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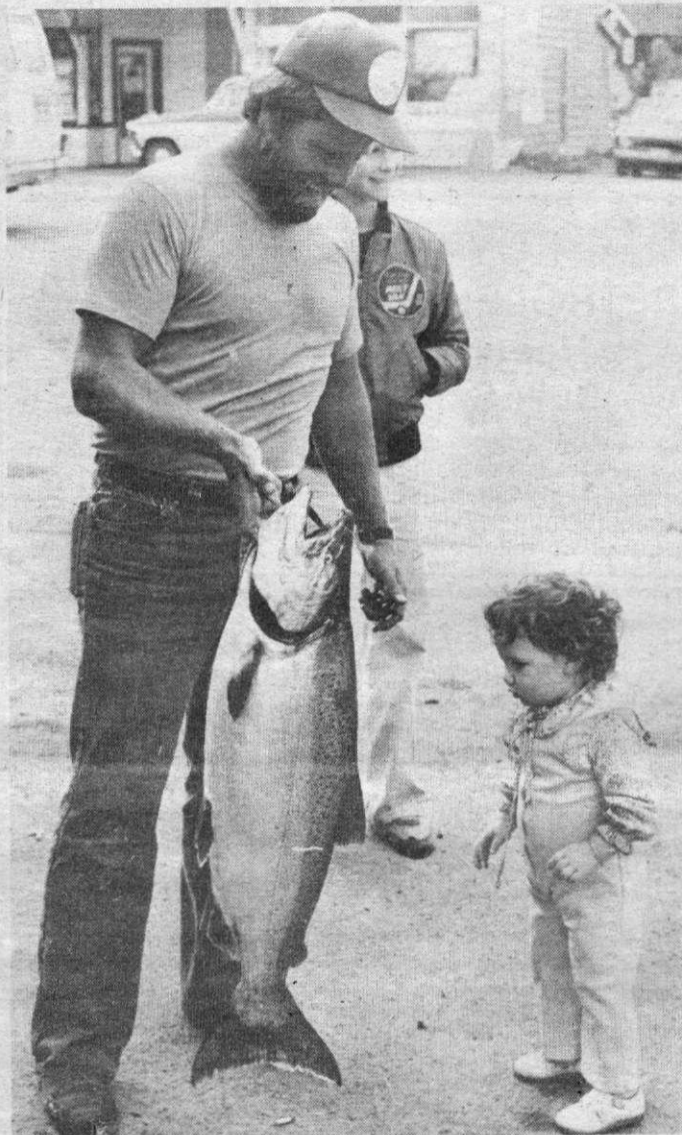
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Fishing derbies at two islands



Curious onlooker examines Bruce Fiander's salmon

Salt Spring Island sports fisherman Bruce Fiander won the Rotary Club fishing derby Saturday with a 20 lb., 15½ oz. salmon. Fiander took home a \$100 cash prize for his catch.

Second largest salmon weighed in at 9 lbs. and was caught by Bruce Hildred of Salt Spring, who was awarded a \$50 cash prize.

Bill deLong won \$25 for the largest cod, which weighed 14 lbs., 6oz. The \$400 draw prize was won by Marjorie Cade.

There were 14 salmon and five cod entered in the annual derby and a number of fishermen caught their limit, a derby organizer told *Driftwood*.

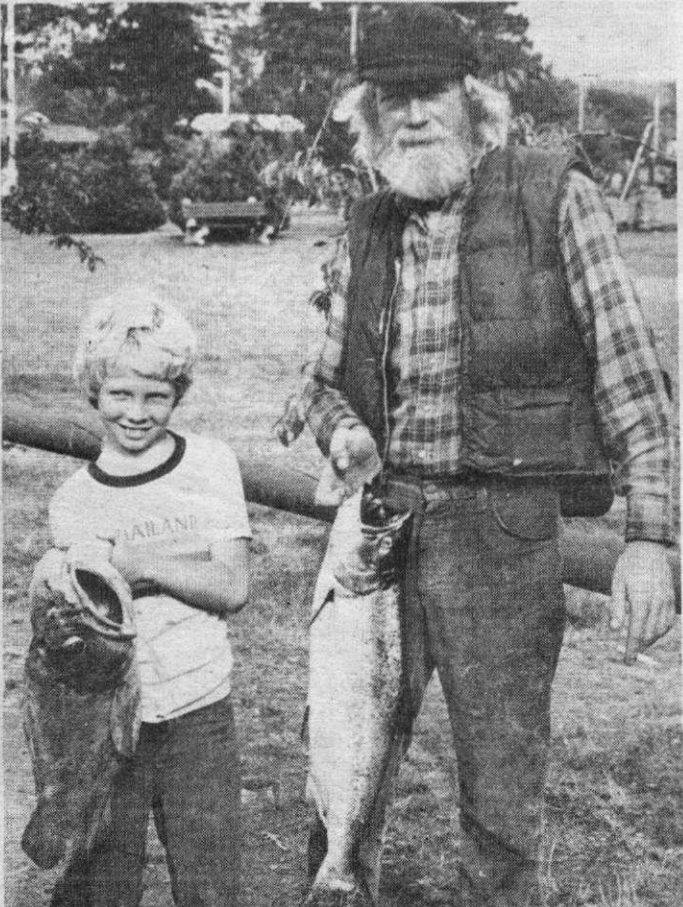
For Bruce Fiander, it was the third time this year that a derby-winning fish was caught from his boat. He took first prize in the Rod and Gun Club derby and in the Legion derby his sister-in-law, Daphne Mouat, caught the biggest salmon. In the same derby, Ian Shopland, who was also fishing on Fiander's boat, caught the second-largest salmon and Fiander caught the third-largest.

The Springwater Lodge on Mayne Island held its first annual salmon derby August 23 and 24.

The winning fish, 35 lbs., 12 oz. was caught by Ron Willick of Mayne Island who fished for over 10 hours in a 16-foot canoe. The Springwater was pleased to award him top spot along with a handmade Fenwick mooching rod, the organizers report.

The prizes were handed out after the weigh-in deadline at 1 pm Sunday, followed by a steak barbecue and corn roast on the lawn at the lodge.

Everyone who attended the festivities agreed that it was a tremendous beginning to what will become an annual event at the Springwater Lodge, *Driftwood* was told.



Bruce Hildred and son Silas show off their catch



Bill de Long with 14 lb. ling cod.

Back again to commission

Community Plan to be reviewed

The 14-month-old Salt Spring Island Community Plan is to be reviewed by the Advisory Planning Commission with a view to allowing scattered developments of high-density housing.

Decision to institute a revision of the plan was reached on Tuesday afternoon last week after the Trust committee declined to approve ad hoc changes in the plan to accommodate the rezoning plan of Mike Stacey for Rainbow Beach-Resort.

Trust egg ahead of Park hen

Which comes first, the recreation hen or the Island Trust egg?

Last week the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee promoted its zoning egg to first consideration.

Under debate was the rezoning of property at Mouat Park for a recreation complex.

The entire question will be considered as a referendum bylaw in November and the Trust was not eager to see a straw vote at a public hearing.

Despite the uncertainty, the committee agreed to call a public hearing in October to consider the change in zoning.

W.E. Delmonico announced, from the floor, that there was no call for rezoning. The property belongs to the government and therefore is above the local planning regulations, he asserted.

Committee decided to go ahead with the zoning proposal.

No change if it is not necessary

Septic tank absorption field must be at least 10 ft. back from tidal waters. This was outlined in a recent letter to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee from the assistant deputy minister of health Dr. H.M. Richards.

Section 2.16 of the sewage disposal regulations permits the medical health officer to require additional evidence from the applicant that the proposed system will not affect the quality of the water.

The Capital Regional Board, as a board of health, may also legislate to require a greater distance.

Capital Regional medical officer of health, Dr. A.S. Arneil has noted that there had been discussion of this setback in respect of one system at Ganges, but that he had no wish to impose tighter limits unless there was some evidence that they are needed.

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee examined the application for a third time when the report from the Advisory Planning Commission, once more, approved the development.

Development calls for the establishment of a senior citizens' housing project on the Booth Bay site of the resort. The meeting agreed that the island has a need for such accommodation and that the specific proposal is pleasing and attractive.

The majority of the committee, however, held that the project is in conflict with the Salt Spring Island Community Plan.

Only Trustee David Lott challenged that ruling, holding out until the last that he could see no conflict.

The project would provide for 60 units on a 30-acre site, making for two units per acre. The surrounding land is restricted to one unit on five acres. Plea of the owner of the resort is based on the fact that the property is currently zoned C4 and that a resort is permitted a far greater density, even than the visualized two units to the acre.

COMMISSION KNEW IT

At its last meeting the advisory planning commission had recommended that the application be approved. It had added the statement that, "The Commission is aware that approval of the application may necessitate amendment to

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Transit issue remains

The transit issue is not dead.

Regional Director Yvette Valcourt, of Salt Spring Island, told *Driftwood* on Monday that she plans to ask the Capital Regional Board next week to approve legal counsel for the islanders in their fight against the transit levy. The motion to be presented at next week's board meeting will ask for legal advice on behalf of all islanders.

"I feel that the chairman has ruled on points of law," said the Salt Spring director, "and we need some clarification."

"Transit is not a dead issue, yet," she added. "We haven't given up!"

Commission to review Community Plan

From Page One
the Salt Spring Island Community Plan."

Planner Dean Strongitharm warned the committee that the proposal is in conflict with the land use pattern developed in the Community Plan for the island and that an amendment to the plan would be required to allow for "comprehensive development districts".

It could not proceed without amendment to the Community Plan, agreed Chairman John Rich. "If it is to be amended," he warned his colleagues, "it is important that it not be a matter of simply changing a couple of phrases to meet just one applicant."

David Lott was the only member of the committee to endorse the project.

"I seem to be the odd man out on this," he told his colleagues. "I take issue with the chairman that it is contrary to the community plan. It's a debatable question."

In any case, community plans are not etched in stone, he urged.

BALDERDASH

He referred to a letter from Mike Larmour, a former trustee, as "ethereal balderdash". Larmour's letter, published elsewhere in this issue, called attention to the hazard of groundwater and the certainty that the North Salt Spring Waterworks District would not be in a position to supply water should the groundwater fail.

He urged that the application go to a public hearing.

He has no argument about the proposal or the service it would provide, said Gordon Wallace.

"Only thing that bothers me is whether this is the best place for it."

He called for some study as to whether this is the right place for such a project and not simply because someone asks for it.

He also agreed that the community plan is not a stoneworks.

"But I think 14 months of the community plan is not long enough to know whether all the work that went into it was good work or bad."

NO AD HOC CHANGES

He emphasized that he is not in favour of ad hoc changes, or those changes introduced to effect one accommodation rather than to establish a pattern of overall development.

He also expressed misgivings over groundwater. On Pender Island a high-density land development had opened with seven wells,

each 400 ft. deep. They were all pumping some 20 gallons a minute or nearly 150 gallons a minute, altogether. Today, with the development only partly filled, they are down to 3 1/2 gallons a minute, said the Pender Island general trustee.

"Groundwater scares the heck out of me," he told the meeting.

The uncertainty of water and the call for ad hoc changes to the community plan after only 14 months leave him out of favour with the application, he concluded.

Chairman John Rich was prepared to see the matter discussed by a public hearing, but he asked what the hearing would consider. Would it enquire into this application? Or would it consider the need for a new policy and then recommend that policy?

If the proposal is to have a hearing to enquire into this proposal, then it is not in keeping with the purpose of a community plan, he warned the meeting: otherwise they might as well have a board acting on each application and allocating permits.

A PRINCIPLE

The planning commission would have to review the need for changes, said Wallace.

"We are not dealing with a specific situation, but a principle."

There is no zone in which such a development could be located, complained Lott. The committee can't go to a property owner and tell him that his land has been zoned for this purpose and would he go ahead and build it.

Compared with Ganges, the density was nothing, he added.

But it wasn't being compared with Ganges, countered the chairman.

A higher density is written into the plan where there is a sewer, stated Lott.

The planning commission had recommended that the plan be amended, reminded Planner Strongitharm.

"To accommodate this? Or generally?" asked Wallace.

The recommendation was not site-specific, replied the planner.

The community plan cannot be considered with only this application in mind, said Bud Kreissl. If it is to be amended, then the entire community plan should be considered.

"The plan took eight years. It is a compromise," he warned the committee.

SEEK GUIDANCE

The chairman recommended that the committee ask for more guid-

ance from the Advisory Planning Commission, the Trust staff and the public.

Lott still favoured a public hearing to consider the application and nothing else. A review of the plan could take another eight years, he feared.

The planning commission has asked for the amendment, noted Wallace, and therefore it should be investigated.

The meeting received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Booth commending the proposal and emphasizing the need for such accommodation on Salt Spring Island.

It also heard expressions of commendation of the Booth Bay proposal from neighbour Nonie Guthrie who has served on the planning commission and was associated with many of the early planning projects on the island.

The chairman repeated his suggestion that it be sent back to the planning commission and Lott expressed his fear of a long-drawn out enquiry.

"You are in favour of the application and the commission is in favour," said the chairman. "I can't see your fear of having it referred to the commission."

"As long as it doesn't get hung up," explained Lott.

Wallace didn't want an enquiry into the whole community plan, but he wants any change to be on principle and not specific. The commission must not ascertain simply how this particular situation might be accommodated, but what about others.

"We couldn't say yes to this and no to another beautiful five-acre lot."

"Would that be so terrible?"

asked David Lott.

The Advisory Planning Commission was asked to consider the effect of the application on the

Community Plan and how it would recommend changes in the plan in order that there might be a policy in future applications.

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To Be Frank by richards



I heard all about Bernie Reynolds and the fish that knocked him overboard, but it's a funny thing, he didn't tell me a word. The story, as I heard it, explains that Salt Spring's No. 1 fisherman was fishing in the Pass during the early hours one morning when he hooked a fish. He leaned over to boat the fish and lunged with his gaff, all geared for the weight of a very fair-sized salmon. He gaffed his fish like a veteran, but he lost his balance and went into the salt chuk. He was alone: it was early in the morning; his fishboat was slowly forging ahead and he was in the sea. Bernie wasn't laughing a bit at that moment. He started swimming towards his moving boat and caught one of his trolling lines. He climbed the line and managed to get aboard again. After he had recovered his breath and boat he retrieved the gaff with the fish still on it. And what massive spring had thrown him overboard? It was a six-pound salmon and just not worth swimming for!

There's no question but that Salt Spring has its fair share, and more, of thieves. There's no question, either, that, while most people object to being called thieves, those who indulge their fancies towards other people's property don't much care what you call them as long as you don't catch 'em. I have lost a fair list of possessions to thieves at different times, but for casual indifference to anyone but himself came the man who stole a garbage can from outside the office, after dumping its contents on the steps. I came to the only conclusion possible. He needed it more than we did and he's likely living in it right now. It's where he belongs, alright!

A few weeks ago I recounted the double coincidence of the two drivers associated with me who were involved in accidents. ICBC paid up handsomely for a heap of rusty metal and turned as mean as catwater when it came to paying for a construction machine. I learned a little more. The machine was insured for \$17,000. It was a total wreck, ruled the insurance assessors. The monopoly service then paid out \$12,000, instead of the agreed \$17,000 premium. They refused the owner permission to make a bid on the remnants and then did a quick reversal. Eventually they sold it for \$5,000. I'm told. In other words, they allowed the owner to believe that they accepted his valuation at \$17,000 and accepted premiums at that assessed value. When it came to the pinch, they would not honour the contract and reduced the ante by \$5,000. Then they sold the wreck for the same figure of \$5,000. The corporation saved a total of \$10,000 on the whole deal. And that sounds good for the people of British Columbia! But is it good? Wait until you have a claim! Maybe you will be gypped the same way! And, don't forget! It's a monopoly! It's high time the government got out of the insurance business altogether and handed it over to someone who can run it honestly and efficiently.

And on from insurance . . . There could be one claim less if the school district put up a stop sign at the Ganges school complex. I watch children and adults shoot out of the school grounds and across Rainbow Road without a thought to slowing down to see if anyone is coming. One day someone will slow down: too late.

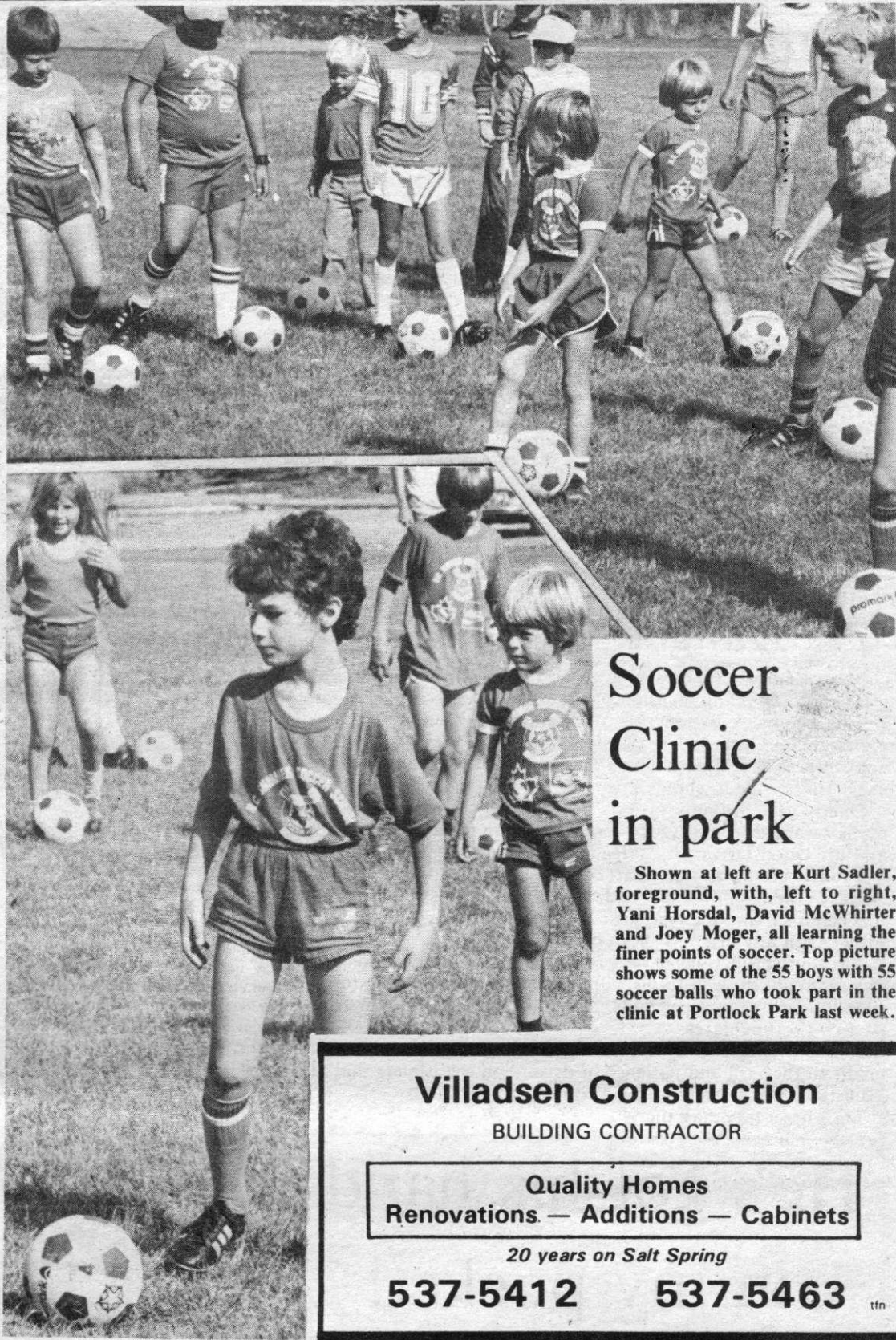
It wasn't my day. I drove towards Central and at the Canal Road junction I caught up with two cyclists. They were working hard and they rode happily side-by-side. I followed them at three or four miles per hour round two bends. At last I was past! I accelerated hard to get past two more cyclists before anything came in the opposite direction. As I reached No. 1 cyclist, he decided to turn left on Baker Road. The decision was made fast and he acted on it fast. It didn't leave him time to signal, I missed him. Same day I came up Lee's Hill, slowed down for the curve at the top and in my path was a cyclist riding round and round in circles. If they want to die, that's their problem, but why involve me in the death rites?

I'm so old I can remember when every other car on the street would have at least one tire showing the cord that bound it together.

I don't know now where it came from, although I can remember someone talking to me about it. I think. But it is undoubtedly scurrilous. And here it is:

Britain is made up of four nations.

- The Welsh, who pray on their knees, and prey on their neighbours.
- The Scots who keep the Sabbath and anything else they can lay their hands on.
- The Irish, who don't know what they want but they are willing to die for it.
- The English, who claim to be a race of self-made men, thereby relieving the Almighty of a dreadful responsibility.



Soccer Clinic in park

Shown at left are Kurt Sadler, foreground, with, left to right, Yani Horsdal, David McWhirter and Joey Moger, all learning the finer points of soccer. Top picture shows some of the 55 boys with 55 soccer balls who took part in the clinic at Portlock Park last week.

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Correction

Don't get *Driftwood* wrong! Some newspaper staffers can spell. In an announcement from Pender Island's Gold Star Cash and Carry last week, a hurried correction had been made on the press. The correction explained that the opening had been postponed.

"Opening postponed," read the message.

It was written by a printer eager to help at the last minute. He had several "N's" left over and gave *Driftwood* the lot.

Who is *Driftwood* to look a gift horse in the mouth?

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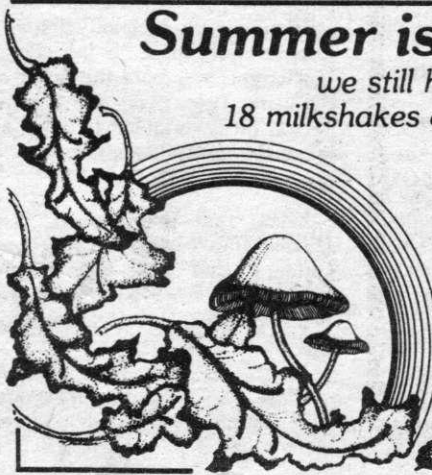
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Danger! Cyclists!

Many islanders are breathing a little more easily as the summer ends and the cycling invasion of the islands comes to an end.

This summer's experience of cycling has been a fearsome experience. Cyclists of all sizes, shapes, ages, sexes and appearances have descended on the unsuspecting islands and torn every traffic rule to shreds.

Daddy and Mummy cyclists have smiled tolerantly as Baby cyclists wander from verge to verge, confident that the Good Lord and the Good Driver will safeguard their offspring.

Cyclists use all and any part of the road. They ride in the left, right or centre of the road. They are almost completely undisciplined and many appear to be motivated by a death wish rather than any desire to keep on coming.

The tourist functions of the province and any other responsible agency might do well to discourage cyclists from coming to the islands, with their steep hills, sharp bends, blind corners and narrow thoroughfares.

It is surprising that none has been killed this summer and it is a credit to the skill and patience of drivers on the islands that all cyclists returned safely to their home riding grounds.

Let's hope they stay there!

He's got his hand in my pocket!

BY FRANK RICHARDS

On September 23, 1946, I was married. For the first and the last time I tied myself into a contract with no definite termination date.

It was a delightful ceremony. The priest said "Do you...?" and my wife said "We do!" And she's said it often ever since.

The event has significance because it has offended the Receiver General of Canada.

And you can tell he's pretty important by his name.

It all started in the spring when both Frank Richards and the former Barbara Woodhouse owed money to the R.G. of C.

The amount was calculated by a skilled accountant and duly paid, by cheque, to the avaricious R. G. of C. It was paid by one cheque.

"For better or for worse," intoned the officiating minister, 34 years ago. He sure called it! It was even more so than he guessed! In sickness and in health...

BROKEN OR FLUSH!

Broke or flush: they never thought of that one. Yet it's the biggest factor of all. You can keep a wife easily when you're flush. But when you're broke, that's when the bite comes.

But this bite came from the R.G. of C. His massive hand came in through the bedroom window and reached for my pants pocket, on the bedroom floor where my pants live when I'm not in them. And he put the bite on me alright. Then he reached for my wife's

purse on the dressing table. And as he was fiddling about in her money wallet, I had a brainwave. I slapped his wrist and made out a cheque for the two accounts. I told him that we lived together and ate together and banked together and that made it logical: and legal!

The R.G. of C. doesn't play that kind of game, though. After long enough to cash the big cheque, he sent a little cheque back to my wife, pointing out the overpayment. And he sent me a bill.

JUST TWO NUMBERS

The R.G. of C.'s young lady explained happily that where one cheque covers two payments, the two (evil!) social security numbers should be written on the cheque.

And that was that. We cashed one cheque and sent off another. But now the R.G. of C. is laughing. He's got me by the throat up against the barbed wire. And each month he lifts me up and drops me against the wire.

If he wins, he knows my estate will have to pay him off first.

So he now wants interest on the amount I owed.

He lost the cheque.

He sent it back to us and now he wants me to pay for his stupidity.

Every Canadian knows the R.G. of C. is a bandit. But that doesn't make him smart. It just makes him rich.

But couldn't somebody please, get his hand out of my pocket? It was his stupidity that led to the debt. Stick his hand in his own pocket! It's bigger than mine.

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Letters to the Editor

Breath-taking brilliance seen in Dawn Luker's performance

Sir,
Before the magic of "The Dream" fades, as fade it must in these anxious times, I would like to pay my tribute to the cast, crew and all concerned in the version of Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* which we saw last week.

I have seen this play more often than I can recall, and until last Tuesday, the most magical undoubtedly took place in the Open Air Theatre in London's Regent's Park. Leslie French was Puck, and he was generally acknowledged as the greatest "of our time" (whatever that means!) I've also seen Robert Helmman in the role, so I've had the privilege of seeing the finest.

However, none has held and thrilled me as the Puck of Dawn Luker and John Crawford. I have to include John's name, as it was partly due to his exciting of the "five rude mechanicals" which shifted the emphasis of the play, enabling Puck to shine with a brighter flame than usual.

But it was Dawn Luker's performance which raised Puck to another world of breath-taking brilliance.

We've long known the varied talents of Dawn Luker, and each new aspect leaves us gasping, but even I, who would believe her capable of almost anything - good, that is - am still incredulous. I saw, but I can scarcely believe!

I do not intend to detract from the other actors - they were all splendid, David Fitchew especially giving his best performance yet. The overall mounting of the play was superb, and the music deserves a special mention.

Reid Campbell, the composer and musical director, with his singers and instrumentalists, all provided an enthralling background, combining other-worldly sounds, Elizabethan and modern harmonies, in such a manner that even Mendelssohn would have applauded.

My sincere thanks to all this company, all the Madness company and The Salt Spring Players for another splendid season of Summer Theatre.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
R. R. 1, Ganges.
September 1, 1980.

New legislation

Sir,
May I use your facilities to pass along information recently received by my office, which I am sure, will be of interest to all War Veterans.

The following are abridged excerpts from recent Legislation passed by the Federal Government:

VVA and CWA recipients, effective July 1; there is an additional exemption for those receiving G.I.S. of \$35 per family.

Exempt casual earnings have been raised to \$2,100 single, and \$3,100 married.

By April 1986 all VVA and CWA recipients will receive the same level of support regardless of age.

It is no longer necessary for a veteran of W.W.I to have served for a minimum period of 365 days in the U.K. in order to qualify for VVA.

Exempt interest earnings have been increased to \$100 per year.

Funeral and burial expenses as provided by the Last Post Fund, Veterans' Burial Regulations and Section 33 of the Pension Act, have been increased to \$625.

Proportionate pensions for Widows and Dependents will be effective October 1 and with benefits introduced over a period of 6 1/2 years in accordance with a schedule which will see widows and children of 38% to 47% pensioners being the first to benefit. Pensions for survivors of the 33% to 37% group will be instituted on April 1, 1981, and a new group will become eligible on April of each year until 1986.

Unpaid pensions and allowances which are not held in trust by the department or the commission will form part of the pensioner's Estate.

The proportionate pension for Widows will be 50% of the pension at married rates in pay at the time of death.

Please note that the CPC will not be doing a general review of its files with respect to eligibility for the new benefits. To initiate action, it will be necessary that an application be submitted for the pensioner or dependent.

JACK POTHECARY,
Executive Secretary,
Branch 92, Royal Canadian Legion,
Ganges.
August 27, 1980.

A number of people helped

Sir,
I would greatly appreciate it if you would publish the following letter of appreciation from the Lions Club.

All the residents of Salt Spring Island will join me in their appreciation of the attractive sign erected at Portlock Park. It may not be generally appreciated that quite a number of people had a hand in its construction and erection - first and foremost of these being Peter Cartwright, who bore the brunt of the work. Pete, being the kind of person he is, is quick to acknowledge the assistance given him by the following persons:

Lions, Don Cunningham, Don Cairns, Bob Nicholson, Ron McQuiggan and two boys, Kent Villadsen, Ken Stevens, Stan Sage, Bruce Fiander, Bob Hele and Joe Bossio.

Non-Lions, Mrs. John Phillips, Victoria, B.C. donated rocks; Mr. Rolf Dammel, Ganges donated cedar log; Mr. Charlie Byron,

Ganges, donated backhoe and time; Mr. Cam Cartwright, Ganges, donated welding and cement mixing.

Our sincere thanks to all of these, and congratulations for an outstanding job of "Good Neighbour" activity.

F.B. BROOKBANKS,
Past President,
Salt Spring Island Lions Club
August 27, 1980.

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

Little benefit seen in plant breeders' rights legislation

BY JIM MANLY, MP

In the fall, parliament will study Bill C-32, Plant Breeders' Rights legislation, which was introduced this spring by Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan.

This legislation would allow a plant breeder, or more likely his or her company, to patent new varieties of seeds which are distinct, uniform and stable, and then collect a royalty on the sale of the seeds.

Although until recently this has been somewhat of a sleeper issue, and has not received much coverage from the media, it is now being hotly debated across the country.

I have received letters from concerned constituents from across the riding:

"I write because of the concern I feel over the introduction of Plant Breeders' Rights legislation. This legislation comes at a time of steady takeovers of domestic seed companies by agrichemical interests. The world's largest seed company is now Royal Dutch/Shell-Oil."

FULL OF CHEMICALS

"This issue should be of concern to each of us due to the fact that we all have to eat and will be forced to eat only what someone else says we can and it will be full of chemicals..."

"Please take note that I am definitely opposed to any seed patents, now or at any other time."

Both Conservatives and Liberals are in support of the bill. We in the NDP strongly oppose the legislation and feel that the fears our constituents have expressed in our constituents have expressed in their letters are justified.

Plant breeders will collect royalties on the sale of patented seeds.

Farmers and gardeners who now do not have to pay royalties will be forced to pay higher prices for seed. In the United States, following the implementation of breeders' rights legislation, the cost of seed rose by 150% between 1972-77.

LEAD TO TAKEOVER

Pat Mooney, author of *Seeds of the Earth*, in strongly criticizing breeders' rights, says the legislation would lead to a takeover of Canadian seed companies by foreign-owned petrochemical and pharmaceutical firms, such as Royal Dutch Shell, Ciba-Geigy, Monsanto, Celanese Corporation, Pfizer, Union Carbide and Purex. The priority of these companies will be to breed seeds which are dependent on the chemicals and artificial fertilizers they produce.

According to the British experience, the week in which plant patent legislation was passed, Rank-Hovis-McDougall bought out 84 seed retailing companies. In Canada, we are not far from this type of takeover, with the recent buying out of a number of small Canadian seed companies by major international firms.

Plant Breeders' rights also contribute to genetic erosion. Commercial enterprises, regarding traditional seed varieties as "competitors" to their own patented varieties, would view their disappearance as profitable.

DOMINATE PRODUCTION

As a result, instead of a large variation in the genetic make-up of a particular crop, a commercial entity could have exclusive possession of one or two varieties which would completely dominate production and leave us highly vulnerable to epidemics of disease or adverse weather conditions. This could lead to severe crop losses and

a long-term world food shortage problem.

This is especially true in the Third World, where new Green Revolution seed varieties, heavily dependent on fertilizers and pesticides, have been introduced. In 1974, as a result of fertilizer shortages, there was a heavy loss of the petrochemical-dependent crops.

Proponents of the legislation claim that it simply turns a public responsibility over to a private sector, thereby stimulating plant breeding research. Public research institutions, in fact, declined in the U.S. following breeders legislation, and there was a trend away from the development of "new varieties" towards "basic research".

REDUCTION IN FUNDING

The shift in responsibility and resources for plant breeding from government to corporate sources will be paralleled by a reduction in government funding for research. The role presently held by competent government plant breeders to develop and protect seeds will diminish and then eventually be transferred to corporate breeders.

Farmers, small seed dealers, consumers and home gardeners will all feel the effects of legal control over seed production. For each one of us, big business control will mean different things: higher seed prices because of lack of competition; increased costs because of artificial chemical dependencies; lack of consumer choice and traditional quality as marketing characteristics are given priority; and fewer choices in variety of seeds, as some varieties become unavailable.

For all these reasons, seed patent legislation is a law Canadian agriculture can ill afford.

The Anarchist

Scuttlebutt

Random rumour, working its way through the fabric of the local scene, is becoming more interesting by the week. Not, you must understand, that this column would ever sink to the level of mere gossip, but when Public Affairs are, in the main, in the hands of opportunists and political deadbeats, then official comments are probably distorted, meaningless or worse, so we must pursue the course of current events without benefit of the requisite quotes from authorized persons.

It seems from all available data that the Sewer Alternatives Committee has pursued one alternative to a logical conclusion and severed any connection with the regional director. Apparently the lady's contribution to the problem added more waste matter than any disposal or treatment system known to man could cope with.

Following this cheerful development, it apparently occurred to someone to check in person with the Lords of Lower Town as to whether they would assist the committee in its effort to find an acceptable alternative system and in the meantime put a stop to the Four Million Dollar Mistake.

Lo and behold, both parties found major areas of agreement, and there is now for the first time in a long while a genuine majority consensus to find a satisfactory technical solution at a reasonable cost to

the community. Without the quantity of political effluent contributed by the regional director, who knows, it may be possible to solve the problem at one-tenth the cost.

Speaking of the contribution of the Elected Ones, let it be known that once again the Local Member maintained his significant absence of word or deed. It could have been he who got people together by merely suggesting the idea, but when you are a political zero of the type personified by Our Hughie, then you are forever frightened to say anything when there is a division among the peasants, and so you continue to study and play the role of Political Wife:

- Never suggest Policy.
- Always wear clean clothes.
- Avoid all controversy.
- Smile a lot.
- Remember people's names (including your own).
- Open Bazaars, serve Tea and turn on Sprinklers.
- Worship daily at the Shrine of the Uninformed Ballot.

By way of a mental mouthwash to get Hughie out of our collective psyche, let's conclude on a constructive note. The latest word from the rumour mill has it that the Sewer Alternatives Committee indeed instructed their lawyer to proceed with an action designed to prevent the government from proceeding with the Four Million Dollar Mistake, and the matter is scheduled for an early court hearing.

Hoo-bloody-ray!

The Islands Trust is an Orphan



Tony Richards

THERE'S A LOT TO BE SAID for the different groups that have been springing up in recent years, which have been formed to examine environmental issues or to protest some of society's many evils. But on the other hand, insufficient care is taken by many of those groups to ensure that their information is correct. And the dissemination of any information which is false is detrimental to any cause.

An example is a press release from the Vancouver group, Women's Action on Occupational Health. There is little doubt that these people are justified in many of their concerns but their efforts will be a dismal failure if they can't get their facts straight.

The release observes that the group has "learned that serious problems for office workers" include, among other things, low-level radiation from word-processing machines.

We happen to have such a machine and consequently I have read with interest any information relating to radiation emissions from them. And as far as I can gather there is not, at the moment anyway, any cause for alarm.

The release goes on to say that employers don't care about health and safety. It would have been better if the writer of the release had said "many" or "some" employers don't care.

"For the sake of higher profits, employers prefer to replace injured workers rather than spend money to make the workplace safe," is the next statement.

For me, the women's action group lost a lot of credibility by saying that.

But it is not dissimilar to many other protest groups, in that statements or releases issued by them are based on emotionalism, not fact. It is

unfortunate, because there are many wrongs today which warrant protest.

MY HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH let me down in this space last week, when I mistook the dollar for a feminine object. I had intended to check a dollar bill to make sure the gender was correct and, of course, never got around to it.

And on top of that, I ignored the old maxim: If in doubt, leave it out.

WITH 68 newspaper pages laid out in the back shop this week, we'll be lucky if we get through the week without some serious blunders.

Len Creed's *Motorcycle Magazine* will appear on newsstands next week, as soon as we get the ads straightened out.

On Monday afternoon, a display ad for Bangert & Van Meel was discovered on Page 17 of *Motorcycle Magazine*. So if Wilf and Jos get a bill from Len Creed, it'll be because their ad somehow managed to get back into the wrong paper.

IT'S UNLIKELY that it was a case of legionnaire's disease. It was probably just a poor memory on the part of at least one member of the Salt Spring Legion branch that resulted in an advertising order failing to reach our office in time.

So here's the announcement: the Legion Action Auction will take place Saturday at the Legion Hall in Ganges at 11 am. Among the items to be auctioned will be furniture and power tools, including a table saw and a lathe. Prospective bidders may have a look at the goods Friday evening and Saturday morning.

In the newspaper business, a poor memory is a disease to be avoided at all costs.

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Density Areas

Don't interfere with Community Plan!

Former Salt Spring Island local trustee and a veteran island planner, Mike Larmour submitted his opinion on the Rainbow Road development proposal to the chairman of the Islands Trust last week. Larmour is also superintendent of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District. This is his submission heard at last week's committee meeting.

The proposed rezoning of Rainbow Beach Resort property is of great concern for two reasons.

It is contrary to both the general philosophy and the specific requirements of the community plan.

The establishment of a density area outside those defined in the community plan establishes a precedent that would lead to the eventual destruction of the community plan.

There is a strong desire on the part of the islanders to preserve and protect, as much as possible, the unique and beautiful qualities of the islands. Similarly, the provincial government, through the establishment of the Islands Trust, has recognized a need for protection not normally available in communities.

CONTROLLED DEVELOPMENT

The Salt Spring Island Community plan, through both total population limitations and control over the distribution and type of development, is attempting to ensure that much of the island remains rural or semi-rural in nature.

Only if we can keep population densities very low over most of the island is there some hope of achieving some of the most important goals of the community plan.

These goals include, the preservation of the island's rural, unspoiled character, natural beauty and views and the protection of its foreshores and surrounding waters. The conservation of agricultural and forest land is important, as is the maintenance of a healthful environment and the provision of services essential to the health and welfare of residents and visitors.

Central to the community plan is the establishment of moderate density areas at Ganges, Fulford and Vesuvius with one-acre average lots based on community water and septic tank disposal of sewage.

Higher population densities, such as apartments, would be permitted adjacent to these areas only on the installation of sewers.

MANY REASONS

There are many reasons for the establishment of density areas at, and only at Ganges, Vesuvius and Fulford.

These areas are already partly developed, with some residential and commercial areas. They are served by community water systems with assured sources of supply.

Ganges already contains the major amount of services available on the island, schools, hospital, stores, library, doctors, dentists, garages, banks, post office and fire hall, to name a few.

It seems logical to encourage people to live immediately adjacent to these services in the interest of convenience, economy and to retain the rural character of the rest of the island.

CONSEQUENCES

The undesirable consequences of throwing much of the rural area of the island open to possible dense development will be many and far reaching:

Suburban sprawl

Small areas of dense development scattered throughout the island will have a tendency to grow in the absence of any well defined limiting rationale and spread out along the roads in a form of suburban sprawl.

Protection of especially beautiful, fragile or environmentally important areas.

The provision in the Community Plan for denser development at Ganges, Fulford and Vesuvius and its rejection of this type of development elsewhere is intended to steer development away from many of the more beautiful, fragile and environmentally important areas of the Island, some of which were identified in the Nature Conservancy study.

If we reject this aspect of the Community Plan these areas will become prime targets for development.

Impact on agricultural land

The Gulf Islands lost half their farm land between 1951 and 1971 and the islands are now net importers of food instead of exporters.

This is of concern in a world with 80 million more people to feed each year and uncertainties about future food supplies.

Speculation on farm land was a major factor in the loss of this farm land - land was subdivided, land prices were forced up so that farmers could not enlarge their farms and conflicts arose between farming and residential uses.

Although the proclamation of the Land Commission Act in 1973 slowed the loss of farm land, speculative pressures remain and will be greatly intensified if density development is allowed outside the existing village areas.

Cost of servicing

Density areas scattered throughout the island will demand greatly expanded servicing and result in higher taxes or user charges. Services that would be most affected include schools, water supply, road construction and maintenance and fire protection.

Higher taxes in turn force the subdivision of large parcels of land, leading to further loss of the very qualities we wish to preserve on the island.

If the projected population of Ganges (2500 people) was scattered throughout the island in small density areas a large increase in automobile use is to be expected. If only a quarter of these people drove an average of six miles per day the total mileage would be 3,600 miles per day.

The alternative of bus transportation may not be practical or convenient for small density areas.

Water

Groundwater represents a risky source of water - numerous failures have occurred on the island despite testing. Groundwater sources cannot be licensed and therefore there is no guarantee of continuity of supply.

Therefore, it is imperative that the density areas be served by community systems as detailed in the community plan.

Finally, density areas are specifically not allowed on the island under the Community Plan, except when sewered and then only close to Ganges, Fulford and Vesuvius. (Section 2, Salt Spring Island Community Plan.)

I respectfully suggest that the

interests of the islanders and the province as a whole will be best served by the retention of the

Community plan, and I urge that density areas not be allowed outside those defined in the plan.



There's nothing wrong with parking a wheel. But the cyclist who parked this bicycle not only restricted parking outside the busy

Ganges Post Office, but, indirectly, caused a series of traffic hold-ups. Cars parked alongside the cycle further reduced the narrow roadway.

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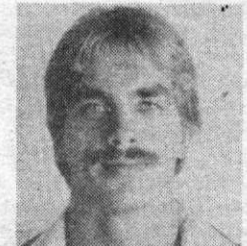
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Successful soccer clinic involves 55 players here

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Success in sports can be measured by several factors, something that last week's soccer clinic at Portlock Park proved. Winning and numbers participating are two very obvious factors reflecting success but the week-long clinic brought out a couple more.

The 55 soccer players participating left the field on the last day, smiling and happy. Their happiness reflected their enjoyment of the five-day learning experience, but more importantly reflected the success of the clinic to our association, because sports should be fun and by the results it certainly was.

Another factor reflecting success involved the skill-testing done in the clinic. Five separate skills were tested on the first and fifth days. The results are broken into levels gold, silver, bronze and participation with badges given out in the first three levels.

Overall, the skills improved over the five-day clinic but even more surprisingly, Salt Spring's players received 33 badges, which was the highest single week total over the summer on Vancouver Island. This result shows that Salt Spring's soccer players have very high skill levels, attesting to the very successful soccer program on our island.

FINE GROUP OF INSTRUCTORS

Certainly the clinic was a very

rewarding experience for the players and spectators alike but the tribute must go to the fine group of instructors, David Keith, Simon Keith and Carlo Legg, who ran a very informative and fun-filled five days of soccer enjoyment.

The Salt Spring Soccer Association would also like to thank the Coca-Cola company for the balls, Safeway for the T-shirts and the B.C.S.A. for their support and endorsement.

During the same week, but in the evenings, Keith was holding a coaches' clinic, involving our coaches, managers and our senior men's team.

Dave gave a basic level of instruction to the participants, involving different methods of warm-ups, skill improvement, team play and scrimmaging. Unfortunately, Dave became ill on Friday and the last session was not completed. In order for the participants to become certified the last session is necessary and hopefully will be completed this Friday, 6 pm at Portlock Park.

CASTAWAYS TOURNAMENT

Salt Spring Blues, 2;
Castaways, 2
Salt Spring Blues, 2; Port Alberni, 4
Salt Spring Blues, 0;
Squamish, 1.

Our local men's team travelled off-island for the first time this

season to play in the Castaways Tournament, and although the team failed to win any games, the games were very encouraging.

You are probably asking how can two losses and a tie be encouraging? Well, one must take into consideration the opposition to get the whole picture. The Blues play fifth division men's and are made up half and half of men and juvenile players. Their opponents came from a much higher calibre of soccer as the Castaways play in Division 2 men's in Victoria (last year were in Premier Division), Port Alberni are Division 4 Victoria and Squamish are Division 2 Vancouver.

Taking this into consideration you soon realize the team put up a very competitive battle against all three opponents and should comprise a formidable opponent for anyone playing them in Division 5 this season.

The Blues' goals came from Ysa Mach with two, Julian Valcourt and Gary Hartwig, but a lot of spade work was done by the rest of the team. David Toynbee, Wayne Taylor, Trevor Tamboline, Alan Webb, Nick Berclough, this writer, Mike Testart, Mark Hughes, Ron Hatch and John Stevens.

If you have not registered yet, get cracking because the longer you wait the longer it takes us to get our leagues going.

One big problem faces us this season and that is finding enough coaches for the many teams we have in our association. To date our line-up is as follows: Salt Spring Blues (men's), Jim Bradford; Salt Spring Kicks (Division 3), Mel Coates; Salt Spring Selects (Division 4), no coach; Salt Spring Strikers (Division 5), Strick Aust; Salt Spring Sting (?) (Division 6), Ed Davis; Intra-island senior (four teams), Malcolm Legg, Chuck Nelson; Intra-island junior (three teams), Allan Hardie; Girls' league no coaches.

Quite obviously we are deficient in many areas although we have a strong nucleus of coaches. In order for the players to be able to compete in and learn the game of soccer coaches are a necessity.

Should you be interested, whether you have any qualifications or not, you are certainly welcome. Our association gives training guides and assistance for the beginner. The main thing is that the kids have the chance to play under some leadership. Why not become a part of our family? Call Malcolm Legg, 537-5870, or Strick Aust, 537-9386.

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Construction gets under way on Health Care Centre at Pender

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The Pender Islands Health Care Centre is now on the way to completion after many months of planning and hard work by Lions Club members in the preparation stages.

The building will be called the Bishop Coleman Memorial Health Care Centre, in memory of Bishop Michael Edward Coleman, who served North and South Pender Islands as vicar from 1960 until his death in 1969.

One of Bishop Coleman's fondest dreams was for a building on the islands for use by a doctor. In his day, the Penders were served

by doctors travelling from Salt Spring and using the homes of individual residents who donated the space. Now his dream is to become a reality.

On August 21 the cement was poured for the foundations. To date the work has all been done by volunteers and it is hoped that volunteer labour can be used to the lock-up stage.

Hardie Ruckheim, Don Grimmer, Hugh England, Louis Hammer, Ken Henderson, Bill Norton, Vern Roddick, Warren Lane and Phillip King were all working together the day the foundations were laid.

Other volunteers have been John Howell, Tim Appleby, Gordon Wallace, Art Lambeth and Eric Forbes. Horst Klein will install the well pump. Ladi Holovsky has done the architects work and Bill Robson contributed by supplying the working drawings.

Since the building is a total

community effort, those wishing to contribute voluntary work should contact Gordon Wallace at 629-3382. Those wishing to make an income tax deductible gift for construction or equipment should send contributions to Stewart Corbett, Health Care Society, R.R.1, Pender Island.

The Lions Club of the Penders, with the help of a contribution from the Lottery Fund, has been instrumental in spear-heading the construction and will continue to do so until the building is functioning successfully. It will then be turned over to the Pender Islands Health Care Society.



Championship tennis players

Participants in the 1980 junior tennis championships at Salt Spring Island. Winners were Kevin Kline, far left, and Graham Lee, third from left.

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Experiences have brought home the psychic value of work

By the time you read this, I will have re-entered the work force! And my joy at the prospect reinforces my earlier enthusiasm for the current Ten Days theme: Work is a Basic Human Right.

It was Rosemary Brown, M.L.A., addressing a women's group on Salt Spring Island, who reminded us (some had forgotten and some never knew) that "working women have always worked." That is, working class women.

We pride ourselves in Canada on living in a classless society, but, like many other myths, that one exists only in our hearts. Like Rosemary Brown, I come from a long line of working women, and when I married, almost 20 years ago, I had no thought of quitting work. It's a purely middle class invention that husbands "keep" wives at home. To us working class women, that smacks of worse than chauvinism! "Kept woman" was never a term of approbation!

My grandmother worked since she left school at the age of 12; my mother from the age of 14, when she came to Canada, and I had worked since leaving school at 16. **WOULD HAVE TO STAY HOME.**

When the Family and Childrens' Service in Victoria told us I would have to stay at home before we could adopt a child, and that such child must have its own bedroom (there's another middle class concept!) we found a house large enough to permit me to take in "boarders", one way I could contribute to the family income while at home. This was eventually transmogrified into a group foster home which administered the coup de grace to our life in Victoria and my desire to share our home with other people!

Our love affair with Salt Spring Island began early in 1970, and ever since our two children have been old enough for school I have been trying to get back into the work force, partly to relieve my guilt that my husband works his butt off trying to keep four people on one income. I have succeeded from time to time, but my experiences have brought home to me the psychic value of work, apart from the money involved.

TREMENDOUS DAMAGE

I have also learned the tremendous damage inflicted by employers who don't answer applications; don't bother to interview applicants, and employ people for their face value rather than their experience and qualifications, which are usually the only things stressed in job descriptions!

I have experienced the frustrations, and I know a good deal about the inequities and injustices perpetrated by the system, on the unwilling unemployed.

So, wish me well as I take on the little insurance office next to the newsstand in the Upper Village! (I won't give them a direct commercial, but I can't resist telling you they echo my favorite gospel hymn: "Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?")

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More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

An understanding employer has agreed that I shall have the time off for school board meetings, so although I will have to give up some committee work, when it entails afternoon meetings, I will still be able to fulfill my duties as a school trustee. (And this column, of course, will continue at the editor's pleasure!)

HIGHLY CRITICAL

I was sent a clipping from the *Vancouver Sun*, which was highly critical of the shortcomings of the political and economic machinery in Tanzania. I wonder what an African observer would make of our present day situation in Canada? Or in British Columbia, for that matter!

What would the Fathers of Confederation have to say about the inter-province wrangling, the language barriers, the talks of secession? Would they be able to conclude that, although we have fallen far short of their goals, our heads of state are still held in respect as high-minded, self-denying and incorruptible?

Xan Smiley, reporting for *The London Observer*, says:

"All institutions fall under government and party control. The press simply reflects government thinking, and some editorials in the main paper, *The Daily News*, are actually written in State House."

WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

I wryly ask, "So what else is new?" Where does he think most editorials are dreamt up? They may be actually typed in a newspaper office, but they are influenced by the views of the publisher, tempered by the advertisers and ultimately controlled by the wishes of the multi-nationals.

Ask any editor of a metropolitan daily. If he's being honest (or if he's just been fired) he'll agree. In

the world of big business there is no such thing as independent thought or action, and any of the thousands of unemployed newspapermen and women in Canada will tell you that newspapers are big business, or they're out of business.

Salt Spring's best flowers at show


BY OPTIMIST

The Salt Spring Island Garden Club Gladiolus and Dahlia Show held on Saturday brought out Salt Spring's best flowers and the hall was transformed with breathtaking colour. Once again, Garden Club members won top awards. Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Shank won top honours, including grand aggregate, best two gladiolus spikes, Astro; Best three gladiolus and the Canadian Gladiolus Society grand championship with Viki Lin, Western Miss and Incomparable, also reserve champion gladiolus with Snow Basin.

The best lily exhibit was shown by Sue Mouat with Imperial Silver. In the dahlia section Mr. and Mrs. Shank took the grand champion award, Hamari Katrina and best two blooms with Salmon Rays, and best three blooms with Mary Jo. The best dahlia bloom was shown by L. Moore of Sidney, Ena McCabe, this was also highly commended. The best in the floral art section was awarded to Frances Wood.

In the novice section Fred Maybee took the best dahlia with two blooms of Nijinski and Frances Wood with the best Gladiolus spike. Jackpot. Award of special merit went to Aileen Teal with a beautiful basket of Mary Jo Dahlias.

The judges were impressed by the high standard of blooms on display and many thanks are due to helpers and organizers for a most rewarding show.



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Plants and mulch

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A lawn is a good alternative, but it also requires regular care and watering. And the watering can be a problem at times. Since Mrs. Chesnut has written a detailed account about the care and feeding of lawns I won't get into it, instead we will concentrate on groundcovers.

Any plant or shrub which grows fast and dense enough to crowd out weeds can be used effectively as a groundcover. The juniper is perhaps the most widely used evergreen groundcovering shrub. Make sure that you obtain fast growing and dense junipers like the Tamarix juniper, Shore juniper, Pfitzer juniper or Juniperus Repandens. These are best over soil.

Others, and there are many, of slow growing habit or of light and open growth, are better over rocks or sand and gravel, where weeds are not a problem.

FAST GROWING

So far, so good. So now we have some dense fast growing shrubbery, like the Tamarix juniper, which will cover ten feet of ground eventually.

So, we plant them 10 feet apart or 3 metres, as the case might be, and wait. The juniper usually, even the fast ones, take two years to make an extensive root system. Not much happening on top though during that time. But after two years it takes off at a most satisfying rate. During those initial years it is either weeding or mulch.

BARKMULCH
Barkmulch, again, is the most widely used groundcovering. It decomposes eventually and adds its organic content to the ground.

Another good groundcovering is sand and gravel. Both should be at least four inches deep to be effective. In the case of sand and gravel, two inches of sand under two inches of fine gravel works best. Sand and gravel drains water rapidly and weed seeds either don't germinate or exhaust themselves before reaching the life sustaining soil below.

In all cases, a thorough weeding before application is necessary.

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Removal of two to four inches of topsoil, before covering with mulch is very effective.

Barkmulch is not as hostile to windblown seeds and usually requires a light weeding now and then. Also, after about three years, barkmulch needs to be renewed or topped up. As sand and gravel does not decompose, renewal is only necessary if it becomes saturated with organic material. Another aspect in the choice between these two mulches, is that fallen leaves and twigs may be left on barkmulch, but distract from the appearance of a sand and gravel mulch. The choice then is more of an esthetic nature; one of harmony of the overall design.

SHADY PLACES

Barkmulch is very well suited to shady and semishady places with ferns and rhododendrons and other woodland shrubs and plants. These plants thrive in the loose, airy and moist conditions which leaves, needles and twigs provide in their natural forest habitat. Barkmulch duplicates these conditions and contributes greatly to the health of woodland plants.

Sand and gravel, interspersed with the odd rock, is a beautiful backdrop for junipers, santolina, mugho pines, creeping thyme and other sun loving plants and shrubs. It also contributes to the health and wellbeing of sun and heat accustomed shrubs.

A good alternative to barkmulch is rotten wood. If you know of an old tree which has rotted on the ground to a coarse, granular consistency, use it in the same manner as barkmulch. Just make sure it is not an old cedar; although if you don't want anything to grow at all for a long time, cedar wood is o.k.

THOSE SPACES

So, this leaves us with some shrubs, a mulch, and spaces in between. These spaces then are naturals for pockets of perennials or annuals, clusters of bulbs, which will grow readily even through a sand and gravel mulch, and other feature items, such as a border of succulents or primulas, a favourite piece of driftwood or a statue, ornament or birdbath.

All in all, the beauty of our surroundings is only limited by our imagination.

The combination of groundcovering shrubs and mulches will even allow the busiest among us to have a nice place, without being tied to a constant weeding schedule.

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KEN

Ken Perry is in his third year as a marine mechanic apprentice and worked at marinas on Vancouver Island before coming to Ganges Auto-Marine. He is also a qualified diver and does under-water boat repairs.



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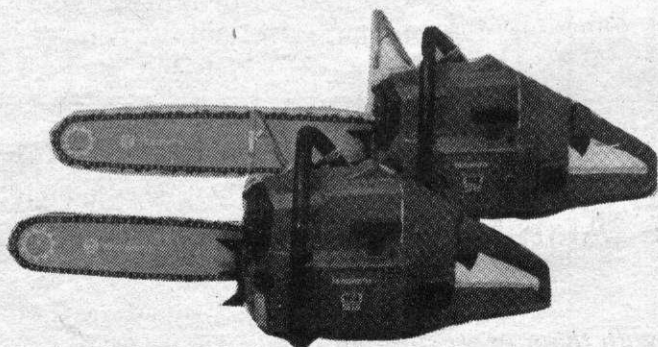
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Quality of flowers commended by judges

Quality was good and the number of exhibits at Saturday's flower show in Ganges impressed the judges.

Grant Wilson, editor of the Canadian Gladiolus Society's annual, is no stranger to the island. He was a judge at last year's show as well.

A recognized authority on gladioli, he is in constant demand as a judge of the blooms. Wilson is from White Rock.

Also judging the blooms was William Hooper, from North Vancouver.

His first thought was that in the flower section of the Pacific National Exhibition there were few competitors this year. The poor weather had hit hard at flower gardens.

In his own garden, he said, he has 900 plants, including 160 varieties, and he had nothing to put in the fair.

Hooper has grown, exhibited and judged flowers for the past 27 years.

Seen in the picture above are Hooper (left) and Wilson exami-



ning a beautiful example of gladiolus in the United Church Hall on Saturday.

On the right, a last-minute check is given by I.C. Shank as the doors open.

Local artist has work accepted

Salt Spring Island artist and craftsman Ron George has had a stained glass work accepted for an exhibition to run from September 29 to January 4 in Vancouver.

George's work was accepted out of 700 entries from all over B.C. and will be displayed in the *Made by Hand* exhibition in the Centennial Museum. The affair is staged under the auspices of the Craftsmen's Association of B.C.

Other work by the local artist can be seen at his studio in the Valcourt Centre.

DRIFTWOOD Classifieds GET RESULTS!

Articles turned in

Found items turned into Ganges RCMP this week include a black plastic motorcycle cowling inscribed with "KZ 900". It was turned in August 22 after being found on the Fulford-Ganges Road.

A pair of bifocals were handed in last Wednesday. They were found inside a leather case on the north side of the beach at Vesuvius Bay.

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Fire was out: and fire trucks were out as well

There was a fire alarm on Monday at Fulford. But there was no fire. At least, not for long.

Trucks from Ganges and Fulford fire halls attended the alarm from Beaver Point Road.

It was a chapter of errors. A camper was filling her burner with white gas, inside her tent. She used a candle to see what she was doing.

The gasoline fumes fell to the ground and reached the candle, to explode into flames.

The camper took one look and fled the scene. She ran to the office and reported the fire. The owner was not eager to call the fire department unless he was unable to handle it himself. He suggested that the camper wait a minute while he looked at it.

While he ran out of the office to see for himself, the unfortunate fire victim grabbed the phone and reported the fire.

The alarm was sounded and the

Fulford engine sped from its stall, while two Ganges units, including the heavy water tanker were sent on their way.

When he reached the tent he discovered that the flash fire had consumed the gasoline and then gone out. So he leisurely made his way back to the office, there to discover that an alarm had already been sounded. He spent the next few minutes frantically recalling the firemen.

Nobody was wrong, said a fireman on Tuesday.

There was a fire and the alarm was sounded. It was just fortunate it didn't amount to anything.

Better call for help than get burned, he said.



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