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Rescue vessel ties up at Ganges

Stationed at Ganges for next two months is Coast Guard rescue vessel *Mallard*. Coast Guard

announced plans two months ago to station a vessel in Ganges on permanent basis. That vessel, the

CG122, is currently undergoing modifications and will take *Mallard's* place when ready.

Ferry fare increase effective Monday

B.C. Ferry Corporation announced Friday that the cost of ferry travel for many travellers will go up June 16 on all routes. It is the first increase since 1976.

Corporation spokesman Bill Bouchard said that the increases are small and do not affect passenger fares. Under the new rates, a non-resident taking his vehicle aboard either of the vessels, *Bowen Queen*, *Mayne Queen*, *Vesuvius Queen* or *Salt Spring Queen* can expect to pay an additional 50c for a return trip. The present rate of \$4.50 for a non-resident will increase to \$5 and the return-trip vehicle fare for residents will also go up 50c to \$3.50.

On all major routes between Vancouver Island and the mainland, costs to vehicles will be raised \$1 per trip. The Tsawwassen to Long Harbour run will cost \$10 instead of \$9 and the trip back to the mainland will go to \$5 from \$4.50.

Rates for commercial vehicles will also increase. The Vancouver Island - Gulf Islands runs are presently 50c a foot, but will be 65c a foot as of June 16.

Commercial trucks travelling to Tsawwassen from the islands will pay 30c above the present rate of \$1.10 a foot.

Driftwood contacted three local trucking firms and learned that their increased costs will almost certainly be passed on to customers.

Tony Rainer, local manager of Salt Spring Freight Service Ltd., said the freight company would likely apply immediately to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to increase its rates.

Halvor Eide, manager of Cubbon Home Centre, said the increased rates would mean paying an additional \$36 to send a trailer to Vancouver and back. "We could absorb \$10 but not \$36," he said.

Ben Martens of Windsor Plywood said he would try to keep his retail costs at their present level by absorbing some of the increase, but he doubted he could absorb all of the additional cost.

Alex Fraser, minister of transportation and highways and chairman of the board of B.C. Ferries, told the corporation that the cost of operating the ferries in 1980 increased by \$3 million to \$49 million in one year.

The largest increase was in fuel costs which amounted to \$12.4 million in 1979 and \$19.4 million in 1980.

Fraser said that less than one half of the increased fuel costs will be met by present users of the ferries. He added that the projected increase in traffic flow will assist in offsetting the rest of the deficit.

Coal port proposed for Boat Harbour

The Gulf Islands area could be the next site for a coal handling facility similar to the Roberts Bank superport.

A proposal made recently by Mayo Holdings Ltd. of Nanaimo to the Nanaimo Regional District calls for a 6,200-foot loading dock to be built at Boat Harbour in Stuart Channel.

If the proposal is accepted by all levels of government, within five years the Gulf Islands will see major vessels travelling from the Strait of Georgia into Haro Strait, through Swanson Channel, into Trincomali Channel and the inside passage between Galiano and Salt Spring Island and finally through Stuart Channel to Boat Harbour, on Vancouver Island.

It is currently proposed that the dock will only berth one vessel so vessels awaiting berth space will have to anchor.

'UNUSUAL SITUATION'

Mayo Holdings owns most of the upland property at Boat Harbour including the foreshore and the land under the water, according to Nanaimo district planner John

Magor. "It is an unusual situation and may be unique in the province," Magor said.

The coal port is currently being opposed by residents of the Cedar,

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Columnist receives reply from Tanzania

Driftwood columnist Mary Williamson, author of *More Food for Thought*, received a letter this week from the United Republic of Tanzania.

Signed by the personal assistant to President Julius Nyerere, the letter was written following publication of a story about Tanzania in *Driftwood* March 19.

Williamson wrote in praise of the country and its government, observing that it was "true democracy in action". She also described Tanzania's system of government as "socialism at its finest".

Her observations sparked some response in the form of letters to the editor in following weeks, from readers in complete disagreement.

Full text of the letter from Tanzania is published this week on Page Seven

Pension protest Monday

Disruptions in ferry service are forecast for the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay run Monday when members of the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union protest proposed changes to pension legislation.

A report last week indicated that the disruptions would begin at noon but the B.C. Ferry Corporation was unable to confirm this at press-time Tuesday.

Three concerns over levy, reports planner

Chief transit planner for the Capital Regional District, W. O'Brien, told a transit committee meeting last Wednesday that strong concern is being shown over the transit levy on B.C. Hydro bills.

Letters and phone calls from objectors to the levy have shown three major concerns, he said. They are multiple Hydro connections, areas where there is no bus service and people in the Victoria area who don't use the buses and don't feel they should be required to pay for their operation.

Victoria mayor Bill Tindall told the meeting that the City of Victoria was going to get a large bill for its traffic signals. Each one is on a separate Hydro account, he said.

The meeting was told that Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm is reported to be planning an amendment to the transit act so that a residence or business with more than one meter would only be paying the transit levy on one of them.

Executive director Dennis Young advised that the region should have some input into amending the act.

The committee decided to request a copy of the proposed changes. Meanwhile, the North Salt

Spring Water District has joined the opponents of the levy.

In a letter to the Capital Region transit committee, district spokesman Ellen Bennett said the district wishes "to register a strong protest re the flagrant injustice" of the levy being charged to island residents.

She went on to state that the water district being charged the commercial rate for each of its meters was "unbelievable".

The district's transit bill for its eight Hydro meters will total \$720 a year.

"Water districts," Bennett wrote, "operate as non-profit organizations and all monies spent are for the delivery of water to the ratepayers of the district, not for a service that is impractical and unnecessary such as public transit on Salt Spring Island."

She concluded by saying that the district was in full support of islands MLA Hugh Curtis' efforts to have the island removed from the transit area.

The issue is expected to come up again on Wednesday at a meeting of the regional board.

Salt Spring director Yvette Valcourt said last week that she would present a number of petitions opposing the levy at the meeting.

Yes, staff can count

Some readers may have thought that *Driftwood* staff members were unable to count to 36 while others probably didn't even notice the odd pagination in last week's issue.

The mistake was not made at the *Driftwood* office but at the Vancouver Island plant where the paper is printed. A simple maladjustment of the press had the page numbers in the first section in complete disorder.

This week the observant reader will notice a difference in some of the typefaces. The 18-month-old Comp/Set 3510, a computer typesetter, went on the fritz for the 16th time since it was purchased. It was also the second breakdown in a week.

Driftwood is considering purchasing a boat in order that the machine can be put to better use as an anchor.

Dissatisfied parents opening new school at Ganges in fall

BY BRIAN SOBER

Is the school in your area providing the quality of education that you believe your child needs?

In some parts of the Gulf Islands School District the question of educational standards is an unresolved controversy. That's not the case on Salt Spring, but that doesn't mean that all parents are satisfied.

A small group of Salt Spring Elementary School parents are decidedly unhappy with the educational standard of the island's largest elementary school. Although Salt Spring Elementary offers many alternatives to its regular system, its policies have been under attack by a newly formed society.

Calling themselves the Ganges Educational Society, the parents are concerned to the extent that they have decided to withdraw their children from the school.

IDEALISTS

The principal directors of the society are John and Kathy Hall. They are, one might say, idealists in the truest sense; they have acumen, strategy and all the resources to complete their goal.

The goal is to establish their own school on their own property with themselves as teachers. Already other parents have given them their support and 11 children have their names on the Halls' list for September 1980 enrolment.

The Halls, with their sons John, 10, and Geoff, eight, came to Salt Spring six years ago from California. Kathy graduated with a bachelor degree in anthropology from the University of California at Riverside where John worked as an assistant professor of classical studies.

He received his bachelor and master's degrees at the University of British Columbia, studied at the American School of Classical Studies in Greece and received his doctorate in classics from Harvard University.

The decision to remove their children from the school system here was not one they arrived at quickly.

DISILLUSIONED

Kathy said, "I struggled for four years to convince myself that it's a good system." Although she was a substitute teacher at Salt Spring Elementary for three years and worked as a volunteer there for five, she said she ended up totally disillusioned by the competitive approach to education inherent in most of the classrooms.

She claimed that the group method of teaching was not meeting the needs of her eldest son who, she said, was advanced in certain areas and average in others.

When the school proposed that the child be moved up to a higher grade she objected and had him placed in the school's family grouping class.

"That didn't meet his needs either. It was a counter-culture class and we are not counter-culture people."



So it was back to the regular class after a few months and the battle with the system continued. The next objection of the Halls was the reward system, whereby pupils received candy as rewards for finishing their work ahead of time.

DOESN'T FOSTER INTEREST

"That type of training," she asserted, "only leads to arrogance and doesn't foster real academic interest."

Academic interest is what the Halls hope to impart to their pupils next fall. Their chosen method of instruction is the system devised by Maria Montessori in 1907, in which the child's sense perceptions are trained and his activities guided rather than controlled.

"The most important part of the Montessori philosophy is respect for the individual gifts of each child. Each child moves ahead at his or her own pace." This, she said, is absent in the Salt Spring Elementary School.

"Children who do not fit in with the rest of the class in the regular school are labelled and put in a special class and, as a result, they begin to feel out of place.

ALONG CONCRETE LINES

"The Montessori method provides an environment where the child can explore and develop along concrete lines in a physical world. There is nothing abstract about it. The sensory perception of things is learned before the abstract usages are taught. For example, Montessori children begin learning the alphabet by tracing around each toy letter before learning to write it.

"Respect for the individual is emphasized and each child is educated on the premise that their education is for life, not just to pass a test."

Although the Halls are not qualified Montessori teachers or members of the Montessori Teachers Association, they intend to use the approach in their school next September.

Kathy has spent a considerable amount of time, she said, working with her sister, a Montessori teacher in Philadelphia. She has accumulated material, particularly in the fields of math and history, from Montessori schools and will follow the B.C. ministry of education curriculum guides in all subjects that she and her husband plan on teaching.

CAN TRANSFER BACK

In this way, she said, "children from our school can transfer back to the regular school and not be disadvantaged." They hope the new school will be registered with the ministry of education by the end of June. It will be open only to children between the ages of eight and 12.

Since they came up with the idea last December, the Halls have been in touch with the Federation of Independent Schools and some private schools for guidelines on legal status and organizational patterns.

The classroom, a 20 by 20-foot building, will be constructed in July on the Halls' property a short distance from Drake Road on Ganges Hill. The Ganges Educational Society will also oversee adult education programs that the Halls previously taught through the school board's continuing education department.

Classes, including a grade 12 equivalency course and classical Greek studies, will also be given in the Halls' class room.

Two months for break-in

One of two men involved in a shooting incident at Jackscrew Island May 22 was given a two-month jail term in Victoria provincial court last week. And the second suspect in the case has been charged following a police search to locate him.

Timothy Paul Metcalf, 23, pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking and entry. He and another man were caught by Jackscrew Island residents while in the act of stealing some articles, including rifles and a chainsaw.

Both men made their getaway in a small boat after an exchange of gunfire, in which Metcalf was wounded in the leg.

Defence counsel Brian MacKen-

zie told the court that his client was an "unwilling participant" in the break-in and only took a minimal role in it.

Metcalf gave addresses of Kuper Island and Chemainus. He was working at Kuper, digging clams and doing odd jobs, the court was told.

On the following day John Robert Caro of Kuper Island was charged with breaking and entering on Mowgli Island May 21 and Jackscrew on May 22. He was also charged with pointing a firearm at a Jackscrew resident and using a shotgun during flight.

Caro, 26, was remanded until Friday for possible bail hearing and election.

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To Be Frank by richards



Laura Stevens and her husband, Grant are back on Salt Spring Island. Laura is the victim of a Fulford automobile accident who was not going to walk again but did. They had moved to Alberta, where they were victims of a park project. When they reached the property they were buying in northern Alberta, survey crews were examining the land. It proved that the provincial government had acquired the adjacent lake as a provincial park and part of the farm property sought by the Stevens was to be used for access. They decided that that was an acute discouragement. In addition, the drought had resulted in clouds of dust in great profusion. Finally, the price of beef is perilous enough to discourage even the most fervent of ranchers to look closely at rabbits. They looked closely at farming in Alberta and returned to Salt Spring Island. Laura Stevens is the sponsor of a Lions project on Salt Spring Island to encourage youthful concern in national unity and community awareness.

Driving through the interior, it becomes very evident that there are more signs in Cache Creek, including neon and paintings, than in all of Victoria. They blend nicely with the gas stations and trailers which are the trade mark of Cache Creek.

Beyond Cache Creek is Revelstoke and I was in that aging city last week. The popular poster in Revelstoke is "One hour parking". There was one sign in the city, however, which was distinctive. Outside a drinking establishment was the legend, Nude Shows, 12.15, 6.00, 8.00 and 10.00. Pity I had to leave before midday!

You drive along the Trans-Canada Highway and every now and then you see a car in the mirror with Alberta license plates. And you think quick as a flash: should I stop and bow as he goes by? After all, right now, he's got my gas and before long he's going to have my dollars! I drove on without affording him the recognition I normally accord the wealthy.

So we're going to spend \$3 billion on a bridge or tunnel from Vancouver Island to the mainland! That's not bad for a province which has never been able to afford the cost of signs to tell travellers how to get from Sea Island to the islands and points far beyond them. It is a province which has never provided a link with the Tsawwassen terminal and the international airport.

Moreover, British Columbia has not been able to find a public address system that really works under strain. Average message at the Tsawwassen Terminal comes out something like this, "Wong, wong, plong, plong, tonka, tonka, tonka!" Mind you, that might have been what she was saying!

There is no simple black and white among humans. All patterns are woven in shades of grey. It makes for good black and white photography, but poor portrayal of emotions and opinions. Despite anything my colleagues or friends may write, I can't be convinced that the socialists of the world have a monopoly on the world's supply of shining white armour. I can't accept that only the left are pure, undefiled arthurian knights. But neither would I see any other political hue in such a light. There's a shortage of knights all round. It is an unfortunate reality that those who would serve their fellows are usually to be found in one of two categories. They embrace that philosophy which is likely to benefit them to the greatest degree or they are convinced that their own philosophy is the only way to survive and they must offer it. In the mass, most supporters of a specific philosophy are probably tainted with greed. If they are left-handed, they are eager to see disproportionate profits. Those who see the need are then aligned with those who share the greed. And you could say that's an oversimplification. But isn't everything?

I drove from Revelstoke and boarded a ferry 30 miles south. It was the Galena Bay, a stout vessel operated by the ministry of transportation, communications and highways. The ship has a capacity of about 25 to 30 cars, I figured. I left the ship on the south side of Upper Arrow Lake and continued on, into Nakusp. And the ferry trip cost me not a penny. But how can the same government justify a ferry fare when I come home? To go from Revelstoke to Nakusp is using a ship as part of the highway. Yet, to travel from Saanich Peninsula to the islands is not the same thing! What's sauce for the Kootenay goose is, surely, sauce for the Islands gander, Mr. Curtis?



Graduate

Leland Ferguson, former student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, graduated from Royal Roads Military College in Victoria recently. He was deputy flight leader of his squadron and has been given military and athletic awards in proficiency. After summer aboard destroyer escort Ferguson will resume studies at Royal Military College in Kingston, Ont., majoring in political science.

He is son of John and Irene Ferguson of North Pender Island.

Will government uphold Trust objective, asks Rich

Islands Trust chairman John Rich has written Premier Bill Bennett asking him if his government intends to uphold the objective of the Islands Trust Act.

The letter was written in connection with the proposal to develop an open-pit mine on Gambier Island, in Howe Sound. Rich said he had written letters to six provincial cabinet ministers but had not received a reply which acknowledged the Trust's concerns.

"Instead," he wrote, "we have received brief acknowledgements, a form letter, a 'study' of the island and the information that the mining company had been advised by the environment and land use committee to proceed with planning under the guidelines for the development of metal mines."

The chairman pointed out that development of a mine on the island would be contrary to the Trust Act and would be in conflict with the official community plan for Gambier. Despite letters of concern, the conflict has not been recognized by any member of the government, said Rich.

Rich concluded by asking that

the government's position be made clear.

"I am certain that a statement from yourself that your government will uphold the objective of the Islands Trust Act would provide reassurance to the great many island residents, property owners and citizens of the province who have expressed their concern so strongly.

"On the other hand, continued avoidance by the government of this fundamental question can only add to the concerns."

Barbara Fallot, R.M.T.

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Members attend convention

BY WAY-LESS

Twelve members of Mayne Island TOPS enjoyed their weekend trip to Kamloops to attend the 1980 Provincial Recognition Days.

This convention marked the 25th anniversary of TOPS in Canada and was attended by close to 1600 members from B.C. and the Yukon. Sessions were held in the arena which was beautifully decorated in blue and silver.

A special feature of this PRD was a parade of representatives from several chapters who chose to come attired in matching outfits.

The Mayne Island group looked especially attractive as their blue and white outfits so nicely fitted the decor of the assembly room. At the beginning of the opening session our leader, Pat Dawson, surprised the ladies with a gift of a

lovely white corsage with a gold ribbon. They also wore their green badges in the shape of their home island which made the picture complete.

The entertainment provided a heritage parade which greatly amused the crowd as costumed ladies represented the various provinces and territories of Canada.

The queen chosen for the year was particularly lovely. She was a lady from the Vancouver area who had lost 136½ lbs. to reach her goal weight. The total net weight lost by all B.C. members during 1980 was 74,860 lbs.

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
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The provincial observer

On Monday the distinguished *Vancouver Sun* examined the islands and screwed up its editorial nose. It didn't like what it saw.

The *Vancouver Sun* is not only the largest newspaper in the province, but the breeding ground of such Greats as Fotheringham, Webster and Hutchison, though not necessarily in that order. The *Sun* is an Important Medium.

We have been recognized, at last. We are basking in the Sunshine.

But the *Sun* was obliged to stoop to see us. And in stooping that mighty journal suffered a brief stigmatism in both eyes. For a brief moment the doyen of British Columbia's media turned parochial and viewed another territory as something less than its own.

The great city newspaper discovered that the Gulf Islands lie in a strait and not a gulf. Most islanders are grateful for the advice. Some, of course, were already aware of the inaccuracy of the name.

The *Sun* reflects on the islanders' presumptuousness in challenging the provincial government's position on paying for transit services on southern Vancouver Island. But the islanders are not challenging the government on anything. The province has not decreed that the islands must pay. Only the Capital Regional District has taken that stand. The islands may be relieved of the obligation tomorrow if the region should approve such a measure.

The *Vancouver* newspaper compares the situation to the Boston Tea Party. But the islanders are not in possession of the transit tea. They are objecting to paying for a service which never reaches them. The *Sun* sees the situation as waiting on the ministry of municipal affairs. The islanders are more concerned with the decision of the Capital Regional Board.

Then the city journal turns parochial. The great newspaper justifies the charge to the islands for a service that never reaches them on the grounds that gas sales outlets in Surrey are losing sales to outlets in Langley. The city transit system is paid for through a gasoline tax in the Greater Vancouver Regional District. Surrey is in the region. Langley is not. It makes us very sad in the islands that the spokesman for provincial opinion would rationalize injustice by finding evidence of other injustices.

Of course, the *Sun* is right when it points out that its own parish pays part of the cost of islands ferries. It would have been right if it had noted that the islands people pay hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to help educate the unfortunate children dependent on the Vancouver parish for their education. It would have still been right if it had pointed out, for the delectation of its provincial readership, that the islanders also pay for the bridges which all mainlanders expect as part of their own transportation system.

The *Sun* would have been at the top of the class if it had observed that mainlanders enjoy a considerable network of rail running to the north, and that the island people pay taxes towards those lines of steel. And that the people of the islands will mostly never see them, let alone use them.

If the transit tax is to be imposed on all the province, then every islander will sit happily with a copy of the *Vancouver Sun's* editorial sticking out of his hip pocket. But while the *Sun* sees an unfair levy on the islands as legitimate, simply because the people around the Vancouver parish pump are also required to pay it, then it will hear the squeak of the island mice around its leonine feet.

However, the island consumers are happy to see that the *Sun* has come around to the islanders' way of thinking that there should be a province-wide levy for transit.

We enjoy the Sunshine of the Great Vancouver Newspaper's concern. We warmly endorse its conclusions, that the levy should be everywhere. But somewhere along the way we feel we have taken a beating which we didn't deserve.

But please! We're not sore! Maybe just a little *Sunburnt!*



Letters to the Editor

Crest added to hummingbird feeders after dental check

Sir,
Some comments to Val Haigh's article on hummingbirds in *Driftwood* of May 28.

Firstly, I'm not an expert on hummingbirds, having only fed them for the last 18 years. However, I'm interested in them, and their welfare. It worried me that they were losing their teeth. I obtained help from a dentist friend of mine. Sure enough, after they were all checked out, hardly a tooth was found in a carload of feathers. There was far too much gumming, instead of humming. Something had to be done to restore chewing of the juice.

We decided to add Crest. This hasn't prevented them from flying backwards but, it appears that they manage to switch gears before losing sight of the feeders.

"Finally it must be stated, (as the article says) that fermented sugar-water quickly becomes alcoholic". Well, my first offering this year was a feeder full of last year's sugar-water which had fermented to an alcoholic content slightly over Source Perrier. They wouldn't touch it for 12 days, until I replaced it with a fresh brew. So, I'm happy

to state, my birds don't indulge in the hard stuff. It's enough that I do.

Also, they can ignore the command of the bible's: "Look not upon the wine when it is red," because it never is. Adding colour doesn't do anything.

EARL YOUNG,
Galiano Island.
June 4, 1980.

Petitions against transit levy

(Following letter was written to Dennis Young, executive director of the Capital Regional District and was submitted for publication.)

As you know many petitions and letters have been submitted to the Regional District office in opposition to the surcharge on hydro bills for Victoria Urban Transit. Attached herewith, please find three more which have been submitted to me by the citizens of Pender Islands. I would appreciate very much if you would table these petitions at the next meeting of the Directors of the Capital Regional District.

I cannot reiterate to you enough the strong opposition of the residents of Pender Islands towards their inclusion in the Victoria Urban Transit taxation area.

Yours truly,
GORDON WALLACE,
Vice-Chairman,
Islands Trust.
June 4, 1980.

Sexless 'it' the answer?

Sir,
The liberationists have gone too far!

They say we can't say chairman; must say chairperson. Can't say man; must say person.

Next they'll rule out person, since the word son is part of it, and we can't have any reference to a male.

And what about human? Good gracious, can't use that! We can't even change it to huper-son.

Then there's the word female; it contains that awful word male.

Maybe we should just use the sexless "it".

Think of the consequences. The sexy words in the above paragraphs would become "chairit", "huit", and "feit"; and there'd be "policit", "fireit"...what confusion...quelle mess!

It's time to call a stop! Arrete!
KEITH "FITT",
(Can't use either Jack or son),
Mayne Island.
June 3, 1980.

Deficiencies in reporting charged

Sir,

When I first arrived on Salt Spring, one of the things that impressed me was *Driftwood*. It was and still is a cut above afternoon tea reporting. Once I became aware of the "sewer" issue however, I noted some serious deficiencies in your reporting which I feel are a disservice to the community. Your bias in favour of the 4.1 million dollar water flushing system proposed by the C.R.D. is your prerogative. The disservice comes when you neglect the fact that you have no journalistic opposition. If I owned *Driftwood* and was pro-sewer, I would still feel morally bound to print articles on alternative waste disposal technologies.

You have traded an exciting opportunity for the personal satisfaction of writing little pro-sewer editorial jibes at the end of straight news articles, i.e. Pioneer Village last week. Very subtle brainwashing, Mr. Richards.

I'm here to inform you that a lot of exciting things have happened in the waste disposal field in the past 15 years. Big Sewers have become what their initials say they are. They are costly, water wasting, polluting behemoths of a by-gone age.

The good news is that alternatives cost less, do more, and conserve. I firmly believe that given half a chance, we could even convince you. I am flexible; I am not trying to promote any one method, I just don't want to waste water, pollute the harbour, burden pensioners, disrupt the downtown or alter the ecology of our lakes. I do want to correct the sewage disposal problems of the few locations that do have problems and if you and the other handful of proponents would come to your senses, we could end this war, clean up the mess and have the boys home by Christmas. Otherwise, you might as well start digging trenches, because it is going to be a long war.

Let's see your reporters get cracking with some hard research into this.

DAVID E. SKINNER,
R. R. 1 North End Rd.,
Ganges.
June 7, 1980.

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

Capital Region should heed conclusion at Cowichan

Sir,
I would like to bring to your attention an article of June 3, 1980 in the *Victoria Colonist*. A proposal has been made to discharge effluent from Duncan and district into the Satellite Channel across from Salt Spring Island. Because of our current sewer issue and because of our proximity to the proposed sewerage outfall, I would like to quote from this article.

"Cowichan Valley Regional District is appalled by an environment ministry suggestion to dump sewerage from the district's sewerage lagoon into the Satellite Channel at Cherry Point. Regional director for the area concerned, Gerry Giles, told the *Colonist* that "the whole idea absolutely flabbergasts me.

"I cannot understand how this proposal would come from the environment ministry's waste management branch. If a proposal like this had come from industry, it would be more understandable. But from the Pollution Control Branch? It's one of the most asinine ideas I've heard in a long time."

The article went on to say that Derek Pratt, regional planner, sent a long memorandum to the board in which he listed many reasons why a sewerage outfall at Cherry Point would be inappropriate. These reasons included danger to sports fisheries, the undesirability of disposing of effluent at any time into fresh or marine waters, the drift would cause effluent to be

pushed north on to beaches jeopardizing recreational tourist facilities and commercial fishery.

Mr. Pratt is quoted as saying, "Dilution is no solution to pollution."

The article concludes with suggestions for alternative disposal systems including a sludge burning operation, land application of treated effluent during the summer months, establishment of a sewage composting system, etc.

The regional board unanimously agreed with Pratt's remarks and suggestions, concludes the article.

I would like to point out to Salt Spring residents that should sewerage from Duncan be pumped into the channel there is great likelihood it would wind up on the beaches of Southey Point, Vesuvius and all the western side of Salt Spring. The decision to pump effluent into the sea affects us all and the plan to discharge sewerage at a high rate into Ganges Harbour will affect ultimately our beaches, our tourist industry and our environment.

Let us hope that your regional government will pay heed to the conclusions of the Cowichan Valley board and help us investigate reasonable, sound solutions to the sewer issue.

DR. MAUREEN BENDICK,
R.R.3,
Ganges.
June 4, 1980.

The Anarchist

A Tale of Two Cities

A little earlier in the day I became aware that Boomchain was in the throes of those arcane mysteries which always precede an excursion into the outside world, a process which resembles nothing more than a pilgrimage in reverse, a furtive scuttle into the outer darkness beset by mysteries of schedules, unnecessary city clothes for attempted camouflage, and the ultimate protection of an impenetrable myopia of the mind which had long since convinced Boomchain that at least his world was still conforming to God's plan even though it was becoming more apparent, decade by decade, that the rest of us are a lost cause.

Downtown the conversation was of varying levels of intensity and profanity as people berated the weather for lousing up the weekend festivities, and the hours of work that had gone into the preparations.

Next door the neighbour and his lady had spent the better part of the afternoon conducting post-mortems and even live dissections of several species of the second generation of this year's would-be vegetable garden; their conversation was of varying levels of intensity and profanity as they berated the weather for lousing up

the crop, and the hours of work that had gone into the preparations.

In Algiers a meeting of important men settled down to make speeches to each other about the need to guarantee that the result of these deliberations must provide for the disadvantaged peoples of the world a greater share of the benefits of their collective ownership and control of prices of natural resources, and meanwhile, let's raise the ante a bit more so they can understand how important it is that we have the power to be so benevolent.

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Who would have thought that in Ottawa and Algiers on the same crummy Monday you would find such identical groups of money-grubbing bastards. Or were they really only grubbing for power?

Could well be a matter of 'life and death'

Sir,
Your editorial about the school district selling school supplies to students left the impression that the patronage of school students means little to local merchants. Without going into the specific areas where your facts are wrong, please be advised that et cetera relies quite heavily on school students for its existence. Without a hardware or a drug department to fall back on, this proposed school board entry into the marketplace could well be a "life and death" matter for et cetera.

Approximately one third of et cetera's business is related to the schools. The other two thirds comes from sales of books, for which there is plenty of local competition, and from the sales of office and business supplies. (More than two thirds of Salt Spring businesses and offices send their orders for office supplies, and their money, off-island.)

Although Gulf Islands School District is not gigantic, some Gulf Islands stores are directly threatened.

D.W. EVANISHEN,
Representative of et cetera,
Ganges.
June, 1980.

Trustee impressed by students, Strathcona program

BY STRICK AUST
Gulf Island School District

On Sunday, May 25, I accompanied the grade 6 students from Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood on their major field trip of the year, to Strathcona Lodge on Vancouver Island. Although I had been on many other field trips, such as skating, swimming, to the museum and Camp Yawaca, this was my first opportunity to participate in a major trip, and I looked forward to it with great anticipation.

As a parent, I have always been 100% in favour of field trips, but now, as a school trustee, I have a further responsibility, to ensure that we are offering our students a thorough, well-rounded education, one that will prepare them to take their place in society with the best educational foundation possible.

By joining the kids on this outing, I would have an opportunity to witness first-hand the value of this type of program.

We left Sunday morning on the 9 am ferry and arrived at Strathcona at approximately 2 pm, our only stop being at Courtenay for a lunch break and a chance for everyone to uncramp their legs and spread out for a few minutes.

SOME CONFUSION

After a bit of confusion (who wouldn't be confused, trying to bed down 63 kids) we stowed our gear in our respective areas of accommodation.

It was obvious from the start that there was to be no favoritism girl and boy-wise at Strathcona. The girls got the plush "college" building, complete with indoor plumbing (including showers), shag carpets, heat and brand new beds, and the boys got the tent-cabins, shipped directly to Strathcona at great expense right after the Boer war.

The seven of us in our tent-cabin had everything you could ever want: three beds and a wood-burning stove with no chimney. Being nobody's fool, I immediately jumped on the one with the thickest mattress, and after five minutes of a modified game of king of the castle, was

able to call it my own.

Now it was time for the boys to "use their initiative" to figure out the rest of our accommodation. Out came the straws, and after many "darns" and "shoots" and cries of "lets make it two out of three", we ended up with two in beds, two on a double mattress on the floor, and two on the floor.

The kids were split up into six groups of 10 or 11, with each group having a staff member from Strathcona leading it.

ROPE COURSE

I was with group 4, consisting of seven boys and four girls. Our first experience was to be the dreaded rope course. Not for the faint of heart, this course has 11 different sections, each increasing in both height and difficulty. To do any part of the course takes a fair amount of courage and self confidence, but the most difficult part was a real killer. Even to get on to it was difficult enough.

It was on the opposite side of a three-foot-thick tree from the section preceding it, and the only aid was a one inch thick rope tied around the tree which you used as a toe hold. To get around, you hugged the tree with your hands and arms and inched your way around, using the one inch rope as your foothold, and all of this took place 20 feet off the ground.

This section consisted of a 1 1/2 inch rope tied to the tree at approximately 25 feet up and going down at a 45 degree angle to a platform seven feet off the ground. To get down, you lie on the rope with one leg on it and the other dangling below you for balance. You then let yourself down the rope slowly, the trick being to stay on top and not lose your balance and find yourself hanging under the rope.

NO HESITATION

The kids went through the course with no hesitation whatsoever, and rather than having to encourage them to try it, our leader, Doug, had to slow them down and tell them to wait until the person in front was off his section of the course.

They had no sooner finished than they were running back to the start to try it again. Doug was visibly impressed. He

agreed to let them do the course again but as it would not be as great a challenge the second time, he would have to make it harder.

This was accomplished by doing the course in a more difficult way. Where they might have crawled across a log on hands and knees before, they now had to walk across it upright.

The grand finale, however, came on the single rope section. As they were lowering themselves down this, he had them stop mid-way and let go of the rope with their feet so that they were hanging under the rope by their hands.

To get back on, they had to start themselves swinging until they could get a foot over the rope. Now they swung themselves sideways until they got enough momentum to flip themselves up on top of the rope, and continue on down to the platform.

COULDN'T BELIEVE IT

As the last of our group was completing the course, Doug walked over to me, obviously worked up. "I can't believe these kids," he said. I answered something to the effect, "yea, they're a good group of kids".

"You don't understand what I'm saying", he said. "This is unreal. Normally when we bring an age group like this up here we think it's terrific if half of them try the whole course."

I guess I didn't look impressed enough because he insisted that we wait and watch another group who were just finishing the first part of the rope course and were going to start the second, more difficult half. These were a group of grade 10 students from Vancouver, and of the 14 in their group, only five made it all the way, and none was anxious to try it again.

"Now do you see what I mean?" Doug said. And now I really did begin to see what he meant.

Somewhere along the line, somebody is doing something very right with our kids and it doesn't really matter whether it's at home or at school or just because they live on Salt Spring but one thing for sure, we've

got to keep doing it.
MORE IMPRESSED

As the week rolled by, I became more and more impressed with both the kids and the Strathcona program. It would take a whole page to tell of all the incidents that made me feel this way, but as the program unfolded and the kids learned more about themselves through kayaking, canoeing, climbing, hiking, map and compass reading, bog walking, initiative games and numerous other courses, something more important was happening: the kids were becoming more tolerant of each other.

They began to realize that just because a kid couldn't run the 100-yd. dash didn't mean he wasn't athletic; he sure handled that canoe well, and just because he didn't get 100% in all his tests didn't mean he was dumb; he knew all the plants on the bog walk, and just because he goes to Fernwood or Salt Spring doesn't mean he's weird; he was a real good tent-mate, and the dinner he cooked on the overnight was great.

For me, the value of the trip was summed up on the final day as we were getting on the bus to leave.

ALWAYS LATE

One of the kids is always late or last for everything, and on other outings with this group when he has been late, there have been yells of "close the door", "let's go", "just leave him" and much harrassing when he does finally arrive. As usual, he was late again. As we were ready to leave, someone yelled, "Hey.....isn't here", and with nothing said from any of the adults on the bus, three boys ran off the bus, down to the tent-cabins and helped him get his gear and himself up to the bus.

When they got on the bus, there was some friendly kidding and a few questions like, "did you remember your canteen?" and "did you get your towel out of the wash-up shack?"

But he was a member of this group now, and there were 63 kids in it, and so what if he was last, someone had to be.

Alternate school

Added taxes for whims of vociferous minority

(Following letters have been written to Gulf Islands School Board).

I find it hard to understand why the matter of an Alternate class is still being discussed after the meeting called by yourselves on Pender Island, March 25, 1980. Having appointed an impartial chairperson, Mr. Peck, to address this topic and found the parents who advocated the Alternate class refusing childishly to speak. Only those in favour of the present school spoke commending the now experienced and professional staff on their philosophies and methods practised under the guidelines set out by the Department of Education and carried out by the Teachers Federation.

As a taxpayer and a parent of our fifth child, who was the only one to attend the Pender Island school, I fail to see the necessity for an added expenditure to please such a small number when we have the largest, the newest, and the best facilities of all the Outer Islands. This was made possible by the financial contributions of both the people of Pender Island and the School Board. I feel my daughter's education was enriched in comparison with any of my other children who went to schools in West Vancouver because of the dedicated teachers and the volunteers who shared their experiences and their expertise.

I understand there is to be a debate at the next School Board meeting on June 12. How can one debate with a group who will not speak? Why is this debate to be on Mayne when the pro Alternate group would not debate on Pender? This is hardly fair to the people of Pender Island who are most affected! Surely the board has a fiscal responsibility to the residents of District #64 not to burden them with added taxes for the whims of a vociferous minority.

MURIEL WALLACE
R.R. 1,
Pender Island.
June 3, 1980.

I am deeply opposed to the concept of an Alternate School for Pender Island.

Our present school facility is very satisfactory, with an excellent Resource Centre, a dedicated teaching staff, and a low pupil to teacher ratio.

It is my considered opinion that educational facilities other than this are the prerogative and financial responsibility of the individual parents.

PATRICIA MCGEE,
R.R. 1,
Pender Island.
June 1, 1980.

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A "Permissive School" for The Penders - what next?

We already have a school, an excellent school, a new school that serves the community as well as the school children. The majority of parents are happy with the present

school, the curriculum and the teaching staff, yet a group of five dissident families is agitating for an alternative school.

If a group wished French Immersion school, would they get it?

If a group wished a school for the handicapped, would you concede?

We all have to practice discipline, surely it should start at an early age, as it is we have a far too permissive society.

(MISS) JOAN LLEWELLYN,
R.R. 1, Pender Island.
June 3, 1980.

* * *

We have a fine new school on Pender Island with wonderful facilities. The student teacher ratio is 1 - 15. Most schools in the Province would envy us, yet we have a small group of dissidents - five families in all representing 11 children out of the 80 presently enrolled in the school, which is agitating for a so called "Free Expression" or "Alternative" school.

Most of these families came to the island well aware of the present school system, yet they came anyway. If they are convinced that the method of teaching is not what they want for their children, then surely it is up to them to enter them into private schools where the particular method of their choice is available, and pay for it. They should not expect the rest of the community to support their whims in the form of school taxes. Alternately, they should teach them at home.

It has been said there is too much discipline in Pender Island school, if this is discipline I hate to think what a "Free Expression" school would offer.

G.N. STEPHENS (MRS.),
Pender Island,
June 2, 1980.

He fears imposition of gas, property tax for transit

Sir,

Over one year ago, the Salt Spring Islands Trust sponsored the initial public meeting protesting the inclusion of the Gulf Islands in the urban transit authority, on the premise of no taxation until bus service was present on the islands. At that time the Trust not only emphasized opposition to a gas tax, but the possible imposition of a hydro tax, and of far greater concern that of a property tax, as allowed under the urban transit act.

From this meeting a transportation committee was elected to aid the Trust in formulating future transportation policy under the chairmanship of Mr. Ken Arnott.

Also as a result of said meeting our two regional directors since have carried this message to the Capital Regional District and are both to be congratulated for their efforts.

On March 19, 1980, Mr. Arnott and myself attended a meeting of

District's proposal threat to business

Sir,

Thank you for your editorial on the school supplies question - as you say, for me to object to the school selling supplies directly might indicate hostility, and alienate some parents.

However, the truth is that school supplies make up about one third of my business - it would be much more than an annoyance to me if I did not get this business - it could well mean that I couldn't pay the rent.

At school opening, I order large quantities to take advantage of bargains from wholesalers - I pass these bargains on throughout the year, as long as these supplies last. There is always an advance sale which offers additional discounts on everything.

There is no way I could compete with the wholesale bulk prices offered by the suggested scheme - but I can offer reasonable retail prices (I do not charge more than "the city", and frequently less) and the service of keeping the stock available whenever students require it, not just at school opening but year round.

Mine is perhaps the only Gulf Islands business that is genuinely threatened by the school proposal. At the same time as saving me, as a parent, a few dollars a year, it could conceivably put me out of business.

I am not contemplating suicide, but I am feeling a little uneasy about future prospects.

DAWN LUKER,
"et cetera" Books & Stationery,
Ganges.
June, 1980.

the transit committee of the Capital Regional District where Mr. Arnott presented a detailed paper emphasizing our continued opposition to being included in the taxable area, and the Trust supplied individual copies of same for perusal by all regional directors.

While the present emphasis has been given as opposition to the hydro tax, especially as it affects commercial establishments, I would remind everyone that I fear much more the imposition of a property tax on each homeowner, as well as a gas tax, in the future.

The Trust therefore continues opposition to any form of transit tax on residents of the island for services not received.

BUD KREISSL,
R.R. 1,
Ganges.
June, 1980.

Two points misunderstood

Sir,

While I found the article in the May 28 *Driftwood* based on an interview I had with Brian Sober to be fairly accurate, there were a couple of points in which I feel Mr. Sober misunderstood me.

I was quoted as advocating that Salt Spring Island water improvement districts turn over their assets to the Capital Regional District. I've never advocated improvement districts to take any specific action but have offered suggestions and guidance as to how they might best handle any funding problems they are having. Personally, I support local control of improvement districts when feasible.

Mr. Sober also stated that, as Minister of Finance, the fate of independent water districts lies solely in my hands. That comment is also somewhat misleading and could suggest that I am on some sort of "ego trip" regarding independent water districts. As I recall the conversation, my position was that financial assistance to water districts is a matter which the government and this Ministry would be willing to consider in the course of future budgets. There are several hundred improvement dis-

tricts, many of them for water, throughout the province and we would want to very carefully review the degree of useful assistance which could be offered and the provincial capacity to do so.

Otherwise I found the article accurate and appreciated the opportunity to be featured in your paper.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
HUGH A. CURTIS,
Minister.
June 3, 1980.

Not right

Sir,

I don't think that it is right for the farmers' market to be used as a political rallying point.

GEOFF HOWLAND,
Ganges.
June, 1980.

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SPORTS

On Saturday

New style of tournament planned

After the last week or two of poor tennis weather, the Tennis Association has placed a special order for a fine Saturday afternoon, June 14. The occasion is a new style tournament - the "MOHO 21" - which promises to be fun for all levels of players.

To enter this tournament you need a racket, some tennis skills, (as much as you can muster if you want to win), time to spend at Portlock Park from noon till 6 pm, to pre-register before 6 pm on Friday by calling 537-5334 (days), 537-5483 (evenings) or 537-2459. See the Coming Events column for further details.

The next of this week's tennis column is given over to our new club captain, Roz Truelove, who has some news which should be of interest to all active players.

It's time to set up the tennis ladder again, or ladders, rather - three this year! one for men, one for women and one for juniors. The ladder is a great way for all players, good, bad and struggling (and aren't we all), to give and take ongoing challenges, to find their own level and to measure their own rate of progress.

HELP IN SELECTION

It is also quite a help when it comes to the selection of teams for matches, and again it should be emphasized that this applies to players at most levels.

We are, for instance, currently negotiating for at least two matches at the "sort-of-B" level. (As far as categories go, it is really almost impossible, and certainly undesirable, to draw hard and fast lines. But even the most democratic tennis nut has to admit that some of us are (...er...) less strong than others!)

Back to the ladders. Just as soon as you decide to join (and we do hope you will), your name will be placed appropriately - or, fairly appropriately, anyway.

There's no way that I can figure out to put everyone's name at its proper level first time, but actually, come to think of it, that's what the ladder is for. Why should I do its work for it? Once things get going the balance of nature will restore itself remarkably quickly.

Anyone for tennis

BY IAN THOMSON

DON'T DESPAIR

So if by chance you do find yourself sandwiched between Bjorn Borg and Jimmy Connors, don't despair. Of course the hot-shots will blast and volley their way up to the top echelons while the rest of us slide gracefully (or ungracefully) down to our proper stations - but we should have a lot

of fun on the way down - and might even learn something! Sooner or later, or so I hopefully tell myself, one will reach some sort of turning point and start coming up again.

Even if you are an out-and-out beginner, what you might call an 'E' player (is there such a rating? there should be - E for effort, E for enthusiasm) and you find yourself right smack on the bottom rung well - someone has to be there. But no one has to stay there.

Give me a call if you want to join, or if you want more information. The number is 653-4583 and evenings are best. Or catch me on the courts, I'm there most days.

This week's Tennis Tip: Join a ladder!

Soccer news

Summer schedule

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Technically our association is closed for the summer, although when considering the weather one might expect to see soccer players cavorting amidst rain and mud, but behind the scenes the wheels continue to turn.

Some important events are coming up and some loose ends have to be tied up and we feel this information should be noted by one and all.

UNIFORMS

The turning in of uniforms has been going at a snail's pace and is causing us problems. To order for next season all uniforms and balls must be returned to the association prior to June 30.

If you wish to turn them in please place in a paper bag with your name on the outside and turn in to Dave Chase (elementary school), or Becky Hagan (Kanaka Place) or call me at 537-5870.

Please note that failure to turn in your uniform from this season will result in a suspension from further play in the association until the uniforms are returned or replaced.

SOCCER SCHOOL

A soccer school sponsored by the B.C.Y.S.A. will be held on Salt Spring Island from Monday August 25 to Friday, August 29, 1980.

The sessions will be run by Dave Keith, a National soccer coach (fully certified), and will consist of five hours of soccer per day, including drills, skill testing, films, lectures and scrimmages.

The cost of the clinic is \$20 per player but each player will receive a ball (courtesy of Coca-Cola company) and a T-shirt (courtesy of Safeway Ltd.).

Due to a restriction in numbers that can take the course we request that you contact me immediately if you wish your son or daughter to participate in the program.

(Those who pre-registered have first chance to be in the clinic.)

It should be a great learning experience for our youth, so don't miss out!

COACHES' CLINIC

As promised we will be holding a coaching clinic on Salt Spring this year from August 25-29, 1980. The course will be instructed by Dave Keith, national soccer coach, who will instruct the 14 hour course over five nights.

The course being offered is a Level I coaching course which basically means that if you pass you become a certified coach. This does not mean you have to be a soccer fanatic to take the course as a Level I teaches the basics of coaching soccer.

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GOLFING

with Pat Doherty

On Tuesday, June 3, in the ladies' nine-hole section, play for the Marge Frattinger Cup was postponed for a week due to the slight Scotch mist that was falling. However, six ladies did play around, and the low putting prize was won by Helen Shandro.

On the same day in the ladies' 18-hole division, the ladies who were not involved in team play had an iron competition, which was won by Bev Menzies, with Ruby McConnell as runner-up.

While one of the ladies' teams travelled to Prospect Lake to play a return match, coming out on the wrong end of a 31 to 17 score, our other ladies' team hosted Gorge Vale and overtook them to come out on the right side of 13 to 11.

The winner of the Rose Bowl were: Championship Flight: Irene Hawksworth; runner-up, Anne Monro. Consolation Flight: Dorothy Kennedy; runner-up, Jean Vodden. First Flight: Vera Coe; runner-up, Mae Pike.

Our men's team travelled to Galiano on Saturday to play in the Inter-Island matches. They had an enjoyable day, and while they didn't come in first, neither did they come in last.

The Wednesday night two-balls are going again, and everyone who likes playing mixed golf is welcome. You don't need a partner, just a current handicap. Everyone

is reminded to kindly keep their handicap cards up to date.

On Saturday, June 14 the Mr. and Mrs. Tournament is on, and the sheet is on the notice board for all those interested. We hope for good weather and also a good turnout. On the same day the Dods Trophy for left-handers is held and we hope for a larger turnout for this event than we have had in the last couple of years. This trophy is open for both sexes, and last year, if we remember, it was won by Vera Coe.

Rule 34. The Flagstick. 3. The player's ball shall not strike either the flagstick when attended, or any person attending the flagstick with the authority of the player, or c, the flagstick in the hole, unattended, when the ball has been played from the putting green. Penalty, match play, loss of hole, stroke play, two strokes.

Rule 35. 1. g. While a player's ball is in motion after a stroke on the putting green, an opponent or fellow competitor's ball shall not be played or touched. 3. Stroke play, c, when both balls lie on the putting green, if the competitor's ball strikes a fellow competitor's ball, the competitor shall incur a penalty of two strokes and shall play his ball as it lies. The fellow competitor's ball shall be at once replaced.

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Day Camp, Drop-In

Summer programs are planned

Are you starting to plan your family's summer fun activities? If so, the Salt Spring Community Society is again offering Day Camp and Drop-In programs for children six to 12 years.

Both the Day Camp and the Drop-In will be offered in July and August this year. Day Camp dates are July 7-18 and August 4-15. Drop-In will be July 21 - August 1 and August 18 - August 29. Cost for a two-week Day Camp session is \$20 per child while the Drop-In fee is \$2 per day per child.

How do the two programs differ? In the Day Camp your child would be placed in a group with approximately eight other children near his age. The group would be supervised by a trained camp



Day Camp was popular with island youngsters last year.

counsellor for the entire two-week session.

Camp would be held in such locations as Peter Arnell Park, Bader's Beach, Drummond Park and Ruckle Park. Activities could include hikes, crafts, games, cook-outs, swimming, sing-songs and special events. A camp supervisor would also accompany the groups each day. Transportation to the sites would be provided by campers' parents. One round trip per child per session will be requested.

Drop-In is held on a daily, rather than two-week basis and is located at the Community Centre in Ganges. Registration for this program can take place when you bring your child for his first Drop-In day. No children will be accepted without parent's registration.

Your child would not be a member of an established small

group but would be part of a large group (maximum 30) led by three trained leaders and a supervisor. Activities would include crafts, games, cooking, out-trips, films and special events.

Watch *Driftwood* (Coming Events) for Day Camp registration time and place. For further information phone the Community Centre.

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Summer soccer

From Page Eight

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Fernwood School News

Preparations under way for fair

BY DAVID BREMNER

Much activity in the school this week as children, teachers and parents alike prepare for the School Fun Fair. This first annual event will take place on Friday at 3 pm and will involve games, sales stalls, entertainment and lots of food.

If you have not seen a good school or if you simply want a pleasant fun evening please plan to join us on that day. Many thanks to the many parents, especially the co-ordinator, Mrs. Mary-Jane Hardie, for the hours of work they have contributed toward making this event a success.

Things are getting back to normal around here. The Grade 6's are back from Strathcona, the Grade 4's are back from Camp YAWACA and the Vernon teachers and students have returned to the interior after a very successful exchange visit to the island.

PLEASANT STAY

Many thanks to the parents and students who hosted our friends from the interior and who helped make their stay a pleasant one. The party organized for the Vernon students and billets on Wednesday night was very successful.

The kids' party broke up about 9.30 pm with everyone returning home at that time. I'm not sure all the teachers did, however, since some of them looked rather fragile on Thursday morning. Oops! Better keep my head up in the next staff-student floor hockey game!

CAMP YAWACA

Mr. Wright's class spend May 29 and May 30 at Camp Yawaca, near Beaver Point. The children explored the beach, went on a nature hike and made a large-scale model of the solar system. They also made their own lunches, worked with compasses, made miniature maps, explored their senses, climbed trees and ropes, sang camp-fire songs and generally had a good time.

None of all this could have happened without the generous help of several parents, including Margaretha Nordine, Claudia

Clarke, Maureen Davis, Joe Clarke, Elaine Oben, Dave Miller and Donna McWhirter.

The weather man also co-operated by giving us the only two sunny days we've had for a long time.

BACK AT SCHOOL

Glad to see two of our hospital cases returning home to school. Lance Davis is his usual energetic self after his appendicitis operation and a certain principal is back after a four-week stay in Victoria trying to unload a kidney stone.

The quote of the week is Mr. Marsh telling Lance, "Hey, you've just had some surgery; you're not supposed to be playing that hard. Take it easy!" Talk about two of a kind! Oops, again!

The whole school, students, staff and parents alike were also very pleased to hear that our popular Kindergarten lady, Mrs. Jean Rowell is home after surgery and will probably be back before the end of the year. Hurry back, we all miss you!

ATTRACTIVE ADDITION

The fence around the school is nearing completion and is a very attractive addition to our landscaping. It also provides a nice seating area and a perfect balancing platform. Now if we could only get our hayfield brush cut and the topsoil for our gardens in place the place would look even more attractive.

Well folks, it's almost report card time and a certain principal, who

shall remain nameless, has been muttering, "What's happened to the Fernwood News the last four weeks?" So I guess I'd better close so that this gets in this week's newspaper. Let's just say I've had an offer I couldn't refuse!

More next week from your friendly Fernwood reporter.


Impaired

Impaired driving cost John J. Cates of Ganges \$800 in provincial court last week.

Judge D. K. McAdam handed down the fine after remarking that Cates' blood-alcohol readings indicated that he must have been nearly unconscious when he was stopped by RCMP June 1.

Cates, a 51-year-old bulldozer operator, pleaded guilty to the charge.

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Tor Forsberg: Her drawings demand attention

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BY BRIAN SOBER

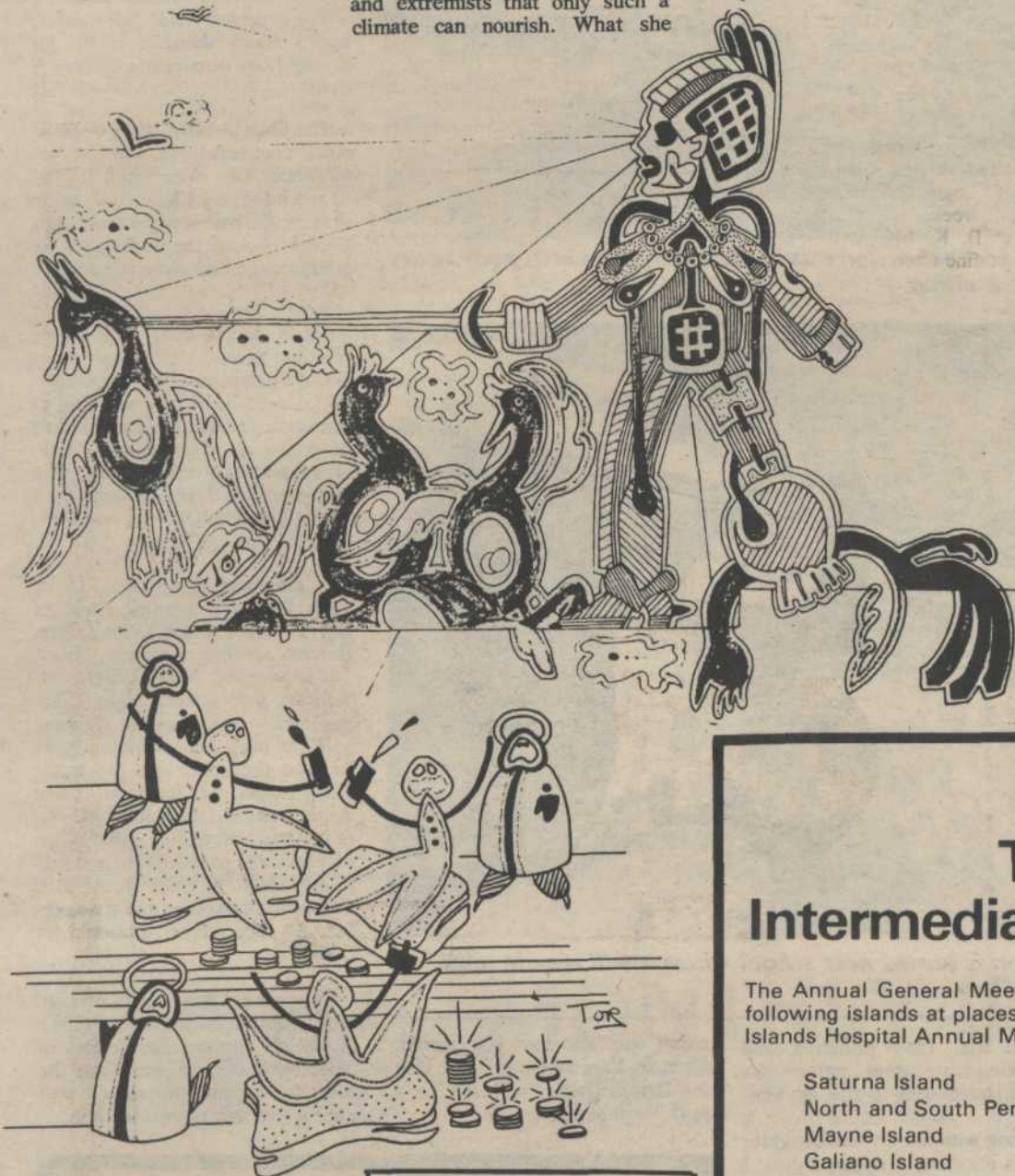
If persistent effort brings success there is every chance that Tor Forsberg will succeed.

TO THE YUKON

Her parents moved to the Yukon and raised her among the extremes and extremists that only such a climate can nourish. What she

inherited from that experience is the only explanation she has for her quizzical creations in carand'ache felt pens.

Nothing serious should be treated seriously, or was it the other way round? "My parents joked about every critical occasion," she mentioned between drags on a
Turn to Page Twelve



For her, art is salesmanship and the smallest efforts have brought her recognition. Her formula is simple. Look good, talk intelligently and the right people will view your work.

Her particular style of art is fantasy drawing: light, colourful and humorous. Her drawings demand attention and they get it.

Currently on display at the Danish Gallery in Vancouver, her work has also dominated such nationally known art houses as the East Vancouver Cultural Centre and the Artists' Gallery in the same city.

Forsberg was bestowed with her dynamic personality 32 years ago in the wheatbelt section of Canada known as Saskatchewan.



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NOTICE The Gulf Islands Intermediate & Personal Care Society

The Annual General Meeting of the above-mentioned organization will be held on the following islands at places herein designated, immediately following the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Annual Meeting.

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

1. To receive the President's report.
2. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1980.
3. To elect 3 members to the Board of Trustees, 2 members from Salt Spring Island and one member from Galiano Island.
4. Appointment of Auditor.
5. **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.
6. Any other business that may come from that meeting.

VOTING PRIVILEGES

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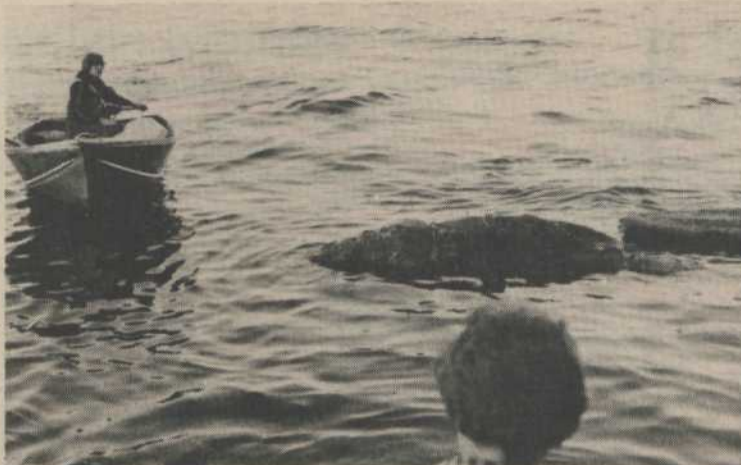
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Mayne students make best of a bad smell



Science students get lesson in physics as they use levers to move 1,000 lb. rotting sea lion.



Once the sea lion was in the water, gases in its body cavity kept it afloat.



Rich Tamboline's backhoe hauls carcass from water.



Sea lion is buried near school where it will remain until fall.

Contributed by
GRADE 8 STUDENTS
MAYNE SCHOOL

On May 3 an unusual object was planted in the Mayne Elementary-Junior Secondary School yard by the members of Mr. Cocker's science club. It was the rotting carcass of a 1,000 lb. sea lion.

The expected yield? Not daisies, but a clean skeleton ready for assembly by next year's Science 9 class.

The bloated three-week-dead animal kept returning, unwelcome, to Dinner Bay even when it was towed into Navy Channel. Wanting to make the best of a bad smell, Ian Cocker phoned the Vancouver Aquarium and was given the advice, "Bury it!"

On a lunch hour exploratory mission, grade eights and nines found a pulsating mass of putrefaction which added new meaning to the word, "reek". The sea lion had been shot twice and was in a state of advanced decomposition. The group returned triumphant, with Nicole Albrecht holding a bag of its teeth out the car window.

A plan was formulated. On a chilly Saturday morning students David White, Grant Dixon, Chris Burden, Nicole Albrecht, Irene Tamboline and Mike Tupper and teachers Ian Cocker, Cathy Takagaki and Tony Rogers met at dawn.

While most braved the maggots to hoist the beast into the water using sticks for leverage, Mike Tupper manned the boat which was to tow it to Village Bay. After a few setbacks, the prize arrived and was loaded onto a truck with Rich Tamboline's backhoe and transported to the school grounds for burial.

The poor sea lion has left us now, but should be back next year. We appreciate the generous offers of other dead animals, including the cow, but we think we should wait until we've dug up the sea lion.

Work of an Island artist

From Page Eleven
cigarette. Her art has that quality of humour blended with the bizarre.

At 32, it seems that she should have come a long way already. But although her work has been selling for five years, only recently has the desire to sell really taken off.

"That was my reason for calling you," she said to me. "So many artists just sit around and wait to be discovered, never realizing that you really have to sell yourself."

She said her chances are good. "By getting the right people to take an interest in me I can get them interested in my work," she said.

PERHAPS SHE'S RIGHT

Well, perhaps she's right, I thought to myself. I had never thought about it, being convinced that the opposite was true.

So I pictured her in my mind, dressed in the fashionable clothes she claimed to collect, and recalled the late model silver Mercedes parked at the rear of her house. If I was an art specialist, I thought, I would at least want to check out the rest of her wares.

"You can't really fool people if your work isn't as good as your mouth," she went on. While I

meditated on that pronouncement she dragged a rather large, expensive looking brief case over to the table.

"It sounds like a con," she said, opening the case, "but it's psychology." While I glanced through her portfolio of about 50 drawings, Forsberg talked of her work experiences in the great and wild north country.

ONCE A TRAPPER

She said her pet peeve is people who oppose leg-hold traps, because she was once a trapper and her close associates are Trotskyites, to whom she feels attracted but admits that they're mostly a bunch of losers.

A lot of credit has to be given to a person who speaks so frankly. Since coming to Salt Spring 17 months ago Forsberg has adopted a conventional role to fit in with

island life. Less primitive and following her nesting instincts she has adapted well to the environment.

Along with her art her daughter Zoe is Forsberg's *raison d'etre*. I observed a small entourage of neighbouring children wander in and out playing with the baby and helping themselves to berry pie, at Forsberg's request.

"A good connection in the art world would give me my chance," she interjected.

The drawings on the table began to fascinate me. Being a collector of bare walls myself I was in no position to judge the work.

I remembered the standard of measurement, *I Know What I Like*, used by many laymen to judge art.

Yet judging Forsberg's art while examining her personality, with the intention of writing a story about her, made me realize that I am no fair critic.

So with these parting words I

might only add that you should, when in Vancouver, go and visit the Danish Gallery and see Tor's work for yourself.

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Local riders go to Edmonton

Salt Spring Island motocross riders Don Irwin, his son Kurt and Norman Twa returned last weekend from Edmonton where they attended the Old-Timers Nationals. The event drew riders from Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C., Washington, Oregon and California. Don Irwin placed sixth in the master's class, Norman Twa placed seventh in his class and Kurt Irwin came in fourth in the mini-support class.

The same riders also placed near the top at the Washington Nationals held two weeks ago.

The local motorcycle enthusiasts are well known on the moto-cross scene. Two years Don Irwin won the B.C. Championship for old-timers and Twa won the B.C. championship for Over the Hill Riding. Twa lost that trophy last

year but hopes to win it back again this year.

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Shooting still under review

The shooting incident on Galiano Island last week is still under review, crown counsel Bob Mulligan said Tuesday from Victoria.

Mulligan said, however, that no charges are pending in the case, in

which Galiano resident Bob George is alleged to have shot Daniel Paul Wilson in the leg.

Wilson has been charged with assaulting Ripley, Galiano's sole auxiliary RCMP constable.

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AGENDA

1. To receive the Chairman's Report
2. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1980
3. To receive various reports
4. To elect Society members and 4 members to the Board of Management, 3 members from Salt Spring Island and 1 member from Galiano Island
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Signed:

M. Pinteau, Secretary
Board of Management

Some plants for that dry bank where nothing else will grow

It seems silly, with all this rain, to talk about planting a dry bank, but eventually the sun will shine again, I hope, and it is in the nature of gardeners to plan ahead anyway.

So, if you have what will turn out to be a dry bank (weather permitting) and have departed of growing anything on it, there are some shrubs which will survive those conditions.

However, do not expect lush, rapid growth, for those plants which are adapted by nature to harsh conditions are also inclined towards a frugal way of life, and not given to excess.

Of the evergreens, an excellent choice is the pine, both shrub and tree. The Mugho Mugho pine is especially good, being by nature inclined to a low, symmetrical shape, which eventually makes a four-foot by four-foot dense mound. There is also, the Mugho pine, a larger version of the above, with somewhat more irregular open growth from five-feet to 15 feet. Both are eminently suitable, the Mugho Mugho in bunches and the Mugho as vertical, singular accent.

STRIP AREA

An excellent treatment of a strip area (long and narrow) would be random Mugho Mugho pines, singly and in bunches, with the open areas dotted with bunches of bulbs (daffodils and/or irises) accented by a ground cover of barkmulch.

If sufficiently large (50 feet and longer) a tall pine may be added as vertical accent. Foremost among the following is the Pinon or nut pine (*Pinus Edulis*), 10 to 20 feet. Next, the Aleppo pine (*P. Halepensis*) 30 to 60 feet and good in poor soils. Also the single leaf Pinon pine (*P. Monophylla*) slow from 10 to 25 feet, good Bonsai subject with lots of character.

Another is the Australian black pine to 40 feet and the Japanese white pine (*P. Parviflora*) 20 to 40 feet. A nice one is the table mountain pine, 20 to 50 feet, open and informally decorative, or the digger pine (*P. Sabiniana*) 40 to 50 feet and very ornamental. Large and fast (to 100 feet) is the Japanese black pine (*P. Thunbergiana*), does not mind pruning, handsome, good Bonsai subject.

The Junipers are another drought-resistant shrub, some of which make excellent ground covers. Chief among these is the Tamarix Juniper (*J. Tamariscifolia*); the shore Juniper (*J. Conferata*); the Bar Harbour Juniper (*J. Horizontalis*). All are relatively fast growing, height is from one foot to one foot, six inches and eventually spread to ten feet and larger.

YUCCA

Another good vertical accent, especially when displaying their two-foot-long series of creamy

Farming and gardening

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white blossoms on four-foot stalks, is the common Yucca, which will make a four foot cluster eventually.

Also surprisingly drought resistant is the lovely bearded Iris, which range from 10-inch dwarf to the 40-inch standard types. Set growing end of rhizome (with leaves) to face uphill on slopes. It makes spreading clumps fairly rapidly. It's hardy and trouble free and also very beautiful. A good cut flower.

Another ground cover, slow but

extremely hardy, with small, yellow, daisy-like blossoms, is the evergreen, or rather evergrey, santolina, or lavender cotton. If sheared in half after blooming period (June) it will make a dense, billowy mound to four-foot wide by one-foot high.

Another choice subject is the evergreen rosemary, both bush and creeping kind (*Rosmarinus officinalis*).

IN DECEMBER

It starts to bloom in December and keeps on blooming until early summer, sometimes again in fall, with small, lavender blue flowers. Very nice, although slightly borderline here (hardy to 0 deg. F.) and mine survived last winter.

Then, of course, there are all the sedums and sempervirens and also cerastium (snow in summer) an evergreen perennial, the undemanding ivy, the aromatic thyme, creeping and woolly, vinca and

Local students graduate

Eleven Gulf Islands students are among the graduates at three British Columbia universities.

At the University of B.C. Heather Carmen Martin of Galiano Island received a doctorate of philosophy and David Bruce Pringle of Salt Spring was awarded a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. He

majoring in animal science.

Two were awarded degrees at Simon Fraser University. They were Daurean Gracia De Wolf of Mayne Island who received a bachelor of arts and Robert George Johnson of Galiano, master of business administration.

At the University of Victoria seven Salt Spring residents were awarded degrees and diplomas.

They were Michael Patrick Doherty, bachelor of arts; Kathleen Tara McCurdy, bachelor of arts; David Frank Fraser, bachelor of science; Cindy Kathleen Reynolds, bachelor of science; Karen Elaine Templeton, bachelor of arts; Arlene Lorraine Sadler, diploma in education; and David William Reid, diploma in education.

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Graphic phrase used by Valdy sums up message of project

Introducing a song about "the world's most widely used drug", Valdy said, of coffee. "It has South America hired and North America wired!" In that graphic phrase, he sums up the message of the Inter-church World Development Education project.

So many Third World countries are reduced to the status of hirelings in order that the Western World may indulge its voracious appetite for luxuries: foods, drugs or other commodities.

Valdy touched another nerve with *Hot Rocks*. I hope I don't misquote him, but memory tells me he sang:

"I am a father and I am concerned.

My son is a child who's already learned.

If you don't play with fire, you won't get burned..."

It would be nice to think that the cause of nuclear power suffered a severe setback in Centennial Park, Ganges, last Friday evening!

While it is not an intrinsic part of my function "to praise famous men", I ask you to bear with me for a moment. I spent 15 years in show business in England and while I met many stars, and among them some fine people, in my experience Valdy is unique.

A MASTER

He is a proud master of his craft, and withal a truly humble man; warm and loving and giving. Not many stars of his magnitude would spend time with a small group of children in the local elementary school, as Valdy does. Not many stars of international repute would enjoy giving local benefits, as Valdy does. He obviously loves to sing, to talk, to be with "his" people.

It was a moving experience to be in Centennial Park Friday evening, among folk of all ages, all backgrounds. I have not seen so many islanders in one place since those unforgettable performances of *Jesus Christ, Superstar*. Jesus would have been very much at home with us on the grass on Friday night.

Alexander Dallin is a professor of history and political science at Stanford University, who has written extensively on international affairs and Soviet politics. Writing on "Russia's Afghanistan Move" in the *Centre Magazine*, he relates how, during Nixon's Moscow visit in 1972, the Soviet leaders were served baked Alaska at a U.S. Em-

More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

bassy dinner. Brezhnev shook his head as he remarked to Kosygin. "Look, hot ice cream! These crazy Americans..." Dallin continues:

ENVY AND SCORN

"Indeed 'hot ice cream' may be a good way to characterize the dominant Soviet view of the United States. It is inherently ambiguous and contradictory. The United States is the object of both envy and scorn; it is the enemy to fight and the model to emulate. The Soviets look at us and see industrial efficiency and the great Depression; rising standards of living and multinational corporations; abundance and squalor; openness and optimism, but also racism and a shallow mass culture symbolized by Mickey Mouse and Elvis Presley."

Nikki Keddie, professor of history at the University of California, is the president-elect of the Middle Eastern Studies Association. She writes on the Islamic revival as a reaction to Westernization:

"This movement towards the West, whatever form it took in different governments, was not a great success for the majority of the population. Whether these countries had parliamentary constitutional governments, centralized autocratic governments, or something in between: whether they modernized very rapidly or didn't - still a host of problems persisted. In practically all cases, the rich got much richer and the poor got poorer - either absolutely poorer, or in the case of oil-producing countries, poorer relative to the rich.

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"People were uprooted from the countryside and forced into the cities, causing profound cultural alienation. They were bombarded from all sides by things Western: Western automobiles, Western movies, Western consumer products of all kinds, Western literature. They were being culturally deracinated.

"Many Third World people claim this Westernization is a plot to make them buy Western consumer goods. There is that element in it, I think. But they often underestimate the degree to which their own intellectuals, businessmen and government leaders co-operated with the Western approach to development. In part, that co-operation resulted from misleading economic theories, such as the trickle-down theory, which holds that if you build up big businesses owned by rich people or the government, the poor will benefit from the overflow, and you can get the country going. That theory has not worked."

It hasn't worked too well for us, either!

Individuals need not wait for events to unfold around them. In a democracy we have the responsibility to act as the catalyst to bring about necessary changes.-

The Conserver Solution
by Lawrence Solomon

Women's League meets

Our Lady of Grace Council of the Catholic Women's League gathered for their June meeting on Friday at a tea held at the home of Marjorie Gordon on Monteith Drive. Among the guests were Barbara Burrows of Rochester, Kent, in England, a visitor at the home of Elsa Drummond of Morningside Drive, and Deena Sanderson of North Vancouver, daughter of Mrs. C. Gyves of Fulford.

During the afternoon, a certificate of merit in recognition of the work she had done for the league was presented to Mrs. Caroline

Remember their enemy

The Canadian Forestry Association of B.C. asks picnickers and hikers to "Think Forests" this summer. The forests are beautiful - enjoy them. But remember their enemy, fire. Please don't smoke in the woods.

Gyves. Mrs. Gyves was one of the founding members of the C.W.L. on Salt Spring Island and was the council's first treasurer.

A presentation was also made to the council's director, Father P.A. Bergin, O.M.I. Father Bergin celebrated the 42nd anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 5. A cake was made by Bill and Bets Minten to honour the occasion.

Regular league meetings will resume in September.

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Sea Capers a than 1,000



Phyllis Jorgensen and Karen Davies flash victory smiles after winning St. Mary Lake Resort Ladies' Inner Tube Challenge Trophy.



Anxious to pose for picture are these unabashed children who just had their faces painted in renaissance style at Lark in the Park.



Rainbow Sea Cadet Band from Victoria added degree of formality and professionalism to Sea Capers parade.



Winner of Ganges Western Drug Mart Trophy for best overall parade entry was Salt Spring Island Nursery School.

BY BRIAN SOBER

More than 1000 people travelled by land and sea to Ganges last weekend to take part in the annual Sea Capers festival.

One thing above all else that the festival showed was the community spirit among Salt Spring Islanders. Sea Capers was organized by a few individuals, but the hundreds of volunteers who provided their assistance made the event an outstanding success.

Sea Capers began Friday night with a free concert by Valdy, Shari Ulrich and Claire Lawrence and his band.

Several hundred people of all ages enjoyed the music and what was just about the only blue sky of the weekend.

On Saturday Centennial Park was filled with children when the Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society put together a show which included puppets, clowns, a dunking tank and make-up artists who painted the youngsters' faces.

FERRIES FULL

Reports indicate that all three ferries to the island were filled with cars and passengers during Sea Capers, and the local RCMP reported that they experienced a fairly quiet weekend.

A spokesman for the police reported two liquor seizures, two 24-hour roadside suspensions, and that two celebrants spent a night in the lock-up for being intoxicated in public.

All the water events, with the exception of the kayak race, went off as planned in spite of the wet weather. Commodore of the festival, Charles Sutcliffe, said that all the food and refreshments that the organizers bought were sold out. He said the event was successful enough to make the organizers want to stage Sea Capers again next year.

The winners of the grand parade Saturday morning included Ganges Western Drug Mart, Byron's Babes (softball team), Handy Andy's, first Ganges Cub Scouts and Curtis Galbraith.

BEST OVERALL

Winner of the Ganges Western Drug Mart Trophy for the best overall parade entry was the Salt Spring Island Nursery School.

The Bank of Montreal Challenge Trophy for the bathtub race was won by the Xerox tub from Vancouver. Other bathtub race winners were Pizza Pieman which took first place in the Fast Group Challenge Race. Xerox and Motts from Nanaimo tied for second place in the



Interspersing songs with humour, Valdy continues to perform country, folk and rock. His concert



After each race bathtubbers pulled up to beach to work on engines in preparation for next race.