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## Minister's gift to Salt Spring Island



Minister's gift to Salt Spring Island is the motor vessel *Tachek*.

The Ministry of Highways ferry is more usually to be seen in the Powell River area. While the *Bowen Queen* and *Mayne Queen* are in the shipyards being stretched the *Tachek* is helping out. Mainly engaged on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run, she also sails into Otter Bay.

The *Tachek* is seen pulling out of Fulford en route to the Vancouver Island ferry terminal. Two ferries are serving Salt Spring Island at

Fulford. Running mate of the *Tachek* is *Motor Princess*, veteran of the fleet.

The two vessels maintain an approximate hourly service and many car passengers have expressed commendation of the service. Truckers are not so enamoured of the service as the *Motor Princess* is not capable of accommodating loads in excess of six tons.

The new service has seen an additional feature to the Fulford run. While she is replacing the *Bowen Queen*, the *Motor Princess* is serving refreshments from the coffee bar. The menu has not been included on the Fulford run by *Motor Princess* since she was transferred from the Gulf Islands Ferry Company to the provincial ferry fleet nearly 20 years ago.

## Foreshore lease

## Association to write in protest

South Salt Spring Residents' Association decided Monday evening to write to various government agencies protesting proposed log booming and storage area in Fulford Harbour.

Application has been made for a foreshore lease of about 18 acres by Otter Bay Logging Ltd., of Cowichan Station. Area applied for is on the west side of the harbour, just south of Drummond Park.

The meeting agreed that booming operations in the area would create a hazard to crabs, sea-run trout and herring. A petition opposing the lease is being circulated in the Fulford area, the meeting was told.

## Searchers find less than they expected

Members of the Ganges RCMP detachment and the Coast Guard were out Sunday morning looking for clues involving an overturned canoe found by an auxiliary Coast Guard member.

The canoe, found in the vicinity of Goat Island, turned out to be a derelict owned by Roger Hughes. The boat had gone adrift.

## Trust has no jurisdiction, says Chabot

# Granting of Bennett Bay lease could result in court action by Trust

## Zacharias gets the last laugh

The school trustee from Pender got the last laugh.

The sun was shining and the birds were singing and Gulf Islands school trustees and executive committee members were in an exuberant mood as they waited for the regular board meeting to get under way Thursday.

"What a great day," district superintendent Bob Huestis said as he came striding into the board room. "I think we should have the meeting outside."

Pender trustee John Zacharias, who for several weeks has been at the centre of a storm involving field trips because of his no-nonsense attitude toward them, looked up.

"I think", Zacharias said with a glint in his eye, "we should have a field trip."

And no, he didn't choke on his tongue: it was very firmly lodged in his cheek.

Pinchin Holdings of Mayne Island cannot legally proceed with construction of moorage facilities at Bennett Bay without rezoning.

Islands Trust chairman John Rich made that statement in a telephone interview last week when he was questioned about the lease that has been granted to Pinchin Holdings by the Land Management Branch of the Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing.

Weldon Pinchin, owner of the Mayne Inn at Bennett Bay, will be permitted by the lease to construct facilities for boat moorage "incidental to the operation of the hotel on the adjacent upland".

The Mayne Island Trust Committee, however, has advised Pinchin that the lease cannot be considered "a substitute for rezoning" and that he could be taken to court if he goes ahead with construction of a dock.

Meanwhile, Lands, Parks and Housing minister James Chabot was interviewed on CBC Radio's show, *Radio Noon* on Thursday. Chabot pointed out that neither the Islands Trust nor the Capital Regional District have jurisdiction over foreshore leases, that jurisdiction "rests solely with the Crown".

## POLLUTION CONCERN?

Asked about the concern that has been voiced over possible

pollution of the bay as a result of the moorage facilities, Chabot said he didn't know if it would be as damaging "as it has been portrayed".

He said he visited Mayne Island recently to assess the situation and had concluded that the community was "split down the middle as to yes or no" for the facility. He also observed that it would be "pointless" to hold a public hearing on the issue.

Since that interview, the Bennett Bay Preservation Committee has prepared replies to a number of Chabot's statements. With regard to what the minister said about jurisdiction over foreshore, the committee points out that it is within the Trust's jurisdiction.

"Mr Chabot's statement is a challenge to the authority and intent of the Islands Trust. Foreshore lease approval rests with the province but should not be construed as approval in respect of any statute, regulation or bylaw which may require some other form of authorization."

The committee says that Chabot "appears to have made a fleeting visit" and that he made no contact with the Preservation Committee even though he had been advised by Premier Bennett to do so.

The group also points out that it is in favour of adequate moorage facilities but not at "the expense of irreplaceable foreshore".

## LARGEST, SAFEST BEACH

"The largest and safest beach on the island is at Bennett Bay," the committee says. "It was the beach selected by the Red Cross as safe for their summer swimming classes. The introduction of docking facilities into the bay will bring many more and larger boats into the area. This will have a detrimental effect on quality of water due to refuse and effluents from the boats, and petroleum product pollution."

The Islands Trust, meanwhile, is going to reconsider the implementation of a bylaw that was tabled last year. It was drawn up following the public hearing on Mayne in September that was held to review an application by Pinchin Holdings for commercial rezoning. The bylaw would allow commercial use but would permit the Trust to regulate the extent and use of a wharf at Bennett Bay.

John Rich told *Driftwood* last week that the bylaw would be a compromise and "the most reasonable thing to do".

# Recreation master plan draws little public interest

The author of Salt Spring Island's five year parks and recreation master plan told an audience of nine at Ganges Monday night that the plan is a "hold the line affair".

"This is a plan," Bryan Johnston told the meeting, "that says let's not go overboard and give everybody everything they want. Let's give them a small portion of what they want."

Johnston is with Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants of Surrey, the firm that spent the best part of a year studying recreation facilities on the island on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The firm presented its final recommendations at Monday's meeting.

## NO POOL, ICE RINK

Although PERC has vetoed the prospect of a swimming pool or ice rink on Salt Spring in the near future, its studies did offer support to expansion of such facilities as tennis courts, ball diamonds, lake swimming facilities and boat launching ramps. It also recommended construction of a

community recreation centre, possibly on the school grounds in Ganges, and more complete use of the land available at Portlock Park at Central.

"We can't find any way that the community could support a swimming pool here in the near or mid-future," Johnston told the meeting. "The cost is just too high, and that's why we've put the stress on developing the recreational capacity of the lakes here."

The total cost of the projects suggested by PERC would amount to \$773,800, Johnston told the

## Skinned seal carcasses found at Welbury Bay

A Welbury Bay area resident has reported finding two seal carcasses washed up on shore on that part of Salt Spring. Both carcasses had been skinned.

meeting. Of that sum \$340,000 would have to be raised through community fund-raising efforts, \$273,300 could be raised in provincial grants, and \$160,500 would have to be raised through the recreation commission budget.

## TWO-MILL INCREASE

"It would take a five-year period at least to implement all of the things in this plan," Johnston said. "And we feel that a tax rate increase of two mills for two years on the island, in addition to current levies and increased assessments, would cover the recreation commission's portion of the commitment."

Johnston also pointed out that even if the recreation commission adopts the master plan, however, it doesn't necessarily mean that all of the projects listed will be completed.

"If that plan is adopted what they will do is pave the way for any of the projects to get to the planning stage," he concluded. "By adopting that plan the commission would simply be enabling the various clubs to prove whether they can raise the money required or not."

# A daughter from Canada is long remembered

She was a daughter from Canada. The arrival of Michele Layard, of Ganges, in the home of a Japanese family better than two years ago, is recalled by an item in a Rotary Club publication.

The Salt Spring Island student, daughter of Don and Olive Layard, of Rainbow Road, was in Japan on a Rotary Exchange Scholarship. All the details of the visit to Japan has been arranged through Salt Spring Island Rotary Club.

The event is long over and Michele, at present in Alberta, has been travelling extensively ever since. But the visit of a young Canadian to a Japanese household is far from forgotten. Something of the character and the philosophy and the lifestyle of Michele Layard has rubbed off on the people she stayed with in Japan.

Today Michele is fluent in Japanese. This is entirely thanks to the visit to Shibata. She is familiar with the Japanese living style and the various families she knew there are familiar with the Canadian

pattern of living. Dr. Shuji Honda has been a guest of her parents in Ganges since her visit.

Recalling her visit to Japan, the Rotary International magazine, Rotary No Tomo published a summary by one of her hosts, Dr. Honda. Part of that summary is reprinted below.

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**BY SHUJI HONDA, OF SHIBATA**

The visitor was an 18-year-old student named Michele Layard. She came from Salt Spring, a small island of about 5,000, in British Columbia, Canada. She was the first exchange student to be invited by the Rotary Club of Shibata, which has only 31 members.

Rotarian Michiyoshi Ohnuma, whose family had been selected as the first host, was on hand at Haneda International Airport to welcome Michele on August 24, 1976.

After spending her last month at the first host family up to mid-November, she moved to my family, the second host, on the

evening of November 18. She was a very tall girl (173 cm) by Japanese standards, weighing

## Rotarian in Japan writes of visit of Michele Layard

70 kg. In fact, her big frame seemed out of proportion in a small Japanese house, and there was something humorous about that.

In three months' time her Japanese improved markedly, although she still had great trouble when the conversation involved details.

**JAPANESE DETAILS**

Part of the program was an undertaking to share all Japanese food including natto (fermented soybeans), sashimi (raw fish), and takuan (pickled radish).

She did. She visited her friends in Tokyo. She climbed mountains to pick flowers. She attended a Christmas party thrown by the club.

She kept her promises well. She said she liked rice better than bread, but actually she seemed to prefer bread.

We cooked for her an assortment of dishes such as pizza pie, salad, and Mexican varieties. We also made cookies. She didn't really like these except the pie and cookies. When I laughed at the strange-tasting "Mexican food" prepared by my wife Aiko, Michele stared at me, saying "You do all the cooking starting tomorrow!"

It was Aiko's job to prepare bento although Michele was supposed to do it by herself. One

problem she seemed to have was that of selecting ingredients.

**MICHELE SPEAKS UP**

Some pieces of conversation between Michele and me showed her character, and I remember them because I thought she said some interesting things. Examples:

One day I invited her to play cards, but she said she did not like the card game. "You are selfish," I said. Her reply: "Father, are you a perfect man?"

During a talk on the psychology of women, I said: "Michele there is something hysteric about you, too." She retorted: "Your wife gets hysteric, too."

One Sunday morning, Michele slept late. "You are late this morning. Japanese women get up early even on holidays." Then she said, "I am a Canadian. I take it easy on a holiday."

**On becoming**

I rise up every day at noon,  
To take a little nourishment,  
And then I rest, from afternoon,  
Until the evening is well spent.

I revel in retirement, dears,  
But still a bitter tear I shed,  
When I think of those working years  
I could have spent lying in bed.  
- John Healey

Hearing her say repeatedly, "I am tired," I said, "Japanese youths do not say so often that they are tired." Her reaction: "I wonder if Japanese are honest."

**PLEASANT TENSION**

At first the arrival of Michele introduced some pleasant tension into my family. Now we are back to our same, old family life even though she is still with us. This shows that Michele has become part of our family life.

It was my hope all along that Michele would understand the Japanese and the Japanese spirit. And hoping for this ever more strongly I spent my remaining days with Michele, who was no longer a "guest" but a member of my family.

## IODE makes final plans for garage sale

**BY D.E. JAMES**

The regular monthly meeting of the H.M.S. Ganges Chapter IODE was held on Friday afternoon, March 2, in the United Church Hall with Mrs. E.J. Searles presiding.

Mrs. J. Sayer, services convenor, gave a detailed report showing the wide variety and value of services rendered during the past year and included in projects for 1979.

Delegates to the annual provincial meeting to be held in Penticton April 8, 9 and 10 will be: Mrs. E.J. Searles, Mrs. B. Lucas, Miss M. Cuttall and Mrs. L. Purser.

Final plans were made for the garage sale of household furnishings and articles, antiques, books, plants, tools etc. which should make an interesting collection.

Donors of anything, except clothes, are asked to contact IODE members or deliver them to the Robert Aston residence on Douglas Road a week before the sale, to be held March 31 from 10 am until sold out.

Going up Ganges Hill to Beddis Road, turn left down to the first turn where Douglas Road continues down the hill to the new Sailing Club facility. The Astons' is the first private road to the left. It will be advisable to park on Douglas or Beddis Roads. Signs will be posted.

It is hoped to have a good attendance so the chapter can meet

commitments, including Greenwood's IODE room.

Conveners of national standing committees are: membership, Mrs. St. Denis; education, Miss Olive Mouat; services, Mrs. Jessie Sayer; asst. services, Mrs. Morrice; citizenship, Mrs. Eve Walker; echoes, Mrs. Fran Elliott; public relations, Mrs. James; standard bearers, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Saunders.

Chapter conveners are: hospital, Mrs. Warrington; tea, Mrs. Patrick; asst. tea, Mrs. Glazier; talent table, Mrs. Hewitt.

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Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, April 9, 1979, two Trustees are to be elected to serve for terms of three years each.

Nominations of candidates for these positions, must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Monday the 19th day of March, 1979.

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This will be a brief meeting, but as the matters to be dealt with are **IMPORTANT** all Members should attend.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** A meeting of the Executive Committee is called for the same evening at 7.30. This meeting cancels the one slated for March 19. Full attendance of Executive Committee is required.

Iver Gillen, President

TO BE

Frank

by richards



He had to be called Wacky. There was no way a prominent citizen with those initials, W.A.C. could survive public life without gaining that nickname. He probably knew the name as well as any in the province. With the death of the former Premier, W.A.C. Bennett, these reminiscences get set aside. But one recollection came to me last week while I was waiting for the ferry at Swartz Bay. When WAC came home to Salt Spring Island, you would often see him in the queue. Many years ago the Social Credit government had just been elected and many of the cabinet ministers were completely new to the world of the legislature. One member of that August body was flying to Vancouver. At least, that was his plan. At Patricia Bay Airport, in the days when we were allowed to call it by its name, the minister dashed into the old passenger lobby and shouted to the ticket agent to hold up the plane. But it was already taxiing out to the runway. "I am a cabinet minister and I demand you call back that plane because I have to get on it!" he stormed. The plane rolled on to Vancouver and the new dignitary sweated it out waiting for the next DC3 for Vancouver. WAC never did anything like that to my knowledge. He took his place in the line-up whenever there was one. Incidentally, so did that other minister.

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Talking of baking, I was. I wrote a couple of weeks ago of the beautiful crusty French bread. And Mike and Fem Bromley, of Embee Bakery at Ganges, gave me the dope on bread. For French loaves you need a steam oven. During the baking process a jet of steam is blown into the oven and forms the thick, brittle crust. Modern ovens are different. They have shelves of dough revolving like a chicken on a barbecue. And no steam. Funny thing is that people are accustomed to the product of modern ovens and there is no call for the traditional breads. Mike told me of the days gone by when he strong-armed loaf after loaf into the back of the oven and than hauled them out, one at a time. It was good bread, but it was hard work! He also remarked on the rising of dough. In the old days it took a long time. So they added sugar to bring it up quicker. Industrial bakeries add as much as 12 pounds of sugar to a 100 pounds of flour, he noted. The home-style bakery uses half of that amount, or less. And it takes longer, but the texture is different. In the meantime, Iola Brookbanks was in a small, specialist bakery in Victoria and bought me a half-dozen crisp, crunchy buns. It's as good as being in Paris!

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When a man needs glasses to read de Maupassant, perhaps he'd be better employed reading the comic strips.

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Says Roger Hughes' car, "Farming is everybody's bread and butter." But it just ain't my cup of tea.

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I was born in Hong Kong," she said. Then you know the Sekloong family? Alas, no!

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No triflers, no interest. I read more car ads than anything else. And the one phrase that turns me off any car is the warning, "No triflers." Maybe I am one. So I never risk looking at a trifling car.

BUILDING PLANS HIT SNAG

Phoenix forced to look elsewhere

Plans to erect a building on private property to house an apple press for Phoenix Orchards have hit a temporary dead end following a meeting at Fulford last Wednesday.

John Boc, who owns eight acres on Demitri Way in the Fulford area and who will act as manager of the Phoenix operations for the coming year, had intended to erect the building for the press on his

property. Zoning regulations and objections from neighbours, however, have forced Phoenix to abandon that particular idea.

At the meeting involving Boc, directors on the board of Phoenix Orchards, Demitri Way residents and Islands Trust representatives, a variety of objections to the plan were aired.

One neighbour who lives right next to Boc expressed fears that the installation of the press would cause undesirable noise, odors and health hazards to the people living in that area. Another neighbour said she felt that the simple matter of setting a precedent was an important thing to consider.

"I feel that the most important thing is precedent," she told the meeting. "If we allowed one thing to go in that wasn't within the standards of the bylaws we would have no leg to stand on if someone else wanted to set up something else that contravened those same by-laws."

Islands Trust planner Chris Foord told the meeting that in any event, Boc's plans would contravene two sections of a proposed bylaw governing the rural zoning in which Boc's property is included.

Foord pointed out that a building such as the one Phoenix planned to construct would not be allowed to exceed 500 square feet, and added that in rural zoned areas residents may process their own produce but cannot ship produce to

their property from another location for processing. Foord said he expects to see that bylaw receive final reading within a month.

Phoenix, which is designed to run on a non-profit basis, had planned to erect at 900-square-foot building on Boc's property and ship apples in from all over Salt Spring Island.

The Phoenix board of directors will now have to locate another site for the building, which is expected to cost \$6,000 to build. Boc had originally planned to use some of his own timber for the construction, thereby cutting costs.

Boat owners faced with increased costs

Pleasure craft owners will be facing a little added expense before they take their boats out on the water this year.

New regulations covering distress signals that are now in effect could cost some boat owners as much as \$100.

The new regulations require that any craft ranging from 18 to 26 feet in length must be supplied with six distress signal devices that have been approved by the Canadian Coast Guard. Owners of boats ranging from 26 to 40 feet will be required to carry 12 flares, six of which must be approved by the Coast Guard.

Cost of the flares ranges between \$8 and \$10 each, depending on where they are purchased. Some suppliers are offering a package of six approved flares for \$50.

He was right, we were wrong

H. Reynolds of Salt Spring Island called us last week to say he hadn't been involved in any accident on February 28, and since he's the only H. Reynolds on the island, there must have been a mistake.

Which there was. Closer scrutiny of the accident report filed at the Ganges RCMP detachment reveals that it was Frank Lloyd Reynolds who was involved in the two-car pile-up at the bottom of Lees Hill.

Harbour House loses colour set to thief

Management at the Harbour House Hotel in Ganges reports that a colour television set was stolen from the hotel sometime on Friday afternoon.

Police are still investigating the theft.



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## Future of islands at stake

While residents of Mayne Island are embroiled in a controversy over proposed moorage facilities at Bennett Bay, it is, perhaps, a good time to recall a statement made by Premier Bill Bennett in the Legislative Assembly on May 21, 1974.

He made the statement with regard to the establishment of the Islands Trust.

*"Now, the whole question we're discussing is one of local control and self-determination. That's entirely it. If the government feels that local people don't have the qualifications or don't have their own best interests at heart and are incapable of making their own decisions in determining their environment and their surroundings, I think they should state so. But I quite oppose that view because I believe nowhere else do you get the true expression of opinion of what should be done with the surrounding area than the people who live there, who chose to live there and have a continuing interest in that area."*

Where was Mr. Chabot, Minister of Lands, Parks and Housing, when he should have been listening to what the premier had to say? If he had listened, perhaps the credibility and effectiveness of the Islands Trust would not be in question, as they are today.

Trust chairman John Rich told *Driftwood* last week that the Lands Management Branch canvassed the Trust last November for its views on the Pinchin Holdings lease application. The Trust's reply was to advise that such a lease would not be permitted under the zoning bylaw on Mayne Island.

In effect, the Ministry of Lands was advised that the lease would be illegal.

Nevertheless, the ministry has ignored that advice in granting the lease. The ministry has ignored the opposition to a marina development that was voiced at a public hearing on Mayne in September.

The Ministry of Lands, it appears, is answerable to no one, not even the premier.

The Bennett Bay issue is not a concern of Mayne Island alone: it concerns every island in the Trust because Mr. Chabot and his associates have indicated that the Islands Trust means little or nothing to them.

If the Trust wishes to regain its credibility, it must then abandon the proposed bylaw which would permit the Bennett Bay marina development.

The Mayne Island Trust Committee must stand by its earlier decision to refuse rezoning and it must be prepared to take the matter to court if necessary.

The future of the Islands Trust, and the future of the islands it was designed to protect, are at stake.

## Letters to the Editor

### HARMING THE POOR

Sir,  
This is with regard to the article by Mary C. Williamson which appeared in the February 21, 1979 *Driftwood* on page seven.

I gather from reading this article that the author listened to a talk, presumably given somewhere here in B.C. about life in Chile and Mexico, and then went home and also read an article on Chile. I could have misunderstood this point, and if so apologize, but in the event that it is correct and that this article is in fact not based upon the author's impressions from actual time spent in Chile on the occasions before, during and after the Allende periods, then I fail to matter how lavish the description I

would doubt if the author would buy a house without going to look at it first.)

Unfortunately, in Canada we are well-endowed with armchair experts (who will no doubt comprise the principal responses to this article), and equally unfortunate is the fact that most people who are in a position, because of actual experience in the country under discussion, do not take the time to respond to such articles.

I was privileged to spend time in Chile before Allende, during Allende and after Allende and therefore was in a position to see first hand the considerable changes which took place and which are now taking place in that country. (Unless a person has actually witnessed these changes and con-

ditions then they are not in a position to comment, from an armchair or elsewhere.)

I do not, in any way, subscribe to suppression of people and believe in human rights.

However, if we place Chile, together with the 100 odd other countries now listed by Amnesty International, in isolation, then it will take far longer to bring about the necessary changes in these countries.

Finally, the author should keep in mind one basic fact, which also applies to other countries as well as Chile, and that is, if we do not provide projects and aid we do not harm the country leaders or the rich: we simply harm the poor.

IAN S. ROSS,  
Ganges,  
February 26, 1979.

### "GET RID OF SABOTEURS"

Sir,  
I certainly have to agree with Tourist Minister Elwood Veitch who, when commenting on businesses who short change visitors by not paying the right exchange rate, said, "This practice of fleecing our guests particularly where they have no alternative is just plain thievery" and further that the practitioners are selfish, shortsighted saboteurs of our tourist industry.

The number one offender, of course continues to be the government itself, B.C. Ferries gave only nine per cent on American funds during the height of Mrs. McCarthy's campaign to get merchants to give 10%. Today the ferry corporation gives 14% when the going rate is at least 16%.

We can do no better than follow Mr. Veitch's advice and at the next election "get rid of the saboteurs."

JEV. TOTHILL  
Leader of the Liberal  
Party in British Columbia  
Box 81  
Duncan  
March 2, 1979

### DEVASTATING POISON

Sir,  
After all the information that has come out, regarding the damaging effects of 2,4,5-T, it is almost beyond belief that anyone can still make use of this devastating poison.

The dioxin content of 2,4,5-T is small, but dioxin is such a powerful component part, that its use should have been banned long ago.

Sad to say, the chemical companies have so much control over governments that information is frequently suppressed, for years, as was the case of DDT and many other harmful products that cause illness, deformities, etc.

Dr. Jacqueline Verrett, of the U.S. Food and Drug Administra-

2-4-5-T WILL GET 'EM IN THE END.



tion, says, "You would have to say this material is one hundred thousand to one million times more potent than thalidomide."

Many of us remember the thalidomide scandal and there are many young people, now living, some without arms or legs, who were the victims of thalidomide.

In the U.S.A., thalidomide never got on the market, except for "experimental" purposes. In Canada it was sold long after it had been discontinued in England, Germany and other countries.

2,4,5-T is a greater danger than 2,4-D, to all living things.

EVE SMITH  
RR 1 Port Washington  
B.C.  
March 6, 1979

### HEARING A FARCE

Sir,  
We wish to protest strongly against the proposed North Pender Island Trust Committee bylaw no. 7 (being amendment bylaw no. 1, 1979) which is a bylaw to amend North Pender Island Trust Committee bylaw no. 5, regarding rezoning of the easterly 260 feet of Lot 6 of Section 7, Plan 1695, North Pender Island, Cowichan Land District, from the rural 1 zone to the commercial 1 zone.

Our objections being:  
(1) That the property in question overhangs a swamp and public beach that are unique and the last of their kind ecologically, also of historical interest in that the Indians came there for generations to obtain roots and herbs for their medicines, which is the origin of

the name Medicine Swamp. The effluent from the proposed project would certainly destroy all marine, insect and other animal life because the lie of the land is such that there is no other way for the run-off to go but down into the swamp.

(2) The project is much too large for the land area involved.

(3) The added traffic which would automatically ensue would be more than annoying to the existing owners of surrounding properties.

(4) We are concerned about the sewage problems which would naturally result.

(5) The water problem is very much a concern because it is derived from wells alone and in a dry season such wells are very low indeed. Our well, on the property immediately across Bedwell Harbour Road (Schooner Way), is on an underground stream which we are afraid may also be the source for the wells on Lot 6, and the greater demand might deplete our well.

We also feel very much annoyed at the way the meeting for a public hearing, held on February 24, 1979, at the new school house on North Pender Island, was a farce in that this proposed project was, in the opinion of many people, already passed before the meeting commenced. Also we did not receive satisfactory answers to any questions we asked.

The notice of said meeting was not sent to us in time for a proper preparation of a brief stating our objections.

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## Church Services

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1979

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mark's	Central	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			
St. Pauls	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am
UNITED			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
COMMUNITY GOSPEL			
Rev. S. Hildebrandt	Sunday Sch.	all ages	10.30 am
Box 61, Ganges	537-2622	Evening Service	7.00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer	537-5757	Thursday	7.00 pm
MAYNE ISLAND			
St. Mary Magdalene	Sundays	Rev. John Dyer	11.30 am
Community Church		Pastor J. Rodine	539-5710
Sunday at 3 pm	in school		
Bible Study Friday	in homes		
GALIANO ISLAND			
St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am

# More letters to the editor

(From Page Four)

The Trust members claimed that the count of pro and con was 50-50, which was not true. A count was kept by a member of the audience who counted 12 against and eight for.

About a mile away there is a commercially-zoned area with a large, unfinished, unoccupied building of approximately two years' standing. Approximately one mile beyond this area is another commercial area with a gas station, liquor store and three or four vacant stores. One question put to the Island Trust Committee representatives was why these existing commercial zones could not be utilized instead of designating lot 6 of section 7, plan 1695, North Pender Island Cowichan Land District, to be a commercial zone which is a bottle-neck and would be detrimental to the public beach and a potential park area.

**Cecily A. Reynolds,**  
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North Vancouver, B.C. V7N 3H9  
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Owners of Lot 5, Plan 16534,  
Section 7 North Pender Island.  
March 7, 1979

## GARBAGE FOOD

Sir,  
Recently, a grade four student informed me at the dinner table that a milkshake had more nutritional value than an apple! That's what he had learned in class that day.

Surely the school system is not blind to the amount of research done in the past few years on the harmful effects of food additives in almost everything we eat. And yet the same outdated *Canada Food Guide* is being taught, which in this case is detrimental to the well being of our children.

A milkshake may have more calcium, protein, vitamins, etc. than an apple, but was the gross sugar content mentioned and the petroleum products and the artificial flavouring and colouring? And what about teaching alternative healthful sources for that nutrition?

Any nutritional value found in a milkshake is being supplied, hopefully in well-balanced meals. There should be no need to mention such garbage food.

Now perhaps the lesson this boy learned was misconstrued, but the point is he heard what any child would want to hear: the go ahead to eat junk foods. Of course the teacher knows better than the parent, in the child's eye.

**G. GRAHAM**  
Box 1185  
Ganges  
March 9, 1979

## HE SHOULD RESIGN

Sir,  
As one of the malcontents (Mr. J.M. Campbell's word) I still submit that if our gasoline price is raised three cents per gallon, we will be supporting a Victoria bus system, despite Mr. Campbell's argument. I myself went to Victoria twice last year and if forced to pay this increase would have been only subsidizing Victoria transit.

If there were a fast transit from Swartz Bay to Victoria, I doubt if 10 per cent of Gulf Islanders would use this system.

I would be pleased to know if

when our representative from Salt Spring and the director from Saturna proceed to Victoria, they leave their cars on their respective islands and use the bus on the other side. If they do, I would love to know where one could possibly park at a ferry terminal on Salt Spring Island.

From reading his letters, it would appear that Mr. Campbell does not like criticism and feels that neither the general public nor the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce should question his decisions.

I have criticized much higher ranking of politicians than Mr. Campbell, and as long as my criticism is not malicious, I have the democratic right to do so.

If Mr. Campbell feels his weak arguments are correct and that all Gulf Islanders are wrong in protesting the three cent per gallon increase, I submit that Mr. Campbell should resign his position.

**A.J. DILLABOUGH,**  
RR 2, Ganges,  
March 9, 1979.

## SHE WILL BE MISSED

I hear via the local grapevine that Shirley Culpin is leaving *Driftwood* and Salt Spring. I for one will miss her excellent reporting and witty observations about life and events on Salt Spring.

I don't know where she is going, but it is definitely their gain, and our loss. Good luck Shirley, you will be missed!

**MORGAN SAVIN,**  
South Bank Drive,  
Ganges,  
March 12, 1979.

## AN ISLAND INSTITUTION

Sir,  
To add to Don Kertland's explanation of the Library Association's position (*Driftwood* March 7), the overall cost of operating the library service last year (excluding purchase of new books, for which a grant is available) was \$2,164, as compared with the \$40,000 per year quoted for participation in a regional scheme.

This extremely low figure was possible only because no salaries are paid for staffing. Local residents started the library and local residents own and have continued to maintain it. There are many books in the collection dedicated to the memory of island people and donated by islanders. It has always been an island institution and I would sooner have it that way.

It is much more satisfactory to select a book on the spot, examine it to decide whether you want it and walk out with it, than it is to take a title from a catalogue, order the book sight unseen, then wait for it to come from some other library in the system, off-island as would often be the case in a regional scheme.

Many people also may not be aware of the existing inter-library loan arrangement, whereby books not in this library's collection may be obtained on loan from other libraries.

**GEO. WELLS**  
Ganges  
March 12, 1979

## FOOD BEING WASTED

Sir,  
I'm feeling heartsick for the administrator of Lady Minto Hospital, what with the cost of labour, "septic tank" problems and the attendant costs. The noise from the

extension building which has been going on for such a lengthy period is also disturbing. I think the administrator must have a headache and a headache for I am sure he is a keenly sincere person who wants to do the best possible task.

May I now suggest one way in which he could cut costs? Allow the matron, or whatever they call her these days, to make up the diet. She knows her patients and the type of diet they should have being either a soft, light or full diet. It seems to me that everyone gets a full diet regardless. Also, such full plates that they are immediately nauseating when the patient lifts the lid.

I feel, from first hand observation, that more food is wasted in our hospital than eaten.

Why do we need a dietitian? Nurses know, from their training, the food values of varying foods and also what a body can take in illness. Don't our doctors, today, state the type of diet his patient should have? If the hospital must have a dietitian in order to make it an accredited hospital that's sad.

After all, the patients and their

needs should come first. Good home-made soups, custards and milk puddings that look and taste appetizing along with good nursing care are the factors that make a good hospital.

Let the matron make out the diets accordingly and let her talk to the cook and see that her orders are carried out. Former matrons looked at each plate as it came off the dumbwaiter and the nurses reported on the patients' appetites. This added greatly to the information which the doctor gathered from reading the charts.

Let's get back to simpler ways regarding diets and do away with unnecessary expenses. This would help out the hospital to do away with unessential costs.

What happens to all the wasted food? It could feed chickens and the hospital could receive, in exchange, newly-laid eggs, brown eggs to give a more appetizing appearance.

I am a very concerned, oldtime nurse.

**ELIZABETH DANE**  
Fulford Harbour  
March 12, 1979

## Keep an eye on outdoor fires, chief warns

Ganges fire chief Bob Leask has issued a reminder to local residents who may be cleaning up their property to keep an eye on any fires they may have burning.

During the past week the volunteer fire crews have been called out to two grass fires and one stump fire that got out of control.

"People should keep in mind that the dead winter grass that's all over the place is very dry and catches fire easily," Leask points out. "We'd ask that residents keep an eye on any fires they may light in the next little while."

High blood pressure, a major contributor to heart attack and stroke, has no usual symptoms. You can have it and not know it. Have your blood pressure checked regularly and follow your doctor's orders, and give generously to the Heart Fund.

# Meeting at South Pender discusses plan for 12-lot subdivision

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

South Pender Islanders met to discuss changes to the community plan on Saturday afternoon in the School-Community Centre. South Pender Trust representatives, Bill Norton and Mrs. Joan Noble and Dave Morris, chief planner for the Trust attended the meeting.

Bill Norton, acting as chairman, proceeded first to review the background correspondence and stressed that this was an informal discussion only, to enable the trustees to get the general feeling of the residents. About 40 people were present.

The property in question is owned by Mrs. M. Craddock and Mrs. E. Underhill and consists of 26 acres on the high side of the road after crossing the bridge on to South Pender Island. The road cuts through the property and on the water side there is an area from the bridge which extends to the spit road. Underhill, an engineer and surveyor from Vancouver and Bill Monroe, Mrs. Craddock's lawyer, spoke on behalf of the applicants, known as Canal Estates.

## 12 LOTS

The proposal by Canal Estates is for 12 lots with a portion of the area on the water side next to the spit road to be donated by the applicants for parkland. The subdivided lots would include the wildland area which lies at the back of the rural 2 zone facing the roadway. The proposed lots would be two acres, which is in accordance with the present community plan, except for the two on the spit side which are 1.3 acres.

Mrs. Eve Smith felt that the island was losing trees fast. She strongly opposed more lots being created when there are lots presently not yet sold. W. Brookbank questioned the water supply, but was assured by the chairman that water had to be guaranteed by the developer.

Monroe, the council for Canal Estates, assured the audience that

the lots would be large lots, and the homes so placed that they would scarcely be visible. He said that other people must be given an opportunity to enjoy the amenities of the islands and that this type of development is good planning.

## FEAR OVER LOGGING

Several members of the audience expressed the fear that the wildlife area would be logged, but it was pointed out it was less likely to be logged if the two-acre lots each included some of the wildlife preserve, rather than if it was left as a parcel of land on its own. Mr. and Mrs. Huis strongly objected to any more parkland being created as their experience of living next to the spit (parkland) had been an unhappy one due to the activities of transients.

Gordon Wallace, in his capacity as a General Trustee, suggested

that it was not a good idea to give away property for private use, especially waterfront, as once this is done it is gone forever. He made the suggestion that all the land bordering on the water side should be given for parkland. Since it is over three years since the applicants first approached the authorities, Norton and the Trust would like to see some conclusions satisfactorily made soon, the meeting learned. He did stress that if changes are made in the community plan, which is only a guideline and allows for changes it was important not to set a precedent for other landowners with large properties which could come up for subdividing. As to the objections to more parkland, Wallace suggested that in looking to the future, he felt proper administration would come about.

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**Mrs. Ethel Murchison**

**Funeral held for pioneer**

**BY MARY ELLEN HARDING**  
Another link with the past was broken on Tuesday, March 6 with the death of Ethel Jane Stanley Murchison in Victoria. She was 98 years of age.

Born in London, England on September 5, 1880, she came to Canada with her parents in 1910 to live on Galiano Island. She was married in 1913 to Finlay Alexander Murchison, also Galiano pioneer who, with his mother and father, came to live on Galiano in the spring of 1882.

Their property was situated on Murchison Bay, and their home was one of the oldest on the island. It still stands, and is now the summer home of the Wintemute and George Johnson families. It has been continuously lived in for all these years, with very few changes to it.

Mr. and Mrs. Murchison had a family of seven children. She was predeceased by her husband in 1931, one son, Gordon in 1968, and one daughter, Dorothy Eddy in 1970.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Rosamond) Hardy, Jean Henderson of Sooke; three sons, Finlay and Colin and their families of Nanaimo, and Angus, of Victoria. There are 24 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Her first grandchild was Iona Campagnolo, a federal Cabinet minister. She gave her granny the first great-grandchild and the only great-great-grandchild. Only last summer a five-generation photo was taken of Mrs. Murchison, surrounded by Rosamond, Iona, Jan and Kimberly.

Mrs. Murchison, while living on Galiano, took part in many of the island affairs. She was well-liked by all, her happy smiles and loving way with her family will long be remembered.

She also wrote the Galiano

news for the *Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands Review* for several years.

Mrs. Murchison and her family moved to Victoria in 1935.

Following cremation, a memorial service was held March 10 at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Galiano Island, with Rev. John Dyer officiating; organist was Mrs. Ross Parminter. The eulogy was given by Fred Robson. Interment was in Georgeson Bay Pioneer Cemetery, beside her husband.

Following the services, a buffet luncheon was given by the family in Galiano Hall for their many friends.

**Kindergarten gets part-time aide-for a while**

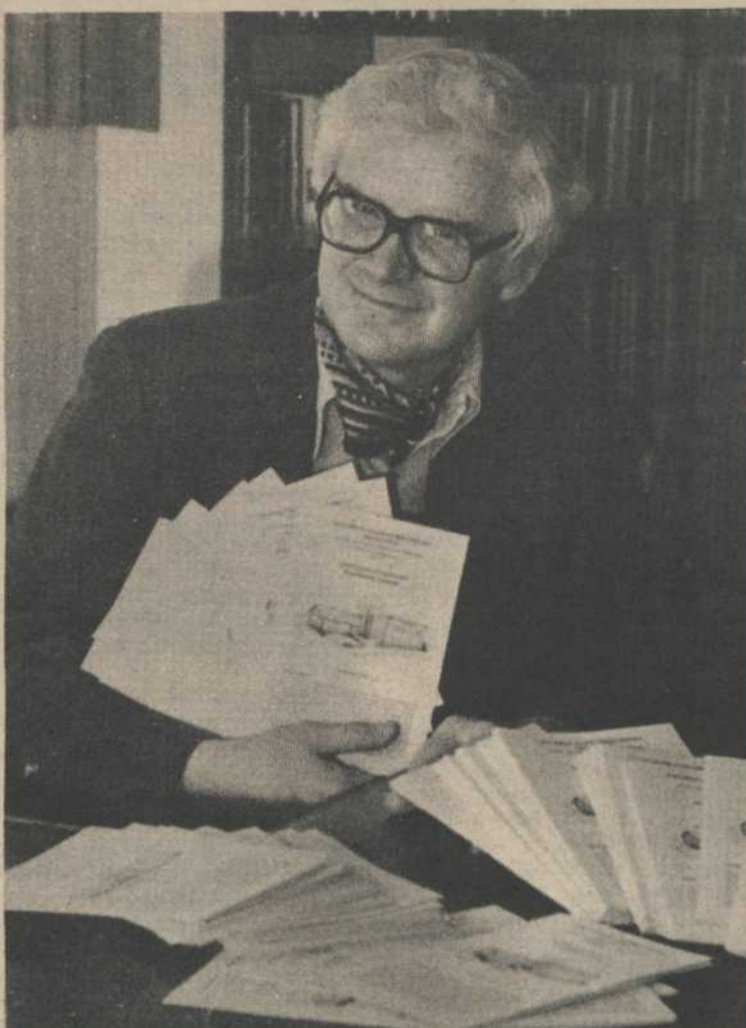
The Gulf Islands School board has approved a proposal from Salt Spring Elementary principal Tom Watson for a part-time aide for the kindergarten at the school.

Watson has calculated that by the end of December of this year he will have an extra 33 hours of aide time over and above what has been scheduled for the school's art classes. Those extra 33 hours will be split between the morning and afternoon kindergarten classes during the next few weeks.

The morning class will have an aide for one hour on each of 14 school days between now and May 4, while the afternoon class will have extra help for one hour daily for 19 school days from April 2 to 30.

A group of parents of kindergarten students had requested that an aide be appointed for one hour daily during each class, at an estimated cost of \$1,200 to the end of June.

**Library brochures arrive**



Les Ramsey displays the brochures that will be used to help raise funds for the expansion of Salt Spring Island's public library. The publication outlines the history and aims of the library and gives Salt Spring residents a visual idea of what the planned changes will look like. Ramsey is spearheading the campaign to raise \$75,000 to help cover the costs of property acquisition and renovations.

**Trustees defer decision on vending machine**

Gulf Islands school trustees have deferred a decision regarding a vending machine for the secondary school at Ganges until they find out what would be dispensed from it.

At its regular meeting Thursday the board was told that Fulford Vending has applied to install a machine that would dispense fruit drinks rather than the conventional pop found in many schools.

A percentage of the income from the machine would be contributed to the school for use in student activities, the trustees were informed.

The trustees, however, have decided to wait until they find out whether the juices would be natural or synthetic substitutes before making a final decision on the matter.

**Death of Gerda Carrico at Pender**

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 6 in St. Peter's Church, Port Washington for Mrs. Gerda Dagmar Carrico, who passed away suddenly on March 3 at the age of 58.

A permanent resident of Pender Island for the past three years, she was the treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary Canadian Legion and an active worker at the Pender Lender Library.

She is survived by her husband, Mel of Pender Island; two sons, Robert of Vancouver and James of Victoria; three daughters, Kathleen and Jane of Vancouver and Patricia of Victoria and two grandsons; her mother, Mrs. Emma Biederstadt and a brother, Karl, both of Calgary. Archdeacon David Powell conducted the funeral service with burial in the Pender Island Cemetery.

**Pantomime at Central Hall on March 23, 24**

**BY MARYANN GRITTANI**  
Burt Bacharach calls him "a superlative artist, the great pantomimist of all time". Van Morrison calls him a musician in silence.

He's been named the "undisputed Heavyweight Champion of Mime". His name is Joseph Lennon McCord and he's bringing his world-renowned talent to Salt Spring Island. *Dolphin in the Sea* is a show and an experience you won't want to miss.

Dolphin has been doing Pantomime actively since 1949, at age six. He was self-taught until he studied with Jean Louis Barrault, Marcel Marceau's master, in 1961, for up to 10 hours a day. He's worked with such people as Al Pacino, Ann Bancroft, Dustin Hoffman, Arthur Penn, Bill Devane, David Caradine and many others.

He's been reviewed very favourably by *Newsweek*, *Time*, *New York Times*, *New Yorker*, *Vogue*, *People*, *Playboy* and *Variety*. He's played the Carousel Ballroom, Hollywood Bowl, the Troubadour, Filmores etc. And after March 23 he can add Central Hall to his impressive list.

He'll be doing two shows here: on Friday night, March 23 at 9.00 pm and a Saturday matinee, March 24 at 2.00 pm so all our children won't have to miss his performance.

Look for more details in next week's paper.

His show is acclaimed by the *New York Times* "as lush an appreciation of illusion as you could ever want to see. Something to be most grateful for".

**Six charged with insurance infractions following deadline**

A total of six people on Salt Spring Island were nabbed by police shortly after the deadline for vehicle insurance renewal at the end of February.

Ganges RCMP charged one island driver with driving without valid insurance and Colwood police, who were also on the island when the deadline was past, charged two drivers with the same offence.

In addition, three drivers were charged with failing to display license plates.

The three drivers charged with driving without insurance are subject to a \$250 fine, while failing to

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## Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

With the wonderful sunny days here we see people coming over from the mainland for trips. We welcome them, and hope they enjoy our island, but we do not enjoy those who spoil it for the majority; those who take down signs, and are beginning already to pick our flowers. We even saw a car exceeding the clearly posted speed of 20 miles an hour in the school zone. This during school hours too. It was most gratifying to see the police car from Ganges at the school gate the other day. It is said that you can always fix a car, but a little child could be badly hurt for life, if struck by a speeding car.

At the regular meeting of the Galiano Housing Society on March 8, Peter Dunn was elected president for the coming year. Also in the original story of other members of the board, we forgot the name of Miss G. Townsend....apologies.

Mel Spouse, our unofficial mayor of Galiano, along with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Selby-Hele, are now home from a holiday in Hawaii.

We notice that Mr. and Mrs. Les Woodbridge are back home

from their holidays also. We are sorry that Miss Jacqueline Lockwood had to be taken to Lady Minto Hospital last week.

Mrs. Joan Callaghan took her husband, Ed, over to hospital at Duncan on Friday. The evening before that, March 15, her uncle, Wadham Paddon passed away in Saanichton. He is the last of the Paddon gents. Their father, Canon Paddon, was the founder of the churches on Mayne and Galiano.

Also in hospital in Vancouver is Mrs. Hughie Lloyd-Walters (Patricia), who is very ill. They are former islanders, and Pat went to school on Galiano.

### First swallow is seen on Salt Spring

Mrs. R.H. Lee, Fulford Harbour, reports that violet green swallows were sighted in the Fulford area, Friday.

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## MORE MAINSTREAM THAN ESOTERIC

# She considers astrology a science

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

It's not all that common to see someone who has gone to the trouble of earning a Master's degree in science devoting themselves to the intricacies of astrology. As a matter of fact, such diverse interests are about the last thing most people would expect.

Bette Klein, however, doesn't seem to be worried about what anyone thinks or expects. She's more interested in utilizing her combined experience in both fields to the benefit of Gulf Islands residents.

Bette came to Salt Spring last fall with her husband and has spent most of the winter hibernating and taking life easy. After all of the activity in her life during the past few years it's not difficult to understand why she would go that route.

With a Master's in special education, Bette has filled a variety of roles over the past several years, among them director of the children's centre at the United Nations Habitat conference in Vancouver, head of an art therapy group, and several positions working with atypical children. Even in those jobs she was combining her scientific training with her strong interest in astrology in order to cope better with the work at hand.

**STUDIED 12 YEARS**  
"I've been studying astrology for 12 years," she points out. "Even when I was in university working towards my Master's I was studying astrology. It's been of interest to me for quite a long time."

Rather than shrugging astrology off as something that can hardly be taken seriously, Bette takes precisely the opposite stand on the matter.

"I feel that it's very closely connected to the more traditional scientific fields," she says. "I see astrology as the science of behaviour. There can't be any doubt that it's a discipline. It's precise, mathematical and calculated."

Much of Bette's working life has been involved with parent-child relationships, and she's found that astrological charts have



Bette Klein with the tools of her trade.

helped her understand some of the situations she has encountered.

**CHART A FRAMEWORK**  
"A chart can be a framework that can outline a person's potential," Bette points out. "It doesn't limit a person, but it helps some people realize the possibilities that are open to them. When I first saw astrology working I was in actuality teaching a nursery school class. In looking at little children especially I found that it was a really objective vehicle for me to see what their energies were. And as a result of that you can guide a child and give him the most beneficial circumstances available."

Bette feels that astrology is gaining a fairly solid reputation now that people have been aware of it for a few years.

"It's something that appears to be of interest," she says. "Most people consider it more mainstream than esoteric now, and it's more widely accepted by the general public."

Still, says Bette, there's more to her chosen field than simply doing charts.

"It's one thing to construct a chart," she says, "and another to have enough insight to interpret that chart. After 12 years of studying astrology I think I have the kind of insight that's required."

## Island man completes apprenticeship

After completing four years of apprenticeship in autobody repairs, Bruce McPhee of Salt Spring Island is now a journeyman autobody repairman. He attended Camosun College in Victoria for one month of each year to take part in classroom theory.

An employee of Don Irwin Collision and a member of the island's fire department McPhee came to the island just over nine years ago.

## Police seek window smasher

Ganges RCMP are continuing to investigate an incident that left the B.C. Tel office at Ganges with a broken window. Someone threw a rock through the pane.

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# National referendum?

## Seeking a solution to Canada's ills

BY FRANK RICHARDS

If Canada is to survive as a nation, a solution must be found to the disaffection of the provinces. From coast to coast, there is a growing dissatisfaction with the division of powers and responsibilities established 100 years ago in Canada's infancy.

On Saturday a workshop sponsored by the Canada West Foundation drew about 30 members to the University of Victoria.

Members heard a proposal for revamping the House of Commons from Winnipeg's E.B. Osler. A prepared paper, *Confederation '79. Where are we at?* was offered by David Elton, of Lethbridge.

The Manitoban historian suggested that the House of Commons could use change. He advocated a fixed term of parliament and the elimination of the overthrow of a government after a defeat by vote. Under his proposal, a vote of confidence would have to be so designated before it could pull down the government. Finally, he looked for representation by population and cited the report of the Task Force on Unity as an example of fair distribution of members of parliament.

### 60 MORE MEMBERS

The report suggests a representation by party according to the popular vote. In addition to those members elected in various ridings, the proposal would bring an additional 60 or so members and the seats would be filled in proportion to a percentage of the popular vote won by each party.

The workshop then debated the various issues currently facing provincial and national leaders in the continuing discussions on an amended constitution.

Gathering included students, graduate students, retired professors, housewives and business-men as well as those engaged in national and international affairs.

The Pepin-Robarts proposal

would be unnecessary if the second chamber were regionally oriented, it was suggested.

On a number of questions all participants were invited to express an opinion.

The first ministers frequently confer with the prime minister and debate a workable constitution, but majority of people in the provinces have no input. The premiers should be told what people want, the meeting was urged.

The day-long gathering agreed

that there is a need for greater education of the ordinary Canadian into the problems and the alternatives of today.

### WIDE DEBATE

The first ministers have debated the issues at length and in many centres. The Victoria Charter was almost successful, but was finally rejected by a narrow margin. The alternative of a national referendum was considered, but not warmly embraced. Referenda are not part of the Canadian pattern, it was felt. There is also the

accompanying danger of a carefully-worded misleading referendum that confuses the voter, arouses his emotions or simply directs him into a pattern of thinking outside the issues involved.

Is the Task Force report the answer?

"They offer us a fig leaf to cover our national nakedness," suggested one critic.

Whether or not a referendum is the ideal means of reaching an answer, the gathering agreed that it is the likely vehicle.

## Youth fined \$150 for possession of marijuana, liquor

Michael H. Mitchell has been fined a total of \$150 in provincial court after pleading guilty to charges of possession of marijuana and possession of liquor while under-aged.

Mitchell was charged February 9 and pleaded guilty to both counts. He was fined \$75 on each charge.

Mitchell had three previous convictions under the Liquor Control Act, Judge D.K. McAdam was told prior to sentencing.

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# Lester Pearson College Choir at Ganges Sunday



BY JOAN STACEY

The Year of the Child has been the inspiration for the concert to be given by Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific on March 18 at 2 pm in St. George's Church. Forty-five countries are represented at the college and 40 young people will be

coming to Salt Spring Island to bring their messages of hope for international peace.

The choir will sing in Latin, Spanish, Italian, French, German, English, Swedish, Polish, Chinese and Japanese.

Edgar Samuel, the choirmaster,

writes, "You should see the Japanese students trying to sing in Polish! It's far worse than the Poles singing in Japanese!"

In Pearson College, difficulties and differences such as these become matters of joy and laughter.

Peace, as the fruit of international co-operation, is the ideal, around which the college operates. Lester Pearson is an all scholarship, two year college, part of the United World College chain, which is trying through international education to increase man's chances

of survival.

### ILLUSTRIOUS BACKGROUND

Edgar Samuel has an illustrious background. Before coming to Canada he was a regular contributor to B.B.C. sound programs and appeared on B.B.C. Television and I.T.V. At Cambridge he sang under the baton of Boris Ord and he has worked with Ralph Vaughan Williams. He sang with the Canterbury Singers in Canterbury and appeared as a soloist in the Cathedral. For 10 years he conducted the choir of the International School in Granna, Sweden. He now teaches at Lester

Pearson College and his record *Songs of Love and Action* has been played on C.B.C. radio.

This is the third year that the Lester Pearson College choir has come to Salt Spring Island and their concerts of the two previous years have been very enthusiastically accepted by large audiences. This is the last concert in the winter series, sponsored by the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island with financial help from the Community Arts Council.

Concerts will resume next October. A collection is taken at the door to help offset expenses.

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When the eggs left the prairie city they had been graded "A" large. After the length process of removing eggs from their cartons and grading them, they turned out to be Grade B, large and cracks, selling on the coast at 25¢.

Report was offered to a Victoria meeting over the weekend as a sample of non-tariff barriers existing in Canada today.

Parallel is the long delay experienced by skilled workers seeking a permit to work in another province. Yet another aspect suggested is the provincial law in Prince Edward Island which prohibits Ontario residents from buying land in that province.

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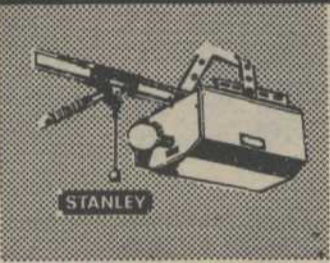


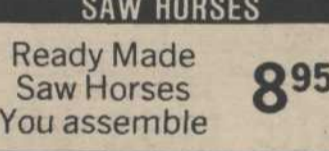
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## Firemen need help with their pet project

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

It isn't exactly a thing of beauty. There are all sorts of stark gray protuberances, the dashboard is temporarily instrumentless, and there is no seat upon which a driver can sit.

Nonetheless, it's coming along, and that's all that Salt Spring Island's volunteer firemen give a hang about.

"It" is a 1924 Republic fire engine, staunchly graceless and stolid, for the time being, anyhow. But the collective dreams of Salt Spring's volunteer firefighters will have it transformed, hopefully before the island's Sea Capers celebrations in June, into at least an eyecatcher and possibly a thing of beauty.

The Republic first came into the hands of the volunteer fire department four years ago when Art Dawe, who runs the very noticeable Whippletree Junction complex at Duncan, donated the vehicle to the firemen. They've been working on it painstakingly ever since.

### PAID TRANSPORTATION

"We wanted to restore it, so he gave it to us," says fireman Hal Leighton. "All we had to pay for

was the transportation of it from Cornwall, Ontario to here. We've been working on it since then, in bits and pieces."

The "bits and pieces" term used so offhandedly by Leighton is literal. Some of the woodworking enthusiasts in the department have hunks of the wood trim at home for restoration or duplication. Another has a brass headlamp undergoing repairs in his house.

Some of the wood trim, says Leighton, is being replaced with Salt Spring Island maple. But the rest of the basic fixtures will remain once they have been restored to their original state.

"We stripped the whole thing down when we first got it," says Leighton, "and sand-blasted it."

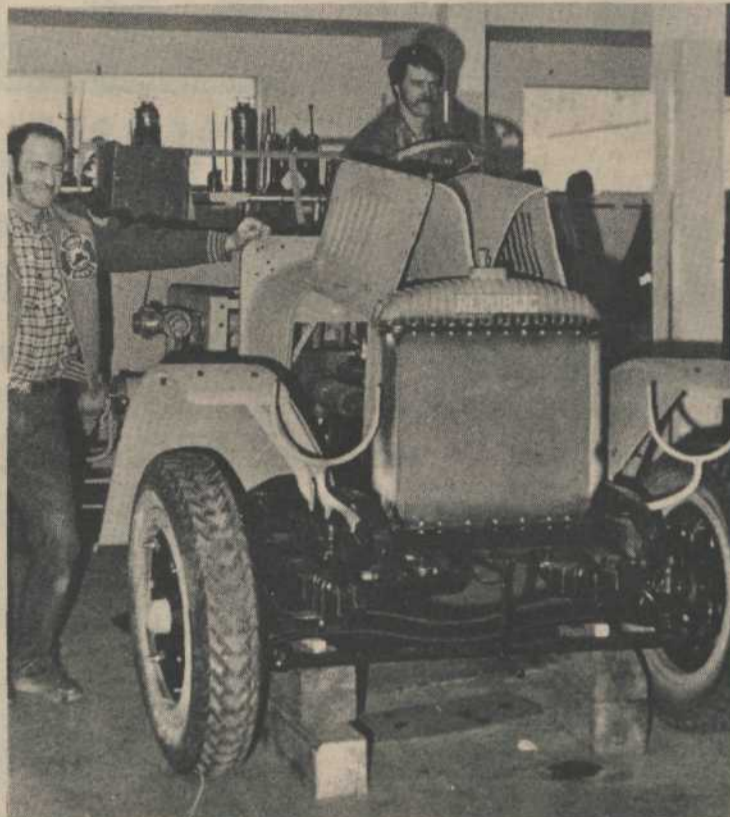
Once the refurbishing is complete the fire department plans to use the new-old machine in parades and fund-raising efforts.

The fire crews, however, have hit something of a dead end coming into the stretch. They have no information or pictures to tell them how the working originals looked.

"We've searched all over the place for a picture or someone who can tell us what they used to look like," says Leighton, "but we haven't managed to come up with anything. Everything's to the point where we're ready to put the whole thing back together, but there are all sorts of question marks. For instance, there are brackets on the sides and we don't know what's supposed to hang on them."

### NEED INFORMATION

The firemen have tried several avenues in order to find out what their finished product should look like. In addition to constant flipping through magazines dealing with such things, they've got the



Tom Hamer (at the wheel) and Hal Leighton with the apple of the fire department's eye.

Motor Vehicle Branch trying to trace the truck's original owner. Leighton says that if there are any Driftwood readers who might have pictures they could borrow or information they could make use

of, the volunteer group would like to hear from them.

"Part of the problem," says Leighton, "is that this particular vintage was manufactured and used primarily in the east. There

weren't any out west, and I guess that's why we're having so much trouble tracking down information on them."

Still, hope never wanes. The firefighting crews spend a good deal of their spare time rooting around in pawn shops and antique stores in hopes of finding one more gem to add to their pet project. They've already turned up a variety of old helmets, including several made completely of leather, a uniform and cap with the traditional gold braid, and a number of smaller pieces of paraphernalia. Several old-fashioned fire extinguishers, including one made of copper, have been donated by Mouat's.

### TRIPS YIELD BOUNTY

"Every time the guys go away on holidays or any kind of trip they look for stuff too," says Leighton. "They've brought some great stuff back from trips."

Still, the search for information to confirm those final touches continues. The crews have already purchased the fire-engine-red paint, at \$80 a gallon, which will give the old crank-starter machine its bright new look. And it's been decided that the ancient wheels, still bearing the original Firestone tires, will be painted silver, gold and red. What to do with those brackets, though, remains a mystery.

If there's anyone who knows what a completely refurbished 1924 Republic fire engine should look like, they can contact the fire department at 537-2531, or they can write to Box 628, Ganges, B.C.

## Building down more on Salt Spring than other islands

Building activity was down more on Salt Spring Island last year than any of the other Gulf Islands. According to figures released by the Capital Regional District, building permits issued on Salt Spring Island in 1978 numbered 67; down from 94 the previous year.

On Pender Island, permits were down from 44 in 1977 to 40 last year; Galiano, 23 to 20; Mayne 34 to 33; and Saturna, five to three.

Although the number of permits issued dropped on all the Gulf Islands, the value of new building rose by over \$1 million from \$7,997,351 in 1977 to \$9,138,927 last year.

Figures for January of this year, however, show a marked increase in building on Salt Spring. Ten permits were issued during the month, compared to four in January, 1978. On Pender, one permit this year, two in 1978; Galiano, none this year, two last; Mayne, none this year, four last; and Saturna, one this year and none last.

Permit values were, for Salt Spring, \$342,283; Pender, \$50,145; and Saturna, \$41,725.

Figures for February show an increase over last year of six permits on the Gulf Islands.

On Salt Spring, three permits were issued last month, with a value of \$51,682; on Pender, four permits, \$235,533; Galiano, four for \$204,936; Mayne, two for

\$44,641; Saturna, two for \$27,590; and Piers Island, one permit with a value of \$31,700.

In February of last year, two permits went to Salt Spring, six to Pender and two to Mayne. No permits were issued on Galiano and Saturna.

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# More Food for Thought

## World-wide industry makes its own standards

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

What is advertising: the billion-dollar mainstay of newspapers, radio, TV and magazines, all the media on which we rely for news of what's happening "out there".

What is it? My oldest dictionary says: "to notify publicly": a more recent one, "to propagandize for the sale of goods or services," and the latest, "to make known by public notice; proclaim the qualities of, as by publication or broadcasting, generally in order to sell. (2) Obsolete: to notify or warn". "Advertising: the act or practice of attracting public notice so as to create interest or induce purchase."

The old dictionary is in a *Pears' Cyclopaedia*, whose General Information carries five inches on advertising, one-fifth being a "plug" for the proprietors:

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The U.K. taxed advertisements. "In the 1850's the tax was 1s6d and Mr. Gladstone's budget of 1853 proposed its reduction to 6d. (A resolution for abolition having been defeated.) However, in committee, an amendment was carried that the figure 0 be substituted for the figure 6. This was passed by nine votes and the tax became inoperative."

One wonders who held directorships in advertising companies or newspapers of the day!

### OWN STANDARDS

So now we have a world-wide industry which makes its own standards. Ethics seem sparse, as

in the advertising and sale of cigarettes to third world countries. Health warnings are not included if not called for by the importing country. Drugs which are banned in one country are exported to another, with no cautionary message. Can we claim, as some do for Nestles, Bristole-Myers, General Foods and Gulf & Western, that they are all honourable men? That the results of their efforts may be "unfortunate" but not their fault?

It's not the fault of the cigarette advertiser that lung cancer kills. Of course not. We have the choice. It's up to us whether we treat our lives, and others', lightly by smoking. Yet a local cleric is fond of saying, "Who hasn't seen a bath doesn't want a bath." When billions of dollars are spent extolling the virtues of bathing, the sale of baths must increase. What if bathing is found to be injurious to health? (All small boy readers of this column may now form a fan club!) People will continue to buy baths while advertisers tell them baths are good: square baths are better: sunken baths are best: if you live in the banana belt, outdoor baths are the ultimate status symbol!

### THE LEAST EFFECTIVE

Marketplace is an interesting and generally worthwhile information program. On Sunday they gave the results of an extensive test carried out on plumbing cleansers. The one most advertised is, in fact, the least effective, according to their research. The best is not yet available here.

I remember their washing machine statistics which came up with the startling result that the "lonely repair man" is in fact the busiest of all!

So what can we do to restore sanity to the market place? We can complain about poor products, not only to the store, but also to the makers. We can read consumer reports. We can read labels and find out what they mean - where they come from. We can save money by buying "no name" products which are not advertised. They aren't available on the islands yet, so we must ask for them until we get them.

Remember that boycotts work. Remember that one letter to an MLA or MP represents 200 votes statistically, and that we are only as powerless as we allow ourselves to be. We, the consumers, have the last word: the trouble is we don't bother to say it!

### COMING EVENTS

There are several opportunities for learning and contributing coming up. Events sponsored by the World Development Education Committee and Project North, both interchurch

organizations concerned with justice and fair dealings at home and abroad.

Wednesday, March 14, 7.30pm: David Crossfield, District Agriculturalist, will talk about growing things on Salt Spring Island, United Church Hall. Gail Secor, organizer.

Monday, March 19, 5.30pm: Justice Today for our children tomorrow. Potluck supper, United Church Hall, "small planet"

recipes please. Discussion following.

Wednesday, March 21, 7.30pm: Our Daily Bread, who controls what we eat? What choice do we have? Slide show, "Who pays, who profits?" Resource people: local retailers have all been invited to share their expertise with us.

Come and find out all you've ever wanted to know about marketing and food prices. Anglican Parish Hall. Mary Williamson, organizer.

Recommended reading: *Profit Hungry, The food industry in Canada* by John W. Warnock, a university professor who became an orchardist in Naramata, B.C.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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# Homesickness isn't a problem for Rotary exchange student

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

Susan Roseby faces the prospect this month of spending her eighteenth birthday half a world away from her own family, and it doesn't appear to bother her in the least. But then, it seems there's not much that would upset the ebullient student who in January was transplanted from her home

the lifestyle of her Canadian counterparts. Although she has completed her high school education in her home country, she will attend grade 11 and 12 classes in various subjects during her 12-month stay here.

The education system in Canada, she has found, is "totally different" to what she was used to at home. Susan has found that in

house families took me on a couple of trips, and I did more travelling with my school classes or friends."

Richard admits to having been "a little homesick" after leaving Salt Spring, but now considers Australia his second home. He's laying plans already to return some day.

Susan, however, hasn't had to grapple with the problem of homesickness.

"I've had to live away from my family before," she says, "so it hasn't been too difficult being so far away from them this time."

### NO REGRETS

Susan, too, will live with a number of families during her year-long stint here.

"We feel that the exchange students should have an opportunity to get to know how other people live," says Baltzer who heads the local Rotary Club's exchange program. "This gives them a chance to experience all sorts of lifestyles."

Susan says she has no regrets about ending up on Salt Spring for a year.

"I'm really glad I was accepted here," she says with a big smile. "I like smaller areas, and the people here are so friendly."



Susan Roseby and Richard Cobanli

near Brisbane, Australia, to the wilds of Salt Spring Island.

Susan is one of hundreds of students who, during the past few years, have benefited from an exchange program sponsored by Rotary International. She got word last fall that she had been accepted for the exchange by the Salt Spring Club and, she says, she has no regrets about winding up in such a small centre.

"Canada was my first choice, and I was lucky enough to get it," she says. "But I didn't know where in Canada I was going to end up. It all depends on which club accepts you."

In December Susan got word that she was going to spend a year on Salt Spring. By January 14 she had arrived at Victoria International Airport, where local Rotarian Charles Baltzer picked her up and brought her back to the island.

### NO SLEEP

"The trip to Canada was unbelievable," Susan recalls. "There were somewhere between 150 and 200 exchange students, all on the same flight, who were coming to Canada and America. We went 48 hours without any sleep at all."

The arrival in Victoria left Susan with the shivers.

"It's impossible to comprehend when you're in Australia what winter here is like," she says. "The first thing I did was go out and buy some warm winter clothes."

Susan has settled quickly into

some subject areas Canada is far ahead of what she learned in Australia, while in others it lags quite considerably.

One thing that has helped Susan settle into life on Salt Spring quickly is the fact that she met a local student before she ever left Australia.

Richard Cobanli, who returned recently from the Queensland area in Australia, was there under precisely the same program. When he found that an Australian was coming to Salt Spring he placed a long distance call.

### LONG DISTANCE

"It was terrible," says Susan with a smile. "We were 600 miles apart and we stayed on the phone for half an hour."

Richard, who had arrived in Australia February 2, 1978, flew home a mere week before Susan arrived. During his stay in Australia he lived with five families and managed to meet a wide variety of residents by working on the sugar cane farms that surrounded the small town of 600 residents.

"When I wasn't in school I spent most of my time working on the farms and getting to know the people," Richard says. "My

## Hit and run driver fined \$50 in provincial court

Ivar Reinhold of Ganges has been fined \$50 in provincial court after pleading guilty to a charge of hit and run.

Reinhold told Judge D.K. McAdam that he hadn't seen the damage his vehicle did to a parked Volvo station wagon when he backed his car into the other vehicle at the K & R parking lot February 17.

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## Fernwood School features

While the 'flu was on half the class was away, but now that it is over we are all back in class again.

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In inter-island soccer the Cosmos were playing against the Hornets and the Cosmos won the game. In the first half the Cosmos scored two goals. Brad Davies scored one goal, then Mikel Kruger scored another goal. The Hornets were playing very well, but they never scored one goal.

### Robbie Shepherd, Grade Four

At school in the spring it is very windy. We go out at lunch and fly a kite. The kite goes higher and higher. At the end of lunch you take it down.

### Mikel Kruger, Grade Four

About one week ago, we in the Fernwood School wrote a series of tests based on student progress in the areas of math and English. These tests were given from grades four through seven, and they were called the Canadian Tests of Basic Skills.

There were eight sections involved in the testing. They included reading, grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, map reading, math computation and problem solving. It took approximately four days to complete the whole paper.

My personal opinion of the tests was that they were quite a chore to do, but it felt good once they were finished.

### Monik Nordine, Grade Seven

Spring is coming! The days have been sunny and the tulips and crocuses are coming up.

### Melissa Farrell, Grade Five

(The tree swallows were overheard on March 10, at St. Mary Lake, another nice sign of spring. T.W.)

Two more people have been added to the times-tables sheet races. They are Michael Brown and Robert Calkins.

### Todd Tamboline, Grade Four

We have P.E. every Tuesday and Thursday. We have a very powerful basketball team. We need to practice our passing. We went on a field trip to the museum a week ago on Wednesday. We looked at the Gold Rush in the museum, and panned for gold.

### Brad Davies, Grade Four

(Brad didn't mention that the ferry was so late that the charter bus had left when we arrived at Swartz Bay. A shaky start to the trip, which involved some lightning rearrangements of our travel plans! T.W.)

The house games are fun. This year there are some new games like floor hockey. Most of the games are somewhat like basketball.

### Erin Fewings, Grade Four

### HOUSE NEWS

Salt Spring Mustangs won the basketball league with 118 points. Overall standings for the year are Stallions 209, Mustangs 204, Colts 203, Broncos 198. Floor hockey started on March 5. There will be an indoor track meet on Friday, March 23. The grade sevens left for their ski trip to Silver Star on March 13.

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### Nuclear power plant at Crofton?

## B. C. Energy Coalition calls for investigation of alternatives

BY SCOTT LAWRENCE

On Saturday, March 3, I attended the Vancouver Island Energy Coalition conference in Errington, a small community a few miles out of Parksville.

Through a series of informational updates ranging over the Cheekye-Dunsmuir transmission line, the Uranium Mining Commission, nuclear power plants, and Hydro's herbicide program, the bizarre and frightening prospect of our future in Hydro's provincial energy grid unfolded.

Begin with the source, Site C in Peace River country, where plans are afoot to construct yet another dam, this one to flood approximately 12,000 acres of land, half of this agricultural (12% of the very best in the province), displace over 65 homes and farms and destroy trapping and hunting area important to both natives and non-natives in the region. This dam, by the way, is far advanced in planning despite the fact that neither the Revelstoke or Site One Peace dams have gone fully operational. Combined, these dams will provide B.C. with an oversupply of electrical energy for three to 10 years.

#### TO THE U.S.

Last year, Hydro managed to export \$77 million worth of power to the U.S. despite the fact that its mandate permits exports only for emergency. Now we are expected to assume more debt to develop a system to supply the needs of our neighbour to the south. It is to feed this Peace River power to Vancouver Island that Hydro is proceeding with its \$400 million transmission line (construction only) from Cheekye across the straight via Nelson and Texada (since the Lasqueti people made it clear they would not tolerate the line) to Dunsmuir and ultimately on to Duncan.

This transmission line, already under construction and reportedly violating Hydro's own environmental guidelines, particularly at

stream crossings, further raises the spectre of increased environmental poisoning through widespread herbicidal plant control programs. It is interesting to note that while Hydro claims it will use manual, mechanical means of maintenance "wherever possible", the Soviet Union has recently set standards which prohibit workers from working in the vicinity of even a 400 Kv line for more than three minutes at a time. The main herbicide in Hydro's arsenal is the controversial 2,4-D whose cousin 2,4,5-T has so thankfully been suspended following discovery of its decisive link in spontaneous human abortions.

#### INFORM LATER

The plot begins to thicken when we reach Dunsmuir on Vancouver Island. There, Hydro seems to be following its decade old policy of act first, inform later. Residents are highly suspicious of a 40-acre clearing (down to subsoil) surrounded by 13-foot link and barb fence (and a permit for the clearing of 40 more.)

They are concerned that more than just a substation is planned and that they may be witnessing the early stages in construction of either a coal or nuclear-fired power plant. As it happens, Dunsmuir was one of nine sites chosen as possible location for a nuclear plant on Vancouver Island in a document called *V.I. Thermal Generating Plant Site Selection Inventory*. Though Dunsmuir was apparently rejected in favour of the three finalists, Port MacNeil, False Head and Crofton, (yes that's right, the number one contender, our neighbour Crofton), the concerned residents are still suspicious and mystified.

Now, this whole history of the nuclear plant debate in B.C. has a somewhat shady background, beginning back in 1971 when, three months after W.A.C. Bennett categorically denied there would be a nuclear plant on Vancouver Island, there was Gordon Shrum announcing yes, there would be a

plant at Port Renfrew. Though the nuclear debate has, until recently, been kept to the background in this province Hydro has nevertheless been working on its own unaccountable plans with a nuclear planning group.

#### FIRST PLANT IN 1991?

Conjecture has it that this group has selected Crofton as its first nuclear site. The *Vancouver Island Regional Power Supply Report*, released in the fall of last year gives October, 1991 as the opening date for our first nuke, to be followed by a second in 1994. As there is an eight year lead time from the commissioning to the operation of such a plant (as laid down by AECL) it will be the next legislature which determines our future path.

Crofton is assumed the most likely site of the three because of its proximity to both industrial and population bases on southern Vancouver Island. So, the upshot of this whole scenario is that we will be the honoured recipients of a potentially hazardous, certainly dangerous, economically suspicious and ecologically deplorable nuclear plant. The foreboding and omnipresent background to all this is the increasing evidence of the dangers of low-level ionizing radiation which is concomitant to each and every phase of the nuclear cycle from exploration to waste disposal, a danger not only to ourselves but to untold generations.

It is suspected that the ultimate purpose of the 500 Kv transmission line is to transmit nuclear generated power from Vancouver Island to the mainland and even on to the Pacific North-Western states which do not want any more nuclear energy yet need continuing supplies of power to fuel the nuclear arms industry prominent in the area.

#### MORATORIUM

In response to this scenario, the Energy Coalition is calling for a moratorium on construction of the 500 Kv line. People must communicate their concern to their government representatives and put the onus of proving the safety and necessity of these systems firmly on those who wish to force them down our throats without any consultation.

Meanwhile, the B. C. Energy Coalition advocates investigation of credible alternatives to present Hydro proposals including such proposals as presented by MLA Skelly to the Legislature. His private member's bill M201, the *Vancouver Island Energy Authority Act* would create a separate authority to assess demand, develop resources, and pursue research and development all on a regional basis in a format directly accessible to public input.

The authority would assume jurisdiction over the assets and obligations of Hydro on Vancouver Island and pave the way for an alternate-energy experiment in place of the highly centralized and destructive policies that have thus far been determined for us.

For more information on these and related issues, write to the BC Energy Coalition Clearing House, 2882 W. 8th Ave., Vancouver.

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