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Road blocks, vehicle checks planned for holiday season

RCMP in Ganges have expressed their desire that all islanders have a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks said his detachment will do its best to keep impaired drivers and unsafe vehicles off the road during the holiday season.

Hanks said they will be setting up road blocks and spot-checking vehicles. He said they will be looking mainly for signs of impairment, but will also be checking the operation of horns, brakes, lights and condition of tires on all vehicles.

Valcourt directs region staff to stop issuing permits here

Capital Region director Yvette Valcourt has sent telegrams to the building inspection department and Dr. A. S. Arneil, regional health officer, directing them to stop

issuing building and sewage holding tank permits in the Ganges area until the Pollution Control Board reaches a decision with regard to the proposed sewer system for Ganges.

claimed that Arneil said he would go to the chairman of the board for his approval.

Valcourt added that the telegram she sent to the building inspectors was "an extra precaution" to prevent further businesses developing in Ganges on holding tanks.

Again referring to Arneil, Valcourt said, "How can he issue permits for holding tanks when he has reported them as potential health hazards?"

In response to the telegrams, CRD chairman Jim Campbell said he has sent a letter to Valcourt advising her that she cannot instruct district staff how to deal with applications for permits.

"She appears to believe she has the right to stop staff from following bylaws," said Campbell. He said he is going to invite her to meet with him at which time, he said, he would advise her on how to be a "more effective director and serve her constituency properly".

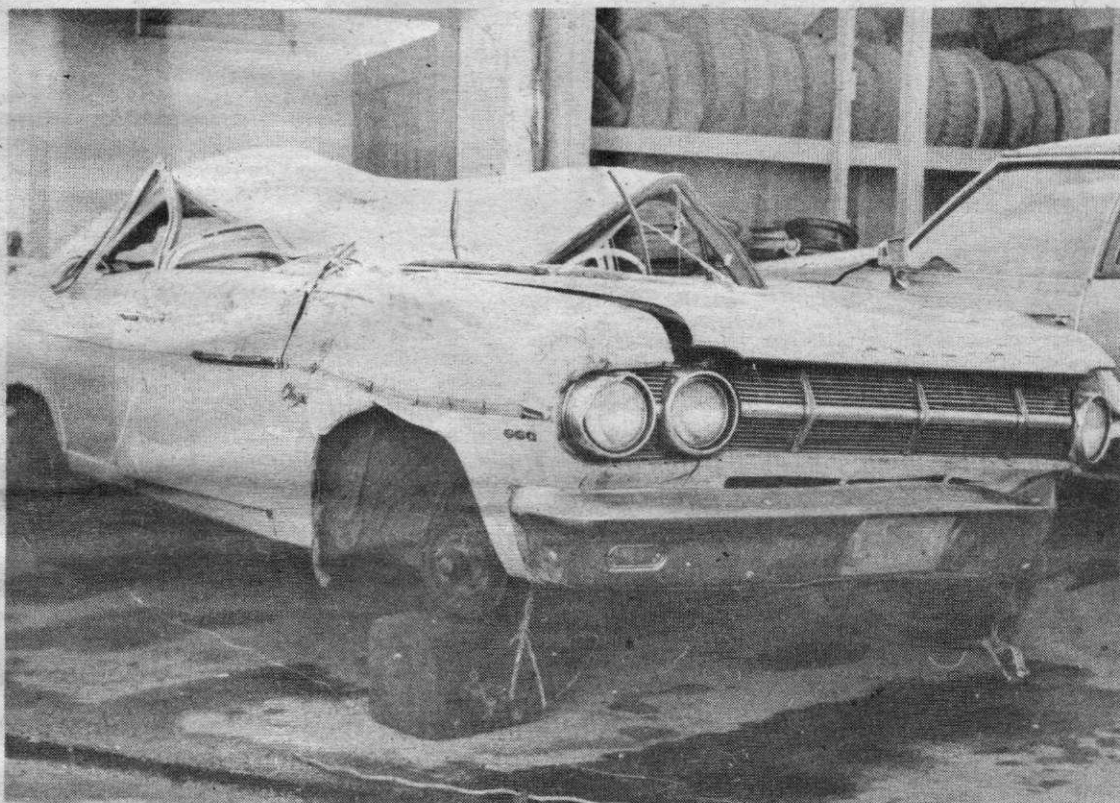
Mrs. Valcourt said that she understands that she cannot order regional district staff to act in a manner contrary to bylaws and legislation. She said she regards the telegrams as "a strong protest".

Valcourt said that a report was written by Dr. Arneil January 5, 1978, in which he stated his belief that sewage holding tanks are not free of health hazards.

She said that he is contradicting himself by issuing holding tank permits to present and proposed business developments in the Ganges core.

Valcourt said that she urged Arneil to stop giving permits but he replied that he wouldn't. She

Car destroyed but driver unhurt



Nineteen-year-old Barry Byron of Walker Hook Road will be charged with impaired driving as a result of accident which left his vehicle upside down in Fulford

Harbour Saturday. Constable Bernice Hopp of the Ganges RCMP said Byron was attempting to round curve near St. Paul's Church too quickly. As a result, he

lost control and flipped the car over embankment and partially into the water. Vehicle was destroyed in the accident, which occurred at 1.20 p.m. Byron walked away unhurt.

Firemen called to two fires

Fulford man dies in fire Wednesday

An early morning fire last week claimed the life of 32-year-old Stephen Davidson of Fulford and destroyed the house he was living in.

Davidson, who was single and living alone, was thought to be in Victoria by neighbours who alerted the fire department at approximately 2 am Wednesday.

Fire Chief Bob Leask said he could see the sky above the valley lit up from the fire as he was coming down Lee's Hill. The burning house is approximately 200 yards south of Roger Hughes' farm.

Leask said the fire is suspected to have started from an improperly maintained wood-burning heater in the kitchen of the house. The heater, he said, was one of the inexpensive, small round space-heaters.

Leask said the fire could have been burning half an hour before the neighbours noticed it. Davidson, he said, was found fully clothed on the kitchen floor. He said it is suspected that Davidson was reading at the kitchen table and fell asleep before the fire started.

Police said that Davidson's family lives in North Vancouver and that he had no relations here.

Another house fire at Fulford on Sunday caused considerable damage to the utility room and kitchen of the Robert Hann residence, Lee's Road, Fire Chief Bob Leask reported Tuesday.

Leask said no one was in the house at the time of the fire. Mr. Hann, he said, was at work and his

wife was at a neighbour's house.

The fire, which is believed to have started from a clothes dryer, destroyed a room containing a washer, dryer, freezer and tools, Leask said, before spreading to the kitchen.

Heat, smoke and some burn damage occurred in the kitchen and firemen had to cut holes in the kitchen ceiling to reach the attic where, Leask said, small fires could have been burning.

The main part of the house, adjoining the kitchen, suffered some smoke and heat damage.

Campbell chairman again

Jim Campbell is back.

On Wednesday last week the veteran Outer Islands regional director from Saturna was named chairman of the Capital Regional Board once more.

Jim Campbell has served eight years on the board and six of those years were in the chair. He put in a year as director and then six years in the chair. A year ago Victoria Alderman Murray Glazier was named chairman.

Campbell was the successful candidate when three were nominated to the chair.

Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt also took her seat for the first time on Wednesday.

Santa to sail in to islands Saturday

Christmas Ship is due in Ganges on Saturday evening.

The goodwill sailors, from the Bellingham Junior Chamber of

Commerce, will bring Santa Claus into the islands on Saturday and he will sail back to the United States on Sunday morning.

First Canadian island to be visited will be Salt Spring Island, with the ship arriving in Ganges at 6.30 pm. Santa will sail into the Outer Islands on Sunday morning after leaving Ganges at 7.45 am.

The exact times are difficult to estimate because the vessel will spend Saturday visiting the American islands and the number of youthful patrons at each stop governs the length of that stop.

BY FIRE TRUCK

The Salt Spring volunteer firemen will meet the ship and Santa will travel to the secondary school gymnasium in fire truck No. 4½.

In the school, Santa will pass out gifts to island children.

The children are not the only concern of Santa. He will travel on to the Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods to visit the patients.

The firemen will also provide hospitality for the visitors, with clam chowder and refreshments.

For more than a quarter-century the Christmas Ship has sailed through the islands on both sides of the border to bring Christmas gifts and the Christmas spirit to youngsters in the more isolated areas.

Pender Lions ready for CARE tree's 20th year

The CARE Tree at Pender, established by George Pearson 20 years ago, is to glow again. Pender Island Lions Club undertakes the project on the Pearson's behalf.

Anyone who sends a donation for CARE to the Pender service club will have a light on the tree. It is the Tree of Light for CARE.

It is two decades since George Pearson, retired from the Standard Oil Company, decided to send no Christmas cards, but instead, to make a donation to care. And he and Mrs. Pearson invited others to do the same.

That was the beginning of an idea that has lived for 20 years and the idea that has raised thousands

of dollars for CARE.

"This year", write George and Edith Pearson, "we are celebrating our 20th effort to feed the hungry. We look back over the years to 1960 and recall with gratitude and thankfulness the many that have been fed."

The Lions Club looks after the tree, undertakes the office-keeping, including a temporary receipt for each donation, and hands over all donations to CARE. No costs of operation are deducted.

In charge of the project this year is Gordon Wallace.

Donations may be made to Lions CARE, Port Washington, B.C., VON 2T0.

Streaker at laundromat

Even the police were unsure what a balaclava was except for the fact that an unidentified man streaked through the laundromat on Rainbow Road, Ganges, wearing nothing but a balaclava and a pair of socks.


A dictionary was procured and with the help of the police secretary it was soon learned that a balaclava is another name for a knitted ski mask; one which covers the entire face except for eye and mouth holes.

Police say they are still investigating the matter which occurred at 6.30 pm. Saturday. According to police there were people in the laundromat when the streaker appeared.

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Water board fearful that local control would be lost

Provincial aid for water and other improvement districts is rarely offered direct, complain trustees of North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

The only means of enjoying government grants is through the Capital Regional District.

This method of financing eliminates local control of local functions, *Driftwood* was told this week by the water board.

The water board is elected by islanders to administer the affairs of the water district, which is an island-owned utility, stated the prepared statement.

Government money in the form of grants is available for many causes but there is no legislation to bring such grants direct to an improvement district.

The only access to such grants is through the regional district and trustees are fearful that once the

assets of the district were turned over to the region, local control would be lost.

Trustees are asking for support from users for a stand taken by MLA Lorne Nicolson (NDP - Nelson Creston), who has asked for an annual allocation of grants to improvement districts. They have urged consumers of all water districts on the islands to write to Hugh Curtis, MLA and minister of finance, as well as Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm.

Nicolson, science and technology critic, has called for reinstatement of provincial government assistance for rural water improvement districts.

"I am calling for the support of every rural MLA regardless of party. We voted millions of dollars for a coliseum, a trade fair centre and urban transit in the Lower Mainland last year, but a \$2 million

program for rural community water supplies was scrapped."

In a letter to his rural colleagues, Nicolson urged them to join him "in urging Treasury Board and the minister of municipal affairs to set something aside for rural residents."

"In 1978, \$2 million was set aside for rural water improvement districts, but in 1979 the program seems to have been lost in the reshuffle from water rights branch (environment) to the ministry of municipal affairs."

"The budget is being set now and it will be too late to convey our request when the legislature reconvenes."

"I have taken this extraordinary measure in order to protect the right of rural people to a fair share of surplus spending," Nicolson concluded.

C.O.I.T.U.S.-S. affair 'pain in rear end'

C.O.I.T.U.S.-S. (the Committee to Oppose the Islands Trust as Unrepresentative Self-Servers) has succeeded in picking up its mail without producing identification, although tellers at the New Westminster Post Office were warned not to release any general delivery mail for the committee unless proper identification was shown.

The person who picked up the mail was hired from a courier service and showed a letter, signed with an apparently fictitious name, authorizing him to take the C.O.I.T.U.S.-S. mail.

Manager of public affairs for the

B.C. and Yukon Postal District, Buz Sawyer, said that this should not have been allowed to happen. The tellers at the New Westminster Post Office have been warned not to release any mail in the future unless the person requesting the mail shows some legal document

stating that he is a representative of C.O.I.T.U.S.-S.

Driftwood checked three weeks ago with the Registrar of Companies in Victoria and discovered that C.O.I.T.U.S.-S. is not registered.

Sawyer said that there is still mail there for the group because the courier was not given registered letters and would not take postage-due mail.

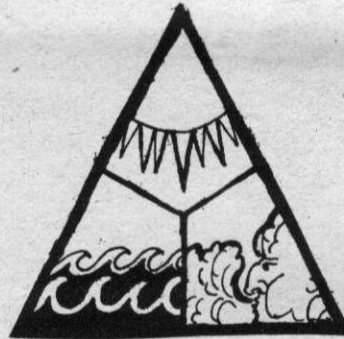
Terry Smith, postal supervisor in New Westminster, said that people have been trying to pick up the group's mail without producing identification.

He said, "The whole affair has been a pain in the rear end." He said that his office has received over 100 inquiring telephone calls since the householder was mailed.

Sawyer said that the number of formal complaints concerning the householder have numbered fewer than 10.

He said that the householder was folded and thus regarded as unopened mail, "in which case, he added, the post office has no authority to open it for inspection.

He said that 5,915 copies of the C.O.I.T.U.S.-S. householder were sent out, at a cost of 5.1c each.



Reducing the world livestock population by one-half would release about 100 million tons of grain for human consumption. This would meet the caloric deficit of the developing countries almost four times over according to a former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in *Diet for a Small Planet*, by Frances M. Lappe.

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Don't mind my scratching: I'm stocking up for the flea market!

Drove to Fulford Inn on Sunday night. Met four cars with only one headlight and one car with no lights at all.

Not everyone was impressed with the hearing on the Ganges sewer a couple of weeks ago. Said one participant as he walked into Central Hall after lunch, around the fourth day, "If I ever tell you I'm going to retire in the Gulf Islands, you can kick my ass!"

Pushed for something to give him for Christmas? What about two hours' rental of Central Hall? Only costs \$10 and it's the kind of thing any man could use, or could he?

They keep killing themselves, reported a news announcer. It's not a funny subject, but it is surely a funny way of putting it! I can only suggest to the CBC that they try the old story about dying: Do people often die after an operation in this hospital? No. Only once!

Editor Frank Richards is unshaven and chain-smokes. He says "ultimately the system will have to be overthrown." He discusses anything abstract with people like shop stewards to see if it makes sense. Which is fine. Frank Richards is the editor of a new revolutionary newspaper in England, the organ of the Revolution Communist Tendency. The part that gripes is that Geli Johnson, over there on vacation, recognized the description. With relish she sent a clip from the *Evening Standard*. I'm just glad I'm not an editor any more because there's one difference, there.

Talking of clips from an English paper, Tony Knight has one which reports the discovery of a Hurricane in the sands off the Isle of Sheppey in the Thames. The British fighter plane was shot down during a fight over London and buried itself 25 feet in the ground. It was not known that the plane had crashed there until renovations were being undertaken this year to the pier.

The secret mainland organization fighting the Islands Trust has wasted a lot of money. So far, I have counted one vehicle on Salt Spring Island bearing the anti-Islands Trust bumper sticker. And they mailed thousands!

It was Debbie Sweeney, reporting for the CBC outside Hope, she explained. I'm so glad she wasn't beyond that mountain community!



Use Christmas Seals

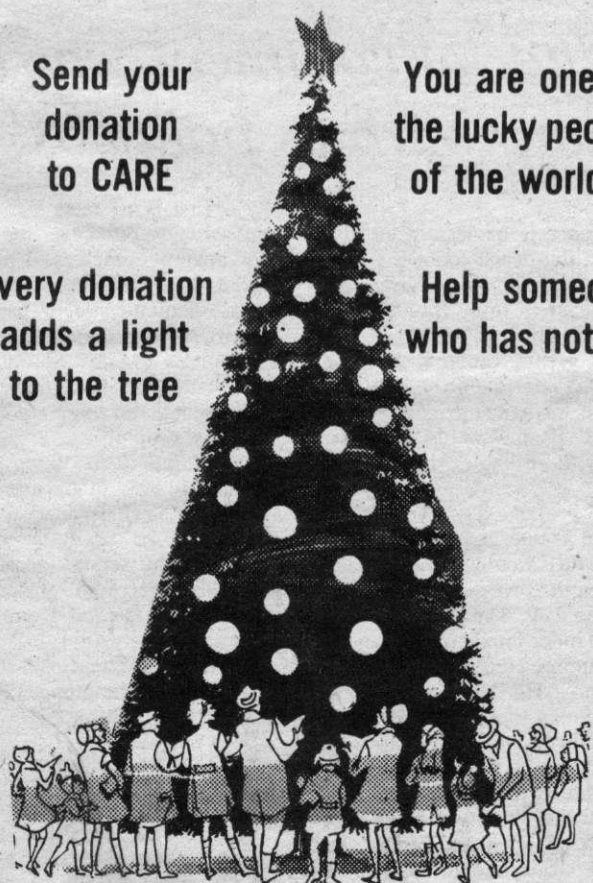
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Mainly Mayne

By ELSIE BROWN

Children of all ages will be on hand Sunday to welcome the Christmas Ship with Santa and his cargo of gifts arriving at approximately 10 am. The ship will dock at Miners Bay and Santa and his helpers will be transported to the Agricultural Hall where they will be welcomed by the community. A happy occasion for everyone.

A reminder that the annual School Christmas Concert will be held at the school activity Centre Thursday, December 20 at 7 pm. A well planned program is being rehearsed by the students and the parents and members of the community are looking forward to this annual event.

The Arts and Crafts group had a successful fair last weekend and plans to have displays and a sale of work on the next two weekends. The crafts will be on display at the building next door to Wayne and Connie Bryan's home, Fernhill Road. Some of the items include Christmas decorations, macrame, baskets, knit wear, candles, stained glass art work as well as canning and home baking.

Isabel Geehan has returned to her island home after a month's holiday in eastern Canada. She flew via Air Canada Sky Bus and was favourably impressed with the service. Isabel visited her sister, Jean Grant, and her brother, Bob Moore and family in Toronto. They plan to attend the wedding of Isabel's daughter, Nancy, which will take place December 29.

Bill and Pat Dawson were pleasantly surprised recently by a visit from their son, Staff Sgt. Jack Fleming, stationed with the American armed forces in Germany.

The winners of the raffle sponsored by the Lapidary Club were Fred Paton, belt; Meg Drummond, bolo tie.
SILVER MAYNES
The Silver Maynes Annual

Christmas Party was held at the Agricultural Hall December 3 starting with a buffet supper at 6 pm. The Christmas tree and gaily decorated tables presented a festive atmosphere to the scene, a welcome refuge from the rain for the guests.

Margaret Twamley was convener of the entertainment committee and an evening of games was organized. Margaret's helpers were Vi Hamilton, Nancy Sutton, Lillian Wardle and Millie Paton.

Prizes were drawn during the evening and the winners were Vic Griffiths, Gerry Beaumont, Al Bullis, Margaret Ellison and Elsie Broen.

Election of officers was conducted by Cece Gardner, substituting for Marguerite Campkin who was away due to illness.

Officers elected were: president, Al Wardle (re-elected); first vice-president, John Dought; second vice-president, Rev. Dr. George Morrison; secretary, Vic Griffiths; treasurer, Irene Halliday, (re-elected). Directors: Nancy Sutton, Doreen Ferguson, Marlen Fousek and Sophie Betts.

Leading the singing for the Christmas carols were Nancy Sutton at the piano, assisted by Herb Wilson and Al Wardle.

A unique method of exchanging gifts consisted of a form of musical chairs involving two circles, during which the gifts were passed from hand to hand to the accompaniment of music. Those ending up with a gift when the music stopped dropped out.

It was an hilarious ending to a most enjoyable evening. The efforts of the kitchen staff and entertainment committee were greatly appreciated by the members.

The power failure during the evening did not present a problem, the members of the committee providing adequate lighting with candles. The program went on as planned.

We are taking a holiday ...

Having produced 51 consecutive issues, the staff at

Gulf Islands Driftwood

is taking a rest.

We've delivered close to 230,000 copies of Driftwood this year ...

We need a holiday!

There will be no paper published on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2

First issue of the New Year will appear January 9

He pays \$250 fine for damage

"It was more or less a grudge thing that you did wasn't it?" asked Judge d. K. McAdam of Martin Waterhouse in provincial court last Wednesday.

Waterhouse was charged with wilfully damaging the hood of a truck belonging to Ken's Drilling Ltd., using an iron bar.

The incident occurred September 18 outside the Springwater Lodge on Mayne Island.

The court was told that Waterhouse and another man had been with the drillers in the pub. The other had been fined \$250 on the same charge when he appeared in court October 31.

Waterhouse's lawyer, L. Johnson, argued that the other man did more damage to the truck by destroying the front windshield.

Johnson told McAdam that Waterhouse had a regular job on Mayne Island with his father, had no past record, and was 20 years of age.

McAdam remarked that he could see no difference between the case of Waterhouse and the co-accused.

"Both of you were equally liable," he said, "so I am therefore imposing on you a fine of \$250."

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No time to waste

Improvement districts, and that means waterworks districts, fire protection districts and the like, are going out of vogue. The provincial government last year transferred the districts out of the toolies and brought them into the ministry of municipal affairs. To many, particularly the provincial government, this seemed a logical move. The districts are, essentially, an area of municipal administration.

But the action which brought them into one united ministry also brought them out of direct reach of the government. The province has explained that it certainly has no intention of eliminating improvement districts. They are being administered through the regional districts.

It is a logical short cut as far as government is concerned. It is the end of the road for many of the small administrations. Very much a local administration, almost uncluttered with red tape and bureaucracy, the improvement districts provide a quick, economical operation. Costs are pared to the quick.

Most such districts feel that administration through the regional districts will result in overweighted staffs and high-priced help which has been avoided in the past.

On Salt Spring Island, there is no haste for submersion of the local autonomy. The North Salt Spring Waterworks District may remain independent as long as it seeks no government grants. If it needs a grant it must join the club. That much was made clear several weeks ago.

But trustees don't want to join. They want to be independent. They are confident that they can do a better job and a more efficient job than any bureaucracy. And the trustees want our help. They want every islander to write to Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, MLA for the islands, and to the premier of the province asking that the Nicholson plan for direct funding of improvement districts from government surpluses be continued.

If you write, you must write now. There is no time to waste, warns the water board.

As much literary skill as kindergarten dropout

Sir,
It is easy to see you were desperate for "topics to discuss" again in your column.

Twice in your paper you have mentioned the quality of coffee that is offered in Ganges—that there isn't one place that can produce a cup of coffee that pampers your taste buds. Well, Sir, at least you have a choice of places in which you can consume your "Dirty Dishwater". We have only one weekly newspaper which many times displays as much literary skill as that of a kindergarten dropout. The grammatical errors and spelling mistakes are atrocious. Not all articles mind you - mostly your column. The fact that you feel "wormy fish" are so good for people makes one wonder how you would know the difference between a good cup of coffee and a lousy one.

Since most eating establishments advertise in your paper, perhaps a little tolerance will be shown. You are paid a substantial amount for your services.

So Tony, stop making a martyr of yourself. Take some of that money - buy the "Best Brand" of coffee and drink it at home. Save yourself the agony of patronizing a \$45.00 advertiser for a .45 cup of coffee.

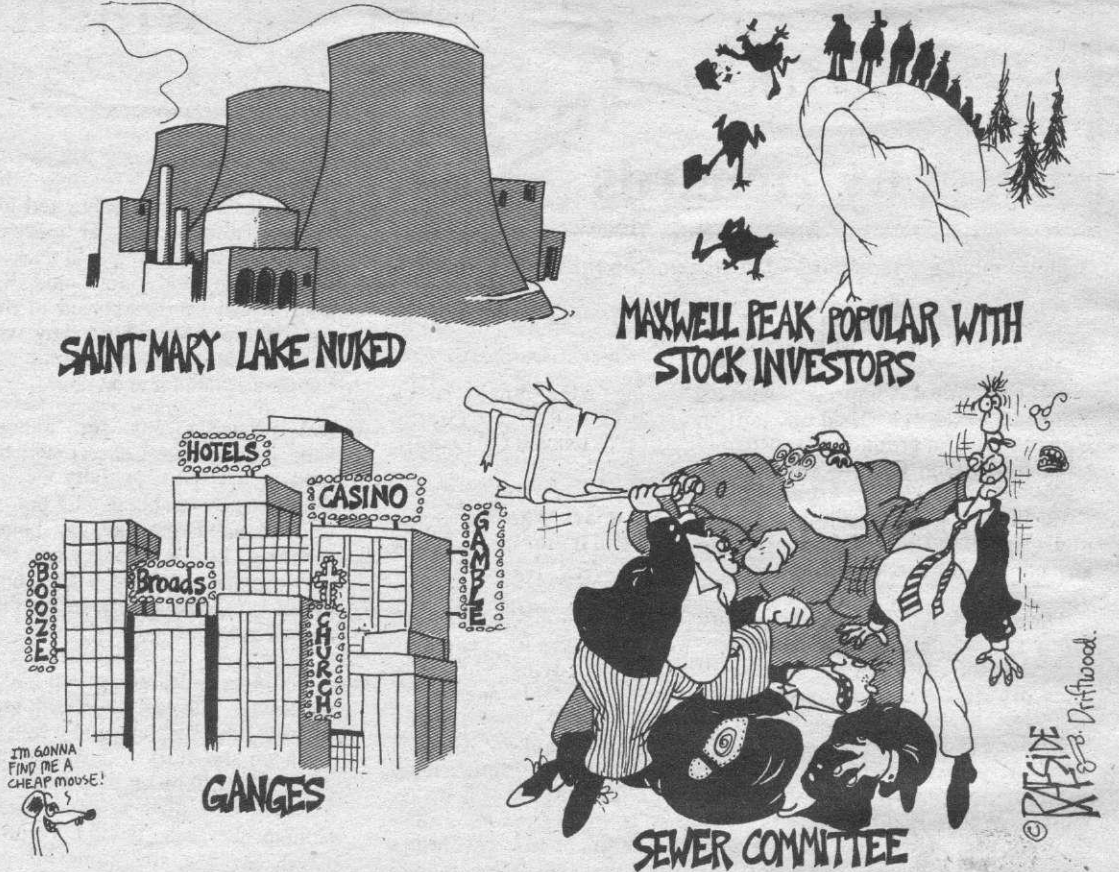
Oh, by the way - did you know there is a little flyer on Salt Spring published every two weeks? It is called the *Trader*. It is distributed free. It handles advertising very well. The rates are reasonable.

Please see fit to print this - as we feel you are doing the local establishments an injustice.

RITA DODS, Rita's Inn,
JACKIE HEMBRUFF, Kanaka Place,
Ganges,
December 8, 1979.

Editor's note: The *Trader* has ceased publication.

SALTSPRING - 1980's ...



Letters to the Editor

Hospital patients denied their democratic right

Sir,
Through circumstances beyond my control, I found myself in the Saanich Peninsula Hospital with a slipped disc during the recent municipal elections, and, as though this was not enough, I found myself disenfranchised.

When I inquired how I voted, I was totally dismayed to be informed that there was no provision made for people in hospital to exercise their democratic right. (I did not accept that, of course, so I "borrowed" a wheel chair and "disappeared" for 15 minutes!)

There must be thousands of people across this province who are in the same position, being denied that democratic right.

Certainly there are many who are too ill to be clear thinking enough to exercise their franchise, but there are many others who are very alert and mentally aware of the issues.

As one gentleman said to me, "They don't deduct anything from my taxes while I'm in here not using the roads or library or other services provided by my municipal taxes, yet they won't let me vote!"

Section 54A of the Municipal Act states that "A Council may, by bylaw, provide for the establishment of one or more mobile polls for the purpose of attending at such locations as may be specified in the bylaw." Clearly, therefore, there is no legal obstacle to prevent voting at hospitals. All it would take is the passage of a bylaw and I implore all

municipal officials to make sure this is done.

There is not much point in the "powers that be" crying about public apathy at voting time when they are perhaps contributing to it by doing nothing to ensure that all those who are entitled to vote have the opportunity to do so.

RUBYMAY PARROTT,
President,
B.C. School Trustees Association,
November 29, 1979.

P.S. It also seems most peculiar that no arrangements were made for hospital long-term patients to apply for and pick up their free BRIC shares.

Firemen did a great job

Sir,
Before this year is out we should like to give thanks to our volunteer firemen for the great job they did once again on Hallowe'en night for the children. We are so apt to take this for granted as they do it all on their own with help only from their families. We can remember the days before they took over and one feels very grateful. At Drummond Park they had a large group and we older kids enjoyed the sight of the firecrackers too.

So thanks BOUG.
Mr. and Mrs. DOUG DANE,
Fulford Harbour,
December, 1979.

Editorial comment was a 'sharp barb at politicians'

Sir,
Reference is made to your editorial on the decisions of the B.C. Land Commission concerning land to be secured from the ALR on Saturna and Pender Islands.

I can assure you that had the land on Pender been the only site available for a health care centre then the people would be most upset by the ruling of the commission.

There are actually several sites available at reasonable prices, any one of which would serve as a site for a health care centre and none are in the ALR. The generous offer of the Mander family of this land is much appreciated by the whole community. However, we do have a community plan, the result of some years of public input, and it is most sensible in the writer's opinion to abide by that plan.

The further point you make is of the options open to Pender Islanders. Of course an appeal is possible, but likely to lead to much delay. The possibility of returning the money for the building to the government is nonsense as the money was applied for and received before any free land was offered or even thought of. Of course the

only option is to raise the funds necessary to purchase the land from among ourselves. One site offered has an excellent well, almost adequate site preparation, is centrally located and of the right size - all for \$9,000. Surely if we really want a health centre we can raise \$10,000 and more among our over 1,000 people.

Your tongue-in-cheek suggestion of going directly to the provincial cabinet is a sharp barb at the politicians -- so really is not of concern in the serious decision of an easily overcome obstacle to obtaining a needed community asset.

FRANK E. JONES
R.R.1, Port Washington,
December 8, 1979.

First to be regulated
Because of their significant danger to human health and the environment, polychlorinated biphenyls were the first substances regulated under the Environmental Contaminants Act in 1977 to help protect the environment, says Environment Canada.

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Farmer has no choice

Sir,
We would like to add our comments to the letters of Dr. Bergerud and Ted Akerman regarding the killing of dogs. We are dog owners and certainly understand suffering such a loss and our sympathy is extended to Dr. Bergerud.

On the other hand the public does not understand the capabilities of every dog to kill. They believe that a dog in a country environment should be allowed to run free. This is not so. Their instinct drives them to follow scents in every direction and then the chasing and killing follows in a natural sequence of events. When this occurs we think the farmer has no choice but to shoot the dog. Why should Ted Akerman and other farmers have to be responsible for other people's dogs. It is up to the owner of the dog to make certain their dog does not run free.

In closing we would like to say to those farmers who are forced to the extreme of destroying a dog in order to protect their livestock, there are those of us who understand.

ELSA FRASER,
LISA LLOYD,
TOR FORSBERG,
Fulford Harbour,
December, 1979.

Unbalanced distribution of power biggest threat

Sir,
As one who fired the opening rounds in my article "The Big Sewer - Salt Spring Goes Down the Drain" several weeks ago, I wish to reply to some of the questions directed at me during the past week.

Perhaps the only response to the hate-filled stares at the sewer hearing is to simply admit to my attempt to break the Golden Rule: "He who has the gold, makes the rules".

Mr. R. M. Toynbee suggests his opponents are snakes, a threat to civilized order. On the contrary, I for one will not rest until the 1977 sewer petition is the subject of independent judicial review.

Mr. Norman Mouat tells me it was all done democratically, then refuses to hear my reply. I say, that in 1975 the Salt Spring Island Planning Association, in large open meeting, elected study committees. The sewer committee consisted of three persons, only one was pro-sewer.

But the sewer committee was soon enlarged to include selected Ganges area businessmen.

Mr. R. M. Toynbee states he is a conservationist, but I can only judge by the record. The filling in of part of the harbour in 1970 irrevocably destroyed the unique character of the waterfront area. I firmly believe that, however well intentioned are commercial interests, the profit motive will cloud their judgement of environmental matters.

The Ganges Plan is not a conservation plan, or a planners plan: it is a businessman's plan. Many communities today are repurchasing central waterfront areas for development as a park. To designate fertile, well watered creek lowland and shoreline areas for "commercial core" development is not civilized, it is merely self interest.

The law does not allow public to shoot dogs

Sir,
This letter is prompted by the insulting letter directed at me by Elizabeth McDonald (*Driftwood* - December 5), following my appeal to Ted Akerman to halt the shooting of dogs (*Driftwood* - November 21).

McDonald ridiculed my view that our dog Jock was "soft-mouthed" and would not kill sheep. Jock could not kill sheep because: (1) he soft-mouthed one-day-old grouse chicks; (2) he frequently encountered live free-ranging sheep on Moresby and Portland Islands where I used him to locate grouse for research purposes; and (3) his behaviour repertoire did not include hard biting.

My profession is the study of animal behaviour as it relates to the growth of animal numbers. My doctorate thesis was based on a 10-year study of lynx predation on caribou. More recently I have been studying wolf predation on caribou in Spatsizi Park, B.C. I am presently a member of the awards committee of the National Sciences and Engineer Research Council of Canada; appointment to the council is based on peer selection and is a reflection of professional standing.

E. McDonald suggested I read the book *Genetics and the Social Behavior of the Dog*, by Scott and Fuller (she cited the manuscript

incorrectly). Dr. Scott and I have exchanged scientific publications in the past. Both genotypic and phenotypic components imprint on the predation process. Most predators, including wolves, have a difficult time developing the necessary predatory skills in the absence of experience gained in association with adults of the species. Simplistic explanations such as hers reflect pedestrian comprehension.

Relative to her comment that we were not keeping our dogs under control, we were both in Norway at the time where I was presenting an invitation research paper on predation to an international symposium. A visitor to our house let the dogs out and did not immediately check on their whereabouts. I suggest this could happen to any "dog lover". It was a sad homecoming.

Lastly, I would like to reply to Ted Akerman's comments on the killing of our dogs (*Driftwood*, November 28). He was able to approach the dogs closely before shooting them, not because they were so engrossed in the killing and eating process, as he implies (try approaching some feeding wolves), but because they did not know they had done wrong and they trusted people. He felt that he must shoot the dogs or else they would return - maybe and maybe not; he was the judge, the jury and more.

I would have gladly paid Akerman the asking price for top grade replacement sheep if he had spared our dogs.

In any case I have to pay the government for reimbursing him as well as an additional fine - that is as it should be; no complaint.

However, Akerman should have impounded the dogs as outlined in Capital Regional District Bylaw 555. The law has no provisos permitting the shooting of dogs by the general public.

Susan no doubt killed his sheep, for which I sincerely apologise; Jock died because of his association with her. If the dogs had been impounded these sorts of differences could have been sorted out that is why there are impounding procedures and an animal protection office.

It is still an empty house seven weeks down the road. People, sheep and dogs all live on this island.

A. BERGERUD
R.R. 1 Fulford Harbour,
December, 1979.

Craft Fair enjoyable, profitable

Sir,
Thank you to all the people who made our annual Craft Fair an enjoyable and profitable occasion. The profits from this event go toward the maintenance of our old building.

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M. SIMONS,
A. FRIEDMAN,
for the Community Society,
Ganges,
December, 1979.

Matter of survival for Cambodians

Sir,
Living as we do in the comfort of our relatively prosperous nation, it is very easy for us to become increasingly insulated from the tragic facts of life confronting citizens of other nations. I refer especially to the catastrophe which has beset the people of Cambodia, a situation so horrifying that it has been called the worst disaster since the Second World War.

UNICEF and the Red Cross have been involved in a joint mission to Cambodia since July 1979, a mission which is only now starting to have the minutest real effect, because of the severe damage suffered by the Cambodian infrastructure.

I cannot emphasize strongly enough, that for the people of Cambodia it is a matter of survival.

BARBARA L. WALTON,
Chairman,
UNICEF British Columbia,
P.O. Box 602, Station A,
Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2N5.
November 26, 1979.

Letters to the editor must be brief and the editor reserves the right to abbreviate any letter in the interest of publishing a wide range of opinions. Writers must also furnish their name, address and telephone number. Letters signed with a pen-name will not be published.

New books at library

New books in the library at Ganges include the following.

Fiction
The Wave, by Christopher Hyde;
End Game in Paris, by Ian Adams;
At Buttons, by Garry Wills;
Smiley's People, by John Le Carre;
Whip Hand, by Dick Francis;
The Nostradamus Traitor, by John Gardner;
Pangolin, by Peter Driscoll;
Calais, by Kathleen Winsor.

Non-Fiction
The Old Patagonian Express, by Paul Theroux;
Charmed Lives, by Michael Korda;
The Art of Emily Carr, by Doris Shadbolt;
The Music of Man, by Yehudi Menuhin;
The Mountaineers - Famous Climbers of Canada, by Phil Dowling;
The Picnic and Suchlike Pandemonium, by Gerald Durrell;
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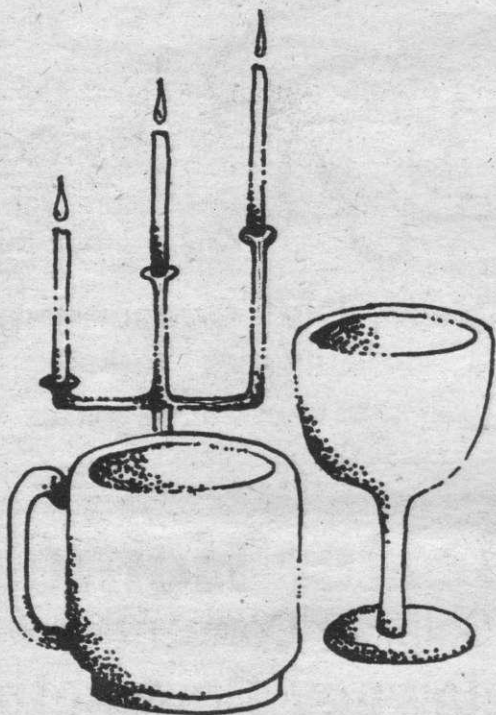


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Canadiana Costume Show at Galiano



Galiano residents who participated in the historical fashion show at the Galiano Lodge Sunday. The show was held by the Canadiana Costume Society of Victoria and the Lodge put on a buffet style dinner after the show.

Assault charges net a total of \$250 in fines

John B. Pinchin of Salt Spring Island was fined a total of \$250 on two charges of common assault by Judge D. K. McAdam last week in provincial court.

The charges arose from an incident July 14, court was told, when Pinchin pushed a man in a ditch and then twisted the arm of the arresting police officer. Constable Bernice Hopp of the Ganges RCMP detachment required the assistance of two bystanders who helped her subdue Pinchin.

Pinchin's lawyer, B. MacKenzie, explained that Pinchin, who had been drinking with friends, had loaned his car to someone who was going to purchase it.

The court was told that the car was involved in an accident and that Pinchin went to the scene and assaulted the man whom he thought was the driver of the other car.

The man happened to be a passenger who was cleaning glass from the hood of the car, Crown counsel reported. He said that Pinchin was 18 years old and had three previous convictions on his record.

MacKenzie defended Pinchin, who pleaded guilty to both charges, by giving what McAdam called "a very fair statement of referral".

"But", McAdam added, "alcohol is going to seriously affect your future. A circumstance could arise where you might seriously hurt someone."

"Therefore, I am issuing a court order placing you on 12 months' probation. The terms of that order are," McAdam added, "that you must undergo alcohol addiction counselling as devised by your probation officer, and also you must abstain from alcohol for four months, commencing today."

McAdam warned Pinchin that if he breached a term of his probation he could be brought back to court.

"Also," McAdam said, "you could be brought back to court to make the terms of your probation better or worse."

Must keep to original lot

Owners of property concerned will be advised that the garage operation on Lakeview Crescent, Ganges, must be restricted to the lot which is already in use for that purpose.

On Tuesday of last week the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee authorized the Trust solicitors to take the action necessary to limit the operation.

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Wedding anniversary is 45th

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Saunders of Isabella Point, Salt Spring Island, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary December 4, with relatives and friends.

A buffet style dinner was featured, with a three-tiered cake made by Mrs. Saunders' sister, Bessie Kilgour, and decorated by Virginia Reynolds.

Many gifts and flowers were presented to the couple, as well as a money tree. Visitors from out of town included Mr. Saunders' brother, Herb Saunders from Queen Charlotte City, and a cousin, Don Anderson and his wife from Victoria.

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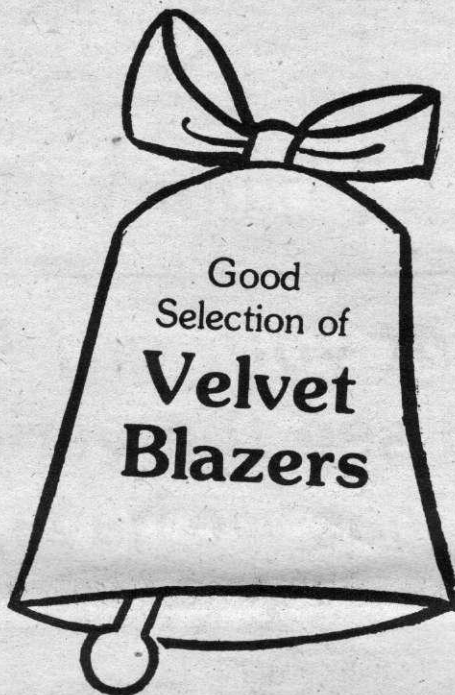
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Logging at Welbury to be debated publicly

No decision has been reached on the controversial Welbury Bay waterfront lease. Salt Spring Island Trust Committee learned last week.

Bud Kreissl announced that the public would be invited to contribute opinions before the committee made any announcement.

"We will have a public meeting, properly advertised," he promised.

The lands branch will be invited to send a representative.

No application had been filed in respect of the lease by the time of the meeting last week, he noted.

QUESTIONS

Members of the public asked

several questions of the committee.

Does the lease permit the use of the area for log salvaging? Chairman John Rich figures that the use is probably included in the lease.

It was also noted that a petition has been circulated bearing 200 signatures in opposition to any logging in Welbury Bay.

"It is radically different from what it was," submitted Dr. Maureen Bendick. "It is a changing, growing operation, run from Vancouver Island."

The discussion was terminated when it was pointed out that no purpose could be achieved by debating it ahead of the special meeting to debate it.

Volunteers learn operation of new radio



Galiano ambulance service volunteers met last Sunday with Provincial Ambulance Service official A. E. Rydholm (bottom centre). He explained the proper way to operate the new radio service recently installed in Galiano's ambulance.

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Library fund reaches close to top

Salt Spring Island library, on McPhillips Avenue, is growing, but the library association is still short of its target by some \$14,000.

As the end of the year approaches there is still time to make a donation to the library building fund, says Don Kertland, treasurer.

"We would like to make one last appeal to those of you in the community who have been planning a donation and have, as yet, not got around to it," he said.

The former accounting office of Marr, Donaghy has been added to the library building and volunteers are busy working on the interior.

The building fund has raised better than \$60,000 this year. This includes the lottery donation of \$37,000.

Here is the list of contributions to the extension of the library in Ganges: lottery grant, \$37,000; labour and fees donated, \$2,779; interest, \$2,126.

Cash from local sources—
Lions, \$1,000; Rotary Club, \$150; Legion Ladies, \$500; quilt raffle, \$1,000; NDP Club, \$485; Bottled SSI water, \$112; BCRIC shares, \$764; Family Centre, \$25; SSSI Women's Inst., \$25; donations from islanders, \$15,282.

Target is \$75,000.

One in: two out

Change of zoning classification of a St. Mary Lake property will be limited to the lot actually in use as a commercial operation. Two other lots will remain rural.

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee received a petition bearing 41 names asking that the zoning be limited to the lot on which the operation is located.

Annual bird count

Between December 11 and 14 the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club will be looking for check lists from island residents taking part in the annual bird count.

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B.C. spells freedom for the Estes, Starks

Sixth in a series

In this instalment some gaps in Marie Stark-Wallace's manuscript have been filled in with quotes from the B.C. Historical Magazine and information supplied by her daughter, Mrs. Robert Holloman.

"The emancipation of the slaves in the U.S. was a burning political question. The Negro people were dissatisfied with the laws of the country. They met at San Francisco to discuss how best they could improve their hard lot.

"A committee was sent to B.C. to interview the government. Governor Douglas received them and extended them a cordial welcome to establish themselves on British soil.

"As a result of the favorable report by the committee, 600 coloured people came to B.C., some came up on two pioneer steamships, Brother Jonathan and Pacific."

In 1858 Howard Estes decided to leave a comfortable home and go in search of greater freedom. The coloured people of California were becoming alarmed over general agitation under southern pressure to make California a slave state.

In 1852 the federal government had passed a law permitting the return of fugitive slaves fleeing to northern states to be returned to their owners in the South.

TO WEAR BADGES

It was also required of all coloured people in California to wear a distinctive badge. Furthermore, the state legislature had taken what appeared to be the first steps against the coloured race. The effect was to deprive them of the ability to protect their property from spoilation by the white man.

A white person was protected by law from the testimony of a coloured person. Some of those coloured people went to Australia, some to the Cariboo mines and others to Victoria and Salt Spring Island.

Then in the mining district where Mr. Estes and Mr. Stark lived, certain laws governing mining operations, which were designed to protect the miners, seemed to clash with the homesteaders' rights. The Starks and the Estes were both preparing to leave California. They had heard about New Caledonia, as B.C. was then called. They longed for the freedom of B.C.'s fir-covered hills.

MARRIED

In 1855 Sylvia Estes had married Louis Stark in California. The partnership of Louis Stark and Howard Estes began in Placerville. Together they farmed, raised cattle and horses and panned for gold in the hills.

Howard Estes and his son Jackson had worked as cowboys when they were slaves, driving cattle both ways across the continent.



The tombstone of Hannah, wife of Howard Estes and mother of Sylvia, in the Pioneer Cemetery of Christchurch Cathedral, Victoria. She died in 1868 at the age

of 62 years. She lived on the Estes farm in Saanich until she died and never moved to Salt Spring.

So while Howard Estes left by ship with the women and children, Jackson Estes and Louis Stark drove the cattle and horses north to B.C. via the old Oregon Trail.

Stark had sold all but 50 of his best cattle and had joined others of another company who were herding their cattle along the same trail.

BY BOAT

Howard Estes sold his farm for what he could get and took the women and children to San Francisco and embarked on the boat *Brother Jonathan*. The boat was old and unseaworthy, but it carried a heavy cargo.

When the ocean was rough the boat rolled and creaked with every rising swell. They threw 40 head of fine horses overboard for safety. It was another pitiful sight that saddened the trip for Sylvia, to see those poor animals swimming after the boat, crying for help.

The boat landed at a place called Stillicum, Washington. This place was sparsely settled with white people and Indians. The family stayed in Stillicum more than a month waiting for the arrival of Mr. Stark with the cattle.

BOUGHT SUPPLIES

They bought supplies from the farmers. These new settlers were poor, like most of the immigrants.

One family helped to solve their own problems. When they bought a sack of potatoes they ate the potatoes and planted the peelings, thus raising another good crop of potatoes.

When the men arrived with the cattle they went to Victoria, B.C., in a sailing vessel. Much of what transpired from the time they left Stillicum and their final landing on Salt Spring Island was not remembered.

The first thing Mr. Stark did after landing in Victoria, he secured naturalization papers for all of the family.

IN SAANICH

Mr. Estes and family located in Saanich, where he bought property.

It is recorded that a Mr. Thomas Mitchell "in 1867 went out to South Saanich and bought 125 acres of land from a coloured man by the name of Estes and an interesting receipt dated March 26th, 1868, states that Thomas Mitchell bought of Howard Estes 21 head of cattle, small and big, 18 pigs, 24 chickens and turkeys, one wagon and harness, one plow, milking pans, etc., for the sum of \$650. The witness to the receipt was an old pioneer lawyer of Victoria, H. F. Heisterman."

Howard Estes' son Jackson still owned 100 acres which was not sold. "Howard Estes name appears on the 1874 voters' list but it must have been for the land that Jackson held, as the latter did not appear on the list at any time. Howard Estes is supposed to have gone to live on Salt Spring Island, but his son returned to the United States."

LATER SOLD IT

Jackson Estes later sold his 100 acres in what is now called the Mitchell Valley, about half-way along Telegraph Road in Saanich.

Jackson Estes "does not appear to have done much farming, for in a few years he sold his farm and eventually started a brewery business in Victoria."

"The Gold Rush brought in some 25,000 Americans seeking riches. They materially influenced the life and thought of the community in those days, but many of them not in any elevating or lasting manner."

"They got all the gold they could find - and that was not much - and hied themselves back across the line where their welcome, we hope, was as great as the relief of the Canadians, to see them depart."

"They came for gold and brought no lasting contribution with them, but they made things noisy and sometimes troublesome while here. This was especially true to their attitude and actions toward the many Negroes who came about the same time, but not for the same reason."

STIRRING EVENT

"These people were a humble, honest, industrious and deeply religious group. They came seeking liberty and a pleasant spot to call home. These things were promised by Governor Douglas and these they obtained with the complete backing of the governor."

Sylvia remembered that a delegation of coloured people called on Governor Douglas requesting permission to form a colony of coloured settlers on Salt Spring Island about that time, but he refused, saying it would be to the best interest of all to have a mixed settlement.

ACQUIRED LAND

Some of those coloured people remained in Victoria and some went to Salt Spring and other places. Those who remained in Victoria acquired valuable property, and several took part in the city's municipal activities.

That was a busy time for the Starks. They were preparing to go to Salt Spring Island and there was a restless herd of cattle to keep in a corral and feed.

During the families' stay in Victoria, Mr. Louis Stark, with the help of Howard Estes, located a place on the northwest side of Salt Spring and built a cabin on it.

The place located by Stark and Estes included 2 1/2 miles of continuous waterfront and extended a mile inwards from the sea. The property began at a point about half a mile south of Parminter Point and included Vesuvius Bay and ended three-quarters of a mile south of the southern point of Vesuvius Bay.

Next week Marie Stark-Wallace's manuscript begins on a bright day in 1860 when Sylvia and Louis Stark moved to Salt Spring Island.



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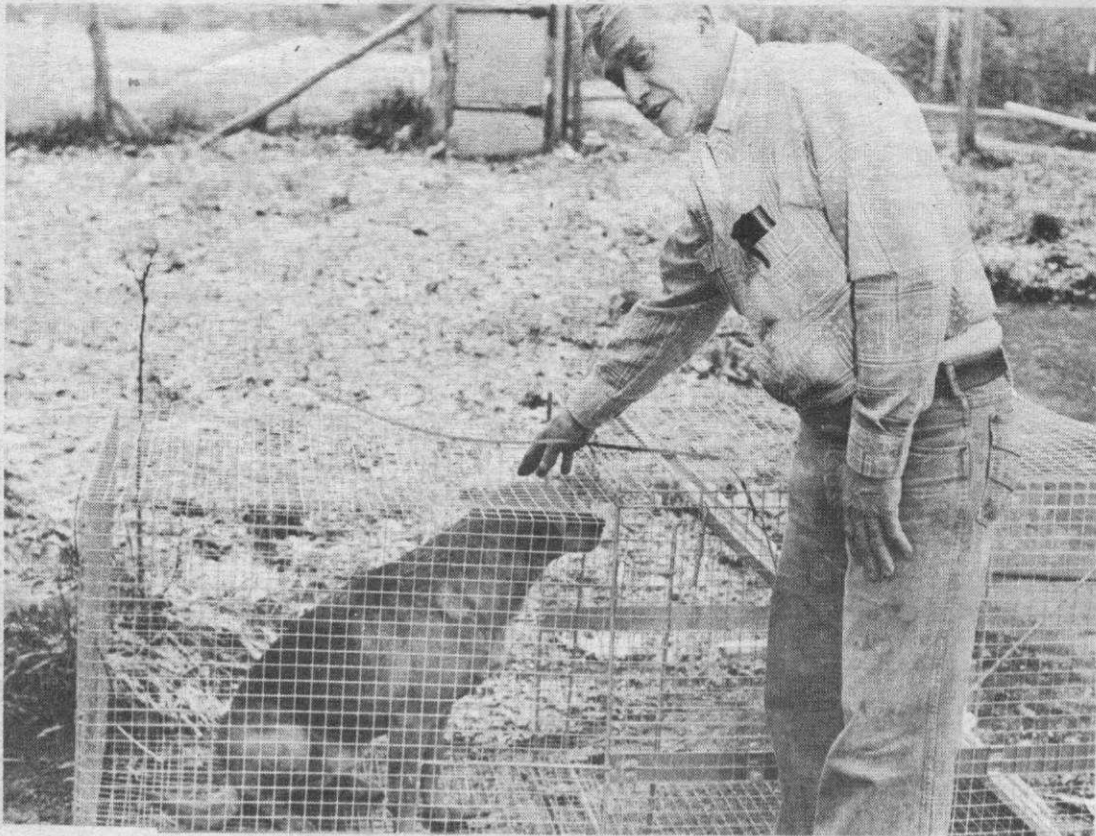
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Owner should be in cage says Reynolds



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trap and dog on to his truck and delivered them to the CRD animal officer. He hopes to find a new home for the dog, said Reynolds.

The dog wore no collar and was devoid of identification. "It's the owner who should be in the trap," said the dog man.

He was concerned on Monday over the shooting of a small dog in the Fulford area with buckshot. The animal was in pain and appeared to have been shot in an effort to destroy it.

Reynolds is still hoping to find the culprit.

Insulated comfort

It's cheaper now

It's cheaper and warmer at the Pioneer Village, thanks to new insulation.

The Salt Spring Lions completed the renovation of the 12-year old senior citizens' homes early last year.

The effect is now being enjoyed. The occupants of the houses are paying less for fuel and enjoying a warmer atmosphere.

The renovation included the replacement of all glass in the windows and doors with thermal, double-glazed windows; re-insulation of the roof and insulation of the foundations.

The tenants are delighted with the effect. They report a noticeable difference in comfort and the islands manager of B.C. Hydro has come up with some figures to prove the economies.

There is a decided saving in power, reports John Thomson. He made a comparison between

the power used during the winter of 1977-78 and the previous winter.

The reduction in power consumption was 53,482 KWH. In dollars this amounts to \$1,408.

SAVING OF \$64

Translated into a cost-per-tenant figure, this represents a saving of about \$64 each for the season. And the weather was 2.7% cooler.

The effect of the increased insulation is a bargain for the tenants. The renovation was undertaken by the Lions, with the cost being borne by the government which financed the original construction. The saving is enjoyed by the tenants, who pay their own fuel bills and the province, which is required to deliver a proportionately smaller amount of power for heating.

Summary was announced by president Fred Brookbanks at the Lions charter night recently.

Agricultural Society holds annual meeting

BY ELSIE BROWN

The Annual Meeting of the Mayne Island Agricultural Society was held at the Agricultural Hall November 30.

The president reported that costs of operating the hall had increased during the year and rentals were barely covering expenses. Costs of hydro and heating have put a strain on the budget.

Projects sponsored by the organization include the annual Fall Fair held in August and the maintenance and operation of the Thrift Shop and Museum.

Proceeds from the Thrift Shop go towards community projects, which have included \$1,000 for the tennis courts, \$100 to the Community News, a donation to the Christmas Ship, financial assistance to various organizations and Youth Employment Projects.

The Thrift Shop is staffed by Marjorie Haggart, Ethel Markham, Maude Smith, Margaret Bennett and Betty Fry. They received a hearty vote of thanks from the members.

The museum is operated daily during the summer months by students. The number of visitors

recorded was twice the number of last year.

The financial statement showed a healthy bank balance.

New officers elected are: president, Marjorie Haggart; vice-president, Margaret Bennett; secretary, John Dought; treasurer, Maude Smith; correspondence secretary, Elsie Brown.

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Norm Levi is guest speaker for NDP meeting at Pender

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The newly-formed NDP Club on the Penders held its first meeting at the Legion on December 7 and was attended by 25 people.

Mrs. Barbara Passmore, the president, introduced the guest speaker, Norm Levi, the MLA for Maillardville-Coquitlam, representing the NDP.

Levi said he would make a few opening remarks and then answer questions from the audience. He said one of the questions most often asked him is, "When is the legislature going to sit?" His answer is that due to recent cabinet changes, his belief is that it will be February and that it will continue to sit through the summer.

Mrs. Passmore asked why three cents a gallon should be added to gasoline for public transportation on Vancouver Island. Levi said the bill is specific that even if you don't use the transportation you are asked to pay for it.

FROM GENERAL REVENUE

The NDP believes transportation costs should come out of general revenue, that it is unfair to take it out of local taxation as municipalities vary so greatly.

Levi said he would like to raise one subject: the health care system. The NDP is continually discussing its future. Levi said that in the mid-1970's the Liberals changed the cost-sharing basis, which had been 50-50 from 1954 to 1974, to a block funding basis which was acceptable to the government of the day. The money comes from Ottawa to the treasury department but there is no guarantee it goes back to the health system. The NDP fears right-wing governments will push it back to the free enterprise medical system. Levi feels people don't mind being taxed for health care. Middle class people get better service today because they understand and know how to get it better than the poor. He says the fee for services of today's system can't go on; a change must come, possibly by paying doctors a salary.

IN THEIR FAVOUR

The income tax system works in favour of the corporations in the form of deferred taxes. He agreed with Eric Kierans' statement in the Vancouver Sun of December 7 that the corporations should be charged interest on this at the going rate.

According to Levi, in 1978 corporations' deferred taxes amounted to \$7.8 billion and the corporate sector paid \$6.7 billion in taxes. On an average the corporate sector pays 31% of the taxes collected. Levi said "there are 97 escape hatches to dodge taxes and the ability to do so rises with one's income."

Levi was a parole officer for 12 years. He referred to Grace McCarthy's efforts to force errant

husbands to pay support, and believed it would be difficult. He says it could be done by charging them through income tax.

Ashton Ross-Smith remarked that the last war was fought to

retain freedom, but ever since the war there has been more and more regimentation by governments. Levi agreed it was quite true that the governments are grabbing the pay check first.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Androcles and the Lion seen at elementary school

Enthusiastic reception for theatre group

BY BRIAN SOBER

It was a real treat for 500 elementary school students and their teachers last Friday at Ganges when Bastion Theatre Company from Victoria staged *Androcles and the Lion*.

The original story was changed somewhat by the group in order to

include some of Aesop's Fables in the script. "Aesop was a very wise man," the audience was told.

Androcles, who was played by Jayne Heeley, was a very special person who was always getting into trouble with his master, who claimed the boy was not working hard enough. What made Andro-

cles "special" was the fact that he believed animals could talk, and because he believed that he spoke

superb show and was enthusiastically treated during and after the performance by the audience.



The cast of the Bastion Theatre production of *Androcles and the Lion* entertained nearly 500 elementary school children and

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Androcles' cruel master gave him no comfort in life. What small amount of happiness the boy found came from the animals and from the wise sayings of Aesop.

"If you grasp a nettle firmly it won't hurt you," said Androcles to the young audience.

The comedian in the play was the cruel master, who was played by David Le Reaney. He had the children laughing just as much as Androcles had them thinking.

Androcles was finally left alone by his master who had gone to find witch's bane to protect himself from Androcles, who he believed to be bewitched.

Androcles exits and the stage is suddenly occupied by Alfred the Royal Lion and his trainer. The ensuing monologue of the Royal Lion trainer indicates that the fellow has no love for the lion. This point is driven further home when he begins to beat Alfred, who has to escape to save himself.

The Aesop's Fables that were brilliantly introduced into the basic plot of the story included the tale of the country mouse and the town mouse, the mouse who saves the Lion, and the famous fable about the stomach and the rest of the body.

DECIDE TO LEAVE

Androcles meets Alfred, played by Roy Vine, and the two decide to leave their masters and live in the forest.

Finally the two are captured by the trainer, played by Robin Harvey, and the cruel master. Getting out of the difficult situation was a problem the theatre group simply solved by having the Royal Lion threaten to eat whoever laid hands on Androcles or himself.

But a happy ending resulted after the lion trainer did some soul searching and discovered all she ever wanted from life was to live on a farm and raise vegetables and keep house.

Thus the story ended with the cruel master accepting the extra-trainer as his helper and the lion taking on Androcles as his trainer.

The theatre company, which has been on the road with the production for eight months, gave a

Island recipes published

Winning entries in two Salt Spring Island Fall Fairs are becoming famous with their publication in a new recipe book.

Win. *Taste and Show* contains 80 recipes and has been produced by the museum committee of the Farmers' Institute.

Each of the recipes was a blue ribbon winner in either the 1977 or 1978 Fall Fair.

An introduction to the book points out that the name of the entrant, published with each recipe, is not necessarily the person who devised the recipe. The names are of those cooks who turned the recipes into winning entries.

Win. *Taste and Show* also contains short historical anecdotes concerning early days on Salt Spring Island.

All proceeds from the book will be used for the establishment of a museum and old equipment display on the island.

Delay

Delay in planning applications is insidious.

Last week, chairman John Rich reminded the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee that the referral of matters to another opinion is part of the problems of delay.

"We then become part of the routine," he warned, "slowing things down."

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What happens behind scenes is stage manager's responsibility

Lisa Fennel, a fourth generation Salt Spring Islander and a fourth year drama student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, is the stage manager for the upcoming Salt Spring Players production of *Cinderella*.

This is her first time as stage manager although she has been involved in nine plays, some produced by the school and some by Salt Spring Players.



LISA FENNEL

Lisa described the function of stage manager as a liaison between

the director of the play and everyone involved in the production.

Lisa, who is in grade 12 this year, said she plans on pursuing a career in acting but hasn't decided on which school she would like to attend. She said she has been looking at theatre schools all across Canada and England.

SINGING LESSONS

She has not played in large musicals though she said she had a dancing role in *Jesus Christ Superstar*. She wants to improve her singing talent, she said, and has been taking lessons from Virginia Newman, a local singer-musician.

The stage manager, Lisa said, must know everything that the director of the play knows and must be able to communicate what he wants to stage crews, lighting personnel, actors and set builders.

She said she has to know the script as well as the director and must memorize the cues to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Before the curtain rises the stage manager directs the crew, who place the correct props in their

correct places according to the wishes of the director.

IN THEIR PLACES

Lisa will then have to see that the right actors are in the right places before the curtain goes up.

She is also responsible for the set: seeing that the builders build it according to the plans and that the set, which is on casters, doesn't shift position in between acts.

From opening night on everything that happens behind the scenes is Lisa's responsibility. She will be opening and closing the curtain and directing the stage and lighting crews.

During the weeks of rehearsal leading up to opening night, she will take notes on the director's instructions to all the people involved.

From those notes she can ensure that the director's wishes are carried out to the last detail.

TECHNICAL REHEARSALS

The stage manager, she said, is also responsible for the technical rehearsals. They involve such things as off-stage noises and sounds, any music there may be in the play, entrances and exits, lights and the creation of all special effects.

She remarked that her job is a lot of work in a lot of different places all at the same time, before and during the play. She enjoys the job, she said, and would love to continue doing the same type of thing after finishing high school.

She said she would like the opportunity of working with professional theatre groups such as Bastion Theatre in Victoria after she completes the required university training.

The Salt Spring Players production of *Cinderella* will open Friday, December 14, and can be seen again on the 15th and 16th. Tickets are on sale at et cetera.

Heritage proposal dropped

Mahon Hall is out of the heritage building picture, at least until the new recreation centre feasibility study being undertaken by the Capital Regional District is completed. Community Arts Council chairman Olive Clayton told *Driftwood* last week.

Clayton said the heritage branch people looked at Mahon Hall after a request was made by the CAC. She said that it would cost approximately \$140,000 to bring the old building up to code standards.

Clayton said that if the CAC commits itself to furthering the cause of Mahon Hall, it could find itself out of the new recreation centre, if one is built. She said the CAC could possibly be without facilities and have to pick up the lease on Mahon Hall from the school board and the expenses, which totalled \$3,181 last year.

She said the CAC's total grant last year for Salt Spring Island from the provincial government totalled \$500.

Clayton said the CAC will know by the outcome of the CRD's feasibility study, scheduled for completion next summer, what the Recreation Commission plans on doing with Mahon Hall.

She said if the commission plans on dropping the recreation centre idea, the CAC may pursue the idea again to make Mahon Hall a heritage building.

Cusheon Lake

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee heard a plea from the Beddis Waterworks District last week.

The waterworks district was asking for tighter controls on development around Cusheon Lake.

The district also expressed interest in development permits for waterfront properties.

Classical guitarist packs lounge at Pender

BY RANDY GLOVER

It was an unusual setting for a serious musical concert, but Pender Island residents packed the lounge of the Pender Lodge recently to hear Vancouver classical guitarist Paul Bankes.

And they enjoyed everything they heard, although Bankes' playing was sometimes flawed by technical errors, particularly in the awesomely difficult *Prelude, Fugue and Allegro*, by J. S. Bach.

However, Paul Bankes, 34, more than compensated for his occasional slips by a thorough musical sensitivity to all the pieces he played. Throughout the concert he sustained a powerful level of emotional intensity which he succeeded in conveying to his audience.

But the audience probably responded as much to Bankes' unique personal performance style as they did to the general excellence of his performance. This was no stiff tie and tails affair. Bankes was dressed casually and provided informal, chatty introductions to each of the pieces in his concert.

COHERENT

The pieces themselves, although spanning two centuries -- from Bach to the modern composer Vincente Asencio -- formed a remarkably coherent musical whole and the choice of his repertoire reflected as creditably on Bankes' musical intelligence as his performance. Each piece seemed to flow naturally and properly into the next.

Perhaps the most competently played piece was the first, the *Introduction et Variations sur l'Air, "Malbrough s'en va-t-en guerre"*, by Fernando Sor. The basic theme for this lyrical work is better known my most people as *For He's a Jolly Good Fellow*.

But the most popular was, as usual, *Recuerdos de la Alhambra*, by Francisco Tarrega, probably the bestknown piece in the classical guitar repertoire. Other pieces in the program included the *Suite Valenciana*, by Asencio, the

Fandanguillo, by Joaquim Turina, and the *Waltz No. 3*, by Augustin Barrios.

NO STRANGER

Bankes is no stranger to the Gulf Islands. Galiano Island residents were treated to a concert last year and two years ago Bankes shared the spotlight in a joint concert on Pender Island with the English classical guitarist, David Russell.

The latest concert was his first public performance since returning recently from an extended musical sabbatical abroad, sponsored by the Canada Council.

He studied with David Russell, one of the world's most promising young guitarists, in London, and with the Spanish guitar master, Jose Tomas, in Alicante. He has previously performed in North Vancouver and Langley and has taught guitar at Capilano College.

Bankes is scheduled to perform December 16 and 17 in Vancouver and Haney and hopes to perform on some of the other Gulf Islands in the near future, although he has not yet set a definite date.

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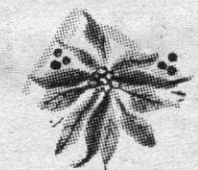
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The court was told that on November 2 at 9.20 pm, Ganges RCMP saw a car in the ditch off Cranberry Road near the intersection of Fulford-Ganges Road. The accused and a friend were standing

near the vehicle, police said.

Blakey said that because he was from off the island he was not familiar with the intersection and had headed for the side of the road when he saw lights approaching.

Blakey said he did not think his car was in the ditch as the police stated, but only slightly off the shoulder.

The yellow jackets were here!



When the plywood was lifted this summer, the wasps were revealed in their underground nest. Picture was taken by Dr. J. S. Cull, Castle

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Rotarians receive certificate

The Salt Spring Island Rotary Club is one of three clubs which have received a certificate of appreciation from the Philippines.

The local club, along with the Chemainus and Bremerton-Olympic clubs, assisted in raising money for the construction of the Cebu Juvenile Home, a vocational training school in Cebu City, Philippines.

Canadian Rotary donated \$950; Cebu Rotary, \$2,000; and the Canadian International Development Agency, \$2,850.

Banana splits

Police said that driving with a banana split between his legs caused Karl Kitchen of Salt Spring Island to take his eyes off the road and smash his car into a telephone pole near Booth Canal and Lower

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A severely pruned tree strives to re-establish a physiological balance between its root system and its crown, he says. But to do so, the roots need to be fertilized consistently and well with compost or manure.

Also, the new vertical shoots which appear after pruning should be controlled. Bangert observes that they should not be allowed to grow any longer than four to six inches from their base. However, they should not be removed entirely because their leaves aid the tree through photosynthesis.

The foregoing treatments should be continued for a number of years,

the Phoenix spokesman advises, or until yields begin to surpass those of former years, before pruning.

Organic fertilization must continue, but pruning should be limited to the removal of dead branches and those that might inhibit sunlight from entering the crown of the tree.

Director of diversional therapy appointed

Greenwoods and the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital have announced the appointment of Mrs. Pamela Taylor to the new position of director of diversional therapy.

Mrs. Taylor will commence her duties on January 2, 1980 and will be responsible for organizing and co-ordinating all recreational and social activities as well as craft programs for the residents of Greenwoods and the extended care unit of the hospital.

Mrs. Taylor will be working closely with the auxiliary, service clubs and individual members of the community interested and able to assist in enriching the lives of residents, a hospital spokesman said.

For the past 11 years, Mrs. Taylor has held a similar position at the Louis Brier Home and Hospital in Vancouver and prior to that she gained extensive experience and



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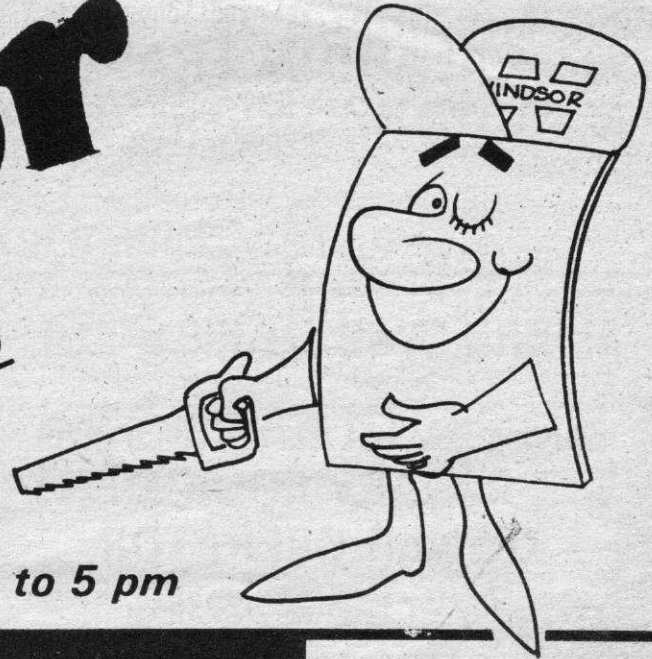
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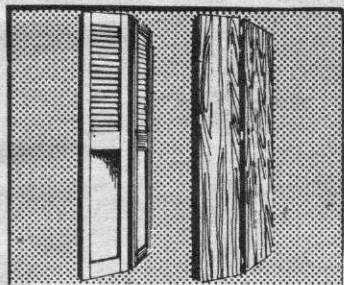
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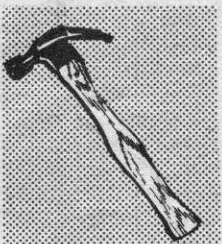


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Pick-up demolished

The driver and passenger of a pick-up truck which was demolished in an accident Monday night, were "very fortunate" to escape without injury, police said Tuesday.

The accident occurred near the corner of Booth Canal and Lower Ganges Roads at 11 pm.

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Police said the driver of the vehicle was Andre Le Vesque of Ganges, and that damage to the truck was estimated at \$6,000.

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