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Strong lighting in early morning scene

The sharp black and white effect drew the photographer's eye on Monday morning and this was the result.

Valcourt calls for additional vote on one-mill recreation levy

Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District continuing to raise by annual levy such funds not to exceed one half of one mill in order to meet the net cost attributable to the acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of community parks and are you also in favour of the Capital Regional District continuing to raise funds not to exceed one half of one mill to meet the annual net cost attributable to recreational programming within the boundaries

of the electoral area of Salt Spring Island?

Second recreation referendum as above, is to be presented on Salt Spring Island next month.

Last week the regional director for the island, Yvette Valcourt, introduced a bylaw to require a vote on the allocation of a half-mill for parks and a half-mill for recreation. Both half-mill levies have been in force for several years.

The municipal act provides for the vote of the regional director to

introduce and maintain these levies. Director Yvette Valcourt told *Driftwood* that she does not consider such a method to be democratic.

She stated that the taxpayers should be entitled to decide the matter and introduced the new vote.

The board had previously approved the recreation complex bylaw, at the request of the director who admitted that she would ask for its cancellation if she was not satisfied of various details.

At Galiano Island

New school possible if regulations change

Galiano Island may get a new school if efforts by a joint committee of school trustees and Galiano residents are successful.

At last week's meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board, a delegation of parents from Galiano was told that a proposed change in education ministry regulations could allow the construction of a school. At present school enrolment must be more than 60 before the ministry will allow a new school to be built.

Trustee John Zacharias recalled that the islands school district had

applied for permission to build an additional classroom at the aging school but was turned down by the ministry because enrolment stood at only 53. Subsequently, an architect advised that demolition of the building was not justified and that renovating it would be more feasible.

The sum of \$25,000 was allocated to renovations but, Zacharias noted, it had accomplished little to meet the needs of the school. He pointed out, though, that the roof had been repaired, some insulation had been installed, a wall had been rebuilt, fire exit doors were in the process of being put in and washrooms were to be upgraded during the Christmas holidays.

At that point, Zacharias told the delegation he was not trying to put them off.

BETTER PART

"I'm coming to the better part now."

He then recommended to the board that renovations to the building be completed, that plans for a covered play area be halted and that a joint committee be set up to make a presentation to the minister of education and possibly to the local member of the legislature.

That presentation would be an attempt to have the new school placed near the top of the list of priorities of the education ministry. It would be pointed out that Galiano School is lagging far behind other schools in this district, said Zacharias.

Work on the covered play area would stop in order that that facility could be replaced by an activity room. Zacharias said it was unlikely that the ministry would approve construction of both.

Finally, the Pender trustee told

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District gets 'run-around' on sewage proposal

The waste disposal problem at the Ganges school complex is to be put into the hands of a local contractor, who will then come up with plans for a septic tank and disposal field, it was decided last Wednesday by the Gulf Islands School Board.

Building and grounds committee chairman John Zacharias said the district had been given the "run-around" by the environment ministry when the latter was presented with an alternative proposal for waste disposal.

Following preparation of the plans by the contractor, who has yet to be named, the district will apply for a permit from the Capital Regional District, "and see what happens", Zacharias said.

'We're for change,' says party member

Party seeks new socio-economic system

A newcomer to the political scene in British Columbia, the Chameleon Party, will hold a convention November 8 and 9 at Shawnigan Lake.

The purpose of the convention is to lay out the principles of the new party, said local member Crowbird, who was a Rhinoceros candidate in the last federal election. The meeting is also intended to attract new membership.

The party's goals, as outlined in a circular obtained by *Driftwood*, revolve around the belief that a new socio-economic system needs to be developed, "with efficient distribution of needed goods, services and leisure to all, where people can use their creativity and skills in a socially fulfilling manner".

"Technology, driven by our present money-generating concepts, is an untamed beast with a gluttonous appetite for resources and energy. It spews toxicity from its every pore, while vomiting out products of doubtful merit, and leaving in its wake wasted environments, broken and diseased bodies, trampled hopes and wasted dreams."

LIABILITIES

The Chameleon Party believes that this society's wastes are liabilities to this and future generations. The money generated in the production of those wastes is a demand on resources "in an endless cycle of production, disposal and inflation".

A happier, harmonious society can be built, the party feels, where interest can

be revived in humanity's climb to greater ideals. Such a change would be in everyone's best interest, the circular says.

"Let's get on with the changing and have some fun doing it. When the work's all done let's shut the factory gates and celebrate."

The party also says that stress symptoms abound among people today, as seen by society's use of drugs and alcohol. The Chameleons point out that stress is seen as a defect in the individual rather than in the social structure.

NOT GETTING RICH

"We are not getting rich or meeting social needs by producing waste or stimulating a money economy. Instead, let's socially distribute society's products.

Then we can close the factories when social need is met, leaving resources for future generations and taking the pressure off the natural environment."

Crowbird told *Driftwood* that his party is not after power. He felt that a government body should be more concerned with administrating than wielding power.

He summed up his beliefs with the observation, "We're for change."

The party convention will be held at the George Pringle Camp at Shawnigan Lake and will feature a puppet theatre and musical entertainment, among other things.

Information can be obtained from Crowbird at 653-4647.

New school may be built at Galiano

From Page One

the meeting that a private audience would be requested with Education Minister Brian Smith when he visits Salt Spring October 24. The committee will make its presentation at that time.

Zacharias' announcement followed presentations by members of the Galiano parents' delegation.

Susan Friend outlined about 10 concerns over the 28-year-old school. She described the washrooms as "deplorable", saying they backed up all the time and created an unpleasant smell. There was nowhere for an ill child to lie down, no staff room, no covered play area (for which \$2,700 was raised by the community), no storage facilities and no library.

Her biggest concern was that the kindergarten, grades 1 and 2 classroom was overcrowded. She also noted that the newly installed fluorescent lights could be a health hazard.

LOW MORALE

Margaret Howell predicted that the effects of the "substandard facilities" would be reflected in low morale of students, and would eventually "turn the kids off to education".

It was hard to accept having to put up with an antiquated school when so much school tax money leaves the islands, she said, referring to the equalization tax.

Ann Hennessey spoke of safety concerns, of which the major one was the fire hazard. She said there was a 500-gallon oil tank in the unventilated basement, and children often played there in wet weather.

Fire exits were inadequate, she continued, and the plywood construction covered with numerous coats of paint could give off dangerously toxic fumes should it catch fire. The wiring was suspect too, she added.

OVER 60 BY 1982

In summing up the presentations, Sandy Riley said his group had done an enrolment survey which found that by 1982 the school's enrolment would exceed 60.

"But we can't wait until 1982 to build a new school... we want to start doing something now. In short, we want a new school."

At the conclusion of the discussion, the joint committee was named by board chairman Ivan Mouat.

It will include Galiano trustee Jim Ripley, who will serve as chairman, secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck, superintendent Bob Huestis, the board's buildings and grounds committee, the Galiano School principal and two members of the Galiano parents group. The district's consulting architect will be asked to work with them.

At Vesuvius

Sunk boat salvaged by skidder, fishboat

A skidder and a fishboat took part in a salvage operation at Vesuvius Bay Monday afternoon following the sinking of a 30-foot steel-hulled boat.

A skidder operated by island logger Jeff Rosser and Bruce Hildred's *Anna V. Fagan* together helped raise a boat owned by Jay Small after it sank at the Vesuvius ferry wharf. The boat became hung up on a bolt protruding from one of the pilings while the tide was rising.

Only the cabin roof was above water by the time the sinking was noticed.

It took over three hours to raise the boat and another hour and a half to pump it out. Volunteer firemen were called to the scene to assist in the operation.

Mother of the boat's owner, Mary Small, told *Driftwood* that the accident wouldn't have happened if local boat owners were permitted to make greater use of the government float in Vesuvius. There is a limit on the amount of time boats can tie up at the float, located adjacent to the ferry wharf.

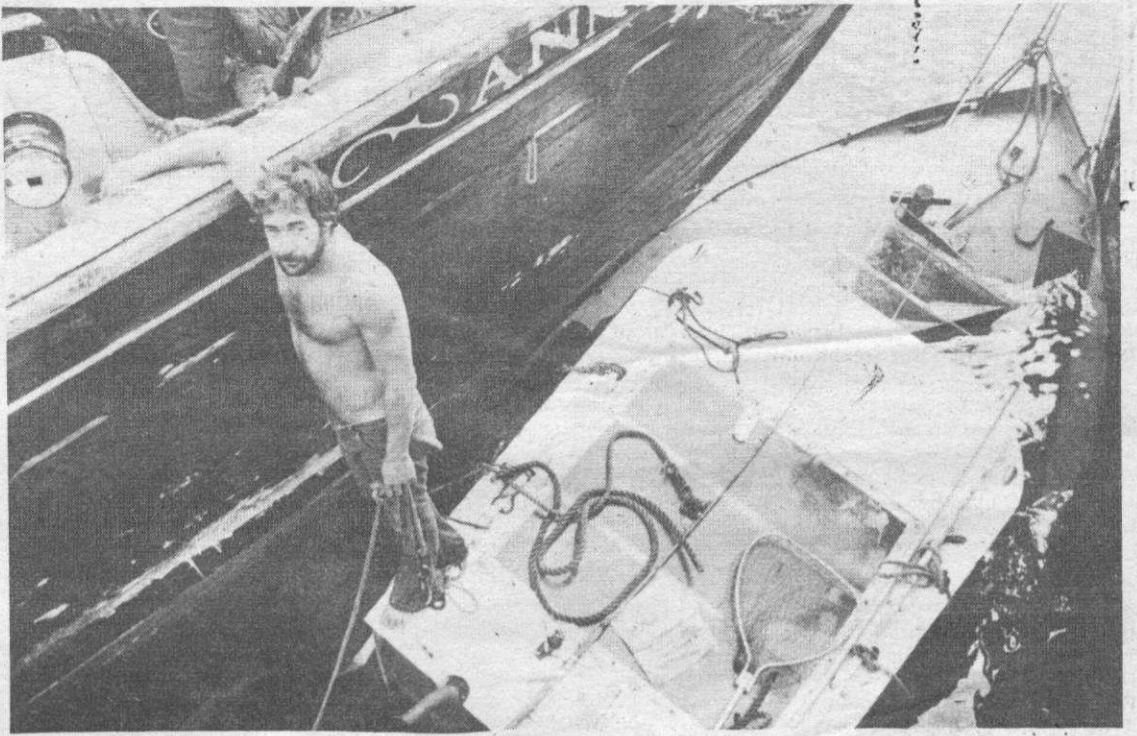


Photo taken looking down from Vesuvius wharf shows Peter Small, brother of the sunken boat's owner, assisting with salvage operation. Alongside is the *Anna V. Fagan*.

Apostles of Infinite Love

Religious sect seeks donations at Ganges

Two members of a group known as the Apostles of Infinite Love were on Salt Spring Island last week seeking donations from local residents.

Alice Turnbull of Pioneer Village told *Driftwood* that she called police after two "nuns" knocked on her door shortly before 9 pm last Tuesday. She said they were dressed in long, blue robes and wore large, white crosses.

Describing the two as "a little rude", she said they exchanged a few words before she shut the door and locked it. When she called the police, she said, they were unable to tell her anything about them.

Another Pioneer Village resident, Elsie Thacker, said the callers went to every house in Pioneer Village seeking donations.

"I didn't know anything about them so I didn't give them anything," she said.

Ganges resident Lydia Purser said they called in at the Thrift Shop the same day, again looking for donations.

Last week the head of the Apostles sect, Pere Jean Gregoire de la Trinite, failed in a bid to appeal a two-year prison sentence. He was found in contempt for detaining three children despite court orders that they be returned. Whereabouts of the children, of Hull, Que., are still unknown.

The two members who came to Salt Spring were reported to be from Duncan, where the sect is attempting to build a monastery on its 45-acre property.

However, the Cowichan Valley Regional District has already turned down a rezoning application and area residents have objected to the monastery being built.

A court injunction has been obtained by the CVRD to halt

work on the monastery. Construction went ahead despite rejection of the rezoning application.

The Apostles, a break-away

Catholic order, have since re-applied for a zoning change and the matter is under consideration by the regional district.

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It was a basic, fundamental principle, stated John Mika. All both of them?

The regional board is conducive to poetry. There can be a slip between the pen and the lip, observed North Saanich Alderman Harold Parrott.

A Stanley steam car is on display on a used car lot. It is immaculate. Is it a steam puff? Or a cream puffer?

Ain't one media good enough for me. And with all the medium around, why put up with it?

The mark of a writer is that his observations live to haunt him. The mark of a good writer is that he enjoys reviewing what he has written in the past. Funny thing is, I can't stand reading what I've written!

Two heads weren't better than one last week. John Rich was featured in a picture from the Pender Island discussion on the function of the Islands Trust. But the headline ran across the picture and obliterated his head. But for the benefit of the islanders who didn't attend that meeting John Rich is shown here. And someone might ask why is it in this particular column. That's because this particular columnist was the author of the disaster!



Heard from Pearl Brau the other day, from her new home in Westbank. Poor old school board is still having problems, commented the poor old former trustee. "I thought that after the middle schools on Mayne and Pender were built things would cool down," she wrote, "but I guess you can't please everyone!"

There is something illogical about this province and a friend has suggested the reason why. Did I ever consider the Arms of this province, he writes. They depict the sun setting in the wavy Pacific. And the motto is Splendor sine occasu: the glory that does not diminish!

No increase in sight

Prosperity keynote of chairman's report to Pioneer Village meeting

Prosperity was the keynote of the chairman's annual report at the Gulf Island Pioneer Village Society meeting last week.

The society administers the Lions Pioneer Village and is composed of active members of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club.

Chairman Fred Brookbanks reported that the year had closed with an increase in assets of more than \$4,004. Reserve funds amounted to \$22,000 and were drawing interest. Some of those funds are earmarked for specific projects, he noted, such as driveways and sewer connections, "if a sewer is ever installed," commented the speaker.

Book value of the buildings is \$239,175. This, stated Brookbanks, is far below their true value.

The first and biggest project ever undertaken by the island Lions Club is still operating successfully, from the economic standpoint as well as administratively, he told the members. Above all, it is operating very happily for the people who live there.

There is no immediate prospect of an increase in rent, noted the speaker, because it is operating at a surplus with rents at their present level.

LEFT A SURPLUS

"Our income from rent and interest covered our expenses," said the report, "and left a surplus of \$475, which compares with a loss of \$85 the previous year."

He also expressed his gratitude to the Auditor Les Linnitt and Secretary Sheila Ruppenthal.

Major overhaul of the buildings was undertaken in 1979, 12 years after their construction. Overhaul replaced some fabric which had deteriorated, but mainly provided a higher grade of materials where needed.

Tenants find a big difference in their comfort, reported Brookbanks, since the installation of additional insulation and double-glazed windows.

"We now have sufficient water heaters to make a complete replacement."

He thanked the late Jack Tomlinson and Bob Nicholson, particularly, for the hours they had devoted to electrical, carpentry and plumbing repairs.

Flowers and shrubs are being looked after by two tenants of the village, Frank Keough and Arthur Smith. The latter was master gardener at Kew Gardens, commented Brookbanks.

MORE APPLICANTS

Pioneer Village still has more applicants than accommodation. Since the opening of Greenwoods the average age of tenants has fallen. They are younger and more

active, commented the speaker.

He concluded: "I feel that this has been a constructive year for your society and your committee is proud of the results."

Election of officers followed the report and Brookbanks, Jan Harkema and Art Halfnights were re-elected. Len Larson was named to take the place of Jack Tomlinson.

Committee now includes, in addition to newly elected members, Stan Sage and Bob Nicholson.

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A poor record

A provincial ministry's method of dealing with the protection of watersheds shows clearly the present government's concern, or rather lack of it, for the environment.

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee requested that a moratorium be imposed on industrial activity in watershed areas as a protective measure until a study could be made. The committee is concerned that such activity could be jeopardizing water supplies.

But the environment ministry, in all its wisdom, does not share that concern. On one hand it says that it is generally accepted that activities such as logging and urbanization can be carried out in watersheds without jeopardizing the water supply. But on the other hand, the ministry feels that each watershed has to be assessed individually.

And then it goes on to say it cannot do that because of a heavy work load and limited resources.

Who, then, is to ensure that islands water supplies will be protected?

If the present government's record with environmental protection and resource management were not as poor as it is, then Premier Bennett's stand on bringing home the Canadian constitution would not be as abhorrent.

Lest they forget

School trustees must have short memories.

At last week's meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board, a course of action to deal with the Ganges schools' sewage was unveiled. But not a word was spoken to suggest that the school district tread carefully in the area of septic tank disposal systems.

Of course it's highly probable that the board is trying its best to forget its experiences with the installation of the disposal field at Fernwood School. But that experience should be treated as a lesson and not forgotten so quickly.

We look forward to seeing a remedy to the current situation where Ganges Harbour is used as a septic tank.

We don't, however, wish to see the school grounds dotted with excavations for months on end while engineers and contractors scratch their heads and debate the vagaries of septic tank operation.

Marauding sheep

Sir,

Can nothing be done about marauding sheep in St. Mary's Highlands? Is no dog safe?

It is our unfortunate experience to wake up every morning and find 20 to 50 sheep in our yard. They leave behind them a wake of destroyed garden, dead fruit trees, assaulted feed, and the need to watch every step you take.

As a concerned dog owner it has been our main purpose to contain our dog, to prevent him from ever

learning to chase sheep. It puts us and our dog in a very difficult position when the sheep camp on our doorstep.

You can be sure that were the position reversed our dog would be shot.

What is our option? Do we have the right to shoot marauding sheep?

J. W. LARSEN,
Box 936, Ganges.
October, 1980.

Humour award for headline

Sir,

Last week's sense of humour award has to go to the *Driftwood* staffer who titled the Page One article: "Public Servants" (strike halts island mail service, etc.)

Since when have we, the public, received any service from these boobs? While we pay through the

nose for these so-called services, we are being coldly and inefficiently dealt with (at best).

Perhaps those who advocate free enterprise alternatives aren't too far off base!

EDWARD ARMSTRONG,
R.R. 1, Ganges.
October 10, 1980.



Scenic view from Hundred Hills, Salt Spring Island

Letters to the Editor

Recreation centre gives Salt Spring Island a chance to lead way in caring, sharing

Sir,

I attended a public meeting held by the Recreation Commission at Fernwood School last week and wish all your readers had been there.

Honesty is always impressive, and Glen Woodley, Chairman of the Recreation Commission is an honest man. A barrage of questions followed his presentation and he answered those he could. When he didn't have answers he said so, quite simply. Unfortunately, there are always those who take advantage of such honesty to press their own angles. That is partly why I write this letter.

As a parent of two school children, I am in favour of a swimming pool. As a School Board Trustee I voted to support the Recreation Centre, believing this to be in the best interests of our children and our community at large. To those who say we have the ocean - why should islanders need a pool, I reply that we only have one reasonable beach access, and can only swim in the ocean for the hottest part of summer - a few weeks at the most. And I don't think people should swim in lakes which supply us with drinking water.

I didn't know that nearly a quarter of our population cannot vote in the referendum. At last count there were 1,120 under the

age of 19. They outnumber those over 65 who, at that same count, totalled 815. I'm told much of the opposition to the Recreation Centre will come from this age group, though I find that hard to believe.

Most of the Seniors I know will be glad for children to have a pool which they can share. They will also be glad to be spared the long trip to Duncan or North Saanich for their own recreation, and they know swimming is the healthiest exercise for all ages. Also many of them realize that unless they own property valued over \$60,000, regardless of the mill rate, they will not pay any more tax than at present: a nominal amount.

The School Board will pay half the operating deficit or \$30 per pupils in the District - and all pupils will be able to use the pool with the unfortunate exception of Saturna elementary students, the smallest population and least well served by the Ferry Corporation.

Did you know our High School students have no chance to swim as part of their P. E. program? Did you know elementary students have two swimming lessons a year paid for by the school, with nominal cost to parents?

Do you think that is enough for children who live so close to the water? Did you know that the rest of their Water Safety program, subsidized by the Recreation Com-

mission, is jeopardized by the Referendum?

Wouldn't it be sad if those who are lucky enough to have their own swimming pools voted against the rest of us sharing their good fortune? Perhaps they will disqualify themselves - on this question only!

If any islanders grudge spending money on something they mistakenly believe will only benefit the young, I hope they will remember that we all carry the responsibility for the hospital, the schools, the extended care and intermediate care facilities. Some we will never use, some we hope never to need. But we all pay, because this is the law: this is also our civic duty.

There are aspects of the mill rate which make it hard to say just how much we will pay five or 10 years from now. But this is certain: property taxes are more nearly equitable than many other forms of taxation, and only those with very valuable property will pay very much more. Perhaps they will welcome this as a privilege! I know we parents will be grateful if the richer among us enable the poorer to enjoy the facilities which are proposed by the Recreation Commission.

And, as Glen Woodley pointed out, this will not be a private fund-raising commercial enterprise. It will provide programs and facilities for all, and charges will be scaled accordingly.

What a glorious chance for Salt Spring Island to lead the way again in caring and sharing: the old for the young, the rich helping the poor!

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
R.R. 1, Ganges.
October 13, 1980.

Has Pender trustee discovered a new gold mine?

Sir,

One wonders if Pender Island school trustee John Zacharias has been off prospecting and discovered a new gold mine, the profits of which he has turned over to the school board.

A couple of months ago, Mr. Zacharias was saying there just wasn't any money (without increasing taxes) to improve and enlarge educational opportunities on Pender Island. Now, this trustee has voted to double his wages on a job for which he volunteered --- in fact, which he wanted badly enough to stand for election.

On top of increasing his salary

100-fold, Mr. Zacharias also feels that Pender taxpayers have a "golden opportunity" in paying for a swimming pool on Salt Spring, which Pender students cannot hope to use during school hours.

Perhaps Mr. Zacharias would be kind enough to share his gold-mining abilities with parents and concerned citizens on Pender. Of course, they would use the profits to improve education rather than to pay for swimming or to double the wages of minor politicians.

JERI BASS,
R.R. 1, Pender Island.
October, 1980.

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

The Anarchist

The Keeping of Brothers

As you might expect, I have no religious persuasion. I have not reached this condition without a study of some of the varieties of religious experience, and this has served to leave me with a degree of acceptance of points of view which I simply do not find meaningful for myself. So much for wishy-washy liberalism.

But this week I encountered not one, not two, but three instances of rampant Christianity, spiritual, ethical and secular, which have led me to ask if there are not among the professed Brethren those who will publicly challenge the more radically offensive statements of the so-called "Church in the World".

When I am advised that John Paul II tells his bishops, "It is a sin for a married man to lust after his wife even in his thoughts," I am tempted to regard it as perhaps the latest Polish joke authored by the Ayatollah of the Sexual Revolution.

I am at the same time aware that in Catholic use the term "lust" has a particular meaning, but such a proposition, far from being merely sick or silly, is direct undiluted mediaeval church doctrine, a paraphrase of St. Paul's revealing remark, "It is better to marry than burn." (Corinthians VII v.9)

This type of implicit insult maintains that it is the role of woman to be ushered by a husband from virginity to motherhood without either of them discovering sensuality or sexuality en route, except as a threat to their immortal souls.

This should do a great deal to promote marriage between persons who share a level of active

dislike which would guarantee a grim, dutiful and infrequent procreative exercise.

From the spiritual to the ethical domain, this past week produced the large majority of church-recruited supporters which, under the label "Right to Life", seeks to wipe out the rights of those whose error is simply to maintain a different belief.

These practised bigots recognize no contradictions in imposing their religious "truth" on a public, tax-supported institution in a society which maintains the separation of church and state. Neither they, nor their opponents, would accept a government decision on abortion if it were promulgated on grounds of religious authority, yet they are smugly content and most obnoxiously righteous in imposing the tyranny of the majority on those whose needs and beliefs are every bit as valid as their own.

This same constituency of church-conscripted half-wits is the cannon fodder for the genial, well-scrubbed, vicious promoters of the "Moral Majority". These latter are the intellectual aborigines who in the U.S.A. espouse the biblical imperative of maintaining the subjugation of women, the budget of the Pentagon and ownership of the Panama Canal.

I have been intemperate and somewhat violent in these comments, but it has been quite deliberate and a way of enquiring if there are not some of the Christians out there who are as offended as I am and are prepared to suggest that the label is no guarantee of the content.

Director chosen by electorate

Sir,
When a public official attempts to place a tax issue before the voters, and is subsequently attacked for being "threatening" and "devious" — the mind boggles. It is disturbing that the Recreation Commission fears the

voice of the taxpayers. It is more disturbing that *Driftwood* construes the Regional Director's addition to the Public Referendum as a manipulative ploy.

Mrs. Valcourt was herself, chosen by the electorate and therefore one must assume that she represents a notable portion of the island's population. While reserving the right of the press to disagree, *Driftwood* might better serve this entire community by striving for a modicum of objectivity and address itself to issues rather than personalities.

SHARON MCCOLLOUGH,
R.R. 3, Ganges.
Oct. 14, 1980.

From the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission

The final public meeting on the Ganges recreation centre proposal was held at Fernwood School last Thursday. With 30 people in attendance, the Recreation Commission answered questions for almost 1½ hours.

The recreation centre was examined in detail and a very positive attitude was evident at the meeting.

On October 22 a public hearing will be held concerning the site in Mouat Park. Please try to attend if you have questions.

Question:

How does the Recreation Commission spend its second mill for recreation programs and field development?

As detailed last week, one mill goes for park maintenance but the second mill, or \$31,074, is specifically designated for programs and field development or acquisitions.

LOCAL GROUPS

The commission budgets \$7,500 for grants to local groups so that these volunteers can provide recreation for the island people. Grants are made to the Old Age Pensioners, square dancers, soccer, softball, library, gymnastics, riding club, hiking club, roller hockey, concert society, community society and any activity we feel is providing a worthwhile recreational program for the populace of Salt Spring.

Besides this \$7,500 for various groups, the commission spends \$3,670 for a summer water safety program and pool rental during the winter at Sidney. A further \$3,400 goes to general administration and

Two vehicles damaged by vandals

Two vehicles were damaged at Salt Spring Island by vandals over the weekend.

A vehicle owned by Kelly Stewart had its windshield broken and mirrors smashed while parked outside the Valcourt Centre in Ganges. All four tires were left flat as well.

Another vehicle, owned by Robert Martin of Victoria, was vandalized while parked outside a residence on Sunset Drive.

All the tires were slashed, the rear and side windows were broken, and front windshield was cracked and there were several dents left in the car.

Recreation report

planning that enables us to carry on the commission now and provides us with a future - future planning for more and better programs in the recreational area.

In field development, Fulford Field is being developed so the two softball fields can co-exist, the field is better drained and fully grassed - a cost of \$3,000 for this year.

At Centennial \$2,000 will be spent to replace old benches and old picnic tables. At Portlock, an adventure playground is being funded from the ½ mill at a cost of \$2,700 and a further \$900 will go into the interior of the new building.

The Little League field has been extended by adding new fencing so adult softball is more effective.

MAHON HALL

The commission is able also to ensure the continued use of Mahon Hall from this extra mill, although the hall is supported mainly by user fees. That is, without the extra one mill, we would be unable to

continue operating Mahon Hall because of the risk of running into a deficit situation.

Thus, without the discretionary mill available to us via director Valcourt, the commission could not do any field improvements, make grants to local groups, do any planning for the future or operate Mahon Hall. All we could do is maintain our present parks.

Therefore the commission feels that it is imperative that the public support us in the rate of the one mill as well as considering the value of a new recreation centre. Remember the one mill is not a tax increase as this levy has been in effect for four years.

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Children with special needs major concern at Pender School They met challenge of satisfying audience

The "abnormal number" of children with special needs was one of two concerns at Pender School, principal Aubrey Rundle-Woolcock told the Gulf Islands School Board last week.

He told trustees that there were two reasons why there was a large number of such students in the school. First, he said, people from the cities often are under the impression that a change in environment will improve a "run down" family situation. He added that it was well known that such a change would not provide a solution.

Secondly, he observed that many children are "farmed out" to grandparents or other relatives by parents who are unable to handle them.

Asked what he would suggest doing to deal with those children, Rundle-Woolcock said the school was already working towards gi-

ving them assistance. He explained that he wanted to make the board aware that his school's needs were somewhat different from those of other communities.

LIBRARY STAFF

His other concern was the lack of professional library staff at the school. He said keeping the library operating was no longer a spare time activity and that cataloguing was falling behind because the staff could no longer keep up with it.

The principal, in his ninth year in the Gulf Islands School District, gave a run-down on progress being made in other areas at the school.

Over the summer, he recalled, two people had been engaged to complete a 700-metre running track on the school grounds. Extra-curricular sports programs are being developed for after-school hours, such as soccer, volleyball and floor hockey. There is an active racquet club, he continued, which

is currently restricted to badminton and table tennis, but will be playing tennis once the new courts are completed.

FREE CHOICE

On Friday afternoons there is a free choice period, when students participate in cooking, tumbling and an outdoors club. The latter teaches survival skills, and students have been shown how to use a compass and how to light a fire under adverse conditions with only two matches.

Primary students are becoming involved in cooking. Woolcock went on, and last Friday were to have proved their competence in the culinary arts by preparing a Thanksgiving dinner at the school for their parents.

Woolcock was speaking to the board as part of a continuing program which sees a school principal address every board meeting.

BY MICHAEL ARMSTRONG WITH SUE HISCOCKS

On Sunday night at the second Common Ground Coffee House at Ganges I was already a satisfied man. I had just seen one of the best baseball games I can remember and I had over-indulged myself with Thanksgiving turkey and all the trimmings. I was a difficult audience for any performer.

Barbara Fraser and Bruce Tomlinson, however, met the challenge. I was soon singing and clapping along with their fine performance.

The I-IPACS-sponsored event was scheduled to start with a performance by Peter Walker. To everyone's surprise and delight, Peter was joined on stage by three other musicians. Peter is a former member of the well known Salt Spring group, Bluebird.

The other three musicians, Marianne Grittani, Jerome Jarvis and David Woodhead, were the other members of that band. It was the first time these four had been together in the same room in a year and a half. Their short but delightful set provided a good warm-up to the main act.

FROM ONTARIO

Bruce Tomlinson and Barbara Fraser are both natives of Ontario where they played together at universities and coffee houses. Barbara moved west to Victoria three years ago and Bruce moved to Vancouver just last year, and the two recently got back together.

Sunday night found them on their way home after five weeks on the northern B.C. circuit where they played places like McBride and Prince George. The full house at St. George's Church Hall, ranging in age from 2½ months to 70 years, was thoroughly delighted by them.

Bruce and Barb have an understanding for one another and their music. It showed in their rich harmonies, their wonderful full sound and their obvious enjoyment of singing and entertaining. Barb's strong clear voice and Bruce's

intricate finger-picking moved us through original material, country songs by Canadian poets like Willie P. Bennett and blues.

Blues, in fact, filled most of the second set which led me to think that Bruce was, as one of their numbers suggested, "a white boy, lost in the blues".

JUGGLING ACT

The intermission was pleasantly filled by the antics of Moishe, who juggled and balanced his way through impressive stunts.

As if to torture my already over-full stomach, a delicious array of cakes and baked goodies were provided by Rose's Cafe. Rose's is a local catering group who provide food for folk festivals and gatherings in southwest B.C.

The next Common Ground Coffee House, Sunday, Oct. 26, will feature Jeanette Grittani and Huckle. Then Ferron, one of the best poet songwriters in Canada today, will hopefully be here November 9.

These coffee houses continue to be a bright spot on the sometimes bleak Salt Spring cultural calendar. They are an exciting alternative night spot suitable for the entire family.

Tools stolen

A Wallace Island resident was the victim of theft recently, when he left his vehicle parked at Fernwood.

Thieves took \$100 worth of mechanic's tools. Incident took place between October 5 and 10.

Surrey school reunion

Weekend celebrations in Surrey will mark the 40th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth Secondary School. Friday and Saturday are the days of the celebration and former students are invited to take part.

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Renaissance, baroque lute feature of two concerts

Salt Spring Islanders will have the opportunity to hear Canadian lute player Ernest Hills at a concert in Ganges Friday.

Hills is a teacher of classical guitar and renaissance lute at the Royal Conservatory of Music at the University of Toronto. On Friday he will play both renaissance and baroque lute.

Hills has toured extensively throughout Canada and the U.S. and has also made several appearances on Canadian radio and television. He released an album recently, entitled *Ernie Hills - Renaissance and Baroque Lute*. He is described as "a very warm

player" and takes time to explain the lute and music to his audience.

His repertoire includes music which has never been heard before in Canada and some which hasn't been heard in over 250 years. Last year Hills received a Canada Council grant to research and study the literature and music of the lute. As a result, he was able to obtain copies of rare music for both the renaissance and baroque lute.

Friday's concert will be held at the United Church Hall at 8.30 pm.

On Saturday he will appear at the Pender Lodge at 8.30 pm. Admission to both concerts is \$3.

Single-car accident

Damage was estimated at \$2,000 following a single-car accident on Beaver Point Road Saturday.

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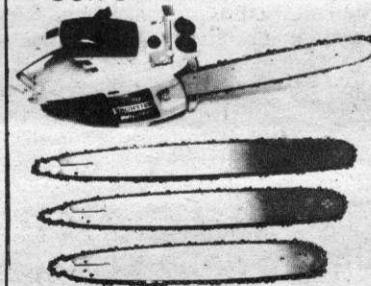
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Alas, the more things change, the more they are the same! Our laws have become so complex that only specialists in jurisprudence can understand them. The profit motive has supplanted God as the primary consideration, and if the state of affairs to be enshrined in the law doesn't already exist, it jolly well soon will!

I'm thinking about plant breeders rights and the pernicious legislation which already exists in many countries. Opposition by farmers and enlightened groups seems powerless to halt the multinationals in their attempt to corner the world seed strains as they already control most other aspects of food production.

READY TO CRITICIZE

We are always, said John Bailey, ready to criticize our lawmakers. True, so it's especially sad that when they take the trouble to visit us, give an accounting and listen to our needs, we don't bother to go and meet them!

More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

A very small crowd turned out for Jim Manly the other evening, when he gave an excellent report on his life in Ottawa. My chief enjoyment of the evening was listening to a politician without making that automatic 10% discount for b.s! Jim Manly is a transparently honest man, and may well become a worthy successor to Tommy Douglas.

John Bailey reminded us of the necessity for respect. We may disagree vehemently with those of another persuasion, but we must treat them with respect, or bitterness will follow hostility and eventually a form of warfare ensues. And nobody wins.

An example which springs to mind was last week's editorial in *Driftwood*. When political, religious or philosophical disputes are reduced to the level of feuds, they destroy the credibility of both sides, and antagonize many who

would otherwise be worthy protagonists.

MUST BE REVERENCED

And when people "forfeit our respect"? We are all God's creatures and whatever our views or deeds, the divine spark in us all must still be revered.

There's a new group in existence! They have no name, their objective being to stamp out some of the groups already too numerous to count. There are no fees and no meetings.

The initiation rite is simple: you raise your right hand and say, "Damn!" There is only one rule: every day you must get indignant about something, and all your indignation and/or hostility for that day must be vented on that person, place or thing. Then the rest of your life will be peaceful and content!

This is an international movement, and I suggest we form a Salt Spring Island branch forthwith. There are, of course, no officers, but I demand to be a life-time honorary member, although whether I can channel my indignation into a single focus remains to be seen! If there were a board of directors, who would you nominate?

Post Script to those who believe rich people are the same as us only with money: 66-year-old communications magnate Hamilton Southam said on *The Canadian Establishment* that he supposed his family had been "rather isolated".

"It was only a couple of years ago" that he became aware of what the Thirties had meant to most Canadians!! (Exclamation marks are mine!)

P.P.S. to those who believe that multinational corporations are composed of people just like us only with power: watch *The Canadian Establishment* and weep.

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New law practice opens

A newcomer to Salt Spring Island is lawyer Gordon Sloan, who opened his practice on October 1 at the Gulf Clinic.

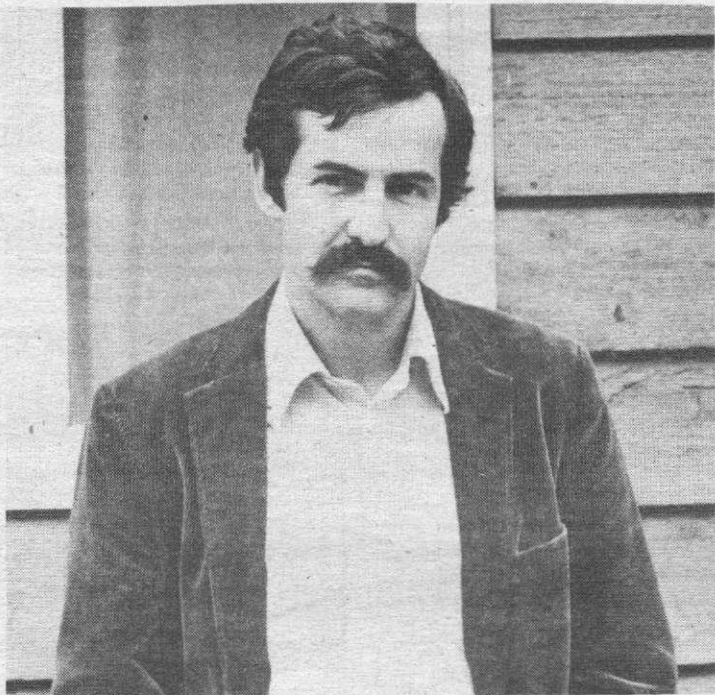
Sloan is a native of Vancouver, where he studied law before going east to study at Osgoode Hall in Toronto. He was there for three years before returning to the west coast to article in Vancouver.

Sloan travelled throughout Europe with his wife before practising law in Vancouver for five years.

They were anxious to relocate to a more rural region so they explored the mainland's sunshine coast, Vancouver Island's east coast and the Fraser Valley before deciding on Salt Spring Island.

After a short-lived but happy camping trip with friends, they returned to investigate the island and the possibility of opening a law practice here.

Sloan, with his wife and their two children, moved September 1.



Recreation complex

Director raises concerns over sewage disposal, cost estimates

Areas in which costs had been pared and sewage disposal were the two major concerns of regional director Yvette Valcourt when the Salt Spring Recreation Commission discussed the Ganges recreation centre proposal at its last meeting.

After chairman Glenn Woodley explained the progress to date on the waste disposal aspect of the centre, Valcourt stated she would not consider allowing another Division 8 permit for sewage disposal on the island.

"There are enough of them that are creating a hell of a problem," she said.

Division 8 permits are granted in cases where the disposal system does not meet the criteria of the Health Act, she said, and cited Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwood's as two examples.

SAME CONCERNS

"I'd say that your concerns are our concerns," pointed out commission member Bev Unger. "We shouldn't get involved with an issue that may be resolved in a while."

Discussion then moved on to the projected costs of the recreation complex, and Valcourt wanted to know where the cuts were made in the original estimates.

Woodley explained that the director of the Panorama Leisure Centre in Saanich had drawn up operating cost estimates based on that facility. But, the chairman continued, those figures didn't relate to Salt Spring Island.

He cited a number of examples, such as postage, which was cut from \$500 to \$300; freight, from \$3,000 to \$1,000; advertising and promotion, from \$7,500 to \$3,000; and grounds maintenance, from \$2,000 to \$500.

SUCCESSFUL POLICY

Voluntary help was included only in one aspect of the centre's operation. Woodley said that with the present facilities on the island, the clubs and organizations that use them are required to leave them as they found them. The policy has been a successful one, he noted.

After the commission had pared down the Panorama director's estimates, the Capital Regional District told the commission that they had underestimated the costs. So a compromise was reached between the two sets of figures, the chairman explained.

Valcourt wanted to know if the school district would be raising taxes to cover its contribution to the swimming pool.

School trustee Strick Aust told her that the funds the school board had agreed to provide would fit into the district's budget. He said the board felt the pool was a priority.

TOKEN PROGRAM

The water safety program offered to students last year was a token program only, Aust said. There was difficulty in getting time at the Duncan pool, he recalled, because the Duncan school district is a partner in the operation of the Aquannis Pool.

Valcourt then wanted to know why she hadn't been able to obtain the cost estimates which showed where the cuts had been made. Woodley replied that they had always been available and that they had gone over them at a commission meeting.

The director was concerned over the possibility of the costs turning out to be higher than anticipated.

"I'm not being nosy, but if something goes wrong, I'm the goat. For 20 years, I'm the goat."

The chairman replied that the commission had spent hours going over the costs, and pointed out that it was the director's duty to attend commission meetings. Valcourt said she hadn't been notified about the meetings.

Aust observed that the school board's buildings and grounds committee had gone over the figures and decided they were realistic and possibly "a little overestimated".

Woodley said that even potential revenue had been eliminated from the estimates. The original figures had allowed for \$13,000 in revenue from the kitchen.

It was not the intent of the kitchen to sell food, he said, so it was removed from the estimates.

Institute meets

The South Salt Spring Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. G. Slingsby on October 9.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. B. Wright on being the winner of the quilt raffled on September 13 at the Fall Fair.

For the coming month plans were made to meet at the home of Mrs. L. Reynolds to hook a rug. Another project will be a picture created with dried flowers and

leaves. Two baby quilts were finished for a member.

A scholarship for a graduating student, to help further his or her education in either home economics or agriculture, will be presented later this month.

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Galiano news

Fire seen as far as Nanaimo

BY KATHLYN AND BASIL BENDER

The fire phones have been ringing this week.

Two large slash fires started early in the week on MacMillan Bloedel property near Retreat Cove, and at North Galiano caused concern to several islanders and to off-island observers from as far away as Nanaimo, who could see the red glow in the evening sky.

The blaze did at one time cross fire-breaks and MacMillan Bloedel sent five of their firemen to control the situation.

This they were able to do without much trouble and Pat Weaver, who cruised the area on Thursday, reports that the fire has died down and is confined within fire-breaks.

Not to be outdone, Pat decided to have his own burn on Friday evening. Fire from a small bonfire travelled underground and after darkness blazed up in the bush between Pat's place and a neighbour's storage shed.

JUVENILES CAUGHT ON GOSSIP

On Tuesday, Oct. 7, the Coast Guard cutter steamed up the channel and pulled in at a dock on Gossip Island. The end to two days of freedom on Galiano had come for three juveniles aged 14, 15 and 16.

From the lower mainland, two were wards of the courts and the third was a runaway from home being sought by parents. The three first drew attention to themselves by "borrowing" a dinghy without the owner's permission. This offense was repeated.

Later a liquor offense was committed when they obtained possession of a bottle of hard liquor. The R.C.M.P. were called, and thanks to assistance from several local citizens, the three were apprehended and charged.

Owing to the fog in Active Pass the police boat was unable to complete the passage from Ganges and had to request the assistance of the Coast Guard vessel to enable the arresting officer to pick up the young offenders on Gossip Island.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many friends and parents shared with the children of St. Margaret's Church Sunday in a joyful celebration of the annual Harvest Festival.

In a church decorated with flowers and vegetables by the ladies who had placed a loaf of bread and a bunch of grapes as a symbolic focal point on the altar, the congregation sang the harvest hymns with strength and fervour.

The children's contribution was a major one. They displayed the words and led the singing in a rousing rendition of *Bringing in the Sheaves*. Billy Ripley, Megan and Arwen Foster read lessons while adults Shay Foster, Alison Thornhill and Mary Harding contributed prayers and readings.

Dr. Hugh Maclure concluded the service with an address which appealed to young and old alike. After church the children, led by teacher Joan Callaghan, visited Galiano homes, bearing gifts of vegetables and fruit - a fitting epilogue to a truly sharing festival.

NATURE NOTES

In the bays and channels around our shores the winter resident birds have begun to appear. The first of the ducks to be sighted was also one of the last to leave in spring.

The harlequins are back, singly or in small groups, the drake with his most attractive patterned markings much like that of the wood duck. The little marbled murrelets are piping plaintively as they swim and dive in pairs. The first few western grebe are assembling with their flat heads on top of a long, thin neck, white in the front and black at the back.

Eagles are straggling back after their fishing expedition to northern rivers. Scoters are flying low over the water in V-formation and amalgamating into larger flocks.

Now is the time to take a basket or plastic bag with you on your walks. Edible mushrooms are in season. Two or three species of puff-ball are easily found, and as long as the interior is white, are a safe and tasty addition to fried bacon.

The white cones of shaggy

manes, before they begin to drop ink, are delicious. The carrot-coloured delicious lactarius is easily identified, as when cut it exudes an orange which turns green. Anyone who finds the egg-yellow chanelle is in for a treat. However, one must issue the obvious warning. Make sure of your identification and reject any doubtful specimens.

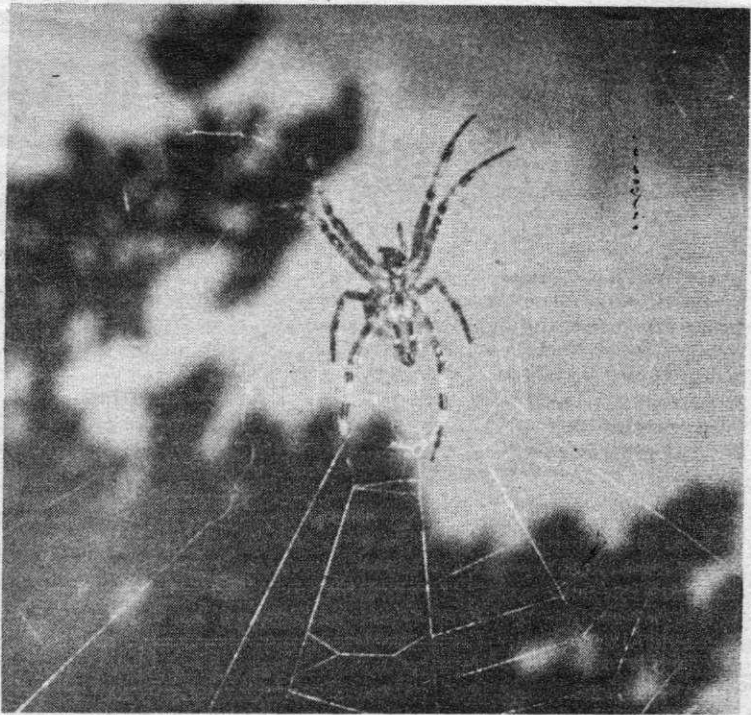
ART EXHIBITION

On Saturday Keith Holmes mounted a very successful exhibition of his paintings at the Galiano Community Hall. Keith comes from Alberta and studied at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

Using acrylics as his medium, the artist has made good use of the two years he has lived on Galiano to paint many of the favorite scenes of local residents. His landscapes are alive with colour and his treatment of water particularly effective.

Active Pass is one of his favorite subjects and his views from the Bluffs and of Arbutus Point in various lights constitute a major part of the collection. On show were four bold portraits of local characters, one a self-portrait of the artist. The broad brush strokes of strong colour caught the essence of Shane Blackwood, Bill Penny and Bob George.

Keith's paintings are very popular with islanders and before the exhibition closed almost every one was sold.



It's time for spiders again

It's that time of year again. Spider is taking things easy after a meal several days ago.

The third Saturday of each month should be ringed on every book-lover's calendar for on this Saturday, coming up this month on the 18th, the Women's Auxiliary to the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department opens up the Fire Hall between 2 and 4 pm and holds the monthly Book Sale from their well stocked and classified shelves. A further outing on Saturday might be along Burrill Road to the Church Thrift Shop with its ever-changing stock.

An important date for every islander is the general meeting of the Galiano Community Club, to which the public is also invited, to be held at the Community Hall on Saturday, Oct. 25, to discuss the situation in Bluff Park as reported in this column last week.

Next Saturday at 3 pm at the school Dr. Maclure and Ken Gaylor are arranging a nine-a-side soccer tournament. It is hoped that there will be sufficient teams to run a knock-out competition.

KICK-A-THON

Each year, in an effort to make the soccer club as self-sufficient as possible, fund raising events are sponsored by the Salt Spring Association.

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Manly draws small audience at accountability meeting at Ganges

BY TONY RICHARDS

It became apparent last week that Salt Spring Island residents are not displeased with the representation they are getting in Ottawa, as only 20 people attended a meeting at the Activity Centre with MP Jim Manly.

The meeting was called to give local residents a chance to hear the New Democrat MP relate what had taken place in the House of Commons since the last federal election in February.

Manly said he regretted that he was unable to be in the capital for the first week of the constitution debate, explaining that he had committed himself to holding accountability meetings throughout the Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands riding.

He touched first of all on the application by the B.C. Telephone Co. for a rate increase. He referred to a brief presented to the Canadian Radio and Telecommunica-

tions Commission by New Democrat MLA Ray Skelly. The brief pointed out that the company had "a fairly good profit picture" and didn't need an increase in rates.

LOSS OF JOBS

B.C. Tel is arguing that the increase is needed to install new equipment in the province's telephone system but, said Manly, it would mean the loss of some 800 jobs. He said one of the justifications of the 1977 rate hike was that service would be improved, but no improvement had taken place.

He recalled that one Vancouver Island resident had complained for months about poor service, when one day her two-year-old daughter swallowed some veterinary medicine. She was eventually successful in getting aid but not until she had had the usual difficulties in getting through on the telephone.

"Frustration gives way to panic and despair in a case like this," observed Manly.

He went on to talk about the Commons question period. One of the first things you learn, he said, is that it's a lot of work just to get the simplest question asked.

ONLY FOUR

The NDP caucus is permitted to ask about four questions during each question period, but initially there are usually about 20 raised by caucus members.

"It's really a matter of fighting to get your questions asked."

He had been able to ask a number of questions relating to tanker traffic on the B.C. coast, the Cowichan estuary and the Bank Act.

His position as one of two New Democrat MP's on the Indian and Northern Affairs Committee had enabled him to travel to various parts of Canada on committee business. One trip had taken him to Nelson House, Man.

"The Indians on Vancouver Island have problems," he observed, "but it's nothing compared to the Indians there."

There are four major items that will dominate parliament's attention during the next few months, said Manly.

TRUDEAU OPTIMISTIC

First is the constitution and Manly felt that Trudeau was a bit optimistic about the time frame for bringing it back to Canada. Second is the budget and the local member recalled that the opposition parties had been angry when in May the government presented a financial statement. Unlike a budget, a financial statement cannot be debated on. When a budget is brought down, though, parliament debates it for eight days.

The other two items are an energy package and the Bank Act changes.

The first question raised by a member of the audience concerned the constitution. It was only possible to have one boss, Manly was told, the provinces or the federal government.

The speaker said the New Democratic Party was on the right track before it announced support for the western provinces on resource control.

"I want your party to be a leader and say, 'Let's bring the constitution home and then debate with the provinces.'"

DIDN'T FIGHT FOR B.C.
He said that when he went off to fight in the war, he didn't go to fight for B.C.

"I went to fight for Canada. It's time someone said Canada first, the provinces second."

Manly replied that he appreciated those feelings but the provinces, he said, do have certain rights and they cannot be arbitrarily dismissed.

Cancer research to benefit from IODE garage sale

Contributed

BY ALMA MCQUIGGAN

The H.M.S. Ganges Chapter of the IODE held a successful garage

sale October 4 at the home of Mrs. Lydia Purser, Leisure Lane.

"The provinces have certain legitimate rights. Let's not ride roughshod over them."

In closing, Manly said that energy conservation would have to be a priority in the next 20 years and that Canadians were only giving it lip service at present.

He said his son was working with a recycling project and getting paid \$3 an hour. Before that he had been on a green chain in a sawmill and getting \$8 an hour.

"We need to change some attitudes," he concluded.

The funds realized at this sale will enable the chapter to make a substantial donation to the Jessie R. Burke Memorial Fund (cancer and research fund) as a tribute to Terry Fox.

The sale was convened by Mrs. Purser. The chapter appreciates all the work done by Mrs. Purser and her committee in arranging the sale. Appreciation is also expressed to all those who donated articles to be sold and also to all who patronized the sale.

The funds realized by this event help the chapter carry out its various projects.

News from North Galiano

by Devina Baines

BY DEVINA BAINES

Jesse Thompson, of Nanaimo, spent a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Baines at Georgia Hills.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ken Mounsey had a weekend visiting while attending a wedding.

Burning permits in woods

Burning permits will be required all year round for industrial fires.

According to the B.C. Forest Service all machine-piled debris requires a permit for burning throughout the off-season fall and winter period.

Only fires allowed without a permit are garden rubbish fires and similar burnings set up without bulldozer or other equipment.

We are happy to see Dr. Morley who is home recuperating from his recent surgery in a Vancouver hospital.

Mrs. Andre Langon and Krista are spending a short holiday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Silvey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hughes had Pat's uncle holidaying with them for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Howard were happy to have their friend, Stella Jenkins, from Bournemouth, England, staying with them for a long holiday.

Mrs. Paul Sheppe and son, Dustin, of Port McNeill came out to spend a day with grandparents Harry and Devina Baines.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harmes, of Vancouver spent a few days recently on the island. They were accompanied by John's sister, Mrs. F. Snyder and son, Steven from South Africa. After leaving Galiano they visited relatives on Vancouver Island for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Baines entertained a number of friends and family at a smorgasbord dinner in honour of their mother, Mrs. H. Baines.

We would like to extend a welcome to Gary and Mel Biggar and baby son who have just recently moved to Galiano from Ladner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Franklin were on the island this week for a few days. We are sorry that Bill is still not feeling too well after his bout with the flu this summer.

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Class for handicapped adults

BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN

For almost a year, the Continuing Education division of the Gulf Islands School District has been operating a very small class of handicapped adults wishing to upgrade their education.

We believe that there are many other people in the community who would benefit from this class who have not made themselves known.

The term itself covers a wide span of physical, mental and emotional conditions that prevent a person living up to his potential. Anyone reading this article who knows of someone needing help in basic skills and knowledge may call the writer at 537-9251, or leave a note in her box at the School Board office.

One of the first problems that pops up immediately in any program to help handicapped people is that of transportation to and from class. (The class is now taking place at Greenwoods).

The second problem which arises in any class of people with special needs is that of volunteer teachers' aides. It is hoped that members of the community will make themselves known to this department so that we may serve more handicapped people needing to upgrade their basic education.

Pender Island

Naturalists gather 20 types of mushroom for identification

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Pender Islands Field Naturalists met at the Hope Bay store parking lot at 10 am on Saturday, Oct. 4, for a mushroom identification walk.

They walked from Hope Bay to the farm of one of their members, Mrs. Lyn Fearn.

Along the way they identified quite a number of mushrooms, both edible and poisonous, taking some along with them as samples.

During lunchtime at the Fearn farm each member tried to identify at least one or two or, if possible, all the samples.

There are thousands of different mushrooms grown all over the world, and while some may look familiar, they can be a different species if found in another country.

Mrs. Marge Russell, of Pender Island, was in charge of showing and teaching the group some of her considerable knowledge about this subject.

During the walk the group collected about 20 different mushrooms.

They found the *Giant Chanterelle*, egg-coloured, very choice, showy and grows in moss balds in the forest. It has a nut-like flavour and has been popular in Europe since Roman times.

They also found the milky cap *Lactarius*, edible and very good. Lots of the *Russula Xerampelina*, another edible mushroom was there too. Some *Oyster* mushrooms were growing on dead alder trees. These are also edible.

POISONOUS

The group found a *Giant Agaricus* and the *Fly Agaric*, which is poisonous. The *Fly Agaric* poisons flies. An *Amanita* was found which is deadly poison; *Boletus* mushrooms, *Gemmed puffballs* and *Elf-saddle* mushrooms were a few more of the types found. These are best left alone as some are deadly poison and others on the borderline.

"With mushrooms if in any doubt throw them out," was Mrs. Russell's advice. She stressed serious illness can result and it's not possible to be too careful.

After a lunch and a rest at the farm the naturalists continued

along Port Washington road to the golf course.

Cutting clips unsuccessful

Cutting paper clips proved to be an unsuccessful (self-taught) course at a local school recently.

Gulf Islands school trustees learned last week that a student had attempted to cut a paper clip with a paper cutter.

The student suffered a cut finger, read the accident report.



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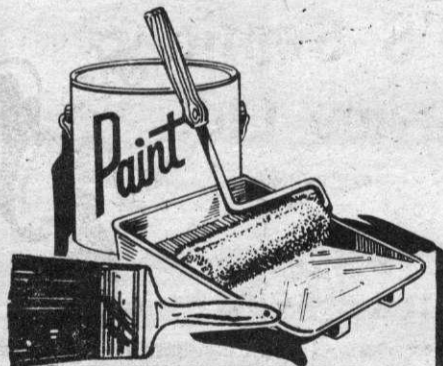
The sign is wrong. The cemetery is full. This was the invitation on Monday morning, Thanksgiving Day, when some passerby had

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Breeders' rights could leave growers in precarious position

There is at present a bill before Parliament to grant patent rights to plant breeders, which are, for the majority, the seed companies. This has been mentioned earlier in this paper and it is a bit of a controversy among gardeners and growers.

This law will affect us all, both those who grow their tomatoes and those who buy their tomatoes at the supermarket. The supermarket and the tomato grower are good examples of the situation as it very well may develop.

Supermarkets, with their "super" buying power, have over the years eliminated what were at one time thousands of suppliers, in favour of a few suppliers. If you want to buy soup, you are pretty well restricted to Heinz and Campbell's and that is it.

The hundreds of individual seed companies in Canada are being bought up by a few multinational industrial giants in anticipation of the granting of patent rights to plant breeders.

ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT

With this legislation, plant breeding will be an attractive investment with guaranteed profits. In terms of profits in relation to investment of money and time, the present open situation offers no guarantees of any return to the plant breeder.

The development of the very popular "sugar snap pea" is a good illustration. It took 14 years of cross-breeding and development to develop a pea with a sweet edible hull and good size peas. The original Chinese "snow pea" has minuscule peas and the hull is only edible at a very early stage.

Here the term "germ plasm" becomes important. Germ plasm is the total available genetic material of the kind, i.e. peas. There are hundreds of varieties of peas, all with different genetic characteristics. There are early ones, late ones, fast and slow growers, tall or bushy, tender or tough, disease resistant or susceptible, cold or heat resistant, sweet or unpalatable.

From the wide choice of genetic material, or germ plasm available, growers have painstakingly cross-bred, selected and re-crossed strains of peas until they have eliminated all the undesirable characteristics and developed a fine pea with an edible hull.

WELL DESERVED PROTECTION

As with all things, if they are handled with wisdom, this legislation would be a well deserved protection for the immense amount of time and money expended in the development of the sugar snap pea, or other similar varieties.

However, in matters concerning investment and profit, wisdom is often neglected. No doubt we shall

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be faced with a supermarket situation, where our choice is limited to the equivalent of Heinz and Campbell soups.

So what, you say, this is not bad. But do not forget the profit requirements of a large corporation, responsible to its shareholders for the security of their investments.

The best way to ensure adequate sales to protect their profits and show a return on their investment, is to produce hybrid strains. A hybrid is a hand-pollinated variety, an expensive project, as all blossoms are carefully covered and individually hand-pollinated with the selected pollinator and no other.

This is not bad either, as hybrid strains are generally vigorous and heavy producers with a host of other carefully selected characteristics, such as disease resistance.

OFTEN STERILE

However, hybrids (similar to the mule) are often sterile, or else they revert to one or the other of the parent strains. Also, and this is important, sterility of the seed can easily be bred into the hybrid strain.

This will assure the supplier of a constant market as growers, large or small, be they suppliers of supermarkets or the family, are effectively prevented from saving their own seeds.

It is also in the interest of assuring profits to the company and shareholders, to limit production of seeds to increase prices (OPEC) and to concentrate production to a few varieties, for efficiency. This raises other frightening spectres, or "scenarios", in the current preferred term.

The reduction of germ plasm is one, as hundreds of varieties become extinct in favour of a few. The mung bean, for instance, cannot be improved, as the total number of varieties is very small. There is insufficient germ plasm in this species to allow extensive cross-breeding for better characteristics.

Thousands of varieties of wheat, for instance, have become extinct, in favour of a few good varieties. Germ plasm can only be kept alive by growing, as viable seed storage is very limited in time.

IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION

If, for example, we are limited to a few varieties of tomatoes, we are then in a very precarious position. For if any changes affect the few remaining varieties, such as weather, disease or pollution (and this has happened), our entire supply can be wiped out, without recourse to a large germ plasm bank in hundreds of other varieties for the development of new viable strains.

Fortunately, we can do several things. We can protest this legislation to our M.P. and to Parliament directly. Or the act, if passed, must be amended to require growers to maintain a sufficiently large number of varieties to assure adequate reserves of germ plasm.

Or we can become trustees of nature's germ plasm bank, by maintaining our own varieties and growing our own seeds. We can become seed bootleggers, trade seeds with our neighbours and friends and we can also become members of or start seed exchanges.

You see, we have been given dominion of all life on earth and with it, responsibility for this life.

And if some neglect this responsibility, it is up to you and me to do the best we can.

Christmas choir practices

Practices for the community Christmas carol service will begin on Monday, Oct. 20 in the Ganges United Church at 7 pm.

The Community Choir will again be directed by Mrs. Joy Johnsen, with Mrs. Angela Funk as organist.

This year the annual carol services will be held in the Ganges United Church December 21 at 4 and 7 pm. The services are interdenominational with all Salt Spring churches co-operating, along with interested people from the community.

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difficulties of travelling between the islands and the Peninsula.

Mrs. Brookbanks hopes to maintain a regular attendance at committee meetings in view of improved transportation facilities.

In past years Lady Minto Hospital has been represented on the committee by a spokesman from Saanich Peninsula in view of past

In announcing the appointment last week Board Chairman and Victoria Mayor Bill Tindall explained that Mrs. Brookbanks has had "considerable experience".



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Ancient fire truck came to island from Ontario

Here's a retired Ontario worker, comfortable in its retirement on Salt Spring Island.

For most of its working life, this old fire-eater was rushing around some Ontario town at the first sound of the siren. And on the island the volunteer firemen want to know more about the working life of the old pumper.

It came to British Columbia from Cornwall, Ontario.

About nine years ago an Ontario man named Al Smith discovered this truck in a barn near Cornwall. He notified Duncan antique dealer Arthur Dawe who lived on the Island and Dawe bought it. He shipped it to the coast by rail and for several years it was a feature attraction of his novelty village, Whippletree Junction, south of Duncan on Vancouver Island.

All in one piece, the old fire truck was not in the first prime of life. When the volunteer firemen's association on Salt Spring Island expressed interest in the vehicle, he handed it over to them.

REFURBISHED

Since that time the motor and chassis have been completely refurbished. The metalwork was sandblasted and is now about ready for its final coat of paint. The

brass has been cleaned up and polished and the vehicle is very nearly ready to charge out of the fire hall at the first sign of smoke.

Those days are over. The firemen have rebuilt the truck as a project of the association. Once completed, it will travel to local shows and events as a veteran automobile and a novelty.

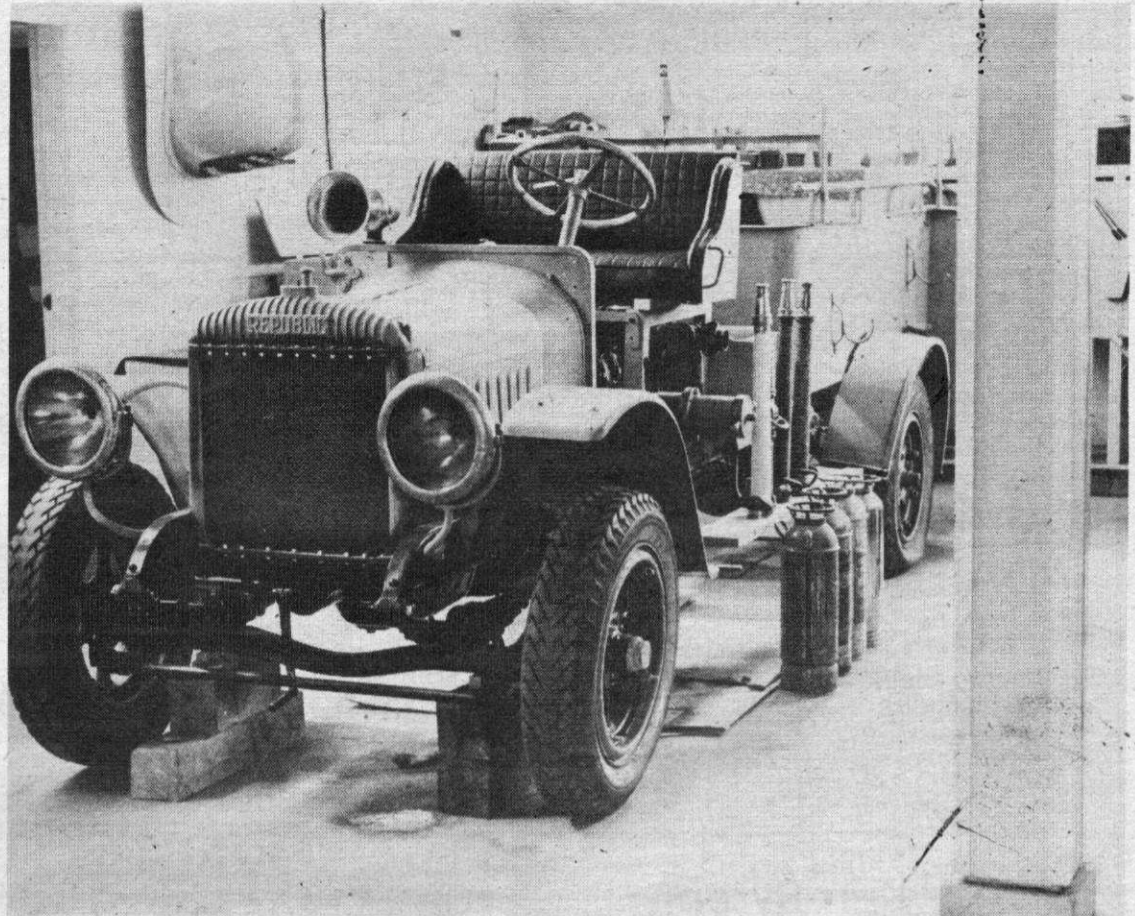
But there's a problem What did this old Republic look like when it sped off to its first fire about 60 years ago? Nobody knows.

The firemen are hoping that someone in the Cornwall area might remember this truck and might even have an early picture. With that information the island firemen can hope to end up with an authentic truck just like it was in Grandma's day.

ABOUT 1918

For the technically-inclined, the truck is a Republic. It is believed to date to 1918. It is a model 19, serial number 6025. Motor is a four-cylinder Continental with a four-speed transmission by Fuller and Sons of Kalamazoo, Michigan. It has no front wheel brakes.

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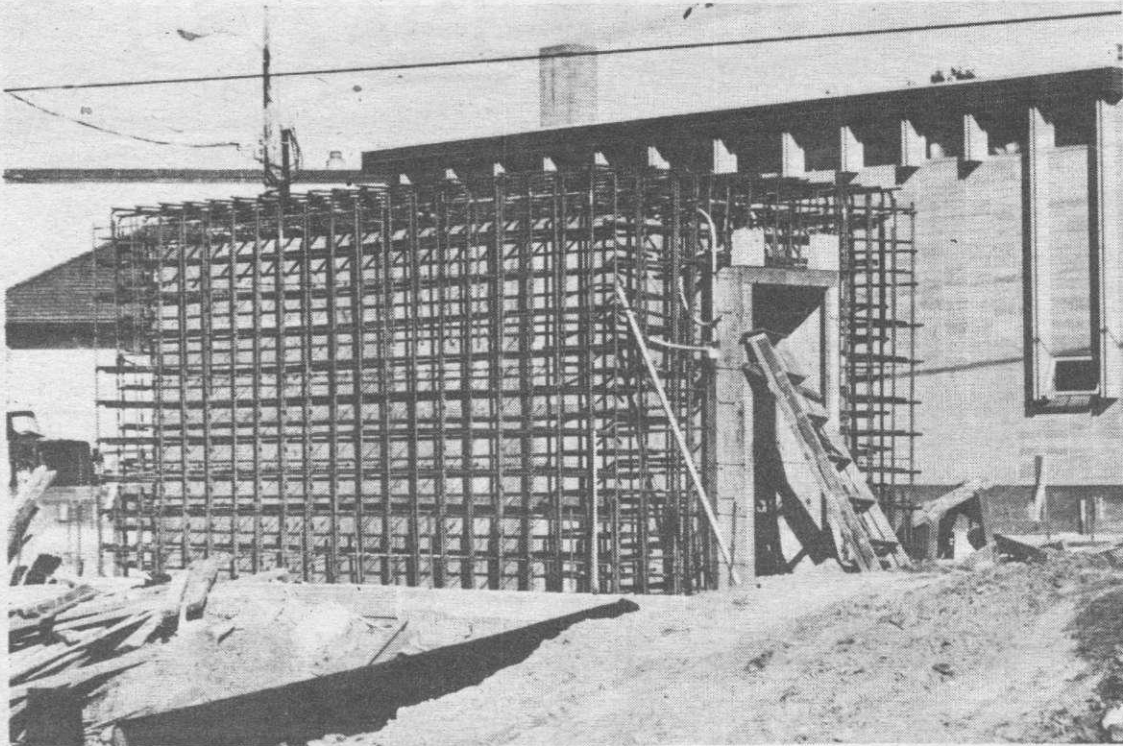
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BY WALTER HUNT-SOWREY

As a whole, September gave us very pleasant weather.

There were a few wet days, but the actual rainfall was light, except on the night of the 17th and 18th, which gave us what may be regarded the first of the winter-type storms for this year.

As the days were largely clear, except for the last four days, there was considerable sunshine. These two factors, moisture and sunshine, reflected themselves in the gardens and flowers put on a more summery look to these areas.

Pressures were generally steady right through the month, the lowest recorded being on the first

day, which reflected the heavy rainfall on the last day of August, although the high pressure ridge, when it existed, was usually too far off shore or south of us to give really high pressures.

With the exception of the one storm already noted above, and three or four days with quite high temperatures for the time of year, the weather was quite standard, but at the same time, very pleasant. Long range forecasts, which can be at times quite accurate, if one allows a few days either side for dates given, seem to indicate that this type of weather can continue until mid-October.

It will be noted that the rainfall to date is considerably higher than

Mayne Island news

Anniversary of Mayne Post Office November 1

BY ELSIE BROWN

The celebration of the 100th anniversary of Mayne Island Post Office will be held at the Agricultural Hall Saturday, Nov. 1 at 1.30 pm.

There will be displays of old stamps, old photographs, artifacts and letters.

Refreshments will be served without charge and everyone is welcome.

A draw for two stamp albums for children only will be made and every family attending will receive a copy of the 100-year history of the Post Office.

If anyone has any old Post Office artifacts, stamps or letters, please contact Fred Dodds at 539-5510.

The 100th anniversary envelopes

are available at the Post Office and may be obtained by checking with postmistress Betty Klatt. The supply is limited.

The Mayne Island Lions Club members and their wives are taking charge of the refreshments and they are putting up a new flag pole at the Post Office. There will be a flag-raising ceremony at the Post Office at 11.45 am the same day.

Officials from the Post Office in Vancouver, Victoria and Sidney will be present for this special event.

Former postmasters and personnel plus the granddaughter, great-granddaughter and family of the first postmaster, William T. (Tom) Collinson, are expected to be on hand.

The Post Office at that time was known as Plumper Pass.

Rev. Dr. George Morrison conducted the World-wide Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the absence of Rev. John Dyer at St. Mary Magdalene Church Sunday, Oct. 5.

Assisting with the service were Foye Miles, Clara James, Bill Sawyer and George Sutton.

Nancy Sutton was in her usual place at the organ. The new organ is an asset to the church and

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How old is a Legionnaire?

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Mayne Islanders would do well to come to the services to hear it.

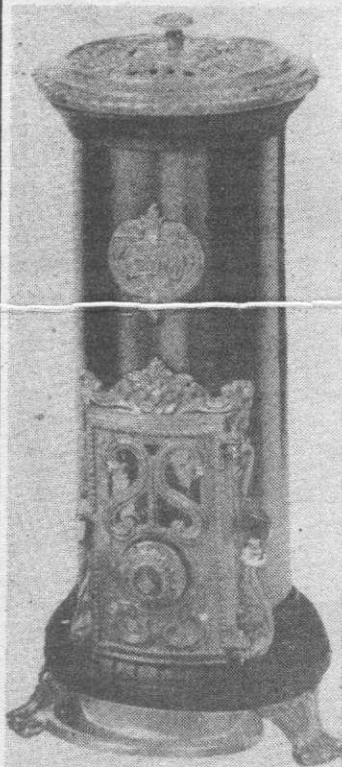
The meditation entitled *Stooping to our need* was the subject of Dr. Morrison's sermon.

Hymns included *Thou Whose Almighty Word, Thine Forever, Here, O My Lord* and *The Church is One Foundation*.

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