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DEFICIT OF $80,187

Serious financial situation at Lady Minto

Lady Minto Hospital is facing a "very serious" financial situation, the annual meeting of the hospital society was told at Ganges Monday.

Administrator Malcolm Pinteau told the meeting the operating deficit from last year stands at $80,187 and that the government could not be expected to provide any more than $25,000 towards clearing it.

The meeting was also told the hospital could be "facing a crisis" with the bank.

Board chairman Iola Brookbanks explained that the government sends the hospital its money every month, but usually after the payroll goes out. In order to make the payroll, the hospital must borrow the money from the bank.

Reasons given for the deficit were higher costs of drugs and food and higher wages. Mrs. Brookbanks said the hospital is not unionized but employees are paid union wages.

Malcolm Pinteau also blamed the hospital's financial problems on the provincial government's fiscal restraint. The government had only allowed a 5.03% increase in the budget, which was not enough to "wipe out" the deficit let alone compensate for inflation, said the administrator.

SEWAGE PROBLEM

He also blamed the sewage disposal problem. The septic field, he said, was being pumped regularly while an application is before the Pollution Control Branch for permission to make some changes to the septic system. The changes will provide a temporary solution until the proposed sewer system goes in at Ganges.

Pinteau was somewhat critical of the government's funding system for hospitals.

The government pays $136 for each patient-day. In April, he explained, the hospital had budgeted for 450 days, but by the end of the month, that figure had been exceeded. For every day over the projected figure, the government only pays $10. In April, Lady Minto actually had 528 patient-days.

Pinteau went on to explain that a departmental budgeting system is being set up, whereby each department of the hosptial must account for its performance every month.

Meanwhile, the hospital is working with the B.C. Health Association on finding a solution to the financial situation and is in "direct communication" with the Minister of Health.

Mike Byron presents report to trustees

District's agi program doesn't need formal approval of board

The agricultural program being taught at Gulf Islands Secondary School is "quite legal" and doesn't need a formal motion by the school board for approval, said a spokesman for the Ministry of Education last week.

John Meredith, senior superintendent of public instruction, made the statement at Thursday's meeting of Gulf Islands School Board following some questions raised over the course's legality.

Agriculture, or agi, instructor Mike Byron presented a report to the board outlining what his classes were doing and some of the difficulties they were up against.

"There is a trend towards self-sufficiency in growing food in B.C.", said Byron, adding that he felt it had a "greater relevance and greater importance" than many other courses.

He said that out of the 40 schools in the province offering such a course, the islands school had been judged as one of the top three. Byron noted that nine former islands students were studying agriculture at the post-secondary level in different B.C. schools.

LEASING LAND

There are 83 students from grades nine to 12 taking the course at Ganges. The students have leased, through their teacher, 160 acres of land near St. Mary Lake, where they are raising almost $10,000 worth of beef, "if the price stays up". The students spend a lot of time on the course outside of school hours, said Byron.

"We're specializing in making

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An evil thing to do

It was an evil, low thing to do, said a caller Monday, who had a story to tell about an incident that took place near Ganges that morning.

The story came to light at the Legion's blood clinic during the afternoon. A donor went into the hall, gave blood and passed out. The ambulance was called and the man was taken up to the hospital.

The Salt Spring resident, it turned out, had not eaten during the day and had not been feeling very well. He had been feeling down ever since he had gone to get the mail from his mailbox.

In addition to his mail, he discovered his cat, which someone had killed. She leaves a litter of five-week-old kittens.

Board wants sewers

The Capital Regional District will be informed by Gulf Islands School Board of the latter's desire to see a sewer system installed in Ganges.

Spencer Marr suggested to his fellow trustees Thursday that it was "our duty" to tell the region the board wanted to see the sewers go in.

Trustees gave unanimous approval to the motion.

Region will not issue permit for Mayne dock

The Capital Regional District is proceeding in its bid to enforce building regulation bylaws with regard to the Mayne Inn's dock at Bennett Bay.

The C.R.D. has stated that it will not issue a building permit for the dock in opposition to Islands Trust ruling.

Two weeks ago, a first writ was issued by the C.R.D. to Pinchin Holdings Ltd., owners of the inn.

It informed them that their dock is considered a commercial structure and, as such, requires a building permit before it can be built.

Accordingly, work stopped until Weldon Pinchin, armed with a letter from his lawyer, appeared at the C.R.D. offices June 13 to apply for the permit.

Some months ago, *Driftwood* has learned, he enquired about a permit for a private dock and was told he did not require one. In the case of a public amenity, however, the answer is different.

Rather than turn down the application on the spot, though, the C.R.D. hand-delivered its written response on Friday.

In essence, C.R.D. Executive Director Dennis Young told *Driftwood*, the reply was that no permit would be granted as long as the dock contravenes Islands Trust zoning bylaws.

The letter also repeated the order to cease and desist and to remove existing structures.

The written reply and formal procedures, Young explained, will serve as proof, if need be, that Pinchin could be in no doubt as to the C.R.D.'s intentions.

The big issue, he added, is whether work continues on Monday, June 18. If it does, Young said, "That will be it".

As of Tuesday, however, there was no sign of activity at the dock.

Greenwoods has its problems

It is not only Lady Minto Hospital that is faced with financial difficulties. The new intermediate and personal care facility, Greenwoods, also has problems, said administrator Malcolm Pinteau Monday.

"Our funding is considerably less than what we're paying out," he told the annual meeting of the Intermediate and Personal Care Society, which was held following the hospital society meeting at Ganges.

Hang glider pilot hurt

Robert Wilson, 20, of Cobble Hill sustained a fractured leg when he crash landed his hang glider at Fulford last week.

Police, ambulance and fire department were all called to Fulford for help.

Increased patrols planned

Attemped break-in at Marshall Wells store in Ganges has led to increased police patrols of the area.

On Tuesday Const. Ace Mainwaring told *Driftwood* that the patrols would be increased in an effort to ensure that there will be no further attempts.

Denis Corcoran, proprietor of the hardware store in the Valcourt Centre reported on June 18 that the attempt had been made over the week end. It was unsuccessful.

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Agi students raising $10,000 worth of beef on their 160 acres

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money this year," he said. The students are cutting wood, clearing brush and even washing police cars in order to raise money to keep the class going.

"There is too much time spent making money," the board was told. "We need more time in the classroom ..."

The students also spend a lot of time travelling between the school and their land, about five miles away.

LABORATORY

As for shortcomings in the course itself, Byron felt a stronger theoretical base was necessary and that a laboratory was needed" before we can go very far".

Land and water uses, he said, "hadn't been touched" and insufficient time had been spent on field crops.

Although the islands have better facilities for an agi program than many school districts, said Byron, the local facilities are not capable of handling an expanded program.

Byron also asked trustees to consider a number of questions, including whether or not the board wanted an agricultural program, if the trustees considered the islands to be a viable, agricultural area and what the per capita cost of the program was in comparison with other programs offered in the district.

After Byron finished addressing the meeting, secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck reminded trustees of some of the problems they had to consider. In addition to the question of providing "safe, reliable transportation" to students, he was "not confident that it is legal".

NEVER BEEN ASKED

In reference to one of Byron's questions, Peck said: "It's the first time the board has been asked if it wants an agriculture program."

"What do we do about a budget for a program that doesn't exist?" he asked.

He observed that the ministry was in the process of developing an agriculture curriculum and the board needed to know what support the ministry would give.

"We're operating in a vacuum," he said. Peck also questioned the terms under which the 160-acre lease was operating. School principal Bob McWhirter explained that the course was part of one prescribed by the education ministry. The school, he said, had never asked for permission to give other prescribed courses.

The board had funded the course, in part, through equipment and transportation, McWhirter observed.

BEGAN IN PORTABLE

He recalled that the course had been implemented about five years ago. It began in a small portable classroom and then moved into the industrial education room in the high school. It would be ideal, he felt, to have a parcel of land within walking distance of the school.

He went on to explain that the school district had no lease.

"Mike Byron, personally, has a lease of 160 acres."

District superintendent Bob Huestis spoke warmly in favour of the agi program. The course had had exhuberant growth and was a very positive thing, he said. It had been well developed and was being used as a provincial model

DEVELOPED ON ITS OWN

Mike Byron recalled that about five or six years ago, the ministry had suggested districts explore locally-developed programs in agriculture. The islands district went ahead and the course developed on its own.

"No one said, stop", Byron noted, "and you're still paying me."

John Meredith told the meeting the ministry was preparing an agriculture program, "but you will probably have to be a bit patient."

He noted that the local program has a "significant number" of students involved and asked if the program or the teacher were responsible.

"I suspect it's the latter," he said.

IN THE FIELD

Mike Byron spoke once more, warning that there was a need to get students out into the field for "on the job training". He recalled two students from the University of British Columbia who had taken agriculture teacher training. They turned down two jobs because, Byron said, they'd never had any background experience working in the field.

Trustee Charles Baltzer noted that the board had "dragged its feet" over the agi course because of the fear of "losing Mike Byron".

"If Mike left, the agi program would go," said Baltzer, who described the course as "terrific".

Delegation meets in camera with board

Acting principal at Mayne Island School, Ian Cocker, will be guaranteed a full-time, continuing position in Gulf islands School District effective September 1. Gulf islands School Board made the decision at the board meeting Thursday, following a delegation of about 10 Mayne Island parents.

The group met with trustees in an *in camera* session. One of them told *Driftwood* after that the parents wanted to see Cocker stay on as principal of the school.

Cyclist hurt

Youthful cyclist was injured in a collision with a car on Galiano on June 12.

Mainland visitor was one of five students cycling with a teacher. He went for the wrong road at an intersection, corrected himself and turned around into the path of a truck.

He was taken to Tsawwassen for treatment.

Salt Spring Fibres looks back over successful year

Considering that a lot of businesses in Ganges don't even last a year, Salt Spring fibres is quite a successful venture, said a spokesman for the group that runs the shop Saturday.

Arlene Dashwood was looking back over the fibres shop's first year of operation. It is operated by a co-operative with almost 20 members, who sell articles they make through the store.

The members agree that their store, located next to the Village Jeans Shop is a little small, but Arlene Dashwood observed that she would rather have a small shop full of various articles than a big shop with little in it.

The shop doesn't cater totally to the tourist trade, as a lot of people seem to think, said the spokesman. It is estimated that 50% of Salt Spring Fibres' customers are islands residents.

Three members of the group recently won awards at a craft show held in conjunction with the anniversary.

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TO BE Frank by richards

Playing with words is the whole game of writing. When I sat in a meeting with about 30 other hacks I was shaken to hear someone challenge the good old English verb, to recompense. It was a non-word, suggested a faint voice in the background of sound. I think the semanticist was a non-word, as well. And I wouldn't recompense him for his efforts!

* * *

I should be extremely courteous to Mary Williamson. She was on her knees the other week, hobbling around on crutches and she asked me to deliver to the office her writings. In less than half a mile I lost them. Instead of beating me over the head with her good crutch, she was very forgiving. And I hate being forgiven! But I can't forgive her reference this week to wars. According to my memory, and being older it is longer than Mary's, the Americans entered the war on April 6, 1917. It was almost my birthday in as much as I was minus one on that day. It only makes her comments the more significant.

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You don't get that kind of criticism of TV news if you watch, as I do, the Knowlton Nashional on CBC!

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I was hungry and I was desperate. There was just time to get something before the posted ferry time. I got a hamburger, North America's sickest joke about beef. And it was on the sick side. It consisted of a wad of ground gristle, unspiced and uncooked, floating in a ball of soggy dough, flavoured with the remains of a dead cabbage, a pint of revolting red juice and a dill pickle. Excuse me: I feel sick, again!

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You look closely at the tax notice and the word remittor stands out rather sharply. But it ain't wrong. The more normal remitter is fine for common folk. Remittor is the legal jargon, says Webster. Thorndike doesn't recognize it and neither does the Oxford dictionary. Either the British Columbia government is very *avant garde* or it is very archaic. I guess the decision varies according to the convictions of the person making the judgement.

The *Salt Spring Queen* has been struggling, but the pace was too much. The veteran of Fulford Harbour was out of commission again on Monday evening. The work was too much for her. It makes the job so much tougher for the ferry corporation. Neither Mr. Fraser nor Mr. Gallagher really enjoy this business of seating passengers in the boat and then presenting them with their oars for the hard pull to Fulford. But it looks like it may come yet!

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It doesn't help the ball game and it doesn't help the players suggested a police spokesman in Ganges this week. He expressed regret that ball teams travelling to tournaments on the island should engage in public drinking on the ferries. It doesn't matter whether they are celebrating an arduous victory or drowning their sorrows in beer, he explained, the act is still an offence.

Electronic information centre finds home at Pender Island

The staff is hired and a home has been found for Pender Islands' experimental electronic information exchange centre.

For two months, starting on Saturday, June 30, Direct Media Association's "feasibility study" will occupy the playschool room in the Pender Library Centre.

The project will open its doors on the same day as hundreds of Penderites flock to the centre for the Pender Lender annual fund-raising swap and shop.

Project co-ordinator Linda McGee and her fellow workers Deborah Auchterlonie, Karen Fulawka and Daphne Plessner, as well as Direct Media co-ordinator Bill Bartlett, will be on hand to explain the equipment and its uses and the project's aims.

Standing in the sunny and spacious room, Bartlett was philosophical about the school board's refusal last week to allow the project to take place in the Pender School library.

LACKS ADVANTAGES

"This is certainly a pleasant and convenient place to work," he said, "but it lacks some of the long-term and education-oriented advantages of a school base."

Bartlett learned recently that he will be taking part during the next school year in a B.C. Institute of Technology experiment in distance education. This "electronic extension program", strongly supported by the Ministry of Education, would make at least one B.C.I.T. course available to Pender sutdents via satellite. In light of this and other applications, Bartlett had hoped to integrate his work somewhat with the existing education system.

He is hopeful, however, that as the summer project debunks some of the more "frightening" aspects and reveals the usefulness of community controlled media technologies, islanders and particularly the school staff may warm to the idea of becoming more involved.

RESEARCH CONTRACT

One reason for his optimism is the support his work received from several government agencies during his recent trip to Ottawa. As a result of his talks, he is developing a contract tor the C.R.T.C. to research alternative broadcast distribution systems.

The B.C.I.T. project is one example of Department of Communications experiments with the social implications of computer-based communications systems.

Another D.O.C. interest shared by Direct Media Association is the practical study of "direct to home" (in this case, "direct to community centre") broadcasting.

Small home satellite receiving stations permitting reception of a wide range of channels in any area are a distinct possibility in the near future. Bartlett's negotiations with the D.O.C. could well mean location of an AB station on Pender Island.

Ministry wants better insight into problems

Gulf Islands School Board heard a story last week about a provincial school board that, after receiving a letter from the Ministry of Education, made a formal motion to file the letter in the waste basket.

The speaker was senior superintendent of public instruction John Meredith, who has been with the provincial Ministry of Education for 32 years.

He explained that he was not attending the board meeting "on a witch hunt" but in the capacity of a regional liaison officer. It is a new program being tried out by the ministry to "ensure we have a better insight into the problems and business of school boards".

"We (the ministry) need to be more sensitive to what's going on," he observed.

"As far as I'm aware, there are no major problems in this district."

He spoke to the board for about an hour at the regular meeting Thursday on programs being developed and problems that are faced by the government, in the field of education.

Workshops keep weavers busy during winter months

BY ILSE LEADER

After a busy fall winter and spring the Salt Spring Island weavers are getting ready for the arts and crafts exhibition and sale at Mahon Hall commencing June 30.

Our winter season has been busy with workshops and informal learning sessions in dyeing with natural and commercial dyes, inkle weaving, lichen gathering and identification, basketweaving and spin-ins and other projects. A group of us went to Vancouver to see the travelling Artisat 78 show, an exhibition of west coast arts and crafts. Some of our members just came home from attending the biannual conference of the Pacific North West Weavers Association at Spokane, Wash.

In the midst of all we had to find new quarters for our general and weekly meetings and are looking forward to finding a permanent home at Mahon Hall. We will be able to rent a room at the hall where we not only can store our equipment but also put up our floor loom, which can be used there by our members for individual or guild work.

At our workshop with Joanna Staniskis just a short while ago, we were introduced to one of the west coast's outstanding tapestry weavers.

We hope to be able to put up a tapestry loom in our new premises for members to try their hands at tapestry on a large scale.

Right now we are putting the final touches on the work that will be displayed and sold at the summer sale.

Our guild enjoys a healthy membership of about 40 members, active and hopeful ones. Our monthly general meeting is held every first Thursday of the month and will be starting again in September 1979. Over the summer months we have informal meetings at members' homes with themes such as "off-loom weaving", "a dyepot" or "whatever you want."

Gulf Islands School District

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Is it only secondary?

The topic of energy has become a fad these days, according to B.C. Hydro president, J. Norman Olsen. And judging by some excerpts from a speech he made recently to the Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce, it would seem that Mr. Olsen would rather have people let Hydro mind its own business.

But any company that operates with a debt as large as the power corporation's is obviously in need of some help.

Hydro is at present engaged in increasing its operating deficit by conducting a campaign which is apparently designed to try and convince the public that a serious power shortage could be faced by Vancouver Island in the near future. One gets the distinct impression from the campaign that as far as the corporation is concered, the environment is a secondary consideration.

Mr. Olsen said that not enough attention is concentrated on the positive aspects of energy production, "as enjoyed by the great, silent majority".

Mr. Olsen has failed to realize that the majority of which he speaks must already be aware of the benefits provided by his company. There are few people living in this province who do not enjoy electricity and all the luxuries it affords.

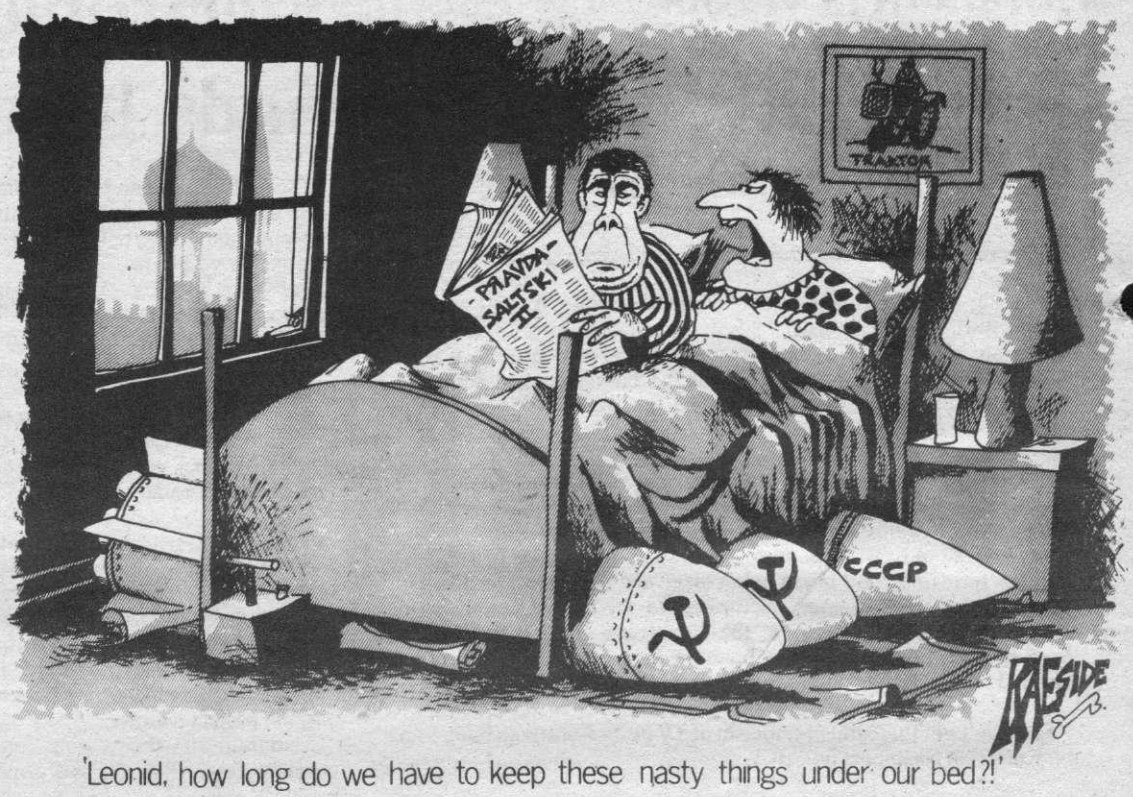
What is unfortunate is that not enough people concern themselves over where the power comes from and what is entailed in transmitting it to their homes. Perhaps if there were an increased awareness of such matters, less power would be needed today.

The Hydro president also said it was unfortunate that discussions on energy matters are "almost exclusively in terms of the damages that might result, the risks that might be assumed and the social, environmental and economics costs that will be suffered..."

Surely that is the most sensible approach. Surely Mr. Olsen is not suggesting that the amount of wealth to be generated from a power project should be considered before anything else?

Consideration of environmental damage is a fairly recent development.

Let's give it top priority.



'Leonid, how long do we have to keep these nasty things under our bed?!'

Letters to the Editor

SUCCESSFUL EVENT

Sir,

On behalf of the board of trustees of the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society, I should like to thank, through your paper, all those who helped make the official opening of Greenwoods such a successful event. A special "thank you" to the Valcourts for allowing the use of their property for parking, the Legion for supplying appropriate flags, the schools for providing chairs and making it possible for the bands to play at this function, the band members for their music, the Candy Stripers for guiding visitors and assisting the auxiliary in serving tea, and the auxiliary members for their many services on that day and especially for providing a superb tea.

J. LORRAINE CAMPBELL,
President,
The Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society.
June 16, 1979.

JOB WELL DONE

Sir,

I wish to thank publicly the team that recently visited Fernwood Elementary School to organize a bicycle rodeo for our students. The rodeo which teaches and emphasizes safe bicycle control was developed and organized by Const. Glenn Hanna of the local R.C.M.P. detachment. On behalf of the school, I would like to congratulate Glenn for his initiative in producing this type of program. I have no doubt that this safety program will become an ongoing event in this school and that our students should become better, safer cyclists as a result. Hopefully our parent body too, will be relieved of some of the anxiety that always accompanies the purchase of a bicycle.

Additional thanks to the members of the Rotary Club who as well as donating the prizes in the rodeo, helped judge the various events. This service club has long enjoyed a favourable reputation for their generosity and this gesture is yet another example of their kindness and service to the youth of the island.

Once again on behalf of the school, a big thank you for a good job well done, to Const. Glenn Hanna and the Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island.

ALAN MARSH,
Principal,
Fernwood School.
June 15, 1979.

ISLANDS ARE FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE

Sir,

Through your column I wish to defend the actions of the Islands Trust, who must enforce the bylaws of our community plans and to judge at public hearings, the wishes of the majority of our people.

Many of us came to the islands during the past 20 years, brought here by land developers who promised paradise but left us with problems. They made a bundle on the eager city buyers and didn't stick around long enough to make sure we had sufficient water. Those of us who chose to stay learned to cope and were helped by government who froze small lot development when they realized that these fragile islands could not support thousands of homes. We were and still are short of water, the land cannot absorb large amounts of sewage and we still pay private contractors to truck our garbage off-island.

Over the years we worked together to provide necessary services as we organized water districts, health services and fire improvement districts. A colunteer planning committee worked for years,on our official community plan, which was finally adopted in January 1978, by the Islands Trust.

Twenty years ago property taxes were low but gradually with increased Ferry services, highways, schools, health service and fire departments, we had to pay the piper. Ferry rates increased sharply, which added greatly to the cost of freight and food supplies. Many elderly residents on small fixed incomes, sold their homes and moved away; they could no longer afford to live in the islands. Those who remained became very protective about the islands, we welcome visitors who respect the environment and realize our limitations but frown on the careless and often drunken drivers, who dump their garbage on the roadsides. Most small boat owners respect the sea but we get our share of yo-yo's with overpowered boats, who toss their empties. their garbage and flush out their holding tanks beside our best swimming areas.

The shellfish are rapidly disappearing, deer are savaged by roaming dogs, bird nesting areas are disturbed by roaring boat motors and low flying planes, our whole ecosystem seems to be threatened.

Some people say that "we cannot hold back progress" but if we have a conscience and care about future generations, we cannot stand idly by. These islands are nature's masterpieces, they must be preserved against those who only want to extract from them, not add to them.

The quality of life cannot be measured by the buck. We want to save our beaches, our scenery, the deer, the fish and bird life, that is why we came here in the first place.

We are now at a crossroads, the authority of our Islands Trust and Capital Regional District is being ignored by vested interests, who would turn our best swimming beach at Bennett Bay, into a commercial marina. Lines on planning maps, restrictive zoning or official comminity plans do not protect our resources against the quest of corporations with political muscle and lobby groups.

We, the people of these islands, are the first line of defence against those who wish to ruin the beauty of them forever. We must support our Islands Trust and our Capital Regional District to enforce and uphold the bylaws that govern all of us. We will get the laws we deserve and if you want to preserve and protect these unique beauty spots, as I do, write a letter of support to the Islands Trust and the capital Regional District.

KAY CARPENTER,
Mayne Island.
June 16.1979.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW!

Sir,

With the evening closing of the dining room of the Harbour House Hotel and the subsequent closing of the piano keyboard I felt I just had to express my grateful thanks to those islanders and others who gave me so much support over the years.

I finished up at 520 performances and every one was a pleasure.

Maybe it's "Au Revoir" and not "Goodbye". I do hope so.

With renewed thanks to one and all,

BRYAN SMITH,
Box 315,
Ganges,
June 17, 1979.

USE THE SEWAGE

Sir,

I have very strong objections to dumping any pollutants in any waters. Such shorsightedness will eventually have to be paid dearly

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More letters (From Page Four)

for. There are already thousands of examples of the cost in lost natural resources, lost recreational facilities, lost health; and in dollars spent countering such pollution. In our province there are many areas where fishing, shellfishing, swimming, etc. are already restricted, to say nothing of the more outstanding crimes against the environment and through it against humanity, such as the Rainy River, Hudson River, Lake Erie, and many others.

In our harbour at Ganges there are still, at least at the south end, excellent crabs and shellfish, and swimming spots which will eventually become polluted. Pollution will become worse in years to come. No matter what the currents and winds are doing all pollutants will not be washed out. Pollutants that are washed out of our harbour, where are they going? Eventually to someone else's waters and beaches.

With all the pollutants entering the semi-enclosed waters of the Puget Sound, Straights of Georgia area from Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Fraser River, Powell River, etc., it won't be long before no seafood is safe and no beaches enjoyable. The Gulf and San Juan Islands are already in a bad location in relation to pollutants being "flushed" out of these areas. It will take a lot of flushing to keep these restricted waters clean as population and industries increase.

If we flush our sewage into Trincomali or any other channel where will it go from there? It should be of interest to all where these pollutants go. We should not just be pushing them off to someone else's waters. If no one cares or kicks until they are personally affected it won't be long before we are all affected. It's time we all considered humanity as a whole, and its future. Don't put the sewage in any waters, use it.

There are tons of valuable fertilizer being wasted in polluting the world's waters when this fertilizer can be reclaimed and used. This is being done in other places where the sewage is processed and given away or sold as fertilizer. (Millorganite is a good example.) The initial cost may be large but it will be a great deal cheaper in the long run when you consider the value of seafood and recreational facilities which will be destroyed, to say nothing of aesthetic considerations. The value of the fertilizer produced will do a great deal towards defraying the costs. Has this been seriously considered?

This is among the most beautiful and pleasant areas in the world. Let's keep it that way.

PETE BURTT,
R.R. 2, Ganges, B.C.
June 11, 1979

First Great War remembered (but not very accurately)

Following letter was written by Mary Williamson to television station CKVU in Vancouver. It may be of interest to both viewers and non-viewers of television.

Sir or Madam:

I almost choked on my final cup of coffee before taking my children to school this morning!

Sandwiched between *Spider Man* and *Penelope Pitstop* was an "educational" film put out by, I believe Krantz Productions. Max the 2,000-year-old mouse gives some interesting sidelights on U.S. history. This morning's film concerned the career of Black-Jack Pershing.

The earlier part of General Pershing's career is unknown to me and I accept that his friendship with Teddy Roosevelt was the reason for his rapid promotion, BUT ...

"In 1916 a real war broke out in Europe ... "

Max went on at some length about the Americans facing trench warfare for the first time. They were, of course, successful ...

"Victory after victory followed. Soon the British and French joined in ...!"

Really?

Of course I went to school in England, so probably didn't learn the true facts. I had always understood that the First Great War (dubbed W.W.1 by the Americans) began in 1914 and that the British and French had been fighting for two horrendous years before the Americans were dragged in. Their success or failure in the trenches also depends on who is telling the story.

If you must air American fallacies on Canadian T.V., please warn viewers that what they are watching, even at 8.30 am, is largely fictional, and may not be suitable for all family members, i.e. dad and mum who may know better.

Hit and run

Roy Smith has reported a hit and run accident outside Harbour House Hotel on June 10.

His vehicle was parked during the early hours of the morning when it was struck by another.

RCMP at Ganges are investigating.

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Tony Richards

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Building pages until you can't see straight;

Answering the phone until it becomes an automatic reflex -whenever or wherever you hear a phone ring.

A newspaper is talking to an irate customer and smiling when you know you're being abused.

It's volunteering to help when you're too tired to move;

Wanting to explode at someone because you know you're right, but backing down politely for the sake of the newspaper;

It's people interchanging thoughts and ideas, dreams and beliefs;

It's a proofreader's agony,
A reporter's grief,
An Editor's baby,
An owner's pride;

It can be the backbone of the people or a shot in the dark;

It's mainly the satisfaction of a lot of people who care enough to do the best they know how to get the "news impartially without fear or favor" to the ever anxious readers;

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I wasn't enthusiastic about going to Victoria last week, but was I ever glad to get on the ferry. I was the last of three cars in the compound when the gate went down.

A minute later the gate went up again, and the first car drove on the *Salt Spring Queen.* Then the next one. Then it was my turn.

But there was a small boat on a trailer behind one of the last vehicles to board and it was in the way. Three ferry crew members and the boat's owner picked up the boat and trailer and moved it over.

That's what I call first class service.

I've been breaking the law ever since I first started driving. Every time I've gone anywhere on Salt Spring Island, I've broken the law. It hasn't been a serious offence, but an offence nonetheless.

I've always left the key in the ignition. Until Sunday, I had no reason to believe that I was being foolish in doing so. Until Sunday, I had a considerable amount of faith in residents of the island. Until Sunday, I didn't think anyone could possibly want to steal my truck. How wrong I was.

And how mad I was when I found out.

I'd parked it on Lang Road, well over to the side, out of the way of traffic, with no danger of it rolling anywhere, and of course, I left the key in the ignition.

I was at a party for about two hours when someone told someone elso there was a truck in the ditch and the police had arrived. Someone else said, "Hey, that sure looks like your truck up there".

My truck? Not a chance, I didn't put it in the ditch. Half an hour later, someone said a wrecker had arrived to tow away the ditched truck. Again, someone observed that it sure looked like my truck. So I went up to investigate: no truck.

The police were still on the scene, so I asked them what was going on. They told me a truck had been in the ditch, blocking trafic on the road and they'd called the wrecker to take it to Ganges. That's great, I thought. With my transportation gone, I wouldn't be able to go and investigate should a big story break. Like a bank robbery or something. On top of that I'd have to pay the wrecker for towing out my truck.

The police told me they'd sent a message down to be given over Sea Biscuit's P.A. system. I never heard it, but that's beside the point.

What they could have done was taken a look at the registration, get my name and pass along the message.

I would have heard about it right away, and could have saved myself $20.

Anyway, there were no bank robberies, no big stories, so I can't complain about that.

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Piano for Greenwoods

Greenwoods has a piano, thanks to the Salt Spring Volunteer Fire Department. A dozen firemen delivered piano to new facility at Ganges on Tuesday of last week.

Civil Liberties and police road block on Salt Spring

Secretary of the Victoria Civil Liberties Association has challenged the action of the Ganges Detachment, RCMP, in checking vehicles coming off the Long Harbour ferry. Murray Rankin has written to the RCMP at Ganges and a copy of his letter follows:

Dear Sirs:

I am writing with respect to the actions of certain members of your Salt Spring detachment which took place at approximately 10.50 pm on Friday, June 8, 1979. Although I am a solicitor, I am writing to you in my capacity as secretary of the Victoria Civil Liberties Association: a duly incorporated society which is deeply concerned with civil rights.

On returning from the Long Harbour ferry terminal where I had picked up three friends who were visiting for the weekend, I noted a roadblock ahead.

RCMP officers had earlier informed me on my way to the terminal that this was "a routine matter". All cars travelling from Long Harbour to Ganges, the great majority of which had disembarked from the ferry, were being stopped.

The first question which I was asked was, "Do you live on Salt Spring Island? Where are you staying tonight?"

In the most polite tone possible, I replied that I was not prepared to answer these questions.

As I hope you are aware, there is no statutory provision allowing for such questions nor is there any common law duty upon a driver to respond.

I stress that I was most courteous to the police officers and refused to answer merely as a matter of principle.

In a surly and aggressive fashion, the officer ordered me to the side of the road. As is his right, he asked me to produce my driver's licence and registration. When I told him that I had moved from the address shown on my driver's licence, he issued me with a Traffic Notice. I fully acknowledge his right to do so and I am not disputing this in any way.

The officer took as much time as possible in filling out the Traffic Notice and thereby detaining us at the side of the road.

He next asked whether we had been drinking.

If he were trying to establish reasonable and probable grounds to justify a roadside search for alcohol, it seems quite ridiculous for a full-scale roadblock of vehicles which, for the most part, were coming from a ferry where drinking is not permitted.

What business does the RCMP have in establishing where one is going to stay on Salt Spring Island?

There are ample hotels and camping facilities on the Island for visitors. Is it not rather unusual for a total roadblock of cars coming on to the Island with the ostensible purpose of checking for drinking drivers?

The car in front of us was being searched thoroughly, apparently for alcohol. Can the police establish reasonable and probable grounds for suspecting a particular offence by wholesale searches of the general driving public? (See recent Federal Court decision in Re Gunn).

I appreciate the difficult task that police officers must fulfill. I am certain that most citizens confronted by a police officer in uniform shining a flashlight into their car on a dark evening would anxiously comply with the request for all information, answering questions which police officers have no legal right to ask.

However, unless we insist upon our rights being respected, even at the cost of some intimidation and discomfort eroded. I would apprec- discomfort in relatively trivial matters, these rights will slowly be eroded. I would appreciate the courtesy of a reply at your earliest convenience.

MURRAY RANKIN,
Victoria Civil Liberties Ass.,
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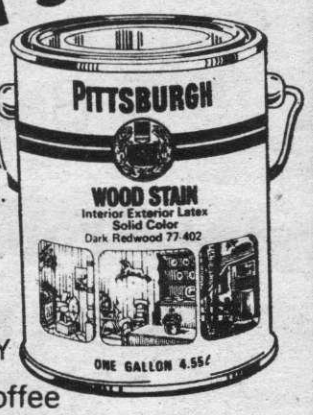

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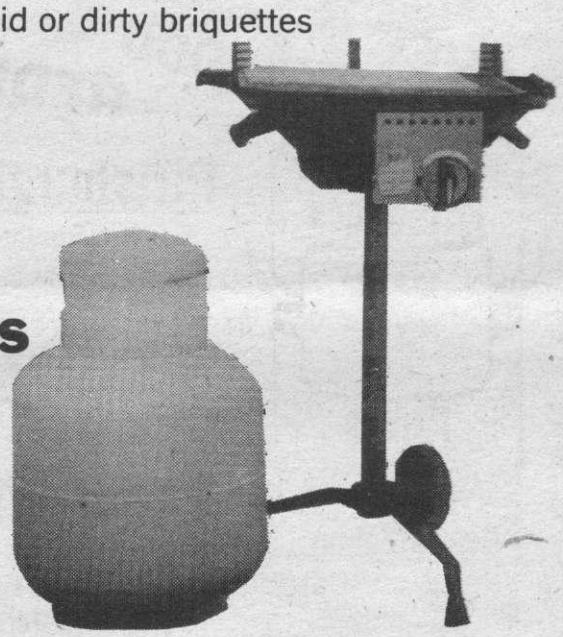
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Island cyclists prepare for ride

Local students have been doing a lot of cycling lately. Here are a number of them preparing for some riding on Friday of last week. Island cyclists also took part in race around Shawnigan Lake recently. The team of six took second place; 42 riders entered.

No signs in cities as traveller gets lost crossing province

BY FRANK RICHARDS

You're a lot safer in the air than you are on the highway, an airline spokesman assured me the other day when I revealed my cowardice.

I drove to the Okanagan the end of last week and I realized what he meant when I followed a bus along B.C. highways. I'd sooner fly!

It's a nice trip to the Okanagan if you're fond of driving. I'm not all that sold on it. But it was a pleasant run for the car.

The ferry trip is the easiest. You let the other fellow do the driving.

First officer on the ferry was Alan Sequeira, who was living on Salt Spring Island until his move to Swartz Bay. He explained to me that the skipper was another acquaintance. Roy Harrington had been on the island during the provincial election campaign when he was agent for John Green.

I thought of John Green again when we stopped overnight at Hope. It was John who recalled to a small gathering after the all-candidates' meeting that he had never lived in Hope. I accused him of a deliberate lie on the grounds that he was even then living in hope of getting elected.

Hope is a nice, clean place, but the mountains a trifle too overbearing for mine.

DISAPPEARING

A leisurely breakfast and a gentle drive brought us towards Princeton where the roads are up. It was supernatural British Columbia, said a flashing sign bridging the highway. Half of the highway had disappeared, but it wasn't supernatural. It was disappearing under its lift of asphalt. I read half a novel while we waited.

The bridge reconstruction was only a few moments' stop.

In Penticton the city fathers are looking for oil. The main shopping centre is up. Everything is up. Even hopes. They have announced that it will all be ready for use in two weeks' time. Now, if they can do all that in two weeks, then they really are supernatural in British Columbia!

Penticton is like so many parts of the province. You can drive miles without ever seeing a highway sign. We were in a new development with a new road somewhere in Penticton because they don't want you to leave. So they don't tell you how. Cities, generally, are poorly posted.

I can only hope they find oil. Then the signs will be all printed in Albertan as well as English! And we can have all the benefits that go with it.

LOOKING FOR OIL.

From Penticton to Summerland is a short hop. We hopped it in short order and found that Summerland lies on the same seam. They're digging up the main streets there, looking for oil.

Summerland is like Penticton for another reason. They don't like direction signs overly much. You guess which way to turn and sometimes you're right!

I was only in Summerland for a couple of days so I didn't have time to look for New Democrats. By the feel of the community they're a rare breed. There was a conservative complacence blanketing everything.

I asked the mayor the label of the man they elected and he said Social Credit without asking which election. That was the message!

It's a very clean, bright community, Summerland and the houses are growing on the hillsides like they do when the water beneath is salt.

Coming home the water was anything but salt. I drove for six hours with only one thought in mind: the hope that it was also raining back home. It was.

I came back happy to have visited Summerland. And I came back wondering what would my reaction to milfoil weed have been had I been living on Okanagan Lake. My priorities would probably have been very different.

Often come back to the island to wonder why I ever left it, but if there were no islands to live on, Okanagan Lake would have its appeal.

Hospital and home-bound program is commended

The hospital and home-bound program offered by Gulf Islands School District has received warm commendation from two Salt Spring Island parents.

Trustees of the district were in receipt of a letter last week from Harvey and Lois Reynolds, who expressed gratitude for the program and wished to thank instructor Donna McWhirter.

Their daughter, they wrote, had been ill for some time and unable to attend school. Mrs. McWhirter had assisted her with her schooling, going as far as to stage science experiments in the kitchen.

IODE luncheon meeting

Women's club hears report of voyage

BY DOROTHY JAMES

Harbour House was the scene of the Annual luncheon meeting of the H.M.S. Ganges Chapter IODE on Friday, June 8, when members and guests mingled with lively conversation before gathering in the dining room.

A floral arrangement of red, white and blue flowers on the head table, and the flags of the Chapter added to the festive mood of a most enjoyable luncheon.

The meeting followed in the banquet room where the Regent, Mrs. E.J. Searles, pinned an orchid corsage on Mrs. Frances Elliott in honour of her appointment as a councillor in the Provincial Chapter.

A corsage of pink rosebuds had been presented to guest speaker Mrs. Valerie Haigh before the luncheon.

A new Canadian flag has been given to the local chapter.

The Zone meeting will be held in September at the Village Green in Duncan.

Mrs. M. Mayo, Services Convener reported she had finished nursury bags valued at $80 to be sent to the Children's Hospital.

Miss Olive Mouat commented on the recent two-day Citizenship ceremonies at the Ganges schools when three books had been gived to the school libraries: *Men of the Saddle* and *Men of B.C.* to the Elementary, and *Faces from History* to the Secondary.

She also noted that Ganges students had won prizes for Forestry Posters for B.C.

Final plans were discussed for the Garden Coffee Party to be held June 27 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George St. Denis on St. Mary Lake, North End Road, from 11 am to 1 pm.

Home baking, plants, good clothes and miscellaneous articles will be on sale. Entertainment will be a surprise, this year, so be prepared to take chances on being amused and rewarded.

The highlight of the afternoon came when Mrs. M. Hardie introduced the charming guest speaker, Mrs. Valerie Haigh, one of our celebrated residents, who gave a most informative account of the family adventure around the world aboard their trimaran *Tryste II*, illustrated by beautiful slides, some masterpieces of coloured photography.

This vessel was built in the barn at the Southey Point home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haigh. They had to construct a road to the beach to launch the hull. After outfitting with so much necessary equipment and sails, they learned how to navigate and sail in local and coastal waters.

SAILING SOUTH

This intrepid pair set sail with four of their five daughters on their daring trip-what many of us dream of doing but lacked the opportunity or the courage.

They headed south to San Francisco, calling at Acapulco on their journey to the Galapagos Islands when they encountered crippling storms. The crew of Cousteau's ship *Calypso* assisted them with repairs after their arrival at these famous islands.

There are about 2,000 inhabitants. The photography of birds, sea lions, native reptiles amidst mangrove swamps and rocky shores gave a most revealing picture of this unique part of the world. The Haighs spent six weeks there with goat meat and fish part of their diet.

Setting sail for other islands of the South Pacific including Atoll, Haiti, a French Naval Base and Morea they stayed in New Zealand and Australia to obtain some work and schooling for the girls. Their visit to the Great Barrier Reef they found enthralling.

They said goodbye to the two older girls at Cooktown where they departed for England and school. With the two younger crew members, who had become very efficient, they continued their voyage across the Indian Ocean to Durban, South Africa, where they stayed six weeks to renew sails. They also visited the Game Reserve.

TO JAMESTOWN

At Capetown they met *Nanook of the North* and sailed for fourteen days to Jamestown, St. Helena, still part of the Commonwealth since 1620.

The town consists of one long street between steep hills. The 5,000 or 6,000 people work on roads and farms; flaxgrowing has deteriorated so no exports any longer. The ebony trees have been stripped from the Island and the anchorage is very poor. Tourists visit the last home of Napoleon where he died in exile. If one can't afford a taxi there is the Jacobs Ladder, stairway to the 690 foot mountain lookout - a hot climb in the intense heat, but a rewarding view.

Setting sail to cross the Atlantic for the Caribbean they landed at St. Vincent. The trip through the Panama Canal was hair raising at times. When they fimally reached Cape Flattery they caught eight salmon and were happy to reach home.

Mrs. Haigh, among our most appreciated guest speakers was warmly applauded by members and guests.

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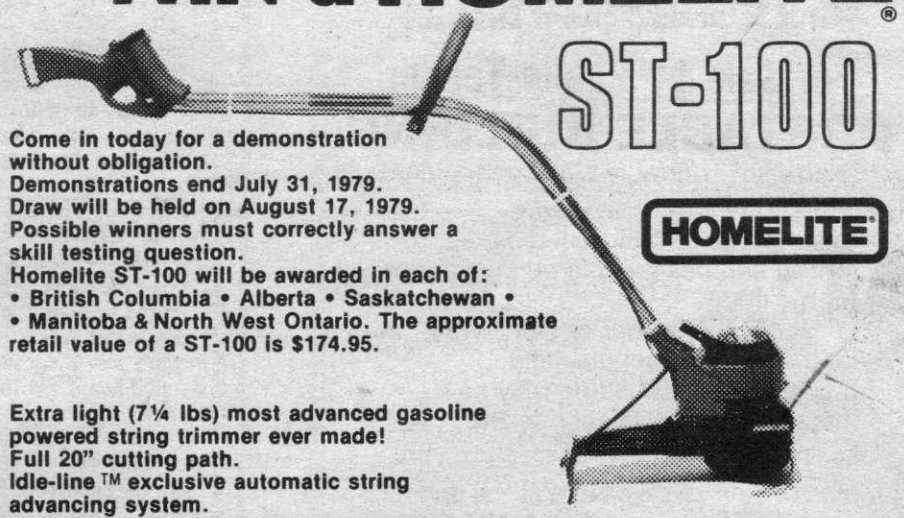

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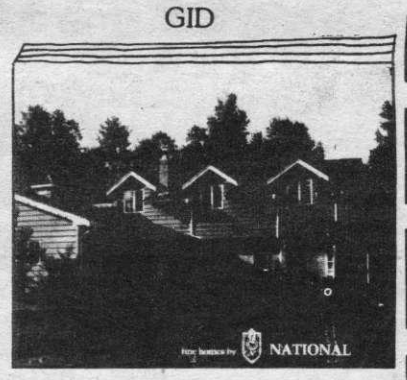

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Those were the days when the Islands were less known

Newsletter looks back on Gulf Islands history

Leslie Wright and Rolfe Ltd., Vancouver insurance company, published a report on the Gulf Islands in July, 1969. It was in the company's monthly letter.

Here is the report, which was mailed by an unknown reader to Driftwood office.

THE CANADIAN GULF ISLANDS

Travelling from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay, the B.C. Ferries ply Active Pass with Galiano Island to starboard and Mayne Island to port.

The ferries round Helen Point (named after Mrs. Joseph W. McKay, wife of the Chief Factor, Hudson's Bay Company) when leaving the pass, continue around Enterprise Reef and travel between North Pender and Prevost Islands, past Salt Spring Island and on to Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island.

What are these Gulf Islands?

Home to many; an unsurpassed recreational area; a source of income or a group of islands steeped in ancient Indian and local history.

To many, the islands provide their only source of income from such varied occupations as sheep farming, logging, fishing, tourism and cement and aggregate production. Many residents engage in two or three occupations.

DATING BACK 100 YEARS

Permanent island residents, often "characters" by city standards, are independent and some are third and fourth generation families dating back over 100 years.

The island population rapidly increases in the summer months; Friday night ferries disgorge a multitude of weekenders, bringing with them dogs, cats, hamsters and such disparate items as chainsaws and prefabricated outhouses. Supplies are often trundled off on shopping carts or carried on packboards. The weekenders rapidly disperse, often in jalopies left on the islands for transportation to cottages.

Each summer sees many new property owners on the islands in spite of an astronomical increase in land values since B.C. Ferries took over the services formerly provided by Coast Ferries and the C.P.R's *Princess Mary* (portions of which form the well known Victoria restaurant bearing the same name.

The protected waters of the islands have become a pleasure boater's paradise. The B.C. Parks Branch operates several marine parks in the islands. These have mooring buoys, campsites and other facilities.

One such park is located near the Canada Customs Office at Bedwell Harbour on South Pender. The Bedwell Harbour Marina is lost to many large yachts and the small boat owner visiting this spot may rapidly contract the well known and costly-to-cure disease, Two-footitis!

Smith's Store at Hope Bay on North Pender is the closest we have seen to an old time general store.

The Saturna Island store at Lyall Harbour has a good selection including groceries, fishing supplies and marine gas.

Ganges, on Salt Spring is the main business centre on the islands.

A number of special events are held each year, including the Saturna Lamb Barbecue and the Mayne Island Agricultural Fair. Mayne even had its answer to the Miles for Millions Walk, the total distance being 17 miles, all the roads on the island.

INDIAN WARS

Island history is full of tribal Indian wars and problems between settlers and the natives.

A fisherman in the 1860's was reported to have carried two rifles, two pistols, one axe and one naval cutlass to repel boarders, and one small keg of rum "to stimulate the spirits in the event of Indian attack".

Indian middens exist at many points on the islands.

The names of the islands and their landmarks reflect their past and the exploits of the Spanish, American and British sailors who first explored them.

Active Pass was named for a small wooden paddle-steamer owned by the United States Government and used in the boundary survey at the 49th parallel in the Strait of Georgia. The *Active* was the first steam vessel to navigate the pass.

Galiano took its name from Dionisio Alcala Galiano, the captain of the Spanish naval vessel *Sutil,* which sailed these waters in 1792, and beautiful Montague Harbour, on the southwest side of Galiano, was named after the British ship, *H.M.S. Montague.* Originally known as Stockade Harbour, it now is the site of a provincial marine park with a number of buoys in its well-protected bay.

IT'S MURDER

Saturna, the most rugged and perhaps the most beautiful of the islands, was called after the Spanish naval vessel, *Saturnina,* which visited there in 1791. Murder Point on Saturna was so named when an American gentleman, accompanied by his young daughter, set out to row from Waldron Island to Mayne Island. Forced to take shelter on the point, the two were murdered by a band of Indians.

When the gold rush started in the Cariboo, hopeful miners having landed at Victoria, would row to New Westminster, stopping in at the wide bay in the middle of Active Pass to rest and provision. Thus we have Miner's Bay on Mayne. In 1871 the hotel at Miner's Bay was built to serve the increased traffic through the pass. Operating now under the name *Springwater Lodge*, its public rooms are furnished with early Canadiana from the islands.

WHISTLE STOPS

Later when the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company started operating the side wheelers, *Princess Louise* and *Yosemite*, these ships would stop on request and discharge passengers to small boats.

Horses and cattle were dumped overboard to make their own way to shore. These ships were only licensed however to cross the Strait of Georgia in the summer months. Early in this century greenhouses were built on Mayne Island, a government wharf was built and until the advent of the Second World War, Mayne supplies Vancouver with tomatoes.

To city dwellers the islands offer an unsurpassed playground; superb fishing and boating, "refreshing" swimming, rewarding gardening, interesting history and a change of climate. Like Camelot, it never rains. Well, hardly ever! Best of all, a place to unwind, whether it be by paying out your line or snoozing in a hammock under the fir trees.

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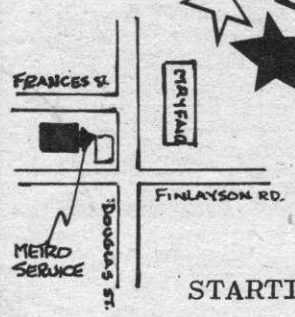

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New executive of Rotary Club introduced Saturday

Installation night

Rotarians celebrate their 10th birthday at Fulford Saturday

The Salt Spring Island Rotary Club's 10th birthday was marked at Installation Night Saturday with a dinner and dance at Fulford Hall. Following a dinner served and prepared by the Fulford Hall Association, two Rotary exchange students addressed the gathering.

Maureen Cue won a citizens award competition and spent a week in Ottawa recently. She said she had found that "kids were pretty much the same wherever they live in Canada". She described Ottawa as having a "dignified air" and that it was "really calm and beautiful". She noted, however, that the latter observtion may have come about as a result of the election, there being "no politicians around".

The island student also commented on visits to two embassies in the capital city. She went to both the Netherlands and the Japanese embassies and expressed surprise at some of the customs she found.

COKE, PIZZA

Expecting to be served some Dutch food, she was given sandwiches and Coke. At the Japanese embassy, she was treated to pizza.

One thing the trip had done for her, she said, was that it gave her more insight into being French Canadian.

She concluded by urging the club to continue sending students by train on similar, future trips.

"Flying is not the same," she asserted.

Australian exchange student Susan Roseby said that coming to Salt Spring was "the greatest thing that's ever happened" to her. She recalled that before she arrived, she didn't know if she should expect to see Polar bears and Eskimos. Now she regards Salt Spring as "my beloved home".

Installation of the new executive was next on the agenda. New officers are Ray Bush, president; Al Davison, first vice-president; Don Harrison, second vice-president; George McEwan, secretary; and Lionel Ray, treasurer. Directors are Doug Foerster, Garry Garras, Gerry Coers and David Rainsford.

Dancing music was provided by the Gut-Bucket Five for the remainder of the evening.

Pensioners enjoy outing

BY ELSIE THACKER

Wednesday, June 13 was a happy day for Branch 32 Old Age Pensioners, when they held their outing. The bus and several cars left Pioneer Village at 1 pm then drove to Beaver Point taking the back roads.

As most of the members are without cars, it was a treat to see some of their own island. After a 15 minute rest, they drove back across the island to Southey Point, where Mrs. Joan Hayward had prepared tea and cakes for the crowd. This being Mrs. Annie Codes' birthday, cake was served and birthday greetings were given.

Our sincere thanks to Joan Hayward and her helpers for their kindness at the end of a delightful day enjoyed by everyone.

Questionnaire received by board

Trustees of Gulf Islands School District have been asked to consider four questions regarding use of St. Mary Lake. Prepared by the Islands Trust, the questionnaire is being circulated to users of St. Mary Lake water.

"Where is St. Mary Lake?" asked one of the Outer Islands trustees at the board meeting last Thursday. He was told that Fernwood School takes its water from the lake.

The questions are: should all power boats be prohibited from using the lake; should power boats be restricted to 10 hp or less; should the use of power boats be prohibited to everyone except residents around the lake; or should the present policy, that is no restrictions, be retained.

The board decided that each trustee will answer the questions individually.

Forecast regions

Beginning July 3, the Pacific Weather Centre will begin issuing forecasts for the following regions: the Lower Fraser Valley, Howe Sound-Whistler, and Sunshine Coast.

The forecasts for these regions will replace those for the Lower Mainland region, which will be discontinued.

Car takes to ditch

It was reported that he lost control of his car and went into the ditch near the tennis courts.

Aage Villadsen lost control of his car on Vesuvius Bay Road on June 14 evening.

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Fernwood

BY JESSIE SAYER

Mr. and Mrs. Max McCowan are moving to Victoria in the near future. They came to Salt Spring from Vancouver in 1957 and lived on Fernwood Road for several years.

For the past few years they have been happy at Pioneer Village. We hope they enjoy Victoria with beautiful and interesting places to spend their days.

Harry Duke of Burnaby spent a week at his home in Vesuvius when he entertained friends from Sechelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Harper of Abbotsford with three small sons spent a weekend at the home of Barry's parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. Harper of Maliview.

The Sailing Club's race around the island lacked the necessary winds on Saturday so by midnight and later some of them were slowly passing Fernwood. It was a pretty sight to see their running lights reflected on the very smooth waters of Trincomali Channel.

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Industrial arts class, Rotary Club project

Solution to land pollution in Ganges with garbage containers

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There may be pollution in Ganges Harbour but thanks to the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club, with Dr. C. Andress as convenor, a group of grade eight and nine boys and laurie Neish, the industrial arts teacher at Gulf Islands Secondary School, the townsite will soon be immaculate.

The solution to pollution on land is the 16 litter containers which will be placed in strategic positions in the school yard and town core. These containers are made from exposed aggregate concrete built to receive a garbage can and topped with a fibreglass dome.

The Rotary Club approached Mr. Neish to design such a bin and he suggested including some of the industrial arts students in the construction. These boys are Mark O'Donnell, Charles Pickering, Dwayne Reynolds, Tony Moulton, Duncan Page, Scott Fraser and Craig Sollit.

The design itself took some time to complete as there were several basic needs to be met. The containers must be vandal and crow-proof, the lids must not be large enough to allow dumping of garbage bags and impossible to sit on, and because no one wanted to continually replace them, they must be virtually indestructible.

By November a basic design had been approved and work began. Craig Sollit was principally responsible for making the forms of plywood, Tony Moulton and Duncan Page were the fibreglass makers and everyone got in on the concrete work.

If the job could have been done on an assembly line it would have taken a fraction of the time but this was a school project and must be done in school time and at designated periods. As it was, Mr. Neish reckons the boys did it in 70% school time and 30% their own.

Because of the dangers of fire the fibreglassing had to be done outside and weather was a factor here. Obviously the boys were not expert and as well as constructing they were learning, which is a time consuming affair. One moulding was made at a time and each took a day to harden. Excluding the moulding and the forming each container took 3½ hours to make. Multiply that by 16, take out a few hours for bad weather and school holidays and one wonders that they were ever completed.

But they are, and ready to set up. With the assistance of Mike Clements, regional director, funds have been provided which will enable the Rotary Club to employ a refuse collector.

Now the Rotary Club is looking for a snappy slogan to be applied on the containers. Something like "Litter Lovers" or "In here not out there". They will welcome sugestions as well as everyone's co-operation in using them.

New Left, New Right same people?

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

I read that "the torch lit by the New Left of the 60's has been picked up by the New Right of the 70's." I admire the turn of phrase. I wonder what it means. I wonder if the New Left and the New Right are the same people. Did they switch hands and philosophies? If so, why?

Perhaps they reacted against their own excesses; or were defeated by the system. Perhaps the New Left became the middle-aged Left and the New Right were there all along, waiting for the Old Right to die off and make room for the New Right.

How the world has turned! In those far-off olden golden days when Frank Richards and I were young, we were rabid conservatives until we got out of school. Some of us then "ran wild" and became so-called anarchists ... the New Left of the 30's!

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Young men in Vancouver juggle with multi-million-dollar companies as a hobby. Others in Toronto do it as a "calling". I see a proliferation of bigger and bolder automobiles on our winding island roads, and I wonder why ...

HAVE TO STRUGGLE

I wonder why a small group of dedicated people has to struggle to keep the Achievement Centre going on Salt Spring Island. They help 11 handicapped people on a budget of less than $1,000 a month! Twice as many more need their services but have to be neglected due to lack of financial support from what passes for a government in this province.

The Gulf Islands are a cheap operation for both federal and provincial social services. There is no mental health, welfare, unemployment insurance or manpower office here. Our school taxes go off island to help "less fortunate" areas, but we are losing an invaluable community-school worker for lack of funding. The Community Society struggles to keep its head above water and the Family Centre exists with volunteer help. Only the rich can afford to be satisfied with the status quo.

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EXTRAORDINARY

I was privileged to entertain at Greenwoods the other day. What an extraordinary building it is, to be sure! And what a compliment to the staff and residents that they achieve a good, friendly atmosphere in spite of their surroundings. The designer was evidently unaware of the energy crisis, as the long, dark corridors need constant lighting. The money poured into this building and its furnishings would support several Third World families for several years ... or the Achievement Centre ...

I'm not unsympathetic to the needs of the elderly: but my advice to the handicapped of all ages on Salt Spring Island is: "Grow old along with me; the best is yet to be!"

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I learned recently that all human embryos begin their existence as females! That's a kick in the head for those who refer to "it" as "him" rather than "her". Makes me wonder afresh about the theology of "so God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

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COULDN'T HACK IT

Father's Day is over for another year. Did you hear about Bob Peters, former football star and ex-marine, who exchanged roles with his wife for 70 days and couldn't hack it? He lost 10 pounds looking after four children (four to 16) and keeping house! He says now that every husband after "his hard day at the office" should help with dinner and the dishes. And everyone should have a cleaning person at least one day a week! Hear, hear!

* * *

I've been accused of writing a "political" column, and I've been reproached for not doing so. So I'm cheered to read Archbishop Temple's comment:

"The Church is likely to be attacked from both sides if it does its duty. It will be told that it has become "political" when in fact it has been careful only to state principles and point to breaches in them; and it will be told by advocates of particular policies that it is futile because it does not support these. If it is faithful to its commission it will ignore both sets of complaints, and continue so far as it can to influence all citizens and permeate all parties."

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Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

The Galiano week began on Monday, June 10 with the Ladies Service Club holding their Annual Garden Party at the home of Jessie Bellhouse. New members were presented with rose corsages. After a communal sprint to Jessie's rumpus room to prevent Adina Noehren dying of Canadian cold, a sumptuous tea was served. The club has now closed down for the summer except for their bake-sale booth at the Lions Club Fiesta on Saturday, August 4.

From the garden party one hardy soul hurried up to the hall where the Junior French Club was still in session. They meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 pm to 3.30 pm to learn French through games, activities and songs, led by Huguette Benger. The class was brought hastily to a close to allow members of the Lady Minto Hospital board and, wearing other caps, the Intermediate Care Society, to hold their annual Galiano meeting. Although Galiano people have given generous support to the new intermediate care facility, Greenwoods, few were present to hear the annual reports because of many other activities going on at the same time. The board was ending a day of Outer Island meetings so that they could dine at the Pink Geranium, a restorative conclusion to a tiring day of travel by boat and car, interspersed with hard chair sitting.

On Tuesday evening the Community Hall was re-opened for yet another meeting, the second in a series of four public inquiries into future community needs and in particular a new community hall. Jim Campbell of Saturna was scheduled to speak on ways of funding community projects but a breakdown of a boat motor prevented his attendance.

Fortunately, our own Charles Partington, former town clerk of Langley, was able to provide information on funding through local taxation. We still hope to hear from Jim Campbell on the availability of grants and how they might be obtained.

Next morning, Wednesday, June 13, a meeting that augured well for the future of Galiano took place in the lounge at Page Drive. Presidents of all the clubs and organizations on the island had been invited to a 10 o'clock coffee party by Les Woodbridge, president of the Chamber of Commerce. They discovered that many groups share common goals and concerns and have similar plans for the future development of the Galiano community. Tom Hennesey, president of the Galiano Club, undertook to make a notice board where a calendar listing all activities of all the groups could be displayed outside the Community Hall. It was decided that the presidents would continue to meet at three-monthly intervals and be known as the Council of Clubs. The next meeting will take place in September and all presidents of clubs and organizations, or their representatives, are urged to attend.

Thursday, June 14 was a day to which 29 members of Kay Johnson's physical education class had long been lookng forward. Dressed in their party clothes they drove in a carefully organized convoy of cars to the Pink Geranium for an evening of good food and fun to honour and amuse their teacher. Kay has taught the class for 12 successive years to a growing number of enthusiastic participants.

The Women's Auxiliary of the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Fire Sale on Saturday, June 16 at the Fire Hall. The sale commenced at 1 pm and by this time a large crowd had assembled outside the hall. When president Phyllis Linton gave the signal, the rope barrier was lowered and eager buyers surged through the bays in search of bargains. Refreshments were served from the clubroom with Peter Darling at the barbecue.

Phyllis Linton reports they had a "super" sale and credits their huge success to the many lovely people who so generously contributed all the goodies. The ladies of the auxiliary would like to thank them all, and the firemen who assisted. The members of the Fire Department really appreciate the many hours of work put into this effort by the ladies of the W.A.

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday, June 23 the Church Thrift Shop will be open 2 -4 pm at the Fiesta Grounds on Burrill Road. Donations of clean, mended summer clothes will be gratefully received. The Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Dance with live music by the Newmans will take place at the South Galiano Community Hall from 6 pm until midnight on Saturday.

Sunday, June 24. Morning Service at 9 am at St. Margaret's Church.

Monday, June 25. The monthly Senior Citizens' meeting will be held in the lounge at Page Drive commencing at 2 pm. This is to be followed by a Scottish musical program by piper David Hamilton, who greets passengers from the cruise ships when they disembark at Victoria. All Galiano Scots should report in kilts. Sassenachs are also welcome.

Tuesday, June 26. The third meeting in the public inquiry series sponsored by the Galiano Club at the Community Hall at 7.30 pm.

Wednesday, June 27. Yoga Club at the Community Hall from 10.30 to 11.30 am. Anybody welcome; for further information contract Florrie Fleming at 539-2957.

Thursday, June 28. Galiano Weavers Guild meeting at the Community Hall to prepare for the Weavers Annual Sale being held on Saturday, June 30 between 1 and 4 pm.

Misdirected ambulance costs 20-minute delay

Gulf Islands Rescue president Bill Norton recently had occasion to sample the efficiency of his associates. It took Sandra Klein of Otter Bay just 27 minutes to whisk Norton from Bedwell Harbour to Swartz Bay in her Boston whaler. Norton had slipped on a ramp at the South Pender marina, breaking his left wrist. A customs official telephoned the Victoria Rescue Co-ordination Centre, which in turn requested an ambulance to meet Sandra and her "patient".

When the appointed rendezvous time had passed, Sandra contacted Vancouver Coast Guard Radio only to find that the missing vehicle had been misdirected to the Sidney dock instead of Dolphin Street government wharf at Swartz Bay. Some 20 minutes later, the ambulance, with a driver who had never before been to Dolphin Street, arrived to take Norton to the hospital. The fracture is now mending satisfactorily, *Driftwood* learned this week.

What is not satisfactory to those concerned is the mixup in the ambulance dispatch which cost 20 minutes delay. Upon questioning, Sandra's father, Horst Klein, cited a similar incident in which the victim was, "almost bleeding to death from a serious head wound".

The Kleins are reluctant to point a finger, as they do not know definitely where the misunderstanding originated. Sandra stresses that the original telephone call was not to blame as she was present when the message was given. That leaves R.C.C. or the ambulance dispatch centre. R.C.C. officials have suggested to the Kleins that a direct call to the ambulance centre would have been more efficient.

Klein is adamant, however, that they prefer to allow R.C.C. to co-ordinate incidents.

Boys choir to sing at island churches

BY PHIL SAWFORD

On Sunday, June 24 a special musical treat is in store for church-goers and music lovers in general.

The boy's choir (with some adult members) of St. John's Anglican Church (Shaughnessy), Vancouver, will sing at the Family Eucharist Service at St. George's Church at 9.30 am and at the Holy Eucharist Service at St. Mary's Church, Fulford at 11.15 am.

This very fine group of singers is under the direction of Frederic Carter, organist and choirmaster of St. John's Church for a number of years. Mr. Carter, one of Canada's foremost musicians, was educated in England and studied under Dr. Harold Danke, the renowned organist of St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, London.

Prior to coming to Canada, Mr. Carter was organist and Master of the Choiristers at the Episcopal Cathedral at Armagh, Northern Ireland for a period of 15 years, during which time he did extensive broadcasting, adjudicating and music examining. Mr. Carter is also conductor of the well known Gallery Singers of Vancouver.

It is indeed a real privilege and honour to have these splendid musicians come to Salt Spring Island to take part in the Services at St. George's and St. Mary's Churches on this coming Sunday. Everyone is most welcome.

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Three deer die in collisions

The deer are dying off.

On Salt Spring Island, where there are lots of deer, they are falling victim to the automobile.

Three deer died last week and inflicted some damage on the offending car in the process.

Bruce Trebele was driving on Atkins Road on June 12 when he struck a deer. The car sustained minor damage and the deer was fatally injured.

Robert Owen, Rainbow Road, reported hitting a deer on Scott Road at Quebec Drive. The vehicle damage amounted to less than $200 and the deer was dead.

Gary Duncan, Le Page Road, hit his deer on June 18 on North End Road.

Dinghy lost

Paul Jenkins, Maliview Drive, has reported the loss of a plywood dinghy from Fernwood Government Wharf.

Vessel is 10 feet long, white with two oars and oarlocks and equipped with a Sea King 5 hp. outboard.

Loss occurred on June 18.

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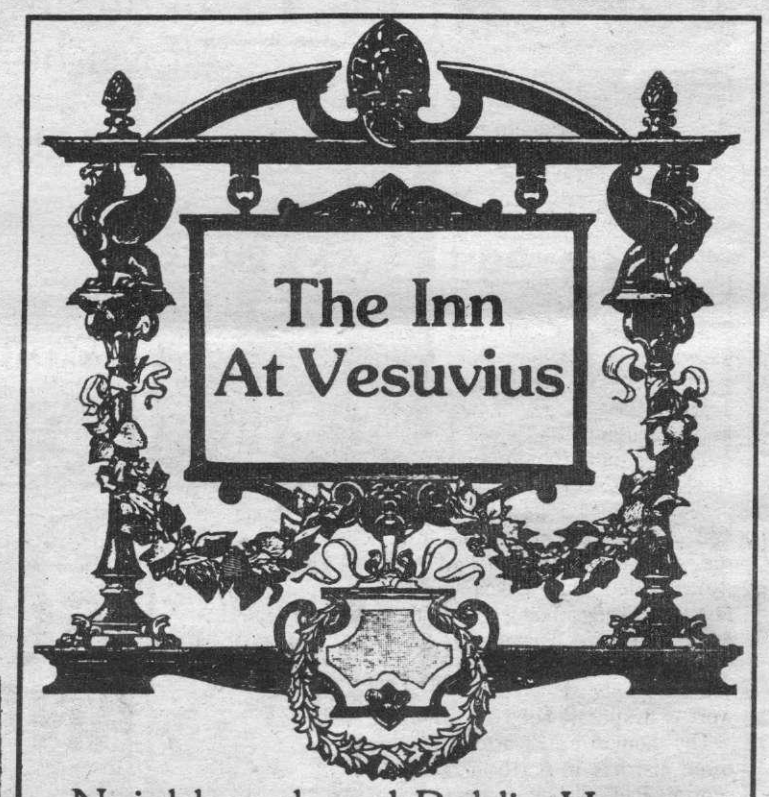

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Troller-packer newest boat in Baines' fleet

BY DEVINA BAINES

A new boat has been added to the Baines' fishing fleet.

Harry Baines and his three sons are all fishermen. Harry Sr. built his own Sea Wane and the oldest son's first seine boat. They were all wooden boats, but now Harry Jr. has gone to a fibreglass boat.

She was built at Tri Store Marine Services on the bank of the Fraser River at Maple Ridge.

About 50 well-wishing friends and relatives were on hand for the launching on Saturday, June 9. There were a few anxious moments as Willie's truck got her ready for the launching.

Harry's mother and father christened the new ship with a bottle of champagne. His mother quietly said, "I christen you Westerly Gail. May God always be with you, your skipper and crew and may you all safely return home at the end of the fishing seasons."

The vital statistics of the Westerly Gail are: length, 42 feet; width, 13 feet. She is powered by a 6-71 GM diesel from New West Diesel, is fitted with a Wagner pilot and steering supplied by Wagner Engineering of North Vancouver, and loran by Port Alberni Electronics. She is a troller-packer.

After the launching, every one went to his nephew's home in Port Coquitlam for a cold plate supper. His neice had built a plexiglass boat to resemble Harry's new boat and filled it with potato salad.

Harry's neice, Julie, sister Jeanne and brother Bud helped finish the copper painting so the boat could be launched on time as planned.

The boys will soon all be leaving for northern fishing for the summer.

Bill Bamford Photo

Lions Clubs provide assistance

Salt Spring Island Lions Club is one of the clubs in the International Association of Lions Clubs that has shared significantly in a special Lions-Care project to help victims of a devastating earthquake in Bali, Indonesia, rebuild more than 250 homes destroyed by the 1976 disaster.

A certificate of appreciation from CARE on behalf of the recipients of the district's aid was presented to the club at the recent convention in Penticton.

Thanks from CARE also were expressed by the international aid agency's representative, Terry Jeggle, on home leave from assignment in India.

Three hundred and twenty-eight clubs participated in the project.

More than 1,250 men, women and children are benefiting from the special international project which aided the lowest income families of the 85,000 whose homes were levelled. These are families without material or financial resources meeded to rebuild and were in desperate need of housing.

The homes are scattered over three districts in north anf north-central Bali (Tabanan, Jemptana and Buleland), the worst hit areas. Family incomes average $125 a year and replacing their homes meant a major financial crisis to the islanders.

The club's CARE chairman is Bob Foulis.

North Galiano

BY DEVINA BAINES

Visiting old Galiano friends recently were Mrs. Kay (Ernest) Lorenz of Merville, B.C. and daughter, Eileen Milliken, from Kimberley, B.C. It was Eileen's first visit back in 16 years.

Mrs. Marge Boyle, of Duncan, accompanied by Mrs. Alvira Boyle, Abbotsford and Edith Kay and Jim Ranger, of Chilliwack, spent a pleasant two days at Madrona Lodge.

June 2 marked Lloyd Baines' birthday with a very lovely house warming party at their new home on Georgia Hills. Over to help the young Baines celebrate were Fran Quesnel, George and Penny Quesnel, Larry and Lee, and Roy and Sharon Hanson, all of Salt Spring Island. Mrs. Roy Johnson, with Dorraine and Darrin, of Port Coquitlam and many islanders, who wished them well in their new home.

Mrs. Harry Baines accompanied Mrs. S. Riddell to Ladysmith to attend the graduation of their respective grandaughters and were both proud grandmothers when both girls won bursaries for further schooling. They are both well known on the island as Sandra Colvin spends many holidays at the south end, as does Lorri Ann McLeod at North Galiano. Congratulations and good luck girls.

Francis Crocker, while returning from fishing in the Gulf Sunday, had the misfortune to be pushed in on the rocks inside Race Point Lighthouse, after hitting a deadhead. He punched two holes in his Horton Bay and just got her grounded in time in a little bay outside the lighthouse when she sank. He had two nephews, Mike and Tony Crocker, on board with him.

To dispose of classroom by tender

As a building, the portable classroom at Salt Spring Elementary School is "junk", secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck told Gulf Islands School Board Thursday.

The board decided to dispose of the building by public tender following some discussion on what it could be used for.

Asked if the agriculture class might be able to use it, Peck said it wasn't economical to move it.

"We moved it once and it proved to be a mistake," he said.

It would need a new roof, he added.

Spencer Marr observed that the agi class appeared to be "very good at doing things". They might even bid on it, replied the secreary-treasurer.

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