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Small boats in Active Pass where ferries are first in line



There were 27 boats at the islands end of Active Pass on Saturday morning. Nobody was complaining. The ferries went past and the sports fishermen bounced

around. Scene shows some of the boats. RCMP are keeping a sharp eye open for errant boaters straying into the paths of the ferries.

Region asks Victoria to investigate complaint

Regional Director for Salt Spring Island Yvette Valcourt has used her office and engaged the staff of the Capital Regional District to stifle development in shopping areas other than her own, regional board was told last week.

On the motion of Director W.J. McElroy, Victoria, the charges have been passed on to the Inspector of Municipalities, with the request that he investigate.

Action arose from a letter from T.A. Toynbee, of Ganges. Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier was hostile to the motion.

"A private citizen has the same recourse we have," he told his colleagues. "Mr. Toynbee has the same opportunity. Why doesn't he?"

Chairman Jim Campbell reported that he had had a number of phone calls and had discussed the charges with health officials.

EVIDENCE

"I believe that the board should support the motion. I believe there is prima facie evidence that Director Valcourt has placed a significant extra burden on the department personnel."

He also answered Couvelier.

"It is not just a matter between Director Valcourt and Toynbee."

"I have no objection that an impartial body investigate," noted Valcourt.

He was pleased to hear her say so, commented John Mika. Motion was approved.

Response is not heavy

Response has been poor to a questionnaire published in *Driftwood* last week asking for indication of the type of retirement

homes which might be favoured by senior citizens whose gardens get too big to handle.

Same questionnaire is published this week on Page Five. Senior citizens and others approaching retirement are invited to complete the form and return it to *Driftwood*.

Fall Fair?

Mayne Island Fall Fair had a North Vancouver visitor puzzled on Saturday.

"How can you have a fall fair in summer?" asked Mary Speck.

And there was nobody to explain why fall fairs are staged a month ahead of the fall.

Purses stolen

Two islanders lost their purses over the weekend.

Karen Hale and Tracy Slocombe both lost their purses when they were at the Beaver Point Hall on Saturday night.

Missing went identity cards, wallets, billfolds and various purse items. No amount of money was reported to have been in the purses.

See-saw swings over

Buses back for islands as region switches again

All islands are back in the bus area.

Last week the Capital Regional District continued the pantomime of urban transit when they see-sawed the islands back into the fold.

July 9 motion to exclude the islands, arrested by Chairman Jim Campbell, was reconsidered and rejected. Directors who supported the islands last month had been replaced by alternates who are opposed to island relief.

In a heated debate the directors argued at length over the decision. Procedural wrangles became as urgent as the transit issue when Campbell asked for a split.

He pressed that the Outer Islands be considered separately from Salt Spring Island.

The chairman of the transit committee, Sidney's Mayor Norma Sealey was quick to respond.

She moved that the Outer Islands and Salt Spring Island be considered as two separate areas under two separate questions.

Salt Spring Island's Yvette Valcourt challenged the vote. The motion was that which had been earlier approved, disallowed and re-introduced, she insisted and therefore could not be vetoed by the chairman. The earlier motions had referred to Salt Spring Island only, countered Campbell. The vote under question had covered all the islands and was, therefore, an entirely new motion.

Valcourt also challenged the objection voiced by Campbell to having the vote cover all the islands. He had not sought to split it until he lost the motion, she charged.

Why deal separately with the two electoral areas, asked the director. "Are the islands different?" "As different as Victoria and Saanich," replied Campbell.

PERMISSIBLE?

Central Saanich director, D.W. Hill asked whether the motion

could now be debated as two separate questions when it had been vetoed as one.

It could be so debated, said Campbell.

"I disagree," said John Mika, of Saanich.

He was backed up by the Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier, who asked for a legal opinion before the board debated an issue which could prove wrongly presented.

He was prepared to hear a challenge to the chair, stated Campbell, ruling that the motion to divide the question was in order.

Mika challenged the chair, but was denied the opportunity to speak to his motion on the grounds

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Easing of bus levies

Measures are being taken by the provincial government to eliminate some of the annoyances of the inclusion of the transit levy on the Hydro bill.

Chairman Jim Campbell told the Capital Regional Board last week that amendments already under scrutiny in the legislature will put an end to dual billing of residences with more than one meter. The practice of terming a second meter commercial will also end unless it is used for commercial purposes.

The annoyances of the Hydro billing procedure had concerned islanders more than the levy for bus services, he told the regional board last week.

Mayne Island Post Office to mark first 100 years

On November 1 the Canada Post Office will mark the 100th anniversary of Mayne Island Post Office.

While cities maintain post offices for long periods, there are few small communities where the same office has operated for a century.

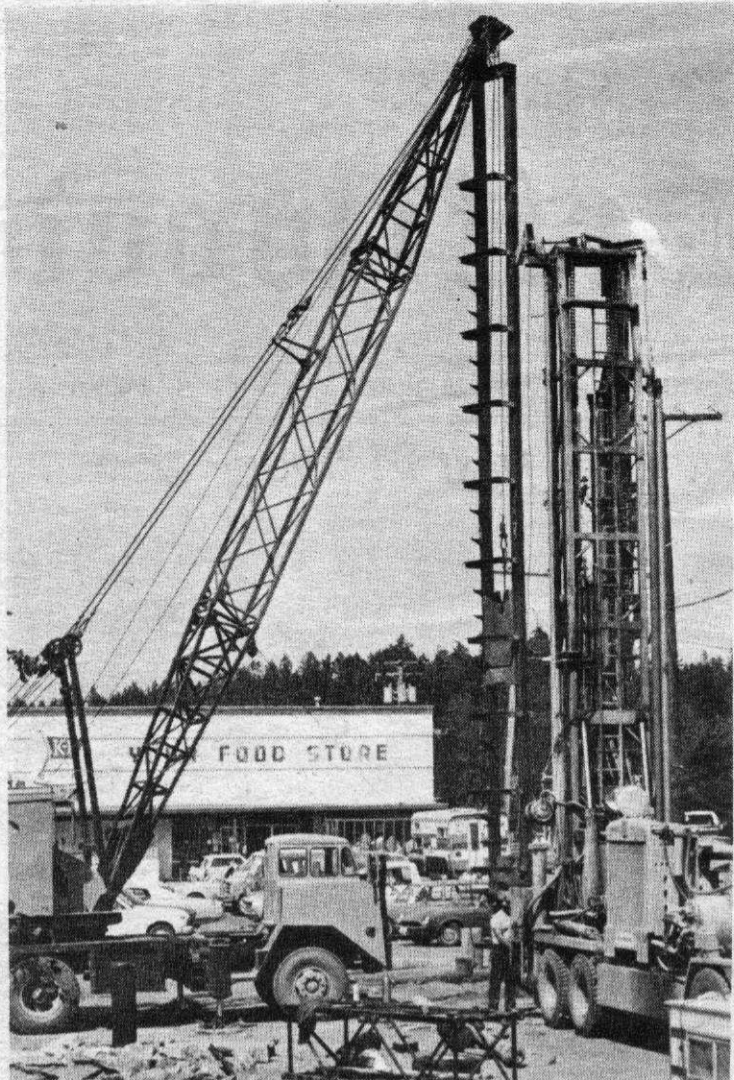
On Saturday, Margaret Bennett opened the Mayne Island Fall Fair. She was invited to do so as the great-granddaughter of the first postmaster.

The office was opened as the

Plumper Sound Post Office, she told the gathering, and served Mayne, Saturna and Pender Islands. That was on November 1, 1880.

Her great-grandfather was postmaster until 1910.

The historic post office will be recognized by the federal government in the fall, with a formal gathering on the island and the issue of special first-day covers.



Noise and machinery herald new bank

There was a lot of noise when the drill and pile-driver arrived last week at Mouat's in Ganges. New bank building in the shopping area will be constructed on piles. B.C. Hydro distribution lines have already been adapted to the new structure.

Buses are back!

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that procedure demands that he makes the statement of reasons before offering the challenge.

The board upheld the chairman. Mika then explained his reasons for opposing the motion to split the question.

WATER BARRIER

The islands are the only part of the regional district separated from the remainder by a water barrier and unable to benefit from a bus service.

These were the grounds for his support of a motion to exclude them from paying for a service they could not enjoy, he averred.

The audience came into the debate when the vice-chairman of the Islands Trust, Gordon Wallace challenged a statement made by Campbell.

Shirley Dowell, Oak Bay, had asked whether the Islands Trust had not come out in opposition of inclusion of the islands in the transit service area.

The vote had been by mail ballot, replied Campbell. He added that he had found no evidence of the Trust having debated transportation.

"That simply is not true," shouted Wallace. Wallace was denied permission to speak to the chair.

Couvelier asked that the chairman relinquish the chair and that Wallace be heard.

Don Rittaler, of Sooke observed that he failed to see any difference between the Outer Islands and Salt Spring Island. He wanted a prorated system of charging for buses.

The vote to divide the question was lost by 19-26.

EVERY COMMITTEE

Valcourt reported that every Islands Trust Committee had voted against inclusion in the transit service area. She was quoting Gordon Wallace's report, she told the board. The Outer Islands had also asked Valcourt to speak for them, she told the board.

Campbell is the Outer Islands director, but he has maintained that he was given a mandate to

demand the inclusion of the Outer Islands when he was elected.

In the past Campbell had reported that one of his opponents in last year's election, Weldon Pinchin, had supported the policy of paying for a bus service. Valcourt read from a telegram from Pinchin emphasizing that his statement had been in favour of paying for a service, once the islands had a service to pay for.

Mika engaged in an admiration session.

"I disagree with you in substance," he told the chairman. "I respect your judgment; your personality. You are the duly elected representative of the Outer Islands. Your voters were overwhelmed by your personality and

voted for Jim Campbell and not for a bus system," he urged.

OVERWHELMING

He referred to the "overwhelming public representation in the islands against a bus service."

J.M.Tipton, of Metchosin sided with other western community representatives in his objection to any island being released from the commitment to help pay for a service they don't enjoy.

"I believe the whole area should be in it," he stated.

By a vote of 22-30 the islands were steered back into the transit fold.

Campbell had placed his election on the issue.

"I am prepared to face the electorate on this issue," he told directors.



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Gulf Islands School District

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All schools will open on Tuesday, September 2


Registration -

Salt Spring Schools - All pupils who did not attend these schools last year or who did not register for Kindergarten in June should report to the office of the respective school. The offices will be open from 1000 to 1200 during the week of August 25 to 29. In the case of Gulf Islands Secondary and Salt Spring Elementary the offices will be open also from 1300 to 1500.

Outer Island Schools - Pupils should register at the school on Tuesday, September 2. Grade 8 and 9 pupils from Galiano, Mayne and Saturna should register at Mayne; Grades 8 and 9 from Pender should register on Pender.

School Bus Schedules will be the same as in effect for June.

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MOUAT'S

To Be Frank by richards



It will never be known now whether or not the spraying of BC Hydro rights-of-way had any influence on birth defects in two Galiano children. Dan Peryko and his wife, Francine Renaud, have long charged BC Hydro with responsibility for the fact that both their daughters born under the shadow of Hydro lines suffered from spinal bifida. Hydro denied any responsibility. If the utility had established a record of responsible behaviour in the use of dangerous chemicals the charges might never have been laid. But the parents of the two children were convinced that the offensive chemicals used by Hydro had caused the birth defects and a large segment of the community was prepared to accept the charge.

Had a letter from an old friend in New Brunswick last week. She enclosed a clipping from the Gleaner, of Fredericton. At first glance the page appeared to have no significance. Not until you read to the centre of the page and discovered that Salt Spring Island is a delightful place for a cycling holiday. Story was datelined Ganges. It tells the history of Salt Spring Island in about four well-packed paragraphs. Only snide thought that came to me while I read it was to wonder whether the writer was on a bicycle when he came to write of cycling on Salt Spring Island. But the Canadian Press did nobody a service in distributing the feature, because Salt Spring Island is the last place in B.C. for cyclists, with its steep hills, narrow roads and blind corners.

I have been married for 34 years. Thirty-four long, wearing years! And I have survived. Mind you, the years have taken their toll. My knees are weaker and I have asthma if I take too much booze. To mark this long term of association I sent a cheque to the income tax office this year to cover both my own and my mate's liabilities. Or maybe she sent it. I know it went. In due course Women's Lib received a cheque for overpayment of income tax. I got a bill. So I wrote. I explained that we had been very thoroughly wed in 1946 and that we had stayed that way. We have lived together for 34 years. We have shared everything. We have worked together for many of those years. We share the same cars, the same house and property, the same bank accounts. Even the same fights! So we shared the same cheque for our tax liabilities. The income tax man proved to be a young lady who explained that where a joint cheque is paid in such manner it should bear the (Sssshhh!) social security number of each. So we cashed Women's Lib's cheque and got drunk. Which was a mistake, because then I got asthma and Women's Lib had to write a second cheque, on the same account, to get them off my back. It was all very nice and easy and smooth. Except for a bill, this week, from the office, whose formal name is Revenue Canada, asking for a cheque, with \$1.50 interest. OK, anyone can make a mistake! If it's already paid, ignore the bill, says the notice. And then comes the backlash. If payment was made more than 15 days ago, please provide details. I can't remember when I paid it. But I think I did. But this bill is from Surrey and maybe I paid it in Victoria, or Ottawa. If this column dies out in the next week or so, I'll probably be in a dungeon beneath the vaults of the Revenue Canada Prison, beaten daily until I reveal what I did with the missing cheque. I hope they've got racks. My knees are stiff.

He's no youngster, this fellow who came to see me. He was working on the same newspaper as me more than 30 years ago. That might not date him too closely. He served his time as a printer just after the First World War. He can still wield a crafty saw and often does a lot of carpentry. He wanted to go east to Winnipeg to join in a celebration of his wife's family. She's just a young thing he married about 50 years ago and she's more active, of course, and better-looking. So he went to the airlines, direct, and explained that his active young bride can't sit in one place for long periods. Could they book on a flight direct to Winnipeg? He didn't care what time of day they travelled, as long as it was a direct, quick trip. The ticket agent was sympathetic and assured him that the flight would do just that. So they took off and landed in Calgary, where they changed planes. They then took off for Edmonton. From Edmonton the direct flight took them to Saskatoon. Finally, when they reached Winnipeg, his wife was suffering from the long flight and spent the celebration in hospital, instead of at her sister's house party. So now he drives her where they want to go.

I had another sad tale of travelling. This time it was by sea. A charming lady from Ganges sailed over the Strait to Vancouver to attend a party. She packed her glad rags and jewellery and off she went. It was a good trip. While she was over there she did a little shopping in readiness for moving house. All her purchases went into a large travelling bag. She came back home by way of Tsawwassen. She watched her bag for a time after placing it on the rack for Long Harbour. It was her last sight of it. When they reached Long Harbour, without stopping at any intermediate port, there was no bag. She was worried and the staff made a search, but to no avail. So she made a claim on the ferry corporation. But sailing ain't like flying. You carry baggage on a ferry and it's your tough luck. No way is the ferry corporation responsible. The traveller was less than delighted with the response. But she was bitter about the pattern of behaviour. There is no security provided at Tsawwassen, she told me. Anyone can walk past the ticket booths and reach the baggage racks. He can have his choice of bags and be out of the terminal building hours before the article is reported missing. She compared the sloppy security and indifferent response of the ferry corporation to the airline system, where the security is much tighter and the passenger has some recourse in the event of theft. She hadn't even insured her baggage.

To press for changes

Board asks province to help local sheep farmers

Delegation from Salt Spring Island attended on the local works and services committee of the Capital Regional Board last week to discuss problems of animal control on the island.

The delegation went from the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute and asked for tighter controls.

The islanders were heard with sympathy and the board meeting on Wednesday afternoon last week endorsed its request that the board press the province for amendments to its control regulations.

Specifically, the board will ask for implementation of sections of the Livestock Protection Act which provide for authority to kill a dog running in a pack; authority to kill a dog running at large and attacking or viciously pursuing a person or domestic animal; authority to deal with vicious dogs. Final requirement would be that all dogs killed must be reported.

DRAFT PROPOSAL

The committee accepted a draft proposal from a former regional director George Heinekey, attending on behalf of the institute.

They heard representations from Merv Walde and Ted Akerman regarding sheep and damage by

roving dogs.

The committee has also recommended that the government be urged to make changes in the municipal act to permit the appointment of peace officers for animal control purposes.

Same recommendation would permit compensation to farmers for slain animals whether the owner of the offending dog is identified or not.

Final appeal is for amendments to the municipal act to make it possible to issue a "ticket" to dog owners who fail to license a dog.

Minor pays

A minor, Raymond Elliott, of Duncan, had to pay a \$100 fine when he appeared in Ganges Provincial Court last week.

Elliott pleaded guilty to a charge of being a minor in licensed premises.

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Transit

Decision of the Capital Regional Board last week to require the people of the islands to meet a part of the transit cost, while enjoying no benefits, merely points up the foolishness of having the region speak for the islands.

The result was a triumph for Chairman Jim Campbell. It imposes his personal views on both the Outer Islands people, who elected him to office, and his innocent victims on Salt Spring Island who hadn't even a vote in his electoral area.

However sound his views may be, they are not shared by the islands people. This type of paternalism, whereby an elected representative imposes his will on his electorate by virtue of his conviction that he, alone, is right, savours of those political regimes not hitherto found in Canada.

The constitution contest

We're an odd nation.

First we have the federal government launching a series of advertisements across the country which purport to remind us and guide us to the significance of a strong and unified Canada.

Then we have part of that unified Canada demanding that the federal government pay for the cost of telling it their way.

The series of advertisements may well have appeared at an inappropriate moment, as has been suggested in a number of provinces. But in view of the fact that the advertisements really say nothing, what matter when they say it?

The purpose of this campaign is to convince all of us that we are Canadians, that we must think and work and act and vote as Canadians.

The first one explains the philosophical comparison between the growth of a tree and the rise of a nation. It is simple; clear, concise; and says virtually nothing.

The message is, indeed, so bland that it would be pointless to challenge it. But the province wants to express criticism and it expects the federal government to meet the cost.

The province should be seeking to echo the message behind the campaign and not challenge it. Furthermore, it is difficult to understand why the nation should be expected to underwrite further messages, from any source.

It is not an inspiring, desperate campaign. It is lacking in punch, in drive and in conviction. It is mediocrity at its national best!

Letters to the Editor

Visitors not welcome?

Sir,

My family and I spent a very delightful week on Galiano Island in late July. We rented a cottage and were shown every courtesy by our hosts.

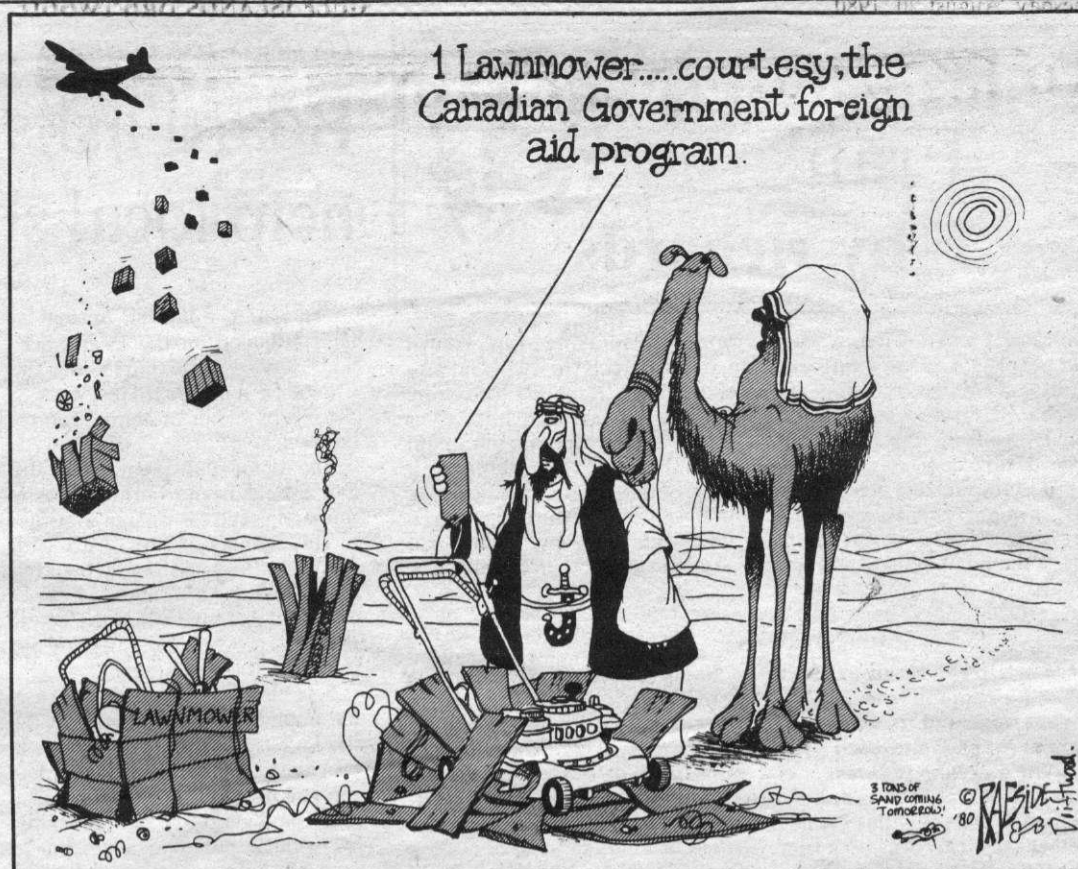
During our stay I read the July 23 copy of *Driftwood* in which a poem appeared. In part it said, "While the humble hen we prize, Which only goes to show you, That it pays to advertise."

If I may, I would like to pass comment upon the last line.

A publication provided to visitors like ourselves indicates that riding is available at the Santa Fe Stables. We duly cycled to the given location but found no indication of said premises. A nearby neighbour directed us to another resident who it later turned out either was

connected with, and lived behind the hidden property. Quite clearly my informant had no idea of where the stables were or that he was within a stone's throw. After stopping two cars and a truck we were shown the entrance. All this was in vain, however, as everyone was out, except the horses.

My fault, obviously, I should have phoned ahead. During the previously described search, I called as suggested at the home of a Mr. Pattison? who displayed literature alongside his front door that clearly indicated he was part of the Canadian Youth Hostel system and was listed on the printed material as a "mini" hostel. Why, may I ask, is his name not listed as providing this quite obviously desirable service. I must have read



every notice board and item of material pertaining to Galiano during my stay, but no mention is made anywhere. However, I stand to be corrected.

During a visit to Salt Spring we heard the Parks officials inform the tourist office in Ganges that Montague Park was full and not to direct anyone else to it. In such cases is it suggested to those inclined that an alternative is available? I doubt it. Forgive me for thinking that I sense visitors are neither encouraged nor welcomed by the residents of Galiano Island.

This feeling is further borne out by another incident. Taking our island map we cycled to all six beach accesses. Only two did we find with relative ease, Bluff Park and then Bellhouse Park. Although assured that each access had been provided with a sign earlier this year, we can personally assure you that this statement is no longer true. I might be forgiven for assuming that local "vandals" pulled them down the following day.

At the end of Gulf Drive we arrived to be met with the customary flock of "Private Driveway", "No Trespassing", "Keep Out". Enquiries from a local resident were met with frosty answers and a scowl that confirmed that assistance was not his middle name. As we persisted, he reluctantly agreed that indeed the beach access did run alongside his property. At this point he measured out the limits of his territory and lo and behold, would you believe he is such an enthusiast for lawn cutting that he even manicured public land so well that a casual observer might well think they had to cross his lawn to reach the beach!

After clarifying for us where we might go, he described the tangle of Amazon-like undergrowth that we needed to fight our way through to achieve our objective. My wife and I accepted the challenge, with difficulty found a "public" tree against which we rested our bikes, then one minute later found our-

selves on the beach. Somehow our "friend", the border guard, neglected to mention that a well established path, that provided few difficulties, was available to us.

I know full well that all Galiano residents don't act like this. But might I suggest that long grass, brambles, broom, etc. be cut down periodically, so future visitors can see where to go and are not confronted with such unnecessary hassles.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that part of everyone's tax dollar goes to B.C. tourist advertising, so it does seem rather self-defeating to engage in this sort of neglect.

Thank you for listening,
GRAHAM CONWAY,
11102 River Rd.,
Delta, B.C.
July 30, 1980.

New construction will bring improvement

Sir,

I think it is a good thing what is going on in Ganges now in the way of construction and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those who are involved as it will certainly be a big improvement to Ganges and very necessary too.

I think everyone who shops in Ganges will benefit.

GEOFF HOWLAND,
Box 14, Ganges.
August, 1980.

With malice towards none!

Sir,

I want to make it clear that I have never expressed or implied any criticism of the teachers at Pender School.

On the contrary, under their particular circumstances I believe they do a splendid job. And so that there shall be no misunderstanding, by that I mean that they live and work in a small community which is divided on many issues. Its very size and the intensity of feeling means its divisions are passionately polarized.

At the beginning of my involvement I was asked to advise a group of parents who were dissatisfied with the way in which their children were being educated.

My advice was to try all other methods first and only if these failed should an alternative class be sought. I believed then, and I still believe, that in a small school it should be possible to change attitudes and approaches as required, without the difficulties made by a large, red-tape dominated institution.

Because this is what we are talking about - the whole approach to education. Many people feel that education should be more of an "exploration" that simply a learning working experience. Explorers work hard, using body and mind and all known resources to arrive at an unknown goal.

However, as well-known writer Max Wyman put it in last Thursday's "Province":

Trouble is, for all the revolutions that are going on around us, we don't live in a society that wel-

comes change...

Mr. Wyman is writing about theatre, but his comments apply equally well to education.

"Alternative theatre challenges the status quo - not necessarily of society [though quite often that] but of theatre itself. It is experimental because it is testing new forms, or new variations of old forms. It is alternative because it is nothing like the theatre of the establishment. What we know and believe is always being questioned.

Audiences who are pre-schooled to accept a certain type of theatre often find it hard to admit other types. When something happens on the stage that our preconceptions tell us shouldn't have, or we see something that doesn't fit our frame of familiarity, we are thrown into a tizzy. That makes us uncomfortable; discomfort makes us angry and unhappy. We fail to grasp the unfamiliar and so we wipe the slate clean. The experimentalists are forever having to start again. No wonder not much gets done.

...What we're after is The Next Step...a climate of willingness and adventure on both sides of the fence. As a start, see "Mabel Leaves Forever". See what joyous, scary things the unbridled theatrical imagination can do."

(Max Wyman, Province, August 14, 1980)

If this parallel seems far-fetched, remember that Shakespeare said "All the world's a stage..." and in the same passage talks about "...the whining schoolboy, with his satchel, And shining morning face, Turn to Page Five

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says the Salt Spring
Island Chamber
of Commerce.

More letters to the Editor

creeping like snail. Unwillingly to school."

Which speaks volumes of the poet's scholastic experiences!

I have been accused of many things, most of which I hope to be able to ignore.

But malice, I believe, is not part of my nature.

Misrepresentation can mean anything - it usually boils down to a matter of interpretation, and as such, anybody is liable to misinterpret and then misrepresent anything. I have certainly not been guilty of deliberate misrepresentation.

More important is the accusation of somehow "having an axe to grind" or imposing my theories on others.

My action in the Pender school matter have been undertaken (1) at the request of a concerned group of parents and (2) as chairman of the education committee at the request of the School Board.

I would be really glad if we could all calm down and allow the school, the Board and innocent bystanders to give everyone else the benefit of the doubt: we are all good people, doing what we believe to be the best for everyone else. With this in mind and heart, we will achieve a great deal more than just upsetting our friends and neighbours.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
Ganges.

August 18, 1980.

Chairman asked to advise

Sir,

I would ask the chairman, Mr. Campbell of the Capital Regional Board to advise us through your paper whether or not we are exempt from the transit service tax.

This tax has been added to my hydro bill and I refuse to pay it until I am sure it is legal. Your paper of July 30 states Campbell is still reflecting. It appears to me that Campbell is trying to override the other members of the Board by forcing this very unfair tax on Island taxpayers.

I can only regret that the residents of Salt Spring Island do not have a vote when Campbell again runs for the Regional Board.

A. J. DILLABOUGH,
R.R. 2, Ganges.
August 8, 1980.

Editorial found misleading

Sir,

I found your editorial on "Expanding Government" extremely misleading. You state that "The CRD Board released for publication a summary of procedures to be adopted when backpacking with children". The article was submitted for information to the press by the Health Education Department of the Community Health Service.

They had no choice

Sir,

In all fairness to the dedicated and talented folks who worked so hard to bring us "A Midsummer Night's Madness". I feel something should be said about the review in last week's *Driftwood*. Not to say the reviewer isn't entitled to his own opinion, but he seems to have forgotten one important fact: that their recent production was a "command performance". I can remember several months ago when Madness was not even going to participate in this year's Summer Theatre. But due to public demand, they staged "Madness Strikes Back", with some

variations, again. (If you look through past issues of *Driftwood*, there's even a letter asking expressly for that show, to say nothing of the personal requests that Ray and Virginia received.)

As the reviewer said, there is certainly no lack of talent in Madness Inc. and undoubtedly they could have done a brand new show. But in true "show biz" tradition, they gave the public what the public wanted. And I have nothing but admiration for them for doing so.

MARIANNE GRITTANI,
Box 993,
Ganges, B.C. August 18, 1980.

It's a hit for sure!

SIR,

I think we have a hit. I have watched *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in a sunlit glade up near Maxwell Lake, with the accompaniment of sweet madrigals and flutes.

Today, Wednesday, the Players will give the first of seven performances in the Activity Centre at the Elementary School.

A mad romp of a play, it has delighted audiences for 400 years before reaching Salt Spring Island. It's a strange enchanted experience, the tale of two pairs of lovers trapped in the magic of a moonlit woods where fairies hold sway.

John Crawford is a superb and sensitive director, a patient perfectionist. There is an exciting tension between illusion and reality, which he emphasizes by having the actors play the daylight (reality) scenes with masks; it is only in the moonlight that we see their faces clearly.

I've been at the rehearsals and I am amused, impressed, entranced. Liduin Currell, playing Helena, in a silver-blond wig, is as lovely as Helen of Troy.

A romantic forest occupies the end of the Activity Room, but entrances and exits are through the audience, and I felt like one of the trees in the bewitched woods.

Gerald King's lighting is exciting, a very important element in a play which transports the audience into a moonlit mood. The medieval harmonies created by Reid Campbell float delicately in the background, ethereal dream music, thin elfin sounds.

Dominating the play is Puck,

The Board itself is not involved in this process. As you rightly point out, in the Islands the Board is responsible for the Community Health Services, and as part of our function we occasionally submit articles or items of interest to the press from members of the department.

We have noticed that most local newspapers appear quite ready to print articles on nutrition and health related topics, from the syndicated press from all over North America, whereas in fact there is plenty of local material and local talent available. When we send information to you, we are doing this as a community service, leaving the option to publish to you. The CRD Directors are generally unaware of these activities since they are informational or advisory and not legislative.

A.B. ALLEN, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.,
Deputy Regional Health Officer,
Capital Regional District.
August 11, 1980.

leaping, prancing, dancing, darting here, there, everywhere, a quicksilver fairy, full of mischief.

"What fools these mortals be!" he cries, with a wild laugh.

But at the end of the play the confusions of the dream night are dissolved and the reality of morning allows the course of true love to run smooth. This is the first time that our Salt Spring Players have attempted Shakespeare (albeit a slightly shortened version of the play), and I for one am delighted with the liveliness of it, and the good humour. The play will run until Tuesday, August 26. Come join us!

BETH HILL,
R.R. #3, Ganges.
August 18, 1980.

But what a lovely dream!

Sir,

I have written the following letter to Chairman Jim Campbell of the Capital Regional Board:

Dear Mr. Campbell,
I would like to thank you very much for the lovely bus service we have on Salt Spring Island.

Every Tuesday I go into Victoria. The bus picks me up outside the store at 6 am. We catch the 7:45 ferry at Fulford.

Our first stop is General Fruit and Produce, where I pick up my produce and load it on the bus. Then I go to Kelly Douglas Cash & Carry to pick up my groceries.

After I have loaded that on the bus I proceed to pick up my meat.

Next stop is Stan V. Wright to pick up my magazines.

The bus then leaves Victoria to Cluremont, where I pick up my eggs. Final stop on my bus journey is Sidney Bakery, where I load up my bread and then catch the 1:30 pm ferry back to Salt Spring. I arrive at the store at 2:30 pm after having the bus stop to make my deliveries in Ganges.

My supplies, which take up half the bus, are then unloaded.

Then Mr. Campbell I wake up from this beautiful dream and realize that I am still taking my truck into Victoria and still paying the unfair transit levy.

Any person who has a business on the island cannot possibly use the transit system.

JOE BOSSIO,
Proprietor,
Fernwood Store,
Ganges.
August 18, 1980.

More letters on Page Six

The Anarchist Looks at Poker

BAD POKER

Poker is a game which has long borne a close association with the mythology of the North American Experience.

Whether in the extravagant alcoholic high-stakes leisure of the then new billionaires of American Industry, the Morgans, Rockefellers, Carnegies, et al, or the more sinister property and corporate control contests which legend tells of the defeat and death of would-be Tycoons, the myth of the successful poker player is a common thread in Eastern folk-lore.

In the West the context is generally somewhat different, more singular, more of the common man; the lone hero or victim

draws to his inside straight against the villain or tyrant who frequently deals from a stacked or marked deck, or failing that has at least a battalion of hired guns behind the draperies waiting to gun down the isolated individual should he get lucky.

The fact that North Americans for generations have survived and thrived through countless books, movies, songs, and T.V. by the hour, all based upon these simplistic assumptions about Victory and Defeat probably accounts for a preponderance of the social maladjustment, mental illness, family breakdown, heart disease, and dope smuggling homosexuality which characterizes present day society. At the very least it has served to ruin the language, eh?

"Yup".

It is in the light of the true significance of the Myth of The Poker Player, that it has become my sad mission at this time to inform all prospective or present Believers that the would-be Messiah of the West, the Leader, the Spiritual Father of the Western Renaissance, the Energy Kid, the Rajah of Resources, the Chief

Dip-Stick himself, none other than Alberta's own Peter Lougheed is a lousy poker player.

Much of the drama, and some of the validity of the Poker Game is a matter of timing, suspense, the building of confidence in the face of the Unknown, the cool appraisal of the adversary, sometimes the Bluff, and always the Gamble.

You never show your hand.

Unless you are Peter Lougheed, holding Five Aces and unable to conceal it, while the real question is, who is holding the gun?

Where the birds walk on water

In northern Alberta the birds walk on water.

Driftwood staffer, Catherine McFadyen, is back from Lac la Biche. She enjoyed her holiday there, but she was less than thrilled to see birds landing on the algae on the 30-mile-long lake.

The town sewer lagoons are emptied into the lake. This year the dry season had left the lake short of water and filled with nutrients.

St. Mary Lake isn't as bad as she thought it was.

Finds dinghy

An inflatable dinghy was found on St. Mary Lake on Monday.

John Osborne of Lang Road reported his find, which was a yellow and brown inflatable plastic dinghy.

Where to be: or not to be: that is the question.

Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission last week expressed concern for the lot of senior citizens who want to retire from their larger homes and properties and settle in an apartment on Salt Spring Island.

Senior citizens in the islands are invited to answer the following questions and mail them, or drop them in to *Driftwood*. They will be analyzed and the results will serve as an indication of what the majority would look for when the garden gets too big.

The results will be published, but names will be held in confidence.

1. Where would you prefer to find an apartment: close to post office, bank, stores and services? Or away from the madding crowd, in scattered developments?
2. Do you want to depend on an automobile for your day-to-day needs?
3. Where would you prefer to find an apartment: Ganges Fulford Vesuvius
4. Would you rather leave the island altogether?
5. Is the attraction of island-living or the pleasure of remaining with friends the important factor in finding a retirement apartment?
6. What rent would be acceptable? \$100-\$200 \$200-\$300 \$300-\$400 \$400-\$500 \$500 or more

Name _____ (in confidence)

Address _____

If you have other suggestions or comments, please write them separately and enclose them with this questionnaire. Please mail it to *Driftwood*, Box 250, Ganges, V0S 1E0, or leave it at *Driftwood* office, 121 Rainbow Road, Ganges.

More letters to the Editor

From Page Five

Midsummer Madness

Sir,
Shakespeare, as most of us know, says it all. It beats me how any other poet ever finds anything else to say, one only hopes they don't know the whole works of Shakespeare off by heart. If they did, it is doubtful if they would have time to get on with their own work.

I am sure Shakespeare would have appreciated the Newman version of Midsummer Madness, he had an eye for that sort of thing obviously. In fact he might have dashed home, picked up his quill pen and written (as he did in Twelfth Night), "Foolery, sir, does walk about the orb like the sun; it shines everywhere."

And it certainly did last night when I was lucky enough to catch the show. For me there is abundant fascination in seeing my friends whom I know as solid citizens and serious folk, cavorting around, singing and dancing to amuse me. I had missed some of the earlier Madnesses but had heard a lot about them from "older" islanders, so I was delighted to catch up

Make Swimming a Family Affair.



Canadian Red Cross

on this particular soap opera. In days of yore, we understand, the Court had full-time jesters to amuse the king and his entourage.

May I suggest the Newman Clan (with all its ramifications) be dubbed herewith Salt Spring Island Jesters Inc.?? With, of course, all the perquisites such a post entails - the right to hunt over Royal Lands (Mouat's Park, Ruckle, Saturday Market, Recreation Grounds etc.) a share of any booty from local wars (put your own names here; there are plenty going on at the time) and, perhaps, the right to pay their taxes with quips and jests instead a groat, or whatever the devalued dollar is called now.

But, fooling aside, thanks, Madness Inc.

A lot of hard work went into that show obviously. As other islanders were lolling in the sun, there you all were rehearsing like: well, mad; juggling your summer guests, burning your saucepans, neglecting your jam, letting the garden riot, all for us. Here's one person who thoroughly appreciated the songs and dances and fun, and I'm sure I am not the only one, from the sound of the audience.

I am a push-over for the Newman songs, they're so catchy and I was fascinated by the dance steps which were obviously designed for the nondancers in the cast very cleverly.

May I suggest the Indian dance was a trifle too up on the toes? From a very recent experience of watching Indian dancers it seems to me they dance on the flat foot entirely.

The Madness cast certainly made full and entertaining use of the "Dream" set-up in the Activity Room.

That was a bonus for them and enhanced their efforts considerably. Now Virginia, Ray and all the cast can rest upon their bushy laurels, especially the unseen member of the cast, the infant Bowler!
JOAN M. RAESIDE,
R.R. 1, Ganges.
August 18, 1980.

Thoughtfulness for residents appreciated

Sir,
Greenwoods has received many kindnesses since its opening last April; the prevailing attitude of interest and concern is a constant reminder of the community spirit which exists in our Gulf Islands.

We would especially like to extend our appreciation to those thoughtful people who, on several occasions, have assisted residents who have become tired while out neighbours have occasionally had a visitor and have extended the hospitality of their homes for a short while, then an escort back home, and shoppers have cheerfully offered a lift to the nearest restaurant and a chat over tea.

Also, those people who phoned Greenwoods immediately they realized a resident was away from home and needed assistance, were additionally helpful in saving added concern. Such foresight was very much appreciated, and is a splendid example to others who may encounter a similar situation and wish to help in the best possible way.
JONNA MATTIESING,
Co-ordinator.
August 12, 1980.

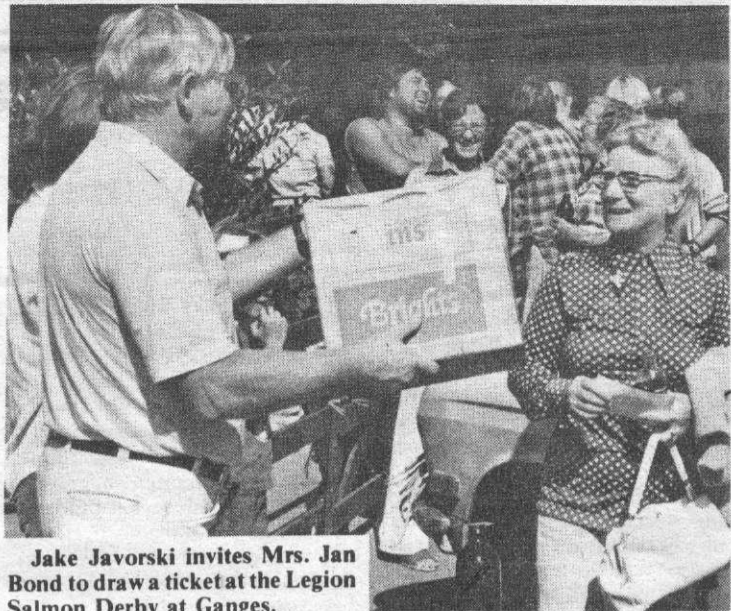
Setting stage for Fair

With the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair less than a month away it's not too soon to plan entries for the Hobby Arts and Needlecraft displays, says Maggie Warbey, co-ordinator.

This year's Hobby Arts program has been completely revised and expanded. There is a category to cover most projects in the islands, she says.

Again, this year, the Hobby Arts judges are all top crafts people and artists: Caroline Hamilton, well-respected painter and art teacher; Pat Webber, well-known Victoria potter and teacher; and Terry Warbey, widely known luthier and jeweller.

Hobby Arts, Needlecraft and Cooking all include several sections especially for youngsters and teenagers. Fall Fair will be held on September 13.



Jake Javorski invites Mrs. Jan Bond to draw a ticket at the Legion Salmon Derby at Ganges.

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Tennis at Galiano Lodge draws many

BY KATHLYN AND BASIL BENDER

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The third annual Galiano Lodge Invitational Mixed-Doubles Tennis Tournament was played on Saturday, Aug. 16.

Competitors were either residents or property owners in the Gulf Islands or guests at Galiano Lodge. John Coates did an excellent job of organizing the 25 pairs who registered for the competition into a double knock-out draw which was played on four island courts: the wooden surface court at the Golf Club, asphalt surfaced courts at the Connell's and the Lodge and the old Patterson court now owned by the Helliwells of BRIC fame.

Each round except the final was decided by the winner of one professional set, the first couple to win eight games.

A strong contingent of Salt Spring players dominated proceedings although several Galiano pairs played valiantly and made a commendable showing.

John and Carole MacDonald, of the Retreat Cove area, reached the final of the losers' draw. Roz Truelove, recently of Galiano, also reached the final so that it appears that her move to Salt Spring last year sharpened her tennis by providing more and stiffer competition.

Winners of the main draw were pre-tournament favourites, John Reiner and Hazel Thomson, who, in the final, beat Toby Seward and Wendy Smith 6-4, 6-3.

Both ladies played steady tennis but John Reiner was the less erratic of the two men and his powerful serving, volleys and passing shots produced many outright winners.

The victors in the losers' half of the draw were Ian Thomson and Roz Truelove who defeated the MacDonalds by a score of 8-5. The winners of these two finals competed for the Galiano Lodge Challenge Cup. This was the third consecutive final for John Reiner, who won the event in 1978 and was runner-up last year.

As so often happens with double knock-out, the final was anti-climactic with no doubt about the outcome from the first game. Time and light permitted only one professional set and this went to Reiner and Thomson by a score of 8-2. Well as Ian Thomson and

Rosamund Truelove played, their best efforts were frustrated by the steady play of Thomson's wife Hazel and the all-round brilliance of Reiner.

AMBULANCE DRIVERS' PICNIC

Ambulance drivers and attendants were invited by their co-ordinator, Peter Dunn, to a picnic at the beach in Montague Park on the afternoon of Tuesday, Aug. 14. There was hardly time to change into a swim suit, and get into a lounging position to enjoy the warm sunshine before training exercises began.

Sun-bathers on the beach were

treated to an unusual spectacle as Galiano's ambulance team, together with Doctors Maclure and Hale, undertook different types of water-rescue exercises under the direction of swimming and scuba-diving coach Roy Trelore.

Peter Dunn assumed the role of perpetual victim and donned a wet suit to ward off hypothermia. First the crew were shown how to carry patients out of the water on their backs. All then scrambled aboard Bob George's boat, Cruizon, and were taken out into Trincomali Channel to practise hauling a victim from the water into a boat.

Our thanks are due to co-ordinator Peter Dunn, not only for arranging the exercises but also for immersing and submersing himself repeatedly in the chilly water. The

crew afterwards adjourned to the beach where, despite a collection of pulled muscles and strained backs, they enjoyed their picnic. Some picnic!

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Salt Spring Planning Commission chairman replies

BY NICK GILBERT

Chairman, Advisory Planning Commission

In his opening lines of *Driftwood's* August 13 front page story, Frank Richards writes, "The commission has also given the green light to an extensive rewriting of the plan to provide for moving high-density residential development away from the Ganges core area."

As a member of the Advisory Planning Commission I accept this, and other statements in the same issue, as a challenge to debate, a debate that I hope will take place in the community for some time. The following is a personal response and has not been approved by the Advisory Planning Commission.

The commission was presented with a proposal to provide a strata-title development on Commercial 4 land approximately one mile from the Ganges core. This proposal, I found, had to be considered from two angles: 1) on its own merits, and 2) on its challenge to the community plan.

IN PRINCIPLE

The proposal in itself has a great deal of merit, and for this reason the commission approved it *in principle*, a distinction not made in *Driftwood*. The plan, as presented to the commission, provided for up to 60 units clustered in the centre of the 30-acre property.

The architect had taken pains to ensure that the environment would be respected, that the heavily treed perimeter of the property would not be interfered with, thus effectively screening the development from the public eye. Open spaces and beaches would be available for the residents' recreation and relaxation.

The plan is acceptable to the ministries of health and highways, and to the fire marshal. Most important, perhaps, is the fact that the developer has had many requests from islanders to be included in the scheme. These are local residents who want a decent, manageable, rural

retirement centre once they find their present homes too demanding.

LIKE CONCEPT

This response has been triggered without advertising. Islanders like the concept and want to live there. I submit that the commission would be negligent if it were to ignore such interest and simply reject the request.

It has therefore "approved in principle" as a means to bring the proposal to a public hearing.

Dealing with question 2, how does the proposal affect the community plan? Does the proposal depart from the plan? Not in the plan's wish to preserve a rural, unspoiled character. Not in its desire to protect agricultural and forest land and protect our trees. Not in its goal "to provide for a choice of dwelling types, both permanent and seasonal, in a variety of locations and catering to a range of income groups."

True, it removes a resort from transient use, but how can we insist that the owner continue to operate when it is not economical to operate a year-round resort for an eight-week tourist season?

NOT RECOGNIZED AS CENTRE

It is argued that the plan will be violated by not recognizing Ganges as the centre of the island for multi-family use. The plan reflects the philosophy of islanders and is to be used as a guideline for development.

It is not a straight-jacket to restrict the healthy, free movement and wishes of our population. It will continue to be debated, and where it is found to be short-sighted or weak, it will be corrected and strengthened.

Ever-growing concerns are being heard on Salt Spring as residents question the need for a large, expensive sewer system to serve a small area. Yet our community plan calls for high-density development in Ganges, which makes the big sewer a necessity.

NOT TO EXPEDITE SEWER

The plan was not designed as an

instrument to expedite such a sewer. It believed that attaching high-density units to the community sewer would limit the amount of such development.

I submit that a new limiting tool must be found, so that our maximum population level is not threatened. One possible way of doing this is to "float" the number of units that would have appeared in the core, and allow some to be built elsewhere where they can rely on their own sewage treatment plants and not be reliant on a sewer subsidized by the taxpayer.

The plan expected that the Ganges sewer would remain small, but would it? Regional District engineers want to know where it will expand to next, so they can plan for growth. The cost of the sewer will be so prohibitive that it is likely the community will be relieved to see it expand, so that the costs may be shared among more property owners.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM?

And if the sewer doesn't go in, and we don't change the community plan, what then happens to people wanting retirement homes? If we agree with Mr. Richards, and don't alter the plan, they will have to leave the islands. Perhaps *Driftwood's* questionnaire will help to clarify people's feelings about this question.

The APC has asked the question and would like to know the results.

What if the sewer does go in? Land costs in Ganges have escalated. Under the conditions of our present bylaws it is not economical to build multi-family units on Ganges lots. Add the high price of a sewer hook-up, and the rental rate in Ganges is going to be prohibitive for our retirement population.

ASKED FOR REACTION

The APC asked Mike Larmour of the North Salt Spring Waterworks to react to the Stacey proposal. In his thoughtful reply, Mr. Larmour expressed concern about the increased use of the automobile

to serve outlying clusters of development.

It is my hope that such clusters would make it economically feasible to initiate a mini-bus service on the island, to provide convenient transportation to Ganges and also to the ferry terminals. Such a service is needed, but our population is now too scattered to allow for such a service.

A much graver concern raised by Mr. Larmour is the question of reliance on groundwater to serve a development of this size. There is no doubt that the water supply is adequate now, but there is no way of guaranteeing it for the future.

MUST REMAIN SELF-RELIANT

I believe that a great deal of thought must be given to insuring that the development remains self-reliant and never has to request community water. Some answers may lie in the areas of (1) collecting rain water in ponds and in individual cisterns in each house, and (2) in reusing the "greywater" that is normally run off in the sewage system. A development permit might be used to insist on such alternatives in any development of this type.

Although the APC approves the principle of outlying retirement clusters, it is concerned about density. The Stacey proposal is for a maximum of 60 units, or one unit per half-acre. I, for one, remain concerned that this density is too high, and I believe the developers are prepared to negotiate a smaller number of units.

In summary, I have stepped outside the normal limits of debate and have argued on both sides. There are serious concerns involved in any change to our community plan.

Above are some of these concerns that your Advisory Planning Commission has in mind when it recommends that the question of high-density housing be brought before you in public hearing.

It is not an easy question, and cannot be answered by the half-dozen individuals present at the commission meeting.

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This wouldn't have been possible without the generous support and encouragement of several locals, Rhett Faire, Craig Marshall, Tony Kaye, Dwayne Fraser, Greg Pauker and Doug Rhodes, he noted.

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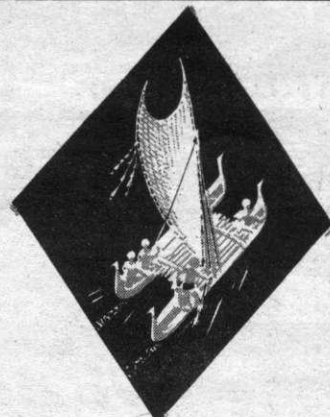
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Open letter

Mika looks at transit levy

John Mika, Saanich Alderman and Capital Regional director, has summarized his views on transit in a letter to Hugh Curtis, MLA for Saanich and the Islands and minister of finance. Copy of his letter was presented to Driftwood. Here are his opinions:

Dear Hugh:

This letter is to inform you of the unprecedented action taken yesterday by the Capital Regional District Board. Inevitably, it will put to the test your many public statements promising to use your power to ensure that the Gulf Islands are excluded from the CRD transit service area or at least exempted from transit tax levies.

Although we have been adversaries on the hustings, we both have worked for such exclusion. You by issuing press releases and I by fighting to win passage of my motions at CRD Board meetings.

My motion to amend the situation and protect the Gulf Islands from an inequitable tax finally were successful last month. But it was overturned yesterday by your friends. Your press releases have not been successful and it is time for you to rise in your place in the Legislature and make an amendment motion of your own.

IMPERATIVE NEED

To make sure you understand the imperative need for positive action on your part, let me recall briefly the history of this sorry matter. It was you who drafted and piloted through the Legislature the Urban Transit Authority Act which shifted the transit deficit burden from B.C. Hydro and the government to the CRD and the government. Your UTA Act resulted in Gulf Island residents being taxed against their will for a service they cannot use.

Nevertheless, many people, including myself, trusted your assurances that you would set things right. Confidence in your word continued even when CRD decided to use the Hydro surcharge option your legislation provided.

One compelling reason for CRD's choice was that both Premi-

er Bennett and your colleague, William Vander Zalm, apparently with your support, publicly stated that B.C. Hydro bills should be reduced by the \$60 million-plus saving in transit deficits your legislation gave it.

Had that been passed on to hydro customers, it would have provided an average annual saving of about \$63 to each hydro user - more than enough to cover the \$12 annual CRD transit surcharge, and still give homeowners a net saving. Unfortunately, your colleagues' statements were not lived up to.

NO PROTEST

Instead, cabinet permitted B.C. Hydro to increase its rates while shedding its transit deficit onto homeowners and businesses. And without a murmur of protest from yourself, either as minister of finance or as the minister who perpetrated the UTA Act.

Again there was total silence from yourself and your cabinet colleagues when, early this year, the CRD Board adopted a motion asking for changes to your legislation to at least allow pro-rating of the transit levy according to the level of transit service provided in a given area. This would have enabled CRD to levy no tax or a very nominal sum on Gulf Island residents.

Despite all these failures to take positive action in a variety of ways to back up your assurances, I still believed that your press releases truly reflected your attitude and determination to act.

AMENDMENT

For my part, I have issued no press releases. Instead, last month I made an amendment motion to exclude all of the Gulf Islands. It was seconded by the director from Salt Spring Island and was duly passed by the CRD Board.

The vote was split but we had the support of the Victoria directors among others.

At yesterday's board meeting the chairman brought back my motion for reconsideration. (Ironically, under a section of the Municipal Act which you once announced you would totally revise

to eliminate such outdated provisions, a promise that wasn't fulfilled.)

Upon reconsideration, my motion was reversed, again on a split which this time saw a switch in votes by two Victoria alternate directors.

It is a remarkable coincidence that both men who switched votes yesterday happen to be prominent members of the Social Credit Party to which you now belong, your political colleagues Frank Carson and Ron McKenzie. The switch by your friends threw my motion to exclude the Gulf Islands right out of the window.

CHANCE IS HERE

So you see Hugh, the time has come to stop talking and start acting. Your UTA legislation is before the legislature at this very moment for amendment. If you do not seize the opportunity now, the chance for action instead of words will be lost. I've done all I can at the CRD. The matter is now in the Legislature where you have a seat.

The gulf islanders need an amendment from you to redress their legitimate grievance, not another press release.

I urge you with all my strength to draft and introduce to the Legislature an additional amendment to the UTA Act which would permit the CRD to specifically exempt or pro-rate transit levies according to the level of service provided. As a cabinet minister, any amendment you introduce is bound to pass! You have only to stand up in your place in the House and make it in order to discharge your promises and responsibilities as the MLA representing the Gulf Islands.

In short Hugh, the time has come to fish or cut bait.

Saturna — by Flora Ratzlaff

Once again, the annual Lions auction, held on Saturday, Aug. 2, was a great success. Mike Hayes returned to do his bit as auctioneer. There were a lot of interesting articles to choose from and the bidding was fast and furious.

On the travel side, Scotland seems to be the place to go this year. Tom and Marjorie Davidson have just returned from their trip to see Scotland and Don and Sylvia Hogg and their daughters Debbie and Cindy have just left for a three-week stay there.

Visiting from Hamilton was the Ratzlaff's granddaughter, Karen Pettit, also daughter Dori and grandson Joseph.

Visiting at the Breezy Bay farm for a week was friend Janet Comstock. The farm also has a new baby bull calf, pitch black, named Black Gold by Kintner House because he was born on her birthday.

Out East Point way, Ian McNeil and family are off on holiday and also the McClellan's are off island on a trip.

As a last word I would like to remind all the readers of this column that I can't report what I don't know. If you want something mentioned in the column please, just drop it off at the Post Office. The Saturna Column has a bad case of malnutrition and needs some doctoring.

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Director accused of using influence

Toynbee protests stifling pressure on building

On Dec. 18/79 I sent you a letter on behalf of Mouat's Trading Co. (copy attached) stating that Director Valcourt's activities in attempting to stifle development in the "core" of Ganges by applying pressure on Health and Building inspection staff were completely improper.

The letter went on to point out that Director Valcourt stood to gain financially from the restriction of commercial building in the core area.

We did not expect the board to accept these charges without question but did expect some sort of investigation.

We had raised what we felt was a very serious matter and were more than prepared to have the board investigate and determine if there was any substance to our statements. Judging from what happened at the board meeting of January 23 most members didn't feel the matters raised were very serious, as the board proceeded to endorse Director Valcourt's motion designed at blocking health, building and occupancy permits in the core until Feb. 6.

PERMIT NOT DENIED

Subsequently the chairman gave the opinion that the wording of this motion was such that an occupancy permit would not be denied a new building on McPhillips Avenue.

Director Valcourt sent the fol-

lowing telegram: "I wish to notify the board of directors that Chairman Jim Campbell chose to disregard the motion carried at the meeting January 9 re occupancy permit. I have notified the minister's office and wish the board to deal with this matter at the earliest convenience."

It is particularly significant that one of Director Valcourt's tenants, the Duncan and District Credit Union, was scheduled to move into the McPhillips Avenue building on Feb. 1.

OBSESSION

I write at this time to remind you of the December 18 letter and to inform you that our director's obsession with the core and, in particular, the Mouat Trading portion of the core, continues.

During the past two months the director has held an inquiry into the issuance of two health permits and even though her fellow committee members found these permits completely in order, she has continued her attempts to have them overturned.

Over the past few weeks she has repeatedly approached the Lands Branch, Islands Trust, Highways Building Inspection, Health and other agencies challenging these permits and other aspects of our development.

We contend that the director's

activities are grossly discriminatory and are consistently directed at her most visible business competitors. We respectfully suggest that it is about time the board came to the realization that it has spent a great deal of time investigating and debating the lawful activities of

Last week the Capital Regional District decided to ask the Inspector of Municipalities to investigate charges against Director Yvette Valcourt, of Salt Spring Island.

These are the letters from T. A. Toynbee, of Ganges, which led to the board's decision.

citizens and taxpayers in "downtown" Ganges in minute detail while studiously overlooking the wholly improper activities of a fellow member.

FORMAL REQUEST

(1) Can the board determine why she has gone to such great lengths to block on-site disposal permits when in January she demanded on-site disposal?

(2) We ask that health and building inspection staff be questioned and correspondence be produced regarding the demands made on them by the director and their response to these demands.

(3) Can the board determine why the director is so selective in her concern over health matters.

(4) The board might determine how much CRD staff time is being demanded by the director in the scrutiny of her competitors.

(5) Has pressure from the director caused delay in the issuance of building and health permits to Mouat's Trading?

The CRD board is the council for Salt Spring Island. We understand that in most cases the opinions and actions of a local director are respected by the other members of the board but this is not a local issue, rather it is one that is concerned with basic board policy and the direction of CRD staff. It also involves the fundamental questions as to the duties and responsibilities of elected officials.

We ask each member of the

board to review the results of the investigation and take a position.

T.A. TOYNBEE,
Ganges.
August 11, 1980.

LETTER OF DEC. 18, 1979

As president of the company whose holding tank permit application became the subject of considerable discussion at your board meeting of December 12/79, I wish to present certain facts that must be brought to the attention of the board:

(1) On September 1/78 Mouat's filed for a holding tank permit for a building on the site in question. (copy attached) - no response was obtained.

(2) In the interim 15 months the Island's Trust passed amendments to the official community plan designating the "core" of Ganges a development permit area. In October of this year after months of discussion with the Trust and Highways a formal development permit application was filed.

(3) On November 23/79 having obtained "approval in principle" of our development permit application we again filed for a holding tank permit. (copy attached).

(4) We have on several occasions over the past months, received verbal confirmation from the local Health Officer that holding tanks were being approved as an interim measure based on the order by the Director of Pollution Control that a public sewerage system be constructed in Ganges. We cite the following examples:

- (A) April 1979 - Holding tank permit - Valcourt Centre 2.
- (B) Aug. 1979 - Holding tank

permit - Devcorp Management/ Frayco Holdings - McPhillips Avenue.

We view Director Valcourt's attempt to influence the board and its employees to stop the issuance of health and building permits in the core of Ganges, most seriously.

Director Valcourt may indeed have a great concern over the potential health hazard posed by holding tanks but how does she explain her willingness to accept a holding tank permit in April of 1979 when the option of a conventional tile field was available?

It is a fact, Mr. Chairman, that Director Valcourt is a principal of companies owning a very significant percentage of the total commercial and industrial space in the Ganges plan area. It is also a fact that the Valcourt Buildings are suffering a serious vacancy problem and that at least two of their present tenants are in the process of moving to the McPhillips Avenue building located in the core area and mentioned earlier in this letter. Clearly, a restriction of core area building will have the effect of restricting competition and could result in a financial benefit to the director.

We consider Director Valcourt's action in attempting to direct staff to stop issuing health and building permits and in attempting to obtain a similar directive from the board, completely improper. We ask that the board investigate these matters thoroughly and take action to assure us, and other property owners in the core of Ganges, that your staff will not be subjected to improper pressure.

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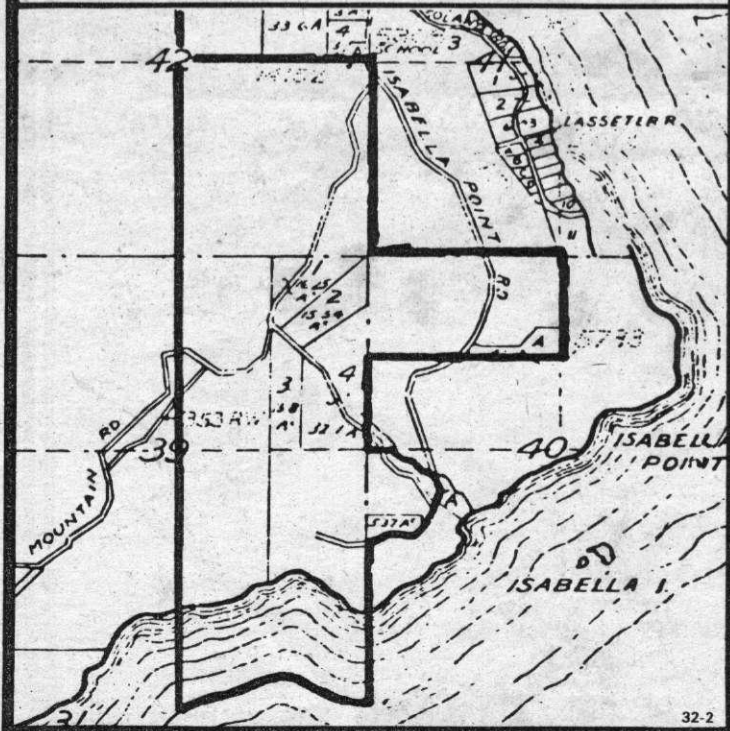
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A. Spencer Marr: Secretary-Treasurer,
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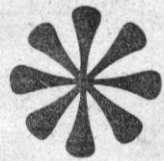
Students entertain islanders at Mayne Fair

Students from Sri Lanka and Canadian students took part in a short presentation at Mayne Island Fall Fair on Saturday. The 14 students, accompanied by two counsellors, are taking part in a student exchange program. The group will leave, later in the summer, for a stay in Sri Lanka, once known as Ceylon.

In charge of the group are Sumana Abeywickrema and Kathi Thompson.

The presentation on Saturday was the swan song of the group on Mayne Island. On Sunday they all moved to Salt Spring Island. The leaders are staying with Tom and Mimi Gossett and their students are billeted in various homes on the island.

Pictures show the group together, outside the Mayne Island Agricultural Hall and two presentations by the Sri Lankans. In the one presentation, the girls are propitiating a god and in the other, a folk dance, the man woos and wins his maid entirely in mime.



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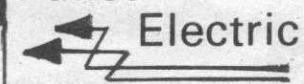
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Two soccer clinics to get under way on Salt Spring

BY MALCOLM LEGG

As summer starts to wind down, soccer starts to gear up and this season the gears are being shifted into first, a lot sooner than usual.

The Salt Spring Island Soccer Association is sponsoring, in conjunction with the B.C.S.A. and the Coca-Cola company, a soccer clinic for players and a coaches' clinic for coaches and interested novices. A quick run-down will highlight our early season preparations.

SOCCER CLINIC

The clinic is a first for Salt Spring as 55 of our local youth will participate in this clinic. The clinic will be run by Dave Keith, certified national coach, and his coaching staff, and will provide our youth with a high level of coaching in soccer skills and information.

The clinic will be held at Portlock Park from Monday, Aug. 25 to 29, between 10 am and 2.30 pm, each day.

The participants are requested to be at the field at 9.30 am to ensure a proper start at 10 am and they should all bring a bag lunch.

The clinic will provide the players with a ball, t-shirt, and some excellent instruction, including skill testing, drills, films, lectures and scrimmaging. Everyone on Salt Spring is welcome out to Portlock Park to watch an excellent clinic in action over the five-day period.

COACHES' CLINIC

This is a level 1 clinic open to coaches, managers or interested novices. The course will be instructed by Dave Keith, certified national coach, and will go into the

basics of coaching soccer, primarily at the juvenile level.

In an effort to encourage people to attend the course, the B.C.S.A. does not require any examination of the course materials. Consequently anyone taking the course automatically receives a level 1 coaching certificate. In so doing those participating learn under a stress-free situation and can enjoy what they learn.

The course will run from August 25 to 29 starting each evening at 7 pm until about 9.30 pm. We are hoping to hold the clinic at the Kanaka Place in Ganges and confirmation of this can be made through Malcolm Legg.

The course is free of charge and should be enjoyable and informative. For information or registration, please call Malcolm Legg at 537-5870.

REGISTRATION

The Association has mailed out registration forms for the 1980-81 season. If you do not receive one you can pick it up at the Kanaka Place.

This year, the fee structure is as follows; men's league, \$30; off-island teams (both boys and girls) \$25; intra-island players, eight years and older, \$15; intra-island players under eight years of age, \$10. The family rate this year works a little differently. After you list your oldest child at the full rate you can then discount \$5 off the rate applying to each additional child.

The rate increases have been initiated due to rising costs (particularly in balls) and due to the poor

return from the kick-a-thon last season. Please return your form with appropriate payment and a copy of your children's birth certificate, to S.S.I.Y.S.A. Box 1191, Ganges B.C. as soon as possible to ensure your children of being registered.

MEN'S SOCCER

Salt Spring men's team has begun try-outs under the tutelage of their new coach, Jim Bradford. Practices from 7 pm at Portlock Park. If you would like to make the team get out now as we will make our cuts in the first week in September.

Next week I will outline our 1980-81 program. If you have any problems please call Malcolm Legg in the evening.

Seven teams play

BY LEE-ANNE GORDON

Fulford ladies held a tourney this weekend with seven off-island teams, Sooke, Totems, Cedarettes, Foxy Ladies, Scampers, Wally's Angels, Blue Bombers and an all-star team from Salt Spring.

The first game was at 8.30 Saturday morning, when Sooke met Salt Spring. It was a see-saw game, but Salt Spring won with good hitting by Jill Johnson, who hit a line drive for a triple and Barb Woodley hit a double to bring three runs in and the game.

Then it was Salt Spring vs. Totems. Totems were favoured to win the tourney but with only one bad inning Salt Spring proved to be the superior team.

The next game played by Salt Spring was at 8 am, Sunday but due to rain there was a 1 1/2 hour delay. They met Wally's Angels who were also undefeated. W.A. won 6-3 with shrewd place hitting.

Salt Spring's next and last game was again against the Totems who beat Salt Spring 14-3 in the fifth. Again, a few bad innings in the field by Salt Spring and good hitting by the Totems lost Salt Spring the game. But all in all Salt Spring played good ball all weekend. The final game was between Wally's Angels and the Totems. Due to rain the game was cancelled till a later date. Game is believed to be played in Duncan.

Byrons will be in a ball tourney in Duncan this weekend.

GOLFING with Pat Doherty

WITH PAT DOHERTY

On Tuesday, Aug. 12, nine girls turned out to play Bingo, Bango, Bongo.

There was a tie for most points with Joanne Millner, and Marg Fisher sharing top spot.

There was also a tie for the Porter Trophy, with Joanne Millner and Helen Welliver both chipping in from off the green.

In the ladies' 18-hole division it was Mildred Mitchell coming in with a net 66 in the medal round. Ada Woodley was runner up with a net 67.

Gloria Lloyd claimed the putt pot with 27 putts. Anne Monro was the winner of the Bank of Montreal Trophy, shooting a nice 89 in the play off, with Dorothy Kennedy in the runner-up spot.

Marg Frattinger and Mac Pike have had busy Mondays, they have played and won two button matches in Victoria, and play another at Uplands on Monday. Congratulations!

The men's final tournament of the year comes up on August 23, when the men qualify for the Crofton Cup, which is of course the

Club Championship. Please enter your name on the sheet on the notice board. If you cannot play at the regular time you are allowed to play any time on that date, provided you have a qualified scorer with you.

Salt Spring Invitational Tournament winners were: Men's low gross, Ian Shopland 151; Ladies' low gross, K. Tribe 175; Men's low net, B. Keech, 130; and Ladies' low net, Marg Lesworth, 142.

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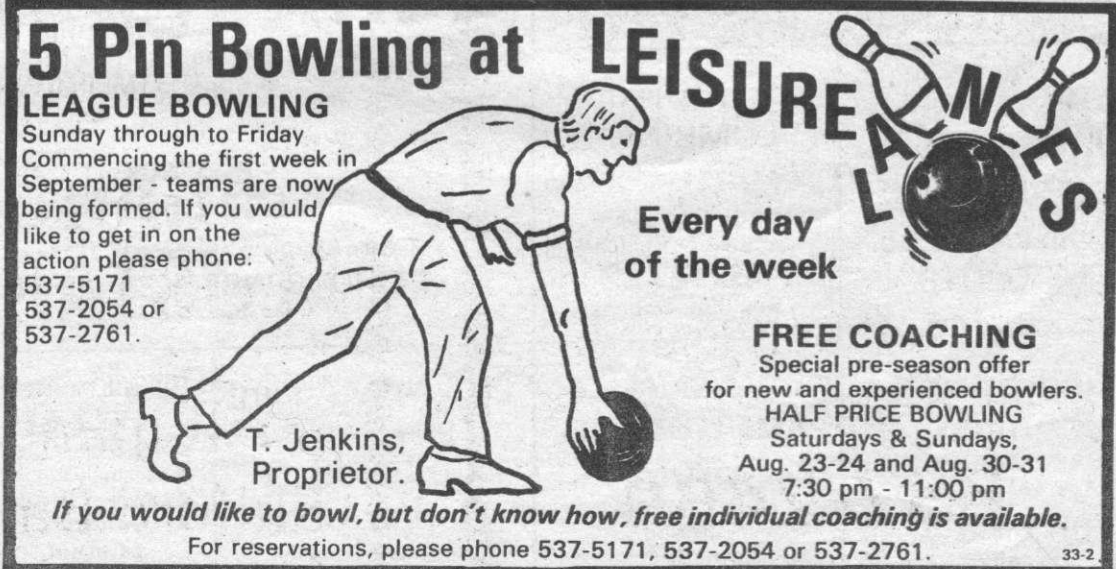
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Langdon's Loggers take softball playoff

Langdon's Loggers went undefeated last weekend to capture first place in the Salt Spring Island softball playoffs.

The final game matched Langdon's and Greenwood Rockers.

The Loggers were up for this one as they walloped the Rockers, 29-2. The Rockers, who had already played two games earlier in the day, were no match for the fired-up Loggers.

Julian Valcourt, who had pitched well in the two previous wins for Greenwoods, just ran out of steam as Langdon's hitters teed off on the tiring pitcher.

Jay Bourdin led off the game and smacked the first pitch over the right field fence. It was one of those games where Langdons could do nothing wrong and Greenwoods couldn't do anything right.

In the semi-final, it was Greenwoods, 13; Salt Spring Lands, 7.

Lands started off well, with five runs in the first inning due to Gump Kaye's two-run triple. Greenwoods replied with five runs in the next inning as Chuck Beasley hit a two-run triple to spark a comeback.

In the third, Reid Collins knocked in the go ahead-run. Valcourt held down the Lands' hitters from that point and Greenwoods got insurance runs with good hitting from Jack Speed, Tom Koepel, and Bill Egeland.

GREENWOODS STOP PENDER 5-0

Pender's Screaming Eagles came out flat in this game and Greenwood's took advantage early as Jack Speed doubled in the first inning, followed with singles by Tom Koepel and Reid Collins to score two.

Pender never got on track as Rucker pitcher Valcourt held them to just two hits. Jack Speed was the spark plug as he went four for four at the plate with two bunt singles while scoring three times.

THRILLING GAME SATURDAY

By far the best game of the playoffs as some say, the best game of the year, saw Langdon's Loggers squeak out a 3-2 decision over Salt Spring Lands.

This was a magnificent game

pants.

The Gulf Islands Junior Championships are now well on their way. The most exciting match to date was the neck-and-neck battle between John Wooldridge and Graham Lee, with Lee squeaking by with an 8-7 win.

Games will continue every afternoon this week, with the final games on Saturday morning. Spectators are welcome to come and watch some fine tennis being played by our junior players. If you are interested, we are also looking for volunteers to help with line calling on Saturday morning.

Just a reminder to get entries in for the championships. Deadline is August 29, don't miss it. Rules and entry forms are still available from Mouat's.

which had the crowd buzzing.

This was a gem of a game which saw two great pitching efforts by Colie Byron and Albert Kaye. It was a scoreless game until the bottom of the fourth, when Carl Kitchen drove in brother, Roger, and Paul Smith with a double.

It seemed that the two-run lead would hold up behind the superb pitching of Colie Byron, but in the sixth inning, Ray Bush and Larry Davies singled and Bob Dugas doubled off the centre field fence to tie the score.

The play of the game came in the bottom of the seventh with two out and the winning run at second base. Jay Bourdin singled to centre field which looked like it was all over, but Lands' centre fielder, Larry Davies made a perfect throw to the plate to nail Carl Kitchen for the third out.

The next two half-innings were dominated by pitching, as neither team had a scoring opportunity until the bottom of the tenth when Langdon's Jimmy Taylor led off with a bunt single and stole second.

Lands were able to get the next two batters out and when it was looking like the marathon would continue, Colin Byron laced a single to right field to score Taylor for the win.

GREENWOODS 7 G.A.S. 3

Saturday's second game

Greenwoods eliminated G.A.S. Driftwood from any further playoff action as they ignited for five runs in the bottom of the fifth. G.A.S. was leading 2-1 going into the fifth, but Greenwood's big rally was all it

needed to progress further into the playoffs. Jack Speed again was the catalyst.

LANGDONS NIP PENDER 5-3

Saturday's first game

The Loggers held a healthy 5-0 lead behind a homerun by Carl Kitchen until the fourth inning when Pender made their comeback getting three runs on three hits. Colie Byron stiffened and didn't allow any base runners the next two innings to secure a Loggers victory.

LANDS 11, G.A.S. 0

Friday night

Albert Kaye stole the show as he pitched an excellent shutout victory for Salt Spring Lands.

Albert had his unorthodox pitching style working as he had the G.A.S. hitters popping up all game. Lands had offensive power in this one too, with Bob Dugas hitting a three-run homer in the first inning. Lands' had a 6-0 lead after two and Gary Kaye made it 7-0 with a solo blast in the fifth.

SALT SPRING LANDS, 15

VESUVIUS, 8

Thursday night

Even with import, Gordon Lee, on the mound for Vesuvius Inn, Salt Spring Lands pounded out the hits.

The Lands used a good hitting attack, coupled with the controlled pitching of Ace Mainwaring to take this one.

PENDER 6, GREENWOODS 5

Wednesday night

To open the playoffs, Pender edged the Rockers with a run in the bottom of the seventh.

Another softball tourney

Fulford Inn Salties are sponsoring another tournament this weekend.

The visiting teams are: Gibsons Cedar Inn from Gibson's Landing; Mayfair and Victoria Modular Homes from Victoria; King John's Hotel from Sooke, Village Green and Tshalem from Duncan, and Harvey's Sporting Goods and Sidney Hotel from Sidney.

Salt Spring has two teams competing in this tourney with an all-star team from the Ganges League as well as the Salties.

The first game will see the Ganges All-Stars meeting Mayfair at Fulford Ball Park on Friday evening at 6.30.

Early Saturday morning games are: Salties and Sidney Hotel at Fulford, 8.30; King John's Inn and Village Green at Little League, 8.30.

Anyone for tennis

BY IAN THOMSON

Galiano Lodge, with several other private courts was the venue for the third Annual Galiano Lodge Invitational Tennis Tournament.

Both Galiano and Salt Spring clubs fielded 12 teams of mixed doubles.

In the first round, Salt Spring all but swept the board, with ten of their pairs winning. Thereafter, many close games were played, and worthy of mention were three major upsets.

One couple, Elaine and John Olson, were responsible for two upsets in a row, first defeating one of Galiano's best, Rae and John Coates, and going on to defeat Salt Spring's Lee Lloyd and Don Hartwig.

The third upset came when unseeded Roz Truelove and Ian Thomson defeated Galiano's first seeded couple Bernie and John Noble.

Last year's defeated-finalists, Hazel Thomson and John Rains Reiner won all their games to reach the final again, and successfully defeated Truelove and Thomson to win the trophy. Other semifinalists were Galiano's MacDonald team, and Salt Spring's Wendy Smith and Toby Seward.

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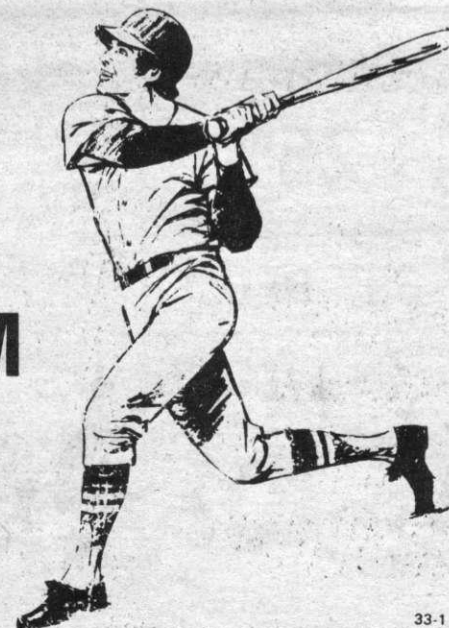
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