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Trust trying to halt construction at Bennett Bay Temporary injunction sought

BY GELI JOHNSTON

The Islands Trust has decided to seek a temporary injunction to halt construction of a dock adjacent to the Mayne Inn at Bennett Bay, Mayne Island.

Up until now, the Trust has been following legal advice to pursue a permanent injunction, but resumption of work on the dock last week may have prompted trustees to change their course of action.

Application for a permanent injunction will have to be heard in court and cannot be effected until some time in September. If granted, a permanent injunction would mean an order to demolish however much of the dock had been completed.

A temporary injunction, which can be obtained in a week, means immediate suspension of construction. With the legality of the dock in serious doubt, construction has been an on again, off again affair.

PROMPTED

When Weldon Pinchin, owner of the Mayne Inn, attempted to continue construction of the dock late in June, the Capital Regional District was prompted into action by the Islands Trust. At that time, the Trust was in a peculiar position regarding the implications of a temporary injunction. One section of the Trust Act not having been declared, individual trustees could be held personally liable for losses during the temporary injunction period, should Pinchin win his case in court.

The CRD was consulted with regard to the necessity for a

building permit for the dock. Based on the Islands Trust interpretation of zoning bylaw 103, that there can be no such thing as a private wharf next to a public or commercial facility, the CRD considered bringing a temporary injunction. But a letter from Pinchin's lawyer stating that the dock was for private use only persuaded the CRD to defer action.

MISGIVINGS

According to CRD executive
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Keen-eyed watch saves Bowen from grounding

Early morning fog nearly brought the *Bowen Queen* to grief on Monday.

Keen-eyed watch up in the bow signalled the bridge when new construction at Isabella Point Road loomed up in the path of the ferry.

The ferry went full astern and churned up the mud into a brown stain as the vessel avoided grounding.

Passenger on the vessel told

Driftwood that the construction job ashore never loomed so large before.

The vessel went on its way with foghorn blasting and feeling its way across to Swartz Bay. At Gosse Channel the ship struck a glancing blow to the marker buoy as she passed.

Five years ago, on August 23, the *Bowen* went aground on Clive Island at that passage during a similar foggy condition.

Record attendance at Mayne Fall Fair

BY ELSIE BROWN

The Mayne Island Annual Fall Fair on Saturday attracted a record number of people with an estimated attendance of 800.

The weatherman let us down by sending the rain we needed several weeks ago. However, the rain didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm for the outdoor events which went on as planned.

The annual parade for children in various costumes and decorated horses, sponsored by Mayne Island Volunteer Firemen, preceded the opening of the fair.

Fred Dodds was MC and in his opening remarks made mention of the museum and its important role in the community. Introducing Jack James, who officially opened the

fair at 1.30 pm, he referred to the many years of valuable service he had given to the island by judging at our Fall Fairs. Mr. James complimented the exhibitors on the high quality of the exhibits in the produce and floral section (the latter judged by Mrs. James), the standard meeting the requirements for top awards. He mentioned the fairs being held on other islands in the next few weeks.

PRIZE WINNERS

The following exhibitors were prize winners at the fair:

Doug Logan: Bank of Montreal Cup, most points for produce; B.C. Telephone Trophy, most points in the fair; the Foster Cup, most

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Recreational vehicle park plans revealed



Plans have been announced for development of a 40-site recreational vehicle park near Ganges. Luke Harrison has revealed that

phase one of the four-phase development is to commence shortly on a parcel of land at the end of Pallo Way, about a mile west of Ganges.

Sign at the site which announces the park proposal is an old saw blade, not a Rotary Club sign, said Harrison this week.

New lines for old Queen after stretching



Newly stretched *Mayne Queen* is seen entering Swartz Bay terminal. The former "birthday cake" has shed all claim to that description.

The vessel is now more like a cross between the *Mayne Queen* of old and the *Pender Queen*. Her super-

structure identifies her, but her lines are totally changed, as the picture shows.

Who is to be Citizen of the Year on Salt Spring Island?

Long-established project of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is to be brought back.

The island Chamber this year will name its Citizen-of-the-Year again.

The Chamber made a practice of naming one islander each year in token of his contribution to the community, either for some incident during the preceding 12 months or for his work over a period of years.

Nominee can be notable in the world of sport or in any other activity that affects the people of Salt Spring Island. He may be a she and does not need to be a member of the Chamber or have had any connection with the Chamber. Any reader can participate and

nominations should be made to the Citizen-of-the-Year, Box 111, Ganges, B.C.

Animal control officer at Pender Island

An assistant animal control officer has been appointed at Pender Island by the Capital Regional District.

Animal control officer Bill Leach said last week that Chris Wade has taken on the job. A veterinary nurse, she was at one time involved with the Ontario Humane Society.

Fisheries officers crack down, seven charges heard in court

Fines totalling \$825 were levied for violations of the B.C. Fishery Regulations in Ganges provincial court last week. Seven people appeared on various charges before Judge D.K. McAdam.

Operating a commercial fishing vessel without possessing a personal fishing license cost 75-year-old John McKay of Victoria \$400. He faced two charges for not having the license on two days during the first week of August.

Court was told that fisheries officer Trevor Fields checked the *Granada* in Swanson Channel August 6. The accused was operating the boat and Fields discovered he didn't have the license. McKay had told him he'd left the license at home.

The officer checked later and found that McKay didn't have a license at all. McKay's boat was boarded again the following day, August 7, and again he failed to produce the license. McKay told the fisheries officer that he'd purchased a license on August 5 but another later check showed that he had bought it on the seventh.

It was also found that the accused had not had a personal license at all during 1978. Prosecutor Tim Singh asked the judge to treat the matter seriously in view of the deception carried out by the accused.

Klas Johnson was on the *Last Hope* in Active Pass July 28 when he was checked by two fisheries officers. He was unable to produce a personal license at the time and was given until July 31 to present it at the fisheries office in Duncan.

He attended the Duncan office on the 31st with a license, but it was later found that Johnson had purchased the license the same day.

The accused told the court his wife was supposed to have purchased one for him but when she went to do so, found that Johnson had to obtain it in person. He was fined \$50.

Carrying passengers who didn't have personal licenses cost the owner of a seiner \$75.

John Greer appeared on behalf of Stanley Hunt, owner of the *St-*

phens Bay, and entered a guilty plea to the charge. Fisheries officers had checked the boat while it was fishing in local waters and found that two people on board didn't have licenses.

Two Washington men were fined for fishing in Canadian waters without non-resident licenses.

Donald Hockett was fined \$75 after he was found fishing from a non-Canadian boat without the license on July 29. He had been unable to appear in court Wednesday and had written a letter to the prosecutor's office instead, indicating that he wished to plead guilty.

The court also ordered that fishing rods seized at the time be forfeited. The prosecutor asked for forfeiture because "there are too many of these cases".

Henry Ashenfelter was charged after fisheries officers checked the boat he was fishing from in Swartz Bay August 14. He was fined \$50.

Fishing salmon with a "C"-licensed commercial fishing vessel cost Laverne Roy Baines \$125. Fisheries officer Trevor Fields had boarded the Chemainus fisherman's boat July 29 in Georgia Strait and found five salmon. The salmon were returned to the sea.

Prosecutor Tim Singh asked Judge McAdam to "take a serious view of this matter as an "A" license (for salmon fishing) cost from \$200 to \$400" while a "C" license cost considerably less.

Final fisheries charge to be heard Wednesday was laid against a Duncan man for fishing with a downrigger using six lures. Frank Page was checked off Helen Point, Mayne Island, July 28.

He was fined \$50 and forfeiture of the fishing gear was ordered.

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Good fishing

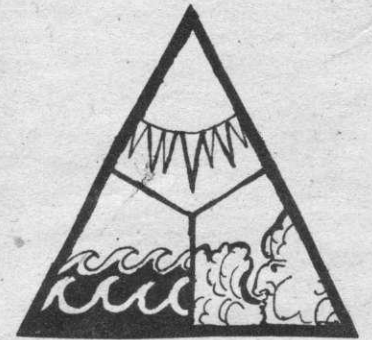


Fishing was good in Active Pass Saturday when part-time Salt Spring resident Jack Webster, of television fame, went out with Jack Hughes of Ganges. Webster is smiling with good reason: he caught the 22-pounder he's holding.

Lost jacket

American from Washington lost his jacket in Ganges Post Office, according to a report sent to Ganges Detachment, RCMP.

G.E. Martz states that the jacket was of yellow suede cloth and bore the legend on its back, Mount Baldy Outboard Association.



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Bennett Bay

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director Dennis Young, they had "some misgivings".

"We originally didn't believe them (Pinchin Holdings Ltd.) because of various statements in the press and on TV."

Since then, Young added, "his solicitors have been backing and forcing on this thing and now he's given a written assurance that he will use it as a private wharf. It's a pretty firm undertaking and now we must just sit back and see if he abides by it".

When the current round of construction began early last week, it looked as if the Islands Trust, too, would just wait and see. The matter of personal liability had been corrected but the legal advice remained the same.

NOT USEFUL
Trust chairman John Rich told *Driftwood* in a telephone interview August 15 that a temporary injunction "would not be particularly useful" with so much of the wharf already completed.

But Trust planner Tony Roberts confirmed Tuesday morning that their lawyer had indeed been instructed to seek the temporary injunction.

What has induced the Trust to change its mind? There has been considerable pressure from the Bennett Bay Preservation Committee, local opposition to the dock, to uphold bylaw 103.

"Why should the people be supporting the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District when they don't uphold their own regulation," asked Barry Wilks, a spokesman for the committee.

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'That log dump looks revolting!'

Allowing public access has its disadvantages

One of the topics discussed at the Islands Trust hearing in Sidney last week deserves a very close examination.

Land-use control of the smaller islands in the Gulf is bound to be a sore point with the owners of those islands, especially when it comes to allowing the general public to have access to them.

But the validity of the argument put forward by the owners of Sidney Island cannot be ignored. Jack Todd told the hearing that since part of the island had been turned over to the government, there have been wild parties, smashed bottles and vandalism.

Another speaker wondered how it was that many of the islands had not been burnt off by careless visitors building fires.

Most islands residents are aware of the problems involved when large numbers of visitors swarm here during the summer months. But most are also aware that the local economy is dependent to a certain extent on those visitors.

Last week a Ganges resident reported that about nine boats had anchored recently off the Second Sister Island in Ganges Harbour. After they left, one or two local residents went over to the island and voluntarily cleaned up the garbage that had been discarded on the beach.

With the number of water-borne visitors touring through the islands every summer, we are probably quite safe in assuming that many of the smaller islands are beginning to look like garbage dumps.

In an issue of *National Geographic* magazine last year, problems being encountered in a national park in the United States were examined.

The Colorado River, which flows through Grand Canyon National Park, has become a popular place for river-runners: 14,000 of them swarm to the river annually to make the trip in rubber boats.

Apart from the garbage collecting on "overused beaches", health problems are being caused by most of the 20 tons of fecal matter left by river passengers every year.

The U.S. is also becoming aware of the threat to its own islands. It was stated at the Islands Trust hearing that the U.S. is considering restricting public access to islands in order to preserve them from destruction.

These developments south of the border should certainly be considered in making any decisions on land-use control in the islands, or anywhere else.

Newscast or soap opera?

When one tunes into a news broadcast, be it on radio or television, one expects a concise and objective account of what has been taking place in the world. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation seems to have abandoned that practice in favour of its own style.

Listening to the CBC Radio news last Thursday morning was more like listening to a theatrical production such as those broadcast by CBC during the evenings. And with a title like *The World at Eight*, it could have been a soap opera for radio.

The whole of the newscast was devoted to the death of John Diefenbaker. While a good deal of it was probably of interest to most Canadians, there were some segments which appeared to have no purpose other than to fill in the time.

But the worst part of it was the accompanying music, which gave the story its soap opera style.

Somewhat mournful, and quite dramatic, it must have brought tears to the eyes of many a patriotic Canadian.

And that, in our opinion, is not what a news story should be designed to do.

HOREL ISSUES CHALLENGE TO HUMPHREYS

Sir,

I write with some diffidence in respect to your generally well-balanced report on the Islands Trust meeting regarding log dumps on Salt Spring Island, and also upon my own report to the Trust upon that subject.

First, I was somewhat surprised to read Mr. Humphrey's remark upon my lack of background in logging. Gil first moved to Salt Spring about 1956, and I returned to the island and first met him in 1957. By that time I was 36 years old and buying into Salt Spring Lands with Rod Pringle, and Gil was a turkey farmer.

I grew up on Salt Spring in a logging camp and was a whistle-punk before I started school. When I left to join the army in 1939, I left a well-paid booming contract right in front of the Mahon Hall; when I returned in 1945, my first job was on the boom in the same spot. In between times I fell and bucked, and set chokers, all over Salt Spring Island. A lot of those little holes in the sides of the tall stumps you see still standing here and there that Gil thinks are woodpecker holes, are actually spring-board holes that I chopped in.

Rather flippantly, I think it fair to say that I still know more about logging than Gil does about real estate; that need not say much about either of us, but I have \$25 that says if he cares to meet me with pike poles on a 15-inch log about 32 feet long, I will dunk him two times out of three.

Secondly, and in a more serious vein, it appears that when I was quoted in my report to the Trust as suggesting haste, what I meant, but perhaps did not make clear enough, was that the Trust should make haste to secure tenure of the proposed leases, and agree on controls and supervision of the lease with a responsible association of loggers who would operate such leases in a manner of most benefit to the loggers and minimum discomfiture to nearby residents on upland property.

That haste was and is necessary as illustrated by the very type of conflict arising at the Welbury Bay log dump at the present moment - such conflicts would at the least, be minimized by the controls and agreement suggested.

Thank you for your space, and may all your deadheads be hauled up onto the boom.

C.R. HOREL,
Ganges.

August 15, 1979.

ATTACK ON BUREAUCRATS

Sir,

In reply to Jeanine Dodds' letter

in the 15th of August issue of *Driftwood* may I point out that when the editor finds room for the second half of the satire, *Affair of the Spanish Islands* she will find that it concludes with a suggestion that the only way to solve the problem is for the Outer Islanders to co-operate. There is no suggestion that Mayne Islanders are active in any way differently from the residents of the other islands when they use the ferry and I am sure there is no ill feeling towards them on Galiano.

The article, if it can be taken seriously at all, is an attack on the rather inflexible bureaucrats of the B.C. Ferry Corporation, who resolutely find it impossible to comprehend or solve the problems their schedules create for people living on the Outer Islands. At the present time it happens to be the inhabitants of Galiano who are most seriously affected and the article was an attempt to bring this fact to public notice.

B.C. BENDER,
Galiano Island.
August 20, 1979.

ROAD TO SURVIVAL THROUGH CONSERVER SOCIETY

Sir,

On Wednesday afternoon of last week we made the effort to travel up to Nanaimo to join a demonstration of people concerned over the possible use of nuclear power for the production of energy in British Columbia. The occasion was prompted by the visit of some 600 theoretical physicists who are meeting from all over the globe.

We do not really enjoy confrontation or activist politics; we tend to be rather private people who are happy building our farm and creating a good environment for our children, but we were prompted by a concern for a deteriorating quality of life which must be evident to all. Anyway, it made possible an interesting dialogue with some of these high priests of knowledge whose aim is to understand the nature of matter. The results were not all encouraging and might be of interest to others who live here.

We are running out of oil and within at most 20 years it will not be readily or cheaply available, if at all, for the production of the great amounts of energy our society consumes. Apparently there are only three viable alternatives. One involves hydroelectric development of all our rivers. Another requires that we build the Hat Creek coal-fired generating complex in Cariboo. Third is the development of fission based nuclear power plants at strategic locations in the

province, one preferred site being Crofton.

Damming of the rivers will destroy our fisheries and many valleys with their food production potential and wildlife. Coal-fired plants produce tremendous amounts of air pollution and consequent "acid rains". This kills all fish life in lakes and has already done so in parts of Ontario. Nuclear plants produce radioactive wastes, the disposal of which is a problem we seem not to have satisfactorily solved and are apparently neither reliable nor immune from accident or sabotage. Their supply of fuel, uranium, is limited, hence they are, at best, a stop-gap measure.

Uranium mining itself produces radioactive tailings which must be disposed of and so far there has not been developed a safe way of doing this. In fact, in Eliot Lake, Ontario, houses are built on radioactive material which constantly emits low levels of radiation which have been demonstrated to cause cancer.

We are told that wind, solar or other alternatives sources of energy cannot possibly meet our needs in the foreseeable future.

In short, one came away with the sick realization that there is to be no happy resolution of the conundrum we, as a species, are creating by travelling the path of increasing energy consumption. One feels helpless before the fact that mankind has created a situation for itself which it cannot resolve. It would seem that we are all to be the victims of a technology and economics we are unable to control and, like the lungfish, are to find ourselves in an evolutionary cul-de-sac, a species which will have perished because it could not find its way out.

If I were to end this letter here there would not have been much point in writing it, but I really do think that there is a way out for many of us, though no longer for very many of those in other countries.

We have to see that the great outward expansion of European culture in the last few hundred

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says Salt Spring Island
Chamber of Commerce.

Letters to the Editor

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years, dominating and destroying all other cultures with which it came in contact, has created our present impasse. The industrial society which is both the cause and result of this expansion is predicated upon production and consumption of goods. There has been no higher goal. We all consume because we are conditioned to do so by the advertising industry and are told that failure to do so will result in economic ruin. But now we know that it is just this frantic rate of consumption with consequent high energy demands that is destroying us. Therefore, if we do less of it and move towards a conserver rather than consumer society we will be on the road to survival, especially if we combine this with the so-called soft energy options: wind, wood and solar energy produced on a small scale. There is really no option.

Don't buy that big new car. Don't take that trip to Hawaii you were planning. Buy a smaller motor for your boat, or, better still, a sail boat or canoe. This goes against the preachments of business, government and their tame academics. But they are wrong, motivated by short term considerations. Ignore it and you are guilty, I am guilty, of inflicting death by radiation poisoning and starvation on your/my fellow man, and on our children and grandchildren. This may sound extreme, but it is the face of the reality of our time.

DAVID WILLIAMS,
Ganges.
August 20, 1979.

A COURAGEOUS ACT

During the regrettable grounding of the *Queen of Alberni*, island residents expressed sympathy over the plight of the livestock trapped on this ferry. I was on duty nearby and offered my services.

I am sure your readers were relieved to learn that Ganges veterinarian Dr. Claus Andress boarded the ferry twice to inspect the animals. It is unfortunate that 12 hours elapsed before he was permitted to do so.

To board such a dangerously listing vessel was a very courageous act, for which Dr. Andress should be commended.

Credit should also go to the race horse owners who stayed on the ferry to sedate their terrified horse (sadly killed in the accident).

"Well done, Dr. Andress. You are a credit to your profession."

WILLIAM LEACH,
Animal Protection Officer,
Capital Regional District,
August 16, 1979.

SOME WERE OPPOSED TO NUCLEAR POWER

Sir,

Last Wednesday I participated in my first protest demonstration. It was quite an interesting experience and I suppose I'll be doing it more often. Not that there isn't a lot of other things that need doing around here or maybe that I'd rather be doing, its just that this issue of nuclear reactors on Vancouver Island so close to my home is very unappealing.

It was a good meeting. Some of the nuclear physicists that I talked

to were very much against nuclear reactors for energy because of the obvious long standing risks to mankind. Some had protested reactors in their own neighbourhoods.

There were 400 nuclear physicists on the CPR ferry who were visiting Nanaimo. There were also about 150 protesters to greet them on the wharf and in boats waving placards which read "No Nukes", "Old reactors never die, they just glow away", "What do we do with the plutonium waste?", etc.

But, some were for nuclear energy. These seemed to be older men who had more to lose. Their past would be negated and their future would be in question if nuclear energy would be eliminated. I think it's people like these, men and women with a vested interest in nuclear energy, that are keeping this whole thing alive. The sad part is that they have quite a bit of political and financial power and it will take a strong showing of a great many people to change the course of this madness.

It would be nice to be done with it quickly. One, just to be rid of the horrible toxic stuff and two, to avoid a huge battle like the one in the States over Vietnam where violence ensued and the country was so terribly disrupted.

I implore all people to please educate themselves on this issue and find out just what is going on. The book *Nuclear Madness* by Dr. Helen Caldicott is a very good place to start. Find out who is making their fortunes on this nuclear energy, find out the true costs involved, find out how much it is costing the taxpayers, find out how much cancer and genetic mutation has already resulted, find out if we really need it after all, find out what is done with the toxic waste, find out what the alternatives are.

MATTHEW COLEMAN,
Ganges.
August 17, 1979.

Under-sized salmon

Charges have been laid against three men under the B.C. Fishery Regulations who were fishing in local waters recently.

Fisheries officers checked a boat off East Point, Saturna Island, July 29 and found 16 salmon, nine of which were under-sized.

Authur Farmer and Robert and Donald Simpson will appear in court at White Rock to face the charges.

Two dinghies come and go

Dinghies were getting around this week.

An eight-footer was stolen from Maxwell Lake, and a six-foot dinghy was found near Vesuvius.

In addition, an eight-foot marine float of wood and styrofoam was found at Walter Spit by Alan Gear.



Tony Richards

NORTH GALIANO SHUT DOWN for one afternoon recently, according to two Salt Spring Island contractors.

Brian and Daryl Little were working on a job at the north end two weeks ago when, around noon, they headed down to the south end with the intention of returning to work later.

Their good intentions came to nothing though, because when they started going back to the job they found the road blockaded by highway crews. The road to the north end would be closed for the remainder of the day, they learned.

They were forced to return to Ganges by water taxi and forget the Galiano job for the day.

"A THICK, RICH DRESSING with the tingle of tart pickle relish, mellow oils and golden egg yolk," read the description on the bottle of salad dressing.

Sounds good, I thought, but then I read on. Below that description was the list of ingredients: "...vegetable oil..." Mellow oils? Just plain old vegetable oil.

But to completely top it off, the next ingredient listed was "frozen yolk mix".

What happened to the golden egg yolk?

BOY, DID I SURE feel like a fool on Saturday. We arrived at the Long Harbour ferry terminal at noon, all set to make a trip to Mayne Island for the day.

After having written so much about ferries, I should have known that the noon ferry doesn't make any stops between Salt Spring and Tsawassen.

"GIVE A MAN A UNIFORM and chances are he'll become infatuated with his power, imagined or otherwise."

So wrote columnist Hubert Beyer in the *Victoria Colonist*, Sunday, Aug. 12, three days after the *Queen of Alberni* ran aground. And any member of the press who was covering that story would find it difficult to disagree with what Beyer wrote.

The police that day were, for the most part, extremely unco-operative. Most of us who were there representing the news media got the pictures and the story we wanted. Nevertheless, the RCMP on hand did their best to make it difficult.

Certainly, there was some danger involved in getting too close to the *Alberni*, but no one is going to convince me that a police officer is going to be more concerned for my welfare than I am.

What were the dangers? Well, leaking fuel could have caused an explosion, but that didn't seem to worry the tugboats too much, nor did it bother the other boats which were there in an official capacity.

During the morning, the ferry could have gone right over, but I had no desire to get close enough whereby I would be in danger were that to happen.

We were in a similar position to the RCMP in that we were there to do a job as well. It would help if they could remember that.

WE GAVE CREDIT TO the wrong guy for a couple of recent jokes. And I thought they were new ones, too. John Steele says he told the jokes to Derek Sowden months ago. Well, how about a few more John?

Dear Driftwood

Dear *Driftwood*:

What can I do? My heart breaks so easy 'cause it's only made of glass.

PHIL CHUCK.

Dear Phil Chuck,

Knowing something of your talent as a glass-blower, I am tempted to advise you to change your pursuits. But when you are feeling shattered, be creative. Your shining soul will emerge in all its beauty. Be daring, you won't blow away. And you will find yourself with a few punty marks to strengthen your heart in your next love match.



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Possession of firearms prohibited

Judge D.K. McAdam made an order in provincial court last week prohibiting a Galiano Island man from possessing firearms or explosives for a two-year period.

Mark Matthews appeared in court Wednesday as a result of having two convictions against him concerning dangerous use of firearms.

The order was made under section 98 of the Criminal Code.

Crown counsel Donald Laughton told the court that Matthews had been co-operative about having the order made and was prepared to hand over the firearms he possessed to someone else while the order was in effect.

Affair of Spanish Islands resolved

BY DIONISIO ALCALA

You may recall that our previous report (*Driftwood*, August 1) ended with a victory for the Spanish islanders who had successfully excluded the English islanders from the 5.30 am ferry from Swartz Bay and provided space for all their compatriots who wished to travel to Victoria on the early morning sailing.

Several repetitions of this stratagem produced no effect, for the officials of the Ferry Corporation ignored the angry protests of the English islanders just as they had done those of the Spanish islanders. B.C. Ferries were losing no revenue as the result of the inter-island conflict.

As July gave way to August, the

Spanish islanders devised a new tactic. They revised the institution of the all-night dance, so popular at the beginning of the 20th century. As one of the Spanish islands possessed a fine community hall, this was selected for the site of the festivities.

FERRY WAS FULL

On the chosen evening the late night ferry was full, conveying a large contingent of merry-makers from the larger to the smaller Spanish island. A magnificent supper, for the islanders were justly famous for their culinary skill, was served at midnight. Dancing commenced at 2 am and continued until dawn. Shortly after, the revellers loaded their vehicles on the *Mayne Queen*, achieving the result of excluding the English islanders at no cost to themselves. The real value of this procedure was that it deprived the corporation of revenue. B.C. Ferry officials at last took notice.

In mid-August occurred an unfortunate incident which brought matters to a head. The pride of the ferry fleet, the *M.V. Alberta*, was forced on to the rocks of the Spanish island by a horde of pleasure boats spread wall to wall across the entrance to Active Pass.

It is believed that there is an error in the record as all vessels in the ferry fleet were named for places in B.C. It has been suggested that the vessel was named to honour the sister province because it had pioneered the particular form of government the two provinces shared for many years. This theory is discredited, as it was in Alberta.

DECLARATION OF WAR

The uninformed Authority construed this as a deliberate attack by the islanders on the flagship of their fleet, and tantamount to a declaration of war.

In fact, the majority of the Spanish islanders were firmly on the side of the master and his crew and deplored the selfish conduct of the sports fishermen who created this navigational hazard. If any of the boats came from the Spanish island they were manned by visitors who could be excused for knowing no better, or belonged to a few weekenders who appeared to have little respect for the island, its ecology or inhabitants.

The B.C. Ferry Authority decided to punish the islanders. Service could not be withdrawn as this would reduce revenue and was of doubtful legality. It was decided to retaliate with hoses. The topography at Montague precluded a successful attack at this site so it was planned for Sturdies Bay. It was thought that maximum effect would be achieved on a Sunday evening when the wharf was most crowded.

RAKED PASSENGERS

As the *M.V. Tsawwassen* eased into the dock, crewmen armed with hoses appeared on the upper deck and began raking the waiting passengers and vehicles with streams of icy sea water. Unfortunately, few genuine islanders were on hand at the time of the attack but some soon appeared to defend their territory.

Sirens sounded on the island and

within minutes the wail of a fire truck was heard. The firemen thought at first that the Ferry Authority was at last replying to a long-standing complaint that the wharf, on Sunday evenings, had become a fire trap. It was conjectured that the crew were testing an emergency procedure so the firemen co-operated by running out their lines and starting up their pumps.

The firemen soon realised that it was not the fleeing passengers who were on fire nor the streaming vehicles. As soon as they were made aware of the dastardly nature of the attack the volunteers sprang to the defence. The crewmen were forced back by well directed jets which foiled any attempt to cast off.

A TRUCE

After a short stand-off a white flag was run up the ferry's mast.

The master and the fire chief met on the ramp and a truce was easily arranged as the islanders had no quarrel with the officers and crew. A bedraggled column of off-islanders staggered on to the ferry followed by a line of clean vehicles.

He was not aware of charge

There was no response when Trevor Dixon's name was called in court at Ganges Wednesday. But two hours later, he arrived at the courtroom having heard that his name had been called. He hadn't received any notification, he said, and didn't know anything about the charge.

A charge of consuming liquor in a public place was read to him and the matter was remanded to August 22.

"I know nothing of it," said Dixon.

The *Tsawwassen* backed out only an hour late.

This ill-planned attack embarrassed the ferry crews, who usually enjoyed close and friendly relations with the islanders. The repercussions were felt in Victoria where the U.S. consul protested to the minister responsible, as many of the victims were from our great and good neighbour to the south. Governor Dixie Lee Ray even threatened to sink the *Princess Marguerite* should she attempt to return to Seattle, and the government began to assemble a skeleton crew to take advantage of this fortuitous offer.

CONFERENCE

It was apparent to all that something constructive had to be done. The First Lord (one of the many hats worn by the premier was the tricorne) called a conference on Salt Spring, a neutral island with a convenient summit called Maxwell.

A picnic lunch was attended by representatives from the four islands and they had no trouble in arriving at a solution. The inhabitants of the smaller Spanish island would give up their right to transfer to the mainland ferry on two days of the week. The English islanders agreed to allow the *Mayne Queen* to call at the Spanish islands first on the same two days of the week.

The First Lord persuaded everyone to keep details of their deliberations secret. The fall ferry schedule was due to be published in a few weeks and the suggested changes would be incorporated. All agreed that it was important that the solution appear to come from the officials of the Ferry Authority.

And so it was that the "Affair of the Spanish Islands" was eventually resolved. - *B.C. Archives, September-October, 1979*



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Future of Sidney Island debated after hearing

Future of Sidney Island was the most extensively debated issue when the North Pender Island Trust Committee sat in Sidney to consider land-use control in the minor Gulf Islands.

Three main views were expressed. Owners Jack Todd and R.B. Wilson both explained that they have not owned the island in order to speculate, but they both warned that the future zoning of the island will directly influence their future plans.

David Orton of Victoria spoke as regional vice-president of the Federation of Naturalists in B.C.

"I feel the whole of Sidney Island should be reserved," he told the public hearing. He described the provincial government's acquisition of 100 acres for park purposes as "tokenism".

The islands belong to the people of Canada, said Orton, and he does not favour their development into the prerogative of the rich elite.

Access by the public to private land is fundamental, he told the hearing. There is a proliferation of signs in the islands saying, "Keep Off" and similar messages, he said.

Third and common opinion was fear of the expansion of public parks with the accompanying hooliganism, vandalism and criminality.

Owner of Rubly Island expressed concern that some islands were listed and others omitted. Chairman John Rich explained that the North Pender Island Trust Committee was only concerned with those islands which had been expressly

referred to it for land-use controls. When the province had alternative plans for such controls, the islands were not designated for administration by the Pender committee.

DETRIMENT

A number of ratepayers saw this division as a detriment to orderly control.

It was observed that the bylaw called for the relinquishment of land within seven metres of any body of water to public use. This would be imposed in the event of subdivision. In the case of Rubly Island, this would leave him with no property for himself, the owner protested.

The measure is taken directly from the Municipal Act, he was told.

Sharp critic of public use of lands warned the Trust Committee that it was a wonder many of the islands had not been burnt off.

Tourists and visitors build fires without regard to danger and they drop off their litter on any convenient beach, he complained.

The United States is seriously considering a sharp curtailment of public access to islands in the hope of preserving them from destruction, the hearing was told.

"Only people I have seen interested in the preservation of the islands have been the owners themselves.

"It is fine for the people of the towns to come to the islands and use them as a toilet," he reminded the meeting, "but they would rise in great anger if I came to the town and did the same thing."

NO PLANS

The owners have no immediate plans for

Sidney Island, Jack Todd explained.

"But there could come a time when we want to build a few homes. But it would not be feasible if the homes have to be 20 acres apart."

The prospect is not bringing islands into public ownership, he warned. He has a small island which was assessed at \$3,000, said the Sidney Islander. It has been increased and is now assessed at \$30,000. On this basis, a 20-acre lot on Sidney Island would be in the \$200,000 bracket for assessment purposes.

"This would be prohibitive and we are against it," he told the hearing.

The island owner also warned of the tragedy of government parks on islands.

"We have never turned away any group of responsible people," stated Todd. "Since turning over property to the government, there has been nothing but wild parties, smashed bottles, vandalism."

After seeing the reaction of the public to free access he has no room for it.

There are some very nice people, but there is an element that wants to destroy.

"Don't put the larger islands into the category where the owners can do nothing with them," he pleaded, "We want people to put up a good summer home and enjoy them as we have."

R.B. Wilson expressed opposition to the proposal of a 20-acre minimum lot size.

BETTER CLUSTER

Provision for cluster housing would be preferable, he urged the hearing. The bylaw would require homes spread all over the island and the island would lose by it.

He hopes Sidney Island might be excluded.

Barry Silvers of Victoria countered that historically, cluster development leads to greater development.

He believes land should be held until the general public "has earned the right to it".

Sidney Island preservation committee expressed approval of the 20-acre minimum lot size proposal and the Greater Victoria Green Belt Society warned the hearing that land is not a commodity but should be held in trust.

When the committee considered the bylaw, after the hearing, Todd spoke again on the problems of Sidney Island.

"Who is going to pay the taxes?" he asked.

THEY KEPT IT SO

Sidney Island is an attractive property because he and Wilson have kept it so, he emphasized. The bylaw is intended to place a freeze on development. Under its terms, the owners can do nothing with the island unless they break it up into 20-acre lots.

The farm is closed because it is now too big a job for one man to safeguard the stock. The island park has pushed farming out of the island picture.

"It is impossible to go on the way it is," he concluded. "We are not developers."

The committee agreed to defer the bylaw for further consideration. John Gaines was opposed to the deferment.

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As your boat gets bigger, the list of required safety equipment gets longer. Check it out in the MOT's annual *Boating Safety Guide*. It's free and can be obtained from almost all marinas and boat servicing facilities.

Gulf Island School District

School Opening Information

All schools will be open on Tuesday, September 4 (A.M. only)

REGISTRATION

GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY, SALT SPRING AND FERNWOOD ELEMENTARIES:

All students who did not attend these schools last year, or who did not register for Kindergarten in June, should report to the office of the respective school. The offices will be open from 1000 to Noon during the week August 27 to 31. In the case of Gulf Island Secondary and Salt Spring Elementary the offices will be open from 1300 to 1500 during that same week.

Kindergarten classes will commence Monday, September 10 and Kindergarten teachers will arrange interview times with parents during the week September 4 to 7

OUTER ISLAND SCHOOLS:

Students should register at the school on Tuesday, September 4. Grade 8 and 9 students from Galiano, Mayne and Saturna should register at Mayne; Grades 8 and 9 from Pender should register on Pender.

SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULES: Same as in effect during June.

Nuclear scientists greeted by demonstrators at Nanaimo

A flotilla of small boats, including two from Greenpeace, slowed down the progress of a C.P. ferry bearing approximately 500 nuclear scientists to Nanaimo last Wednesday. The scientists, representing 30 different countries, had been attending a week long conference at U.B.C. when they cruised into Nanaimo for the afternoon. The flotilla was the water-going segment of a larger demonstration designed to confront the scientists about hazards of the nuclear industry.

After the ferry landed, the scientists were met by a placard-waving crowd of 200 or so representatives from communities up and down the coast, including a number of Gulf Islands residents.

Singing "2-4-6-8 we don't want to radiate" and brandishing placards bearing captions such as, "A nuclear future is no future for our children", or, "Sorry! No cant' do Candu!" and, "Mr. Sun provides Energy And Jobs!", the demonstrators moved into the crowd of scientists.

DISCUSSIONS

While David Weston of the British Columbia Energy Coalition spoke into a loudspeaker, welcoming the scientists and their families to Nanaimo though decrying the technology which they represented, small groups of demonstrators and scientists broke off into discussions about nuclear power. The scientists often contradicted each other on some of the issues discussed.

On the topic of disposal of radioactive wastes, one scientist insisted that "there is less danger in the radioactive wastes than there

is in the uranium in the ground and therefore it should be easy to contain it in glass balls".

This was received with jeers from the crowd as an opponent retorted that the plutonium in these wastes, having a half-life of half a million years and being extremely hot, would undoubtedly melt the glass balls. Another scientist, in response to this, asserted that the disposal problem "is a terrible, terrible situation and one for which we have no real workable solution at this time".

DIRTY, DANGEROUS

Another scientist insisted that the nuclear fission industry "is a very dirty, dangerous process and should be stopped altogether". Another declared: "Do you know Nevada? Well, God gave us Nevada to get rid of our nuclear wastes!"

A demonstrator rejoined: "How do you suppose the inhabitants of Nevada, who are already dying of leukemia, feel about that?"

On the issue of ethical responsibility in the profession, several scientists averred that since their field was abstract science and research, they were not involved in nuclear power plants and were therefore not responsible for what happens in this area.

Concerning safety hazards of nuclear reactors, many scientists claimed that they were totally safe, that Three Mile Island wasn't as dangerous as it was made out to be. Others said that there have been many accidents which the public wasn't informed about and that Three Mile Island had come close indeed to being a catastrophe.

ONE IN A MILLION

On the issue of a meltdown, in which the cooling system breaks down and the intense heat of the nuclear process melts through the containment wall, one scientist laughed and said that chances of it happening were one in a million. Another scientist said that this was the one great fear on the part of the nuclear industry and that chances of it happening were much greater than first thought.

With regard to health hazards from the low-level radiation emitted by nuclear reactors, some scientists insisted that it was a question of priorities and trade-offs - that one had to consider society's energy needs first. One response to this was why didn't these people consider the harmless soft technology paths. Another response was that present trends indicate one in four people is suffering from cancer and that doctors researching radioactive causes of cancer predict an increase in the cancer rate to epidemic proportions.

SERIOUS PROBLEM

One scientist allowed that this was indeed a very serious problem but that was why the conference was happening: to discuss ways of using radioactive isotopes to cure cancer. Another dismissed health hazards on the grounds that there are more people killed working in coal plants than in nuclear plants.

However, another scientist, a member of the Union of Concerned Scientists, stated that they are just beginning to find out about the long-term effects of low-level radiation through observations of populations near the mining centres, Elliott Lake, Ont., being an example. He said that there is definitely a carcinogenic link and that it can't be dismissed lightly.

In another encounter, a scientist berated the work of Dr. Ernest Sternglass, whose research has indicated that levels of strontium-90 from nuclear reactors, both here and in the U.S., are being allowed by industry to exceed the levels from the fallout during the atmospheric atom blasts in Nevada in the 1950's. An angry listener retorted that she hoped the scientist's children would develop deadly bone cancer.

PREGNANT DURING BLASTS

A young mother, pregnant during the China atmospheric blasts two years ago, asked a scientist who had worked with Einstein on the bombs dropped on Japan if he could imagine how she felt when the China mushroom cloud drifted over British Columbia and threatened to rain down here.

He replied in a strained fashion: "Yes I think I can." Then he added, concerning Hiroshima, that those working on the bomb, "kept hoping that we wouldn't find a way to make it. But we did and I think, at least I hope we did the right thing. I don't know..."

As the scientists reboarded the ferry for their trip back to Vancouver, many were arguing with each other over the points brought up in the demonstration. Some carried the placards which the demonstrators had waved at them earlier.

As they stood on board, they in turn waved the placards and when one saying "Decommission Bonner" was held aloft, a cheer rose from the demonstrators.

Hydro chairman Robert Bonner was on board the ferry, *Driftwood* was told.

Theft from boat

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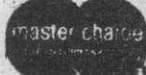
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A quiet summer wedding was performed by Rev. John Dyer at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Saturday. United in marriage were Constance, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson of Victoria, and David, eldest son of Denny Oldroyd of Galiano Island, and Mrs. Oldroyd, of Vancouver. The organist was Mrs. Ross Parmenter. Best man was brother of the groom, Steven Oldroyd.

Coming down the aisle on the arm of her father, the lovely bride was radiant in her floor-length gown of white crepe, with dainty shawl effect and lace bodice. She carried a bouquet of burgundy roses and baby's breath, and in her dark hair was a circle of same burgundy roses.

Her only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Karen Cowles of Victoria, who wore a long gown of burgundy crepe and carried a bouquet of white roses and daisies with baby's breath.

The reception was held at the Pink Geranium, where the wedding table was centred with their French wedding cake, made and decorated by Mrs. Sylvia Mounsey. Toast to the bride and groom was given by Tim Wickend of Victoria, and replied to by the groom.

Following their honeymoon, the happy couple will live on Read Island, near Quadra Island, but we are sure that they will be frequent visitors to their father on Galiano.

The play for the junior section of the Galiano Golf and Country Club took place recently. For the third year running, Scott Laughlin won the Jean Lockwood school trophy; runner-up was Bill Ripley.

For the Beachwood trophies, in the juniors, Doug Donaldson was winner and the intermediates was won by Michael Knight. In the very junior, three-hole competition, Gary Cathro was the winner.

Mrs. Winnie Liver has worked hard with these junior players and all are pleased and proud of her excellent work with them.

On Saturday evening members of the Golf Club enjoyed a steak barbecue, done to perfection by members of the club.

On Monday morning we were told that there were two more boats on the rocks. Two small fishing boats were coming into Whalers Bay and got stuck on the reefs there.

For 12 consecutive years Monday mornings have been looked forward to by many Galiano ladies as the time for the physical education class led by Kathleen Johnson. Kay planned a varied and comprehensive program tailor-made to meet the individual needs and desires of her class members. Each exercise was accompanied by specially chosen music recorded in

Toronto by Kay's friend, Dorothy, and mailed each week back to

Galiano. This year there will be no winter class as Kay and her friend Isobel McKeirhan have bought a home in Toronto. They plan to return to Galiano next spring.

Last Wednesday the new Coquitlam Shopping Centre was opened with much fanfare. Of interest to Galiano Islanders is a piece of sculpture displayed in the mall.

The sculpture consists of an array of five black cubes eight feet long, three feet wide and three feet high, apparently seamless. It was designed and constructed by Tom Hennessey and is made of 1/4-inch black plexiglass.

This coming Saturday other islanders will display their talents at the 13th Annual Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Fair at the South End Community Hall. Sponsored by the Galiano Club, the show is open from 10 am to 5 pm.

On their way to and from the hall islanders may like to browse through the constantly renewed stock of summer clothing at St. Margaret's Thrift Shop on Burrill Road between 2 and 4 pm.

On Sunday the Reverend John Dyer will preach at St. Margaret's Church at 9 am. The fortnightly practice of the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department will be held at the Fire Hall from 10 am to noon. The volunteers are a fully integrated, co-educational crew who welcome new members, male or female, young or old.



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Grounds sufficient to make breath demand

Having care and control of a vehicle while impaired and refusing to provide a breath sample cost Janet Lacy, 21, of Salt Spring Island, \$400 in fines in provincial court Wednesday. Lacy appeared for trial, represented by A. Parker, before Judge D.K. McAdam.

Crown witness Gloria Farr, of Beaver Point Road, testified that shortly after midnight on June 25 she was awakened by the sound of a car leaving the road. She went out to investigate and found the accused calling for help. She was leaning against a tree near a car which was completely off the road.

Lacy was dazed and there was a stale smell of liquor about her, said the witness. Upon cross-examination, she said she'd asked Lacy if she had been drinking and she'd said she hadn't.

The witness hadn't seen her stagger at all and her movements had seemed normal.

RCMP Const. Mike Thompson said he arrived at the scene at 12.25 and found a Dodge Dart had left the road, gone through some trees and into a building containing a pump.

HAD SLEPT

The accused had told him she'd been drinking earlier but had since slept for two hours. Her eyes were bloodshot and there was a smell of liquor on her breath, said the officer.

She was later taken to the police station where a breath test demand was made. Lacy refused to provide a sample and she was later

released with an appearance notice.

Summing up his case, the defense counsel charged there was "a complete lack of evidence". There was no evidence from sobriety tests because there weren't any done.

On the refusal to blow charge, Parker cited a court decision in Saskatchewan in 1972 where it was decided that bloodshot eyes were not sufficient grounds to make a demand for a breath sample. Reasonable and probable grounds are required, he said, as well as "bona fide belief by the police officer" that the accused is impaired.

NO ACCIDENT

Crown counsel Donald Laughton responded by observing that there hadn't been a motor vehicle accident in the particular case Parker cited. He also noted that the Alberta Court of Appeal had decided a police officer can have a possible, slight or strong belief, or even suspicion, that a person is impaired.

"It doesn't matter what adjective is placed before belief," asserted Laughton. "Const. Thompson had reasonable and probable grounds to demand a breath sample."

McAdam agreed that the officer had reasonable and probable grounds to make the demand and felt the evidence of impairment was sufficient.

He fined Lacy \$200 on each count.

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Riding Club stages annual show

A spokesman for the Salt Spring Island Riding Club said this week that weather conditions were perfect for the club's annual Horse Show Sunday.

Show commenced with the junior horsemanship class for the Lancer Trophy, which was won by Cathy Gossett. Cathy, with her pony Jitter Bug, went on to win the pony class, finishing up Champion Halter Horse.

Alison Robb of Victoria was described as a "pleasant, able and sympathetic judge, giving help and encouragement where needed".

After the lunch break, Fran Joyce with her Trakehner Stallion Belor performed various dressage movements finishing with a short jumping display proving the versatility of this breed.

The show continued with a close run for the High Point Trophy, which was won by Melinda Jones on Pal.

The next club activity will be a play day on September 9 and it is hoped that the riding club members and their horses will make a showing at the Fall Fair on September 15.

Show results are as follows:

Junior horsemanship, Lancer Trophy: 1. Cathy Gosset with Jitter Bug; 2. Gillian Calkins with Simi; 3. Melinda Jones with Pal.

Registered pleasure horse at halter, Western: 1. Trisha Cannon with Lita; 2. Dave Pringle with Kashir; 3. Mimi Gossett with Eds' Evening Star.

Non-registered pleasure horse at halter, Western: 1. Kathy King with Honey; 2. Melinda Jones with Pal.

Registered pleasure horse at halter, English: 1. Dave Pringle with Kashir; 2. Trisha Cannon with Lita; 3. Gillian Calkins with Simi.

Non-registered pleasure horse at halter, English: 1. Anne Caldwell with Dan; 2. Paula Schofield with Malahat; 3. Melinda Jones with Pal.

Pony, 14.2 hands and under: 1. Cathy Gossett with Jitter Bug; 2. Shannon Lee with Judy; 3. Joelle Hann with Lady Grey.

Champion halter horse: Cathy Gossett with Jitter Bug.

Junior hunter hack: 1. Melinda Jones with Pal; 2. Paula Schofield with Malahat; 3. Gillian Calkins with Simi.

Senior hunter hack, over 18 years: 1. Anne Caldwell with Dan; 2. Vicki Cook with Blazer.

Western pleasure, riders under 18: 1. Melinda Jones with Pal; 2. John Gossett with John Boy.

Western pleasure, riders over 18: 1. Kathy King with Honey; 2. Dave Pringle with Kashir; 3. Mimi Gossett with Eds' Evening Star.

English pleasure, riders under 18: 1. Trisha Cannon with Lita; 2. Shannon Lee with Judy; 3. Melinda Jones with Pal.

English pleasure, riders over 18: 1. Anne Caldwell with Dan; 2. Vicki Cook with Blazer.

Pony, 14.2 hands and under: 1.

Shannon Lee with Judy; 2. Cathy Gossett with Jitter Bug; 3. Joelle Hann with Lady Grey.

Equitation, 14 to 18 years: 1. Trisha Cannon with Lita; 2. Melinda Jones with Pal; 3. Gillian Calkins with Simi.

Melinda Jones was the winner of the High Point Trophy.

The raffle for the Show Halter and Lead was won by Dan Pedrick. Produce hampers were won by Nellie Jackson, Vicki Cook, Graeham Lee and Mrs. Robb.

saying there is no overnight camping and no dumping of refuse.

The Islands Trust will be putting up signs at Swartz Bay indicating the amount of accommodation space in the park so that campers will not drive on to the island finding there is no place for them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Joan Ward reported on the Fire Department's financial state. A fire this summer on the high ground above Bedwell Harbour Resort was put out in one hour by the department with the assistance of about 20 people from Bedwell, the Customs office and boaters tied up at the dock.

Mrs. E. Smith queried the patio at the Bedwell pub and Mr. Norton informed the group that the board of variance has agreed that it is perfectly legal.

Mrs. Joan Ward, as chairman of the committee for the election of new officers, read the list and three nominations were received from the floor: Bob Dill, Anne Mullen and Jane Carruthers.

Elections were held and Mr. Norton was returned as president,

S.T. Madeley as vice-president, V. Roddick as secretary, Ken Henderson as treasurer. On-island representative is Cy Putt, and off-island



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South Pender Property Owners group meets

BY ELEANOR HARRISON
South Pender Island Property Owners' Association annual meeting was held on Saturday evening. Bill Norton, the president, chaired the meeting, at which property owners were present.

Secretary Vern Roddick reported from the minutes of the May 16 meeting that the Canal Estate subdivision had been agreed upon by the Islands Trust. There will be eight lots on the right hand side of the road going south.

The South Pender zoning bylaw is nearly completed, the meeting was told, and will soon go to a public hearing.

It was reported that 20-odd people are taking the ambulance course presently being given by Mrs. B. Lane on Monday and Thursday evenings, and will be qualified to operate the ambulance and the medical equipment.

Bill Norton gave a brief explanation of the Gulf Island Rescue organization which was formed this spring to provide financial aid to Mr. and Mrs. H. Klein and daughter Sandra. **NO SUCCESS**

To date the new organization has not had any success in assisting the Kleins financially. The association will be calling a meeting and may or may not continue, although many commercial fishermen say the Kleins' service is essential. A number of fishermen have joined the organization. Mr. Norton is president of Gulf Islands Rescue as

well as the South Pender Islands Property Owners.

The question of illegal camping overnight at the spit came up once again. The road down to it is owned by the highways department and they are going to put up signs

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Winning essays published

Use of bibliography suggested by judges of recent contest

Winners of the essay contest sponsored by the Gulf Islands branch of the B.C. Historical Society were announced recently.

Commenting on the entries, judge Sue Wagner observed that the judges were looking for a well organized essay with an introduction and a conclusion which bound the information together.

She also noted the information should have shown indications of original research.

Where sources such as *Gulf Islands Patchwork* were used, acknowledgement of it should have been made, she said.

"Too often there were examples of plagiarism and it is our recommendation that in future contests

students should be required to provide a bibliography."

She concluded that the judges were "really pleased" with the quality of the spelling, grammar, sentence construction and paragraphing.

"It is exciting to see so many children interested in their islands' history and interested in presenting their work well," she said.

Following are first and second prize-winning essays in the grades four and five category. Other winning essays will be published during the next two weeks.

Place Names

First prize

BY CORY BOSER

Saturna

Saturna Island was named after the Spanish naval vessel called the *Saturnina*. It was named in 1791. Saturna Island is one of the Gulf Islands. It is the closest Gulf Island to the San Juan Islands in the United States. The first settlers were Japanese people who farmed where Gaines now live.

Lyllall Harbour

Lyllall Harbour is a harbour on the northwest side of the island. Lyllall Harbour was named after Surgeon David Lyllall, who travelled on the *H.M.S. Plumper*. The first people

to settle there were named Robertson. They settled there in 1863.

Mount David

Mount David is a large mountain that stands over the valley near Lyllall Harbour. It is one of the largest mountains on the island. Mount David was named after Surgeon David Lyllall who travelled on the *H.M.S. Plumper*.

Breezy Bay

Breezy Bay is a bay on the south side of the island. Gerald Payne probably named it because it was so darn breezy. Gerald Payne, Breezy Bay's first owner, was the first person to live there. Now a farm, called the Freeschool, houses Kim House's family and others.

Narvaez Bay

Narvaez Bay was named after Jose Maria Narvaez, who commanded the *Saturnina*. The first one to live there was Chuck Bavis' father. It is a bay on the east side of the island.

Brown Ridge

Brown Ridge is a part of Mount Warburton Pike. Brown Ridge is on the east side of Mount Warburton Pike. It was named after Paymaster William Henry Brown who travelled on the *H.M.S. Plumper*.

Murder Point

Murder Point is about a mile away from Taylor Point on the south side of Saturna.

Murder Point got its name because of the Indians. One day some people were moving from Waldron Island to Mayne Island when a storm came up. The boat was swamped and the professor and his daughter made it to shore. That night they were fast asleep and some Indians came and murdered them. Then the Indians got away and hid in some caves on Galiano. The five Indians were convicted and hung in Victoria. And that's how Murder Point got its name.

Monarch Head

Monarch Head was named after the *H.M.S. Monarch*. Monarch Head is on the southeast side of the island. It is a cliff that drops straight down into the water. Nothing but goats have lived there and it is surrounded by a thick, vast forest of trees.

Taylor Point

Taylor Point is on the south side of the island near Cactus Point. It was named after George Taylor, the stone mason of Saturna. There is a house built out of stone and there is also a stone quarry. Nobody lives there but Campbell's farm is a short walk away.

Bruce Bight

Bruce Bight is a little bay on the south side of the island. No one lives there but the birds and the bees and other animals. Bruce Bight was named after Rear Admiral Henry William Bruce.

The Free School

Second prize

BY KIM HOUSE

The land which the Free School is on is 28 acres by Boot Cove that was bought from the Hindmarch's in September 1968.

The original owner was Gerald Payne who came to Saturna in 1886. He cleared most of the fields

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Young musicians share music

BY ARIADNE SAWYER

A group of children between the ages of four and 12 gathered to share their music and instruments at Greenwood's August 19.

The performers were Barbara Graham, piano, playing *Mary Had A Little Lamb*; Raven Duff, flute, and Kerra Downey, cello, playing *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*; Morven Neish, harp, playing *Boating and Foggy Dew*; Cassandra Cronin, violin, playing *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*; Kerra Downey, cello, playing *London Bridge* and *Mary Had A Little Lamb*; Orff students Sandy Nelken, xylophone, John Nelden, large hand drum, and Stevie Nelken, small drum, treated us to a performance of *Rain, Rain, Go Away* with thunder, raindrops and wailing wind sound effects. They were joined by Barbara Graham and Kerra Downey.

It is a pleasure to see children sharing their music and instruments with others and to have the courage to play in front of such a large audience.

The emphasis of the program is to share music, to motivate children to practice and become aware of other musical instruments.

We would like to extend our thanks to Greenwood's residents and staff for their hospitality.

that are there now.

He made his living by farming and also he owned a sawmill. There were many owners. Jim Money bought the property from Payne's and later sold it to the Hindmarch's. Then the group of people known as The Free School bought it in 1968.

The Free School started because director and staff wanted to make a free school so the parents could have a choice of school for their children.

On the staff there were Tom and Gretel Durrie, Bill and Kathy Sheffield, Lyn Rowman and Rini House.

The Free School was different from other schools because it was not structured. The kids took turns cooking and other chores. The people who stayed there were from different places around the world. The parents paid for their children to go to school.

The Free School was a success but it was closed because it was no longer needed. There were approximately 21 people when it closed.

The Free School is no longer a school but it is a farm. There is a horse, sheep, cows, chickens and geese. There are 12 people living there and sharing the chores.

Saturna Scene

BY MARJORIE RATZLAFF

Saturna residents rejoice in the present rainfall to relieve what amounts to a drought. We love the long, warm days of summer but we do need the rain sometimes.

The Saturna Lions Club held a very successful auction on August 4, realizing over \$300 from the event and the hotdog supper which followed. Thanks very much to Mike Hayes who came over from Salt Spring Island to be the auctioneer.

Taimi Hindmarch has returned from a week's workshop in Victoria, featuring leadership and curriculum development. The workshop was for experienced principals and vice-principals, with speakers from both sides of the border and from Scotland.

Melanie Gaines has returned from summer courses at the University of British Columbia toward completing a Bachelor of Education degree.

We welcome Rod and Lola Fraser who are spending holidays at their summer home at Winter Cove. Sally Hoover has been visiting grandparents Taimi and Bob Hindmarch. Helen and Dave Smith, with daughter Lara, are building a home on Bonnie Bank Road, on property which they have had for some time.

Thanks again to Loreta Tomlin, we have the following East Point news:

Having no way of contacting all of the East Point area visitors, I would appreciate being contacted (says Loreta).

The humming of rod and reel were not the only activity at the Lorne Bolton household. His mother and dad from Victoria spent a week, as well as cousins Beaulah Myggland from New Westminster, Frank and Doris McClennon from Wainwright, Alberta, Arne Myggland from Victoria, and friends Isobelle Ronighan from Edmonton and Peter and Beth Anderson from Victoria.

Frank and Loreta Tomlin had John and Marg. Markin from Coquitlam for four days.

Fenton and Leonne Dunphy and Doug and Betty Collins have been enjoying their Cliffside homes.

Bill Harrower is on vacation and enjoying the fishing with Nancy. Good luck!

Marion - Publicover spent the week, and will be joined by Rex on the weekend.

The Vincents had son Dave and daughter-in-law Edith back again, with her twin sister Rose and husband Joe Blake. Edith was sporting a neat cast on her leg from a previous fall here on the beach.

The Walt Mackies have enjoyed both mothers at their cottage, first Doci Sommers, and now Mae Mackie. Daughter Leslie popped over for a few days also.

Les and Hilda Crosby enjoyed daughter Marilyn and husband Jack Howard for some nice fishing. Grandchildren Jennifer and Graham also showed their skill. They have now returned to Abbotsford.

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Three Salt Spring Islanders received Canadian Red Cross awards this week for their donations of blood.

Salt Spring Legion blood clinic committee chairman Peter Bingham presented the awards on behalf of the Red Cross.

Recipients were H.A. Coffey, Ganges, 50th Pint Certificate; and J.G. Stevens and Mrs. P.M. Stevens, Ganges, 20th Pint Pins.

Next blood clinic at Ganges is scheduled for January 25, 1980.

Painting donated to hospital in memory of Helen Reid



From left, hospital administrator Malcolm Pinteau and extended care resident Bill Kolosoff look on as Olive Mouat presents painting to extended care wing. Dr. Vern McEachern is on Miss Mouat's left.

BY OLIVE MOUAT

It was Dr. Vern McEachern's turn this week to lead the service held each Sunday afternoon in the extended care wing of Lady Minto Hospital. The attendance of patients, residents of Greenwoods and friends was excellent.

During the service a picture was presented in memory of Helen Sinclair Reid, who spent the last 3½ years of her life in the extended care unit. The picture was painted by Gwen Ruckle, chosen by Mrs. Doris Gibson and Mrs. Irene Baseley, given by the Mizpah Group of the United Church Women, and accepted by Malcolm Pinteau on behalf of the hospital administration, and Bill Kolosoff as a representative of the patients of

the wing. Members of the Reid family attending the service were Mrs. Margaret Roberts and Robin Reid.

MEMORIES

The donation of this gift brought back memories. Early ones were connected with the church; Helen there each Sunday with her husband and children, Helen in the choir, Helen filling in at the piano when no one else could, Helen working in the church kitchen.

Another memory was of a spring tea held by Mizpah in the garden of Johnny and Helen Reid's home. As the weather was unpleasantly hot, the guests were sheltered by a canopy of trees placed there just for that day to shade them.

At these annual spring teas there were usually two things for sale, home cooking and corsages of double perfumed violets. The violets, always a small tub full of them came from the Reid garden. Helen must have spent hours picking blossoms and arranging them in bunches.

TAUGHT HERE

Helen Reid was not a native Salt Spring Islander. She was born and brought up in North Vancouver and had taught on the Prairies for two years before accepting a position in the Ganges school, 51 years ago. A year later she married John Dunlop Reid.

Helen's mother, Mrs. Winnifred Harcus, who also came to live on Salt Spring Island, was an Elder in the Ganges United Church, an unusual position and an unusual honour for a lady 30 years ago.

Mrs. Harcus had a strange keepsake. It was the skin of an ornithorhynchus or platypus. This creature had hair so dark as to be almost black, webbed feet with very sharp claws, a tail like a beaver and a flat, black beak nearly eight inches long and about an inch and a half wide. She told her grandchildren that the animal was a native of Australia and that it laid eggs with a flexible shell.

VALUABLE MEMBER

In the Ganges United Church, Helen Reid was a valuable member. She taught Sunday School, was for many years president of Mizpah, sang in the choir, was an Elder and a member of the official board, was made a life member of the United Church Women and later a life-time Elder.

Busy as Helen was with family and church, she still had time for other activities: the Choral Society, square dancing, the Garden Club, bowling. She was a good citizen, active in the community, an influence for good.

Members of the United Church Women have given the picture to the extended care unit in the hope that it will bring pleasure to many people for many years just as for many years the woman in whose name it was donated brought joy, help, comfort and blessing to many. She was a Christian.

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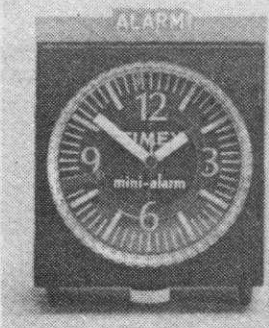
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More tales of energy exploits

The great chase

BY JEZRAH HEARNE

How wondrously wily the many-headed, mythological Hydra has been in its attempts to shake off its pursuers, those staunch Hydra watchdogs, the Argonauts. The Hydra, determined not to be flushed out along with its dirty laundry into the bright glow of the Argonaut mirror, is attempting every measure to throw them off the scent.

This is a difficult task at the best of times, because the trail left behind by the Hydra is fairly obvious, strewn as it is with ravaged countryside, dislocated inhabitants, enormous debts and soon, if the Hydra has its way, radioactive isotopes.

Indeed, the scent left by the Hydra is, well, rather smelly. If the Hydra could see straight, it would realize that such evasive attempts are in vain. Since it only sees crooked, however, the Hydra persists in its folly.

Therefore it has created a splendiferous smoke-screen device called the Great Baffledgook. Incorporating the best of Hydra ingenuity and expertise, the Great Baffledgook is a most awe-inspiring and mind-boggling sight.

THE ULTIMATE

Made of a lovely pink latex rubber, shaped somewhat like a mushroom, about three stories high and full of hot air, it is the ultimate in balloon craftsmanship. Like a balloon it explodes when the enterprising Argonaut inserts a pin in it. Whenever the Hydra feels that the Argonauts are getting too close, it sends out the Great Baffledgook which the Argonauts casually prick. There is a loud pfft!, as in the escape of hot air from a confined space, and the chase continues.

Just as the Argonauts have almost caught up with the Hydra, it sends up another Baffledgook. A recent example of such escapades is a declaration from Hydra entit-

ed: "Vancouver Island Natural Gas Distribution-Transmission System" which stresses that the Hydra "will welcome input from the general public".

Of course many of the inhabitants in the kingdom already know that the Hydra might "welcome their input", but it certainly won't take any of it seriously, especially if it presents a different view from the Hydra's.

NOT WELCOME

Certainly the inhabitants of the Buckley Valley, the Parsnip River, the Peace River Valley, the high Revelstoke, the Arrow Lakes and the Kootenays know that if they don't want dams, the Hydra doesn't welcome their input. Likewise, the inhabitants of the Sunshine Coast, Vancouver Island and islands in the Strait of Georgia know that if they don't want a nuclear transmission line, the Hydra doesn't welcome their input. Also, the inhabitants of the Hat Creek area, if they don't want a massive coal project involving open-pit mining and acid rain, know the Hydra doesn't welcome their input. Moreover, the people of Vancouver Island and the kingdom as a whole know that if they don't want nuclear reactors, the Hydra definitely doesn't welcome their input.

So the question remains, whose input does the Hydra really welcome? Well the Hydra welcomes input from the professional experts testifying that the Hydra's grandiose designs won't disrupt the inhabitants and damage the environment.

REACTORS SAFE

The Hydra loves input from technicians who claim that the Candu reactors are safe. The Hydra is very pleased to hear from people who say that "progress is progress" or that "you can't stand in the way of progress" and that therefore they don't mind losing their valley, their home, their

community and their livelihood. (Of course this very rarely happens!)

Thus it would appear that the natural gas pronouncement from the Hydra is yet another case of the Great Baffledgook. Some Argonauts even refer to it as the "Gasbag Declaration".

One need only ask, as many Argonauts have already, why is the Hydra determined to cover the kingdom with dams and nuclear reactors, when the kingdom doesn't even need all this energy, neither now nor in the foreseeable future (as even the Hydra admitted when it finally confessed that it had exaggerated its energy needs forecast)?

WHY PERSIST?

Why does the Hydra persist, when it has already led the kingdom so deeply into debt and would just lead the kingdom even further into debt with these dams and reactors? Why continue when there is no foreseeable way to pay off this debt or to protect the inhabitants from the cancerous effects of radioactivity?

Why do so, when more and more inhabitants have spoken out clearly and angrily against these dams and reactors?

The central question remains again, why is the Hydra determined to persist in its folly? It is in search of an answer to this most perplexing conundrum that the Argonauts have set off, on the chase again, in the great Hydra hunt.

(Stay tuned for the exciting sequel).

Fisheries closure

Cowichan Bay was closed to sportsfishermen as of midnight Thursday to protect chinook and coho salmon.

Fisheries officer Trevor Fields told *Driftwood* last week that the closure is one that takes place every year about this time and will remain in effect until late in the fall.

The closed area lies inside the bay behind a line between the government dock and Skinner Point.

Fields also had a comment to make on an article which appeared in *Driftwood* about four weeks ago. The story concerned a claim by a local fisherman that fishermen were coming to Canadian waters from the United States and taking fish illegally.

Fields said patrol boats are checking American vessels regularly. In one day alone, he said, fisheries officers had found 100 boats without non-resident licenses.

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