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Transit

Salt Spring is back in after motion for exclusion passed

BY FRANK RICHARDS

When the alternate director for Salt Spring Island, Mrs. Sabara Humes, called for the exclusion of Salt Spring Island from the transit service last week, she almost made her point.

Stating that he believed Salt Spring Island to be in a different position from other parts of the regional district, director J. W. McElroy moved that it be excluded from the transit service area.

His motion followed a tie vote on a resolution to reject Hugh Curtis' plea for the amendment of the transit service area to exclude the Gulf Islands.

Failure of the motion led to the McElroy proposal to exclude Salt Spring.

The motion was passed.

The debate had ambled through the transport gates for an hour or so and directors were weary. They adjourned for a 15 minute coffee break.

Revived, they returned to the table to challenge the validity of the vote on the Curtis proposal.

RESCINDED BOTH

Vote was taken again and came

to a tie. The motion was defeated and, once again, the future of the islands was in the balance. Directors had rescinded both motions after their coffee break and the exclusion of Salt Spring was not re-affirmed.

Chairman Campbell reiterated an earlier statement that he had campaigned for election citing transit as a very important role, and had been elected.

The exclusion of the islands should be the responsibility of Finance Minister Curtis and not the board, he said.

Campbell added that he had been aware of the opinion of Salt Spring Islanders regarding the transit service area, but he was not aware of the same views on other islands. The transit service area is that designated part of the regional district to be responsible for the contribution toward the cost of buses.

"Perhaps you can find some way of excluding Salt Spring Island," suggested Mrs. Humes. Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier termed it "taxation without representation".

REVIEWED HISTORY

He and Jim Campbell reviewed the history of the transit service area, from the original approval of one-time director Jim Bryce and

the change in policy after his death.

Director D. Hill of Central Saanich feared that the board was imposing a service on the island. He felt that Salt Spring Island, the Outer Islands, Port Renfrew and Jordan River should all be excluded.

Bob Wright figured that the areas should be allowed to withdraw.

"If we do a good enough job I believe those areas will want in," he commented. Norma Sealey, chairman of the transit committee, reviewed Curtis' letter. He had asked for exclusion of the Gulf Islands on the grounds that the service they enjoy is minimal.

"Such reasoning would exclude many areas," she warned her colleagues.

She also reminded the board that the budget has been approved for the coming year and juggling areas will only jeopardize the financing.

When the vote was recalled, Mrs. Humes was hesitant to vote until the meaning had been clarified. The chairman gave her time to read it again, but declined to permit any explanation.

REJECTED AGAIN

The weighted vote showed 26 in

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Tea raises \$1,665

Scene at World Relief Tea at Fulford Hall Saturday. Event has brought in \$1,665 to date, according to one of the organizers. Proceeds go towards church activities in Third World countries.

Director walks out over Tillicum restriction plan

Two Saanich directors engaged in a dispute on Wednesday last week at the meeting of the Capital Regional Board until one left the meeting.

Under debate was the extension of the projected Tillicum shopping centre.

Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier told the board that if the proposed bylaw imposing a maximum shopping centre area of 27,500 square metres was applicable to Saanich only, then he could not support it.

John Mika told the board that the proposal to increase the area of Tillicum Centre had been "sprung on him". The statement drew an immediate response from Couvelier.

The two spoke heatedly across the table until Couvelier rose and told the board that if this is regionalism, "you can stick it in your ear".

He then left the board room.

Mika had the last word. "The chickens are coming home to roost," he crowed, "and some are running away!"

The board endorsed the chairman's action in seeking an injunction to prohibit Saanich from proceeding with its proposed extension to the Tillicum shopping project.

Also approved was the introduction of the bylaw to restrict the maximum size of a shopping centre.

Couvelier had earlier protested that the purpose of regional planning was to avoid new shopping centres close enough to the downtown Victoria area to threaten them.

Praying for good weather

Driftwood staff members are praying for good weather for the next week, so that next week's issue can be produced outside if necessary.

Last-minute painting and decorating is still being carried out at Driftwood's new premises on Rainbow Road and it is uncertain whether the work will be completed by Thursday.

In any case, the lawn behind the building has been cut and the yard cleaned up in readiness for the typesetting machines, should the need for the space arise.

The office will close Thursday and re-open at the new premises, inside or out, on Friday. Building is located across from the school grounds in Ganges.

Trustees approve 1 1/2-mill increase

Gulf Islands property owners will pay more taxes for schools this year. A 1 1/2-mill increase in school spending was approved and adopted by the Gulf Islands School Board last week.

The basic levy on education placed on taxpayers by the government has also increased one-quarter of one mill. Total mills payable are 48.411 compared to 46.938 last year.

The total school budget for 1980 is \$3,280,778 which is an increase of \$432,314 over 1979.

Dollars collected by the government in excess of the basic levy and the basic education program are distributed throughout the province.

This year the district's total contribution was \$333,457, which is approximately \$97,000 less than what was paid last year.

Only two would not participate in program

French immersion, the federally sponsored program to aid bilingualism in Canada, has been approved by the Gulf Islands School Board and will likely begin at Fernwood Elementary next September.

However, 50 per cent of the funding for the program must come from the district so the approval was made subject to finding the funds in the board's 1980 budget.

The \$3,000 required of the district will pay for a half-time teacher from September to January, 1981.

The teacher will be required only if a substantial number of students, at the grade six and seven levels, decide not to take the optional program.

Principal Alan Marsh told the board last week that a survey of parents at Fernwood indicated only two children would not participate.

"A few children can be assimilated into another classroom during French instruction, so an additional teacher may not be necessary."

The point was raised by some trustees that the program should have been presented to the board's budget committee. It is the board's

policy to accept new programs only during budget discussions.

Marsh explained that he had been unable to present the program at an earlier date. "I wanted to be absolutely satisfied that the program could be implemented at Fernwood," he told trustees.

Cabinet would have to accept responsibility

Regional board chairman Jim Campbell said Monday that if the provincial cabinet doesn't permit the Capital Regional Board an extra \$2 million to build the Ganges sewer system, the cabinet will have to accept responsibility for the project.

The regional district recently applied to the ministry of municipal affairs for an amendment to the district's letters patent. An amendment is needed to build the 2,000-metre extension on the proposed Ganges Harbour outfall.

Players present two plays

One was puzzling, the other entertaining

BY TONY RICHARDS

No doubt many of the people who went to see what Salt Spring Players have been up to recently were left somewhat bewildered by one of their presentations at Mahon Hall in Ganges last weekend.

Luckily, though, the second play served to dispel any doubts about the group's ability in choosing the season's presentations. One of the first comments I would have to make about *Stage Directions* concerns the length of the play. It was just the right length. Any longer, and I might have felt compelled to go out for a smoke.

To put it simply, it was a puzzling sort of play. And I think perhaps that some of that puzzlement was due to some difficulty (on my part, anyway) to pick up the dialogue between the three people in the cast, Ruth, Richard and Ruby (Dawn Luker,

Michael Kolesar and Liduin Currell).

ON THE FUZZY SIDE

It was particularly difficult to understand the taped portions of the dialogue because they were a little on the fuzzy side.

But did I miss enough of the dialogue to make it virtually impossible to relate what the story was about? The fact that they wore arm-bands gave me the impression that they could be members of a Jewish family in Nazi Germany. (After all, the play's writer has a very Jewish name.) But a quick check of the program reveals that the story takes place in a New England home. I cannot, at this moment, think who else in recent, or current, history wore arm-bands.

However, I was not totally disappointed. The calibre of the acting was such that it made the play worth seeing.

A COMEDY

While *Stage Directions* had its humorous moments during the first 10 minutes or so, *Village Wooing* was a comedy from beginning to end.

By comparison, it was by far the more entertaining of the two plays.

Both members of the cast, Pat Desbottes and Michael Hayes, were perfect in their parts, he the

scholarly intellectual sort and she the simple shop-clerk, inclined to be fond of idle chattering.

At least she appeared to be rather simple at the beginning of the play. Towards the end she proved herself to be as wise, if not more so, than her friend.

The play certainly deserved to be chosen for the B.C. Drama Finals in Courtenay.

Transit

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each camp and the motion to refuse Curtis' plea was rejected for the second time.

The board then considered a lengthy series of motions to prorata the transit costs in the minimal service areas.

Director Sealey wanted the matter cleared up. The matter can be postponed, she agreed, but one day the board must make a decision. It was difficult to go on after reaching the present stage, suggested Campbell.

Pro-rating was then proposed for Salt Spring Island, Jordan River, Port Renfrew, part of Metchosin and parts of North Saanich.

It appeared doubtful whether the majority of directors any longer knew what was being discussed.

SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL
If pro-rating charges according to the use afforded the community was to be extended to any one area it should be extended to all, proposed Sealey.

Sealey's proposal to offer a pro-rata costing to all communities was a brilliant move, commented Wright.

"It brings everybody back in. It keeps Salt Spring Island in the transit service area in payment and in service."

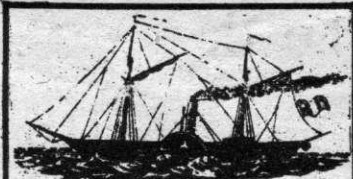
There is going to be a tremendous deficit, warned director Shirley Dowell.

"Why not charge so much when you travel on the bus?" suggested Humes.

Couvelier said that there was no point in the discussion until it was clear what the actual costs would be on a pro-rated basis.

Once again the question was put over. It was tabled to the next meeting.

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Shriners from Vancouver and Vancouver Island will participate in the installation of the first shrine club on Salt Spring Island this weekend.

The festivities will begin with a parade in Ganges at 12:30 p.m. At 1:30 a barbecue lunch will be offered at the Ganges school grounds and at 7:30 in the evening the shriners will stage a banquet and ball.

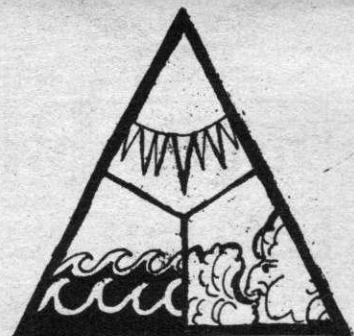
Walter H. Robinson, potentate of the Gizeh Temple, and his dignitaries will make presentations and conduct the installation ceremony after the banquet. Ken MacKenzie of Salt Spring has been named the president of the new club. Executive members include vice-president S.D.Sage; secretary G.E. Lempire; treasurer A.P.S. Gordon; and directors Tony Rayner, B. Thomas and T.Vaughn. R. Newstead is hospital representative.

The Gizeh Temple is the regional organization of the Shrine serving BC and the Yukon with 38 clubs and 14 performing units.

The Shrine is a charitable organization founded by 13 Masons in 1872 in New York City. The

organization undertakes a number of projects and is well known for its work with crippled and burned children.

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To Be Frank by richards



The Levesque principle of a shared sovereignty comes over rather like he is asking Ottawa to permit him to share the prime ministry with the incumbent. Of course, Levesque is nobody's fool. He might prove a valuable asset to the prime minister. On the other hand, it could be rather a cramped throne with two bodies squeezed into it while attempting to wear one crown between them.

There was a protest last weekend against nuclear warfare. As a purist, I would still feel more stirred up by the campaigner who could pronounce the word. Whether we want energy from atoms or never, the word is still nuclear energy and not nuclear energy.

Thinking of words puts me in mind of the standard hates in excessive use of the wrong word in the right place. I like the English language. Over the years I have studied five languages and I always come back to English. I itch when someone assures me that his problems are more essential than another's. Essential must stand alone, surely? Another bugaboo is unique. How can it be compared? My copy is the only one of its kind. It is unique. If yours is more unique, then it is an onlier copy than mine!

For a number of years the *Driftwood* office was located at the end of the yellow dirt road behind the Government Liquor Store. It was easy. You knew the office was behind the Liquor Store. But where's the Liquor Store? In front of *Driftwood*, you fool! But that's all done with. *Driftwood* will be in its new location next week, at 121 Rainbow Road. The legend which has long explained the location of the office is now disappearing. It has been quoted quite widely. One prairie columnist nearly freaked out over it. Letters have been regularly sent to the office at the end of the yellow dirt road. Don't bother! That's Keith's Interiors now.

See in the *Sidney Review* that some local residents have reservations over the Trident because of the noise it makes as it passes over Sidney. I guess they mean the Trident is too strident!

Hydro bills are now coming in with the city bus levy included. It is of particular concern to small businesses, whose contribution will amount to \$100 for a fleet of buses they rarely see and never use. The amount of money involved is not great. It is the principle of the thing that irks so many islanders. For decades the city buses have enjoyed a special grant as non-users in many areas have been forced to pay the levy. And it's no less offensive today in the islands than it was on Saanich Peninsula 20 years ago.

I like dandelions and thistles as they are one of the best crops I raise. I can tell the time with dandelion seeds and the wine of dandelions is like nectar. Too much dandelion wine leads to a wet bed according to the French term for the lion's bloom, pissenlit. Which has nothing to do with my thoughts on indoor plants. The green thing used to run along the wall and on to a beam and spread its evil influence for many feet. But, alas, the leaves have been shedding. And when the last leaf falls it won't be painted on the wall. We'll probably have a small ceremony. I never did like plants indoors, anyway.

I never understood why my geography teacher many decades ago told me that the prairie province was Manito-bar, with the emphasis on the final syllable. Until the other day it dawned on me. He was a French scholar and had been accustomed to hearing the name with a French pronunciation.

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Insensitivity seen in failure to provide housing program

At an all-candidates meeting in the recent election campaign a young man asked the candidates what each of us could do to help him get a house. For all of us, even the Rhinoceros, this was sobering moment which reminded us what politics was all about.

People don't expect the government to owe them a living, but they do hope that it will provide a social and economic framework in which they can live their lives. People rightly expect that governments will make it possible for them to find a job, have decent living accommodation, educate their families and so on.

From this perspective the April 14 Throne Speech was a sharp disappointment. In 1976, 273,000 new housing units were started. Last year the number of housing starts had declined to 197,000. The Conference Board of Canada predicts only 163,500 new homes in 1980, while another research group says the number will only reach 150,000.

NO PLANS

In spite of this disastrous prediction the Throne Speech mentions no plans for any program to stimulate housing.

The failure to provide a housing program indicates the government's insensitivity not only to our need for homes, but also to the need for jobs in home construction and in the forest industry.

New Democrats have pointed to high interest rates as the immediate cause for the drastic cutback in housing construction. Ed Broadbent, replying to the Throne Speech spoke of the disastrous effect that

Ottawa report

By JIM MANLY, MP

high interest rates have had on our forest, farming and auto industries. He mentioned the growing bankruptcy rate for small businesses and the threat to the very existence of credit unions.

Last October 26, Herb Gray, now minister of industry, trade and commerce, said that for every half-point the interest rates went up, Canadian business lost \$375 million.

TO NEW HIGHS

Since taking office the Liberals, instead of bringing interest rates down, have allowed them to float upwards to new highs. The interest rate floats while the Canadian economy sinks.

For this reason New Democrats moved an amendment which said "...and this House regrets in

particular the failure of the government to change the monetary policies in effect since 1975, and to instruct the governor of the Bank of Canada to take immediate steps to lower the interest rate by at least two percentage points."

When it came to vote Liberals and Conservatives stood solidly together and voted against the amendment. I regret this because a 2% drop in interest rates would have helped our economy by building homes, putting people back to work and giving people a sense of hope.

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And still they dither

Nothing was solved last week when the Capital Regional Board debated at great length and tangentially the relief of minimal service areas from the cost of the service.

At one point the board approved the relief of Salt Spring Island from the transit levy, only to immediately reconsider and cancel that relief.

Directors decided to hide their heads in the sand until the next meeting before they make any decision.

The question of transit costs is one which arouses the parochial interest of all directors. When it is proposed that Salt Spring Island be excluded from the transit service area, the withdrawal bug penetrates the awareness of other directors, who feel that their communities also enjoy minimal benefits from the transit system.

It has been mooted so far that the Outer Islands, Salt Spring Island, Jordan River, Port Renfrew, Metchosin, Langford, the Highlands and North Saanich should all withdraw, wholly or partially, from the area offered buses or required to pay for them.

Many directors showed sympathy with the desire of Salt Spring Islanders to be excluded. Chairman Jim Campbell made it eminently clear that he does not favour such a move. He has been asking for the provision of islands bus services as a direct result of their inclusion in the transit service area, he told his board.

The crux of the problem is that the Islands MLA, Hugh Curtis, minister of finance, has assured islanders that they will be excluded. And if the bus service were to be operated by means of a hike in the area's gasoline tax, the islands could have been excluded. But the enabling legislation does not provide for exclusion of any part of the district from a Hydro levy.

At the moment the ball is in the minister's court. The region has declined to reject his request that the islands be taken out of the transit area. But the only action taken so far is negative.

How long will the debate continue? Every director has heard every colleague's views on the subject and still they dither. The minister and the board may both be right. The only thing for sure is that the islands are not. They are stuck in the middle of the long, wrangling debate and there is still no end in sight.

Is he voting to suit himself?

Sir,
I was a bit surprised to read the letter from E.M. Hillhouse from Pender Island in the last *Driftwood*.

I was spectator at the last Regional Board Meeting when the Salt Spring Island Alternate Director endeavoured to have Salt Spring Island taken out of the Transit Service Area. Mr. Campbell was asked if the Outer Islands also wanted out. He indicated that they wanted to remain in. It makes me wonder if Mr. Campbell is voting as the residents of the Outer Islands wish him to or to suit himself.

I find it hard to believe that they want to pay a tax to cover a service they will not get.

Mr. Curtis had written a letter to the Regional Board requesting that the Gulf Islands be excluded but so far as I can determine Mr. Campbell and several of the other Directors do not want to act on it.

I did not hear E.M. Hillhouse's letter read at the Board Meeting

nor did I hear any reference to the petition. Perhaps Mr. Campbell can tell us why.

MRS. BETTY PINCHIN
Box 225, Ganges
April 24, 1980

Something wrong with paying twice for non-existent bus system

Sir,
Further information in the matter of the BC Hydro bus system for others:

With my BC Hydro bill I received a card telling me the number to call for information about the transit levy. I called the number collect and talked to Mr. David Langley, who explained to me that I had been paying for the bus system all along, because BC Hydro operated the bus system out of revenue gained from their hydro operation. In other words, it was more of a hidden tax. Well, now that BC Hydro is no longer operating the



Letters to the Editor

Doctor's statement 'grossly unfair'

Sir,
Your recent issue carried a story concerning Dr. David Wooldridge and his success in getting a geriatric assessment unit started at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. He is to be congratulated for his effort and I feel confident that his direction will assure its success.

But the last paragraph of the article quoted Dr. Wooldridge as saying that he was forced to move from Salt Spring due to a lack of referrals from island doctors. This can only be interpreted as a reflection on the family doctors here, and this is grossly unfair.

Dr. Wooldridge should know that it can take up to several years to build up a satisfactory referral practice, and he gave it very little time. While a family doctor can conduct a satisfactory practice with under 1,000 population, a consultant will have to draw from five to 30 thousand persons, depending on the specialty. Also, where family doctors are interested in caring for older people, as they seem to be on Salt Spring Island, it is doubtful if many patients would wish to change doctors, or feel it necessary to see another. More significant is

the fact that with the new unit described in the article, Dr. Wooldridge will have a potential of almost 200 doctors available who can refer cases from up to a quarter of a million people.

I was very sorry to see Dr. Wooldridge stop practising on the Island, but it was not the fault of the local doctors but a faulty assessment on the part of Dr. Wooldridge.

Also in the same issue was a letter from Dr. Norman Merkeley. Dr. Merkeley has used his considerable experience and talents to bring to under-doctored parts of the world assistance they badly needed. He is, in this sense, an example to all physicians. He may, for all I know, also be an expert on sewage disposal. But an expert on the Lady Minto Hospital and the board of management, he is not! In the 2½ years I have been here, I have never seen Dr. Merkeley near the hospital, and as far as I know he takes no particular interest in it. His scathing and sarcastic denunciation of the board is very inappropriate.

Unlike Dr. Merkeley, as chief of staff of the hospital, and medical adviser to the board, I attend all their meetings and do know what goes on. I would think that the Lady Minto board must be one of the most hard working, dedicated and conscientious boards that could be found anywhere in the province. Their efforts to solve the sewage problems of the hospital have been rendered almost insurmountable because the possibility of a sewage disposal system for Ganges was always, supposedly,

just around the corner. If this matter had been settled one way or another many years ago, the problem could have been handled quite differently. But if Dr. Merkeley had the answer to their problems all along, then he was a poor citizen in not coming forward and describing it to the board.

Dr. Merkeley is not the first one to write to your paper and expound authoritatively on a subject about which he knows little or nothing. Unfortunately he will not be the last.

CHARLES H. BORSMAN, M.D.,
R.R.1 Ganges.
April 28, 1980.

Is Chabot kept in isolation wing?

Sir,
Would you believe that black is white? Would you believe that night is day? Well then, would you believe that the B.C. government has promised to "preserve heritage rivers" and that these rivers include the Stein, Fraser, Columbia, Kootenay, Seymour, Kemono, Cowichan and yes, the Skagit.

Indeed the very government whose mania for damming rivers is known throughout North America has promised the federal environmental minister, John Roberts, that it will help Ottawa preserve heritage rivers. One cannot but help wondering if Lands, Parks and Housing minister Jim Chabot, who made the rash promise, is kept in an isolation wing of the parliament

building. He certainly must not be allowed to roam the halls where he might meet the likes of Mr. Bonner. Perhaps he thinks the Nechako is a rare plant but one would think he had heard something about the Skagit. Puzzled,
NERI BASS
R.R.1 Pender Island.
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The Anarchist

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-Abraham Lincoln

I do not know if it is only me, or whether, in truth, the past week has been quite unredeemed by any discernible shreds of humour. Insanity abounds, and lunacy is in good supply, but somehow the result is disappointingly dull.

In the minor leagues we have, firstly, the Bennett/Barrett Boys staging an updated morality play on a theme of *We Love You P.Q.*, but they dislike each other so thoroughly that the joint resolution to the legislature gets buried under the press accounts of the feud.

Then there is the newest farce in the Proposition 13 syndrome, the Taxpayers and Voters Party, created to reduce the cost of government, interest rates and what other peril but the old reliable appeal-to-the-redneck, immigration. They will not last as long as it will take them to find out that their name is a redundancy.

AND SPEAKING of new political parties, Mr. Collver, the recently retired Tory chief and sitting member of the Saskatchewan legislature, has just announced the formation of the Union Party. Now there is a label full of promise, national unity, healing the wounds of Western alienation, and almost anything except what Mr. Collver tells us it means.

Mr. Collver, it appears, with an

eye to the nearness of 1984, is launched on a venture to be Canada's first practicing politician of newspeak because, we are told by Mr. Collver, the Union Party will free us from all the nasty problems and restraints of being Canadian by having the four western provinces secede from Canada to enter into union with the U.S.A.

It is barely possible that this venture was intended to inject some humour into the political scene, but I give it a poor rating for both humour and longevity.

THE NEXT LEVEL of non-humour is, I suppose, the Ottawa scene. Here we have the previously unheralded Olympic Trust (that is the corporate moneybags who use the tax write-offs) speaking for their parent U.S. firms, telling the Canadian Olympic Association (that is the competitive people) that funds will be withheld even if the C.O.A. votes to go to Moscow, and then Trudeau and company make it a double hex by making it national policy to boycott the Games.

Now this one might have become interesting if the government had not gone for the boycott; then we would have had the outright humour of the government and the C.O.A. not able to go to Moscow because the Olympic Trust wouldn't give them the money. Instead we have only the relative hypocrisy of Trudeau going along with something which he had previously described as more or less useless. Moving quickly to the interna-

tional scene there is the somewhat confusing situation of the Cuban emigrants. The U.S. is supposedly making capital of Castro's defectors, whereas the very release of that many people presents a very different picture of the Cuban regime.

AT THE SAME TIME the U.S. is maintaining a status of illegality of the pick-up operation, but not using the Navy to police the Florida Straits, while the U.S. Coast Guard is doing rescue work and issuing tickets to the boat skippers for illegal commercial operations. This scenario has definite possibilities of first-rate absurdity, but is thwarted by an air of over seriousness.

Which brings us, inevitably, to that mixture of desperation, double-talk, breakdown and failure called the Rescue Mission, about which we really know so very little.

We don't even know if the apparent failure is not a cover for some further stage; which is merely another way of saying that nothing is any longer believable or inconceivable at the level of national governments, so whether it turned out to be the joke of the century or just another atomic bomb, we would never know because they are not speaking our language.

Sorry to be heavy this week, but as I said in the intro, in truth the past week has been quite unredeemed by any discernible shreds of humour.

Heart-felt thanks

Sir,
We would like to express our heart-felt thanks to the residents and friends on Galiano, and especially the Ladies' Service Club for the wonderful reception they gave us on the occasion of our Gold Wedding.

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DON AND NAN NEW
Galiano.
April 28, 1980

Accurate diagnosis

Sir
Re: Dr. Merkley's letter, April 23 Driftwood

I think Dr. Merkley has diagnosed Ganges' sewer problem very accurately when he pronounced it "Acute Developmentitis". No doubt many of us suspected that was what it was all along but then there are those who are susceptible to these things after contact with some smooth talking "carrier" they immediately catch the disease. It seems to be a matter of waiting and hoping they will recover before it is too late and we are faced with a huge sewer bill (incurred for the sake of development) which many residents just can't afford.

Large scale development on this Island can be a detriment rather than an asset. Do the people here really want it turned into another Vancouver or Victoria? It seems more likely that it is the devel-

She is trying to offer hope to those who are alarmed

Sir,
Mary Williamson has been criticized twice recently in your paper for her article on Tanzania. It was suggested that she is wearing "rose-coloured glasses". I wish I could believe it! It would mean that someone somewhere has a solution for resource-less third world countries that Mary is just not seeing! I find myself not so much concerned with their criticism (they focussed on Nyerere's failures, Mary on his success), as with their underlying assumption that there was a known better way (otherwise why bother criticizing?)

In a world in which one billion people are starving and employment projections see half of the global work force without a minimally paying job by the year 2,000, I find it hard to believe that anyone really has the answers. In her columns Mary is looking at other possibilities. She is looking around the world and she is looking to Christianity. She is admitting to the impasse we have reached and she is trying to offer a little hope to those of us who are alarmed.

In reference to the recent aid Tanzania has requested and received from democratic countries at this time of its crop failure due to

operators, the subdividers, the land speculators who want this, strictly to make money. Most people came here because they loved the rural atmosphere and beauty of the Island. We should do all we can to protect it.

M. STACK
R.R.3 Ganges
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drought, I don't think this is the time or issue on which to decide the success or failure of its government.

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Artistic talent is common among children, not a gift

Some parents look forward to the day when their child finally begins school. They breathe a deep sigh of relief and send the children off to school with the feeling that now they will have some time for the things they've always wanted to do. I had that feeling. So why am I so busy?

Instead of having one child, it seems I've acquired many more. And then there are duty days, driving on outings, lunches, science fairs; it's endless. But something I'd always balked at was "parent education".

With an arrogant shrug of my shoulders, I asked, "What do I need it for, I'm doing fine." Well, those must have been better days, for now there are times (and not so few) when I feel that nothing I'm doing is right. It's definitely a big change for everyone concerned when you enter the educational system for the first time as a parent, be it nursery school, kindergarten or grade school.

Yet it was with this arrogant manner that I attended my first parent education program because it was mandatory. And I began to find out that I wasn't so smart after all. In fact, I had already made a lot of mistakes. A fellow parent described it as "taking my parenting public".

GETS MORE COMPLICATED

It's not so hard dealing with the first few years, they are, after all, a combination of providing love, food and clothing, not necessarily in that order but definitely in great quantities. But from then on it only gets more complicated.

How I wish someone had handed me a copy of Rhoda Kellog's book, *Analyzing Children's Art*, while my son was still in his first year. I was definitely in the category of people that Kellog says "dismisses early 'scribbles' as meaningless activity and the art of older children as an imperfect record of their surroundings."

Having worked as a nursery school educator since 1928, Kellog has collected over a million children's drawings and through them traces the artistic development of children from the age of two to eight. She has concluded that "children's art has major significance for psychology, education and esthetics and important implications for sociology, anthropology and other areas of study".

One woman's viewpoint

BY ALICE RICHARDS

Her observations include the scribbling of two-year-olds and encompass more than a million examples of children's art produced over a period of 20 years, from children of all economic and social groups and from many parts of the world.

FOLLOWS PROGRESSION

And her theory is that from the moment an infant begins scribbling, he follows a certain graphic progression that is found universally throughout time.

"My observations of the spontaneous work of children suggest that basic artistic talent is commonplace rather than a gift accorded a lucky few." One reason this book is so valuable is that art plays an important role in children's overall mental development and a better understanding of the child mind is an urgent need if society is to protect itself from the waste and destruction caused by miseducation. Child art can be a valuable key to adult understanding of the mental growth and educational needs of children.

Children are influenced first in their art work in the home and later in the school. Kellog feels that "school and home have long been in agreement that scribbles are meaningless and that true art abilities are possessed by a few children who must study art if they are to learn to draw properly."

She suggests that if a child is shown how to draw, one of two things happens: the child will follow the instructions for a while then go back to his own way of making squares and circles into humans and houses. Or the child will try so hard to do it "right" that it dominates his work.

STIFLING

I would call it stifling. It's obvious that children are often taught to copy the designs favoured by society. Her book is jammed with technical data and illustrations and much of it is very thorough research that would perhaps interest teachers more than parents, but her theories cannot be discounted.

If, from the first scribbling of an infant, art progresses according to a child's mental processes, she is right in demanding that we don't interfere.

This book has shattered all my preconceived notions about children's art. I was never one for colouring books and copying, simply because they are boring, but after reading Kellog's book I'm sure more damage can be done with these types of obstructions than we know.

It reminds me of the time my son came home from kindergarten with a very impressive wall-hanging of pussywillows drawn in pastels with an elaborate frame for hanging purposes. I took one look at it and realized he could not have done it on his own. The next day I discovered there had been a substitute teacher who had managed to extort about 12 identical drawings from the children in the class by explicit instructions, demands and help that produced a copied similarity with no relation to artistic ability whatsoever.

STOP AT EIGHT

The most frightening statement to my mind is that most children stop spontaneous art activity by the age of eight or so, and those who go on usually study and practice intensively to master the techniques of various media. This is surely our fault. It suggests that the encouragement ends because we expect them to have conformed to our perceptions by that time.

If they haven't delivered, then we tend to withdraw our support. If we agree with Kellog's theories, and I do, our job simply requires supplying our children from an early age with all the materials, space and encouragement they need, and they will learn for themselves.

I have been re-reading Margaret Laurence's *The Stone Angel* for the Women's Pub Night lecture which takes place while this paper is in limbo between production and printing.

Laurence expresses a feeling I had recently as I was having lunch with some friends, one of whom was the mother of an infant. People are so intolerant with children, they make such few allowances for them and it seems at times as if they wish they could just do without them altogether.

LONGS FOR RELIEF

Any mother who spends time at home with her children, whether she enjoys it or not, has to or not, long for some relief at times. Why shouldn't she be able to take her child to restaurants, movies or any other public place - children are people after all! They cannot be shut away for six years and then emerge to take their places in society as just the sort of human beings we require them to be.

Anyway, Margaret Laurence writes: "Sometimes very young children can look at the old, and a look passes between them, conspiratorial, sly and knowing. It's because neither are human to the middling ones, those in their prime, as they say, like beef".

The Year of the Child passed by with barely a ripple.

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SOCIALISM

It's never promised a rose garden

I have mentioned previously the pleasure of an editor when letters discuss the contents of the newspaper. This week I must add my personal reaction. When a millionaire takes the trouble to write from one of his other residences (not his part-time home on Salt Spring Island) criticizing me, I know I must be doing something right!

Unfortunately there is not sufficient space to print the news item about Tanzania, but I have a copy which I will be glad to share.

Tanzania is having a tough time, and the weather seems to be one of the areas in which socialism never promised anyone a rose garden. It simply says to the "have-nots" - it should be possible for your life to have more security and more dignity.

This may well mean that those who have enjoyed an over-abundance in the past must give up their exploitative ways. If they will not do this willingly, coercion may have to be employed. It is obvious that those in the upper income echelon will not find this palatable. **THREATENING**

Of course, rich people delight in pointing out socialism's failings. They must find it very threatening. And it's hard for anyone with several homes to appreciate the point of view of those without adequate shelter of any kind. Or to realize that even on this idyllic island there are those who live a life of relative penury.

An example of contrast: a 12 acre lot is offered for sale for slightly more than the amount of money which has supported our family of four for 10 years! And there are many families worse off than ours!

I have always thought of myself as a "minority advocate", but this is not really true. I began this column several years ago at the request of the Inter-Church Committee for World Development. It was to be a means of spreading knowledge and awareness of the plight of the Third World.

Then I realized that the Third World - including the two-thirds of humanity which goes to sleep hungry every night - has its counterpart right here, in Canada. That the Fourth World needs our awareness and help too. That indigenous people in various parts of the world are in dire straits is now well-known to most of us. Some of us prefer to ignore their plight but certainly Christians can't afford to.

PROVIDES EXAMPLES

I am not aware that I preach socialism as such. Socialism occasionally provides concrete examples of what I do preach. And if ever and wherever any other "ism" supports my beliefs I will espouse it also.

My belief is that all people are created by God and that we all deserve respect: shelter, food and water, health care and that degree of cleanliness and education and employment that each culture requires.

If all these commodities were in short supply, we could all suffer together and be none the worse.

More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

But they are not. Some of us have more than we need - much, much more. Some of us have less than we need - much, much less. I do not believe that this is human justice or God's will.

The top fifth of Canada's population enjoys almost half of our national income! Bully for them!

Gymnastics meet on Saturday

Gulf Islands Secondary School will be hosting the Vancouver Island Invitational Gymnastics meet on Saturday. The meet will begin at 9 a.m. and run through until 4:30 in the afternoon. General admission is 50c for adults and students.

Schools from all over Vancouver Island will be participating for novice and junior level awards. Six students will be competing for the Gulf Islands.

"We are hoping that this will be the start of the new activity in the community and schools of Salt Spring," said teacher Larry Roy this week.

"The day should be entertaining and fun for all with some 85 competitors entered in four events: balance beam, vault, floor exercise and uneven bars.

"Additional highlights to the meet will be the elite routines shown at noon," he said.

Award presentations will be at 4:30.

But when you realize that this means four-fifths of our people divide between them just over half of our national income, the bottom fifth receiving considerably less than five per cent, it's not so comfortable, is it!

SENIOR CITIZENS

This lowest income group includes most of our senior citizens and most of our single parents. At least half of them are the working poor. Those who work hard for minimum wages, those who can only work when there is work to be done, those whose work is affected by the weather, by seasonal demand, by vagaries of the market. Many cannot enjoy any security for their unemployed times or their old age.

The World Relief Tea raised about \$1,700 on Saturday, after weeks of hard work by all concerned. How long would it take a millionaire to spend that much? How many realtors would accept that as a down payment on a \$55,000 lot?

But that is how much we will divide between the four island churches to send to the needy in the Third World!

Tuesday, May 13, 6 pm: Pot-luck supper and annual general meeting of the 10 Days Committee (Victoria) at St. Michael's, West Saanich Road, in Saanich.

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What's happening at Salt Spring Elementary School?

BY IAN JUKES

Time passes quickly when you're having fun, and time passes doubly quickly when you're busy. As I have been both for some time now, my column has been neglected for over three weeks (admit it, you didn't miss it one bit did you?)

In the interim, much has transpired, too much to include without doubling the size of this humble weekly. Meanwhile, the events in the days to come sit in the horizon like some proverbial storm cloud, waiting to spill and move on. (Unfortunately, time is short - only 50 odd school days before the summer break)

Thus I'll have time to only touch on the major events of weeks past, and will try instead to focus on some of our upcoming activities.

The major event of the part four weeks (excluding the Easter holiday and my son's first birthday) had to be the grade seven ski trip to Vernon. The weather was good, the condition excellent, the students responsible (for everything) and the hospitality superb. (Have you ever seen a better list of cliches?)

Skiing firsts were achieved by Lisa Barry with her successful attempt to ground the entire slope with her body, and by Jamie Betts, who became the first individual to creatively fall from the chairlift four consecutive times.

This, of course, fails to recognize the outstanding achievements of one young student, to go unnamed, who was able to lose himself on the mountain in broad daylight by "accidentally" overlooking several boundary markers. Well done, Michael.

All in all, a good time - Vernon returns the favour early in June - be prepared for more of the same.

Otherwise, prior to the Easter break we held our second Indoor Track Meet for intermediate students. I don't know if they had fun, but the noise registered a 9.8 on the Richter scale. Same goes for our first annual Art Blitz. (five hours of non-stop art to see projects through from beginning to end) led by the inimitable Larry Holbrook et al.

And finally, the Science Fair, prior to which I innocently watched as a certain young mad scientist propelled his "toy" rocket some 400 metres into the stratosphere scattering birds, planes, students and teachers to all points of the compass, breaking several hundred civil aeronautics and transport Canada regulations in the process. (Jamie Betts strikes again!)

Anything else? Oh yes, the end of a long and very successful basketball season (emphasis on the long) during which some 50 students faithfully attended practices.

And finally, the Canadians (for the second year running) won the Cosom Hockey League and the coveted Golden Puck.

There was lots more, but that's all I have room for today. Time to move to plans for the closing days of the 79-80 term.

The spring term will revolve around two major and several "almost major" events, led by the Spring Carnival, May 9.

BIGGER, BETTER

Plans are well under way to make this one bigger and better than last year's blockbuster. Included in plans are rides, bake and craft sales, games, raffles movies and my personal favorite, smash the teacher in the face with a pie contest. Good wholesome fun!

All this plus dinner and a grudge parent staff softball game - Who could ask for more?

Hopefully preparation for this event won't interfere with our true purpose in life - to win the Vancouver Island Elementary Track Meet later in May. Many students are already busily readying themselves for the big event May 30 and the two warm-ups (our house meet May 14 and a tri-meet with Crofton and Fernwood May 22)

MILK RUN

So that we will be "ready", we've also started a "Run for Fun" club in the classrooms, and are again planning to hold a Milk Run in early May.

What else on the agenda? Speech arts contests; field trips to Camp Yawaca, Strathcona, Vancouver and other assorted locations; a professional day, a dental brush-in (May 29); re-commencement of the enriched program; Canadian Test of Basic Skills, testing (May); paper airplane contests; golf tournaments and various other assorted activities that will be announced in due course.

All this and one other "minor" happening: school. The worst is over, but this is still a crucial time - one of completing and reviewing; of summarizing and evaluating; and of assimilating and reflecting on what is to come.

Despite the puns, and despite the attention given to all the events at hand, this remains the most important task.

Enough for this week - I'll be back.

Three are sentenced to jail terms and probation

Matthew Brian Carter was sentenced to 45 days imprisonment and placed on six month's probation by Judge F.S. Green last week in Ganges provincial court.

Carter faced a charge of assault causing bodily harm, which was laid following an incident November 20, 1979.

At the close of the trial last Wednesday, Judge Green concluded that Carter had been among a "gang of drunken thugs". Victim of the assault was G. Burger of Vesuvius.

Carter was also ordered to pay for a third of the damage which was incurred at Burger's residence at the time.

The remaining two-thirds were to be paid by Henry Pickering and Richard McGoldrick, both of whom appeared in Victoria provincial court before Judge Green on the same charge.

Pickering was sentenced to two months in jail and six months' probation and McGoldrick to three months in jail and a year's probation. All three are of Salt Spring Island.

Carter was also fined \$250 for driving a vehicle with an expired temporary operation permit. The charge dated back to December 20, 1979 when Carter was driving a 1964 Ford on Lower Ganges Road and was stopped by police.

He told the court that he had been unaware that the expiry date on the permit was December 19 at 9 p.m. rather than December 20.

RCMP Constable Ace Mainwaring told the court that the expiry date was clearly marked on the permit.

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Power Squadron courses completed

Students from three islands are successful in recent exams

BY DON CLARKSON

The Salt Spring Island Power Squadron's 1979-80 training season has now been concluded, exams written and most of the results returned.

At the annual general meeting held April 23 Lt./Cmdr. Peter Bingham, as training officer, presented a most encouraging report on the squadron's activities. In the basic boating course, 18 Salt Spring residents wrote the exam and all passed.

The following will receive confirmation of their achievement at the Change of Bridge and Presentation Banquet on May 14: Roger Banks, Gordon Brown, John de la Franiere, Anne Goran, Roy Goran, Marjorie Gordon, Lance Hardie, Oriol Hardie, Lynda Hatch, Ronald Hatch, Harvey Hendrickson, Russel Murcheson, Greta Ottesen, Niels Ottesen, Kathy Outram, Lorne Simpson, Ross Vezerian and Ross Walker.

In addition, the Salt Spring squadron assisted in producing similar courses on Pender and Mayne Islands. This is the second year that this training has been carried out on Pender Islands and all 11 candidates were successful. They were Emily Brackett, Roy Brackett, Gail Burandt, Sheila Bergenham, Doug Kenyon, Art Lambeth, Thelma Lambeth, Jack Little, Frank Symes, John Toogood and Richard Swegles.

THEIR OWN SQUADRON

Recognition of their achievements will be made at a presentation banquet to be held in the near future. It is expected that some of

these students will be helping to form their own squadron later this year.

Mayne Island came up with 16 successful candidates: Beverly Burden, Theodore Burden, Robert Clark, Terry King, Harry Lane, Sally Manson, John Mundie, Dr. Clifford Pennock, Edna Pennock, Ron Pither, John Rainsford, Nancy Rainsford, Shirley Sommerville, Cathy Takagaki, Richard Tipple and Barry Wilks. Here again, all students who wrote the exam received a pass mark. The training officer commended highly the work of the instructors.

Having completed the boating course, members may, if they so desire, take more advanced training. Ted Coombes, Alan Coombes and Robert Robertson qualified in seamanship power and Ted also completed his navigator's course.

In the elective or specialized courses Ted and Alan Coombes successfully passed marine maintenance; Joe Stewart and Lionel Ray completed weather and Ted Coombes rounded out his accomplishments by qualifying in marine electronics. To ensure full use of his spare time he also accepted a position on the national committee which prepares the marine electronics course. Results of other examinations are expected shortly.

ENVIABLE REPUTATION

Although it is a relatively young squadron, now in its seventh year, the training team under the leadership of Lt./Cmdr. Bingham has established an enviable reputation in the Vancouver Island district. Many graduates of the boating

course return in following years to assist with training new students.

The object of this training is to teach the boater how to cope with local conditions, how to render practical assistance to others who may be in trouble and by example to promote the practice of safe boating.

Training on Pender Island was handled by John Howell, Myrtle MacGregor, George Storrie, Dora Storrie and Hardy Ruckheim with Jack Potheary of the Salt Spring squadron acting as liaison officer.

On Mayne Island the course was conducted by Ian Waterlow, Renata Waterlow, Freeman Tupper and Keith Jackson with some guidance from training officer Bingham.

Anyone interested in future training or information is invited to contact squadron secretary Joe Stewart at 537-2980.

He was happy to be there

Professional golfer John R. Morgan of Victoria told Ganges provincial court last week that he was happy to be there.

Morgan was fined \$325 and had his license suspended for six months on a charge of driving with a blood-alcohol content exceeding 0.08. He totalled his '73 Dodge van in an accident at that time.

New books

Following are new books in the library at Ganges.

FICTION

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NON-FICTION

My Many Years, by Arthur Rubinstein; The Third Wave, by Alvin Toffler; Gandhi - A Memoir, by William Shirer; The Passive

Solar Energy Book, by Edward Mazria; Wood Heat Safety, Jay Shelton; Life on Earth, by David Attenborough; Smoke and Mirrors, by Peter Trueman; Dali, by Ramon de la Serna; The Boer War. Thomas Pakenham; Nijinsky, by Vera Krasovskaya; If You Don't Like the War, Switch the Dama Thing Off! by Jack Cahill; Someone With Me, by William Kurelek; McClure: Year of Challenge, by Munroe Scott; Points of Departure, by Dalton Camp.

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Floribunda roses carry their blossoms in clusters; they bloom intermittently from summer to fall, are hardy and disease resistant. The blossoms are not as perfectly shaped as hybrid tea roses but are carried in greater profusion.

HYBRID TEA INDOORS

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Between the two we have the grandiflora rose, the quality of blossom approaching the hybrid tea rose, borne in clusters which consist, however, of fewer blossoms than the floribundas. Blooming period covers summer and fall.

Climbing roses are varieties of bush roses, hybrid teas, polyanthas, teas and floribundas, with a climbing habit. Blossom shape and density consequently vary greatly according to kind. They often bloom only in summer and sometimes repeat in the fall.

There are many more kind of roses, all deserving of interest, all cherished for a beauty of their own and definitely worthwhile.

There are the specie roses, now generally called bush roses, then other than the foregoing ones, we have polyanthas, hybrid perpetuals (nice), shrub roses (wild and simple hybrids with a large shrub habit), rambling roses, moss and cabbage roses, musk and French roses, damask and the rugged rugosa rose.

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All roses are tolerant of heavy clay soil, but require excellent drainage, some rich compost or manure and half a pound of bonemeal. Four tablespoons of epsom salts (sulphate of magnesium) per month during blooming period has been found to be very beneficial.

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open for optimum air circulation. Soil should be slightly acid, about 5.5 to 6.0 on the PH scale. Mulching in the summer and deep trickle watering once a week will assure sufficient availability of moisture.

When planting new roses set crown about one inch below soil level. Fertilize in spring and summer with high phosphorous fertilizer such as 6-8-6 or chicken manure with either seaweed mulch (or tea) and wood ashes in equal parts. Pick spent blossoms to extend blooming period.

PRUNE IN MARCH

Prune lightly to outside bud with slanting cut (for water run-off),

remove dead, diseased, weak and crossing branches and those that grow into the centre. Train long canes of climbers to horizontal position and trim side shoots to three or four inches. This is best done around March 15 on the islands.

Roses look their best when planted in groups of the same kind. A "Rose walk", a wide walk bordered by roses, will delight everyone using the walk, tree roses make delightful accents and climbers over a trellis would complete a lovely setting.

This year Jackson and Perkins won all three All America Awards with their entries Love, Honour and Cherish.

Love is a red grandiflora with silvery white reverse; very striking. Honour is a lovely, pure white hybrid tea rose; and Cherish is a shell-pink floribunda with a slight but pleasing cinnamon fragrance. All three together are absolutely striking.

Down Through The Years

With Driftwood

FIVE YEAR AGO

Three new trustees were elected to Lady Minto Hospital board of management last week. On Mayne Island Mrs. Betty Fry was re-elected after serving a one-year term. Robert Hindmarch was named at Saturna. He takes the seat formerly held by Lorraine Campbell. From Salt Spring Island Mrs. Iola Brookbanks will fill the chair vacated by Mrs. Ethel French.

Rest room facilities are needed at Vesuvius Bay. Arbutus Court Motel at Vesuvius has asked Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce to press the provincial government for the provision of rest rooms. Travellers are besieging the motel with pleas to use the toilets.

Two young men, both from Sydney, Nova Scotia, were arrested at Long Harbour on Monday night and charged with breaking and entering Mouat's store last week.

TEN YEARS AGO

On Thursday the remains of a missing aircraft were found at the top of Mount Tuam. Both occupants were dead and appeared to have been killed instantly. The plane was a Piper Comanche which had left Vancouver apparently heading for Victoria and had not been heard from afterwards.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Our latest map of Salt Spring is the work of a newcomer to our island, Tom Harcus, who teaches in the secondary department of our local school. This is the first time

Mr. Harcus has put to use a projection that he computed and drew as long ago as 1934 when he was engaged in post-graduate work at Edinburgh University.

Norman Mouat and Hart Bradley were elected as trustees for the North Salt Spring Waterworks District at their annual meeting held last week. C.R. Horel retired as chairman of the board, and a letter of thanks went to him for his valuable contribution to the district during his term of office.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

This week, Driftwood was supposed to have a new face; a new type face, that is. Our typewriter, which we ordered so long ago, has finally arrived. It is a wonderful machine and it can do wonderful things. Its only limitation is the operator and we hope to master the machine before long.

The Salt Spring Island Sea Scouts now have 16 members and the local Sea Scouts are now receiving their uniforms. It's a great joy for the boys to begin wearing the bellbottom trousers instead of shorts.

The school board received the budget for the district from the department of education. While not receiving the anticipated relief as previously rumoured, the board has managed to hold the line in various expenses. The budget is approximately \$17,000.

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Personal Autobiography, Link are two New Horizons programs

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Joe Zakreski, New Horizons Program representative for the Gulf Islands, spoke to the Pender Island Silver Threads on April 24 at the Legion.

He outlined two new programs available to senior citizen groups; Personal Autobiography and Link.

How does Personal Autobiography work?

Zakreski explained that young people today are keenly interested in their "roots". Ten senior citizens form a group and once a week for 10 weeks they meet. During the week they write one chapter of the story of their lives, which they discuss with help from each other. Their completed stories are edited, typed and one copy is given to the member.

This program was started in Victoria and has proved to be popular. The members gain by renewing acquaintance with old friends by letter-writing.

LINK PROGRAM

The second program Zakreski discussed for his audience was the Link program. For example, a retired plumber living on Pender Island, might like help with some electrical work in his house, or a door won't hang right for him, or he would like to learn to square dance. He offers his skills at plumbing in exchange for his neighbours skills.

This exchange works best when its done on an hour for hour basis and ideally no money is exchanged. It is essential to have a competent co-ordinator, especially in the early days. He also needs office space, preferably not in his home.

To start out the co-ordinator is usually paid for half his time and receives work credits for the other half. It is a full-time job to get started, but once it is going the co-ordinator's job tapers off and it can be handled by other part-time workers.

PAMPHLET AVAILABLE

A pamphlet on how to get started and make the project work is available from the New Horizons office.

Joe Zakreski can be reached at 45 Bastion Square, Victoria, 388-3625. If a group of 10 or more makes up a program, he will review it and forward it to the national office in Ottawa for the approval of the minister.

The projects fall into five categories: sports, arts and crafts, historical, educational and cultural, senior centres and recreation.

The New Horizons program was begun in 1972. Its aim is to encourage retired people to get involved in projects, activities and

programs primarily planned and carried out by themselves.

While the projects are mainly for retired people they can be ones that interact with other age groups.

"Since the program began, sen-

ior citizens have turned out to be people of spiritual depth, intellectual ability and possessing a wealth of experience to share, and their ideas have produced many varied programs," said Zakreski.

Detroit Diesels offer country, rock'n roll

Hard country music and rock'n roll is the specialty of the Detroit Diesels, who will play at the Harbour House pub this weekend.

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Tim Boorman of Victoria on lead guitar, Norm Ricketts of Montreal on bass, Don McMeekan of Edmonton on guitar and vocals and Cal Williams of Vancouver, who plays drums.

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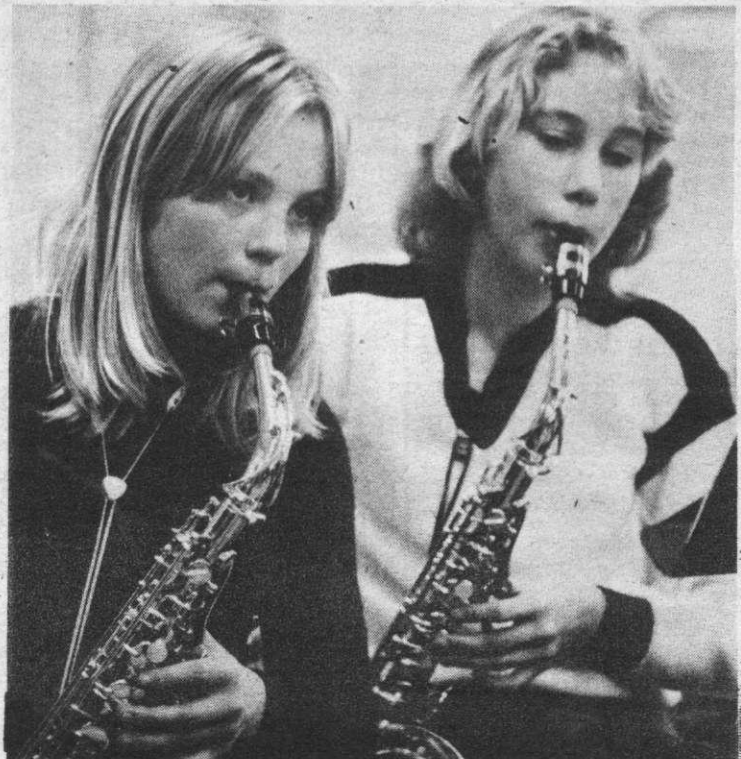
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Most band classes at Gulf Islands Secondary School begin this way. Tuning 10 or 20 instruments precedes playing, but in a short time, the class is ready. On cue, our student raises her instrument and joins the band.

All of the members are playing with a goal in mind, to sound good as a group. The benefits of reaching that goal include travel, appreciative audiences and formal recognition.

Yet the rewards are reaped by the organized whole, so what is gained by our student? That question can be best answered by the teacher. For the last six of the band's 10-year life, Wilf Davies has helped the members grow and learn how to make music and work together as a team.

ALMOST AS IMPORTANT

What occurs backstage is almost as important a learning experience as performing itself, Davies said.

The 58-member band has toured Vancouver Island, the lower mainland, and last year made a trip to California where it played several concerts. During those times away Davies watches with keen interest as all the kids, young and old, pool their energies together.

Never before, he affirmed, had he seen kids get along so well together and show as much responsibility. According to Davies, the friendship a band fosters among its members is more important than the musical skills attained.

Turning out professional musicians is the goal of some schools which offer a band program only to a select few who meet the standards. But Davies is not concerned just with filling music faculties.

For him, the student is the most important part of the program and the student's interest, he believes, depends on the variety of music that he is encouraged to play.

MORE THAN ONE

The band portable is a separate classroom situated outside the school a short distance from the main doors. The inadequacy of the portable due to its small size doesn't prevent students practising at lunch hour. Their enthusiasm has led to the formation of more than one "unofficial" band; the most popular being the jazz-rock oriented stage band.

In 1979 the stage band performed 27 times, four times more than the large concert band.

At the Vancouver Island Band Festival the concert band was rated superior two years in a row and for three years the same band brought home awards of excellence.

The distinction of being a top-rated band, however, isn't what Davies is striving for. The enjoyment of the process is to him as important as the goal.



Bruce Cobanli plays bass during practice.



Saxophonists Lynn Ryles, Sarah Wiebe tune their instruments.

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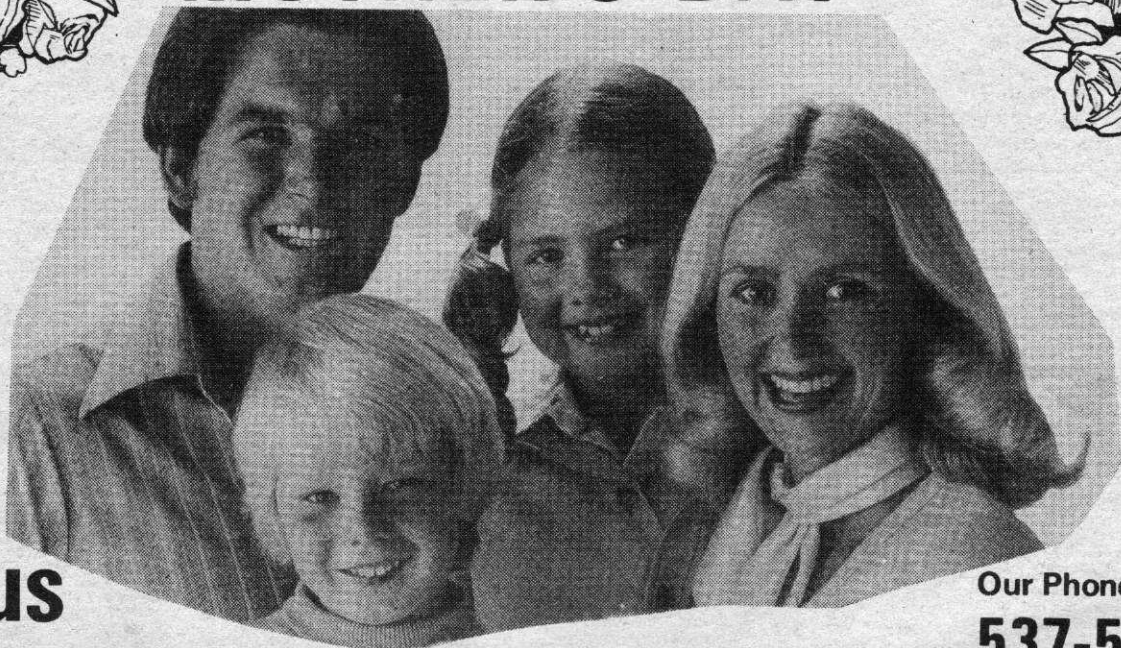
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SPORTS

Friday banquet signals soccer season's end

By MALCOLM LEGG

The 1979-80 soccer season finally came to a close last Friday evening as the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association held its annual soccer banquet.

The banquet gives our association an opportunity to reflect on the past soccer season and give recognition to our achievements as well as to all our participants.

This past season gave us plenty to reflect on, particularly with respect to our growth and our successes in cup and tournament play. The boom in registration at the season's start, back in September, gave us five off-island teams and eight teams in the two-tier intra-island division.

Since 1975 our number of players has increased at the rate of 30 per cent per year, most of it coming in the last two seasons.

This growth is partially due to our expanding into new areas of soccer in both girls' and men's

soccer, but is also due to the fine program our association offers, something reflected by our continuous successes at all levels.

For instance, we formed a new team this season in division 5C, the Selects, and finished second in league play in a very tight race.

STARTED SLOWLY

The Strikers and Kicks, 6C and 4B juvenile boys, started slowly but finished like gang-busters to finish in the top four in their division. The Savages, our newly formed men's team, started fast but fell into a long slump that saw them finish fifth in league play. The Sockeyes, also fifth place finishers, had a topsy-turvy season playing the senior women's league.

The intra-island division was broken into two divisions, 10 and under eight and under, which allowed our younger players a better opportunity to compete on their own levels.

The junior section included the Green Machine, Blazing Eagles and Red Demons, all competing as eight-a-side teams. Their league closed at Christmas with the Green Machine stealing league honours in a close race.

The senior section included Fernwood Fury, Panthers, Whitecaps and Kanaka Tuffies. They played eight-a-side prior to Christmas but 11-a-side in the new year and Fury came up big winner of the Coers Cup.

WELL-PREPARED

As the season progressed our teams gained strength and entered Cup and tournament play well-prepared.

At the juvenile level both the Kicks and Strikers came up with impressive District Cup victories, while the Selects lost 1-0 at the semi-final level.

The Sockeyes made the final with a series of scintillating road victories only to lose a heart breaker in the final. The Savages



Young soccer players at Friday's banquet in Ganges. Members of

the Red Demons, they are, from left, spokesman Sussex Davies,

Geoffrey Douglas, Paul Hatch and Ryan Davies.

lasted through four rounds of Cup play before being knocked out.

Tournament play proved to be even better, as our teams showed exceptional skill late in the season. At the Gordon Head Tournament both the Savages and Strikers shone.

The first weekend in April saw the Sockeyes Tournament and a battle for the Ed Lumley Trophy. Our senior girls team finished second but put on a fine display of soccer in their second match, a 4-0 win over Duncan.

Duncan were also the victims of another Salt Spring team, as the Kanaka Tuffies won their first game ever in their own mini-tournament. These young girls are the future Sockeyes and there appears to be lots of talent.

FIVE TROPHIES

The fourth annual soccer association tournament saw Salt Spring retain five of the seven trophies in an impressive weekend of soccer action. The most pleasant surprise came at the intra-island level as both the Fury and Whitecaps won over Victoria opponents, a first for our local youngsters.

The Eric Springford Challenge Cup was the last of our soccer events and the Savages rose to win their own tournament and play some superb soccer at the same time.

Aside from the on-field action we had other events such as the kick-a-thon, our major player fundraiser; an excellent coaches clinic, held by Brian Hughes; and last weekend's banquet.

The banquet itself was a wonderful evening as I am sure all 350

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Too young to play soccer but not too young to enjoy Friday's soccer banquet is Morgan Donnelly, paying close attention to the awards presentations.



These four young ladies are members of the Kanaka Tuffies at the soccer banquet in Ganges

Friday. They are Joey Moger, Tammy Duke (looking the wrong way), Michelle Twa and Penny Jones.

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FULFORD	Ladies' Games	Men's Games	Ladies' Games	Fulford Men's Practice	Fun League	OPEN	Fulford/Ganges Men's
LITTLE LEAGUE	Ladies' Games	Men's Game	Ladies' Games	Men's Games	Men's Games	OPEN	OPEN
HYDRO	Ladies' Games	Men's Practice	Ladies' Games	Ladies' Practice	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
ELEM. #1 WEST	Minor League Boys 10-13	Minor League Girls 10-13	Minor League Boys 10-13	Minor League Practice	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
ELEM. #2 EAST	Ladies' Practice	OPEN	Ladies' Practice	Minor League Practice	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

NOTE: (1) Minor League - 6 to 9 year olds - after school
(2) Minor League - 10 to 13 year olds - Saturday mornings - Little League, Hydro & Elem. #1 West.