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Ganges sewer

Committee seeking annulment of order

Salt Spring Island Sewer Alternatives Committee has petitioned the Supreme Court of British Columbia, under the Judicial Review Procedures Act, to set aside the Pollution Control Branch order requiring a sanitary sewer system in Ganges. Writ was served on the

Capital Regional Board several weeks ago.

It is the second judicial review to be heard by the Supreme Court in respect of the sewer scheme. The project has also been the subject of two appeals to the Pollution Control Board.

Petitioning on behalf of the committee are Hermann Kirchmeir and Doris Ackerman.

The committee is asking the court to reject the pollution control order of January 17, 1978, in which the Capital Regional Board was directed to install a sewer system at Ganges.

The order was irregular, ultra vires the power of the director and/or a wrong and unreasonable

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Schools to close

Students in Gulf Islands schools will get half a day off Thursday when members of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association attend a rally in Victoria.

The rally is being staged to protest the provincial government's stand on indexing pensions. The teachers claim that the ceiling placed on the indexing formula for their pensions will not allow retired teachers' pensions to keep up with inflation.

"It is the government of the province of B.C. which must bear responsibility for the climate of acrimony, anger and frustration which has led to this action," the association says.

Don't trifle with cough, says Arneil

An outbreak of a whooping cough-like disease has hit the Gulf Islands more than any other part of the Capital Regional District.

Regional health officer Dr. Allan Arneil told *Driftwood* Tuesday that it was a disease "that should not be trifled with".

"It can be quite nasty and it can have nasty complications," he warned.

He advised that anyone who gets the cough should avoid contact with others, particularly young children and babies. Arneil said the disease is infectious for about three weeks following the onset of the cough. That period is reduced to about 10 days, however, when the disease is treated with antibiotics. But he noted that antibiotics are not very effective in treating the symptoms.

Anyone suffering now from whooping cough may be in for another bout later in the winter. Arneil said it was not uncommon for the disease to return "off and on" all winter.

he said it normally lasts about three weeks.

Animal disease which is spreading over North America, parvoviral enteritis has already broken out in the islands.

While unofficial reports place the canine deaths due to the disease as high as seven, Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic reports one known death from the disease and a large number of cases.

Several months ago Dr. C.E. Andress, of the clinic, told *Driftwood* that dogs should be inoculated against the disease.

Symptoms are vomiting and, in some cases, diarrhoea with blood, listlessness, dehydration and generally a condition of not being well.

Pet owners have also reported cases of an animal dying suddenly of haemorrhage without any symptoms of the disease.

The disease is not the killer that distemper used to be, but it will

Essay contest offers \$105 in prizes

Students in Gulf Islands schools are being given a chance to win a total of \$105 in cash and book prizes in a Christmas essay contest sponsored by *Driftwood*.

Deadline for the essays, which must not exceed 500 words, is Friday, Dec. 12. Winning essays in the four categories will be published in *Driftwood's* Christmas issue.

More information on the contest may be found in the new children's section, on Page Thirteen.



Violinists warm up for concert

Young musicians Juda Shugar and Lena Morin practise their violins in readiness for *Children*

Helping Children concert at Ganges Sunday. Proceeds from

the show will go to the Save the Children Fund. Story on Page 34.

Serious disease usually shows symptoms

take its victims unless they have been given shots.

The disease is usually of the intestines, but it also may attack the heart muscle, particularly in puppies.

Many dogs are resistant to the disease and probably only half the canine population is susceptible,

according to the provincial veterinarian, Dr. R.J. Avery. The disease rarely attacks an entire litter. Some animals will be infected and others escape.

The disease is carried by dogs and spreads through infected material, usually fecal. There is a theory that it is spread through the

respiratory tract, said Avery, but it is normally transmitted by infested material through the mouth.

Parvovirus enteritis is a serious disease of dogs. Both veterinarians agreed. Dogs may be inoculated against it. If they are not and any of the symptoms show up, they need immediate treatment.

Victoria study recommends more research on lighting

The effects of fluorescent lighting on health are under discussion on Salt Spring Island again, this time by the Fernwood School parents advisory committee.

A meeting of the committee decided last week to press the school board to consider replacing the lights in Fernwood School with full-spectrum lighting. About 20 parents were at the school to see a film produced by John Ott, a major proponent of full-spectrum lighting.

The film, *Exploring the Spectrum*, showed tests made by Ott on the different effects of lighting on plants and animals. After the film was shown there was almost unanimous consent by the parents to attempt to have the lights changed.

In April the school board voted down a motion to have existing lighting in Salt Spring Elementary School replaced with full-spectrum tubes when the fluorescent ones burned out. The parents committee at Salt Spring Elementary played an active part in trying to have the lighting changed.

CONSULTANT HIRED

Meanwhile, the Greater Victoria School Board will decide in the next couple of weeks what to do with a report prepared by a Victoria management consultant. Dr. Hal Knight was commissioned by the board about eight months ago to undertake a study on the feasibility of installing full-spectrum lighting.

Knight said in a telephone interview Tuesday that there is a lot of conflicting evidence on the value of

full-spectrum lights. But he has recommended to the school board that more research is needed.

In Canada, he said, no research has ever been done on the effects of artificial lighting and research done elsewhere is limited. Even the incandescent light, he said, has never been tested for its effects on health. The psychological effects of artificial light have never been tested, he noted.

NOT ONLY FOR SEEING

He went on to explain that not many people realize that the eye is not used solely for seeing, but also acts as a receptor for light to stimulate the glandular system.

"We must start looking at light from a health point of view."

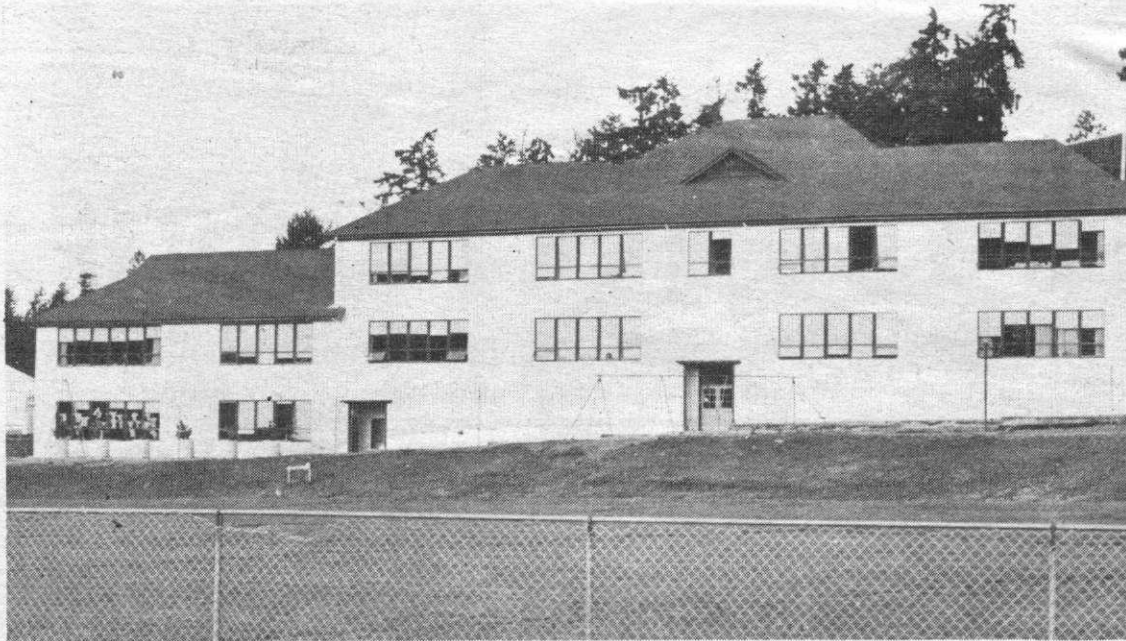
Knight said the only question which has been asked in the past about lighting was, is there sufficient light for viewing?

The use of lights in schools, he continued, was good reason for testing their effects, in that thousands of children are under fluorescent lights all the time.

"In the last 20 to 30 years we've almost completely eliminated natural light."

Knight described John Ott's work as excellent but added that most of what he's done is only reporting on what he and others have done in that field. A lot of work has to be done before it can be proved that lighting can have undesirable effects.

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Most blinds were shut

Use of artificial more than natural light is a concern of many parents in the islands. Picture of Salt Spring Elementary School was taken on a clear, bright day last week, when most of the blinds on the classroom windows were shut.

Full-spectrum lighting sought

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He added, however, that in his own opinion, fluorescent lights do have a psychological effect on people. He said also that his eyes start to bother him after spending much time under fluorescent lights.

Knight said that there was more than one factor to consider in judging the effects of fluorescent lighting. Flicker, noise and the spectrum itself could each have an effect on one's health, he suggested.

Of the research that has been done into lighting, Knight said that most dealt with classroom situa-

tions. But the division of those in favour of full-spectrum was about equal to those opposed.

Some were not scientific reports, though. As with some of Ott's work, they were reports on reports. One of the main criticisms against Ott is that he has no scientific background, said Knight.

While working on his report, Knight recalled speaking to one teacher in the Victoria area who had come to believe that fluorescent lighting had "definite effects" on students.

He said that teacher now makes use of natural light whenever

possible, with the result that her students are quieter, and work more diligently.

In his submission to the school board, Knight has said that there are capable people at the University of Victoria who could carry out research on lighting and that they have access to funds. He also noted that ministry of education should be involved.

"There's a much bigger problem here than people realize."

She is team fighting provision

There is no place in the islands for 80 ft. highways, says Mrs. Irene Hawksworth. And she is sponsoring her own campaign to bring an end to such a destruction of the landscape.

Mrs. Hawksworth collected 563 signatures to a petition to the minister of highways asking for his reconsideration of wide freeways across the islands.

But she isn't finished yet. The lone campaigner hopes to collect many other signatures in the coming weeks, on Salt Spring Island and the other islands.

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Annulment sought

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exercise of discretion and/or as being otherwise invalid, charges the petition.

SEWER PETITION

The petitioners recall that about the month of August, 1977, the Capital Regional District, through its executive director, circulated a petition to build a \$2.2 million sewer system to serve about 365 property owners.

The regional board announced about October, 1977, that the required 66 2/3% affirmative vote had been achieved and that the construction program would proceed. The executive director affirmed that the vote was sufficient.

"In fact, after correction," reads the petition, "the affirmative vote was 47.31%."

Other shortcomings are also alleged.

In November, 1977, on representations by the "petitioners and others", the regional district agreed to take no action until the vote count had been confirmed.

INSTALLATION ORDER

On January 4, 1978, the executive director of the district recommended to the board that it request the director of pollution control,

W.N. Venables, to make an order requiring the district to install and construct the system. This was done and the order was issued. The order also directed that the owner-electors were not required to give assent to the procedure.

The petitioners claim that the order was issued without investigation, or enquiries, or conducted tests and surveys and that the director of pollution control acted solely on the direction of the executive director and/or the Capital Regional Board and improperly exercised his discretion.

The petitioners also assert that the director of pollution control has no authority to make such an order and that such a system is not needed.

The information is supported by an affidavit from Hermann Kirchner.

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As Christmas Day falls on a Thursday this year, *Driftwood* will publish one day early, on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Classified and display advertising deadline will be Saturday, Dec. 20.

Deadline for Christmas Greeting ads is Friday, Dec. 12.

NO PAPER

Driftwood staff will take a holiday the week following publication of the Christmas issue. No paper will be published on December 31.

First issue of 1981 will appear on January 7.

The office will be closed from Dec. 25 and will re-open on Friday, Jan. 2, 1981.

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To Be Frank

by richards



Who wants criticism? You go to a lot of trouble to produce as good a play as you possibly can and then you present it to the public. You wait for the praise and be damned to the critics! It's like writing. You finish a brilliant piece of prose. No way are you waiting for some sourpuss to tell you what a cheap effort that proved to be. You wait for the sycophants: if there are any. All the criticism of plays and the criticism of critics and the criticism of the critics of the critics takes me back.

About 30 years ago the Peninsula Players, centred in Sidney, presented a play. And eagerly they pressed for a critic to attend. So he did. And the heavens opened. Thor came storming out on the step of the linotype. The critic was a fool, incompetent, blind, deaf and stupid; a man without the remotest pretensions to drama criticism. He should be fired. He should go back to England, where he came from. I was the critic and every word I wrote was justified. But the players had not, in truth, wanted a critic. They had wanted an adulatory writer. The formal drama critic, who came as adjudicator, was harsh. An actor who challenges criticism in that manner would not presume to act, he warned them.

But that was after they had launched a Back-to-Britain Fund for Richards. It never amounted to more than a few pence, after one misguided donor had been talked out of a \$20 offering. I never did find out whether they didn't figure I was worth the cost of sending back or whether they agreed with me. A few years later I attended, on invitation, the then newest offering of St. Luke's Players, at Cedar Hill. But, alas, the man I criticized proved to be the producer's son and, once again, the heavens opened and poured their wrath upon my head. There was once live theatre in Victoria based on a repertory company. I never missed a show: I never missed writing one up and I never heard a murmur from the cast. So, maybe, they thought I was an incompetent, illiterate plebian! They just kept it quiet. Them was the days!

The only mistakes I like are other people's. Like in a recent *Sidney Review* when reporting on a fire. "It took 16 foremen only 10 minutes to knock down the flames which bellowed from the basement..." Sounds like a department of all chiefs and no engines! But with the flames bellowing at them they probably needed the extra chiefs to shout back!

Been to Victoria lately? Seen a good psychiatrist lately? Same old tale: Buy now for Christmas: Lot full: Giant pre-Christmas Sale: No parking between signs: Look at these buys! Tow-away zone. Anybody who goes shopping in downtown Victoria is a masochist who doesn't need a whip. There are all the merchants trying to sell goods and all the city knows is how to get the people out of the city. It's their problem, not mine. Last week it was mine; I had to get to one supplier. And I drove around until I had corns on the backside from sitting. All the lots were full. All the spaces were filled. So I overparked. And I paid my \$3 shopping permit. And I was mad. But I was angry mad. It's the city merchants who are nutty mad. Between them and the city fathers, they sure must drive an awful lot of business away. You can hear the cries of the 90's: "Hey, Mac! Where've all our customers gone?" And the rueful echo from City Hall, "What customers?" Then there'll be lots of easy parking! I don't pretend to know the answers. But I think I can read the questions without my glasses. And I'll shop at home!

Lions Football? Rotary Grey Cup? Somebody blew it. I think the somebody was me. It's a funny thing, but every Salt Spring Island Rotarian and every Lion must have seen that one, when I blamed the Lions for the Grey Cup last week. But wait till the spring. Maybe we can give the Rotarians the Walkathon on Salt Spring Island. I'm just glad neither service club resorted to violence.

I've always figured that the best way to make something pay is to allow free admittance and then charge for leaving. This week I found one that does. We switched from gas to electric heat for hot water at *Driftwood*. When the supply company on Vancouver Island recovered their own tank they charged us \$50 for hauling it away.

They engage in murder, terror, torture, beating, whipping, mutilation, rape, arson and blackmail. And it's not a Christmas shopping campaign for a cute new doll. It's the summary of a history of the Ku Klux Klan. The story of the Klan is one of violence and blood. It has all the strutting emptiness of the jack-booted Nazi with an impressive history of evil hidden behind a comic dress. And it's coming into the provincial schools because the province cannot prevent it. We are a sicker society than we knew. There is no place in this province, in this era, for the comic opera killers.

City dwellers don't write letters any more. At the weekend I wanted to mail a letter in Victoria. But I couldn't find a place to mail it. I know the kind of red letter drop that used to stand outside Terry's Drug Store has long gone, but I couldn't find its successor. There were green post office boxes here and there, but I couldn't find a slot. And there are a lot of garbage boxes as well as BC Hydro boxes. But I had to admit that, after living most of my life in the sticks, I no longer know how to mail a letter in the city.

I wish doctors wouldn't get up on the soap boxes to shout for abortion. Most are males and unlikely to undergo the operation. It leaves the listener to question the motivation. Some medical men are undoubtedly deeply concerned over the matter and evince a warmer sympathy for the woman than the unborn child. But there is the possibility in some instances that the motivation is less noble and that abortion can be a profitable business on either side of the law.

I have a notice from the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia. It makes its point. And the summary is printed clearly: "For example, that group having 11 - 15 points has 5.9 times the frequency of claims as the drivers who have no points." I wonder what it means. I wonder whether it means, simply, that this group has 5.9 times as many claims as untaged drivers. Or does it mean...



North end of Salt Spring Island was without power for about 11 hours at the weekend when a mudslide at St. Mary Lake took out a pole.

Slide accompanied Saturday's torrential rains. Part of the steep bank above the lake came down on North End Road, a few curves south of Fairway Drive and St. Mary Highlands. Slide occurred at 11.26 pm. Power was restored at 10.15 am on Sunday.

Mouat looks back 21 years ago

For a year a well-known member of Salt Spring Island Lions Club served as district governor. On Friday evening Colin Mouat looked back on the experience briefly when he addressed Salt Spring Island Lions Club.

He remembered the days, 21 years ago, when he was encouraging islanders to join the new club.

Colin Mouat then jumped a decade to the time when the late Tom Portlock was district governor. He also referred to the current term, as zone chairman, of Ron McQuiggan.

First zone chairman to be named from the island club was Hart Bradley, he told members.

In conclusion, he referred to his own experience as district governor. During that year he visited 54 Lions Clubs from the State of Washington to north Vancouver Island, he stated, and travelled 27,000 miles to make 162 visits to clubs in his district.

Tour ends with concert in Vancouver

A five-week, cross-Canada tour which included some well known Salt Spring Island musicians concluded in Vancouver November 24 with a concert at the Orpheum.

The theatre was almost packed when Shari Ulrich, Valdy and the Claire Lawrence Band were featured in a concert which lasted for almost three hours.

Both Shari Ulrich and Valdy are from Salt Spring Island.

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CORRECTION

The phone number which appeared in an advertisement for **GULF ISLANDS PROPANE** last week is incorrect. Correct number is **537-2233**

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Part of the process of inflation

Last month the cost of ferry travel was raised considerably. Island residents are now paying a substantial increase to get home from the city while those residents of the Capital Region who are blessed with highways are being offered reduced rates to travel to and from the city.

The ferry rates were increased because the big, bad, bold federal government boosted fuel costs, explained the minister in charge of the ferries.

Buses burn fuel. Residents of Saanich Peninsula are being enticed to use buses. They are being offered reduced fares. The big, bad, bold federal government also raised bus fuel costs.

The minister will no doubt excuse us our puzzlement, but it seems to boil down to the fact that mainlanders and Vancouver Islanders are first-class citizens, while islanders trail along quite a distance behind.

And well might the minister consider the effect of this loss of status on the average island ego.

Next year insurance rates will be boosted very considerably by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia. These will apply to all areas. But there is another aspect of this spiralling provincial costing.

These rate hikes are the very essence of inflation. Irrespective of bland assurances and high-sounding political phrases, these increases in the cost of living on the west coast are a direct contribution to inflation, perhaps more than most other factors bearing on the cost of living.

In its anxiety to make sure that the good fight between right and wrong government philosophies is clearly seen by all British Columbians, the province just might be overlooking the ultimate effect of its own legislation.

Its own inflationary legislation, we mean.

They exist for our benefit

When the British Columbia Place legislation finally takes hold there will be one aspect to the development which is in direct conflict with the well-being of the public.

The ultimate plans of the province call for the conversion of part of B.C. Place, in Vancouver, to commercial and residential use. And, because the property will be administered by the province through a Crown corporation, it will not be subject to the planning and zoning ordinances of the city.

There is a parallel nearer to home.

Several years ago B.C. Hydro decided to construct a new headquarters on Salt Spring Island. Initial plans were postponed, but while those plans were under consideration it was explained that B.C. Hydro is a Crown corporation and may build where and how it pleases.

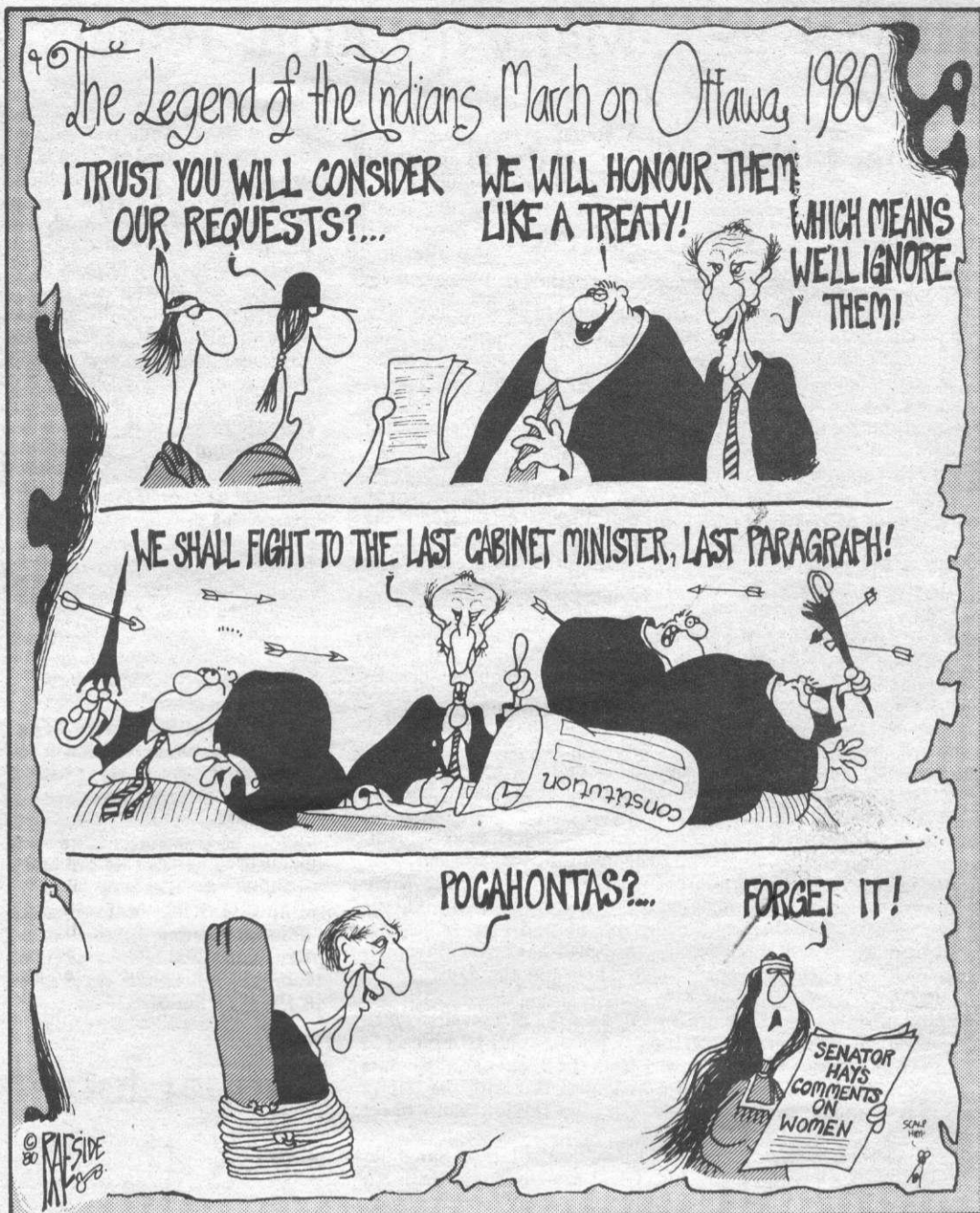
This thinking is confused.

The provincial government; the regional government; the people on the island, all work to find the best possible use of the land around them. When they have found the answer any Crown corporation may walk in and completely ignore all levels of government.

This is wrong, wrong, wrong!

No Crown corporation should be above the law. There is no possible justification for the process. If planning is good for the community, it is good enough for a Crown corporation. If a Crown corporation is above the planning regulations, then we should all be.

They exist for our benefit. Not we for theirs.



Letters to the Editor

Last-minute arrangements are often found necessary

Sir,

I am writing in response to Mrs. Yardley and anyone else who has been inconvenienced by having to attend any I-PACS function. Due to the voluntary aspect of our organization, we are often forced into the position of making last-minute arrangements.

Whenever possible it is our policy to include local performers on the same bill with featured acts, with an aim to helping them reach a wider audience; and to provide an evening of varied entertainment.

However, these arrangements are not always finalized by press time and so I must warn you that if you come to St. George's this Sunday to see Ken Bloom you may be in for a pleasant surprise.

P.S. - our scheduled starting time this Sunday is 7.30 in response to requests by people who wish to go home early on Sunday. But it would be unfair to start

Water board commended

Sir,

I would like to commend and congratulate the Fulford Water Board. On two occasions recently, heavy equipment working on the roads broke our watermains. Working with minimal manpower, the Water Board officials quickly restored service to the village and richly deserve our thanks.

MARALYN HORSDAL,
Fulford Harbour.
November 28, 1980.

before the audience has arrived - wouldn't you agree?

JEROME JARVIS,
Box 993,
Ganges.
December, 1980.

Inaccurate report

Sir,

We feel obliged to draw your attention to an inaccurate report in last week's *Driftwood*... *Insurance Agency Returns Cheque*.

The proprietors of Anchor Insurance Agencies Ltd., are Messrs. Walter Soltys and Albert Gendur. The President of the company is Mr. Derek Soltys and the Secretary is Mrs. Catherine Gendur.

The decision to return the \$100 cheque was made by B. Joy Ward, Sales Manager for the Gulf Islands, and me in my capacity as Office Manager.

Mr. J.C. Ward is not a member of the company, and played no part in this decision.

We would like to reiterate our reason for returning the cheque, as expressed in our letter to the Rotary Club:

"We are full of admiration for the works your organization finances and organizes, and we hope this cheque will enable you to extend your services a little further."

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
Office Manager,
Anchor Insurance Agencies Ltd.,
Ganges.
November 27, 1980.

Why are their fares lower?

Yesterday I travelled to Chemainus to visit a friend. The ferry fare for my car and me was \$6.25, an increase of almost 40%.

Last summer my husband and I and two friends visited Quadra Island. For the ferry trip from Campbell River to Quadra, comparable in time and distance to the Vesuvius-Crofton run, we paid \$3.50 and that included return fare for four passengers and car, one-third the fare we paid when returning to Salt Spring.

Please tell me how it is that ferries operated by the Department of Highways can maintain these low fares. I am sure their costs are comparable to costs incurred by B.C. Ferry Corporation.

The answer must be that their service is subsidized by the B.C. taxpayer. Why do not B.C. Ferry Corporation passengers qualify for the same degree of subsidization?

B.E. ARISS (MRS.),
R.R. 1 Ganges.
November 29, 1980.

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

Not to become thing of the past

Sir,
For a while there we thought recycling, using a central depot on Salt Spring, was going to become a thing of the past. We knew for certain that Islanders supported the concept, as the volume of recyclables, volunteer help and money to cover the costs of enlarging the depot have proven this point.

The Community Society was given notice to remove the depot from its site on McPhillips Avenue a few weeks ago. Where to move to was our dilemma.

Thanks to Phil and Yvette Valcourt for coming forward and offering a refuge for the Recycle Depot. Volunteers have now moved the building to its new site at the Valcourt Center and we are back in business.

Renovations will now resume, and the whole operation on Salt Spring will be more attractive and more functional. Our thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in the move.

MARG SIMONS,
On behalf of the
Board of the Salt Spring
Island Community Society,
December, 1980.

Plumbing new depths

Sir,
Understaffing is a constantly recurring problem for any community newspaper and you have my sympathetic understanding. But must you inflict Valerie Richards' reviews on your readers?

I am referring to the article in the November 12 issue and can only assume that *Driftwood* is plumbing new depths in the barrel of available reviewers. This sheep in art critic's clothing should really be allowed to practise on the Pets column before again attempting an article requiring informed and discerning judgment.

E.J. MCKINNON,
Vancouver,
November 27, 1980.

Many questions remain

Sir,
A statement of interest to all BCRIC shareholders and also the people of British Columbia.

The BCRIC baby conceived by Mr. Bill Bennett on behalf of the people of B.C., also the Social Credit Party, has now become too heavy for young Mr. Helliwell to carry. Possibly it was overfed and it needs more professional skills to make various adjustments.

Now that the dust of the Federal Budget is settling, let us now get back to the BCRIC-Kaiser-Helliwell-Bennett deal.

Some may have read the full-page report given by Mr. Helliwell on October 24/80, the fact that this is far from complete encourages me to remind Mr. Helliwell so that he can in his own interest and more particularly in the interest of all the shareholders and Mr. Bill Bennett who said that he did not know what was happening, etc., I feel he should, having appointed all the directors in the first instance.

So let us now ask for the whole deck of 52 cards to be placed face up on the table and completely detail all the related fringe benefits, payouts, loans and beneficiaries, side deals, etc., etc.

Very pertinent also is who provides the loan funds, the rates of interest, termination date, repayment details, names and complete figures.

Finally a summary of the total costs involved apart from the \$55 per share now and for the future.

A few questions that should be answered:

Loans of over one million to Edgar Kaiser and seven other officials of Kaiser Resources, I believe over \$800,000 to Mr. E. Kaiser alone, details and why.

\$300 million required to buy part of the shares, who provided, rate of interest, when to be paid back, etc., etc.

Remission of 3 1/2% on all coal sales (believe 80 billion tons projected) to be paid to E. Kaiser - why??

The Japanese as a matter of principle always involve many of their compatriots in all transactions and with *one-third* of the total shares held by Japanese interest they very obviously are their own best *salesmen* and can provide all the essential continuing contacts that can and will be needed, presumably most if not all in the way of contacts has already been done.

Therefore this commission should be set aside for adding to the expected good dividends that are to come to the shareholders.

Mr. Helliwell's report stated that the Japanese shareholders are among the major customers of Kaiser, so they are already *sold*. I suggest that BCRIC can obtain a top-flight coal specialty salesman as an employee and use him without commission at far less cost than the deal with E. Kaiser.

Lastly, allowing for the fantastic increase to \$55 in the value of the shares from their value two to three years ago, bearing in mind also that a *profit* has to be made on top of this price to pay dividends and further still add to the whole project the costs involved in all the *fringe* benefits of which I have mentioned some, no doubt there are others, I cannot help wondering with such a good thing going *why* did E. Kaiser and his associates sell out?

How good is this future for the people of B.C. who have the shares, will one or both governments come along and place a tax on sales, etc., etc., a rather interesting thought; when governments need money they just take it.

Should mining company officials, promoters, financiers, etc., involved in such transactions be able to benefit, and if so then should not this all be made public to the fullest extent.

Hopefully we will have the full deck face up so as to avoid a further series of questions, etc.

As Mr. Bill Bennett has said when he started this it is one of the biggest projects for everyone in British Columbia and he must wish as with all shareholders that all and every fact is known.

CLIFF HARRISON,
Pender Island,
November 1980.

Successful drive

Sir,
The Salt Spring Kicks soccer team held a bottle drive last Saturday. The drive was successful, thanks to the efforts of parents and team members.

On behalf of the team I'd like to thank those people who contributed to the drive.
JACKIE COATES,
Team Manager,
December, 1980.

The Anarchist

A name for all reasons

Like Alice Richards I, too, found the encounter between Ms. Bergstrom and the returning officer another of those charming interludes wherein the normal problems of the bureaucratic arts are so ably reinforced by the eager stupidity of their practitioners.

It is obvious at the outset, that, whatever the ordinary pastime of the one-day bureaucrat in this case, he/she demonstrated a virtuoso talent for the job: to attempt to offend and belittle one adult citizen within the narrow limits of a simple Voters Registration Form is stirring stuff.

Naturally, I did not bring the matter up once again merely to renew old wounds, but rather to suggest that, properly prepared, a citizen can survive many such encounters, and indeed can indulge in many pleasant hours of anticipation.

Just imagine the sheer joy that Ms. Bergstrom might have known if, when confronted by the beady eye, the poised pen, and the inescapable blank space demanding her occupation, she had responded, "I am a technician in a privately supported institution for the study of infant behaviour in a micro-social environment."

Even a hardened form-filler-outer would be reduced to humble acquiescence, if not courtesy, whereas a one-day wonder such as the clot at the polling station would have become mere putty in her hands.

The subject needs serious consideration for various reasons; blanks requiring answers have tended to proliferate in modern technological advanced societies in an apparent contrary relationship to the national birth-rate. There is even a proposal in the discussion stage that some national program

should be undertaken to develop blank control, something on the order of a curiosity contraceptive or a statistical abortion, on demand.

This latter is, of course, not without its quota of informed opposition; these persons are frequently heard to mutter under their breath, "The thought is father to the blank," and again, "Who knows what truth would be revealed if this blank were allowed to survive."

The writer is presently working on a soon-to-be-published thesis titled *Blanks in Modern Society*, which will, among other things, rip the mantle of alleged respectability from the overpaid practitioners of the Blank Game and reveal them for their perverted addiction to holes in forms. But for the moment I must confine myself to offering one overall stratagem for the use of any citizen confronted by the necessity to define themselves in terms of an "Occupation"

Women, perhaps more often than men, will find need of this device, but among its benefits lies the fact that of itself it is an entirely non-sexist answer. Properly employed by all concerned it would reduce the grave totals of the unemployed, and perhaps obviate the need to refinance the National Unemployment Insurance Fund. It is without prejudice to the age or physical condition of the person concerned, and even if half true would constitute a positive benefit to the individual and society at large.

It is simply this:
Occupation: Student.
If you, the reader, are unable to develop more complex responses to the occupational blank, by all means use this general response, and if unable to progress to further heights please wait for the upcoming publication of my thesis.

Farm lease holdings profitable for land owners

BY NICK GILBERT

"Farm lease proposal gets warm reception". Such was the headline in last week's *Driftwood*. It was noted that I was not sold on the idea, and I thank *Driftwood* for this opportunity to explain why I have some grave concerns about foreign ownership and the principle of leasing farmland.

The phenomenon of the Fulford valley lease lands is being seen all across Canada. A foreign buyer buys up blocks of farmland, then proceeds to lease it back to the owners or other locals. The owner's only involvement with the land, in many cases, is to sit at home and watch the value of the land escalate, while paying no income tax.

If he has learned the weaknesses of the Canadian system, he then proceeds to lease out the land. Or rather, his holding company and its local manager take care of this for him. He need pay no taxes on the land, nor maintain it. He has no responsibility to the community in which he owns land. But he does collect substantial rents from those who work the land on his behalf.

BUYING RURAL B.C.

At this point I hope that every farm owner on the Gulf Islands doesn't rub his hands in

glee, and set out to pursue this golden opportunity, for I fear it just might be possible. I'm even more concerned that large corporations will continue to buy rural B.C., and in the case of the Gulf Islands it wouldn't take much to make some major inroads into our limited, but critically needed farmland.

How does all this come about? Why have the provinces to the east of us hastily limited foreign ownership, while great chunks of B.C. still fall to corporate and foreign ownership? The meeting of the B.C. Federation of Farmers is presently asking these questions.

An excellent series of articles in *Harrow-smith* No. 23 (Oct. 1979) reveals why Canadian land is attractive to the foreign buyer. Our currency is weak, and our land prices low by world standards, even though this rush to buy has sent farm prices soaring from three to 10 times their 1970 levels.

The domino effect is well known to most islanders who have watched the price of land, and taxes, escalate here. When a large block of land is bought and held, it removes that land from the market, forcing land values up. As values rise, so do assessments. Most of us pay the increased taxes even though we have gained nothing.

VALUE SOARS

Our big buyer, on the other hand, watches the value of his investment soar, and if he is wise, pays little or no taxes. This is possible if he owns productive farmland, and keeps it productive. This he can achieve by breaking the land into small lease holdings.

In the case of a long-term lease (three or more years), the lessee is likely to become the assessed owner, and in this capacity qualifies for the home-owner grant, probably paying only \$50 per year total taxes. This means the real owner pays nothing, and the community receives little in the way of revenue.

However, because the rest of us are paying more taxes for local improvements, and because land values and rents are going up, the foreign or corporate owner is in a position to charge high rents. He may even argue that he is providing badly needed farm housing for those who can't afford to buy a farm.

THEY CAN'T BUY LAND

Isn't it about time we stopped to ask ourselves why our young families, our friends and neighbours, can no longer afford to buy a farm? They may be ambitious, hard-working, and feel a real kinship with the land, but still they can't buy a small farm. In exchange for

paying a rent, they can work someone else's land. They can work that land for their productive lives, and end up without a penny, although the value of the land may have escalated.

Logically the lessee has two choices when he comes to the land. If he wants a return for his labour, he can squeeze the land for every ounce of its potential, and then get off, leaving the land depleted or eroded. The second choice is not to even try. Let the land sit and take the bare minimum off it, or let a neighbour graze sheep on it. Where is the incentive to farm it carefully but intensely?

Before my readers tire of watching the dominoes fall, I will end the game with a suggestion. If you share my concerns, come along to the next Planning Association meeting on Monday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. in the school board office.

Or write your MLA and ask what is being done to protect our farmland and the families that are needed to work the land. You may even feel a little incensed that your dollars are being used to make corporations or foreign investors a lot richer.

Nick Gilbert is chairman of the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission.

At William Head

Pre-release program inadequate

At the southwest corner of Canada a beautiful little headland juts out from Vancouver Island into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The idyllic scenery includes first-growth fir trees, oak, maple and arbutus. Ducks swim in the water and rabbits frisk about on the grass.

In spite of this Edenic quality, the inhabitants are not happy. Because William Head is not a resort hotel but a medium security prison run by the correctional service of the federal government. Last week Sheila McFarlane, the constituency worker for myself and Frank Mitchell, and I visited William Head and talked with some of the inmates. I owe it to the men we talked with and also to my constituents to report on some of the things we learned.

The 120 men now locked up at William Head will someday be released back into society. But the inmates feel that they are not being adequately prepared for this return. Theoretically, the temporary absence program allows prisoners to go out into the community for community activities or work experience. This means that prisoners are not completely bewildered when they are released after a number of years away from

Ottawa report

BY JIM MANLY, MP

society.

ONLY ONE

But, according to the inmates, out of more than 100 inmates only one prisoner is presently involved in an outside project. They charge that the correctional service, rather than preparing prisoners to take a constructive role in the outside community, has adopted a "warehousing" philosophy that simply keeps prisoners out of sight until they must be released.

Towards the end of a sentence a gradual release program allows a prisoner to spend time in the community while staying at a pre-release centre. This should increase a prisoner's self-confidence and ability to cope with outside society. But prisoners claim that there is no pre-release program connected to William Head except for a very inadequate centre in downtown Victoria.

Prisoners feel that this centre

does not provide a good transition to outside society. For one thing it is too close to downtown, for another some of the staff reinforce the low self-esteem of most prisoners.

Prisoners would like greater recognition of the value of some of their programs. For example, the University of Victoria conducts classes at William Head and has attracted some very keen students. An evaluation of a similar UVic program at Matsqui reported "a remarkably low post-discharge unemployment rate (three percent) and an exceptionally low reincarceration rate (14%)". Inmates would like to see the Parole Board give greater emphasis to the values of this program.

BEEN HELPFUL

In the past, inmates have been very helpful in working with children who had special needs. The contact had a beneficial effect on the prisoners involved. Now some of them want to work with young people who are in difficulty.

They don't want young people to end up in prison and they think that, as a result of their experience, they can be helpful to them. They would like an opportunity to speak to outside groups about this project and about prison life in general.

Big crowd for Market Place

The Christmas Market Place at Pender Island Saturday drew what was reported as the biggest crowd ever seen at the school-community centre.

Sponsored by the Hall Society, it was the second year for the event.

A wide range of arts and crafts were offered for sale.

Students of Pender School had two tables of Christmas decorations and stuffed toys, among other things.

Board to proceed

Construction project at Ganges for the school band complex will be undertaken by the Gulf Islands School District.

In announcing the decision last week, Strick Aust explained that local labour will be employed on the project.

Board will engage a supervisor to oversee the project.

Any group wanting to meet with them could contact our constituency worker, Sheila McFarlane, at 474-1321.

We don't need to be soft-headed bleeding hearts to be concerned about the needs of prisoners. Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan has pointed out that "it costs just less than \$36,000 per year to keep an inmate in maximum, but only \$18,500 to keep him in minimum".

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Eight Ten Days Committees from Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Lower Mainland met in Nanaimo last Saturday to hear about Nicaragua and our Third World visitor for next year. We also met with a sizeable CUSO group which will visit Nicaragua in February.

We listened spellbound as Bishop Remi de Roo showed us a couple of hundred slides (only half his collection, he reassured us) of his two visits to Nicaragua this year. He described the Christianity which triggered, sustained and distinguishes this revolution from many others which have taken and are taking place in the under-developed and over-colonialized world.

Nicaragua is a Christian country, with 95% membership in the Roman Catholic church. Bishop de Roo was there in January and again in November. The second visit was at the invitation of "Priests in Politics" and he described their enthusiastic reception. At very short notice, the group of four churchmen was granted a 2½-hour audience with the five-member junta (three civilians and two soldiers).

TAKES MONTHS HERE

He contrasted this with the treatment meted out to church leaders in Ottawa, where it takes months to arrange an appointment with an under-secretary, and then "we are treated like the enemy".

I recalled our experience in B.C. The first time church leaders made any headway with the provincial government was when the N.D.P. premier and minister of human resources (neither of whom was from a notably Christian background!) invited a delegation from the mainline churches. From this was born the recently neglected B.C. Council of the Family.

To return to Nicaragua. Bishop

de Roo called our attention to a *Sunday Times* article reprinted in *The Province*, a typical misinterpretation of the revolution. The

More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

writer quotes Alfonso Robelo as saying, "The Sandanistas know they have failed the people."

Robelo is an ex-member of the government who resigned to form an opposition right-wing party. Ultra-conservatives are regrettably supported by certain fundamentalist Christian sects, who lend them a spurious "respectability".

ALARMIST

A current *Reader's Digest* article was also read aloud, the bishop emphasizing the key words, "the greatest need at this time is arms". This is quite contrary to his own observation and is typical of alarmist literature. (I confess I was unaware of *Reader's Digest* bias until fairly recently, and I'm sure many other readers wondered why they chose to rehash the Chappaquiddick story at the very beginning of the recent presidential campaign!)

Other Central American dictatorships are rejoicing at Reagan's election, and Nicaragua is very aware of the danger from without. Many of Somoza's hated national guard, trained and supported by the U.S., found refuge in hostile Honduras, from where they embark on lightning raids on their native land.

A striking feature of the Sanda-

nista regime is the campaign which in five months reduced an illiteracy rate from 51 to 12%. Part of the educative process is a massive display of illustrated billboards portraying the history of the revolution. Even more illuminating is the graffiti which warns "the gringos" to keep out of Nicaraguan affairs. The bishop stressed that animosity is solely towards American power and militarism - civilian tourists are as warmly welcomed as were the Canadians.

NOT FOR RUSSIAN YOKE

From the junta to the campesinos, everyone emphasized that they have not shaken off U.S. imperialism to embrace a Russian yoke. Castro has said Cuba must re-examine its own revolution in the light of Nicaragua, and expressed his awareness that the Cuban revolution "ran out of steam" when it lost Christian support.

I've been thinking about "they regard us as the enemy" and the bishop's concluding statement which called on us to re-examine the gospel as a revolutionary message. Of course we are "the enemy" of the status quo, if the status quo is an entrenchment of misused power and unjust privilege.

Jesus Christ was a revolutionary. He sought to change - to transform the powerful establishments of his time - both Roman and Jewish. So He was put to death. Al Skinner distrusts TV evangelists who promise health, wealth and success as part of salvation.

So should we all distrust such promises. They have nothing to do with the gospel. The way of Jesus leads to the cross. But He promises to be with us, there and thereafter.

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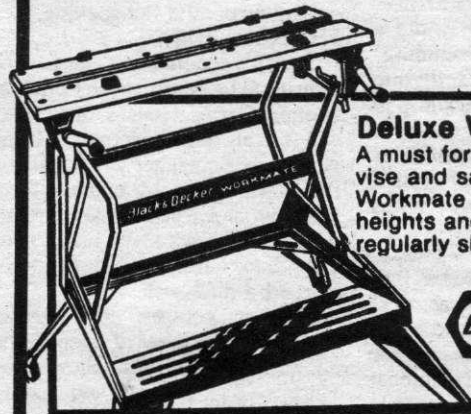
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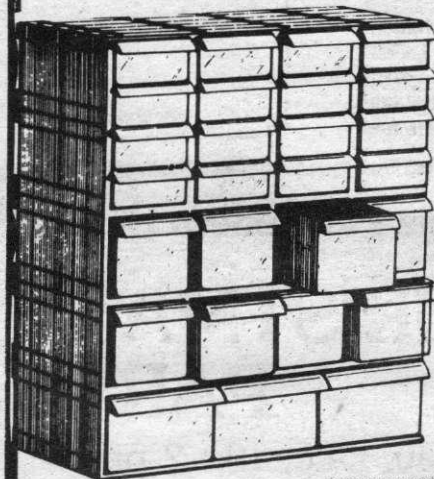
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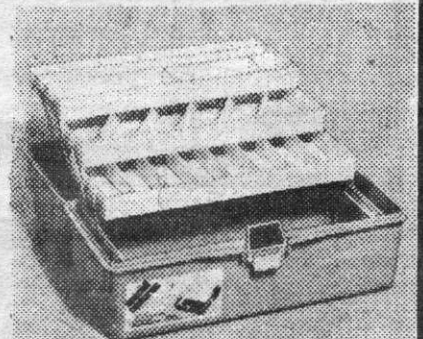
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Open stage brings out performers

BY MICHAEL ARMSTRONG
The Common Ground Coffee House Sunday night at St. George's Hall was exactly that: a common ground for Salt Spring performers. The open-stage coffee house played host to eight acts consisting of 12 performers. All of them were Salt Spring residents and most did their own material.

The evening started at eight o'clock with Rick Levis on guitar. Rick, doing his own compositions, made nice use of harmonics in his guitar work.

He was followed by Gary Manzer and Warren Langley. They did a trio of older folk tunes including *Wildwood Flower*. Gary's rhythm guitar provided a good backdrop to Warren's beautiful harmonica work. Warren plays the harmonica as if it were a finely tuned instrument, manipulating notes with the slightest touches.

We were then treated to the first of two readings by local poet Jezrah Hearne. She warmed us up with some lighter pieces. These included a delightful poem about encounters with Buddhist philosophy and gurus entitled *Redneck Forever*, and another that took us "down the old dharma trail". Her first reading was indeed done with just "the right shot of wry". Or scotch, Ballantine's.

A short break brought on Rick Nunez and Rhett Faire. These two did a number of Rick's own stuff. Rick's fine voice and Rhett's strong jazz bass were highlights.

SEA SHANTIES

A trio of locals followed with some sea shanties and some light jazz. The songs were written by Oscar Riley who played the guitar. He was accompanied by John Akehurst on fiddle and bass and by Dennis, a fine recorder player whose last name I failed to get. Sorry, Dennis.

The next act was a little challenging and quite delightful. Louisiana Red (no other name given) played a fine jazz/funk guitar and sang his own compositions. He had

a rough voice but made up for it with character and great lyrics.

He was followed by Kevin Wilkie, who plays his guitar backwards. He has a beautiful voice and warmed us with some familiar material including *Rocky Raccoon*, for which he got help from the audience.

Jezrah's second reading showed us more of her serious material, including two beautiful pieces called *Our Lady of the Harbour, on her 35th Birthday* and *Cougar Woman*. I remember a line, "the earth and the heart are one. The only difference is the spelling."

FIRST OF SERIES

Jezrah's reading was the first of a series to be heard at the Common Ground Coffee Houses. The next will be at the Christmas Coffee House on December 21. It will be the first reading by another local yokel named Michael Armstrong. You are all invited to bring your eggs and tomatoes but be forewarned: I duck well.

Another set by Rick Levis, missed by a number of people who showed up late, was followed by Huckle. This talented entertainer closed the evening with a fine set of his own material.

It was an entertaining and surprising night as Salt Spring brought forth a fine gathering of local talent. The next I-PACS-sponsored coffee house will be this weekend.

Ken Bloom will be making a return visit to the island. The showtime will be 8 pm Sunday night at St. George's Hall. There will be a warmup act.

At Ganges Sunday

Return engagement for Ken Bloom

From I-PACS

On September 28 the Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society staged the first Common Ground Coffee House by introducing master performer/musicologist/humourist Ken Bloom to the people of Salt Spring Island.

He was received with great enthusiasm, both by the coffee house audience and the entire student body of the island. And so, in response to numerous requests, we have arranged his return appearance for this Sunday, 7.30 at St. George's Hall.

Because seating is limited we would advise people to arrive well before 7.30 to be sure of a seat. (Doors will open at 7.00). Admission will be \$4 with the usual 50 c. reduction for members and Old Age Pensioners.



KEN BLOOM

It's always three o'clock

One school trustee was unimpressed with the high school building at Ganges last week.

Mary Williamson commented to the Gulf Islands School Board that she had noticed how poverty-stricken everything looks at the school. "We finally got the clock back and it doesn't work," she reported, "It's permanently three o'clock up there."

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KICK-OFF

Good news both on and off-field

BY MALCOLM LEGG

The big news last week came from two fronts, one on-field the other off-field, and both were very pleasing results.

The on-field news came in the intra-island division where the Kanaka Cosmos stunned the league leaders, the Rowdies, by holding them to a 0-0 tie. For the girls it was their first point of the season.

The off-field news was the referees' course and the excellent marks received on the exam.

It was another very wet week but most games were played with the highlights as follows.

INTRA-ISLAND

Senior:

Panthers, 4 (A. Aust-2, C. Hume, D. Guilbault); Fury, 1 (Chad Little).

Kanaka Cosmos, 0; Rowdies, 0.

For the Cosmos there was a lot of celebrating as they drew with the Rowdies and allowed the Panthers a chance at the top spot. But it was not one of the Cosmos' hanging-on-for-the-point efforts but rather a game where the girls took the game to the Rowdies and were unlucky not to come up winners.

The team is anchored by four strong veterans: Jennifer Anderson, their center-half, who plays like a human dynamo and whose power source is endless; Susan Box, their steadiest and most solid defender, who kicks capably with either foot; Joey Moger, a hustling mid-field and attacking player whose drive and desire make her a fine example as captain; and Laura Hynes, the co-captain and aggressive striker whose scoring talents are starting to blossom.

Three other veterans have shown marked improvement in their play: Jessica Speed, Vanessa Logan and Christie Aust.

The rookies are many and all have shown promise: strikers Vivien Coy and Suzanne Terrick give the Cosmos size and strength in attack; Carol Lane has become a strong utility player as she fills any role with great ability; Barbara Graham is a hustling, hard-working defender; Natalie Blomley is the Cosmos' pesky forward who harasses opposing defences into making mistakes; the remaining cast of Yonnus Becker, Shanti Ford and Tina Piatoka give the Cosmos depth in all positions.

Junior: (Play-offs)

Demons, 0; Eagles, 0.
Machine, 0; Eagles, 0.

Nothing but goose-eggs at this level which means everyone is still in the running for the cup.

The only change has been caused by the weather. Instead of the format drawn up we will only have the play-off round, thereby getting all the games in, with the winner declared the Coers Cup champion.

The revised schedule is listed under This Week in Recreation.

Jamborees

Both Saturday's Jamborees suffered due to the inclement weather. The Junior Jamboree was called off before it could start but the senior event attempted to play.

The Fernwood Fury never showed and it reduced the tourney to a three-team event.

The Rowdies dumped the Panthers 2-0 and were playing the Kanaka Cosmos when the weather turned from bad to horrendous. The game was called early with no score and all players headed home disappointed and soaked.

Rescheduling of these jamborees looks difficult under the present weather conditions but we will try.

REFEREES' COURSE

On November 24, 15 participants wrote the examination to become certified referees on Salt Spring and out of this group 14 passed, and with some excellent marks.

The average mark was 70% with the pass mark being 60% (for 14 and older) and 50% (for under 14) which reflects the high standard achieved.

Ken Marr of the Cyclones topped the class with 93% but several were hot on his tail and all deserve congratulations. Those passing were Ken Marr, Peter Coates, Eddie Ruckle, Strick Aust, Jeff Moger, Brad Davies, Alan Stacey, David Kruger, Jackie Andrews, Mike Blomley, Mike Kruger, Jason Minvielle, Andrew Hoeller and Robert Hitchcock.

Seven more still have to write and should they succeed we will be forming the nucleus of a solid crop

of officials.

On Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 pm at the Kanaka Place we will hold our annual dinner for all coaches, managers, sponsors and executives.

It is our opportunity to say thank you. Please notify Becky Kitchen or myself at 537-5870 to confirm your reservation.

Local boys playing for Chiefs

Two local athletes are playing football for the Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland champion Cowichan Chiefs football team. Trevor Tamboline and Tom Tranter have survived many a ferry ride between Crofton and Vesuvius to emerge as two successful players on a championship team.

Tamboline plays right defensive end and Tranter plays offensive fullback.

At the provincials held in Duncan last Sunday the Chiefs were unable to capitalize on the passing game until the final minute, when they scored a touchdown and passed into the end zone for two extra points, only to come up short 9-8.

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Div. 2B: S.S. Cyclones vs Cordova Bay, Sun. Dec. 7, 11:00 am, Portlock Park.

Div. 3B: S.S. Kicks - BYE

Div. 4B: S.S. Selects vs Gorge Canadians, Sat. Dec. 6 1:00 pm, Kulai Pk.

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Thurs. Dec. 11 - Fury vs Kanaka, Fernwood

Junior:
Tues. Dec. 2 - Demons vs Machine, Fernwood
Thurs. Dec. 4 - Eagles vs Demons, Ganges
Tues. Dec. 9 - Machine vs Demons, Ganges
Thurs. Dec. 11 - if needed to decide champion.

All games kick-off at 3:30 pm; home team is first named.

Executive Dinner: Wednesday Dec. 10, 6:30 pm at the Kanaka Place for all our coaches, managers, sponsors and executives and their spouses.

Strikers down Juan de Fuca

BY STRICK AUST

Strikers, 4; Juan DeFuca, 0

In the past, the Strikers were a confident second-half team. No matter how many goals they were down at the end of the first half, they were never worried.

"We'll hammer them in the second half," was their attitude, and nine times out of 10 they did. The confidence is still there, but in the past three games, it has shown itself quite a bit earlier.

Three weeks ago, the Strikers scored four goals against Sooke in the first 20 minutes of the game and won 4-0. Two weeks ago, they scored four against Duncan in the first 12 minutes of play and won 5-2.

This week, Juan De Fuca fell victim to them, giving up four goals in the first 16 minutes of play.

TWO MISSING

Saturday found the Strikers missing two players from their starting line-up. Missing were Brad Terrick at right half and Peter Aust at right wing. Brought in to fill these positions were alternate half-back Mike Kruger, and to the right wing, Eric Donnelly. Both these boys played stand-out games, but Eric totally dominated the first 10 minutes of the game.

After two or three minutes of mid-field play the Strikers got control of the ball and Eric placed a beautiful pass in to the centre to Stuart Lyon. He chipped the ball over the goalie to open the scoring

with only four minutes gone in the game.

Five minutes later, Eric set up the second goal.

HARD, LOW SHOT

The goalie came out of the net to cut down the angle but Eric's hard, low shot went through the goalie's hands and was headed for the net. Jeff Moger, who was streaking in for a rebound, ensured the goal by pushing the ball the last few feet over the line and put the Strikers ahead 2-0.

Four minutes later, Jeff set up goal No. 3, this time for Brad Davies. The ball was pushed up from the mid-field, and after some scrambling in front of Juan De Fuca's goal-mouth, Jeff was able to control the ball just long enough to push it over to Brad, who hammered the ball into the top corner.

Goal No. 4 at 16 minutes of the first half was a bit of a novelty for the Strikers, a totally individual effort. The performer was Stuart Lyon, and the challenge was to dribble through the whole opposing team and deck the goalie for a score.

Through vigorous bargaining, it was written into Stuart's contract that he be allowed one of these attempts per game, and in this one it was highly successful. After constant pressure by the Strikers, Juan De Fuca was finally able to clear the ball, and Stuart found himself in possession of it on the 4th-yard line with the whole defending team between him and the goal.

Stuart moved the ball up the middle, faking a pass here, a shot there, until he was facing only the goalie, one last head fake and a nice shot, and the score was 4-0.

For this accomplishment, Stuart gets a big red "S" for the front of his shirt, and a lump of kryptonite, his flowing red cape is already on order.

David Toynbee saves Blues

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Salt Spring Blues, 3; Dynamos, 3

Out of the mud and mire, rose David to smite the mighty Goliath (called the Dynamos on tis particular day) and salvage the Blues, who were on their last gasp.

Firstly, I will set the stage for what was David Toynbee's finest moment this season. It was a day not fit for the meek or weak but those of strong heart and much courage (also called lack of brains).

The field was a quagmire of mud and water and the weather atrocious as freezing rain fell during the battle, causing players to have more trouble with the elements than their opponents.

But play they did and the Blues were soon in command as they slithered and sloshed their way into

attack better than the Dynamos. Arne Hengstler tallied the first goal as he picked a loose ball and splashed it into the goal. Moments later it was Arne again as he neatly deflected a header in from a David Toynbee cross - it was a classic, for sure.

But the second half was a different story as the defence fell to pieces, the mid-field lost control of the game and the forwards stopped working.

In no time at all the local squad collapsed and saw three goals slip into their net and defeat staring them in their face. The Blues tried to rally but their cohesiveness was gone and their attacks disintegrated in the Dynamos muddy goal-mouth.

As the time started to dwindle away the Blues became frantic and forged into attack ruthlessly, but the Dynamos' defence looked like an impregnable brick wall. This is when David stepped in with his heroics.

With only two minutes left in the match, Gary Hartwig took a free kick on the right flank. Gary's cross was volleyed by myself but was deflected to Arne who charged at the net only to be brought down. The ball rolled loose from the tackle and David swooped down and smote his blow for the Blues' cause.

David's goal was his first of the season and has long been waited for by his team-mates as he has set up so many goals for the other forwards. He salvaged a point for us and we hope he notches many more in future games.

Next week we meet division-leading Gordon Head in Victoria for an important clash, but hopefully the conditions are better and we come up with a good effort. We will need eleven Davids to win this one.

SHUT-OUT FOR FEWINGS

Salt Spring continued to control most of the play during the second half with the exception of three or four long ball break-outs by Juan De Fuca. The few resulting shots were easily controlled by keeper Erin Fewings, but he had some help from his defence at just the right times.

On one occasion, a forward had got behind the defence and had a clear path to the goal, but David Kruger, playing left full-back, was able to run the forward down and force him to the side, giving the rest of the defensive trio the time they needed to get back and help out. Late in the game this happened again, and this time it was right full-back Rob Minvielle who chased the forward down.

Although the Strikers' offensive crew get most of the glory, it is the heads-up play of our defence that allows them to concentrate on offence, confident that our back wall is solid.

Salt Spring Kicks show some of their old spark

BY MEL COATES

Salt Spring Kicks, 2; Lakehill Bullfrogs, 0.

This was more like the old Kicks. There were periods of good passing in the game. The field was muddy and that made a passing game difficult to play, but the Kicks did manage to make some good moves. So it is to be hoped they are coming out of their slump. Jonathan Jenkins and Greg

Hanks played in the defensive line for the whole game, and both played a non-stop, hustling, hard-driving game. They never gave up, never stood back, always gave the extra effort that was needed. Lyle Brown also played a strong game in defense, sharing sound judgement, good timing and ability to turn a Lakehill attack into a Kicks' attack.

In goal, Jack Andrews played a safe, competent game. Despite a muddy field and a wet, greasy ball, he only mishandled once, and then quickly recovered.

The goals came from Sean Logan who took advantage of some well-placed passes. Sean has a very powerful kick and he is bringing it more under control with every game.

All in all, this was a more satisfying game than the Kicks have had in a while. They did show some of the old spark, some of the skills they are capable of.

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Down the Gutter with Ken Collins

In the bowl-a-thon held on the weekend Carol Kaye came out on top in the scratch event, Denis Corcoran was second and Peter Jaquest was third. In the handicap event it was Leo Toutant first, Ben Martens second and Albert Kaye third.

Don't know too much this week about what has happened on the local bowling scene, due to my having a bout of whooping cough and being confined to my bed.

Here are the better scores of the week: Carol Kaye, 748; Frank Cunningham, 700; Pat Byron, 732; Daryl Little, 752 (male bowler of the week); Bunty McNally, 711; Donna Dawe, 885 (female bowler of the week); Kevin Kline, 723; and finally, Joyce Taylor, 832.

We had 300 games from Connie Hardy, 301; Donna Dawe, 332-339; and Joyce Taylor, 315.

Did you notice that the ladies out-classed the men in every department this past week? Mark one up for the women's libbers.

In the pins-over-average department it was Joyce Taylor with 286 over.

In the Golden-agers it was Flo Kavanagh making the lady bowler of the week, and it was Wally Edwards for the men.

Tip of the Week

Don't grip your ball too tightly. You are supposed to roll the ball, not throw it.

Y.B.C. NEWS

Sunday saw Jets, Pee Wees and a few Bantam bowlers join happily with Golden-Age bowlers in our annual Pee Wee/Golden-Ager Tournament.

Amidst cheering, egging on of both ages and general camaraderie, bowlers who tied for first place were: Team 1, with Sid Boswell, Suzanne Jacquest and Benjamin Deacon and Team 2, with Peggy Bean, Christine Spencer and Jeffrey Neilson.

A big thank you to the Golden-Age bowlers who joined with the "little" guys and gals to make this another fun tournament.

Sorry we missed our spot in last week's paper, but better late than never. Here are our high scorers for Saturday, Nov. 22.

Jets: Rebecca Stratholt, 95.
Pee Wees: Tammy Sloan, 87; Ryan Davies, 113; Clinton Helfrich and Jeffrey Neilson, 107; Adam

Baines, 97.

Bantams: Lisa Jorgensen, 177; Shannon Taylor, 174; Penny Spencer, 158; David Jacquest, 160; Justin Williams, 133; Arlys Stratholt, 107; Jay Pinchin, 104.

Juniors: Denise Harrison, 246; Suzanne Cottrell, 231; Van Innes, 226; David Cates, 194; Charles Rose, 175; Eddie Ruckle, 153.

Seniors, Wednesday, Nov. 19: Trisha Westcott, 199; Steve Marleau, 276; Danny Fraser, 261; Eddie Westcott, 226.

High scorers for Saturday, Nov. 29 were:

Jets: Rebecca Stratholt, 72; Leah Brubaker, 62; Aaron Slingsby, 61; Shane Eldstrom, 50.

Pee Wees: Tanya Slingsby, 113; Tammy Sloan, 109; Clinton Helfrich, 153; Jeffrey Neilson, 109; Paul Jenkins, 94.

First high double for a Pee Wee was Clinton Helfrich with a 278 total.

Bantams: Jodie Harrison, 151; Penny Spencer, 148; Shannon Taylor, 141; David Jacquest, 153; Justin Williams, 122.

Juniors: Denise Harrison, 243; Kara Cruickshank, 196; Mary Piperno, 177; David Cates, 194; Charles Rose, 166; Eddie Ruckle, 162.

Seniors, Wednesday, Nov. 26: Angie Matthews, 238; Janet Foerster, 225; Trisha Westcott, 188; Danny Fraser, 288; Paul Trenholm, 250; Steve Marleau, 242.

Bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on November 24 were:

First, Gordon Hutton and Anne McConnell; second, Dr. and Mrs.

Hyslop; third, Lois Popkin Clurman and Bunny Jordon; fourth, Alf and Vera Nichols; fifth, Nora Day and Phoebe Stevens.

November 25: first, Norman and Gordon Best; second, Lois Popkin Clurman and Shirley Love; tied for third, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop, Gordon Hutton and Anne McConnell.

Basketball season under way

Contributed

Gulf Islands Secondary School's basketball season is under way and showing signs of improvement with every game. The senior boys are into their eighth game of the season on Thursday against Salmon Arm in the Victoria Police Senior Boys' Basketball Tournament.

Junior boys have their first game of the season in Port Alberni on Tuesday and the grades 8 and 9 will be getting started in the next week.

The girls' program will begin within the week. Already the senior girls have played Fraser Valley teams from Langley and will be meeting more island teams in the next few weeks.

The senior boys are now three and three on the season against outside schools like Hope, Sardis, Lambrick Park, Southgate and Mountain Secondary from Langley. The showing thus far has been encouraging but the road ahead will be a rocky one with some of the best small high schools in the lower mainland visiting the island this winter.

The next home games for the senior boys are December 11, 12 and 13 against Esquimalt and Reynolds of Victoria and Mountain Secondary of Langley. All of these promise to be good games so drop into the high school gym and find out about the most exciting game in town... basketball.

There will be a double-header on Friday night with the senior girls playing Stelly's from Victoria at 5.30 pm. and the senior boys playing the same school's senior boys' team at 7 pm.

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Two wins for Slugs

BY MACKY BACKHAND

After a one-week enforced layoff caused by a no-show opponent (indicative of the widespread respect and awe in which they are held), the Salt Spring Lands Islander-Slugs swung back into action last weekend with two big wins.

Sunday morning, backed by strong goal-tending from new goalie Alex Whatshisname? and buoyed up by the fact that Mel Topping had finally coughed up with the new uniforms promised months earlier, the team edged Duncan Elks 6-3 in a close checking defensive battle at Fuller Lake.

The arrival of the erstwhile uniforms strangely coincided with the appointment of Mel as captain and all-round guru of the team. He immediately swung into action switching lines, hurting feelings and generally disrupting the lately

slovenly Slugs. The results were obvious.

After the game several of the Slugs leapt into their assorted vehicles and raced to Panorama Leisure Centre to take on the Sidney Psychos old-timers team.

Impressing no one with their spiffy uniforms and lacklustre play, the Slugs nevertheless were able to blunder their way to an early victory over the Psychos.

This weekend the Slugs get serious, heading to Gold River for the annual invitational hockey tournament and cow pie throwing championship.

The Slugs are rated as prohibitive favorites, but only if they can convince Mel to take Salt Spring Lands' listings off the backs of the uniforms.

Meeting discusses formation of squash, racquetball club

A group of 10 squash and racquetball enthusiasts met last week to discuss the formation of a squash and racquetball club on Salt Spring Island.

A supporter of the yet unformed club, Scott Bergstrom, told the meeting held last Wednesday night at the school board office at Ganges, that the recent failure of the recreation complex referendum prompted him to return to exploring the possibilities of forming a society which might finance the construction of facilities.

It was noted by Allan Hardie that some knowledge of facility costs was vital before the sports enthusiasts could take any further steps. Terry Stringer felt that costs of construction had to be prepared for public perusal in order to provide a more clear plan to islanders who wished to become involved in the project.

As a society the squash and racquetball club would be non-profit and eligible for grants such as that received by the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club this year, Connie Bergstrom told the meeting.

Location of facilities, cost of building, number of courts and the

various avenues of funding were discussed.

Connie Bergstrom was appointed chairman. Ian Jukes agreed to explore funding possibilities for the club and Tom Watson told the meeting that he would look into matters dealing with private and public societies.

Next meeting was scheduled for mid-December.

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Determination, team spirit secure win for Cyclones

BY BRUCE CASPAR

Salt Spring Cyclones, 6; Duncan Royal Bank, 1

From the beginning, this game promised to be one of the best played games by the Cyclones. With their determination and marvelous team spirit, they proved for the sixth consecutive time what soccer is all about by beating the Duncan Royal Bank 6-1.

Bryan Caspar, after 10 minutes into the first half, started the barrage of goals on an unassisted effort. Bryan out-ran the Duncan defender to the ball then he chipped it over the goalie's head into the net.

A few minutes later Aaron Minvielle, assisted by Gordon Hitchcock, scored the second goal. His first shot stopped dead in a mud puddle, right on the goal line,

but Aaron quickly took another shot and this time put it in.

Dan Utter, assisted by Aaron Minvielle, scored the third goal. Duncan's big, centre-forward scored their lone goal on a chance break-away which finally beat goalie Ken Marr. The last time they played together Ken frustrated the forward several times by robbing him on break-aways.

In the second half three more goals were scored by Kerry Walker assisted by Dan Utter; Dan Fraser assisted by Bryan Caspar and the last goal by Steven Marleau was scored on an excellent shot, leaving the goalie flat-footed.

The Cyclone's defense, Jim Buckley, this writer and Nelson Graham, played well, covering for each other and communicating well with each other and the goalie, Ken Marr.

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THE UNNAMED PAGE



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Students are invited to find name for new section

After spending several days debating what name should be given to these pages of contributions from islands students, *Driftwood* decided to leave it up to the students themselves.

A cash prize of \$20 will be offered to the student who submits the most appropriate name. Until that name is chosen, this section will be referred to as The Unnamed Page.

Some stories from Saturna School

The Magic Plume

BY KRISTIN

It was Monday afternoon when my friends and I were walking home from school. We spotted a bright orange box up in a tree. We walked over to the tree and I climbed up. I threw the box down to my friends. When I got down we read the label. The label informed us that the box contained a feather from the legendary phoenix. The feather was the same colour as the box. Since we were hungry we wished for something to eat. It was so neat! All of a sudden, in a puff of smoke, there was some food to eat. Then we wished for something to drink. The same thing happened again. There was something to drink appeared before our eyes. Next we wished for some money. Nothing happened, then we heard a voice say, "Only two wishes. Now you have to wait for 24 hours." We all agreed that we would hide the box in a hole under the tree and the next day we would meet at the same place at four o'clock.

Next day we dug up the box but the feather wasn't there. We heard the voice say, "The feather is gone forever." I guess it went somewhere else.

BY C.F.

Once upon a time a man was out hunting for birds. He spotted a bird called the Rainbow bird. He pointed his gun. Then, Boom! The Rainbow bird came flopping down. The man ran over to the bird and picked it up by its tail. The bird asked to be spared. He said he would do anything asked of him. So the man said, "You will have to take me wherever I want to go." The bird said, "You will have to mend my wing before I can take you anywhere. I almost forgot. You will have to feed me until I die." The man agreed.

The Rainbow bird took the man every place he wanted to go. This went on and on until...the bird thought he was working too hard and all he does is feed me. That night a window was left open and the Rainbow bird flew off and never went back.

When the man woke up and looked for the bird he could not find him. The man had to walk everywhere from then on. The Rainbow bird lived for a long time after that and had a lovely life.

BY SCOTT STEWART

As I was walking along in Stanley Park I came across a floating feather. It looked as if it might have come from a Phoenix. I didn't know for sure. I jumped up and grabbed the feather. It was very soft and was about as long as a popsicle stick.

After playing in the park for a while longer I started for home. As I was walking along I thought about what it would be like if I were a phoenix and I could be magic. I knew that couldn't happen. When I got home I couldn't help noticing my dad watching the football game. It was the B.C. Lions versus the Edmonton Eskimos. B.C. was losing by six points with only 46 seconds left in the game and Edmonton had the ball. I was sure

Edmonton was going to get a touchdown. I thought in my mind I hope it's intercepted, and it was. B.C. got the ball and ran down for a touchdown. B.C. won the game 26-25.

I went to my room and jumped on the bed. I thought, it might have been the feather. Maybe it was a magic feather. A magic plume, that is! I thought in my mind, I wish I could float around the room. Surprisingly, I was floating. I was so surprised I lost my concentration and fell right back on the bed. The next morning I got up and looked for the feather. I looked all over. I asked my mom and dad, but they didn't know where it was. I looked out the window and saw it floating away. So now I don't have a feather to grant my wishes any more.

BY KIM

As the young prince was walking in the park on a hot summer day he noticed a gold feather floating down towards the ground. While he was watching it float to the ground he noticed something strange flying above him. It looked as if the feather had come from the strange thing.

The prince went home where he showed the goldsmith the feather. Unfortunately the goldsmith knew nothing about birds. The prince went on to find the Ornithologist. As he was walking along he saw a boy running towards him. The boy ran up to him and said, "I overheard your conversation with the goldsmith. I went to see the Ornithologist and he said that the feather was from a bird called the Phoenix. The Phoenix is a magical bird and it will grant three wishes each day."

The prince went home to tell the king and queen about the wonderful feather. They said, "May we see this feather?" The prince said "Yes, you may". After they had seen the feather and made some wishes the prince took it and put it in a safe place. Soon after he got married and lived happily ever after.

BY CORY

Once upon a time, long ago, there was a magical bird named the Phoenix. The Phoenix wasn't too happy because every 500 years or so he had to shed one feather. That might not seem so hard, but the only way for him to lose a feather was for a human to pluck it from him. There was another catch.

This Phoenix was the first one ever. Right now he's 499 years old and he was born in 20 million, B.C.!

"There is only one thing to do," he said, "and that is to fly far into the future where man is civilized and I'm certain I'll find someone to pluck my plume!"

That is just what he did. He said good-bye to his dinosaur friends and set off. The best way for him to travel into the future was to fly around the earth at the speed of light. When finally he stopped, he was actually quite dizzy. He sat upon what he thought was an unusually tall rock formation. As soon as he looked down he saw cars, buses and trucks. This surprised him so much he toppled off his perch!

The Phoenix plunged downwards to the streets. In the nick of time an arm shot out of a window and grabbed him. At the same time one of his feathers was plucked off. It floated down to the street. The Phoenix was so hot, the arm dropped him and he flew off.

"Well," he said in disgust. "I shall never come back here again!" With that, he flew back into his own era.

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BOOK REVIEW

A Salmon for Simon

BY CAROLE EYLES

A Salmon for Simon by Betty Waterton. Douglas & McIntyre, Vancouver, 1978.

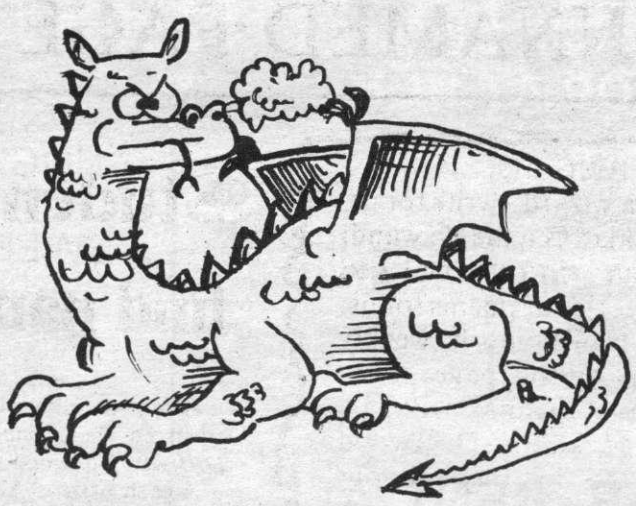
For west coast children a soaring eagle is not an unusual sight but one at close range with a great silver fish in its talons is enough to excite any child.

All summer Simon has been fishing for a salmon with his new rod without success. Now, with the great fish in front of him, Simon must decide whether to kill it or to try to set it free.

Betty Waterton's story is crisp, clear and evocative in a manner appropriate for the four to eight-year-old. Herself a resident of Sidney, B.C., Betty has captured a natural west coast island atmosphere without being either pretentious or provincial.

Ann Blades, the award-winning children's illustrator, has done an excellent job of capturing the essence of the story with her clear, bold, full tone pictures. The sharp definition and uncluttered composition of the drawings enhances the precision and clarity of the prose.

The book is hard-cover, well bound and with good quality paper is a good value for \$7.95. The text in bold print with a matching colour picture facing is an attractive layout to appeal to beginning readers, while also making the story a good one to be read aloud.



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Students from two Delta schools here this weekend

This weekend Salt Spring and Fernwood Elementary Schools will be hosting their third annual Delta Athletic Exchange. Schools that will be visiting include Heath and Pebble Hill Schools.

Students will be billeted with island students, with a return trip to Delta scheduled for sometime in February. At that time the students will play volleyball.

On Friday evening activities begin with pinguard (a lead-up game to basketball.) Heath School will play at Salt Spring while Pebble Hill will play at Fernwood School. Action begins at 7.00 with the girls' game followed by the boys' game at 8.00.

Saturday morning at 9.30 sees the beginning of the huge 16-team volleyball tournament which will last all day. There will be eight

boys' teams and eight girls' teams playing at the Gulf Islands Secondary gym and the Salt Spring Elementary Activity Center.

Over 100 students will be participating with 112 games to be played. Come out on Saturday and watch the students play.



An Indin tale

How Little Indin got his name

BY ERIN BUTLER

Once upon a time, many years ago, there was an Indin tribe, and in the tribe, there was an Indin named Little Indin.

"I want my name changed," Little Indin wailed one day. Black Hawk came up and said, "You have to earn your name, like I did." Little Indin knew this. So he finally knew what to do.

He decided to go to the woods and search for a new name. So off he went in search of a new name. In the forest Little Indin heard some growling; he turned around. It was a bear. Little Indin ran and ran, but he tripped! The bear ran into a bee hive.

As for Little Indin, he fell in the lake on a family of snapping turtles.

"YOWCH!" yelled Little Indin. The bear (who had bumps all over his nose), had one laugh and walked off, glad to have the last giggle. Little Indin got out of there as quickly as he could. He was glad the bear had gone. He picked up his bow and arrow and left.

When he was going home, it turned darker and darker. Little Indin decided to sleep in the woods. In the morning, Little Indin got his bow and arrow and continued to walk, and walk and walk until he saw a rabbit.

He was about to shoot when he decided "Naw, I don't want to kill a rabbit." So he went along and saw a turtle, but he said, "Turtles are

too hard."

So he continued to walk. Soon, he saw a crow. He said, "No I do not want to have crow in my name!" So he kept walking. When he got home, everyone took one look at him and laughed. He turned and there, clinging to his pants, was a turtle. "Now your name is snapping turtle."



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Recommendation by the secretary-treasurer, Wilf Peck, to engage Datatech to carry out the calculations in connection with the payroll was defeated in a 3-3 tie vote.

Mary Williamson looked back on the experience of Lady Minto Hospital with computers without enthusiasm.

When she suggested that the staff was overloaded with non-productive work, she was called to order by Chairman Ivan Mouat, who explained that he would not hear any criticism without going into committee.

Early view of familiar scene at Ganges

Of course, it's Ganges. That's how it looked at the turn of the century. Even the boats have changed.

'Colour' is theme of this year's Craft Fair

BY ROZ TRUELOVE

"Come to the Fair" is something we have been saying for weeks now, but this is it, this week. Friday evening from eight to 10, and then Saturday all day, from 10 to four, at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill.

And the fair, just in case you've been away on Mars lately and haven't heard, is the Community Society's annual fund-raiser, the Christmas Craft Fair, at which craftspeople from the Gulf Islands display and sell their wares and give 10% of their takings to the society.

The fair offers a great opportunity to buy unusual and delightful Christmas presents, as well as to pass an hour or two in a festive and sociable fashion. Both buildings (the centre, and the GIPSY school building) will contain a fine variety

of booths selling stained glass, pottery, toys, salves and ointments, gold and silver and much much more.

The theme this year is "colour" and it will be interesting to see what the imagination and artistry of our island craftspeople will do with that!

Added attractions will include various refreshments, served in the Family Room in the basement of the centre, and wandering musicians supplied by I-PACS.

Parking space will be very limited. To ease matters, patrons are being asked not to leave their vehicles in the driveway or on the roadway outside the centre. Alternative parking space will be available nearby, clearly marked; and in addition there will be a shuttle service running between the fair and the K&R parking lot.

Childcare will be available at the Salt Spring Day Care Centre on Bittancourt Road for a reasonable charge. It's not that we don't love little children, but we really would appreciate it if on this occasion they were conspicuous by their absence!

Everything is ready to go. Some 50-odd craftspeople have assembled a marvellous variety of merchandise - a small army of helpers have planned and worked to make the event a success - now all we need is you!

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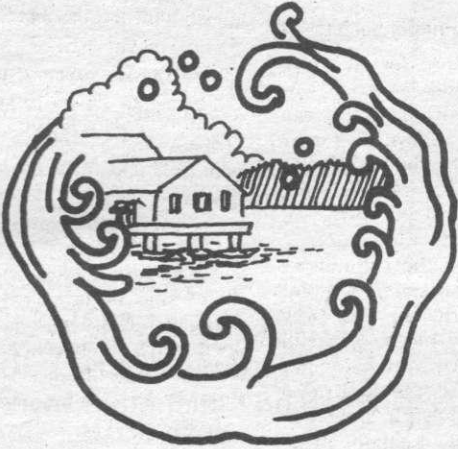
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