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She isn't a Canadian

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Although she was born in Vancouver

She has cousins in England and she hasn't seen them for a long, long time.

That's why she decided to fly to England and spend a few weeks there. 'after all, she's a pensioner and you can't keep putting these things off!

The next few weeks were spent looking ahead. There were the preparations for the trip and the pleasurable anticipation of seeing peoples' faces when their cousin from Pacific Canada showed up.

The dream was quickly shattered.

You see, there's a government office.

Last time she had a passport was in 1968 and it's a bit out of date now. But to speed things up she sent the old passport in at the same time as she applied for a new one.

The government man was quick to reply.

She isn't a Canadian and no way can she have another Canadian passport. Mind you, she was born in Vancouver, but that doesn't mean anything.

It seems she married a man who thought he was Canadian. He's gone now, but he left his widow an American. Her late husband was born in the United States and came to Canada when he was three. Of course he didn't take out papers, he was only eight years old when he had been in the country long enough to apply!

That's where it stands.

She had to get Canadian citizenship before she could have another passport. And she's waiting for that citizenship now. Then she has to apply for her passport again.

And it costs: all this red tape!

You see, it's cost her \$50 already, when she had to cancel her original airline booking. And if the government takes too long over her passport, she may have to cancel again.

You would think being born in Vancouver would make a difference.

But she's keeping up her spirits. After all, she may make it by Christmas.

Peck is named for 1979

Wilf Peck, of Ganges, is the president-elect of the British Columbia School District Secretary-Treasurers' Association. The association elects its president a year before he takes office and Mr. Peck will take the president's chair in 1979.

He was elected at the annual meeting of the association recently.

The newly named officer of the association is secretary-treasurer of the Gulf Islands School District.

No more fire permits

Salt Spring Island Fire Department is no longer issuing permits for outdoor, open fires. A spokesman for the department said Tuesday that incinerator fires are allowed providing certain precautions are observed.

Incinerators must be covered by a screen, grass surrounding the incinerator must be well cut and the fire must be supervised. Islanders are advised that the best time to burn is during the early hours of the day.

Speaker



Donna McFadyen addressed Salt Spring Rotary Club on Saturday. Guest speaker, she entertained the club with her report of a trip to Ottawa under Rotary sponsorship.

Skipper suffers burns

— Quick rescue

BY DEVINA BAINES

An explosion on board the salmon troller, Colleen, ripped the cabin and a plank loose on the boat on Saturday morning at the marina at North Galiano.

Quick action on the part of young Mark Matthews, Porlier Pass Marina attendant, saved the boat and gas float from serious fire damage.

Angus Crocker had just taken on a tank full of gas. He and his son, Joe were about to leave for Hornby Island for the coho season opening on Monday.

Mark rushed Angus Crocker to Chemainus hospital in his little speed boat. The island fisherman is still a patient.

He suffered burns on his arms, chest and head. Hospital reported on Monday that he is making satisfactory progress.

The force of the explosion blew out the windows in the cabin and threw Mr. Crocker out with the door. Joe Crocker was thrown to the floor but escaped injury.

Just look at your taxes!

This tax levy is up 150%

So you're smart and well-educated! What did it cost?

Right now it's costing plenty.

Tax notices are out and there looks like a general emigration to California.

Here's a house. In 1976 the total taxes were \$584.94. This was the total for an average sized three-bedroom home on the waterfront. No services! No water: no sewer: dirt road: no street lights: there's nothing offered. And for practically nothing, the owner must pay \$584.94 for the privilege of living. That was in 1976. The cost of that privilege is going up.

By 1977 a benovolent government had provided the owner with a share in government. He was allowed to dip his hand in his pocket to enable the government to keep its hand out of its own pocket. It was a 13% or so dip. Up went the cost of breathing island air. For 1977 that cost stood at \$665.29.

The owner was indignant about the 29 cents, let alone the \$665! But he paid.

This year the government warned everyone that costs were going up in the taxpayers' department and the government would be able to boast of how little it was paying out in frivolities.

STARTLING

The effect is startling. This year the same taxes have soared to \$816.76. That jump represents 22% in a year. Not even national food is keeping pace with provincial land.

The future looks grim, indeed! If the same single progression obtains, next year's taxes will come to about \$910. But there are not sufficient data available to establish a trend and it could be far steeper.

Having got his tax notice the property owner has two alternatives. He can pay or he can refuse to pay. The first way, he seethes. The second way, he is placing his property in jeopardy.

And what is he risking it for?

Take a close look.

He pays 10 mills for general taxation purposes. And that's fair enough. He gets a grader two or three times a year and he has the pleasure of using a local library which enjoys a minimum of public funds. And there is a detachment of police to safeguard this very expensive white elephant he lives in.

ONE TWENTIETH

For schools he pays out more than one-twentieth of the market value of his home. School taxes stand at \$553.38. This pays for the schools in the islands and in Vancouver and in New Westminster and anywhere else that a benevolent minister of education decrees that islands must relieve the government of its responsibilities.

The final component is \$145.74. This is allocated to local services.

Local services? That's the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. Or, in another instance, South Galiano or what have you?

But local services are different from schools. In 1976 our tame taxpayer paid 5.471 mills for fire protection. In 1977 it rose to 5.607. But in 1978, when the taxes are hitting the roof, the fire protection levy abruptly drops to 4.184 mills. In actual dollars and cents, he paid out \$353.97 for schools in 1976. By 1977 he was making a contribution of \$397.67. And this year's levy is \$553.38.

SIGNIFICANCE

In two years his school taxes have risen 156%.

Whether the province is passing the buck is less significant than the realization that the province is not looking after the interests of the taxpayers of these islands. Not at those rates!

It is likely that the future will see many islanders selling out to keep the government in popular favour.

But this tax picture is grim and reveals the unpleasant truth that there is nobody looking after the interests of the ordinary taxpayers.

EARLY IN JULY

Public meeting to debate South Pender

Chairman Jim Campbell, of the Capital Regional Board, has announced that he intends to call a public meeting on South Pender Island early in July in an attempt to ascertain the small island community's needs and wishes in respect of fire protection.

During a lengthy exclusive interview, Campbell detailed the circumstances and the statutory requirements that have prompted him to call the meeting at this time.

The chairman also indicated his longstanding concern for appropriate fire protection in remote areas of the large region he serves

and particularly among the Gulf Islands.

In response to enquiries earlier this year by Russell Pomohac, chairman of the fire committee of the South Pender Property Owners' Association, Campbell indicated that a referendum by-law to fund a volunteer fire department would be presented by the region if the residents of the island show a positive indication of their wishes.

He must be satisfied that there is a reasonable chance for such a vote to succeed before presenting it, explained the chairman.

He would also need to be satisfied that the burden of debt would not be beyond the capacity of the community.

90% IN FAVOUR

He recalled that on May 23 Mr. Pomohac advised him by telephone that 90% of those present at the May 21 general meeting of the property owners' association had voted in favour of a referendum. Proposal would enable islanders to acquire fire fighting equipment to the value of \$76,000.

Campbell and Pomohac met on May 24 to discuss details.

The chairman suggested that the proposals were far too costly for the tax base of the sparsely settled community. It was also suggested

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Charged with living there and no permit

Charge against Daniel R. Ellis, of Ganges of living in his home was remanded in Ganges Provincial Court on Wednesday morning last week.

Ellis was charged with two counts of residing in his island home before the Capital Regional District had issued a "certificate of occupancy".

The case was remanded for two weeks at the home owner's request in order to get legal counsel.

Monty Python comes to Salt Spring

Salt Spring extended a warm welcome to the North Vancouver Community Players on Saturday, June 17, when they presented "An Evening with Monty Python" at Mahon Hall.

North Van Community Players are one of B.C.'s most popular and successful non-professional Theatre Companies. Founded in

1947, the group has had a steady growth to a current membership of over 130.

In recent seasons the Players have included their version of "An Evening With Monty Python" in their repertory and have constantly achieved sold-out houses in advance of the performances.

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BY A GLUTTONOUS REPORTER

There are not many on the islands who are going hungry. Not many.

Things are tight in some quarters and there's not a housewife in all the islands who is not worried over the steady rise in food prices.

So we did a comparison in prices.

In 1969 a staffer at Driftwood was Miss Kathy Baker. She didn't eat a lot and we sent her out to do some shopping.

She went out and bought the same list of groceries that had been itemized in a Vancouver newspaper report in 1948.

Shaken by the rising costs, the city paper had published a list of commodities which would cost a housewife a \$5 bill, in 1938.

It was a big list.

In 1969 the cost had risen above \$5. By this week the cost had increased yet further.

Here is the original, 1938 cost of a week's supply of groceries:

Milk, half-gallon	20
Bread, 2 loaves	10
Back Bacon, 1 lb. slic.	40
Butter, 1 lb.	28

Meat, 6 lbs. prime rib	90
Jam, 4 lbs.	40
Eggs, 1 doz. Gr. A.	23
Cod fillet, 3 lbs.	45
Tea, 1 lb.	42
Lard, 1 lb.	14
Oatmeal, 5 lbs.	25
Rice, 1 lb.	05
Tom. Ketch. 13 oz.	08
Table syrup, 32 oz.	30
Cheese, 1 lb.	28
Salmon, 2 lg. tins	52
TOTAL	\$5.00

By 1969, the cost of \$5 worth of groceries had soared. Kathy Baker forked out \$21.78 to buy them.

This week a new purchaser had to go forth. He took one look at the cost of meat and withdrew. No way could he afford to buy \$5 worth of groceries. He merely listed the cost.

It was too late to send Kathy Baker out for the enquiry. As Mrs. Rob Mollison she is busy trying to buy her own groceries for her growing family.

On Monday the same list of groceries worked out as follows:

Milk, two litres	1.25
Bread, 2 loaves	.75
Bacon, 1 lb.	1.60
Butter, 1 lb.	1.42
Meat, 6 lbs. baron	17.94
Jam, 4 lbs.	3.87
Eggs, 1 doz.	1.05
Tea, 1 lb.	3.89
Lard, 1 lb.	.75
Oatmeal, 5 lbs.	1.79
Rice, 1 lb.	.72
Ketchup, 13 oz.	.69

Maple syrup, 32 oz.	4.09
Cod fillet, 3 lbs.	5.97
Cheese, 1 lb.	2.35
Salmon, 2 lg. tins	5.18
TOTAL	\$54.21

The housewife of 1948 made out well, but not so good as before the war. Her \$5 bought all of this:

Milk, 2 qts.	30
Bread, 2 lves.	21
Back Bacon lb.	98
Butter, 1 lb.	74
Meat 4 lbs.	1.60
Jam, 4 lbs.	.65
Eggs, 1 doz.	52
TOTAL	\$5.00

By 1969 the \$5 would buy better than day's rations, but it didn't go far. Here's what Kathy brought back to the office for Christmas nine years ago:

Jam, 3 lbs.	1.49
Milk, 2 qt.	.72
Lard, 1 lb.	.32
Eggs, 1 doz.	.72
Butter, 1 lb.	.78
Cheese, 1 lb.	.95
TOTAL	\$4.98

And what of today? What does \$5 produce?

Milk, 2 litre	1.25
Bread, 2 loaves	.75
Butter, 1 lb.	1.42
Jam, 1 lb.	.98
Cheese, 4 oz.	.60
TOTAL	\$5.00

Are you earning more? And enjoying it less?

Ah! Phooey! Just think of what you could save if you gave up eating altogether!

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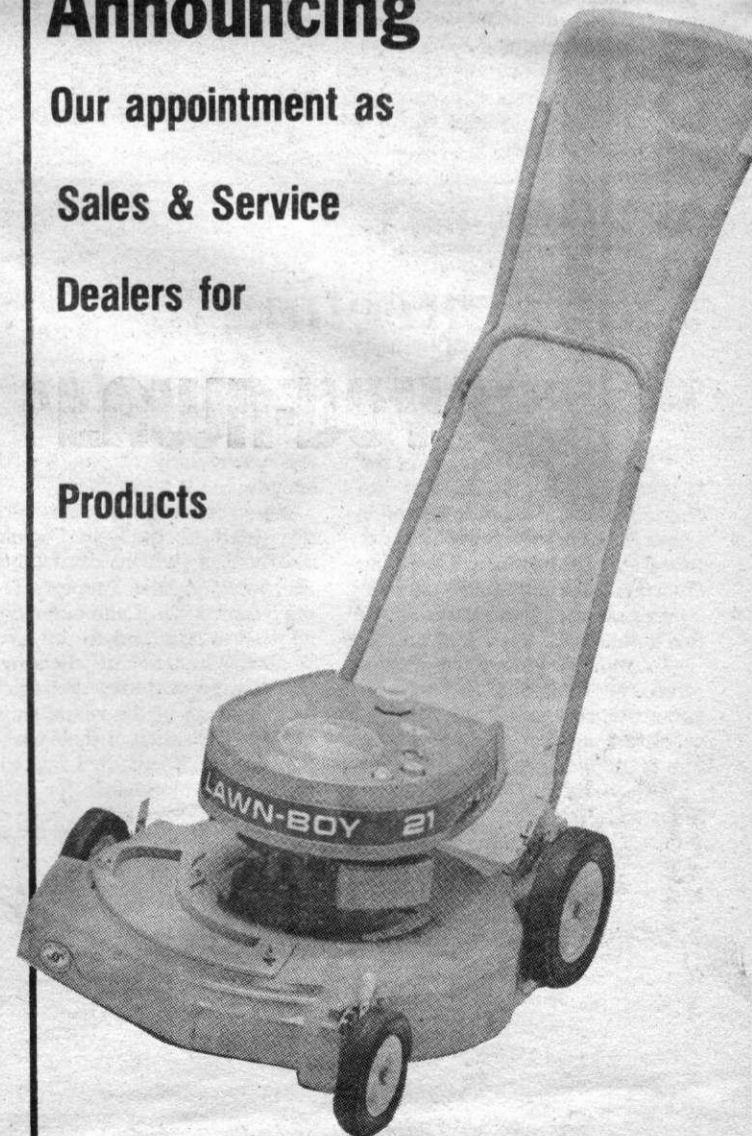
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TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

I lost my glasses the other day and I was using a broken pair. Ever worn them on your eyelashes? Every time you blink, they bounce!

Wilf Peck writes in the Rotary Sentinel of the tomcat which serenaded a neighbour's cat all night. After some harsh words, the owner broke down and sent the unfortunate beast to the vet's. He came back home and in due course continued his nocturnal serenades just as before. How could it be, enquired the owner of the lady-love. The erstwhile tomcat went along as a consultant, explained its proud owner.

I do not agree with Wilf. He also noted that when you consider that half the adult population is functionally illiterate, it's no wonder it's in the state it is. It's the other way round. There wasn't a thing wrong when nobody could read or write, and we're probably getting back there.

There's a new organization on Salt Spring Island, the Grimace Party. Two sponsors have the necessary beefs. The logo of the GP is a face with a downpointed mouth. All you need is to cite a statement or action by a minister which you feel is morally wrong or utterly stupid. Malcolm Legg takes sports teams off Salt Spring Island. They are entitled to a reduced rate on the ferries...but only provided they are in possession of identity cards. Youngsters in sports attire do not always carry their personal possessions on to the field. So they pay full fare. It is not enough that they are accompanied by an adult. It is not enough that their mode of dress indicates their purpose. The book says they must show ID cards and that is it. Nothing morally wrong, of course. Just plain stupid, says the Grimace Party. Second charter member is Marg Johnston. She is seething over the announcement that Skid Road is to be cleaned up by moving the denizens elsewhere. She protests Van der Zalm's decision and she is indignant at the suggestion that they should lose welfare or other payments if they remain put. It may be foolish, says Margaret, but it is certainly improper. They should get a lot of members.

I grew up under the impression that white bread is for humans; brown bread is for diet freaks and black bread is for peasants of the proletariat. And I've seen nothing to change my mind.

If the last time, which was the first time should prove to be the last time, there won't be a next time! And that's how it was when the committee started to look at Sea Capers last week. But the next time will be the second time.

So you like dogs? Ask Kerry Butler. His dog ate his car. The poor beast was obviously hungry, because he ate the rag top and left it pretty ragged. Fortunately, it was insured. Kerry had only to pay the excess and the depreciation and the labour. Otherwise Icky-bicky paid it all. He had a bill for about \$500 and Icky-bicky paid about two bits. Or you can ask Gerry Mouat. He has another expensive dog. It ate the seats and the steering wheel. That's the tough part of these protein cars!

Apostrophes are like pennies and perhaps even nickels. Nobody knows what to do with them any more. They may all have to be withdrawn.

Regional Recreation Calender is the title of a column in the Port Hardy North Island Gazette. Looks like they do a lot of cooking up there!

Doug Dane has been doing some research. He went through the lists of Canada Council grants and found one item that came close to home. He reports a grant of \$9,770 to undertake a survey of the English language on Vancouver Island and Salt Spring Island.

By devious ways, this excerpt from Readers' Digest came to me. There are a number of Scots with BC Ferries who started life in Dunoon. They found it particularly appealing:

AS PROMISED

A Glasgow mother saw her young daughter off on the steamer to visit her aunt on the Firth of Clyde. On her mother's instruction, the little girl immediately found the purser and asked him to please tell her when the boat reached Dunoon. She approached him again each time the boat docked until, in exasperation, he told her not to keep bothering him and assured her he would let her know when she was there.

However, in the holiday rush he completely forgot his promise until the steamer had left Dunoon and he happened to see the little girl watching him with questioning eyes. He dashed up to the bridge and explained the situation to his captain who, furious at the disruption of his time-table, ordered the helmsman to return to port. When the steamer was securely moored again and the gangplank lowered, the purser went to his young passenger, "We're at Dunoon, now," he told her. "Thank you," said the little girl, sitting down and opening a brown paper package, "Mummy told me not to eat my sandwiches till we got here."

SALT SPRING ISLAND GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

GOLFING

BY PAT DOHERTY

In the nine-hole ladies' section on June 13, 16 showed up to play.

The hidden hole was won by Mayford Cavaye and the consolation high score by Gwen Ruckle.

We are again asked to urge the nine-hole ladies to turn out at the clubhouse no later than 9.30 am.

The 18-hole ladies played for par points. Mae Pike was the winner, with 28 points, Marge Mills and Marj Russell tied for runner-up, with 24 points. Winner by retrogression was Marj Russell. On Sunday, June 11, Marg Frattinger, Helen Kernaghan, Barbara Maguire, and Betty Harrison played in the field day at Cedar Hill, and really cleaned up, winning the trophy for low net as a team. Marg won low gross in the "B" section and Barbara won second low net in the "C" section. Nice going ladies!

In the B.C. Ferries Tournament at Tsawwassen on June 15, Jean Hopkins won low net for visiting ladies and Jean Jefferies was second.

In the Saturday mixed tournament on June 17, 64 players turned out under perfect weather conditions for another enjoyable day of well organized golf.

HUSBAND AND WIFE

In the husband-and-wife division it was Jessie and Bill Pearson with a net 68, with runner-up honors going to Dorothy and Bumps Irwin, and Helen and Bill Kernaghan with net 68½'s.

In passing we cannot fail to mention that Helen turned in a fine 88 to Bill's 90.

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It's bad enough working in my office with the horrible stench of stale cigar smoke, so I had a brainwave I am prepared to sell for a consideration. It's a small placard that clips to your stogie and begs other people to have some consideration for you. It says, Please don't Smoke.

In the He-and She division it was Anne Monro and Jim Mayo with a net 66½ score. Closest to the pin winners were Marg Mills and Bill Pearson on number 2 and Irene Hawksworth and Henry Jefferies on number 11. Henry Jefferies won the putting contest. A bar-b-q supper was served on the clubhouse porch.

The entry list for the Jensen Cup is now posted. This is a nine-hole tournament for men 70 years and

over on December 31, 1978, and it will be played off on Saturday, July 1.

It is hoped to organize a "Men's Night", starting on Thursday June 22. This will probably be along the lines of low gross and low net or some similar loosely knit formula.

There will be sandwiches available for those who wish them after the game, and it is hoped that some bridge or cribbage games will develop to help pass the time while you are partaking of the golf club's new liquor licence.

Starting time is 5 pm.

Men are advised to either show up or never again complain of "How come there is a ladies' day but no men's day?"

Shober as a judge

When the government raised the ante,
For driving though slightly impaired,
I decided to join the reformers,
No drinking while driving declared.

There are plenty of nuts on an auto,
The one back of the wheel figures too;
If he's had a big load of bubbly,
Who can guess what he's going to do.

I must admit when I was younger,
There were times I was living it up;
You've heard the old saying "Have one for the Road"
Now it's coffee I take in the cup.

So let's hope we all get the message,
And make the drinks very small,
For if we get rapped for six hundred bucks,
We aren't saying we had a ball.

-T.N. Parsell, December 30, 1977

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Death and taxes

Death and taxes: both are inevitable.

The tendency today is to permit one to lead to the other. Too many taxpayers in this province are fearful of being taxed to death.

This year's tax notices arrived last week and left islanders with a sharp realization of what schools are costing people in the islands today.

Drastic hikes in taxes, ranging close to a 50% jump from last year, have alarmed many property owners.

There are two causes of the hike.

The provincial government has been transferring more and more educational costs in the islands to the taxpayer, through his property taxes. This policy has resulted in a heavily-burdened property owner and a free-swinging government.

The second aspect of government policy is one of longer standing. The so-called equalization policy requires taxes to be collected from such areas as the islands and transferred to the hard-pressed city communities to help them meet their education costs.

What can the taxpayer do about it? Very little is open to him.

He can revolt and refuse to pay his taxes. But this is an expensive measure and he must be firmly convinced in order to forego his home-owner grant. If he fails to pay his taxes by a given date, the grant is forfeited. Few property owners will take that risk.

He may also express his strong objections to his MLA, Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis and to the Premier of the province, as well as to the leader of the party he favours if he is not a government supporter.

No politician will listen avidly to one comment. Many objections will have an effect. A politician will swat a single mosquito and forget it. If he is attacked by 10,000 mosquitoes he will take action to protect himself. In this instance the taxpayer is the mosquito.

Property taxes are approaching disaster proportions in this province. The present time shows us a level of taxation which we can still support. An increase of these proportions over the next several years could see every island property owner stripped of his possession.

The time for action is now and it is only the provincial government which can rescue us from this tax morass into which they have led us.

There is little satisfaction to the taxpayer that his government is economically prosperous as he is blown away with the chaff, sucked dry by the same government.

School taxes must come off the land and be met out of alternative revenue sources. The most obvious would be to eliminate education property taxes and transfer the load to provincial income tax. It would be wider spread and more equitably distributed. Furthermore, it would be unlikely that heavy increases could jeopardize a family's home.

Having taken such action, the government should take a further look at education costs and revert to some modification such as zero taxation, whereby the school district is allocated a fixed amount of money and come hell or high water no way can they have more. Every taxpayer operates on that basis and every bloodthirsty politician operates his own household in that manner.

This is the turning point. This is the time in British Columbia's history when the provincial government should be looking with sympathy at its people instead of turning the screws to squeeze out another dollar.

We've had our fill of words. Let's see some action!

Letters to the Editor

A LEFT-WING LOOK

Sir,
Recently a public relations team from the R.C.M.P. asked for and received permission to meet with many labour councils in B.C. and across the country. The purpose of the meetings was to improve its image with labour and for generally better relations. They explained that they knew they had been bad

boys in the past, that now with the recent revelations about R.C.M.P. wrong doing they had egg on their faces, but appealed for better understanding.

And they were doing this against the background of The Task Force on Labour Relations, Study No. 22 (1966) by Stuart Jamieson, which revealed the following: "The R.C.M.P. has thus become a highly



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pervasive force in Canadian society. Its presence has been felt with enough force to tip the scales of battle in hundreds of strikes and labour demonstrations."

According to a recent series of articles in the Toronto Globe and Mail, the R.C.M.P. justifies its illegal activities as being largely directed against subversive activities. The so-called subversives include the Parti Quebecois, the N.D.P., C.U.P.E., the National Farmers' Union, the Communist Party and the Native Indian Movement.

Obviously, the R.C.M.P. hierarchy regard themselves as the saviours of the status quo in Canada - as a shield against social change. This has led even the Canadian Labour Congress in its submission to the Commission of Enquiry Concerning Activities of the R.C.M.P. to demand that the Force be curbed and that it be made responsible to Parliament.

To this the Communist Party of Canada adds the demand that the R.C.M.P. be democratized and that right wing and neo-fascist elements within the Force be replaced by democratically minded Canadians.

The Communist Party like the C.L.C. calls for effective supervision of the R.C.M.P. and its security branches at the ministerial level and by Parliament's stressing the need for a specific code of conduct which would clearly define the nature and scope of security.

ERNIE KNOTT

Communist Party of Canada
Federal Election Candidate
Cowichan, Malahat, the Islands,
Sooke, B.C.
June 9, 1978.

JUST WHY

Sir,
I suspect I am being sucked in and that it was a deliberately provocative statement (please - it was?) But...I would like to ask Tony (of Baloney) with what part of the anatomy does one flip pancakes that should make him expect those produced by "one of the islands womens groups" any more palatable than those cooked by the Lions?

SUE YARDLEY

R.R. 1 Fulford Harbour
June 16, 1978

TOO MUCH!

Sir,
The following is an extract from the Vancouver Daily Province (June 15, 1978). "Angry taxpayers should conduct their tax revolts at the ballot box by defeating high-spending politicians, Premier Bennett said Wednesday."

After facing three raises by B.C. Hydro, raises in sales tax;

I.C.B.C.; Prov. Income Tax; Ferry rates etc. and after receiving my tax notice today, I must agree with the Premier, and ask that he call an election, so that I would have the opportunity to defeat his government.

On checking my tax bill, I find that the school tax has increased over \$100 while the general purpose tax has remained about the same. The drastic increase in school taxes has nothing to do with the new assessment format, but is due solely to a huge raise in the mill rate.

I estimate that 67 per cent of my total tax is for schools, and submit that this is far too great an amount to expend on a non-essential service.

A.J. DILLABOUGH

RR 2, Ganges
June 15, 1978

WHICH WAY?

Sir,

Who's keeping score?

Whose well-being is the School Board looking after?

Four more teachers (at \$400 per day in wages alone) have taken a school holiday, while escorting 50 students from one wilderness area to another for "outdoor activity", at a cost of 200 student-school-days.

Meanwhile, expensive school rooms, library, resource centre, sports equipment lie unused, by these students.

Do we only see the top of the school-cost iceberg?

Who knows the total formal education loss which results from

these irresponsible junkets?

How many student-school-days have been lost during the past year alone, because of junkets and unnecessary school closures of various kinds?

What do you think of the advertisement in last week's Driftwood advising us that the Board is about to borrow a half-million dollars to finance new school expenditures?

Do the taxpayers have any say in this matter?

Somebody had better do some homework and decide whether we are to have a school system worthy of its keep, or an institution which is a combination of baby sitting services and conducted tour activities.

Once it is clear which we are to have, the taxpayers will be able to choose the members of the Board more judiciously.

KEITH JACKSON,

Mayne Island
June 17, 1978

ALARMING INCREASE

Sir,

Our taxes increased this year by \$250. We were expecting an increase because we have put an addition on our home. However, it is alarming that taxes for school purposes account for \$209.61 of this increase.

As a proportion of total taxes there was no increase for general purposes. The mill rate for local services actually declined from 1.6257 to 1.2389, so there is restraint and fiscal responsibility in

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Church Services

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1978

ANGLICAN			
St. Mark's	Central	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
St. George's	Ganges	Parish 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			
Rev. S. Hildebrandt	Sunday School	All ages	10.30 am
Box 61 Ganges	Evening Worship Service		7.30 pm
537-2622	Thursday evening Prayer 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

more letters

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the administration of our general and local affairs. But, what is going on in the administration of our schools?

Our taxes for school purposes increased 69%. 40% of this can be attributed to our addition but the additional 29% can be attributed to nothing other than lack of fiscal control.

Is our school board totally insensitive to the fact that the public throughout North America is sick and tired of runaway tax increases and demands that the line be held on taxes?

In the face of generally declining school enrolments throughout the province, I find it difficult to comprehend how the school board could possibly approve a budget which would result in a tax increase. They should be aware that above all the public's major concern in these times is for fiscal restraint at all levels of government.

PATRICK A. TIERNAN
Old Scott road
Ganges, BC
June 18, 1978

FERRY TRAVEL

Miles Acheson's article in last week's Driftwood stimulated me to record my three experiences on our local ferries in the last two weeks.

1-I arrived at Crofton 30 seconds late for the 11.30 am ferry to Vesuvius. However it was still moored to the dock and the lady was about to take my fare when she said, "I'm sorry but they're just about to leave." She appeared to be in direct phone communication with the ferry. That meant a two hour's wait until 1.30 pm.

On that ferry (1.30 pm) I was informed that I had been seen (and recognized!) at the dock but the ferry had already been held back for a late vehicle and it was the lunch break ferry!

2-This last weekend (Sunday), driving down the hill to the Fulford terminal -past the turn off to Beaver Point- over the radio came a time check 10.42 am. and yet 30 seconds later, on arriving at the terminal, the lights were red and the ramp partly raised (for the 10.45 am ferry). This time however I was allowed to board.

3-That same evening returning on the last ferry from Swartz Bay to Fulford at 9.15 pm we again remarked on the fact that the ferry pulled away smack on the dot of 9.15 pm.

I suppose one should congratulate the ferries on their punctuality, but, equally so, one may be critical of the apparent lack of humane

attitude when merely seconds rest between catching and missing a return ferry, especially the 11.30 am from Crofton with the next being 1.30 pm, or any last Ferry returning to Salt Spring.

If we all worked by the book "to rule", life would be made intolerable to the recipients of our labours.

P. ROWELL
Box 10, Ganges,
June 19, 1978

WOMEN'S CENTRE?

Last Friday I attended a benefit concert in Victoria for the beleaguered Rape Relief Centre.

The content of the concert was all female, although there were several men in the audience, and I'm sure they could not have failed to be as impressed as I was by the power, beauty, joy and agony of the songs, the poems, the music and the personalities of the eight or so contributors.

I was there at the invitation of ex-islander Jean Anderson, who sang, and I was overjoyed to see and hear islander Judy Boel, who also sang. Ex-islanders Donna Watt and Isabel Merston were also in the audience.

It occurred to me once again what an opportunity we are missing by not exercising our sisterhood on Salt Spring, and I write this letter partly to pay tribute to the women who entertained us with their souls as well as their talents, and partly to ask if any of your readers would be interested in a Women's Centre.

If so, perhaps they would contact me at 537-2322, or phone the Community Centre, 537-9212.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON
R.R. 1, Ganges
June 19, 1978

Asks for transfer

Barry Popowich was represented by Donald J. Morrison when he was charged last week in Ganges Provincial Court with impaired driving.

Morrison told the court that Popowich is living in Yellowknife and had asked the court there for a transfer of the case to the north west community, where he would plead guilty.

Prosecutor told the court he had no such information in his possession yet.

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Project North

It was an informative meeting but subject has low drawing power

BY SCOTT LAWRENCE

"We are awakening to see the system of genocide being imposed and we will not go back to sleep."

This was part of the message contained in a new National Film Board release entitled, Fort Good Hope, shown at the Project North meeting Sunday at the Community Centre.

Stanley Napoleon, who was supposed to speak at the meeting sponsored by the Hudson Kimball memorial group, was unable to attend. Instead, Barry Kelsey from the Victoria-Sidney group of Project North brought us up to date on the progress of the various pipeline projects brewing in the north.

We watched the movie which documented the visit of the Berger Inquiry to the MacKenzie Delta area. It gave a clear and unbiased picture of what is happening in that area and expressed the concerns of not only the tribal people, the Dene, but also those of the white service people inhabiting the north and the voice of the oil companies.

The Dene, as an organization, are adamantly opposed to any pipeline down the MacKenzie Valley, viewing it as a threat to plants and animals, and through development to a whole way of life.

UTTER GIBBERISH

The lack of communication between the white developers and the native leaders is obvious. Bob Blair, president of Foothills Pipeline stressed the company's co-operation with landowners while the very concept of land-owning is inimical, if not utter gibberish to the traditionalist natives.

In passing, the film documented the annual treaty payment, at which the Dene people of Fort Good Hope, as elsewhere in the treaty area, gather to collect the \$5 owed to them annually under terms of the 1921 agreement, rushed

through after discovery of oil at Norman Wells.

In superb paternalism, the government representative, flanked by scarlet tuniced mountie, says to a young Dene unable to conceal a smile, "Better put the check in your pocket, it might blow away" as though talking to an infant or an idiot.

The result of the recorded inquiry, as most of us know, has been a moratorium on development of the pipeline, in part to give the Dene time to create institutions to determine the native right to self determination in the area.

At the end of the movie, Mr. Kelsey filled in the small group with more recent developments in the north. Since the Berger Inquiry, the Yukon pipeline proposal has been given the green light despite the incompletion of the Lyssick Inquiry into it. The second part, which remains incomplete, was to deal with the effect of the Alaska Highway pipeline on native people in BC as well as general social and cultural considerations. It has been shelved indefinitely.

Mr. Kelsey mentioned that the Union of BC Indian Chiefs has just been granted \$250,000 to pursue an inquiry of their own, a drop in the bucket compared with the three million spent on the Berger Inquiry, but sufficient to ensure that we will be kept informed of the aspirations of the BC native people.

In all, it was an informative meeting, but very sparsely attend-

ed. Educational meetings on the Third World at our back door or indeed, in our living room, have low drawing power these days.

Planning meeting

The regular meeting of the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association is scheduled for Monday, June 26, at 8 pm in the School Board office.

In addition to regular business, Jack Fisher will report on the home occupation bylaw of Salt Spring Island. The association invites citizens who may have concern over this bylaw. Time permitting, there will also be discussion regarding input to the recreational survey.

Island residents are members of the Community Planning Association and their attendance is always welcome at regular monthly meetings, said a spokesman for the association.



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Historians hear report from Donald New on conference

BY ELSIE BROWN

The regular meeting of the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Association was held on Saturday, June 11, at 1.30 pm. All islands were represented.

President Lorraine Campbell was in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary, Mrs. Helen Claxton and business arising from them was dealt with.

Letter from New Horizons was read with application forms and the information that a board of 10 persons be formed to act on behalf of the historical association in connection with the proposed grant, requested for the publication of the Second Edition of Gulf Islands Patchwork.

Discussion regarding the publication followed. Subjects suitable, time of incidents could be from 1914 until the present time, including history of schools, churches, landmarks and pioneers.

SCHOOL ESSAYS

School essays were read and a letter containing comments from Mrs. Clare McAllister who did the

judging. There were 25 entries none of which was from Pender Island, which was regrettable.

Spelling was improved. Highlights of the essays were touched on. Two essays received Honourable Mention as well as those receiving first, second and third prizes. Winners will be published in Driftwood.

It was moved that the association purchase a filing cabinet for the storing of historical data, minutes and other documents.

An embroidered screen of Indian motifs, which was raffled a number of years ago, has been donated back to the association and it was suggested that it be re-raffled. Mrs. Jean Morgan offered storage space.

HE-HE FISHING

Mrs. Campbell read an interesting account of He-He fishing requiring a spear and more skill than ordinary methods used by sports fishermen.

Mabel Johnston had a copy of Maria Tippet's book "From Desolation to Splendour" which won the Eaton Award recently. Copies may

REPORT ON CONFERENCE

Following the meeting, Donald New gave a report on the annual conference of the B.C. Historical Association held in conjunction with Captain James Cook and his times held at Simon Fraser University, April 26-29.

Election of officers was held Saturday afternoon at S.F.U. and the following officers were elected: Honourary patron, Lieut. Gov. Bell-Irving; honorary president, Mrs. Anne Stevenson; president, Mrs. Akrigg, Vancouver; first vice president, Rex Tweed, Campbell River; second vice president Mrs. Winnifred Weir, Invermere; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Barnett, Campbell River; recording secretary, Mrs. Arlene Bramhall, Burnaby; treasurer, Michael Halleran.

The cost of publishing the quarterly Historical News and the problems encountered since the resignation of P.A. Yandle of Vancouver were discussed.

The general consensus was that an increased charge would have to be made to the branch organizations to defray the cost of publishing the news.

Mr. New was disappointed that accommodation was not available at the YMCA in New Westminster, as the trip from the hotel in Vancouver was very time-consuming.

The business meeting was shortened to allow the members to attend the conference sessions on the Capt. Cook Bi-Centennial.

WIDE RANGE

Speakers and visitors were from as far away as Australia, Europe, England and the U.S.A.

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Some people would call it

Baloney . . . by Tony

I had a brush with the law last week. It was only a minor brush, yet it was one that left me with serious doubts about the justice of the laws regarding drinking and driving.

It is not unusual for an impaired driving conviction to be based solely on the observations of a police officer. In the courthouse at Ganges, for instance, one can often see a policeman tells the court that the accused had unsteady balance, slurred speech and the odour of liquor on his breath.

The courts look upon such evidence as being satisfactory to bring about a conviction, even when a breathalyzer test is not given.

But can we really expect a policeman to be an accurate judge of a man's state of intoxication?

Because of what happened Friday evening, I have decided that we cannot.

After drinking two bottles of beer, followed by dinner, I drove with my family into Ganges for a softball game. When I saw the roadblock near St. George's Church, I cursed. The seat belts were buried somewhere behind the seat and there wasn't a hope of retrieving them.

So we pulled over and an RCMP officer I'd never seen before came over and asked for my license and registration.

At this point, I answered truthfully to his question as to whether or not I had had anything to drink. I realized later that I would have been much wiser to lie and say I'd had nothing to drink.

When he said he was going to suspend my license for 24 hours, I was taken aback. Why was he suspending my license?

Because, he replied, he "suspected" I had been drinking. Well he was right in his suspicions but why should he suspect it when I had already told him it was so?

Anyway, his decision was law. He had made up his mind and there wasn't much I could do about it, except demand a breathalyzer test.

Foolishly, I didn't. I've sat in court and watched people get fined a few hundred dollars for impaired driving and then heard afterwards from some of those who were fined that they'd had two drinks and no more.

Now if a breathalyzer machine had not been available, and if that police officer had concluded that I was impaired, I would have been charged. I could have gone to court and tried to contest the charge. The policeman would tell the court that as a result of his observations, he had concluded at the time that I was impaired. The court would find me guilty and fine me \$500.

Fortunately, the officer must have decided that I wasn't quite impaired. But he did decide that I wasn't capable of driving.

I have been a beer-drinker for a number of years, so two bottles of the stuff does not have a lot of effect. It certainly doesn't make my balance unsteady nor does it have the effect of slurring my speech. Still less so, two hours after drinking it.

That policeman on Friday evening proved to me his incompetence. How many others are there like him, unable to really tell whether or not a person has had too much to drink? How many people have been convicted of impaired driving based on evidence given by someone who is equally incompetent?

There is more to the story. Not long after I had been stopped someone else went through the roadblock without any trouble. He was in an advanced state of intoxication and had admitted to the police that he had been drinking. Yet he was allowed to continue driving.

There were others on Friday who had their licenses suspended under similar circumstances and it all goes to show what the drinking/driving laws are unjust and in need of changes.

If changes are not made, then the police officer I met Friday will be permitted to give expert sobriety evidence in court. Yet he has proved to me that his is not competent enough to judge whether or not a man is capable of driving.

There is today a scientific method of determining the amount of alcohol in a person's blood. This method employs the use of a breathalyzer and because there is one on Salt Spring Island, it is illogical that a policeman should attempt to determine blood/alcohol content through his own observations and not with the aid of this machine.

Otherwise, justice cannot and will not be served.

I learned last week of an interesting theory about the origin of the smile. A Salt Spring Island resident tells me that the smile may have developed from animals baring their teeth at each other.

A very plausible theory in times like these, when people have to be urged to smile.

And by the way, it's costing B.C. taxpayers \$2.5 million to make themselves smile. I think I'll bare my fangs instead.

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Student is guest speaker at Rotarians' dinner

Guest speaker at the installation banquet of Salt Spring Island Rotary Club on Saturday night was a non-Rotarian.

Donna McFadyen, Gulf Islands Secondary School student who went to Ottawa with the service club's Adventure in Citizenship,

Least of all evils

BY STANLEY ORRIS
In The Grand Forks Gazette

This writer is an ex-officio member of many of the local coffee groups that meet around town every morning and afternoon and spend a lot of time talking about local, provincial and federal politics.

Many of these devotees of the coffee bean seem to be of Conservative bent but are, at present, a sorrowful lot. They do not know how to vote in the next federal election, at least at this time.

They feel that Trudeau's showing up as the best leader of any of the parties, and that Joe Clark is showing up as the least effective, and they cannot by any means vote NDP. Many of them are afraid they will end up by voting Liberal, solely because he is the least of other evils.

gave a summary of her long week in the national's capital.

Showing a complete assurance, the high school student spoke of the trip east by train and of the week she spent in Ottawa, guest of the Rotarians in that city.

Among her comments was the observation that the assembled students had expressed a preference for the use of the term, prime minister, in connection with students' councils and similar organizations, rather than president. It was felt that the former term is more wholly Canadian.

Donna was introduced by the chairman, Charles Baltzer.

Highlight of the evening's ceremonies was the changeover of presidents. Bert Timbers pinned his badge of office on to Jack Reynolds' lapel as he completed his year as president.

THEY ALSO HELPED

Before relinquishing office, Timbers called on a number of his directors and members who had helped him significantly during the year. Each was presented with a small gift.

Accepting this recognition were Eve Lees, who was presented with an award in token of her work on club communication as well as one



for her husband, John, who was a patient in hospital in Victoria; Wilf Peck, Ray Bush, Garry Garras and Don Harrison.

Serving with Jack Reynolds for the coming year are Ray Bush, first vice-president; Al Davison, second vice-president; Garry Garras, secretary; Wilf Peck, treasurer, Doug Foerster, Gerry Coers, John Lees and Don Harrison, directors and Don Perkins, Sergeant-at-arms.

Among the special guests for the evening were Brazilian exchange student, John Teodozio, with Gabrielle Schubart, island exchange student of several years ago who spent a year in Brazil and Mr. and Mrs. Hank Schubart, who are entertaining the Brazilian visitor for a few weeks.

Following the ceremonies, members and their guests enjoyed a dance.

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Dunant was born May 8 in Geneva, Switzerland, 150 years ago.

After witnessing the atrocities of the Battle of Solferino (1859), he was left with a sense of horror. It was the battle which pitted Napoleon III against the Austrians over the fate of Italy. Dunant, afterwards, wrote his famous book, "Un Souvenir de Solferino", which ultimately led to the creation of a five-member committee for the relief of those wounded in war, regardless of nationality.

The committee chose as its symbol the reverse of the Swiss flag, a red cross on a white

background as a tribute to the country of birth of the man who started it all. As a continuing tribute, Dunant's birthday, May 8, was designated World Red Cross Day. It is an even greater tribute that this day has been one of celebration and reflection for millions around the world.

In May of this year the 150th anniversary of Dunant's birthdate was marked. Millions involved with the Red Cross and its allied associations in other lands throughout the world will not forget.

Milk and catnip, catnip and milk, Make pussy's coat as soft as silk-- She looks a beauty with an angel's soul;

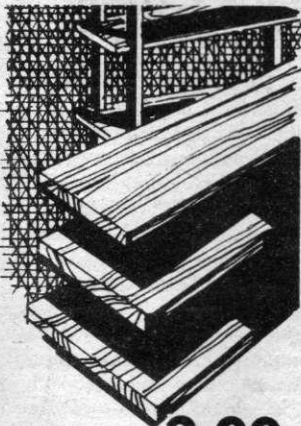
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-Celia Reynolds

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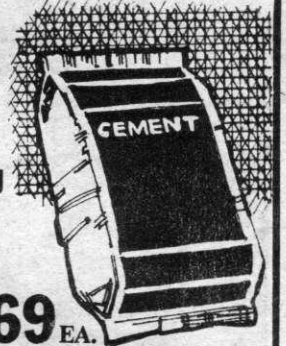


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Auxiliary president presents 41st annual report to Lady Minto

BY VERA PETAPIECE

I have the honour to present the 41st annual report of the auxiliary to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital. The Auxiliary continues to be very busy in all areas of its work. Volunteer work is very rewarding but at times we run short of volunteers.

The New Year's baby was presented with a layette with our compliments. The layette was prepared and donated by the Mayne Island ladies and was greatly appreciated.

We presented the Lion's Club with a cheque for \$500 to help towards operating their "Bunny Bus". The bus is available to the residents in Extended Care and throughout the year has been very much enjoyed by them.

The auxiliary provided lovely new cupboards in Extended Care to hold all our craft material. They are such a great improvement!

Mrs. Shandro and I attended the annual convention in Vancouver in May. There are now 125 auxiliaries in B.C. with 9,922 members, 571,000 volunteer hours were given in 1977, and \$831,000 contributed to hospitals, thus providing many extras for the comfort of the patients.

CRAFT WORK

For the third year our residents in Extended Care won the plaque for their craft work. There is great competition in this area and our residents were very pleased as there are only five or six who can do very much in this way. Thank you to those members who help with the crafts in Extended Care. This can be very challenging: 868 hours were put in and \$223.27 realized from the sale of their work throughout the year. Also, thank you to those who donated cakes for the residents' week end tea.

I attended Awards Day at the High School and presented pins and badges to seven Junior Volunteers (Candystrippers). At graduation, I presented two bursaries of \$300 each, to Ann Wilson and Cathy Taylor.

The auxiliary honoured Lassic Dodds with a cheque upon her retirement from the hospital staff in June after many long years of service.

OVERHAULED

In late September, the stock room of the Thrift Shop was overhauled: new paint, shelves, fire-proofing are all much appreciated by the members working there. The Thrift Shop continues to be a great money-making area. Total net profit for 1977 was \$26,575.75 with approximately 7,500 hours of volunteer work. Many thanks to all members who work so hard doing the many various chores that keep the Thrift Shop going all year.

Four members went to the Area

meeting in Duncan in September. Once again, our auxiliary was second in money-raising on Vancouver Island.

The auxiliary presented the hospital board with a cheque for \$15,000 in September with the request that it be used to furnish a four-bed room in the proposed Extended Care addition, the room to be named in memory of our late administrator, Harold Hoffman. We also gave the Intermediate and Personal Care Society an assurance that \$60,000 is available to them to furnish the lounge and dining room of their new building.

The auxiliary has provided an Emergency Admission Kit at the Hospital. This contains toilet articles, notepaper, etc., and is to be made available as required by a patient brought in as an emergency.

JUNIOR HOSPITALS

The Candystrippers continue to be active at the hospital and the auxiliary has provided their uniforms. They prefer to be called Junior Volunteers, especially if there are boys volunteering.

Christmas gifts were given to each resident in Extended Care and a small gift put on each tray in the Acute Wing. Three trees were decorated in the hospital. Tray favours for all special occasions were made by one of our members. The patients' flowers are attended to and the lounge is kept well stocked with current magazines. All this takes many hours of volunteer help: 375 hours, flowers; 30 hours, library. We also have a very well-kept scrapbook of all our activities.

The auxiliary is looking forward to the new fiscal year with the same enthusiasm it put forth during this past one.

An evening with Monty Python

BY SUSAN BOWLER

It is hard to imagine Monty Python's Flying Circus without the brilliance of John Cleese, Eric Idle, Michael Palin, Graham Chapman and the rest of the company.

This is probably why many in the audience were disappointed in Saturday night's performance.

Even so, there was an excellent effort, by the North Vancouver Community Players, to reproduce what can only be considered a hard act to follow. Monty Python's Circus is often thought to be the master of bizarre humour.

The sketches handled especially well were: A Minute Passed; the Shakespearean Actor Interview; the Yorkshire Businessmen and the Dead Parrot Sketch.

For the most part, the North Van. Players were entertaining and enthusiastic throughout their performance. This might also be said about some parts of the audience!

Damage is extensive

Charges are to be laid following a single car accident on Fulford-Ganges Road Thursday, RCMP at Ganges said this week.

Damage was extensive to the pickup truck driven by John Andrew Kinnear, 23, of Mobrae, when it left the road near Fulford.

Elementary Days

Grade 5 reports

Leaves

Are like an endless story.
They come out early
In the spring,
They fall
To the ground
In Autumn,
And start
Again.

-Barbara Broughton

Since it's soon going to be summer holidays Salt Spring Island Elementary School is busy with report cards, awards day, the track meet and Fun-day. On Friday, there was a track meet between Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta. Students on each team were chosen for different activities such as relays, races, high jump, long jump, etc. The winning house was Beta with 177 points.

-Kirsten Halvorsen.

A song is like life,
Sometimes sad
And sometimes happy.
A song is full of endless feelings,
But songs end
and feelings don't.

-Gerry Hagan

Now in school we are studying different regions of Canada. We have done the Far North, British Columbia, the Prairies, Ontario, and now we are starting Quebec. We read books and watch films on the region we are studying, and then we write paragraphs in our notebooks. I think it is interesting to learn about our country.

-Deanie Byron

I slid to first base
Like a rocket-sled.
I was tagged out
And the snake
In my back pocket
Was dead.

-Mark Fredericks

We went over to Crofton on June 6 and we won. They won the softball throw and the high jump and long jump, but we won the rest, like the relay. That was the best thing that we did. We won by 20 points. We each got a glass of juice free. Some people didn't have any. They had more people, that's why we lost the high jump, ball throw, and long jump, but the important thing is that we both tried.

-Sean Grey

The man is dead
Like dirt
He lies in his coffin,
His glazed eyes
Staring into space.
The man is as dead
As a forgotten thought

-Sarah Stelter

On Tuesday, June 13, the grade fives came from Surrey to go on a field trip, and when they were here they asked us if we wanted to play ball, and we said O.K. So at 2.00 we went out there, and our boys played against their boys, and our girls played against the girls. The Surrey girls beat us by two runs, and our boys beat their boys by one run. I hope we can play more baseball games next year.

-Wendy Ronne

Walking in the rain
Is like having
A shower in the dark,
Smelling flowers all the time,
It's like tear-drops
Running down your face.

-Kara Cruikshank

On Friday, both of the Grade 5 classes are going to Victoria. We will meet at the school board office at 7.45 and take the bus to the Fulford Ferry.

At 10.00 we will go to Sealand and see Haida the whale and all of the different fish. At noon we'll go to Macdonalds and have lunch.

After lunch, at 1.00 we will go roller skating at Oak Bay, and then catch the 3.45 ferry.

I wonder what it's like
To be a bird
Floating like a kite
'Way up high,
Thinking about a nest
And baby birds,
Soft and fluffy
Like rose petals
Or clouds

-Cathy McClean

The scores for the house leagues are Beta 264, Gamma 254, Alpha 249 and Delta 179. All four teams are playing well.

The end of the year is June 28, and most of the kids are excited about it.

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New lodge rises to north of Lady Minto



It's hard to be a happy Socred Barber tells NDP

BY TOM WRIGHT

In spite of an unfortunate clash with the school band concert a good crowd came out to hear Victoria M.L.A. Charles Barber speak to the Gulf Islands NDP Club at the Elementary School on Thursday.

Mr. Barber proceeded to entertain his audience with a lively talk on the topic of how hard it is to be a happy Socred these days. (Being a happy 'coalition' Liberal or Conservative must be even harder!) He listed several reasons why a business man in particular might find the Socred government hard to live with.

Mr. Barber showed that we've now had three years of Socred leadership to compare to the previous three years of NDP leadership, and feels that the NDP record has to look good in the comparison.

Having in vain challenged his audience to name any major new investment or achievement of the government during the past three years, Mr. Barber went on to remind his audience of such negative events as the loss of Railwest, the closing of the Dees Lake extension, the near-closing of the Fort Nelson extension, the loss of Panco, the loss of the NKK steel-mill contract, the loss of the BP Refinery for Surrey, the sale of three ferries, the increase in ferry rates and sales tax, a new Forestry Act which is unashamedly anti free-enterprise, an offensive Heroin Treatment Act, and endless cabinet squabbles.

Mr. Barber completed his list of reasons for Socred unhappiness with some discussion of the Jack Davis affair, Grace McCarthy, Bill Bennet, Jim Neilson and Bill van der Zalm.

In closing Mr. Barber predicted increasing tensions in the coalition, a strengthening of right wing Socred elements, and a much reduced level of hysteria as we go into the next election. He repeated his belief that the comparative record of the past six years will speak for itself, and returned to his thesis that it must be hard these days to be a happy Socred.

Question time covered topics as varied as California's Proposition 13 and the Surrey 'tax revolts', mill-rate increases of 50% in the three years, increases in property tax burden of 78%, 40% increases in home assessments while apartment taxes are decreased, an urban Transit Authority Bill which will result in four new taxes and a reduction of service together with increased cost, government efforts to blame school boards for higher taxes in spite of their hold-the-line budgets, 'Right-to-work' legislation which would really 'Right to Exploit legislation', and the need for new taxation methods which would encourage rather than inhibit home ownership and improvement.

As always, Charles Barber was dynamic and entertaining, and a stimulating evening was enjoyed by all of us.

INFO-HEALTH

BY DR. BOB YOUNG

Influenza. When we consider that almost everybody has had several attacks of the 'flu, it is perhaps surprising that most patients know little about the disease.

We have used the word influenza so carelessly that it has become almost meaningless as a diagnosis. Almost any combination of respiratory tract symptoms may be de-

scribed as a "touch of the 'flu'".

Even diseases of the intestinal tract may be referred to as 'flu if vomiting and diarrhoea occur. People speak of stomach 'flu and intestinal 'flu.

The word influenza has had two meanings for many years. It is important to understand which meaning is appropriate when the disease is being discussed.

In the strict medical sense the disease known as influenza is caused by the influenza group of myxoviruses, of which three types have been described. Type 'A' is the most important, and strains of this type (such as Asian and Victoria strains) have been responsible for major epidemics.

Influenza due to the myxovirus incubates for one to four days, and then strikes suddenly with fever, chills, cough, nasal stuffiness, a general feeling of miserableness, and muscle aches. Usually the discomfort is out of proportion to the 'head cold' symptoms present.

It is apparent that these symptoms are common ones, and can be caused by several diseases. The common cold, many other upper respiratory viral infections, sinusitis, bronchitis, and even pneumonia could account for the patient's complaints.

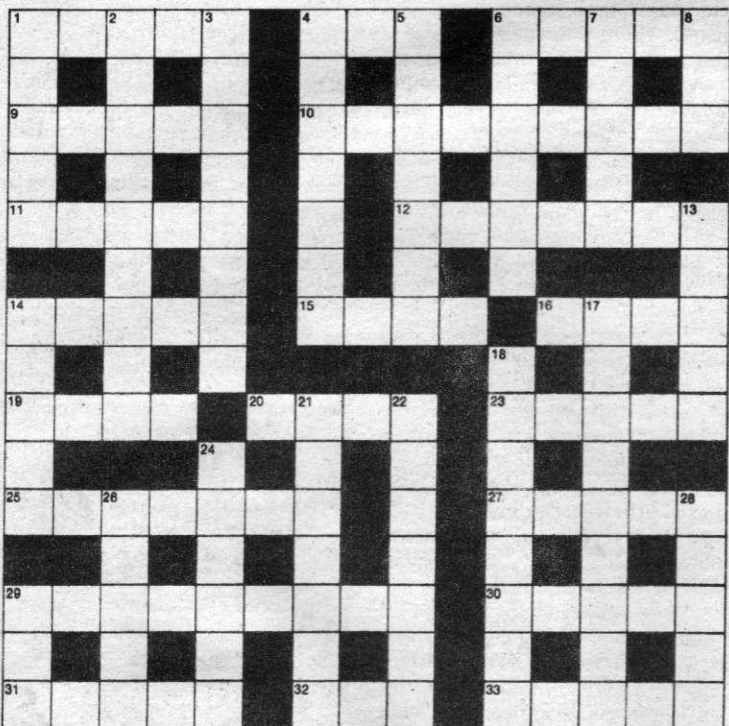
This brings us to the second use of the word, the popular use. Flu has become a catch-all term for almost all diseases of the respiratory tract, at least for those that are worse than a cold but not as bad as pneumonia. And it is a useful term because if I tell you that I am at home with the 'flu, you know exactly how I feel.

Sometimes people expect too much from influenza vaccinations. They are not designed to prevent all 'flu-like illnesses, as most such illnesses are not caused by the influenza virus. The vaccines are quite specific and are formulated to prevent infection by the most prevalent and dangerous strains expected in any particular year. They are about 70% effective in doing so.

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Notice of Meeting

SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee on **Tuesday, June 27, 1978 at 1 pm** in the Board Room of the Islands Trust office, 835 Humboldt St., Victoria, B.C. The public are welcome to attend.

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 - Monday, June 26 - Annual Meeting of the S.S. Educational Alternative Society 4 p.m.
 - Monday, June 26 - registration for Day Camp, in person at the Community Centre 3-7 p.m.
 - Tuesday, June 27 - registration for Day Camp, in person at the Community Centre 3-7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, June 28 - 6 p.m. - pre-natal class, first in a series pot luck supper and film*
 - 7.30 Psychic Development
 - Thursday, June 29 - 6.30 - 8 p.m. parent and children evening for campers
 - 7 p.m. - social evening at the Family Centre*
 - Topic - single parents
- For further details on any of the above events please call 537-9212.
* Family Centre

Salt Spring Island groups wishing to arrange events without conflicting with dates already scheduled by a different organization, may wish to avail themselves of a new service being offered through the Community Society. Anyone scheduling an event may register it on the calendar by calling the society (phone 537-9212). In the last issue of DRIFTWOOD for each month, a summary of dates listed for the following month will be published by the Community Society for the reference of all readers.

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IT SHOULD NEVER HAVE WORKED, ACCORDING TO CUSTOM

A successful marriage of 50 years ago

BY FRANK RICHARDS

They did everything wrong. There's no way Lew and Ethel Summers should have enjoyed a happy married life. The bride was given away at their wedding by her grandmother and everyone knows this is a sure-fire sign of strife. Then the groom drove his bride to the church and even the veriest child knows that the couple must not meet on their wedding day until the ceremony.

But that's the way it was in 1928 and the way things went you'd think they hadn't broken any rule at all.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Summers celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding. It was a quiet celebration in their quiet home looking across St. Mary Lake. At the week end they will mark the event more boisterously when their family and friends join them for open house at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

In 1928 Lew drove a Ford and

when there were visitors at the neighbouring farm, he and his cousin went over to see. First visitor he saw was Ethel. Three months later they were married.

The activity at the neighbour's centred around the birth of a new son, Aubrey. Aubrey Syme came to Salt Spring Island to be their neighbours again a couple of years ago.

WORK TO BE DONE

In 1928, the wedding was all set and the potatoes had to be harrowed. Lew recalls that he was called to the telephone during his harrowing task. When he returned to the potato field, there was the horse, walking up and down the rows, drawing the harrow. It was second nature to him.

Of course, Lew and the horse had grown up together. His father bought the three-year-old horse when Lew was one year old.

He is a horse-man from the era of horses. No way will his 16 hp riding mower run up and down the grass on its own. An intelligent horse could teach humans a thing or two, he avers.

After finishing the potatoes, he changed and drove over to his bride's home and picked her up to take her to her grandmother's home, for the wedding.

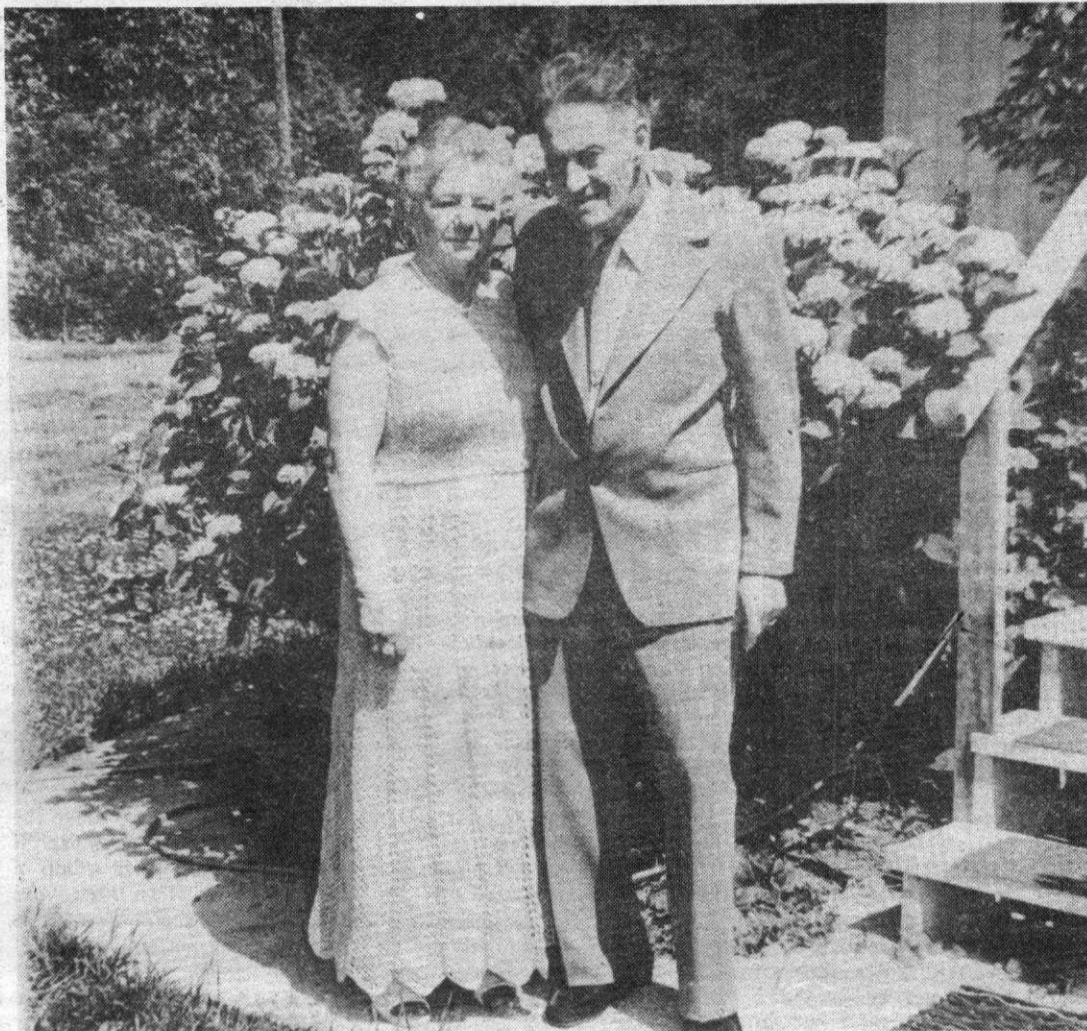
All this was going on in Alberta. Ethel was born in Medicine Hat and Lew started out north of Edmonton.

The wedding took place in the home of Mrs. Julia McGhan, grandmother of the bride. There was a little friction between the bride and her stepmother, so Mrs.

McGhan stepped into the breach and gave her away. That was on June 19, 1928.

"I could cook up a nourishing meal," recalls Mrs. Summers, "But I hadn't the price of a

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The great depression came within a year of their wedding and there was no money anywhere.

three-cent stamp." That would be a 14 cent stamp today.

They remember those days well. Lew was never on relief, but survival was a closed margin. He cut tamarack fence posts and hauled them into town to raise a few cents.

A four-horse team and a wagon was worth \$15 for seven days' work.

"And you had to feed the team out of that," he recalls.

But he was glad to get it.

They were married young and Ethel Summers was a grandmother at 36 and a great-grandmother in her early fifties.

They have two daughters and two sons; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

"And two in the oven," he added, with the twinkle of a great-grandfather's eye.

In 1939 the family moved west. In 1942 they settled in White Rock and made their home there. It was home for 20 years.

CONTENT TILL THEN

They were content enough on the mainland until Lew, who was now a contractor, came to Salt Spring Island to build a home for an island police officer. He built the home, fell in love with the island and only went back to sell their home in White Rock.

Now they grow flowers and vegetables and enjoy the memories of those 50 years together.

They are going to celebrate the event in their own way...and in their own time.

In August they will leave the island for a six-month long holiday. They will hook up their trailer home and make a journey across Canada, into the United States and back home. They expect to cover about 20,000 miles.

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One Canadian in four lives in poverty according to Oxfam

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

Between the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, He asked Peter three times: "Do you love me?" When Peter said yes, Jesus commanded him: "then feed my sheep."

Jesus' earlier commands to heal the sick and preach the gospel have been partly obeyed from time to time by a few. Certainly we have ignored his injunction to feed his sheep, and we have justified our disobedience by pretending it was a moral or spiritual feeding he was talking about.

We know that India, Africa and Latin-America are countries where malnutrition keeps up both the birth and the death rates. But what do we know about hunger in Canada? I have been told for two years in a row that there are no hungry people on Salt Spring Island, and that traditional White Gift Hampers are being replaced by money which is sent overseas.

One Canadian in four lives in poverty, according to the Oxfam publication "Food, Poverty and Kids (the Human Cost of Living at 17c a Meal)". This is based on the National Council of Welfare, March 1973 report on nutrition. (It is important to note that this report was compiled before food prices skyrocketed in 1973).

ONE DOLLAR IN FIVE

A middle-income family with mother, father and two children, would spend almost one dollar in five on food. With an income over \$12,000 that same family would spend more for food, but in proportion only about one dollar in seven. The same family on less than \$4,000, nearly one dollar in three goes on food (if the family is to eat at all, that is, and many of them don't.)

But food is not the first item on a poor family's budget. Emergencies come first. Medicine (undernourished people are frequently sick), fuel bills (undernourished people feel the cold more), clothes, and repairs to essential appliances. Shelter is subsidized for only the minority of the poor who receive assistance. Contrary to public opinion, only about one in four of Canada's poor receives help. Most of these are elderly, disabled, or women with small children. Three-quarters of the poor are working! The Canada Assistance Plan leaves it up to the provinces as to whether

or not they will choose to supplement the earnings of people who can and do work but whose jobs pay less than a poverty wage. For the most part, provincial governments have chosen not to.

SURVEY IN TORONTO

The 17c a meal referred to in the Oxfam title is based on a survey of 524 poor families in Toronto. Actual rents for a four person family averaged \$37 per month more than the amount "allowed" in the assistance budget. Food costs had not been re-estimated since 1967, so these families had only about \$128 left for all food,

More Food for Thought

personal care, clothing, household maintenance, school supplies and emergencies. Anything spent on other categories had to be taken out of the money allowed for food. This left them about 50c per person per day, or 17c a meal.

In 1973 the Ontario Family Benefits Act increased the allowance by \$30, representing \$5 for rent and \$25 for other needs. But the total increase did not meet the

extra cost of shelter, so the debts grew while the government congratulated themselves on their generosity.

In B.C. of course, we are more fortunate. How do I know? Mr van der Zalm tells me so. He tells me we have the highest rate of social assistance in Canada (disputed by other authorities).

PLENTY OF JOBS

He says there are plenty of jobs available, all I have to do is move my family to where the jobs are. If I refuse his generous offer, he will make sure I receive no unemployment insurance (to which I have contributed) and no social assistance in the form of a considerable salary paid from our taxes, and his unemployment insurance is already in his bank account. Good for him! Just think, if he didn't have all that money and all that gall he too might be in need. And then we would have to decide whether he was one of Jesus' sheep, whom we should feed.

Do we draw lines? Do we judge who is worthy and who is not? Do we assume Jesus was only talking about his brown and black sheep? Or those who live across the world?

Gonzala Arroyo told us to work for justice at home and justice abroad will follow.

I see very little justice at home. But I'm working for it. Are you?

Help for Mayne courts

Hugh Curtis, MLA for Saanich and the Islands, announced a grant of \$5,733 by the Ministry of Recreation and Conservation to the Mayne Island Lions Club for construction of two new tennis courts.

"At present there are no tennis courts on the island," Curtis said. "The grant represents one-third of the total cost of construction with the balance being provided by the community through donations, volunteer labour and the Lions Club," he continued.

Curtis noted that the grant was from the Recreation Facilities Assistance Program.

This program provides grants of one-third of the capital construction costs, up to \$400,000 for the development of recreation facilities

throughout the province.

The programme also provides a 33 1/3 cent per capita grant to communities for the preparation of recreation master plans.

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

Mainly Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

The Outer Islands Sports Day was held on Mayne Island, Friday, June 9 with a total of 153 students participating.

Parents in charge of concessions were Beverley Burden, Shirley Somerville, Barbara Wickheim, Sue Tauber, Beverley Halvorsen, Pearl Brau, Beverley Lorenz and Marybelle Jarman, assisted by all other parents.

Members of the Royal Canadian Legion were responsible for the judging and awards were presented by W.W. Hunt-Sowrey. Top winners were Saturna students Cindy Hogg and Jimmy Money.

Correction: The account of the W.A. to Lady Minto Hospital reported 7,500 hours of work at the Thrift Shop, in Mouat's Mall, instead of 500 hours, which was published in Driftwood, on June 14. (Sorry about that, Vera!)

Visiting Stu and Kay Sinclair, Bayview Drive last week end were their son and grandson, Don Sinclair and Matt of Vancouver. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Eric Fox of Vancouver.

FAMILY REUNION

Jerry and Jean Beaumont have returned home after a trip down the Oregon coast, where they visited relatives.

A family reunion of girls was held on the island last week when Jean's three sisters and Doreen Tamboline's three sisters, who are cousins, and six other cousins met at Doreen's home on Georgina

Point Road. They were from North Delta, Victoria, East Sooke, Williams Lake, Alexis Creek and Cache Creek.

Visiting Meg Drummond at "Random House", Fernhill Road, have been her daughter and son-in-law and granddaughter, Beverley, Emerson and Kim Brownlee of Seattle, Washington. The Brownlee's formerly resided at Dayton, Ohio.

Walter Hunt-Sowrey has left on a long-postponed trip to Britain. He also plans to visit France and Belgium and recall his First World War experiences. He will, no doubt, find many changes!

The Museum will be open daily during the summer months. Ann Chatwin will be on hand to welcome visitors. She will be assisted by Michelle Edge and Amy Lambert.

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Now many sages will admit, Although it isn't taught in school, That often it's the greatest wit, Who turns into the biggest fool. -John Healey

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Change for change's sake!

IF ONLY ALL EDUCATORS COULD AGREE ON MEANING OF SCHOOLS

BY FRANK RICHARDS

What's for school? Not everyone sees it the same way. The traditionalists have one firm feature. By and large, they know what they like; they can point to its accomplishments and they follow a predictable path. The changers are faced with a greater problem. They know what they want and they know why they want it. They can rarely find an example to point to and there are as many paths as there are theories on education. The two main factions in education are obliged to walk a path between the two extremes and their own particular persuasions. These people, supporters of the status quo; determined iconoclasts and administrators of what shows up are all vitally concerned with education and the search for perfection. All British Columbians have that much in common. Even if they don't know what education is aiming at, that's the target they want. And that's where the system probably breaks down.

Because it doesn't really matter. No matter what changes are accomplished; no matter what changes are not accomplished, the end result will probably vary very little. And the end result is the only criterion, anyway. **YOUTH IS CHANGE** There will be changes. Everyone and his dog will be pressing for changes. The very reason for tolerating youth is to accomplish change. Youth means change and old age means retention. In education youth wants to eradicate the shortcomings and change to a better system. In education, as in many other fields, youth pressing for change is convinced of the effect that change will have on education. But his convictions may or may not prove right. We have seen many changes. Changes that were destined to stagger the world. We have seen the conventional changes. Many of us have even seen the change report. Teaching of English was one change. They system swung from phonetics to word-recognition. And what happened? We have a gener-

ation scarcely able to read or write. It was one of those little blunders that happens in every field. Then mathematics was changed to coincide with computer math. Result? Another generation needs a clean folio to calculate every problem. And, on the far, far side of the ledger we saw the mainland school where students learned that 2 plus 2 made four-plus and the plus factor was the experience gained by the numbers in being added together. It is a system that still has not been included in the conventional curricula. **LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE** The practical experiments and changes have little significance. If one or two students should suffer a sharp deviation from the norm, they will find themselves left out in the cold. When the whole system is changed, to the better or the worse, those students who follow it are all in the same boat and suffer little. We are a nation of norms. As long as we follow those norms, who can fault us? And, of course, who would dare? After all, how can I knock the traditional system? Am I not a product of that system? The other side of the concern coin is mostly that of bringing into being a system of schooling that is universally acceptable and effective. The child suffers under one pattern....change that pattern! And we do. We have schools of minimal discipline as a result of pattern changes. We have alternative systems of education ranging from the United States military academy down to the free schools as that which operated on Saturna Island. Or perhaps, it should read "up" to the Saturna Free school. **SOME DO, SOME DON'T** These schools are the result of

parents and teachers looking for a better system. Some flourish. Some don't. The less-than-common type of school depends essentially on a demand for that particular form of education. And when they have all survived that can, what is the final result? They serve a part of the students of any community, but there is always the child that didn't fit in. If all groups of parents were to sit down and reach a consensus on the meaning of schools and the absolutes of education, then we could move. It would probably signify the Second Coming. If there are 20 parents engaged in a study, there are 20 different interpretations of what education means. And if all 20 can finally reach accord, they must find one teacher who can agree with that accord and administer their ideal educational system. At the end of the year, there will be the child or the children who have not made the grade. Even if they have no grades to identify. **SEARCH AND RESEARCH** Education engages some of the greatest brains in the world. It has been the subject of search and research for better than 2,000 years. And we have accomplished great changes during those years. But if change were the answer, the world would be populated by brilliant, learned philosophers and clever, well-trained technicians enjoying the benefits of 2,000 years of experience. And above everything else, the vast majority of learned men and women would know that there is no apostrophe in "its", possessive.

Historical Association

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of the lectures were provided for later study. Session 1 dealt with Implications of Cook's Voyages, chairman, Dr. T.H. Beaglehole; Session 2, Cook's Influence on Subsequent Explorations of The North Pacific, chairman, Dr. W. Kaye Lamb; Session 3, Impact on the European Mind, Chairman, Dr. Douglas Cole; Session 4, Cook and Navigation, chairman, Lt. Comm. H.D. Howse. Session 5, Scientific Aspects of Cook's Voyages, chairman, Dr. R.E. Johnson; session 6, Cook and Indigenous People, chairman, Dr. Wilcomb Washburn; session 7, Cook's Contemporaries, chairman, Dr. J. Norris. Discussion followed the end of each session. Capt. Cook was the first man to introduce citrus fruit into the diet of the crew of a ship, preventing death from scurvy. Accurate calculation of longitude was the secret of navigation. **RIVER ISLAND** Maps charted by Capt. Cook show an island in the St. Lawrence River which was later shown as a headland, no doubt brought about by the building up of silt. Exhibition of maps, charts and first edition books relating to Capt. Cook's exploration of the Pacific Northwest were displayed. An excursion to Nootka Sound was available by plane and ferry. Mr. New enjoyed the week-end and was accompanied by his wife Nan. They were the only members attending the Conference from the Gulf Islands Branch of the Association. After the meeting refreshments were served by the Saturna members and an enjoyable social hour followed.

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Bill and Germaine Dodds

Island couple marks 50th anniversary

BY JULIA HEATHERINGTON

On Sunday, May 28, a reception was held at the home of Major and Mrs. C. Watt (nee Bailey) in honour of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dodd's 50th wedding anniversary.

"Wild Bill" as he is fondly known by his only child's family, came to Canada from England in 1903, on the "Pavarian", a wooden vessel which sank on her return voyage.

When war broke out, Bill was in France and Belgium and helped the liberators of Belgium, where he met Germaine and decided to make her his wife. She finally gave in and came out in 1928 to marry him in Montreal.

Not satisfied with having served their time in World War I, Bill, Germaine and their baby daughter returned to Belgium in 1932, only to undergo more hardships of the depression and in World War II. They escaped on bicycles across France to England where they survived both the London and Coventry blitzes.

In December 1948 they decided to return to Winnipeg and settle down, only to be flooded out in 1950. But the spirit of survival is strong in this family and they rebuilt a better place.

Sixteen years ago they paid a visit to Salt Spring Island and fell in love with it. They purchased their

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Final summary of Salt Spring Sea Capers

Many thanks to many

BY H.D. FOERSTER
Commodore, 1978

In the beginning:
Salt Spring Island Sea Capers, the Captain Cook Bi-Centennial function to honour this remarkable navigator and man, was due, largely to two people, Terry Elford, president of the Salt Spring Island Tourist Association, and Gary MacPherson, president of the island Chamber of Commerce.

They, through contact with the department of tourism, in Victoria, arranged the initial grant for the Sea Capers idea to become a reality.

The objects of Sea Capers was to try and create a colourful series of events, which would not only salute Captain Cook, but also would provide Salt Spring Island with a fete time which would attract, and genuinely entertain, both islanders and tourists.

To promote tourism and commerce is only one reason for the Sea Capers to be. The other is to promote, and provide enjoyment of the sea which surrounds us, by Islanders working and enjoying themselves, together.

SKEPTICAL
When I was approached to act as co-ordinator, or Commodore, of the program, I was flattered, though skeptical, that we could perform the necessary operations, and integrate the number of functions to volunteers, in the time available.

That this was done, and so well, is a tribute to Terry, Gary and a most capable Dave Hoskins, who, as secretary-treasurer kept us all on track.

The response of the group so far was such that a tentative program was structured to try and provide as much enjoyment for the participant, as for the onlooker.

The Rotary and Lions Clubs were subjected to the general program, along with the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Association for their reactions. The response was immediate, and, unanimously positive.

Without their full support, the Sea Capers could not have functioned so effectively.

OTHERS HELP
As we became more organized in event planning, and timing, other groups, and organizations volunteered their support wherever required. To these groups I would like to address the sincere thanks of the committee.

So that others may know, they are: Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department, teen dance security; tub launch area safety, RCMP, safety; water and land events; rowboat race organization. Power Squadron, traffic control for water events. Sabot Club, organization and control sabot races. Sailing Club, organizing of keel boat race. C.B. Club, communications throughout all water events and parade. Canadian Coast guard, water safety and distress. Central Hall committee, bingo. Driftwood, publicity, editorials and, with Strick Aust, most helpful guidance.

Most of the people who witnessed the Sea Capers events, have expressed their keen enjoyment in some, or all events that they saw.

FEW ARE AWARE
Few know the time, and effort expended by people, such as Steve Nelson and his crew with the building, setting and recovery of the race course markers; Wilf Peck and his crew in setting the type for the initial mail-outs to "tubbers"

Graduates

On June 9 Paul James Thomas, Ganges, graduated from the British Columbia Institute of Technology. He received a National Diploma in Electricity and Electronics, specializing in telecommunications.

This summer he is working for West Coast Communications at Namu, B.C. However, he plans to return to B.C.I.T. in the fall to specialize further.

Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace J. Thomas, Ganges. He graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 1976.

through to making and arbitrating protests; Jerry Stennes for averting the "gathering storm" at the Sea Capers Dance; Jack Rowland and crew for the luau, along with Mike Byron and the Aggie crew providing the seafood, Jerry Bourdin and the BBQ masters, and many others, who like Bill Trelford, Tom Toynbee and Dale Neilson, said, "Who cares if we made any money, we had a great time."

To answer the question of finance, Sea Capers did very well. **THAT'S HOW!**

At the outset of Sea Capers, the committee had decided that the net profit be divided as follows:

Sea Capers Teen dance, all to be retained by School group.

BINGO, all proceeds to Central Hall Building Committee.

Pop sales, School Agricultural Department, all proceeds.

Beer Garden, Sea Caper Adult Dance, BBQ, Luau, Pancake Breakfast, to be divided equally between Lions, Rotary and Chamber of Commerce, for on-Island projects.

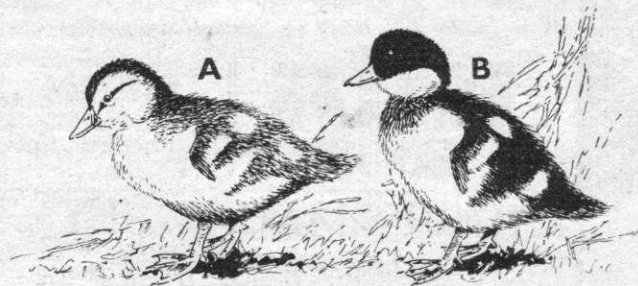
Total net profit will be known soon.

At the end...
All groups involved were able to show a profit, though some were not expected to do little more than break even, by design.

The "Bath tubbers" were a credit to their breed, both on, in, and off the water. They all want to do it again next year, I hope they do.

To all involved, from the Wynken Press, to the jolly boat crews, to the parade float builders, and all in between, my thanks, and, I know the thanks of all who participated on land and water, or by just watching.

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COLOR AND PATTERN IN DOWNY DUCKLINGS — Variation in color is the main distinguishing feature of downy ducklings. Pattern, however, is remarkably similar. Of the eleven dabbling ducks, ten have the spotted body pattern as in the mallard (A). The exception is the downy wood duck with only two small light patches low down on the back. The divers have much more contrasting color between species with light spots less prominent. In the goldeneyes (B), bufflehead, and oldsquaw, the down is almost black with the head pattern a pronounced black and white.



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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

There were 16 people in Mahon Hall on June 13 to attend the public meeting called by the Lions Club to examine the forthcoming school referendum. At least half of those present had been involved in staging the meeting. It left a dozen taxpayers sufficiently interested in the spending of \$179,246 to hear the matter publicly discussed. Chairman was Dr. T.L. Jansch. School Board Chairman Jim Campbell reported that attendance at Outer Island meetings had been greater, indicating a keener interest there than on Salt Spring.

Fulford Hall committee discussed Pirate Days at Monday evening's meeting in the Akerman home. Huge barbecue is planned to feed the expected hundreds of visitors. There will be beef barbecue and a clam and oyster bake as well as a bonfire. Log-burling, pole climbing, boxing and tumbling and sheep dog trials are planned.

Jack Netterfield lost part of his fingers on the left hand in a buzz saw accident at his home last week.

The old time farmers on Salt Spring used to tell the story about the chap who had a new hired hand come up on the old Otter. Just as the new man arrived at the farm, the owner saw the cows in his garden. "Get down there after those cows!" he told his new assistant. About an hour later the new man came puffing back to the farmhouse. "They almost got out," he admitted, "But I think I've got them all safely shut up now!" He had. All in the farmer's garden. (Advt. of Salt Spring Lands.)

Bedding plants, 30 cents a dozen, J.D. Reid; 7½ hp. long shaft fishing Scott, as new, \$295.

Following Driftwood's plea against billboards in Active Pass a reader reports that more than 50 years ago Active Pass was lined with billboards on both sides. They suddenly disappeared, he remembers, but he could not find a reason for their disappearance.

Rev. and Mrs. J.A. McCullum, of Toronto, and their daughter, Mary, have been guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ruckle, Beaver Point. The McCullum family is on the way to Dawson City, where Mr. McCullum will take a pulpit.

Sky Taxiservice to Vancouver costs \$22.40 for two or three passengers from Ganges. A surcharge of \$4 is added if they land in Vancouver Harbour. Fare for the charter plane from Whalers Bay was \$18.40 for three and Miners' Bay, \$19.20.

TEN YEARS AGO

Bars and liquor stores will be closed on Tuesday and the Salt Spring Island Cablevision will blank out news services from the United States. It is election day. Candidates in the Nanaimo-Cowichan - Islands riding are Colin Cameron, NDP; Jeffery Brock, Cons.; Lorne Lee, Social Credit and Mladen Zorkin, Liberal.

Change is planned for the RCMP detachment at

Ganges. Cpl. F.C. Rhodes, who has headed up the police on Salt Spring Island for the past four years, will be moved to Revelstoke on August 1. His duties at Ganges will be taken over by Cpl. Vernon Myers.

Mrs. Leon King, of Fulford, celebrated her 88th birthday on Saturday. Her daughter, Mrs. J. Klassen, of Seattle and her son, Lee and his wife, from Sidney, attended the celebration. Mrs. William Scuby gave a surprise tea for Mrs. King. Guests were Mrs. Henry Ruckle, Mrs. Gordon Ruckle, Misses Nan and Gwen Ruckle, Mrs. Andy Stevens, Mrs. Peter Stevens, Mrs. W. Luxton, Mrs. William Kergin and Mrs. Beth Varley.

More on a long distance phone call according to a Galiano Islander. When a call came through by mistake from Georgia, an irate southerner wanted to know, "Where the hell's Galiano?" The answer came back like a shot, - "Where the hell's Georgia?"

A look at the election: The national picture is less readily sorted out as Admiral Brock sees in Mr. Trudeau a budding Socialist, while Colin Cameron finds him too Conservative.

Complaints of tax increases have been flooding into the Gulf Islands School Board office. Chairman George Heinekey has made the following observations: The Gulf Island citizens are no doubt under the impression that the increase in school taxes reflects an increase in school costs in the islands. It should be pointed out that the school taxes are based on the total costs of all 87 schools districts in the province. They are then computed on an equalization factor and each district pays the resultant tax levy irrespective of what the local costs or needs may be. In 1967 the basic mill rate across the province was 16.10, whereas this year it is 24.30, an increase of 8.20 mills. Gulf Islands charges have not increased to the extent of 8.2 mills, but by 4.63 mills. The Gulf Islands total mill rate is 30.45, whereas the average mill rate for the province is 31.21.

Congratulations to Jim and Betty Ross, who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary at the Mayne Inn on Saturday. They were entertained by members of their family, daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Doug de Rousie, daughter Barbara and Betty's parents, Bill and Marguerite Morson.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Citizens of the year, named by Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, are the Ruckle family of Beaver Point. Mrs. Gordon Ruckle and her son, Henry attended the Chamber banquet to accept the scroll from President Tom Toynbee.

Bevis Walters, of Ganges, has been invited to update his dissertation on wines in the Encyclopedia Canadiana. The Ganges connoisseur wrote the original article on wines about 10 years ago when he was the secretary of the Canadian Wine Institute.

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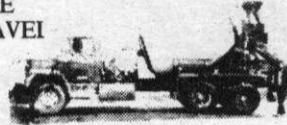
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Recreation survey is taken up on Salt Spring



Last week end the survey of Salt Spring Island people and their approach to recreation was undertaken. Residents were invited to complete a form and explain what they hoped for or didn't want to

see. This was shot outside K & R Store. It was part of the major Recreation Survey under way here. Polls were set up in a number of places on Salt Spring Island.

An aluminum boat is presumed to have been either stolen or borrowed from John Stack's property on Booth Canal, said Ganges RCMP this week. Owner of the red and silver boat is Bill Luker.

Ganges ceremony

Iver Gillen takes over Legion at Saturday evening installation here

President of the Legion on Salt Spring Island is Iver Gillen. Elected several weeks ago, he took office on Saturday evening at the

installation ceremony in the Legion Hall in Ganges.

Other officers include Jim Mayo, first vice-president; Ken McKenzie, second vice-president; Jack Potheary, third vice-president; George Dunaway, secretary-treasurer and Ed Gavin, Len MacDonald, Denis Denison, Stan Wakelyn and Charles Sutcliffe, directors.

The officers were named at the annual general meeting of the branch in April.

Ceremony was carried out in conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary. Dance followed the formalities.

Nine Legionnaires were awarded long-service pins during the evening.

They are R.C. Daykin, 20 years; F.L. Jackson, 20 years; R.G. Atkins, 25 years; B.C. Greehough, 25 years; W.J. Stepaniuk, 25 years; S. Lebell, 30 years; B.R. Lemon, 30 years; R.W. Petty, 30 years; A.H. Campbell, 35 years.

South Pender

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that the community doesn't have the sufficient resident manpower to effectively operate one fire truck, let alone the two proposed.

He discussed various proposals for alternatives whereby the costs could be kept within an acceptable tax rate, said Campbell. They reached no solution and the matter was put over for two weeks.

The board chairman also revealed that he had received a number of complaints from South Pender residents that the May 21 meeting had been too irregular to represent a clear indication of islanders' wishes.

He expressed the opinion that whether the meeting was constitutional has no real bearing on the matter. He has had a positive indication from the community, calling for a referendum.

Campbell wants islanders to be quite clear, he said, what the specified sum, \$76,000 will purchase. And he wants to be satisfied that the debt load would be reasonable in all the circumstances.

Douglas L. MacDonald was fined \$50 in Ganges Provincial Court last week when he pleaded guilty to possession of liquor while a minor.

David Stepaniuk was fined a like amount for the same offence.

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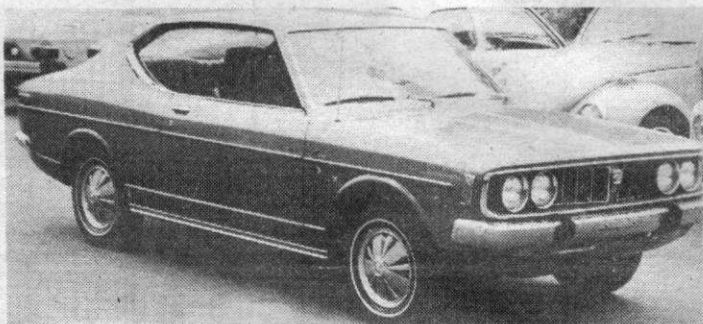
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