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Tree comes down in sudden storm

Sudden storm last Wednesday brought this tree down on truck owned by Joe Guilbault of Ganges. An estimated \$500 damage was also done to the side of his house.

Welbury Bay Dump

Appeal of lease denial possible

The provincial government decision that denies a foreshore lease to Pacific Forest Industries should be appealed, said Welbury Bay dump operator Larry Quesnel last week.

The Salt Spring Island log dump was built in 1964, "before the Islands Trust or zoning came into existence," Quesnel said. "I thought the Islands Trust wasn't supposed to stop a business that had been there before them."

Quesnel, who will be out of an approximately \$30,000 a year job, said the booming activities at Welbury Bay can be cleaned up. He said that when the lease expired, ministry of lands, parks and housing officials recommended that a new lease application be made in the name of the upland owner, Oliver Dubois.

"That was our mistake," Quesnel said. "If we had simply renewed the existing lease, in the name of George Quesnel, we

would still be in business. But the ministry said we would get the lease more easily if we re-applied."

New tanker truck for Salt Spring

Salt Spring Fire Department will be prepared for dry weather this year with its latest acquisition, a 1,500-gallon, V-8 driven, \$50,000 tanker truck.

Fire Chief Bob Leask said Monday that the new truck will ensure that the firemen do not run out of water while fighting a fire.

The new tanker pumps water at a rate of 250 gallons per minute and can pump from a source such as a lake or a creek. The tank truck also carries a canvas drop-tank which can be set up on the ground and will hold a truck full of water.

When both tanker trucks are operating together, Leask said, one can act as a nurse for the other by running to and from the water source to the drop tank.

The old tanker truck is a 1958 model Chevrolet, which Leask described as old and potentially troublesome. He said the truck will likely be checked over and stationed at Fulford when that area gets a new fire hall.

The new tanker truck was ordered in February from Anderson's Engineering in Langley. The truck will carry three men plus additional fire fighting equipment and hoses.

CAN APPEAL

District land manager Doug Berry told *Driftwood* that Pacific Forest Industries has the right to appeal the minister's decision. Berry would not say what recommendation he made concerning the lease application but mentioned that the minister had several options to choose from.

He said the recommendations

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Coast Guard to station 41-foot launch here

The Canadian Coast Guard announced plans this week to permanently station its latest 41-foot turbo-charged launch in Ganges Harbour.

The CCG 122 will be manned by a crew of three on a 24-hour, year-round basis. The new vessel, which is arriving in Vancouver this week, will be modified to meet Coast Guard standards and will be fitted with search and rescue and communications equipment.

The aluminum launch will replace the two-man, 21-foot inflatable inshore rescue boat, RIB 502. Once it completes its sea trials, CCG 122 is scheduled to go into active service in May.

The twin turbo-charged diesels produce 260 horsepower each, giving the vessel a maximum estimated speed of 20 knots. It has a cruising range of approximately 350 miles.

St. Mary Lake threatened

Board presses for acquisition of land

Most important source of domestic water on Salt Spring Island, St. Mary Lake, is in perilous condition.

North Salt Spring Waterworks District presented a summary of the lake condition when the trustees supported a proposal for transferring development rights on a lakeshore property.

Man's dependence on water is climbing because the population increases and the individual demand for water is also increasing.

"St. Mary Lake is the most important source of water on Salt Spring Island," reported the water board. The lake is capable of supporting a considerable part of the projected increase in population envisaged in the Salt Spring Island community plan.

"No alternative source exists."

The report takes on a still greater importance in face of current reports of increasing turbidity of the lake water and the presence of new algae.

The water has suffered from the processes of man and the degradation appears likely to continue, warned the report.

Extensive development which has already occurred in the development basin is having its effect on water quality. The largest remaining natural area bordering the lake consists of 117 acres and the owners are contemplating its subdivision into 13 lots, warned the report.

SIGNIFICANT STEP

"It is the opinion of the trustees of the water district that the acquisition of this land in order to preserve it in its natural state would be a significant step in preventing the

further deterioration of this water source."

Owners of the land, the Mouat family, who have kept the property for 60 years, have offered to sell it to the district in order to protect the lake water.

The trustees have pressed the provincial government for approval of the transfer of development rights to an adjacent property. This increase in value would be deducted from the sale price of the waterfront acreage.

Such is the proposal to the provincial government.

The report also notes that the lake is closely related to Elk Lake on the Saanich Peninsula, the body of water half-way into Victoria from Swartz Bay.

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Visitor is robbed and beaten

The type of criminal activity that is "totally unexpected in the Gulf Islands" occurred on Mayne Island last Friday night. Corporal Harry Danylchuk of the Pender Island RCMP detachment reported that a 19-year-old visitor to Mayne Island was robbed at knife-point by two unidentified men, and then beaten up.

Danylchuk told *Driftwood* that Jonathon Driver, of England, was robbed of approximately \$70 while walking along Stewart Road on Mayne. Driver received several bruises from the beating, Danylchuk said.

RCMP are asking residents of Mayne Island for assistance in locating the two attackers. One of the men was approximately six feet, three inches tall with dark, shoulder-length hair and a moustache. He was reportedly in his early 20's and was wearing a canvas type, dark-coloured jacket and blue jeans.

The second man, Danylchuk said, was approximately six feet, five inches tall with white, silver-coloured short hair, thin build and wearing a light-coloured jacket, checkered shirt and blue jeans. Danylchuk said that Driver thought the second man was in his late 20's.

It is believed that the men may have been staying on Mayne Island for the weekend as they were not wearing backpacks.

The RCMP is asking anyone with information concerning the two men to contact the Pender Island detachment at 629-6171.

Lots are removed for plant

The provincial government has granted the Capital Regional District three lots in Mouat Park at Ganges for the site of a sewage treatment plant, *Driftwood* learned Tuesday.

An order-in-council dated March 6 removes lots 21, 22 and 23 from the park provided the lots are used for a treatment facility only.

Strike didn't affect local plant

Herring season 'short and poor'

Local herring roe processor John Christianson said his business ran uninterrupted during the recent herring fishery strike but the season was "short and poor".

Christianson said he had two boats and a 100-ton barge located in area 14 near Denman Island. Christianson, a part-owner and manager of the Ganges-based S.S.I. Sea Products Ltd., reported that the herring catch was excellent the first day but became "very poor" during the remaining three days of the season.

Christianson also said that union members were in Ganges "looking around" but they did not ask him any questions nor did they create any disturbance. He added that the union was apparently watching to see if any of its boats unloaded herring in Ganges.

"As far as I know," he said, "we didn't buy any fish off union men."

S.S.I. Sea Products purchased approximately 130 tons of fish which will yield around 15 tons of roe for the Japanese market. He added that his own two boats netted about 30 tons of fish.

Non-union trollers and gillnetters fished the five areas opened by the government. However, Christianson said, some areas on the west coast had to be closed because of insufficient packing facilities.



Norm Fiander keeps a close watch on S.S.I. Sea Products' herring trap located at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club's dock at Long Harbour. The trap caught 60 tons of herring in two days. The fish will go to the Vancouver aquarium and will also be used for sports-fishing bait.

Public Aquarium and for the sports-fishing market. Christianson has nearly 60 tons of live herring in traps at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club dock at Long Harbour. He said that his employees can process around five tons of fish a day for the bait and whale food market.

WAITING TO BE SOLD

Meanwhile, in Japan, there is reportedly 3,000 tons of herring roe waiting to be sold and there is some speculation as to whether or not the product is suitable for the Japanese market.

Hydrogen peroxide, which is used to bleach out all the colour from the roe, is suspected by the Japanese government of being carcinogenic. Christianson said that it is still not known for sure whether or not the surplus roe from last year was ever bleached.

The ruling by the Japanese government, he said, will mean that processors here will have to spend more time processing the roe. The bleaching is done to remove discoloured roe tips that are caused by natural deterioration. After the bleaching the Japanese add colour to the roe so it all

appears uniform in colour.

Now, Christianson said, the discoloured tips will have to be trimmed off with knives. He added that the average Japanese family purchases 100 grams of roe for Christmas and that that small amount is divided between 10 or 12 people.

"It seems unlikely that such a small amount would cause cancer," he said.

No answer yet

There are many derelict cars on Salt Spring Island but the Islands Trust has not yet found an answer.

At last week's meeting of the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission it was agreed that the cars are in evidence and that there is a law which prohibits the storage of unlicensed cars in public view. The Trust has been unable to find a method of disposing of hulks at minimal cost to the owner.

Bud Kreissl told the commission that he intends to pursue the matter.

Decision to appeal

The decision of a Capital Region committee to appeal the Pollution Control Board ruling was confirmed by the board last week. The board approved the recommendations of the solid wastes and sewage committee.

Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt opposed the proposal.

"I want to go on record as being very strongly opposed to the appeal," she stated.

W. McElroy wanted to know what the score on sewers was.

"There is a permit existing and we are appealing it?" he enquired.

Chairman Jim Campbell explained that there had been an appeal against the permit and that it had been upheld with the amendment that there should be an addition to the outfall.

John Mika offered an amendment.

He asked that the board also request the government to provide

a special grant, over and above normal grants, in view of the topographical conditions in so small a community.

The chairman explained that the amendment did not directly bear on the motion and suggested that it be presented as a separate motion.

The board approved the main motion, but there was no seconder for the Mika proposal.

"You sandbagged me," protested Mika.

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Still time to spray fruit trees

BY PETER WEIS

Foxglove's Nursery Consultant

My favourites for this time of year are by far those cute yellow and strongly fragrant winter aconites (*Eranthis Hyemalis*). At our place they show their buttercup-like flowers in late January or early February, followed shortly by snowdrops (*Galanthus Nivalis*).

These two make a lovely combination in moist, partly shady areas. Tubers may be planted in September and divisions of small clumps may be made during or after blooming period.

There is still time in March to spray your fruit trees with dormant strength oil and lime sulphur. Select a day when it is not likely to rain for at least six hours to give the oil and sulphur a chance to take.

Wait with pruning of your roses until after March 15. Trees and small fruits should be pruned by now although apple trees can be pruned until just before bloom. Dress all pruning cuts over 1/4" diameter with treewound dressing. My personal preference for pruning are the scissors-type shears as these let you make a closer cut than the anvil type.

Make sure that the cutting side is placed against trunk or branch with the breaking edge (wider blade) under the piece to be pruned. This way you will leave no stumps open to rot and fungus. A nice flush cut will heal over easily.

SLOPING CUT

The best way to cut ends is to make a sloping cut starting about 1/4" above the bud and slope down to a point even with the bud on the opposite side.

It is not too late to plant bareroot fruit trees, berries, shrubs and container-grown trees and shrubs may be planted any time.

In the greenhouse or in your window in your home or under lights in a warm place you can start tuberous begonias and hardy annuals such as calendula, carnation, cornflower, dianthus, gaillardia, larkspur, stocks, pansies, petunias, sweet peas and violas. Also the hardy vegies such as lettuce (cold-resistant savoy), cauliflowers, cabbages and onions. Outside you can plant or seed radishes, parsley, peas, broad beans, onions, parsnip, swiss chard and kale. Toward the end of the month in favourable locations you may set out lettuce and cabbage plants.

As energy is becoming more and more expensive and as we are becoming more energy conservation conscious here is a neat way to save energy for those of us who like to raise our own bedding plants for flowers or vegies.

SOIL HEATING CABLE

To cut down the energy required to germinate seed at 70° soil temperature, which would mean approximately 80° F. air temperature, I have come up with the idea of using soil-heating cable in a two inch styrofoam-insulated box. The bottom and four sides are insulated with white styrofoam to reflect light; the rear is higher than the front, with the latter facing south and a clear sheet of plastic is draped over the top to contain both heat and moisture.

Once the soil has reached germinating temperature it takes very little energy to maintain it. The plastic over the top reduces the frequency of watering, and since we should use tempered water in order not to decrease the soil temperature, we have an additional saving of heated water.

LOWER TEMPERATURE

The remainder of the greenhouse can now be maintained at a lower growing temperature of 50° to 60° F. for stockier, healthier plants. In my greenhouse I have a heater at one end only (total length 16 feet) to maintain 50° to 60° temperature with the far end around 40°, which allows me to move my plants as required for hardening off. Soil-heating cables

may be obtained in many varied lengths to suit any requirement. Good for cuttings, too!

Oh yes! Before I forget, for those who would like to grow their own lobelia, the variety "Blue Butterfly" (available from Stokes Seeds) will germinate at 50° F., which means it can be germinated in an unheated greenhouse at this time of year.

Two impaired charges in two days

Getting charged twice in two days for impaired driving cost a Ganges man \$1,350 in provincial court last week.

Melvin Bannick pleaded guilty before Judge D. K. McAdam who warned Bannick that he could go to jail for such offences. "Apart from the complete stupidity of your actions what else can you say?" asked McAdam.

Bannick had no comment to make. The charges arose from two incidents which occurred on November 9 and 10, 1979.

The court was told that on November 9, police were following Bannick down Beddis Road. Bannick suddenly pulled off into a short dead-end road, police said, and then got out of his vehicle and proceeded away from it on foot. He was subsequently taken back to the RCMP station where he was given a breathalyzer test.

The court was told that on the following day police attended a call at the Village Specialty Cafe in Ganges. Police said that Bannick was inside the shop and it was noticed that he had been drinking. Police warned Bannick not to drive, but his vehicle was later seen making a U-turn and crossing a double solid line. Police said that Bannick was also travelling at 80 kph in a 50 kph zone.

Crown counsel Christopher Keller told McAdam that Bannick had two prior convictions of dangerous driving on his record and had received a one-year suspension of his driver's licence.

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Saturna Island Trust Committee

NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Saturna Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning Saturna Island at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on March 28, 1980 in the Community Hall, Saturna Island.

M. LEE
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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ISLANDS TRUST

Saturna Island Trust Committee NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the Community Hall, Saturna Island, on FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1980, commencing at 7:00 pm.

Proposed Saturna Island Trust Committee By-law No. 7, (being Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1, 1980), is a By-law to amend Capital Regional District Zoning By-law No. 103 cited as "Zoning By-law, Planning Area No. 4, 1972" as follows:

By changing the zoning classification of the unsurveyed Crown foreshore abutting Lot 1, Plan 14913, Section 18, Saturna Island, Cowichan District, from the Water A Zone to the Water A1 (WA1) Zone. Plan No. 1 which forms part of the proposed By-law indicates the boundaries of the aforementioned unsurveyed Crown foreshore.

Location: Saturna Point, West of the ferry landing.

The proposed By-law may be reviewed at the Saturna Island Post Office between the hours of 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, and 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Tuesday to Saturday inclusive. A copy of the proposed By-law may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust Office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held

Tuesday, March 25, 1980 at 8 pm.

in the

Legion Hall, Ganges, B.C.

AGENDA:

- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Chairman's Report
- Fire Chief's Report
- Election of Trustees - two for a term of three years
- Appointment of Auditor
- Any other business

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Another mystery

The mystery of the *Princess Marguerite* is yet another sequel in the long series of mysteries set in Victoria these days. And if the producers of the CBC Television series *The Great Detective* are on the ball, they'll be in Victoria before long looking for ideas for future programs.

The fact that more than 40,000 people have signed a petition to have the *Marguerite* kept on the Victoria-Seattle run has little bearing on the issue. The people who signed the petition can't be expected to know the facts regarding the vessel's safety and mechanical condition.

But surely Lloyd's of London and the Canadian Coast Guard should know. A marine surveyor from each has indicated that the *Princess Marguerite* is in satisfactory condition and there is no reason why she shouldn't be retained.

The provincial government, however, must have some information at hand that we and the marine surveyors don't. Government officials have stated that they don't want to be responsible for any loss of life should some mishap befall the ferry.

Their information must have come from a very reliable source, otherwise such strong statements wouldn't be made. But keeping the information secret is doing little for the government's credibility.

Their insistence, and their secrecy, is leading many to wonder what's going on behind the scenes.

Though it's no longer fresh in people's minds, the dirty tricks affair has not been totally forgotten.

Sewage composting plant is suggested for Ganges

Sir,
As a relative newcomer to this fair island I have just become interested in our grand sewage debate. Has any consideration been given to municipal waste retrieval and sewage composting? As much as 40% of the sewage sludge generated from sewage plants in England is applied directly to agricultural land, thus providing the soil with more humus.

If we view the relationships between water needs, sewage/municipal waste handling and the enhancement of soil fertility it seems sensible to develop sewage composting plants. In such a system the sludge is composted with municipal organic waste to produce material for return to the land. Included can be waste water treatment systems for providing irrigation water to farmers and growers.

This seems to be an ideal arrangement for the scale of use involved on this island. Also, since there are no industrial effluents going into the sewage there does not appear to be a problem of heavy metals building up though this should be monitored anyway.

If such a plant is built it can be designed to handle all garbage, sorting and separating it by hand and automatic systems. After separation, the recyclable materials such as metals, fabrics, textiles and cardboard are baled for resale. Plastics and other non-compostable, non-recyclable materials are incinerated or shredded and sold or buried.

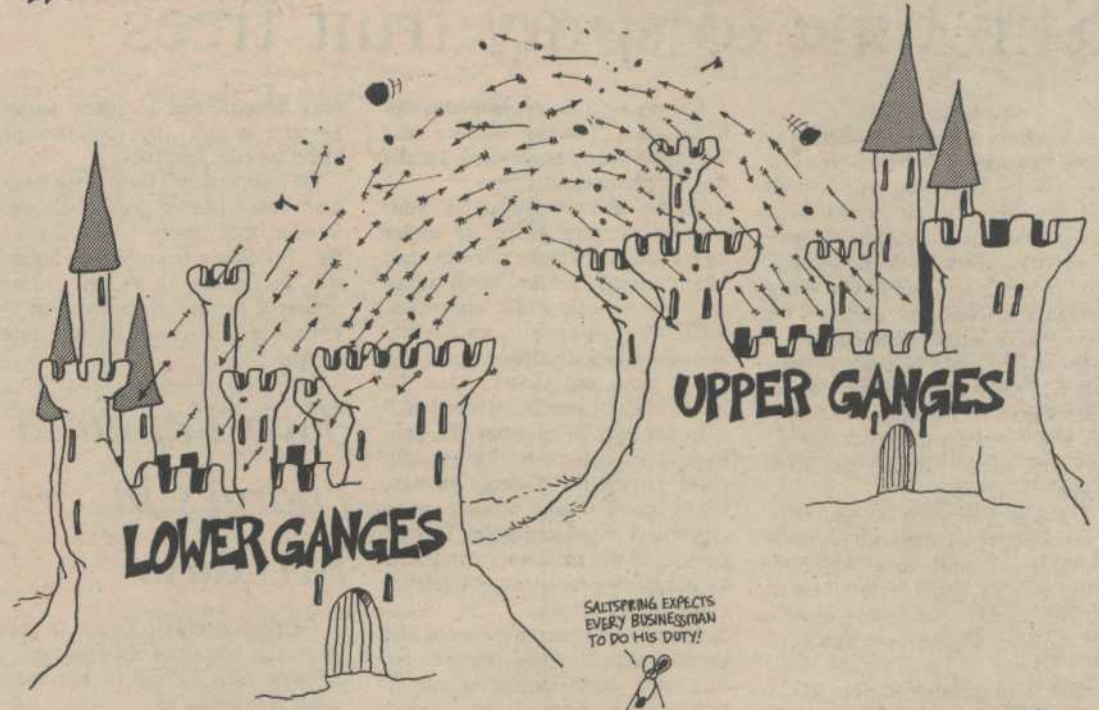
The compostable or organic materials are then combined with de-watered sludge from the sewage. The final material is sorted and screened and piled outdoors for maturing.

The amazing thing about this is that the compost material can be marketed and sold to gardeners and farmers providing an income to help pay for operation of the waste retrieval plant! Creating jobs, also.

After all, intelligent people are doing this in other parts of the world, doesn't it make sense to you? Does to me!
PAT IRWIN,
Fulford Harbour,
March, 1980.

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.

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Letters to the Editor

Less expensive to declare disaster area?

Sir,

There is an old saying that if the world's economists were placed end to end, they would still point in all directions. This seems to be equally true for politicians, except that both the economists and the politicians agree that we must maintain a growth economy at all costs. The question is, why must we maintain a growth economy at all costs? Are we all so enamoured by the idea of growth that we will give all a blue ribbon for breathing? Why must we agree to periodic increases in profits and salaries and consumption and glutony and greed and aggression and taxes and more taxes? Yes, we are even asked to agree on rewarding out and out unproductive efforts. Is there a secret scheme somewhere whereby we can conserve better by using more? Or that to destroy is the way to salvation?

It seems that every time the cudgels are taken up again over the great sewer cause and the pearls of wisdom drop from the mouths of the mighty and the wise, the costs of the project also escalate. It is perhaps too presumptuous for us, the great unwashed, to ask, who is paying for all this and who is benefitting from all this. Privately, we are not permitted to flush our waste waters indiscriminately into the nearest body of open water but are asked to indulge in land disposal of wastes and effluent at individual costs. And rightly so. But it seems that when disposal and pollution is contemplated on a grand scale, the rules and restrictions and the costs become extremely elastic. Is it not also logical to ask for equal accountability of people with vested interests in great causes?

If, in the final analysis, we the people are presented with the bill

in the form of increased taxes, it is perhaps time to look for more drastic solutions. If we can possibly bankrupt ourselves by just talking

about the sewer problem it may be less expensive to declare Ganges a disaster area and spend the money to relocate where proper land disposal is possible.

P. DYCK,
R.R. 1, Ganges,
March 12, 1980.

Common ground for conciliation

Following letter was submitted for publication.

Open Letter to the Executive Committee for the Village Bay Preservation Association.

Following a reading of your recent appeal to Mayne Island residents for donations to enable the association to employ legal counsel in a "fight" against a proposed airfield in the valley adjacent to Village Bay, we are moved again, despite previous rejections, to suggest that as we also take great pleasure in the rural nature of the Village Bay area and have a mutual desire to sustain and extend that pleasure, there is common ground for conciliation between ourselves and the Village Bay Preservation Association.

We further suggest that the incredible amount of time, money and effort that is being expended in "fighting" us, not to mention the regrettable potential and real antagonism that exists, is and would be avoidable if a full understanding of our project were gained. We genuinely feel that some reasonable compromise and liaison as proposed by the Agricultural Land Commission could still do much to allay the many imaginary, but understandable fears we have heard expressed.

With respect, it is our opinion that to continue to allow this matter to escalate without properly attempting a reconciliation of the differing viewpoints would be both remiss and unworthy of responsible, reasonable people. Accordingly, we again offer to meet with you across the table to deal with, and hopefully dispel, the concerns that you have.

P. B. SMITH and P. S. JARMAN,
Residents of Mayne Island and
Co-Directors of Mayne Island Airfield Inc.
March 14, 1980.

Islands Trust water study is drafted

Sir,

It is my pleasure to announce that a report prepared for the Islands Trust by Mr. Oliver T. Coomes termed, "A Methodology for Quantitative Examination of Freshwater Resources on Marine Islands: A Case Study of North Salt Spring Island", has been drafted.

This report will be of interest to all persons concerned with the long range future of our island. I feel that its depth, candor and detail of analysis without an attempt to overwhelm with technical details (although I personally know how much time was devoted to some), adds to the success of its purpose; aiding in the future livability of our island.

In addition to the author, my immediate predecessors on the Island, my fellow trustee, the enthusiastic representatives of all the various island water boards, and especially my fellow members of the North Salt Spring Water District who placed the responsibility for water quality upon me, and have been the real driving force culminating in this effort, should be congratulated.

I know all persons in this community who had the pleasure of being contacted by Mr. Coomes will agree that if he represents our young people, and I feel he does, the future is in good hands.

It is our hope to have copies available at the library, the building inspector's office of the government building, school libraries, *Driftwood*, and we would ask other groups interested in obtaining copies, while a supply remains, to contact David Lott or myself.

BUD KREISSL,
R.R. 1, Ganges,
March 12, 1980.

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Says the Salt Spring
Island Chamber
of Commerce.

English Canadians urged to get a first-hand look

Sir,
If you have ever had the chance to visit the beautiful Quebec province and a handful of its people, you will probably have already come to the conclusion that the unity confusion gripping that province is the result of a minority of people and the radical provincial government they follow.

If you have the chance to spend a few hours with some French-speaking friends in Montreal or Quebec City for instance, you will probably have already come to the conclusion that they are some of the warmest, friendliest people you have met and the only barrier is difference in language. And sometimes the barrier isn't that strong, as many French-speaking Canadians are quickly learning a bit of English.

It's incredible the difference between what a person hears about French-Canadians living in the province of Quebec and the real thing.

It only takes a short visit to that beautiful, vast and rich province to discover that these people are just like you and me. They work from their profession, enjoy their individual interests, and take the kids to the beach on Sunday and to church as we do here. They are ordinary people, Canadian people.

So where does their image get warped? Why do some people scorn Quebecers and their beautiful language?

There's probably many reasons, but one has come to the media, and more directly, the people who are speaking through the media are the politicians.

Politicians who seem to be focussing on the negative sides of just about anything that links the English-speaking Canadians with the French-speaking Canadians neighbours.

But, then again, Rene Levesque's government has a job to do and possibly they are taking the only route available to try and preserve the Quebecers' culture which is being swallowed by the fast-moving English-speaking world.

Levesque's government seems to be reaching for extremes, knowing that if they fall short of their goals they will still be left with enough room for change to preserve the French people's rich language and culture.

What effect will the tug-of-war between Quebec and the federal government have on the Quebec people themselves?

These Canadians who are suddenly caught between two flags?

The answer lies in the future of all of us English Canadians and probably won't be known for a long long time. However, it's reassuring to see that average Quebecers, at this stage of the game, are more friendly toward their fellow Canadian neighbours. It's good to see they realize the richness of our young and truly beautiful country, and how important it is for everyone to work together, especially in times when the entire world is a bit shaky.

It seems that one dominant sadness among the French-speaking Canadians is their inability to visit the rest of Canada, and for us English-speaking Canadians not to be able to visit Quebec, just because of language barrier. But still the alienation problem could be overcome if we could accept two languages in our country in the future. Meantime, I wish that more English-speaking Canadians would go out of their way to visit Quebec for holidays and get a first-hand look at the situation and make up their own mind. Or even just if people would read more about confederation. The history of Canada and about the Quebecers' way of life.

Let's love each other... let's be in union.

ALICE TESTER,
142 Swanson Road,
Ganges,
March 12, 1980.

Land disposal can succeed

Sir,
The principal problem of land disposal has been the assumption that a sewer is inevitable.

Given the will to design, construct and manage to the highest standards, land disposal can succeed. Failures are most frequently human failures: lack of will to succeed.

All available land disposal options should now be considered, and the best alternatives developed as a permanent solution in Ganges.

JOHN A. DAVIES,
2252 Allison Road,
Vancouver.
March 18, 1980.

Chamber not expected to take part

Sir,
The Driftwood of March 12 re art seminar needs correction.

The Chamber of Commerce here must be highly indignant to think that I would expect them to take part in the seminar. I know wealthy companies like Shell Oil, Rothman's and MacMillan Bloedel are investing money in fine paintings as a good business venture but here in Ganges I only wished to inform our Chamber of Commerce, so that they'd be aware of such artistic visitors arriving in June. The coming of an historical art organization as the Federation of Canadian Artists is of some significance to Salt Spring Island. Some of B.C.'s most recognized instructors will be here to help capture views that will go out from here as messengers of our beauty spots. I thought the Chamber of Commerce would like to put on a welcome to these painters. If you, the Driftwood and local townspeople want Salt Spring to live up to its already growing reputation as an "arts-minded" island, then let's hope this seminar becomes an annual event.

GLADYS M. PERRIN,
R.R. 1, Ganges.
March 17, 1980.

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THE ANARCHIST

Scatologically speaking

This is a phoney letter

Dear Constituent:
As your elected representative, I share your disgust and outrage with the interminable and stupid delays which have created the present critical situation at Lady Minto Hospital. I am bringing this matter to the immediate attention of the responsible ministers, and I will demand immediate action to protect the status of the hospital and the community which it serves.
Hugh Curtis, M.L.A.,
Saanich and The Islands,
Minister of Finance.

Promotions

The Ganges and District Insurance Casualty and Mutual Benefit Corp. has confirmed that the third party liability clause in their policy on the premises of the Capital Region District did refer to both Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Valcourt. A spokesman for the corporation went on to explain, however, that these two public figures were found to be such outstanding liabilities that third party status was inadequate, and they will both henceforward be classed as public

liabilities, with four star ratings.

This is NOT a phoney letter

Dear Editor,
You wanted bright controversial topics from all over the economic and political spectrum, right? And I tried, with passing reference to various local phenomena, but now I find my intellectual universe is a shrunken and revolting wasteland, and that once broad spectrum is totally obscured by a continuous barrage of dung heap do-do.

I am referring to the septic swamp of "The Sewer Problem".

For instance, my neighbour is a member of a group so freaked by bodily functions that they are launching a campaign to eliminate the number two from all school texts and licence plates, and by the way, you'd better take it off the second page.

I mean, really, what is anyone with even an undergraduate smattering of psychology to do when he finds himself confronted by an entire community with a rampant anal obsession, where friends wish each other a Crappy Birthday, biology is based on a text entitled *The Origin of Feces*, and avid

readers exchange witty comments over the pages of the latest bestseller, *Trustee from the Stool-room*, where the majority party are the capitalists and the opposition is the N.D.P.P., which I am informed stands for Never Defecate Publicly or Privately.

I trust you can appreciate what this sort of thing does to a finely tuned creative literary mind, but believe me, there's even worse things happening.

Now it's invading my sleep, and the result is endless chaotic nights of sewer scenarios and holding tank horrors, row upon row of plain white toilet seats oscillating wildly in silent supplication, while case after case of virgin toilet tissue quietly self-destructs in the empty emporiums of Ganges, the once proud capital of the beautiful Gulf Islands.

And I go to the doctor for relief, and he tells me I'm looking flushed, and someone's stolen my Ex-Lax, and --- Oh God, --- how much more can I stand --- and don't please don't tell me there's nothing that can be done to rectify things.

Your sorrowful Anarchist.

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Tanzania

Hard work has paid off without rewards being stolen from poor

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON
Tanzania is the same size as British Columbia, with a population of 12 million. It was Tanganyika, just below the equator. The capital, Dar-es-salaam, (Haven of Peace) is a modern city with gardens, cathedrals and high-rises.

The World is One, the movie we viewed on Wednesday, is an inspiring interview with Julius Nyerere, the father of Tanzania. His founding of TANU (Tanganyika African National Union) in 1954 led to the independence of Tanganyika and union with Zanzibar, hence Tanzania. TANU won 70 of the 71 parliamentary seats in the 1960 election and Nyerere was declared president of the republic the following year. The film was made in 1977, 15 years after union with Zanzibar, and is an inspiring record of how hard work pays off without the rewards being stolen from the poor for the enrichment of the rich.

The first decade was devoted to getting rid of abuses like exploitation.

The people, who lived mostly in the bush, had to be gathered into groups which could live, work and vote together, and the gospel of "togetherness" was preached far and wide. Ten years later 80% of the peasants had been brought into villages. Each village consists of groups of families (somewhat like the "block" system in China). Each group is represented on the village council.

NOT MUCH SLOWER
Representatives to regional councils are elected as well as members of parliament. No decisions are made without reference to the wishes of the people. It's not much slower than our system of bureaucracy, and it's true democracy in action.

Collective farms are worked for the benefit of the workers. They feed themselves and their village, sell the rest and the profit returns to the village. It is still a poor country. Sisal is one main export: when the world market goes down, the price of sisal drops, though the price of imported technology climbs even higher.

Julius Nyerere, a charismatic man (one hopes he is training successors to take over peacefully when he dies), admits making strong judgments on those responsible for his country's poverty. "We have to be harsh" he says, smiling gently, "on those who have for so long profited from the poverty of others. Those who waste resources while two-thirds of the world go hungry." He insists "the world is one": technology which can benefit mankind belongs to mankind, not only to those who can afford to pay for it because of their pillage of their former colonies.

AT ITS FINEST
This is socialism at its finest: all working together for the benefit of all. We who live in a community divided against itself must try to see how Tanzania's example can help us. We would be blind if we could not see that this is indeed a better way to live. To know our work benefits our family, our village and our people: not that we are working hard just to increase the profits of shareholders in the bank, lumber company, family business or wholesale chain.

Those who tell us our taxes benefit poorer areas and we are selfish to want to keep them, should look at true socialism in action. Taxes we have paid on our artificially high-priced land would have installed sewers, upgraded roads, modernized schools and

hospital, and still have an excess which we would gladly have paid into general funds.

The only losers in Tanzania are those who had accumulated profits from the hard work of the poor. How beautiful it is to see them lose for once, and the poor people benefit!

MOVING FILM
The World is One is a moving film, and we are glad to have seen and shared it with some of our children. We are glad it is being used as a model for other African states, and I believe this land where Christians are in a minority is nearer the spirit of Christ in practice than our so-called Christian country of Canada.

Wednesday, March 19, 6 pm: We meet in the Anglican Parish Hall, Ganges, for a pot-luck supper. Our guest speaker will be Marta Torres, political exile from Guatemala. She is a lawyer, labour activist and wife of Enrique Torres, who was to have been our Third World visitor. She is a committed Christian (not committee Christian as reported in last week's *Driftwood!!!*) and an excellent speaker.

Footnote: I received a newspaper from Belize this week. A new organization called PAL has been formed, dedicated to peace and love. Its honorary patrons read like a list of "Who's Who in World Religions" and all are welcome to join - all, that is, except Christian fundamentalists!

Incorporation committee is formed

Salt Spring Island Planning Association is investigating the incorporation of Salt Spring Island as a municipality.

The group has appointed a committee, headed by Fred Tessman, to carry out the investigation. Other members are Mike Clement, Ray Popkin-Clurman, Charles Sutcliffe and Leo Horncastle.

The committee will also explore the county system mooted in the recent provincial report on regional districts.

New policy on bus behaviour

A new disciplinary policy adopted by the Gulf Islands School Board last week will allow a school principal to suspend bus service for a student who behaves on a bus in a manner that would inhibit the operator from driving safely.

The ruling will enable a principal to suspend service for a student for five days. If the principal wishes the suspension to be longer than a hearing between the student, the principal, the parents and the school board must be held.

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Saturna Scene

BY FLORA RATZLAFF

This week on Saturna there was quite a time had by the ladies bridge club. On Friday the group enjoyed a novel afternoon as the guests of Jim and Lorraine Campbell. Jim and the *Anne Elizabeth* ferried the group of 12 ladies from Breezy Bay to Campbell's beach. There they were transferred to the tractor and trailer and received a somewhat bumpy but none the less enjoyable ride to the Campbell residence.

After a delicious lunch prepared by Lorraine, the group went to admire the new lambs ranging in age from one to 28 days.

Three tables of bridge followed and then the ride back to the *Ann Elizabeth*. This time Jim took the "scenic route" with appropriate commentary by Lil Cunningham, the "tour director".

Arriving back at Breezy Bay at 5 pm the bridge club felt they had a really good adventure. Thanks very

much, Jim and Lorraine. The Campbells had triplet lambs born to one of their ewes on February 18. The three are named Pierre, Josephine and Edwina.

The names of the winners at the February 15 cribbage tournament are Ian McNeil, who took first prize; Ron Garth, who took second prize; and Laura Coombs, third. A relation of Laura, C. Bertram, won the burl clock

Fined

In provincial court last week William B. Knudson, 20, of Ganges was fined \$35 for drinking in a public place.

The incident occurred last July when Knudson was seen drinking in Centennial Park by police, the court was told.

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Proposed method of sewage disposal 'sheer madness'

Sir,
Has everybody involved in the promotion of this Ganges sewer lost their marbles. On a growing island in Canada, 1980, with the disastrous effects of pollution and the serious need for energy conservation being major daily public issues these development-hungry madmen want to dump a growing supply of otherwise valuable material into one of the west coast's prime herring spawning grounds, risking pollution at the taxpayers' expense.

Don't get me wrong I'm not suggesting no sewer but the method of disposal of effluent is sheer madness. It's not even good business. As I understand it, the intention is to spend a lot of money building a plant to partially treat sewage and render it safe for dumping, then to spend more money every week, every month to run and maintain the plant. So the money goes out to create a product that is then dumped at taxpayers' expense into the harbour.

Human sewage is a very valuable resource. We have an unending supply of it, as long as humans manage to live on this planet, that is. With it we can produce methane gas that can power vehicles, be used for heating and lighting and cooking without ill effects of any kind. After all this the sediment that is left is one of the richest natural fertilizers you can get.

A plant that at least produced fertilizer for use domestically and commercially would not only take care of the need for a sewer and successfully deal with the disposal problem but, would in time, if managed well, return the initial cost of building plus the maintenance and if in the right hands would start to generate revenue for other community needs. It would be a credit to our resourcefulness and makes bloody good sense to me.

It's no good us turning to our politicians to solve our energy problems for us while we go dumping what we do have in the

harbour. It's our energy, don't let's waste it.
As far as I'm concerned if the effluent goes into the harbour I will know that madness and ignorance governs this island and I will be glad to leave.
L. BRADEN,
Box 1117,
Ganges.
March 17, 1980.

Tripp Journal is sought

Sir,
In 1961 *Driftwood* published a series of excerpts from a manuscript called the *Journal of Anthony Tripp*. This document purportedly had been found in a tumbled-down farm building located on the side of Mount Maxwell. It described very vividly some of the events and personalities of Salt Spring Island back in the 1860's.
I am wondering if you or any of your readers might know the present whereabouts of the Tripp journal. The provincial archivist in Victoria tells me that it is not housed in the collection there, nor is it registered on the union list of Canadian documents.

I would be grateful for any help that you might be able to give in finding the journal, which should be a valuable source in the study of the early days of settlement at Salt Spring.

WILLIAM A. BULTMANN,
Professor of History,
Western Washington University,
Bellingham, Washington.
March 2, 1980.

It was the worst he's ever read

Sir,
The *Driftwood* editorial of last week is probably the worst that I have read in my seven years of residence here. I resent the aiming of such cheap shots against sewer opponents by referring to some imagined closure of the hospital and Greenwoods.

Surely, after all the years of reporting the sewer situation, the editor must have some respect for the concerns of those islanders who oppose the present scheme. By holding some sort of referendum, one may find that the "small group on the island" is not so small. I suspect that most people do not want some third-rate conventional type system. Which "editor" wrote that one?

"Conventional" sewer systems belong in the dark ages and so do their supporters. Who can support the idea of taking our most plentiful supply of nutrients and flushing it down a toilet with a large quantity of our precious fresh water, then buying our fertilizer from foreign sources and burning lots of gas to get it here, and finally to risk upsetting our local marine ecology? It's madness.

The sewer controversy will only be settled when those who would benefit most from a sewer system come up with a sensible plan that we can all support.

WALTER M. DAVIS,
Box 613,
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Galiano: Club members are told of the concept of diversional therapy

BY KATHLYN AND BASIL BENDER

This past week has been a busy one for the members of the Galiano Ladies Service Club. On March 10 they held their first meeting of the new season and began planning their spring program. They urge all Galiano people to look out for rummage to donate to the club for their annual Rummage Sale to be held early in April. Goods may be left at Winnie Liver's or may be picked up by Sally Riddell.

On Friday members were invited to the home of the local hospital board member, Mrs. Eva New, to have luncheon with Mrs. Pamela Taylor, the newly appointed director of diversional therapy for Greenwoods and the extended care section of Lady Minto Hospital.

Mrs. Taylor explained that the concept of diversional therapy, that of helping the elderly in extended or intermediate care to enjoy their remaining years in as positive a way as possible, is a relatively new one. Although more physical facilities such as ramps and wide doorways are gradually being provided for the handicapped, relatively few hospitals have active diversional therapy programs as yet. Mrs. Taylor, with the director of nursing, designed such a program for the Louis Brier Hospital in Vancouver and has had 11 years of experience in carrying it out.

She then described facets of the Salt Spring program. Every Thursday morning is Baking Morning, when members of extended care bake items such as cookies for the use of fellow patients. Tuesday morning is devoted to music when Carl Orff instruments are played to piano accompaniment. One day a month a pre-nursery school class visits the hospitals and oldsters and youngsters sing nursery rhymes together. Babies in the hospital are brought into extended care to be admired. Staff and patients

combine to produce a weekly newspaper containing news items, stories, poems and puzzles.

Outside excursions are an important feature of the program. Visits to Victoria, local ferry rides, afternoon tea or supper dates in friends' homes all help to maintain contact with the world at large. This next week six residents, accompanied by an equal number of staff, will sail up the B.C. coast on a three-day ferry cruise.

Mrs. Taylor outlined some of her plans for the future. Volunteers are needed for several types of help; to share books by reading aloud and discussion; letter writing; to share a home by inviting six patients for tea or to volunteer what they themselves most enjoy doing. Gulf Islands volunteers are invited to contact Mrs. Taylor at Greenwoods.

At the end of this informative afternoon, Mrs. Taylor took back to Salt Spring a primary typewriter, a gift to the program from the Galiano Ladies Service Club.

SPINNING WORKSHOP

On Thursday the Galiano Weavers' Guild sponsored a one-day workshop on the art of spinning. The instructor was Judith MacKenzie, formerly of Salt Spring and now of Victoria. The 12 participants learned how to choose fleece, how to design yarn from wool of varied texture and colour and of spinning techniques for fibres other than wool.

The creation of yarn from a design involves plying simple one-colour yarns together on a spinning wheel by reversing its normal rotation. Instruction was also given in colour selection for the weaving of tweeds. The class included several younger members of the community who responded enthusiastically to the stimulating suggestions of the speaker.

NATURE NOTES

Observed recently was a gull

with its catch, a bright red elongated fish about 20 cms. long. The fish was probably a rock greenling, hexagrammes superciliosus. Like its cousins the ling cod and kelp greenling (misnamed tommycod), it has a plume or cirrus above each eye, hence the Latin designation superciliosus.

It is of interest that the word superciliosus is defined as exhibiting contemptuous indifference. Maybe there is some resemblance between a rock greenling and certain well known eyebrow-raising politicians especially as hexagrammos promises six lateral lines whereas it only has five.

Across the strait high skeins of geese are making their way up the flyway, their remote honking one of the most thrilling sounds of spring. Nearer to hand the loons are developing their etched breeding plumage and male buffleheads are exhibiting that rapid to and fro motion of the head to repel rival drakes. A bufflehead is defined as a small duck related to the goldeneyes, but an alternative meaning is a stupid fellow.

Table decorations at the Ladies Service Club lunch included posies containing Easter lilies obtained by Harry Baines Sr. from an island off the north end of Galiano. Lyons reports that these flowers, erythronium eregonum, usually bloom in April even in the Victoria area, so these were exceptionally early.

Save Sunday afternoon, March 23, for a musical treat. At 2 pm at the South Galiano Community Hall an off-island, fresh from New Orleans, four-piece ensemble consisting of guitar, drums, bass and saxophone will give a jazz concert designed to appeal to islanders of all ages. Refreshments will be served and a charge made to cover expenses.

There is still time to buy tickets for the Lions' Sea-food Dinner on Saturday, March 22.

'First-rate' concert is given by B.C. Tel Choir

BY MARY WILLIAMSON

Salt Spring Islanders have been heard, from time to time, deploring the lack of top-calibre musical happenings on the island. One hopes they were all at the Activity Centre on Sunday afternoon for the first-rate concert given by the B.C. Tel Choir.

The 60 voices, well trained, well rehearsed and well blended, concentrated on twin themes of St. Patrick's Evening and a tribute to the late Richard Rodgers.

What joyful songs they gave us, from *These are a few of my favourite things* to *Climb Every Mountain*, to a Czechoslovakian folk song, to *Oklahoma!*

Their breath-taking arrangement of *We Shall Overcome* was so moving that I for one wanted to get up and march around the gym singing and waving banners. Instead, I wept.

The soloists from the choir were soprano Elizabeth Ward and baritone Lynn Piaggio. The former sang an unaccompanied whimsical ballad and *Go from my window*, and the latter sang *Galway Bay* and then invited us to join him in the second chorus of *An Irish Lullaby*.

The guest accordionist, Barbara

Ann Martingale, reminded me of a world champion whom I once knew, and of whom a famous music critic once said "he plays the piano accordion as though it were a musical instrument." She played the accordion as though it were a very musical instrument, from familiar Spanish through not so familiar Russian, toe-tapping Irish and climaxing with the popular and worthy *Dance of the Hours*.

Leslie W. Monk, director of the choir during its entire life of 25 years, told us that some 350 singers have passed through the choir in that time. We must have had the benefit of the finest of them all on Sunday afternoon.

Next and final concert of the series will be at St. George's Church Sunday, March 30 at 2.30 pm. Don't miss the fabulous choir of the Lester Pearson College of the Pacific. They are a legend in their own time!

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What's happening at Salt Spring Elementary?

Difficult term is almost over

BY IAN JUKES

The imminent nature of the Easter Break was brought clearly into focus during an assembly this week, as a casual remark about its approach led to a near standing ovation (by the teachers?) The most difficult term (for all concerned) is almost at an end. The disquieting thing is that between now and then several "major" events are scheduled.

But first, a look back at the happenings of the past two weeks - first and foremost of which would be the Boundary Bay Exchange. The word to describe it would be excellent. The competition was fierce but friendly; the hospitality warm; and the kids' behaviour was excellent. It was really a pleasure to escort our students over; their manner on and off the court was of the highest quality.

To the team members the trip was a real surprise. Suddenly there were players, lots of them, taller and just as athletic. After overcoming the initial shock, the teams went out and played some excellent basketball, particularly the Girls' A and Boys' B teams. If only we could have all our players wear elevator shoes....

LARGE ASSEMBLY

There was a large assembly this week to recognize those who have put forth that extra bit of effort throughout the year. From the number of awards it's quite apparent that the students of the school are very "trying" (ignore that pun).

At the same assembly a representative from the Lions talked about the Walk-a-thon (get out your travelling shoes); the kindergarten class told us the sad story of fish out of water (don't hold your breath); and T. J. Smith was recognized as winner of a crest contest (no, not toothpaste).

About the same time the members of our very large (55 members) and very successful chess

club were recognized for their efforts - particularly Grace Graham, John Quesnel, Joey Cocker, Anthony Archer, Jeff Moger and Alex Hoechsmann who were grade winners, and especially Robert "check" Bradford who has fought his way to the southern zone championship. Well done to one and all.

BATTLES OF THE GIANTS

Anything else? Well yes, we must mention the battles of the giants last week. The men teachers took on the boys' basketball team and narrowly edged them (thanks to some outrageous shooting by Mr. Hayes). Meanwhile, the girls' team stomped the female teachers by a score too embarrassing to recount.

And finally, Tuesday afternoon Raincoast Puppet Theatre arrived to entertain the students with two shows, one in English for primaries, and one in French for the intermediates. It's certainly a comment on the quality of French in the school that the children clearly knew what was happening.

And speaking about what's happening, we've got a busy 10 days before we shut down. Among other things our first Science Fair is winding up with a display Thursday afternoon (parents very welcome). I'm particularly intrigued by the solar panel exhibit. Looks very good for a first effort.

TRACK MEET

Friday, the infamous indoor track meet is to be held at the high school. Students will demonstrate

the intricacies of cracker eating and whistling, pushing medicine balls with their heads, dressing and undressing (figure that one out), and dribbling balloons to one and all.

And, of course, everyone's favourite, report cards arrive on your doorstep this week. Who could ask for a better Easter present.

Next week? Well the Grade 7's are off to Vernon for a week-long exchange with the students of Silver Star Elementary. If last year was any example, it should be a happy, healthy and rewarding experience. And next Friday teachers and students alike disappear until April 8.

After the Easter Break there's lots more to come, including our speech contest, Spring Carnival and various and sundry track and field events. But I've droned on long enough. The sun's come up and it's time to head to school. I'll see you some time next term.

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EARLY DAYS AT PENDER ISLAND

Islands suitable for farming despite dry summer weather

BY NEPTUNE GRIMMER

This instalment of Neptune Grimmer's manuscript concludes his history of agricultural practices on the Pender Islands.

My sister Olive married Jack Clague in 1919. They kept four or five cows and shipped cream to Salt Spring Island. They also had a large horse for farm work.

I was married in 1921 and my brother Percy did the same two years later. In 1926 my brother and I dissolved partnership and started on our own. We divided up the herd as best we could.

Percy had to erect a new barn to house the cattle and feed. By that time I had a second silo, 10 feet by 30 feet, on my property so I moved it down to Percy's place. He was soon shipping cream also. We also had a registered Jersey bull. I kept it for a year and then Percy kept him for a year. This arrangement worked out very well. I used the team in the mornings while Percy used it in the afternoons. After a time this proved not to be satisfactory. Later on Percy bought a Fordson tractor; it was a clumsy outfit with heavy iron wheels. However, it got over the ground much faster than a team.

TOOK OVER

Victor Menzies was married in 1923 and took over the farm from his father. Mr. A. Menzies retired to a home at the head of Hope Bay. Victor and his wife continued with the Jersey until he sold the farm in 1947 to Ashton Ross-Smith. Victor's father had died some time previous to this, so Victor and his wife retired to the same home occupied by his late father. Ashton Ross-Smith carried on with the Jersey herd for about a year, selling them off and going in quite extensively for hogs and a limited number of sheep. He is now running a flock of around 170 ewes. The farm is looking quite ship-shape with all the new fencing.

In the 1920's both Mr. Percival and Percy Corbett went in quite extensively for White Wyandotte poultry. They both entered them in performance testing and did very well, selling birds to Japan, Australia and other countries.

Herbert Adams, after leaving the Davidson farm, bought a section of land from the B.C. Land and Investment Co. of Victoria. This land is now the subdivision of Magic Lake Estates. However, when Mr. and Mrs. Adams died this property was purchased by Les Bowerman. He stocked the place with a herd of Highland cattle. If he had wanted to go in for beef cattle, why didn't he pick on Shorthorns, Angus or Herefords? Later, Les Bowerman sold off the Highland cattle. The property was later bought by Magic Lake Estates.

FROM MORESBY

James Auchterlonie died in 1912. Clifford Brackett carried on the farm for a few years. Then a Mr. Simpson and family from Moresby Island came for a few more years. James' youngest son Laurie, who had worked for the C.P.R. for many years, came back to the farm in 1929. The farm was stocked with a herd of milk cows. However, he sold off the cows and bought a flock of Suffolk sheep. Later he switched to polled Angus cattle. I understand that they did very well. About 1970 he sold the farm to Rev. Mundy, reserving the old home for himself and wife. Rev. Mundy's son is carrying on the farm with a very nice flock of sheep.

During the time between the two world wars a number of Japanese built chicken houses and went in extensively for egg production. They were located at Otter Bay and along the Hooson Road. They bought large quantities of feed and, of course, had to ship many cases of eggs to break even. However, when the second world war broke out the Japanese were all moved away from the coast. This put an end to most of the egg production on the island.

Smallmen Bros. came to the island during the 30's and took over the Boyce property just north of Browning Harbour. They went in for a few sheep and extensively farmed turkeys. They found a ready market for all the turkeys they could raise. The price at that time was between 30c. and 40c. a pound dressed weight. They were on the Boyce property for quite a few years. I never really knew if they

owned the property or not. However, they left the island.

GOOD SOIL

Mr. and Mrs. R. Allison came to Pender and bought the Boyce property a number of years ago. The house was old and the orchard was old, but I understand the soil is good. I believe they have built a new house too. And I hear that they are both fond of work. This is a must if they want to be a success. I hear that they have a flock of about 30 sheep, with the hope of increasing their flock. They also keep about 50 laying hens.

The Jennens had property on South Pender and kept a sizeable flock of sheep. However, Geoff Jennens was so handicapped through arthritis that they sold most of the farm and retired to a lovely spot on South Pender's only lake.

When my brother Percy returned from the second world war the farm was supporting a dairy herd. Percy's only son was still in the Canadian navy. However, Donald soon got out of the navy and came back to the farm. Percy and his wife Helen soon retired to a nice home in the Bridge subdivision. Donald kept on the dairy herd and had a milk-run; as this was a lot of extra work he soon gave it up. Later he decided to change from dairy cattle to beef cattle and he picked polled Angus. Later he was married and had a family of five. He went in for building homes and made a success of it along with his farm operations.

PRICES GOOD

Bob Mollison, a tug-boat operator, owns the late Mr. Mollison's home and some good land on the property. He is gradually getting some more land cleared and is increasing the size of his flock of sheep. Both lamb and wool prices are good so he's on the right track.

I'm now well on into the 30's and have a farm and a family of three. For two months I had received 18c. per pound of butterfat for our cream. A lot of pork was shipped to Victoria at 6c. per pound; f.o.b. in Victoria.

These prices were much below production costs. However, things started to improve and we were able to carry on. But things were still tough and you had to watch your steps. In the early 50's we got a notice from the creamery at Ganges that they were closing down in a month's time. This was a great shock to us! After a bit of thought I decided to get a Hereford bull, so in a year's time I had a herd of calves with white faces and white feet.

It was a slow way to get into beef cattle. However, as they developed the prospects looked better. As time went on I bought the odd Hereford female and it wasn't long before I had all that my small farm could carry. Eight cows, eight yearlings, eight calves and a bull.

RETIRED

In 1966 I decided to retire so I rented my farm (except my home) to my nephew Donald. With the farm I sold him eight cows. I really hated parting with the animals as I love livestock.

Mr. W. Craven now owns the R. Wilson property on the road between Hope Bay and Port Washington. He has cleared some new land and has a nice flock of sheep. Keep up the good work.

Mrs. C. Wade now owns our old home and orchard just above the Port Washington wharf. She has a small flock of sheep, about half of them appear to be black; a novelty flock.

Mrs. D. Page, who owns the old Horace Scott home almost below St. Peter's Church, has a small flock of sheep, possibly the smallest on the Penders. Good luck to her, also.

In conclusion, I must say that I have endeavoured to give you a clear picture of the happenings over the past 90 years. The Gulf Islands are especially dry during the summer. However, the islands are quite suitable for sheep raising and have some valley land for cattle. I really think that we have a potential for growing vegetables by having a large dugout made to collect some of our winter rains which usually find their way to the sea.

I'm a great believer in our fall fair and I would like to congratulate the organizers of our Four H club on the Penders. These kids are to be the farmers of tomorrow.

Club holds Raunchy-vous

Described by one of its members as a "counterforce" in sailing the Raunchy Ganges Yacht Club held its Winter's End Raunchy-vous Sunday.

The flagships of the fleet were awarded their appropriate burgees. Fun was had by all who remember."

Bath tax

A report from the club on the event, though somewhat lacking in information, is published here.

"The location was known only to those who were there. It was attended by all who were present.

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Colleen Clark has been in the hairdressing business 25 years

Owning and operating a beauty business is nothing new for Colleen Clark. The former Squamish resident, who also studies astrology and metaphysics, has recently opened Island Magic Touch on McPhillips Avenue in Ganges.

Colleen has been a practising hairdresser for 25 years and has owned her own business for 20 years. Her nephew, Ken Campbell, is the president of the Hairdressers' Association of B.C. and also is an instructor at Vancouver Vocational School.

Approximately a year ago he taught Colleen advanced hairstyling and other techniques during an eight-week brush-up course she took at the school.

Her first trip to Salt Spring was when she was 18, she remembered last week. "I lived here for a year and I thought that the people were so nice I always wanted to come back," she said.

"Now I've finally done it, and although the island has grown a lot I can see that the people here are still the same. They've been a great help to me getting started in business and settling into a new home."

Her first intention after arriving on Salt Spring, she said, was to go to work for somebody. "But I'd been in hairdressing by myself for so long that I decided it would be better if I started my own business again."



Colleen Clark at work.

After attending a beauty school 25 years ago Colleen worked for the Hudsons Bay Company. Three years later she bought a half-interest in a shop at 16th and Oak Street in Vancouver and stayed with that business for two years

before moving to Squamish. Colleen lives with her nine-year-old son and also has two married children. Scuba-diving is another of her interests and is one of the reasons why she likes the Gulf Islands, she said.

Government not eager

When the Capital Regional Board made a decision on the financing of city buses, the decision was not hailed warmly by the government.

At a recent meeting it had been proposed that the transit system inherited by the Capital Region be financed by a levy on B.C. Hydro bills.

On Wednesday last week chairman Jim Campbell reported to the board that he had called on the minister of municipal affairs and explained the board's approach to funding. It was discussed later last week by the cabinet.

The chairman also discussed bus passes with Human Resources Minister Grace McCarthy. They will meet at a later date to further investigate the issue of passes on regional buses.



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Low interest money quota is reached

The \$394,000 share in the provincial government's low-interest mortgage money that was received by the local Credit Union branch was used up by the first 10 people who applied, said Manager Ray Bush this week.

Bush said that not all of the 10 mortgage applications had been finalized but most of the applicants qualified for the 9 3/4% loan.

Missing information

Approximately 600,000 tax returns are filed with missing information. Refunds for these tax filers are delayed since they must be contacted by letter requesting the missing data.

Mortgages were given on the basis of the applicant's ability to meet the current lending rate of 15%, Bush said. "He should be able to assume a mortgage of 15% in three years when the current low-interest mortgage expires."

Bush said that there is "no doubt in my mind" that the current 15% rate is the peak in a cycle and that interest rates would be coming down next fall.

Also, he said that builders who are taking advantage of the low-interest money are being warned that if they build a house with a final appraised value of more than \$95,000 they will be disqualified and will have to obtain money elsewhere.

He added that it's possible that an \$85,000 house begun now could be worth over \$95,000 upon completion in the spring.

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SPORTS

Down the Gutter with Ken Collins

While bowling in the men's league on Monday last, Bob Akerman bowled two strikes, a left corner spare and then nine more strikes in a row to come up with a big 418. For his efforts Bob wins the pot of gold for the week, plus registration in the B.C. 400 club.

Also this week Connie Kelly, who had not bowled a 300-game all year, came up with two back-to-back games of 333 and 308. She also bowled her first 800 triple ever, coming up with 837. Well done, Connie, you deserve it. You have to be one of the most consistent hitters of the headpin that I know.

This week's high scores came from Bob Akerman, 894; this writer, 811; Dave Calver, 713; Frank Keoppel, 817; Randy Webb, 780; Kevin Noble, 700; and Terry Jenkins, 781.

Three-hundred games came from Frank Keoppel, 360; this writer, 361; Randy Webb, 340; and Val Hughes, 301.

The bowlers of the week: for the ladies, Connie Kelly, and for the men it was Bob Akerman.

On Sunday our teams travelled to Esquimalt to compete in the B.P.A. tournament. I don't have any results yet.

Tip of the Week

Always practice good manners on the lanes, remember, the bowler on the right always has the right of way.

Y.B.C. NEWS

Thanks to those few bowlers who take their sport seriously and show up regularly.

Scores for March 8 are as follows.

Jets: Clinton Helfrich, 118.
Pee Wees: Christine Spencer, 125; Debbie Jancowski, 111; Vivienne Prentice, 100; Paul Hatch, 110; Erin Butler, 103; Jay Pinchin, 98.

Bantams: Kim Jorgensen, 166; Leanne Simpkin, 165; Jennifer Lacey, 161; Ryan Stuart, 153; Drew Ripley, 148; Bryan Farrell, 124.

Juniors: Denise Harrison, 187; Jayna Adshead, 184; Danica West, 103.

Scores for March 15 were:
Jets: Clinton Helfrich, 101; Kristina Calver, 90.

Pee Wees: Debbie Jancowski, 133; Sherrill Jancowski, 127; Christine Spencer, 115; Erin Butler, 161; Paul Hatch, 126; Jay Pinchin, 105.

Bantams: Shannon Taylor, 211; Leanne Simpkin, 186; Lisa Jorgensen, 181; Bryan Farrell, 117; Kurt Sadler, 84.

Juniors: Denise Harrison, 232; Melissa Farrell, 187; Debbie Anderson, 144.

Seniors:
March 3: Steve Marleau, 308; Marvin Foerster, 305; Steve Martens, 282; Cindy Corcoran, 330.

March 12: Cindy Corcoran, 258; Trisha Westcott, 191; Alex Hele, 161; Steve Marleau, 290; Paul Martens, 264; Jim Fraser, 248.

Newest members of our 100's Clubs are: 600 Club, Paul Trenholm with a 669; 700 Club, Steve Martens with a 706; 800 Club, Steve Marleau with an 829.

Our doubles tournament champs will be announced in next week's Y.B.C. News.

Bridge

Here are the winners at the Gulf Islands Bridge Club on March 10.

Morning: first, Diana Royce and Bonnie Hewett; second, Doris Dockerill and Brenda Cornwall; third, Mary Croteau and Marion Ashmore.

Afternoon, North-South: first, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; second, Don and Joan MacDonald; third, Bess Stafford and Gerry Clayton.

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Two wins for Strikers; Cup game

BY STRICK AUST

Salt Spring, 1; Sooke, 1.

Saturday's game against high-flying Sooke was expected to be our toughest test of the district cup playoffs, and it turned out to be just that. Sooke and ourselves are very evenly matched and if we have any advantage at all, it is that our forward line has a greater scoring potential than Sooke's.

Our defensive trio of Mike Kruger, Todd Tamboline and Tony Mason was magnificent and their solid play, in combination with half-backs Hamish Lloyd and Todd Chase, required goalie Dave Cates to handle the ball only three times in the first half, and two of those were push-backs from our own players.

With the defense solid and in control, Stuart Lyon, our striker, was able to concentrate on assisting our forwards, and this little extra pressure was the key to Salt Spring's success over Sooke.

HARD TO BEAT

With the exception of a few break-out threats, Salt Spring was able to dominate during the first half, but as expected, Sooke's defence was hard to beat. After 15 minutes of constant pressure, the Strikers' team play paid off. The ball was brought up the wing by

Stuart Lyon, passed to Brad Davies in the middle, and Brad wasted no time in pushing the ball behind the defence for Jeff Moger to run in and beat the goalie low to the left side.

Sooke scored early in the second period, but five minutes later, Jeff scored again, and again on a push through from Brad Davies.

Both Sooke and Salt Spring enjoyed chances to score in the last part of the second half, but when the final whistle blew, the victory was ours. That left only one team to play, the Bays United Tigars.

Strikers, 5; Tigars, 3.

Sunday's game, in contrast to the game on Saturday, was a high-scoring battle fought under terrible weather conditions. It was bitterly cold and the rain came down in sheets, driving from one end of the field to the other.

Luck was with the Strikers as the flip of the coin for first half position allowed them to start the game with the rain at their backs. The boys understood that our job now was to run up as many goals as possible before we were forced to face the driving rain ourselves in the second half.

Ten minutes into the first half, Hamish Lloyd scored his first goal

of this season, and as usual, his timing was perfect. A shot was kicked out by the Tigars' goalie, and Hamish, positioned on the edge of the 18-yard box, rushed forward and hammered the ball into the top left corner of the net.

Although we had never played this team before, they had obviously checked up on us.

PERSONAL CHECK

Jeff Moger, who usually enjoys many scoring opportunities, never went anywhere on the field that he didn't have his own personal check right beside him. As well, our wingers found themselves continuously harrassed, and found it very difficult to cross accurately. But as many teams have found in the past, shutting down two or three of the Strikers' attacking zones does not necessarily mean you have them stopped.

Realizing that the tigars were spreading their defence to cover the wings and concentrate on covering our forwards, Stuart Lyon started to make his own runs on goal from his midfield position, and the success of this tactic was immediately obvious. Five minutes after Hamish's goal, Stuart pumped his first one into the bottom corner. Two minutes later, his

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SPORTS

on Saturday

Salt Spring Sockeyes defeated in hard-fought Cup final

second followed the same course into the back of the net. At half-time the Strikers were leading 3-1.

Three minutes into the second half, Stuart completed his hat-trick with a long shot that got over the goalie and into the top corner. With the rain half blinding our defence and goalie, the Tigars now enjoyed a measure of success as they scored twice in the next 10 minutes, but a fourth goal by Stuart with only minutes to go all but sealed their fate and the game ended with the Strikers still ahead by two goals.

The Strikers have now beaten 11 of the 12 teams in district cup play and there is only one team left to beat. On Saturday we travel to Gordon Head to play the Gorge Canadians, and the winner of that game will be the top team in the Lower Vancouver Island District.

Persons wishing to support the team may phone 537-9386 for time and location of the District Cup Final.

Campaign nets \$1,397

Net proceeds of last year's poppy campaign at Salt Spring Island were \$1,397.63, the island's Legion branch reports.

Proceeds from wreaths and donations amounted to \$817.15 and from poppies, \$1,472.16. Expenses amounted to \$891.68.

The poppy campaign funds are used solely for needy veterans and their dependents.

BY MALCOLM LEGG
Salt Spring Sockeyes, 3;
Juan de Fuca, 0
Salt Spring Sockeyes, 1;
Nanaimo, 3

The Sockeyes from Salt Spring, underdogs all the way, finally fell to defeat but it came in a hard-fought Cup Final after the local squad had to overcome many obstacles just to get to the game.

The local girls finished last in league play and few people expected much from them in the Cup. But the team rose to the challenge and won their opening game 1-0 over Gorge. Then they travelled to Nanaimo and lost a heart-breaker 2-1 in overtime and the team fell into the losers' bracket.

The Cup schedule then took a turn against the Sockeyes, as they found out they had to play three games, all off-island, in seven days to qualify for the final. To make matters worse the final was on the eighth day, making it four games in eight days, and again off-island.

As impossible as it might have seemed the Sockeyes managed to overcome the obstacles in the first three games to advance to last Sunday's final. They defeated Rebels II 4-0 and Gorge 2-0 the previous weekend and last Saturday overwhelmed Juan de Fuca 3-0.

TURNED IT ON

Last Saturday's game saw the Sockeyes really turn it on with an awesome attack in the second half. Some fine net-minding by the Juan de Fuca goalie kept the score from double digits.

Vicky Byron played superbly on the wing as time and time again her crosses caused the opposition trouble. In fact, all three goals started from plays on her wing. "Scrawneen" Spence, with two, and Brenda Akerman were the marksmen.

With the win it appeared the Sockeyes were well prepared except for some injuries, Theresa

Byron (leg), Becky Hagan (knee) and Geraldine Hagan (knee). But things got worse as the local team found out they had a 10 am kick-off in Victoria. This meant the girls had to be up at 7 am to catch an 8 am ferry.

ALL 14

But to the Sockeyes' credit all 14 girls made the ferry and, although very tired and sore, were ready to take on Nanaimo. Well, things got worse as the field was a mud-bath and Geraldine had to be scratched from the line-up because her knee was too severely hurt.

The first half was a tight defensive battle with Nanaimo carrying the play to the Sockeyes. The back three of Karen Hale, Karen Bird and Susan Spencer played their finest soccer as Sockeyes and their vocal encouragement to the team was a boost to the other girls. Late in the half a defensive lapse resulted in a Nanaimo goal put in by a Sockeye player - a tough break in a close game.

Rather than give in the Sockeyes fought back and in the second half they started to penetrate the Nanaimo defence. Then came the blow that broke the camel's back, as goalie Ruth Smith was injured and taken to the hospital.

It was a definite turning point as only moments after resumption of play, Nanaimo scored and went two up. Even though the Sockeyes rallied to score on a fine play by Leanne Greenhough, a late goal by Nanaimo gave them the win and the cup.

THEIR BEST

The 14 Salt Spring girls should not hang their heads in shame as they overcame many obstacles to reach the final and they gave it their best.

Probably the finest thing for me, as coach, was the change in the girls' attitude since Christmas. These 14 girls decided they wanted to improve and worked hard to achieve that goal. All of them made most of the practices and games and improvements quickly showed,

culminating in their fine showing in the Cup.

As a team they gelled and as individuals matured as the team morale and confidence grew through each game.

Salt Spring should feel proud of this team, as with our other teams, that they gave their best effort and finished the season so well. Congratulations, Sockeyes: Karen Bird (captain), Ruth Smith, Karen Hale, Sue Spencer, Sunday Byron, Theresa Byron, Vicki Byron, Cara Cruickshank, Geraldine Hagan, Leanne Greenhough, Becky Hagan (manager-player), Brenda Akerman, Denise de la Franiere, Chau-noon Spence and Malcolm Legg (coach). You had a great year.

Also special thanks to all the spectators for braving the early time and the weather to come and support the team. The Sockeyes thank you - but how come Jackie, Audrey and Dolores forgot their skirts and pom-poms?

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Salt Spring Strikers vs. Gorge, Saturday in Victoria (time & place TBA).

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3. Kanaka Tuffies vs. Duncan at 1 pm.

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- Sockeyes Tourney: April 6, 1980.
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FIVE YEARS AGO

Proposed sewage scheme for Ganges Harbour has been rejected and the permit has been revoked. Pollution Control Board last Tuesday announced the revoking of the permit on the grounds that discharge of sewage into a shallow and confined area of the harbour would lead to pollution of harbour waters. The cancellation of the permit came as a result of an appeal by the Scientific Pollution and Environmental Control Society in Vancouver. The Salt Spring Island branch of the society was also involved in the appeal.

Nude bathing, litter, foul language and offensive behaviours are part and parcel of the activities on a public beach, Ganges meeting was told on Monday. Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce was asked to support a drive to close off a public access to St. Mary Lake for the protection of the neighbouring resort property.

TEN YEARS AGO

The mystery of the missing boatmen was still a mystery on Tuesday. The community of Fernwood was agog on Sunday afternoon when an alert was sounded for a small sailing vessel in trouble while a northwesterly gale was blowing. The vessel was cap-sized and drifting down Trincomali Channel with its aluminum mast bent and the sail trailing in the water. There was no sign of the occupants. Police, coastguard and civil searchers who had taken part in the investigation were without a clue.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T.D. Jones, known for years as "Jonesy" and Mayo, have sold Gulf Island Florists to

Mrs. Ellen Timbers. The retiring couple will live on Hereford Avenue.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

A surprise party was held by the local fire department honouring Ben Greenhough at the conclusion of his 16 years of service with the local fire department. Greenhough recently retired as assistant fire chief. He was awarded an honorary life membership in the fire department with full department privileges as well as being presented with a suitably engraved totem pole. A further surprise to his colleagues at work the next morning was a lovely black eye worn by the guest of honour. He used the tired excuse about running into a door in the dark.

A motion to lodge a strong protest against the use of commercial clam digging machines was passed at the executive meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce, held last Wednesday. Reports have it that while at the present time there is no law to prevent the use of such equipment, legislation is being studied with this end in view.

Col. Des Crofton reports the loss of six lambs apparently killed by a dog on his property on Monday. Col. Crofton reports hearing the ewes bawling during the night and in the morning the flock were bunched around the house. Investigating a shortage of six lambs from the group he eventually found the carcasses in the bush. A similar incident has recently been investigated on Mayne Island in which several sheep have been found slaughtered by dogs. It is claimed that once a dog starts marauding sheep in this way he cannot be retrained, but will continue his habit so that the only alternative is to destroy the animal.

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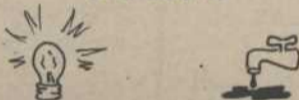
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