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Space requirements will overlap, reduce area

Size projection for 'ultimate centre'

Cutting the ribbon



Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving and Mrs. Florence Jones.

Official opening Monday

'Splendid achievement' says Bell-Irving of Greenwoods

"Open the door, please!" said Mrs. Florence Jones and Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving formally opened the door at Greenwoods, the Gulf Islands facility for intermediate and personal care.

Mrs. Jones is the centre's senior citizen. It was she who presented the distinguished visitor with a pair of scissors to perform the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Mrs. Jones explained that yesterday she had an idea of what she was going to say.

"But now I don't!"

And she went on to prove that she did.

Years ago she was on the staff of a residential school for native children, recalled the nonagenarian. There was a door from the school which was usually kept closed.

One day, said the speaker, there were three or four small children sitting by the door. They had only recently learned to speak English.

INTO PRACTICE

On that occasion, she remembered, they put their new knowledge into practice.

They asked everyone who came past, "Open the door, please!"

Finally, someone did just that. And the children were all able to go out and play.

"That," concluded Mrs. Jones, "is our subject today."

She turned to the lieutenant-governor and proffered the ornamental scissors.

"Open the door, please," she begged.

The lieutenant-governor played along with her theme.

He cut the ribbon, insisting that Mrs. Jones be part of the ceremony. Ribbon cut, he turned to the gathering of residents.

"Come in and play," he invited them.

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Brief's aim to outline total possible content

How can a proposal for a community-recreation centre be getting out of hand when there isn't even one in hand at the moment?

That question was asked this week by Salt Spring Community Society chairman Reid Collins with regard to a story in last week's *Driftwood* regarding the proposal to build a community-recreation centre at Ganges.

Schedule will not change

Schedule change on the Fulford-Swartz Bay ferry will not go into effect June 4 as advertised last week.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation announced Friday that the interim schedule will remain in effect until further notice. The *Pender Queen* and *Salt Spring Queen* will operate 15 sailings daily in each direction. There is one extra sailing on Fridays.

A spokesman for the corporation said that problems were encountered during trials with the *Powell River Queen*. Those problems are delaying the return of the *Bowen Queen* to the Fulford run.

The story was written following a meeting of the Recreation Commission, at which commission member Dr. Hugh Borsman said the project was "getting out of hand", and referred to a brief on the subject which gave a size projection of 55,000 sq. ft.

Collins said the brief, entitled *Proposed Building Brief*, was not a building proposal but a compilation of all the requests by island organizations for space in a centre.

"It is the beginning point for solid community participation," he said.

"It is stressed in the brief," he continued, "that the 55,000 sq. ft. mentioned is for the 'ultimate centre and it is not envisaged that the total project be built as one'."

Collins is also chairman of the Community Building Committee, some of whose members prepared the brief. Its membership includes representatives of the Recreation Commission, the Community Society and the Community Arts Council. Also represented is the original ad hoc committee that began by investigating obtaining a grant through the Travel Industry Development Subsidiary Agreement, a

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Contractor is given five days

Contractor for Fernwood School, Burack Construction Ltd., is to be served five days' notice to recommence work on the school.

District secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck told the board of trustees last week that "very little" had been done in the past month. He said the architect had agreed that the notice should be given.

If the contractor doesn't make a move toward completing the final work on the new building with the five-day period, the school district will take over the project. Peck told the board that the district still owes the contractor money and that the cost of the district completing the job would be subtracted from that sum.

Meanwhile, the secretary-treasurer recommended that up to \$2,000 be spent on an epoxy sealer for the gym floor. The sealer would be applied before the vinyl finish because there is some question as to whether or not the moisture content is too high.

Report in error

An error appeared in a report last week of the public hearing at Saturna enquiring into the Steeves application for a marina at Boot Cove.

C.D. Heath was reported as offering opposition to the proposal.

Mr. Heath states that he was not opposed to the proposal and, in addition, he was not present at the hearing.

The reference was in error and *Driftwood* apologizes to Mr. Heath for any embarrassment it may have caused him.

Sea Capers all set for big weekend at Ganges

It's Sea Capers on Saturday: and Sunday.

For the second year in a row Salt Spring Island is playing host to bath tub races and setting up a series of marine events. On Friday evening the flavour of the weekend will be set by the dance in the school. On Saturday the float-past will open the day's program at 11 am, and it goes on from there.

There will be something of everything: boats, sports, skydivers, eats, beer garden and entertainment.

On Saturday evening Valdy will entertain in Centennial Park and a dance will be staged in the school. Sunday will bring pancake

breakfast, sabots and ball games with everything closing up early in the afternoon with the award of prizes.

Two changes have been made in the program. There will be a fly-past by the armed forces at 2 pm on Saturday and the skydiving event will be moved to 1 pm on Sunday. There will also be provision for the welfare of the public, reports Bob McWhirter. First aid crew, under the direction of Bill Simpkins, will be on duty at the park.

Sky divers will make two descents each and six people will take part. It is a weekend for islanders and visitors alike.

Details of the program are to be found on Pages Eight and Nine.

Reporter was Yesterday's Child

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Museum piece opened by islanders

When *Driftwood* sent an elderly reporter to observe the new exhibit in Victoria, *Yesterday's Child*, the reporter discovered that he was, in fact, yesterday's child.

The exhibit has been prepared and set up in token of the Year of the Child. Emphasis is on young people's clothes and recreation in past years.

While visitors hooted with laughter at the styles of yesteryear, the reporter was lost in puzzlement because that was what he remembered.

There were toys, clothing styles, buggies and books.

School report form was included and a gold star marked the skills of yesterday's bright boy.

Descendants of the first settlers on Salt Spring Island were invited to formally open the showing. At 10 am on Saturday the Akerman family attended at the museum to take part.

Cutting the ribbon were Lynda and Michael Allard, of Victoria. Their parents, Max and Roberta Allard, were present as well as grandparents, Bob and Molly

Akerman.

The two youngsters were chosen to open the showing because they have a family history in British Columbia which connects back to the first settlers on Salt Spring Island.

Michael Gyves, who came to Salt Spring Island in the 1860's, was a forebear of the two children as also was Joseph Akerman, who came to the island in mid-century.

The exhibit will continue for the rest of the year.

Community centre

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federally-funded program aimed, in part, at lengthening the tourist season.

In the introduction to the brief, it is pointed out that its primary aim is to outline the total possible content of a community centre.

"...it is assumed that this would be carried out in a number of separate phases over a period of years with changes made to the basic plan as the situation warrants.

"The community centre is envisaged as a combination of four major components: a community-recreation centre (as indicated in the Master Plan for recreation); the extended need for additional recreation facility, i.e. swimming pool, curling rink, etc.; the need for an art-orientated centre to use the artistic talents of the islands, as a possible teaching facility; and the needs of a new facility for the ... Community Society.

"It is felt that among these four components there are common areas, which could result in mutual sharing of space, thus reducing the overall space required."

Reid Collins observed that the total projected area of 55,000 sq. ft. could be reduced considerably by sharing of space.

WILL OVERLAP

The brief points out that many of the various organizations' space requirements will overlap, thus reducing the total area.

"It is suggested that approximately 20,000 sq. ft. be deducted for duplication of use, thus the area of the facility, including swimming pool and curling rink, would be approximately 35,000 sq. ft..."

The brief concludes by saying that it gives basic information as to areas the proposed centre would occupy.

"It is suggested that a more detailed analysis of the functions of the centre be now undertaken to arrive at a schematic design of the centre. This will enable the Recreation Commission to further their effort for land acquisition and financing."

Collins took issue over two stories concerning the centre that have appeared in recent weeks. He recalled a statement made by a member of the Recreation Commission, that "the only people who can initiate it" (a centre) were members of the commission. That statement, felt Collins, "ignored the fact that it was initiated long ago by people in the community".

ACT TOGETHER

"It is, however, the misinformation of last week's article which should be corrected in readers' minds," he continued, "so that as a community we can act together to build a community activity centre."

He also challenged the statement that there is not much overlap between a recreation centre and a community centre.

"To have a recreation centre a long way from a community centre doesn't make sense," he asserted. "Who uses the recreation centre anyway?"

"The advantages of having the two close together may be exemplified by the person who, Friday evening, drops a child at the swimming pool, takes a class in pottery in a studio, plays a game of squash, takes the child to a production of *Summer Madness* and then goes home, having walked less than 200 yards between activities instead of driving the many miles required by the present state of Salt Spring's planning."

Colin Mouat is elected Lions District Governor

A Salt Spring Island man has been elected Lions Club District Governor in the Vancouver Island and Olympic Peninsula area. Colin Mouat was named to the position at the annual Multiple District Lions Clubs Convention in Penticton recently. The district includes B.C., Washington and Idaho.

Mouat is a native Salt Spring Islander and was a founding member of the island's Lions Club in 1959. In 1977-78 he was elected Zone Chairman for the five Gulf Islands clubs and three clubs on Vancouver Island.

During the past year Mouat has visited 49 out of the 55 Lions Clubs on the Olympic Peninsula and Vancouver Island, looking for areas where new clubs might be needed. He has been able to form three new clubs.

His business career has included management at Mouat's Trading Company and Salt Spring Lands and he has been active in the hospital board, school board, Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Legion.

The Salt Spring Island Lions Club has had many years of service with support for the Pioneer Village, Greenwoods and numerous youth activities including soccer, baseball, school band, scholarships and exchange trips to Quebec, Australia and Japan.

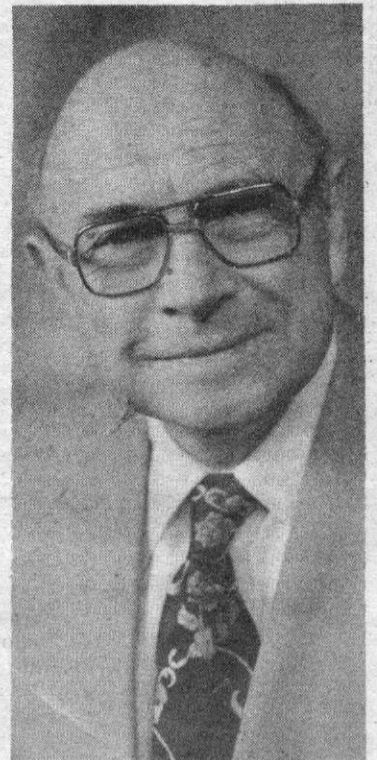


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COLIN MOUAT

Although the local club is not the largest club in British Columbia, Mouat is the second club member to obtain the District Governor position. The late Tom Portlock held it in 1972-73.

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In the Gulf Islands Employment program sees almost 60 jobs created

The provincial Youth Employment Program created almost 60 summer jobs in the Gulf Islands this year, a spokesman for the Ministry of Labour said last week.

Co-ordinator of the program in this area, Marion Buller, said this year's response was "super".

She said there were 36 jobs created in the farm program, up from 23 last year; and 20 in the business program, up from 10 in 1978.

She also reported that at least 50% of this year's employers were

not involved in the program before. In addition to the 60 positions in farm and business, Buller said there were another 10 or 12 jobs with non-profit groups.

Positions in the islands included general farm and construction labour, electrician's assistants, deckhands, resort work, day care and mechanic's helper.

The Ministry of Labour provides a certain amount of the employees' wages in the Youth Employment Program. The program terminates at the end of August.

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Some people are too good to live. There's Mary Williamson running around on crutches. She fell and broke her ankle. Where? She fell down the altar steps at St. George's! And that's not all. Elna Cairns was telling me of the sad tale of her friend. Went over to the neighbour's to borrow a corkscrew and tripped in the garden. She broke her leg. And before she could even open the bottle!

During the Second World War one of the worst stations for any man to be posted to was the Royal Air Force school at Credenhill. It was a disciplinarian's vice den. The staff were all closely ranked with the Almighty and there were machine gun posts all round the station to protect the administration in the event of a mutiny. It was the sort of place that could only exist in a nutty war. But it was located near Hereford. And all the troops and all the nuts called it "Herryford" because all the people who lived there pronounced it that way. It makes it difficult for an illiterate immigrant like me to recognize Herford Ave. in Ganges.

I like oiled roads. I like the pretty, black border on my pant cuffs. I like the pretty, red and black paintwork of my red car. And I like the anointing of the holes on the yellow dirt road. It's the yellow black road right now. If people like dust, the hell with oiling! If they don't like oil, roll on the dust! Me? I don't overly much care for either.

I don't listen when people talk about negotiating increases. That's a privilege I've never experienced. But I think if I were a doctor I'd be talking things over with the Meat-Cutters. They've always managed to keep their membership up in the professional brackets.

Regional director's report

Theoretical considerations overshadow practical ones

BY MIKE CLEMENT

As regional director, I would like to comment briefly on several items in last week's *Driftwood*.

First, with regard to the sewer proposal, I think the discussion which has been going on for the past three months has concentrated heavily on theoretical considerations which, although important, have over-shadowed pressing practical ones.

The harbour is polluted, and the pollution increases every day we delay in dealing with the problem.

The hospitals, extended care facility and the schools face extra expense to the public cost while this situation continues.

Dr. Kirchmeir has performed a valuable public service in ensuring that the details of the engineering proposal have been reviewed and this review has been published. However, this process has confirmed the earlier statement that locating the pipe in Trincomali Channel or elsewhere would obviously be more expensive, without compensating benefits in terms of quality. And, of course, a further costly delay would ensue.

IMPROVE TREATMENT

I believe it is good common sense, as well as sound fiscal policy, to invest public funds in improving the quality of treatment in preference to lengthening or relocating a pipe outfall.

The CRD proposal is based on this approach and, I am informed, the plant has been designed to facilitate improvement in any or all phases of treatment, even after the initial plant is operating.

As an additional safeguard, to further ensure that changing con-

ditions in the marine environment are taken into account, funds have been allocated to establish a monitoring program before, during and after construction.

The important thing then is to ensure that the treatment designed is environmentally acceptable, and this analysis is in process at the Pollution Control Branch headquarters.

MAKE VIEWS KNOWN

I suggest the time has come for islanders to make their views known by writing to the Pollution Control Branch at 1106 Cook St., Victoria.

Secondly, I would like to respond to Mr. Patrick's *Analysis of Administration on the Islands* when time permits. Suffice to say

for the moment, that those of us who were involved in preparation of the Community Plan, subdivision bylaw and the preliminaries leading to the Ganges plan, knew only too well how difficult and complicated preparing legislation can be for volunteers.

My first reaction is to say that it would be more productive to find ways of improving the existing system, than taking it up by the roots and then trying to start something new.

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They're all flying in Sunday

They're all flying in this weekend.

There will be skydivers coming in to Ganges on Sunday. And there will be skydivers dropping in at Fulford on Sunday.

And the times are all the same.

At 1 pm the parachutists will drop into Drummond Park as part of the Pacific Flying Club fly-in on Sunday.

And at 1 pm there will be a dive on to the school grounds at Ganges as part of the Sea Capers program.

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The future of ferries

There are four ferry vessels plying between Salt Spring Island and the outside world every day, all day. There are three ships sailing in and out of the Outer Islands ports with the same regularity.

Yet these services are only a small fraction of the provincial ferry operation which employs the world's greatest fleet of provincially-owned vessels covering a greater distance than any other, similar undertaking.

This vast transportation undertaking is carrying the province's residents and the province's visitors and all of their cars across the sea which divides the province into mainland and islands.

It has been charged in many quarters during the recent elections that a government-based operation is inefficient and excessively expensive. The ferry operation has undoubtedly experienced problems of administration, but it has managed to overcome so many problems, that it could not fairly be labelled inefficient.

The ferry system has operated for nearly 20 years with a minimum of replacement vessels on the minor runs. The stretching of the smaller vessels, which is a more long-drawn out project than had been expected, will probably meet the obligations of the era. The stretched ferries will be adequate to carry a volume of traffic equal to last year's. The future is still threatening a volume far beyond the capabilities of the ships available.

The problems facing the minor vessels are more familiar to islanders using the link with Vancouver Island. The Long Harbour-Tsawwassen run, which connects with the Outer Islands is no less problematic, but involves the use of the major vessels in the provincial fleet.

If, however, there were twice the number of ferry vessels for the minor runs, there would be a lack of harbour accommodation for them at Swartz Bay.

There is confusion over the ferry service. That is unquestionable. But there is no ready solution. The demand on the services is increasing beyond the capacity of the corporation to meet it.

What lies ahead?

There are only two feasible means of carrying people around the islands. There must be a bridge or a passenger ferry. If motor vehicles are to be an essential ingredient of island travel in the future, then there is no foreseeable means of transporting them by water.

Indeed, in face of the present uncertainty of fuel supplies, it would be foolhardy for the ferry corporation or any other organization to spend billions of dollars of public money on the provision of bridges for traffic that may be compelled to slow down.

Whether the possibility appeals or not: whether we might be, individually, eager to travel that way or not, the only solution appears to be a passenger ferry without motor vehicles.

To establish such a ferry would be something of a gamble on the part of any government. Perhaps it would sweeten the pill if travellers were initially to be given a choice, free transportation for a foot-passenger-only service or a premium rate for cars.

There would be the additional problems of providing full and adequate bus services at the Swartz Bay terminal and also proper parking at islands terminals.

We could visualize feeder services from Swartz Bay to one of the Outer Islands and a shuttle service thence to Tsawwassen, but there is a limit to the number of stretched ferries that will physically fit into Gulf waters.

The politically attractive and the practical are diametrically opposite when it comes to ferry services. Because we must bear in mind that the service is already supported by provincial revenues and that these cannot be increased without thought to the burden on all of British Columbia.

There are many changes or improvements that would be welcome in the islands right now. But the serious ferry transportation problems are only yet developing and the users, just as much as the operators, must be looking down the years to tomorrow's troubles.

Today's long-sighted decisions are the only foundation for the future.



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Letters to the Editor

UNNECESSARY NOISE

Sir,

A couple of months ago you carried an article which revealed that West Coast Air had applied to make Ganges a "Flag Stop". I take this to mean that if there are no passengers for any particular flight then the aircraft would proceed directly from its origin to destination, but if there were requirements at Ganges they would then land in the harbour.

I understand that this application was denied (by whom I don't know, but I rather suspect the Board of Transport). This seems like a poor ruling to me, particularly now when I note in your May 23 issue that West Coast Air are going to be increasing their calls due to the pressure of more business between Victoria and Vancouver.

We all know that these planes cannot arrive and depart from Ganges without a good deal of noise. It would seem to me that West Coast's application to make Ganges a flag stop should be hailed as an ideal opportunity to rid ourselves of a good deal of unnecessary noise, and yet allow us to take advantage of a good service when required.

Where do you stand on this, Islands Trust?

MEL SUMNER,
R.R. 2, Ganges.
May 29, 1979.

DISASTER AREAS

Sir,

Galiano is now divided into numerous disaster areas, created by a logging outfit. I suppose if you happen to dislike what you're left with, it's probably too late. No effort whatever is made to clean up. Of course, the logging is on private land, which as far as I can find out requires no clean up. Just do your own thing. About August we'll have tinder-factories distributed in suitable locations, and we're almost certain to have a fire in one of those areas. And that is

all it's going to take. There is no way our local fire department could handle this.

I think the people who have hired this outfit should worry about this. Surely they must be liable. Do they care? I'm sure the rest of us do. Another little side story to prove how considerate he is. This happened a little closer to home, my home, that is. The lot next door is to be built on soon, and the owner wanted four or five trees cut down and removed.

So, what better time to start this operation than 5 am Sunday. FIVE AM SUNDAY MORNING!

The logs were yarded out less than 40 feet from my house, and 30 feet from my neighbour's house. It sounded like they were coming through the kitchen. The noise was so deafening, well there is no way I could do justice in describing it. The road in there is only 150 yards and not too much to worry about. Our Highways Department (I guess) will just have to dig new drainage ditches, top and bottom, plus grading.

EARL YOUNG,
Galiano Island,
May 24, 1979.

LET'S SUPPORT IT

Sir,

There are rumours around the island these days that Island Cinema is in danger of closing

down, due to lack of patronage. Island Cinema is more than just a business, it is one thing that every person on this island can enjoy. We must not take it for granted, and expect it to still be there in the fall and winter when we desperately need it.

The movies being shown are the best to be had, so let's all support it through the summer. Take a house guest to the movies.

VIVIAN SCHEFF
Ganges,
June, 1979

WE HAVEN'T WOKEN UP

Sir,

For the record, I would like it noted that, as one resident of S.S.I. I am under all circumstances strongly opposed to any sewage disposal into the waters surrounding our islands. We eat the fish from those waters and our children play in those waters and it's unthinkable to use them as a dump for our sewers. All manner of things get thrown down the toilet and some things highly toxic.

In London, England, a few blocks from where I grew up, a sewage treatment plant had its facility. There were filter beds and storage tanks for the liquids and treatment plant and drainage beds for solids. The product was 1,000 gallons of liquid fertilizer and tons of solid fertilizer all sold cheaply to farmers, all completely safe for human handling.

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Church Services

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1979

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
St. Georges, Ganges	Mattins	Mon.-Fri.	7.15 am

ROMAN CATHOLIC			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9.00 am
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	11.15 am

UNITED			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Sunday School during church for ages 3-10		
537-5812/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	7.30 pm

MAYNE ISLAND			
St. Mary Magdalene	Sundays	Rev. John Dyer	11.30 am
Community Church		Pastor J. Rodine	539-5710

GALIANO ISLAND			
St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am

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More letters to the editor

(From Page Four)

Human excrement may be one of the most abundant resources we have and in this age of industrial pollution on a grand scale to dump it all in the ocean is, in my opinion, a further neglect of our responsibility to look after our environment.

Properly treated, this resource can produce a good supply of methane gas which can light your house, cook your dinner and power your car, and the sludge waste that's left over won't burn a hole through to China but is one of the richest fertilizers we can find.

We don't really have an energy crisis, we are just getting low on oil and haven't woken up to the alternatives yet. So lets get off our "buns", use our "loaves" and put our "s..." to work for us.

LANCE BANNER,
Box 1117,
Ganges.
June 1, 1979.

UNATTAINABLE PROPORTIONS

I feel this letter may clarify what has come to be a project of unattainable proportions. I agree with Dr. Borsman, there is no way the island can support such an ambitious plan. But the problem arose initially in the approach to the requirements of the various groups.

As president of the Painters' Guild, I sent a reply to a letter requesting the needs of the painters. The Weavers' Guild and Potters also complied. Of course there was duplication, or in this case triplication, of the amount of space needed. One single letter sent to the Community Arts Council would have been in order, as the C.A.C., being the representative of the three guilds, could have consolidated all the information and furnished a plan much more realistic and pertinent to a small community.

We are aware of our responsibility to maintain the ongoing cost of

a building, but one on the scale of the proportions published in the paper would be totally impossible.

The Arts Council looks forward to the day when we can realize a centre that will accommodate cultural activities and will earnestly participate in its inception. In the meantime the Arts Council members have committed themselves to refurbishing Mahon Hall. It may not be the greatest but it is there, to be used by those who need it, and it is something we can afford.

KATE SCHLEGL,
R.R.1, Ganges,
June 1, 1979

THROW AWAY THE SOUR GRAPES

Sir,

Prior to the last election, although no longer editor, Frank Richards was actively campaigning for Mr. Trudeau and the Liberal party. His efforts were apparently not too successful. Mr. Anderson, a seemingly decent, intelligent man had two strikes on him because he was running for Mr. Trudeau and struck out when he published an ad extolling his leader. Incidentally, his views did not get much consideration when he was in government.

Now, after the election Frank is already campaigning for the next, flogging the Joe Who bit. Mr. Trudeau adopted this as his main theme instead of facing up to the real issues and it backfired on him. Mr. Clark may bomb as a leader but the people have spoken by electing him so why not give him a chance instead of trying to pull him down even before he takes office. Anyway, Mr. Trudeau will be waiting in the wings ready to take over again, in which case our country will be headed once more down the road to what-communism? a republic? at least to one man rule whose objectives may not coincide with those of the majority and more misspent billions to

enforce bilingualism, more waste, extravagance, bureaucracy.

Further along in the paper, Mr. Richards, attempting to analyze the results of the election, is quite contemptuous of the poor voters who failed to elect his hero. He poses all the wrong reasons for the loss—French Pierre, private life, hate literature, etc. It is doubtful if any of these affected the result to any extent. The real reason was dissatisfaction with the way we were going. Mr. Richards predicts a Conservative cabinet will "fall apart in strife and dispute". How many able men have been in Mr. Trudeau's cabinet only to be dropped out or to opt out like Mr. Richardson. How many of Mr. Trudeau's first cabinet remained, a half dozen? How many cabinet ministers were defeated in this election, a dozen?

This writer is no dyed in the wool Conservative, having voted for each of the three major parties at one time or another, depending on the issues and the candidates. No doubt there will be grounds for criticism of the new government in the future as there usually is for any party rule; let us wait until then. Even P.E.T. had enough grace to say he had "no regrets, no remorse" although it was not reported that he congratulated the winner.

Throw away the sour grapes Frank and give the guy a chance. We just might get good government.

T.J.BUTT,
Fulford Harbour.
June 2, 1979.

GANGES OUTFALL UNDESIRABLE

Sir,

May I warmly commend Dr. Kirchmeir for keeping the issue of the proposed sewer outfall in the public eye, in the face of resolute stone-walling by the regional engineers.

While I do not agree with many of the esoteric arguments on either side, nor indeed do I pretend to understand some of the gobbledygook garbage that is the mandatory language of the professional environmentalist, it would seem that the following facts are more or less self-evident (according to your

I've had better luck aiming a gun while being afflicted with buck fever.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation is certainly having its share of problems these days.

Last week came the announcement that the *Queen of the Islands* would be put on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route on June 4. Her extra speed, the corporation said, would permit two extra runs per day.

On Friday, however, *Driftwood* was told that the schedule will not change and that the interim schedule will remain in effect until further notice.

Why is the ferry corporation having such difficulties?

There may be a clue in the advertisement run last week to announce the schedule change.

Following the list of sailings from Fulford and Swartz Bay, there were a few lines to explain the meaning of the asterisk which was next to two of the departure times.

"*Fridays year-round and Sundays (June 24-September 3) except on holiday Monday weekends, when on Sunday preceding, the Saturday schedule will be in effect. The late sailing will occur on Monday, July 2, August 6 and September 3."

If you manage to get through that first sentence with some idea of what it means, you're faced with another puzzle: what is the Saturday schedule?

No wonder they've got problems!

depth of vision).

1. The Ganges Harbour is an undesirable place for a sewer outfall. Not even the engineers deny this.

2. There are two possible alternatives: Sansum Narrows, or the Trincomali Channel, either of which are unquestionably more desirable but would be more expensive.

Therefore, the really germane question is one of cost versus benefit.

Mr. Howard, the chief engineer, writing in last week's *Driftwood*, ends his article with the rather myopic statement that this would be additional expenditure "for which there is no appreciable gain".

I would suggest that there would be an appreciable gain now, and a much larger gain in the future.

At last, he has come out with tentative figures for this extra cost: half a million for Sansum Narrows, and one million for Trincomali. May I be forgiven if I think there may be a little built-in prejudice here, but surely the people of this island should be offered their choice. Remember the old adage about people who consider price only, frequently being stuck with inferior goods.

Do we want the cheapest "adequate" system, or do we want to spend a little more now for a "deluxe" system with better, built-in safeguards.

DAVE LOTT,
Ganges.
June 4, 1979

LIBRARY RESOURCES ALREADY AVAILABLE

Sir,

I am one of many residents on North and South Pender Islands who have received a form letter from someone in the provincial government administration, Fred White, inviting us to express a desire for having a Regional Library branch established on the Pender Islands.

To me as a member and user of our local Pender Lender Library, established and carried on completely by able and active volunteers, the efforts of the Regional Library to establish itself on Salt Spring Island, and the resistance of the members and friends of the Mary Hawkins Library to those efforts, are much more than passing interest.

No doubt a Regional Library branch could have some place on an island or other community which does not already have a local library. Even where no library exists on the island, the local residents should keep in mind two considerations.

First, they already have available to them a very large library resource through the provincial Open Shelf Library. Second, the establishment of a Regional Library branch would impose an immediate tax burden for that branch in the order of \$40,000 annually.

But where a substantial library

service is already functioning actively, and at no cost to the taxpayers of the island or the province, its elimination in favour of a branch library could only result in a net loss in social benefits, community involvement, local service and economy of operation.

Like Salt Spring, I do not want, and many others on the Penders do not want, to see our own library eliminated by a take-over on the part of a remote organization.

Our reasons are several:

First, the Pender Islands' library needs are well served already by the Pender Lender Library, complemented by the very large provincial and national resources of the Open Shelf Library in Victoria available to everyone by a simple mail-order procedure.

Second, the loss of a community library of our own would remove a social interest and community involvement which, through volunteer service, for a significant part of the lives of a sizeable group of people on the Penders.

Third, many individuals' interest expressed through donations of books and money to the Pender Lender would be lost, again depersonalizing lives through government-bureau interference.

Fourth, where a service is already in existence in the community, pressure from government bureaus must be resisted wherever it tries to take over, unless there are very strong reasons for the take-over.

Fifth, simply the economics: why add an un-needed \$40,000 or so to the tax-load when the service is already here?

Finally, exception must be taken to the bias inherent in the form letter we all received. It asks only for affirmative answers to the question of receiving a Regional Library branch. In the case of the Pender Islands, the number of affirmative returns were totalled for a number substantially under 50, then used as grounds for pursuing adoption of a branch here.

No recognition was given, or sought directly, on the number who might be opposed.

RICHARD H. TALLMAN,
Port Washington, B.C.
June 4, 1979.

IN EXCESS OF TARGET

Sir,

Thank you so much for your support of the Lions Easter Seal Appeal. By the end of our fiscal year June 30 we will be in excess of our target of \$550,000.

Our continuing success in this campaign, now in its 32nd year, is due in no small part to the support of the media for which we are indeed grateful.

Please accept this certificate signed by the chairman of the board, as a token of our gratitude for helping us do what we do best...serve the handicapped children of British Columbia and the Yukon.

BARBARA E. WILLETT,
Director of Public Relations,
B.C. Lions Society for Crippled Children.
May 16, 1979.



Tony Richards

I did a little deer hunting last week, but instead of taking my gun along I used a camera. Next time, I think I'll take the gun.

I was driving down Rainbow Road with my family when we spotted three deer, a doe and two very young fawns, crossing the road near the Booth Canal Road intersection. I quickly grabbed my camera but by the time I got the strap untangled from the flash cord the deer were heading up into the logging slash on the hill.

Never having tried hunting with a camera, I decided to follow. I went up the hill a hundred yards or so and saw the deer disappear into the woods.

A few minutes later, my wife and kids joined me and we stood on a knoll for a few minutes. Then out of the brush came the two fawns. They circled the knoll we were on and then came bounding up to check us out.

Taken completely by surprise, I desperately tried to focus the camera on them. I took a couple of shots as they walked towards us and the next thing I knew they were brushing up against my legs. Seconds later they were heading off down the other side of the hill, back into the woods.

I discovered later, in the darkroom, that my attempt at wildlife photography was most unsuccessful. The pictures were so far out of focus that it was impossible to tell if the subjects were fawns or small dogs.

Bathtub Races

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SALT SPRING SEA CAPERS

Museums open at 10 o'clock

Important Officials win the day

BY SAD RICHARDS

There were many commodities lacking in Victoria last week, but predominantly they were black and white film and courtesy.

On Saturday I drove into Victoria to see the official opening of the new exhibit in the Provincial Museum, *Yesterday's Child*.

I missed it.

The first problem was film. I arrived in the city with an empty camera, convinced that I would experience no problem in finding a film quickly enough. After searching for a half-hour I began to wonder.

While I was trotting from store to store I encountered a retired newspaper publisher who suggested, at 9.50 in the morning, that I might acquire a film in the small store at

the museum.

I put it to the test.

I went to the museum, entered the door and asked whether there was, in fact, a small store.

The Important Official at the door explained that it was not yet 10 am. I thanked him and asked him again. He explained it was not 10 am, I was not allowed in the building until 10 am and would I leave.

Once again I asked whether the store would have film on its shelves.

Once again. I was told that I must leave.

CONFRONTATION

It was a confrontation. And I was confronted. Relief came from a much younger member of the

provincial museum staff. They probably did sell film, he told me quickly, although I was more likely to get what I wanted at a store two blocks away.

It was not yet 10 am and I was not allowed in the building, repeated Nemesis.

I asked one final question. Where was the new exhibit, *Yesterday's Child*? It was in the Newcombe Auditorium, I was told; access was by doors at the rear of the building and it was not yet 10 am.

I had entered in a hurry, warm from searching for film, and curious.

I left, fuming at the deliberate discourtesy of a government official whose life starts at ten

o'clock.

I found my film, loaded my camera and returned to the museum. The doors to the auditorium were all locked.

I walked into the building. It was now 10 am and I was legally allowed to enter.

ANOTHER MAN

A new and more courteous official was now in the main entrance. He apparently didn't even know what time it was.

He directed my footsteps to the auditorium through the inside corridors. Off I went, conscious that my target had been 10 am and it was now running into 10.05 or thereabouts. As I entered the foyer to the Newcombe Auditorium, I found the Important Official again.

Where was the display? I asked

him, once again.

On the second floor, he replied. I was puzzled. He had told me that it was in the auditorium. It would be there at 10.30, he replied. In the meantime, it was upstairs.

I dashed away my tears and started hurrying back the way I had come.

As I reached the second floor I met an old friend.

"You missed a good show," he told me.

I was too late.

URGE THEY POSE

In the area of the exhibit I met the Akerman family from Fulford and urged that they pose for a picture.

The flash flashed and a new Important Official appeared, flustered and more important than ever.

"YOU CAN'T USE A FLASH IN THE MUSEUM," he warned in Important Tones.

One of the museum staff came to my defence.

It's a picture for the press, he suggested.

Why hadn't he been informed? asked the Important Official. Did the staff not know that all applications for using a flash had to be submitted on the proper form and filed for the benefit of the security staff?

I shot another picture. Why had I done that? Did I not know...?

"make your complaint to the minister", I urged him and walked off.

Not even the staff can get in, some days, one of the curator's assistants told me. The security is better than 100%.

I like the museum and I sympathize with anyone who has to cater to the bug-eyed public. But if it is too much trouble to be helpful and courteous, I want no part of it.

That was my last visit to the museum. Somebody else can go next time. I'm too old to take abuse from my masters without getting heated. And I'm too old to die in a prison cell.

Renaissance Faire begins June 29

The Central Island Arts Alliance will host its fifth Annual Renaissance Faire June 29 and 30, July 1 and 2. The Faire will open Friday evening from 6 pm to 11 pm; Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 11 am to 11 pm, at the Old Fair Grounds, Headquarters Rd., Courtenay, B.C.

Advance tickets for the three and a-half day event will be \$8. Tickets at the gate will be \$3 per day.

What's happening at SALT SPRING ELEMENTARY ?

BY IAN JUKES

And another week rolls by. The big question is, where did the time all go? Fifteen more school days and the '78-'79 year will be history. It seems only yesterday (well, last month). That I graduated from high school. At this rate I'll be pensioned off in no time.

Before that time though I'm sure I can add a few gray hairs to my thatch. This time of year is particularly hectic, what with completing the year's lessons, writing reports, preparing class lists, and

planning for next year (not to mention the million and one "little" things that must be done).

STRANGERS

Add to this the fact that we have strangers in our midst (Silver Star Elementary) for the week and you find time is at a premium.

True to form, the weather has

co-operated: wash a car, plan a picnic, organize a field trip, and the clouds will gather like so many sheep. I think, though, that their students will certainly go home with a better understanding of island living.

Otherwise, now that that nefarious, chocolate milk-drinking principal and his hoard have moved up to Fernwood, the halls seem positively empty (although they're certainly not).

REORGANIZING

Teachers and students have spent the past week reorganizing the school to best utilize the space made available by the move. As a result, we've been able to expand our learning assistance area and start the move to bring the alternate class from Mahon Hall into the building. (Incidentally, look for the article about an interesting happening in the alternate class elsewhere in the paper).

As for other school happenings, all the students spent an interesting and informative hour with the Coast Guard as two members of the auxiliary explained their role, talked about water safety, and showed a remarkably realistic film about how to drown by being careless.

MAJOR EFFORTS

And finally, everything is now ready for two major school efforts planned for the next two weeks. Firstly our sports day, scheduled for Thursday, June 14, which will undoubtedly determine the house champions for this year; and secondly, the grade six Strathcona trip, scheduled for June 17, into which a lot of time and effort have been placed. More about these next week.

Hospital sends delegates to conference

Four delegates from Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital attended the 1979 conference of the B.C. Health Association in Vancouver, May 30 to June 1.

J.W. Edwards, Mrs. J.L. Campbell, Mrs. I. Goodman and M. Pinteau, administrator, were selected by the Board of Trustees to represent the hospital at this year's annual meeting of the provincial association.

Over 700 health care trustees, administrators, nurses, medical staff, and auxiliary members attended the conference. The program included workshops, panel discussions, displays and an address by the provincial Minister of Health, as well as the B.C.H.A. annual meeting and elections.

The theme of this year's conference was the ethics of health care. Keynote speaker was Dr. Terence Anderson, Professor of Social Ethics and acting principal at the Vancouver School of Theology.

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SUNDAY - JUNE 10

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Death of long-time resident

A long-time resident of Salt Spring Island died in Lady Minto Hospital June 1.

Miss Marguerite Holford lived at Vesuvius for many years before moving to Pioneer Village.

She leaves a niece and two nephews in England.

Arrangements were made by Goodman Funeral Home.

GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES

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Four-year-old girl is adopted by island family

A Salt Spring Island family has joined the Foster Parents Plan of Canada by adopting a four-year-old girl in Ecuador.

Jonathan and Sue Yardley are contributing a regular sum every month toward the support of Martha Agudo and her family.

Martha, who attends kindergarten, lives with her parents and two sisters in Guayaquil, Ecuador. According to Foster Parents Plan, her father is a janitor and the family's monthly income is \$50. Their diet, based on rice, vegetables and sea food, is poor nutrition-wise and insufficient for good health.

The Agudo family lives on the outskirts of the city, with neither running water nor sewage disposal facilities. Their two-room house is made of cane, has a wooden floor and a zinc roof.

Foster Parents Plan works in 17 countries in South and Central America, Asia and Africa. Over 100,000 children are currently being aided by individuals, groups, and families in Canada, Australia, the Netherlands and the United States.



MARTHA AGUDO

Further information can be obtained from Foster Parents Plan of Canada, 153 St. Clair Ave., West, Toronto, M4V 1P8.

Weekend conference at Sooke Study conservation alternatives in industry urges coalition

BY SCOTT LAWRENCE

Delegates to the weekend B.C. Energy Coalition meeting in Sooke included three members from the Gulf Islands energy group. Among other developments, the coalition is demanding that the B.C. Energy Commission initiate some serious studies of conservation alternatives, particularly in industry. At present, the present rate structure of B.C. Hydro does not promote or encourage energy conservation or economy in relation to bulk users. In 1976, for example, bulk users bought 33.1% of B.C. Hydro electricity, yet contributed only 13% to revenue.

The coalition delegates noted that no market structures have been developed to effectively utilize hog fuel, a recognized, available energy source, and that present sources and prices of traditional fuel are highly unstable and unpredictable.

In order to forego such obnoxious developments as nuclear power and coal thermal-generating projects such as that proposed for Hat Creek, it is critical that we do all we can in the field of conservation.

Therefore, the coalition (made up of province-wide citizen and professional environmental and energy action groups) is demanding a thorough and complete audit of energy use in pulp mills; a study of load levelling for Vancouver Island; implementation of co-generation for British Columbia; provision of incentives to the industry to become self-sufficient

in fuel heat and electricity generation; review of Swedish and US forest conservation and industrial practices and incorporation wherever possible of these sound management policies.

For anyone interested in these questions, or the relation between energy and the environment, there will be two meetings within the coming week. On Thursday, June 7 in Mahon Hall at 7.30 pm, there will be three films on alternate energy sources: wind, heat pumps, methane powered vehicles, etc. On Monday, June 11 there will be another meeting at which the conference highlights will be discussed, a videotape presented, entitled *Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang*, an update on the local gas pipeline and pesticide situations and a guest speaker.

This will be a crucial meeting for the future directions of the local group and all interested are urged to attend. It will be at the Activity Centre at 7 pm.

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Driver pays total of \$700 on three counts at Ganges

David B. Wood of Youbou was fined a total of \$700 when he appeared in Ganges provincial court last week, charged with impaired driving, refusing to blow and resisting arrest.

Wood had pleaded not guilty.

For impaired driving, he was fined \$300. The refusal to blow into a breathalyzer cost another \$150 and resisting arrest brought a penalty of \$250.

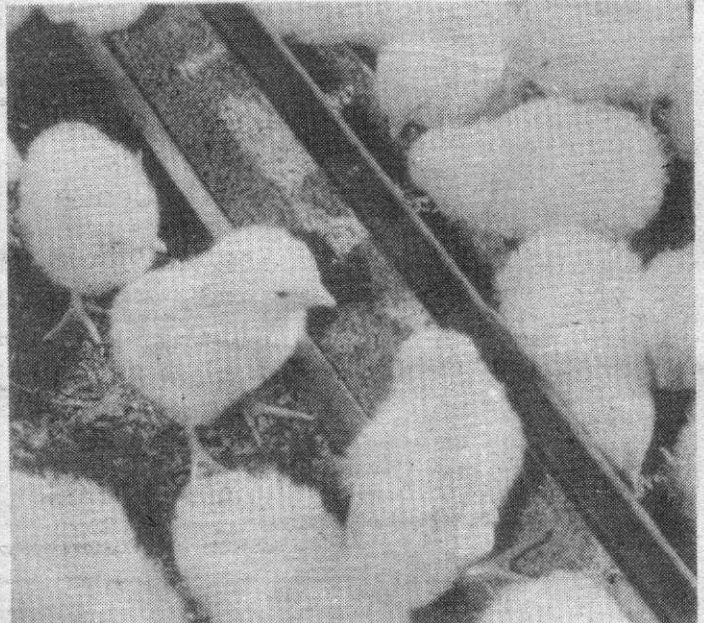
Wood's defence counsel contended that when he was arrested March 17 in Ganges there was no reason given for his arrest and that it was, therefore, not binding upon him that he should submit.

There was not sufficient evidence of impairment, held defence counsel and asked for a dismissal of all three.

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Salt Spring.

A good time for '79

Salt Spring Island Sea Capers Association are pleased to present "Sea Capers '79". This year's agenda includes many of last years more popular events as well as some new items, and all together, promises to be a fun time for 79 for Salt Spring.

Navy joins the fun

The Canadian Navy will be represented at this years event and will be sending some of their smaller vessels which will be open to the public from 10:00 on Saturday & Sunday mornings. The personnel aboard these ships have been invited to participate in the weekend festivities and it is understood that they will be challenging our island crews in some of the water-related events.

After their float past at 11:00, the tubbers will take on gas and complete preparations for their first event, the no.1 timed heat race. All water events will be run in full view of spectators this year, as their courses have been shortened to keep them within the harbour's end area.

Coinciding with the start of the bath-tub races will be another very important event, the opening of the beer garden, offering both liquid refreshments and food will be served.

Ladies softball a hit

One of the new events this year is a ladies' softball tournament, commencing at 1:00 pm on Saturday with their final play-off game on Sunday. This should prove to be a very popular event as Salt Spring has an excellent softball programme and the games are expected to be fast-paced and close.

Softball participants with enquiries may contact Mr. Bob McWhirter at 537-2194

At 2:00, six sky divers will give a precision jump exhibition, and all plan to, and hope to land in Centennial park. Good luck!

Bingo will also start at 2:00 and will run continuously until dark (or 10pm which ever comes first) each game will have a separate cash prize and a jack-pot game will be played every hour.

At 4:30, the clam & oyster bake will be ready for sampling, but leave some room, at 5:30 the main course will be served, Salt Spring Island lamb, barbequed to perfection. Costs will be, clam & oyster - \$2.50 per plate, lamb - \$3.75 per portion.

Land related events

Participants requiring further information on these events, Please contact Bob McWhirter 537-2194

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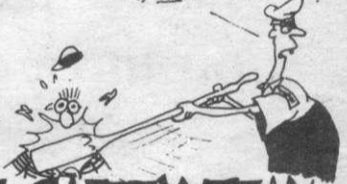
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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 8th

4:00 P.M. ARRIVAL OF NAVY.
8:00 P.M. TEEN DISCO DANCE.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 9th

9:00 AM. COAST GUARD BOATING SAFETY TEAM.
10:00 AM. OPEN SHIPS, NAVY.
11:00 AM. FLOAT PAST OF BOATS, TUBS, ETC.
12:00 NOON. 1st OFFICIAL BATHTUB TIMED HEAT RACE.
OPENING OF BEER GARDEN.
1:00 PM. INNER TUBE RACE.
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT.
2:00 PM. FLY PAST
CHALLENGE ROWBOAT RACE.
BINGO (UNTIL 10 P.M.).
3:00 PM. BATHTUB DEAD HEATS.
4:00 PM. CHALLENGE TROPHY EVENTS.
4:30 PM. CLAM & OYSTER BAKE.
5:00 PM. LAMB BARBEQUE.
8:30 PM. VALDY CONCERT-CENTENNIAL PARK.
9:00 PM. COMMUNITY DANCE.



SUNDAY, JUNE 10th

9:00 AM. COAST GUARD BOATING SAFETY TEAM.
PANCAKE BREAKFAST.
10:00 AM. OPEN SHIPS, NAVY.
BALL TOURNAMENT FINALS.
11:00 AM. WALK-ON-WATER CONTEST.
12:00 NOON. FINAL BATHTUB TIMED HEAT RACE.
1:00 PM. SKY-DIVING EXHIBIT.
2:00 PM. PRESENTATIONS.



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Sea Capers

Valdy concert featured

A feature of this years Sea Capers is the free "Valdy" concert, from 8:30 to approx 10:00 Saturday night in the Centennial Park. Valdy will be backed by other bands and it is expected to be a very popular event. At 9:00 pm, the Sea Capers Community dance will commence, tickets being \$3 per person. Ticket sales are limited and those wishing to attend should try to purchase their tickets ahead of time to ensure entrance to the dance. These may be purchased from Salt Spring Drycleaners. As liquid refreshments will be available, entrance will be restricted to those over the ages of 19.

Sunday morning pancake breakfast

To start Sunday's events off right, a giant open-air pancake breakfast will be held in the mall area behind Mouats store. As was the case last year, an excellent breakfast will be offered and you are encouraged to bring the whole family. Price of the breakfast will be \$2⁵⁰ per plate. At the same time and in the same area, a boating safety team will demonstrate boating safety and rescue techniques. At 10:00, the finals of the ladies softball tournament will get under way with Saturday's successful teams participating in a final playoff game. All ball games will be held on the softball diamonds behind the Elementary School.

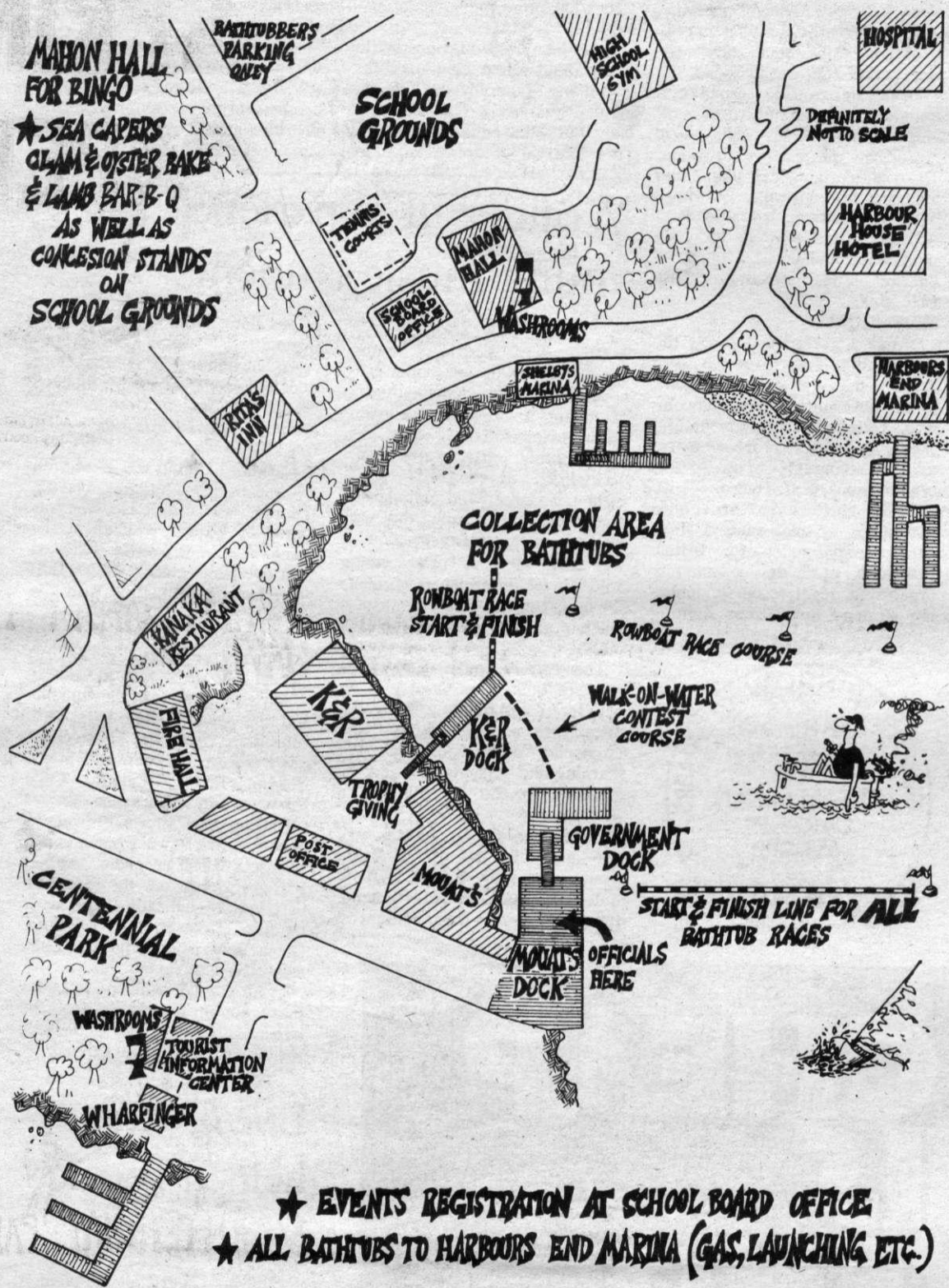
Walk-on-water contest

Last year, a popular event with both participants and spectators was the walk-on-water contest. This event brought out the best and worst of islanders ingenuity and although many entrants never really got started before taking a bath in the harbour, the valuable experience gained from last years mistakes will ensure an exciting event this year. At noon on Sunday, the final bath tub race will be held, with succesful tubs from Saturday's races participating. This will tend to be an extremely fast and closely run race.

Presentation of trophies

The final event on Sunday, at 2:00, will be the presentation of trophies to the many successful participants from all contests held on both Saturday and Sunday. This will wind up another year's Sea Capers, an event designed specifically for your enjoyment.

Water-related events
Participants requirng further information on these events, please contact Dale Neilson 537-5161



SALT SPRING SEA CAPERS

MAP OF GANGES; EVENTS & COURSES

Board urged to consider building swimming pool

Trustee Spencer Marr suggested at last week's school board meeting that the school district look into the possibility of building an indoor swimming pool jointly with the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission. He observed that the equalization tax, through which about \$400,000 a year leaves the islands, could be put to use constructing and maintaining a pool, if the money remained in the district.

At least two other trustees, however, didn't agree. Charles Baltzer pointed out that Salt Spring Island alone was not the school district and that the Outer Islands wouldn't benefit from a pool. John Zacharias of Pender was of a similar mind.

"To put it quite bluntly," he said, "Spencer Marr is asking the Outer Islands to subsidize a recreation facility for Salt Spring with their tax money."

Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck noted that the school district in Sechelt was building two new schools, each one with a swimming pool in the basement. The community was providing money for the pools, he said.

Galiano trustee Jim Ripley was quick to urge the board to build a new school at Galiano, complete with swimming pool.

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Energy topics are examined at weekend conference in Sooke

BY JEZRAH HEARNE

The gas pipeline proposed to cross Galiano and Salt Spring Island, and its concomitant spraying of rights-of-way with tons of carcinogenic 2,4-D; the Cheekye-Dunsmuir 500 Kv transmission line with its mysterious nuclear power segment; the flooding of thousands of acres of prime Peace River agricultural land to produce electricity which seems destined for Washington - these and many more were the topics under examination at the British Columbia Energy Coalition Conference held the weekend of June 3-5 in Sooke.

Delegates from concerned community groups throughout the province attended this conference, hosted by the Energy Coalition. The coalition, for those who do not know, is the growing, province-wide organization which provides a non-centralized network for communication and positive action on energy issues affecting British Columbia.

MANY GOALS

Among its many goals is the never-ending search for the truth behind energy programs put forth by the government-industrial complex. Thus there results a natural skepticism with that most elusive and non-accountable of strong-arm organizations, B.C. Hydro.

The conference presented workshops on solar energy, alternate energy policy for British Columbia, pesticides, community organizing, legal recourse, lobbying strategy for citizens fighting

destruction of their environment and the Bates Inquiry into uranium mining.

A great deal of group time was directed at refining the communication network throughout the province. Use of the consensual method was decided upon, in spite of its slow, painful process, in order to achieve a true egalitarian structure for decision-making. Each energy issue was discussed at length and recommendations were struck for future implementation.

NOT IMPARTIAL

One such decision concerns the Bates Inquiry into Uranium Mining. It was generally felt that the inquiry was not a true impartial body, but reflected industry's bias. Therefore, the group wanted to let

its position be known.

Due to the extreme hazards of radiation which fans out everywhere affecting people of all ages, and whereas public conscience must be brought into play concerning the morality of nuclear warfare; the delegates called for an end to drilling and blasting now taking place at uranium exploration sites in the province.

The delegates called for an end to this activity and will support any local actions necessary to bring this about.

Finally, the conference ended on a note of solidarity, with plans to work hard in the regions, maintain contact and support throughout the province and to reconvene sometime in the fall.

Wonderful experience for young music students

BY PENNIE CHRISTIE

There is a wealth of young, musical talent in this community which is evident from the gathering of students and appreciative listeners at Mahon Hall on Sunday. This monthly "sharing afternoon" was initiated by Ariadne Sawyer, a most experienced and enthusiastic teacher of the Suzuki and Orff methods of musical instruction. It was her idea to offer young students of different instruments the opportunity to share the experience of playing with and for each other.

These afternoons have grown as new students come to play along with interested family and friends. These are not recitals and the atmosphere is one of informality, of learning and enjoying one another rather than the formality of a performance.

Sunday afternoon began with two pieces by the trio of Kerra Downey on cello, Raven Duff on flute, and Brett Marshall on piano. Brett stayed on to play another two

pieces alone and was still hesitant to stop!

An enchanting harp and flute duet followed, played by Morven Neish and Raven Graham with *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*.

ON VIOLIN

Kassandra Cronin was next with two pieces on violin. Also playing the violin was Josh Roise, who was joined by Madge Kimball on the piano. Celle Rikwerda followed with two piano pieces. Raven Duff played again, this time with the recorder.

Several Orff students played various instruments in the next two pieces. The first was a Chinese song created by one of the students and the second, their version of *Rain, Rain, Go Away*. These children were Snady, John and Stevie Nelken, Renee Holland, Celle Rikwerda and Tina Caveno.

Closing the afternoon were a duet of Kerra Downey on cello and Madge Kimball on piano, more of Morven Neish on the beautiful harp built by her father, and lastly the trio of Raven Duff on flute, Kerra Downey on cello and Celle Rikwerda at the piano.

What a wonderful experience for these young players to feel the music with each other and share the joy each instrument brings!

Local clubs helped finance Victoria trip

On May 1 and 2 all the elementary pupils and some secondary students from Gulf Islands School District visited Victoria to see the Greatest Little Supershow for Young People. This was the first in a series of shows which have been organized to celebrate the International Year of the Child. The shows will be travelling across Canada so that all children will have a chance to participate.

Donations from local service clubs helped to finance the project, and recognition is given by the district to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92 for \$500; Salt Spring Lions Club for \$200; Saturna Island Womens' Service Club, \$30; and Saturna Community Club, \$30.

It would have been difficult to organize the project without this very generous support and as a result, the children had a very good day, *Driftwood* was told this week.



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Federal vote breakdown

How the islands voted

Returning officer Beryl Fink of Duncan has compiled a breakdown of the voting in the islands for the recent federal election.

	Anderson	Bezanson	Knott	Manly	Taylor
Kuper	2	1	1	29	4
Thetis	20	0	1	45	61
S. Pender	17	0	0	27	14
N. Pender	91	0	0	129	298
Saturna	22	2	1	44	45
Mayne, Prevost	52	0	2	148	109
Galiano	85	0	0	120	173
Salt Spring	489	4	5	995	1143
Totals	778	7	10	1537	1847

Writ is served at Mayne

Construction resumed Monday on the dock and floats in front of the Mayne Inn at Bennett Bay. A writ served on Pinchin Holdings Ltd. last Friday does not require the inn's proprietors to cease construction.

It gives notice that the Islands Trust is seeking a permanent injunction and that if Pinchin proceeds with construction of the dock, he does so at the risk of having to demolish it should the Trust win its case. However, it is unlikely that a permanent injunction could be brought before September, *Driftwood* learned.

In the meantime, Capital Regional District directors were to

meet Wednesday morning to reconsider whether they will press for an interim injunction on the basis that Pinchin did not obtain a building permit for the dock. The CRD apparently requested the Islands Trust to pay legal fees, which could amount to around \$2,000.

Islands Trust manager Tony Roberts says, however, that the Trust is not able to provide legal fees.

The CRD originally bowed out of the dispute, saying neither they nor any other provincial authority has jurisdiction over construction of wharves.



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Fernwood

BY JESSIE SAYER

Having just returned from the "Long Weekender" on the *Queen of Prince Rupert* I can recommend this short trip.

We left Tsawwassen at 7 pm Thursday evening, May 24 in the sunshine. By early Friday morning we arrived at Kelsey Bay for a short stop. It was cloudy and showery. Our next stop was at Ocean Falls where it really rained. A few passengers and cars were unloaded.

We arrived in Prince Rupert early Saturday morning where we enjoyed breakfast at the hotel and were taken on a tour to all the interesting points, including the museum. The price of a home is

very high.

Once again cars and campers left the ship to travel through the beauties of B.C. The food was good, also the service, dining room or cafeteria style.

Movies, music and the bar were popular.

Along with a young lady named Denise from Coquitlam, I was invited to visit the bridge and meet Capt. Ryles, also from Salt Spring.

On the trip there was a couple from South Africa, a lady from Holland with her sister from Pen-ticton, friendly Americans from Texas, Oklahoma, Seattle and Tacoma, and also a couple from Sidney, B.C. and several from Victoria. A lady named Doris who said she knew Paula White many years ago was busy taking pictures.

Karen and Bill Henderson of Fernwood entertained at a happy birthday beach party on Sunday afternoon.

Reckless boating

There have been several complaints in the last week or so of boats being operated on St. Mary Lake in a reckless manner.

RCMP is investigating the complaints.

Deer burns

When a Salt Spring car was involved in a collision with a deer last week the vehicle caught fire and was extensively damaged.

Mrs. N.B. Ottosen was driving a 1970 BMW when the deer leaped into the path of the car. The front of the vehicle sustained minor damage. The radiator was knocked back and shorted the battery causing the wiring to heat and burn.

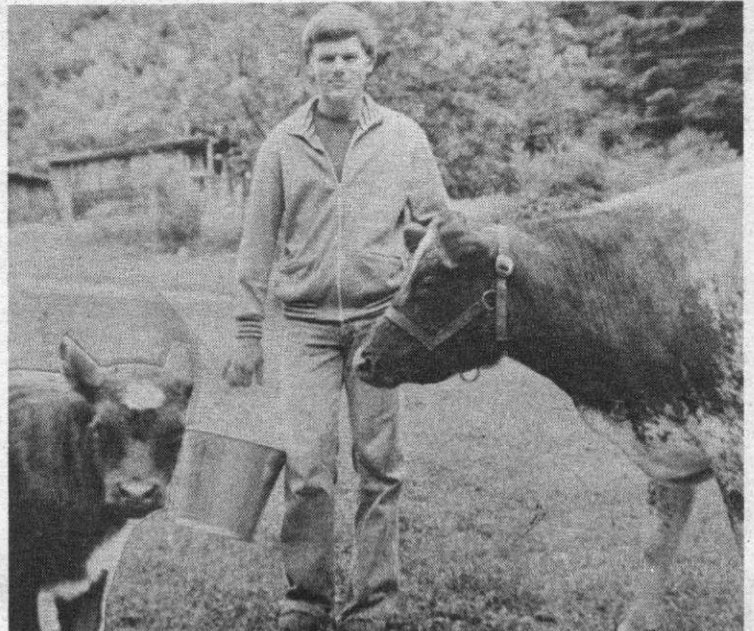
Car stolen and found

When a 1963 Volkswagen was stolen from Ganges it was recovered the next day.

Maria Bedford reported the loss of her car on Sunday and on Monday morning it was discovered on Rourke Road in the ditch and damaged.

Police are investigating the incident.

Agriculture student is kept busy



There was a birthday on the farm run by Gulf Islands Secondary School's agriculture class last week and, as a result, Ross McFa-

dyen is kept pretty busy. His shorthorn-Jersey cow gave birth to Lucky, at left, and is now producing 2 1/2 gallons of milk daily.

Lamb Bar-B-Que

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ROUTE 5 SWARTZ BAY TO OUTER ISLANDS

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Water is getting short as dry spell boosts demand

Water's getting short in some quarters.

North Salt Spring Waterworks District has imposed tight controls on sprinkling and a number of island residents are experiencing a water shortage in the well. Long, hot, dry spell has left some homes short and there has been a steady flow of residents to the lake shores to gather water. The concern for water supplies has been echoed by firemen as the brush is tinder-dry in many parts of the islands. A reader enquired of *Driftwood* recently of reports that tankers are filling with water on Salt Spring Island and then trucking the water to other islands. North Salt Spring Waterworks District has no knowledge of such activities. Ellen Bennett suggested that it would be too expensive to take water from a metered service and all outlets are metered.

ILLEGAL

Mrs. Bennett also noted that it is illegal to take water out of the district. If this were done by tanker, the consumer would be warned, she added. Bevis Walters, of the North Vesuvius water district, which serves St. Mary Highlands and the Maliview subdivisions, was unaware of any such operation. He was sure it was not done by his water district. North Vesuvius is a private company

distributing water on the island. It takes water from St. Mary Lake, stores it and delivers it to the two subdivisions and other users. The reader also noted that the water table falls steeply during the summer months when demand is approaching maximum.

Islands are still dry despite a light rain on Monday.

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Dick Royal pleads guilty

Sheep won't listen, he tells court

They had the wrong name and the sheep didn't listen anyway, Ganges provincial court was told last week.

Charged with permitting sheep to run at large in a pount district, Richard Royal pleaded guilty and was fined \$15.

At the outset, when he appeared in court last week, Royal referred to the name spelling on the documents. He was charged as Rick Royle.

"It doesn't matter," he assured the court, "they can call me anything they like!"

The sheep weren't supposed to get out, explained Judge Fred Giles.

"They slowed the speeders down on the road by my place," replied the accused farmer.

Neither Judge F.C. Giles, nor Crown prosecutor W. Smith was aware of the minimum or maximum fines for the offence.

Royal was invited to explain the circumstances. **THEY FOUND HOLES**

"The neighbour's grass always grows greener than their own," he continued, chattily.

"I've tried to explain to them," he assured the court, "but they didn't listen."

Had he mended his fences? enquired Judge Giles.

He had, replied the accused farmer.

"They're too expensive to lose," he cheerfully informed the court.

"I don't know whether I can afford to eat any lamb this year."

They were worth \$2 per pound, live weight, wholesale, he added.

It was not entirely clear whether Dick Royal was repentant. Co-operative, he was, until he could refer to nothing else.

SPEAK SEVERELY

"I'll speak to the sheep very severely," he assured the judge, "and if that don't work, I'll invite you down to speak to them."

The judge was not left out of it.

He pronounced sentence and dismissed Royal. "You can be off to look after your sheep," he said.

Businesses reassessed

New increases in the cost of commodities and services on Salt Spring Island are heralded by the tour of a team of government appraisers.

The appraisers are assessing the value of appliances and equipment in use in island business premises. For school tax purposes these

are considered as improvements and taxed as such.

A Ganges businessman points out that the tax is inflationary and that it is not paid by the business community, but by the customers.

A number of businesses are already selling off equipment to escape the heavy toll.

Rowboat Races

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SALT SPRING SEA CAPERS

Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

The first week of June has found roses in bloom in both gardens and hedgerows of Galiano, a true "month of roses". Long hours of sunshine have allowed islanders to work outside in their gardens, while making them increasingly aware of the fire hazard and the need to conserve water. Irises give way to columbines and delphiniums, while in the succession of wild flowers, the blue camas is followed by the tiny pink phlox and the delicate twin flower. Up in a dead tree a turkey vulture sits motionless, while over him flies an eagle bearing a fish in his talons. A family of muskrats is observed in the Golf Course pond, while on the North End road, motorists are prompted to drive slowly to avoid

the frequently-seen deer or a covey of grouse chicks.

One month ago the joys of living in the Gulf Islands, and in particular Galiano, were described in the *Los Angeles Times*, and since then all three Galiano resorts and local real estate agents have received many letters and phone calls from California.

One characteristic of island people, that of "caring and sharing", was reaffirmed recently when the Errol Wintemute Tennis Court was officially opened. Sited at the Golf Club, the court is a gift to the community of Galiano from Errol and Betty Wintemute, part-time islanders since the 1950's. Tribute must also be paid to a group of volunteer workers, and to

Jim Duncan for painting the commemorative sign.

On Friday, June 1, the children of Galiano, accompanied by teachers and parents, journeyed to Mayne to take part in the annual Outer Island Sports Day.

This column closes with a calendar of future Galiano events.

Saturday, June 9, 2 to 4 pm, Church Thrift Shop, Fiesta Grounds, Burrill Rd.; 2.30 pm, Annual General Meeting of the Advisory Planning Committee. Two members to be elected with nominations invited from the floor, Community Hall.

Sunday, June 10, 9 am, Morning Service at St. Margaret's Church, Burrill Rd., conducted by Canon Richard Dawson of Victoria; 11.05 am, Galiano members of the Gulf Islands Historical Society assemble at Montague Harbour to go by ferry to the meeting on Saturna Island, at which the speaker will be Beth Hill of Salt Spring.

Monday, June 11, 2 to 3.30 pm, Ladies' Service Club Garden Party at the home of Jessie Bellhouse, Burrill Rd.; 3.30 pm, Annual General Meeting, Gulf Islands Hospital Society, Community Hall.

Saturday, June 23, 6 to 12 pm, Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Dance at the Community Hall. Tickets available from Frank Greenhalgh.

Fire sale at Galiano needs donations

The Women's Auxiliary to the South Galiano Fire Department is looking for donations for the annual fire sale to be held June 16.

The group is asking for baking, jewellery, furniture, china, tools, books and anything or everything anyone may have to dispose of.

One of the chief needs of the fire department is a communications system to deal with fires in nearly inaccessible places, said a spokesman for the auxiliary last week.

The fire sale will take place at the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Hall from 1 to 4 pm.

Interested residents are invited to become involved by becoming members.

Tree falls

Tree came down on Isabella Point road on Sunday night, knocking out telephone circuits, according to a report from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Ganges.

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5:00		5:40
6:20		7:00
8:20		9:00
9:40*		10:20*

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Lieutenant-Governor opens new islands facility

"Result of harmony"

(From Page One)

The lieutenant-governor had already addressed the assembly of about 200 people. He referred to the youngster who crossed the yard to reach his father, Wilf Davies.

It reminded him that "the young were so willing to take our places," he said.

CONGRATULATIONS

"As the representative of Her Majesty the Queen in British Columbia," he said, "I feel it is my privilege to say congratulations to Mrs. Campbell and all those in each of the disciplines: congratulations and warm thanks for the splendid achievement!"

The people in Greenwoods are being shown affection and care by their fellow citizens, he observed, "which is their due."

There are things beyond us which require the assistance of government, continued Col. Bell-Irving.

"When government and private initiative work together in harmony we have this as a result."

Chairman of the board of trustees, Mrs. Lorraine Campbell, was the master of ceremonies. She introduced the head table guests



and explained the manner in which they had contributed to the project.

Health Minister Robert McLelland spoke of the time he came to Salt Spring Island for the turning of the first sod. The ground was covered in snow, he told the gathering. He suggested that it was two feet deep and then retracted his charge.

Brian Davies ran across the yard at that point in his address and he paused to greet him.

"I always enjoy the Gulf Is-

lands," he continued, "but it is a particular pleasure, on this occasion to take part in the official opening of a home for some of the Gulf Islands' most senior and dedicated citizens."

WILL SERVE WELL

In its beautiful setting, in close proximity to other facilities desired by elderly citizens, Greenwoods will serve well the needs of this and

Part of the crowd at Greenwoods is seen in this picture. School

band, which also took part, is on the right.

other islands in terms of intermediate and personal care, he asserted.

Care is the central word, he told his audience, it is the core and the pith and the substance.

The health minister also noted that the Hospital Auxiliary had contributed \$60,000 to Greenwoods at the outset. They had given

another \$10,000 since.

"When I finish with politics, I'm going into business with one of these ladies," he told islanders, amid laughter.

Tour of the facility under the direction of members of the auxiliary was provided after the opening.

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Operation does not fit in with definition of residential zone

BY TONY RICHARDS

A Salt Spring Island resident who has found himself living adjacent to a commercial shale operation has decided to move from his home.

Chuck Nelken said Monday he and his family will move to the south end of the island until Ganges contractor Harvey Reynolds stops removing shale from his property near Cusheon Lake.

Responding to an article that appeared in *Driftwood* May 23, Nelken said he had never been "perfectly satisfied" with Reynolds' plans as they were explained to him by Inspector of Mines J.W. Robinson.

He said he felt at the time that if Reynolds was intending to develop a house site, it would have been all right, but he was opposed to the development of a shale pit.

Nelken said he believed the pit had grown larger than it was originally intended to be. As for the hill that Reynolds was reported to have been taking the top off, Nelken didn't believe that they had even started on it.

OPERATED PROPERLY

He agreed that the pit was being operated properly and that there was little probability of any damage being incurred to the lake. "My point," he said, "is that

there shouldn't be one there in the first place."

His argument is that the area was zoned rural residential when the operation began last year and that such an operation does not fit in with the definition of that zone in the zoning bylaw.

The land has since been classified as watershed and Nelken feels it should have been zoned watershed before.

He described it as an "ecologically delicate" area. He said he would like to see it carefully cleaned up once Reynolds has finished removing the shale but warned that it could never be properly reclaimed.

Another complaint he had was of the noise. He explained that a lot of work is being done on the adjacent property on weekends and in the evenings.

On one day, he recalled, 35 truckloads of shale were taken from the quarry.

PEACE AND QUIET

"Like most people," he observed, "we moved here for peace and quiet."

An additional problem that has arisen concerns drainage, said Nelken. He pointed out that since Reynolds began, a creek now runs across part of his property.

Nelken agreed that it was a difficult situation and he expressed sympathy for the Islands Trust in

having to decide what to do about it.

In conclusion, he felt that Reynolds was not bound over strongly enough to make the reclamation necessary to restore the land. He suggested that a bond should be posted in such cases before the work begins in order to ensure proper restoration.

Eva Dobovicnik lives on the other side of Reynolds' property and her main concern is over her water supply. She takes water from a spring on the other side of the hill from which the shale is being taken.

The water level, she said last week, has dropped about four or five inches in recent weeks, something that has never happened before.

It is, however, her only source of drinking water, explained Mrs. Dobovicnik. For that reason, it was not insignificant, she felt.

She also insisted that she had never indicated that she had no objection to the shale operation next door. She said she had never expressed satisfaction with Reynolds plans for his property.

With regard to the water supply, Mrs. Dobovicnik explained she had questioned the Islands Trust about it but was told that nothing could be done unless her spring dried up.

The assistant regional engineer for the Victoria district of the Water Rights Branch said in a telephone interview Tuesday that the excavations being carried out by Reynolds could have some effect on drainage in the area.

G. Bryden observed that because the top of the hill is being removed, some of the water that would have previously drained down to Mrs. Dobovicnik's property would "instead run the other way. But, he said, he couldn't see it having a serious effect on her supply. In addition, he felt the spring produced an "insignificant" amount of water anyway.

He explained that he had visited the island following a request from the Trust to investigate the shale pit and its possible effects on the watershed.

He said some dust from the operation could end up in Cusheon Lake but he felt it was unlikely. If any did go into the lake, it would settle out, he observed.

If there was a "concentrated effort" to damage the watershed, said Bryden, the branch would be concerned and an order could be issued to stop the operation.

NO ACTION

It was the branch's recommendation to the Trust, however, that no action be taken.

A spokesman for the ground water section of the Water Investigations Branch said that a drop in the water level in the spring was not necessarily an indication that the excavations on the other side of the hill were affecting the supply.

He observed that a number of wells in the Victoria area were at their lowest level in 25 years because of lack of rain.

Both property owners adjacent to the shale pit commented that Reynolds' plan to push the topsoil back over the excavation was not feasible because it had been trucked out of the area.

The last word from the Islands Trust was that Reynolds should continue the operation but terminate it as soon as was practical, with a restoration of the site afterwards.

Cat-astrophe is good example of caring

BY TOM PERRY

Alternate Class students have a purruss in life: five of them. It started many months ago with the now famous feline of Mahon Hall, our faithful, companionable and untouchable black cat. Thanks to a recent health assist from Dr. Andress and Chris, whose entire family got into her SPCAid, our cat is recovering from an illness and nursing a litter of four six-week old kittens. They've all had many adventures and face a future that is still unsure.

This is where a great group of kids comes in with a dimension of living and learning that could be a good deal more explicit in our educational aims and activities: caring.

Take Tim for example. He's our oldest student. He has a fine sense of humour, can match anyone's expectations when it comes to math and is, to everyone's delight, our expert in drawing and cartooning. Like his mother, Mary *Food-For-Thought* Williamson, he is also literate in language and can write a fine piece when he wants to.

But unlike many of us who can hang back and amicably argue about what we agree on in principle, Tim puts his money where his mouth is. He cares about young life forms, human as well as animal, and acts accordingly. Our latest cat-astrophe makes the best example.

Who was the first volunteer to rescue a kitten that had fallen down an open air vent? I certainly couldn't fit, but Tim said he knew he could and started down the sheet metal chute with a flashlight while another volunteer went to ask an adult to shut off the thermostat. (I checked it myself a few minutes later and found it still on. It's incredible how adults ignore kids!)

Another student reported that the kitten was almost within reach; then it slipped through a side duct and down into an unknown enclosure. Tim was nearly inconsolable, thinking that it had been his fault; but we recovered our composure and set our strategy, secure in the mutual promise that if necessary we would dismantle the entire

heating system with a can opener.

When Chris Ratz and Cougar Collins discovered a second access door beneath the front steps, the four of us crawled in on all fours, tracing the path of those vents beneath the hall to the furnace room. I had long since torn the hasp from its door. Beyond it and behind the furnace panel we found a very grey and grimy fur-face, intact and perched upon the drive wheel of a circulating fan.

That kitten, now named Panther, quickly found its way into Tim's capable hands and the whole lot of us spontaneously invented the world's dustiest and smudgiest celebration.

Even before her kittens' debut, students were offering to come in early to feed our convalescent cat and turn the eggs in our incubator. Chris was the first to meet me at the top of his driveway at 7.30. As we arrived at school one morning I explained that the newly discovered kittens were wild and unlikely to invite being handled. Five minutes later Chris, or was it Cougar, showed me a kitten that had fallen asleep in his arms.

Thanks to Cougar, by the way, the entire litter is centralized in the studio. His home-made cat suite proved irresistible for every need but exploration. Cougar and Tim's sister Megan also matched their personal care and concern with an unsolicited pledge of allowance money to help buy cat food, the first in a continuing sequence of expenses that their caring entails.

If all goes well we may soon negotiate a loan to finance a family spayday, all five are female, and a full round of shots. Then our mother cat will be reinstated as the undisputed queen of Mahon Hall and her children offered for adoption by the best qualified homes we can find. And our adventures will culminate in the satisfaction of financial accountability as concerned kids repay a loan with fund-raising endeavours.

So if you should see notices of puss-business being purrsued, please give them a second glance and help some dreams come true. Felicitations!

Direct Media denied use of Pender School library

Permission for use of the Pender School library by Direct Media Association has been denied by the Gulf Islands School Board.

Trustees made the decision at Thursday's board meeting following a report from supervisor of instruction Larry Holbrook. He told the meeting that the school staff were "unanimously opposed" to the proposal put forward by Bruce Bartlett of Direct Media. Instead, it was recommended that Bartlett use space in the old school, where the Pender library is operating.

The difficulty facing the school,

said Holbrook, was how much disruption would the project cause. He also stressed that the school district should not give the impression it was against the idea.

Pender trustee John Zacharias said he agreed that using the library in the school would be "untenable". However, he said it was unfortunate that without the necessary facilities to carry out the project.

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'Bitter clashes' over land use

Whidbey Island faces similar problems

BY TONY RICHARDS

The Gulf Islands, like many other areas of B.C., have been faced with severe growing pains over the last few years, as planning their development has become a major concern. And it's not just planning that has caused problems, but environmental concerns as well.

We are not alone. South of the border, other islands are facing similar difficulties which are, inevitably, causing ill feeling and divisions among communities.

A case in point is Whidbey Island in Puget Sound where, according to the *Seattle Times*, "the dispute over land use planning here has all the symptoms of a classic environmental battle."

Among the issues that Whidbey Islanders are confronted with are a crude oil pipeline, clearcut logging, unrestricted residential developments and a shortage of information on water supplies.

Plans for the pipeline were

announced recently by Northern Tier Pipeline Co. Most islanders have expressed opposition at two meetings held on the island.

SUIT FILED

Subdivision of over 300 acres of farmland in a "historic" area of the island called Ebey's Prairie has also met with opposition. After a suit was filed challenging the project, the U.S. Congress designated the area as part of a National Historic Reserve, and authorized \$5 million to preserve its rural character.

A two-year-old dispute concerns a proposal to clearcut 255 acres near a park. Protesters stopped the bulldozers when work began, took the matter to court and obtained a decision in their favour. It was ruled that an environmental impact study be made. Observers are expecting a revival of the controversy when the study is completed.

Another residential development on a spit between a lake on the

island and Puget Sound was successfully opposed when a group known as Save Whidbey Island for Tomorrow took the matter to court. The dispute took place early in the 1970's over this area, which was described as an important wildlife and bird habitat.

MAR THE BEAUTY

The recreational-vehicle camp has been proposed for a park on the west coast of the island. The state parks department had intended to give a franchise for development of a 119-space Campgrounds of America (KOA) camp but local residents said it would mar the natural beauty of the park.

Two years ago, the first step towards land use control was made with the preparation of a plan for Whidbey Island. According to a county planner, the reasons for developing a plan were the disappearance of farm land, traffic congestion and inadequate sewer and water systems.

There is, however, one citizens' group that is not happy with the new plan. The Land Owners Group Island County (LOGIC) says the plan map showing the different zones doesn't reflect the wishes of the majority of residents.

MORE RESIDENTIAL

They say that not enough people were involved in drawing it up, and that if enough people had been, the map would have shown more residentially-zoned and less agricultural.

But on the other hand, the county's planning commission insists there was ample opportunity for participation. The planners say that public meetings, hearings and questionnaires were used during the four years it took to put the plan together.

Under the old law, anyone who wished to subdivide was free to do so if the lots being created were five acres or larger. Between 1973 and 1977, 800 lots, ranging from five to 20 acres in size, were created in the county.

On the other side of the fence is the Island Action Coalition (IAC) which more or less supports the new plan.

THREATENED

"We need good planning," says one of the group's members. "I really think the island is threatened."

According to the *Times* report, the two groups, LOGIC and IAC, have had a number of bitter clashes.

Finally, an additional problem facing Whidbey Islanders is water.

A shortage of information on the island's underground water supplies could lead to severe problems, feels a groundwater expert with the U.S. Geological Survey. He says there are no underground rivers from the mainland: all the island's water is replenished by precipitation.

A residential development consisting of 13 homes and a number of vacant lots ran out of water in the summer of 1977. The homeowners got together and drilled a new well. They went down 420 feet and found a lot of fresh water, with a lot of salt in it.

ANOTHER WELL

Residents of the area hauled water for six months and then the old well began producing again. How long it will continue to give

water, no one knows, but another well is being planned.

Residents concerned over the rapid pace of development on Whidbey point out that the water issue is one reason why there is a need for more regulation of growth.

Health authorities stopped the construction of new houses in one large residential development because of impure water. And in at least one other subdivision, homeowners are considering taking legal action against the developer because of water problems.

And that is a brief look at Whidbey Island. Most Gulf Islands residents will recognize much of Whidbey Island's recent history and the controversial issues that are facing our southern neighbours today.

Our own problems are certainly not unique.

Problem solved by series of motions

Trustees of Gulf Islands School District found a solution last week to overcome a problem with the location of the softball backstop at Pender School. Meeting was told that a wrong decision had been made on where the backstop was to be placed.

But through a series of motions to rescind the original motion, Pender trustee John Zacharias was finally able to make a final motion on the proper location of the backstop. His fellow trustees were in favour and the motion was passed.

Although the distances in the last motion were not in metric, there was no move to repeat the process.

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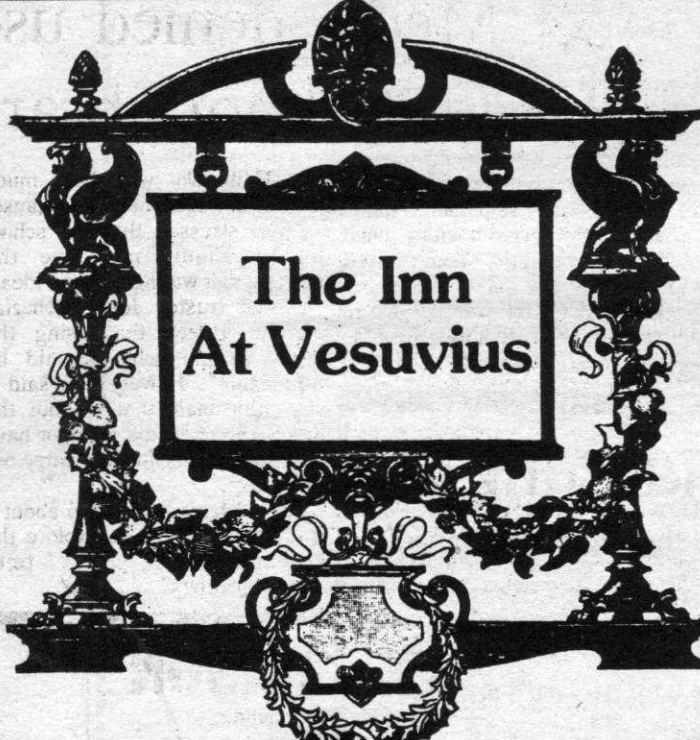
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Studies by Ministry of Environment personnel

Physical examination of Salt Spring Island being undertaken

An examination of the marine resources of Salt Spring Island is being carried out for the Islands Trust by the provincial Ministry of Environment. It is one of a number of surveys to be undertaken on the island this year by the environment ministry.

The studies amount to an extensive physical examination of the island, an Islands Trust spokesman told *Driftwood* last week.

Similar studies have already been carried out on Bowen, Galiano and Thetis Islands.

Upon completion of the work by the environment ministry, a series of maps will be drawn up to enable the Trust to evaluate proposals for various shoreline developments such as docks or booming grounds.

The spokesman observed that it was unfortunate that a lot of community plans have been prepared prior to making such studies.

Patricia Lim, a biologist with the Environmental Studies Division of the ministry, said Friday that she

and three other divers will be working at almost 20 different locations around the island. They began the project at the beginning of May and expect to finish the field work around mid-July. She expects to have the maps and a report on their work completed by September.

The divers are examining and listing plants and sea life at the various locations, including an analysis of the substrate, or seabottom. Underwater photographs are also being taken.

Working with Pat Lim are marine phycology (seaweeds) expert Charlie Twaddle, biology student in marine sciences Ross deMarco and freshwater fisheries technician Gary Norris.

They began the work last month by spending three days circumnavigating the island and deciding where they would carry out their diving. They have been diving at a number of the chosen locations since and report they haven't seen

two places alike yet. Pat Lim said they had observed more sargassum, a type of seaweed in the area, than they have seen anywhere else on the coast.

HIGH POPULATION

Salt Spring Island was chosen for the survey because it has the highest population of any of the Trust islands. Ganges and Fulford are the areas they are to concentrate on, said Lim, because of the more dense population in those areas.

What island residents feel about the shoreline is regarded as an important part of the study and for that reason, a questionnaire is published in this issue.

Driftwood was told that about 12 different people will come to the island this year to carry out examinations of freshwater streams and fish, land vegetation and terrain. A geologist is also expected to make a visit by plane, flying over the shoreline and filming it.

'Dramatic reduction' at Hydro office here

B.C. Hydro has achieved significant reductions in energy consumption at its offices and warehouses on Vancouver Island by following its own advice on energy conservation, said a Hydro spokesman this week.

In a two-year period from 1976 to 1978, energy consumption has been reduced by an average of 17% at Hydro premises in the Vancouver Island division, said division manager Gordon Roper.

"The most dramatic reduction took place at our Ganges district office-warehouse, which reduced its kilowatt hour use by 61%," he said. "Other areas had reductions ranging from three percent to 40%."

The savings accomplished at Vancouver Island offices, he said, were brought about solely by more efficient use of existing energy sources, coupled with conservation consciousness. A slight lowering of thermostats, reducing unnecessary lighting, adjustment of night set backs for lighting and heating and lower hot water temperatures were largely responsible for the reductions.

Hydro has developed a number of conservation programs for commercial and industrial energy users. Over 100 Vancouver Island businesses attended a Hydro-sponsored seminar on energy management held last December in Parksville, the second of three such seminars held throughout the province.

Women's course to continue

Gulf Islands School Board approved last week the continuation of the Women's Studies course next September, but not before questions were raised by some trustees.

Both David Stacey and Norman McCallum spoke in favour of the course, which is being offered at the secondary school by Susan Underwood.

John Zacharias questioned an increase in the number of courses at the school without an increase in space or staff. The meeting was told that there would be no need for more space or more teachers.

"There are so many damn courses, they won't know what they're taking," commented Charles Baltzer.

Is it strictly for women? asked Jim Ripley. Is there a men's course coming next? he added.

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"People can call in with any problem," said Little. "If we don't know the answer, we'll find out."

Most telephone enquiries are answered immediately, she said, but added that it is occasionally necessary to ask the caller to send in a sample for inspection and analysis.

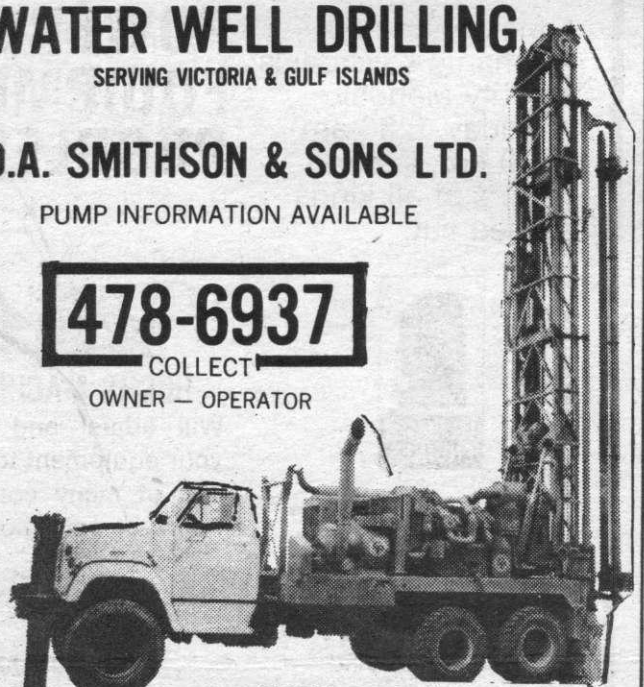
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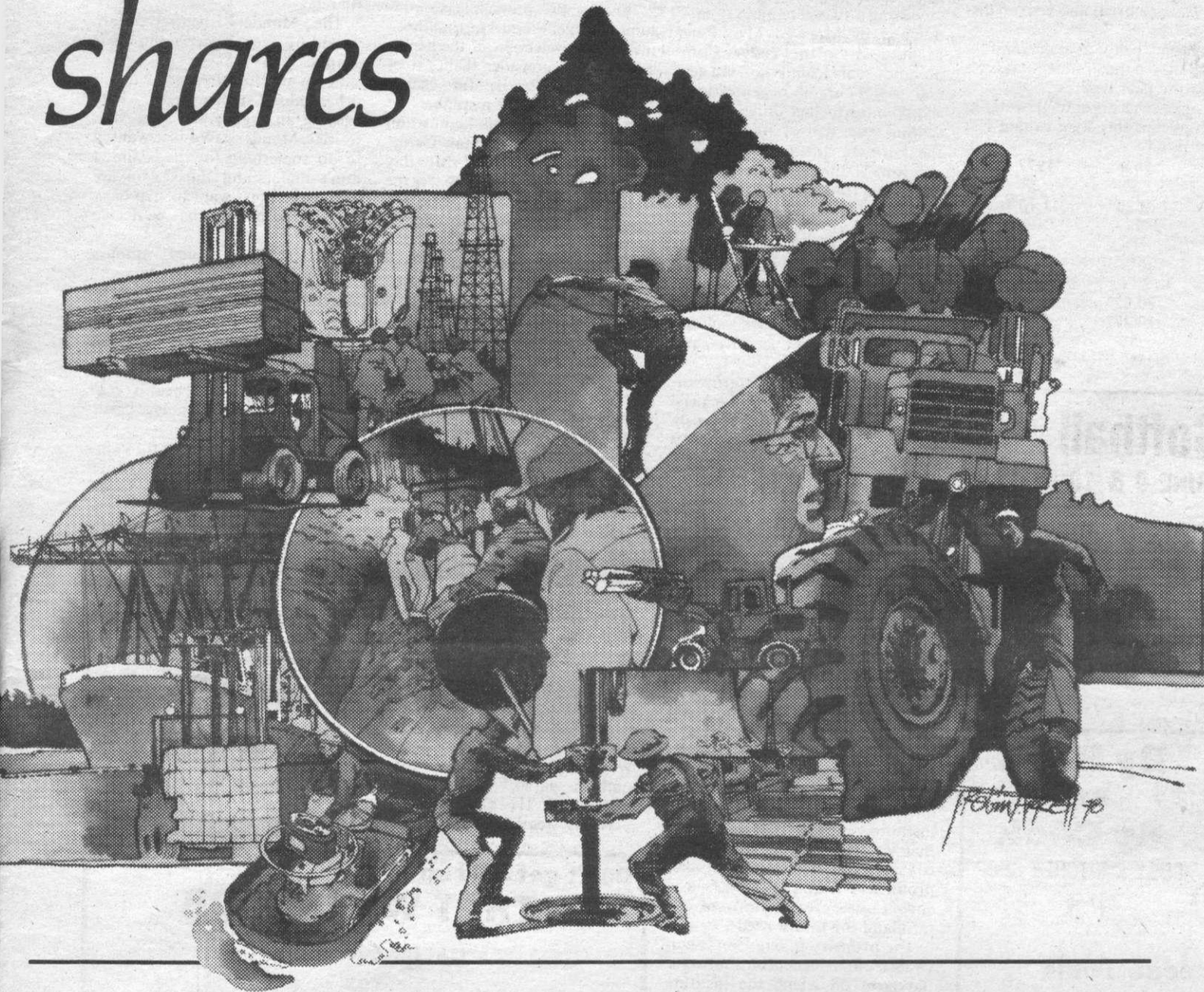
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Weather at Mayne Island

More rain is needed avoid water shortage

BY W. HUNT-SOWREY

May was a frost-free month. This is not unusual, although an occasional frost has been noted in May in the past. It was also a rain-free month.

We had a similar month, with similar rainfall in 1975. However, the first three months of that year had given us 22 inches of snow, as against 2.2 inches so far this year. We had a very wet fall that year, giving almost 37 inches of rain. My creek, usually a good indicator of the moisture in the land, has been dry since the last week in April with a slight flow for a day or two after the fifth of the month. The fourth and the fifth gave us more than half of the month's rain. On several days there was a trace of rain, not sufficient to be recorded. There was one brief, and not too distant, thunder storm recorded.

May was a sunny month, but there has been a below average rainfall, which can indicate a definite water shortage later in the summer unless we get another four inches or more of rain in the near future.

To date, from a gardening and grazing angle, there is enough water in the land in most places to support the crops, but this state cannot last without a further considerable amount of rain.

	1979	1978	1977
Rainfall	0.85	1.89"	1.27"
Rainfall to date	9.15"	13.20"	11.13"
Days with rain	11	11	13
Total to date	55	77	64
Maximum Temperature	25° c.	26° c.	18° c.
Minimum Temperature	5° c.	2° c.	5° c.
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Disagreement over location of health centre at Pender Island

BY GELI JOHNSTON

"Let's not have a Bennett Bay on this island, please!"

That sentiment, expressed by one Pender resident, has been echoed by many other Penderites over the past week.

They are alarmed to find that the siting of Pender's new medical centre is developing into an "issue".

The land acquisition committee, responsible for finding a site, is favouring a two-acre piece of land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mander of North Pender. Composed of representatives from several major island organizations, the committee has only one dissenting vote: that of Jim Dunn of the Farmers' Institute. The local Advisory Planning Committee has also voted three to two in favour of the site.

The acreage has a great deal going for it: it is level, has water and good drainage. Located across Bedwell Harbour Road from the police and fire stations on North Pender, it is fairly central and easily patrolled for security and safety. And...it's free.

But, the land is in the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Farmers' Institute executive is "vigorously opposed" to its being removed from the reserve.

MATTER OF PRINCIPLE

Their opposition is chiefly a matter of principle. They see any deletion of ALR land as a "dangerous precedent".

"If the land is excluded (from ALR)...the principal of land reserve will have been seriously weakened throughout the islands," their official press release reads.

Institute director Bob Allison told *Driftwood*, "The principle of ALR is that some wise people said let's hold back a bit of land and give some thought to the next generation; let's give them an option."

To those who doubt the viability of farming on the Gulf Islands, the institute's press release points out that "not many decades ago, (these islands) were an important and productive farming area," and encourages preservation of all farmland for future needs.

The property in question is cultivatable and borders on a substantial farm on which the institute suggests the development "could

have a detrimental effect".

Pender Islands trustee Gordon Wallace, told *Driftwood* that with the two acres, enough land would be available to accommodate an old age home at some time in the future. Such developments are likely to expand, and Farmers' Institute directors foresee further acquisitions for parking, additional units, etc.

RECONSIDER

Finally, the press release contains an urgent request, "that those involved in selection of the health centre site reconsider their list of other sites". The institute insists that alternatives are available.

Not so, says land acquisition committee chairman Stan Carey. Carey told *Driftwood* Monday that the Manders' property "is the only property left". The owners of other properties, once considered, "have had second thoughts," according to him, although he did not actually say that all other offers had been withdrawn. The committee had asked them to hold their offers for 30 to 90 days while rezoning for this property is being examined. Apparently they could not guarantee to do so.

Anyway, Carey said, "this is the only property the committee would recommend and we have heard no objection that really changes our minds."

The committee was to present its recommendations to the Lions Club, administrators of the health centre funds, on Tuesday night.

Carey also voiced an opinion, shared by some others, that the Farmers' Institute executive does not represent a majority of its membership.

SUFFICIENT REASON

A telephone survey of over 60 members, however, showed 52 in support of the directors' stand. "We don't want to get into a numbers game," says institute president Helena Turner, obviously wearied by the dispute.

She feels the principle of ALR is sufficient reason to seek another location.

The Farmers' Institute is not entirely alone in objecting to this location. Some residents of the Magic Lake subdivision feel that other available sites would be more convenient for them. Magic Lake, with approximately 800 undeveloped lots, is potentially the most densely populated area on the island.

The Manders themselves are unwilling centrepieces in this drama.

"I am absolutely devastated that it has caused such a furor...I hate causing an argument," says Mrs. Shirley Mander. "We just wanted to do something for the island. I don't understand those who are against it; I just want to step back and let the powers that be decide it."

Mrs. Mander denied rumours that she had received "unpleasant" telephone calls from Farmers' Institute members... "or from anyone," she added.

While the institute has made it very clear that they "welcome the planned community health centre, "they do not welcome a battle royal.

"I don't want a fight in the community," says Helena Turner resignedly. "It takes so much energy."

Like most other Farmers' Institute members, Mrs. Turner would rather cultivate her garden at this time of year.

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Private funeral services were held for Mrs. Gwendolyn Muriel Foerster who passed away in Lady Minto Hospital June 3. She leaves three sons: Dr. D. Foerster and Douglas, both of Ganges, and Ronald, of Coquitlam; and 10 grandchildren. Goodman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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That's the Larson story and they're both sticking to it.

Len Larson started out in the life insurance business. He brought it with him to Salt Spring Island.

Joy Larson started in an even quieter environment. She was a secretary in a church office in Calgary.

But that was a long time ago.

They were in business together in High River before they came west. They were operating two movie theatres until they sold out and came to their dream island.

Some other distinguished High River people move east to prosperity. But the Larson's were looking for fish as well as leisure. For a time they found both. They enjoyed retirement and fishing. They still enjoy fishing.

Joy reports that the salmon are not around. She attributes it to the

FERNWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

BY DAVID BREMNER

The frantic last few days packing and moving are now history and we are settled in our new school. On Friday, June 1 there was no school for Fernwood students because everything was being moved to the new school.

The grade four students went to Camp YAWACA on Thursday and Friday. They were divided into groups and were involved in six activities: mini-mapping, beach study, art, nature walk, hiking and

predators up and down the coast this year. It's not so tough in the cod fishing. They can still eat what they catch.

TWO YEARS HERE

For the past two years they have lived on Salt Spring Island.

After a spell of unremitting fishing, Len gave in to the degree that he started selling life insurance. He had done it for many years and was happy to carry on.

There was some fishing and some work and it was a pleasant way of living on the island.

When he learned that the Gulf Islands Insurance Agency was on the market he made a deal with Harold Derbitsky and acquired the business. And that's where the husband-and-wife team is to be found right now.

They have their headquarters in the Lancer Building, south of the Court House.

It's a switch. After a life of life insurance, they've gone to automobile insurance, as well as investments and counselling.

But they are still happy to be on Salt Spring Island.

Art display to take place in Saanich

The XIV's, a group of experienced artists from the Victoria area, are offering a display of their present works at the Maples Gallery, on the corner of Keating Cross Road and West Saanich Road, from June 3 to June 30 inclusive.

These artists, at one time or another, have all been members of the Windsor Utley Seminars held for the past several years in Victoria.

The art work of this group finds its expression in many different media, reports Mayne Island's Nita Flick, such as water colour, oils, acrylic, gouache and mixed media. There is a variety of style as well, she says, from the hard-line approach through to the soft, illusive line as used by the impressionists.

"Abstraction, in all its forms of expression, is evident throughout the work of these accomplished artists. Windsor Utley's capable leadership in successfully bringing together a group of artists of such diversified backgrounds of experience and expression, while still maintaining and enhancing these differences, is highly commendable."

Artists showing at the gallery include G.Boas, M.Corneille, G. Farquhar, L. Harper, H. Ingham, P. Larson, P. Luchinsky, L. Miller, R. Potter, K. Ratcliffe, L. Rogers, B. Snider, J. Swannel, all from the Victoria area, and Nita Flick.

Gallery hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 9:30 am-6pm; Sunday, 11 am-6pm.

everybody's favorite, adventure challenge. Many thanks to Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Jang and Mrs. Box as parents who helped make this informative and fun. Teachers who accompanied the students were Mr. Wright, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Dammell.

On Monday, June 4 grades kindergarten to three went on the first session of their "learn to swim" program. This program was financed partly by the monies earned in the Lions Walkathon. Doesn't it make you proud, all you walkers out there?

TRACK AND FIELD

Everyone is busy practicing track and field or softball in their P.E. periods now. By the look of the teams it seems we have uncovered yet another batch of Fernwood talent.

On the 16th of June the grade six students accompanied by Mr. Prendergast will leave for Strathcona. Whilst there they will participate in canoeing, camping, wilderness survival, mountaineering, etc. Some parents will also accompany the students.

Some parents seem doubtful of the standard of our excellent library. Let me assure you our library has over 2,000 volumes on various subjects and that is a ratio

of 20 volumes for every student. We also have an excellent supply of audio/visual equipment.

On the morning of Wednesday the 27th of June there will be an Awards Day assembly in our activity room. More on this later.

Don't forget the Fernwood Flyers will be participating in a track and field meet at Salt Spring Elementary School on Thursday, June 14. Come out and support the team. Go Flyers!

Dear Highschool Staff,

Thank you very much for letting us stay in your school for the time we were waiting for Fernwood School to be ready for us. We enjoyed staying at the high school and we look forward to coming back in later years.

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BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN

High school equivalency is a phrase that means just what it says: the equivalent of a high school education for people who, for any reason, never finished grade 12... or 11... or 10... or?

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Sample questions and other pertinent information is contained in a

booklet available from School District #64's Continuing Education department. Simply call me at 537-9251, or leave a message at the school board office next to Mahon Hall.

Many people who have been holding down a job or raising a family or travelling have gained enough practical experience to be able to pass this test. It covers four major subject areas; language, math, social studies, and science, and the beautiful part about the GED (General Educational Development test) is that if the writer fails any part or all of it, he/she may take it again. And again.

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A relatively recent development in the field of education, the GED testing program is based on the idea that people learn in many ways: living, working, listening, reading, communicating with others... the list is endless.

Call or write or stop in at the school board office if you are interested. Don't put it off. A few minutes of your time may open up some new avenues for you, either in your work or in an increased sense of personal worth.

Waiting for 30 days

Pollution Control Branch of the provincial government reports that a decision on a public hearing to enquire into the sewer proposal at Ganges will be made later this week.

The branch will announce plans for any meeting or hearing after the 30-day waiting period required by law.

Original publication of the application for a discharge into Ganges Harbour appeared in *Driftwood* on May 9. The waiting period expires this week.

He rarely gets lost



Canadian Marconi Co. salesman Jim Johnson didn't have any trouble finding his way into Ganges

this week with two radar screens mounted on the roof of his van. Johnson, who is from Victoria,

makes irregular visits to the islands and rarely gets lost.

Info-Health

BY DR. BOB YOUNG



Sometimes the results of surgical operations are determined before the operation occurs, at least in the statistical sense. Various medical centres report different success rates for the same surgical procedure, perhaps 70% successful at one and 90% effective at another.

Investigation shows that the surgeons are equally skilful, the operations done and the techniques

used are, to all intents and purposes, identical, and the post-operative assessment of the results are comparable. Why then the different cure rate?

A major factor is the selection of patients: the philosophy of the surgeon (or perhaps the hospital) regarding who should be operated on. If a surgeon's indications for operating are generous he will

perhaps operate on some patients without giving them relief. His more conservative or discriminating colleague may turn down patients that he does not feel he can help, but in so doing may fail to treat some that would benefit.

BACK SURGERY

A good example of this is back surgery for the removal of a protruded, or "slipped" intervertebral disk. Other back conditions can mimic this disease, even to the point of causing the associated sciatica. The results of surgery for these other conditions are not as good as is the case when a protruded disk exists, so the "failure" rate is higher.

If the surgeon's training or personal philosophy is such that he insists on virtually 100% proof (through x-rays and other means) that a disk is out of place before he operates, his success rate will be high.

Another surgeon's dividing line may be more generous. He will operate on some less definite cases, helping some but not helping others. His statistics will perhaps not look as good on a percentage basis, but he will have cured some patients that the first surgeon would not have operated on. Others will have had an "unsuccessful" operation.

Indications for surgery become more precise as knowledge is gained. Until our knowledge is complete there will be some surgical failures, usually in patients whose disease cannot be cured by surgery.

The British Columbia Medical Association's *Info/Health* column is written in BC and appears through the courtesy of this newspaper.

Canoe gone

Canoe which was tied up at Retreat Cove on Galiano could not have drifted away, asserted its owner last week.

Mrs. Perratt of Retreat Cove reported the loss to the RCMP last week.

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Salt Spring Island Shore line Study



The Provincial Government is undertaking this year to map the physical and biological features of Salt Spring Island. This is a multidisciplinary study which will involve geologists, biologists, planners, and hydrologists. The information will be used by the Islands Trust to assist them in their mandate to preserve and protect the unique Gulf Islands environment. This short series of questions is meant to help develop an understanding of how the shoreline of Salt Spring Island has been changing over the years due to natural forces or man's activities.

1. What length of time have you resided on Salt Spring Island?

2. Are you a permanent resident of Salt Spring Island?

3. If you are not a permanent resident, what amount of time each year do you spend on Salt Spring Island?

4. Where do you reside during the remainder of the year?

5. Please indicate on the map the approximate location of your Salt Spring Island residence.

6. Do you use the shore zones and waters surrounding Salt Spring Island for recreational purposes? (e.g. fishing, SCUBA diving, boating, clamming, swimming)?

7. Are you dependent on the shore zones of Salt Spring Island for any portion of your income? If so, what percentage? What type of activities provided this income?

8. Have you either made or observed any changes to the shore zone or local surrounding waters of Salt Spring Island? If so, please indicate.

- a) The type of activity
- b) Where it is
- c) Its observed effects

9. What changes have you observed in the recreational use of the shore zones and local surrounding waters of Salt Spring Island?

In your view, what effects have these changes had on the shore environment?

10. What changes, if any, would you like to see to the shore zones or local surrounding waters of Salt Spring Island?

11. If you wish, please enter your:

Name

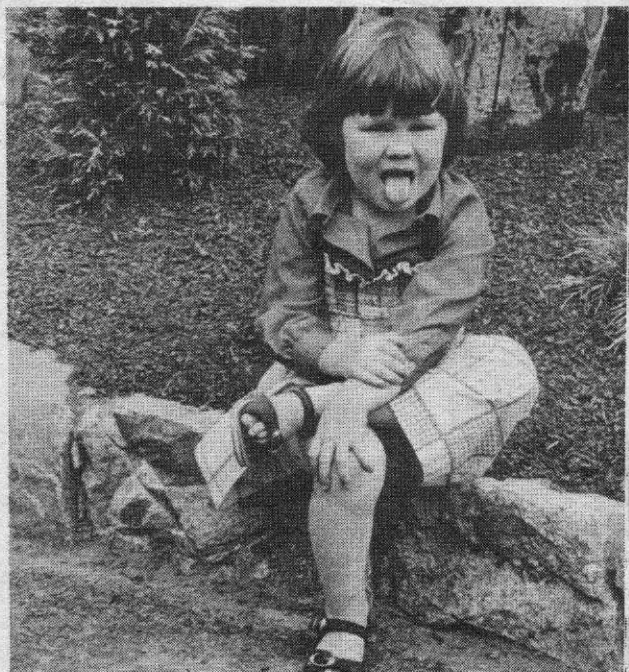
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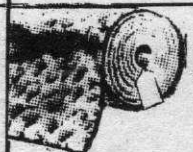
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