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Traces of PCB's discovered in local eggs

To release second album



The island's own Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble is expected to make the charts shortly when the group releases its second album. From left, they are Ray Newman, David Stacey, Amy Newman, Virginia Newman, Tony Knight and Ray Hill. Story on Page Seven.

Gas tax

April 1?

The average motorist in the Capital Regional District may be paying an extra \$20 next year for gasoline.

Regional board chairman Murray Glazier made the estimate last week when he revealed that the Capital Region, the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the provincial government were close to an agreement on financing transit services.

In addition to the gas tax, Hydro bills may be increased by 24 cents a month for the first year.

April 1 has been set as the date on which the gas tax would probably go into effect.

The original plan called for some financing to be provided through property taxes. Instead, the new plan would raise the ceiling on the amount to be collected through the gas tax and Hydro surcharges.

Earlier in the year there was strong opposition in the islands to the gas tax because there were no plans to provide transit service here. There has been no indication that this will change.

Islands service 'essential'

Ferry workers locked out, union claims

B.C. Ferry Corporation official Norm Thornber told *Driftwood* Tuesday that he was "surprised" at the Salt Spring Island ferry workers who claim that they were locked off their jobs Sunday morning at the Long Harbour and Fulford Harbour terminals.

Local union official Jim Hedgcock said ferry workers who reported for work Sunday were locked out by ferry management.

Thornber said the Fulford to Swartz Bay run and the Long Harbour to Tsawwassen run could not operate due to the strike at Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay. He said the position of the ferry corporation is if the union closes down a terminal, and that action makes it impossible to unload passengers from the Gulf Islands, then the Gulf Island service will be closed down.

ESSENTIAL

Hedgcock, chairman of Local 7 of the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union, said that the union considers the Gulf Islands service to be essential and a decision had

been made not to involve the islands in any rotating strike. He said that the regular crews were willing to run the ships if management personnel operated the loading ramps at the strike-bound Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay terminals.

Thornber said that ferry management would not "infringe and interfere" in a strike by operating loading ramps.

Vesuvius to Crofton service was not disrupted Sunday and the reporting crews on that ferry were not sent home.

Management personnel operated one sailing from Fulford Harbour at 3 pm on Sunday which covered all the Outer Islands and Swartz Bay. Thornber said that ferry company officials on each island were instructed to notify anyone who might be aware of emergency cases requiring transportation.

On Salt Spring Island a standby crew which would be available by telephone was organized by the union in case the ambulance needed transportation off the island.

Contaminated feed reaches Salt Spring

Trace amounts of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) have been found in samples of eggs taken from Salt Spring Island.

The dangerously toxic chemical found its way to the island following an accident which occurred in Billings, Montana, when 200 gallons of the chemical leaked out of a transformer. The accident occurred some time in early June.

Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies in Ganges was one of many feed retailers in the province that received shipments of contaminated poultry feed. Operator of the feed store, Tom Gossett, said last week that four dozen eggs were taken from different farms on the island and shipped off for testing. Agriculture Canada has reported that some of the eggs showed trace amounts of PCB's. However, the amounts were "just detectable" and so far, all eggs tested have been cleared as safe for consumption, a government spokesman said Tuesday.

M.W. Thompson of the plant products division said in a telephone interview that "there really has been no problem". He said tests were still being carried out on samples of feed taken from different areas of B.C., including some from Foxglove.

Tom Gossett explained that it wasn't until September 27 that it was discovered a shipment of contaminated tallow had been sent to Canada from the Montana plant. Tallow is one of the ingredients used in the manufacture of feed sold in pellet form.

'SPRANG INTO ACTION'

"Agriculture Canada sprang into action," said Gossett, and dealers were ordered to return their stocks of poultry feed for testing. On Salt Spring, sales were suspended, he said, and the feed was sent back.

Since the eggs were tested, some doubts have been raised about the level of contamination reported by agriculture officials. Gossett said he was first told that the eggs had been cleared and that no PCB's had been found in them.

However, he heard a CBC news report later in which it was announced that the chemical had been found in local eggs. When he called the agriculture department again to query them about the report, officials admitted that the traces had been found.

On Tuesday afternoon, Gossett called *Driftwood* from Billings, Montana, where he was attending a livestock auction.

'HOT AND HEAVY'

He described the situation there as "hot and heavy". He had investigated the accident and found that a front-end loader had damaged a transformer in a slaughter house operated by Pierce Packing. The PCB's had leaked from the transformer, on to the

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Pleasure boat collides with Queen of Sidney

Two pleasure boat passengers were shaken and one was slightly injured after their 30-foot Chris-Craft collided in Active Pass with the *Queen of Sidney* on Saturday.

Occupants of the boat, Brian Morley Baker of Sidney and his wife Wilma, were travelling through the fog-bound pass near Mary Anne Point when the collision occurred.

An eyewitness reported that it was approximately 3 pm when the weather bridge on the pleasure boat was caught underneath the ferry's outside overhang and was torn completely off. The witness said the boat ran underneath the overhang for the entire length of the ship while the occupants inside screamed.

Two ferry workers stationed on the bow attempted to warn the ferry captain by waving and yelling, the witness said, but the captain did not have time to react before the cruiser struck the ferry's

overhanging bow.

The collision was reported immediately and the RCMP boat *Athabasca* and a Pacific Rescue Centre hovercraft went to the scene.

B.C. Ferries corporate communications manager Bill Bouchard said that when the two vessels collided the ferry had two radar units manned and operating, and three lookouts. Normal navigational practices were followed, including fog signals, he said.

Bouchard said the *Queen of Sidney* stood by for about half an hour until it was assured no emergency existed.

The damaged boat was escorted under its own power out of Active Pass and into Trincomali Channel. RCMP said the hull and propulsion system of the cruiser were not damaged. The *Athabasca* left the boat at Montague harbour where Mrs. Baker received medical attention for a cut hand, RCMP said.

McPhillips Avenue development to begin this week

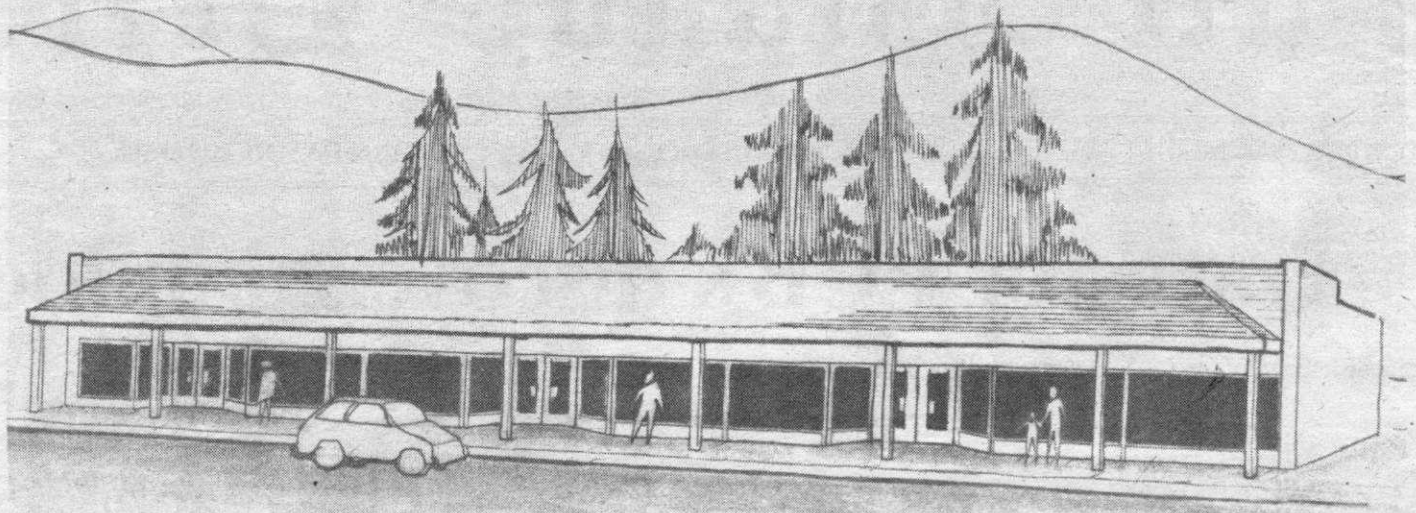
Construction of a new 8,000 sq. ft. commercial retail development on McPhillips Avenue in Ganges will begin immediately, *Driftwood* was told Tuesday.

The glass-fronted building, which will feature a cedar shake-covered overhang, will take approximately 1½ months to complete.

Lorne Matson of Devcorp Management, the Vancouver firm developing the property, said that 75% of the building has been leased. He said the retail outlets will likely be an electrical mechanical supply store, a delicatessen, a ladies' wear shop, a boutique and a florist.

The building was designed to maintain the type of character that exists now on the front of Ganges Pharmacy, and according to the wishes of the Islands Trust.

Vehicle parking will be at the rear of the building.



Artist's conception of new Ganges building

Guidelines for development permits are to be examined

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee decided last week to work on guidelines for development in Ganges. The committee discussed the need for an overall design concept when it met Thursday, a concept that would provide a basis for issuing development permits in the village.

Chairman John Rich told the meeting the Trust was prepared to contribute money for engaging an architect, or group of architects, to help put some guidelines together.

Rich said he believed that "reasonably rapid redevelopment" could be expected in Ganges with the sewers going in, and suggested that the local trustees discuss the

matter with planners Tony Roberts and Chris Foord. The next step would be to find a consultant or architect to assist with the plans.

Dave Lott agreed that guidelines were needed but was fearful of the planning becoming "too rigid".

PARKING AND ROADS

Rich explained that the guidelines would not only cover the "general criteria for building design", but would deal with parking and roadways.

The meeting was reminded that the plan drawn up by the architect would not necessarily have to be accepted.

"Tony Roberts is quite knowledgeable about the subject," said

Rich. He added that the Trust could decide later that it didn't want to place any control on building design, and limit the guidelines to parking facilities and roads.

It would not mean the creation of another body such as the Advisory Planning Commission or the Planning Association, said Bud Kreissl when that possibility was mentioned by Lott.

As far as building design was concerned, general trustee Gordon Wallace suggested that Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies was a good example of what would be a favourable design for Ganges.

PENDER SCHOOL

He cited the school at Pender as another example of a building that complemented its surroundings.

The discussion concluded with some observations about a picture published in *Driftwood* recently. It showed an artist's conception of the K&R Food Store which is to be built at Ganges.

One trustee wondered how *Driftwood* got the story before the Trust, and it was noted that the picture could have been taken at Parkville, where K&R has a store.

The final observation was that it didn't look good in Parkville and wouldn't look any better in Ganges.

Dinghy missing

A dark blue and grey dinghy, eight feet long with a rounded fiberglass bottom and teak trim, was reported missing to RCMP by Tom Gilbert of Ganges.

The boat went missing Friday night or early Saturday morning, RCMP said.

Feed contaminated

From Page One

floor and into the drains. Everything that runs into the drains from the plant is recycled and used for livestock feed. It consists of meat by-products and is either used as a protein concentrate or in the manufacture of tallow.

Gossett said that between June 20 and July 18 the heaviest concentrations of the chemical got into the feed. Since then, it has been found in 17 states of the U.S., in Canada and in Japan.

Worst contamination occurred in Idaho, where one egg company had to destroy one million dozen eggs

and 400,000 hens. Early this month, 100,000 chickens were destroyed and another million dozen eggs confiscated in Townsend, Montana.

NO WAY OF TESTING

There is no way of telling whether or not a chicken has ingested dangerously high levels of PCB's, Gossett continued, without laboratory tests.

He said few people there were buying local eggs or pork.

Only chicken feed, in pellet form, is suspected to have been contaminated in Canada.

The PCB's were originally discovered in the feed in a routine test carried out by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

In B.C. feed companies affected include Buckerfields, the Surrey Co-op and Ritchie-Smith. Pat Lee of Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies said this week that most of their feed comes from the Surrey Co-op.

Testing of feed is still under way and the agriculture department has indicated that Foxglove will be notified of the results as soon as they are available.

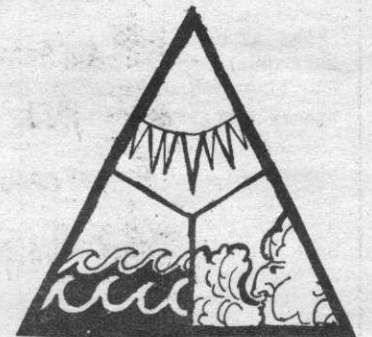
No water for new subdivisions

No new subdivisions within the area served by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be permitted to take water from the district, an Islands Trust meeting was told last week.

Local trustee Bud Kreissl told a meeting of the Salt Spring Trust Committee Thursday that the water system had adopted the policy recently and it would remain in effect until the water distribution system could be improved.

The subject came up at the meeting when a number of subdivision applications were before the committee. It was noted that the Trust could approve the subdivisions, but the subdividers, if the property was in the North Salt Spring district, would have to show there was water on the property before final approval could be obtained.

Under the subdivision control bylaw, any lot five acres or under must be able to provide 500 gallons a day.



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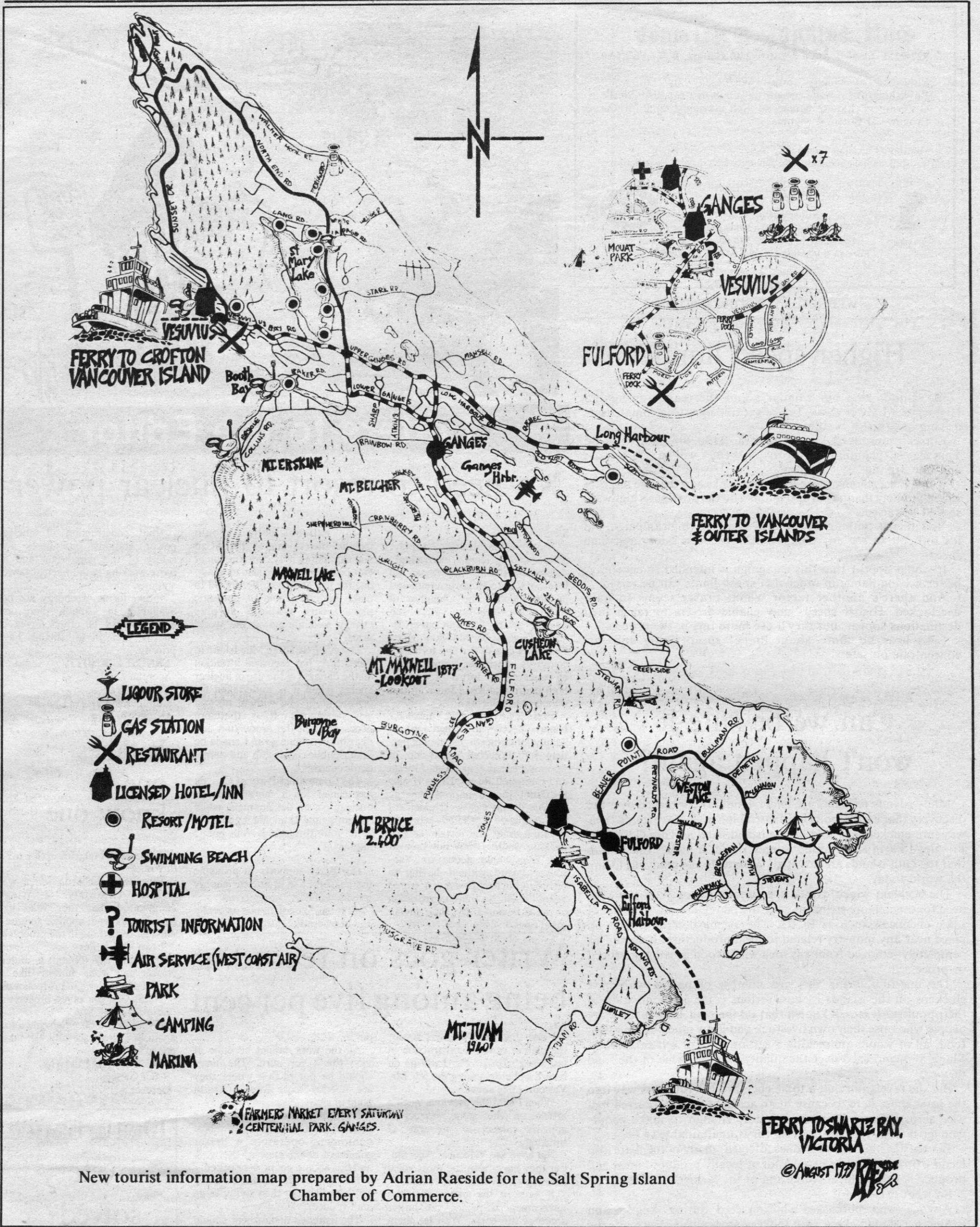
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Higher speed limits?

We cannot help but wonder about the reasoning behind Highways Minister Alex Fraser's campaign to promote safe driving in British Columbia.

Fraser announced the six-month, \$190,000 campaign on Thursday, explaining that the major themes will be seat belt use and safe driving.

But it wasn't any more than two weeks ago that the minister stated publicly that he felt speed limits on the province's highways should be raised.

Now there's nothing wrong with a safe driving campaign, but it's difficult to see any compatibility between safety and high speed.

It would appear that this campaign is intended to encourage better driving habits in order that speed limits can be raised.

And there's another factor which Fraser seems to have overlooked. Higher speeds may enable drivers to reach their destinations sooner, but they'll use more fuel in the process.

Let's hear no more about higher speed limits and just concentrate on safety.

Can we be sure it won't happen again?

Many islands residents are understandably concerned over the discovery that PCB's, polychlorinated biphenyls, have found their way into chicken feed sold on the island. And as Tom Gossett of Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies said, it makes one realize that the Gulf Islands are not at all immune to the many ills facing the world today.

The accident which caused the contamination points out the need for much more stringent control and regulation of the use of toxic chemicals such as PCB's. The chemical certainly has no place near any industry related to food production. It should be completely removed from any area where food is being produced or processed.

The question facing the vast number of people who raise chickens on the islands is, how serious is the contamination of their poultry? It is well known that on the Gulf Islands there are people who raise their own livestock and grow much of their own food, all of whom are seeking a certain level of self-sufficiency. Many are concerned over the quality and the value of the food they eat.

But the revelation that a toxic chemical has found its way into the food chain here, because of an accident which occurred half way across North America, is surely enough to make people wonder if what they are striving for is unattainable.

But they are not the only ones affected: many of them are also feeding others who live here. A lot of locally produced meat and produce is sold in local stores and at the farmer's markets.

So what can we do?

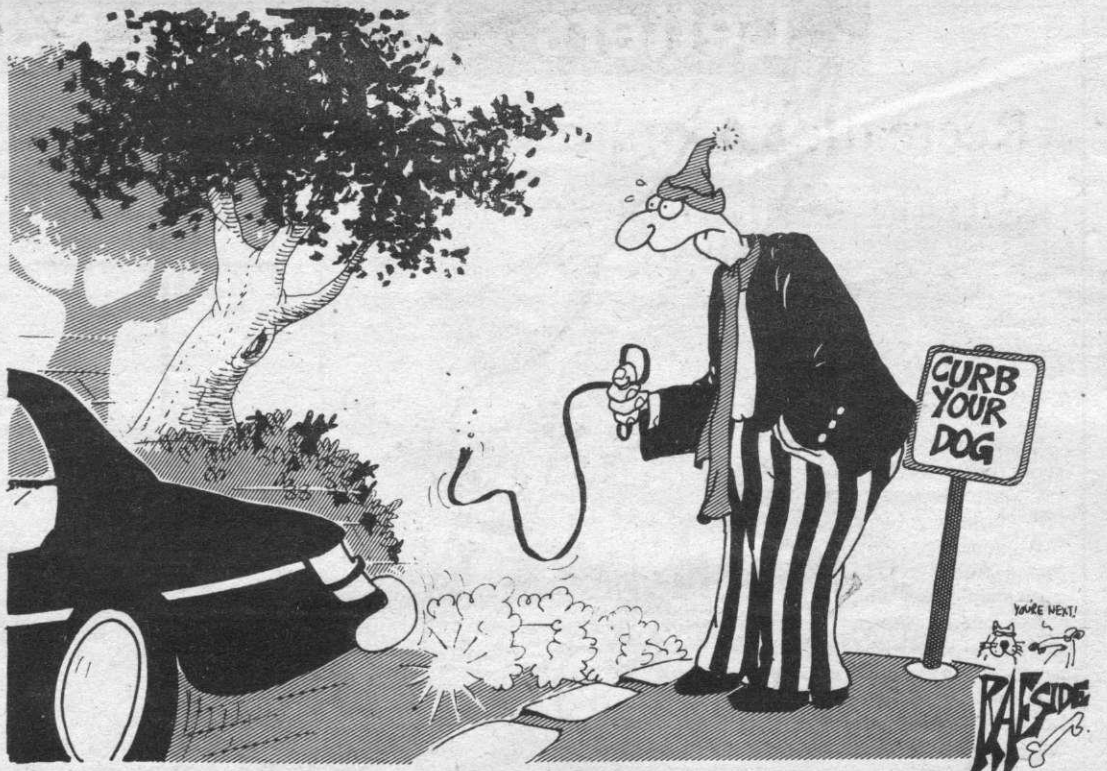
Anyone who purchased chicken feed during August and September should check with the feed store where they made the purchase.

According to the department of agriculture, tests to date have revealed that levels of contamination are not dangerous and there is nothing to worry about. All we can do is trust that they are right.

Yet there is still something to worry about: we cannot discount the possibility of a similar occurrence in the future.

We want an assurance that something like this can never happen again. We want to know that every effort is being made to prevent the possibility of it ever happening again.

We live in a time where mankind could be destroyed at the push of a button. Let's at least try and avoid such destruction occurring through negligence such as that which has been seen in Billings, Montana.



Letters to the Editor

No need to resort to nuclear power

Sir,

The question of energy supply, policy and pricing, increasingly dominates public debate at all levels of Canadian government and in the media. The Chamber of Commerce has now endorsed nuclear power for Vancouver Island. One wonders why, when Canada is one of the few fortunate countries which has ample stocks of conventional forms of energy, both hydro and fossil fuels. In fact we are exporting both.

There is no doubt that Vancouver Island needs increased power supply for domestic use and especially for projected expansion of wood processing at Port Alberni and Campbell River. There is also no doubt that a national energy policy with an east-west electrical grid as a basis to take advantage of the time zones and to take care of peaking would satisfy our present and foreseeable needs on Vancouver Island without having to resort to nuclear power. (A fringe benefit could be the electrification of the C.P. and C.N., thus saving fossil fuels.)

Our national policy should include the saving of Petro-Can and expanding it by construction of two pipelines from coast to coast, one for gas and the other for oil to make both available at domestic prices, with available surplus energy sold abroad at the world price.

The event at Three Mile Island in the U.S.A. has focussed attention on the dangers of the use of nuclear energy when it is undertaken for private profit and without necessary safeguards. It is therefore necessary that the production and distribution of energy in Canada be under public ownership and democratic controls.

The Communist Party of Canada has called for a moratorium on nuclear power development while the entire question of safeguards is gone into through a full public inquiry.

Our party supports in principle the peaceful use of nuclear energy provided that:

• it is based upon public ownership and democratic control.

• that construction of nuclear power stations guarantees the safety of the population and of those working in the nuclear power stations.

• other forms of energy are not available. In Canada there are ample stocks of other forms of energy and these should have priority.

ERNEST L. KNOTT,
Secretary,
Victoria Branch,
Communist Party of Canada.
October 3, 1979.

It takes one to know one

Sir,

To be frank I take exception to *To Be Frank*.

When Mr. Richards Senior was writing editorials, a friend commented that they read like translations from another tongue - and lost something in the process?

I can well believe your paternal grandfather was difficult to understand, and your father, like a dutiful son, follows in his footsteps.

Thank God you have "broken the pattern".

If your father ever calls you a fool again, tell him gracefully, "It takes one to know one".

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
R.R.1 Ganges.
October 4, 1979.

Writer goes on record as being among five per cent

Sir,

I see that the Valcourts favour the plan of sewage construction in last week's *Driftwood*. I will go on record as being among the 5% Mr. Valcourt talks about.

When I read the previous week's article on the same subject it appears correct to my way of thinking.

Not have the Valcourts objected, but they have been the most vocal in doing so, for whatever reason.

It says in the paper that the government is paying the larger share of the costs. Well let them decide how and when the system is

put in.

All the work cannot be done at once that's for sure. The lines should be put in first where they are needed most from a health point of view.

If the job is spaced out in various phases then it will give local equipment operators a better chance of doing most of the work and this should not be overlooked.

In this way the island economy will benefit more than trying to do it all at once.

The fisheries department should also be satisfied that the system is adequate from a marine biology point of view.

I wrote a letter in *Driftwood* a while ago to say that I thought the outfall should be out in the vicinity of Batt Rock where there is a strong ebb tide.

I still think that, but let the fisheries figure that one out. *Driftwood* does a pretty fair job of reporting, I think.

GEOFF HOWLAND,
Ganges.
October, 1979.

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this week,
says Salt Spring Island
Chamber of Commerce.

Disturbance mystery solved?

Sir,

I believe the disturbance to which the Fulford resident is referring regarding his TV every six seconds, is called commercials.

Or does it just seem they occur that often on my set?

SHIRLEE STROM,
Box 156,
Galiano Island.
October 6, 1979.

Letters to the Editor

Recreation Commission should take broader look

Sir,
In the October 3 issue of *Driftwood*, the coverage of the discussion on the use of Mouat Park by the Recreation Commission merits a comment or two.

There were six members present, out of 11 three were silent, two were undecided, and one was for extensive recreational facilities in Mouat Park. I wouldn't consider that a mandate to go ahead with even a feasibility study.

Centennial Park, which was developed some years ago, with a great deal of community effort and volunteer work, is slowly deteriorating and upkeep is nominal. Old Settlement Park at Central, I venture to guess, has cost in the neighbourhood of half a million dollars up to now, and it is still relatively barren ground. The soccer game I watched during the rain, the field was so soggy it was difficult for the youngsters to play, and the Fulford field is restricted to half during wet weather. Neither the schools nor the community halls are being used to their fullest

extent, which would merit additional facilities elsewhere, especially Mouat Park.

If Mouat Park is to be used in the future, it should be an extension of, or connected to, Centennial Park; as a day park. Our population is increasing, and a little green and natural area would be an asset to Ganges and the island.

Should the by-pass road cut across the park, as suggested by the regional director, it would be desirable to have a buffer zone between the developed area and the new highway. It is great to have a plan for the future, but I find it difficult to understand how the commission can find thousands of dollars for a feasibility study and consultants' fees, but they have difficulty in maintaining the existing facilities in good repair.

Old Settlement Park, at Central, could be beautified by planting some trees and shrubs; and connecting it with Mouat and Centennial Parks by a walkway and cycle path, screened with attractive trees and shrubbery.

The Recreation Commission should take a broader look and observe not only the people it represents, but what is taking place in the rest of the community.

In the last few years, to the best of my knowledge, there were numerous applications for foreshore leases, which were granted; further excluding the public from access to the water. A walk on the beach is also recreation.

Designing a complex to include all the various recreational needs and activities of such a widely diversified community would be a monumental task with an astronomical price tag. I would hesitate to commit the taxpayers' money to such a project at the present time.

W.J. STEPANIUK.
R.R.2 Ganges.
October 8, 1979.

Don't blame the captain

Sir,
Since January 2, 1949 I have travelled to and from Mayne Island from Vancouver, usually once a week, but sometimes twice per week.

On Canadian Pacific *Princess Mary, Elaine, Norah, Lady Rose, Island Princess* and various B.C. ferries. In this time I have paid in excess of \$20,000 in fares.

I have been in the food business and have enjoyed doing business with many employees of the ferries. I have in general received good service at all levels.

During the past five years all branches of the service have deteriorated.

The restaurant has electric toasters and has toasted customers' sandwiches but now at prices double what they were, they refuse to toast the bread even if there was a 10c. extra charge. They will, however, serve toast with bacon and eggs.

Even though a customer has a confirmed reservation for their automobile and is at the terminal 40 minutes prior to sailing time you could be left behind because the mate decided to load a different way. Their explanation, even though it is 80° F in the shade and your truck is full of fresh meat, is that the ship is unable to carry the weight nor has room for the number of vehicles reserved. Investigation turns up the fact that when the ship sailed there was still room for four more vehicles.

Many times in addition to the 40-minute wait prior to sailing time, the P.A. system blasts out there will be a further 40-minute delay due to the ship's late arrival.

There was an occasion witnessed by me when the last vehicle put on the ferry had to back on at the demand of the mate, even though the ferry was far from having a full load, thanks to a cranky mate.

I also witnessed a paid passenger trying to get the mate's attention re a safety matter, touch the mate on the arm and the mate turned

around and shouted, "Don't touch me when I am loading," insinuating the passenger was a homosexual. Again the situation was a cranky, unreasonable mate.

To me this adds up to, don't blame the captain, fire the mate.

The ferries are always late, due to the stupid, poor loading and unloading caused by the mate, not the captain.

Far too often when one is finally parked on the deck you have to climb out the window because you are forced to park too close to the next lane or the wall and the car door cannot be opened. Many people's cars are damaged due to passengers trying to get out normally from their automobile. Thank God there isn't a fire or you would burn to death.

Don't blame the captain, blame the deck-hand who has to listen to the mate's orders.

The ferries are not late due to Active Pass, but rather due to the delays caused by the mate.

Don't blame the captain! Think it over, because it is true.

HAROLD NEALE,
Box 40,
Mayne Island, B.C.
September 28, 1979.

United Canada month

October has been proclaimed "United Canada Month" in British Columbia, Premier Bill Bennett has announced.

"This proclamation is the government's invitation to people in every province of this great country to work for the cause of unity", Premier Bennett said.

"The occasion will give all British Columbians an opportunity to reflect on the benefits of nationhood which we enjoy and to commit ourselves afresh to the cause of Canadian unity.

"It also provides an opportunity for the government of British Columbia, on behalf of all British Columbians, to express in a simple way our desire to continue to live with the people of Quebec within a united Canada," he said.

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Helliwell to speak October 29

David Helliwell, chairman of the B.C. Resources Investment Corporation, will be the guest speaker at a Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce dinner on October 29.

Dinner will be in the Fulford Inn. Helliwell will outline the function of the investment corporation and will answer questions.

Attendance will be limited to the capacity of the dining room and tickets will be available from Mouat's Store.



Tony Richards

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH Council of the U.S. National Academy of Science has the distinction of being recognized internationally as an authority on pet nutrition. So says the Pet Food Manufacturers Association of Canada, which says that pets, like humans, need a complete and balanced diet.

"While some pet owners are still under the misconception that a diet of 'left-overs' and table scraps is best, this kind of miscellaneous diet is often harmful, and cannot approach the proper nutritional balance for a pet," the association explains in a press release.

It can be compared, it adds, with a teenager's diet of pop and cookies...

So while the pet food makers are striving to keep Canadian pets healthy and strong, a vast number of pet owners are feeding themselves substandard food.

The release continues with the statement that diets of scraps for pets are often high in calories and can contribute to obesity, skin rashes, poor coat, digestive upsets and other disorders.

Now take a look around you at some of your fellow human beings. How many fit the above description?

If people-food manufacturers adopted the same standards as the pet food manufacturers, then we might conceivably be just as healthy as our pets.

Now read Mary Williamson's *More Food for Thought* and get some idea of the insanity of today's world.

IT WAS MOSTLY MUSIC at Friday's Coffee House at Beaver Point Hall, even the one act in which the star performer was a juggler.

Island visitor Jeff Raz from California presented the one departure from music with a fine juggling act, using both balls and what looked like bowling pins. Accompanied by island pianist Reid Collins, he put on a good performance.

The evening was a good one as far as the music was concerned, but more attention should be paid to the order in which the musicians play.

In addition to that, the sponsor of the Coffee House, the local energy group, should attempt to schedule the presentations early in the evening: not all at once, but interspersed with the music.

By midnight, no one is really on the ball enough to take in the information which the group wishes to make known. Earlier in the evening, however, more people will listen: one of the group's major goals.

The Saturday night show at the same hall was reported to have been a good one as well. I heard no reports about the belly-dancing troupe, but I did hear an excellent report about the two musicians who accompanied them.

Finally, Rick Dodds from Mayne Island was playing off and on during the past week at the Vesuvius Inn. He was playing with Doug Rollo and Jim Sinclair, among others. On Monday evening, they sounded pretty good, although a little rusty.

It was obvious that they'd been practising singing in harmony: it was first class.



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Time: 2pm.

Date: Sat. Oct. 13, 1979

Place: Millstream Inn
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Guest Speaker: Don L. Taylor, MP.

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Crisis Line

Society looks for funding aid

What to do in an emergency? Call the Crisis Line established by the Salt Spring Island Community Society, of course!

The Community Society has asked a number of the various community organizations to assist in the cost of maintaining the service.

During the working day any call to the centre is handled by the society's staff. If the call comes outside of ordinary working hours, the caller is put on to the Victoria service and a recorded message on the service's telephone answering machine instructs the enquirer where to call for help.

There is no charge levied by the Victoria Crisis Centre. The cost to the Community Society is the capital cost of acquiring the answering machine and having it hooked up. The total amounted to \$170. A further cost of approximately \$30 a month for the Zenith line was anticipated.

FILL A NEED

Barbara Persson explained last week that the society had reached the conclusion that such a service would fill a need on the island.

Crisis can be distress; it can be illness; it can be accident. Crisis can be the need for comradeship, understating, advice or professional help, she explained. And the Community Society is seeking to provide all of these things.

The spokesman for the project concluded with an example of emergency that took place on Salt Spring island.

A woman is faced with a car tearing through her home in the middle of the night while already gravely worried over her son's involvement in an air crash.

That is an instance of crisis in an emergency, she told the directors of the Chamber, when help is needed.

VOLUNTEERS

The service enjoys a pool of

researchers and information seekers to furnish a fund of information as necessary. There are volunteers available who open up their homes in an emergency. There are others who have engaged to take in whole families.

The service also provides the special services needed by a woman in crisis, said the speaker. She referred specifically to the needs of the single-parent family.

The link with the Victoria Crisis Line is only a temporary measure, added Hilary Cronin. It is permissible while the island project is finding its feet. After April of next year the Salt Spring plan will be on its own.

Major problem facing the Community Society is the cost of the project, the Chamber learned. The society has some government help, but its funds are all earmarked and there is no surplus. For that reason it is asking the community for help.

The directors subsequently revealed that the total funds of the island Chamber stood at little more than \$10. Members expressed concern for the Crisis line, but could not make a donation until the financial situation improves.

Nomination committee named

Terry Elford and Leo Horncastle will serve on the nomination committee of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

The committee will have to present nominations for president, vice-president and secretary and one director.

Incumbents whose terms are reaching the end of their period are president Gavin Reynolds, vice-president Jake Javorski and treasurer Sandy Gordon. Director reaching the end of the road is Terry Elford.

Volunteers needed to help with two classes

"Volunteers will be needed to work with two new classes forming this fall," says Virginia Newman, continuing education co-ordinator for Gulf Islands School District.

"We have an excellent English as a second language teacher who lives on Salt Spring and commutes to UVic to teach."

Maggie Warbey will be instructing a class of six adults of Spanish, Dutch and Vietnamese backgrounds plus the children of the refugee family from Vietnam.

"She will welcome volunteers from the community to help in this challenging task of improving the speaking and writing of some new Canadians on our island," Mrs.

Newman said.

Basic language and arithmetic skills will be offered to handicapped people two mornings a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, in cooperation with the Salt Spring Island Achievement Centre.

Director Donna Ford has stressed the individual nature of such instruction, making it necessary to have volunteers to assist the teachers.

Anyone interested in working with either one of these classes on a volunteer basis may call Virginia Newman or Donna Ford.

We will be happy to use you for as little or as much time as you have to give," the co-ordinator said.

Oktoberfest celebration will provide diversion

BY BRYAN SMITH

So you had a lovely summer and the kids are now back at school.

Turning away from inflation and strikes you look bleakly at the prospect of Christmas. A diversion is needed, and what better way to get rid of those memories of a lovely summer (and to blazes with the winter) than to attend the Oktoberfest celebration on Salt Spring.

As usual it will be run by the local Lions Club in aid of all the charities and community projects it supports. It is to be held on October 26 at the auditorium in the high school.

Fun and frolics begin at 9 pm.

and depending on the amount of beer and food ingested, you could still be whirling around the hall at 2 am. Music will be provided by the Bavarian band known as Eidleweiss Katele.

COSTUME

I expect the orchestra will be dressed in traditional costume, such as leather shorts with shirt or blouse and wide straps supporting the shorts plus, perhaps, a Tyrolean hat. You can come dressed the same but it is not obligatory. Last year Ron McQuiggan stole the show with his outfit.

There will be a free steiner presented to you upon arrival and one beer on the house. Last year was a sell-out so you are urged to get your tickets early at either Mouat's or Ganges Pharmacy, at a cost of \$8.50 per person. This includes a meal and it is a night not to be missed.

Why not combine it with Hallo-wen and make up costumes of the way they used to dress (and some still do) in Bavaria, Germany and Austria. A pair of shorts or skirt with supporting straps plus golf socks up to the knees... turn a trilby hat into Tyrolean style and you have it made.

This annual event is to mark the wedding of Prince Ludwig of Germany in 1870

Over 200 attend Mason's Ball

This year's annual Masonic Ball on Salt Spring Island was held Friday evening at the secondary school gymnasium. Over 200 people attended the ball, which was catered by the Eastern Star, Trincomali Chapter 93.

One of the highlights of the evening came with the presentation of a bouquet of roses to Ida McManus of Salt Spring Island in appreciation of her many years of service to the Eastern Star.

Proceeds from the ball will go towards completing the Masonic Lodge on Lower Ganges Road. Music for the evening was supplied by the Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble.

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HUGH CURTIS, MLA, Provincial Secretary, will speak at the Elementary School Activity Centre in Ganges 8 pm, Monday, Oct. 15 The meeting is wide open to everybody Sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce

Info-Health

BY DR. BOB YOUNG



So you are mad at your doctor again. For some reason he or she has failed to provide a service as quickly, as pleasantly, or perhaps as effectively as you expected. What do you do?

Whenever two individuals interact there are bound to be periods of friction and disagreement. This is true whether the relationship is between shopkeeper and customer, physician and patient, or husband and wife. The potential for strained relations is high in the often emotionally charged doctor-patient relationship, and it sometimes surprises me that patients put up with some doctors and that doctors suffer through the antics of some patients.

If you, as a patient, find yourself angry with your doctor, you should sit back and assess the situation. This is especially true if you have had the same physician for some time, and have got along well with him in the past.

Has he or she failed you in a mechanical way (late appointments, poor telephone communications, snippy office staff), or in a professional way (disappointing results of treatment, failure to discuss your problem)? Asking yourself why you are unhappy with your doctor may be worthwhile. Is it true dissatisfaction or just irritation?

If you basically like your doctor, but are contemplating a change for one reason or another, you should communicate with him. Tell him that you are unable to get past his receptionist, or that he has not returned your calls, or whatever. There may be reasons for his or her actions. Misunderstandings can occur, messages can get lost or misplaced, or the doctor can get so caught up in emergency medicine that less urgent things get left behind.

Occasionally a basic clash in personality type exists between patient and doctor. They may just not like each other - no one is expected to like absolutely everybody! If this situation pertains a parting of the ways is beneficial to both parties.

Most physicians are receptive to constructive criticism. Even if you and your doctor are unable to

resolve your differences the attempt may improve his public relations with his remaining patients.

Info/Health is written by a practising B.C. physician, and is brought to you through the co-operation of the British Columbia Medical Association and your community newspaper.

Conference benefits teachers

The first district conference for teachers of the Gulf Islands was staged recently by the district professional development committee.

From 9 am to 4 pm teachers were involved in a number of workshops relating to their work in the classroom, one of the participants explained this week.

Speakers and topics discussed included Dr. D. Knowles, University of Victoria, *The Teaching of the Gifted Child*; Dr. Florence Pieronek, University of B.C., *Developmental Reading in the Intermediate Grades*; Dr. A. Newberry, chief superintendent of schools, *The Role of the Administrator in Today's Schools*; Dr. J. McLeish, University of Victoria, *Classroom Management*; Mrs. P. Mitchell, teacher, *Organizing the Writing Program*; Mrs. J. Sarkkission, supervisor of primary instruction, Victoria, *Language Arts in the Primary Grades*; and Burt Deeter and Keith Pearson, teachers, Surrey School District, *Astronomical Activities for the classroom*.

Over 70 teachers and substitute teachers from the Gulf Islands participated in the conference.

Post-conference evaluation forms indicated that, in the main, many benefited from the day, *Driftwood* learned.

Local band to release new album

The Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble will release its second album into the local and national record market this Christmas.

Inspired by the success of its first album the band is busy recording a new collection of original tunes as well as the classic dixieland and modern jazz favorites the group are famous for.

Band member Virginia Newman said they had no intention of doing another album until their first one was aired on the CBC program *Gilmore's Albums*. She said a Mayne Island fan sent a copy of the album to the CBC and requests for it have been coming in from all across Canada. She said they have

sold their entire stock of records and are now sending cassettes to anyone who writes.

Members of the band are Ray Newman, David Stacey, Amy and Virginia Newman, Tony Knight, Ray Hill and Bill Smith, all from Salt Spring Island. The instruments used by the band are drums, piano, gut bucker, coronet, trombone, clarinet and saxophone.

The new album will be entirely produced on the island except for the actual pressing which will be done in Vancouver. The tape is being made in the Newman's living room, the cover will be done by Art Simons, the printing by James Raeside and the assembling of the cover material will be done by the

band members and their spouses.

The cost of the album will be around \$6 and will be available through local retail outlets.



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October Energy Month

October is International Energy Conservation Month in B.C., Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Minister Jim Hewitt has announced.

The 20 countries belonging to the International Energy Agency (I.E.A.) have set October aside as the month for member countries to focus on the need to conserve energy.

"... Our ministry is working with the federal government and the other 19 countries in the I.E.A. to stimulate greater awareness of the

need for energy conservation in all sectors of our economy," Hewitt said.

International Energy Conservation Month provides a world-wide forum for governments, industry and consumers to concentrate on energy conservation as a viable method of stretching the earth's limited energy resources, he said.

Conservation Month encourages governments, industry and the general public to implement these conservation measures in October, so the savings can begin now, Hewitt added.

Seine skiff is rebuilt



Soon to be a houseboat is this 34-foot seine skiff belonging to Gordon Richards and his son Perry of Hereford Avenue, Ganges. The boat is due to be launched in a couple of weeks once the super-structure is completed.

Quiet weekend

RCMP report a very quiet Thanksgiving weekend on the islands with no fatalities, no accidents and no impaired driving charges.

Boom fading

The skateboard boom cost the British taxpayer more than \$11 million in hospital bills, according to an announcement by the British Health Department. However, some boardriding parks built especially for skate-boarders are now being converted into car parks as the boom fades.

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'Poverty an acid that eats into pride until pride is burned out'

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON
This week I am turning my space over to an unnamed welfare mother who lives in the hills of southern Tennessee. Stanley Mooneyham quotes the following passage in *What Do You Say to a Hungry World?* It was given as a statement to a case worker for the Office of Economic Opportunity, and after the language, colloquialisms and syntax were edited for publication, carried as an article by C.E. Jackson in *Christian Herald*.

"You say you want to know what it's like to be poor? Well, you've come to the right person. But you won't enjoy my definition....I'm dirty. I'm smelly. And I have no proper underwear beneath this rotting dress. I don't know about you, but the stench of my teeth makes me half sick. They're decaying but they'll never be fixed. That takes money..."

LISTEN WITHOUT PITY

"Listen to me without pity...Listen with understanding, if you can. What is poverty? Poverty is getting up every morning from a dirty and illness-stained mattress - a hard, lumpy mattress. Sheets? They have long since been used for diapers, for there are no real diapers here, either.

"That smell? That *other* smell? You know what it is - that, plus sour milk and spoiled food. Sometimes it's mixed with the stench of onions cooked too often. Onions are cheap. We're like dogs in that we live in a world of smells and we've learned to identify most of them without searching them out..."

"Poverty is being tired - dog tired all the time. I can't remember when I wasn't tired. When my last baby came, they told me at the hospital that I had chronic anaemia caused by a poor diet, a bad case of worms, and the need for a corrective operation.

POOR ALWAYS POLITE

"When they told me about my condition I listened politely. The poor are always polite, you know. We can't afford to offend those who might decide to be big and give us something... What good would it do to say there is no money for iron pills, better food, or necessary medicine?"

"Poverty is dirt. You may say, in your clean clothes and coming from your clean house, 'Anybody can be clean.' Let me explain about house-keeping with no money. For breakfast, I give my children grits with no margarine, or cornbread made without eggs or oleo. For one thing, that kind of food doesn't use up many dishes. What dishes there are, I wash in cold water. No soap. Even the cheapest soap has to be saved for washing the old sheets I use for the baby's diapers.

DON'T HAVE LUXURIES

"Look at these cracked red hands. Once I saved up for two months to buy a jar of Vaseline for my hands and for the baby's diaper rash. When I had the money and went to buy the Vaseline, the price had gone up two cents, and I didn't have another two cents. Every day I have to decide whether I can bear to put these cracked, sore hands into that cold water and strong soap. Why don't I use hot water? It takes money to get something with which to heat it. Hot water is a luxury. We don't have luxuries.

"You would be surprised if I told you my age. I look 20 years older than I am; my back has been bent over tubs so long I can't stand up straight anymore. I can't remember when I did anything but wash, but we're still dirty. I just can't seem to keep up with all the washing. Every night I wash enough to wear when morning comes.

More Food for Thought

ASKING FOR HELP

"Poverty is asking for help. Have you ever had to swallow what pride you had left and ask for help, knowing your children will suffer more if you don't get it?... I'll tell you how asking for help feels: you find out where the office is, the one from which paupers are supposed to get help. When you find it, you circle that block four or five times trying to get up nerve enough to go in and beg. Finally, the thought of your children's needs and suffering pushes you through the door. Everybody is very busy and official. After an eternity, a woman comes out to you and you tell her you need help, and you force yourself to look at her.

"She isn't the one you need to see. The first one never is. She sends you to someone else and after spilling your poverty and shame all over the desk you find out this isn't the right office. Then you repeat the procedure. It doesn't get any easier.

SHAME AND DESPAIR

"You ask for help in two or three places, until you're sick of the whole

procedure, but you're always told to wait. You are told why you have to wait, but you don't really hear because the dark heavy cloud of shame and despair deafens you with its roar of recrimination.

"Poverty is looking into a future devoid of hope. Your children wouldn't play with my children; you wouldn't allow it. My boys will some day turn to boys who steal to get what they need. I can already see them behind prison bars... My daughter? She'll have a life just like mine, unless she's pretty enough to become a prostitute. I'd be smart to wish her dead already.

SURE THERE ARE SCHOOLS

"You say there are schools? Sure there are, but my children have no paper, no pencils, no crayons, clothes, no anything worthwhile or useful. All they have is worms, pink-eye, infections of all sorts all the time. They aren't hungry, but they are undernourished. There are surplus commodity programs some places, I hear, but not here. Our county said it would cost too much. There is a school lunch program, but I have two children who are already too damaged for that to do them any good.

"Yes, I know there are health clinics. They are in the towns, and I live eight miles from any town. I can walk that far, but my little children can't, and I can't carry them.

"Poverty is an acid that eats into pride until pride is burned out. It is a chisel that chips at honour until honour is pulverized. You might do something if you were in my situation - for a week or a month. Would you do it year after year, getting nowhere, going nowhere?... I did not come from another place, and I did not come from another time. I'm here now, and there are others like me all around you."

Tuesday meetings successful

One of the best things the Islands Trust has done on Salt Spring was set a specific day on which people could meet with the local trustees, the island's Trust Committee was told last week.

Trustee Bud Kreissl was talking of the weekly Tuesday morning sessions at the government building in Ganges, when he and Dave Lott are present to answer questions concerning land use and Trust business.

Kreissl said a few people had been to see the trustees before buying land on the island.

"Some realty firms have almost made it a practice to send people up to see us," he said.

His only objection to the system was that there was no place in which they could talk in private.

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Tales of energy exploits

Irradiated future for B.C.?

BY JEZRAH HEARNE

It appears that the pro-nuclear drive has shifted into high gear in British Columbia. No doubt the financial floundering of the Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., its loss of Candu sales to Japan and Argentina, has added fuel to the push on our province.

The decision of the Ontario government to not increase its nuclear commitments, but rather to develop an alternative technology program, has exacerbated the AECL's financial woes. The fact that the province of Quebec is adamantly opposed to nuclear projects, that oil-rich Alberta does not need nuclear power, that the Maritimes are going to alternative sources, means that the AECL is probably desparate. There is only one way for it to go in order to survive: into B.C.

Every other week or so, Robert Bonner, chairman of B.C. Hydro and a director of the Canadian Nuclear Association, gives a talk to some group, such as the B.C. Chamber of Commerce, or the Association of Engineers, and tells them that we will need nuclear power or something awful will happen.

NOT VIABLE

He underplays and belittles the option of sensible renewables, claiming they are not viable in spite of their growing popularity in the Maritimes, Ontario, the United States and Scandinavia.

While these other governments are beginning to see the light, the Sacred government, heavily laced with pro-nuclear promoters and apologists, has done little, if any-

thing, to create a foundation for the application of renewable technology in the province.

Look at the encouragement being given to the uranium industry. Premier Bennett has courted (not that it has been really necessary to do so) uranium investors to our province. The government has sunk about \$10 million into incentives towards uranium development.

There are now 59 companies, representing all the major oil corporations, scrambling for a piece of the B.C. uranium pie. Sixteen sites or so of uranium deposits have been found and explorations go on continuously for more.

LION'S SHARE

The processing of uranium is inextricably bound with nuclear power. There is no use for uranium other than to fuel nuclear reactors and nuclear missiles and the nuclear arms industry gets the lion's share.

Just as refinement of uranium led to the construction of nuclear reactors in Ontario, so is it bound to do in B.C. This seems inevitable, considering the politicking being done behind the scenes by the likes of Mr. Bonner, and given the lethargy displayed by the Sacred government towards renewable energy.

The Sacreds attempt to present a positive public image by citing the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Uranium Mining, which they have instituted. They also cite the moratorium on uranium mining which they have ratified. Observers close to the scene tell us,

however, that this is a hollow stance, that in fact the deal has already been signed, sealed and delivered.

TO DEFINE CONDITIONS

The inquiry is functioning mainly to define conditions under which mining can go ahead in the province, rather than whether or not it should happen at all. Certainly the recent position taken by the Bates Inquiry in support of the continuation of explorations makes a mockery of any avowed neutrality. A news report from Japan informs us that the Japanese government has already signed a contract for B.C. uranium.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Pat McGeer is attempting to persuade big corporations and scientists to research nuclear fusion, right on the U.B.C. endowment lands. Certainly we hope that these research laboratories will not experience the blow-outs of the earlier Chalk River nuclear laboratories. Since nuclear fusion needs temperatures of one million degrees Kelvin to force a reluctant nucleus to fuse with another, it would be rather sad if a fire broke out on B.C.'s finest campus.

INCOMPLETE

It would appear that British Columbians are not being presented with a complete and honest picture of the energy situation in the province.

If B.C. has an energy crisis, or is going to have an energy crisis, why then are we building more dams to ship more electricity to the U.S.? (We already have a surplus which we are exporting).

If there is an energy crisis, why

Two Crown leases are approved by Islands Trust

A Crown lease application for a private dock at Welbury Bay was approved by the Salt Spring Trust Committee meeting at Ganges Thursday.

The green light was given subject to approval of Fisheries and with the requirement that the lease area would not be used for log storage. The dock site is just north of the log storage lease in Welbury Bay.

Discussing the term of the lease, trustee Bud Kreissl suggested a five-year term, and observed that Lands Branch officials have indicated in the past that renewing a lease was "almost routine". To get it cancelled, he said, was more difficult.

However, Dave Lott argued that a 10-year term would give the lessee some incentive to "put up a half-decent wharf". The committee

then are we allowing industry to continue wasting extravagant amounts of power? If industry were forced to take up this waste power and convert it through co-generation and hog fuel into power for its own needs, our energy demands could conceivably drop by 50%

It appears obvious, from our wastage alone, that B.C. energy policy is predicated upon the belief that the more you use the better off you are, even if you are using it to heat the outdoors.

COST OF BILLIONS

Through sheer lunacy we would build fusion reactors at the cost of billions of dollars: they will use energy to heat molecules up to a million degrees so that we will have electricity to heat our water up to 100 degrees.

(For a few hundred dollars, we could heat our water with the power from the sun. Of course, the big corporations cannot tax the sun!)

It would seem that in light of what has been coming out about B.C.'s energy policy of late, British Columbians should be demanding a full-scale examination of just what is going on.

It is a sad fact about human nature that people tend to close the barn door after the horse has escaped. Will this be the fate of British Columbia?

agreed to the 10-year term.

Also approved was a Crown lease in Burgoyne Bay to allow the expansion of Texada Logging's log sorting area.

There are logs there now, the Trust was told, and it was just a matter of legalizing it.

Cultural Fund award to Mayne resident

A Mayne Island resident has been named a recipient of an award from the B.C. Cultural Fund Scholarship Program.

Mary Howard is to receive a \$500 junior tuition award for the study of music. She is one of 189 British Columbia residents who will receive grants from the Cultural Fund this year. Arts scholarships and awards will amount to more than \$150,000.

The junior tuition award is for pre-career training and to assist high school and college students in making career decisions.

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Beaver Point on September 21, 1902. He was the youngest child of Alexander McLennan and Elizabeth Dunn, who were married in Victoria in 1879 and settled at Beaver Point in 1882, where Alexander served his community as postmaster, Justice of the Peace and one of the founders of Beaver Point School.

AT AGE OF THREE

Murray was obliged to attend school from the age of three, so Beaver Point would have the minimum number of pupils required to keep the school open. In his teens he studied mathematics and construction by correspondence, which eventually led him to move to Vancouver to practice his trade.

After the death of his father in 1932, Murray and his family returned to Beaver Point where he ran the family farm for several years. Later, he moved to Vancouver Island, where he drove delivery trucks up-island and on the Saanich Peninsula, making lasting friendships wherever he went.

AGRICULTURE

While sports-fishing is his lifelong hobby, Murray has always had a keen interest in agriculture and a great fondness for livestock. He has a natural green thumb and his garden provides an abundance of vegetables. He seldom misses local agricultural fairs and can be seen enjoying the displays and cattle judging.

Dorothy Dewar was born in Victoria on February 20, 1907. She was the daughter of Robert Alexander Campbell Dewar and Martha Mary Grimmer.

Dorothy attended Girl's Central School, Victoria high school, Victoria College and the Provincial Normal School. After graduation in 1925, Dorothy taught school in Loos, a station on the CNR line out of Jasper, and at Wildwood in Powell River, before going to Beaver Point where she met Murray.

STILL FAMOUS

Until she returned to teaching in 1953, Dorothy devoted her time to being a homemaker. Her skills in this field did not diminish with the addition of outside work, and her baking is still famous throughout the district.

As the descendants of pioneers who were living in British Columbia at the time of Confederation, Murray and Dorothy McLennan have carried on the tradition of community service and commitment. With great love and devotion, Dorothy taught grade one in the Deep Cove School for 19 years. Murray, noted for his honesty and integrity, has constructed many homes in the North Saanich and Sidney area. In 1954, Murray and Dorothy assisted in the establishment of St. John's United Church in Deep Cove. Their granddaughter, Karen Davidson, was the first child baptized in the new church.

Murray and Dorothy McLennan are looking forward to greeting their many friends at an open house reception when they celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at St. John's Church Hall on West Saanich Road, Deep Cove, on Saturday, October 20 from 1.30 to 4.30 pm.

In 1928, Dorothy Jean Dewar went to teach school at Beaver Point on Salt Spring Island. There she met Robert Murray McLennan, local eligible bachelor, who was home for a short visit from his contracting business in Vancouver. They were married in Victoria on October 16, 1929, at the home of the bride's parents. Murray McLennan was born at

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GARDEN CLUB NOTES

BY OPTOMIST

Once again the Fall Fair proved to be a great success, with the horticulture section providing a beautiful display. It was well worth the hard work by the members responsible.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be held next Wednesday at 8 pm in the lower hall of the United Church. We are fortunate to have David Tarrant to speak to us.

Mr. Tarrant is education coordinator of the U.B.C. Botanical Gardens and an author of gardening books. He often talks on a Vancouver radio station on gardening problems and also conducts tours of famous gardens in England.

In the same hall at 1 pm sharp on the following day the fall plant and shrub sale will take place. There will be a lot of good plant material suitable for fall planting.

Any members who have surplus plants should bring them to the Wednesday meeting, priced and identified.

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Music of the Andes at Ganges on Wednesday

What do you do with a *kena*, or a *charango*? Mount them on your hatband? Cut them up in the salad?

No, because they are musical instruments from the Andes and will be part of the performance by Sukay, a group specializing in the music and culture of the Andean region of South America, when they perform on Salt Spring Island next Wednesday.

They will be playing at Gulf Islands Secondary School in Ganges at 1 pm for the student body and they will play again at Beaver Point Hall that evening at 8 pm.

Members of Sukay have learned their musical skills from direct contact with the mountain people who shared their melodies, poetry and folklore. Two of the musicians, Javier Canelas and Gonzalo Vargas, are natives of Bolivia. The remaining couple, Edmund and Quentin Badoux, are North Americans who spent 15 months in the mountains of Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru, researching the music of the highlands before joining up with their Bolivian colleagues.

OVER 25

In concert, they use over 25 instruments, many of which are ancient in origin. They include the *antara*, *sicus*, *rondador* and other types of pan-pipes; a variety of notched flutes which differ in size and tuning; drums and rattles and an array of stringed instruments, including the above-mentioned *charango*, which is most commonly made from the shell of an armadillo.

Sukay have appeared in many folk music festivals all over North America, including the one in Vancouver last summer. They enrich their performances with explanations of the inner workings of their instruments, translations of the poetry of their songs and anecdotes of their travels.

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Permits are required from midnight October 15, 1979 until midnight April 14, 1980, which covers the period outside the fire season. Under the order the only fires allowed without a permit are those to burn materials piled up by hand.

Reason for the new requirement is to give the Forest Service greater control over burning where smoke may be a problem or where fires lit to dispose of machine-piled debris might not be completely extinguished when supervision of the burning-site is abandoned.

Such fires have been known to smolder all winter long and break out in full-fledged forest fires the next summer.

Burning permit applications and further details are available at all forest ranger stations and ministry offices throughout the Vancouver Region.

Galiano Island man is fined for two offences

Fines totalling \$150 were levied against a Galiano Island man in provincial court last week. Stuart Georgeson pleaded guilty to obstructing a peace officer and causing a disturbance in a public place.

Court was told that RCMP had received a complaint at 2.30 am August 11. The accused had been racing around on a motorcycle near Galiano Lodge, explained Crown counsel C. Kittle.

He had tried to elude the police vehicle, which chased him for five miles at speeds of up to 70 mph. Georgeson had not been wearing a helmet at the time and had no driver's license. For that he had been given a ticket by police.

When Kittle finished explaining

the circumstances, Judge D.K. McAdam said he was "not quite clear" on the obstruction (of a peace officer) charge.

Kittle explained that the obstruction took place in that the accused evaded the police. It was evident that Georgeson knew the police were trying to stop him, he said. He was not located until the following day.

"A charge with respect to his driving would be more in keeping" observed the judge.

Georgeson was fined \$100 on the obstruction charge and \$50 for causing a disturbance. McAdam also ordered a probation period of six months with the condition that he not operate motor vehicle during that time.

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Stacey is up for re-election

David Stacey of Ganges has announced his candidacy in the forthcoming school board elections November 17. And he has warned that if more people don't throw their hats into the ring, the five vacancies on the board would be filled by acclamation rather than public choice.

Stacey said more people should

"get off their butts" so the public can have a choice in who serves them on the board.

The only other candidate from Salt Spring so far is Mary Williamson. From the Outer Islands, Tom Davidson will run for Saturna. Jeannine Dodds of Mayne Island was not available for comment Tuesday.

A vacancy on the Islands Trust has been created with the resignation of Isabel Geehan of Mayne Island. No candidate has stepped forward yet to fill the seat, which will also be contested in the November 17 election.

Deaths up

In a four-month period following repeal of mandatory helmet laws for motorcyclists in Texas, deaths rose 111%, serious injuries rose 48% and all other injuries rose 41%. Motorcycle registrations were up by less than 10%.

Ganges scene of film production



It was a little like Hollywood in Ganges Saturday when Dan Evanishen of Island Cinema was directing, producing and filming a five-minute feature which will be shown at Central Hall in the next week or two. At top, Evanishen, with his back to the camera, gives some directions to the cast of local actors. Bottom picture shows another "take": juggler Jeff Raz was filmed as he juggled on the roof of the Volkswagen. Car was being driven at the time by someone crouched inside.

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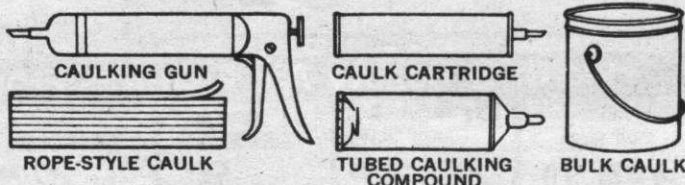
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Refugee family arrives this week

Salt Spring Island's first refugee family is expected to arrive from Southeast Asia this week.

Immigration Canada has advised the United Church Resettlement Committee at Ganges that the family of six was to arrive at Victoria Airport on October 8 or 9. They were scheduled to arrive at Edmonton from the Far East on October 7.

The family's surname is Lam and they speak a Chinese dialect. Thanh Biet is 33 years of age and a

mechanic by trade; his wife's surname is Thai and her given names are Thy Nguet, the committee told *Driftwood*. They have four children, three boys and a girl, ranging in age from two to eight years.

They are presumed to be from Viet Nam but the local committee is not yet certain of that.

Meanwhile, several sub-committees have been set up by the island group. Dick and Barbara Toynbee are in charge of housing;

Ron McNally and Betty Brigden, home furnishings; Ron and Lois Bushell, food; Olive Mouat and Jean Earl, clothing; Vern and Dorothy McEachern, language training. An employment committee is to be appointed later.

The family will live in a home on Park Drive which is being rented by the committee.

Rev. Vern McEachern said this week that language training will be conducted through the continuing education program of the school

district, and that the two oldest children would be attending Salt Spring Elementary School "as soon as possible".

Anyone wishing to help is invited to contact any one of the aforementioned people.

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Lovins shows alternative forms of energy could fill demands

BY JOHN HALL
The Energy Controversy, Soft Path Questions and Answers, Amory Lovins and his critics (Friends of the Earth, 1979).

This new book contains one of Lovins' key statements on hard or soft energy paths, testimony given at a U.S. Senate committee hearing in 1976. The controversy which followed is represented by some 20 different objections, along with Lovins' replies.

He defines "hard" and "soft" energy paths thus: hard means a consumer-oriented, expensive, yet inefficiently distributed energy system which depletes scarce resources. Nuclear power is a prime example of a hard system.

Soft means a consumer-oriented, locally efficient energy system which depends on renewable resources. Solar power is such a type. He feels these two paths are not so much technologically separate as culturally opposite, hence the intensity of the debate.

This is why the energy discussion is so vital to us all: citizens and their governments must decide about the energy systems to be used tomorrow. And their choices will determine the cultural possibilities for our future.

To show how his energy concepts will work, Lovins discusses the

energy uses of Canada (pp. 31-34). Our present patterns are described, and our projected needs in the year 2025. He shows that alternative or soft energy forms could readily fill demands. Many of the techniques needed to do this are already known or in use. Other countries, Japan and Denmark in particular, appear able to follow softer paths very soon, and they are not so well situated as we are.

BOOK REVIEW

TRUE FUTURIST

This book is a good example of the thinking and arguments of a true futurist. Judging from the weight and volume of criticisms, he must certainly have touched a sore spot in our society. He is doing something that urgently needs attention, but there is a disturbing side as well.

This book, for all its exposition and rebuttal and documentation, shows how complex and bitter the debate within the energy industry has become. Ordinary citizens, who have a decisive role in energy use, need to examine this

information, yet they will find it very hard to follow.

Experts now seem to be the accepted arbiters of all technical data, and experts are difficult nuts to crack and often elusive in their arguments. This is not Lovins' fault, and fortunately he can catch them out at their own game. But it still leaves us confused. Even worse, the danger is growing that we will not believe anyone's views or trust any statistics.

At present much of the information we need is hidden in formulas and graphs and tables. Fortunately, Lovins can think clearly and write lucidly. I hope this kind of clarity will prevail.

Chamber to entertain Curtis

When Hugh Curtis comes to visit his constituency on Monday, he will be entertained by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

The provincial secretary will have dinner with the Chamber in the Fulford Inn at 6 pm.

A public meeting in the Activity Centre, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will follow at 8 pm.

Local craftsmen win place in Vancouver exhibition

The Craftsmen's Association of British Columbia has included six Gulf Island artists in its juried exhibition of contemporary B.C. crafts being held in Vancouver during the month of October.

The six chosen are Elaine Potter of Fulford Harbour, Lawrie Neish, Craig Wright and Rosamund Skye of Ganges, Elizabeth Courtenay, Ganges and Geli Johnson of Port Washington.

All are members of the association and are among 76 chosen from the 180 members around the province. The Craftsmen's Association invited all its members to compete for the privilege of being in the exhibition by submitting photographs of their work to the jurors in Vancouver.

There were 112 entries from which 76 were chosen. Each craftsman will exhibit one to three pieces of his work. The exhibit will present between five and 600 hand-made articles.

The exhibition is made possible by the support and encouragement of the British Columbia Cultural Fund, The Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation, Canadian Forest Products, The Hamber Foundation, The Mercantile Bank of Canada and the British Columbia Sugar Refining Company.

The jurors of the exhibition are Glenn Allison, curator, Fine Arts Gallery, University of British Columbia; Gathie Falk, painter and sculptor, Vancouver; and Ted Hallman, weaver, Toronto.

Linda Gammon and Madeleine Chisholm are co-chairmen of the exhibition, and Peter Malkin is curator.

The exhibition is being held at the Vancouver Centennial Museum, 1100 Chestnut St., Vancouver, October 1-29, 10 am to 9 pm daily.

Application deferred

Application for a development permit for property in Ganges was deferred by the Salt Spring Trust Committee Thursday. Permit application had been made in order to construct a new foundation under the building formerly occupied by Gulf Islands Cleaners.

Trustee Dave Lott suggested that the developer be asked for a conceptual drawing showing the "final intent" of the renovation.

General trustee Gordon Wallace of Pender Island noted that a conceptual plan is demanded on Pender before any development permit is issued.

Sampling Stations in Ganges Harbour, 1979

This map was to have been published two weeks ago with the details of the Pollution Control Branch permit. The map supplied at that time, however, wasn't clear enough for reproduction.

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- Mudflats
- 33 Bacteriological Sampling Stations
- 7 Dissolved oxygen, salinity & temperature profile stations
- 8 Nutrient & chlorophyll sampling stations
- Shellfish collection stations

