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## Youth and age take look at island's past



Above are Lloyd Reynolds and Willie Shaw recalling old days on the farm. Unidentified youngster doesn't seem impressed with the

collection of early farm machinery. Both pictures were taken at Salt Spring Fall Fair.



## Official opening of Central Hall on Sunday

Central Hall officially opens its doors to the public this Sunday from 1-5 pm.

Activities will include a rummage sale, bake sale, tea, and continuous entertainment featuring resident musicians and excerpts from the summer "hit" show "So That's What Happened to Captain Cook".

Renovations and additions to the hall include kitchen facilities, rest rooms, basement, new roof, new stage, new entry, and a ramp for wheel chairs. Heating and lighting have also been upgraded.

## Liquor store at Pender

New self-serve liquor store opened on North Pender Island on Friday morning, Sept. 15.

The store is centrally located in the Driftwood Centre on Bedwell Harbour Road, at Port Browning.

This 1600 sq. ft. unit is designed to display a selected range of approximately 400 products for the convenience of the island residents and visitors, according to a Liquor Distribution Branch report. In addition the close proximity to the dock at Port Browning will provide service to the boating public.

Hours of operation will be 10.30 am to 6 pm Tuesday through Saturday and the store will be closed on Mondays.

## Decision must be local

### Curtis promises \$25,000 if Institute buys fair ground

When Hugh Curtis attended Salt Spring Island Fall Fair on Saturday, he did not come empty-handed.

The minister of municipal affairs, who is also local member of the legislature, promised the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute that \$25,000 is waiting for them when they decide to move the fall fair to their own property.

The money will come from the provincial lottery funds and will be available to the Institute for the purchase of property, if and when it might be decided to re-locate the fair. He emphasized afterwards that it was up to the community. The decision will be a local one, he

## Enthusiastic crowds

### Biggest and best ever is verdict on Fall Fair

It was the biggest and the best yet when a sunny Saturday greeted the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair.

The fair which grew out of the demand for a display of produce on the island attracted a record number of entries to be inspected by a record number of visitors.

Fair was opened by Mike Byron. As teacher and farmer, Byron has been an active force behind the fair since it was first proposed.

From the opening moments until the last visitor had left the school grounds at Ganges, the operation was smooth and the day was made for the event.

The fair was divided between the school grounds and the school buildings, with produce and other

exhibits inside and livestock and heavy displays in the open.

Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis came to Ganges as local member of the legislature. He expressed his pleasure at the extent to which the fair has grown in so short a time.

He also announced help from his government when the sponsors should decide to move the fair.

The big attraction was the livestock judging. There was a wide range of animals and poultry on display, with a large number of small children eager to examine them.

The display of old farm machinery brought out many an old timer and many a small boy as well. Smaller items were shown in the mini-museum in the portable classroom.

At press time on Tuesday the results of the day's judging had not been correlated. They will be published next week.

The big draw was the basic revenue of the sponsoring Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute. Top prize went to R. Clarkson, with the rest of the winners, Anne Jukes, D. Harker, W. Pearce, R. Hildred, Mrs. L.O. Tiffin, P. Melancon, Mary Lou Speed, Jayna Adshead, Diana Billings.

There were seven entries in the log sawing contest. Winners were Gavin Reynolds and Lorry Hollings, with a time of one minute, four seconds.

Most of Salt Spring Island was at the school grounds for the fair during the day and most who went were warm in their praise of the workers and contributors.

Behind the scenes were the co-ordinating committee, Ted Baker, Jo Clarke, Dave Phillips and Merv Walde with Secretary-Treasurer Marguerite Lee. Behind them were the volunteers who helped with preparations and clearing up as well as the helpers in the various sections and the judges and handlers.

At the end of the day, after distribution of trophies, the majority of Salt Spring Islanders were impressed with the presentation and the quality of exhibits.

## Enrolment is on the heels of 1967 according to board

What's different? School attendance for 1978 is scarcely changed from the enrolment in 1977.

The figures for September 7 show a slight decrease, over-all, from the official figures for 1977, it was noted at a recent meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board.

The initial enrolment rarely remains steady because of high school students returning from late summer employment and families coming home late from holidays.

The total enrolment is already at a level above the figure given for October 31. Enrolment at the October date is the official figure

for the ministry of education, throughout the province.

Total enrolment at Fernwood is 120 pupils. There was no comparative figure last year. The new school, still located under the Salt Spring Elementary School roof, includes 17 in kindergarten. **TOTAL OF 342**

Salt Spring Elementary School has an enrolment of 342 students, including the alternate class of 34.

The two Salt Spring Elementary schools together accommodated 462 when they opened. At October 31, last year, there were 457 students enrolled at the one elementary school on Salt Spring to

show a net increase at September 7 of five pupils. Subsequent enrolment has already risen further, Driftwood was told later.

Galiano has 51 students, of which total five are in kindergarten and Mayne has an enrolment of 58. Five are kindergarten and 20 are in junior high school.

Last October there were 47 enrolled at Galiano and 71 at Mayne. The former has risen by four and Mayne has lost 13 students.

Pender Island enrolment is up and down. The enrolment in high school has fallen and the elementary grades are heavier. Last year

saw 66 enrolled, against this year's 72. Only eight are attending junior high school.

Saturna Island school enrolment is up. It started the new year with 26 pupils, compared with the October figure of 23.

Gulf Islands Secondary School at Ganges made a poor showing when school opened, but it is already climbing, it was reported last week. It opened to 357 pupils, compared with the October total enrolment of 365.

When the gates opened, Gulf Islands schools accommodated 1,026 students. This year opened with 1,029.

## Central Hall gets \$5,000

Central Hall is forging ahead. Last week end MLA Hugh Curtis presented Margaret Cunningham with a cheque for \$5,000 towards the cost of renovations.

The Central Committee approached him in May or June, said the municipal affairs minister, and asked for financial assistance.

The project qualified for provincial lottery money, he decided.

# Mike Wells is studying at Simon Fraser this fall

Mike Wells is a student at Simon Fraser University this fall. Graduate of Gulf Islands Secondary School, Mike suffered the amputation of a leg early in the summer a victim of cancer.

The school promptly rallied to his aid. A fund was launched to establish a bursary for Mike and the student body responded as one.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School raised a total of \$4,500 for the bursary fund. They enjoyed the 100% co-operation of the staff as well as the keen support of the islanders.

The BC Ferries crews rallied to the cause and contributed \$932 by members' efforts.

Last week the fund drive was finally closed.

The money has been placed in a

trust account in the Credit Union at Ganges and two of the school staff have been named as trustees. They are Margaret Sitton and Ken Gaylor.

### DOING WELL

Mike is doing well, reported Gaylor last week and the fund has succeeded. He has enough funds to counteract the loss in earnings he experienced during the summer.

Ken Gaylor had only one comment.

He expressed the warm thanks of the staff and the students at the school for the support they had enjoyed from the community.

The campaign and the devoted support offered by the student body has been a credit to every boy and girl involved, he said. The effort and the organization they put into it has been a revelation, he told Driftwood.

## Death of a weatherman

Gales all the day,  
Lashing the rocks,  
Snow in his way,  
Rain in his socks.

Flayed by sharp sleet,  
And lightning shocks,  
To thundering defeat,  
By an equinox.

- John Healey

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# Central Hall drive on Sunday

### BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN

Central Hall Committee members will be on hand at Central on Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm to receive items for the Rummage Sale on Sunday.

Besides the rummage items,

plants and vegetables, and bake-sale goods will be accepted.

"It would be appreciated if donors could price their items," stated Margaret Cunningham, Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee.

On Sunday the Hall will be

opened to the public from 1-5.

Free coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

Besides the Rummage and Bake sales, there will be continuous entertainment with resident musicians and mini-shows offering highlights from "So That's What Happened to Captain Cook".

Visitors will circulate freely between the rummage sale in the new basement room, to the bake sale near the new kitchen, to the plant sale in the new entry hall.

## Girl Guide group on Salt Spring suffers for lack of leaders

### BY THE COMMISSIONER

The past year was most difficult for Leaders, Rangers, Guides and Brownies on Salt Spring Island due to illness, weather conditions and lack of adult helpers. This prevented hikes, off-island excursions and camps which had to be cancelled.

Girl Guide Association Insurance demands that all camps have an adequate staff.

Unfortunately, some volunteers found it necessary to withdraw their services just the night before departure for an off-island Brownie week end. The Leaders had no alternative but to cancel. Twenty-one eager Brownies were very disappointed.

With great optimism there will be Brownie registration, September 25, during lunch break at the school. Several mothers have agreed to help, but a Brown Owl is urgently needed.

After five years of devoted leadership, the Brown Owl has resigned, to move on to other interests.

Some years Mrs. Sparling operated two Brownie Pack Holidays

## Green Machine comes up on week end soccer

The Green Machine prevailed over the Purple People Eaters by a score of 8-5 in week end soccer on Salt Spring.

The score at half-time was tied, 3-3. Scoring in the first half for the Green Machine was Speedy Ron Moger with two goals and a hustling youthful John Stevens.

Scoring for the Purple People Eaters was Mike Currel who played a strong game on the wings; Chris Lake with a single goal and Hoeksman with a single.

In the second half, the Green Machine sprouted four consecutive goals as Gordie Speed scored two and Ron Moger and Bob Anderson added singles.

Charlie Hoeller scored a nice goal but Gordie "Flashman" Speed completed his hat trick. Wayne Taylor scored the final goal of the contest.

The turnout was not as good as hoped as the post mortem of the Fall Fair Dance took its toll. "Anyone and everyone is welcome," said a People Eater, hungrily.

so that the girls could attend.

Last May, Sharon Perkins received her Canada Cord, the highest honour in Guiding. She was accepted to go with 15 Girl Guides and two leaders from Mid-Island Area, Vancouver Island, on a trip to Mexico, where they visited "Our Cabana" at Cuernavaca, one of the Girl Guide World Centres.

This is a dream of most girls, to some day see a Centre in a foreign country, and Sharon found it to be the highlight of the trip.

The Girl Guides registration will be September 25, during lunch break. Mrs. Donald Perkins will continue as Captain with Mrs. Nigel Desbottes as her assistant.

High School girls wishing to continue as Rangers or Guides may contact Mrs. Perkins, at Hedger Road.

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# TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

I read Mary Williamson's comments the other week with consternation. No way could I find tears to weep for the lot of the unhappy union leader. I was too filled with emotion over the unhappy little of the small businessman. But, perhaps it was jesting. I thought union leaders were the elite of the Canadian labour scene, driving Cadillacs and fearful of dandruff?

I heard a critic on a radio program the other day. Why did all the Tory spokesmen occupy themselves with attacking the Liberals instead of explaining why a Canadian voter should go for a Tory? Yeah! Why do they!

I'm an Oriental at heart. I open the door and I look at the cat and I tell him OUT! He washes his left front paw. I repeat the order and he starts on his right front paw. So I lean over him and say gently, Get Out, Cat, man, do! And he licks his paw he shakes his head and says, Nay, Pal! That's when I take the boots to him.

He couldn't resist a comment on my flaky problem, writes John Healey. And here it is:

### WOULD YOU RATHER BE SMOOTH?

Flaky and rough.  
Why should I care  
Where there is dandruff,  
There is hair.

Recedingly yours, John Healey

Specialists in residential tree care, announces an advertisement in another newspaper. Boys will be boys!

I mean, of course, persons will be persons!

## All about babies and childbirth in new class

Expecting a baby? Wondering what you've got yourself into?

The Salt Spring Island Family Centre pre-natal classes are starting up again on September 27. They are geared to educate prospective parents on what to expect during pregnancy, labour, birth and early parenthood.

The classes will include a slide series on foetal growth, films on pre-natal nutrition, infant development, baby care, and the birth of a baby.

Breathing and relaxation techniques are taught.

As well as teaching the course of a normal pregnancy and delivery, Caesarean birth, prematurity, twins and stillbirth are all discussed.

A tour of the hospital delivery room will be arranged if possible.

Fathers are encouraged to attend the classes to share this exciting event. Single women are invited to bring a friend.

A parenthood lasts a lot longer than pregnancy, realistic fears and concerns of new parents are discussed, along with baby care, breast feeding and diaper folding.

The first class of this series will be a pot-luck dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 6 pm at the Family Centre.

The next six classes will be on the following Wednesdays and will run from 7-9 pm. The fee for the entire series is \$15. For more information and registration call the Family Centre at Salt Spring Island Community Centre.

# First fall meeting of Mizpah at Ganges United Church hall

BY OLIVE MOUAT

There were 21 at the first fall meeting of Mizpah, with president, Mrs. Marion Woolley, in the chair.

This was a happy informal meeting with members more interested in seeing friends than in doing serious business. In spite of the relaxed atmosphere, or perhaps because of it, considerable was accomplished.

One new member, Mrs. Margaret Robinson, and two guests, Mrs. Jean Artiss, from Victoria, who was formerly a member, and Mrs. Midge Farncombe who has recently come to the Island from Ontario and Quebec, were welcomed.

The Devotional Period, led by Mrs. Irene Baseley, was inspired by the enthronement of Pope John Paul as spiritual leader of the millions of Roman Catholics around the world.

Mrs. Baseley pointed out that officers of the Anglican, United, and other churches are also referred to as the "spiritual leaders" of their denominations, and went on to stress the important part that the spiritual plays in life everywhere.

### LEAST COIN

The prayers that accompanied the gifts of the Least Coin were for people in places ravaged by floods, earthquakes, or war.

Several letters of thanks for cards were passed around to be read by members.

Three times during the Roll Call, when the name of an absent member was spoken, a friend murmured, "She's in England".

Money given by a visitor to the Island to be used for some good cause was allotted to the "Soup Group's Fund." This fund is only three or four months old and arose from a request to the Church to help the Upper Room, a drop-in centre in downtown Victoria.

Ron McNally, husband of our Mizpah treasurer, and unofficial spokesman of the Soup Group, reports in Church about once a month.

So far, \$50 a month has been sent from church members, as well as clothing, jam, jelly and vegetables.

Money comes from gifts of \$1 or \$2 a month put in the collection plate by a number of people and marked for the Upper Room.

### REWARDING

Again this year, Mizpah put articles for sale into the Community Arts Council's display in Mahon Hall. We are happy with the results.

This work brought in about \$170, which will be added to bazaar proceeds in November. Everyone agreed that more articles and more kinds of articles should be prepared for next summer. All were appreciative of this opportunity given to us by the Community Arts Council.

Attractive new curtains have been put in the downstairs hall of the Church. Thanks from all of us to Mrs. Woolley and Mrs. Kay

Allan.

New, badly-needed, creams and sugars have been purchased; another kettle and more cups and saucers will soon be obtained.

Work meetings will start on Thursday, Sept. 28. As has been the custom, work will be done from 10 to 2 with women bringing a bag lunch and tea being made in the kitchen.

The date for the Christmas Bazaar is Friday, Nov. 10.

Flowers to be put into the

Church on Sundays were discussed. Hard-working flower conveners are Mrs. Ruby Johnston and Miss Betty McGinnes. Mrs. Biz Stratton will water church plants. Mrs. Chris Pattinson will arrange flowers next Sunday. Others will serve as they have flowers.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Doris Gibson and Mrs. Marie Torrington.

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### Flying out?

If the West Coast Air want to overfly the islands when they have no passengers to drop off or pick up, the islanders will have no complaints.

But it is a matter in which the Canadian Transport Commission is there to protect our interests. Whether or not the company flies a direct service between the downtown areas of Victoria and Vancouver is of little moment to island people.

Whether the company will fly two services a day to the islands or four or five is of great importance here. In this regard we can look to the Transport Commission. And to simple fact.

It would be pointless for us to expect West Coast Air, or any other operator to provide us with a service at a loss.

But we wouldn't want to think that the islands are simply a useful lever to squeeze the Transport Commission into granting a third service. Downtown to downtown is a valuable service to the company and to those who might want to use it. It is remote from the islands and really has little bearing on our problems.

The only question facing islanders is simple. Are two guaranteed daily services enough?

Well, are they?

You tell the Transport Commission!

### From the sublime . . .

Last night I dreamed an awful dream  
Beyond the Land of Sky.  
I saw a dead man win a fight,  
And I think that man was I!

Perhaps the same dead man will be victorious in a Canadian election.

We have a difficult passage ahead as unity is still a serious challenge to the survival of this country. Unemployment is too extensive to be accepted without challenge. The constant threat of strike and strife in industry is an absurdity in a modern society. And the greatest issue to be debated at the present time is the length of a felon's neck.

Far better we hang every man who offends us than steer a nation on a course of bloody emotion. Because when every prison cell is empty and every prison grave is filled, we shall yet be a land at the crossroads; we will still be called on to find a solution to all the problems which assail us and all we shall achieve is a weariness from spent emotion and a mental exhaustion at the moment we need to use our intellect.

The foolish men who will blind themselves by bloodletting and ignore the national welfare are the victims of an excess of adrenalin. The political hacks who drive them to it and whip up this national hysteria would be better employed writing comic books and substituting humour for hysteria.

## Letters to the Editor

### SYMPATHY

Sir:

Re: your paper edition, 13 Sept. 78, article page 16, "Dangerous corner still under fire".

Have just read with interest and sympathy the above article. How strange it is that no one ever seems to mention the fact that the entire area surrounding Salt Spring Island Elementary School is one solid mass of dangerous roads and crossings (what crossings?).

It is pathetic to see children age 5 and up trudging along in the rain and mist trying their best to stay out of danger. There is no bus transportation within a one mile radius. There are no crossing guards. Very few and totally inadequate warning signs: sidewalks? blind corners, illegal parking, and many other criticisms.

The whole-set up stems from a by-gone era when life in Ganges

was far simpler and innocent. It is only a matter of time before accidents and possibly fatalities catch up with the tragic lack of attention of school officials and the school board.

**GREG BARNES**

Churchill Rd, RR II Ganges  
September 13, 1978

### NO DOUBT

Sir,

Shall we blame the typesetter for the misconstruals in our last week's article (in fact by Ariadne Sawyer) on the Orfeo music teaching collaboration, including Orff, Suzuki, and traditional approaches? The interpolation of "it is claimed" that children learn to read and compose simple music implies doubt when in fact the children do all the things stated with regularity and have been



### ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL PARENTS?

doing them for years in Ariadne's Orff classes. The reference to Suzuki is ridiculous without the qualifying phrase that he does not favour the aim on the part of parents to produce "Famous or even Professional" musicians (since the percentage of this achievement is high in Suzuki students) We should rather concern ourselves with the nurture of children and their becoming fine people. But we do train children to be musicians.

We hope that those who noted the misleading wording will read this and understand what is meant.

Thank you, dear editor, for clarifying this matter.

**MADGE KIMBALL**

Ganges  
Sept. 18, 1978

### THEY ALL HELPED

Sir,

May I request a few lines in your esteemed paper, to thank all those who, so unselfishly donated their time, experience and hard work in making the Horticultural Exhibition at the Fall Fair such a wonderful success.

One is always tempted to mention individual names of those who gave of themselves for the venture, but I must mention one name only: Mrs. Dorothy James. This wonderful lady has spent nearly the whole of the past week as Show Steward, in working out all the necessary paper work.

Friday afternoon she worked with the rest of the committee personnel in setting up the whole horticultural show.

When others quit and went home she carried on to the end at 10 pm. This without any dinner.

Saturday morning at eight am, there she was again ready to supervise the judging teams, and analyse the results as they came in from the Judges.

We are proud, in the Salt Spring Island Garden Club, to have as life member this wonderful person. A big thank you to you, Dorothy!

Without the wonderful co-operation of all the Club's working committees, this event could never have been such an outstanding success. Thank you all for wonderful help!

**CHARLES H. ORCHARD**

President  
Salt Spring Island Garden Club  
Old Divide Road, RR 2  
Ganges

September 18, 1978

P.S. Congratulations to all the winners.

## Quick trip to prosperity

### Bumpy road to Edmonton's airport

The road by air into Edmonton is always bumpy.

Friday was no exception. The DC 9 jolted its way down to the airport and landed in a typical Vancouver rain. Only it wasn't Vancouver.

I've been to Edmonton before.

The first time I froze as I walked in winter without jacket or coat from the plane to the terminal building.

The second time I flew in am and flew out pm.

This time I stayed to listen: for two days and a bit.

This year Edmonton had celebrated the Commonwealth Games and the opening of its rapid transit system.

The wind blew chill and the rain fell and the warmth of the hotel was a discouragement to walking abroad.

### JUST UNCRATED

In Edmonton nothing is finished. Just as they get the street completed two more new buildings go up and the whole process starts again. That's what led a newsman from Ontario to suggest that the

city always looks like it was just uncrated.

I enjoyed a walk around the centre of the city as the wind swept in from wherever Edmonton winds sweep in, but five minutes was enough. It was enough to find a flagpole dedicated to "Sierre Leone", but I couldn't recognize the country.

Another first was the Edmonton Sun, but I was disappointed. It seemed to be based on the London papers in Britain and they're one reason I left. I was also interested to note that the Sun, on Sunday, made mention of an incident which took place at the newspaper convention which had drawn me there. But it made no mention of the newsmen's gathering. I assume that reference to another medium is against its policy.

I learned a lot.

### THEY DIDN'T GROW

I learned that apples don't grow in Alberta. I had never tried to analyze the geographical distribution, but neither had I been led to suspect that the Garden of Eden

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## Church Services

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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	9.00 am
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### Weekly: Wednesdays

St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	9.00 am
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### ROMAN CATHOLIC

Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9.00 am
St. Pauls	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 Sch. all ages	10.30 am
Box 61, Ganges	537-2622, Evening Service	7.30 pm
	537-5757	

### MAYNE ISLAND

St. Mary Magdalene	Sundays	Rev. John Dyer	11.30 am
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### GALIANO ISLAND

St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am
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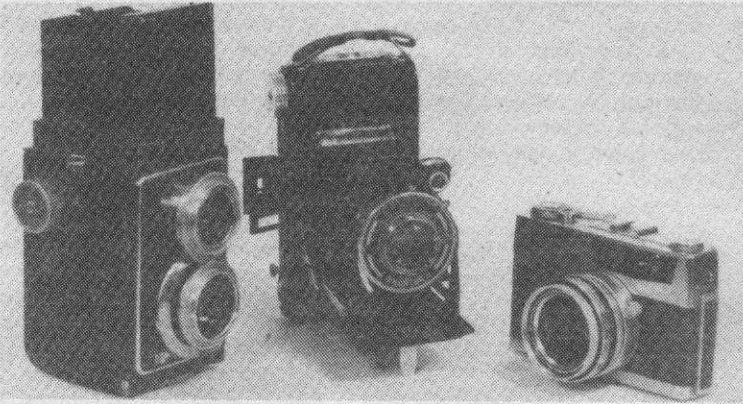
# Shutterbug by CEDRIC BARKER

More than a year ago, I was showing some of my proof prints to a group of friends.

One young lady insisted that she could get photographs of just as good quality with her instamatic camera. I was not surprised at this statement, having heard many similar claims before.

I challenged her to prove it, and over a course of several months we compared our photographic results: the 35mm camera versus the instamatic.

Today I encountered the same young lady in town and she told me about the zoom lens recently added to her arsenal of 35 mm Canon



equipment. Her recent photographs show that she has become an accomplished photographer with her new manual camera.

I do not expect every instamatic user to change cameras. However, it frequently occurs that the snapshotter will outgrow his first camera.

When that occurs, you will be faced with the difficult decision of determining the type of camera you should progress to.

Many people buy a modern 35mm SLR (single lens reflex) but the premium price for such equipment may be too high for you. Older cameras are just as capable of making good quality images and are very inexpensive when bought second hand.

### NO SOPHISTICATION

One of the sacrifices you

must be prepared to make is that a used camera will probably not have any of the sophisticated auto-exposure systems. You will have to learn how to determine exposure and depth-of-focus. It really is a lot easier than it sounds.

The advantages by far outweigh the necessity of manual exposure. Some 120/620 folding cameras were pocket sized, yet the big 6 x 7 and 6 x 9 cm format provides very large, sharp enlargements.

The twin lens reflex (TLR) is an ideal studio portrait camera which is far lighter in weight than modern professional cameras, thereby making it more than acceptable as a field type of camera

too. Since you view through a separate lens, there is no black-out during exposure as is experienced with the SLR. Many professionals claim to be able to hold a TLR at longer exposures such as 1/15 or 1/8 second, whereas their Hasselblads must be tripod mounted below 1/125 second.

### BENEFITS

The lack of viewfinder black-out during exposure is a benefit shared by the rangefinder-type camera which has been made in film sizes from 35mm to 5 x 7 inches. An extra feature of this camera is that the focusing system has the potential of being far more accurate than that of the SLR or TLR, especially under conditions of dim light.

Older SLRs offer good value and some have useful features such

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# Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

It seems that just as we thought we would play a little hooky on our boss, we get caught with the biggest story of the summer going on right in front of our doorstep.

The big tugboat that was beached at Galiano, putting out the power for several hours, could not have hit it better, it went close around Mary Ann Point, and beached on the "little sandbeach", cutting the cable just as clean as you please.

Thanks to our most efficient hydro crew, they found the trouble, and had power back as soon as possible.

We are now faced with the ferries going into Montague Harbour, during the repairs and changes to Sturdies Bay, so we will have to remember that we all have to go to Montague, for the next little while.

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### MEET

#### "FRONT PAGE CHALLENGE"

On September 11, Mary Harding went to Victoria, to see the taping of the most interesting "Front Page Challenge". It was so kind of the people there to keep me a ticket, as I understand that they went very quickly, but this is when the phone comes in most handy.

We were also told that it was "first come, first served", as far as seating was concerned, so I got there at shortly before 6.30 pm, and soon, the lineup was winding its way far up the street. We were given many instructions, and told when to be quiet, and when to clap, but it really was not necessary, as this trio of television folks are so popular, that we didn't need to be told about the clapping part at all.

It is their 25th year, and after them coming from far-off across the Rockies, we were pleased to see them all again.

Tapings went off without a hitch, and we learned that some of the sellout crowd came from "Sil-

### Quick trip

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was located in Alberta. I'm not entirely sold on the fig-leaf as a gentleman's elegant dinner wear, but given Edmonton on a winter's evening, I'm convinced that Adam would never have survived to father a race, dressed as he was.

Mind you, I'm not knocking Alberta. Who knocks his rich relations? But I did some learning.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta is Ralph Steinhauer. He must be the happiest choice Alberta ever made. He is a warm, friendly man who makes friends every time he speaks. I met him last year and I heard him again this year making presentations to youngsters cited for an outstanding achievement.

A fellow-guest told me that when the Lieutenant-Governor visits a community he insists on meeting the children in school before he will direct his attention to the adults.

He referred to the growth of Alberta and commended the efforts of "your forebears", explaining that his own had been here for centuries.

Alberta's fine, as I told everyone who would listen, if you can stand the winters. The coast is fine, agreed a publisher's wife, if you can stand the rain and mist. I can take the rain! - F.G.R.

enjoyed the show.

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### SQUARE DANCING

We understand that during the winter months, we will be treated to a series of square dancing, given by none other than the grand caller from Salt Spring, Bert Barber.

It is nice to have Jimmie Jones home from hospital, he is some better, and we are sure he is much happier at home.

Mrs. Phoebe Sadler and Mrs. G. Stahl are in the Gorge Hospital in Victoria. Don't forget the Galiano Lions wine and cheese party for members and friends will be held on October 21, and their anniversary dinner and dance on December 9.

For a small island, there are so many things going on, that we all have to have a calendar to keep the dates open, and reserve them early.

Several of the folks on the Island have been stricken with this buggy thing that generally goes under the "blanket" of flu. It hits anyone without warning, and does not care who it hits, either. We do hope they are feeling better soon.

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# Indian heritage to be examined by Awareness course in Ganges

BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN

Ariadne Sawyer's Native Awareness course in the Salt Spring Island night school program will find many native people visiting the class, starting with the Tsartlip elders who will discuss the early history of Salt Spring Island from the viewpoint of the early Indian fishermen.

Ariadne plans to start the first session off with a Project North film, "The Land is Our Culture" narrated by Phillip Paul of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

The third session will be con-

ducted by John Thomas of U Vic whose specialty is Native Languages of the Northwest Coast.

He is also very knowledgeable about Indian legends and songs.

After a preparatory session with films, maps, and cultural charts on the Inuit or Eskimo Ariadne plans to have a resource person from Baffin Island visit the class, and the seventh meeting of the group will find a visiting native woman who will discuss the status of Indian women.

Northwest Indian Art will be

the subject of a visit by Arlene Oetke of Victoria's Provincial Museum.

What is life like on our neighbouring island of Kuper Indian reservation? How aware are we of the native people in our area? The Native Awareness Studies course offered on Tuesday evenings in the Elementary School Library should be extremely interesting to many islanders.

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For several years he taught at the University of Minnesota and the University of California at Riverside.

Four years ago he moved to Ganges with his family and now intends to teach the courses in his home on Ganges hill.

## Here & There

WITH RON MacISAAC



A tasty tidbit from the sea, which you never would think would be tasty, is the celebrated sea cucumber.

Next time you snag one, don't throw it away. Stick your finger through the skin, (a cupful of pink water pours out) then turn it inside out. You will see half a dozen ladyfingers of hard white meat. They are to be removed, pounded and tenderized.

Cut them in one inch pieces and cook the same way you would scallops.

If you want to be a real gourmet, hang the skin out to dry. Cut it up like tapioca. Serve it in a very hot consomme type soup. (I have eaten it many times in the Orient).

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I was invited to a social function the other day. The invitation said in very large print "liquor is free"; then, in very small print was added "of major impurities and is available that day from the usual outlets at normal prices."

In very large print it added, "Raquel Welch and Robert Redford have been invited" and in very small print "and are not expected to attend."

### THE MINISTER OF FINANCE IS ALWAYS A MAN

In 1945, the only legislators that thought an investment in Emily Carr paintings would pay the taxpayers were MLA's Nancy Hodges, Tilly Ralston, Laura Jamieson, Grace McInnes and Dorothy Steeves. For \$1,100 they got seven paintings. Today the paintings are worth a fortune.

### MEN TO REMEMBER

Who makes the biggest contribution to the community? The rich man who makes his fortune cutting down trees and digging coal and letting his children spend the money in Monte Carlo, or the man

who plants a row of dogwood trees along the streets and after his death the trees have grown so that they meet to form a roof above the street.

### SHIRTTAILS

You probably wonder why there is a scoop on the right and left side of your shirt. This was the design when shirttails were as long as nightshirts. Today, they have kept the design up but it would be better to change it around since the scoop at the side lets the air in over the kidneys. Because manufacturers skimp on the material, shirts are at least 10 inches too short.

### JURY TRIAL

The witness, asked to identify her assailant, pointed to the foreman of the jury.

No wonder people sometimes don't want to serve on juries.

### SALT SPRING SKIERS?

Would you believe that the area manager for the Green Mountain Alpine Skiing lives in Ganges?

He is David Mathews, he hails from Quebec and is bilingual.

His with yours truly will make two sports vehicles that will be going up to Green Mountain every Friday night and coming back Sunday.

His viking wife, Lynn, from New York City, is chief instructor of the ski school. Two of her students are her son, Brian, and daughter, Christine.

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# Learning to sail

## A slow summer run through islands

BY RON MacISAAC

Frank Kristian Thorp is a District Court Judge in Olympia, Washington.

I met him at the Saturday night dance at Yellowpoint Lodge. He invited me to join his 43-foot Columbia class sailboat Viking.

Frank changes crew once a week at Manana Lodge. They sail the Canadian Gulf Islands in his racing boat. No charge—just share costs.

"If you can keep your head while those about you are losing theirs

And blaming it on you why then you do Not understand the problem." (with apologies to the late Rudyard K.)

The wind whipped as we left Manana and it was!

"All hands to the sheets!" This turned out not to be a suggestion for afternoon naps.

Instead, we scrambled in the unfamiliar 30° tilt to pull on ropes called sheets.

### TRADE TERMS

In rapid fire order we learned the terminology.

All ropes or wire that move are called running rigging. These include halyards which raise and lower sails.

The standing rigging does not move. The wires that support the most sideways are shrouds. The forward support wire is the forestay. The backstays is aft.

Seat is thwart. Upper edge of the hull, also used for sitting, is the gunwale.

The sail has three parts. The top corner is the head. The bottom corner again the mast is the tack. The outer corner is the clew.

The Viking gave us a fast trip to our first berth at Scott Point. We all had a turn at all the activities. Bending on the sail we saw the

different uses of the three sizes of jibs.

Salt Spring's Scott Point still has its swim pool and showers. The Scott Point setting with sea on both sides of the headland is magnificent.

The waters abound with jelly fish. I wonder if they are edible. After all, the white of egg cooks up and is equally translucent.

A sign in the Viking head says: "There are no plumbers at sea!"

Bob Buckley and Larry Shaw, teacher and lawyer, turned out to have unexpected talents. They plunged out of the plugged head after an hour flushed with victory.

We tacked Trincomali Channel southerly through Montague Harbour.

The Gulf Island weather held hot, windy and dry. The famous weather that grows cactus within sight of the rain forest.

Today the blue sea is spiked with white sails. Lots of friendly mariners but no sense of crowding.

We passed mysterious Prevost Island. No houses to be seen.

We talked about rabbits. In San Juan's Friday Harbour the motels have signs:

"Don't spill blood on the rugs!"

"In Canada's Gulf Islands no rabbits."

But I've seen them on Salt

Spring on the East end of Scott Road.

In 1913 my old law partner, Vic Harrison, historian, put these creatures on the Ballenas (Whale) Islands.

A fisherman, he hunted these islands with a .22 when the seas ran too high. A few rabbits still remain.

The viking, under full sail, slowed behind Wallace Point and picked up again to run down Bedwell Harbour to anchor.

Bedwell has a pool, a first class restaurant, lounge and beer parlour. Immigration warns you:

"If you plan to work in Canada apply to immigration."

It's ok--no one is planning on working--at least for pay.

Warren Bean and Jackie Tuttle find they are soul brethren. When Bob Buckley and I return from scanning the aviary (bar) crumbled and pan fried rover dover sole is on the Captain's table, courtesy of the said soul cooks.

Fire Chief Abe Dunn was on the dock. He used to share his lunch with me when I night-shifted as a fireman while articling to be a barrister.

Morning came. We weighed anchor, we reached up Swanson Channel, jibed westerly to Fulford.

We tied the sloop up at a marina we call Wilson's Perch Marina (Wilson have many large

perch under their floats.)

Bob Buckley and I hitchhiked the eight miles to Ganges for beer.

There was no beer due to the strike. Hiking back, we were picked up by a pickup loaded with dynamite, caps and fuses.

The dry Salt Spring climate shows no cactus. There were at roadside Bachelor Buttons, Everlasting Perly Pussy Toes, Queen Ann's Lace and Tansy Ragwort.

I had a pal who used to do lady impersonation acts under the stage name of Tansy Ragwort.

SALT SPRING ISLAND GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



BY JEAN HOPKINS

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, the nine-hole and 18-hole sections joined forces for a two-ball.

Winner of low net were Ian Flanagan and Dorothy Irwin; runners-up; Edith Owens and Audrey Smith. Least number of putts, Marie Hopkins and Lois Popkin-Clurman; Low hidden hole, Jay Tuckey and Miriam Jeffrey; high hidden hole, Anne Sober and Helen Insley.

There were 40 ladies out and it was a most enjoyable day.

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

## Mainly Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

Organizations are making plans for the Fall Season and classes will be held at various locations on the island under the Continuing Edu-

cation program sponsored by the School Board, beginning early in October. Lessons in painting, French, bridge, income tax and upholstery are among some of the subjects included.

Tuesday, Crib Club will resume operations at the Health Centre at 8 pm. For further information contact, Herb Wilson.

Visiting Clare and Vi Hamilton this summer have been Hector and Gladys McElroy from Victoria; Vi's sister and brother-in-law, Bernice and Don Code of Saskatchewan also Vi's sister and brother-in-law, Eileen and Cece Hamilton of Burnaby.

Welcome to the island to Phil and Taddy Tindle, who are property owners on Isabella Lane, Campbell Bay. They hope to be permanent residents in the not too distant future. They have a family of four, Janice, Mark, Kim and Jill who all play tournament tennis.

Kathleen Dought is visiting her sister in London, England, John reports. Looking forward to hearing all about her trip when she arrives home.

### FAMILY REUNION

Congratulations are in order to Clinton and Lillian Dolphin who have completed and are just mov-

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# The Arctic was their home

## AND NOW IT IS THE LINK BETWEEN TRAVELLERS

BY FRANK RICHARDS

They met last week like old friends, but they had never met before.

When the North Star of Herschel Island sailed into Ganges on Thursday afternoon, she was making an appointment on Salt Spring Island.

Her skipper, Sven Johanssen, was meeting Iver Gillen to talk old times, but they had never enjoyed those old times together.

It all started in the Arctic.

When the retired Customs Officer, Iver Gillen was a young man he went a-sailing and one of his first voyages was into the Canadian Western Arctic.

That was at the end of the 20's, long before Sven knew Canada had an Arctic.

But about 40 years later, the Swedish-born mariner was going to visit that Arctic and live there.

It was the Arctic that drew them together in the first place.

Sven lived up in the Beaufort Sea for years. He acquired his vessel there and sailed through the

northern ocean for the Federal government.

**YET DIFFERENT**

Two different men with very different backgrounds, they were in the Arctic at different times, but both remember the north with a warm affection that sits oddly with the frigid climate of the Mackenzie River Delta.

In the early days, Gillen sailed as a deckhand into the frozen north. He was aboard the Patterson, skippered by a veteran Arctic sailor, Capt. C.T. Pederson.

For three years he made the annual trip up the coast with Capt. Pederson in his trading schooner.

The memories are still vivid and he has fond memories of the people who lived in that harsh climate a half-century back in Canadian history.

Capt. Pederson was already a legend in the Arctic when Gillen shipped out with him. Before the First World War the whaling industry was a thing of the past and Capt. Pederson knew no other life. He was a sailor and specifically, he

was an Arctic sailor.

So he sailed up on a trading voyage and introduced himself to the following which would be his for a quarter-century.

**LOST HIS SHIP**

In 1913 tragedy struck at the northern skipper. He lost his schooner in the ice.

In 1914 he returned north and he never lost another ship and he never missed a voyage until he sold out in 1936.

Friend to every man who went north to the Arctic, Charlie Pederson left a name that is still remembered in that cold country.

One of the regular deck cargoes hauled up into the Mackenzie Delta was a fair-sized boat. There were about 40 of these boats in the Arctic by the time they stopped shipping them out of San Francisco. The Eskimo families travelled together and the boats carried a good load twice a year.

Narrow in the beam, they would plough through the summer seas with a minimum of effort and a minimum of fuel. The vessels all carried a mast and were rigged to sail in the name of precious fuel.

These boats ranged from 30 feet to over 60. North Star was the second biggest to go up. She ranked next to the 60 foot Our Lady of Lourdes operated by a Roman Catholic mission.

In 1934 North Star was ordered by two trappers in the Banks Island community. The northerners made a practice of leaving in the fall for their traplines miles away. They would spend the winter tending their traps and bring out the furs in the summer. They were mostly silver fox.

**TWO-YEAR STINT**

Some years it wasn't so easy and the weather would hang fire until they saw there was no chance of getting out. Then they would just settle down for another year. There was no way of communicating and there was no choice but to stay where they were.

They never went out trapping without enough food for two years. The two boat-buyers had gone into the Western Arctic from the south. Majority of people there were Eskimo who had been there all their lives.

Fred Carpenter and John Woelke ordered the boat in 1934 and it arrived in 1935. They paid on delivery.

In 1935 half of Canada was still gripped in the clutches of a gigantic slump. Up in the north, the two trappers reached in their pockets and peeled off the \$23,000 the boat had cost.

There was no connection between the two trappers and Iver Gillen. He had left the western Arctic for good, nearly 10 years before the two bought their boat.

The connection is simply that the new boat came up to Banks Island in the form of deck cargo and that method of transportation is still a cheery memory for the Salt Spring Island veteran. He saw many a heavy item shipped up as deck cargo and the Patterson only sailed without a boat on deck when there was a dearth of orders.

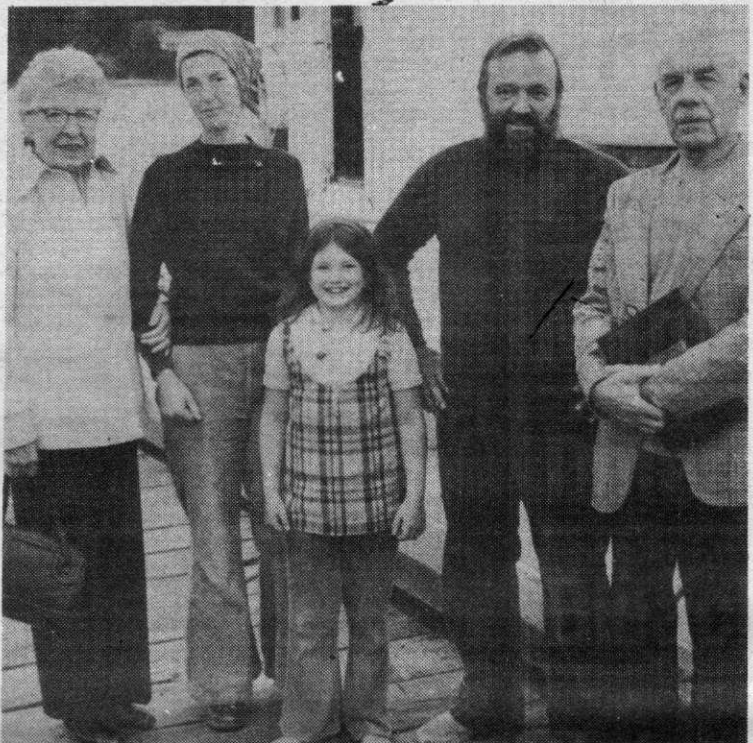
**HE BOUGHT IT**

Sven Johanssen wasn't there in 1935, either. But he was later to acquire the precious deck cargo. That was his link.

The two trappers used their new boat until, one day, the Canadian government built a weather station near their traplines. Suddenly, they had no need of their own boat. Here was a station served by a monthly call from



North Star of Herschel Island lies alongside Ganges Wharf.



Anne Gillen, Norma Johanssen, North Star. Centred is Silva Johanssen and Iver Gillen are seen against the Arctic vessel.

outside. They could bring supplies in by the government tender and they could ship out their furs by air.

For 12 years their beautiful white boat was beached. That is not surprising, as no boats could be left in the water during the winter months. Boats were hauled out of the water by means of small tackle. They would be pushed back in the spring by the strength of their owners' shoulders.

In the meantime Sven Johanssen, from Sweden, had been invited by Canada to take part in looking after the shrinking reindeer herds of the Arctic. He had herded reindeer in Lapland.

Nearly 20 years ago he came to the Mackenzie Delta and assumed his new duties. For five years he toiled with the reindeer.

When the five years were up, he looked further afield and his eye lit on the North Star. The boat had been out of the water for 12 years. It needed a new motor and other work.

**CHARTER WORK**

For the next three years, after he had the boat running to his satisfaction, Sven chartered out to the national government. During that time he took scientific crews around the area long before any commercial venture had been launched in the northern seas.

They investigated the depth of the permafrost under the sea and they carried out examinations of the effect of the moving ice-pack on the sea bottom.

But three years was enough and in 1973 they set sail for the sunny south.

Sven Johanssen, with his wife and daughter, Norma and Silva, sailed out of the Arctic the only

way. They came around the northern slopes of Alaska and through the Bering Sea and south of Alaska to British Columbia. They spent about 18 months on the voyage.

Since they came to live in Victoria they have been featured on a number of CBC features.

When Iver Gillen saw a CBC show featuring his old hunting ground, he wrote to the corporation's offices in Vancouver and expressed interest in meeting the sailor who had covered his own old route in so much smaller a vessel. The CBC put him in touch with Sven Johanssen and last week they met for the first time.

The North Star was on her way back from a government charter along the Alaska coast.

For the best part of an afternoon, Norma and Sven Johanssen exchanged notes and memories with Iver Gillen while Anne Gillen listened.

Like old friends, they met to exchange memories and the old memories made new friends of them.

But memories are nobody's copyright.

The North Star of Herschel Island lay alongside Ganges Harbour and a passing island sailor looked at it closely. Last time he saw that vessel was up in Tuktoyuktuk, he told his companions. And he was right.

Which proves that the Mackenzie River Delta and Herschel Island and Aklavik and all those places, once a fairy tale on a frozen map, are now a known part of the vast land that is Canada.

And Iver Gillen and Sven Johanssen are two of the men who have called the Arctic their backyard.



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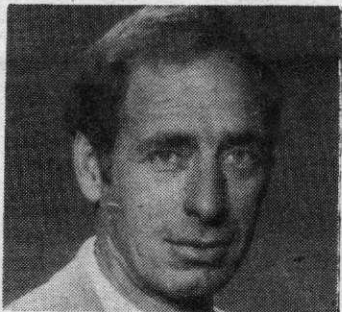
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### David Anderson Speaks Out On Jobs

In any election the job creation record of the government is an issue. This is quite right. It is an important issue, one that should be carefully looked at. So let's see how Mr. Trudeau's government has made out.

As readers of my previous columns are aware, I am not satisfied with the government's job creation record. I think it could have done better, and done better in particular for those unemployed in the younger age groups, provided it had been willing to be a little tougher on the majority--the vast majority--who had jobs already. This would have been unpopular, but governments are often unpopular and I can't see that popularity is all that important if the right programs are followed. But while I believe that it could have done better and intend as your MP in Ottawa to make sure it does do better, let's look at the record to date.

Let's start with a comparison. During the past five years (1973-1977) there have been 1,425,000 jobs created in Canada. By contrast, the record of the Diefenbaker period (1958-1962) was 45,100 new jobs created, only one third as many as have been created by the Trudeau government! In fact, the only time that there has actually been a drop in the numbers of Canadians employed was in 1958, when Mr. Diefenbaker's Tories were in power. Somehow I can't see Mr. Clark as a dynamic, forceful, Prime Minister capable of doing even as well as Mr. Diefenbaker.

Let's look at another comparison, that of growth of the labour force. In the period 1970 to 1976, Canada's labour force grew 23 per cent. The country with the next highest rate of growth was the United States, with only 15 per cent. Japan, France, Italy, and Great Britain were 5 per cent or lower during this period, while the labour force in Germany actually declined by 3 per cent during those years! In comparison with those countries, Canada's job creation record has been phenomenally good, and in fact has been the highest of any country in the industrialized world, something that is generally overlooked in discussions of jobs and job creation in this country.

I believe that the record has been outstanding, but can be better yet. One reason I want to get back to Ottawa as your MP is to make that happen.

# The Trenches

## AN OLD SOLDIER GOES BACK TO THE SCENES OF WORLD WAR ONE 60 YEARS AFTER THE END

**BY W.W. HUNT-SOWREY**

In old age, one has the tendency to recall, or attempt to recall, the scenes and events of one's youth. This may be good, if one confines it to one's thoughts.

To revisit the scenes of youth is another story. Time, places and things have changed, as also have one's own attitudes.

Almost 60 years after the historic "Cease Fire" of 1918 the writer decided to revisit some of these scenes, the battlefields of the first war, where, almost fresh from school, he found himself in charge of a platoon. The platoon numbered 60 men if at full strength. Many of them were near twice his age, with a wealth of experience he did not possess. He had to acquire that experience in almost zero time. It was, also, a life utterly foreign to anything in his experience.

In any area to which one was sent, the ravages of war were only too obvious, and, if little or no action had taken place to that date, shell fire soon reduced existing buildings to mere rubble, transformed a well-drained countryside to a morass, and rapidly reduced existing forest to an area of snags and stumps.

**SMILING COUNTRYSIDE**

Today, the land over which we fought so grimly has again become a smiling countryside, but the poppy still grows as a reminder.

Trench areas have become fields, doubtless at some expense of life and limb to those who retilled and retrained the land, pock-marked with shell holes, mine craters, deep dugouts, the trenches themselves, and also the multitude of dud shells, ours and theirs, which only needed the touch of a plough, a hammer or an axe, to complete the devastation they were intended to do. There were no geiger counters in 1919.

Most of the area I knew in those days I revisited. Much of it I hardly recognized, except the general shape of the hills and ridges we recaptured at so great a cost of blood and life.

The streets of Arras, Poperinghe and Teper were much the same, yet so different. The buildings were whole again, reinhabited and active; not the billets we knew, where perhaps half the roof and the walls were gaping holes. Ieper has been rebuilt almost stone for stone and remains in its pre-1914 state, but other towns have not fared as well.

**ALL GROWN**

Outside the towns they have all expanded, and the houses and cemeteries cover the area of constant fighting up to the last 100 days.

The Menin Gate, so often a death trap to those who had to pass through, is again peaceful, rebuilt by the British Government as a memorial to those who have no known graves, and whose names and regiments are inscribed on large stone tablets.

One thing remains from 1914 - 1918.

Each night at 8 pm, in memory of those who gave their lives in the Salient, "Last Post" is sounded by two trumpeters, appropriately enough, in mufti, whilst the police stop all traffic on both sides of the gate.

Each night people gather at the gate at that hour...the occasional "Old Sweat", the "PBI" of the

First War, relatives of those same "PBI's", and, to my surprise, younger people of the post-1945 era, who revisit from time to time to remember the sufferings of their predecessors, all rigidly at attention whilst the trumpets sound off.

The lakes we knew, and avoided where possible, the reincarnated woods, are now pleasure resorts.

**SOME PRESERVED**

Small areas here and there are preserved in some of their former state, but with concrete sandbags and duckboards.

Communication trenches are gradually filling in, and grassed over. They would no longer give much cover going up the line.

One old shell crater in the Labyrinth I clearly remembered.

We captured the lip of the crater in the early days of 1916, when it was exploded.

The Vimy area remains some-

what as it was, the woods regrown, but with areas clearly marked, "Keep Out; Live Shells in this area".

Somehow the ridge seems steeper than when I first knew it in 1915, as I walked up it again...but that must have been due to the years that have passed, and the fact that no longer "The bullets they whizz, and Jack Johnson's roar" to make one hurry.

One more feature was still the same...it rained and rained. In 1914-1918 we blamed the gunfire. I never heard what is blamed now.

**MEMORIES OF WAR**

Naturally, many old memories were revived. The Labyrinth brought back to my mind going up the line one dark night. The Jock following me, though warned, slipped into a rather deep shell hole, and, when I turned round to give him a hand, as the air bubbles burst on the water's surface, I

could hear the cuss-words emanating from them.

Curiously enough, so many memories were of the humorous type; the tragedy of war had been forgotten, or at least numbed by the passing years.

One could look back on those one remembered "going west" with little more than a sign, and a prayer for the repose of their souls.

The deadly fatigue that assailed one; the monotony of trench warfare; the rats, lice, the mud and filth are forgotten, or referred to in a laughing manner.

**'Tis just as well!  
FORGOTTEN RACE**

Many people tell me we are a forgotten race. This is contrary to my experience.

Though one hardly ever meets anyone from that era...I met just one man who had been wounded on July 31, 1917, the day which began the third battle of Ypres. I passed

through that day unscathed, and heard of a few others, civilian and service.

My own reception was very good.

"Oh! you fought here in 1914-18!"

I met with great kindness in the Ypres area, and in Pop, as we knew it in those days, I was given a specially conducted tour round Toc H, as I remembered the place as it was, and asked questions. Very little has been changed.

However, now, instead of providing comfort and a "doss" for weary troops, it is a youth hostel.

It was the same in the Museum in Ieper, where I was able to point out one or two minor errors in descriptions to the curator, a young fellow who would hardly remember the Second War. He even refused to charge me the usual entrance

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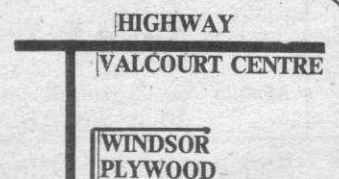
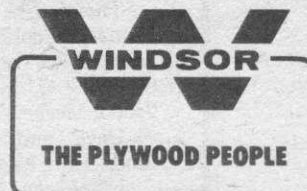
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# Saturna Scene

BY MAGGIE HAYES

School is back in session with its effects on many Saturna families as children attending post-elementary classes must travel off-island.

Shelley Crooks and Jamie Car-

and Jennifer Davidson, Sandra Crooks, Jeannette and Casey Carpentier.

Saturna Island School, Grades 3-7, were off on their first excursion to the mainland last week. The

Centre, the B.C. Environment Institute and the Capilano Hatchery, before finishing off the day bowling. It was a long and tiring, but enjoyable, day for everyone.

The Grekul family is now



pentier, as the lone Saturna pupils for the Mayne Island middle school are boarding on Mayne Island, and the Gulf Islands Secondary School in Ganges continues to enrol our kids: Heidi Neumann, Mary Jane

sizable group, together with teachers and parents, and a comparable group from Mayne Island School, endured the Tuesday morning ferry problems but still managed to visit the Lynn Valley Ecology

resident on-island, living on the Shale Plant property, as neighbours, for Lori, Neville and Danny Bouch. Their children, Zoe and Nicole, are attending school here.

Bill and Irene Lawson are home from their traditional September holiday, and it's back to business again.

Local artist Annie Popperwell's mural in the Medical Centre atop the Fire Hall continues to draw a number of viewers. It makes a very striking addition to the waiting room.

Medical problems continue to plague Saturna people. Best wishes to Colleen Carpentier and Karen Muntean after their recent surgery, and all our hopes go to them for speedy recoveries.

Betty and Gene Carpentier and family were happy to have Arthur home after his long stay in Victoria hospital.

Walter Hunt-Sowrey of Mayne Island, representing the Legion, came over to present the Legion Cup to Jimmy Money and Cindy Hogg. The cups were won at the June Outer Islands Sports Day, and are awarded annually to the boy and girl athlete receiving the most points during competition.

**UPCOMING:**  
Sept. 25; first parent-teacher meeting, to be held at the School, at 8 o'clock.

October; Fall upholstery series with Len Hobbs gets underway.

## STEP is first step at Ganges

The initials S.T.E.P. signify Systematic Training for Effective Parenting, an adult education course which involves sharing common experiences, listening to typical and alternative approaches to family problems on pre-recorded tapes, discussing weekly readings in the Parents' Handbooks and other considerations.

This course is offered by Gulf Islands School District on Wednesday nights at 7.30, beginning October 4, in the Elementary School Library.

Dave and Lynn Chase will conduct the nine sessions.

In charge of registrations is Virginia Newman, of Ganges.

# The Trenches

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fee.

Mesdemoiselles from Armentieres are rather different from the one or two old ladies who toughed it out in their ruined homes in the back areas.

### AS THEY WERE

At Vimy and in the Labyrinth, in conversation with other visitors, too young to have fought, but some old enough to remember the days as school children, I was able to explain things as they then were.

In one village in the Labyrinth area, which I remember as a heap of ruins in No Man's Land, continually fought over by patrols, I was enquiring for a bus connection. Despite my halting French, rusty after 60 years, and their generally poor English, we established a rapport, and they insisted in taking me to the Mairie, and presenting me to the Mayor, as one who had helped them to regain their homes. One of them drove me back to my hotel in Arras.

The slag heaps we fought over, from Lens to Mons, were still there, and probably added to. Evidently some people remember...all people too young to remember the First, and, in many cases, the Second War.

### BY TAXI

In the Arras area I found the best means of travel was to hire a taxi.

This could be done for about 50 francs for three to four hours. The drivers would take you where you wanted, stop where you wanted, and most of them would ask interested questions.

I was using old First War maps that I still retain, but roads have altered, and, more particularly, the new motor roads cut across old trench areas. I even found, or almost found, the location of an old shell hole on Orange Hill.

At the time, we were in reserve line, and one evening an Army Service Corps NCO came up to me to ask me if I would go with him and shoot a team of horses badly mired down, with a limber wagon. I went, clambered on the limber, and found that I could unfasten the traces (tugs). The horses pulled free, and did not appear on the casualty list, at least at that time. Whether the limber became a casualty of war or not I do not remember.

### CEMETERIES

Naturally, I was in many cemeteries. Many of my old regiment were lying there, but not too many

I could easily recall.

On the graves, only the regiment; not the battalion, is given.

Further, in a Highland Regiment, so many have the same clan name, and often the same Christian name, which made more difficult.

We had to memorise the regimental numbers. If one is looking for a particular grave the Officers of the War Graves Commission will give every help.

In each cemetery is a Book of Remembrance, giving the name, age, regiment and date of death of all interred there. And so many were under 21!

Also there is a visitor's book, usually well filled with names from all over the world, some of whom are former enemies. All war cemeteries I visited are extremely well maintained.

A brief visit to Dieppe was interesting. It rained most of the time I was there, clearing up when I was taking the ferry back to England, and thus preventing me from seeing as much as I would have wished.

The rather steep shingle beach must have been hard to rush, even landing at high water. The narrow and twisting streets would make fighting difficult, without taking into account German shelling and rifle fire.

The Canadian and Fusilier Mont Royale memorials are well maintained, as are the graves of some of our boys who lie in one of the town's churchyards.

Should one revisit these scenes? For the younger generation the answer should be, "yes".

They should see the graves of the thousands who made the lives we lead today possible, and the terrain over which they fought, in part realising the horrors of modern warfare, with the wish and resolve that they will never know these things.

For those of us who served it is another story. We can recall, but cannot relive, unless we go in hundreds, where the sum of our joint memories might do this. However, we can remember those who served with us, and whose bodies will lie for ever on foreign soil, stained by our blood.

As the Legion motto says, "Memorium Eorum Retinebimus", "We shall remember them".

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# More Food for Thought

BY MARY WILLIAMSON

Try as I might, I've never been able to feel sorry for the farmer. In fact, such was my abysmal ignorance, I've actually envied him. The open-air life, the large, sweet-smelling farmhouse, the spacious fields, the roomy barns where one could work up a sweat and rub shoulders with animals. Well, it was all very romantic and idealistic.

In my defense, the only farmers I've known have been well-to-do. When I was a child, growing up in the city, I met farmers on holiday. They were on holiday in the city, or I was on holiday on the farm. Either way, they had it better than I did. They had more money, more food, more time, more awareness of the basic things of life. When I was an adult, enduring war-time rationing, farmers ate and lived better than the rest of the population in the United Kingdom.

When I returned to Canada, the only farmers I knew were living in ample retirement in Victoria. They might have gone short in former times, but in their "golden" years they had it gilt-edged. They grumbled a little about their life of hardship, but somehow, through a haze of cigar smoke and brandy, it lost its biting edge.

**WANTED TO FARM**

When we came to live on Salt Spring Island, we secretly wanted a small farm. But we needed capital and experience.

We thought we would spend a few years acquiring both and then buy a small acreage. Alas for our dreams! We have made a meagre living; the price of real estate has soared, and we are sadder and wiser than we were eight years ago.

However, a television programme seen last week has finally succeeded in arousing my pity; and my ire. Alberta farmers are losing out to the oil companies.

I've always opposed pipe-lines in the fragile ecology of the far north. But it never occurred to me that pipe-lines could spell disruption and even disaster in the well-ploughed fields of the prairies.

It seems that the oil companies are every bit as arrogant and pampered in Alberta as they are in

the Third World.  
**TOLD LIES**

One farmer alleged that the oil company representative told lies and behaved as if he and not the farmer, owned the land on which they argued.

Oil companies are allowed, by the provincial government no less, to run their pipelines across privately owned property at will. Later on, they can come to terms with the farmer. Whose terms? Well, theirs, of course! What bargaining

power does the farmer have when the deed is done? One man had as many as five lines running across his property. He's fed up and he's selling out - if he can. And whether his land is bought by another farmer, by the government or by the oil company, he will take a terrific loss. Who wants to buy land with five pipe-lines running across it?

So, at last, I pity the poor farmer. The man who is concerned in the growing of our food. The

man who stands between us and starvation. The man who is at the mercy of our degenerating weather. The man who is represented in government by the seventeenth (in rank) cabinet minister.

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I am cheered by the news that Rene Levesque has agreed to pay his ex-wife \$28,000 a year. (Incidentally, she divorced him, if it matters to you which way round it was. Most of the news reports I've heard inferred it was he who obtained the decree.) I don't know how many children they have, or if they are still at home, but as we and our two children have managed on about one-fifth of that sum

## To Nanna and Grandad

Nobody could buy the love from me to you;  
The love that the Saviour and God gave too,  
And just may I say  
Through love and through strife,  
I'll love for you and care  
for you all through your life.  
- By Lisa White, aged 11

for the past eight years, I imagine she'll be O.K. I commiserate with her on the reduced family allowance - incidentally, one news reader said they were to be increased! Ah well, you can't believe all you hear, or much of what you read these days!

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If you're thinking about buying a home and you think you may be eligible, be sure to find out about the Family First Home Programme. Further information and application forms are available from all Government Agents, all Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing offices and many realtors.

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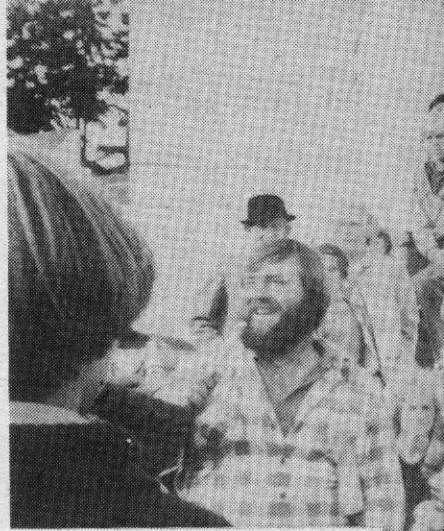
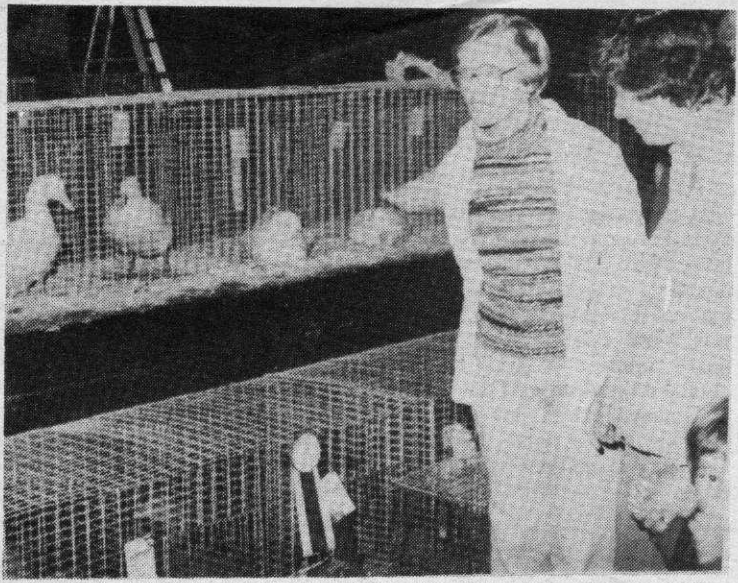
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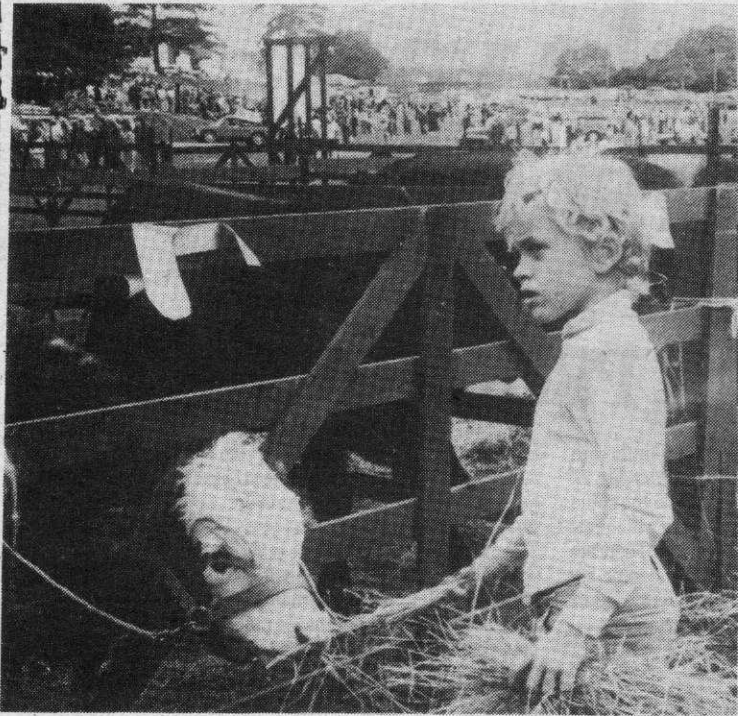


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# Some scenes from Fall Fair



Hugh Curtis had a lot to say this time.



The corn is in the can a-cooking



Art Beattie co-ordinator of the bee section, checking the hive.



Cusheon Lake won first prize out of 7 entries in the Island District Exhibits.



John and Mary Stepaniuk showing the youngsters how to log buck!

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# at Salt Spring

Photos by Barbara Richards and Ken Byron



accepting a field trophy which he with Alan Gear. urke, general co- or in background.



Mrs. Mary Mollet with her two daughters Anna and Terry who are helping her to carry the family trophies.



Two medics look after the inner man.



ann with her tro- the most unusual



Kathy Williams receiving her trophy from Sandra Lee.



And a little wine with dinner?



e Byron opening the fair.



Robert Owens accepting his trophy from Sandra Lee, the May Queen, for the highest aggregate points in rabbits.



Stan Moulton with his apple press.



Portion of the 2 island beef which were served as barbecue and hamburger.



Phyllis Sinclair co-ordinator of the cooking section with helper Donna McFadyen

## Down Through The Years With Driftwood

### 15 YEARS AGO

Following investigation of the Prince George and Quesnel dormitory arrangements, the Gulf Islands School District has decided that the old hospital building on Ganges Hill will meet the requirements for a dormitory. Plans are to provide supervised study periods for pupils living away from home in an effort to improve their scholastic standings.

Kindergarten has been moved to Mahon Hall. By increasing the physical training class sizes Principal J. Evans has managed the accommodation for the kindergarten. It has been housed in St. George's Hall, but lack of play area and traffic hazards have encouraged the change.

R.B. Stokes, from North Vancouver, lost his tackle twice when fishing in Vesuvius Bay recently. The following morning he went fishing again and caught two cod. He also found his two sets of lost tackle. Each cod had one. He figured that was quite a fish story. But it wasn't the end. His final fishing accomplishment was to bring up a crab wearing sunglasses. This is no fish story. He produced witnesses. It is assumed that the glasses fell into the sea when some fisherman was peering into the water and that the crab crawled into them.

Congregation and Sunday School combined in a service at Ganges United Church on Sunday. Promotion certificates were given to the following students at Sunday school: Judy Luddington, Wendy Luddington, Fletcher Bennett, Raymond Holmberg, Rita Rogers, Terry Anderson, Joan Lowe, all going from Primary to Junior Department. From Junior to Intermediate were Linda Anderson, Janneke Buitenwerf, Roberta Coels. Superintendent Robert Bidwell assisted in conducting the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Bradley, Fulford-Ganges Road, have returned home after spending a month visiting in Saskatchewan and motoring through the United States.

Mrs. G.H. Holmes told the September 13 meeting of the Anglican WA that Mrs. J. Byron is to be made a Life Member of the Women's Auxiliary and that the presentation will be made at the next meeting. Mrs. G.A. Goodwin, Diocesan President, is expected to make the presentation.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Hunting started last

week. In the southern Salt Spring Island area at least two householders were up in arms. One Fulford resident reports that a pickup stopped outside his home and disgorged two hunters. They ran into his garden and started firing at deer feeding in the garden. The home owner could not identify the hunters. It was too dark to see them clearly. Another Fulford resident reported the remarks of a hunter, overheard. They must have got two, commented the sportsman, but it was too dark to track them in the woods. Third complaint had his own answer. When guns started going off in all directions outside his house. He got into the action. He stepped out of the door and shot quickly into the air. All he heard was running feet.

A.J. Pop Eaton, former postmaster at Ganges and a resident of Salt Spring for 41 years, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morris, before returning to Kamloops. Mr. Eaton is just back from an 18,000 mile tour of Europe. He was in England visiting his native town of Kettering.

Fernwood welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Pranab Bhattacharjee and their small daughter to the neighbourhood.

Galiano children have now gone back to school, with the same teachers they had last year. H.A. Koble is principal, with Miss M. Switzer in the junior room. There are 43 children enrolled this year, eight more than last term.

Shell oil distribution on Salt Spring Island has been sold. Operated by Alex McManus for the past years, it is now in the hands of George Kernaghan.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

North Salt Spring Waterworks District will move very shortly to its new offices at Central. Building has been built by Bangert construction under the supervision of the District Building committee, Peter Cartwright, Jim Wilkinson and Norman Mouat.

Gulf Islands Branch of the BC Historical Association will meet at Mayne Agricultural Hall on Sunday to hear a talk by Jesse Brown on Rocky Mountain House, Alberta.

Rolf Dammel has purchased the HMS Ganges Apartments from Mr. and Mrs. Bram Oudshoorn.

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## Wartime tale of red tape from Ottawa Journal

He asked to be nameless. He doesn't want people to know who he was, so we'll call him George and that covers a multitude of sins.

During the war George was in Ottawa. He had never heard of Salt Spring Island. Like many a man in Ottawa, he had only a vague idea of where the coast was.

In 1945 he was sick and tired of expeditors who had no real function and no real duties. When he saw this comment in the Ottawa Journal, he clipped it for its references to expeditors. When he found it recently, he enjoyed it for its reference to Salt Spring Island.

During the 30-year interval, he discovered the island and settled on it.

In 1945, the Ottawa Journal reported one Fire Chief was tired of official red tape.

Column, by R.C.J. is reprinted below.

At the Priorities Branch in Ottawa of the Munitions Department, their feelings, at first, were a bit injured by the tone of a letter they received from the Fire Chief of the village of Ganges on Salt Spring Island off the British Columbia coast.

Then they thought it over,

laughed about it, copied it, passed it around and unanimously elected its plain-speaking author as Canada's Most Accomplished Expediter.

In the realm of Munitions, an Expediter is a fellow of remarkable talent for breaking anything out of the rut of departmental routine, snipping red tape and securing Immediate Delivery.

Expediting is an art mastered by few, and by fewer as well as the Fire Chief of Ganges who asked Munitions to send him a siren. USA ONLY

Because sirens seem to be obtainable only in the United States, the Munitions Department became the Fire Chief's intermediary with Washington's War Production Board.

The application for the siren was duly filed with WPB through DMS. Four times WPB asked for more information pertaining to the need for the siren, and four times DMS as the go-between relayed the requests to the fire Chief.

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Answering the fourth demand for more data the Chief thus addressed himself to Munitions' Priorities Branch:

Sirs:-Complete information supplied as requested in your Department of Munitions and Supply letter to complete Block 20 of the United States War Production Board File 1319 as follows:

Salt Spring Island, for which the equipment sought is needed, is the largest and most beautiful of the Canadian Pacific coastal islands lying about midway between the cities of Vancouver and Victoria.

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It has an area of seventy (70) square miles, contains eleven (11) fresh water lakes, well stocked with game fish, and is traversed by one hundred (100) miles of perfectly surfaced motor roads.

There is a nine-hole golf course; two well appointed beer taverns; a modern shopping centre at Ganges (The island's chief port) where also is located the new modern consolidated school and a well equipped hospital.

The island is served by both local and long distance telephone service, electric light and power.

### RAINFALL

It has an average rainfall of thirty-seven (37) inches, an average Summer temperature of sixty-two (62) degrees and an average Winter temperature of forty-two (42) degrees. The bathing is superb, and the average yearly sunshine hours total two thousand (2,000).

It has (in normal times) a population of eighteen hundred (1,800) people, all God-fearing, self-respecting souls, one hundred (100) percent. English-speaking.

During the present world conflict, all the male population who are young enough or old enough are in the Armed Forces as volunteers. They pay their taxes promptly and have consistently exceeded their quota in every Victory Loan.

The political trend of the island

has been Liberal. In the last Federal election the people helped return a Liberal member to the House of Commons, but there now is distinct evidence that they realize their error.

The chief industries of the island are dairy and chicken farming and sheep raising. There is a modern co-operative creamery, and the dairy herds comprise fine registered Jersey stock. The sheep industry is an important one, and the breeding stock is largely exported.

### BUTCHERED

A proportion of the lamb crop, however, is butchered and brings premium prices on the markets of Vancouver and Victoria, largely due to the early feeding of the lambs on the carpets of violets with which the island abounds, giving the meat a delicate and distinctive flavour.

The present depleted population of the island (owing to the war) is largely composed of older people, women and children; and the need of adequate fire protection is urgent.

The volunteer brigade is as efficient as can be expected under the circumstances, but the method of alarm at present is totally inadequate.

### BULB HORN

It consists of an old motor horn of the press-the-bulb variety, implemented vocally by the Fire Chief.

Unfortunately, due to the enforced drought brought about by the hasty and ill-considered action of the present Bureaucracy in power at Ottawa, the vocal cords of the Fire Chief are unable longer to implement the bulb horn, although there is some hope that if this application is returned sufficiently often, he may find his voice again.

It is feared, however, that should this happen, it will be more likely to coerce rather than suppress conflagrations.

To finally sum up: We need the siren asked for, and would like to have it if it can be had. So please, either, pass this request or refuse it, and let us know your decision. But for God's sake don't go on writing any more damn-fool letters, wasting time, paper and the taxpayers' money in idiotic requests for information which cannot have any possible practical bearing on the application.

Sincerely yours,  
(The Fire Chief of Ganges.)

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That was all. And it was plenty. After the first shock of the letter, DMS with a deep departmental chuckle gave the siren a top priority, sped the application again on its way to Washington where the WPB cleared it.

The Fire Chief received his siren posthaste, and his lamented vocal chords may rest at peace until the "Bureaucracy at Ottawa" ends the drought, and he may feel, for old time's sake, like "implementing" the bulb horn with a few well chosen bellows of joy.

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The Scouts have moved their Flying Juniors from Cusheon Lake to saltwater at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club.

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