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Annual race draws 32

Boat in centre seemed to have wrong notion about which way Round Salt Spring Race was to go Saturday morning. Thirty-two

boats entered annual race, sponsored by Salt Spring Sailing Club. Story—Page Two.

Two dogs destroy 250 chickens here

Two dogs attacked and killed nearly 250 chickens in the early hours of Saturday morning. Miss Simone Chantelu, of Dogwood Poultry Farm, on Epron Road, Ganges, was disturbed by the sound from her chicken houses. She went outside at about 7 am and found her stock almost completely wiped out.

As she approached, two dogs ran off. She later described them for the benefit of the animal control officer, Gavin Reynolds.

The pens were, literally, a shambles. Carcasses, feathers and blood were everywhere. Laying hens and chickens just ready for the table were all destroyed.

Reporter was not convinced. He had seen every kind of destruction by dogs, but this was something else. Was she sure it was dogs?

She had come out while they were in the middle of their carnage, she replied.

"In 40 years I've never seen anything like this," she said.

She was awaiting the arrival of a contractor to dig a hole to bury them.

Chickens are not highly profitable, she admitted, but this was a loss beyond her.

Her main worry on Saturday afternoon was the disappointment of people who have ordered chickens and will now be out of luck.

She likes dogs, said Miss Chantelu, but after an incident of this nature she agrees that the animals should be put away. Apart from the loss and the clearing up, she doesn't like to see her stock killed in a manner so far from the humane methods she normally uses.

The dog attacks the chicken in its back, she explained, and even if the chicken isn't killed it cannot walk any longer.

In the one pen were a few live birds. One or two were moving but were likely to succumb. Remainder were torn apart or suffocated.

She explained that when they are frightened the birds crowd into a corner as far away as possible from the offending animal. They pile on each other and the lower suffocate.

He knows the owners of the dogs, said Reynolds, but that doesn't prove their responsibility.

"These incidents will keep on as long as the Capital Regional Board gives us no authority to kill mauling dogs," he told *Driftwood*.

He wants authority to destroy animals which are found killing domestic animals. He also wants to know what the animal officers are supposed to do when a resident flatly refuses to take out a license.

Until the bylaw is changed to give a few more powers to the officers, such slaughter as Saturday's will continue, he asserted.

The incident represents the biggest loss to dogs by chicken farmers in many years. Total cost is estimated at \$1,000 *Driftwood* was told.

Watchdogs welcome show of support

Islands Trust is the islanders' watchdog, a Salt Spring Island meeting was told last week.

And at least one member of the Trust is delighted to meet with such response from the public.

The Salt Spring Island Trust had been discussing the health regulations in respect of septic disposal fields. The committee expressed the hope they might be tightened.

"Is it not required of the Islands Trust to protect water?" asked Betty Delmonico. "You're our watchdog. That's why we put you there!"

The Trust will work with all provincial ministries, replied Bud Kreissl and the health act is part of the provincial legislation.

Trustees have to try to be watchdogs when it comes to the preparation of policy, agreed Chairman John Rich.

"We are depending on you," responded Delmonico.

"When I boil my water it's just green yuk on top," protested a member of the audience.

Kreissl was happy with the concern.

"I am glad, after five years, to be getting some help," he told Betty Delmonico and her friends.

"During my five years on the water board I have been concerned with health. I have published my concerns and nobody even bothered to read them. I am glad to see so many people who opposed our proposals are now offering us their support."

One man arrested for armed robbery at Jackscrew Island

One man has been arrested and a second is still at large following an armed robbery on Jackscrew Island last Thursday.

RCMP said Tuesday that rifle shots were exchanged between the owner of the island and one of the men, who was wounded in the thigh as he and his comrade made off in a small power boat.

The two residents of the island discovered the intruders upon returning from a shopping trip to Ganges. Police said the owner's wife saw a man pointing a shotgun at her husband, who had gone ahead of her to their house.

She promptly radioed a mayday, which reached Ganges police and the Vancouver-based police vessel *Manyberries*, on patrol in the Nanaimo area.

But before the police reached the scene the two thieves fled, one of them dropping a high-powered telescopic rifle which he had taken from the house.

According to police, the owner of the island picked up the rifle and fired at the feet of one of the pair who was carrying off stolen goods, including a shotgun. Police said the man then turned on the owner and fired at him but missed.

The island resident then fired at the boat in an attempt to hit the outboard engine but missed, and hit the getaway boat's occupant instead, police said.

When police reached the scene they were informed by another vessel in the vicinity that the escaping pair had beached their boat in a small bay on Galiano Island. The boat was found and its motor located a short distance away, hidden in the underbrush.

Police said further information led them to believe that the two men then were transported on another boat to a small island in the vicinity.

A police dog was brought in to track the men on Kuper Island where one suspect was apprehended the next day and charged. RCMP said the man's leg had been grazed by a bullet.

Charged is 21 year-old Tim Metcalfe, a U.S. citizen of no fixed address. Police said Metcalfe is currently being held in custody in Victoria where he awaits a bail hearing scheduled for this week.

Search for the other man was still under way Tuesday.

Volcanic ash falls on Gulf Islands

The Gulf Islands got a thin dusting of ash Sunday night following the latest eruption of Mt. St. Helens. A thin layer of ash was visible on car windshields Monday morning and was also seen on boats moored in Ganges Harbour.

The weather office at Pat Bay Airport in Sidney said Monday afternoon that no further ash was expected in this area, as northerly winds are forecast.

Three members named

Two members of the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Council have been appointed for another year and one new member has been named.

Gerry Bourdin, nominated by the island Chamber of Commerce and Nick Gilbert, named by the Salt Spring Planning Association will serve another term. Gilbert is presently serving as chairman.

North Salt Spring Waterworks District has named J. Fairlie. He will assume the seat on the commission formerly occupied by Ken Patrick, water district chairman.

The new members will hold office until February 21, 1982.

A number of community organizations are invited to submit nominations to the APC. They are then appointed by the Islands Trust. Members are not appointed as representatives of the organization which nominates them. They are expected to represent the island as a whole.

Commission is the link between the community, the region and the trust which considers the local impact of applications for use of land.

Transformers

How many BC Hydro transformers in the islands contain PCB, Salt Spring Island Trust Committee was asked last week.

A letter from Wallace Island posed the question. It also asked what plans the Trust had to handle such a problem.

Ganges is not the key Population explosion

Control of Salt Spring Island development will rest with the Islands Trust and the manner in which Ganges develops will have little influence on the population picture.

This warning was given to a small gathering of interested residents in the secondary school on Thursday evening last week. Population explosion would be in the five-acre zones and in the extent to which future trust committees will relax restrictions, the meeting was told.

It was his last meeting on Salt Spring Island for Chris Foord, Islands Trust planner. He summarized the state of island subdivisions when he addressed the Salt Spring Island Planning Association.

Foord introduced Dean Strongitharm, planner who will, in future, be associated with Salt Spring Island.

Strongitharm looked back on the story of planning in the islands. Subdivision controls are very recent, he recalled.

Until 1969 there was little or no control. Then, from 1969 until 1976, the 10-acre freeze was in effect. It was introduced, he recalled, because small-lot development in the islands was bringing many problems.

In 1974 the Salt Spring Community Plan was introduced through the Capital Regional District, the planning authority for the islands at that time. A subdivision bylaw for the island, based on the 1974 plan, was passed in 1976.

AMENDMENTS

The Islands Trust, to which the planning function had been transferred, brought in extensive amendments to the Community Plan and initiated a new zoning bylaw and amendments to the subdivision bylaw.

The process of making an application for subdivision was reviewed, as well as a summary of statistics relating to island subdivisions.

There are approximately 3,400 lots on Salt Spring Island, he told the meeting and the island subdivision bylaw would provide for approximately double that number.

Over 60% of the island is protected from excessive development by a 10-acre average subdivision. With the exception of the areas around Ganges, Fulford and Vesuvius, the remainder of the island lies, mostly, in a five-acre average area.

The averaging principle was evolved on the island to encourage the variation of lots while restricting the extent to which they might be created.

They said it couldn't be done, recalled Chairman Ray Hill, but it is in force today.

NO RESTRICTION

In a five-acre average zone, the owner of a 100-acre parcel could divide it up into 20 lots. There is no restriction on the lot sizes. They may be all five acres or they may be 19 half-acre lots and one of 90.5 acres. This would, also, be required to meet water and effluent disposal regulations. They could be anywhere between those sizes.

The title to the large lot is then the subject of a restrictive covenant to remain unbroken in the future.

"The averaging principle is a

very good one," commented Planner Foord. "It is one way of trying to make sense of subdivision."

A community water supply encourages greater use of water, he cautioned in referring to water problems on the island.

"We should be in the business of encouraging conservation."

There was some exchange on the subject of sewage.

Ray Hill referred to the crossing of property lines by sewage. It is an administrative nightmare, replied Foord. The provision of community sewers was only part of the problem. Sewers aren't the problem in disposal, he explained, it's the effluent.

GOOD IDEA

Hill suggested that a number of lots on a hillside might be developed, with sewage being collected and disposed of on a lowland area with good percolation. It might be a good idea, agreed Foord.

Nick Gilbert looked at the figures for lots. If the specified figure of 3,400 should be doubled, that makes almost 7,000 lots, he suggested. At four people to a lot, there are 28,000 people.

"Every 10th lot in Oak Bay is undeveloped," replied the planner.

"Don't californicate the island," warned Bud Kreissl, "keep it rural; keep it wild!"

The north end of Salt Spring Island has lake water. The central and south ends are largely dependent on ground water, noted Foord.

"People want to live where water isn't," he remarked.

WATER SURVEYS

Engineering department of the Capital Region wants to carry out water surveys in the islands, reported the regional director, Yvette Valcourt.

There have already been several surveys, said Foord. If the region wants information on their source, it is welcome.

Water is "iffy" on the island, agreed Chairman Hill, "Let's get on to numbers in Ganges."

Ganges is from Howell Lane-Atkins Road, across to Mount

Belcher Heights and across to the sea, suggested the planner.

It provides for 574 lots; 300 are residential and 190 vacant. Remaining 84 are commercial, school, church, parks and other uses, meeting was told.

Some of the 574 lots have been consolidated, commented Yvette Valcourt. Foord agreed, but others have been developed, he noted.

Chris Foord extended his pattern of thinking.

The potential for bodies in the Ganges area is less than under the bylaw originally prepared by the Islands Trust two years ago, he observed.

He also forecast some amalgamation of lots to provide for parking and other facilities at existing properties.

TWO DENSITIES

The original by law provided for a density in Ganges of 30 persons per acre in residential properties and 15 in commercial developments. The plan was rejected by the ministry of municipal affairs on the grounds that one area may not be restricted to more than one minimum. To avoid more than one density in the zone the area is limited to 15 persons per acre.

If the health department gives approval to the installation of individual sewer treatment plants the planners would be hard pressed to restrict them, said Foord in reply to an enquiry.

The package unit gives the green light to unlimited development, warned Kreissl. A property of two lots covering two acres is zoned for two dwellings at present, the meetings was told. A community, or package unit sewer plant would permit 23 people to an acre and a half.

The downtown area of Ganges is in a development permit area. Is there any reason why part of the community was allocated for this type of control, enquired Tom Toynbee.

The plan for Ganges and the development permit area legislation were coincidental, explained Chris Foord and there is no reason why it could not be expected.

He added a note of caution. The development permit is issued to the owner and not the land. It is not transferable on the sale of the property.

At the close of the meeting Foord made his point once again.

The key to the future is the five-acre zone, he cautioned.

Marimba first island boat

Round island race is finished in record time

The weather co-operated with good winds for the annual race around Salt Spring Island sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. Thirty-two boats entered, one being a trimaran in a special multi-hull class - *Oasis* owned by Glen Selby.

Mike Howard's *Sandalwood* from Tsawwassen was the first boat home by actual and corrected time, a record nine hours, 45 minutes.

Dick Moore's *Marimba* was the first island boat and winner of the Marshall Sharp Trophy, as well as third place winner. Second place was won by the *Stoned Ranger*, also from Tsawwassen.

After a busy start at 9 am, light winds had the boats tacking down to Beaver Point and about one third of them got around and took off with strong steady winds that carried them right to the finish.

The rest of the pack were fighting the tide around Beaver Point. About half of them managed to get by and had a spinnaker run from Fulford to Sansum Narrows

where the wind died and the tide was ebbing. While they were struggling through the narrows, the rest of the fleet caught up.

Meanwhile, the first group of boats were rounding Southey Point. Strong winds carried them down Trincomali Channel and a colourful spinnaker run brought them home into Ganges Harbour, with six boats getting in by 8 pm.

The last section sailed down Trincomali with a waning wind and struggled around Nose Point about three in the morning, ghosting into the harbour. The first crews in were sound asleep while the remainder were out shining their flashlights on the telltales, watching for navigation lights and scraping barnacles off rocks. Most of the barnacles in Sansum Narrows have been removed, noted one sailor this week.

Members and friends enjoyed a barbecue picnic on Sunday at the club property on Douglas Road, where Dick Moore got the traditional wetting-down awarded to the trophy winner.

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 by richards



He bought the gimmick in a store, a mainland court was told. It split the cablevision connection to enable him to hook up to the stereo or the TV. He is now a criminal with a criminal record. Not one viewer in 10,000 knows that such a "splitter" is illegal. Not one in 10,000 knows that he may well have a criminal record if he pays over a few dollars to a storekeeper for the gadget. The law protects the cablevision stations from loss of rental revenues. Yet, to the ordinary man it sounds more like a conspiracy between the companies and the government to protect the interests of one at the expense of the other. The penalty is ludicrous. Why not, at least, prohibit the manufacture and sale? Why not warn the public? Or just bring back the rack and make 'em suffer!

 Don't take me out to the ball game! I don't want no peanuts nor crackerjack. I once played soccer when I had to. I played cricket at school when I couldn't get out of it. I don't sit in front of television with a case of beer and great expectations. Ball games of any kind leave me cold. So there's one strike coming up that they can keep going until Domsday and I still won't weep. That's the players' strike. And all they want is as much in a week as I can earn in a year. Poor, hungry devils!

 When the king came in he was announced with a flourish of trumpets. He couldn't arrive in silence. He had to have great noise. What's different? It's just that even the common man wants it, now. The important man-about-village rides a two-stroke Japanese motor cycle and screams his arrival in capital decibels. The important motorists kicks down at the moment of appearance and his gutsy buggy tells the world he is coming. They're not really noisy drivers: they're a bunch of misplaced kings without trumpets! Maybe we all are!

 From time to time I eat beans. I am well aware of the cautionary vulgar doggerel about beans but I stay with them. I like beans within limits. I wouldn't want breakfast beans and dinner beans and supper beans. That might be too much of a good thing. But even a few beans lead to domestic strife. I like a little garlic, salt and pepper cooked in with them. Women's Lib likes them just the way they come out of the can. She figures that if the Almighty had wanted us to eat beans with garlic, he would have sent the message to Mr. Heinz. So like Mr. and Mrs. Sprat, we have His Beans and Her Beans. There's another thing about beans and the domestic hearth. Women's Lib calls them "bacon and beans". It sounds like she believes everything she reads and she doesn't. She won't even believe this!

 It's the names. They're killing me! It puts me in mind of Josie Clement and she'll kill me! When she was employed in a Jewish institution, she wanted to identify one of the boys. What was his christian name, she enquired and he looked at her in complete mystification. I do likewise but simply because I am forgetting names all the time. I always have. But I used to forget the whole name. Now I can remember the surname and nothing else. It's bad enough when it's someone I don't know too well. My biggest problem is that I know Women's Lib's last name is Richards. But I just can't figure out the rest. What a memory!

 Many years ago several young gentlemen drove off Salt Spring Island into Victoria. In the city they walked and they worked and they developed a thirst. So, by evening, they parked behind a hotel and opened their bottle and took several drinks. They were all young and high-spirited and their merry laughter drew attention from the street. A very large police officer peered into the car and the merriment abated with a sadness unheard of before or since. You know the mistake you've made, said the voice of the law, you didn't offer me a drink! Hurriedly the islanders tendered him a drink. He accepted and shooed them away. When a new member joined the island Rotary Club, he looked at Bob Akerman closely. Was he still drinking in cars, enquired the retired officer. He recognized two of the Island tipplers. The other was also a member of the club, Gavin Reynolds. At least, that's the way Bob remembers it.

 Even the post office has a heart. A letter came from the Middle East, but it bore no stamp. A postal employee marked the envelope, "T-34c" and sent it on its way. It arrived at Ganges with the tax stamp crossed out by a more perceptive clerk and an arrow pointed to the place where the stamp was obviously affixed by the sender. The stamp didn't fall off. It had been removed. A traveller reported many years ago that employees of post offices in some undeveloped lands will regularly remove stamps for resale and even destroy the letter.

 Thinking of post offices I was looking through some papers that came to Driftwood in the mail. These issues arrived in Ganges on May 22: Cold Lake Sun, Alberta, April 29 and May 6: McKenzie Drift, Far North, April 26: Agassiz Advance, April 17, May 15: Aldergrove Star, May 14: Nanaimo Times, May 13, May 15: West Coaster, Ucluelet, May 14: Maple Ridge Gazette, May 14: North Island Gazette, Port Hardy, May 14 and Vancouver's Western News, May 14.

 I wouldn't put much money on a new car guarantee. Like the Swedish car we bought in 1976. Within months the fuel pump went on the fritz and it had to be changed on the road. Despite the assurances of maker and seller, we had to pay for it ourselves. Then the door frames started to rust out. Great rusty patches developed all round the doors. Lucky it was a two-door! The dealer checked it out and told us we would hear. We haven't heard in four years. Now, I keep a car serviced fairly regularly, but the guarantee? It's worth the paper it's printed on and not much more.



Dart tournament at Vesuvius

Dart tournament held at Vesuvius Inn last weekend drew a crowd of off-island participants as well as local players. The two Richmond men in white tee-shirts and New Zealand association of dart players. Also in picture are pub owner Don Small, right, and his son Chris (wearing checkered shirt).

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1980

It's our land and our future

On Tuesday of last week all Canada gained a reprieve. The province of Quebec offered a warm support to unity and federalism.

Despite a passionate and emotional plea for the first step into independence, the Quebecois told their leaders, told Ottawa and told all of Canada that they are, now as always, an integral part of this vast nation.

The decision was not an invitation to the rest of the country to sit back and rest assured that the French Canadians have seen the light. It was an invitation for the rest of Canada to discuss openly and earnestly the reforms which should be and must be accomplished. For more than 100 years there has been a considerable degree of dissatisfaction with the constitution in the province of Quebec. For less than a century there has been a growing recognition in the centres of the new west that the constitution is not serving their needs.

The Tuesday referendum is the last call to a Canadian supper. There will be 10 at table as well as the head of the Canadian family, the prime minister. If they cannot share the family dinner in harmony and understanding, then the last call has been in vain. The 10 guests have 10 different concerns. They are parochial-minded and they seek recognition of those concerns. Each member wants recognition, not only from Ottawa, but from all his colleagues at the table.

The guests at the nation's table will be motivated by the same emotional, petty, uninformed, bigoted opinions that characterize the rest of us in this country. And each must set aside the trappings of intolerance to convince his companions of his own needs and their merits, while yet completely open and receptive to the emotional, petty, misinformed, bigoted opinions of others.

Of course, we are bigoted! We are human beings. Of course, we love and loathe for absurd reasons! We are human beings. Of course, we avoid informing ourselves properly! We are human beings. And, of course, we must learn to bury our differences, settle our grievances and rebuild the constitution to suit a growing nation because we are Canadians.

If the air component of the Canadian Armed Forces were to fly out over the Atlantic and sever the umbilical cord that ties us to Westminster, the service to this nation would be incalculable. The cord may well have been a lifeline a century ago. Today it is a chain around the Canadian neck.

We need no approval of Westminster to change our laws. We need no approval to change our lives. We certainly need no ancient traditional link with the Mother of Parliaments to affirm our recognition of the British heritage we enjoy. Nor does it tie us to any French heritage, or any other. We know our strengths. We know our history. We honour our Queen. But must we be chained to her apron strings?

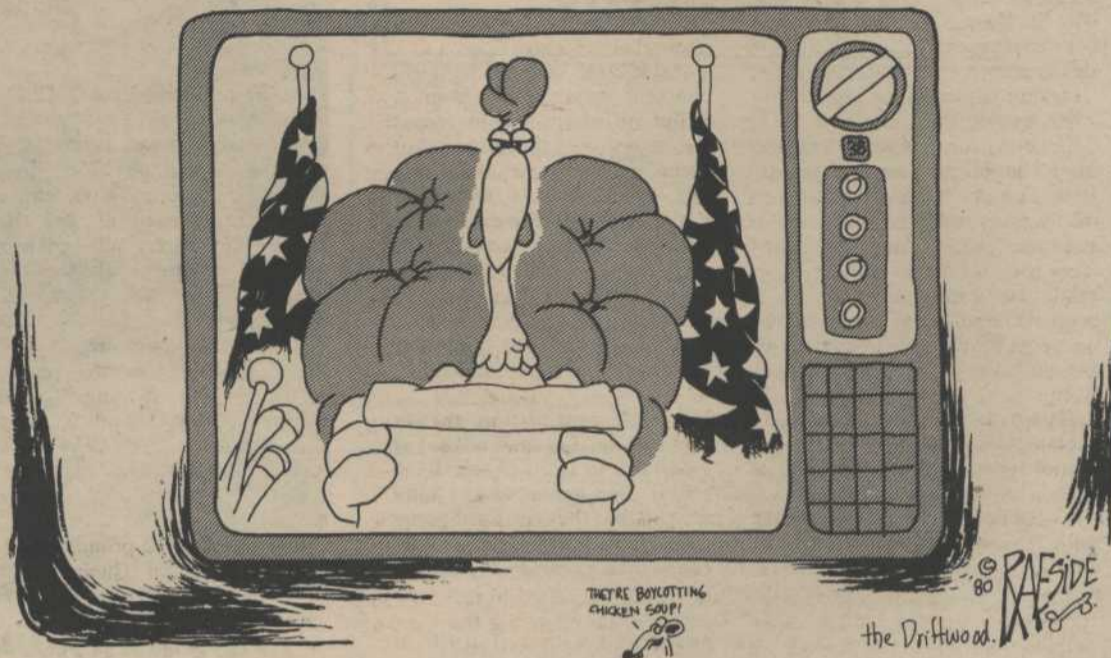
Last week the people of Quebec spoke clearly when they asked, by a 60:40 majority, to be Canadians, now and in the future, as in the past. And they re-affirmed their loyalty to the nation of which these islands are as much a part. They still want to settle their differences; to speak their language; to conduct their own affairs, all within the framework of the nation which our forebears fashioned.

Could we want less for ourselves; for our English-speaking islands; for the land we share?

The next months are going to be difficult. The debates will wax hot and bitter as our parochial prejudices seek to choke us. The success of a new constitution rests with all of us. It is not a matter for the Quebecois or for the Great Central Authority or for the old maritime provinces. It is a matter for each of us, as Canadians.

If we want to shoot our British Columbian mouths off, bear in mind that the effect could be disastrous for our Canadian well-being. Our future is up to us. Let's think about it before we shout about it!

"AND NOW, A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE INDEPENDANT STATE OF SALTSRING...."



Someone had better go talk to those naughty dogs

BY FRANK RICHARDS

There are dogs and there are sheep and there are chickens.

And there's a law.

Right now they're all glued together in a helluva mess. The farmers say, a dog must not eat stock. The lawmakers say, a dog must not eat stock.

The farmers say, stop eating or I'll blow your head off. The law says, don't dare shoot or you'll go to prison. The dog says, go to a lawyer and get an injunction like everyone else; but you don't hear it too good because he's talking with his mouth full.

The lawmaker looks at the high cost of protection and demands that the slaughter of farm animals must cease; someone better talk to the dogs, but please, no guns! Doggy doesn't like guns!

The dog catcher says, the dogs are chasing deer on every ridge on the island. The law says, go tell them they're naughty dogs! The dog says Deer! Deer! this meat is good!

The lawmaker says, fine the owner. The dog catcher says, they got no license and we can't trace the owner. The dog says, get your dirty hands off o'

me! I'm protected! The lawmaker says, sell licenses and cover the rising costs. The dog catcher says, they won't buy licenses. The law says, they must. The lawmaker says, they ought to. The dog catcher says, they don't. The dog says, drop dead! and the sheep says, I did!

The farmer says, I got me a gun. The lawmaker says, don't dare use it! The dog says, missed again! The owner says, that's my dog you're shooting at. I'm getting an injunction. The deer says, gimme the gun and I'll show you and the lawmaker weeps.

The farmer says, I got that one and buries the dog. The sheep says, I can eat again. The chicken says, peace at last! The deer bounds over the stream and the dog catcher looks the other way.

The owner says, that's my dog! The farmer says, find it! The lawyer says, I think you might have a case, I really do. The constable says, lets see the evidence. The lawmaker says, this is anarchy.

And the farmer says, I guess I need some more cartridges.

The animal protection act is a wonderful thing in the islands.

Letters to the Editor

Get involved, urges Red Cross

Sir,
 According to Canadian Red Cross statistics, the next 100 days will likely see 600 Canadians die from drowning. This works out, on average, to one fatality every four hours. Almost half of these fatalities will be children and teenagers.

These are damning statistics

when one realizes that a very large percent of the drownings are attributable to acts of carelessness and error. None of them, in other words, should happen.

June 1-7 is Red Cross Water Safety Week in British Columbia. On behalf of the staff and volunteers of the Red Cross Water Safety Service, I would like to invite all of you to take advantage of the week and to get involved.

CLYDE GRIFFITH,
 Provincial Chairman
 Red Cross Water Safety Week,
 May 15, 1980.

Senseless slaughter is sickening

Sir,
 I've seen many things that make me wonder if mankind deserves Mother Nature. But the senseless slaughter of dolphins in Japan makes me sick. I think it would be a good idea not to buy anything stamped Made In Japan.

B. WILLIAMS,
 Box 46,
 Fulford,
 May 17, 1980.

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

Accident victim recovering

Sir,
 Last Friday night, May 16, 1980, our son Billy Dingwall was struck down by a pick-up truck on the road to Ganges. Both my husband and myself are very grateful for all the help, co-operation and assistance offered that evening and during the weekend. As Bill is only six years old he is unable to write and thank you himself. We would like to thank all the people who helped at the roadside, the ambulance attendants, the police, the fire department, the hospital staff, the water taxi operator and anyone else who assisted in any way.

During times of trouble it is wonderful to have so many people willing to help. Due to your co-operation, Billy is on the way to recovery.

Thank you everyone - with all our heart.
IAN AND ELIZABETH DINGWALL
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 May 20, 1980.

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The Anarchist

A question of perspective

On Thursday last President Carter flew over the landscape around Mt. St. Helens. He was obviously very impressed by the extent of the devastation, and described it as "making the moon's surface look like a golf course."

Then in a rather apologetic afterthought, he went on to suggest that in years to come this would be one of the most visited sites in North America, rather implying that what had happened might be redeemed if one only realized that what in fact had occurred had been the birth of an instant Tourist Attraction which would certainly return handsome dividends to the local population.

Now, I suppose, it will be only a matter of time until a full-scale replica of the U. S. Embassy in Teheran is constructed in Disneyland.

Win some, lose some

During the course of a radio report of the unhappy plight of the residents of the fire zones of northern Ontario there was an account of the evacuation by Canadian Hercules aircraft. Great. Some of those many dollars for the military being put to good use.

Except that in the middle of the story, and without any comment, we were introduced to a Major Somebody of the United States Air Force, "presently stationed in Canada, and directing the evacuation operation." Obviously a very high level of deductive skill is required to explain this little gem, and I will give it my very best shot, so here goes:

Either I: The major was responsible for the failure of the rescue mission in Iran, and he has been sent to Canada to practice.

Or II: He is the commander of the next rescue mission in Iran, and he has been sent to Canada to practice.

Or III: We won the referendum in Quebec, but meanwhile we lost the country, and they haven't got around to telling us about it yet.

The Big Time

If you are one of those who could manage little concern for the referendum last week you are in good company. The syndicated A.B.C. Weekly World News Highlights did not mention the events in Quebec.

With Cream and Sugar

Boomchain is one of those characters who early gravitated to the islands where he, like them, was always in a state of nature but never in a state of grace; in fact if you were to think of one particular

characteristic of Boomchain you would have to admit he was graceless.

This probably accounts for his somewhat eccentric view of the world at large, and particularly if it concerns anything happening in either Israel or Quebec. In this immediate context of the post-referendum situation, therefore, it was logical to assume that Boomchain would have his own theory of what was really going on; so, I duly enquired, and true to form Boomchain has his own theory of what is really going on.

According to Boomchain, Trudeau and Levesque, while still in school together (Boomchain has a thing about going to the same school) planned the whole thing down to the last detail. Trudeau would become the prime minister of Canada, and Levesque would become the premier of Quebec; then, Levesque would threaten to secede or separate and would make a hell of a fuss about having the citizens of Quebec take a vote on it.

This would create all sorts of fears and worries throughout the rest of the country, and when by a good margin the Quebecois vote to stay in confederation, then Trudeau would rush through an amendment to the B.N.A. Act entrenching French language rights in the constitution to reward the people of Quebec, and then there would never ever be a way to get French off the Kellogg's Corn Flakes box.

Referendum result underlines need for new constitution

Ottawa report

By JIM MANLY, MP

on with the job of producing a new "Made in Canada" constitution. Ed Broadbent urged immediate action on the constitution by referring to the example of George Brown and Sir John A. MacDonald.

"Over 100 years ago the various elements which were not yet Canada were in a state of crisis in this part of North America. Leaders at that time responded appropriately. The arch political enemies, George Brown and Sir John A. MacDonald, came together in an act of great historical reconciliation. Speaking in the legislature in June 1864, George Brown explained - and it was difficult for him to do so - the reconciliation with a point which is so relevant to us in Canada today.

He said that only the most extreme circumstances could justify reconciliation between himself and his old opponent and that the circumstance which required that were the crises that existed in many parts of the land.

NON-PARTISAN APPROACH

"The result of that reconciliation was the birth of a non-partisan

approach to nation building. The nation which emerged, of course, was Canada. I would like to suggest that today we are facing similar circumstances and that the circumstances require the same generosity of mind and openness of spirit from members of all parties in the House of Commons."

Members from all sides of the House were pleased when Prime Minister Trudeau indicated his desire to include Joe Clark and Ed Broadbent in the delegation to discuss the constitution.

NOW IS THE TIME

On May 20 a majority of people in Quebec said that they wanted to build their future in a united Canada. Now is the time for the Canadian parliament to work with the provinces, territories and native people to create a new framework in which we can grow and develop as a nation.

The task will not be easy. In the debate over a proper distribution of powers and responsibilities there will be sharp differences of opinion. We cannot count on the post-referendum mood unanimity to continue. But if we cannot be unanimous we can at least be serious, responsible and determined.

If we approach our task in that frame of mind, I believe that we will be able to develop a renewed federalism for Canada and all its people.

'Neither feasible, beneficial, nor permissible'

Student examines bridge-tunnel proposal

The proposal to build a bridge-tunnel link between Vancouver Island and the mainland has met with disapproval of many islands residents.

One objector is a grade 12 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Published here is Marilee Taylor's view of the proposal.

In considering the floating bridge and tunnel link proposed between the mainland and Vancouver Island, we must objectively examine its factors. Is such a bridge-tunnel link feasible? Is it going to be beneficial? Is it tolerable? I think not.

A comparison between existing and proposed floating bridge-tunnel transit combinations will evaluate the function of one for British Columbians.

North America's longest floating bridge exists in Seattle, Washington. Upon completion in 1963 this bridge covered three miles and was worth \$15 million.

The proposed bridge between Vancouver Island and the mainland will cover at least seven times that distance, and cost 150 times that amount.

A second, more recent comparison is a tunnel connecting the Japanese islands of Hokkaido and Honchu. A sub-aqueous rail-road tunnel, located 460 feet beneath the sea-bed stretches almost 34 miles.

STILL NOT COMPLETED

Work began on this undersea channel in 1971, but nine years later is not yet completed, and the cost is compounding itself monthly. Thus far this tunnel has taken \$550 million, and further expenditures are anticipated.

Historically, with reference to these examples, I feel a floating bridge link for the Gulf Islands would be neither feasible, benefi-

cial nor permissible.

Is a new transit system, a tunnel-link for Vancouverites feasible? I don't think any justification can be made for the cost of such a project. Two billion dollars plus could install immediate bus service, hydroplanes and increased ferry service to each island, including Vancouver Island.

WILL INCREASE YEARLY

The cost of a bridge will increase each year, even while it is under construction, because of interest on the principal. None of this cost will be absorbed easily. Commuters and tourists might pay the suggested \$30 but at this cost it will take almost seventy million crossings to pay the principle loan.

In Japan and Washington the rate of payment is intensified because of the additional people using the bridges. There exists yet another cost factor! The bridges must have adequate transfer terminals and connecting highways. The land for such terminals and roads must be purchased and developed. The public cannot be expected to utilize a service if it isn't easily accessible.

Natural and man-made disasters are another element concerning this proposal. The route crosses an earthquake fault-zone, experiences strong currents, is in open water prone to storms and in future, could become a tanker shipping lane. A project such as this isn't feasible for the islands.

NO FURTHER AHEAD

The million dollars expended for research and engineering could prove the bridge an impossibility and we wouldn't be any further ahead. That money could be used to improve established transport.

Would such an inter-island junction be beneficial? The Vancouverites feel the ferry system is inadequate and they would like to

have a 20-minute crossing of the Straits of Juan de Fuca. The inadequacy of the ferry system was "proven" on Easter weekend 1980: There was a five-hour wait for transport to Vancouver and Victoria.

It seems to me that a few facts were omitted in these statements.

The Queen of Alberni was not in operation and the C.P.R. ferries were on strike, leaving all commercial transport to the British Columbia Ferries. Were not the highways also busy? the border crossings jammed? and the city bridges clogged?

Wouldn't it be enjoyable to drive for over 20 miles on a traffic congested bridge? I would rather take a relaxing two-hour ferry trip to eat my lunch.

AGITATES PEOPLE

Traffic agitates people, increasing the accident rate. What would you do if you had an accident half-way across a busy 20-mile bridge? You would have to be very patient while waiting for the authorities along with the 10 miles of drivers on either side of you.

A major accident? Such befell the Hood Canal bridge and the Second Narrows bridge. With a more complex structure a major disaster could result.

With the exception of any future accidents, the 20 miles of water crossed between Galiano and the mainland on the B.C. ferries is the safest 20 miles you will find in western Canada.

A bridge-tunnel linkage to the islands is not tolerable. By changing the access, we change the islands. Because the tourists come to our islands for their uniqueness we will discourage them by changing the access. Not only do the tourists like the islands in their present state but so do the islanders.

Hugh Curtis recently stated: "The government must guarantee that any island the proposed (bridge-tunnel) touches would be protected...that the wishes of the residents of those islands would be fully observed and respected."

It is impossible to observe and respect us if we don't want a bridge and one is proposed. The six-month feasibility study will be done if a province-wide vote is favourable and won't take account of the islanders' wishes.

Can this same province-wide vote put a four-lane super-highway in my backyard to transport Vancouverites rapidly? I hope not! The principal concern of the 80's would not find this bridge proposal tolerable either. Everyone should be prepared to conserve, and building bridges encourages people to use their cars. By the time the bridge would be constructed it is possible the world's gasoline supplies would be exhausted.

MORE PRACTICAL

If we designed an immediate, adequate passenger transport system it would be much more practical. Hydroplanes connecting to buses, trains or monorails would encourage fast passenger travel, saving fuel and time.

Vancouverites may not mind the ruin they are imposing on the Fraser Valley because of over-development, but Gulf Islanders are very protective of their unique piece of Canada. A bridge for the Gulf Islands, connecting to Vancouver Island, is neither feasible, beneficial nor permissible.

I care about the future of this beautiful island. I don't think the islands should be destroyed because Vancouver needs a faster link to Victoria.

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Writers of letters to the editor are reminded that their submissions will not be considered for publication unless they are signed, and include an address. In addition, writers must furnish a telephone number where they can be contacted during the day.

If Dr. D. Richardson of Fulford Harbour will contact the Driftwood office to identify himself, the editor will be happy to publish his letter.

Life has little to offer delinquent hummers

Sir,
I would like to make use of your column to seek support for S.O.H.F.T. - an organisation which, although not yet a wing of the Red Feather Campaign, may well become one in the near future. Our society attempts to draw attention to the plight of our local hummingbirds whose health, habits and morale are being demoralised by those well-meaning people who put out unlimited hummingbird feeders for them.

The world of the young hummingbird can be a very beautiful place, full of sunshine, flowers and blossom, with a busy life in the fields and garden sipping nectar as a clearly defined work ethic. But for the delinquent hummer, debased by drink, drugs or the ill health brought on by having the environment turned into a welfare state, life has little to offer but an early grave.

Those who feed their hummingbirds coloured sugar syrup should bear in mind that red food colouring has been linked with cancer while white sugar definitely causes cavities. As a result, as local ornithologists will confirm, few hummingbirds have been observed lately with teeth.

Humans who put a little red pill in the water of their feeders are also doing the little buzzbombs a disservice. A 60% increase in drug-related prob-

lems including lack of balance has been observed in recent years, while incidence of flying backwards and nervous hovering has increased.

Finally it must be stated that fermented sugar-water quickly becomes alcoholic, as do the imbibing hummingbirds, who, having ignored the Bible's injunction to "look not upon the wine when it is red" are still more to be pitied than censured. Hovering mindlessly around a glass imitation flower they remind one irresistibly of today's urban youth in front of a television set.

Weakened and debilitated by over-indulgence one final humiliation awaits them, the need to hitch a ride south on the broad back of a migrating Canada Goose.

So please help to Save Our Hummingbirds From Themselves by joining S.O.H.F.T. Workers are desperately needed to disseminate literature, knock on doors, staff clinics, give slide shows and plant more blossom trees and flowers. New members of the society receive a rufous-green button inscribed, "I'm an old SOHFTY".

For further information write....

VAL HAIGH,
Box 106,
Ganges.
May 12, 1980.

Social services cutbacks follow military increase

Sir,
We have just learned that Canada has increased the military budget by three per cent after pressure to do so was applied by the U.S.A. on Nato nations during the recent Nato meeting in Europe.

Because we are members of Nato and Norad and integrated into the U.S.A. military machine, Canadian taxpayers are being forced to pay at least four billion dollars for fighter planes. This is on top of the annual defence budget which in 1979 was 4.4 billion. Military expenditure involves buying foreign-made equipment and components. Even equipment made in Canada produces few jobs. U.S. government researchers have found that each dollar spent on military equipment creates less employment than a dollar spent in almost any other area in the economy.

At the same time Canadians are

being asked to face cutbacks in social services at a time when people are facing increasing social problems due to unemployment and the housing crisis. Cutting back on social services must necessarily cause more unemployment and thus will actually increase problems in the economy.

In 1953 President Eisenhower said: "Every gun that is made, every ship that is launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense a theft from those who are hungry and not fed, those who are cold and not clothed. The world in arms is not spending money alone, it is spending the sweat of its labourers, the genius of its scientists and the hope of its children."

G.E. DOHERTY,
Victoria Coalition for Disarmament,
1831 Fern Street, Victoria, B.C.
May, 1980.

Report found inaccurate

Sir,
The article, "Local Students Score Higher than Average", which appeared in your paper May 14 contains some inaccurate and/or misleading statements about the results of the English Placement test written by grade 12 students at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Firstly, your article states that "The English Placement Test was taken by every grade 12 student in the province who did not pass the B.C. Scholarship exam in English composition." This statement is not accurate. The English Placement test is taken by any student who wishes to write the test or who is planning to attend a post-secondary institution of education in B.C. In our district, 94% of the grade 12 students wrote the test in May, 1980; in the rest of the province, however, the level of participation does not appear to be so high. Your statement also implies that those students writing the Placement test did not pass the B.C. scholarship qualifying English exam. Most students do not write the B.C. scholarship qualifying exam. Furthermore, all stu-

dents in our district who wrote the scholarship qualifying exam and passed it wrote the English placement test as well.

Secondly, your article states "the average student in this district scored passing marks in composition but failed the sentence correction part of the test." In a subsequent paragraph of the same article, the district average score on each section of the test is given and in each case the score is, in fact, a passing one.

Finally, I would like to point out that the scores from the English Placement test are ranked provincially and many students in our district were in the 80 and 90 percentiles. Our students did, as the headline of your article announced, score higher than the provincial average on all sections of the test and should be congratulated for their fine performance.

SUSAN UNDERWOOD,
Ganges.
May 16, 1980.

Flea market Saturday at Fulford

Islanders who enjoy flea markets and garage sales are being asked by the Fulford Hall Committee to grab their wallets and head for the hall on Saturday afternoon.

More than 20 tables of wares will be offered for sale at a flea market at 2 pm. Refreshments in the form of hot dogs, cookies and coffee will be available. There will be no admission charge.

If Saturday's market is successful, the committee will consider making it a semi-annual event.

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Mrs. Jean Hinton, campaign chairperson, and her team of dedicated helpers did a wonderful job in this campaign. On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross Society, I would like to commend them for their perseverance and effort.

The Canadian Red Cross Society is indebted to the citizens of Pender Island for helping the society in its task of alleviating human suffering.

ZARINA DAYA,
Director, Financial Resources,
B.C./Yukon Division,
Canadian Red Cross.
April 14, 1980.

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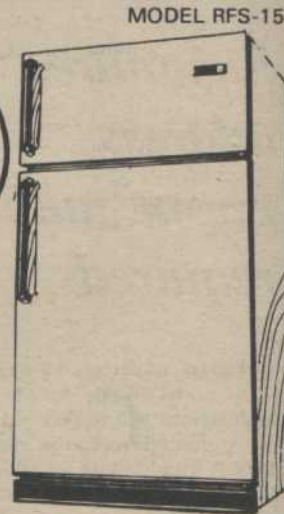
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Cold, wet trip raises \$450

Driftwood reporter was in complete agreement with one of these two skiers Monday when he said he'd "be nuts to do it again" under the same circumstances. Wayne Jenkins, left, and Rupert Gale circumnavigated Salt Spring Island Monday morning - each on

one ski, in effort to raise money for Gulf Islands Secondary School grad class. Although they didn't have one spill on 1 hour, 40 minute trip, they arrived in Ganges very cold and very wet. The skiers raised \$450 in pledges from local businesses, students and friends.

Everything goes

Trust examines wide range of zoning in Section 4

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee is studying extensive changes in the Commercial 4 zoning of the island.

Commercial 4 is that zone which provides for hotels, campsites and resorts. But it also provides for retail stores, restaurants, service stations, business or professional offices, barber shops, beauty parlours, banks, indoor recreation, bakery or other activities of like nature. Everything goes, trustees learned last week.

Many Commercial 4 zones are

within the watersheds or alongside lakes, it was noted at the Trust committee meeting on Friday afternoon in Ganges.

At the most "exaggerated" use it allows up to 58 persons per acre, the meeting was told.

Planner Dean Strongitharm suggested that such zones which are not in active use could be rezoned

to an appropriate non-commercial use.

North Salt Spring Waterworks would like to see the recommendations of the Trust and to make recommendations, stated Mike Larmour.

It was held over for more information and preparation of a bylaw.

Split lots to be split officially

New bylaw on Salt Spring Island will permit subdivision of specified lots to sizes smaller than permitted in the zones in which they lie.

The bylaw has been prepared to regularize split lots. There are 89 lots on the island which are divided into two by the road or highway. Although legally one lot, they cannot be used as one. The bylaw will permit splitting into two as long as the smaller half is not less than three-quarters of an acre.

The new provision still leaves 35 lots split into components too small to conform.

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This week at Fernwood School

On Thursday of last week Mrs. Jean Shopland of the I.O.D.E. presented three books to our school. Lynn Spittle accepted the books on behalf of the school library. Constable B. Hopp also gave a short history of the NWMP/RCMP.

By the time you read this I will be in Strathcona enjoying myself while everybody else stays home and slaves away (except for the rest of the grade sixes).

Last Thursday, May 22, there was a three-way track meet between Salt Spring Elementary, Crofton and Fernwood. Salt Spring was first, Crofton was second and Fernwood was third. That was just practice, wait till you see us at the Vancouver Island Track and Field championships next week.

There will be a Fun Fair on Friday, June 13 at Fernwood and games and a play by Shakespeare with a cast of 10's.

We have formed a floor hockey league with three teams. At the moment the Fernwood Flyers are

in the lead.

The chess tournament was over a little while ago, but I just did not notice. Well, anyhow, here are the champs: Senior, Ken Macpherson; Grade 7, Ken Macpherson; Grade 6, Peter Hedgecock; Grade 5, Erin Fewings; Grade 4, Justin Williams; Grade 3, Mark Nordine.

Well that's all for this week (and next week since I'll be away) from your friendly Fernwood reporter, David Bremner.

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The Annual General Meeting of the above-mentioned organization will be held on the following islands at times and places herein designated.

Saturna Island	Community Hall	Monday, June 9, 1980, 1:30 pm
North & South Pender	School Hall	Monday, June 9, 1980, 3:30 pm
Mayne Island	Medical Centre	Wednesday, June 11, 1980, 1:00 pm
Galiano Island	Community Hall	Wednesday, June 11, 1980, 3:30 pm
Salt Spring Island	Activity Centre, Secondary School	Monday, June 16, 1980, 8:00 pm

AGENDA

- To receive the Chairman's Report
- To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1980
- To receive various reports
- To elect Society members and 4 members to the Board of Management, 3 members from Salt Spring Island and 1 member from Galiano Island
- Appointment of Auditor
- Any other business that may come from the meeting.

VOTING PRIVILEGES

ZONE MEMBERS

Zone members (persons who own land and pay taxes thereon in Zone 1, Salt Spring Island, Zone 2 - North and South Pender Islands and Prevost Island, Zone 3 - Saturna Island, Samuel Island, Zone 4 - Mayne Island, Zone 5 - Galiano Island, or spouses of such persons) who had made written application for membership in the Society.

Applications will be made available prior to the call to order of the Annual Meeting. Applications are currently available at the Hospital's Business Office.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

- Members who have paid \$1.00 for membership during the year 1980 to June 9th/16th, 1980 as applicable.
- Any person not owning property on the Gulf Islands and not currently being an Annual Member but who desires to be an ANNUAL MEMBER and vote at the 1980 Annual Meeting must make application one month before said meeting and should apply to the Administrator, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, Ganges, B.C. Annual Meetings will be held between June 9th and June 16th, 1980. The membership fee is \$1.00. This notice does not apply to landowners or spouses of such persons.

Signed:

M. Pinteau, Secretary
Board of Management

Water district aid, transit, policing topics of interview

BY BRIAN SOBER

Public criticism is bound to make most government officials cautious when speaking with the press, and *Driftwood's* interview last week with islands MLA Hugh Curtis was no exception.

Although reluctant to talk specifically about such matters as ferry fares and disputes between loggers and others, Curtis did offer a report that at times contained substance other than his personal opinion.

The funding of improvement districts, a great concern of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, is a matter in which Curtis said he was very interested. He has advocated that improvement districts turn over their assets to regional districts, which would then receive additional grant money.

But that has not been greeted favorably by the water districts which lobbied to preserve their existing status. As minister of finance, the fate of the independent water districts lies solely in Curtis' hands.

SEE NEXT FALL

Bearing in mind the health of the B.C. economy and the fact that there are several hundred improvement districts in the province, Curtis said he would see what he could do next fall to provide the needed assistance.

The transit levy was another matter that the minister was not afraid to expound upon.

His opinion, which he has expressed to the regional board, is that Port Renfrew, Jordan River and the Gulf Islands be excluded from the levy until the people of those areas are provided with easy access to bus service.

What action could the islands take if they are not excluded from the transit tax area?

"If a resolution for exclusion is passed at the regional board level, that resolution would by necessity come before cabinet, at which time I would support it."

Curtis said he is not convinced that there are enough residents in the outlying areas of the regional district who would use a bus every day. If that changes, then levy the tax, he said.

DECISION SOON

The application by the B.C. Ferry Corporation for a rate increase is still before cabinet, and a decision can be expected soon. Soon could be next September, Curtis said.

Curtis believes a moderate rate increase is only justifiable because costs are rising "drastically". In his opinion it would be fair to all British Columbians if fares increased a small amount. And, he added, he believes the government should cushion the cost of the service by subsidization.

What the increase was likely to be, he refused to speculate. The matter, he said, was before cabinet last week but had to be postponed because of other matters.

As a result of visits to the islands, Curtis said he has recom-



mended to the attorney-general that the police force on the Gulf Islands be increased.

'ALARMED'

A day spent on Galiano during the recent long weekend helped convince Curtis of the need for a police detachment on each of the islands. He said he was "really alarmed" at the number of people he saw on the island and the mood of the people leaving the island.

"They were obviously out to have a very noisy weekend. My mail suggests that the problem of the increasing crime rate is more acute on the Outer Gulf Islands. It's sad but true; there is a need for permanent policing there."

Curtis was asked if he sympathized with those people who oppose development on the islands.

"I am supportive of the concept of the Islands Trust; I hope that partially answers your question. Development on any of the Gulf Islands has to be very carefully controlled and regulated, otherwise special lifestyles would be lost. The islands will grow and develop, it's just a matter of degree and extent. The opportunity for people who are there to carry on their livelihoods has to be permitted."

He cited the small logging industry as an example of acceptable industrial growth.

Looking at local government, Curtis said, his ministry has recommended that the tax levy for the Islands Trust not be increased and that the Trust not be granted any increase in power in the near future.

COULD BE EXPANDED

"It's possible that the Islands Trust's authority could be gradually expanded in the future, but at present I think the Trust is carrying out its role quite effectively. Bill Vander Zalm will be introducing legislation regarding all local governments which I believe will eliminate certain areas of abrasiveness between the Islands Trust

and the regional districts; areas such as zoning where there is an overlapping of jurisdiction."

Curtis agreed with the suggestion that Salt Spring Island possibly demands more government attention than what is normally expected from a rural B.C. community. This is due, he said, to the lack of a municipal council. But, he added, "I am in no way advocating incorporation for Salt Spring."

"If incorporation becomes an issue on the island I would keep my opinion to myself. It's difficult to take a side when a community is split on an issue. How do you decide what is right or wrong? It's not my duty to inject myself in a controversy. My only comment is that the island would have to decide by referendum the incorporation question."

Curtis insists that helping individuals with their problems is "what politics is all about".

"Whether the problems people have are with government or personal, my home phone is listed and I enjoy helping people when I can."

Curator of botany speaks to garden club

By Optimist

A well attended meeting of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club was entertained by the curator of botany at the B.C. Provincial Museum, Dr. Ogilvie.

Speaking on wild flowers for gardens and landscaping, he made us aware of the beautiful trees, shrubs and flowers all native to our own province, from the large Douglas fir to the dainty alpine and rock plants. He stressed the need to preserve these plants and, if possible, to keep a part of our own

gardens in the natural state.

Next month we are to visit Vancouver gardens as a group, then on July 16 our picnic will be held at Mr. and Mrs. W. Luth's residence.

Our next show will feature gladiolus and dahlia on August 9 and there will be classes for the novice so new exhibitors may enter two new lily classes. This show promises to be equal to if not better than last year's success.

We urge more members to take part at these shows if we are to keep them active and worthy of the effort required to organize them.

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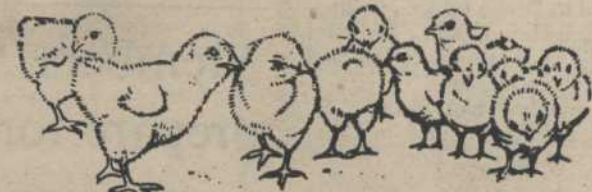
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A pretty wedding of interest to Gulf Islanders took place on May 17 when Charles Harry Baines, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baines of North Galiano, was married to Donna Louise Harding, only daughter of Mrs. Margaret Harding of North Vancouver and the late Vern Harding.

The wedding took place at St. John's Anglican Church in Ladysmith, with Rev. E. Eden officiating.

The bride wore white trilobal satin and georgette with a semi-wreath of flowers in her dark hair and carried a bouquet of white silk roses and lily of the valley.

She was attended by Pat Winship of North Vancouver as maid of honour and Beverly Brubaker of Tahsis, Janet Linnquist of Langley and Mrs. Penny Rader of North Vancouver, all dressed in cotton skirts of green and blue with light lilac blouses, white hats with matching trim, all carrying mauve and white flowers.

The little flower girl, Tara Harding, had a dress of the same material with white pinafore of cotton eyelet carrying a tiny basket

of flowers to match.

The flowers, mostly silk, were done by Ladysmith Florist.

The mother of the bride wore a dusty rose lace dress and rose corsage, and mother of the groom wore aqua green with peach rose

Members prepare for convention

BY WAY-LESS

Mayne Island TOPS ladies have been busy the past few weeks sewing their white skirts, blouses and light royal blue vests to be worn at functions when they attend the PRD convention at Kamloops May 23 and 24.

Twelve of their 15 active members will join approximately 1,500 other TOPS and KOPS from all over B.C.

The Mayne Island club is also making plans for a forthcoming visit from the two TOPS clubs of Salt Spring Island in early June.

Ladies interested in joining this group may call either the leader, Pat Dawson, 539-5583 or co-leader Maude Smith at 539-5761.

They will welcome you sincerely at their meetings held every Wednesday at 9.30 am at Sally Burden's residence.

corsage.

The groom was attended by Reg Hume of Nanaimo.

The ushers were Howard Harding of North Vancouver, John Silvey of Galiano Island, and Rod Thompson of Sidney.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, David, of White Rock.

The reception was held at St. Mary's Hall. Dinner was catered by the Native-Daughters Post No. 7, and music was supplied by Frank and Sylvia Fissel of North Vancouver.

During the evening the Diamond Squares of Ladysmith and Singing Singles of Vancouver gave an exhibition of square dancing. Caller was Brent Besse.

Sol Bodegas of Hawaii sang *The Hawaiian Wedding Song*.

Toast to the bride was given by her uncle, Howard Atkinson of North Vancouver.

The happy couple spent a short honeymoon touring on Vancouver Island.

For something old, the bride wore a necklace that had belonged to her great grandmother and the something borrowed was her mother-in-law's engagement ring, and the blue garter.

Couple plead for help in fighting motorcycle races

Salt Spring Island couple pleaded with the Island Trust Committee last week to take action in the Blackburn Lake race track controversy.

"We object to the continued use of watershed property as a motorcycle race track," said W. Thomas, of Blackburn Lake.

His wife, Marion, later interrupted the meeting with a recording of the noise they hear from their home.

They have had no satisfaction in discussions with the owner, said Thomas.

The committee will investigate the complaint and refer back to earlier files on the complaint.

The use has been protested for years, said Mrs. Thomas.

"If we lived on Sunset Drive we could get rid of the track and the dump," she charged.

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Players in final week of rehearsal

The Salt Spring Players are in the final week of rehearsal of *George Bernard Shaw's* one-act comedy *Village Wooing*, which was selected in early April to represent the South Vancouver Island Zone at Mainstage 80, the provincial drama festival to be held in Courtenay next week.

The local production, featuring Pat Desbottes and Michael Hayes, is directed by David Fitchew and staged by Reg Taylor. It will be presented on opening night of the festival, Tuesday, June 3, with entries from the other eight regional zones being presented throughout the rest of the week. The Courtenay Little Theatre is host for the festival.

Dress rehearsal for the Players' production will be at 8.30 pm Sunday, June 1 in Mahon Hall. The public, and particularly those who missed the play's local run in late April, is invited on a first come, first served basis. Fifty seats will be available.



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70th anniversary marked

Windsor facing court action over use of island property



Girl Guides, Brownies and Pathfinders congregated at Portlock Park Saturday to plant

red maple tree in commemoration of the organization's 70th anniversary in Canada. After ceremony

parents and children met at St. George's Parish Hall for a party.

Along with the rest of the country, Salt Spring Island's Brownies, Girl Guides and Pathfinders celebrated the 70th birthday of their organization last Saturday.

A Canadian red maple tree was planted at Portlock Park, following which everyone gathered at St. George's Parish Hall for a party.

Micaele Maddison was enrolled as a Brownie and was given the honour of cutting the birthday cake with Miss Ida New, the guest of honour.

Nanaimo where her sister, Winifred New, had started a Guide company. Miss New has received the Medal of Merit and the Silver Fish, two of the highest awards given by the organization.

Other guests at the party included the Rev. John Bailey and Mrs. Bailey; Mrs. Jean Hoskin, Akaela of the Ganges Cub Pack; and former Salt Spring Guiders Mrs.

Eleanor Deacon, Mrs. Margaret Croft, Miss Betty Galt, Mrs. Marie Dyck and Mrs. Daphne Bradley.

Also in keeping with the anniversary celebrations, packets of special Girl Guide yellow zinnia seeds have been distributed to members all across Canada. The members will plant the seeds in public parks and gardens as part of their celebration.

Islands Trust will initiate court action against a Salt Spring Island man, Bill Windsor, alleged to be operating a business in a residential area.

Bud Kreissl reported that the matter has dragged out for a long time. There have been complaints from the neighbours and one neighbour has threatened to take the Islands Trust to court if no action is taken.

Members of the audience came into the debate.

Voice from the back of the hall told the committee she would like to know more about it.

"He was there before the houses were there," she stated. "You'll never win," called out Betty Delmonico.

"Much as I respect your opinions," retorted Chairman John Rich. "I also respect the opinion of the Trust solicitor."

The Trust is wasting the taxpayers' money, persisted Mrs. Delmonico.



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FIVE YEARS AGO

The islands will not be included in a meat inspection area in the near future. Department of agriculture spokesman on Monday told *Driftwood* that no initiating action will be taken until October. The speaker was not certain that any action in October would incorporate the islands into the program.

Forest fires broke out on two islands this week. On Sunday afternoon a Forestry helicopter was used to put out a two-acre fire on Mount Maxwell. On Monday the forestry crews from Langford brought a Galiano fire under control.

Labour dispute at a Fraser Valley cold storage plant has already ruined a vast quantity of pork. Agriculture Minister David Stupich referred to the dispute during his participation in a panel discussion in Ganges on Friday evening. There has been a dispute for 13 weeks and the pork in the plant has now reached the end of its storage period. A portion of it will have to be destroyed and the poultry and turkey in the plant is reaching a critical stage.

TEN YEARS AGO

Caught any good caterpillars lately? You'd better! On Saturday

the newly formed Leo Club is staging its first venture. It is the first annual Caterpillar Day. Event will be staged in Ganges at 1 pm on Saturday. People and caterpillars will be welcomed. Entry fee is 25 cents to cover all categories. There will be prizes for the fastest caterpillar, the most beautiful caterpillar and the largest number of caterpillars. Caught any caterpillars yet?

Man who has never played lacrosse is organizing lacrosse for youngsters. Behind the lacrosse drive is Geoff Howland. He has never played the game, but he figures it is a good game for youngsters in the off-season from other games. Even the soccer fans are interested. Soccer coaches have undertaken to sweat up on the game and coach the youngsters.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The fish story to end all happened down at the boat basin last weekend, when an 18 lb., 2 oz. spring salmon jumped on to the dock just in front of a visiting cruiser. The occupants, visitors from Vancouver, in their boat the *Kitten F* hearing the scramble jumped out of their boat and despatched the monster by hitting it over the head with a broom.

The excellent crowd that turned out for the Fulford May Day Parade on Monday were not disappointed. Among the many fine floats on display were two that were designed and decorated by local young people. "Fun in the Sun on Salt Spring", a fine island promotional float, was entered by Rhonda Byron; Janan Beech and Norman Twa were instigators of the Best Comic Float - a Morris "Police Car" complete with a very beautiful convict Norma Ackerman. Congratulations to these energetic young islanders who help make May Day such a success.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The graduation ceremonies for the 1960 class of the Salt Spring Elementary High School, held Friday, May 27 at Mahon Hall, commenced with a banquet held in the United Church Hall, excellently organized by the Evening Circle. The tables were tastefully decorated and the cold collation of roast

turkey, salad, celery, cranberry sauce, etc., was delightful. A most artistic menu and program, the menu featuring a Japanese motif, had been prepared by the students. Grace was said by Terry Newman and the toast to the queen given by Ian Shopland.

Salt Spring Island High School, getting most of their points from runners, won the Sooke-Saanich-Salt Spring Island inter-district track and field meet at Victoria High School Saturday. It marked the first time that coach Jim Wickens' team had ever won the Kinsmen Trophy, emblematic of the championship. Salt Spring amassed 106 points, 16 more than runner-up Mount Newton.

Maple Bay folk look at island with fear for sea

Log dumping and storage has been the subject of heated debate on Salt Spring Island.

The heat has spread. A recent meeting of the Maple Bay Ratepayers Association heard some beefs about log dumping at Burgoyne Bay.

Maple Bay, on Vancouver Island, lies across Stuart Channel from Burgoyne Bay.

The channel just isn't wide enough, according to a letter sent

by ratepayers of Maple Bay to Hugh Curtis, Islands MLA.

Residents expressed concern over the depredation made on their waters by the log dumping and storage on both sides of Burgoyne Bay and along the shoreline of Salt Spring Island.

The ratepayers expressed regret that the activities at Welbury Bay had been transferred to Burgoyne Bay to the detriment of the shores across the channel.

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Saturna Island	Community Hall	Monday, June 9, 1980
North and South Pender	School Hall	Monday, June 9, 1980
Mayne Island	Medical Centre	Wednesday, June 11, 1980
Galiano Island	Community Hall	Wednesday, June 11, 1980
Salt Spring Island	Activity Centre, Secondary School	Monday, June 16, 1980

AGENDA

- To receive the President's report.
- To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1980.
- To elect 3 members to the Board of Trustees, 2 members from Salt Spring Island and one member from Galiano Island.
- Appointment of Auditor.
- Special Resolutions will be presented to amend the Constitution and Bylaws. A copy of the revisions is available for inspection at the hospital or by contacting Outer Island Board members.
- Any other business that may come from that meeting.

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Zone members (persons who own land and pay taxes thereon in Zone 1 - North Salt Spring, Zone 2 - South Salt Spring Island, Zone 3 - North and South Pender Islands and Prevost Island, Zone 4 - Saturna Island and Samuel Island, Zone 5 - Mayne Island, Zone 6 - Galiano Island, or spouses of such persons) who had made written application for membership in the society. Applications will be made available prior to the call to order of the Annual Meeting. Applications are currently available at the Hospital's Business Office.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

- Members who have paid \$1.00 for membership during the year 1980 to June 9th/16th, 1980 as applicable.
- Any person not owning property on the Gulf Islands and not currently being an Annual Member but who desires to be an ANNUAL MEMBER and vote at the 1980 Annual Meeting must make application one month before said meeting and should apply to the Administrator, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, Ganges, B.C. Annual Meetings will be held between June 9th and June 16th, 1980. The membership fee is \$1.00. This notice does not apply to landowners or spouses of such persons.

Signed:

Malcolm Pinteau,
Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Trustees



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