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## Driftwood celebrates 20 years



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**A NEWSPAPER FOR SALTSRING!**

**FULFORD FIRE TRUCK BEATS GANGES TRUCK TO FIRE AT ST. MARY LAKE!**

It looks like the old smoke-eater, ex-chief D. Goodman, got a little tired of waiting to see how the fire department worked without him. On March 13th, he built such a good fire in the fireplace, a chimney fire started. In a matter of minutes the fire truck was out upon their arrival. Either the fire just upped and died from fright when the siren blew, or "Goody" knows what happened.

The report of a chimney fire at the Miles Acheson home, Sunday, March 13th, got more than the usual fire action of the Ganges Fire Department. Upon the alarm, two engines went racing to the scene, with the Fulford fire truck leading the way. It so happened that both fire trucks were in Ganges for a while. The Ganges fire department was the first to arrive.

Today you are reading the first issue of DRIFTWOOD, a weekly newspaper, to be published every Thursday at Ganges. DRIFTWOOD will be delivered through the mails to every home on Salt Spring Island. It will be free.

We hope for three things: that you will like DRIFTWOOD, that we improve with each successive issue, and that we can be of service to Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands.

Our policies will be based upon our love for the Gulf Islands. We feel there is no finer place in the world than these beautiful islands.

Issue No. 1, published 20 years ago.

### First issue was published on March 24, 1960

Driftwood was born two decades ago. On March 24, 1960, the first issue of Salt Spring Island Driftwood came off the mimeograph machine in Ganges. The inkiest fingers were those of Woody Fisher, the creator of this new publication. He was assisted by almost everyone on Salt Spring Island at one time or another.

The introduction of Driftwood was new. The presentation of a news service on the islands was not. The first regular news service here was maintained by the minister of the Anglican Church on Salt Spring when the Rev. E. F. Wilson published his parish magazine *Parish and Home* in the 1890's.

The churchman had a strong sense of the importance of communication and he kept up a report of island activities which is of even greater interest today.

In 1912 the Sidney Review was launched and promptly engaged a correspondent in the islands. In later years it adopted the somewhat unwieldy title of Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands Review. It was usually known, even then, as the Sidney Review.

**CLOSE LINK**  
The Review kept a close link with the islands for many years. From the west came the Cowichan Leader, with its regular gossip-column from Salt Spring Island, often written by the same pen that contributed to the Sidney columns.

It was not until the 1950's that a new voice was heard on Salt Spring Island, with the launching of the Spotlight by war veteran Miles Acheson. The Spotlight was wholly new.

It was printed by methods unheard of in the past and it was  
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### Supreme Court ruling

## Decision puts appeal in limbo

A recent decision handed down by the B.C. Supreme Court will likely add further delays to the construction of a sewer in Ganges, regional board chairman Jim Campbell said Tuesday.

The supreme court ruling cancels the provincial government's right to overrule any decision made by the pollution control board or other quasi-judicial body established by the government.

The ruling, with ramifications that could affect 60 provincial statutes, will be appealed by the attorney-general's office, Campbell said.

The process could take years, he added. "The energy and resources of those who seek delay is remarkable, and the system is designed to accommodate them."

The Supreme Court's decision strikes down the provincial cabinet's approval of a sewage outfall at Esquimalt Lagoon. The case climaxed a four-year battle between the provincial government and a group of Victoria area residents, who opposed the cabinet's overturning of a Pollution

Control Board decision which had been appealed by the regional board.

**TO APPEAL COURT**  
Capital Region executive director Dennis Young said the matter will be taken by the attorney-general's office to the B.C. Court of Appeal.

Young said that the regional district's solicitors have advised him that due to the urgency of the matter the appeal may be heard by the court immediately. Otherwise, he said, "we will probably have to wait" until the fall before the appeal is heard.

Young said the district's appeal to cabinet regarding the Ganges sewer could be cancelled and a permit to build the system could be applied for from the pollution control branch. However, Young said the main concern of the regional board is not to increase the tax burden on property owners.

"That is the reason why the board decided to appeal to cabinet the outfall extension ordered by the Pollution Control Board. If the attorney-general's appeal cannot

be heard immediately the regional district will have to study closely the effect that delay could have on property taxes."

"However," Young said, "I doubt that inflation between now and the fall will add \$1 million to the cost of the project."

## French immersion getting closer at Fernwood School

Fernwood School is another step closer to a French immersion program after winning the support of the Gulf Islands School Board's education committee. The committee, comprised of trustees Mary Williamson, Jeanine Dodds and David Stacey, presented its report at last week's meeting of the board.

Committee chairman Stacey told his fellow trustees that the immersion method is the best way to teach French and that Fernwood School is the best place to imple-

## Transit: Curtis is 'doing what he can'

It is not yet clear whether or not the Gulf Islands will be included in the transit area of the Capital Regional District.

Jim Guthrie, executive assistant to islands MLA Hugh Curtis, said Tuesday that Curtis "is doing what

he can" in that regard.

The provincial cabinet will meet Thursday to decide on the regional district's proposal for financing transit in the region.

At a special meeting of the regional board last Wednesday, directors passed a bylaw which will see a surcharge added to B.C. Hydro bills.

It will amount to a yearly charge of \$12 for a residential Hydro account and \$90 for non-residential.

The region takes over the transit function April 1.

Meanwhile, a submission from Salt Spring Island at last week's meeting of the region's transit committee was not received warmly, Driftwood was told.

A brief on the transit proposal was presented by Ken Arnott, chairman of the Salt Spring Island transportation committee. He told the meeting that Salt Spring Island wished to be excluded from the transit area.

Arnott pointed out that since no  
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## Strikers, Kicks bring District Cups to island

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# From Page One

# A lot of history in 20 years of publishing

self-sustaining. The publisher was a teacher on the island who enjoyed the opportunity of an activity that brought him into the heart of the community.

Acheson was not a working newsman and had no yen to be. When his calling took him away from Salt Spring Island, he abandoned his very lively island newspaper.

For nearly a decade the island enjoyed the contribution made by the Sidney Review and a number of well-known islanders were engaged in keeping that contact alive. The late Napier kept information flowing for a number of years.

Rhona Ashlee took up the burden for several years and never forgot it. She wrote of island events and she sold subscriptions to the Sidney paper. In addition, she sold advertising whenever she could and even kept a close nose to the wheel for job printing. The Chamber of Commerce publicity brochure was originally the Sidney Review brochure. It was originated in Sidney and for more than a dozen years a Review salesman would sell the advertising, produce the brochure and retain the profits. They were, however, slim.

### LEFT THE ISLAND

Rhona Ashlee left the island with her husband, Ted, a Ganges barber. They both went into the newspaper business for a time and Ted ended up writing boys' books.

Elsie Macdonald was reporter/representative for a long time. She left to join the new island paper which she was confident would take over from the Review.

The late Doris Crofton undertook it for a time and when she wasn't fingering the piano keys she was busy at her typewriter. She subsequently handed over the chores to her sister-in-law, Doreen Morris, who was probably the last to undertake the task.

There were many others engaged in the often-thankless task of keeping islanders posted. Bea Hamilton was one of those and she had been preceded by a Mrs. LaViolette. There were many others in the course of the years.

In the late 1950's a bored Kansas newsman quit his job and his home and his country and moved north with his wife. Woody and Barbara Fisher came and lived a leisurely life of the islands for a year or so.

### FAVOURER SALT SPRING

Woody was fond of eating and eventually looked for means of keeping the larder filled. He turned to the business he knew best and looked for a likely place to put his talents to work. He had tried the flavour of Prevost, Saturna, Galiano and Salt Spring. He favoured Salt Spring and commenced publication 20 years ago.

The islands will never forget Woody and his irrepressible delight in living. For the years he spent in and around the islands he drew good reward. It was a costly experience trying to entertain the islanders, but he enjoyed the very essence of living in isolation. The island party that attracted Woody rarely flopped. The Compleat Ikonoclast, by Fisher. He wrote what he thought and apologized afterwards. But never in print!

The new island paper needed a personality like Fisher's to get it off the ground. While he was busy producing it in the building which later became the Harbour Grocery, in the 60's, he was also learning that the production problems of a small newspaper are as demanding as the writing and layout.

After every kind of confusion and

frustration, including a fire in the office, Fisher turned from mimeo to offset production. The format changed and the appearance was very different. Only major problem was that Woody Fisher knew very little about offset. Indeed, in those days very little was known. Offset printing on newsprint was a comparatively new process, largely developed by the weekly newspapers across Canada.

About the same time Woody had engaged a young lady, the wife of a teacher in the Salt Spring school, to help with the office chores.

One day he decided to quit. And the new publisher was his cohort and fellow-sufferer, Arlene Ward. Jim Ward then relinquished his job as teacher and the two worked to put out the island paper.

Woody went off to Saskatchewan to get used to earning a reasonable living again and the Wards settled down to the legend of island endeavour on half-pay.

For three years the Wards battled bills and credit. In those three years they established the paper, with its bookstore, as a viable business, but they couldn't afford to buy two hamburgers without checking the books first.

### WEB PRESS

Towards the end of their stint, the Wards introduced a new move. From the time when Driftwood went offset it had been printed on separate pages all glued down the back. Jim Ward contracted with an off-island press to produce the paper on a web press.

In 1966 the Wards decided that they too wanted an adequate living and relinquished the paper to Frank and Barbara Richards. Arlene Ward died shortly after leaving Salt Spring Island.

The last change made by the Wards was the acquisition of the Gulf Islander on Galiano.

The two were merged and Salt Spring Island Driftwood became Gulf Islands Driftwood.

On January 1, 1967, The Richards took over the reins and for the next many years enjoyed the same hand-to-mouth existence that had plagued previous publishers.

The newspaper was produced in the old government liquor store at the foot of Ganges Hill in the mid-60's. The make-up room was a section of the bookstore about eight feet wide and 20 feet long. Make-up tables were flat and back-breaking. Type was produced on a typewriter which rested on a wooden board placed over the garbage can.

### ONE AT A TIME

The headliner consisted of a small camera which set one character at a time. Setting a two-column head was a five-minute process. The previous operators used rubber cement and the confined space stank of it. In a room to the side of the bookstore was the press-room, dark room and editor's office. It consisted of two rooms.

On January 1, 1967, the new staff of Frank and Barbara Richards arrived at work to discover that the office typewriter had been a rented machine and that the vendors had removed it. It was probably the only news room in the province to be without a typewriter. The vendors explained that as it was a rented machine they would be fearful of lending it to the new owners.

The new editor had to make a quick trip into Victoria before he could write a word.

There was no staff. Try Lillian Thomas, suggested a helpful visitor. She was making bread, said Lillian, over the phone; but she

**SALT SPRING ISLAND Driftwood**  
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**SCHOOL BOARD RE-ELECTS ITSELF**  
The School District Annual Meeting of the North Salt Spring District Tuesday night was attended by some half dozen taxpayers, the members of the Board itself, and three persons directly involved in education. The meeting elected two board members for a two-year term. As M. Sharp and Mr. Chas. Moot were re-elected to the Board for two years. A third nominee Mr. Gil Humphrey, a former Board chairman. The meeting was made up of Board members and wives, two members of the school staff, the Secretary-Treasurer and six taxpayers. This situation resulted in the Board itself re-electing itself. Extreme disappointment was expressed by all Board members who apparently felt that interest in local school matters is at a long time low. This, in spite of the fact that a new high school is being planned and worked out. There are two developments of note which have dominated the activities of your

**H.M.C.S. Oriole Visits Ganges.**

**Gulf Islands Driftwood**  
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**Do-it-yourself Wiring Plan Is Completed**  
**North End Lit up**  
GALIANO

"Twas the day before Christmas Eve December 23, to be exact," folks will say in after years, "that North Galiano got all lit up for the first time in its history." What they will mean is that this was the day when electric power reached this Gulf Islands community, and the sad iron hand pumps and wash tubs immediately became things of the past.

It is the manner in which the power finally reached them that makes this a happy-ending story because a handful of people were not willing to let their community die. With the cooperation of B.C. Hydro and B.C. Telephone

Eighty-seven-year-old John Lawson, who helped burn brush along the right of way and paid his money share of the project at the rate of \$6 per month from his pension cheque, had to be restrained from getting out his Honda and navigating

Two early issues of Driftwood. Top one, dated October 29, 1964, was the first issue in which the flag, could set it aside. In 15 minutes she was in the office. She remained with it until she went to work at Lady Minto Hospital.

Gradually, new equipment was acquired and new methods were introduced. During the past 13 years Driftwood has seen many changes. The biggest, probably, is the switch from setting type on a typewriter to the use of sophisticated electronic equipment. The change was made for one basic reason. The old equipment could not meet the time factor. A good stenographer could set about 30 inches of type for the news columns in an hour. An electronic setter can handle 30 inches in less than 30 minutes.

**TO THE YELLOW DIRT ROAD**  
In the 70's the office was moved from Ganges Hill to the present location at the end of the yellow dirt road behind the Government Liquor Store.

During those years Lillian Thomas spent hundreds of hours setting clean, accurate type. She rarely made a mistake and still more rarely missed one. Phyllis Meagher looked after the bookstore until it was acquired by Dawn Luker. Catherine McFadyen put in two stints. She was with Driftwood for several years until she left. Later she returned to the fold and is still folding. Reporters have come and gone. Mostly gone. The Richards family went through the whole mill. Jill quit to raise a family and Valerie quit to live in France. Tony quit and then came back.

Gerry Munneke set type for years and quit to raise a family. Tony married and discovered that his wife Alice had a flair for writing which she had never noticed. So they took over the whole thing. Barbara went home to her painting and Frank found a typewriter.

or title at the top of the front page, was changed from its original style. The January 19, 1967 issue at In the next several weeks Driftwood will move to a new location on Rainbow Road and a new era will

bottom, saw the flag change again to what it is today. commence. And that's a lot of history for a mere 20 years!

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by richards



Rob Dixon saw the Ganges sewer picture much as he figured Shakespeare might have parodied himself, O! What fools these mortals be! He points out that the Elizabethan English were discharging their sewage into the middle of the street and that we haven't advanced a whole lot since those days. Incidentally, the quotation was taken by Shakespeare from Seneca's Latin and the system was much the same at the time he evolved the thought.

I spent a few days in hospital last week, nursing a hernia. I won't have hernia me and I stand with the Times of London: I recognize no hernia. It's one of the few operations you can have where you feel better when you go in than when you come out. It's minor and very few have succumbed to its dangers. Enjoy yourself, enjoy yourself, it's later than you think. But I'm still crying. I was more than grateful to everyone; the fellows what did it and the gals what looked after me and fed me. Even to Andy McGoldrick who had a much worse ordeal and was good enough not to laugh at my concerns. I can thoroughly recommend the experience to anyone with a few days to spare. Besides, it was a change to be on the production side of the great sewer controversy.

Nothing ever happens in hospital and I didn't get around much last week. So I lay in bed and reviewed my past birthdays. I grew up in a household where Lent was scrupulously observed. The only relaxation was birthdays, but as it so often coincided with Good Friday, or so it seems in retrospect, that there was no way of jolly up the day for a birthday. And birthdays were distinctive because I was a twin and birthdays were never marked alone. This business of being a twin has some things going for it but not as much as others might expect. In school we were separated in order to reduce the interdependence we had shown. But apart from an instinctive recognition of another personality at your shoulder, the bond is not psychic. At least, we never found it so. It is a bond very different from marriage, because it is an association and an awareness that predates any awareness. As it was in the beginning... that's the essence of twinning to me. We were identical and even our family was unaware at times. It worked wonders. We grew up with one driver's licence. Nobody could have been sure. About 30 or 40 years ago we even switched jobs. We always approached living somewhat frivolously and when my brother was on the verge of losing his job with an advertising system I was bored with driving a small truck. Bill made a bet with my boss that he had never done a job before and blew it. He won the bet and lost the job and then the boss wouldn't pay his gambling debts. I worked for two weeks before my new boss told me he had been contemplating firing me until I improved. I told him that was a new broom and explained the switch. He roared with laughter and kept me on. Those were the days when Bill explained to all and sundry that we were twins; I was 20 and he was 20, too. I could wish we'd stayed that way!

Where do ants come from? Mary McCardia was asking me the other day how to explain how they can get into a portable dishwasher. She said she opened the machine and it was swarming with ants. They were easy enough to get rid of. But how would a whole raft of them get into the machine in the first place?

Driftwood marks its birthday ahead of me. Although it's a lot younger. In 20 years Driftwood has seen the era of greatest change in the islands. They have been the 20 years of soaring land values, augmented ferry travel and spiralling building projects. The past two decades have seen the islands change from borderline farming to prosperous living. They have seen island communities absorb big inroads of outside colonization. Commerce, development, construction; all have leaped ahead in the past 20 years. I first saw the islands in the war years, as a serving airman. The growth has been astronomical, yet it has been the last score that made the real difference I wish I could be around to see the next. But I would be a cantankerous old devil if I lived to see my eighties. In some quarters they might not see much change. It is good to relinquish one's work to another generation even if it is startling to discover that the shoes you have shaped for so many years can so readily adapt to a younger foot. But, of course, it is not the islands which change, but the people on them all.

One woman's viewpoint

She'd rather be gardening

BY ALICE RICHARDS

Having endured the confused, and often fierce weather that the equinox traditionally brings us, spring has truly emerged and I feel like I've been at a wedding, my cheeks are so sore from smiling.

This is the time of year when I get very active. The sunny, clear and crisp weather gets everything moving, including me. Out of hibernation and the slow-moving days of winter, even time seems to have accelerated. There aren't enough minutes in a day to fight the spring cleaning bug that seems to hit without discretion around March 21 each year.

There's one consolation: the children have moved outdoors. No longer must I vacuum around them and their belongings. They are so busy they don't even take time out to eat. The weather entices them to leave the house first thing in the morning, and except for refuelling, they just make it back in for bed before they're asleep.

Much the same thing happens to me. I start each day with a list of chores and jobs to complete that I couldn't finish in a whole year and I, too, just make it to bed before I'm asleep. So the time I normally devote to this humble column has this week been spent out of doors (and I haven't been carrying my typewriter around with me). Not much self-discipline I guess; I would rather be gardening.

But I couldn't miss the birthday issue of Driftwood as it is also my own anniversary. I've been directly involved in the newspaper for a year now and I'm still not sure how I got into this business. I suppose I

married into it.

I know I've had to deal with some abnormal behaviour. While some people read their newspapers at the breakfast table, my husband reads newspapers, magazines or press releases about 16 hours a day. My house is knee-deep in discarded newspapers, and it's not totally because I'm a lazy housekeeper. The quantity is simply incredible.

It's not just my husband either. A

family get-together at the folks' house means business: talking, eating and drinking. However, I've learned to live with it. I've joined the ranks and discovered I rather enjoy it.

So here's to another exciting year ahead. Happy Birthday, Driftwood, and to the long list of contributors who nurtured it during the two decades of its existence, congratulations.

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Fined for taking car, impaired

Nineteen-year-old Craig Shaughnessy of Ganges was fined a total of \$750 in provincial court last week.

Judge D. K. McAdam handed Shaughnessy a \$400 fine for impaired driving and a \$350 fine for taking a car without the owner's consent.

The court was told that Shaughnessy took a car belonging to Cal Mercier of Salt Spring Island. While proceeding down Walker Hook Road Shaughnessy allegedly lost control of the vehicle and hit a hydro pole. Shaughnessy told the judge that he could not remember what happened.

The damage to the pole, the court was told, amounted to \$3,500. Shaughnessy pleaded guilty to both charges.

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## Post Office has new duties

There appears to be some confusion in Ottawa over the responsibilities of various government departments. If that confusion does indeed exist, it would explain Canada Post's increasingly poor service.

While we in the islands are required to wait in many instances for a week for mail to arrive from Vancouver, the Post Office has taken upon itself the duties of the environment department.

In the latest news release from Ottawa, Canada Post expresses concern for two endangered wildlife species, the Atlantic whitefish of Nova Scotia and the greater prairie chicken in western Canada.

Consequently, two new stamps devoted to those species are to be issued at a special ceremony in May.

"... If we treat our environment with caution, ours will be a better world to live in," said a spokesman for the Post Office. "Canada Post's endangered species postage stamps will help to spread this message of caution and concern."

There's certainly nothing wrong with such concern and we would like to commend anybody who cares to do anything about it. But the Post Office?

The release goes on to point out that science knows little about the whitefish. Does science know anything about poor mail service, by any chance? Or is that question being left to the environment department to solve?

We are eagerly awaiting some communication from the latter with an answer to that.

## 'Smothering experience' prompts revision of Genesis

Sir,  
Ever felt trapped between the bureaucracy and special interest groups? The following revision of Genesis was inspired by just that kind of smothering experience.

In the beginning God created Heaven and Earth. Immediately He was faced with a class action suit for failing to file an environmental impact statement.

He was granted an interim permit to proceed with the heavenly portion of His project because no one on earth could claim jurisdiction, but He was served with a cease-and-desist order for the earthly portion.

At the hearing, God was asked why He began His earthly project in the first place. He replied that He liked to be creative.

Then God said: "Let there be light" - and immediately was faced with demands to explain how the light would be made. Would there be strip mining? What about thermal pollution?

God explained that light would come from a huge ball of fire. He was granted provisional permission to make light, provided that (1) He would first obtain a building permit, (2) no smoke would ensue from the fire, and (3) the light would be turned off not less than

half the time as an energy conservation measure.

God agreed, and said He would call the light Day and the darkness Night. He was told by the officers of the regulatory agencies, review boards and zoning committees that they had no time for semantics.

God said: "Let the earth bring forth green herb and such as may seed." The agricultural ministry agreed, so long as native seed was used.

Then God said: "Let the waters bring forth the creeping creatures having life, and the fowl that may fly over the earth." He was reminded firmly that this would require approval of the Fish and Wildlife Branch, and there would have to be consultation first with SPEC and the B.C. Wildlife Federation.

God said He wanted to complete the project in six days and on the seventh day He would rest. But he was advised that it would take at least six months to review his application and confirm details provided in His impact statement.

After that there would be a public hearing.

So God said: "To hell with it."

And it came to pass.

OLLIE GARNER AND FRIENDS,  
Galiano Island.  
March, 1980.



## Letters to the Editor

### United States five years ahead

## More alternatives suggested for sewer

Sir,  
The Pollution Control Board has just enacted a ban on shellfish harvesting in the Saanich Peninsula due to contamination from sewage outfall of the Saanich central sewer system. The Socred cabinet repeal of the PCB recommendations for the Esquimalt Lagoon in Sooke was taken to court by local citizens and their case won.

It seems the time has come to seriously consider alternatives to the big sewer system for Ganges. In the U.S.A. which is five years ahead of Canada in sewage treatment, the Environmental protection Agency, (E.P.A.) will not approve a central sewer system, unless the community shows it has first considered alternative systems. The E.P.A. lists 19 small wastewater systems in a publication from which the following methods are drawn. I suggest that these be considered for the Ganges problem areas:

1. "mound system". Liquid is pumped from storage tank to perforated plastic pipe in sand mound that covers plowed ground. Liquid flows through rocks or gravel, sand and natural soil. Mound vegetation helps evaporate liquid.
2. "septic-tank, sand filter, disinfection and discharge systems". Filter is ground level or buried sand pit. Liquid enters perforated pipe and filters through sand and gravel to bottom pipe. Bottom pipe conducts liquid to disinfection tank. Liquid discharged to stream or ditch. Variations are intermittent sand filter and recirculating sand filter. Used where soil absorption field not possible.
3. "septic-tank and leaching

chambers systems". Open-bottom concrete chambers create underground cavern over absorption field. Liquid is piped into cavern and spread over field by troughs, splashplates or dams. Liquid filters through soil. Chambers replace perforated pipe, trenches and rocks of conventional absorption field. Access holes at top allow maintenance and soil inspection. Suitable where land makes soil absorption difficult.

4. Evapotranspiration bed system". Similar to mound system but sand bed is lined with plastic or other waterproof material. Bed could be mound or level. Liquid evaporates because liner prevents it from filtering through natural soil. Plants speed evaporation by drawing moisture from soil and breathing it into the air. Used where conventional absorption field not possible.

5. "aerobic system and soil absorption field". Air and wastewater are mixed in tank. Oxygen-using (aerobic) bacteria grow, di-

gest sewage, liquify most solids. Liquid discharges to absorption field where treatment continues. Can use same treatment and disposal methods as septic tank. Maintenance essential, uses energy.

6. Combination of one of the above with evapotranspiration bed system on a seasonal basis, with the latter for summer use.

These small wastewater systems all use less energy, water and materials than the conventional central sewer system, as well as preserving lower water and sewer rates, while saving rural areas from unwanted urban sprawl.

Therefore if islanders feel concerned about Ganges Harbour and would like to see some alternative solution to the sewage problem, I suggest they back these possibilities and support them by clipping this letter and sending it to Premier Bennett or Hugh Curtis.

JEZRAH HEARNE,  
R.R. 1, Fulford.  
March 24, 1980.

## They should discuss project with the people concerned

Sir,  
The current protagonists in the sewer problem seem to be more interested in character assassination and polarization than they do in solving a problem.

The recent comments by Driftwood's ex-editor appear to go beyond editorial licence in an excess of vitriolic abuse, -- not very helpful Frank!

The C.R.D. have not had a constructive suggestion for eight years. The anti-sewer lobby is at least open-minded enough to propose alternatives, whether practical or not.

In confrontations of this kind, there has to be some compromising and negotiation. A referendum, however worded, would not cause the problem to go away, and would simply force people to choose between two undesirable extremes.

Fact I. At least some parts of the Ganges area need a sewer collection system in a hurry.

Fact II. A sewage outfall only

one third the way out into Ganges Harbour is unacceptable to the Pollution Control Board (they have twice said so), to the people who live around the harbour, and to many sincere, concerned environmentalists.

Fact III. The financial burden of the new outfall pipeline is beyond the reasonable capacity of a limited population to undertake.

Therefore, if the provincial government wishes to maintain its sewer edict, it must be prepared to come up with a higher proportion of the cost, or re-negotiate a plan acceptable to the people concerned.

The recent ruling by the supreme court would now seem to rule out any appeal to the cabinet. Perhaps it may even force some sort of dialogue. Who knows? Perhaps if the C.R.D. actually held some discussions with the people concerned, they might be able to find an equitable solution.

DAVID LOTT,  
R.R. 2 Ganges.  
March 23, 1980.

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This Week,  
Says the Salt Spring  
Island Chamber  
of Commerce.

## Referendum proposal is explained by director

Sir,  
First I should like to commend your newspaper for both its detailed news coverage and editorial commentary on the sewer controversy. It takes courage for a weekly newspaper to take a position on an important public issue which is the subject of passionate debate but that is by far a greater community service than feigning indifference.

I do not wish to quarrel with your editorial of March 12. You are entitled to hold and express your opinion of me but may I suggest that perhaps your criticism of my position may be based on misunderstanding. While contending that my suggestion of a referendum would jeopardize the lives of patients in the hospital is colourful, it could only be true if a referendum were first shown to cause an automatic further delay and second was followed by rather extreme circumstances.

The fact is that even the hospital directors indicated to the Capital Region District committee that, however unhappy they may be with their new septic field, it will meet their needs until fall. While a referendum is a lengthy process, it can be completed within a couple of months. That much time, we are told will be required in any event to complete the appeal to cabinet of the PCB decision.

So holding a referendum would not pose any disadvantage to either side. I would not have thought it required any apology as being a radical proposal under the circumstances.

But a referendum would have a practical benefit beyond being a mechanism for deciding on a course of action. I believe it would help avoid an aftermath of bitterness and rancour when the present controversy itself has been settled. Whatever solution or modification is the end result of this divisive question, it can only cause lasting hard feeling on the island unless it is the community, and not some combination of distant off-island political boards, that reaches a consensus on how to deal with the pollution problem. Because the normal mechanism for testing community consensus in a controversy -- an elected municipal council -- is not available to Ganges, and because the Islands Trust which is

responsible for planning has not given a clear recommendation (Trustee Lott indicated opposition but Chairman Rich and Trustee Kreissl specifically declined giving an opinion) on whether the PCB's formal decision for a longer outfall should be appealed or not, I can only think of a referendum to determine the direction the community wants taken.

It is not only for those who will have to pay for a solution that a referendum has value in the present controversy. The principal value is that it allows the community -- which knows the problem and will have to live with whatever is done about it -- to make the fundamental decision.

If the decision-making process is seen to be fair, then most of the community will be able to put the issue behind it after the decision is reached. But if it is not perceived as a fair and community-made decision, then the bitterness can linger putting neighbourliness under severe strain for some time to come.

For proof of that possibility, you don't have to go any further than some of the present feelings that have been expressed by people in Ganges about events that took place years ago but are still resented -- not so much, now, for what happened but how it was brought about. Surely, the lessons of history are worth considering. During my years as a journalist observing governments at all levels and my own personal experience as an alderman and regional director, I have found that controversial decisions are an inevitable, in fact regular, occurrence.

I happen to know Ganges reasonably well, having shopped there often as I hope to continue. And I believe no one in the community wants the dispute to continue forever. My suggestion of a referendum may not be the best means of achieving that goal and avoiding a residual rancour. You are perfectly entitled to disagree with it. But I hope you will accept that I made it towards that end and not towards heedlessly killing patients in the hospital.

**JOHN MIKA,**  
1560 Mileva Lane,  
Victoria,  
March 17, 1980.

## She was captivated by Salt Spring's 'Edenic surroundings'

Sir,  
Many years ago I visited my friends, Myrtle and Bob Halloman of Ganges, and was completely captivated by the Edenic surroundings and the friendliness of the people. I wanted to spend the remainder of my life there. I trust that my age and financial status were the only barriers to my admission. However, I am able to vicariously relive the happy days that I spent there by reading *Driftwood* - a subscription gift from Myrtle. I enjoy the informative articles by Mary C. Williamson - I simply "devour" *Driftwood*.

The story of the Starks family makes sad reading, but I thank you for printing it. I knew that Myrtle's ancestors had been enslaved in the United States and fled to freedom in Canada, but I did not know the extent of their struggle.

Strange how the exploration of Africa by Henry the Navigator in 1442, the papal decree granting all Africa to Portugal, the entrance of missionaries, the establishment of Christian missions and the beginning of the flow of gold and

black slaves from Africa eventually landed Myrtle's ancestors and my ancestors, as slaves in adjoining states in the United States - hers in Louisville, Ky. (where I live) and mine in Tennessee. How I wish that my ancestors could have joined her ancestors in the escape to freedom in Canada.

My maternal grandmother was separated from her parents when she was five years old. Her father, mother and infant sister were sold away from her and she never saw or heard of them again. One wonders if fundamentalism really does provide a pillow for conscience.

Again, thanking you for printing the Starks story and for the pleasure that *Driftwood* brings to me as I struggle along (no relatives that I know of) to survive inflation and the weight of 80 years.

**AMELIA B. RAY,**  
2823 W. Madison St.,  
Louisville, Kentucky,  
U.S.A.  
March 17, 1980.

### Round and round

The Civic Betterment League, in response to continuing controversy on the sewer problem, is staging a public debate on the proposition, "A Dollar for Sewage is a Dollar Well Spent". Leading the debate on both sides of the question will be the well known popular local Secred M.L.A.

### Read the Label

The Tory identity crisis deepens by the hour: homeless in Quebec, centralist with Davis in Ontario, independent with Lougheed in Alberta, coalitionist in B.C., leaderless with Clark, and now comes the Final Solution.

In Saskatchewan the provincial leader resigns from the party to campaign for western union with the U.S.A.

How many of these provincial Tories, with all their "serious limitations" about the B.N.A. Act, will admit with any joy that it was a Conservative document from its inception, and that Sir John A. Macdonald was the author of their discontent.

## No picnic chasing toddlers on B.C. ferries

Sir,  
Whereas the Long Harbour to Tsawwassen ferry run is the longest trip across the Gulf, wouldn't it be feasible, dare I mention sensible, to allow space for our children and their parents to relax and enjoy the 2½ hour journey?

Most parents of active youngsters would agree that it's no picnic chasing an obviously bored toddler around a B.C. Ferry. The child would be far happier playing with toys in agreeable surroundings with her peers.

We feel that at least the option should be made available; especially as there are, we understand, unused day cabins, waiting to be converted into something as useful as a playroom cum nursery.

A large percentage of island residents using this ferry are over 60 years, to say nothing of the numerous other visitors to our part of beautiful B.C. It seems only right that they too should benefit from a relaxing trip, as advertised.

Perhaps then their meetings with the youngest generation could be viewed in retrospect as adding to their enjoyable travels in our province.

**BARBARA SMITH,  
COLEEN ROY,  
JOAN RAESIDE,  
BARBARA KOSKI,  
CAROLE GAY,  
Ganges,  
March, 1980.**

## He has 40,000 seal posters for sale

Sir,  
The continued shoring of the name "Greenpeace" by the various media has the effect of feeding a malignant tumour radiation treatments to save it. Turn off the force and let Greenpeace die. Their direction and causes are becoming as misguided and ineffectual as their management of four years ago. As long as the media keeps obliging their every request and whim in the name of serving world

### THE ANARCHIST

## A dollar for sewage

Mr. Curtis, the Secred M.L.A., was originally elected as a Tory.

### Prognosis Negative

There are a growing number of the locals who are beginning to complain that Hugh Curtis, local M.L.A., has avoided the sewer problem long enough.

Their point is that without local authority there is no effective voice except the M.L.A., and that after months and years of confusion between the Capital Region, Islands Trust, planning and advisory committees, public health and the Pollution Control Board, someone had better put together some kind of a deal which all of them can buy, which makes sense if you are trying to solve the sewer problem, and would be logical to expect from the elected member, particularly one who has an extensive background in municipal affairs.

But what these optimists don't understand is that Mr. Curtis has a different problem.

In the local vendetta between uptown-downtown, sewer or not, the good grey man is caught right

in the middle. Those are all his fans who are busy tearing each other up, and ol' Hughie is busy, busy, busy doing the Ministerial Shuffle and the Leave It to The Locals Side-Step.

To make matters worse, if Mr. Curtis ever does tackle the problem, he will have to start by informing everybody that there is a long-standing provincial policy fondly known as "Promote Incorporation by Suffering"; in other words when things get bad enough long enough people will even opt for higher taxes, and the province always gives them a little birthday present like part payment of a sewer system to help them on their way to newer and greater liabilities.

And with the present level of animosity and distrust, and the conflict of technological brain children, and Hughie's odds on making any political brownie points, then fellow sufferers, in spite of the growing stench, remember the old adage, and "Don't hold your breath".

## Peace-making on permanent basis urged by coalition

Sir,  
We were pleased to hear Mr. Trudeau say, in his victory speech on radio and TV, that he intends to emphasize a peace-maker role for Canada, although we could not find it fully reported in the press.

We hope that Canada will again lead the way in offering innovative solutions to world problems, as it did when Lester Pearson proposed the first peace-keeping force. We suggest that the time has come to place peace-making on a permanent basis, with a training centre in Canada where member states of the United Nations could send their troops for training.

We suggest that Canada should support the establishment of a University for Peace, proposed to Costa Rica and approved by the General Assembly in December, to train peacemakers to act in a reconciliatory role between parties in conflict. The secretary-general should be provided with funds to establish a Secretariat of Peace immediately, to use the services of skilled peace-makers now available. Kurt Waldheim's efforts to find a solution to the current crisis in Iran are commendable, but he should be supported by a permanent staff, rather than being required to act on an ad hoc basis, as at present.

Canada should support the efforts of its European allies to develop a plan for a neutral Afghanistan, in consultation with the governments of that country and its neighbours.

We believe that the plans to purchase new fighter planes from abroad should be dropped. The

planes are obsolete, useless in a nuclear war and the purchase would be inflationary. We prefer to see our money and efforts devoted to removing the causes of war, through disarmament and other means, rather than expanding our weapons capacity and contributing to the arms race. A review of defence and external affairs policies should be given priority, with a view to developing a minimum defence establishment and a maximum effort for peace.

Nuclear missiles should be removed from Canadian bases, as Mr. Trudeau pledged in 1978, and our boundary waters should be declared nuclear-free.

Reduced spending on war-related activities would release funds to create jobs for Canadians and to assist Third World efforts to establish a New International Economic Order. Arms sales to the Third World should be stopped in favour of trade in life-supporting commodities. True security is only possible in a world where all peoples have the right to live in peace without fear of economic exploitation, political oppression and war.

We have written to the prime minister to this effect, and suggest that those of your readers who are interested in living in a more peaceful world could do so too.

**EDITH ADAMSON,**  
Victoria Coalition for  
Disarmament,  
1831 Fern St.,  
Victoria,  
March 14, 1980.

happy to supply them. I will consider offers from charity organizations that cover costs. It's even open to "them" in spite of the fact I've already made a more than generous donation there!

Stung and disgusted with the ploy!  
**ED DAVIS,**  
Photographer,  
Ganges, B.C.  
March 24, 1980.

# Common sense, flexibility could solve sewer problem

Sir,

Why does it appear impossible to resolve the "Great Ganges Sewer Debate" in a civilized and intelligent fashion? Why have years of discussion, and a quarter of a million of taxpayers' money, produced nothing but the present farcical spectacle with its concomitant undertones of selfishness, politics and plain stupidity?

These facts are clear: 1) Parts of Ganges need a sewage disposal system. 2) We cannot afford the system as proposed by the C.R.D. 3) Ocean disposal of effluent should be out of the question.

Instead of spending \$250,000 on useless research (useless because the ocean should have been held inviolable to begin with), the C.R.D. could have spent only about one-tenth of this amount, in order to send a team of qualified engineers to continental Europe, where there is to be found an abundance of relevant knowledge and sophisticated technology that would make the Ganges problem look like a Sunday picnic!

I am referring, of course, to the wide-spread use in Europe of self-contained, tertiary-treatment sewage disposal units whose effluent is of such quality that it may be led into the nearest road ditch without causing any harm. These units come in all sizes, and one each could be placed at the hospital, the school complex, and the waterfront part of the downtown core. The remainder of Ganges properties could function quite well with upgraded septic systems.

Such an approach would elimi-

nate the need for extensive underground sewer lines all over Ganges and surrounding sewer district, with the attendant unbearably high cost to old age pensioners in the area, and the potential of uncontrolled future growth. Instead, sewage would be processed where it occurs, and to the highest degree of purity. The best is yet to come - three such units could be purchased, imported, and set up for a mere fraction of the suggested three to four million dollars that the C.R.D. system would cost, and without ever polluting our harbour!

It must be understood that North America is no longer the leader in common technology, nor is leadership to be found in Great Britain anymore. The technological centre of gravity has shifted to continental Europe, particularly West Germany, where our rather befuddled sewer proponents should go for a truly enlightening experience. It might do wonders to their parochial attitude!

Meanwhile, the hospital needn't be shut down; it could alleviate its problems by installing water savers in all the toilets, thus reducing the amount of raw sewage by more than half. Other water-saving measures could be instituted until the hospital receives its very own, and highly efficient, European treatment plant. With a bit of common sense, and a bit of flexibility, the Ganges sewer problem may yet be solved!

W. BANGERT,  
Ganges.  
March 17, 1980.

## Greenwoods Rockers new name for softball team

Sir,

A softball team for Greenwoods all started with Brian Logan's suggestion that if he donated the equipment he had from last year, we might like to sponsor our own team for 1980. Well, Pat Speed, with help from many "Insiders" and out, got the show on the road. She organized a Benefit Concert for March 14, and anybody buying a ticket for this was entitled to enter the contest, Name the Team, prize: dinner for two.

On March 13 in the evening, the team members (young Adonis's) met at Greenwoods to choose what they considered the best name for the team, as they are the ones that have to wear and bear it! The choice was many and difficult, but they finally settled for the Greenwoods Rockers, and thus Frank Pantony, one of the residents won the prize!

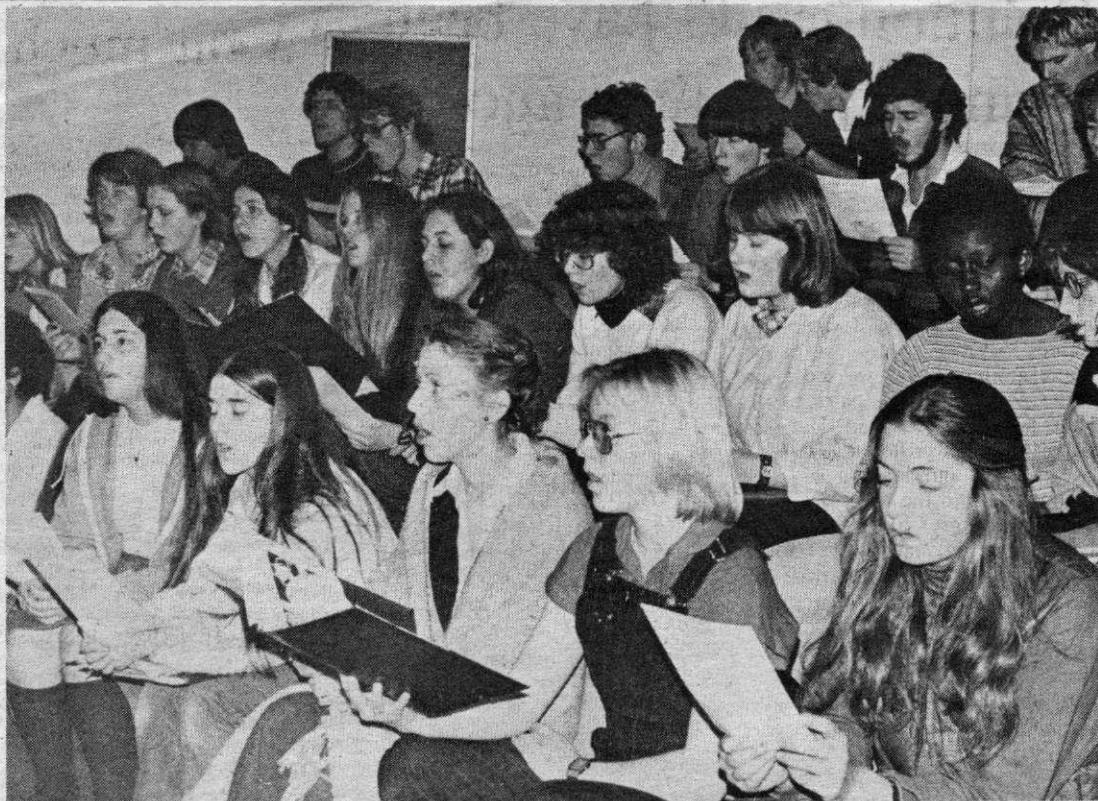
The Friday evening concert was marvellous - everybody had a Grande time, and Mrs. Elizabeth Sampson (one of the residents) decided to celebrate her birthday that evening in style! And we all helped! Ivan Larson (president of the Resident Coun-

cil) donated \$100 towards the Team Fund, under proper cheers!

To date, the team has a healthy bank account to spend on balls, T-shirts, etc. Now when the season starts, we'll have a good time, going to the games, cheering our team, helping them celebrate victories and drowning defeats in nearby pubs.

All this is made possible by the generosity of many people, and I'd like to thank them on behalf of the Greenwoods residents, especially: Reid Collins, Doug Rollo, Rick Dodds, and Chris Seaman, for their music; the merchants already mentioned in the last *Driftwood*, and Gerry Bourdin, Ivan Larson; the many people who bought tickets knowing they were not able to come; Brian Logan, for starting the "Ball" rolling, and Pat Speed for keeping it rolling.

Now it's up to the Greenwoods Rockers to roll it right!!!  
JONNA MATTIESING,  
Co-ordinator,  
Greenwoods.  
March 24, 1980.



The Lester Pearson College Choir

## Concert series to finish on upbeat

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

The 1979-80 winter concert season at St. George's finishes on an upbeat next Sunday with the legendary and unique choir from the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific.

Each year the Lester Pearson College choir gives a standing-room-only concert in Victoria. This year is no exception, but it is exceptional in that it will be a royal performance, being honoured by the presence of H.R.H. Charles, the Prince of Wales.

"Meet Pearson College" will take place in Victoria at 8:30 pm on Wednesday, Apr. 2 at the Royal Theatre.

We will welcome the choir at 2:30 pm on Sunday, Mar. 30 at St. George's Anglican Church, Ganges.

This is the choir's third consecutive yearly visit to Salt Spring Island, and the concert, as always,

contains music from many different countries. The choir will sing in Latin, English, French, Spanish, Swedish and African languages. Soloists will sing in Hindi, Hebrew and Chinese. There will be pianists from Israel, Yugoslavia and, by the way, Canada!

Edgar Samuel, the colourful and impressive director-producer of this

outstanding entertainment, regrets it is not possible to include the dance groups which are part of the Victoria performance.

The usual donations to help cover costs will be welcomed, and it would be wise to bring some extra money: you might well want to buy the college's latest record, "Pacifique".

### NOTICE OF MEETING

### SALT SPRING ISLAND

There will be a regular meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee on Tuesday, April 1, commencing at 4 pm, in the United Church Hall, Ganges, B.C. The public are welcome to attend.

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# Solution could have been found a long time ago 'A bit much'

Sir,  
I am angry! Damned angry! Sitting down to a dinner including home-made clam chowder, the TV news announcer stated that the pollution control people had posted more "contaminated" signs around Victoria. There were no signs around where we took our clams. Are we eating particles of some person's defecation? Has the department not posted a sign here as yet? Still our leaders wish to pour more into the sea. Why are you not all angry? It is time to talk back to the regional district before we are put into the same position here on Salt Spring as their other sewer fiascos in Victoria and environs. A government body that uses the pensioners and the handicapped to pay for their buses, is not thinking positively enough to decide the future of our island. A government body that decides for us that we will pay more for our gasoline and power to pay for Victoria buses that most of us never use, is not thinking. A government body that pollutes our beaches, kills our fish and wastes our resources is certainly not thinking. Do we need an underground press to organize against the existing dictatorship? Are letters to the editor of local papers enough? Is writing to your member of parliament sufficient? Where are the letters from the young. This is your island. We are nearly through, but you will have to live with this abominable mess. British Columbia is becoming polluted and rat-infested from one end to the other. All because you, and I repeat "you" sit back in abject silence.

There have been many other "bleatings" to the editor for the eight years we have been on the island. Proclamations that Salt Spring will have a sewer like it or not, at what cost, who cares? A system that perhaps will be sufficient and perhaps will not. Public meetings are only a matter of form. Let the islanders think they have democracy. No "Big Sewer" no hospital, no Greenwoods. To those patients in the hospital reading this

news be assured this would never happen. To those resting in Greenwoods continue to rest in peace. There are some of us still left who would never stand to see this happen. Scare tactics, politics, dictatorship, greed, growth and gullibility must be opposed and supplanted with Life and Living.

During the last public hearing a well known barrister representing the "Big Sewer" side said, and I quote from memory only, that "Do you know that raw sewage had been dumped into Ganges Harbour for the last 20 years", and "where has it gone, has it piled up on the bottom of the harbour, has it piled up on the shore?" Where was, may I ask, the Pollution Control Board and the health inspector then?

The hospital, the school, Greenwoods and yes the business section, all install make-shift disposal systems, all polluting, all waiting for a sewer that never came. Without the Regional District Board the islanders could have solved this problem long, long ago.

**JOHN G. WATSON,**  
Reid Road, R.R. 2,  
Ganges.  
March, 1980.

## Students fly to Vancouver

A group of grade three students from Salt Spring Elementary School got to fly in a plane this week.

The ride was part of an educational one-day field trip to Stanley Park in Vancouver. Two float planes, a Beaver and an Otter, were chartered for the excursion, which began and ended on Tuesday.

## First tax

France imposed the first tax in Canadian history, an excise tax of 50% on beaver pelts and 10% on moose hides.

Sir,  
For quite sometime now, I have read, always with interest, but frequently with goggly-eyed astonishment, the vision of this vale of tears as portrayed by your correspondent, Mary Williamson. Mary has a heart of gold but her apparent enthusiasm for Julius Nyerere's version of a socialist paradise is a bit much.

The operative phrase in Julius' speech was, of course, "we have to be harsh". This has meant in Tanzania, that people have been herded into 'ujamaa' villages at gunpoint. Houses and crops have been burnt and dissenters hounded, jailed and killed, in the greater interests of socialism. Remember Stalin and the Kulacs, Mary? One of the big flaws in socialism is that it cannot stand dissent.

Tanzania is a desperately poor country with hardly any natural resources, has always been so, and will likely remain so. It was never a British colony, was never exploited by anybody (except maybe by Tippu Tip, who was a local boy-made-good slaver, so he really shouldn't count.) The British Foreign Office was only too glad to get rid of its U.N. mandate. If it was so badly "pillaged" in the old days, how come it isn't rich now?

Mr. Nyerere does, however, have the distinction of being one of the few ex-colonial leaders who has not graduated from a British jail, but he did, once, hide on a tug in Dar-es-Salaam harbour while royal marine commandoes straightened out a few of his own soldiers for him.

Incidentally, Canada helped train his soldiers, 10,000 of whom are still in Uganda (and are being fed by Uganda because paradise is unable to feed them). Also, 1,000 of them are in the Seychelles, for purposes that are unclear.

Take off the rose-coloured glasses, Mary, and do a little reading up on your subject. May I recommend, as a starter, *North of South*, by Shiva Naipaul, available in our excellent, local library.

**DAVID LOTT,**  
R.R. 2, Ganges.  
March 23, 1980.

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# Motorcycles

BY BRIAN SOBER

Jon Page collects motorcycles, not just the ones you ride but also the ones you polish up to admire as beautifully designed pieces of machinery.

With the real vintage bikes, which presently are in retirement in Jon's workshop, are models of motorcycles which he collects as a sideline.

The models are very hard to come by, he says. Even more difficult to find are service manuals, which Jon finds equally fascinating.

Why this interest in machinery? The answer is simple: the man has spent most of his life fixing and restoring every type of internal combustion motor from the Model A to the stern drive on a new Bayliner boat, not to mention the restoration of over 20 motorcycles in his collection.

For him the motorcycle is the ultimate in a compact, no-frills, high-performance machine that was good when it was invented and is even better today with the inclusion of sophisticated electronics and quiet-running motors.

To most people 20 years ago the motorcycle was just a greasy, noisy, oil-dripping piece of machinery that only eccentrics drove until they piled them up.

### CHANGED

That image has changed tremendously and will probably change again for the better in the next decade. Motorcycles don't drip oil anymore, nor are they greasy and noisy.

The ones that fit the description of bygone days are seldom seen on the roads unless they have been turned into choppers.

Names which were the pride of the European countries which produced them have been lost and overtaken by Japanese makes.

B.S.A. Ariel, Matchless, New Hudson, Rudge, N.S.U. Whizzer, Nimbus, Sun, Royal Enfield, Norman. Those machines were answers to some of the western world's troubles 40 years ago.

The second world war was the factor that sold motorcycles and autocycles to people who could not afford or even get precious gasoline for their cars and trucks. Machines that could run on gasoline and pedal power as well were used by many people for their transportation.

### UNWANTED

When the war ended the autocycle was tossed on the junk pile as an unwanted reminder of the past.

Jon has six autocycles, or mopeds, sitting in his garage. They are unique and hard to find today because of the low cost attached to them when they were introduced on the market. After the war, Jon said, people literally threw them away or else let them get run down.

A separate and distinct fate befell the faster sports machines that were developed during that period also. They are more sought after by collectors but are hard to find in good condition now because they were driven hard and sometimes abused.

Various other things happened to them which helped to make them scarce; accidents and scrap metal buyers claimed a fair percentage of vintage bikes.

But for the mechanical and aesthetic excellence of the old machines there would be absolutely none left today. A few collectors have been preserving the ones they can lay their hands on.

### WHERE ARE THEY

However rare vintage motorcycles are, Jon says, it still remains to be explained just where the hundreds of thousands of old bikes are. Not every one of the machines was thrown out, yet they are nowhere to be seen.

Older people, Jon believes, may be harbouring old motorcycles which they feel are not worthy of restoration.

"I know those old bikes are hiding out there somewhere," he says, "but trying to uncover them is a difficult job."

"You don't find them in junk stores very often and they're

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Collecting motorcycles as an investment and as a hobby is not such a bad way of spending your time, according to Jon Page of Ganges. These three bikes he is

standing behind are a BSA, an Ariel and a Matchless. All were restored by Page, who is almost passionately devoted to preserving

early motorcycles. Page says he believes many vintage bikes still sit in old sheds where they were left years ago.

almost never seen lying around the dumps. I think what happens to them is they get pushed over in the corner of a shed somewhere by people who think the machine is worthless.

"The trouble is if they are left there for too long then they do become worthless. Or else people think they are worth more than any collector would want to pay."

"Any bike, no matter how rough it looks, is repairable. Unless it has been allowed to go downhill until it gets to the point where it isn't good for anything but parts."

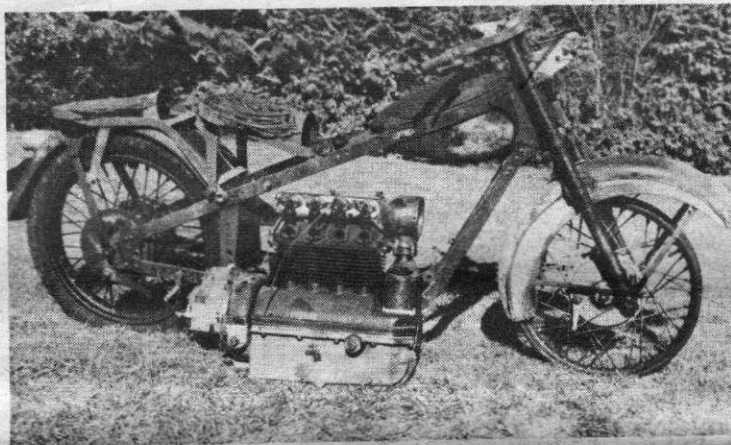
### A HELP

"But even finding a frame and an engine to start with is a help."

People have given him boxes of parts for bikes that he doesn't have, thinking one day the rest of the vintage bike might show up somewhere, thus completing the investment. These bikes are the ones that are the most interesting, he says.

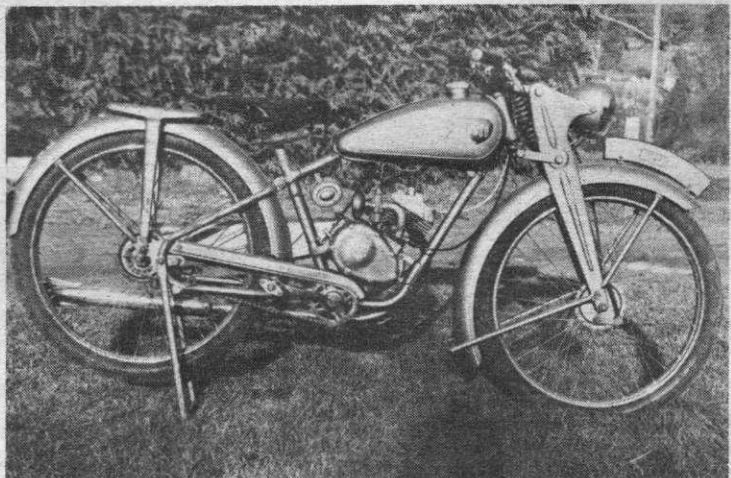
Vintage bikes are an excellent investment, and once restored they appreciate almost yearly. They are far more compact to collect than cars and even a person with only a small shed or a bedroom to work in can restore a motorcycle. Most collectors don't ride the old bikes they restore, differing in that respect from automobile collectors.

The old bikes, restored and polished, become a soothing balm for the eyes and in some cases, with collectors even more zealous than Jon, it isn't uncommon to find one of the rarer models ornamenting the corner of a living room.



Likely the oldest motorcycle on Salt Spring Island is this pre-war Nimbus. Nearly destroyed by fire, the Nimbus will one day be restored, although its present appearance makes restoration look almost impossible. Page has a box

of spare parts and a regular mechanic's workshop including all the tools required for the job. He said that spare parts are not too difficult to find for the Nimbus, which was built in the Netherlands.



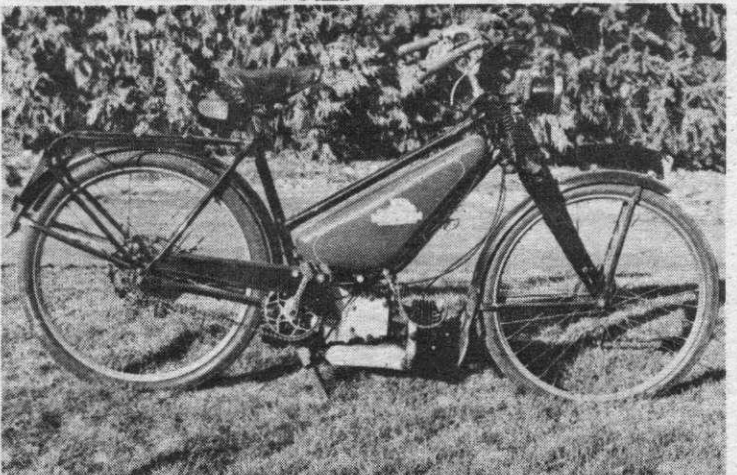
This early NSU had a motor and pedals and was the most economic-

al way for European motorists to travel during the second world war.



Finding models of old motorcycles is even harder than finding the real things. Some of these models date back to the 1920's and

are made of solid iron. Page collects other motorcycle memorabilia including old service manuals.



A typical example of the early moped (motor-pedal) bike is the Norman. Manufactured during

World War II the moped was the answer to fuel rationing.

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*More Food for Thought*

# Freedom is only won after you're so poor that nobody cares

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

My daughter recently read me her social studies project, *The History of Indonesia*. As I listened I experienced a feeling of *deja vu*.

The Dutch East India Company gained control of the spice trade in about 1650 and this gave them much influence over the Indonesian governments. By 1798 the Dutch government had taken over completely and colonized the islands (more than 3,000 according to *Encyclopedia Americana*; over 13,600 according to *World Book Encyclopedia*!). A succession of rulers and increasingly bitter struggles finally gave way to impoverished independence in 1949.

So nothing changes. First commerce, then coercion and finally colonization. When is freedom won? After you're so poor that nobody cares!

The late Donald Creighton, when asked if he feared a U.S. take-over of Canada, said, "No! They've already got all they want of our resources and industry. Why should they want our problems!"

General Omar Bradley, after his retirement, stated his belief that the U.S. have never gone into a country which they had not intended to exploit.

**SHARED EXPERIENCES**

Last Wednesday Marta Torres shared with us some of her experiences under the present military dictatorship in Guatemala. Of the 3,000 lawyers practising in her country, only 10 were tilling to actively help the workers in their struggles to unionize and thus improve their primitive and exploitative working conditions. Marta and her husband Enrique were two of the 10.

In 1977 their car was forced off the road by a government vehicle. They were both injured and taken to hospital. The very next day two corporation lawyers visited them in their hospital beds and openly dared them to continue their work! It was only after repeated threats on their lives that they left their homeland, realizing their effectiveness was at an end. Now they do what they can to help fellow refugees in Costa Rica, and also help the cause of those they left behind by travelling and talking to groups such as our interchurch committee for World Development Education.

**HARASSMENT**

Marta told us of the appalling conditions which prevail in the north, with even old ladies and pregnant women being subjected to sexual harrasment by the all-powerful army. It was to protest

this treatment that 100 peasant farmers went to the capital in January. When they were denied access to any of their own government officials they decided to ask the Spanish ambassador to intercede on their behalf. He had agreed to do so when the 400 security police, in clear contravention of international law, attacked the embassy with the resulting loss of 39 lives.

I told Marta our news reports had labelled the peasant farmers "terrorists" and the incident as another hostage-taking. She shook her head sadly. The only terror was inflicted by the government forces, and the only victims were the 39 people trapped inside the building when it was set on fire.

The ambassador himself, having escaped the fire, was set upon by the police and severely beaten, only saved by the intervention of press and Red Cross workers who recognized him. As previously reported in this column, the sole surviving peasant was kidnapped from his hospital bed, tortured and killed.

**REFUSED TO INTERVENE**

Marta told us there were police on duty at the hospital at the time, but they refused to intervene, even when begged to do so by the victim's friends.

Spain has broken off diplomatic relations with Guatemala. What a pity that Canada, also fully aware of the situation, cannot summon up the courage to do the same. World opinion doesn't matter very much to right-wing dictatorships, unless it is backed by economic and/or diplomatic action.

Listening to Marta and Uzziel, another Guatemalan exile presently working with Amnesty International, made the film *My Country Occupies* seem so much more real.

Marta warned us not to be complacent. Every successful dictatorship leads to another springing up somewhere else. We talk glibly of "the swing to the right". In Guatemala it has swung as far as it can go. We must never think it couldn't happen here.

Note: Wednesday, March 26, 7.45 pm, high school staff room: Madge Kimball will report on the recent *Education in Oceania* Conference. Key speaker was Ivan Illich.

# Silver Maynes see city's tourist attractions

On March 17 several members of the Silver Maynes journeyed as a group to Victoria. The "See your Own Home Town" tourist promotion gave them an opportunity to visit several of the most interesting attractions in the capital city.

Free buses were provided for the Sealand of the Pacific, Ann Hathaway's Cottage and the regular sight-seeing route. We were given admission to the Maritime Museum, the Classic Car Museum and Miniature World as well as the Undersea Gardens and the Wax Museum. A cup of hot coffee at the Tourist Information Booth was provided by Fable Cottage and was most welcome on a cold day.

Time prevented many from stopping for the free hamburger offered by McDonald's. Altogether it was a whirlwind tour and most of us would like to return on a more leisurely trip. The group enjoyed a hot dinner in Sidney before boarding the evening ferry.

While on the ferry our genial tour-captain, Vi Hamilton, produced from her bag of tricks enough birthday cake to treat the whole crowd. This was presented to Hugh

Campkin, who was smart enough to have his birthday on the 17th! We were happy to help in the celebration of the occasion and all were generous in their praises of our tour captain for a job well done.

The Silver Maynes will welcome new members and urge attendance at the next regular meeting. There's always something doing!

## Duplicate Bridge

Winners at the Gulf Islands Bridge Club on March 17 were as follows:

Morning: first, Pat and Kirby Herchmer; second, Mary K. and Doug Thomas; third, Thelma and Jock Craig.

Afternoon: first, Mary Clements - Anne McConnell; second, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; third, Mary K. Thomas - Dorothy Sneddon; fourth, Helen Shandro - Audrey Campbell; fifth, Vera and Alf Nichols.

# Regional meeting hosted by local church council

The regional meeting of the Catholic Women's League for the Diocese of Victoria was hosted by Our Lady of Grace Council in Ganges last Wednesday. The 60 visitors to Salt Spring Island for the occasion came from parishes ranging from Campbell River to Victoria and, said a council member, all expressed delight with the island. President Pat Taylor welcomed the visitors.

The gathering opened with a concelebrated Mass at 10 am. Concelebrants were Fathers W. Hill from Ladysmith, Gerry Kelly from Lake Cowichan, Dan McCarthy from Campbell River and P. A. Bergin of Ganges.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Sister Marie Zarowny of Nanaimo, whose topic was based on the publication of the Canadian Catholic Bishops, *Witness to Justice*. The Canadian bishops have urged Christians to follow Jesus Christ and proclaim his message by "modifying our more affluent lifestyles and opening our hearts to the poor in our midst"; listening and being present with the poor, the oppressed and the afflicted; analyzing the structures that cause human suffering and injustice; denouncing injustices and speaking the truth to those in power; and acting with the poor and the oppressed to change the causes of injustice.

Sister Zarowny challenged the

women to heed the call of the bishops and use available resources to work towards alleviating suffering and injustice at home in Canada as well as in the Third World.

Following lunch a business meeting got under way with diocesan president Helene Banner of Port Alberni in the chair, assisted by diocesan secretary Sheila Joseph, also from Port Alberni.

Members were reminded of the diocesan convention being held in Port Alberni on April 30 and May 1.

## Notice to the Ratepayers of the NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT Re: The Election of Trustees

Notice is hereby given that at the annual general meeting to be held on April 29, 1980 two trustees are to be elected to serve for terms of three years each.

Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the district office, Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Thursday the 10th day of April, 1980.

Nominations will not be accepted from the floor.

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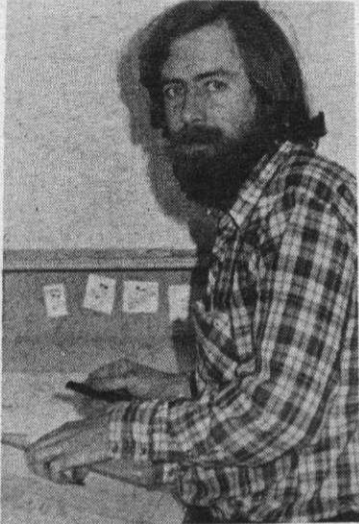
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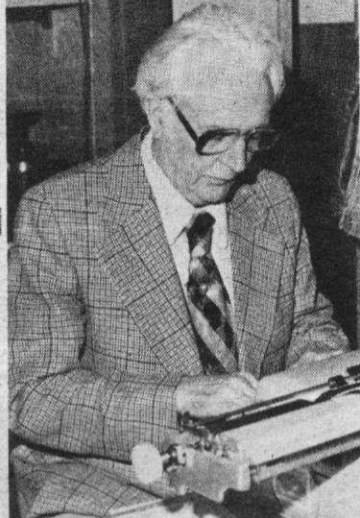
# Happy Birthday, dear Driftwood

## Yes, we're celebrating our 20th birthday this week ...

### In the newsroom ...



Tony Richards lays out the front page



Frank Richards pounds out a story



Brian Sober conducts an interview

### In the production department ...



Anne Lyon works on an advertisement

### In the accounts department ...



Barbara Richards works on the books

A lot has happened in the past 20 years, and a lot more will probably happen in the next 20.

But whatever happens in the islands, *Driftwood* will continue to appear every week, and will continue to provide full coverage of all the news and happenings!

Happy Birthday!



Jetta Martinez setting type

### In the front office ...



Catherine McFadyen takes a subscription order



Susan Smith updates the circulation files

### In the bindery room ...



Gwen Althouse bundles papers for mailing



Alice Richards sets classified ads

# Galiano

## Moorage facilities expanded at Whaler Bay government wharf

BY KATHLYN AND BASIL BENDER

The department of fisheries and recreational harbours has recently added a 120-foot float to the government wharf in Whaler Bay. For years the floats at this wharf have been overcrowded and three or four-boat-raffing is not uncommon in summer months.

Manager Bob George was able to persuade regional authorities to move the additional float over from Stevéston where it was due to be replaced. It is secured by a four-pile dolphin and attached to the existing float at such an angle that it does not impede passage in to the bay. The extra 240 feet of moorage space will be welcomed by the many fishermen and recreational boaters who use the Whaler Bay wharf.

The word wharfinger to denote the manager of a wharf is of ancient origin in the English language. Apparently, according to a recent article in *Maclean's*, it now has a connotation of political patronage, and Conservatives were complaining that "Liberal" wharfingers should have been replaced by "Conservative" ones when the Clark government came to power last May. It seems probably that this situation is confined largely to Atlantic Canada, since in the west it is often the case that officials of the department have to plead with a competent person to undertake a thankless job that nobody wants.

### SHARK FOR AQUARIUM

Caught last week by Pat Wilson and son, Bobby, while fishing for dogfish, was a sixgill shark. A phone call to the Vancouver Aquarium resulted in arrangements for the shark to be collected on Saturday, so it spent several days lassoed by the tail and tied to a herring-skiff in Whaler Bay.

Known locally as a mud-shark, the sixgill is not uncommon but is rarely caught and difficult to keep alive as when it is brought to the surface the lower pressure results in damage to blood vessels. Although these sharks can grow to 25 feet in length the five-foot specimen caught by the Wilsons was of more interest to the Aquarium staff than a larger one as it would be more likely to survive and doubtless more convenient to transport and house.

### WRITER WINS AWARD

Audrey Thomas of North Galiano was recently notified that she has been awarded the second prize in the fiction section of the Canadian

Broadcasting Corporation's Literary Contest. The competition is organized in three categories; fiction, poetry and memoirs.

Audrey's prize-winning entry was a short story entitled *Natural History*. At some future date this will be read on a CBC program. Congratulations are due to Audrey Thomas for winning this important award.

### ACCIDENT

A few minutes after midnight Saturday a car containing two young Vancouver men went out of control on Ellis Road just past the junction with Harper Road. The vehicle hit a tree and caught fire.

Fortunately, the two occupants were thrown clear and neither was seriously injured. The ambulance was called and for three hours Peter and Jeanne Dunn attended the injured until a helicopter arrived to take one of the victims to Vancouver General Hospital.

### NATURE NOTES

Lion Islet is the stopper in the bottle of Whaler Bay, which on old charts is called Whales Bay. Tidal currents surge past and around it so it is a favourite fishing area for local anglers. Only at the lowest of low tides is it accessible, except by boat.

According to local historian Donald New it was so named for the eroded sandstone rock on the southeast tip which, in profile, bears a strong resemblance to a lion couchant. In miniature it has most of the geological features of its larger neighbour with strata of sandstone inclined to the northeast at an angle of about 20° forming a sloping rocky beach on the strait side and a small undercut bluff on the southwest side.

Lacking shade except from a single gnarled fir and some scrubby Garry oaks, it has a dry, warm climate. Spring flowers bloom early on Lion Islet. Hairy manzanita is showing its pink, heather-like flowers and mahonias are decked with yellow between carpets of blue-eyed Mary. The rare human visitor can also observe shore birds such as surfbirds which should soon be making their way north to the Mt. McKinley area of Alaska where they breed.

### SEAFOOD DINNER

The Galiano Lions Club held its annual seafood dinner at Galiano Hall on Saturday, bringing out a capacity crowd to enjoy the many bounties of the sea. Plans for this dinner began many weeks ago, with Lion members and their

friends going out for clams and oysters, salmon and cod, and crab and shrimp.

The chief cooks were Lions Ollie Garner and Geordie Georgeson and their wives, and Cam Prior and Bob Knowles.

The tasty sauce used for the curried oysters, made by Pat Weaver, combined to make just one of the many different kinds of dishes that were enjoyed. Smoked cod and barbecued salmon, special Galiano baked cod, shrimp cocktail, baby clams steamed in the shell, barbecued oysters and crab legs, topped off with rice and salad, were the dishes that people came back for. This along with clam chowder made by Mrs. Bob Knowles, was truly a gourmet delight.

Following dinner there was dancing to the always-popular Newmans from Salt Spring.

### WATER TAXI

Galiano has a new water taxi service. The vessel *Hornet* is the same one that conveys the students from Galiano and Saturna to school on Mayne. It carries radar and is fully equipped.

### COMING EVENTS

The ladies section of the Golf and Country Club is hard at work preparing for a Banquet and Fashion Show to be held on Saturday, April 5 at 6 pm. After a hot dinner prepared by the ladies 10 Galiano models will display a wide selection

of spring styles with Elizabeth Beach as commentator. A few tickets remain (price, \$8) and may be obtained from the conveners, Linda Laughlin and Elsa Hacking.

A glance at the parking lot outside the Community Hall tells the experienced islander what activity is going on inside. Every Wednesday at 1 pm the Artists' Guild gather to prepare for the annual Spring Show on Saturday, May 24. Guests are always welcome.



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Subsequent to the announcement that the Government of British Columbia was taking action to impose a seven year moratorium on uranium exploration and mining in the Province, the Commissioners agreed to discontinue the scheduled Technical and Community Hearings.

It has been mutually agreed between the Commissioners and the Government that the Commission will continue in being until October 30, 1980 by which time the Commissioners will submit a report to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Before undertaking the drafting of the report, the following will apply:

- (a) All material relevant to the Commission's Terms of Reference that is in the process of being developed by the Commission and others may now be completed. This material must be filed at the Commission Office no later than April 15, 1980.
- (b) Those Major Participants who wish to present a final summary argument to the Commission must do so in writing no later than May 1, 1980 with copies to other Major Participants.

The library facilities of the Commission will be available to the Major Participants and the general public to May 1, 1980. After that date anyone wishing to use these facilities must make prior arrangements by telephoning the Librarian. The office of the Commission will remain open until October 30, 1980.

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## Farming and gardening

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BY PETER WEIS

### Foxglove's Nursery Consultant

Before we get into starting our gardening season in earnest I would like to mention some conclusions of recent research into the health and welfare of fruit and vegetables.

It has been shown that the availability of balanced nitrogen and potash has increased both the health and productivity of various crops. Fungus resistance was shown to increase by 70% and insect resistance by 60%. Optimum results were achieved by approximately equal amounts of nitrogen and potash.

Good natural sources of potash other than commercial fertilizers, are wood ashes (seven per cent) and seaweed (seven per cent). The previously mentioned buckwheat green manure crop is also high in potash, as is good bright straw. So save those wood ashes, preferably in a covered garbage can, as potash leaches readily.

Another beneficial use of buckwheat is as host plant for the tiny trichogramma wasp, along with mustard and dill. It is an age-old European custom to grow these in orchards to control the codling moth and other garden pests.

In recent comparison trials results were as follows: no controls, 54% infestation; full chemical controls, 1.5% infestation; trichogramma control through host plants, 3.5% infestation.

### OVERWHELMED

Last year we were overwhelmed by wasps. There was just no getting away from them. This was especially true for cabbage worms. Last year we also had the first perfect cabbages without doing anything about it. The wasps took care of them for us; we had 100% cabbage worm control. So I am going to try the trichogramma wasp, especially since it is said to be quite small and stingless.

Other herbs to encourage the trichogramma wasp are fennel, anise and parsley. I will leave last year's parsley in our garden to go to seed and plant new parsley this spring for our use and to go to seed next year; and so on.

The above-named parsley (Darki - my favourite) has been started in an unheated greenhouse on March 15 along with a second sowing of lettuce (Grand Rapids Forcing).

All my tomatoes, peppers, the dwarf marigolds (which require a two-week earlier start than the larger types) and other assorted annuals and perennials were started in the insulated propagating box as previously described. So far it is working very well.

Where the soil is sufficiently dry to be worked (a clump, when dropped or hit with a shovel should crumble) our main crop of peas, lettuce, beans, beets, carrots, spinach, swiss chard and early potatoes can now be sown outside.

### HARDY ANNUALS

Towards the end of the month we can set out the hardy annuals such as pansies, stocks, sweet peas, violas, dianthus, carnation and cornflowers. Marigolds, cucumbers, zinnias, dahlias and other annuals should now be started in a greenhouse or indoors.

If there is a lot of moss in your lawn, as there is in ours after all this rain we have had, try aerating your lawn with an aerator or

## Busy month for Mayne TOPS group

### BY WAY-LESS

The Mayne TOPS have had a busy month. At the first meeting of March the regular awards were given out and winners of the Mountain Climbing Contest were announced. These were Edona Medcalf and Kay Adams. They decided they would delay acceptance of their prizes so the contest could have a re-run and hopefully they could have some others join them at the summit. The members have volunteered to bring small gifts suitable for prizes.

The Rummage Sale held on March 1 was a very successful venture. We wish to thank our many friends for donations and support. The proceeds are to be used to help with expenses in connection with our planned trip to Kamloops for Provincial Recognition Days in May.

Election of Officers was held on March 19. Elected were: leader, Pat Dawson; co-leader, Maude Smith; secretary, Margaret Twamley; treasurer, Kay Adams.

These officers will be installed at an afternoon meeting planned for Thursday, March 27. At this time we will attend a luncheon at the Five Roosters and we hope to have area co-ordinator Rose Coleville from Victoria as our guest.

Kathy Mundie received a "key to success charm" for returning from holiday without a gain. She also received the slim miss Trophy for February.

## Donated generously

Salt Spring Island Heart Fund spokesman Fred Tessman reports that residents have donated generously to the campaign this year.

He said that donations may still be made to the fund through any local bank or Miller and Toynbee Realty. Receipts for income tax purposes will be issued to those who request them.

otherwise punching holes in it all over the place. This often helps where poor drainage and nutrition are not the cause of moss.

As our days are getting longer and warmer our indoor plants are visibly picking up and making new growth. Now is the time, except for those in bloom, to fertilize and step up your watering schedule, repot and divide. My preferred "soil" for indoor plants is as follows: for blooming plants (African violets, etc.) and ferns, those that like to be constantly moist, 50% peat moss and 50% perlite. For foliage plants, those that like to dry out between waterings, 40% peat moss, 40% perlite, 20% sand or soil. Cacti and desert plants like 25% peat moss, 25% perlite and 50% sand.

These are very light soils but have excellent water retention (Peat moss) plus very good air circulation (perlite, vermiculite, etc.) Water thoroughly (until water appears at bottom) once or twice a week. Use one quarter strength fertilizer as recommended rates are often based on a once-monthly basis, and fertilize weekly as long as your plants are in their active growing stage.

These general outlines should be the basics for your indoor jungle.

## Dr. Martin Levin to speak at Pub Lecture

BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN  
Continuing Education

Many Salt Spring Islanders will remember Martin Levin the farmer, Martin Levin the NDP-er, and Martin Levin the assistant cantor at the Synagogue in Victoria. But Martin has gone back to the role he had before settling on the Gulf Islands some five years ago: professor of political science.

Formerly on staff at UBC, Dr. Levin now teaches at the University of Victoria. He will come to Salt Spring on Tuesday night, April 8, to speak at a Pub Night Lecture to be held at the Fulford Inn. Supper and lecture have a \$7 price tag and socializing will begin about 6 pm.

It is essential for people to register early for this event, since food preparation is involved and there are difficulties in bringing an off-island resource person over for a class. Our last Pub Night Lecture was postponed due to insufficient registration, so we are setting a deadline of Friday, April 4 for pre-registrations for this lecture.

Dr. Levin will speak on the images of man: contemplative, economic, erotic and political.

Mail a check or money order (\$7 per person, \$12.50 per couple) to School District #64, Ganges, to ensure a place in this special class.

Dr. Connie Rooke, also of UVic, has re-scheduled her talk on Margaret Lawrence's *The Stone Angel*, for her Pub Night Lecture for women only at the Vesuvius Inn.

Interest in Miss Lawrence's writing has grown since her appearance on a TV interview recently, as well as the fact that many local people have finished reading the book chosen for Dr. Rooke's discussion at Vesuvius.

Tuesday night, April 29, is the date for the final Pub Night Lecture of the spring semester. Watch *Driftwood* for more details.

## Saturna BY FLORA RATZLAFF

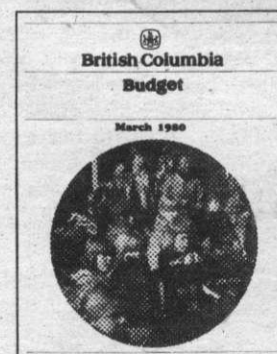
This week, welcome to Joana and Hiedi, our newest residents on Saturna Island. The girls are from Finland and have come to Saturna to work. Joana has been here a few weeks already and is introducing Hiedi to island life.

There will be a public hearing at the Community Hall on March 28 at 7 pm. The hearing is to deal the the proposed amendment of Bylaw No. 103. The bylaw and the proposed amendment are available for review at the Post Office.

Last Saturday there was an anniversary celebration at the Lighthouse Pub. The pub has been open one year now and a very enjoyable one it has been. The party was attended by over 45 islanders and a few visitors. Betty prepared a delicious gourmet buffet that was enjoyed by all.

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**Swimming pool given top priority**

**From the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission**

There has been some progress on the recreation feasibility study with word that James Chabot, minister of lands, parks and housing, had obtained consent of the government to turn over an appropriate part of the subdivided sections of Mouat Park for a recreation centre and a new facility for the community society, should they proceed with one.

A hearing for zoning will be the next step. Should the Islands Trust then agree to such an arrangement nothing further could be done until the feasibility study is complete.

If a proposal for a recreation centre is then submitted to the taxpayers in the form of a referendum, and if it should be passed, then, and only then, would the actual transfer of land take place.

In the meantime, a survey taken of the views of the members of the commission showed all but one placing top priority on a swimming pool, associated with a sauna and whirlpool and change rooms. A theatre was the next most desired item on the list.

**SOME COMPLAINTS**

There have been some complaints from local builders concerning the hiring of a Victoria architect and contractor for the feasibility study. There were several reasons for this.

First of all the local bids were much higher. Also, the firms chosen had very experienced consulting staff in the special areas of swimming pools and theatre. They were also on a short list which the Capital Regional District had drawn up on the basis

of their previous performance. Finally, the members of the Recreation Commission went to Victoria to meet the various firms and were most impressed with the one chosen.

If and when an acceptable plan is arrived at, and if the referendum is approved, then every effort will be made to hire local workmen.

**GRANTS**

A considerable portion of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of how to deal with requests for grants from local groups. There is a limited amount of money and an increasing number of requests. Until now no firm policy exists for deciding exactly what is covered by the term "recreation".

A committee has studied the matter and will propose a policy at the next meeting. It has already been decided that a letter will accompany payment of grants stating that a new policy, about which they will be informed, will come into effect and this year's payment will not constitute a commitment for payments in the next year.

The initial request of the library for \$1,200 was reduced to \$800 since the other \$400 was for maintenance. The commission felt this did not come within their area of responsibility. However, the matter was reconsidered for this year and the additional \$400 was provided.

**PORTLOCK PARK**

Part of the package for the completion of Portlock Park was an additional building to house machinery and tools. When plans were being drawn up the soccer association expressed interest in some storage space for equipment

and a small area for a concession. They indicated their willingness to undertake construction of the combined areas at their cost. Other sport groups were also invited to share the facility.

As a result, construction will start very soon. If any builders are interested in bidding on the project, the plans may be seen at the office of Rod Pringle at Salt Spring Insurance.

As soon as the weather improves the commission is anxious to go about the job of completing Portlock Park. In addition to further grading and seeding, a play area has been planned along with a few picnic tables. The delays seem to have been endless and all agree completion is overdue.

**SUMMER JOBS**

The commission has also applied to both federal and provincial governments for summer employment grants. If there are local students who qualify they should consider registering with the appropriate office. The committee members are Jack Althouse, Bev Unger and Alan Hardie.

Finally, the swimming and skating is over after an extremely successful few months. In the event that this is repeated next year Jack Althouse has already tentatively applied for times next year.

The commission-sponsored weekly trips to indoor tennis on Friday evenings will finish this Friday, March 28. It, too, was enjoyed by a total of about 30 players.

**Trophies are presented**

Pennants and spinnakers transformed the clubhouse of the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club recently when the island's Sailing Club held its annual trophy awards dinner.

One sailor reported that some "delicious food" was prepared by Hilda Moore and a crew of helpers, "lively music" was supplied by Ray and Virginia Newman and a cake in the shape of two sailboats and two small islands was made by Margaret Howell.

Commodore Doug Thomas and Rear-Commodore Cliff Carev presented trophies to the following winners in last year's racing season.

Around Moresby and Portland Islands: first, *Sirius*, John Burnett; second, *Gypsea*, Don Baxter; third, *Marimba*, Dick Moore.

Around Prevost Island: first,

*Erin*, Peter McMillan; second, *Gypsea*; third, *Ginger Tea*, Jack Langdon.

Montague Harbour: first, *Sirius*; second, *Benbow*, Wilf Peck; third, *Paragon*.

Single-handed race: first, *Wind Warrior*, Doug Foerster; second, *Spring Fever*, Lee Cochran; third, *Windfall*, Jim Sinclair.

Channel Islands Race: first, *Gypsea*; second, *Windfall*; third, *Erin*.

Total points trophy was won by Don Baxter in *Gypsea* and the Around Salt Spring Race winner was Melonie Iverson in *Windfall*.

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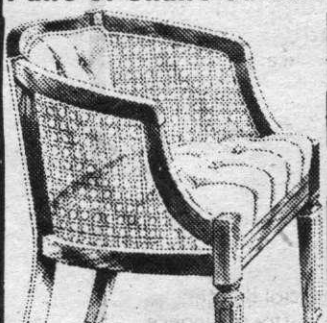
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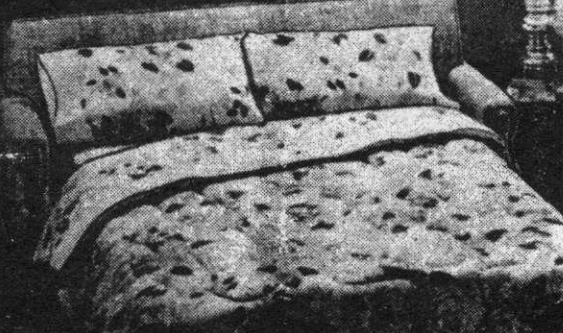
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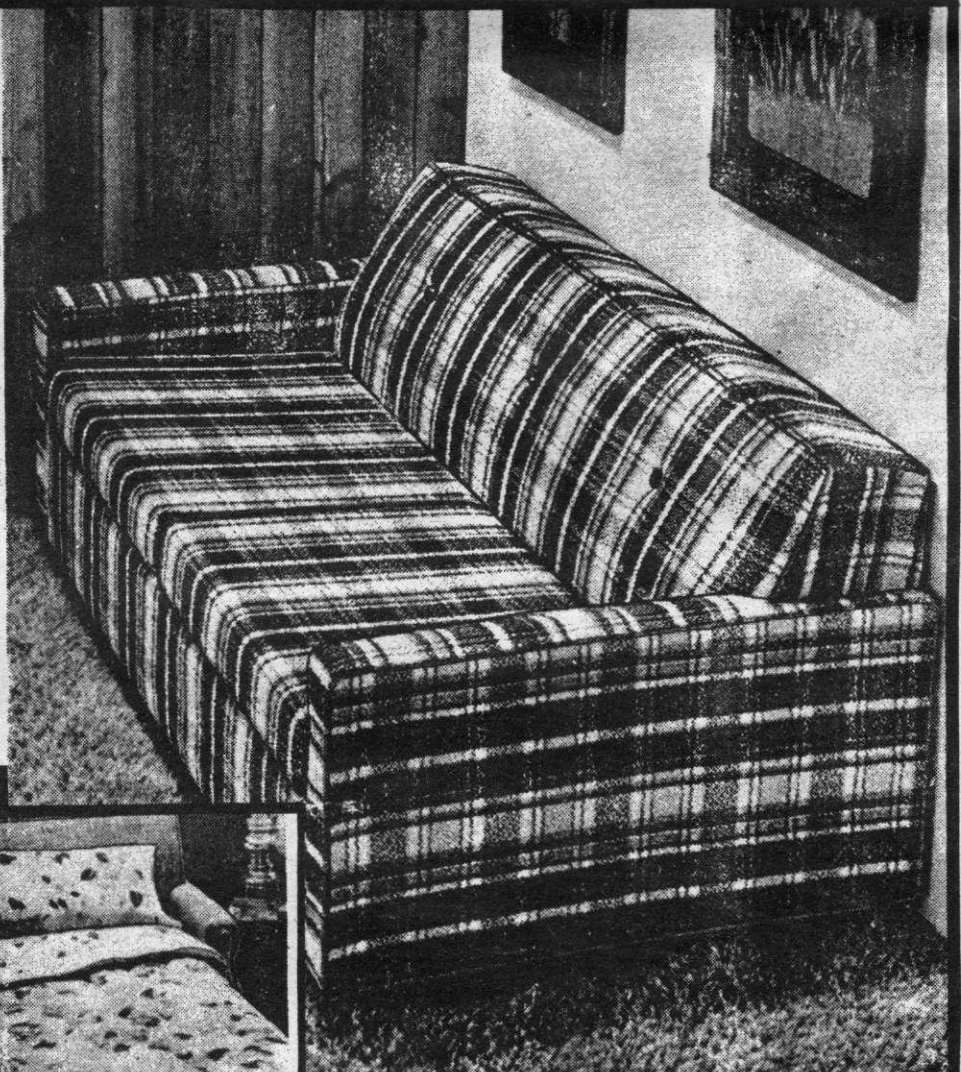
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BY MARY WILLIAMSON

Put a large red circle around Saturday, April 5 on your calendar. At eight o'clock that evening the Inaugural Gala Concert will get under way at the Activity Centre in Ganges for the Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society. The incorporation of this non-profit society was written up a few weeks ago, and the program for what promises to be a "really big shooooow!" is now being finalized.

During the day there will be special attractions for children of all ages in Centennial Park. Clowns, games, music, an Earth Ball, a story tent, Easter Egg hunt and all kinds of fun things are planned (some of them depending on the weather, of course!). From 11 am to 3 pm the fun will be continuous. Refreshments will be on sale, and if parents want to drop their kids off for an hour or so, they may do so with easy minds, as everything will be well supervised. Any cash donations or money collected will go towards buying art supplies for the Day Care Centre. (Note: Small prizes are being sought, and may be left at et cetera or Annie's Music Box.)

**HOUSE BAND**

Back to the evening concert. There will be a house band, consisting of Kenny Grossman, Jerome Jarvis, Rhett Faire and Greg Pauker.

Then there will be our own Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble, Marianne Grittani, Anonymous Theatre, the De Witt Oblong Ensemble (Tom and Sue Bowler,

Arno Bangert, Dave Roland and Bruce Mailey).

Sonja Hill will sing, accompanied by the Newmans. Madge Kimball will play the piano and Sue Bowler will dance. Irene Wright will sing a capella Acadian folk songs. There will be short N.F.B. films, including Academy Award nominations for best animation ... and more!!!

Brian Smith will entertain during the intermission, and refreshments will be on sale. Tickets are \$4 for general admission, and \$3 for O.A.P. and members of the society. Memberships cost \$5 a year, and anyone can become a member. You don't have to be a performing artist.

**DIRECTORY**

A directory will be compiled, giving names and details of performers and supporting arts: scenic

design, costume, make-up, carpentry, lighting and places where performances can be held with details of rental, contact people and so on.

It is quite apparent that we all stand to gain from this kind of community effort. If we can encourage the performance of live music rather than tape, for instance, and if we can enable performers to practise and improve their art, we shall make a great contribution to the quality of life on the islands.

Tickets will be on sale at et cetera and Annie's Music Box, and please be ready for Catherine Atkins to call on you (if you are a local trader) with requests for donations of goods or money). There will also be door prizes at the concert.

**Society has new officers**

The annual general meeting of the Pender Post Society was held on Thursday at the School Community Centre and a new slate of officers was elected. S. Corbett will be president; Mrs. Joan Ward, vice-president; Mrs. June Hall, recording secretary; and A. Ross-Smith, corresponding secretary.

In charge of on-island memberships is Mrs. Eleanor Carey and Miss M. Bailey will look after off-island subscriptions.

The Pender Post Society treasurer will be Mrs. Susan

Hutton.

The advertising treasurer is Mrs. Gwen Stephens and the advertising secretary, Mrs. Joan Llewellyn.

Four directors were elected: Mrs. F. Davidson, Mrs. M. Tallman, Mrs. Eileen Gould and Mrs. Mae Appleby.

Mrs. Maria Watson will continue as editor and she will be assisted by the newly-elected editorial board of three members: R. Tallman, B. Deaville and D. Davidson.

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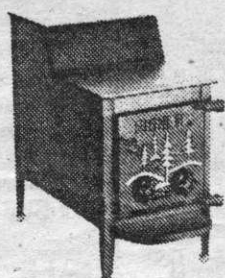
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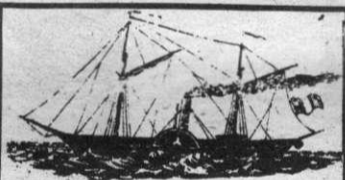
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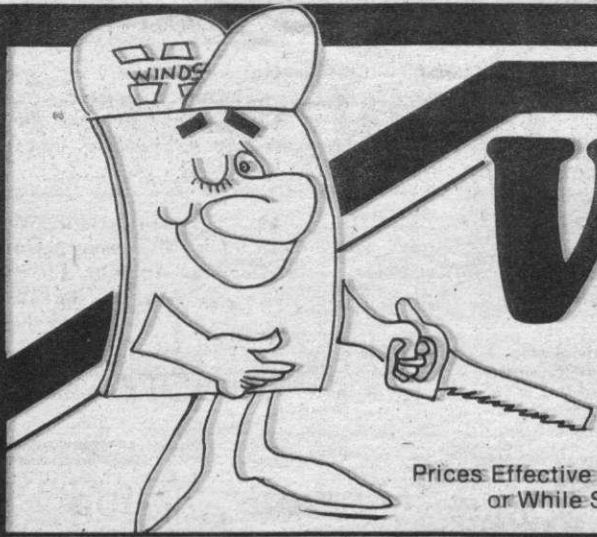
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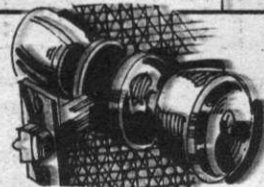
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