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## The Queen of Alberni aground on Collinson Reef



### Logging outlet

## Residents want assurance that Welbury Bay dump won't grow

Logging is part of the fabric of Salt Spring Island and it is here to stay. Local trustee Bud Kreissl made the statement at last Wednesday's Salt Spring Island Trust Committee meeting in the Catholic Church Hall on Drake Road.

He also told his audience that the biggest single factor in the island's economy is retirement and that the voice of the retired people of Salt Spring is a penetrating expression of opinion.

"The No. 1 source of revenue on Salt Spring Island is not tourism and it is not logging," he stated, "It is retirement."

If there are 1,200 retired families and each enjoys an income of \$10,000 annually, there is a revenue of \$12 million, he pointed out.

The local trustees on Salt Spring have brought in a recommendation on logging from Chuck Horel and most loggers on the island have seen it. They would welcome comments from loggers and others concerned, he told the meeting.

Trustee Dave Lott was chairman. The trustees were there to listen, he added.

"Everyone may be heard,

whether we agree or not."

### DISMAY

Kreissl also expressed sharp dismay that the dump at Welbury Bay had been modified while he and Dave Lott were trying to find a public dump.

"We are not going to legalize anybody's illegal activity," he asserted, amid applause, "whether it be real estate, logging or anything else. Two months ago the operation at Welbury Bay was a small one. Now look at this meeting, tonight!"

It is a fact of life that logs are going to be dumped on Salt Spring Island, continued the trustee.

"At the south end of the island it will be Burgoyne Bay."

The dump has been long established and it is isolated.

He referred to the dumps at Ganges and Welbury Bay. Both leases fall due early in 1980.

There was some exchange on the summary on logging by Charles Horel.

He joined the army at the age of 18 and attended university after the war, going into real estate, recalled G.S. Humphreys.

"He has never cut a log except on his own property," observed Humphreys. "Why did you pick him?"

He was knowledgeable and

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## Road shelved for another 15 years

Road by-pass through Ganges has been shelved by the provincial government.

Speaking to a public meeting in Ganges last week, Islands Trustee Bud Kreissl stated that the highways ministry has set a time-lag of 10 to 15 years for the Ganges by-pass.

Until that time traffic will continue to pass through the central commercial area.

## Grounded Queen of Alberni damage tag: \$1 million

BY TONY RICHARDS

The B.C. Ferry Corporation vessel *Queen of Alberni* is now in drydock in Vancouver following its grounding in Active Pass on Thursday of last week.

The truck ferry was making its first run of the day from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay when it struck Collinson Reef just after 7 am. The accident is expected to cost somewhere in the region of \$1 million.

The ferry was pulled off the reef, located off the southwest tip of Galiano, with the help of seven tugs at 9.05 pm Thursday, 14 hours after she ran aground.

Local boat operators Jack Hughes of Gulf Islands Water Taxi and Horst Klein, Pender Island volunteer rescue agent, helped evacuate 93 passengers and 21 crew members from the ship. The passengers slid down an inflatable rubber chute draped over the side of the vessel to be picked up by the smaller boats and transferred to the *Queen of Tsawwassen*.

There were no injuries to anyone

on board, although a race horse owned by two Sidney resident died some time during the day.

### TIDE DROPPING

The tide was dropping when the *Alberni* ran aground and by low water, around noon, the ship was listing about 30° to port, causing vehicles on the deck to slide and pile into each other. On the forward end of the car deck, semi-trailers and trucks rolled over on to each other and one trailer spilled a load of hay.

Cause of the accident has not yet been determined, but some of the passengers who were on board have suggested that it may have been due to sportfishing boat blocking the western end of the pass.

Witnesses said the *Queen of Tsawwassen* was entering the pass on its way to the mainland when the *Alberni* hit the rocks.

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# Logging a fact of life on Salt Spring

(From Page One)

neutral, countered the trustee. **COULDN'T BE BETTER**  
 "Couldn't have picked a better man," commented Chester Reynolds.  
 Starting to enquire into the industry, local trustees had promptly learned that the question was: who was going to monopolize it, recalled Bud Kreissl.  
 There are two issues, countered Maureen Bendick.  
 Control of the industry has nothing to do with where to dump.  
 Dave Lott explained that the trustees had thought everything was under control and that they might convince people that a dump was needed and that it would be inoffensive.  
 Dr. Bendick summarized local residents' view of changes in the Welbury Bay operation. The old building was demolished, she told the meeting, and the fill pushed into Welbury Bay. It is not legal to push land into the sea, she noted.

There are now three dumps where there was originally one.  
 "And now we are hearing talk of demolishing the wharf."  
 John Burnett explained that he had lived on Welbury Bay for 10 years. The small amount of logging in the bay hadn't bothered him.  
 He was not impressed by the Horel paper asking for expansion of the leases on Welbury Bay, which was asking for about half the bay for booming purposes.  
 "What will this do to local residents like ourselves?"  
 The bay has always been solid with wild fowl, submitted Joan Millner. There will be no fowl if the project goes on, she forecast.  
 The meeting was told that irregular times of dumping are because logs have to be dumped "on the tide".  
**ONE EACH?**  
 Pat Tiernan recalled that the policy of the Islands Trust had been explained at the Otter Bay Logging Company's hearing into dumping in Fulford Harbour. That policy

was to provide for one dump on each island. Now they were talking of four dumps on Salt Spring Island.  
 Another speaker explained that residents have recourse only to the Islands Trust to protect them from a developing commercial project in a residential setting.  
 It was a commercial site before it was residential, Normen Mouat reminded him.  
 Speaker referred to a phrase in the Horel report, urging that the development go ahead quickly, before opposition can build up.  
 "I find this offensive," he stated.  
 The dump at Welbury is not zoned industrial, commented Dave Lott. The Trust had earlier suggested that the owner come in to the office to discuss zoning.  
 The public park at the head of the bay affects everyone on the island, submitted Hugh Archer.  
 Louise Grant has been coming to Welbury Bay for 32 years, she told

the meeting. The logging operation was low-key and low profile.  
 The work done since July 7 makes it potentially less desirable, she noted.  
 "None of us wants 40 logging trucks and we don't want a large scale operation."  
 Ray Simard reported that in 1977 some eight million feet of timber was taken off Salt Spring island.  
 "I took about half of that volume."  
 Prices are up and there is a keen demand for logs, he noted, but it is a state that will not last.  
**NOT ENOUGH**  
 He was confident that there is not enough material on the island to develop into a major industry in Welbury Bay.  
 If it is not to be a large operation, why would the report ask for half of Welbury Bay, enquired Tierney.  
 "People of Welbury Bay want an assurance that the logging operation there will never get bigger than it has been before," said Humph-

reys. "If we have no assurance, we are going to fight against it as far as we can."  
 Planning had provided residents with an assurance that there would be no expansion and no change, observed Maureen Bendick.  
 "We are going to be strong in what we require. We want something stronger than an assurance that it probably wouldn't expand."  
 There has been no attempt by the owners to legalize the project and the work carried out was directly in contravention of the bylaws, recalled a resident.  
 "How was this able to happen?"  
 "To rectify an illegal act you have to get lawyers and policemen," commented Dr. Lott, "and if we have to we may have to get these things."  
 The average person doesn't go ahead and do things that are illegal, suggested another resident.  
 "Would those responsible get up and tell us how it came about?"  
 There was no response.

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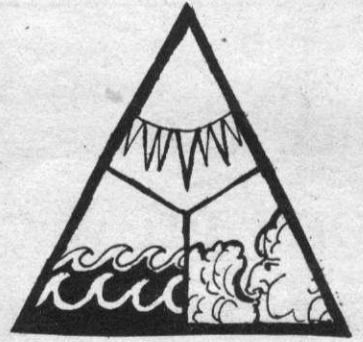
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## Show to be presented at picnic site in Mouat Park

After a month or so of waiting, permission has finally been obtained for the presentation of *Once Upon a Tail* in Mouat Park, reports director Mary Williamson.  
 One of the conditions is that no admission be charged, and this is in line with the companies' wishes to make a contribution to the International Year of the Child.  
 There are, however, costs to be incurred, with costumes, masks and much copying of music, both for the singers and for the five-piece instrumental combination which will provide the accompaniment.  
 A \$200 grant has been made by the Community Arts Council towards these costs, and any other donations would be gladly received by Joan Raeside or Et Cetera Book

Store, *Driftwood* learned.  
 There will be notices displayed at the picnic site, asking people to refrain from smoking in view of the high fire risk in the park. Another risk is that of wasps, so there will be no candy, pop or ice cream allowed at the site of the performance.  
 "It's going to be a really entertaining show, with lots of singable tunes, and a bunch of endearing animals," says the director.  
 "Bring cushions or blankets to sit on and prepare for a fun hour on Friday, August 24, Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th at 2 pm in Mouat Park" she said.



"Using nuclear power to generate electricity is like using a chain saw to cut butter."  
 — Amory Lovins

## Fall Fair tradition at Mayne

"Memories: 50 years ago. Loading up the old Ford truck with Elsie Bennett's baking early on fair morning: bread, cookies, cakes and a perfect lemon meringue pie. Cranking up the engine, arriving at the hall to find the exhibits have spilled out on to the verandah and tennis court..."  
 The foregoing account was taken from the foreword, written by Marie Elliott, of the program of this year's Mayne Island Fall Fair to be held on Saturday.  
 Sponsored by the Mayne Island Agricultural Society, the fair has become a tradition at Mayne: it dates back to 1925.  
 Official opening by Jack James of Salt Spring Island will take place at 1.30 pm.  
 In addition to the exhibits, there will be games offered for both adults and children.

**No time**  
 Some Salt Spring Island woman is unable to tell the time.  
 A ladies' watch has been found in Centennial Park at Ganges. It may be claimed at the RCMP office, Ganges Hill.

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by richards



Wanna buy a wasp? Tom Gossett tells me he can supply them from a wholesaler's catalogue. And they aren't expensive. Going rate is \$7.50 for 10,000 stingers, or less than 10 for a penny. At least they're cheap!

Every islander is an expert on wasps. Every islander has been stung, is being stung or will be stung: poisoned by grammar!

The wasps are out in hordes, as every islander knows full well. Some, like Tom Gossett, prefer to leave them alone to carry on their campaign against all the garden pests that would otherwise be paramount.

Others, like Catherine McFadyen, use the can method. A jar is provided with a punctured lid and a choice morsel of chicken. The wasp goes after the meat and is unable to leave the scene of his crime, falling into the water cleverly placed in the bottom.

Others, like Joan Buckley, are of the same persuasion, but uncertain whether to use cooked chicken or raw chicken.

There are the eccentric wasp-killers like my hostess in Duncan on Sunday who leisurely wields a can of insect spray, attacking every wasp fool enough to come near. Her score to date is three wasps, two cats, a hummingbird, her nutty niece and the vicar.

Tom Gossett also has a catch-all system.

Hang a piece of meat or fish about two inches above a bucket of water with a topping of detergent. The wasp goes for the meat, or fish, zooms down to get away and is drowned in the water. He guarantees 100 an hour.

Any reader who has an alternative system of getting of wasps is invited to submit it. Attack with a .22 is not legal and will not be listed.

Thome people can even thay wathpth without lithping!

Alas! The poor Martins! The rules of the grammar he has studied are vitally interesting. Does the one go to the jail for the failure to observe the grammar according to the Martins? The please, Mr. Martins! Please to quote the authority on the use of the the. The journalists of the old were taught never to use the the or an a at the beginning of a lead in order to avoid weakening the story. The few, if the any ever did: The journalism ignores the grammar when the need is to make the strength, even the contrary to the rules of the grammar. School I went to never taught me that! Split infinitive was a penal offence but they never learned me to always say the the.

Over 500 attend Art Group's Exhibition and Sale at Pender

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The Pender Islands Art Group held its annual Exhibition and Sale at the School-Community Centre on Saturday, August 4. Entries were restricted to past or present residents, or non-resident property owners. A 10% commission on all sales was charged by the Art Group.

The sale was well attended and many forms of original art were represented.

Mrs. Alice McKinnon, who works entirely with Pender Island clay, had a wide variety of interesting earthenware pottery for sale. Meg Buckley did a brisk business with her stoneware pottery made from vitrified clay. Mrs. Helen Harper, who lives at Trincomali, had many pieces of functional stoneware pottery. Each of her pieces was decorated with an individual look, either brushed, painted or carved.

She uses four different kinds of clay in her pottery. Her individual cookie presses proved to be a popular item.

MORE WOOL

This year there were more displays using wool, which ties in with the increased number of sheep being raised today on the island. Mary Challis had a display of woven and knitted articles made from natural dyed, homespun wool. Vi Smith demonstrated spinning, assisted by Edna Stonebridge on the carding machine.

Milley and Charles Colley, recently arrived Pender residents, displayed woven wall hangings. Charles makes looms and the supplies for them. The Colleys have just returned from teaching their expertise at the Okanagan Summer School in Penticton.

Margie Grimmer and daughter Eileen looked after the coffee booth.

An important job, that of the sales cashier, was handled by Joan Purchase and Gail Jamieson and the cashiers at the door were Jiggs Christy, Ann Henshaw and Ora

Symes. DOOR PRIZES

There were three door prizes: first was won by Ms. Deri Delory of Port Coquitlam and was a picture donated by Ora Symes; second prize, two pottery vases donated by Alice McKinnon and Bertine Haslam, was won by S.W. Farmillo; and third prize of hasti-notes made with pressed flowers was donated by Dora Storrie.

Over 500 people attended the show.

There was many pictures displayed and many had "sold" stickers on them. Pender artists showing pictures were Henry Sky, Daphne Stevens, Margie Grimmer, Cindy Grimmer, Ann Henshaw, Clarice M. Renoud, Ora Symes, Jennifer Fraser, Daphne Plessner, Jiggs Christy, Kate Scoones, Jim Verner, Eric Chisholm, Roberta Zander, Bertine Haslam, Moray Craddock, F.C.A.

Jim Verner had a display of photography and Dora Sorrie a display of hasti-notes which she does with dried flowers.

GARDEN CLUB NOTES

BY OPTOMIST

This year's Garden Club picnic was held in July at Ruckle Park and was well attended. In pleasant surroundings, the potluck meal of great variety seemed to be enjoyed by all.

On Sunday the 5th of August, in the garden of Mrs. Aileen Teal, a Dahlia and Gladiolus field day was held, with about 30 members taking part. Mr. Kempster, the well known Victoria prize winning grower and president of the Victoria Gladiolus and Dahlia Society, gave a demonstration of cutting and staging of both the dahlia and gladiolus flowers.

Mr. Kempster also gave a great deal of useful information on care and raising the plants, with hints for the forthcoming show August 18 at the United Church hall.

This show is open to all, with no entry fee, so we hope many people will exhibit and support the efforts of the Garden Club, this 25th anniversary year.

Members were able to take advantage of seeing Mrs. Teal's garden with many beautiful flowers and vegetables; also the greenhouse with cucumbers and tomatoes thriving.

For information on the show, phone 537-2926 or 537-5036.

Anyone who would like pink or orange oriental poppy plants should get in touch with Mrs. Carter on Ganges Hill. See you all at the show.

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### Small boats are first to be blamed

Some who were at the scene (and some who were not) have been quick to blame sportsfishing boats in the mouth of Active Pass for the grounding last week of the truck ferry *Queen of Alberni*.

It was inevitable that those boats, many of which belong to Gulf Islands residents, should be blamed for the accident.

Over the past few years, RCMP patrol boats have issued numerous warnings and in many cases, have laid charges against boat operators for blocking the passage of ships of the B.C. ferry fleet.

It is certainly quite possible that sportsfishermen, mooching or trolling in the vicinity of Helen Point on Mayne Island, were in a small way responsible for last Thursday's mishap. But only in a very small way.

Active Pass is no place for a boat operator to idle the day away, calmly dragging his lines around in pursuit of the prized salmon, relaxing on deck in the sun and enjoying the scenery. During the summer months, when ferries are travelling through the pass in never-ending succession, the place can be a nightmare for the skipper of a small boat.

In addition to the constant flow of ferries, there are tugs, freighters, fishboats and other vessels, either bucking the tide or running with it, using the pass both day and night.

Anyone fishing from a small boat in such a place has to keep his wits about him. The combined wash of ferries and fast-running tide can churn up the waters so much that any small boat is tossed around mercilessly.

So it is more likely that most people with small boats, especially those who know Active Pass, will stay clear of the ferries.

There are some who would like to see the pass closed to fishermen. And there are those who would like to see it closed to ships operated by the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

We would suggest that neither course be taken.

Instead, there are other, more favourable routes to choose from which would include precautions that would lessen the chances of a recurrence of Thursday's accident.

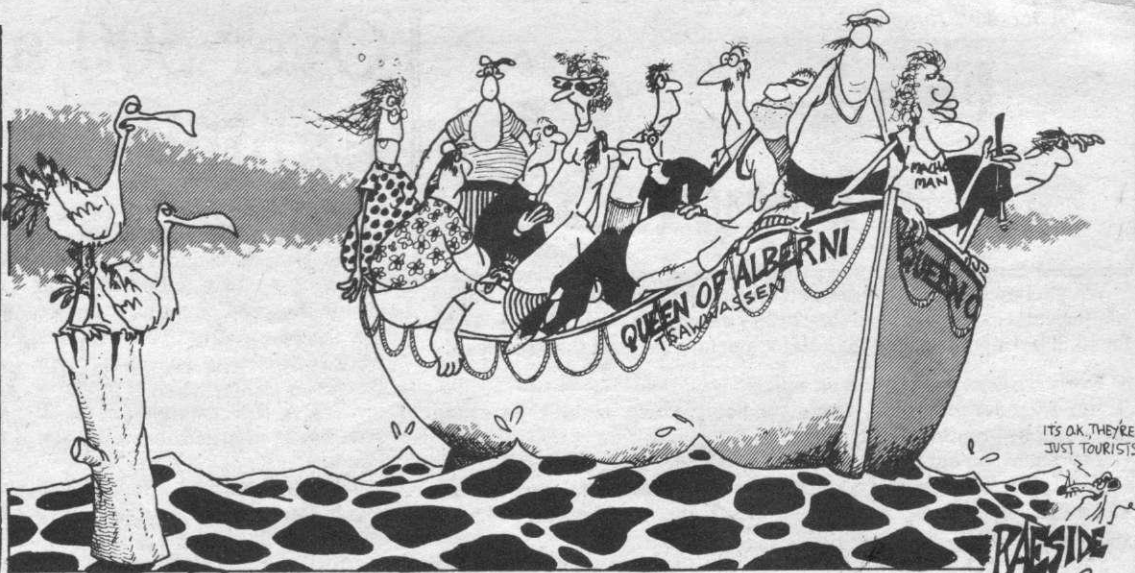
Over the years we have heard objections to the speed at which the ferries travel through Active Pass. We have heard complaints from residents on either side of the pass that the ferries' wake is washing away the shores.

It's not a little absurd that a ship the size of those in the ferry fleet should attempt to negotiate a narrow, and sometimes treacherous, pass such as Active at a speed of 18 to 20 knots.

There would be considerably less danger to the ferries and anyone else using the pass if the speed of the former were cut down by four or five knots. And as far as the sportsfishermen are concerned, the time for warnings is over. It is high time that the RCMP patrols started to charge operators of small vessels for obstruction or for whatever offence may be committed when small boats hazard the lives of ferry passengers.

If a small boat operator is not handling his boat according to the requirements of the laws of navigation, then he should be arguing it out in court.

And if closure of Active Pass is being given serious consideration, then we can only conclude that the RCMP is incapable of upholding the law in this area.



'Boat people.'

IT'S OK, THEY'RE JUST TOURISTS!

RAESIDE

## Letters to the Editor

### THEY'LL BE RADIANT

Sir, May I make a suggestion for a solution to the nuclear waste disposal problem?

Although the radioactive waste from nuclear reactors lasts for thousands of years, the time involved should not bother us. What is important is how we store the stuff. The answer to that lies in good old individual and personal responsibility.

How? Well, working on the principle that everyone should be individually responsible for their own garbage, as well as so many other things we are persuaded to be individually responsible for in our lives, we should agree that every person who uses electricity generated by a nuclear reactor would store a proportionate amount of radioactive material on their property where the electricity is used. It would be quite simple to determine the amount to be stored, by calculating the amount of radioactive plutonium created to produce so many kilowatts of electricity used by the individual.

The radioactive plutonium would be delivered to each property owner and put in vaults in the garden. Special shrines could be created where we could more intimately worship the God we now admire from afar. We should ensure that, as a religious shrine which we would hand down to our children, that government not be permitted to place any inheritance tax on it, nor indeed would that portion of our property be subject to municipal taxes.

Think of how grateful our mutant descendants will be to us in a thousand or so generations from now, for having preserved such a priceless heritage. They will be radiant with joy.

Any takers? Now don't all rush at once.

DAVID J. WESTON,  
Nanaimo, B.C.  
July 22, 1979.

### BY-LINE WAS INAPPROPRIATE

Sir, It is with regret that I have to write to you concerning the by-line you used on my latest report of the meetings of TOPS B.C., No 2178, Mayne Island.

In the past we have appreciated the publicity you have given us. As Club reporter for this chapter I have been especially grateful that you saw fit to publish the reports as I sent them. Because these reports deal with matters that are very personal, and because the seemingly trifling accomplishments can sometimes mean a lot in encouraging a member, it is good to know that no editing is attempted by a person unfamiliar with our rules.

However, in the August 1 issue you used a by-line "Topless", which our members consider inappropriate.

We have appreciated your "catchy" headlines but please remember we are an international organization and must be above reproach in all our relations with the public.

MABEL JOHNSTON,  
Reporter for TOPS,  
Mayne Island.  
August 8, 1979.

### LET'S WORK TOGETHER

Sir, In response to *Affair of the Spanish Islands*. Why blame one island for the ferries' overcrowded state? Let's stand together and seek a solution to our mutual problems. Our current ferry is too small, we need to convince the Ferry Corporation to give us an extra ferry until the stretched *Mayne Queen* returns (if ever!).

I would suggest to the author that they form an inter-island ferry grievance committee. Let's work together on this problem.

JEANINE DODDS,  
Mayne Island  
August 4, 1979.

### NO EXPANSION

Sir, The log dump at Welbury Bay was repaired to make dumping of

the local loggers' production easier. No additional volume of logs can be developed other than what is currently being logged and dumped. This volume has not changed in the past few years.

Log dumps must be repaired regularly to facilitate log dumping at any tide level. This is what has been done at Welbury Bay.

Booms will be made up as they have in the past by local loggers and no expansion of the booming area is required or has been requested.

OLLIE DUBOIS,  
Pacific Forest Industries Ltd.,  
Duncan, B.C.  
August, 1979.

### EXPANSION AT WELBURY BAY RAISES OBJECTIONS

Sir, The following is a copy of a letter forwarded by me to the Islands Trust regarding my opposition to the proposed expansion of logging facilities on Welbury Bay.

This letter serves to document my strong opposition to the proposed expansion and development of logging operations on Welbury Bay, Salt Spring Island. As a frequent user of the Gulf Islands, I have long had concerns regarding the progressive encroachment on the aesthetic beauty and environment of the Gulf Islands by commercial operations. The expansion of logging on Welbury Bay in particular raises serious objections:

- 1) Welbury Bay is a major spawning ground for herring.
- 2) The present aesthetic beauty of Welbury Bay is the first sight to greet visitors and tourists to Salt Spring Island arriving via ferry from Vancouver.
- 3) The head of Welbury Bay borders on a provincial park.

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## Church Services

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 1979

### ANGLICAN

St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Communion	9:00 am
St. Mark's	Central	Morning Prayer	11:15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9:30 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, Box 330, Ganges		Fellowship Hour	11:30 am

Children's session in basement 10.45 to 11.30 am.

### COMMUNITY GOSPEL

Rev. S. Hildebrandt	Sunday school, all ages	10:30 am
Box 61, Ganges	537-2622 Evening Service	7:30 pm
Bible study & prayer	537-5757 Thursday	7:30 pm

### MAYNE ISLAND

St. Mary Magdalene	Anglican Sundays	11:30 am
Rector John Dyer	721-3939	

Community Church  
Pastor John Rodine  
539-5710

### GALIANO ISLAND

St. Margaret's	Galiano Sundays	9:00 am
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this week,  
says Salt Spring Island  
Chamber of Commerce.

# More letters

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whose beauty and purpose would be detracted from.

4) The presence of the log dumping ground on Welbury Bay, already increasing in size over the last two months, contravenes existing bylaws for the area and contradicts original Islands Trust policy allowing only one log dumping ground per Gulf Island.

5) The entire shoreline of Welbury Bay is a long established prime residential area with all of the surrounding land highly taxed, well tended waterfront property. These people in particular need their governments to come to their defense, as this is their only source of protection of their longstanding and expensive personal investments from the powers of economics and big business.

It has been argued by other parties that as logging was already established before the residential area was developed and because "they were there first" that logging should be allowed to expand in spite of residential objections. I feel it is tantamount that the Islands Trust realize that the residents of the area bought their properties under pre-existing zoning bylaws and it would be grossly unfair to the residents of the area for the Islands Trust to turn around and allow the previous zoning laws to change in favour of commercial and industrial interest.

A basic principle of community planning is to separate residential and commercial interests, as the two types of developments cannot be logically mixed. For the Islands Trust to adopt a policy of mixing residential and particularly industrial interests will create disarray and spoil the overall community plan for the island.

The second major point I wish to make is that zoning laws are made and passed to protect both commercial and residential interests. When a potential buyer of property chooses a site to make a life-

time investment he carefully reviews the zoning laws of the area he is considering before making such a serious purchase, as these zoning laws are the only method the consumer has of protecting his investment against the kind of threat to residential areas as now exists at Welbury Bay.

The predecessors of the Islands Trust laid down "the rules" for Welbury Bay years ago, and it would be an irresponsible act for the present Island Trust to "change the rules in the middle of the game". The Islands Trust in so doing would lose credibility and make a mockery of the zoning bylaw system. Furthermore, no resident or any future potential property buyer on the Gulf Islands could any longer be secure, in that the existing zoning laws governing his particular area could change overnight. Building a major log dump in Welbury Bay is almost analogous to building an oil refinery in the middle of Uplands, Victoria.

I was present at a meeting of the Islands Trust with the loggers of Salt Spring Island on Wednesday, August 8, chaired by Drs. Lott and Kreissl. I was reassured by the obvious capability of these two representatives of the Islands Trust and judging by their demonstrated fairness at this meeting to both the loggers and the residents present, I know the Islands Trust will give this matter very serious consideration and that the residents of Welbury Bay will be treated fairly.

Generally speaking the residents of Welbury Bay are not objecting so much to the present operation at Welbury Bay but are insistent that no further expansion or development of the log dump be allowed. Surely the willingness of the residents to tolerate the existing facility shows an element of co-operation and compromise on their part, and I would hope the Islands Trust will recognize this

# Phoenix Orchards ready to harvest and press this year's apple crop

CONTRIBUTED

The orchards on Salt Spring have once more borne their yearly fruit and this year the crop looks bountiful. Phoenix Orchards Association, a group of islanders with and without orchards, hopes to make use of this bounty.

Phoenix is now preparing to harvest and press this year's apple crop. The pressing and bottling of the apple juice will be done on the Hepburn farm on Beaver Point Road. Mrs. Hepburn has donated facilities to the association for the pressing operation. A new press has been built which will increase the yield of juice per pound and do it faster than last year's hand-operated model.

Phoenix will be hiring pickers to gather the apples from the association's affiliated orchards. The pickers will be paid by the pound, and the orchard owners will either receive a percentage of the juice or a pound price. This will depend on the owners.

Phoenix will also custom-press apple juice this coming year. They will also be offering a 50-50 split for those people who bring apples to them and who would like apple juice. Phoenix is also offering to buy apples brought to them. The price will depend upon the type, quality and condition of the apples.

**MARKETING JUICE**  
Phoenix will be marketing fresh,

fact and give serious thought to restricting the size of the present log dump operation and consider banning any further expansion at this site.

**DR. AND MRS. A. DOUGLAS DYER,**  
Victoria, B.C.  
and property owners near Welbury Bay, Salt Spring Island  
August 11, 1979.

raw apple juice at farmers' markets both on and off Salt Spring. Pasteurized juice will not be available because its production cost is prohibitive. Phoenix hopes to have the resources and the facilities for pasteurizing in the future.

Those people interested in having their orchards picked, or who want to bring apples to Phoenix for money or juice, are asked to call John Boc at 653-4602 between 6 and 8 pm, or before 8

am. Those orchards which were picked last year and have not received a contract are also asked to contact Phoenix.

Phoenix began last year amidst support, hope and criticism. This

year with faith, hard work and perseverance Phoenix will succeed. It is hoped that they will provide an even better service than last year, to both their customers and the orchard owners.

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Tony Richards

**WE HAVE ALLOWED ONE** week to pass by without what has almost become a routine look at the Legislature. And now that our MLA's have adjourned for the summer, we cannot look forward to many more legislative laughs until the fall.

According to Robert Skelly (NDP-Alberni), Environment Minister Rafe Mair visited the riding of Alberni during the last provincial election.

"The Minister of Environment came in on the only day it rained, went to a crabfest, got crabs, came home and gave the riding a bad name," said Skelly.

He refrained from mentioning what particular remedy Mair used after he "got" the crabs.

And now, one final observation with regard to these extracts from Hansard.

Readers should take note that in most cases the opposition party is generally responsible for most of the witty remarks, sarcastic observations and tidbits of humour such as those we have published in recent weeks.

It is a common pattern in most legislative assemblies, as any reader of Hansard or viewer of the televised House of Commons debates will be aware.

**IT IS WITH SOME ALARM** that I report that a number of readers of this column have announced their intention to stop eating fish.

It is also alarming in that in last week's comment on wormy fish, the observation that those worms are nutritious seems to have been ignored.

It also may be of interest that the operator of the Reef who was referred to in last week's column is no longer in the food-business.

**IT MAY NOT HAVE** been a successful fishing trip for two visitors from the Prairies last week, but it was without doubt an exciting one.

Ivan and Ray Stevens, who have been visiting their cousin Grant Stevens of Salt Spring Island, went fishing last Thursday with Jack Hughes.

At 7 am they were off Helen Point in Active Pass, just letting their lines down when the *Queen of Alberni* went aground. Hughes and his passengers spent the next couple of hours helping people from the chute draped over the side of the ferry on to their boat and thence to the *Queen of Tsawwassen*.

**THERE HAVE BEEN A** number of enquiries lately concerning the possibility of publishing a column to answer questions from people who are not so lucky in love or those with problems stemming from dominating in-laws.

But does the need exist? And we also need to consider the fact that there is no one on our staff with qualifications such as those of Ann Landers (if, indeed, she has any).

However, if you wish advice on difficulties relating to the aforementioned subjects, try us!

**HAROLD BALLARD LEFT** the island last week in dismay. But he'll be back. He'll be back when he reads next year's reports about G.A.S.-Driftwood sweeping away the rest of the teams in the local men's softball league and holding first place for most of the season.

Of course, chances are there'll be one or two other teams to play against.

## Logging is part of Island's history

# Horel plan for dumping and booming

Logging has been a part of Salt Spring Island living for the past 140 years or so.

Logging is still an important cog in the wheel of the island economy.

When the Salt Spring Island trustees Bud Kreissl and Dave Lott wanted guidance on the logging industry of the island they invited Charles Horel, retired realtor with a background in logging, to prepare "an ideal bylaw".

Horel has compiled a list of requirements the logger would

welcome and the industry would enjoy. His recommendations were written from the point of view of the operator and not influenced by preferences or prejudices of the resident unconnected with the industry.

In his opening remarks, Horel explains that he has worked in almost every aspect of logging over a half-century experience. He has oiled the skids for horse logging and he has set chokers on a high-lead operation. He has broken

log jams and he has acted as a log broker.

Loggers have historically provided Salt Spring Island with its most solid, island-produced, economic base, asserts Horel.

Revenues from logging are rising because land which was clear-cut in the 40's is now ready for cutting again, he believes.

### VITAL MARKETING

Orderly marketing of the crop of logs is vital and such marketing presupposes the availability of log dumps and booming grounds on foreshore leases. Flat booming, in bundles, is the only feasible way of shipping logs out. Barges are not practical for the small logger.

Log dumps are not aesthetically pleasing and it is not politically feasible to locate them in village areas, agrees the writer. Therefore, Ganges, Fulford and Vesuvius are ruled out as suitable sites.

"In bowing to the majority in these areas, however," he warns, "we are limiting ourselves in the selection of accessible, practical, protected areas, to the extent that we cannot, or should not, allow the protests of a quite small, vocal, minority, to prevent the installation of dumps in the places, more or less, of last resort."

"The protests of a few residents who can observe a boom of logs in a small tangent of their view, should not prevail against a vital community necessity."

### MEET LOGGERS

Trust should, initially, hold a

meeting of all the loggers on the island, suggests Charles Horel.

He urged the Trust to explain the details of its plans to the loggers and to assure them the Trust will stand with them to ensure the use of the existing logs dumps as far as it lies within the power of the Trust to do so. It should be the solid intention of the Trust to ensure that the existing dumps are available for use up to the time when new facilities might be ready.

The Trust should work to win the confidence of the local loggers and urge them to elect a committee of four or five to work with the Trust.

This is the Horel Plan for foreshore leases and log booming grounds:

Foreshore leases should be zoned or sublet to permit the following set-up: dolphins, or groups of three or more piles, should be driven into place at each outward corner of the lease. Single pilings should then be driven along the perimeter in order to hold a standing boom.

In the central section, probably opposite the sorting area, a pair of dolphins would act as a gate. The standing boom would be opened here to permit the removal of a made-up flat boom.

### STANDING BOOM

The standing boom would be a semi-permanent installation running around the perimeter of the lease. It is intended to prevent a boom floating away while it is being made up.

Log dumps should be located in water deep enough to keep the bottom of the dump in about 10 feet of water, even at low tide.

At Welbury Bay this would necessitate trucking fill out into the bay to a depth that would permit trucks to dump in 10 feet minimum.

If the ministry of lands is co-operative and has a sincere wish to settle the log-dumping problem they would grant permission to do this, he believes. The fill area should not be used by the ministry to diminish the area needed for sorting and booming in the water lease.

Provision should be written into the zoning or sub-lease for reasonable access to every logger irrespective of the size of his operation. It would be limited to an arbitrary size for each logger in order to eliminate stockpiling.

Rates set for every user could be based on the old B.C. government log scale. Rates would be standard, covering those with money invested as well as those without. Investors would enjoy the benefits of profit from the use of the installation.

Rates would include basic principle purchase price, costs and maintenance of equipment, including dump winches, boom winches, boom stick drilling machines, cost of dolphins and pilings and purchase and maintenance of boom boats.

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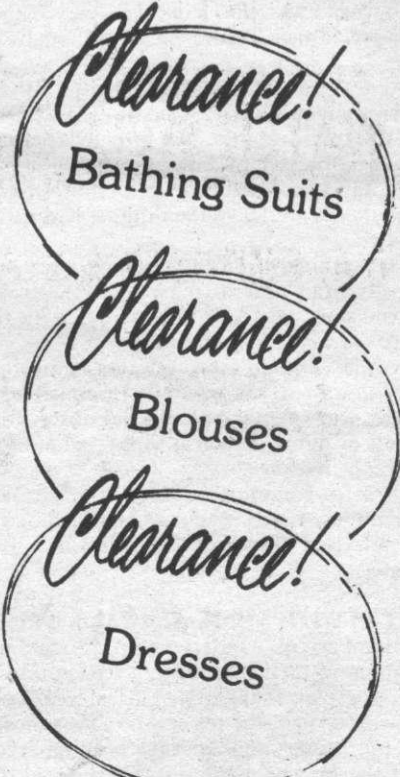
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# Horel reports on logging

From Page Six

Operators blocking access would be fined by the committee running the dump.

### TWO DUMPS

There should be a dump at the north end and the south in order to minimize the fuel costs of hauling logs up Lee's Hill or Ganges Hill.

It would be advantageous to have the same owners and committee operating the dumps at both ends of the island.

Ministry should ensure that the necessary foreshore leases take precedence over small boat basins, particularly for pleasure boats, and over "so-called" oyster leases.

Oysters are an imported crop of little value to the economy of the community. In many cases they have been used solely to ensure that owners of large holdings enjoy complete privacy.

There is no comparison, contends Horel, between the contribution to the island of pleasure boats and logging.

A sizable boom from Salt Spring Island is about 12 sections, he suggests. Each section is 66 feet long by 66 feet wide, or a boom of 800 feet by 66 feet.

In terms of dollars and cents, Horel estimates a section at 50,000 board feet under the old government scale in a bundled boom. In a 12-section boom this would represent about \$120,000. He hastens to assure his readers that this is not straight profit to the logger.

Size of the booms, he explains, indicates the necessary size of a foreshore lease. He would like to see one of the leases just about doubled to 100 metres by 1,000 metres (300 feet by 3,000 feet.)

### LEASE CAPACITY

A lease measuring 100 metres by 500 metres could accommodate about 300,000 board feet of bundled flat booms, leaving an area of about 300 feet by 600 feet for sorting, drilling boom sticks and manoeuvring finished log booms out for tow.

Mooted size of the lease might

appear large to ministry of lands officials, comments its proponent. Logging on the island is more seasonal than it was in the past. Trucking is often limited to the months of dry ground. The season lasts about 30 weeks, he estimates.

The larger lot size would serve from six to 12 loggers all working at the same time.

The reference made by Charles Horel to opposition aroused indignation at last week's Ganges meeting.

"The present Welbury lease," he wrote, "at first glance would thus need enlarging. The longer such enlargement is put off the more noise the opposition minority will make."

The Horel report also suggests that there is more merchantable timber coming ripe for cutting in the north end than the south.

Ideally the upland property above the foreshore lease should be vested in or leased to a company or co-operative consisting of as many local loggers as possible. No single individual or group should be permitted to gain control of it to the detriment of smaller or non-owner loggers.

## New group to bring second refugee family to island

The population of Salt Spring Island is large enough to receive more than one refugee family, a group of residents has decided. And as a result, a committee is being formed to bring another family to the island.

One such family is already being brought here under the auspices of members of the United Church congregation.

Concerned residents who wish to help are invited to attend a meeting in St. George's Hall, Ganges, on August 21 at 8 pm. Assistance will be required in the form of lodging, employment, money, language training and the time to be a friend to the newcomers, one of the organizers of the new committee said this week.

"our government has played a significant role in giving world leadership by the announcement of its willingness to accept 50,000 people," said the spokesman. "But they have also presented a challenge to us as citizens to make a place for these homeless people

Best of all, the Islands Trust could be the owner.

### IT WAS NOISIER

The presentation admits that there would be noise and sometimes at inappropriate times. But it is recalled that the shale pit once operating at Welbury Bay made more noise.

Dust can be minimized by careful grading provisions.

Conclusion offered is that the two locations, Burgoyne Bay and Welbury, represent the best compromise likely to be found.

The dump and booming ground in the proposal would be more expensive than the ones now in use.

It concludes with a reference to the oyster lease at Burgoyne Bay.

"I have known that oyster farm for 30 years," writes Horel, "and I have never heard of a single oyster being taken off it for commercial purposes."

The lease enables the owners to keep a hold on the beach and to keep it private, he avers.

His proposals and comments are not carved in stone, he closes, but they may provide a starting point.

in our communities. Here is a concrete plan in which each one of us can help."

# Gladiolus and Dahlia Show

BY PETE MOSS

Exhibitors from Victoria and Nanaimo will compete with local growers at the Garden Club's special anniversary Gladiolus and Dahlia Show, to be held Saturday in Ganges United Church Hall.

The show will be opened at 2 pm by Garden Club charter members, Mrs. Mary Inglin and Miss Josie Overend. These two ladies have held continuous membership in the club for 25 years. Life member Mrs. Elsie Macdonald will also take part in the formal opening.

Show judges will be Grant

Wilson, Ocean Park, Surrey, for the gladiolus section, and Earle Huston, Richmond, for dahlias. Mrs. Bea Kempster, Victoria, will judge the decorative section. Blooms will be auctioned at 5 pm by Jack Barker.

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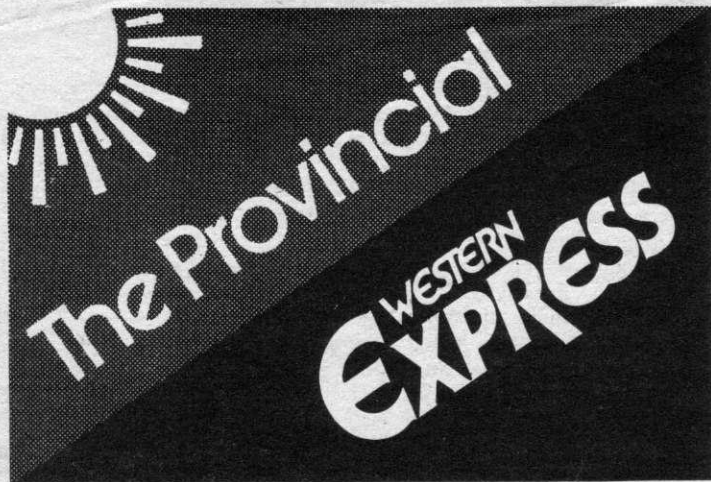
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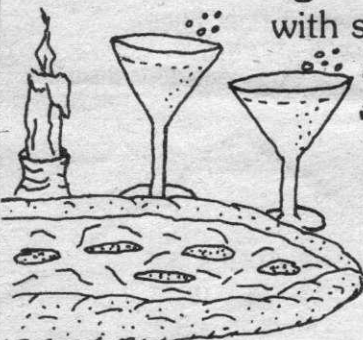
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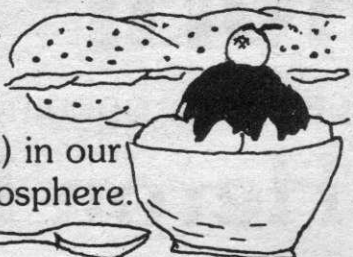
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Logging installation at Welbury Bay has been the subject of heated protest by residents of the bay. The

logs in the water and the dump are seen from the ferry line-up at Long Harbour.

**Institute prepares for Fall Fair September 15**

Plans are being laid now for the annual Salt Spring Island Fall Fair to be held 4½ weeks from now on September 15.

A spokesman for the Farmers' Institute told *Driftwood* that coordinators have been busy since February preparing the different sections. The fair program is available at Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies, Patterson's, Vesuvius and Fernwood Stores.

Islanders are asked to take only one copy per household. Additional entry forms will be circulated at the end of August.

Exhibitors are advised that the biggest exhibit doesn't always win. "It is the one closest to the standards of perfection," said the institute spokesman.

There are two pamphlets available free from the provincial Ministry of Agriculture: *Exhibition Standards of Perfection for Fruit* and the *Exhibition Standards of Perfection for Vegetables and Field Crops*.

**HALTER TRAINING**

With regard to livestock, the institute says it is the responsibility of the exhibitors to have sufficient handlers to show their stock and that halter training should be started now.

The hobby arts section of the fair has classes available to "all creative hands, young and old".

"The 'open class' section will allow enough flexibility for those who dabble in other creative forms to contribute their work. If you have children around who are seeking summer amusement they might try some clever constructions with found objects or combine several art forms.

"For all of you who paint, draw, weave, batik, sculpture or construct, now is the time to get started. You will find enjoyment in

viewing each others work and partaking in the excitement of the Fall Fair."

The mini-museum will be held again this year and the fair committee is requesting residents to loan articles suitable for display. Anyone wishing to donate such articles for the day can contact Marguerite Lee.

**Gambling casino?**

Islands MLA High Curtis has replied to a Salt Spring resident who wrote recently to query the reports of a gambling casino being proposed for one of the Gulf Islands.

Curtis pointed out that an NDP member of the Legislature had made the suggestion, "perhaps with 'tongue in cheek'".

"...I agree wholeheartedly with the short and precise reply given by my colleague, Don Phillips, Minister of Economic Development, who said, 'no way'," wrote Curtis.

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**GALIANO NEWS**

**BY MARY ELLEN HARDING  
AND KATHLYN BENDER**

Last Thursday morning, the words "Galiano Island" flashed across Canada as helicopters and float planes carrying reporters flew into Georgeson Bay to give the news that the car and truck ferry, the *Queen of Alberni*, had grounded on Collinson Reef.

Doug McCormack, an electronic news coverage cameraman for CBC Television heard the first radio/cast of the accident at 7.30 am in Vancouver. A summer-time resident of Bennett Bay, Mayne Island, McCormack is fully aware of the hazards of Active Pass, so by hurrying to catch a West Coast Air plane he was already in Georgeson Bay half an hour later circling the site by boat to film footage for the 12 o'clock television news.

On shore, Reina Hooley, who lives above Georgeson Bay and witnessed the accident, gave a lucid account before CBC Television cameras to reporter Sue Stern.

Throughout the day members of the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department were on duty at two sites on the shore of Georgeson Bay in case, as was seriously feared, the ship exploded or caught fire, and sparks from the ship ignited the perilously dry grass and bush.

It seems that most of the people of Galiano went down to see the ship on the rocks and this created one huge traffic jam.

Our sympathy goes out to the ship's captain and crew.

Occasions like last Thursday's reinforce the growing opinion that small boats used for pleasure fishing in Active Pass are extremely hazardous to ferries.

Dr. and Mrs. Guy Chan and two children of Philidalphia, PA., are spending some time at their home at Phillimore Point. We are sorry to note that Dr. Chan's father, Dr. G.E. Chan, Sr., passed away recently.

Although there have been large birds called turkey vultures seen half-way up Galiano for some years, the other day we saw two hovering around at the south end of the island. At first we thought they were ravens, but with a closer look we found they were indeed turkey vultures.

This continued hot weather keeps islanders looking longingly at the skies for some rain. We do hope that everyone is really careful on all of our roads and trails, if they must use them, as it seems that it is not generally known that we get much less rain than the mainland.

On Saturday, August 18, the Women's Auxiliary to the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department will hold their monthly Book Sale at the Fire Hall from 2 to 4 pm.

Anyone wishing to shop or make a donation of clean, mended summer clothing is welcome at the Church Thrift Shop at the Fiesta Grounds on Burrill Road every Saturday from 2 to 4 pm.

On Sunday, August 19, the Reverend John Dyer will preach at St. Margaret's Church, Burrill Road, at 9 am.

Permanent and weekend residents of Galiano should make haste to complete their entry form for the Annual Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Fair and mail it to May Ferguson, Box 159, Galiano, B.C. The fair will be the 13th of the annual series sponsored by the Galiano Club and held at the South End Community Hall on Saturday, August 25 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Galiano groups or individuals who wish events to be reported in *Driftwood* are invited to phone, or preferably write up their news and send it by Saturday to Mary Ellen Harding or Kathlyn Benger.

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# Group will present films on energy issue Thursday, Friday

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Salt Spring Alternate Energy Studies (SEAS) will be presenting two evenings of video films on various aspects of the energy issue on Thursday the 16th and Friday the 17th. They will be shown in the kindergarten room of the elementary school starting at 7.30 pm.

SEAS would like to alert the community of the dangers inherent in nuclear energy and to the fact that Three Mile Island is as much a part of our lives as it is of the

Pennsylvanians. There are positive energy alternatives to radioactive energy and this too, SEAS is hoping to present through these video presentations.

## SCHEDULE:

Thursday; 7.30: *The Health Effects of Low-Level Radiation Emissions from Nuclear Power Plants*, a talk given by Dr. Ernest Sternglass of the Department of Radiology, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. Sternglass was the first

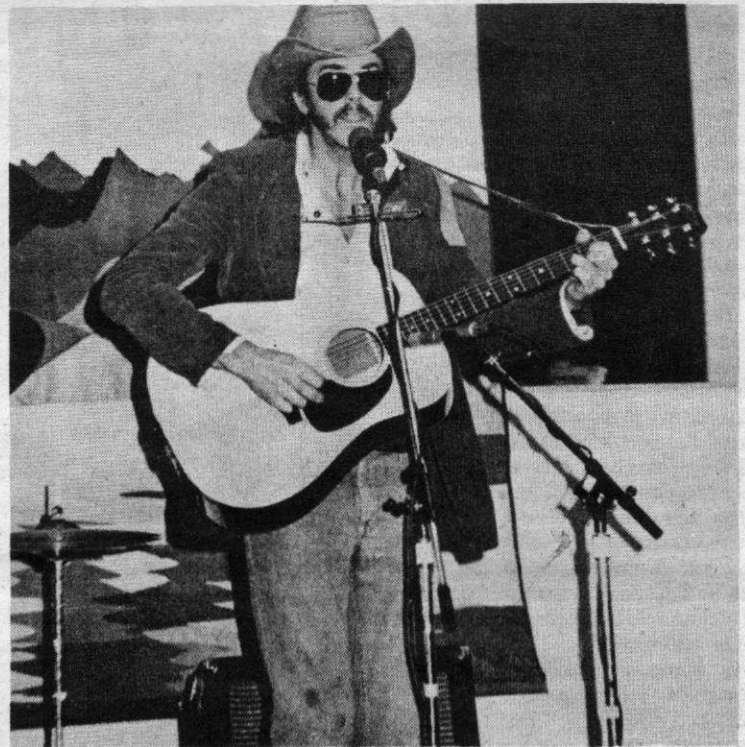
to warn pregnant women and young children to leave the area of the nuclear accident near Harrisburg. In his talk he outlines his findings on the health effects of low-level radiation from nuclear plants on the eastern seaboard.

8.30: *Eliot Lake and B.C. Nukes*. Sequences of the television program *Fifth Estate*, documenting the development of leukemia in miners at the Elliott lake, Ont., uranium mines. This will follow with a short review of the Clearwater, B.C., situation where Denison Mines, the same outfit which brought you Elliott Lake, would like to develop a vast open pit uranium mine.

There will also be short sections of the Bates Royal Inquiry into Uranium Mining in B.C., and the Genelle Three who committed an act of civil disobedience in preventing Manny Associates from exploring for uranium in the Genelle, B.C. watershed area. Also featured is a segment on Trident.

9.30: *The Great Debate* between Edward Teller and Gordon Edwards, from the Pierre Burton television show. Edward Teller is the father of the split atom and Gordon Edwards is a mathematician who used to work in the nuclear industry but dropped out and started the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility. This debate, which started with a majority vote by the audience in favour of nuclear power, ends with a majority vote against nuclear power.

## Energy group hosts Coffee House



Dan Pedrick was one of a number of musicians who played at the Coffee House in Central Hall last week. Over 150 people

attended the evening of music on Tuesday, sponsored by the Alternative Energy Study Group.

Friday the 17th, 7.30: a review of the positive future inherent in a conservator society, featuring *Soft Energy Paths*, the keynote address by Dr. Amory Lovins to the four annual Solar Energy Conference in London, Ontario. Amory Lovins was commissioned by a skeptical Science Council of Canada to present a conservator-alternate energy blueprint for Canada. So impressed was the Science Council by Lovins' work that it now endorses it as a necessary direction in Canada's energy policy.

As it will be difficult to acquire these films again in the near future, SEAS requests that all those interested in B.C.'s future energy policy kindly come out on these evenings. People are reminded that by being well-informed they will be better able to speak out in a clear voice in the decisions affecting B.C.'s future.

Further to that, only by resuming our responsibility for the future of our province and home do we have a chance in assuring its safety for our descendants. Radioactivity is not much of a legacy to leave our children.

People from the Outer Islands are reminded that a nuclear reactor

in Crofton will affect them as well, for radioactive emissions travel for miles and the prevailing winds are westerly. Therefore islanders are invited to come out for these films and will be billeted on Salt Spring. It is regretted that children under 12 are not welcome to see these films.

## Island man wins derby at Mayne

A 33 lb., 6 oz. salmon took first prize in the Mayne Island Lions Club's Salmon Derby held recently. The winning fish was caught by Andy Waswick of Mayne.

Second prize was won by Brad Richter, Cowichan, with a 23 lb., 9 oz. fish; and third prize by a Mr. DeGraff of Duncan, whose fish weighed in at 22 lbs., 12 oz.

Hidden weight prize winner was E. Nordquist.

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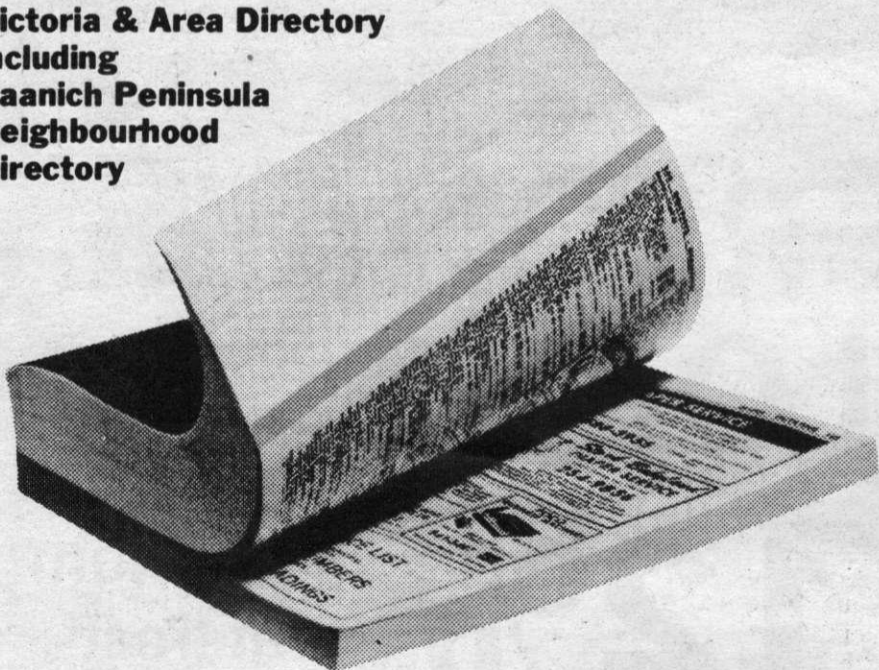
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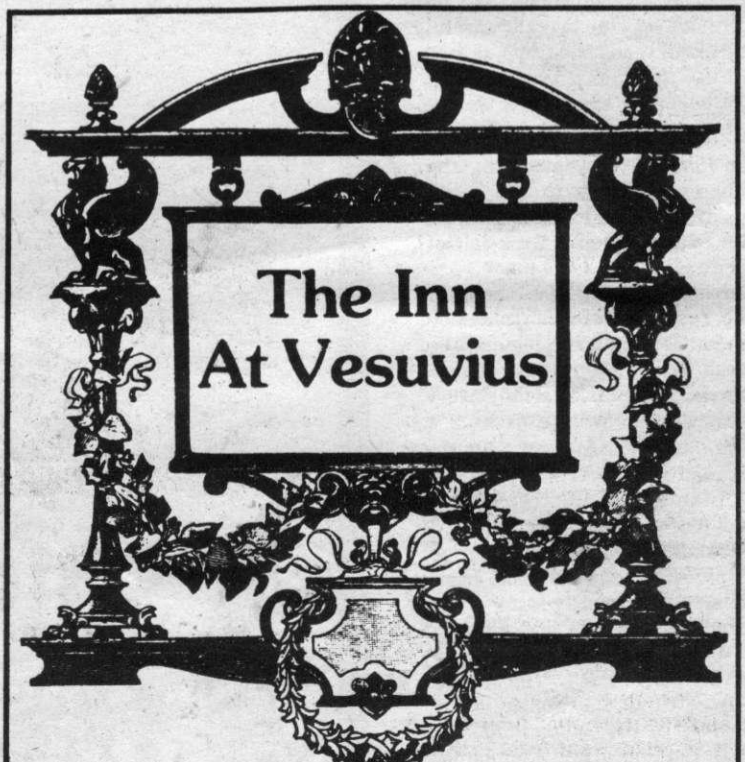
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# Curriculum, economic system blamed for their dropping out

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

We waited so long for the summer and now it is almost over! In less than a month children will be back in school, and we've had so little time to enjoy the holidays.

Where were those long lazy hours we would spend on the beach? We've not had one picnic! We've picked no blackberries; swum less than a dozen times. Most people have the sense to relax in the summer months. I seem to become more involved.

The Third World, the economic order, the International Year of the Child, these all take a deal of time and energy to read about, to write about and to act on.

Now I wonder what this school year has in store for our children.

Our teachers are, by and large, dedicated and well motivated. So why do kids dread school? Why is there a 10% absenteeism rate in

only viable when work is attainable.

In a world of polluted air and water, where the degree of overkill determines the status of a nation, we expect our kids to work hard in school to prepare themselves for what?

### BEHIND THE TIMES

Our schools are 50 years behind the times. They always have been. Most of our institutions grind exceedingly slowly. So don't blame your children or the teachers when the kids do badly in school and drop out as soon as possible. Blame the irrelevant curriculum and the economic system - the two factors which war against each other and against the society they are supposed to serve. Blame is not enough. We also have to work to change them.

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The Social Responsibility in

Investment Group in Australia has spent two years investigating one of Australia's largest insurance companies, the Australian Mutual Provident Society (market value of shares, \$706 million). Considerable criticism is being levelled at the society for its \$33.6 million worth of shares in four uranium companies.

### STANDARD CLAUSE

AMP sells insurance policies covering homes and their contents. But these policies include a standard clause which specifically excludes the payment of compensation should the damage be nuclear-related, e.g. from nuclear fuels, or nuclear weapons material.

Well, you can't really blame them, can you? The question is, of course, should they be investing their shareholders' money in uranium mining which is also a pretty dangerous business?

## Lost owner of found property

Police are looking for a Ganges man in order to return his property to him.

Robert Blain Pharis lost some property recently and it has been found. It is now in the possession of the RCMP office on Ganges Hill.

All that remains is to find the owner of the lost property.

We're told that the British and Russian nuclear engineers hope to be able to come up with absolutely clean and safe installations within the next two decades. Well, good for them! I just hope there will be enough of us left in good health to enjoy the fruits of their labours. Otherwise it's a pretty academic point.

Along with millions of Australians, I'll know it's safe when I can obtain cheap insurance against attendant risks!

## Investigate reports of shooting

RCMP at Ganges are investigating reports of shooting.

Complaint has been made that someone is shooting birds with a .22 rifle, at the south end of St. Mary Lake.

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## More Food for Thought

Victoria, that Mecca for B.C. teachers?

Listen to children from Kenya: Phillip Samoei, a 15-year-old, says: "I am trying very much at present to improve my way of living by having education to obtain a well dignified job."

### 'EASY TO GET WORK'

Kenyatta Chege, aged 14, says: "When you are in school you learn to be a good boy and have good manners. If you compare boys at school with boys at home you will see a big difference. The one at school knows how to read and write and think. The one at home cannot even read a letter which he is sent. The one at school, he will find that it is very easy to get work. The one at home can just go and be a watchman, which I wouldn't like. The one at school will get to be a manager and have a big car. The one at home will just become a thief and a robber. He will come and spoil the car because he is very stupid, so when he sees a good thing belonging to someone else he just goes and spoils it."

Well, there's enough meat there for several columns! Kenyan schools would seem to teach morals and manners, which we consider the parents' prerogative. They also seem to achieve literacy! But the operative sentence may well be: *The one at school, he will find that it is very easy to get work.* This theme runs through the whole *New Internationalist* section on education. Schooling brings good jobs.

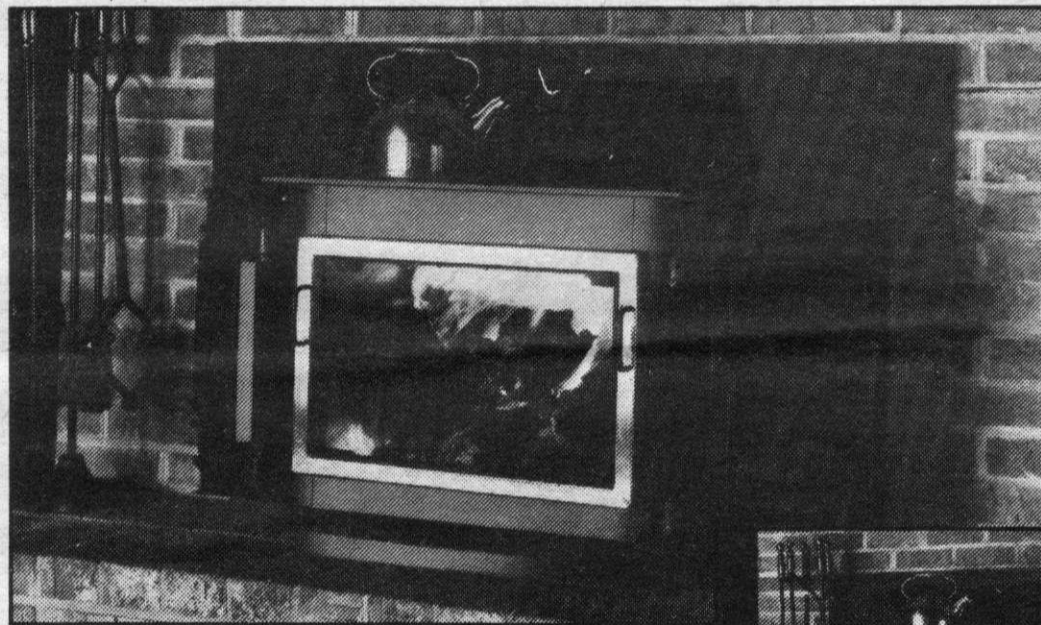
### CONFUSED OUR CHILDREN

This was true when I was a child, and when most of you, or your parents, were children. It's not true now, so most of us have confused our children by telling them that education is fun; it's good for its own sake: they are privileged to be able to go to school.

We don't say it's good to be able to read a book while you wait in line at Manpower. We don't tell them that unless they are innovative and literate enough to obtain a much despised grant for a project to benefit the community in which they live, their chances of getting a job here are very slim.

We despise the unemployed and respect the technology which causes unemployment. We've not replaced the work ethic which is

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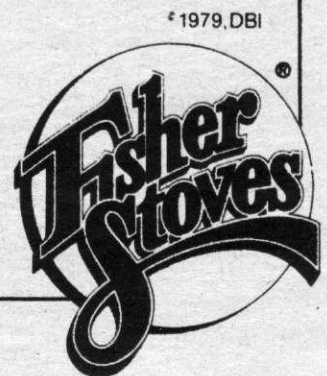


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# THE ESCAPE OF THE ABSOLUTE

## But there is no escape from the sequel

**BY FRANK RICHARDS**

There have been more problems than benefits from nuclear power.

During the Second World War it was employed for the first time to destroy people. It was a very effective destroyer. People and places simply disappeared under the blast of the first atomic bomb. Other people disappeared slowly. And painfully.

When the Czechoslovakian satirist Karel Capek looked impudently at nuclear power, he visualized the Almighty voluntarily contained within the atom. When Man released the Almighty, or the Absolute, he lost control of the power he had released.

The Escape of the Absolute was a piece of fiction. But time has proved that when Man split the atom, he was releasing new forces into nature beyond any he had faced in history.

Capek came close to the truth and only his natural flair for cynicism had him miss the boat.

In the latter years of the war, when the first blast was heard across the battlefields of the world, a British scientist illustrated for posterity the crass stupidity that had been behind that blast. The learned man of science explained over a British national radio program that the explosion had been of great interest because it had proved that the splitting of the atom would not set up a chain reaction and destroy the earth as had been expected.

**IRRESPONSIBILITY**

Nuclear force was born of irresponsibility. It has lived with irresponsibility ever since.

The western world elects its politicians. They are usually selected because they are persuasive. The politician is able to talk fluently and to convince people who know nothing of public affairs

that he knows everything. He is thus elected to take charge of the greatest force in the universe.

In other parts of the world a politician is named by virtue of his unswerving service to the established administration. He, also, assumes the reins of this mammoth monster that is nuclear force.

There is no possible reason to expect men so named to power to appreciate the enormity of the force they have at their control. And history has proved it so. The earth is blanketed with a radiation no man can see, few men can measure, fewer men can evaluate and all men should fear. An addition, there is no cure known for the damage this radiation could cause.

**TO DESTROY**

Nations, guided by an emotional electorate, placed this enormous power in the control of their militarists whose entire training was to destroy the enemy. At any cost.

The air around the earth was filled with the particles of radioactive materials sent up into the atmosphere by tests of military might.

And nations short of the energy so vital to survival were ready and eager to use this great new source of power as the generator of energy.

While all this was going on there were few people in the world who recognized the cost of colossal explosives and inexhaustible energy. They rarely spoke out, in the initial stages. As the costs became more evident, so more concerned scientists and technicians started to protest.

The protest they sounded has gone around the world. It has been invaluable. Everyone knows the potential hazards of atomic missiles and nuclear power.

But the drive goes on. More nations are seeking to equip themselves with nuclear weapons. And there are enough such weapons already in existence to wipe the earth out of the universe.

**ALL OVER THE WORLD**

All over the world are nuclear-generated power stations. And all over the world, more are being constructed. The radiant wastes, giving off rays invisible to the eye and destructive to the flesh, are being dumped in the sea, under mountains, in holes in the ground or wherever a man elects to lose them.

Each dump represents a hazard to posterity. Each dump could wipe out the nation that built it. Each could wipe out the race. But we go on.

It is cheap energy; it is ready energy and it enables us all to live the way we like to live. Who is going to say "No!" to the plea for energy? Who will pull the switch to leave urban millions to slowly freeze?

In British Columbia we are pure. We have no nuclear energy. We have no need of nuclear energy. And there is none more saintly

than him who is not tempted. We hope that British Columbia will remain pure and undefiled.

**NOT FOR THEM**

But it is not a decision that will be settled by B.C. Hydro. It is not a matter that will be decided by Robert Bonner. Nor by Charlie Nash.

B.C. Hydro is a Crown corporation owned and operated by the people of British Columbia. Mr. Bonner is a man named to guide the corporation on behalf of the people of British Columbia. Its directors are people elected to office by the people of British Columbia.

If the voters of British Columbia were to tie every Hydro officer to the whipping post and torture him until he agreed that nuclear power was anathema, it wouldn't mean a damned thing. Because Hydro is British Columbia. It is a creature of the people of this province and its officers can recommend the use of any form of energy, but they cannot make the decision. The ultimate decision will be made by the elected representatives of the populace.

Furthermore, we must bear in mind that British Columbia is not an isolated administration untouched by other nations. To the east, in Canada; to the south and southeast, in the United States; across the skies to east and west lie cities already deriving energy from nuclear plants. Their discharges will be just as harmful to us once they reach us, as our own, home-grown variety.

I am immovably opposed to the establishment of a nuclear plant here, but I'm not wholly convinced that the opposition is rational. The need is too little and the time is too late.

I am satisfied that the administration of B.C. Hydro had been guilty of many errors of judgment. But the world's radiation hazard cannot be placed at the Hydro door. And a clean and pure hydro power in British Columbia will afford us little security. It is an international threat and an international problem, far beyond B.C. Hydro.

The radioactivity of the world's resources has absolutely escaped and it's a lot worse than anything Capek had visualized.

### Mayne Island TOPS news

**BY WAY LESS**

At the August 1 meeting of the Mayne Island TOPS Chapter Kay Adams was best loser of TOPS for the month of July and took home the lovely basket of fruit, vegetables and flowers. Norah Garrick was best loser for KOPS and will claim the "Slim-miss" Trophy for the month.

Best loser of the week for TOPS was Doreen Tamboline and for KOPS, Edona Medcalf.

In the "Reach for the TOP" contest for the month of July Sally Burden was winner of the most points for TOPS and Pat Dawson and Edona Medcalf tied for KOPS. These three received charms of their choice. Pat has earned a "bracelet" full of charms now.

At the August 8 meeting it was learned that Pat had brought notoriety to our little island by winning the Trophy of South Vancouver Island KOPS society for the second consecutive month. That shows real "TOPS enthusiasm" Pat, and we are very proud of your record. At this meeting, best loser of the week was Kay Adams for TOPS and Anna Derosie for KOPS. They received charms and it was announced by the leader that Kay had reached the goal weight set by her doctor. Congratulations, Kay.

It just goes to show that TOPS does not fail those who persevere. It cannot provide the necessary will power but goes all out in encour-

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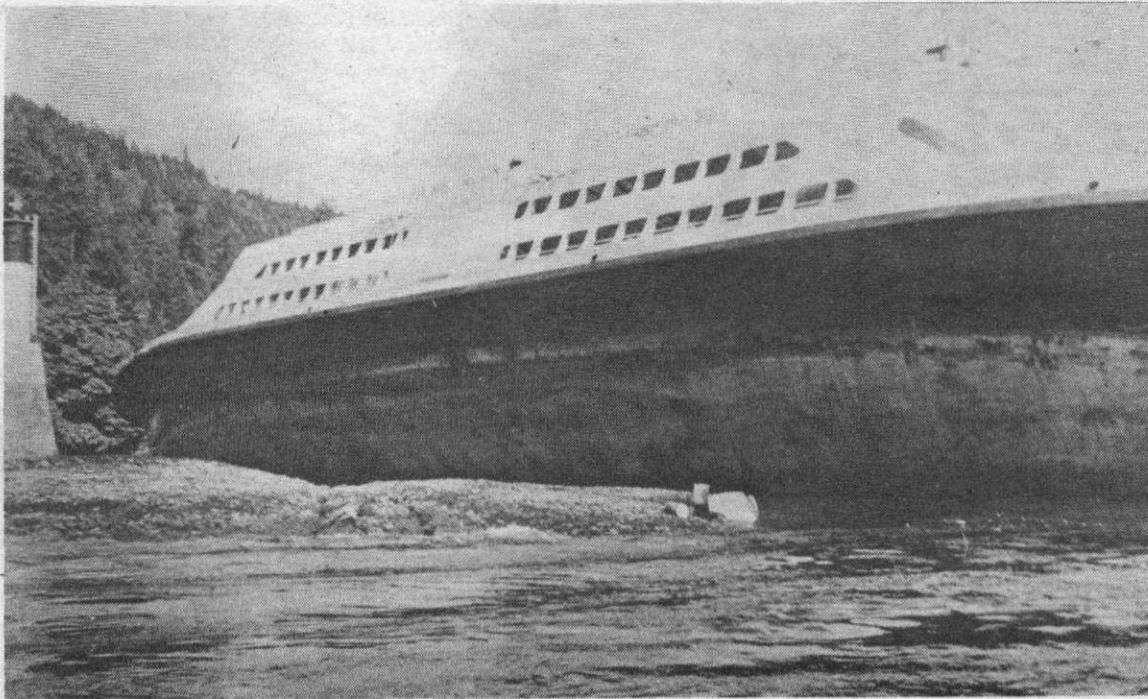
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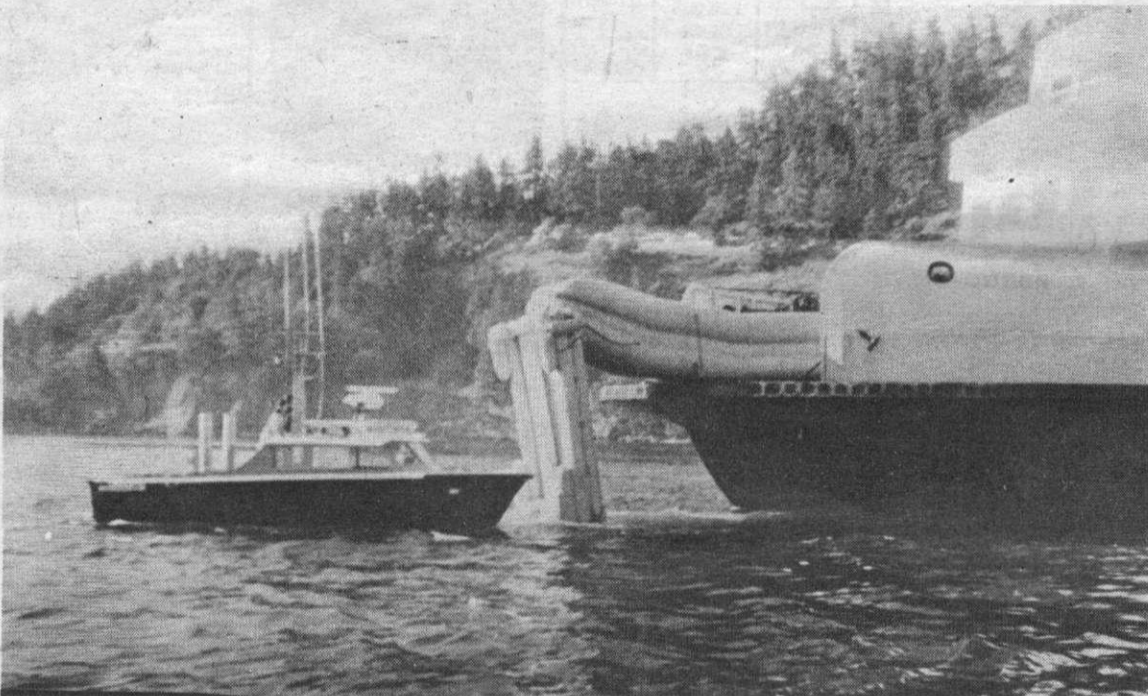
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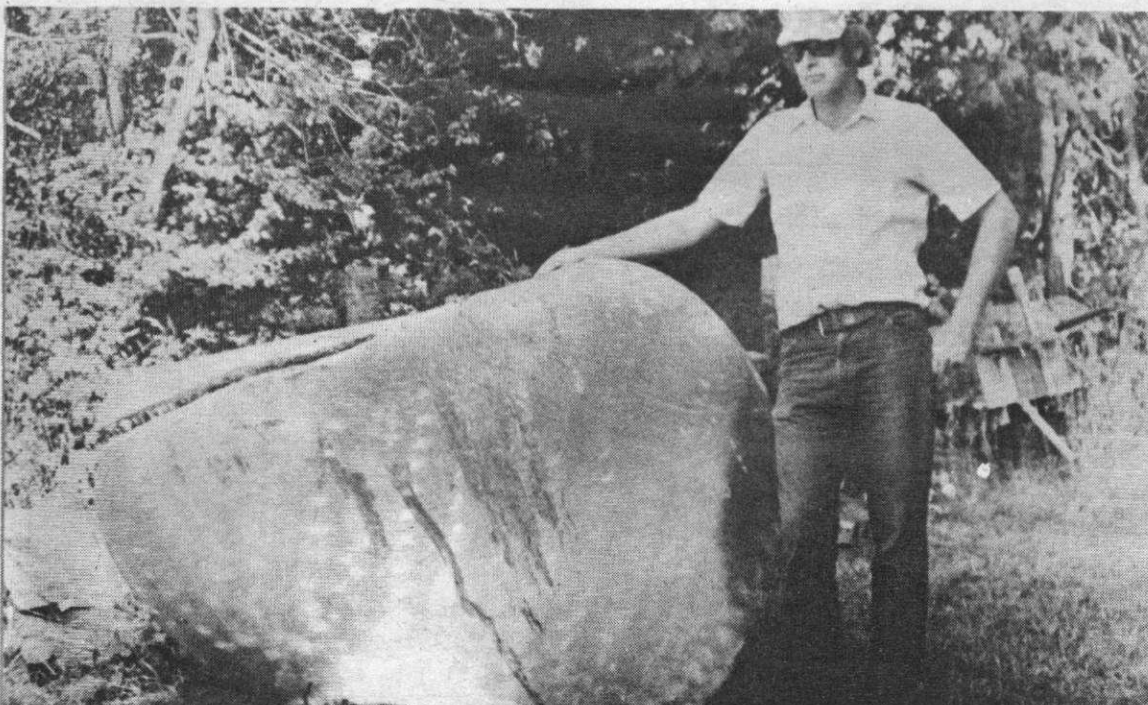
# Ferry mishap made Thursday busy



Ferry developed 30° list at low tide Thursday.



Inflatable escape chute is loaded aboard *Queen of the Islands*



Alan Gear with 3,000-lb. stainless steel propeller blade

## From Page One

Water taxi operator Jack Hughes of Ganges was fishing in the area when the accident occurred.

### KEPT GOING

He said the ferry hit the rocks and kept going until the bow was four feet out of the water. After it stopped, the ebb tide carried the vessel's stern around 80°. Horst Klein estimated the speed of the tide at that particular point to be about 15 knots.

Hughes observed that only about a dozen small boats were fishing in the mouth of the pass at the time, and was of the opinion that they were not blocking the passage of the ferries. He said it appeared there had been a mechanical failure.

Salt Spring Island commercial fisherman Bernie Reynolds was also fishing in the mouth of the pass at the time.

"The *Alberni* was going flat out," he said. "I never saw a vessel come out of that pass at such a speed."

### LOCAL DIVER

Another local man on the scene was Norman Twa of Salt Spring, who did some diving for the tugboat company, Seaspan.

He spent two hours underneath the *Seaspan Charger* removing a steel cable which had become wrapped around the propeller.

The area was busy throughout the day with boats, helicopters and planes surrounding the scene. In addition to the Coast Guard hovercraft and a cutter, a number of RCMP boats stood by stopping observers from going close to the *Alberni*. About 11 am they decided to "clear the pass" and ordered all boats to move back a mile away from the reef.

### VETERINARIAN

About 6 pm ferry officials decided to call in a veterinarian to check the race horse and a pony that was also on board. One of Jack Hughes' boats was dispatched to Ganges to pick up island veterinarian Dr. Claus Andress. After arriving at about 7 o'clock, he was dropped off on the *Alberni* but had to be picked up again 10 minutes later. He was unable to get to the animals because the vehicles on the deck had slid into each other, making it almost impossible to move around, and there was no one there to show him where the horses were.

He returned to the ship a few hours later, after it had been pulled off the reef, and was guided by ferry officials to the trailer carrying the horse. By that time, though, it had already died, probably from hitting its head while thrashing around. The pony was reported to be alive and well.

### WON RACE

The seven-year-old horse, Gun Music, had won a race in Vancouver's Exhibition Park the night before.

A number of tugs hooked on to the *Alberni* late in the afternoon, waiting for high water at 7.45. By 9 o'clock, there were five tugs pulling and pushing at the stern and two pulling from the bow.

An hour before that, the *Alberni's* engines were started and the stern was pulled away from the reef. She became stuck again, however, and it appeared then that the attempt to remove her might prove unsuccessful. But in what must have been a final, all-out try, the ferry was pulled off and towed into Village Bay for inspection before being towed across Georgia Strait to Tsawwassen.

### DISRUPTED

The schedules of other ferries using Active Pass were disrupted by the mishap. After 5 pm the Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen vessels had to make a detour around East Point, on the southeast tip of Saturna Island.

The *Queen of Sidney*, which left Long Harbour at 4.30, made all its regular stops, including one at Montague Harbour instead of Sturdies Bay, and proceeded to the mainland via Porlier Pass.

It didn't leave Vancouver until nearly 11 o'clock that night and was further delayed by the *Queen of Alberni* which had been towed into Village Bay on Mayne.

The *Sidney* was forced to wait for some time before it could land there while the *Alberni* was being inspected for damage.

The *Sidney* finally arrived at Long Harbour at about 4 am.

### HAULED OUT

Investigators found early this week, after the *Alberni* was taken out of the water, that some of the plates in the bottom were buckled, a rudder was ripped away, a stainless steel propeller blade was missing, another two damaged and a shaft was bent. It is also believed that bearings in one engine are damaged.

Salt Spring tugboat operator Alan Gear went out to the reef Saturday and retrieved the propeller blade that was sheared off. He estimated the weight of the stainless steel blade at 3,000 lbs. The bolts attaching it to the hub of the propeller had sheared off and about a 10-inch strip of the end of the blade was folded over.

The \$25 million vessel, which went into service three years ago, is expected to be in drydock for about a month while repairs are carried out.

It is not known who will pay for the 60-odd vehicles which were damaged until a federal transportation investigation is completed.

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# day in Active Pass

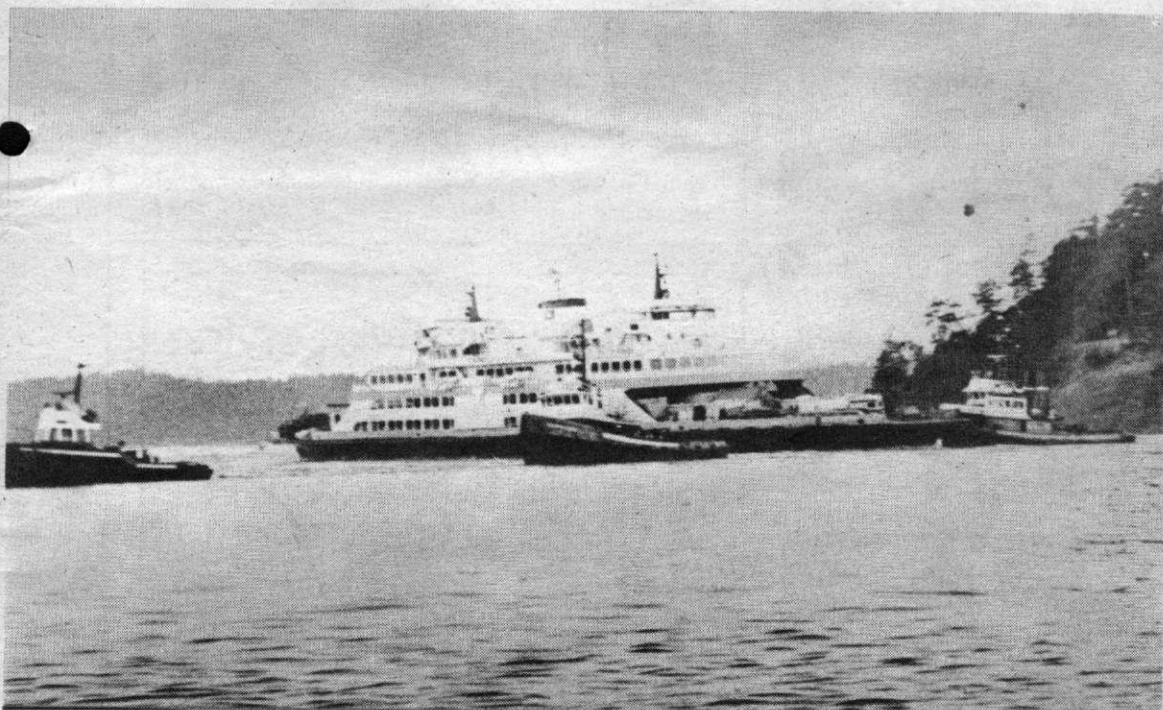
Driftwood staff photos



Escape chute hangs from side of listing ferry



Dr. Claus Andress climbs aboard stricken vessel. Jack Hughes is in foreground.



About 8.30 pm, tugs were able to move *Alberni's* stern around

## Bachelor Rat replies

—To 'potted biography'

I see someone has written a sort of potted biography of one Joan Raeside and I fail to see what interest it can be to anyone.

Now I, Bachelor Rat, am much more interesting. To begin with I live in a far better hole than she does. Sure, Mrs. Rabbit says my table manners are appalling but how can she know? I've never asked her to tea. She would bring her 19 young 'uns with her and I couldn't be bothered with them.

I am a man of property, I am. I possess a magnificent tail and a blue rowing boat. I bet she hasn't got a blue boat. Now I think of it, the rowing boat may be red by the time you read this, if I get time to paint it. Local farmer seems to be under the impression some rat in a blue boat is after his hens. I'm not. I'm after their eggs ...occasionally.

I prefer to live on my own, coming and going as I please, though the other day one G.P. (a guinea pig he tells me) made a desperate bid to live with me. It was a narrow squeak but luckily Mrs. Rabbit came to my rescue and after a snide remark about my table manners (see above) took him off my neck. I could have done with his help but not his presence. Incredibly enough he tried to claim relationship with me. Me, cousin to a minpig! (That was Dame Owl's doing, interfering old fowl.)

And another thing this Joan Raeside hasn't got that I have. No one has written an operetta about her yet. No plot in her life. Whereas I am (almost) the star of the forthcoming show *Once Upon a Tail*. Well... I sing the first song and hold the stage for four and a half minutes all on my own until that wretched G.P. turns up and tries to upstage me.

Yours,  
**BACHELOR RAT,**  
The Hole,  
Riverbank,  
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P.S. I like your newspaper but why does your cartoonist put a mouse in his pictures; why not a rat?

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