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Owners offer deal to community

Trust looks at proposal to transfer development rights

Development company on Salt Spring Island has offered its land to the community as an alternative to its subdivision. The property of 117 acres is on the waterfront at St. Mary Lake.

On Thursday afternoon last week the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee agreed to investigate an entirely new method of acquiring the property at minimal cost.

The Trust is asking the provincial government for approval of a transfer of development rights. Under such a scheme, the company would be granted a permit to average its lot sizes, although located in a watershed area. Given approval, the owners would relinquish subdivision rights on the holding in question in favour of permission to provide a larger number of lots on an adjacent development.

The owners would then be

invited to accept the transfer as part payment for the property.

VALUATION

Average value of a 10-acre lot overlooking St. Mary Lake is about \$40,000, the committee agreed, making the total about \$450,000. In addition, the timber on the property is worth about \$100,000.

Norman Mouat, spokesman for the development company, told the meeting that his company would accept \$350,000 if this would ensure that it would not be subdivided.

He is legally entitled to log it off and to divide it into 10 or 11 lots, he reminded the meeting.

The proposal had been discussed earlier with the MLA for the Islands, Hugh Curtis, who expressed very warm support for the plan. Curtis promised to use every means at his disposal to find funds to assist with the project.

History of the new proposal was offered to the meeting on Thursday.

SUPPORTIVE

Three water districts had supported the proposal that the Trust act for islanders in seeking a means of acquiring the land. It is the last major holding of undeveloped land around St. Mary Lake, it was explained. Not only is extensive subdivision undesirable around the lake, trustees were told, but the logging of this particular parcel would further contribute to the degradation of the lake.

The water districts joined forces in endorsing any measure which would ensure the retention of as much land as possible in its original state.

"It is obvious that the lake is eutrophic and deteriorating," stated Mike Larmour, for the North

Salt Spring Water District. "But we are unable to say how fast."

The study by the water rights branch is still under way, said the district spokesman, but the water is extremely turbid. He attributed this condition to run-off and other factors.

NOT UNUSUAL

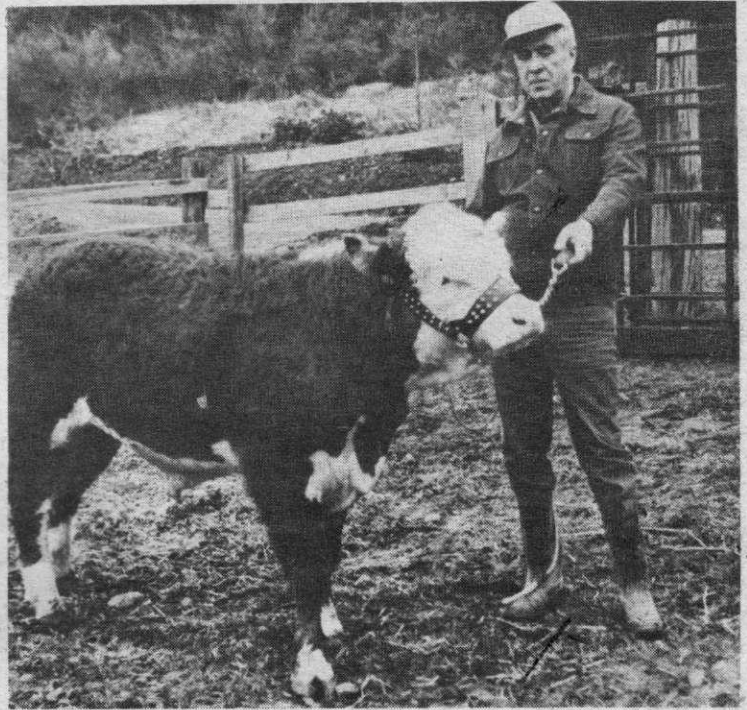
It is not an unusual condition in the islands, commented Gordon Wallace.

"Fresh-water lakes in the islands cannot survive the pressures of logging.

Dave Lott interjected that the lake condition cannot, in any way, be attributed to the owners of the property under discussion.

There is a preponderance of a new type of algae in the lake at the

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Banner Boy is a champion

Fitz-Roy's Banner Boy was first in the junior bull class and reserve champion of the Vancouver Island Futurity Exhibition in Courtenay last weekend.

Pictured with owner Roy Lamont of Salt Spring Island, Banner Boy weighs 865 lbs. and is a 10-month-old purebred Hereford.

Final election figures obtained

Election figures that were not available at press-time last week have been obtained from the returning office in Duncan.

The final tally in the Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands riding was as follows: Jim Manly, NDP, 22,120; Don Taylor, Progressive Conservative, 18,253; Leo Gervais, Liberal, 5,159; Louis Lesosky, Rhinoceros, 444; and Ernie Knott, Communist, 86.

Voter turnout at the polls was 76%, Driftwood was told.

Missing patient is found after 16 hours

An 80-year-old Mayne Island man was found sitting alone in the woods Monday morning almost 16 hours after he went missing from the acute care ward of Lady Minto Hospital.

Hospital administrator Malcolm Pinteau said that other patients saw the man, who was wearing one slipper and a set of street clothes, leave the hospital through a fire exit 6.30 Sunday evening.

It wasn't until 10.30 the next morning that John Bennett was found near Upper Ganges and Churchill Roads by Fire Chief Bob Leask and fireman Grant Marcotte.

Bennett was cold but unhurt, Pinteau said.

Police alerted the firemen at approximately 10 pm Sunday, and

14 volunteers began their search minutes later.

Deputy Chief Les Wagg said there were firemen in the search who would have gone on all night, but it was called off three hours after it was started and resumed again at 8.30 the following morning.

The hospital administrator agreed with a suggestion that it was quite possible for Bennett to have been only a few feet away from the first searchers.

"We went very close to that (Churchill Road) area," he said.

Pinteau, who took part in the search, said "The hunt was called off because it was felt every area the man could have reached under his own steam had been covered."

Ruling may be appealed

Campbell to suggest upgrading of sewage treatment plant

Chairman Jim Campbell is inviting the Capital Regional Board to approach the provincial cabinet with a view to seeking some relief from the terms of the Pollution Control Board's ruling on the Ganges sewer.

Campbell told Driftwood this week that he will invite the directors to lodge an appeal against the requirement for a 2,000-metre extension of the outfall.

He explained that he wants to urge the cabinet to approve a negotiated outfall.

The sum effect of a sewage discharge into the sea is the product of the quantity of discharge, the quantity of the receiving body and the quality of the discharge. Campbell believes that a compromise could be accomplished at a reasonable cost whereby the treatment could be augmented to produce an effluent free of all noxious content except for phosphorus. This is one chemical which has no offence in sea water, he added.

COST LESS

A tertiary treatment plant would cost substantially less than an extended outfall.

The chairman urges that if the cabinet were amenable to his proposal then he would extend the proposal to include a clause whereby if constant monitoring should reveal any deterioration of the harbour an immediate corrective action would be taken.

By this means, he believes, the actual expenditure of funds would be made only if it should prove necessary.

"Human excrement only causes temporary alteration to the environment," he explained on Tuesday, "and a temporary alteration can be readily corrected."

THREE CHOICES

Board is left with three alternatives, explained the chairman. Directors may file notice of appeal this week, leaving the path open to make the appeal if the solid waste and sewage committee should see fit to do so. The notice would simply keep the path clear. It would not commit the board to any action.

The board may apply for a permit to extend the outfall

another 2,000 metres at a rough cost of a million dollars.

It could apply for a permit to discharge into Sansum Narrows or Trincomali Channel, but the cost would be prohibitive and there could be a delay of two or three years which would push the costs even higher.

Only feasible alternative to the extension could be an improved treatment system, suggested Campbell.

He explained he would be presenting the proposals to the board meeting on Wednesday. He also emphasized that the views are his and have not been examined by directors.

Friday, February 29 is for lovers and drivers now

Application denied

Application for extension of the foreshore lease at Welbury Bay has been rejected by the ministry of lands.

The application was met with vigorous opposition from local residents last fall when the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee held a number of meetings to assess public opinion on the lease.

Welbury Bay is one of four logging outlets on Salt Spring Island.

Friday is the first day of its kind for four years.

It is the day when young ladies traditionally could propose to young gentlemen. In the days when young gentlemen were in the habit of proposing.

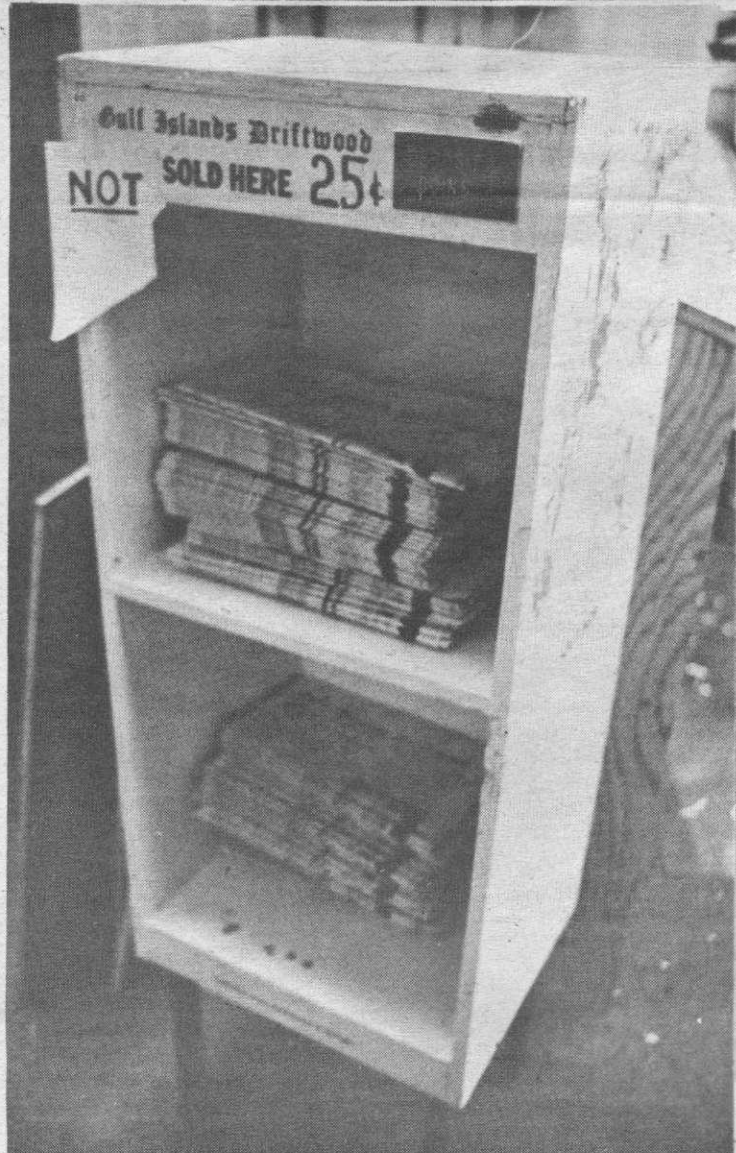
It is the one day every four years that keeps Christmas in winter and summer in July.

It is February 29. It is Leap Year Day.

Friday is also the last day for motor vehicle licences on the old plan.

Most licences expire on Friday night.

On Saturday most police officers will be looking for drivers who forgot.



No sale

Driftwood is no longer for sale on the Bowen Queen.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation has withdrawn permission to sell papers on the ferry because vandals had scratched the paint off the side of the box.

The senior executive in charge of ferry newspaper sales, in requiring that the box be removed from the ferry, expressed strong distaste for

the paint which he described as "grease".

Picture shows the offending box after its removal from the ferry vessel on Monday.

Driftwood staff is now busy designing a new box and a new colour scheme, but there is no indication yet of the time when the permit to sell papers might be renewed.

Lake property offered

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present time, observed Bud Kreissl. Its presence is cause for greater awareness of water condition, he urged.

The discussion started a year ago, Norman Mouat told the Trust.

Last year he and an associate, Rod Pringle, went to the trustees to express their concerns.

The company offered the proposal to the trustees that if the community wanted to acquire the land, the proposal to subdivide would be abandoned.

FOR 60 YEARS

It was made clear during the discussion that the land had not been acquired for development. The Mouat family has owned it for 60 years, said the spokesman.

The owners may subdivide at any time. They only have to apply, explained Mouat.

"And we have put a price on it considerably less than we could get by subdividing it."

In the meantime, the company is applying for the permission to subdivide. The application to sub-

divide will not prejudice the offer, but it leaves it open to go ahead if the Trust is unable to meet the price in cash or exchange, of development rights, explained the applicant.

TWO PHASES

Trustee David Lott suggested that the subdivision approval be in two separate phases in view of the steep section of some of the lots.

Norman Mouat declined.

On what legal basis is it suggested? We are not promoting government purchase." The delay has already proved costly to the owners, he cautioned.

In conclusion, Mouat explained that his company is not anxious to see it as a park. Some years ago they had teepee problems with fire threats. Owners would rather see the water district acquire it.

The Trust will take up the project and get in touch with Hugh Curtis as soon as possible.

It was announced that Curtis has already written to the minister of lands in connection with and in support of the project.

Trust meeting at Galiano

Nearby islands included in boundaries of Galiano plan

Galiano Island Trust Committee has approved a bylaw which will add forest zoning to nearby islands and islets and, in effect, include them in the boundaries of the Galiano Island community plan.

The change will limit the number of dwelling units to one for each 20-acre lot on each of the Ballingall Islets, Wise Island, Charles Island, Parker Island, Julia Island and Sphinx Island.

Retreat Island and Lion Islets were not included in the forest zoning because there was some question as to whether the Trust followed the correct procedure. The owners of the islands had not received specific notification of the public hearing.

The owners of Charles Island and Retreat Island opposed the change at last Friday's public hearing at the Galiano Community Hall.

ENABLE LOGGING

George Plange of Retreat Island told the Trust that the forest zoning would enable him to log the island, which was not his reason for buying it.

Plange said that he has owned the island with a partner for 15 years and each of them would like to build a cabin on it.

Chief planner for the Islands Trust, Dave Morris, told Plange that the Trust does not intend to endorse logging on the island but would like to implement the most restrictive of zones to eliminate the island's subdivision potential.

Charles Island owner John Dale said he would rather be zoned in some way similar to other properties his size rather than be considered in the same category as MacMillan Bloedel.

O. H. New of Galiano spoke in favour of the small island owners.

"People who have bought property long ago should be assured of the fruits of their efforts, but now they are being told what they can or can't do with their property by people who have no financial interest in it."

MORE LOCAL INPUT

Another Galiano resident suggested that more planning with local input should have been done before designating the islands as logging sites.

Trust vice-chairman Gordon Wallace, who chaired the meeting, later told *Driftwood* that the forest zoning was "the only way the Trust could go to include the islands into the Galiano community plan".

Wallace said in a telephone interview that the Trust will consider the forest zoning as a temporary measure only. He added that a planning committee will be struck to investigate what permanent restrictive zoning, other than forestry, could be placed on the islands.

Also on the agenda at Friday's meeting was an application by Galiano resident Lynda Kenyon for a change in the zoning classification of her 10-acre lot near the junction of Clanton and Porlier Pass Roads.

Her proposal to construct boarding kennels on the property was supported by a petition signed by 200 islands residents. But some of the residents of Clanton Road opposed the plan on the basis of noise and increased traffic which a commercial venture would bring to "the peaceful, rural atmosphere of the area".

One resident suggested that the kennel should be located in a place already zoned for that type of enterprise.

SPOKE IN FAVOUR

One behalf of Kenyon's application, O. H. New told the meeting that Kenyon was a qualified veterinarian's assistant who knew her responsibilities and duties and that when "somebody wants to do something we shouldn't unreasonably withhold permission.

"Even though her property isn't zoned R3 doesn't mean the zoning can't be changed," he said. "Everything we do must be subject

to change or we have no progress," he concluded.

After discussing the matter the Trust members told the residents in attendance that they were satisfied that the conditions under which the zoning would be approved put enough limitations on the use of the 10 acres to allay the fears of the neighbours.

General trustee John Gaines of Saturna said that because Kenyon's property was one of the larger lots in the area it could be treated differently.

The bylaw permitting the change in zoning was given the three readings.

REPLACEMENT

A bylaw amendment discussed at the meeting dealt with allowing "for the replacement of a lawfully constructed dwelling unit which does not otherwise conform to the site density requirements of the Zoning Bylaw".

Chairman Wallace explained that the bylaw under consideration would allow a person to replace a building destroyed by fire or other natural cause to be replaced even though it would mean overstepping the density requirements. This bylaw, however, would not apply to a structure built unlawfully after the density bylaw was introduced.

Members of the audience voiced unanimous support for the proposal. One resident said the amendment was long overdue. Another resident, O. H. New, said, "It's nice to support, for a change, something that the Islands Trust proposes to do."

The bylaw, which was given the required three readings at the meeting, was drawn up to allow Galiano resident Bud Baines to rebuild, on its present site, his house which was recently destroyed by fire.

Other business undertaken at the meeting was the appointment of Mimi Wishart to the advisory planning committee, and a new map to accompany the community plan was approved.



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One way you can look at it is that there should be less power outages now the pressure's off Jack Girard. But another way to look at it is that Jack's retirement is more significant than his withdrawal from B.C. Hydro's islands staff. Since the end of the Second War, Jack has lived and worked in the westernmost province, about as far as he can be from his native province of Quebec and still be in Canada. He's laughed his way through the years and he has taught his adopted community one substantial fact about Canada. These French Canadians make damn good neighbours!

She wanted to go to a garage sale. So she rang the office at *Driftwood* to say so. There it was in *Driftwood*, she pointed out: Follow the signs... She drove the length of Scott Road twice and saw nary a sign. Where was Welbury Drive? Nobody could tell her. She had used more gasoline than the effort merited, she explained when she called off the search. Somebody, surely, must have found it.

Unidentified flying objects could be a carry-over from Valentine's Day, believes a prominent Salt Spring Island veteran. Chuck Longueay figures that bright lights floating in the sky could be red signals from a swain to his beloved. The swain could have been an airplane pilot, said Longueay. Or a spaced-out Martian wooing the cat?

Misery and Hawaii? They don't even mix! Denis and Helen Abolit went off for a holiday in Arizona, beneath the brilliant sun. But the sun hid. It rained. And rained. Lightning opened the sky and the thunder roared day and night. Then Denny went into hospital for a bill of \$2,200. Sunburn? What's that? Helen had a hint as to why aging males get sunburnt bellies. The sun catches the most prominent features, she explained.

Society to represent and serve artists

A number of Gulf Island artists met last Wednesday at Salt Spring to discuss the formation of the Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society.

A spokesman for the society, Marianne Grittani, told *Driftwood* this week that those involved feel there is an urgent need for such an organization, to represent and serve the many artists residing on the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island.

She said it was planned to expand the group's membership to a provincial and, eventually, a national level.

She outlined the purposes of the society:

- To facilitate communications and co-operation between creative artists in all aspects of the performing arts.
- To bring inter-disciplinary programs, with emphasis on original works, to large segments of the population.
- Not to function as a booking agency, but rather a pooling of information and resource people to advise and assist in all phases of production.
- To encourage Canadian artists to contribute their talent.
- To make funds available to member artists to pursue specific projects.
- To provide a space for members to conduct workshops, rehearsals and performances.
- To provide employment for persons who would otherwise be unable to practice their specialty.

I-PACS already has some projects planned, including the production of *Memory's Suite*, a locally conceived stage play-musical-ballet; an album featuring local artists; and various fund-raising events.

Membership in the group is open to anyone involved in the performing arts, both on-stage and behind-the-scenes personnel.

Those who attended the group's

first meeting included Marc Sues, playwright, Anonymous Theatre; Dawn Luker, actress, Salt Spring Players; Jermome Jarvis, composer, singer and musician; Marianne Grittani, singer and songwriter; Grant Bardsley, sound and light technician, formerly of Stratford Festival Theatre; and Pat Robertson and Geri Quin.

SPACE PROVIDED

Since the meeting was held, office space has been provided by Phil Valcourt and the membership is now looking for furnishings such as office equipment and some lumber for shelves.

I-PACS intends to compile a directory with information for members or for potential employers of members.

"Eventually we hope to locate another space that would be suitable for performances, rehearsals and workshops," said Grittani.

Memberships, at \$5 annually, and financial donations are being sought by I-PACS. Anyone wishing to contact the group or obtain further information is invited to call 537-9525 or write Box 993, Ganges.

Prospective members are asked to send a resume, including areas of interest which they haven't pursued but would like to. Members' names and biographies will then be included in the society's files.

"If you have anything to offer to the performing arts, don't be afraid to get involved," said Grittani.

Hit and run

Jennifer Wiebe of Hedger Road, Salt Spring Island, reported a hit and run on February 21 at Lower Ganges Road near Mahon Hall, RCMP said this week.

Her vehicle, which was evidently parked alongside the road, sustained \$150 in damage, police reported.



Quadruplets

The four baby goats in the picture were all born at the same time and share a common mother,

Blacky, being patted by Amancia Gonzalez. She and her husband Raphael (in background) have a

small farm near Stowell Lake. Three nannie goats have given them 10 kids this month.

To use existent buildings

It's now or later, urges Lott of hotel proposal in ALR

He was a bit surprised at himself, admitted trustee David Lott, when he supported a proposal for a commercial development in an agricultural reserve property.

Lott spoke forcefully in favour of an application to construct a resort hotel on the Hastings property at Ganges.

In support of the project, he told the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee on Thursday that he could visualize future pressures to develop the land commercially, in token of its proximity to commercial property and the Ganges sewer.

Plans for the property, including the facsimile of a Sussex farmhouse call for the use of existing buildings without any additional construction at the present time.

TRUSTEES CAUTIOUS

Most of the property lies in the agricultural land reserve and trustees expressed caution about permitting commercial use of agricultural land.

Owners have made it clear they have no intention of using agricultural land for commercial purposes.

Only objection he heard to the proposal was that it could fail, commented Bud Kreissl, the other Salt Spring trustee.

It is very rarely that he opposes a

project supported by the local trustees, said vice-chairman Gordon Wallace, but in this instance he must. He has made it clear publicly that he cannot accept the withdrawal of land from the agricultural land reserve except for the benefit of the community.

USE OF BUILDINGS

The factor which led to extensive

discussion was the provision that any projected use would employ existent buildings, retaining the farm land for use as farmland. Only a future program would employ the area which is not within the ALR.

Application was tabled for a month while the local trustees take a further look at the property concerned.

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Let's not scorn the money machines

The way some people talk, you'd think it was sinful to make money. You'd think that any business making a profit was to be regarded as some distasteful, almost evil thing, and that its operations should not be permitted to continue.

Anyone who follows what's taking place in Ganges (Lord have mercy on their weary souls) may think we are about to enter into a long discourse on (forgive us for mentioning the word) sewers.

But we are not. We are, however, concerned that those businesses operating out of Ganges should be scorned for their desire to make money.

It has been said that a proposed "commercial money machine" in our village would have undesirable effects on the environment. Such an observation should have been made before the turn of the century, in which case it is possible that no development would have taken place in Ganges.

But it has and we're stuck with it, like it or not.

A community plan, prepared by islanders, suggests that the population of Salt Spring might grow to 15,000. To many it is a disturbing thought that the island could be a home for so many people. That day may never come, but the point is, even if the population reaches 10,000, there have to be "commercial money machines" to provide supplies and services to all those people.

And where better than in Ganges, uptown or downtown? The suggestion that the commercial core area should be moved is nothing short of utter nonsense.

As far as environmental damage is concerned, the Pollution Control Board has made a ruling on the sewer outfall thereby, we trust, ensuring that any such damage will not take place.

Commercial development cannot be stopped. But it can be, and is, regulated. It is controlled to the extent that it is highly unlikely that Ganges will ever reach the stage where it could be considered a city.

In the meantime, those merchants carrying on their business here should not be a target of derision for those of a noncapitalistic persuasion.

High standards of achievement

Sir,
During the pleasant, informal musical interlude at Greenwood's on Sunday afternoon, one was reminded of a brook bubbling from its source as it starts on its way to become a stream and then a river. Due to the careful fostering of musical instinct, which nature so often provides unnoticed, rhythm and melody are coming forth from these young girls and boys to their evident enjoyment. There is much evidence that high standards of achievement will follow the keen interest of the children and their teachers.

Taking part were Barbara Graham, Yani Horsdal, Brett Marshall, Vicki Pappenburger, Kristen Maddison, Theo Horsdal - piano; Erik Downey, Mark Delile, Kristen Maddison, and Cassandra Cronin - violin; and Kerra Downey - cello. Concluding the program were Theo Horsdal and Kerra Downey in two allegro movements for piano and cello.

The value of an early start in music is realized by great teachers and one of the essentials is surely to create a happy and ambitious atmosphere which encourages the youngster to go forward. This

quality pervaded the program presented.
IDA NEW,
Ganges,
February 25, 1980.

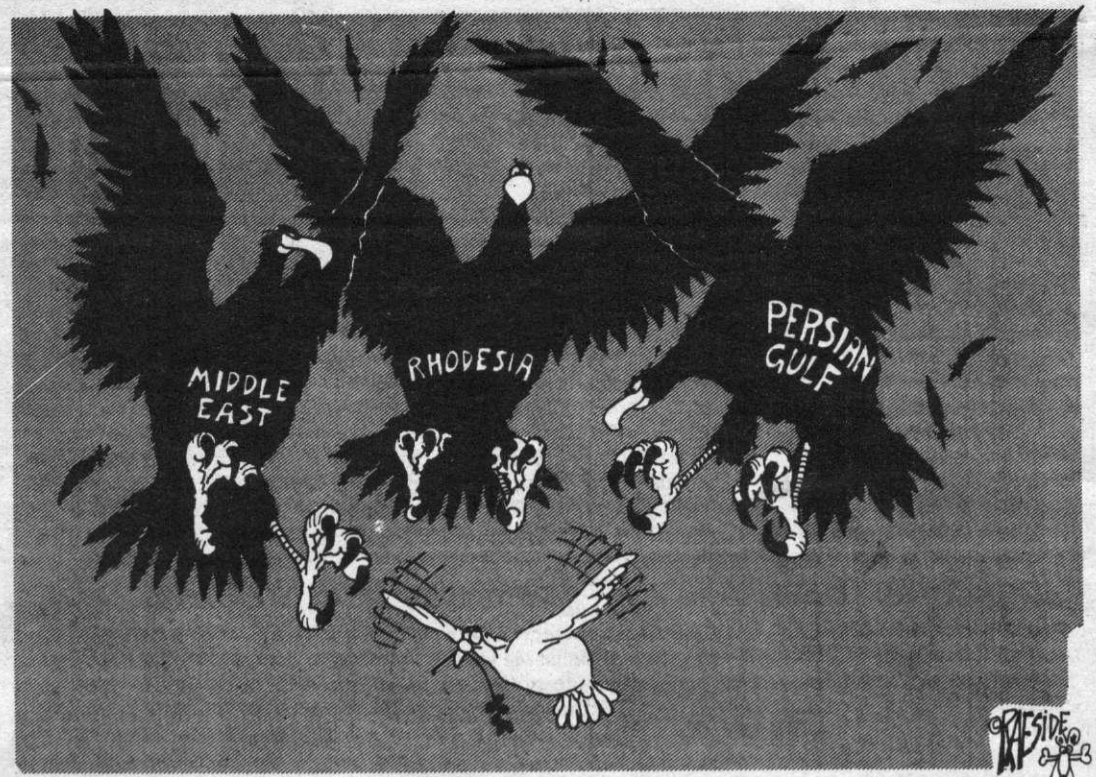
Local people should be included

Sir,
Last week's *Driftwood* stated that the Capital Regional Board will spend \$16,600 to prepare plans for a recreation centre to be built in Mouat Park. Architect John A. DiCasteri and Terry Farmer Construction Company have been engaged for this purpose.

Don't any of our local architects or construction firms qualify or aren't they interested?

I wouldn't consider voting in favour of an island recreation complex referendum that didn't include our local businesses in its planning stages.

HELEN TARA,
Fulford Harbour,
February 25, 1980.



Letters to the Editor

No confrontation

Greenpeace to campaign against tankers instead

Sir,
When Greenpeace first announced its campaign to bring attention to the herring roe fishery on the west coast we were greeted with threats of violence and bloodshed. Now that a few months have passed and the initial flurry of emotions is behind us, perhaps a more sober presentation of the facts will expose the herring roe fishery for what it really is: a wasteful, shortsighted approach towards one of the most valuable links in the food chain on our Pacific continental shelf.

Following is a summary of the Greenpeace position on the herring roe fishery:

- Since 1976 the catch of herring has steadily decreased despite heavy fishing effort. In 1979 the catch was 40% below the previous year, and this year it is predicted that the catch will be 20% lower than last. Fisheries department estimates have been consistently optimistic and therefore we may expect a decline of even greater than 20% in 1980.

- The herring roe fishery is incredibly wasteful, with only 14% of the body weight being utilized for direct human consumption while the rest of the valuable fish protein is ground up for use as animal feed.

- There is no accurate assessment of the present stocks or of the population trends of the herring species on the B.C. coast. This is primarily due to the fact that only \$106,000 was spent on herring research in 1979 even though the landed value of the fish was \$200 million.

- It is foolish to kill all the herring just to get their eggs. If the herring are not killed, they will come back for five or six consecutive years to lay their eggs.

- The herring roe fishery is almost completely exploitive. There is little or no effort to concentrate on the preservation of herring spawning areas or of enhancement of spawning areas that have been damaged by industrial activity.

- In its present form, the fishery is socially wasteful in that a very few people make a lot of money

while our unemployment rate is at a record high. The use of fishing methods which involve harvesting the roe rather than the entire fish would create much higher employment in the industry and would share the wealth among coastal residents.

- The entire herring roe fishery is controlled by the Japanese trading companies and the Japanese market. There is some suspicion that the federal fisheries department has actually lost control entirely and that all its new regulations are too little, too late.

- One final point is the fact that the Japanese government defends its continued whaling industry on the basis that the protein from the whales is necessary for human nutrition in Japan, in particular for the school lunch program. The credibility of this position is undermined by the fact that as much as 30,000 tons of herring are reduced to fishmeal in order to provide 5,000 tons of a luxury food item for wealthy Japanese.

- Greenpeace has achieved tremendous effectiveness through its initial statements and policy positions on the herring roe fishery. Only last week the former minister of fisheries, James McGrath, announced in Nanaimo that he was in favour of phasing out the fishery because of the threat to dwindling herring stocks.

Greenpeace has therefore decided that there will be no physical confrontation with the B.C. herring fleet this year.

The Greenpeace directors have decided instead that the top priority issue for an active campaign in

Inscription book given to Greenwoods

Sir,
The board of trustees of the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society operating Greenwood's, would like to announce the placement of the memorial inscription book in the lobby.

The book, itself, has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Winters of Victoria in memory of Mrs. Winter's father, Laurie Mouat.

As many of your readers will know, the purpose of the book is to provide the many friends and supporters of Greenwood's with a place where a permanent memorial inscription can be written in memory of their loved ones. Service clubs and other groups might also like to permanently record the reasons, etc., why they chose to give assistance to Greenwood's.

As mentioned, the book is located in the main lobby and islanders and other donors are most welcome to visit anytime between 9 am and 5 pm for the purpose of recording their inscriptions.

Thank you for permitting us the use of one of your columns for the purposes of informing your readers about our memorial inscription book.

MALCOLM PINTEAU,
Administrator,
February 18, 1980.

the coming year will be an all-out effort to stop the continued use of supertankers to transport oil from Alaska down the B.C. coast and through the Straits of Juan de Fuca. This "disaster waiting to happen" is an immediate threat not only to the herring fishery but to the entire fisheries and recreational potential of our rich and beautiful coastline. We hope that the people of B.C. will join together now in an effort unlike any undertaken since the battle to stop nuclear testing in Amchitka. We won that battle and with perseverance and determination we can win this one too.

PATRICK MOORE, Ph.D.,
President,
Greenpeace Foundation,
Vancouver, B.C.
February 21, 1980.

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Sir,
It seems as if we humans are complete fools. Stranded as we are on this island in space called earth all we really have to do is feed and shelter the physical body so that our lives can continue with a minimum of distress and other than that we have only to enjoy our ride on this cosmic merry-go-round-the-sun. But look at what we are doing.

We are blowing up the planet with our bombs in our efforts to find some materials to play with or in our efforts to assert our dominance over a given area or in our efforts to perfect our bombs and weapons of defense; we are filling the atmosphere we breathe with toxic fumes and radioactive stuff while tearing down the trees (all over the world) that supply the much-needed oxygen; we are killing just about every other life form on the planet for skin, trophy, food or the hell of it including each other. We take beautiful lakes and completely destroy the fragile ecology that has taken eons to sort itself into its balance in our greed for some obscure mineral that will do us little good in the long run; we strip the mountains of trees and let the soil that bears our life run into the sea.

All this in the name of profit and progress. It will all catch us up sooner or later and all of us and our children and children's children will pay. Don't think that any of us are going to be immune. Don't think any of us don't contribute. We all add our little bit to the destruction of our home here on earth. Why right here on Salt

Spring we want to add our bit to erosion of the soil by dumping our sewage in the ocean. Did you know that we import, at a high price, treated sewage sludge from an obscure eastern American town to use as fertilizer, and in considerable quantities. If you would like to check this out walk into a garden supply store and ask.

Where do we turn the tide of this systematic and useless destruction of a very beautiful place?

There are big business interests who just don't care whether you or your children live or die, you are, in their books, expendable, and a divided state is prey for disaster. Many factions must die here for the island as a whole to thrive. Don't ever underestimate the power of co-operation.

I will not support effluent going into the harbour. I don't care how much has been spent on research.

I will support the construction of a sewerage treatment plant that can produce a saleable commodity, "treated sewage sludge" that is sold profit-free to island residents and sold elsewhere at a profit that will eventually cover the cost of construction and maintenance of the plant. Salt Spring could become a pioneer that would inspire a chain reaction across Canada, not to mention an aesthetically pleasing and inspiring place to live. My deepest thanks to S.E.A.S. for its inspiration by example.

L. BRADEN,
Box 1117,
Ganges.
February 16, 1980.

Peace-keeping role is urged

Sir,
We are alarmed by the sabre rattling that our politicians have been engaged in during the election. Canada has enjoyed a reputation as a peacekeeper in the world and our credibility as a peacekeeper will be lost if our politicians follow President Carter's hawkish policy. Many influential Americans question President Carter's Middle East policy, considering it to be an over-reaction, and favour a more conciliatory stance.

Furthermore, the U.S. does not have a good reputation in foreign affairs, what with C.I.A. meddling in Chile, etc., and of course, the Vietnam war, with carpet bombing and defoliation of both Vietnam and Cambodia. Are we to blindly follow U.S. policy, and wake up one morning engaged in another Vietnam, or even a nuclear war?

If we are to continue living on this planet, we must have peace, and Canada's role should be that of a peace keeper. If Canada is to be a peace keeper, it is necessary to have an independent foreign policy based on working toward friendship and negotiation between all peoples of the world. Jumping on the cold-war bandwagon makes this impossible.

G. E. DOHERTY,
Victoria Coalition for
Disarmament,
1831 Fern Street,
Victoria, B.C.
February, 1980.

Reunion of Haida Association

Sir,
A very special reunion will get underway in Victoria, B.C., between July 10 and 14.

Once again, officers and men from H.M.C.S. *Haida*, the Canadian tribal class destroyer renowned for its special spirit of comradeship, will get together to commemorate one of Canada's most successful naval ventures, and remember old comrades.

Appropriately, the *Haida* was named after the bold and seafaring west coast tribe, which at one time was a very warlike race. The *Haida* was at the heart of wartime naval action and was only taken out of service in 1963. The ship is now preserved as a museum at Toronto's Ontario Place.

Final details of the July reunion are not yet available but enquiries are welcomed from those who served at any time in *Haida*. Information may be obtained by writing H.M.C.S. *Haida* Association (West), P.O. Box 7284, Depot "D", Victoria, B.C. V9B 4Z3

G.V. GREGORY,
H.M.C.S. *Haida* Association,
February, 1980.

Buildings, Victoria. He has stated that we will not pay for a bus until we get it. Please point out that we shouldn't pay for a bus we don't need or want whether we get it or not!

VERN RODDICK,
South Pender Island,
February 21, 1980.

SUCCINCT SUMMARY

By
The Anarchist
["Rules without Rulers"]

Placebo Effect

That Election Elixir fixed the pain in my neck, Doc, only now I've got this headache just like before I had the pain in my neck.

Acronym I

Generally Anything Necessary Gets Embalmed in Sewage.

Inflation Fighter

Someone who sticks pins in self-expanding Western Separatists.

Local Remedy

Mr. Volrich, the never-bashful mayor of Vancouver, has rushed into stupidity once again by offering to provide a representation for the west in the person of himself and other mayors. It's probable that the newly-elected M.P.'s and several provincial governments hanging about will pre-empt his nonsense. However, if his idea is taken seriously by anyone, then, in the interest of keeping things tidy, we ought to demand that our regional director be included; she could block the mayor's discharge of effluent.

Funny Money

Wee Wonder Wac has just announced the newest miracle in the Sacred Money Mirage. He's going to build a bridge, not yet designed, at a cost of \$130 million, which seems to mean that he's going to tell someone to build \$130 million of bridge. Surely a novel approach (no pun intended). But more miraculous yet, he's going to build it not with taxes, but with surpluses, a Sacred holy word. The net result of this calculation seems to indicate that if you budget for the cost of government services,

and if you are a very Good Boy, Santa Claus will bring you a bridge for Christmas and maybe even a river to put under it. Now, all we need to know is when the debate on the non-estimates will be held.

Cabinetmaker

If you are interested in the immediate intentions of Trudeau, watch what happens to Herb Gray. Gray, once fired from the cabinet and resurrected to become financial critic in the shadow cabinet, is an economic nationalist of the Liberal left. If he gets a finance, economic or energy portfolio then Broadbent & Co. will smile on and on and on.

Election Footnotes

I. I wish they would not call the vote count the election results; results will come later, if at all.

II. Clark, after spending the entire campaign referring to the Trudeau Liberals, could not manage to mention Pierre's name when it came time to concede. Trudeau did not have the same problem, and it says something that he was able to congratulate Clark on his personal effort without sounding phony.

III. The Mother Tongue Award to the editorialist of the *London Times*. Referring to our moribund prime minister, he called Clark "a stentorian mouse" and Trudeau "Disco Daddy".

IV. Joe, sad and dejected, complained that since the election nobody called. Maureen, twitter and bisted, said that if she were nobody she would call him too.

V. I wonder how it feels to have tried for an era and wound up a comma in the history of Canada.

Need for Cheekye-Dunsmuir transmission line questioned

Sir,
The proposed Cheekye-Dunsmuir 500 KW transmission cable would cost over one billion dollars and not produce one watt of electricity.

There are a number of indications that the need for the line is questionable. For instance, resource economist John Helliwell of U.B.C. has said that co-generation of electricity by hog-fuel (wood waste) could serve to postpone substantially the construction of a controversial and expensive transmission to Vancouver Island.

Even your government's own study, the Shaeffer Report (E.L.U. C. Secretariat) indicates that the line can be delayed at least two years until a more comprehensive study is done.

While some communities have been put on minor route alignments, at no time has the public been allowed to discuss the need for this massive project. In fact your former Energy Minister Jim Hewitt has said that the public "never had the right" to be consulted on the need for the line.

Incidentally, we have alternatives to this line. For instance, if we diverted the billion dollars to be spent on this line and loaned it to domestic users to conserve energy we would conserve 400 million kilowatt hours of electricity on Vancouver Island.

Mr. Bennett, will you give the people their fair due? Will you call for a royal commission on Cheekye-

Dunsmuir and in the meantime declare a six-month halt to the construction of this line?

STEPHEN HALL,
Cheekye-Dunsmuir Alliance,
Nanaimo.
February, 1980.

He will serve unpaid

Sir,
Thanks to all the people who didn't vote. Obviously no one needed their votes. The government got elected anyway. And to make things worse, I am happy to serve this riding unpaid and with a mandate of 442 votes.

Of course we will not be collecting any taxes this year - therefore all the grass and shrubs will just have to be left growing along the Trans Canada highway. The main source of income for the highways department will be derived from picking beer bottles along the roads, so please contribute.

To fill my promise to create unemployment at the Dumps, I am establishing drop-off points for reuseable garbage all over this riding. Anyone wishing to have a Rhino Dump in their back yard should simply put up a large

Turn to Page Seven

Transit service 'completely useless' to 99% of islanders

Sir,
Mr. Jim Campbell recently attended a public meeting on Pender Island to defend his position on the proposed bus service connecting Swartz Bay and Victoria.

His many statements boiled down to the following:

(1) The bus would meet the ferry; if the ferry was late he hoped arrangements could be made to have passengers transported from the terminal to Sidney for the next scheduled run from Sidney.

(2) He hoped to negotiate arrangements for the bus to enter the terminal to pick up and deposit passengers near the ferry.

(3) He believed arrangements could be made to have the bus make a more direct trip to Victoria and return rather than the "scenic" route throughout the Saanich peninsula.

(4) Payment for this service would be by (a) three cents per gallon gas tax (no exemptions); (b) an additional levy of so much per month on your light bill; (c) also an additional so much on your taxes (no exemptions); (d) bus fares collected for each ride. Note: Items (b) and (c) will be added if necessary.

For many Pender Islanders this was the first opportunity to gain any detailed knowledge of this proposal.

Please note that nothing is firm or concrete in this proposal except what the costs will be and where they will be coming from. I would suggest that this is a poor business deal any way you wish to look at it.

Despite all questions at the meeting, Mr. Campbell's only answer as to who would use the bus

was that "many people had spoken about it" and that we should park our cars and proceed as foot passengers.

Campbell showed a lack of knowledge in island matters when he said that necessary parking for cars on each Outer Island was "no problem". On Pender the average number leaving the island daily is approximately 60 cars. There is parking space for six cars per day which are used mainly by people who are car pooling for the rest of the trip.

We will be paying a great deal of money from Pender alone for a bus for a doubtful six people even if it was used at least five days a week.

Mr. Campbell said that "most islanders buy their gas in town." Most islanders do so, Mr. Campbell, because of a price differential. If three cents is added to the price in both places where is your argument that the island businesses would get more trade?

An educated guess as to the cost to the Outer Islanders for this ghastly proposal will be in the neighbourhood of \$25,000 per year to operate a service completely useless to 99% of the Outer Islanders.

The meeting broke up when Mr. Campbell stated that ferry terminals were being used in a backward manner in that areas now used for cars waiting to go on the ferry should be used only for parking of foot passengers' cars.

One perceptive lady suggested that Mr. Campbell had "fallen out of his tree".

I agree with that lady and if you do too the only hope we have is to appeal to your MLA the Honourable Hugh Curtis, Parliament

More Letters

Rhino Dumps

From Page Five

painting of a Rhinoceros. Soon everyone will know, when you see a Rhino, dump your garbage. In the meantime the Rhino Party declares all Dumps Open to Public after midnight - first come first serve - no rats please.

Also the Rhino promise of a nuclear, uranium-free Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands; a referendum made, of the people, by the people, for a few other people; will start as soon as you start it. It should state — what it is for; name address and distraction of each

person signing. Send referendum to "Greener Pastures on Mars or G.P.M., Box 765, Ganges, B.C.

Next Rhino election in six months - so from one mud puddle to another - why wait for Ottawa? do it yourself! Grow a big garden this year - you will enjoy it, real food. Watch for Rhinos in the early morning horning into garbage cans and sniffing under rugs.

Love, Peace and an Earth.
CROWBIRD
Box 765, Ganges.
February, 1980.

Illegal, unfair treatment of tenants is charged

Sir,

I am writing regarding the rental situation on our island which I feel has taken on nasty connotations simply because of the high demand and the short supply. I am also imploring every tenant and landlord to please write or go to the office of the Rentalsman on Blanshard Street in Victoria and obtain a copy of the book, *Getting In On The Act*, which is the Landlord-Tenant Act written in plain language. Then please read it cover to cover and know your rights!

This island has had a large part of its reputation built on its lovely people. Unfortunately, with progress coming to the island, a little corruption is setting in also. Salt Spring Island could rapidly become known as the "Land of the Unscrupulous Landlord." I realize that this works both ways but my heart really goes out to a few innocent people who have been treated unfairly, and incidentally illegally, all in the name of greed. For instance, take the young woman with two children who painted and wallpapered her shabby little rented house and four months later was told to move as the new landlord wished to occupy the premises. This same landlord gave the same notice to tenants in two adjacent properties: a nice trick if you can manage to live in three places at once. Or how about the 80-year-old lady who moved because the house that she occupied had apparently been condemned?! Yet this same house was rented one week later at \$200 per month. Or the retired couple renting at \$225 per month, who were told to vacate because the new owner wished to occupy the premises (this seems to be the favorite reason.)

However, if they were willing to pay \$300 per month, the owner may let them stay. These are cases I have become aware of in only three weeks' time, so there must be many other instances.

In all these instances there are so many illegalities involved that it is almost pathetic. If these tenants had been aware of their rights, chances are that none of them would have had to move. Instead they have moved, or are moving, to places with much higher rentals and the places they are vacating in turn will have been rented at much higher rates than they legally should be.

Firstly, not one of these people was informed on the correct form. Unless notice is given on the last day of rental period on the correct form, the notice is void and has as much validity as a gum wrapper. The reason for the termination must be stated on the form and if the tenant wishes to protest the reason, or if he feels the reason to be untrue, he may protest the reason to the Rentalsman within 10 days of receiving the notice. For instance, if a tenant is given notice because the landlord claims he needs the premises for his own use, the Rentalsman may demand an affidavit stating that the landlord and/or his immediate family will reside in the premises for a period of not less than 12 months. If, after signing such an affidavit, the landlord does not occupy, the former tenant may, through the Rentalsman, sue for any increase in rent incurred in that 12-month period plus up to \$300 in moving expenses. This distracts landlords who evict people simply in order to substantially raise rents, which incidentally is also illegal, as there are strict limits on rental increases of which both landlord and tenant should be aware.

For people considering renting, get a signed statement as to what the previous rental rate was and when it was set at that level. Rates usually cannot be raised more than 7% in any 12-month period, regardless of change of owner or tenant.

I have personally seen places advertised for over \$200 per month which I wouldn't put a pig into. Surely these people concerned should realize that they are dealing with human beings and not farm animals.

As one landlady stated, "If they can't afford to pay higher rent, then they can bloody well get out." Just remember lady, one day the shoe could be on the other foot.

BETTY ROBERTS (Mrs.)
R.R.1 Fulford Harbour.
February 14, 1980.

Women's League meets

The Catholic Women's League met in the parish hall at Ganges on Wednesday last week and started the afternoon off with a study session directed by Pat Taylor and Jeanne Anderson.

During the business meeting that followed plans were finalized for the Day of Recollection to be held on Wednesday, February 27. It will begin with Mass at 9 am and close with a holy hour and benediction commencing at 1.30 pm.

Plans were also completed for the diocesan regional meeting being hosted by Our Lady of Grace Council on Salt Spring Island, on Wednesday, March 12. It will be held in the parish hall and social convener Jeanne Anderson is in charge of the arrangements, assisted by Jean McCaffrey, Marjorie Gordon and Alicia Anderson.

Members were reminded of their annual contribution to the C.W.L. National Fund of 1% of their council's earnings during the year. This money is especially earmarked to be used in co-operation with the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace for funding pure water projects in the undeveloped countries of the world.

Members also voted to contribute to the scholarship fund for the Coady International Institute. Since 1970 the league has been donating annually to this institution from its national scholarship fund. Coady International Institute is connected with St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. The league helps the institute to sponsor students from undeveloped countries who are expected to return to their homelands and provide the kind of social leadership that will enable their people to help themselves.

Reduced Mortality

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Mainly Mayne

By ELSIE BROWN

Coming events include the following:

Monday, March 3, regular meeting of Silver Maynes at the Agricultural Hall at 2 pm.

Friday, March 7, World Day of Prayer at St. Mary Magdalene Church at 2 pm. In charge of arrangements is Doris Covey. Refreshments will be served at the rectory following the service. Participating in the service will be members of St. Mary Magdalene and the Community Church.

Saturday, March 8, 1 pm at the Agricultural Hall, Islands Trust meeting on the proposed Mayne Island Zoning Bylaw. Briefs will be heard from John Rainsford and Randle Iredale. Other topics will include a water conservation zone. For further information contact John Mundie or Joan Sprague.

Saturday, March 15, St. Patrick's Dance sponsored by the Bowling Club at the Activity Centre. Reservations for this event should be in by March 1. Tickets, \$6 per couple. Roy Betts is convener.

Get well wishes to Gordie Lane who is a patient in Richmond General Hospital and to Don Gladman who is in Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver.

Walter Hunt-Sowrey has been transferred from Lady Minto Hospital to Royal Jubilee in Victoria. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Welcome to the island to the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. Calder from the interior; Gerald and Joanne Thackray from Vancouver; Ernie and Eileen Neal from Ontario.

Another couple who have become permanent homeowners on the island are Albert and Marguerite Avelado, formerly of Sidney and now residents of Village Bay. Visiting them has been Albert's sister, Bertha Yagos of Pincher Creek, Alberta.

The Sunday School of the Community church is sponsoring a Scavenger Hunt for children on the island at the home of Rev. John Rodine, Twin Totems, Horton Bay, on Saturday, March 1.

A teen group meeting is planned for Saturday, March 8. Time and place will be announced later.

Regular church services are at the Activity Centre at 2 pm.

St. Mary Magdalene Church service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. George Morrison Sunday, March 2 at 11.30 am. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will follow the service.

On Sunday, March 9 the service will be conducted by Rev. John Dyer at 11.30 am.

The choir, formerly under the leadership of the late John Dought, will now be led by Herb Wilson. Herb will be glad to hear from anyone wishing to join.

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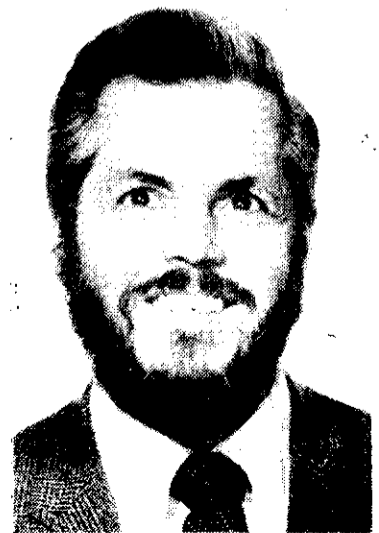
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Retirement party for Jack Girard



Mary and Jack Girard at Friday's retirement dinner.

co-workers came from Salt Spring Island and all over Vancouver Island.

Doing a superb job as MC was Bob Sampson, S/F lineman, Ganges; guest speakers were old-time pole-partners Mickey Allum, power districts manager from Victoria and Jack Shortreid, S/F lineman Duncan, and Dave Pidcock, construction superintendent, from Nanaimo.

Jack Girard has served B.C. Hydro customers in the Gulf Islands since 1964 and prior to that worked in Victoria and Winnipeg.

He was also an avid sportsman, having played senior "A" baseball in Victoria and until recently enjoyed a good game of golf. Presently he has a great garden at his place on Rainbow Road which will help keep him busy, his friends were assured.

He was presented with a "Snoopy" watch, accompanied by a poem composed by Gloria Farr. It included all names of the local Hydro members. A specially de-

Telegram

Telegram, translated from the original French text, was read out by Jack Girard at his retirement dinner on Friday evening:

"Best wishes on your retirement - stop - I find it extremely gratifying to hear of men such as yourself who have climbed to great heights in spite of the disadvantages of their ethnic background - stop - In fact to gain the support of and to be able to boss around English-speaking Canadians in Western Canada is an achievement which has eluded me my entire career - stop - I would very much appreciate knowing what it is that you have and I do not - stop - Please contact me in my office at your convenience sometime in the next four years to talk about it - stop

[signed]
PIERRE

signed hat spoofed his ethnic background.

He was also formally presented with a very fine camera. It is fully automatic so we will not hear of any excuses or failures, he was warned.

Square dance for patients at hospital

A Square Dance was held in the extended care wing of Lady Minto Hospital on St. Valentine's Day, when Bert Barber acted as caller for members of two of the island's square dance groups, residents of Greenwoods, patients from extended care and staff and friends.

Mrs. Evans won the special box of chocolates and all taking part enjoyed four decorated cakes provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Shortbread biscuits had been made by the patients in a baking session earlier in the week.

The next social event in extended care will be a taped music entertainment put on by Mr. and Mrs. W. Coe on Friday afternoon, Leap Year Day.

Driftwood for Photocopies

Contributed
Jack Girard, line supervisor in the Gulf Islands Power District, was honoured on Friday evening at a retirement dinner at Kanaka Place. His great popularity was attested by the fact that well over 100 family members, friends and

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MOUAT'S Top Floor

One woman's viewpoint

Discoveries are made about newspaper readers, taxi drivers

BY ALICE RICHARDS

There's not a gardener on Salt Spring who wasn't inspired by our spring-like weather this weekend, I'm sure. Much has been written about spring, but it's hard to find another spot that characterizes it as well as our Gulf Islands. And the feelings that are aroused on these fine days are evident on the faces of islanders everywhere. It's what gives Salt Spring its unique and friendly atmosphere.

And it's what made me happy to be home from Vancouver after spending two days there attending a seminar held by the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association. Among other things I discovered something about newspaper readers. For instance, statistics show that readers of *Driftwood* spend approximately the same time reading their paper every week. They also start at a predictable spot and end at another predictable spot on each page.

I suppose this means that I've already lost the average reader, but I'll carry on with a discovery I made about a Vancouver taxi driver. This astute man took us for country hicks the moment we climbed in his cab. Opening by telling us of the millions he could earn thanks to the tight drinking-driving regulations, I should have figured his angle.

FLATTERED

But I don't mind being thought of as a country hick, I'm even flattered by it. It's what gave me my naive faith in humanity and caused me to believe that this taxi driver had our best interests at heart. It even took me two days to realize that he must have known the Emillios Kandanos Restaurant, where we had planned to go, was closed for renovations, but he drove us there anyway.

And that's why I didn't get annoyed during the first half of our drive clear across town to a restaurant he recommended to us. But it started to dawn on me that he had selfish motives after he dropped us off on the other side of the City and asked for his \$10 fare. Then he told us there was a strike at the Cannery but he hoped we'd enjoy ourselves anyway. He wasn't a complete scoundrel, though. He took us to the right place.

The Cannery Seafood Restaurant is located in the east end of Van-

couver near Fisherman's Wharf. As the name implies, the Cannery is an authentic, old cannery building, with heavy, wooden beam construction and a huge rock fireplace. The tables are made out of old beams and planks, and rope ladders and old nets hang from the ceiling. It overlooks an active part

Full moon coffee house Saturday

Amidst rumours that the province of British Columbia is about to be declared a nuclear-free zone, the Salt Spring Energy Alternatives Society is "heaping good times upon good news" with its forthcoming full moon coffee house, *Driftwood* learned this week.

Said a spokesman for the group: "Promising a mild and mellow evening of music, all of classical and class-conscious, Dixie and delightful, serious and swinging, the organizers have scored as well a counterpoint of poetry."

So far the bill includes the Salt Spring Recorders, Reid Collins, Madge Kimball and the Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble. Jezrah Hearne and Scott Lawrance will perform "variously ecstatic and pragmatic, shamanic verse", said a spokesman.

The \$2 admission-donation will be used to send two or three SEAS members to a B.C. Energy Coalition conference which will "swing through the province" from Vancouver to the site of the Peace River Site C dam being planned by B.C. Hydro.

The coffee house will be held at St. George's Church Hall in Ganges on Saturday at 7.30 pm.

Islanders who plan to attend are urged not to take children so that the audience "may lend undivided ears".

of the harbour and the atmosphere is enhanced by the tugboats and fishboats that pass by the large picture windows. It's expensive, but worth every penny of it.

MELTED AWAY

Now I'm going to make your mouth water. I practically melted away with the first bite of my barbecued prawn appetizers and didn't envy Tony his escargots although he thoroughly enjoyed them. And as I ate my "Chef's Creation" I recalled something that former Salt Spring Islander Bill McClean once told me: that westerners only taste one bite of every meal they eat and that's their last. I tasted every delicious bite of this meal.

It consisted of cod fillets in a shrimp and mushroom sauce with accompanying fresh vegetables steamed to perfection. I enjoyed every bite so much that I didn't notice what Tony was eating. But I do remember seeing dishes such as whole lobster and crab float by. It was pure decadence, a word we were reminded of several times during our short stay in Vancouver, but we'll work hard for the next few months in an effort to ease our slightly aching consciences. Hopefully, the things we learned will be reflected in future issues of *Driftwood*.

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I found it slightly amusing to observe people's reactions to our dog Westley, who made the trip to Vancouver with us. I had the impression that a dog without a leash, or just a dog at all, rarely walks the streets of Vancouver's city centre. People seemed so out of touch with even that common animal. Reactions ranged from joyful laughter to sheer fear but I realized that there's no better conversation piece in the heart of a city than an ordinary dog.

This week at Fernwood School

This week has been a very interesting one with lots of variety.

On Friday the intermediate grades went swimming at the Aquannis Centre in Duncan. Mr. Marsh, Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Wright were reportedly practising up for Olympic diving, water polo and free-style swimming, respectively. However, the Canadian Swimming Association has not booked their tickets to Moscow yet!

Some of us decided to try to join the rank of the Kamikazies by attempting the "High Board diving and Bellyflop competition". All in all it was lots of fun and we look forward to the next trip.

Incidentally, Mr. Marsh passed on to the student body the thanks given by the pool staff for the good behaviour of the three classes concerned. I guess that means we will get invited back.

On Tuesday we took our spelling test for the Spell-A-Thon project. The results were by all reports very good, so you sponsors out there get ready to pay up!

CLOSE

The house team scores continue to be close with the Hawks leading the Falcons by two games. The level of enjoyment and enthusiasm for these noon-hour activities continues to be high and the sponsor teachers are also reportedly pleased at the increase in ball skills displayed by the participants. Mr. Wright's class will be going

to the museum on February 26 to learn about the Tsimshian Indians. They are already knowledgeable on the subject (which is more than I can say for myself) because of their social studies classes. Thanks to Mrs. Davies and Mr. Nordine for helping supervise the outing.

The boys' and girls basketball teams are practising for their exchange visit to Boundary Bay School which will take place on the weekend of March 7 and 8. Mr. Marsh and Mr. Prendergast will accompany the teams on their visit.

On Friday Mrs. Rowell and Mrs. Miles took the kindergarten class on a nature walk and winter picnic. At the same time they observed the antics of the newly born lambs.

NO SCHOOL

Good news for the kids! On Friday the 29th there will be no school as teachers take the day to consider the new language arts program for elementary schools. I wonder if that means even more work for us kids?

News of a wild animal around the school should not be alarming to parents. Rumour has it that the Safety Bear will be in school this week to entertain and teach the primary children. Many thanks to Glen Hanna of the RCMP who sponsors this worthwhile project.

Well that's the news this week from your friendly Fernwood reporter.

David Bremner, Grade 6, Editor.

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EARLY DAYS AT PENDER ISLAND

Grimmer brothers were partners in dairy farm

Third in a series
BY NEPTUNE GRIMMER

Late in 1902 S. Percival came to Pender Island from Manitoba in search of property. He bought W. Grimmer's home and 160 acres in all, lying between Port Washington wharf and Robert Roe's property, about a mile along the main road.

The home and orchard is now owned by Mrs. C. Wade. Percival returned to Manitoba, returning to Pender in about six months' time with a team of horses, a wagon, plow, harrows, mowing machine, six cows, a cream separator, cream cans, buckets, etc. He started shipping cream to Victoria right away.

About this time A.H. Menzies bought two or three registered Jerseys from a Mr. Grubb of Galiano, replacing a few Ayrshires that he already had. These Jerseys were the beginning of the once famous "Valley Home Jerseys".

Menzies entered a number of his cows in the Canadian Record of Performance when it was first inaugurated by the dominion government; he had the first three Jersey cows to qualify in Canada. As the herd grew, Menzies built a silo and later got a grain binder and a small thrashing machine. He was very progressive.

DAIRY CATTLE

In 1906 W. Grimmer sold his flock of about 150 ewes and went in for dairy cattle. He bought cows from Fred Connery's father over at Ganges, some more from Clive Phillips Wooley of Pier Island and the balance from a Mr. Johns of Sidney. This made a total of 18 cows. W. Grimmer had to buy a cream separator, cream cans, strainers, buckets, etc.

Father was a good milker and had milked the family cow for years. My brothers, Percy and George, didn't have too many problems. We started shipping cream to the North Western Creamery in Victoria.

John McKinnon came to Pender in 1905 looking for property and he bought the land once owned by Hiashi. It extended from Otter Bay to James Point, 160 acres in all. Just parts of this land were cleared, however, McKinnon kept about 20 ewes. He later had the property subdivided into 20 lots or more, so this ended his farming career.

When the first war was over a lot of new people came to the island. A number settled on the McKinnon subdivision. Mr. Amies and family bought the Andrew's home in the Otter Bay district. They kept a number of cows also and, of course, had to ship cream.

RETIRED

In 1911 W. Grimmer, my father, decided to retire, so he cut the Grimmer Valley into five pieces and we in return paid him a small rent. As my brother Percy's piece was next to mine, we decided to go into partnership, for a time at least.

As we had been dairying for over five years, we replaced some of the poorer cows with registered Jerseys. In the fall that year Percy and I showed some of our Jerseys at the Vancouver Exhibition.

The first thing we did was to dig a well, and it really turned out to be a good one. We then put up a small cream separator house, and enclosed a barn yard. As we had no cow-stable, this yard contained the cows during their milking and occasionally one would move a few steps. However, they gave us much less trouble than we had expected.

I neglected to tell you that we had bought father's herd of 18 cows, of which a number were registered Jerseys. As money didn't grow on trees in those days, we had to pay for them by the month.

A BARN

Our next task was to build a hay barn. It measured 32 by 56 feet. The frame was made by hewing cedar logs, some on two sides and others on three. The lumber for the walls, rafters and sheathing we bought from Howard Harris, who owned and operated a small sawmill at Hope Bay. The price was \$8 per 1,000 board feet. Incidentally, Howard was a brother-in-law of Victor Menzies. The roof we covered with galvanized iron sheets, which cost us \$5 per square, and the same roof is on the barn today.

When the hay was safe under cover we had to build a stable for the cows. This was a lean-to on the south end of the main barn. Other lean-to's had to be built around the barn for a team of horses and for yearling heifers and calves.

As we had a lot of skim milk, we had to keep a couple of sows and they - with their progeny - also needed accommodation. So we really had a very busy building year.

KALE INSTEAD

Up to this time we had always grown mangolds for the cows during the winter, but now we thought of growing kale for a change. It proved most satisfactory and entailed much less work. On our bottom peatland most of the heads would weigh around 30 lbs. It had one disadvantage, however. It had to be brought up from the field every other day regardless of weather. Mangolds, on the other hand, could be harvested in the fall and pitted in or near the barn.

The following summer I had a letter from a Mr. Bonavia. I think he was Livestock Commissioner for B.C. He asked if I would care to do some livestock judging at some of the smaller fairs - Saanichton, Ladysmith, Duncan, Alberni, Courtenay, Aldergrove and Chilliwack.

This I agreed to at once. However, when war broke out most of the fairs were discontinued. I enjoyed the judging very much, but I learned that an angel from heaven could not please everyone. Anyway, I tried to satisfy myself.

TESTED

Some of the animals we had bought from father were, as I have said, registered Jerseys; so we thought the proper thing to do was put them on test. The Record of Performance Testing was kept by the dominion government and a milk-tester came around about every six weeks and stayed for two days, weighing and testing the milk of every cow. At the end of each month we had to send in a form giving the daily weight of each cow's milk for the month.

If at the end of the year the cow had given sufficient milk and butterfat to qualify, we were given a Certificate of Performance. These certificates often enhanced the selling price of a cow by as much as \$100.

We got along well with all the cow-testers. A Mr. Watson, who was very fond of a game of cribbage, would always enquire if Captain Amies was back on the island. If so, he and the captain would have a game of crib, very often on a good flat stump near the Amies' home. The game was invariably followed by a cup of tea.

If I remember correctly, we broke even on our first attempt at showing cattle. After that the Menzies and Grimmer Bros. (as we were known then) showed regularly at Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria exhibitions.

JOINED THE ARMY

My brothers, Percy, George and brother-in-law Cyril, joined the army so I needed help fast, as we were milking about 18 cows. We had four Yorkshire sows, so this meant about 80 young pigs a year to feed, butcher and ship to Victoria. I was fortunate in getting some good help during the war. We used to grow mangolds for winter cow feed. However, I thought I would try something different, so I decided to grow four or five acres of corn for the first year. This meant building a silo. I decided on a 30 by 12-foot silo with a capacity of 60 tons.

I then needed an ensilage cutter and an engine to run it. I got a 7 hp. Fairbanks Morse gas engine. This expenditure proved to be a good investment. When my brother Percy came back from the war we carried on as usual. We started showing again in 1920 and continued until 1926.

We just had to make ends meet, and we couldn't do that competing against David Spenser, Harry Rifle, Mack and Macks and Mr. Glassby. "That's a millionaire's game!" We missed showing our Jerseys as it made an annual holiday for us, with a lot of work.

'Mountain Climbing' contest creates interest

BY WAY-LESS

Mayne Island Tops chapter has met regularly during January and February with a new "Mountain Climbing" contest creating good interest.

The weights taken on January 23 started everyone at Base Camp. KOPS members progress if they remain below goal. TOPS members have to lose to gain height on the chart. Stars were awarded for 5-lb. losses and our KIW member receives a "daisy a day" for remaining within leeway.

Plans are being made for the Provincial Recognition Days to be held this year on May 23 and 24 in Kamloops. At least 12 of our members have indicated they plan to attend.

Announcement was made for the annual meeting and election of officers on March 12.

Members offered to bring small articles which can be auctioned at future meetings to augment our funds. Sally Burden won the basket of fruit for the TOPS best weight loss during January and Annie De Roussie the "Slim-Miss" Trophy for KOPS.

WHITE ELEPHANT

At the February 13 meeting plans were laid for a White Elephant and Bake Sale to be held on March 1. Donations of articles suitable for sale will be welcome. Further notice will be forthcoming. Margaret Campkin and Blanche

Luxton have offered to look after advertising.

On February 14 the members met at the Five Roosters for a luncheon which was tastefully arranged on the Valentine theme by the management.

Door prizes were given out and won by Mabel Johnston, Maxine Aitken, and Kay Adams.

At this time the leader, Edona Medcalf, officiated at a graduation ceremony at which time Kay Adams was given official recognition of her KOPS status. She was given a certificate from TOPS headquarters and the traditional rose as well as a charm. She will later receive her KOPS pin. She was also named Chapter Queen for our group.

At this time also Kathy Mundie was presented with a certificate as winner of Division 5 for 1979 and given a suitable award.

Pat Dawson then presented Edona Medcalf with her KOPS numeral for maintaining KOPS status for four years.

Edona presented a special gift to Pat for having maintained her weight for a whole year without once going over her goal. The gift from the club was a set of lovely wind chimes.

This ended the afternoon on a happy note and was an encouragement to all.

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Galiano: Homemaker service, long-term and replacement care programs outlined

BY KATHLYN BENDER AND MARY ELLEN HARDING

Homemaker service is made available to residents of Galiano through the Peninsula Community Association. In charge of their Homemaker Service is Mrs. Ruth Arnaud, a retired public health nurse. Depending on the circumstances and means of the recipient the service may be financed, all or in part, by any one of a number of government departments or programs.

Social worker for the Outer Islands, Mrs. Barbara Scoones, says the department of human resources of the provincial government will assess the ability to pay and the need of an applicant for service and will then determine what financial help is to be made available. There is no age restriction for this program and help may be provided for a young mother, someone convalescing from an operation or many other categories of need. Requests for help may be made to Mrs. Scoones at the Sidney office of the department, telephone 656-3941.

The department of health operates a long-term care program. This is only available to seniors over the age of 65. A nurse-assessor, Stephanie Buckingham, will visit a person requiring assistance and after making a physical assessment will allot a category which determines the hours per month of homemaker service entitlement. A financial assessment is also made to determine the subsidy the department will pay towards the cost.

REDUCED

The charge made by the Community Association is \$7.28 an hour but this is almost invariably reduced considerably or eliminated by subsidy. The aim of this program is to enable senior citizens to maintain their independence in their own home for as long as possible.

Another program operated by the department of health is entitled Hospital Replacement Care. This program provides nursing care, homemaker service and the cost of any dressings, drugs or equipment required. It may be initiated by a hospital or requested by a physician. A person on this program would normally be a patient in a hospital but if it is possible to provide the services in a person's home an acute care bed in hospital is released for another occupant.

The Workers' Compensation Board, ICBC and the department of veterans' affairs also have programs which will provide homemaker service if certain requirements are met. The public health nurse for Galiano is Gina Dingwell who operates out of the health clinic on Mayne, telephone 539-2231. She has no responsibility for the homemaker service but would be able to make a referral if she saw a need.

ROLE AND DUTIES

Mrs. Arnaud outlined the role and duties of a homemaker and explained how a person might apply for this service for himself or for another person whom they considered to be in need. She noted that her agency is responsible for the hiring, training and payment of homemakers.

Homemakers are very special people. They take an orientation course and further training if at all possible. They should be regarded

as health aides and are not domestic servants. Some of the duties they can undertake are laundry, marketing, care and supervision of children, preparing and serving meals and personal care. They are paid by the Peninsula Community Association, which will bill the client for fees which are usually established prior to commencement of service. Already engaged in providing this service on Galiano are Audrey Simas and Ann Graham.

Anyone in need of homemaker service should phone Mrs. Arnaud at Peninsula Community Association, 656-0134, or get in touch with Mrs. Scoones at the department of human resources office in Sidney.

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At the annual meeting held on February 20 the Artists' Guild decided to hold the Annual Artists' Guild Show on May 25. An organizing committee consisting of Ragna Fredrickson, Dorothy Lup-ton and Elizabeth Steward was set up.

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With some sunny days now and the spring flowers peeping above ground, it makes us all feel better after a few cold months. The birds are beginning to come home, and are looking for their familiar nesting grounds. Frogs are croaking, the trees are in bud and even the odd cloudy day doesn't seem too bad now. There are many folks who go away during the winter months, and many are now back from their travels. One prominent Galianoite, who usually spends more time away at this time of the year, said that he and his wife will just stay home this year as it is just as nice on Galiano.

Galiano is known for its long-living citizens and now we can boast of at least three who are over the age of 90! Last week Mrs. W. J. Maier celebrated her 91st birthday.

She rode her bike down to Sturdies Bay and back, then attended church in the early morning. Another lady, Mrs. Graurer, lives at the senior citizens' Page Drive home, and keeps quite well. The third, Stanley Jackson, lives at his own home at Montague Harbour, where he can be found doing all kinds of chores, like fixing the roof or splitting wood.

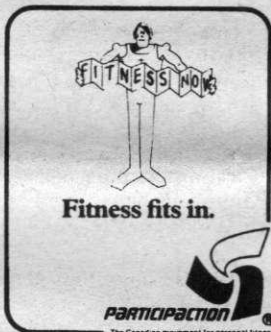
COMING EVENTS

The annual general meeting of the Galiano Rod and Gun Club will be held at the clubhouse on Sunday says president Hank Knudson. He hopes that all members will turn out to show their interest in this active club.

On Friday, March 7 the World Day of Prayer will be held at two in the afternoon at St. Margaret of Scotland Church.

The Red Cross annual drive for funds occurs during the month of March. Local volunteers will be calling on all residents of Galiano during this period and will appreciate your generosity to this worthy, world-wide service to the needy. In past years the support of Galiano residents has been most impressive.

If during this drive your volunteer has not found you at home and you wish to contribute funds, your cheque should be made out to the Canadian Red Cross Society and mailed to your local chairman, Mrs. F. E. Robson, Box 32, Galiano.



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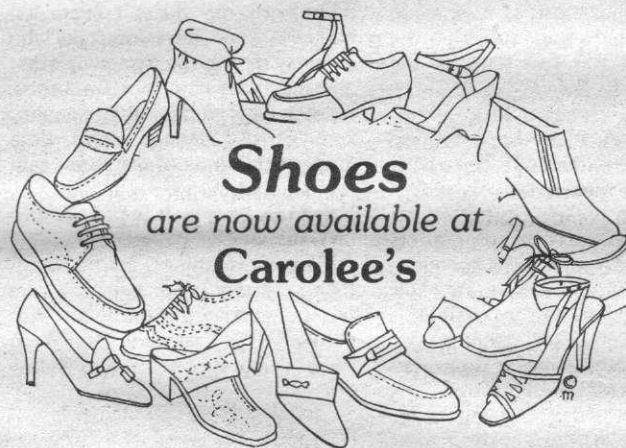
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Soldier remembers origin of scouting They were Baden-Powell's



Three Scouts seated and waiting patiently for their dinner were photographed on Thursday evening at the annual pot luck supper for Scouts, cubs and

parents in the hall of the church of Our Lady of Grace in Ganges.

It is 80 years since Lieut-Col. Robert Baden-Powell was fighting in South Africa, recalled a Salt Spring Island soldier last week.

Col. Peter Bingham of Churchill Road, Ganges, spoke to the annual banquet of Ganges cubs and sea scouts last week. He recalled the fighting during the Boer War and the manner in which it led to the formation of the worldwide youth organization.

He was sick on Remembrance Day, said the retired soldier. How did it go, he asked his wife, on her return from the parade.

The smartest people on the parade were the First Ganges Cubs, she reported.

He also commended the scouts on the display in Moutat's window marking Scout Week. He offered the boys congratulations for what they had accomplished.

But he had seen that an army badge was missing. There was no Paratroop badge.

GETS HIS WINGS

Bingham corrected the shortcoming. He brought one of his own from the days when he was in the "Devil's Brigade". He presented the wings to James Baines, owner of the old army blanket in the display.

The comments on the display led the old soldier to a soliloquy on the origin of scouting.

Eighty years ago there were no scouts. What was the founder doing?

Baden-Powell was the commanding officer of the Fifth Dragoons at Mafeking on February 21, 1900. His regiment of 1,000 men was surrounded by thousands of Boers.

Baden-Powell was capable of thinking for himself, recalled Bingham, and he was thinking about staying alive.

The famous British officer was an individualist. He had been fighting there for two months and one of his less conventional acts was to invite the enemy commander, under a flag of truce, to have tea with him. Bingham did not tell the boys whether the invitation was accepted.

FIRST EVER

The Boer War was the first conflict in which Canadian troops served overseas. The speaker's old regiment, the Royal Canadian Regiment, was there and gained acclaim for taking prisoner the Boer general, the Fox.

It was the age when boys stood side-by-side with the men, said Bingham.

"Boys your age served as drummer boys or powder monkeys," he said. "It was a Canadian boy in South Africa who sounded the cease fire!"

The boys were rounded up and enrolled as scouts. They made quiet patrols into enemy territory and spied out the land.

IMPRESSED

Baden-Powell was impressed with the self-discipline of his

scouts, whether they were boys or men. They were able to look after themselves, to live off the land and to survive dangers and disasters.

He never forgot them. War ended and Baden-Powell returned to London, a distinguished officer. He was promptly sent back to South Africa, this time to train the South African Police along the lines of the Royal Northwestern Mounted Police.

That duty completed, he returned home and looked back with admiration on the scouts who had served British and Boers so well.

And the scout movement was born. In 1908 Baden-Powell launched his scouts to commemorate the work of boys in South Africa.

"Most of us have been scouts," he recalled in conclusion.

Guest of honour was Scout 70 years ago

Guest of honour at the scout and cub banquet in Ganges last week was a retired cub and scout leader from 60 years ago.

David Simpson has enjoyed a long association with Salt Spring Island and his brothers have lived here for many years. He is now residing at Greenwood's.

A native of St. Peter Port, in Guernsey, he joined the scouts in North Vancouver in 1910 and remained with them until the beginning of the First World War.

During that war he enlisted with the Railway troops and went overseas.

Military service did not curtail his interest in the scout movement and when he came home, after the war, he became a cub leader. With the passing years, he later switched to older boys and was a scoutmaster on the mainland.

During that time he was still with trains, working with the railway maintenance crews.

In 1939 his sight failed and he was obliged to relinquish the voluntary appointment.

Retired scoutmaster Simpson was served with his dinner by one of the cubs at the Ganges dinner on Thursday last week.

Visitors fill hall for cub and scout dinner

It was the day of the cubs and scouts in Ganges when parents and boys attended the pot-luck supper Thursday in the hall of the Church of Our Lady of Grace.

Annual banquet presents the parents with an opportunity to meet the leaders, explained chairman Dave Hoskin.

The boys entertained a number of Salt Spring Island residents at their dinner. Introduced by the chairman, they included a former scout leader who retired from scouting in 1939 when his sight failed. He was David Simpson who is now a resident of Greenwood's.

Appearing for the sponsor of the scouts and cubs on the island was Jake Javorski, for the Royal Canadian Legion.

Muriel Denison, district commissioner of girl guides, was there as the "counterpart" of the scouts. Her expression of goodwill to those training husbands for her guides met with derision from the husbands-elect.

Host for the evening was Rev. Fr. P. A. Bergin.

Frank Richards was "pinch-

hitting for the boss".

The chairman then introduced the leaders and workers.

"They like kids, and in large bunches," he explained.

Matthew Coleman and Charles Bazzard, scout leaders, were introduced as well as the group committee which administers the troop and pack.

COMMITTEE

Committee members are Gwen Albhouse, Ray Bush, Bob McWhirter, Ed Davis, Bud Innes, Marion Baines and Malcolm Pin-teau.

Two men gained special mention for their contribution to the movement, Barney Baines and Mike Best, who have maintained boats and undertaken any project offered, including mopping floors.

Commissioner Denison told the gathering that this year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the girl guide movement in Canada. It was established at St. Catharine's in Ontario.

The evening was largely taken up with eating everything in sight and entertaining everyone in sight.

Brownies and guides have two reasons to celebrate

BY MURIEL DENISON

Brownies and girl guides celebrated not only the birth-date of Lord Baden-Powell, but also the 70th anniversary of guiding in Canada during the week of February 16 to 24.

The newly formed pathfinders held a special ceremony Tuesday, February 19. The brownies of Fernwood came to join the 1st Ganges Pack at a joint birthday dinner complete with a cake and seventy candles for everyone to help light and make a wish for brownies in all parts of the 98 member countries. The theme for the dinner was "International Guiding."

Brownies brought treasures from other lands to be displayed. There were international games and songs and a group song was performed by the Fernwood Pack entitled *It's a Small World After All*.

This is the year of the change. Six-year-old girls are now accepted in packs and the program has been adjusted to their level. There are

many eager "tweenies", but a shortage of leaders. The few regular volunteers are finding difficulty meeting the needs of older girls with so many six-year-old newcomers.

Any help will be greatly appreciated on Fridays from 3 pm to 5 pm at St. George's Church Hall.

The annual church service was held at St. Georges on Sunday where brownies, guides and pathfinders joined with cubs and scouts in a service to remember boys and girls around the world and to pray for peace and understanding everywhere.

Duplicate Bridge

Winners at Gulf Islands Bridge Club February 18 were as follows.

North-south: first, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; 2nd, Vera and Alf Nichols; 3rd, Dorothy Sneddon and Irene Hawksworth.

East-west: first, Lorna and Peter Pentz; tied for second, Robin Copeland and Gordon Hutton, Audry Campbell and Helen Shandro.

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SPORTS

Strikers defeat one of the strongest teams in division

BY STRICK AUST
Salt Spring, 1; Juan de Fuca, 0.

Last Saturday's game started the Strikers on their way to the season's ultimate goal, the winning of the district cup. District cup playoffs are a double knock-out format (a team must lose twice to be eliminated) and this normally eliminates the weaker teams first, leaving the stronger teams to fight it out.

All coaches hope that their first couple of games will be against one of the weaker teams to allow their boys a chance to work up to the harder games. Opponents are matched by the luck of the draw, and for Saturday's game, luck was not with the Strikers.

Juan de Fuca is one of the strongest teams in our division, and their style of play creates the most difficulty for our team. Most of the teams we play tend to pack the front of their goal when on defence, and the Strikers' attacks from the wings work well against them. This team spreads their defence out and tends to pick the wings up early, thereby making an accurate cross hard to accomplish.

STRAIGHT TO ATTACK

Juan de Fuca went straight to the attack from the opening kick-off, pressing hard, and not allowing the Strikers an opportunity to take control of the game. Although they were not getting too many shots on goal, they were doing a very effective job of keeping the Strikers off balance.

The first 15 minutes of the game became a battle of the mid-field and Salt Spring's half-backs, Rob Minvielle, Stuart Lyon and Hamish Lloyd, worked feverishly to break up Juan de Fuca's attacks and turn the Strikers back up-field. Slowly at first and then with greater certainty, the Strikers took control.

By the end of the first half, they had Juan de Fuca bottled up in their own end and although they were unable to score, they were now peppering the goalie with shots.

The boys came out for the second half determined to put the game away. From the opening kick-off, they bottled up Juan de Fuca, but what their goalie didn't stop, lady luck did.

ON A REBOUND

Peter Aust pounced on a rebound in front of an open net, but as he swung at it, it took a weird bounce, hopping over his foot. Eric Donnelly corralled a rebound in front of the net, but his shot missed the corner by inches. Stuart Lyon drilled a ball past a defender and the goalie, only to have it hit the post and bounce out.

Jeff Moger had a multitude of opportunities, but on each occasion was foiled by the goalie.

Finally, 15 minutes into the

second half, a shot by Stuart Lyon was kicked out by Juan de Fuca's goalie to Jeff Moger, who took no chances, pushing it low into the far corner to register the only goal of the game.

PULLED OUT STOPS

To date, the Striker defence had been steady, but had not been under great pressure. With the scoring of our goal, however, all this changed, as Juan de Fuca pulled out all the stops and went total offence.

Striker goalie Dave Cates stopped six one-on-one break-aways, a feat that left Juan de Fuca's coach muttering something

about horseshoes, but we have come to rely on Dave for his game-saving tactics, and many of our close wins had been because of them.

Tony Mason steered two shots off to the side when Dave was down and out, and with one minute to go, Mike Kruger made the final save of the day, using his chest to stop a vicious shot from close range, a shot that was a sure goal but for his heads-up play.

Many thanks to the parents and friends who came out to cheer the Strikers on. In a close game like Saturday's, it's amazing what a difference this kind of support can make.

Down the Gutter with Ken Collins

Three of our Y.B.C.'ers came up with nice triples this week. They are as follows: Steve Marleau, 786; Kevin Kline, 741; and Marvin Forrester, 713. Other good scores came from Gordon Farrel, 701; Cy Beech, 657 (golden-ager); Carol Kaye, 717; Connie Kelly, 746; Darryl Little, 737; Kevin Noble, 727; Terry Jenkins, 719; Barry Pinchin, 758; Doug Box, 745; Frank Keoppel, 803; and this writer with 735 and 824.

Three-hundred games came from Cy Beech, 300; Barry Pinchin, 310; Julie Collins, 303; Frank Keoppel, 351; and myself with 324.

The bowlers of the week were Connie Kelly and this writer.

This year I am bowling the highest average in my life. On Mondays in the men's league I am 250 and in the Legion on Thursdays I am 256. I don't know what I am doing differently to other years. Maybe, like good wine, I get better with age.

I am amazed at the number of people who only bowl once a week. To get your average up you should bowl at least twice a week. The golden-agers have the right idea. They practice every Sunday as well as bowling at least twice a week.

If and when you do practice here is what you should do to improve your game. Bowl your first ball for the left corner, your second for the right one and your third and final one for the headpin. This will improve your corner picking and help you make those spares which are so important to your game.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Don't hold your ball too tight. The idea of this game is to roll the ball, not throw it.

Y.B.C. NEWS

Our senior bowlers travelled to

Ladysmith on February 17 to compete against other Vancouver Island seniors for a playoff spot in the provincial 4 Steps to Stardom Tournament. Competition was pretty stiff and our guys placed third. A big thanks fellas, you tried hard, and thanks to Marvin Foerster for his splendid bowling and to Trisha Westcott, our only girl competitor.

We wish the best of luck and good bowling to the senior boys team, senior girls team and single from Town and Country in Victoria, for a big win in the provincial finals to be held in Delta and Coquitlam this year.

On Sunday the Bantams and Juniors competed in Victoria and their standings will be reported next week.

Here are some of our better scores.

February 16

Jets: Clinton Helfrich, 84; Kristina Calver, 79; Tina Reid, 63.

Pee Wees: Vivienne Prentice, 152; Sherrill Jancowski, 121; Debbie Jancowski, 114; Arlys Stratholt, 107; Paul Hatch, 105; Jay Pinchin, 62.

Bantams: Shannon Taylor, 208; Jennifer Anderson, 198; Leanne Simpkin, 164; Kurt Sadler, 156; Drew Ripley, 155; Ryan Stuart, 145.

Juniors: Dawn Guilbault, 184; Debbie Anderson, 177; Denise Harrison, 163; Charles Rose, 135.

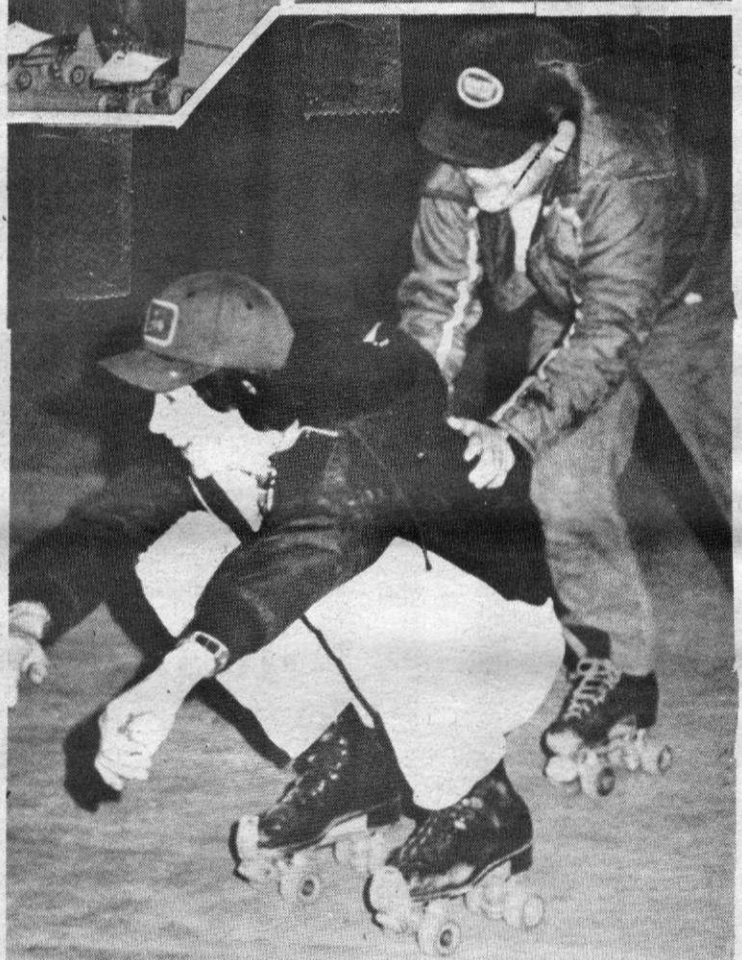
February 23

Jets: Kristina Calver, 82; Clinton Helfrich, 84.

Pee Wees: Vivienne Prentice, 113; Debbie Jancowski, 103; Tammy Sloan, 97; Arlys Stratholt, 133; Paul Hatch, 97; Erin Butler, 85.

Bantams: Jennifer Lacey, 153;

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Roller skaters' free-for-all

What's with roller skating? When a Driftwood cameraman stopped in at Fulford Hall on Sunday, this is what he saw. It was a practice, free-for-all, with skaters running in every direction. It is clear that

some skaters find it a riot and others are cautious. But even the cautious are waiting to laugh with the more skilful. It's all a matter of time before they will all get into high gear.

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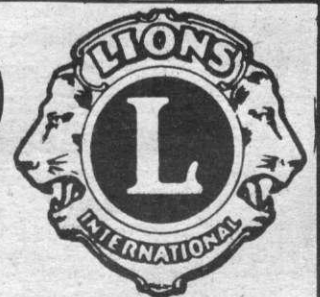
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KICK-OFF: *Island teams come up with 'shining results'*

BY MALCOLM LEGG

The second week of cup play went by and Salt Spring was not only blessed with some excellent soccer weather, but also came up with some shining results.

INTRA-ISLAND - COERS CUP

Panthers, 6; Whitecaps, 5.

Fernwood Fury, 2; Panthers, 1.

Two very close games were featured in intra-island play. The opening game was a tight defensive battle that ended in a 1-1 saw-off at the end of regulation time on goals by John Thomas for the Panthers and Terry Chase for the Whitecaps. Since a winner is needed in every game a series of five penalty shots was taken to create a decision. The Panthers never missed as John Thomas, Ryan Stuert, Charlie Hume, Raymond Graham and Nathan May gave them the win. The Whitecaps' goals came from Terry Chase, Andrew Aust, Sean Albhouse and Colin Bird.

The second game featured Stuart Lyon's well-oiled Fury defeating the Panthers 2-1. The Fury's fine passing plays created their two goals from Lon Miller and David McWhirter. Raymond Graham countered for the Panthers late in the contest.

DISTRICT CUPS

All three of our teams saw action at this level and two of the three came up as winners.

The Kicks made it two in a row with a solid 2-0 win over Bays. They face their toughest challenge this weekend at home against Cordova Bay.

The Strikers won a tough 1-0 decision over Juan de Fuca to advance against another Juan de Fuca team this weekend.

The Selects were the only team to suffer defeat as they fell 4-0 to a Juan de Fuca team. But with the cup play being a double knock-out affair they get another chance next week and should fare better in the losers' bracket.

CHALLENGE CUP

Salt Spring Sockeyes, 1; Gorge, 0.

A large crowd gathered on a fine Sunday morning at Portlock Park to witness a very rough, rugged battle between two of the women's leagues' archrivals. The Sockeyes were the harder of the two and fought out a tough 1-0 decision.

Salt Spring opened quickly and were pressing the Gorge goal led by the offensive thrusts of Shauneen Spence, Becky Hagan and Brenda Akerman. To counter this penetration the Gorge team resorted to hard tackling and a lot of intimidating tactics. These tactics worked as the Sockeyes backed off, allowing Gorge to get back in the game.

With Gorge pressing the Sockeyes' defence was called into some strong defensive play. Susan Spencer, Theresa Byron, Sunday Byron, Leanne Greenhough and Karen Bird rose to the challenge and held the Gorge attack at bay. Behind them was Ruth Smith in goal, who

came up with several key stops, while playing her best game for the team.

The second half was a different game altogether as the Sockeyes regained their composure. With Karen Hale on right wing and strong play from Denise de la Franiere on the left, the offence began to mount tremendous pressure on the Gorge goal.

It was only a matter of time until the Sockeyes scored but who and how were the pressing problems, especially with time running out. But then it happened and it was the defence who came up with the big goal. A Theresa Byron free-kick was blocked by the Gorge Defence but Sunday Byron followed up and drove the rebound home for the

winner. For Sunday it was her first goal in four years of playing soccer for the Sockeyes and what a big goal it was.

The recent Sockeye resurgence, which has seen them win two of their last three games, looks to continue as the team gains confidence in itself each week out. Next week they play Gordon Head and hopefully we'll see another good performance.

This weekend all our teams swing back into action once again as they seek the silverware locked in Victoria cellars.

Why not come out and cheer on our strong contenders. Every one of our teams has a good shot at reaching the finals and the high quality of play will surprise you.

Kicks 'survive, not win,' game against Bays United

Bays United, 0; Salt Spring Island Kicks, 2.

Bays United topped the C division this season, so they are participating in the B division cup playoffs, and they will play in the B division next season.

This was the second playoff game scheduled for the Kicks. The first game was not played. The Gorge Royals decided to forfeit the game as the Kicks had defeated them 14-0 in the last league game of the season.

For some time on Saturday it seemed as though the second game would also be forfeited. The Bays United team had only eight players. However, at the very last moment, one more team member turned up.

Last season, when both teams were playing in the C division, the Kicks had no trouble disposing of the Bays. In fact, the Kicks won one game 7-1. So here was the same team, and with only nine players. It seemed that the Kicks would have no problem advancing to the next stage of the playoffs.

A SHOCK

What a shock we had! The Bays were a threat from first whistle to last. They hustled and fought hard, and on several occasions only the goalkeeping skills of Jack Andrews prevented the Bays from scoring. Time and again Jack saved the day for the Kicks.

The Kicks controlled much of the play in midfield, but frequently had trouble breaking through the Bays' defense. When they did, they found by far the largest player on the field facing them - the Bays' goalkeeper; and not only was he large, he was a good goalkeeper.

The Kicks got their first goal early in the game. Andrew Hoeller scored from a penalty shot that would have done credit to a professional soccer player. When

the ball left his foot, it rocketed straight into the top right-hand corner of the net, and gave the goalkeeper no chance at all.

IN SECOND HALF

The other goal didn't come until late in the second half, when Paul Cottrell turned the ball across the goalmouth to Jonathan Jenkins, who stood alone and unmarked in front of the goal. Jonathan didn't take any chances. He rammed the ball in straight and hard.

The final whistle brought an audible sigh of relief from the Salt Spring supporters. It would be an accurate summary of the game to say not that we won, but that we survived. It was by no means one of the Kicks' better days.

Next Saturday the Kicks are playing at 1 pm at Portlock Park. If they win this one, they will be in the district cup final. However, it will be a tough game, against a team the Kicks have lost to and tied with. So we need all the support we can get!

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More Y.B.C. scores

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Penny Spencer, 137; Leanne Simpkin, 130; Kurt Sadler, 144; Drew Ripley, 101; Bryan Farrell, 95.

Juniors: Denise Harrison, 266; Melissa Farrell, 153; Dawn Guilbault, 152; Charles Rose, 160; Mike Butler, 156.

Seniors

February 13: Cindy Corcoran, 226; Trisha Westcott, 224; Alex Hele, 190; Kevin Noble, 340; Steve

Marleau, 276; Gordon Hitchcock, 249.

February 20: Trisha Westcott, 203; Cindy Corcoran, 187; Janet Foerster, 171; Steve Marleau, 272; Marvin Foerster, 269; Kevin Kline, 261.

New member of our 700 Club is Kevin Kline with a 741 triple and in the 800 Club a new member is Kevin Noble with a 825 triple.

This Week in Recreation

SOCCKER:

Div. 4B: S.S. Kicks vs. Cordova Bay. Saturday, March 1 at 1 pm, Portlock Park.

Div. 5C: S.S. Selects vs. Juan de Fuca Westcan. Saturday, March 1 at 1 pm in Victoria.

Div. 6C: S.S. Strikers vs. Juan de Fuca, Saturday, March 1 at 11 am in Victoria.

Girls: S.S. Sockeyes vs Gordon Place. Place & Time TBA.

Mens: S.S. Savages TBA.

Intra-Island - Coers Cup

Games played every Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 pm depending on winners and losers of previous matches. Contact Dave Chase for any specifics.

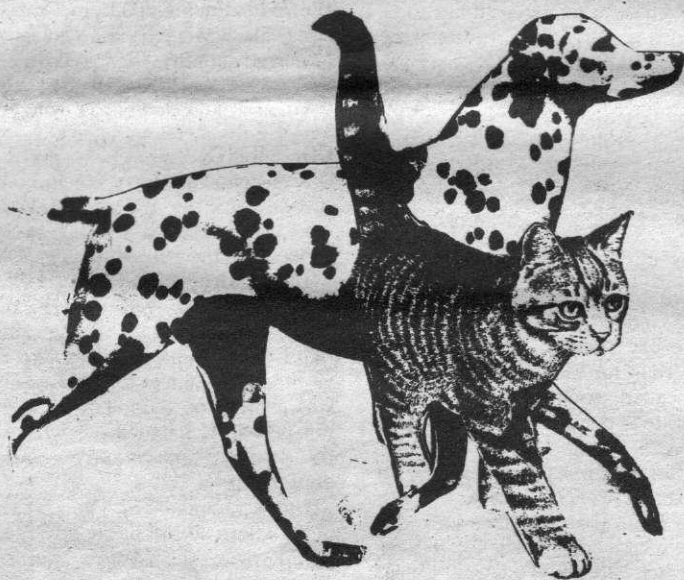
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Youngsters are captive audience

Eight sea scouts tour Crofton mill

BY BRIAN SOBER

The transformation of wood chips into pulp and the machines that create paper from that pulp are a mystery to most people. But eight youngsters from Ganges could now give a pretty accurate account of that process.

Our largest industrial neighbour is B.C. Forest Products' Crofton Pulp and Paper Mill, and recently a group of Salt Spring Island sea scouts paid a visit to the giant plant.

The tour was anything but boring. For an hour and a half the scouts wandered amongst the largest machines in Canada and listened to tour guide Mike Morgan explain the pulp and paper process.

The wood chip piles which feed the criss-crossing conveyor belts was the starting point of the tour. Next stop was the towering kraft mill where the chips are cooked under pressure with steam and chemicals.

ACROSS THE BASEMENT

Noses or ears were plugged (it is difficult to do both) as Morgan steered the tour across the basement to the freight elevator. Steam wafted up through gratings in the floor, and the flickering glow of the molten lime kilns made it all like some scene out of Dante's inferno.

Morgan grinned at the scouts whose eyes darted from scene to scene and he said it was great to be taking kids who showed so much interest in the tour.

Then he lifted a couple of the smaller boys to show them the pulpy, steamy brown mass which was in the process of being bleached white. The porridge-like product was passing over screens shaped like drums, from one tank to the next.

On the way down in the elevator he explained why there were gas masks and the oxygen equipment at every handy location. Raw materials for bleaching are chlorine, caustic soda, sulphur, sodium chlorate and sulfuric acid, he said.

STEAM

"But the fumes you see going up the stacks are 99% steam, Morgan said. More than one face looked a little surprised and relieved to hear that fact. The smell was still there, though no one seemed to mind anymore.

Next stop along the way to the finished product was the ground-wood area. Unlike the kraft mill where wood is cooked in chemicals, the fibre coming out of ground-wood is, as the name implies, ground wood.

Again the noise was nearly intolerable. However, the captive audience hardly seemed to notice. Behind the 12 huge stone grinders are six electronic motors in a room about 200 feet long, 50 feet wide and 50 feet high.

Inside, the scouts were shown the electric motors that generate over 5,000 h.p. each, and if started at the wrong time would cause a major power blackout on Vancouver Island.

SMALL FIRE

An unexpected occurrence on the trip took Morgan's attention away from the boys for a moment as he assisted some welders in putting out a small fire they had accidentally started.

After a big "poof" of carbon dioxide the fire was out and it was on to the paper machines, those giant monoliths that reach nearly two city blocks in length and spin off a 20-foot sheet of newsprint at 4,000 feet per minute.

It was almost too much for anyone to take in all at one time. But the scouts were shown everything, right down to the rewinding of the huge rolls of paper and the computer-run finishing line where the rolls are wrapped, stamped, labelled and sent off to the warehouse.

The last stop on the tour was a welcome one: the cafeteria that serves food at modest prices for approximately 1,200 employees. Everyone was given his choice of beverage and time to sit and digest the "other world" they had just finished experiencing.

COMMENTS

The following are some comments made by the eight scouts who were asked a few questions concerning the pulp mill.

David Bremner: "The part I liked the best was where the bundles of kraft pulp were packaged. I don't think I would like to work in a place like that because it was a little too loud, but it might not be bad if I had a job where I could wander around and check the equipment."

Gavin Johnson: "The bleach plant where all the pulpy stuff was going over the drums getting whiter and whiter was the part of the mill that I liked the best. Yeah,

I wouldn't mind working here but I think the noise would get to your ears. I'd like to work on the kraft bundling line, it looked pretty easy to do. I would also like to work on one of those large freighters that they've got down there, too."



Members of the Ganges sea scout troop pose outside the industrial relations offices at B.C. Forest Products Crofton Pulp

Peter Aust: "Just from the outside does the pulp mill look bad, inside it looks like something out of *Star Trek*, all the turbines and stuff. I didn't mind the noise. It was fun to tour it because there's so much different stuff to look at. I think if I was to work here then I'd like to work in the cafeteria."

Andrew Archer: "I thought it was pretty neat. I don't think I'd like to work here though, it's a bit too dangerous. My favorite part was the bleaching. I also liked how they make the kraft paper and cut it all up."

Al Innes: "It's neat. I wouldn't at all mind working there. It's hard to tell what part of the tour is the best; I think it was the rollers at the end of the paper machines and the mixing vats in the bleach plant."

'STENCHY'

Robbie Minvielle: "I'd like to say it was neat and all the machines and the whole place was neat, though some parts were pretty stenchy. Sure I'd like to work there. I'd like to be the guide, because I took first aid in cubs. Even though the mill pollutes the sky I think it should still be allowed to go on. They might find a way of sucking up the exhaust and cleaning it better."

James Baines: "I think the place is great. Pulping, group B, was the neatest part. That's where they

added all the bleach. If I worked here I'd like one of the easier jobs like the guy who wraps the newsprint."

Mike Butler: "I love it; it's hard to say why. They let us look around. I'd like to spend more time looking around the place. The part

Mill. Most of the scouts agreed that the giant factory was a "neat" place and tour guide Mike Morgan said he thought the youngsters were more than averagely well-behaved.

I liked the best was when the guide let us feel the pulp in the vat. I'd like to work there as soon as I get used to the fumes. Outside of the fumes, it was pretty good. Noise didn't bother me; I'm used to it because my brother screams all the time."

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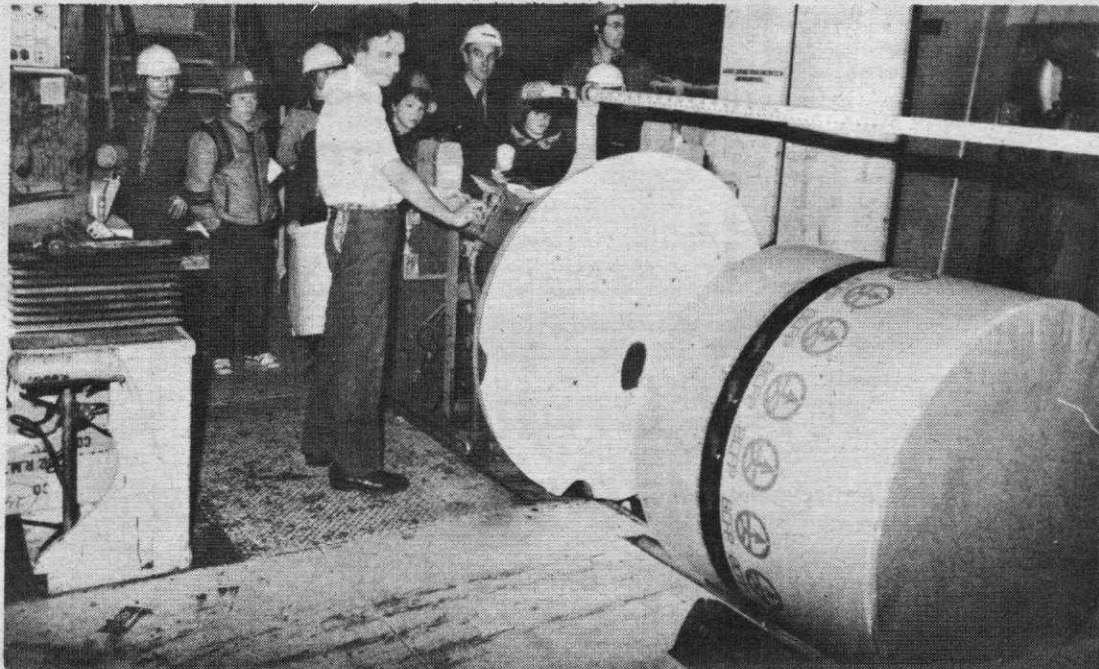
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More Food for Thought

Management and union leaders present opposition to solution

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

Why Work? is an overwhelming film, full of information and opinion, and I would have to see it several times to absorb it fully. My first impressions were:

The past of the labour movement is sketched briefly, and convincingly. The future is hopefully indicated. The opposition to a desirable solution is presented by profit-hungry management and power-hungry union leaders. These are the interests against which we align ourselves: the enemy is them and us!

The best hope for the future is worker participation in management. German and Scandinavian companies have experimented along these lines. It seems to be common sense: we all work better when we choose our own conditions of work. Surely we would fully carry out policies we had helped formulate? Why are so many of us islanders self-employed? Why do we prefer insecurity to working for someone else? The best of both worlds would include self-determination and security.

WOULD IMPROVE

Examples: the ferry system would improve if the workers, who deal with disgruntled passengers, could help establish policies rather than have them set by remote executives. The education system would "catch up" if teachers played a bigger role in establishing policies and curriculum, rather than have them dictated by civil servants and school boards who, though well-meaning, have little practical knowledge of the "now" of the schools. Our medical services would benefit from patient input. Your kitchen would function better if you had a say in the design of the appliances.

Sure it could lead to chaos, with well-meaning bunglers tripping over each other in their desire to poke their noses into other people's business. But it's pretty much that way now, isn't it? At least if we had worker-participation in management, that might pave the way for people-participation in democracy. Who knows, we might in time restore civility to the civil service!

RECOMMEND IT

I've been reading *Daybreak* by Joan Baez. I recommend it wholeheartedly as a valuable testimony to the survival of goodness against great odds. Your faith in God could be restored by the book, written in 1966, yet fresh and vital today its dedication is especially poignant right now "with love, admiration and gratefulness to the men who find themselves facing imprisonment for resisting the draft."

Joan Baez was exposed to the Quaker movement from an early age and at 16 she formed a close friendship with Ira Sandperl. They toured together, he lecturing on non-violence, she singing.

"On my lonesome road to God I needed no earthly companions", said Gandhi, and he spent his life trying to meet God, as he said, face to face. That's what I would like to do. And that's what Ira would like to do. We feel, like Gandhi, that God cannot be found anywhere but in total involvement with human-

kind. It was Ira who suggested to me that the only truth he really knew was that no one knew the Truth, and therefore no one had a right to take another man's life for his idea of Truth. He says that we will never be perfect, but must constantly attempt to approximate being kind, decent, thoughtful. He introduced me to the line of T. S. Eliot: 'For us there is only the trying. The rest is not our business' And I know that he tries."

PEACEFUL MEANS

"I have heard him say a thousand times that the only way to peace is through peaceful means; that a peaceful end would not justify wicked means; that in fact wicked means have only brought about a continuation of wickedness; that the only way to peace is through nonviolent political action.

'When will men learn to stop being so stupid?' Over and over he's asked me that. Over and over he's said, 'Nonviolence means changing the assumption that it is OK to kill, and working from that point to create political, economic, social, institutional, psychological alternatives to war.'"

She has a dialogue with a fighter, who begins:

"It's human nature to kill."

"Is it?"

"It's natural. Something you can't change."

"If it's natural to kill, why do men have to go into training to learn how? There's violence in human nature, but there's also decency, love, kindness. Man organizes, buys, sells, pushes violence. The nonviolent wants to organize the opposite side. That's all non-violence is - organized love."

"You're crazy."

VIOLENCE A SUCCESS?

"No doubt. Would you care to tell me the rest of the world is sane? Tell me that violence has been a great success for the past 5,000 years, that the world is in fine shape, that wars have brought peace, understanding, brotherhood, democracy and freedom to mankind and that killing each other has created an atmosphere of trust and hope. That it's grand for one billion people to live off of the other two billion, or that even if it hasn't been smooth going all along, we are now at last beginning to see our

way through to a better world for all, as soon as we get a few minor wars out of the way."

A brilliant, tender, funny, gifted lady, Joan Baez.

* * *

"On the other hand" as Tevye would say. Did you know that the provincial fire marshal banned Class B metal chimneys late last year, but permitted their use again after protests from manufacturers? This fact was printed at the end of the report of a coroner's inquest into three deaths from fire in New Westminster recently.

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This Wednesday, February 27, we'll be showing *The Tin Mountain*, 7.45 pm, high school. On March 5, *Women at Work*, discussion to follow.

God wouldn't have given us feet if he didn't mean for us to use them. Walk.



No cost if proposal turned down

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission's feasibility study on a recreation centre will not cost taxpayers anything if the proposal is defeated in a referendum.

The commission said in a press release that the cost of the study is borne by the Capital Regional District. If the referendum is passed, the cost of the study will be included in the cost of the project.

The study, being undertaken by architect John DiCatri and Farmer Construction, will look at "what sort of facilities could be provided for what amount of money".

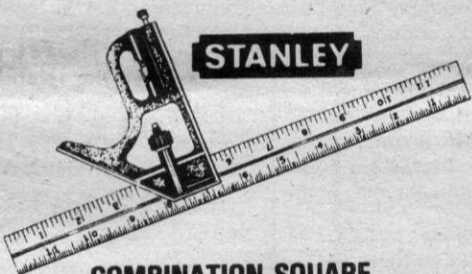
Invitations were extended to architects and construction firms to make proposals and quote a price for meetings with the commission, and for preparing plans and estimates of costs for a recreation centre.

A number of applications were received and a list of four was compiled by the Capital Region. Commission members met with the four in Victoria before the final selection was made.

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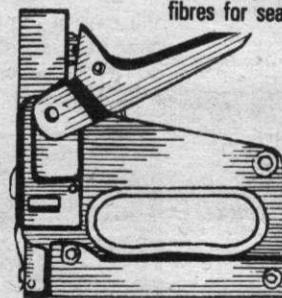
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BY BRIAN SOBER

The beautiful totem poles of Kitwancool have stood for many ages before the majestic background of the Skeena River Valley.

Recently, Galiano photographer Betty Fairbank captured, on film, images of the poles. The same had been done on canvas over 50 years before by Emily Carr.

Now that the film has been transformed into colour prints, Fairbank looks upon the body of work as the first that she has been genuinely happy with.

Mounted and framed by Fairbank herself, the collection can be viewed in her studio, Island Images, located at Sturdies Bay on Galiano Island.

Nine years ago Fairbank first set foot on the island and began to sell her work.

"Somehow I had to support myself," she explained, "and photography is what I knew best."

IN 1971
She came to Galiano in 1971 in search of her son Jay, with the intention of persuading him to return with her to California.

Like many artists who are continuously searching for an environment which can be cherished, Fairbank saw her own dream manifesting itself in the island which she had never intended to like.

The island of Galiano soon gave her inspiration, a home and a craft store which she shared with her friend and fellow photographer, Shari Street. Numerous photographs, including one chosen by H. R. MacMillan for his personal Christmas card, and a large array of picture cards featuring the natural environment - free from human interference - usurped a position in the Gulf Islands and Vancouver photography market.

DESCRIBED BY CARR

The totem poles of Kitwancool had attracted her because of the way in which they had been described by Emily Carr in her book *Klee Wyck*.

At last we came to a great dip where the road wound around the edge of a ravine shaped like an oblong bowl. There were trees growing in this earth bowl. It seemed to be bottomless. We were level with the tree-tops as we looked down. The road was narrow, its edges broken.

I was afraid and said, "I want to walk."

Aleck waved his hand across the ravine. "Kitwancool," he said, and I saw some grey roofs on the far side of the hollow. After we had circled the ravine and climbed the road on the other side we would be there unless we were lying dead in that deep bowl.

"It was exciting to drive up there and find that these places (Kitwancool and Kitwanga) and their people were like they were in the books," said Fairbank.

WASN'T WELCOME

"When I arrived at Kitwancool I saw an old man sitting on a porch; he was blind. His wife peered out at me through the curtains on the



window. Her expression seemed to say that I wasn't welcome.

"But I asked the old man if it was okay to take pictures and he said it was all right, then began chanting in Indian dialect. I spent the rest of the day there in Kitwancool, photographing the totems."

The circumstances last summer which prompted the journey to the north seemed more than a coincidence. Fairbank saw an ad in *Driftwood* from a teacher in Stuart, B.C., who wanted to trade his residence during July and August for one in Sturdies Bay, Galiano.

This provided her with the opportunity to work in a different and exciting environment, one which was opened up for her by the helicopter pilots who were busy flying prospectors and geologists into the mountains. The pilots, she said, were happy to give her rides when they had the room.

CAPTURED ON FILM

Deserted log houses and cabins, which she would not normally be able to reach, now take a place on her wall, captured on colour film.

The approximately 85 pictures she took of the town of Stuart are now in a scrap book which she donated to the museum there.

To culminate last summer's ex-

perience, Fairbank returned to Stuart in January and held an exhibition of her work in the town's bank. About 25 pictures were sold, she remarked, but very few of the totem images appealed to local residents. The people there like pictures of what they already know, that is, glaciers, the town, the mountains."

With reference to artists such as Fairbank, the famous Canadian photographer, Freeman Patterson, once wrote:

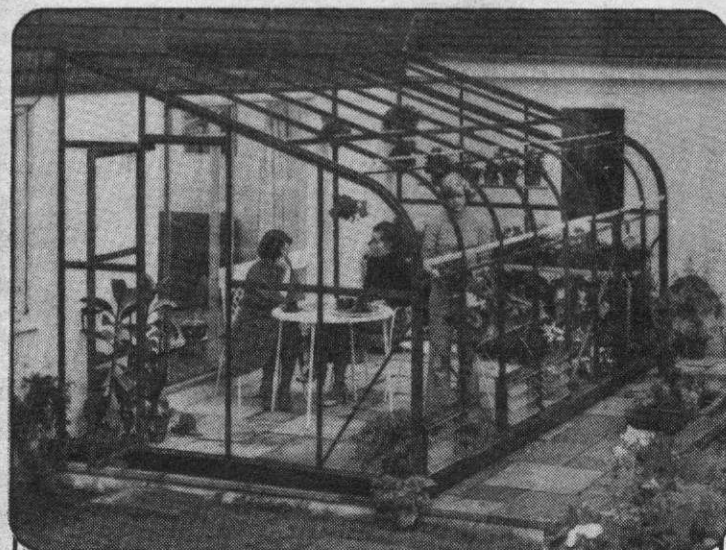
Older photographers who have cared about their favourite subject matter for many years almost seem to have a capacity for astral projection into their most cherished environment.

Fairbank's images contain her statement, a rich comment on life, far above the picture-taking of the average amateur camera buff.

Technically, many amateur photographers could equal her exposures, but in the composition there is a relaxed feeling that comes only from a lifetime of using cameras.

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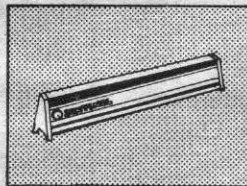
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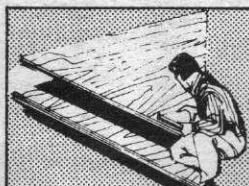
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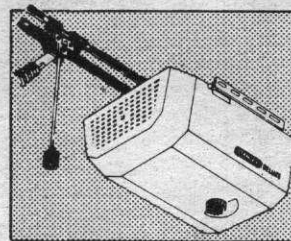
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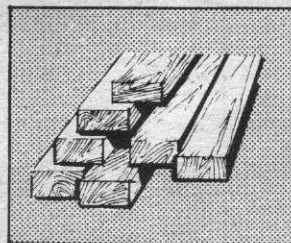


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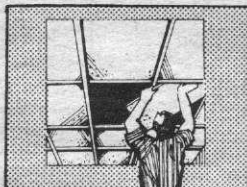
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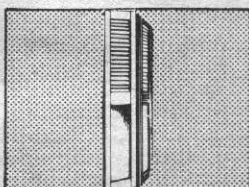
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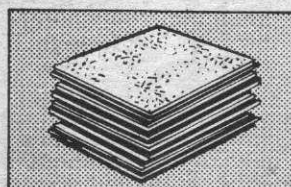
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Committee outlines issues

The Salt Spring Elementary School Advisory Committee has prepared a summary of its objectives for the coming year.

The committee was formed in the fall of last year to promote an exchange of ideas between the school and the community.

The main issues facing the committee, *Driftwood* was told this week, include staging a carnival in May as a fund-raising project, fluorescent versus full-spectrum lighting and an adventure playground.

The committee is inviting anyone interested or concerned with those issues to attend the next meeting on March 3.

A spokesman said that volunteers are needed to make the carnival successful. Funds raised by the event are to be used for the construction of an adventure playground. Another concern of the committee is landscaping of the school grounds. Its members hope that this can be looked at in conjunction with the playground.

The meeting will take place at the school library and will begin at 7.30 pm.

Canine peace officer

Does a peace officer carry a gun?

Director Tipton asked his colleagues on the Capital Regional Board last week whether a dog control officer, who is also appointed a peace officer, would be issued with a gun.

Only a tranquilizer gun, he was assured.

Board has asked the provincial government to amend the municipal act to permit the appointment of dog control officers as peace officers. The appointment would enable them to require dog owners to comply with the law, whereas up till now the act only exerts compulsion on the dog.

As a peace officer the dog control officer will be authorized to ticket dogs running at large.

Film will feature Whitbread Race

A film presentation at the Activity Centre in Ganges Thursday will be sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club.

Salt Spring resident Charles Sutcliffe will show a film of the United Kingdom-New Zealand leg of the 1977-78 Whitbread Around the World Race.

Sutcliffe was a crew member on one of the boats taking part in the race.

Film will be shown at 7.30 pm and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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