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Roz Truelove, Elma Rubright, Annie Shuttleworth and Jennifer Wiebe in *Joy as it Flies*.

## Three awards scored by Players at Duncan

The Salt Spring Players' reputation for high-quality theatre productions continues to grow as last weekend the group walked off with the award for best play at the drama festival in Duncan.

*Joy as it Flies*, written by Salt Spring resident Roz Truelove, won the award at the Theatre B.C. South Island Zone festival in Duncan. As a result, it will represent the South Island Zone at the Theatre B.C. finals in Nelson, to be held June 2-6.

The players didn't stop there, however, winning two other awards of the seven available.

Ernie Rubright was named best supporting actor for his role in *The Audition* and the Players were named for best backstage coordination. Stage managers for the three one-act plays presented at the festival were Jack and Nancy Poole.

### FOURTH WIN

The best play award was the fourth consecutive win for the Players, excluding 1979, when the group was unable to enter the festival because of the major commitment involved in the production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

There were 11 plays presented by five different Vancouver Island drama groups: January Players from Duncan, Shawnigan Players from the Shawnigan area, Peninsula Players from Sidney, Fine Line Players from Victoria and the Salt Spring Players.

Best actress award went to Hetty Clews of Victoria, for her role in the Peninsula Players' production of *The 75th*. The same play also got the best director award for Judy Rinfret.

Best actor award was won by Mark Tibando and best supporting actress by Tim Moir, both of whom played in *The Real Inspector Hound*, presented by January Players.

The festival ran from Thursday through Saturday and the format included adjudication of each evening's plays on the following morning by Jayce Van der Veen, association director of the New Play Centre in Vancouver.

### TO VISIT HERE

However, the Salt Spring Players, who performed Saturday evening, were unable to get an adjudication Sunday due to other commitments by Van der Veen. Instead, he will visit Salt Spring May 9 and 10 to go over the plays with the group.

His visit will coincide with the annual general meeting here of the Theatre B.C. South Island Zone on May 9.

The Players are planning to repeat the custom of presenting the award-winning play locally before it is seen at the finals in Nelson. The group is also considering inviting one of the other Vancouver Island drama groups to present one of their plays on the same evening.

## Stay out of sewer issue, commission told by Valcourt

Regional director Yvette Valcourt issued the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission with an ultimatum at Monday night's meeting to either stay out of the controversy surrounding the stalled Ganges sewer project or risk being put out of business.

Valcourt appeared at the meeting to respond to the commission's decision at its last meeting April 13 to throw its support behind immediate construction of a sewage disposal system.

The commission had approved, by a narrow three to two margin, a proposal to write a letter to minister of finance Hugh Curtis urging the provincial government to "proceed as quickly as possible with the completion of a sewer system for the Ganges area."

The letter was written April 23 and was signed by chairman Glenn Woodley.

With just four directors, Woodley, Tom Watson, Paddy Akerman and John Crofton, in attendance at Monday night's meeting, there wasn't a sufficient number to form a quorum.

### WOULDN'T TOLERATE IT

Valcourt told the four that she had won election to the Capital Regional District board on the basis of her opposition to the then proposed sewer system and that she would not tolerate the commission becoming involved in the issue.

She flatly stated that the whole subject of a sewer system is a political issue that the recreation commission has no business getting itself involved in.

"I'm demanding that the recreation commission stay out of the political arena. It's not your place to say whether there should be sewers or not," said an angry Valcourt.

Valcourt ordered the commission to divorce itself of any involvement in the issue and to let the courts

decide whether construction of a sewer system will proceed or not. **NULL AND VOID**

"I think that the commission should be aware that the order to install the sewer has been declared null and void," she said.

Valcourt suggested that there could be serious repercussions if the commission continued its present course of action.

"If the recreation commission continues involving itself with this

political football, a referendum could be held to disband it at the end of the year," she said.

Woodley questioned whether the commission's continued support of construction of a sewer system would constitute sufficient grounds for having the commission disbanded.

Valcourt replied that "we would have to take some sort of action."

Woodley sought to assure the

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## Trust committee caught off guard

# Wall of opposition to proposal

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee ran into a wall of opposition Tuesday evening from resort owners over its plans to introduce new zoning for lakeshore resorts.

More than half of the 11 resort owners located within the watersheds of the four lakes that would be affected by the zoning bylaw brought their objections to an emotion-packed and, at times, heated public meeting at Ganges United Church.

Seemingly caught off guard by the extent of the opposition, the committee opted to hold off voting on the controversial bylaw until its next meeting on May 19, despite urging by chairman John Rich to deal with the issue that night.

By the time it was all over, however, the resort owners, the president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and a handful of concerned residents walked away knowing that they had driven home their objections to the bylaw and given the five trustees cause for further

consideration.

The bylaw would limit resorts on the shores of the four potable lakes on the island to three units per acre in addition to imposing other restrictions aimed towards limiting development around the lakes.

Concerned about the effects of continued commercial develop-

ment on the quality of domestic water, the Trust committee has been directing its attention towards the resort industry for about a year.

While the bylaw would not force the owners to remove units already in place, they would be prevented from replacing units destroyed by fire and from expanding their

operations so as not to exceed the new limits.

Units would also be restricted to a maximum size of 40 square metres, a limit which some owners termed "grossly inadequate."

Another point of contention is over the fact that there would be a 4.5 metre, or one-storey limit on all buildings on the property including owners' residences.

### CONTAMINATION

It was clear from the outset of the public hearing, that the resort owners were there not only to voice their opposition to the bylaw but were looking for answers to questions they have about contamination in the lakes, particularly in St. Mary Lake.

By their own admission, however, the trustees were not the ones to provide those answers.

The basis of the opposition was their belief that the bylaw is discriminatory against resort owners and that no proof exists that the resort industry is in any way

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## Lay off phone for fire

While the Galiano volunteer firemen were busy fighting a recent fire, members of the Women's Auxiliary were at the Fire Hall operating the communications system, consisting of two telephones and base radio station.

The telephones are used to alert firemen and receive and transmit messages from the Fire Chief. They report that their task was made considerably more difficult by misuse of the fire phone.

The emergency number, 539-2122, is to be used for reporting fire and no other purpose.

The regular number of the Fire Hall is 539-2131 and business should be conducted on this line. However, even this number should not be used when the Department is actually fighting a fire as the line is required for more urgent purposes than answering enquiries, it was stated.

# Resort owners oppose zoning

## From Page One

responsible for polluting the lakes.

"We're very much concerned about the quality of the lakes, our livelihood depends on it," said Gladys Lee, proprietor of Blue Gables Resorts and Campsites.

Ena Nemeth, owner of Green Acres Resort Motel, said that she has been assured by Dave Wakelyn, director of the Capital Regional District's public health inspection division, that water in St. Mary Lake is safe.

Nemeth told the meeting, furthermore, that Wakelyn has stated that the lake posed no threat even last summer when concerned as to its height about quality of water in the lake.

The CRD monitored the quality of the lake at 22 locations last summer and was so pleased with the results of its tests that it plans to monitor the lake at just four locations this summer, according to her.

## OTHER FACTORS

Nemeth suggested that if trustees were truly concerned about cleaning up the lake they should direct their new zoning legislation towards larger contributors such as homes and farms in the watershed of the lake.

"This proposed bylaw is completely discriminatory. Don't single out the resort owners as the fall guys," said Nemeth.

"As it stands right now, I feel as though I've been condemned to bankruptcy by the bylaw and I have no indication of what I've done to offend you trustees."

Nemeth asked the committee to undertake a thorough investigation with an "unprejudiced eye" to pinpoint from where nutrients are flowing into the lake.

"If I'm contributing to the pollution of the lake, tell me about it," she said.

Fred Bruynse, owner of Cedar Beach Resort, claimed that the trustees had failed to provide adequate justification for introducing the bylaw.

He further contended that the bylaw would drive down the value of the resorts and that the Islands Trust should be prepared to compensate the resort owners for their losses.

Rosemary Bachringer, proprietor of Cusheon Lake Resort, told the trustees that the resorts attract a high class of clientele and that future expansion is essential for them to continue doing so.

"Are they downgrading the area to create slum accommodations which will attract that sort of clientele," she asked?

Shady Willows Resort owner

## Chameleons

### contest

### seat

A relatively new political party which has drawn some support in the Gulf Islands is being represented in the provincial byelection in Kamloops.

The Chameleons are contesting the seat previously held by Social Credit MLA Rafe Mair, who resigned to become a Vancouver radio talk show host.

## TYPESETTING

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Bill Sawyer said, "I'm the oldest resort owner on St. Mary Lake. I've been there the longest and I've seen it all. All of the resorts will be out of business."

## MARGINAL PROFITS

Several resort owners stated that their businesses are showing marginal profits and that their prospect for economic growth are tied closely to their plans for future development. Adoption of the new zoning bylaw, would, they say, dash their hopes for a brighter future and perhaps even drive them into bankruptcy.

With the future of the resort industry at stake, a representative of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, was there to express the chamber's opposition to the bylaw.

Bert Elford, president of the organization, said that while the Trust committee should be commended for taking the initiative to clean up the lakes, it should concentrate its efforts on the larger contributors to the water quality problem.

He said that the bylaw will restrain the resort industry at a time when the provincial government is promoting tourism on Salt Spring Island and throughout British Columbia.

"This is a bylaw that by its nature is discriminatory," said Elford.

Two representatives of the North Salt Spring Water Works spoke in support of the bylaw.

Mike Larmour, superintendent, said that 1,500 residents draw water from St. Mary Lake and that enactment of the zoning bylaw is an essential first step towards improving its quality.

"Any further development on the lake will surely cause the quality to deteriorate further. Bylaw 57 will play an important part in preservation of the lake," he said.

Ken Patrick, chairman of the board, reminded those in attendance of a two-week period last summer when the presence of algae in St. Mary Lake left many residents without a source of domestic water.

## AT LEAST A STEP

The members of the committee conceded that introduction of the zoning bylaw was at best a step in the right direction and that more likely than not, the resorts are somewhere down the list of contributors to the pollution problem.

In deciding to table the bylaw, the trustees hope to learn more about how the bylaw will affect the resort business on Salt Spring Island and the lives of those whose existence depend on it. The trustees plan to consult further with resort owners before making a final decision.

It was generally agreed by the Trust committee that restricting the size of the resorts is only a first step at best and that it has yet to determine the extent of the resort's contribution to the pollution problem.

Several trustees suggested that watering down the bylaw, particularly the restrictions on the height of their residences would make it more palatable to the resort owners.

The committee let it be known, however, that it was concerned about suggestions from some owners that they had been planning further development in the future.

"I for one, as a member of this committee, am not going to stand for hotels and development of that nature," said Pender Island trustee Gordon Wallace.

"I am concerned and I just don't want to give anybody the impression that by tabling it we are going to allow that kind of development or the densities that some of the people here have been talking about."

Some of the owners had mentioned that the bylaw would put an end to their plans for expansion, some of which included construction of additional units, a restaurant, a lodge and even a hotel.

## EXPANSION

A somewhat skeptical David Lott, a Salt Spring Island trustee, said, "Resort owners have been talking about expanding for years, yet I don't think that there's one who ever admitted to having made a cent at it."

Bud Kreissl, the other island trustee, said that contamination of the lakes has been a contentious issue for years yet nobody wants to do anything about cleaning up the lakes.

"There have been studies in the past and people are in agreement that something has to be done, yet everybody says, why me," said Kreissl.

He suggested that while a number of resort owners had expressed their opposition to the bylaw, Mike Larmour of the North Salt Spring Water Works had spoken on behalf of 1,500 residents who draw water from St. Mary Lake when he came out in support of the bylaw.

Lasqueti Island trustee Mike Humphrey, who first suggested tabling the bylaw until a future meeting, told the other committee members that he was impressed by the solidarity of the opposition expressed by the resort owners.

"Picking on the resort owners is only a partial solution at best," said Humphrey.

## STILL NO CHANGE

"It's conceivable that we could close down all of the resorts and still not notice any improvement in the quality of the drinking water."

Chairman John Rich said that the subject of potable water quality had been under consideration by the Trust committee for approximately two years and that additional delays would result in further deterioration of the water.

Rich said, "I think that we should be prepared to accept the fact that if we don't approve the bylaw that we're not going to see any noticeable improvement in the quality of water in the lake."

He also suggested that the resort owners had a great deal at stake and that the committee had an obligation to them to deal with the issue without further delay.



## Hydro poles for Parker Island

A Sidney-based helicopter company assisted B.C. Hydro with transporting hydro poles to Parker Island last week. John King, a pilot for Vancouver Island Helicopters, was at the controls of the Bell Long Ranger that made the three 10-

minute trips from a location on Cedar Lane, Salt Spring Island. Each of the three poles, valued at about \$600, weighed approximately 1,400 pounds, which is the craft's limit for long hauls.

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Aircraft in use on this flight will be commercial float planes, Cessna and/or Beavers, and will be piloted by myself and other pilots employed by Burrard Air Ltd. based at Vancouver Airport.

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Contact Ed Davis — 537-2626

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# To Be Frank

by richards



I've never heard of him. I've never heard of a candidate for anything of that name. But I'll never give my vote to Philip Uster! Sounds like an American doesn't he?

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If you can hear a steady "Bump! Bump!" right inside, chances are your heart is still beating. If it is no longer steady, either you're in love or in trouble. Come to think about it, they're both heading for trouble. There's a new machine coming to tell you which. On Monday, all day, Action B.C., the heart testing machine will be outside Mouat's. If you happen to have a heart, wouldn't do any harm to get down there.

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All is vanity. And St. Paul likely didn't even use a shave lotion. Then you come back to the old argument: is vanity growing a beard? Or shaving it off? For years I've used an electric razor. And I've most often used a lotion to make it easy. But I've found that after-shave lotion works better than the lotions made to be used before shaving. But it's like toothpaste and falsies. I use soap to clean my teeth. It saves trouble. And nobody complains. And I use soap to wash my hair. Shampoo is too much trouble. Besides, I used to manufacture shampoo, a lifetime ago. So I know what's in it. The worst of all these contributions to vanity is hair grease. I don't use much, so a tube or a jar lasts me for months after it's turned rancid. I don't want to stink like a daisy, but I don't want to stink at all. So I usually use some harmless oil, as long as it isn't penetrating. But all these things have proved that if you use soap instead of shampoo and oil instead of gunk and soap for dentifrice you end up with white hair and false teeth. Don't say I didn't warn you!

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And thinking of Britt'n, it'll likely be Bri'n in a few more years. but it's not so long since it would have been Bridd'n. It's an interesting play, on words. And mass communication does nothing to hold a language together.

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About 15 years ago I had a garden roller. It was not a roller deluxe. It was a home-made rig that I had acquired from an agricultural specialist. The rolling part was cast in concrete and the handle was pure galvanized iron. But it rolled lawns to effect. And it's went! Somebody borrowed it and I can't remember who that was. If you happen to have a home-made roller around and a conscience, you might let me know.

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I'm told that Ian Byron has a special model pickup for sale. It is a Concertina Impact Special. A party model. It should be going cheap because he chopped it and doesn't like the modifications.

I'm so old I can remember when I could walk without feeling muscles in my legs. And Gwen Althouse, knight errant, was young enough to give me a ride to the office one day last week. But, she asked, was I walking for health? We figured a workable scheme. A walker without sight carries a white cane. Hence, a walker in need of exercise should carry a red cane and a walker eager to be transported by any passing car could be equipped with a green cane. Then everybody would know. Trouble is, I'm colour-blind.



## Sundial is wrecked again

The sundial in the Centennial Park at Ganges has been twice destroyed by vandals. This had been manufactured in his own shop by W. Falot. It lasted two days before it was smashed under the heel of an island child. Picture shows the twice-spoiled plate.

## Fire protection agreement is signed

Fire protection has been resumed on North Pender Island. Last week the Capital Regional Board approved the signing of a new agreement, which has already been approved by the North Pender Island Fire Protection Society. The fire protection is not new, but the original agreement had run out and a new one could not be signed without formal approval of both parties.

Photo: Ed Bermingham



ADRIAN BEESTON of Qualicum Beach, B.C.

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## Vandals triumph again

The morons came out on top!  
There was a sundial in Centennial Park.  
The sundial has twice been destroyed by children playing in the park after dark. Last week George Heinekey, one of the trustees of the park, was beside himself.  
The ancient sun-clock was located atop the time capsule buried when the park was opened nearly 15 years ago. It was broken by a group of children who drive to the park at night and play among the bushes, he reported.

A replacement was not readily available. Heinekey, with assistance, drilled out the mounting holes and removed the plate. He then engaged the interest of electrician Walter Fallot. The electrician made a brass upright for the dial and they remounted it in the park.

Within two days the new sundial was destroyed. A clever child had, apparently, kicked it off. It was of no value to the vandals concerned. They probably wouldn't know what it was and couldn't spell it if they did know, still less could they use it.

The difference between barbarians and vandals is that a barbarian has been identified as one who has lost his traditional culture and has not yet found a new one.

An island vandal is one who has lost his mind and is unlikely ever to find a new one.

There is no answer to vandalism. The culprits are unreachable. It is simply the triumph of the community morons over the community, perhaps.

## Trust, chamber should be dropped into Sturdies Bay

Sir,  
April 24, at the Community Hall on Galiano Island, a large crowd of residents witnessed the Islands Trust committee, in action. A horrible experience. The meeting was called at 1 pm and at 6:30 pm I left, as a very angry and frustrated spectator. I don't know how much longer the meeting continued but it appeared it was intended to wear down the island people as they gradually left this terrible meeting and left for home.

At two o'clock, an inept chairman opened the gathering to a public hearing, which went on for a very long time, was closed, and then following a coffee break, the Galiano Island Trust committee of five members held a closed meeting, in front of the Galiano resi-

dents who sat through this indignity, listening to a mumble and jumble from the stage of the Galiano Hall.

When this lengthy meeting ended, it was followed by another public hearing on the matter of the Galiano Lodge and its redevelopment.

It would appear to me that the Islands Trust is an unnecessary convenient buffer between the voters and our government and I hope everyone on Galiano will write to the Minister to get us out of the Islands Trust and let Galiano people have their own council responsible only to the residents and to the Municipal Act.

And while I'm in this angry mood there is another useless organization which calls itself chamber of something. I was an executive member, for a very brief time.

It and the Islands Trust should be dropped into Sturdies Bay.

I was one of those who put six years in uniform to protect our freedoms but on observing the terrible meeting on April 24, I can only shake my head in disbelief.  
Sincerely, an angry old man.

CHAS. J. GARDNER,  
R.R.1. Galiano.  
April 25, 1981.

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCES....



## Letters to the Editor

### They could do the same!

Sir,  
Highlighting the annual report of the Canadian multi-national oil company, Husky, the appointment of Thomas C. Douglas as a director of the company, and the revelation of the wide-ranging operations of this subsidiary of Alberta's NOVA.

Husky, like Petrocan, is drilling for oil all over the world.

1. The company has oil and gas producing interests in approximately 4,900 wells located both onshore and offshore throughout the central and western part of the United States; Wyoming, California, New Mexico, Nevada, Montana and Texas, and in Louisiana.

2. Through subsidiaries, they hold land positions in Brazil, Senegal, Pakistan, Indonesia, and the Phillipines; also working interests in eight blocks in the U.K. sector of the North Sea, and fourteen blocks in the West German sector.

3. Proven reserves of the company, as at December 31, 1980, are reported as follows: crude oil (barrels): Canada, 80,775,000; U.S.A., 32,245,000; international, 1,473,000. Gas (1,000 cu. ft.): in Canada, 237,606,000; U.S.A., 82,483,000.

### Birthday party a success

Sir,  
The residents and staff of Greenwoods would like to thank the kind people of the Inn at Vesuvius for their hospitality on the afternoon of April 21, when they celebrated their 21st birthday.

The party was a great success; everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Inn's pleasant atmosphere, and the refreshments, which included a beautifully decorated cake, were delicious. The celebration also coincided with Greenwoods' second year, so it was a very special occasion.

Our heartfelt thanks for a memorable day.  
JONNA MATTIESING,  
for Greenwoods.  
April 27, 1981.

Having regard for the above, and for the fact that Petrocan is also drilling overseas, isn't it a bit odd that the Liberals and the NDP are so militant against the foreign-owned multi-nationals which operate in Canada?

Moreover, isn't it reasonable to expect the U.S.A., Brazil, Indonesia, the Phillipines, et al., to imitate our National Energy Policy, and crucify our efforts to get oil and gas in their "backyards"?

Oh, well, now that our Tommy is in the Husky boardroom, and Petrocan is getting its feet wet overseas, we can expect M. Lalonde and Mr. Broadbent to alter course sometime in the not too distant future!

Let's hope so!  
KEITH JACKSON,  
R.R. 1,  
Mayne Island, V0N 2J0.  
April 20, 1981.

### Perplexing alternative

Sir,  
I am thoroughly perplexed at the recent decision of the Parks and Recreation Commission to curtail the Sidney "Sunday-Night Swim". The reason they offer is because of a rental increase from \$50 to \$80 for the two hour swim. Yet at the end of the announcement they have the audacity to say that the Commission "urges community support for an island pool as the only sensible answer". I find this incredible, that in one breath, they can't afford to rent a pool for a half a year for two hours a night; but yet they could foresee the ability to operate a whole complex for a whole year, on Salt Spring. Their logic is bewildering, and at best approaches a sanity oftentimes known as "political".

I and my two children, plus many more friends will miss those Sunday nights. I strongly protest this action and urge others to do so.  
JOHN BOC,  
P.O. Box 568,  
Ganges.  
April 23, 1981.

### No short cuts!

Sir,  
Clearly, there are no shortcuts to sewage disposal, just as there are no shortcuts to effective and unbiased newspaper reporting.

You did not, with a 1/2-inch headline, shout "No Shortcuts" when, in 1972, after 15 beds had been added (a 60% increase) to the Ganges hospital, the sewage disposal field was not proportionately enlarged.

You did not shout "No Shortcuts" when in 1978 another 10 beds were added, again without any increase in the disposal field, an incredibly irresponsible move by the authorities.

You did not shout "No Shortcuts" when after the field's inevitable failure in 1979/80 it was rejuvenated at only one-third the size legally required, and without the critical winter perc-tests, and this compounded folly was literally topped off with an inadequate amount of fill, resulting in immediate failure of the field, the \$23,164 for this work entirely wasted.

To remind you, the Sewer Alternatives Committee was not even in existence then; it was the Capital Region District who designed, commissioned, and supervised this idiocy.

You did not shout "No Shortcuts" when, again in 1978, the perc-tests for the Greenwoods home for the elderly were done only in summer and this disposal field too installed at one-third the legal size, again without sufficient fill. So, welcome to the belated wisdom, we do not begrudge it you.

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this week, says the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.



## No short cuts to good reporting!

### From Page Four

The Sewer Alternatives Committee welcomes the engineering report by Underwood Ltd., which confirms our statements about the scandalous neglect of sewage disposal at the hospital complex.

Of course you managed to give the community another misreport. Front page, top right corner you say, "Alternative systems would be costly, with a price-tag ranging from \$180,000 and a big annual operating and maintenance up to \$405,000 for a land disposal and irrigation system," which actually is the quote for the capital cost, including the purchase of 3½ acres of land; and just to make sure, you omit the engineers' final "Annual operating and maintenance costs could be anticipated to be in the order of \$8,000 per year."

The most important figure, namely the annual dues the hospital would have to pay towards a Ganges sewer if it came ever into being. Underwood Ltd. were not able to extract a commitment from the Capital Regional District. The latter's most recent figure was \$344 for a residence, a two-bedroom home with a daily sewage flow of 250 gallons (Health Act Regulations, p. 12). Accordingly, the hospital complex with a daily flow of about 9,000 gallons would rank at a minimum of \$12,000 annually. Add the cost of hook-up and refitting for the hook-up; add the cost of last year's pumping-out of the septic tank, and that of the next two years — if the sewer indeed should come — i.e., three times 50,000 a year; add the 23,164 for the bungled rejuvenation of 1980; now add eight annual dues as cited above; and ten years down the line we have spent close to \$300,000 for the privilege of being hooked up to a Ganges sewer. And after that we pay year by year \$12,000 doubled by inflation and more. This is your "most attractive option," Mr. Editor.

Compare with Underwood's Septic Field Disposal. (The Underwood Report gives 16% of all its

space to this; you give it 4% of yours). To have a total of some 9,000 metres of pipe for all-season disposal of the complex (as compared with the existing 2,065 metres), the engineers quote \$402,000 dollars capital cost, including purchase of 3½ acres of land, and \$4,000 annual operating-maintenance cost. Thus, after ten years on a Ganges sewer, we would have spent three-quarters of what a complete septic field would cost.

But there is more to it. Underwoods calculate on the basis of disposal direct on the unfriendly ground. They do not anywhere consider mounding, that is, topping the ground with two to three feet of soil, the well-known practice on this island. This would substantially reduce the size of the field. Example: at the K&R parking lot, the new disposal field, with a mere 1,080 ft. (about 320 metres) of pipe, gulps a daily flow of 2,400 gallons, a full one-quarter of the flow at the hospital complex. (Compare with the 9,000 metres for the 9,000 gallons if disposed on the natural ground, above).

For a Package Treatment Plant, such as Arco, the Underwood Report quotes \$300,000; but this includes an ocean outfall, the plant itself being pegged at \$120,000. Now, the Health Act Regulations allow for the effluent from such a plant a 65% reduction of the disposal field size otherwise needed for effluent from a Septic Tank. This, instead of an ocean outfall, would greatly lower the area of land required and the field size. Whether this would be an advantage over straight septic-tank treatment would have to be looked into. Underwoods cite \$25,000 for annual operation and maintenance of an Arco Plant. The Arco people say this is out of line — far out — and they have not been consulted on this.

There is a lot more to be looked into before the Hospital Board decides what it is going to do with our money (for instance, is there a consistent policy of water conser-

vation in operation at the hospital complex?) The Alternatives Committee proposes that the Hospital Board constitute a sewage disposal committee which will study the alternatives in close detail and discuss this matter with the public. After so much has been bungled by the authorities, public input can only be healthy.

HERMANN KIRCHMEIR,  
Ganges.  
April 25, 1981.

### Regional director's report

## Procedural bylaw is drafted

BY YVETTE VALCOURT  
Salt Spring Regional Director

As reported in *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, I am the instigator of a procedural bylaw for the Capital Regional District Board. Since January 1980, I requested a copy of the procedures by which the board meetings were ruled.

Having been consistently ruled out of order, by the ex-chairman J. Campbell, I demanded to know where the rules applied, and where in the law or constitution could he back up his ruling, only to be told that we did not have a procedural bylaw, that up until then, it was felt that none were necessary. This however, did not go well with many of the directors, and now a draft copy of procedural bylaw is in front of us for discussion in the near future.

I, as your representative, did not accept the rulings of the past at the board meetings, these rulings would be classified in my opinion and other directors opinion as Campbell's Law!

I am at this time requesting the help of a few capable members of the community to go over this proposed procedural bylaw, as I am certain that many of you could assist me in this matter. If you wish to participate, and are familiar with

rules of procedure, please contact me as soon as possible, between 10 am and 11 pm any day of the week, but soon. Thank you. 537-2394.

### POLITICAL FOOTBALL

I am very distressed that so many of our local commissions or societies, either elected or appointed for certain functions, have chosen to involve themselves and our institutions, such as hospitals, schools and service clubs, into the political arena, and have used these institutions as a political football, on the very controversial sewer issue.

The schools' and the hospitals' septage disposal systems are under the jurisdiction of the pollution control branch, and I certainly feel that the P.C.B. has been most negligent of their duty, by allowing these institutions to fall under the political arm of the Capital Regional District.

I request at this time, that the P.C.B. take on their challenge and duties, and that they assist in finding an alternative solution for our institutions. I have been supplied with several copies of a 100-page book on the subject. This book is called *Alternative Methods for Treatment and Disposal of Community Wastewaters*. Under the seal or emblem of the province of British Columbia, ministry of the environment.

Resolution of April 8, 1981:

## He'll be back

A smudged note, sea-drenched and barnacled and reputed to be from the absent Anarchist, has just been received in the offices of *Driftwood*.

It reads, "God's in His Heaven — that's why all is Right in the World."

"Whereas the supplementary letters patent, do not constitute the authority, to install the sewer, anymore than the order of pollution control director did, be it resolved that all work and expenditures on the proposed Ganges sewer cease."

### WAS LOST

This motion of course was lost, and yes, I was the only affirmative vote on this motion. Two directors were absent, Dir. Couvelier and Chairman N. Sealey.

I also requested that my motion be recorded as the only affirmative vote.

Reason: The British Columbia Supreme Court has ruled that the director of pollution control did not have the authority to order that sewers be installed, therefore the C.R.D. does not have the authority to install, and yet they voted in favor of continuing.

The supplementary letters patent do not constitute an order, but merely allow the borrowing of the money to implement the order. However, this order is now null and void, so it should be the C.R.D.'s responsibility to pay whatever money is now being spent since they no longer have the authority.

At this point and time I must tell you that J. Campbell believes that he represents Salt Spring Island on the Ganges sewer issue. I wonder why? or whom he is speaking for?



## Tony Richards

**RETURNING TO THE OFFICE** Monday morning, I was greeted with the question, "How was your holiday?" It was asked not once, but several times, and in every instance it was asked on the basis of misleading information.

Anyone who has moved a family of four will see what I mean. And anyone who has moved a family of four from a fairly comfortable home in terms of size into a larger than most but still small travel trailer will understand why the question began to irritate.

We now have our belongings stashed in three different locations on the island. After all, there's no room in a 24-foot trailer for anything but ourselves (and the dog, the cat and the kittens, of course).

But those are minor points. It was a costly move. Moving the trailer was originally a two-hour job with a four-wheel-drive pickup. It ended up becoming a full day's work with the aid of that same truck, a farm tractor and a bulldozer. Instead of costing me two cases of beer, it will probably end up costing me several kegs, a dinner for two at a local restaurant, two dozen free classified ads and a lifetime subscription.

But we succeeded in getting the trailer to the top of the driveway and I would like to thank the former friend whose assistance proved invaluable. But if I were to mention his name here my days on Salt Spring Island would be numbered.

Then there was the piano. I've moved that piano four times in about as many years and I've finally found a way of getting it moved and making another contribution to physical fitness and recreation.

It was the section on pre-season training in the softball coaches' manual that gave me the idea. The *Driftwood* softball team, I realized, had been taking it easy all winter. Some have said they took it easy all through the last season but I disagree.

So I provided the team with some specialized training. We got the piano moved all right, and the freezer, too. But the handful of team members who showed up drank about four cases of beer before we even started. And the munchies they consumed could have fed my kids for a few weeks. Then there were several more cases of beer at the Fulford Inn once the move was completed.

To top it all off, we found we were unable to negotiate our driveway and get up to the trailer. So we ended up trading our vehicle for one with four-wheel-drive.

By that time my "holiday" was over. And looking back on it, I'm rather glad to be back at work.

**RUMOUR OF THE WEEK:** Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter is staying at the Hastings House hotel following its opening in June.

It was indeed a rumour, confirmed hotel spokesman Harvard Budgeon on Monday.

## School carnival at Pender

The annual Pender Islands School Carnival was held on Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 pm in the Gym.

All the teachers, students and many parents worked hard together for a number of weeks beforehand, planning and preparing for this event.

This year's co-ordinator was teacher Mrs. Jean Bradley, assisted by teachers Wendy Brown, Richard Tallboy, Ray Frache, Judy Niel and principal of the school A. Rundle-Woolcott.

There are 75 students in the school who contributed by paint-

ing, cutting, pasting the wall decorations which added to the atmosphere, by making pizzas for sale, operating the games of chance, selling books and setting up the gym and clearing up.

There was a big top of streamers from the ceiling; a fortune teller, cake walk and a very good turn-out by the community and lots of fun for workers and patrons.

It was an evening of fun to finish up the winter season before enjoying the Easter break. The money raised from the event will be used for various school projects.



Grade 2 and 3 teacher Wendy Brown at carnival.

# She learned to live again with help of AA

## Not every alcoholic calls Skid Row home

BY TONY RICHARDS

Two years ago, Sharon had lost all her self-respect. She had no real friends. She felt "really useless" and her biggest fear was tomorrow.

She had, she recalls today, "hit bottom". The mental agony and the pain caused by her illness were overwhelming.

Yet her illness was not unique.

Sharon, who now lives on Salt Spring Island, has recovered from her illness, though that doesn't mean she is free from it. She is an alcoholic, and she will be one for the rest of her life.

But two years ago she made a decision that completely changed her life. As she describes it, it was a decision that enabled her to learn how to live.

Alcoholism: the word brings to mind drunks lying in doorways on Skid Row; waking in the morning with shakes that can only be relieved by a drink; or the pain and suffering of delirium tremens when a drink cannot be had.

But not every alcoholic calls Skid Row his home.

### SALT SPRING HAS 400

Using the Alcoholics Anonymous method to determine the number of alcoholics, or potential alcoholics in an area, there are 400 on Salt Spring Island.

Sharon's concern at present lies with female alcoholics and she estimates that there are at least 200 women on Salt Spring who either suffer from alcoholism or will, at some point, become victims of it.

Local AA meetings, she says, are attended largely by men, which leads her to believe that there are many women on the island who could benefit by the AA program.

And it's a program in which she has complete faith. After all, it enabled her to overcome her disability and learn to live again after being a heavy drinker for almost two years.

"No one pressured me into not drinking. I considered doing it for one year but I couldn't imagine going out and not having a drink. What would people think?"

### MEANS EVERYTHING

"I used to hate weekends. I used to make sure to drink a couple of beer before going to a party. You get to the stage where it means everything to get a drink."

At one point Sharon was drinking up to a gallon of wine in one evening, but it didn't always enable her to escape from her fears. But the alcoholic overcomes the desire for drinking, it is his attitude which has changed.

Women alcoholics will sometimes go to great lengths to hide their dependence on alcohol. Sharon would disguise the fact that she was drinking beer by pouring it into a mug and pre-

tending it was tea. She would hide it inside a vinegar bottle in her kitchen cupboard. One woman she knew would keep it in her iron.

But all that is in the past now, since the day Sharon picked up the phone and dialled the AA number. No one had ever suggested that she join but she had tried on her own to rid herself of the addiction. She could go for a couple of weeks but that was it.

### A CASE A DAY

By that time she was drinking a case of beer a day easily. But her hair had begun to fall out and she was unable to sign her name because her hands would shake so much. Then she became scared when she heard of a woman in a similar position who killed herself.

So Sharon fortified herself with a stiff drink of vodka and went to her first AA meeting. Six months later she had her last drink.

Today, Sharon continues to feel the need to attend the meetings. If she stayed away, she feels, feelings of self-pity would return and with them the desire

for a drink. In addition, she feels that others who are beginning their struggle to free themselves of their dependence on alcohol can benefit by the experience of those in her position.

As Sharon sees it, women start drinking for various reasons. It can be a feeling of inadequacy to her partner or the belief that she could have done better with her life. Jealousy, envy and boredom are other important factors.

### CAN BEGIN EASILY

The routine of drinking can begin very easily when a woman is bored and has few interests. Time passes much faster when you sit down to have a few drinks in front of the television.

Then you begin to try to solve all your problems with alcohol instead of doing something constructive about them. You begin drinking secretly and hiding your liquor. You get up in the morning and have a drink instead of a coffee. And you believe you function better with a drink.

But slowly you begin to lose your appreciation for your surroundings and you lose your awareness. And finally, "your biggest loss is your self-respect".

Sharon felt she wouldn't have been better off if she were dead.

But now she describes herself as a completely different person, with the credit for her recovery going to AA.

Sharon has been advertising AA meetings for women only but the response has been limited. She refuses to believe, however, that the need doesn't exist.

She does believe that Alcoholics Anonymous can help, and she ought to know.

## ARE YOU AN ALCOHOLIC?

To answer this question, ask yourself the following questions and answer them as honestly as you can.

(The Test Questions below are used by John Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, Md., in deciding whether or not a patient is alcoholic.)

- |  | Yes                      | No                       |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Do you lose time from work due to drinking?                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Is drinking making your home life unhappy?                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Do you drink because you are shy with other people?                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Is drinking affecting your reputation?                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Have you ever felt remorse after drinking?                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Have you gotten into financial difficulties as a result of drinking?       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Do you turn to lower companions and an inferior environment when drinking? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Does your drinking make you careless of your family's welfare?             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Has your ambition decreased since drinking?                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Do you crave a drink at a definite time daily?                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 Do you want a drink the next morning?                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 Does drinking cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 Has your efficiency decreased since drinking?                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 Is drinking jeopardizing your job or business?                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 Do you drink to escape from worries or trouble?                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16 Do you drink alone?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17 Have you ever had a complete loss of memory as a result of drinking?      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18 Has your physician ever treated you for drinking?                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19 Do you drink to build up your self-confidence?                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20 Have you ever been to a hospital or institution on account of drinking?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you have answered YES to any one of the questions, there is a definite warning that you may be alcoholic.

If you have answered YES to any two, the chances are that you are an alcoholic.

If you have answered YES to three or more, you are definitely an alcoholic.

## Support for clean-up

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has enlisted the support of the Islands Trust in initiating a campaign to give downtown Ganges a good spring cleaning.

At the request of Bert Elford, president of the chamber of commerce, the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee decided to write letters endorsing the chamber's cleanup efforts.

Elford told the Trust committee that litter and filth have given the downtown area an unsightly appearance.

The chamber is requesting that the Capital Regional District provide additional garbage containers in the core area and that the department of highways sweep roadways in Ganges every other week. At present, roads are swept once a month. "The chamber of

commerce would like the trust to provide any support that it can give," said Elford.

The Trust committee will forward letters to both the CRD and the department of highways.

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**GALIANO NEWS**

# Lodge development is contentious issue

BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER

Galiano Island Trust Committee met on Galiano at the South End Community Hall on Friday at 1 pm. The meeting was still in progress six hours later, having been interrupted for only a few minutes for a coffee break.

It is easy by hindsight to fault the committee for a too long agenda which consisted of a series of interlocking meetings; a public hearing, Trust Committee meetings and a public meeting regarding the Lodge. If there was any consensus regarding the most contentious issue, Galiano Lodge development, it was attained by attrition as by 7 pm a standing-room only vociferous gathering had dwindled to a handful of persistent opponents of the proposed development.

This column attempts to adopt a neutral stance which seems appropriate and is also domestically prudent as the partners do not see eye to eye on every issue. The topic of development on the island is one which, for years, has divided friends and neighbours and will no doubt continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

**SOON DISPATCHED**

The routine business of the committee, a brief introduction to the proposed regional plan, amendment of bylaws to allow public buildings (specifically a recreation centre for senior citizens) on land zoned public recreational, and to designate all lots zoned commercial or industrial in the village (I) as development permit areas, invoked little discussion and were soon dispatched.

A general discussion of the function and powers of the Islands Trust rapidly became a safety valve for islanders' frustrations with the inadequacies of the ferry system. As the Trust negotiates with the B.C. Ferry Corporation on behalf of Gulf Islanders it has the role of scapegoat thrust upon it when, in fact, the corporation acts autonomously and often ignores the complaints and suggestions of the Trust.

The corporation is adamant that island residents will receive no boarding priority on ferries and seems to be cutting down on those allowed merchants.

**BEGAN TO HEAT UP**

It was at the public hearing stage when the application by the Oescos to develop a 10-unit resort on their property at the junction of Porlier Pass and Cook Roads was discussed, that argument began to heat up. Neighbours were concerned that the proposed development might have a detrimental effect on the environment and that rezoning to C-2 would provide opportunity for future development not subject to public hearing.

The Trust Committee, in granting the application, took note of these objections and restricted the development to 10 cabins and sub-

jected it to a development permit.

Four hours had elapsed before the meeting got round to discussing the item which most concerned the audience. The proposal to expand Galiano Lodge had been presented and discussed at a public information meeting two weeks earlier so the audience came armed to defend prepared positions with petition, prediction and prejudice.

There seems to be little or no objection to an expanded and improved restaurant and additional facilities which would be of benefit to residents. The fundamental disagreement is with regard to the extent of the development and in the size of the transient population which would be added to the island.

**SUPPORTED BY 80**

A concise and clear statement of objection to the size of the proposal was presented by Dorothy McNair and this was supported by 80 signatures. Many of the petitioners spoke during the two-hour debate and one can assume a substantial group of people concur with this view. Those having no objection to the scheme tended to be less vocal and include most of the long-term residents of the island. In fact, there appears to be a close correlation between the strength of a person's opposition to the proposal and their recency on Galiano.

This relationship is puzzling. It might be expected that people living on Galiano during the first half of the century would be most likely to want to keep it the quiet and peaceful place it then was.

Two explanations suggest themselves. During the 20's and 30's Galiano was considered as a public vacation area. At least six resorts catered to holiday makers and the Lodge was the queen of these. Perhaps for this reason older residents can tolerate sharing their island with the visiting public more easily than younger and newer residents who tend to regard Galiano as a private recreation area.

**MORE PSYCHOLOGICAL**

A second explanation is more psychological than historical. Recent arrivals have invested money or ego and very often both in Galiano. To have a place on Galiano is a symbol of good taste. It is hard to accept that what one has chosen may alter and deteriorate. Those who thought they were buying or renting peace and privacy naturally object when they think these are threatened.

Parking and moorage remain a major concern of islanders who can tolerate some expansion. Legal technicalities of strata-title and covenants were asserted and rebutted. The viability of the project was

examined and this will probably be the crucial issue as negotiations by the Trust to further reduce the size of the proposed development continue in compliance with the bylaw whose passage concluded the meeting.

It is certain that no development at all can take place without the expenditure of a great deal of money to satisfy the requirements of the pollution control branch and the ministry of health. The Lodge, encumbered as it is, can never again be a small-scale family operation.

**MAY NOT BE VIABLE**

A great many islanders would have no objection to a development of the Lodge on a modest scale but this, in fact, may not be economically viable. If this is the case the choice may be between the Lodge as it is or a development greater than many islanders wish to happen.

The Trust Committee must now wrestle with this dilemma. Should the developers decide, because of attitudes and restrictions, to withdraw their application the problem will not go away. The present owners wish to divest themselves of the Lodge. Any prospective purchasers must solve the same problems and follow the same route of public hearings.

After six hours of note-taking this columnist can echo island sentiment, "Oh, for a quiet life."

**Fire department**

The South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department has now been re-organized. The active crew consists of 15 members who will be on first call in event of a fire. The crew contains the younger and more active members of the department with a seasoning of veterans such as Chester Williams, the fire chief.

The reserve or auxiliary provides another 19 members who will be available for duty when the need arises. Most of these are veterans both in age and service, willing to turn out in an emergency but happy to hand over the regular fire-fighting to younger men and a woman.

The department has just obtained a Synchro-Slide machine and a screen. The justice department has available training packages for loan by volunteer fire departments. The pack contains a canister of slides which the machine projects and at the same time synchronises the tape with the accompanying commentary.

Volunteers recently studied various methods of unloading and stacking hose and the application of fog streams in this way. The

illustrations and commentary were excellent and should improve the volunteers' efficiency in fighting fires.

**Nature Notes**

T. S. Eliot wrote that "April is the cruellest month" but Browning's *Home thoughts from Abroad* more nearly expresses our thoughts. "Oh to be in Galiano, now that April's there."

So many "firsts" to see and enjoy in April: the first violet-green swallows, the red-winged blackbirds, cow birds and a loon already changed into his checkered breeding plumage before setting off north to a summer of domesticity; the first chocolate lillies, that most unusual and beautiful brown-purple fritillary and the gorgeous but fragile calypso or pink ladies' slipper which some think is the most beautiful of our native orchids. The month just ended has brought a new delight and discovery for each and every day. Praise April.

Dennis Oldroyd rebukes us for falsely identifying self-heal. He is justified. The square-stemmed plant outside the post office is certainly a member of the same labiate (mint) family but a search of many flora has not produced positive identification. It is probably an introduced species and without a European flora it is difficult to pin a name to the flower. Ironic, for an "introduced" plant.

**Home-Maker Service**

As we grow older and ambition fades we begin to hope for a contented old age and for many this is most easily achieved in our own

place, our own home. Familiar surroundings and the ability to choose how we spend our time are two essential ingredients of contentment.

Since 1978 the provincial government has attempted, through its long-term care program, to help senior citizens stay in their own homes as long as possible. When certain chores become impossible the program supplies homemakers who will do these jobs. Care may be long or short-term and is not confined to seniors. A mother with a new baby or a patient recently released from hospital or a family in any kind of crisis is entitled to the homemaker service.

Jeanne Dunn has recently been appointed co-ordinator for this service on Galiano. If you are in need of a homemaker or are interested in becoming one, please call Jeanne Dunn at 9-2629.

**Coming Events**

There will be a rummage sale to coincide with the weekly market in the parking lot of the South End Community Hall on Friday, May 1, beginning at 9 am.

On Saturday, May 2, in the afternoon, the Gardening Club is holding a sale of plants in the North Galiano Community Hall. Donations of plants, home-baking and books will be gratefully received. At their next meeting Gardening Club members are asked to have items for the show-bench in place before 1:45 pm so that they can be marked before the meeting begins.

Also on May 2, at 8 pm in the South End Community Hall, a coffee house will be presented by the Pre-school Association.

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# Performing Arts Society marks one year with annual meeting

Contributed

The Inter-Island Performing Arts Cooperation Society marks the end of one year of operation this weekend with an annual general meeting.

To a lot of people IIPACS only became visible in the latter part of last year with the opening of the Common Ground Coffee House/Concert series on Salt Spring Island. As well as bringing in international acts, it also provided a stage for many local performers.

Economically speaking, a little over \$3,000 was brought in by the Common Ground, the two Sparks after Dark variety shows and other special events. Over \$2,000 went out to performers and technical crew. The rest paid for advertising, regular bills, postage, newsletters and office space.

The group established good relations with local schools, exposing students to a wide variety of music.

At Courtenay Faire 1980, IIPACS set up a booth and was largely responsible for coordinating alternative stage performances. Persons not booked for main stage performances were thus given an opportunity to perform to a large audience.

It made available application

forms for performing rights organizations in Canada. There are offices set up to dispense royalties for works performed in concert, radio and television.

IIPACS has an extensive library, with books ranging from set design to sound engineering, performance skills, fund sources and much, much more.

Through a provincial ministry of labour grant IIPACS employed a student who was responsible for designing and operating the lights for Salt Spring Island Summer Theatre program.

Also introduced was the entertainment calendar in the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* to make it easier for the reading public to see "what was happening" at a glance.

With funds from the Community Arts Council and the Recreation Commission, delegates from IIPACS attended a fund-raising and resources development workshop at UVic.

Having reached the weighty age of one fiscal year IIPACS has become eligible to apply for a grant from any of a number of areas including the provincial government.

All the following projects are potential material for specific

applications:

- purchasing a full P/A and light system;
- renovating a leasable space to house a theatre/art gallery;
- sending a troupe of performers to schools, homes, prisons;
- producing a Canadian musical play, hiring a professional director;
- sponsoring a workshop festival for the performing arts;
- buying a circus tent to cover a touring show, playing communities that have no facilities.

All these ideas and more have been suggested at meetings. Most of them have been researched and information is available.

If you are interested in helping out, performing or just being a supporter become a member of IIPACS. Write to Box 993, Ganges, or attend the annual general meeting this Sunday, May 3 at St. George's Hall.

# Poor attendance for delightful evening

BY MICHAEL ARMSTRONG

Poor attendance marked Sunday night's Common Ground concert at St. George's Hall. Only 20 people were there to enjoy the IIPACS-sponsored event. The longer daylight hours of daylight savings time and inadequate advertising may have contributed to the poor turnout.

The concert started late with the guitar work of Doug Chippe. Doug is new to the island and this is his first appearance here. He plays a beautiful guitar and was most effective on instrumental pieces, particularly a John Fahey song, *The Last Steam Engine Train*.

Both the evening's performers suffered from the same problem but most particularly Doug. They were at times almost inaudible. This may have been nervousness but I think it stems from another

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# Performing Arts Society marks one year with annual meeting

**Contributed**

The Inter-Island Performing Arts Cooperation Society marks the end of one year of operation this weekend with an annual general meeting.

To a lot of people IIPACS only became visible in the latter part of last year with the opening of the Common Ground Coffee House/Concert series on Salt Spring Island. As well as bringing in international acts, it also provided a stage for many local performers.

Economically speaking, a little over \$3,000 was brought in by the Common Ground, the two Sparks after Dark variety shows and other special events. Over \$2,000 went out to performers and technical crew. The rest paid for advertising, regular bills, postage, newsletters and office space.

The group established good relations with local schools, exposing students to a wide variety of music.

At Courtenay Faire 1980, IIPACS set up a booth and was largely responsible for coordinating alternative stage performances. Persons not booked for main stage performances were thus given an opportunity to perform to a large audience.

It made available application

forms for performing rights organizations in Canada. There are offices set up to dispense royalties for works performed in concert, radio and television.

IIPACS has an extensive library, with books ranging from set design to sound engineering, performance skills, fund sources and much, much more.

Through a provincial ministry of labour grant IIPACS employed a student who was responsible for designing and operating the lights for Salt Spring Island Summer Theatre program.

Also introduced was the entertainment calendar in the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* to make it easier for the reading public to see "what was happening" at a glance.

With funds from the Community Arts Council and the Recreation Commission, delegates from IIPACS attended a fund-raising and resources development workshop at UVic.

Having reached the weighty age of one fiscal year IIPACS has become eligible to apply for a grant from any of a number of areas including the provincial government.

All the following projects are potential material for specific

applications:

- purchasing a full P/A and light system;
- renovating a leasable space to house a theatre/art gallery;
- sending a troupe of performers to schools, homes, prisons;
- producing a Canadian musical play, hiring a professional director;
- sponsoring a workshop festival for the performing arts;
- buying a circus tent to cover a touring show, playing communities that have no facilities.

All these ideas and more have been suggested at meetings. Most of them have been researched and information is available.

If you are interested in helping out, performing or just being a supporter become a member of IIPACS. Write to Box 993, Ganges, or attend the annual general meeting this Sunday, May 3 at St. George's Hall.

# Poor attendance for delightful evening

**BY MICHAEL ARMSTRONG**

Poor attendance marked Sunday night's Common Ground concert at St. George's Hall. Only 20 people were there to enjoy the IIPACS-sponsored event. The longer daylight hours of daylight savings time and inadequate advertising may have contributed to the poor turnout.

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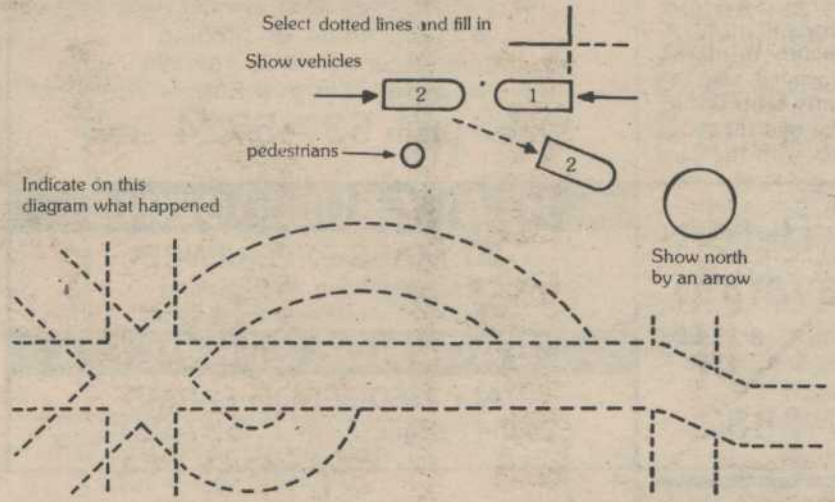
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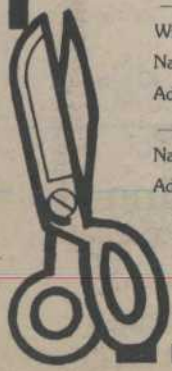
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*Pender speaker*

# Canadians have four rights when buying

**BY ELEANOR HARRISON**

The highlight of the Pender Islands Women's Institute April meeting was a talk on "Consumerism" given by Mrs. Bay Leroux, on Tuesday afternoon, April 7 at the School-Community Centre.

Mrs. Leroux is well qualified to talk on this subject as she holds a degree from the University of Toronto and a M.Sc. degree from Cornell University, New York in nutrition and institutional management. Mrs. Leroux was director of food services for six years at the University of B.C.

To open her talk Mrs. Leroux introduced her audience to the Canadian Consumer magazine which is published monthly by the Canadian Consumer Association.

She then gave a brief outline of the women's consumer movement in Canada. During World War II there existed the Wartime Prices and Trades Board that exercised control over the prices and distribution of the food supply through its Consumer Branch.

**CHIEF PURCHASERS**

In 1941 when it became necessary to introduce rationing, since the housewives were the chief purchasers for Canadian households, it became evident their co-

operation was essential.

Thus, an emergency meeting was called in Ottawa of as many presidents of women's organizations who could attend. From this came the Consumer's Branch which provided a link between Canadian housewives and the WPTB.

Regional branches were established throughout the country with thousands of women volunteering their services. At war's end these women realized how powerful a co-operative effort could be and from this emerged the Canadian Consumer Association.

However, as early as 1897, several Canadian cities had Consumer and Household Leagues monitoring the quality of food in shops and prior to this the National Council of Women frequently made representation to provincial and federal governments on the issue of consumer goods.

It is interesting that they were responsible for standardization of tins for canned food and amongst other successes the fact that mattresses had to be made with new material.

**DISBANDED**

The WPTB wound down its

work at war's end and the Consumer's Branch was disbanded in early 1947. Then came the first push to form a peace-time Consumer Association. In September 1947 with women's groups joining together and a membership fee of 50¢ the organization was launched with a grant from the government of \$15,000.

Mrs. Leroux said, "these early women worked very hard to help us long before the advent of the Women's Lib movement."

"For those living in this area with a complaint write or phone the B.C. regional office in Vancouver. The organization exists to help us," she said.

**FOUR RIGHTS**

Mrs. Leroux said the consumer has four basic rights: the right to be informed, the right of free choice, the right to be heard and the right to safe goods.

The consumer can be informed through pamphlets, and there is a trend today for big companies such as Hydro and B.C. Tel. for example, to do just this. The legal society has a multitude of pamphlets on legal matters. Some newspapers have columnists who specialize in consumer advice. Governments issue many pamph-

lets.

Most important: read the labels on boxes and cans.

When it comes to free choice the consumer has the right to expect his government to protect him from monopolies and combines.

He has the right to have his complaints listened to and this is where the CAC is invaluable. The rather recent cases of flammable materials from Japan used in children's night clothing and exploding pop bottles are two examples of goods on the market that were unsafe.

Mrs. Leroux continued her talk

by illustrating how wise today's consumer must be as there are many forces at work persuading him to buy, buy, buy!!! With double digit inflation care in choosing purchases is essential as price variation of 30 to 40 percent can exist.

Canada's move to metric has confused the consumer so that he cannot make comparisons that once were easily done. Stores place the article they want to sell at eye level, or piled up at the end of the aisles. If you want a better buy, look at the bottom or the top shelves and in the middle of the aisles.

## Galiano ladies over top

The meeting of the Galiano Ladies Service Club this month was combined with a luncheon.

The ladies gathered for lunch at the spacious home of Eva and Sparkie New.

The meeting, conducted by president Betty Ree, showed that the recent rummage sale realized more than \$500, the best ever.

Two ladies were welcomed

home, Josephine Newton and Isabel McKeirhen.

It was decided that instead of having a birthday tea and then a garden party, the two functions will be combined and the single project will be held in June. Next meeting will be a regular meeting on May 14 at 2 pm at the Senior Citizens Lounge on Page Drive.

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# Ganges Centre

## No more parking problems at Post Office

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The new shopping mall in the Mouat's complex will house Ganges Post Office and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, as well as various other stores and offices.

The post office will be situated in the front of the new structure and behind the Kanaka Place.

The remainder of the ground floor facing Mouat's Mall will be taken up by Flowers and Wine. The bank will be located the length of the building alongside Manson Road and around the south end of the building to the fire hall.

Upstairs will be a lawyer's office and an accounting office as well as a third tenant yet to be named.

The store presently occupied by Flowers and Wine will be absorbed into Mouat's Store.

The parking problem outside the post office will be resolved. Tom Toynbee told *Driftwood* last



week. There will be nine parking slots outside the Post Office in its new location.

areas will be put into operation, whereby the post office boxes will be located in a separate room from the business area.

a permanent basis. The road was originally dedicated to provide access to the government wharf.

First tenant to move in will be the post office.

Plans for the use of the present post office building have not yet been revealed.

The narrow road between the Ganges Centre and the Bank of Montreal, Manson Road, will be restricted to southbound traffic on

## Easter Sunday service

The Church of St. Margaret of Scotland was filled for the Easter Communion service, conducted by Rev. John Dyer. The organist for this service was the versatile Dr. Hugh Maclure.

The church was decorated with lovely flowers, to match the colorful dresses of the ladies welcoming the springtime.

## Accident under investigation

Ganges RCMP are still investigating a motor vehicle accident that caused \$1,500 damage to a Ganges woman's car last Friday afternoon.

A 1976 Datsun, driven by Renate Waterlow of Mobrae Avenue, was travelling north on Lower Ganges Road when it was struck on the passenger side by a van that pulled out into the intersection at Upper Ganges Road.

The 1967 GMC van was driven by Donald Boudreau, 30, of Vancouver.

There were no injuries reported.





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# Shrine circus performs for the suffering

Burns rank next to automobiles in inflicting serious and fatal injuries to children in North America. And there are few injuries sustained by the human body more painful than a third-degree burn.

Salt Spring Island Lions Club encountered a different type of men's club on Thursday evening when a spokesman for the Gulf Islands Shrine Club, Ralph Newstead, spoke on hospitals.

The Shriner opened his remarks with a caution that although the Shrine Clubs are made up of members of the Masonic Order they are not an upper echelon of that order and have no jurisdiction there.

The Shriners number marginally less than one million. They operate 18 orthopaedic hospitals and three burns institutes in North America. There is one burns unit in Canada; one in the United States

and one in Mexico.

The Shriners are a group of men coming together to provide special hospital services to children, he explained.

The public sees circuses and mini-motorcycles and funny hats. The Shriners see hospitals and children and uncomfortable hats, said Newstead.

**ASK FOR HELP**

The services are available to all children up to 15 and the speaker asked the service club to inform any Shriner of a child in need of the facilities offered.

In reply to a question he also explained that there is no hassle in getting Canadian children to an American hospital. The whole pattern of movement is smooth and well-organized, he assured the club.

The first Shriners' hospital was opened in 1922. Last year they treated a quarter-million patients.

The hospital services for children are their only concern, he emphasized repeatedly.

There are no islands patients undergoing treatment in Shrine hospitals, remarked Newstead. It is a good thing there aren't, he added, but those hospitals are there if any child needs special orthopaedic or burns treatment.

If a child needs to enter a Shrine hospital all his expenses are covered. The cost of travelling to such a hospital, the nearest being in Oregon, are borne by the Shriners. Cost of travel for a parent or accompanying adult is borne by the Shrine Clubs.

**\$67 MILLION**  
To gain an idea of the colossal extent of the Shriners' hospital undertaking, Newstead explained that last year's operating costs amounted to \$67 millions. And that doesn't include capital costs or research.

He showed a movie depicting the burns unit at the Children's Hospital in Galveston, Texas. It illustrated the program of treatment provided, as well as showing the horrors of burned bodies.

There is one alternative to these services, he urged. Most burns are avoidable. Most arise from avoidable accidents and every resident of the community should be taking special care to ensure that the next victims shall not be from here.

## Clamdiggers arrested

A North Vancouver area man who had been sought on an impaired driving charge was arrested by Ganges RCMP last Thursday when it was suspected that he was digging for clams in violation of the federal fisheries act.

Claude Rondeau, 31, was arrested along with an unidentified female companion, at a beach near Price Road after police received a complaint that the pair were digging clams with the aid of a pump.

Police seized the pump and a quantity of clams which were turned over to the fisheries office in Duncan.

Fisheries officers are contemplating charging Rondeau with commercially fishing for shellfish without a licence and with fishing with unauthorized equipment.

The arrest came at about 12:30 that afternoon.



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*Must be used for recreation*

# Cusheon Lake bathing beach still sought by commission

The Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission may be down but not out in its campaign to gain control over 30 acres of land on the south shore of Cusheon Lake, a portion of which it hopes to use as an improved swimming area.

Chairman Glenn Woodley carried the commission's call for assistance to the Salt Spring Island Trust committee meeting last Tuesday afternoon at Ganges United Church.

By the time he had finished making his presentation, Woodley had won assurance from the Trust committee that they would assist the recreation commission in making arrangements to have an environmental impact study of Cusheon Lake conducted.

### RECOMMEND NOT

At a recent meeting, the Trust committee decided to recommend that the ministry of lands, parks and housing turn down the commission's request for use of the land, unless the commission first agreed to undertake a study of the lake.

Woodley told the committee that he had been unable to attend that earlier meeting on account of a previous commitment.

The department of lands, parks and housing has since denied the commission's request.

The property in question is one of two parcels of land donated to the province by the Powell River company in 1957 for public recreation. The Powell River Company later became MacMillan Bloedel Limited. The 30 acres here were to go to the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce which never acted to assume ownership. The property is now in the hands of the provincial government.

There are concerns, however, said Woodley, that MacMillan Bloedel may eventually resume

ownership of the property if it is not soon made available to the public for recreation.

### TIME LIMIT

Woodley told the five committee members that there is a time limit within which the recreation commission must act before ownership reverts back to MacMillan Bloedel.

"If we lose it, we lose it forever," he said.

The only other stipulation was that the company would resume ownership of the property should it cease to be used for recreational purposes.

Woodley explained to the committee that the recreation commission has been searching for a suitable spot for public bathing for quite some time without success.

He said that the size and location of the property on Cusheon Lake combined with the fact that it has been donated for recreational purposes only make it the logical choice for a public bathing beach.

Approximately a third of the tract's waterfront footage of about 300 feet is under consideration.

The committee is concerned that allowing bathers access to Cusheon Lake would contribute to deterioration of the water quality at a time when contamination is already a problem in some potable water lakes.

"Maybe we should start making decisions as to which lakes will be used for recreation and which lakes will be used for potable water," said Pender Island general trustee Gordon Wallace.

### LUDICROUS

"It seems ludicrous that we ask the government to protect fresh water supplies and conduct environmental impact studies yet allow lakes to be used for recreational purposes when potable water in these islands is finite," he said.

Commission member Jack Albhouse, contacted by phone, said that the Trust committee should be more concerned about effluent and nutrients flowing into lakes on the island from their watersheds than about the effects of a few bathers on water quality.

"It's always been my theory that a couple of cows can do more damage to a body of water than 50 or so people swimming, but try to tell that to the Islands Trust," he said.

"Some of these trustees seem to have water on the brain."

Woodley explained to the committee that the recreation commission is reluctant to spend a great deal of money on an environmental impact study without having some assurance that the Trust Committee would accept its validity.

He therefore asked the committee to outline the extent of the study that it would require before granting the recreation commission use of the property. He also requested that the Trust committee make a recommendation as to who should carry out the study.

The Trust committee unanimously agreed to provide assistance for conducting a thorough study and will arrange a meeting between the recreation commission, the Cusheon Lake Water District and the Trust committee to discuss overall policy regarding use of Cusheon Lake.

# Red Cross campaign winds up after Mayne Island drive

The annual Red Cross campaign on Mayne Island has now been completed and collections sent in to headquarters.

The total to date is \$521.77, down \$119 from last year, but still a good showing from a small island, said campaign chairman Elsie Brown.

"I would like to thank the following canvassers for their support of this necessary once-a-year canvass," said Mrs. Brown, "Doris Gardner, Kay Sinclair, Nancy Sutton, Margaret Hood, Jesse Brown, Norah Garrick, Mabel Johnston, Dora Wood, Marguerite Campkin and Betty Fry.

"I would also like to thank Mayne Inn, Springwater Lodge, Miners Bay Trading Post and Centre Store for their support.

"With so many other calls on the public purse, it is hard to know who to leave out."

She thanked all her fellow islanders for their help.

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# Annual event for World Development, Relief

## BY OLIVE MOUAT

The World Development and Relief Tea is over. It brought together an amazing number of people who did an unbelievable amount of work together with respect, friendship and admiration for each other's ideas and abilities.

First there was a committee formed of members of the Anglican, Community Gospel, Roman Catholic and United Churches. Place, date, menu for the tea and tasks were considered and allotted. The Anglican ladies would be in charge of the plants; the Community Gospel of the baking; the Roman Catholic of the white elephants; and the United Church of the tea.

This year it was the turn of the United Church women to bear the brunt of the planning and of the arranging of the stalls and tables. They chose Mrs. Lois Bushell and Mrs. Bunty McNally co-conveners.

## AN EXPERIEMENT

As an experiment, and because the women of the United Church wished to use their own equipment, the tea was held in the United Church in Ganges.

Early Saturday morning a group gathered to set up stalls, tea tables and chairs. At the foot of the stairs, a large picture of a white elephant pointed the way up the stairs to its own white elephant treasures. Outside on the grass a small forest of signs sprouted to direct guests to plant and other stalls. Two of the husbands erected a canopy to shelter the salesladies and their plants from the sun. Goods were arranged and priced.

Soon after lunch workers arrived and on their heels came the clients. It was amazing and delightful to see the co-operation and fellowship of the members of the various churches as they worked together to help others, and the generosity of all who came, worker or guest.

## OPENED BY REV. BAILEY

The tea was opened by Rev. W.J. Bailey. Father Pat Bergin helped by his presence, as did Rev. S. Hildebrandt and Rev. Allister Skinner.

The beautiful centrepiece of flowers and candles on the pourers' table was the gift of Mrs. Bunny Tiffin who was also responsible for the dainty bouquets on the tea tables. Pourers were Mrs. Alicia

Anderson, Mrs. Brenda Bailey, Mrs. June Beaddie, Mrs. Hildebrandt and Mrs. Iona Skinner.



At the end of the day, when traces of the big event had been removed, everything set in place for use on Sunday, and every penny counted, \$2,165.74 had been collected.

On Sunday, at St. George's Anglican Church in Ganges, a musical treat was provided. A 50-voice choir from Cadboro Bay United Church and Gordon Head United Church came from Victoria to be met at Fulford by members of the Ganges United Church under the leadership of Robert Morgan. The visitors, who had come from their own churches where they had led the singing in the morning services, were offered refreshments planned by Mrs. Chris Pattinson.

Rev. Allister N. Skinner welcomed the choir; and at the end of the program pronounced the Benediction.

## HOUR OF MUSIC

The cantata chosen by the group was *From Olivet to Calvary* by J.H. Maunder. The choir, with conductor Bill Roberts and pianist Betty Sinclair, presented a wonderful hour of glorious and moving music.

The collection, which was added to the fund for World Development and Relief, amounted to \$144.71.

The loose collection from the ecumenical service held in the Ganges United Church on the morning of Good Friday, \$101, will be included with the money raised by tea and cantata.



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# Students still bring in the wood at Beaver Point



Bly Kaye sits atop the stair case with her pupils ranging in age from three to five.

Beaver Point and Fulford Harbour children have their own little school. For local children the Beaver Point School house saves a long journey into Ganges each morning and a lot of gas spent fetching youngsters.

Beaver Point School was opened in 1979 after several years of

Bly Kaye retrieved her books which had been packed away since she left her teaching position at the Ganges Elementary School and she set off to the one-room school house in the fall of '79. She was school marm to six children.

## Buddhist retreat

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee has adopted an amendment to a zoning bylaw introducing an entirely new zone that would allow a Buddhist group to develop a retreat centre on Mount Tuam.

The amendment changes the zoning classification of the property from uplands and forest to uplands and forest retreat.

The new zoning, approved last Tuesday, which has been under consideration for about three months, will govern and limit the development of the retreat centre.

When the doors opened again in 1980 Bly had her hands full. Thirteen children are registered at Bly's Monday, Wednesday and Friday class.

Bly's students come from Beaver Point. On Tuesday and Thursday, Sony Barren holds classes for Fulford Harbour children. School age at Beaver Point is from three to five years old and the school is used on an annual basis now.

When Beaver Point School opened the fees were \$3.50 per child per day. Since that opening date, fees have increased to \$4 per day and government subsidies are provided for parents who qualify. The subsidy allows parent to pay \$1.30 for kindergarten classes at the Kaye-Barren school.

## WORK BEES

Throughout the year work bees are scheduled and the Beaver Point community is actively involved in making the work bees a success. The school has been painted, the grounds are undergoing landscaping, the school room floor was sanded and the heating was updated.

Apart from a \$6,500 heritage grant the school received last summer, the hardware and labour that goes into school house maintenance is provided by the parents and community of Beaver Point. A concert is held each September to collect funds for the school, as well.

There is no electricity at the school house and a propane lamp is the only source of light available.

Bly admits that it isn't as effective as the sunlight which pours through the high windows of the small building. Work bees collect wood supplies and all that is needed now is a shed to hold the wood.

## CARRY WOOD

School children carry the wood in for their teacher and by ten in the morning the chill is out of the classroom and the coals are glowing behind the glass of the wood-heater.

The school children are also active in maintaining their school. They join in with their parents during work bees and chip in to make the land and school house a pleasant place to spend their time. Donation made recently by

Byron is a boat. It is planned to park the launch in the forest and Garry Kaye and Eric Donnelly are intending to build a ramp around it for use by the school students.

Beaver Point School was the first school built on the island. The community has been constant in donations and volunteer help to keep the school alive.

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# Mrs. Pat Pierrt

## She follows the moon to horticulture

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

Above Ganges, Mt. Belcher Heights has provided an expert gardener with a haven in a greenhouse.

Mrs. Pat Pierrt's little humble sign at the beginning of her driveway is only a hint of what the nursery is all about. She sells plants but the plants she sells, who she sells them to, and how she grows them all combine to make the nursery an impressive and an admirable display of long hard hours at work.

Mrs. Pat didn't arrive on the island to take up a hobby. She came to Salt Spring Island in order to live her hobby which began when she was five years old. She still has the scars that resulted from a fall into a cucumber frame when she was a child.

Her hobby is horticulture. From morning until night she is under the plastic roof tending her greenhouse. And she admits she can't keep still.

**WHERE TIME WENT**

"I can't spend the rest of my life sitting inside and not doing anything," she admitted. "I have to be active and when I'm out here working, it's sundown before I wonder where the time went."

The greenhouse is attached to her mobile home and the easy access often results in her spending too many hours labouring in the world of geraniums and fuchsias. Due to a heart problem she closes shop each afternoon and routinely retires for four hours before returning to work.

Initially Mrs. Pat was a berry farmer. A native of Victoria, she

farmed at Prospect Lake during the depression and met success through the aid of her first husband who offered some helpful tips about the vibrations that came from the moon.

He was a farmer on Lulu Island in the 1930's and she recalls her surprise when she observed his crop and watched him get more money for his produce than any other grower in the area. His vegetables looked better, tasted better and on the whole, their quality and quantity were something that gained him a reputation.

**BY LLEWELLYN**

He shared his secret with Mrs. Pat and she returned to Prospect Lake where she planted an eighth of an acre according to Llewellyn's Moon Sign book. She planted, weeded and tended the small patch of garden according to the movement of the moon and continued to garden her remaining three acres as she had always done.

Her small patch paid off. She was harvesting a heavier crop, selling it for more money than her traditionally farmed crop and all her records and comparisons between the two gardening methods pointed the same way.

She applied Llewellyn's book to her vegetable garden and her flower gardens and realized that its application meant improvements in all areas of horticulture. Since 1932 she hasn't been without the annual edition of Llewellyn's Moon Sign Book, which, though effective in eastern Canada where it is published, demands some minor adjustments before it can be applicable to western Canada time.

**BOTANICAL BIBLE**

By referring to her botanical bible, Mrs. Pat can determine when there will be a new moon, or when it will be in its last quarter and according to its positions when it will be best to weed the garden, plant the year's sweet peas, or vegetables and what sort of gardening would be most suitable during any month of the year.

Practising gardening in accordance with the moon is not working with the gravitational flow between the earth and moon. Instead it means working in harmony with the moon and stars. The theory is as old as the stars, and is of late, being recognized as a viable one by scientists and botanists alike.

For several years Mrs. Pat farmed on Vancouver Island specializing in dahlias, fuchsias and geraniums before she left to work in almost every city but Winnipeg until she reached St. John's, Newfoundland.

Her work has always been her hobby and when she returned to British Columbia and her entire dahlia crop was devastated by the nematode crisis, she found herself working at one of the largest gar-

dening centres in Victoria in the mid 60's.

**SHE WAS PATRICK**

Although it was one of the largest gardening centres in the city the firm could not endure female management. Mrs. Patricia Pierrt was listed as Patrick Pierrt and the head office, in the east, praised Patrick for her adept managerial services.

She watched the department grow from \$40,000 worth of retail stock to over \$100,000 worth and she was soon granted permission to reveal her sex.

No one complained.

As founder of the Victoria Geranium Society Mrs. Pat was well-known to most flower fiends in the capital. When she left Victoria last August to come to the island she brought with her 4,000 plants, of which only 2,400 survived the move.

Her hybrid geraniums are shown in Canada but Great Britain has first choice in buying her seed. Her love for growing makes retailing and wholesaling at times a necessary chore.

**102 YEARS OLD**

With Mrs. Pat came her mother,



Mrs. Pat Pierrt

Mrs. Cunningham. Her mother was 102 years old when she came back to the island in 1980.

"It was too much for her and three days before Christmas she died," Mrs. Pat explained. "But it wasn't her first time here. In Salt she and my father considered settling here. They didn't."

They did but Mrs. Pat did. Her corner at the top of Mt. Belcher Heights is sunny and windy and cleared. The fans whirr

## Holiday visitors at North Galiano for Easter weekend

BY DEVINA BAINES

We were happy to see Mrs. A. Ross home for the spring break, although she was such a busy girl most of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Karr, with Shona, Mark and a friend, all from Duncan, spent the Easter weekend at Madrona Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Ince were also here for the holidays.

Mrs. Devina Lauzon spent the holidays with her parents Jack and Jeanine Silvey, accompanied by her three children, also from Powell River.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baines and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Silvey spent a short holiday in Port Coquitlam with Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnson, last week.

The fruit trees, dogwood trees and arbutus are all in flower now and look so pretty and smell so good!

Anton Brookharte from Vancouver spent Easter with his parents at Spanish Hills store.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Wishart had their nephew, Stephen with them

for a few days.

Mrs. Anne Beach of West Vancouver spent a holiday with Mrs. M. Beach.

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