nautical leader.

The idea of turning the local Scout troop into Sea Scouts came up at a recent meeting of the First Ganges Cub-Scout group committee. Scout leader Wayne Cooper passed the suggestion along to the Scouts who responded enthusiastically.

The proposed change comes at a time when the group committee is

Ken Stevens goes back

as trustee

Ken Stevens will serve a further term as trustee of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.

Last week Stevens was re-elected at the annual meeting of the fire district in Mahon Hall. He edged out Peter Thompson in the voting.

That's no place for good fish boat!



There are occasional complaints about limited moorage space in Ganges but that's not why this combination troller/gillnetter was tied up on MoneyMaker Reef last Wednesday. The Richmond-based boat was hoping to take a short-cut when she hit the rock off the north end of Third Sister Island in Ganges Harbour.

The boat floated off with the tide after about a 12-hour wait and the skipper reported that damage was minimal.

Low attendance is compliment

The low attendance at the North Salt Spring Waterworks District's

annual meeting last week was a "compliment to the trustees", John Lloyd told the meeting.

A total of 14 people were present at Tuesday's meeting: eight of them were trustees and staff of the district.

"It's a sign that the trustees are doing a good job," said Lloyd.

Norman Mouat suggested that a rumour of some kind be started before next year's meeting in order to get more people to attend.

Auditor

Charles Harrison was named auditor again for the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District at the annual meeting in Mahon Hall last week.

Next week at Ganges

Public meeting on sewers

The Community Planning Association of Salt Spring Island is holding a public meeting regarding sewers for Ganges.

Speakers have been invited to form a panel as follows: a representative from the Capital Regional District; Mike Larmour, of Salt Spring, D. Betwright, engineer from Sanitherm Engineering Ltd., Vancouver, and Dr. Lionel Coulthard.

Following their presentations, the speakers will hold a question and answer period among themselves, after which the public will have an opportunity to question panel members.

This public meeting will be held on Friday evening, April 28 at eight o'clock in the Activity Room of the elementary school at Ganges.

Fire rate to come down one mill on Salt Spring

Fire rate on Salt Spring Island will be down this year by about one mill, according to Fred Donaghy chairman of the fire protection district.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the district in the Mahon Hall last week, Donaghy explained that last year's budget was \$115,000, whereas this year's is down to about \$90,000.

"We are not spending money for spending money's sake," he told the meeting. "If in 1979 we find we have to raise the rate again, it will be raised: but only for need."

Plans for a new fire hall for Fulford are near completion, continued the chairman of the board. It is hoped that a two-bay fire hall will be built in 1979.

"We are probably the only fire district in the country dropping our mill rate this year," he added.

Hal Leighton challenged the decision. He felt that another year at the higher mill rate would have developed a useful sinking fund for the district.

It was too late to make any further recommendation, commented A.M. Buzz Brown. The budget has been submitted to Victoria and approved.

For Cook Bicentennial

Sea Capers headed by Doug Foerster here

Doug Foerster has undertaken the presentation of the Salt Spring Sea Capers to mark the Capt. Cook Bicentennial.

And within days of his undertaking the project, he is in high gear.

Sea Capers will be staged for three days in June: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 9, 10 and 11.

Friday evening will see the conclusion of the Miss Sea Queen Beauty Pageant for girls 14 to 18. It will include a fashion show and the queen and two Sea Princesses will be selected.

Saturday will open with a parade of decorated floats. By 11.30 the bathtub races will start. A warm-up for Nanaimo, the races are staged with the consent and approval of the Nanaimo Bath Tub race officials. It is hoped that Mayor Frank Ney will be at Ganges for the event.

There will be sabot races, bath tub races and rowboat races.

Log burling contest will be part of the afternoon's activity, with a clambake, bingo and dances to complete the day.

Driving without seat belts brings charges

Two Salt Spring Island men have been charged for not using their seat belts. Charges were laid following an accident on Atkins Road on Saturday evening.

Vehicle driven by Doug Underwood had stopped at a stop sign when he was rear-ended by a vehicle driven by Roger Kitchen. Damage to both vehicles was estimated at \$2,500.

Kitchen was also given a ticket for driving without due care and attention.

Sunday will open its doors at 10 am with a sourdough hotcake breakfast. A walk-on-water contest will follow, leading to the final bathtub race.

Afternoon will bring the presentation of trophies and the close of the three-day event.

Program will be explained in detail during the coming weeks.

School project approved

Construction of the disputed Fernwood School on Salt Spring Island is going ahead. Gulf Islands School Board has received authority from the ministry of education to proceed with the half-million construction project at the north end of Salt Spring Island.

Work should be starting within the next 10 days, an official of the school district told Driftwood, this week.

Best pictures are from Mayne Island

The Best photographs come from Mayne Island and Driftwood's editorial staff has been amiss in not giving credit to Bill Best for taking them.

Any reader who has seen an uncredited picture of a Mayne Island event can be reasonably certain that it was one of the Best pictures in the paper last week.

Book Review

How the other half dies — an important book

BY I.V. GUTHRIE

George, Susan. *How the other half dies - The real reasons for world hunger* - Penguin, 1977. pp. 352. \$2.95. Copious notes and references.

Susan George has written an important book. It is important because it sheds so much light on questions that most of us would find it hard to answer from our own knowledge or experience.

How is it that after 35 years of the Green Revolution many more Third World peoples are on the edge of starvation than they were before? What good does it do for First World peoples to give up eating one hamburger a day? What role does the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization play in assisting or preventing Third World people in their efforts to feed themselves? And on and on.

The book grew out of Ms. George's participation in the famous (infamous?) World Food Conference in 1974. She examines such questions as "Is the problem enough food?", "Telling the other

half how to live", "Getting a cut on hunger", and finally "What to do?"

TRULY SHATTERING

Some of her revelations are truly shattering. As though we had walked into Alice in Wonderland, we find that the billions of dollars spent on government aid from the developed to the underdeveloped countries are anything but altruistic; that the Green Revolution feeds the rich and not the poor; that United Nations organizations concerned with looking after Third World needs are in process of being captured by multinational corporations and agribusinesses pursuing as always the maximization of their own profits; that even in developed countries the whole range of food production and marketing has slipped out of the control of consumers.

Whether we are concerned with the proliferation of junk foods and convenience foods in our own supermarkets, or the disappearance of small farmers and agricul-

Interest rates are reduced

Ray Bush, manager of the Salt Spring office of the Duncan and District Credit Union, has announced that the Credit Union has increased all of its term deposit rates.

Mr. Bush also stated that, despite the recent rate increases in the Bank of Canada prime loan rates, the Credit Union has lowered interest rates on loans for new cars and trucks, first and second mortgages and also commercial loans.

tural land, or the use of Canadian wheat as a political tool, or the millions of pets being fed with high grade protein while human beings starve, or the use of our charitable dollars and gifts of food in the Third World, or the impact of First World technology on undeveloped countries, we all have something to learn from Susan George's book.

I believe "How the other half dies" should be required reading for church and charitable groups that have overseas concerns, as well as for consumer-oriented groups active in our own country.

It is not expensive

The Tai' Chi course offered by Gulf Islands School District's Continuing Education is not as expensive as it was made out to be in the April 5 edition of Driftwood.

Michael Blades' 10-week course is not being offered at \$125 but at \$25.



Les Wagg is named

Commendations for work while fire chief selected

Les Wagg, full-time fireman on Salt Spring Island, has come in for commendations from various directions for the manner in which he carried on the fire department in the absence of a fire chief.

For three months, from the resignation of Kelly Hanke, to the appointment of Bob Leask, there was no chief on the island.

Hal Leighton introduced the

reference, when he told the meeting that the fireman had been on his own. "I would like to commend Les Wagg on his performance during the three months he did the job."

Chairman Fred Donaghy added his commendation.

"Les Wagg and Lyle Brown, as volunteer deputy chief did an extremely commendable job," he told the meeting, "not only fire fighting, but in training."

Dear Neighbour

Weather: it's Pekoe, Oolong, or Bohea,
Or a mixture from the local mart,
There's nothing like a cup of tea
To warm the coldest heart.

So if my love you would retain,
Now that you've evened up the score,
Please bring my teapot back again,
And I'll return your old lawn mower.

-John Healey

Regular planning meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association will be held April 24 in the School Board Office in Ganges at 8 pm.

This will be the last meeting before the public meeting of Friday, April 28.

Harbour House Hotel

I have made many friends on Salt Spring Island during the time I have been owner of Harbour House Hotel.

I am very appreciative of the support and the patronage of islanders and visitors over the past years.

I am also very happy to express my appreciation of the help and the support I have enjoyed from my staff.

I wish the new owners every success in their venture and I trust they will enjoy the community as I have.

Christel Herzog

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TO BE FRANK...

by richards

Prize for the best new calendar goes to Fred Donaghy, of Ganges. Said Fred at the Salt Spring fire meeting, ".....five or six weeks in February."

It's an interesting point. Can the Liberals win a national election despite television? Will Trudeau be a second Trueman? Most television news shows are markedly hostile to the Liberals.

Incidentally, there's a heap of columnists from coast to coast look like ending up frothing at the mouth before the election is called, let alone decided.

John Lees was talking about graduates of UBC the other day. They had been successful in varying degrees, he told the Rotary Club. Was that a pun?

How do you get a 2,300 pound bull out of a well? Tom Gosset found the answer last week. Mind you, he had no choice: it was his bull and his well. But the animal climbed out by itself. And that proves two things: it wasn't a drilled well and it wasn't a deep well. But the water was close to the top and the bull had brains. That's another thing. Maybe the bull was smarter than Tom when it comes to getting out of a well, because he knew how he was about to get out and Tom didn't!

Comparisons: are they so odious? In British Columbia, David Barrett, former BC Premier: the product of an education under the Jesuits. In Quebec we find the new Liberal leader, Claude Ryan, also the graduate of a Jesuit school. And, on Salt Spring Island there is Bud Kreissl to reflect on the scope of the Jesuit colleges, where he learned philosophy before they

would teach him medicine. And how more different could three guys be?

The geese! exclaimed Joan Buckley. And she came in to her warm kitchen. Then she got to thinking. Those geese were heading towards Victoria. Either they were lost: or they had already heard radio warnings of bad weather up north: or they were forming up after a good night's rest, all set to steer on a northern course once the rest of the sleepy geese got into the act. She may never know.

Attendance at last week's annual meeting of the Salt Spring Island Fire District was very poor. If they had announced a week before that they planned to build a new fire hall at Fernwood you can bet they'd see a sight better attendance.

McQuiggan heads Lions at Ganges

Ron McQuiggan, Ganges, was elected president of Salt Spring Island Lions Club at the annual election last week.

Ganges realtor McQuiggan takes office from Ganges realtor, Gil Humphreys.

To serve with Ron McQuiggan are first vice-president, Bruce Fiander; second vice-president, Jim Rooke; third vice-president, Don Cunningham; secretary, Fred Brookbanks; treasurer, Ted Gear;

Association use

New tennis policy is proposed as critics are invited to speak

BY IAN THOMSON

Last year's tennis season saw the formation of the Salt Spring Tennis Association by popular demand.

With the co-operation of the Recreation Commission, the association was allocated time for mixed play and tournaments on the new courts at Portlock Park, and as a result, a very successful programme was organized overall.

The increase in popularity of tennis is just as evident here as everywhere else, and the two courts at Portlock Park are well filled most times of the day during the season, not only by Salt Spring Islanders, but by many of the island tourists.

Successful though the tennis year was, it was marred on occasion by a few individual members of the public who voiced objections to the use of this public facility by an organized group.

It is difficult to understand why such objections should be made only to a tennis playing group, since there are other organized groups, also under the wing directly or indirectly, of the Recreation Commission in similar situations (Soccer, Softball, etc.)

ONLY 24 HOURS

Also worth noting is the fact that of the 100 hours per week available for tennis play (weather permitting) only 24 hours were earmarked for association play, including juniors, and which incidentally was open to all tennis

two-year director, Phil Sawford; one-year director, Bob Foulis; Lion Tamer, Stan Sage; Tail Twister, Ian Brown.

The new executive will be formally installed later in the season.

players anyway, leaving the bulk of available time for all others to use the courts.

In spite of this, the Association intends to approach the Recreation Commission to ask for a change in their tennis policy, and reduce the time set aside for Association use from the present 96 hours per month to only 40 hours per month, during May and June, and 18 hours per month for the remainder of the season.

The 40 hours during May and June will be used entirely for instructional purposes. In the past tennis instruction has been the responsibility of the Continuing

Education branch of Gulf Islands School District, and this year, the Salt Spring Tennis Association is to cooperate with the Continuing Education director, to provide an expanded and improved system of instruction. To this end the association organized a course of instruction for prospective tennis instructors, given by one of Victoria's best qualified and experienced professionals.

Of the 10 people, all of whom are keen tennis players already, who took this course, all were successful in obtaining the Camosun College certificate, endorsed

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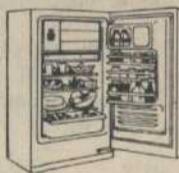
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Island Cubs take Saanich trophy

Cub leader Jean Hoskin took seven Salt Spring Cubs to Saanich on Sunday and they came back winners.

The First Ganges Cub team handily won an orienteering competition against five other packs of the Tsartlip District. The competition involved compass work, sign reading and tracking.

The victorious Cub crew consisted of Kenneth Macpherson, Gavin Johnson, Alan and Brian Stacey, Simon Jang, Andrew Archer and James Baines.

Parents Eddie Jang and Barney Baines assisted Akela on the trip.

After the trophy is engraved (some time next month) it will be brought to Salt Spring for presentation.



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That school again!

Last week the minister of education gave his consent to the half million dollars for construction of a new school at Fernwood. The final approval had been delayed in the face of an unprecedented move in the islands, when a number of parents stated that they didn't want a school.

The matter of the school has been debated at great length. It has met with the warm opposition of parents and taxpayers who felt that it was the wrong place. It has also been supported by some parents, whose children will attend there.

The final decision may or may not be the right one. But the facts remain unchanged. The time must come when a school has to be built at the north end of Salt Spring Island.

The population of Salt Spring Island and the Outer Islands is slowly ascending. The school population is not reflecting the graphs to be seen in other parts of the province, where a falling school population pattern reflects the continent-wide decline in the birth-rate.

The Islands will continue to draw more people. More people will continue to demand services and families will move in to provide those services.

The concentration of school facilities in Ganges has already overgrown the recreational property available to the school. The school population in Ganges is already sufficient to maintain a good quality school without new enrolments.

A second new school will be required in the near future to serve the children in the Fulford-Isabella Point and Beaver Point areas. There will be a limit to the numbers that can be constantly bused.

The exact nature of the school has not been announced. Parents, both those who support the new school and those who don't, must watch developments closely. They can still make their contribution to the new Fernwood School while it is still in the planning stage.

Let's be adult!

That an election will come is beyond question. The date of the forthcoming federal election rests with the Prime Minister. Apart from its date, we already know a lot about it.

We know that there will be a lot of empty phrases from every quarter. We know that the majority of issues debated will be empty and completely irrelevant. We know that the quick tongue will triumph over the quick mind and we know that there will be no nonsense about merit.

Elections are delightful entertainment and revealing of character. In addition, they enable us to fly our own little flags of prejudiced opinion and leave the deck clear for another four years or so.

But don't let us stop for a moment to consider the effect of a change in government! Don't let us pretend that an election will not be the answer to everything that Canada wants. We all know different.

We all know that the economy will be cured; that there will be jobs galore; that M. Rene Levesque will be wooed by the west and that harmony will be restored to the nation.

And if there is anyone foolish enough to entertain the slightest hope that an election will pave the way to a new era of prosperity, he doesn't deserve to have a vote. It never has!

Letters to the Editor

SAY IT WITH PRIDE

Sir,
I would like to take exception to the letter in last week's paper concerning the Gulf Island's Secondary School's Agricultural Building.

We should be able to "boast" about our agricultural buildings because we are fortunate enough to have these facilities here. Knowing, there are only three or four in all of B.C.

Our chickens are not "unhealthy", and our cows certainly don't spend "23 hours" of the day tied in stalls.

Mr. Byron, our Agriculture teacher, is a very hard worker and keeps his students very busy as well. The cows are taken down to the field to graze and exercise, and the chickens are usually out scratching around in the gardens and grass, along with the rabbits. We clean all the stalls, and beneath the cages every day or every second day with fresh sawdust. The animals are fed every day and fresh water is put into the cages, and given to the cows daily.

Students do all this work, plus extra work out in the fields. The "gardens" around the school, plus, "cement work", "rock



..... "Projects which relate to their career or educational interests"

ways", "fences", (and stalls at the Fall Fair) have all been done by students at school.

Everyone, whether they are in the Agriculture Class or not, works hard with the animals and chores around the school. I feel we've learned a lot from Mr. Byron, and we still have much more to learn and experience. We have fun and enjoy learning in our Agricultural Class as well.

Maybe one day we will be your future veterinarians, farmers, or government agriculture inspectors.

We are proud of our Agriculture Class, and feel that we do our best in working, learning, and helping around the school.

SUSAN MARLEAU
Grade 10
Gulf Island Secondary School
Ganges
April 13, 1978

THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Sir,
The Salt Spring Girl's soccer team has just finished a very successful season and would like to express their thanks to their coach, Malcolm Legg.

The season started well. Then some difficulties and finally success.

The season ended with the girls taking first place in the league second division championship.

The girls also beat Saanich to receive a trophy on Salt Spring soccer day.

All the girls would like to thank Malcolm for sticking with us and the parents for their support.

CATHY ANDERSON,
Ganges
April 16, 1978

SEWERS

Sir,
I am pleased that the Planning Association has seen fit to call a public information meeting on the Ganges Sewer situation, for April 28 in the Activity Room.

It is obvious that there is a great deal of interest in our sewer. It will cost some people a great deal of money. The sewer will exercise a very real influence on the potential development for Ganges, and hence the overall population of the island.

There are alternatives to the C.R.D. proposal. These alternatives are noteworthy because of their quality, and because of their reduced size and cost.

This meeting will present the alternatives and give the public a chance to weigh their worth against the C.R.D.'s proposal.

Then the public will learn whether or not the C.R.D. will give them what they ask for, or will

simply go ahead and force upon us a system that may be both costly and unnecessary.

Let's listen, then make our feelings known!
NICK GILBERT
R.R.3, Ganges
April 17, 1978

Sir,

It seems incongruous that the "co-ordinator" of an expiring "Federal-grant-supported art instruction program" should be seeking financial assistance from our School District.

If the program had real merit one could reasonably expect a demand from the instructed, not from the instructor.

Surely the "curriculum and management committees" will turn this application down - at least in its present form.

Whatever happened to the CYC? the LIP? and the rest of the almost self-perpetuating alphabet giveaways?

Have the names been changed to protect the innocent?
KEITH JACKSON,
R.R. 1, Mayne Island,
April 13, 1978

REUNION

Sir,

On July 1 week end of this year, Iroquois Falls High School will welcome back to its halls all former students, teachers and friends.

The program will include a large

picnic, a dance, a banquet, tours and a parade.

The school began in 1921 and has become a very large and modern institution of 1,100 students. Many changes have taken place and former students are welcome to share in the school's complete story.

The Welcome Back Committee would appreciate your printing this letter to let former staff and students know about our plans.

Any former staff member or student who wishes to receive further information should write to us in care of the Iroquois Falls Welcome Back Committee, Box 455, Iroquois Falls, Ontario, P0K 1E0, to be placed on this mailing list.

NANCY FESTARINI,
Co-chairman
Iroquois Falls, Ont.
April 15, 1978

ONLY FOR PROTECTION

Sir,

After reading last weeks letter "Asking For Trouble", I feel I should say a few things.

The Ganges R.C.M.P. may have acquired a new automobile but the shotgun has been part of their equipment for years.

Most of Salt Spring and Outer Islands may be made up of a peace loving people, but there has been enough trouble on the islands that North Pender now has a permanent police-man and Galiano may be getting one within the next year. On Salt Spring in the past five years, there have been two killings, one involving a hand gun, one

Church Services

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1978

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Morning Prayer	11.15 am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9.00 am
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	11.15 am
UNITED			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
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

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involving a shot gun. Presumably no one would deny the policemen access to the same type of weapon in the event the guns are turned on them. However possession of the weapons does not imply their use. Two members of my family currently serving with the R.C.M.P. have a total of 31 years service. At no time have either fired any weapons.

Approximately five years ago Salt Spring was invaded by motorcycle gangs intent on causing trouble. They were successful to the extent that the R.C.M.P., felt it necessary to order them off the island. This was only achieved at gunpoint and the fact that no shots were fired in this incident or any other where the officer, is often antagonised almost beyond endurance only goes to point up the fine training that goes into the making of a police officer.

One has only to remember recent events in Manitoba and the Maritimes where R.C.M.P. officers on routine calls, were shot and killed with high powered rifles. In both cases the suspects were taken into custody unharmed. Another tribute to the control displayed by police officers under very trying conditions.

As a daughter of one, a sister of two (one in training at present time, I could go into many facets of the R.C.M.P. and situations they face, but that would take pages of writing.

So I'll sign off for my husband and myself,
Proud of them,

DEB AND DAN GILMAN
R.R. 1, Mansell Road
Ganges
April 15, 1978

TO MINISTER

Sir,
Attached is a copy of a letter sent this week to the Minister for Municipal Affairs.

Dear Mr. Curtis,
The sun has just risen over the rim of Pender Island, bathing our island to the west in the soft glow of a new spring morning. I wish you could see it. Everything looks very golden and new-green, very tender, and very vulnerable.

It is this last aspect of Salt Spring Island's character that prompts this letter.

As you know, many of the citizens of this island have been actively engaged in attempts to protect it from the continuing threat of unchecked development. Toward this end and with tremendous effort, the Salt Spring Community Plan was devised and approved. We have been helped in our efforts by the establishment of the Islands Trust and the support of its activities by your Government.

Now we are faced with a new threat. The Islands Trust has been outflanked and the Community Plan sidestepped. A development is presently underway which as the potential of concentrating 5,000 people in the Ganges area, over and above the 18,000 projected for the Island by the Community Plan.

I am speaking, of course, of the Ganges sewer plan as presently approved by the Capital Regional District.

As near as anyone can tell, this plan has never been rationalized. Like Topsy, it "just grew," until now it takes in an area and a population far vaster than necessary to solve existing problems.

Further, no one except a few select merchants in the downtown area seems to want the development in its present configuration. The other people covered by it don't want it, don't need it, and cannot afford to pay for it. The rest of the Island contemplates the

ramifications of this plan with great trepidations.

In the end, this plan being rammed through by the CRD will benefit no one - not economically, socially, or environmentally. It will encourage over-development, bring in franchise competition which will cream our local merchants and homogenize our downtown area. It will pollute our harbour, injure our tourist industry, and repel our boaters and fishermen.

It is important to point out here that almost no one opposes a sewer system for the downtown area. It is the scale that we are concerned with. The scale is critical.

Mike Larmour and Cynthia Woody have initiated an alternative proposal which represents the first attempt to analyze the need in a rational fashion and respond to it accordingly. That's hard to believe, after all these years of controversy, but there it is.

I urge you to give their proposal your active support and encouragement. You are our last best hope in this round of the battle to maintain the character of our island.

We are too small and too weak to have any influence with the Capital Regional District, which seems to respond only to those who have the right connections.

We seek a wider perspective, from a higher authority. We hope you will not fail us.

SAM LIGHTMAN
Box 42,
Fulford Harbour,
April 11, 1978

THAT SCHOOL!

Sir,
I am writing to request use of your column to address the many constituents on the Island who have taken the time to write to me on the subject of the construction of Fernwood School.

I am aware that many will be pleased with the decision of my Colleague, the Minister of Education, to approve the request of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) for authority to let the \$522,313 contract for construction of this new school.

I am also aware that many residents for various reasons are displeased with the final decision.

As your M.L.A., I have been reluctant, as has the Minister of Education, to interfere with the autonomy and authority granted to the School Board by the Public Schools Act of our Province. To have interfered, would have established a dangerous precedent for future interference and would affect the ability of local citizens and parents to control the educational opportunities provided to our young people, not only on Salt Spring Island, but in other School Districts throughout British Columbia. As Education and Health Services are without doubt the most vital of those delivered by Governments, it is most important that local autonomy and control be preserved.

In spite of the above, I am concerned about the educational anxieties that have been drawn to my attention by those who have indicated their opposition to the construction of the new school in this area. I can only urge that those

who have these concerns should continue to pursue the answers they deserve, but I would caution that they seek these answers on an educational basis from those we have entrusted to educate our children.

In the pursuit for answers, your readers may wish to ask specific questions of the Honourable Patrick L. McGeer, Minister of Education, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. He has assured me that he will do his best to provide answers to specific questions regarding the educational quality of the new school.

Hoping this may be of some assistance, I am, in your interest.

HUGH A. CURTIS, M.L.A.
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Victoria, B.C.
April 14, 1978

TO BUY OR TO GIVE?

Dear Frank,
Well, I've had all kinds of phone calls, coupled with remarks as: "What is so wrong in baking bread and selling it at a profit? After all, it is for a good cause!"

"Peter, I'm looking forward to your next instalment!"

"I'm all for the lotteries, they do a power of good: look at the Irish hospitals!"

And so on. Some are really aggravated. A few have said, ".....right on!"

I don't suppose bake sales for profit will fall away.....there is nothing the matter with bake sales for profit. I don't suppose lotteries are on their way out, either, there's too much money in it for those running them.

What a delightful and seductive way to appeal to our greed by sugar-coating it with a great cause! But of that, another day.

What I am saying is this, that the World Relief Tea is one event, but not necessarily the only one, on Salt Spring at which the community is invited to give with no strings attached: to give because we have and they, the victims of famine in Africa, or floods in India, or earthquake in Guatemala, have not.

Because we are wealthy we need to give. Many to whom we give simply don't have our resources.

So if you really need some bread on Saturday, go buy it in the Fulford Hall. It's being sold at cost, because that's what it cost. But whether you need or don't need bread, give!

For just two hours let's open our eyes to World Relief and what it means and let's give recklessly, extravagantly and wildly so afterwards we can say, "I've never given so much in all my life. It was stupid, but I'm glad I did!"

There you are, Frank. What is so embarrassing is that I can't be with you on Saturday at the Fulford Hall. First miss in six years, so I enclose my gift. Could you take it to Fulford when you go?

PETER McCALMAN
Ganges
April 17, 1978.



Helen Baxter's picture of old school. (see letter)

AN OLD OLD CRIME

Sir,
A few weeks ago you published a letter from Mr. Howland in which he mentioned that he had been a student in the old Fernwood school (It's real name was North Vesuvius School). From among my souvenirs I found the enclosed photo of the school which I took in 1921. Unfortunately I cannot find the one I took of the students standing on the steps. I taught in that school from Easter until the end of the term, taking the place of a teacher who was ill. That was when I fell in love with Salt Spring Island.

The school inspector came to evaluate my teaching. His report on my teaching was good but he added a very damning observation - "Miss Keir keeps the school flag in the bottom of the cupboard". Now in order to atone for my 57 year old crime I am offering a red ensign in mint condition, which was given to me by the principal of the last school in which I taught. The new Canadian flag had just been raised and my principal knew my attitude to it. If any Fernwood resident would like to fly this flag in Fernwood please apply to "Driftwood".

If I see my ensign flying in Fernwood my crime will be exorcised.

HELEN BAXTER
Fulford Harbour,
April 12, 1978

PLEASE ATTEND!

Sir,
I would like to remind Salt Spring Islanders and their friends of the World Development and Relief Tea that is to be held in

Fulford Hall this Saturday, April 22, 2.00 to 4.00.

A world Council of Churches team member that visited the cyclone site in India soon after that disaster reported that "in all my years of involvement in world disasters I have never seen such devastation nor such a fast and well-organized relief program."

That program was able to be quick because money was on hand to be used immediately to bring help. This making money available for such efforts is one big value of such affairs as the World Development and Relief Tea.

I would like to urge everyone to attend the tea on Saturday and to donate generously.

OLIVE MOUAT
Box 213
Ganges
April 18, 1978

PUERILE?

Sir,
Your editorial of last week "Autonomy? What's That?" is so full of erroneous conjecture, poor conclusion and political bias - worse still, your first and last paragraphs fall little short of vilification, that we the executive of Salt Spring Social Credit Party feel we must take issue with you. We will not take particular issue with your earlier comments because of the rather puerile nature of that column.

The Minister of Education, during his visit to this Island on March 14, repeatedly and positively stated that he would not interfere with the decision of the School Board in the matter of the Fernwood School and we can, without

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Letters to the Editor

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qualification, testify to the residents of School District 64 that at all times he has done just that.

Further, we can also state, that quite contrary to your expressed opinion, neither has he wittingly delayed final approval, unless of course you consider offering low-cost alternatives and up-dated data to the Board for their further consideration to be delaying tactics.

In point of fact, the minister's signature of approval to this, in our opinion ill-advised project, was appended by the time most of us were reading your editorial.

It is true, indeed, that we as a local executive, in common with many others in this school district who expressed an opposing opinion and/or tried to do something about

it, did make our thinking known both to our MLA and to the minister concerned.

The petition of nearly 500 signatures, despite the extreme haste in which it had to be accomplished, contained the names of several people of local stature as well as several ex school trustees from other districts - no "small group".

However, when it comes to interfering in the due process of legislative legality: and clearly let it be known here that it was the N.D.P. government who created the present legislation that removed public referendum from the school board's decision-making requirements: the present government, to its credit, listens no more to the suggestions from its friends and party members than it

does to those of other political persuasions.

Further, we believe your implication that the school board gave full and proper consideration to the opinions of the majority in opposition to the proposed Fernwood School again to be conjecture not based on fact as, we feel, the ultimate record will show.

Finally, the board of school trustees has, in our opinion, an equal obligation to consider not just the ideological aspects of any decision requiring major capital expenditures but also the aspect of the additional tax burden that such a decision imposes upon an already over-school-taxed community such as our own.

All in all, Sir, and editorial privilege notwithstanding, we believe you owe the minister an apology in print.

For the future, this local executive promises the residents of School District 64 that it will work towards requiring school board capital expenditures and other major decisions, at least to go to public hearing before their decision is finalized.

ROBT. A. ASTON,
For the Executive
Social Credit Party
Ganges
April 17, 1978

Credit Union



New member of the staff has joined the Credit Union. Doug Orr, general manager of the Duncan and District Credit Union, has announced the appointment of Tony Palmer to the Salt Spring branch. Mr. Orr stated that "due to the growth of the branch it was necessary to expand the loans department."

Tony, his wife Brenda, and daughter Heather, have taken up residence on the Island. Mr. Palmer comes to the Credit Union after several years with a chartered bank in the position of senior loans officer.

New horsemen's group for all of province

Equestrian federation of British Columbia was formed at a founding meeting in Kamloops recently.

In a meeting hosted by M.L.A. Pat Jordan and John Edwards, a constitution was approved in principle and a Board of Directors was elected for an interim period.

The aims and objectives of the federation will be to promote and co-ordinate equestrian and equine interests in all their aspects, excluding racing.

The main features of the federation will be its regional representation. There will be eight regional groups, each appointing representatives to the Provincial federation.

President of the riding group is Dr. Sherman Olson, representing the Fraser Valley.

Some people would call it

Baloney . . . by Tony

Are you a poet with a poem? A writer with a story? Or just someone who would be interested in an easy way of obtaining some cash?

If you can answer yes to any of the foregoing questions, you should consider a Canada Council grant. I can't guarantee anything, but if they are still giving away money like they used to, then you've got it made. All you need to do is write about crap or dream up some incredible project that you wouldn't expect Ripley's Believe it or Not to believe.

I wrote to the Canada Council some time ago, looking for verification of information that was sent to me a couple of months ago. Their failure to reply is, I think, poor public relations, because what I questioned them about was a number of very interesting grants that have been made in the last 10 years.

The one that takes the cake is a 13-line poem entitled (and I shall leave a word out for the sake of common decency): A Warm Place to S---. Each line of the poem is a repetition of the title: 13 times. This poetic pearl was worth a total of \$86,000, the writer got \$12,000 and the publisher the rest.

One might say that the writer was a little constipated?

FISHING TALE

Anyone interested in air-breathing fish in the Amazon River? Contact the Canada Council. They financed such a study to the tune of \$170,000. Are there any aspiring marine scientists living on Salt Spring? How about a study of local fish in Ganges Harbour, for instance. The first question would

be, how do they breathe?

Statistics of births, deaths and diseases of the community is what demography is all about and long-term trends in German demography were worth a mere \$25,000.

Such a study could also be applied locally if Ganges doesn't get a sewer system within the next few years.

Know anything special about librarians? Well, it was worth \$32,262 to the C.C. to find about the occupational histories of librarians, both male and female.

There are 40,000 stone blocks in Luxor, Egypt and they needed re-assembling.

Presumably it was high labour costs that put the price of \$55,080 although they had to be studied as well.

IN QUEBEC

Now the next one makes one wonder about the federal government's thinking on Quebec separation. Was it concern over a possible sharp increase in population that made the C.C. put up \$98,718 to study the fertility of families in la belle province? The results of that one might prove interesting.

And finally, the structures of households and social mobility in Graz, Austria, must be of particular interest to somebody, somewhere in Canada. And it was between 1857 and 1920 that the most interesting things took place with regard to those structures and that mobility. They were worth \$37,301 to find out about.

And now I shall go back to calculating my income tax while I attempt to keep the contents of my stomach down where they belong.

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DOWN THE GUTTER

with Ken Collins

Here are some of the results of the various league roll-offs, in the circus league it was the Scrappers, and in the Friday night league it was the Blues who came through, and finally on the Legion league it was the Hot Toddlers.

The spring leagues will be starting shortly, and if you wish to enter phone Ruth at 537-2054. The league will run from May 1 and last for 8 weeks.

Here are this weeks better scores, Carol Kaye (818) Danny Bedford (848) Ken Collins (816-818-737-732) Colleen Last (728) Patrick Byron (752) Jimmy Glenn (751-700) and Bob Akerman with 784. The three hundred games came from Colleen Last (318) Jean Haines (308) Carol Kaye (339) Ken Collins (312) and finally we had Danny Bedford with a big 380.

Carol Kaye and Ken Collins were the bowlers of the week for their triples of 817 and 861.

Well as the current season winds down to an end, I would like to say many thanks to the various people who have told me how my bowling tips have helped to improve their game. The honors board has got more people's names on it than ever before, plus quite a few people have rolled their first ever 300 games. This has been a very successful season for myself. My averages in the three leagues I bowled in were 247, 245 and 242, plus I rolled a four hundred game.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Blues team all the best when they roll in the province team-bowl some time in May. I hope you make it to Reno.

I would like to say many thanks to Val Hughes for all the time she has spent with our Y.B.C.ers, without people like you we just couldn't make it.

Spaniel found

If anyone is missing a friendly, male Spaniel, one has been found in the vicinity of Sunset Boulevard on Salt Spring Island.

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Salt Spring Players host drama festival

BY MARILYN TAYLOR

This is the week we've been waiting for! The British Columbia Drama Association's South Island Zone Festival is opening on Thursday evening at the Activity Centre in the Elementary School.

Never before have we had such a varied selection of Theatre packed into three evenings. And the Festival price of \$5 for a "package

deal" to cover all three evenings is fantastic.

That's nine plays for \$5! Theatregoers, let's see you snap up that super bargain of the season!

Single tickets are \$2 a night and there are reductions to \$1.50 for OAPs and students and bigger bargains for them at \$4 for three nights. Tickets are bookable in advance at Et Cetera Book & Stationery.

OFFSPRING

The British Columbia Drama Association (BCDA) was established in its present form in 1954 as an offspring of the pre-war B.C. Festivals Society. From a simple provincial festival in 1932, the

present BCDA has grown to comprise approximately 80 Community Theatre groups in more than 40 communities. In 1976, 4,000 people participated in presenting productions to 120,000 viewers!

Every spring there are zone festivals in 10 provincial zones. In each zone a best production is chosen by each respective adjudicator to perform in the Finals Festival held in June in a different location each year.

ADJUDICATOR

This year's adjudicator for our zone will be Ron Pollock, whose

professional experience includes Stratford Festival Theatre in Ontario, South Carolina, Edmonton, Vancouver Playhouse and Bastion Theatre in Victoria.

We welcome Mr. Pollock to this zone festival on Salt Spring and look forward to the inspiration his adjudication will bring to lead us on our way towards giving our audiences better and better theatre.

I'm sure Festival '78 will be one to remember. Have you booked your tickets? Best not to leave it to the last minute! Curtain time each evening is 8 o'clock.

OVER THE

BY HAROLD HELM

You Curlers probably thought we'd forgotten all about you...we hadn't really, but we were awaiting developments, and these have not yet definitely been nailed down.

It boils down to the old saw, which comes first, the chicken or the egg? No solid proposals can be made to any of the groups involved until we have been assured of success.

There are several bright spots on the horizon which could help us get this facility at a somewhat lower overall cost than previously projected.

However, to clarify the picture,

Lights on at cost of \$5,000

The lights were on Salt Spring Island last year.

Responsible for the collection of tax monies to meet the cost of lighting streets is the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.

In the district annual report, revealed at the annual meeting last week, it is stated that street lighting cost \$5,397. This compares with the same cost for 1977 of \$5,017.

The revenues from tax levies, however, increased in the same year and the increase in costs was more than balanced by the increase in revenues.

Tennis

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by the B.C.L.T.A., and three of them will join the two previously qualified islanders in carrying out an extensive programme of tennis instruction for all ages and levels.

After the period of instruction is completed, it is the association's hope to try tournaments and inter club play with other groups from off island.

However, this all means that some time is required by the association for tennis court time and the proposal to the Recreation Commission includes 10 hours each week for instruction in May and June, and nine hours every second Saturday for open tournament play. It is not the intention of the tennis association to exclude anyone from playing tennis though it is

obvious during competitive play, the ability of players will be taken into consideration in the organizing draws.

Do you, the tennis playing public, consider that this is a fair deal for today's and tomorrow's tennis players? Are you prepared to attend the next meeting of the Recreation Commission on April 24 at 8 pm in the Elementary School library to voice your opinions?

This is the time to say your piece, and not leave it till you are on the tennis courts.

If you have any feelings for or against the Salt Spring Island Tennis Association's new proposal to the Recreation Commission please come to the meeting and be heard.

Continuing education and choice of sports during coming season

Tennis, anyone? or golf? or dance?

Registration will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday in the School Board Office lobby from 10 am to 3 pm with Virginia Newman, Co-ordinator of Continuing Education.

Co-sponsored by the Tennis Association, Recreation Commission and Continuing Education, tennis lessons will be available for youngsters, beginners, and those with some experience. Five qualified instructors, Loes Holland, Ron McQuiggan, Hazel Thomson, Bev Unger, and Brian Bridger, will conduct the classes. Limited to six, each class will meet twice weekly for a total of 24 sessions. First meetings will be May 1, but registration with Mrs. Newman will ensure choice of time, day and instructor.

A mini-course of four sessions of golf will begin on May 4 at 2 pm

with Len Macdonald, pro at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

Hugh Macpherson of the Paula Ross Dancers, in Vancouver, will present a one-day Improvisational Dance Workshop at the Activity Centre on Sunday, May 7 from 10 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 4.30.

For more information readers may call Virginia Newman.

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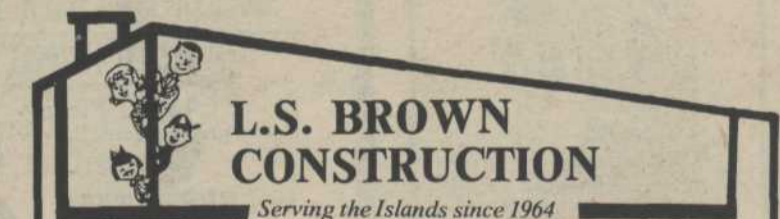
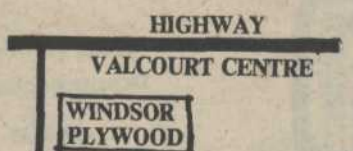
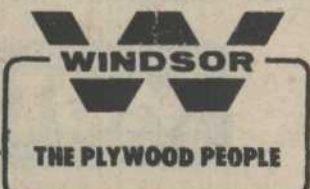
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OG LINE Dialogue on education Disposal system to cost

BY HAROLD HELM

we must know with some degree of certainty, just how many people can be depended upon to support the Curling Club, not only the construction of it, but the maintenance afterwards.

If we manage the first few years, the normal growth of the Island will take care of things from there on. We know that there are many curling enthusiasts on the islands who would dearly love to get curling again, and there are hundreds of others who would like to give it a try...and once they've tried it, they're hooked!

In an effort to bring this project a little closer to realization, there will be a meeting at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on Wednesday May 3, at 7.30 pm. Watch Driftwood next week for a further announcement.

Bring friends with you, we'd like a big turnout so that we get going without further delay. The committee will be armed with figures and information, so have your questions ready.

This meeting is very important to the outcome....be there in force!

The Thief

Procrastination is time's thief.
A thief well-known to all.
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This very moment take a vow
To turn another leaf;
Perform some task that's waiting now,
And circumvent that thief.
-Grace A. Wright

(Contributed by N. Gilbert)

If you are interested in sharing your ideas on education on Salt Spring, please clip this article and save it as a reminder, or make a note on your calendar.

"Dialogue on Education" is a unique opportunity for parents, teachers and school board members to sit down and discuss their hopes and concerns, in the informal setting of the Community Centre. Our third dialogue will take place on Monday, May 1 at 7.30 pm. Discussion will again focus on parent involvement in the schools.

On March 13, parents expressed an interest in more participation in the classroom, particularly at the elementary level. It was felt that access to the classroom and the teacher would keep the parent better informed, and in a position to assist with problems before they got out of hand.

It was learned that some parents are already assisting in classrooms, and that their participation is not presenting any problems. Parents of secondary students felt it was difficult to communicate with the high school teachers, part of the problem being so many teachers being involved with each student.

The meeting wanted more feedback from teachers and students. It is hoped that a number of teachers will attend the May 1 meeting. Parents are invited to bring a student: how do our children feel about having their parents in the classroom?

CONTRIBUTION

Another area to be examined is the role the parent can play in

expanding upon and enhancing the school's contribution to learning, through extra-curricular activities.

It is hoped that a philosophy and guidelines will be drawn up to aid the parent who wants more involvement in the school, or who would like to contribute more to his child's education out of school.

There seems to be a wealth of retired people, plus aunts and uncles and grandparents, who represent an untapped wealth of ideas and potential educational back-up. Is there scope for them to contribute something of their interest, their experience, and their knowledge?

Children will benefit from individualized learning experiences, or from small group endeavours, and perhaps non-teachers could find an opportunity to contribute on these levels.

A well-informed group of parents can back up the school by sharing their knowledge with others, particularly parents new to the community. Its always good to hear how other parents feel about their schools - here is an opportunity to share your thoughts.

Members of the School Board are being invited to attend the next meeting. Parents expressed a need to know more about their individual philosophies. "Educational Dialogue" is also seen as an opportunity for the Board to expose its concerns and ideas to a cross-section of the community, and get some response and feed-back.

Whatever your position in this community, you may have something to contribute to education. Please join us May 1, to share and listen.

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that the proposed sewer system for Ganges would be in operation by the time the new building was completed.

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Mainly Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

Plans are being finalized for the Spring Sale sponsored by the Silver Maynes Association to be held at the Agricultural Hall, April 29, at 1.30 pm. Home-baking, ceramics, lapidary, handicrafts, garden supplies, white elephants. Tea will be served and raffle tickets sold. In charge of arrangements are Vi Hamilton and Babs Wilson.

Welcome to the island to new property owners Fred and Cobi Raymer, of San Francisco, Cal. They are located at Edith Point.

Visiting Herb and Babs Wilson, Miners Bay, have been their daughter and son-in-law and

grandchildren, Fran and Lorne Rees with Kimberly and Jennifer, of Coquitlam.

The tulips planted by the Legion members on the grounds of St. Mary Magdalene church to commemorate their 50th Anniversary have been competing with the golden daffodils bordering the walkway and front of the church. Visitors are most complimentary of their efforts and the display is appreciated by all.

Welcome back to the island to Heinz and Inge Juergens, Bayview Drive, who have been on holiday in Mexico and Guatemala.

There's a lot of Canadian content in new sailboat

BY TONY RICHARDS

Doug Truscott doesn't really like fibreglass and he wouldn't work on a glass boat again, he says. But he's not altogether displeased with his new boat, the 38-foot double ender he launched at Ganges last week.

Doug and Jackie Truscott came to Salt Spring Island with their

family six years ago from Sea Island, in Richmond. They were expropriated from their home there because there were plans afoot to put a runway through it.

Doug was an electrician by trade when he came here but now considers himself unemployed. He could, however, be considered as a boatbuilder, a title he certainly

designed by Jackie. She has also designed some houses, including the one they are living in now.

There's a fair amount of Canadian content in the boat, said Doug, in that they used mostly local wood for the cabin and decks. The latter are of fir and most of the interior is of red cedar; mahogany was used wherever any amount of wear could be expected.

One does not need a trained eye to see that Doug and his family have done a good job, which is, of course, why it took two years to complete.

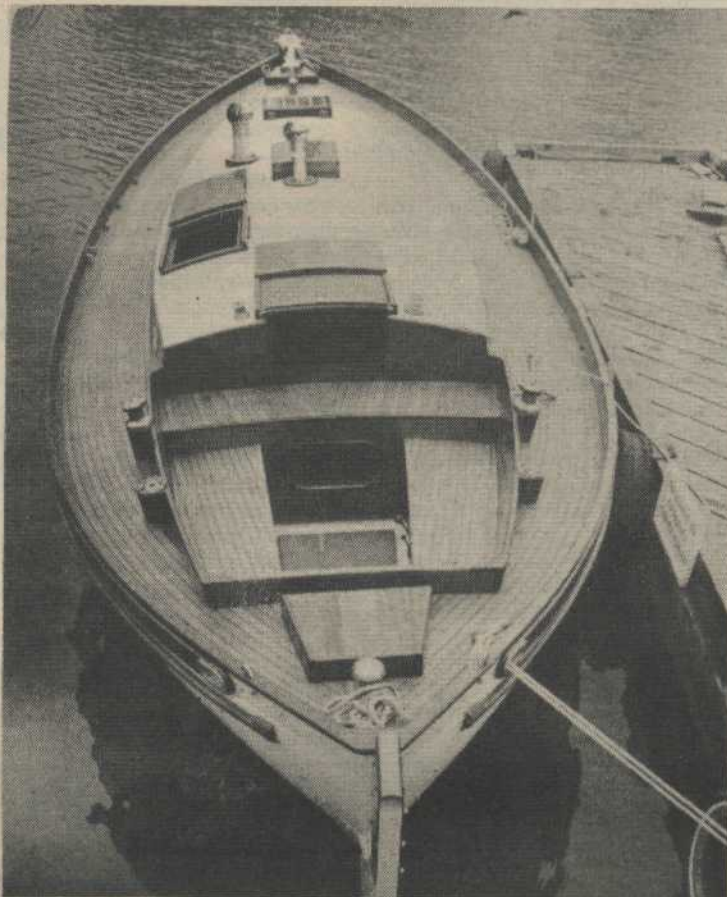
THE FIRST

Nobby of Victoria is the first wooden boat Doug has built. He has gained experience in wood-working by building houses and, in addition, his father had a boat yard in England, though Doug claims he was occupied mainly with cleaning bilges. He has built a number of small, fibreglass racing dinghies, in which he has had considerable experience sailing. At one time he held the Canadian championship in the 5.05 metre class and he represented Canada in two world championships. He said he "failed miserably" in one of them, however.

Doug and Jackie paid about \$11,000 for their hull although the selling price in Seattle was actually \$7,000; the rest was duty. They estimate that their boat has cost them a total of \$45,000. This figure includes everything: from hull and sails to pans and dishes. But, Doug points out, that doesn't mean they have money to burn. Their house in Ganges is for sale because, they decided, they cannot afford to own both.

The Truscotts have no definite plans for offshore sailing. The plans they have are loose and they want to sail around the B.C. coast for a while.

Once the mast is stepped and the rigging up, Nobby of Victoria will carry 850 square feet of working sails; she'll be rigged as a cutter. The boat has a beam of 11½ feet and draws 5½ feet. For auxiliary power, she has a two cylinder Sabb diesel.



The 38-foot Nobby of Victoria tied up at the Boat Basin

deserves because of the high quality work that has gone into his new boat, Nobby of Victoria.

The Truscotts purchased a fibreglass hull in Seattle two years and one month ago. In those two years, Doug and his family built the wooden decks and cabin. The hull is a William Atkin design, known as an Ingrid 38, and the rest was



Jackie and Doug Truscott inside

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More Food for Thought

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

I hope all readers of this column will attend the World Relief Tea at Fulford Hall on Saturday, April 22.

How could you be interested in the Third World and not take this opportunity of showing your concern in a very practical way?

Herbert O'Driscoll, Dean of Vancouver's Christ Church Cathedral, told a rapt audience on Saturday last, "You and I are here because sometime, somehow, someone put their hand in ours in the name of Jesus."

You may have other reasons for going to the World Relief Tea. Just so long as you go!

Last week we quoted a John Madeley article in the English "Church Times". He also says: "If Christians do not act to correct the injustices of the present economic system....other groups will be delighted to take up the challenge. Some of these we may not like. Many Christians today have a fear of Communism; if Christians fail in their job, then Communism can be expected to make inroads. But if the Christian community does its job properly, then Communism is likely to be stopped stone dead in its tracks...."

PUSH FROM BELOW

"Britain's reluctance to help the poor of the world is criticized in the recent report of the British Council of Churches, Power and the Powerless. But we should not underestimate the push from below that is needed if the Government - any Government - is to change direction. Is the Christian community strong enough to provide that push...? As the majority of our electorate is not churchgoing and is not believing, can an appeal be made to the creed of the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God?"

Madeley believes the answer could be "Yes" if people generally can be convinced that their deeper values are being thwarted by the present economic system. Britain has 1 1/2 million people out of work; millions have jobs inconsistent with human dignity; crimes of violence, alcoholism, mental illness and broken homes - all are on the increase. In a materialistic society such as theirs and ours it is surely fair to say that our deep malaise

may be largely attributed to our economic system.

We may feel that our present set-up is not working any better for us than it is for the Third World. In both worlds the rich minority flourishes at the expense of the poor majority. Yet disorder prevails!

HOW STRONG?

How strong is the Christian community in Canada? When I first came to Salt Spring Island I was told, on excellent authority, that we had nine church buildings to serve 300 people - roughly one-tenth of the population of the island at that time. The population has increased by almost 50 per cent since then. Has the percentage of Christians increased that much?

It is not only Christians who are interested in justice. And many so-called Christians have justice very low down on their list of priorities. The humanists among us, and certainly the members of the Baha'i Community are vitally interested in the cause of the Third World, and they will be represented at Fulford on Saturday.

Those of us who are not too concerned might take to heart John Madeley's warning. Those who deplore the influence of organized labour might also remember that if Christian management had employed their ethics in the factories and mines during the Industrial Revolution, Trade Unions would never have been formed.

Where there is injustice, a movement will grow to combat injustice. If it is not rooted in Christian love, it will be rooted in civil disobedience or downright violence. The choice, dear friends, is not in our stars, but in ourselves.

April 22, Fulford Hall, 2-4 pm. World Relief Tea. Tables & cloths would be welcomed at the United Church any time before 8 am on Saturday. Donations of baking and plants from 10 am on at Fulford Hall.

May 4th, Standing Committee meeting, 7.30 pm. Location later. Film strip, evaluation and planning.

Watch out for Susan George on "Man Alive", pre-empted by inspiring budget speech. Man Alive is being repeated on Sundays at 12.30 pm. It's always worth watching.

Scottish dancing

The Sir William Wallace Room of Holyrood House in Victoria will ring to the music of Scotland on Saturday, April 22 at 6 pm when the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society will hold their 18th Annual Ball.

The Schiehallion Band, from Vancouver, will provide the music.

Central Hall gets water as service is completed and hooked up at last

BY BEVIS WALTERS

Water has come to Central Hall!

During the 85 years of its existence, when water was needed at Central Hall, it had to be brought in by users in bottles, jars, kettles or cans.

Now that is finished for ever.

During the week just passed, plumber Art Munneke completed his work at the Hall and there is a complete plumbing system designed to make water available where it is needed when it is needed.

The improvement plan drawn up by Architect Jonathan Yardley called for water in dressing rooms, kitchen, toilets and basement, and now it is there - forever.

Comfort and convenience is the

watchword of the Committee in charge of the restoration and renovation of this historic Hall, and they are determined that when the job is done, it will be without equal for convenience and comfort of the Old Age Pensioners and Senior Citizens, who will be the main users of the Hall.

APPEAL UNDER WAY

As the work draws near completion, the appeal for the last \$5,000 needed is under way, and it is hoped that this will be raised by the various Clubs and Associations on the Island having fund raising affairs on behalf of the Appeal.

The Lions Club have already generously donated. The Island Farmer's Institute donated last week, and prompt response from other groups is expected and hoped

for. Any person or group of persons who would like to share the pleasure of bringing this community effort to a speedy and successful conclusion should get into touch with Mrs. Margaret Cunningham, Secretary-Treasurer of the Appeal, and she will explain what will help most. If money is not available, then gifts in kind will be gratefully accepted.

Last week Marg. Atkinson promised a dressed doll, and this week an anonymous donor has given aid in the form of a water-colour by Island Artist Pat Wright. The note sent along with the picture states "this is one of Miss Wright's truly inspired works, and should give the new owner perpetual pleasure". The title is "The Black Horse" and it is framed and ready for hanging.

"The Black Horse" has not been widely shown, and arrangements will be made for it to be on public display before it is offered for sale or disposal in aid of the Central Hall Appeal Fund.

Appreciation

Thanks to Salt Spring

When a hang glider crashed on Salt Spring Island recently, the Salt Spring Island Fire Department was called to the rescue.

Last week the parents of the "downed glider", Mr. and Mrs. George Varley, Santa Clara Ave., Victoria, wrote expressing their appreciation of the island community for coming to the rescue. Following is their letter:

With reference to a recent hang gliding accident on Salt Spring Island involving your Emergency Volunteer crew and equipment, we wish to commend you on your

prompt and efficient service. Our sincerest appreciation and thank you.

To an unknown observer, who swiftly summoned your emergency assistance, our grateful thank you!

The flyer, miraculously, is fine... the kite is undergoing extensive repair.

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Mayne Island Club

BY ELSIE BROWN

The members of Mayne Island Crib Club wound up the season's activities at a Buffet Supper held at the Agricultural Hall, Tuesday, April 11 at 6 pm. Even the TOPS members went off their diets!

Chairman, Herb Wilson, proposing a toast to the ladies for providing the delightful repast and for their weekly contributions to the refreshments during the year.

Presentation of awards followed. Receiving the Marjorie Hudson Memorial Trophy for perfect attendance and high score was Harry Redman. Also receiving the award for perfect attendance was Evelyn Angus.

Club award for men's high average was also won by Harry Redman. Women's high average was won by Nancy Sutton.

Low average awards were won by Bob Swan and Babs Wilson.

VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given to the outgoing secretary, Vic Griffiths by the Chairman.

Cups and saucers and other useful items have been donated to the Health Centre.

Election of officers was held March 28th. Chairman, Herb Wilson, re-elected Vice-president, Babs Wilson, re-elected. Secretary treas. Irene Halliday.

The balance of the evening was spent playing crib or bridge winding up a most successful year.

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Nearly 200 years ago



When Spanish commander sailed here

It is nearly 200 years since the Spanish frigate, Sutil arrived on the west coast of Canada. The vessel and her captain would have been long forgotten were it not for the fact that the master of the Sutil was to leave his name in British

Columbia. He was Dionisio Alcala Galiano, of the Spanish Navy.

Like many a sailor, Galiano had now always skippered a frigate. He was previously the master of the Atrevida, one of the exploring corvettes sailing under Malaspina.

Commander Galiano undertook a survey of the waters between Vancouver Island and the mainland. He was accompanied by the Mexicana, Commander Valdez. The two Spanish ships were sent by the Spanish viceroy in Mexico, Revillagigedo, to complete the exploration of the Juan de Fuca Strait, which had been started, but not completed in 1790 and 1791 by Quimper and Eliza.

The two ships were fitted out in Acapulco and sailed March 8, to reach Nootka by May 12, 1792.

On leaving Nootka for the Strait

they met Capt. George Vancouver and sailed with him for a time. After about 10 weeks' sailing they arrived back in the Pacific by a passage which they named Canal de la Salida de las Goletas, now known as Goletas Channel.

They returned to San Blas shortly afterwards.

THEY WERE THE LAST

The two Spanish sailors were the last of their nation to explore the Pacific coast and their survey was the only one to be published by their government at that time.

It was not until Capt. Richards of HMS Plumper was making his survey of the Strait, in 1859, that Galiano Island was so named. His commander, Valdez, also gave his name to one of the islands.

The report by the two Spanish explorers was published in 1802 under the rather lengthy title, Relacion del Viage hecho por las goletas, Sutil y Mexicana en el ano de 1792. Although a very notable work, the book was never recognized widely for the fact that Vancouver's copious observations had already appeared by 1802.

Dionisio Galiano was subsequently posted Captain and was in command of the Bahama, 74 guns, in the Battle of Trafalgar. On October 21, 1805, the Spanish ship-of-the-line was captured by the British and taken as a prize, to

Realtors meet to debate problems

The Victoria Real Estate Board has a primary goal of providing co-operative services to individual real estate companies from Ganges to Sooke.

The Multiple Listing Service is the main effort of the board and allows data on a local property to be distributed to all 1,000 realtors through the board area.

In addition, annual get-togethers are sponsored by the board so that realtors in outlying areas can discuss specific problems and opportunities with each other and with the directors of the board.

Such a meeting for the Gulf Islands and Saanich Peninsula realtors was held at the Harbour House Hotel, Thursday, April 13. Realtors from Brentwood, Sidney and the Gulf Islands met with ten board directors.

Several changes in the Multiple Listing service were discussed which will help improve this service in the Gulf Islands, including bi-weekly property tours.

At the suggestion of Bev Highton, president of the real estate board, a Gulf Islands committee will be formed to advise the board

reach Gibraltar safely. There remain Sutil Channel and Mexicana Point to commemorate, again, the voyage of the Spanish explorers.

Drama Festival

Three nights of fine theatre

Salt Spring Players are promising three nights of fine theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday when they host the B.C. Drama Association's South Zone Drama Festival.

Plays will be presented at the Activity Centre in Ganges by five community theatre groups including Fine Line Players from Victoria, Manta Players from Colwood, Peninsula Players from Sidney and January Players from Duncan. Salt Spring Players will open the festival with two productions on Thursday evening and they will be followed by a presentation by Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Adjudicator will be Ron Pollock, who has been associated with Vancouver Playhouse and Bastion Theatre. Curtain time for each night is eight o'clock.

on matters specifically affecting the Gulf Islands.

As usual at these types of meetings the most valuable result was the individual contact and discussion between working real estate salesmen, reported an island member.

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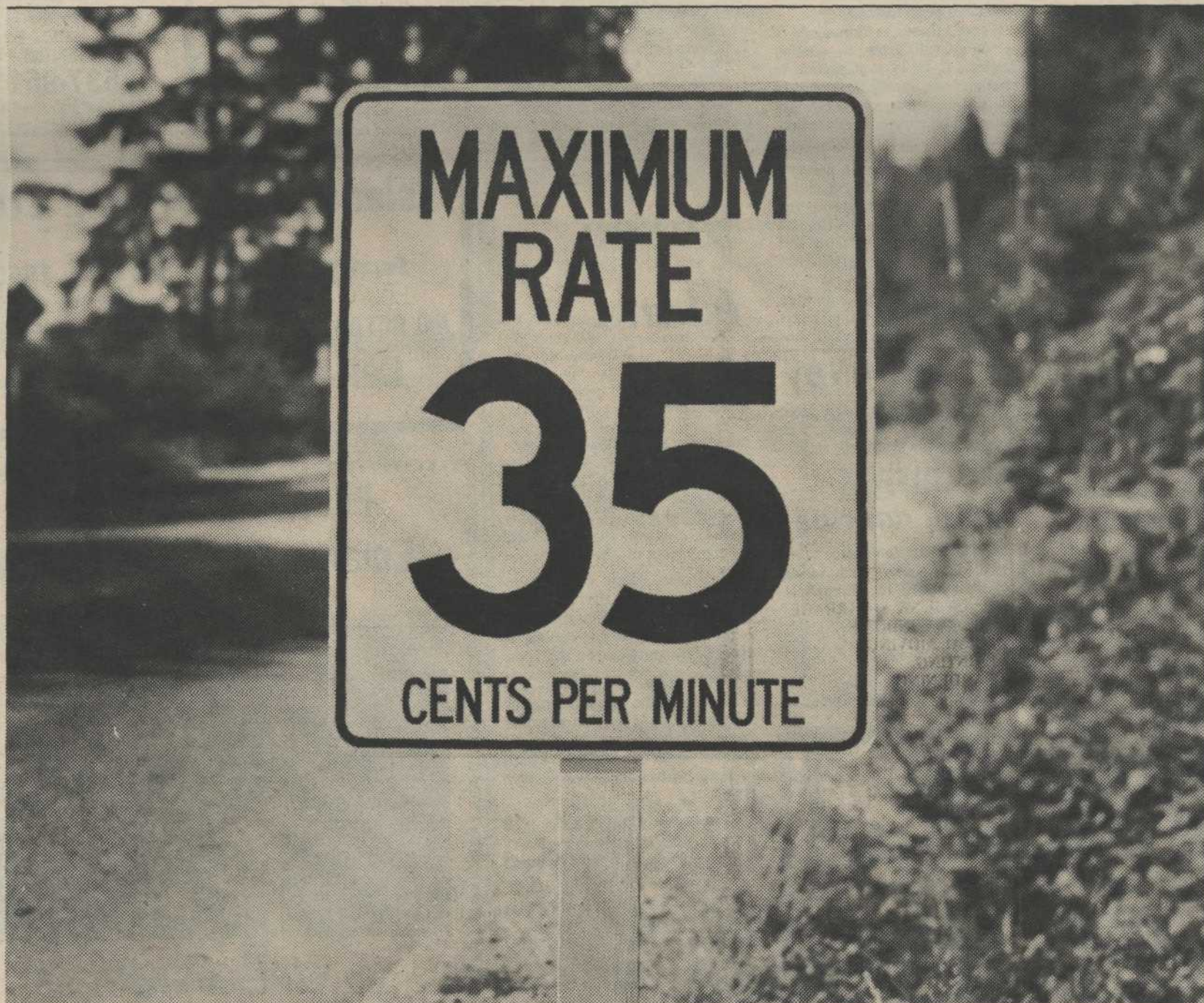
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Kitchen Korner

By Marianne Goodrich

When I ask people about their breakfasts, their replies usually fall into two categories - "ho-hum", and "on the run".

Considering that this is a meal intended for a body which has gone without fuel for about 10 hours and still expected to operate efficiently until lunch time, it's high time we found some great ways to start the day!

APPLE PANCAKES

1/2 cup raisins
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup milk
1 cup whole wheat flour
1/2 cup cornmeal
1 tsp. salt
3 tbsp. sugar
1 tbsp. cinnamon
1 tbsp. baking powder
2 tart apples, peeled & sliced thin.
...Plump raisins for 10 minutes in boiling water to cover.
...Mix eggs and milk together. Stir in flour, cornmeal, salt and sugar, cinnamon and baking powder.
...Add fruit. Beat batter and spoon onto a hot, lightly greased griddle.
...Cook about 5 minutes on each side; turn when browned on bottom. Makes 16 pancakes.

...Beat 6 eggs with 1/2 cup heavy cream and 1 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper or to taste.
...Add 1 heaping tbsp. chopped sauteed mushrooms, onions or shrimp.
...Fill 4 buttered ramekins or custard cups with the mixture. Place ramekins in a shallow baking dish and add a little water to the dish.
...Bake at 350 for about 30 minutes or until eggs are set. Serves 4.

BAKED SCRAMBLED EGGS

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STEAK AND LEMON ONIONS

...Pound coarse pepper into both sides of a 2 or 2 1/2 pound steak and broil.
Meanwhile, put 2 tbsp. butter and the juice of 1 lemon in a skillet. When this has begun to froth, add 1 thinly sliced red or white onion.
...Cover pan and cook until onions are tender, then remove the cover and continue cooking until onions are limp.
...Pour onions and gravy over the hot steak, sprinkle salt and a few drops of lemon juice over all. Serves 4.

POTATO SOUFFLE

4 eggs, separated
1/2 cup sugar
1 lemon, juice and grated rind
1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted.
3 medium-sized potatoes, boiled and mashed
1 tsp. nutmeg
...Mix together egg yolks, sugar, lemon juice and grated lemon rind.
...Stir in almonds, diced potatoes and nutmeg.
...Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into souffle mixture.
...Pour into buttered souffle dish, set dish in a baking pan and pour

boiling water into pan to about half the height of the souffle dish.
...Bake at 400 for 1/2 hour, or until puffed and lightly browned on top. Serves 4.

BAKED OATMEAL

2 cups cooked oatmeal
2 eggs, separated
2 tsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 grated rind of lemon.
...To the cooked oatmeal add egg yolks, sugar, salt and grated lemon rind and mix.
...Beat egg whites until they are stiff and fold into the oatmeal mixture. Turn into a buttered 4-cup deep baking dish or souffle dish and bake in a preheated 400 oven for 15 minutes.
...Serve hot with maple syrup. Serves 4.

HASH BY ANY OTHER NAME

2 cups chopped leftover beef, ham, or pork
3 cups diced, cold cooked potatoes
1 large chopped onion
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
Pinch of sage
1/2 cup light cream
2 tbsp. fat.
...Coarsely chop the meat and the potatoes in separate bowls. Then combine the two. Stir in the onion, salt, pepper, sage and cream.
...Stir together, until thoroughly blended.
...Heat the fat (leftover gravy fat is best) in a large frying pan.
...Spread the hash evenly in the bottom of the frying pan. Do not cover, and cook over low heat 30 or 40 minutes, or until under-side is brown and crusty. Never stir. Just occasionally lift edge of hash to check browning.
...Can be served topped with a

fried or poached egg, or broiled tomatoes.

YORKSHIRE SAUSAGE

1 lb sausages
1/4 cup pastry flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. baking powder
3/4 cup milk
2 eggs
...Brown the sausages in a lightly greased frying pan for 10 minutes.

Stir and cook until well browned. Preheat the oven to 450.
...Sift together the dry ingredients, add the milk and beat into a smooth batter. Add the eggs and beat.
...Pour over the sausages and place in the oven. Bake for 20 minutes.

ISLANDERS AT HOME

He's digging at home

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

Ken Byron, long time islander, is owner and operator of a Case backhoe. His work around the islands involves excavating jobs, including septic tank installments, drainage field excavating, perc tests, waterlines and numerous other jobs requiring the rugged strength of a backhoe.

He also operates a septic tank pump-out truck and the additional side-line work keeps Byron's schedule busy.

Ken Byron came to the island from Victoria when he was a small boy. His family settled out Walker Hook where he and his nine brothers and sisters helped farm.

Pigs, cattle and a wide range of poultry, as well as horses kept the family outside, winter and summer.

SALT SPRING SCHOOLS

Byron attended the Salt Spring schools before apprenticing with Gordon Scarff, an island excavator. He learned the basics of the trade with Scarff and from there bought a backhoe, along with a tandem truck



Ken Byron takes a brief rest from his labours.

for hauling fill, which he no longer operates.

Byron has seen a lot of changes occur on Salt Spring Island as well as the Gulf Islands which he services. From a rural, sprawling

country community the island contractor has seen development give rise to a throbbing island village.

Ken, with his wife and three children, reside at Walker Hook, familiar territory to the island boy.



Salt Spring Island Lions Club

Annual Walkathon

Saturday, May 13

The annual Walkathon for 1978 is set for May 13. This is the largest single project sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club. The date has been set a little later this year in the hope that Mother Nature will look kindly on this major project and favour it with warm and pleasant weather.

Zone Chairman Colin Mouat of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club is in charge of the Walkathon project and with his committee has plans well under way for this event.

The Walkathon Theme this year is centered around Captain Cook and the slogan adopted by the Lions Club is "Captain Cook is walking for our youth - how about you?"

The Walkathon project is primarily held for youth activities on Salt Spring Island and whilst the majority of the walkers are young people. Yet people of all ages as experienced in previous years, take part in this event - yes young people 8 to 80 years enjoy the walk. The route to be walked will probably be the same as last year, that is from Centennial Park, Ganges to Drummond Park, Fulford.

The Walkathon held in May 1977 was almost successful event and over \$3,700 was raised for youth activities. The manner in which these monies were distributed will certainly be of interest to island residents and visitors who look forward to the Annual Walkathon. Below are listed the island projects which were assisted by the walkathon monies and the amounts of the donations - these with additional funds being added by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club.

Roller Hockey Association - face masks	\$200
Secondary School Band - instruments	500
Secondary School Scholarship Fund	500
Juvenile Soccer Association	500
Gifts to Japanese Exchange Students	165
Fulford Hall Repairs (roller hockey)	500
Chamber of Commerce Christmas Ship	100
Central Hall Renovations	500
Boy Scouts of Canada	50
Exchange Students to Quebec	500
Secondary School Band, California Trip	500
Total	\$4,015

As has already been stated the above donations to youth activities are directly from the proceeds of the Walkathon of last year. There are other projects engaged in by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club of a fund raising nature the profits from which have been doanted to many worthy causes.

The projects and events staged by the Lions Club require many hours of work by the members of the Service Club and in the period from June 1977 to March 1978 it is of interest to note that the following are some of the projects engaged in and the man hours of volunteer work given by the members.

Pioneer Village - maintenance	298 man hours
Mini bus - assisting the elderly people	515 man hours
Canadian Arthritis & Rheumatism Society Campaign	70 man hours
Easter Seal Campaign	64 man hours
Canadian National Institute for the Blind Campaign	45 man hours
Youth Exchange - Japanese and Australian Students	160 man hours
Senior Citizens Christmas Party	60 man hours
Transporting Handicapped lady - weekly	152 man hours
Portlock Park - work on grounds	250 man hours
Annual Walkathon Project	210 man hours
Total	1,824 man hours

The above is not a complete summary of man hours of volunteer work by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club members but is at least some indication of the work being done.

Your full support is asked for the upcoming Annual Walkathon - remember - "Captain Cook is walking for our youth - how about you?"

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Public Relations Chairman
Salt Spring Island Lions Club

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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

As all good beer drinkers know, the breweries have switched to a stubby bottle. Most good beer drinkers couldn't care less if it came in a plastic cup, but the savers of beer bottles had better care. If you don't hurry up and sell your present tall bottles in the very near future they won't be worth a penny.

C.W. Archer, Richmond, was appointed as maintenance man for district schools, duties to commence this month. Appointment of W. Rogers and E. Waddell as part time school custodians was approved.

Preparations for an Easter card contest formed the handicraft work for Explorers during the past three expeditions. Sylvia Atkins won first place in senior class and Linda Anderson came in second. First in junior class went to Rita Rogers; second, Terry Anderson.

Harvey Reynolds, Ganges, had the misfortune to break a leg when a log rolled on him while clearing land at Ponderosa Subdivision at the north end. The accident happened on Mrs. Reynolds' birthday, and was balanced, to some extent, when their small daughter won a hand-made rug at the Beaver Point Supper.

Fire completely destroyed a garage and guest room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mailey, Welbury Point, on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Mailey were away from home at the time but prompt action by their eight-year-old son Bruce in calling the fire department was held responsible for saving the family home.

TEN YEARS AGO

Walkaton was won outright by Brian Pharis of Ganges, who covered the more than eight miles from Ganges to Fulford in one hour and five minutes. Averaging eight miles per hour for the whole distance, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Pharis, Beddis Road, ran most of the way.

Entries numbered more than 300 and this week Jim Merston and the Lions were still busy calculating returns. A net of rather better than \$2,000 is expected.

What's going to happen to the Gulf waters in the future?

Keynote of the meeting of Mayne Island on Saturday was concern with future pollution of coastal waters.

Addressing the meeting of the Mayne Island Ratepayers' Association was H.G. Topliss, land surveyor and engineer from Vancouver. Mr. Topliss spoke on behalf of two companies developing property on Mayne Island. A development at Village Point, he explained, would see initial construction of 60 homes, with expansion to about 400.

Extension of a development already started at Georgeson Shoals would

bring another 40 homes, he stated.

A lovely spring wedding was solemnized in Victoria on April 10 when Stephany Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Riddell of Galiano, exchanged marriage vows with Stephen Francis McColm, son of Mrs. Audrey Jackson, Victoria.

FIVE YEARS AGO

W. Bangert Construction will build the new office for the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, for a tendered price of \$18,475.

Contract was let when trustees received three tenders. Two unsuccessful bidders were Kopp Construction and A.B. Construction.

New maintenance and office building will be located at Central.

Saturna Islanders get around. At least Saturna Island students get around, when principal Taimi Hindmarch cracks the whip.

Four students in grades five and six at Saturna School went to the interior with Mrs. Hindmarch.

The party left on April 11 and returned April 17. Taking part were Sandra Crooks, Mary Jane Davidson, Shirianne Johnson and Ooljah Bissett.

Do people really care about the plight of their less fortunate brethren in far off countries?

Salt Spring Island people do care and they proved it by contributing or attending the Church World Relief Tea held April 11 at the home of Mrs. Barbara Hughes on St. Mary Lake.

The tea was an unparalleled success, thanks to the efforts of many people under the able leadership of Mrs. Arthur Millner. The total collection, combined with the sale of home baking, has exceeded \$1,000.

On Friday, April 20 a new store will open on Galiano Island. Situated near the Garden Cafe, at Studies Bay, it is being built entirely by two ladies. Miss Marianne Busch, owner of the little cafe, built that structure a couple of years ago, and is now assisting Miss Elizabeth Fowler with her new store.

The store will feature fresh meat, groceries and dry-goods.

Don Irwin was top man in the freshwater fishing derby on Salt Spring Island. He took the top prize with his 3 lb. 3 oz. trout. The fish was a denizen of Weston Lake until his untimely end.

Lee McGregor came second with a 2 lb., 5 oz. fish; in third place was John Bennett, 5 1/2 oz. and fourth prize was tied between Daisy Gear and Bob Reynolds. Mrs. Gear won the toss and the prize.

In the junior classes, first prize went to Chris Bohnen and second to Dan Reynolds. Winner of the consolation prize was Alex Laing.

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Duplicate Bridge

Legion duplicate bridge winners at Ganges on April 11, afternoon, were 1. Betty Sharland and Anne McConnell; 2. Gordon Hytton and Norm McConnell; 3. Vera and Alf Nichols.

Canadian Legion Duplicate Bridge winners on April 4 were: first, Anne McConnell; and tied for second place were Mary K. Thomas, Gordon Hutton and Gordon Best.

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Purcell program features



Purcell String Quartet: Norman Nelson, Joseph Peley, Philippe Etter and Ian Hampton.

Nineteenth century romantic composers are predominant in the program announced by the Purcell String quartet for their performance on Salt Spring Island, Sunday afternoon, April 30. The event will

take place at St. George's Church at 2 pm.

The group will perform the Schubert Quartet in A minor, Op. 29, written in 1824; and Dvorak's Quartet in A-flat Major, Op. 105,

from the year 1895. Each quartet is in four movements. They will also play Hugo Wolf's "Italian Serenade", dated 1903.

Complementing these will be two pieces by the early English composer Henry Purcell, from whom the quartet takes its name: Fantasia in G major, No. 7; and Fantasia in G minor, No. 8, both composed in 1680.

The Purcell String Quartet, currently in residence at Simon Fraser university, consists of Norman Nelson, violin; Joseph Peleg, violin; Philippe Etter, viola; and Ian Hampton, cello.

It was mistakenly announced last week that this was the final concert of the season. There will be an additional offering by St. Catherine's Choir, from North Vancouver, at a date to be announced.

The series has been arranged by the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island and co-sponsored by the CAC. A paper collection will be accepted at the door.

Firemen have busy year annual district meeting is informed

It was a busy year for firemen on Salt Spring Island in 1977.

Neil Christiansen outlined the firemen's activities during the past year when he addressed the annual meeting of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District last week.

He listed the May Day Parade; Firemen's Ball, Parades at Sidney Day, Nanaimo bathtub day and Crofton. At Sidney and Crofton the Salt Spring firemen's entry of Engine No. 5 1/2 gained first prize.

In August firemen and their families took part in the annual picnic. Hallowe'en brought a bonfire and refreshments, with fireworks displays at Fulford and Ganges; firemen attended on the Bellingham Christmas Ship. They made a donation to the Telethon and in April they came first in the Salt Spring Island Car Rally.

Two trucks attend fire at Fulford

Two Salt Spring Island fire trucks attended a chimney fire on Beaver Point Road on Sunday afternoon.

The house on Beaver Point Road is owned by Dave Eyeles, of Kamloops and rented by Laura Barr. It was an old house where the chimney starts half way up and the fire broke through the bricks, according to firemen.

The fire was confined to the chimney area.

On hand were the Fulford fire truck and the pumper truck from Ganges.

Golf Club to celebrate 50th anniversary

A two-day celebration is planned for next month when the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club marks its 50th anniversary. So far, plans call for a barbecue and golf with a shotgun start; further details are not yet available.

Celebrations will take place on the week end of May 20.

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