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After six months of negotiations

Still no agreement for CUPE workers here

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

More than six months of negotiations have failed to produce an agreement between the local branch of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and the Gulf Islands School District.

While neither side is willing to comment on the state of negotiations, indications are that the union has rejected the district's latest offer.

It has been learned that CUPE members turned down the district's "final" offer at a membership meeting held the weekend before last.

Where that leaves negotiations is anyone's guess, but talks appear to have broken down and there are no plans at present to bring the two sides back to the bargaining table.

Negotiations between CUPE and the district have been under way since November 11 and the 42 non-teaching union members have been without a contract since December 31.

The two sides have resolved a few of their differences since a provincial mediator was called in about two months ago, particularly over the wording in a few troublesome areas.

WAGES

The major stumbling block in the way of an agreement continues to be over wages.

CUPE is demanding parity with

other school districts of comparable size and so far has refused to budge from this stand.

The board, for its part, agrees that the district has some catching up to do in terms of paying its non-teaching employees. The eight trustees, however, would like CUPE to stretch the increases out over a period of a few years rather than asking for parity all at once.

Board chairman Strick Aust had said earlier that the board acknowledges that wages for CUPE members in this district are low in comparison to other areas.

"Do you try to make it up in one year or spread it over several years? That's the question being negotiated," he said.

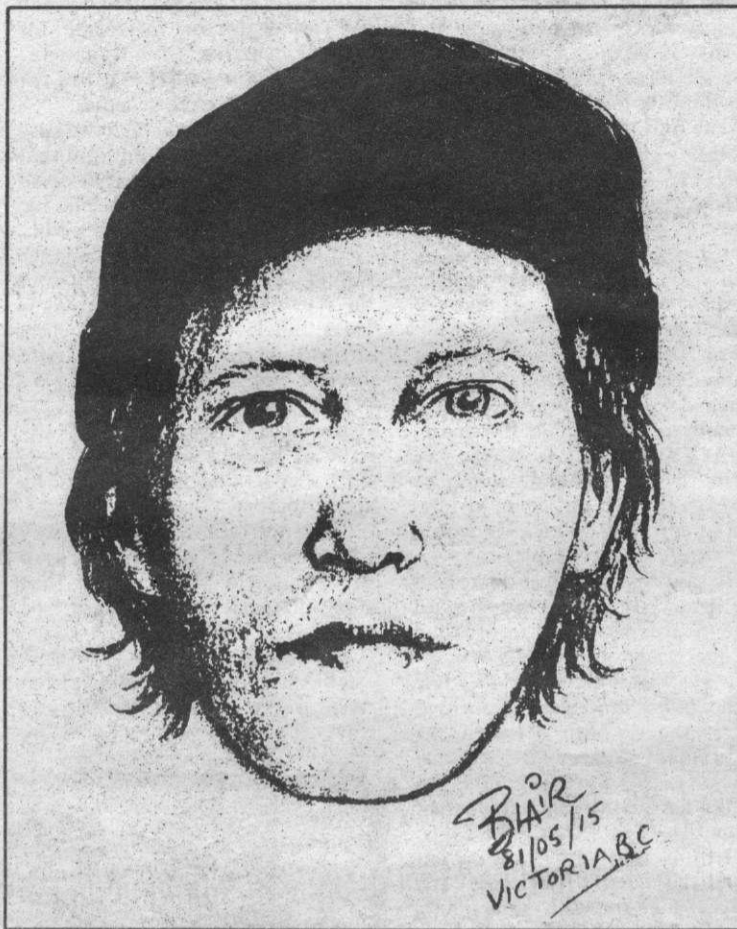
TAKE FOREVER

A spokesman for CUPE said that district non-teaching employees started out so low in comparison to other areas that staggering the increases would see it take forever to achieve parity.

"When you need the money you need it now. You don't need it at the end of next year because God knows what it's going to be like at the end of next year the way that inflation is spiralling," he said.

Figures made available by officials in the Gulf Islands, Saanich, Sooke and Cowichan School Districts indicate that wages here are lagging behind.

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Composite drawing of suspect in assault case

No arrests yet

No arrests have been made in connection with last week's assault against well-known singer Shari Ulrich and a special team from Colwood RCMP are still in the area conducting an investigation.

A juvenile, who was taken into custody late last week for questioning has been released and no charges are contemplated.

Ulrich remains at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria but is reported to be doing well.

RCMP are searching for a young man of 14 to 20 years of age, five feet, five inches to five feet, eight inches in height, with light coloured hair. He was reported to have left the scene on a bicycle.

Outfall purchase approved

Regional director Yvette Valcourt did not know who will be paying for the cost of pipe for the Ganges sewer, but she won't pay for it.

The Salt Spring Island director told the Capital Regional Board on Wednesday afternoon last week that the expenditure of further funds on the Ganges project doesn't make sense.

"I am totally opposed," she stated. "There is still a petition before the courts."

She asked on what authority the purchase would be made.

The authority is contained in the letters patent, she was told by executive director Dennis Young.

Those letters patent have been placed in question by the action of the B.C. Supreme Court in throwing out the order of Pollution Control Director William Venables requiring a sewer, replied Valcourt.

NOT SET ASIDE

The action of the Cabinet in amending the letters patent has not been set aside, chairman Norma Sealey reminded the board.

Jim Campbell expressed concern that "because someone goes to court on a matter lawful business must stop."

He added that he had been told that the petition went to court the

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Balance billing, job action opposed

Most local doctors favour proposed agreement

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

Most Salt Spring Island physicians, while not overly enthusiastic about an apparent agreement hammered out by the provincial government and the B.C. Medical Association, say they are prepared to go along with the proposed rate hike of 40% spread over two years.

A badly divided BCMA membership concluded last week's four-day annual meeting in Penticton by resoundingly defeating a move to reject the offer.

It's been reported that most physicians left the convention on Saturday feeling dissatisfied with the proposed settlement despite having thrown their support behind it.

HAD SOUGHT 51%

The BCMA had hoped to win a one-year increase of 51%, but the association's board of directors had recommended at the start of the convention that members accept the proposed rate hike.

While the two sides, the radicals who pressed for a better package right up till the end, and the moderates who favoured bringing an early end to the dispute,

battled one another on the convention floor most island doctors reported that it was business as usual.

None of the island's 10 physicians attended the Penticton convention even though an estimated 800 of their counterparts from all over the province closed up shop to attend.

Dr. Rob Dixon probably summed up the feelings of most island doctors by saying, "It's a long way to go for a fight."

Another island doctor, Cheryl Levitt, had planned on attending but was dissuaded by the highly political and confrontational tone that evolved during the days leading up to the convention.

IN FAVOUR

While all of the details have yet to be made public, the majority of local doctors contacted over the weekend indicated that they were either in favour of the proposed settlement or were leaning in that direction.

Most seemed pleased that the dispute appeared to be drawing to a close even though the settlement fell short of what they had hoped for.

The general consensus was that the

medical profession has lost ground over most of the past decade on account of poorly negotiated settlements in the past and the corrosive effects of inflation.

"Effectively we've been slipping, slipping, slipping," said Dixon.

"As far as I'm concerned it's an acceptable offer, probably better than the government wanted and I think that if the cabinet don't approve it they'll be in real trouble," he said.

LOSE ALL SUPPORT

"They will lose all public support and they'll lose the doctors' support too. They really have no option but to approve it."

Dr. Peter Rowell also plans to vote in favour of the agreement.

"As far as I'm concerned I'll be voting for acceptance. That doesn't mean to say that I don't think the politicians would take us for a ride up the river if they could," he said.

Doctors Roland Graham and Cheryl Levitt also indicated that they favour the proposed settlement, while Dr. James Buchan chose not to comment.

Dr. George Bennett, who is reserving judgment until he has seen all of the

details, felt that the BCMA may have sold itself short by agreeing to a two-year figure of 40%.

He suggested that doctors haven't won much more than the one-year figure of 15.5% which the government had originally proposed and which the physicians turned down.

WERE 90% AGAINST

"The doctors were 90% against the government's offer of 15.5% at the beginning of April, which is pretty unanimous," he said.

"If you're going to break the doctors up into radicals and non-radicals you've only got 10% who are non-radical."

Bennett would have preferred to see doctors settle on a figure closer to the one-year increase of 51% which the BCMA had originally sought.

He pointed out that the opinions of the 800 physicians who attended the BCMA convention were not necessarily representative of the 3,700 doctors throughout the province since they make up less than one-quarter of the total number.

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Doctors prepared to go along with agreement

From Page One

Bennett wrote to the minister of health and to MLA Hugh Curtis protesting the government's position.

GIVEN BAD NAME

Dixon said that physicians in the province have been given a bad name because of the hard stand taken by some of the more militant doctors, including outgoing president Dr. Alex Mandeville.

"As far as I'm concerned it's been business as usual all along. My point of view is that I've wanted negotiation, not confrontation. I don't believe in strikes," he said.

"We've been made to look more like a radical labour union than a profession."

Levitt said that the stand taken by some of the more militant doctors is indicative of the type of society in which we live.

She said that it has become accepted practice to try to negotiate for as much money as possible in a capitalist society.

UNWILLING TO ACCEPT LESS

"I think that the people who are running the medical association are radical in that they are not willing to accept anything short of what they are fighting for," she said.

"There are those who see the fight as one for increased wages and more money and there are those who see it as just the right to determine what you're worth."

"Both of those are based upon a capitalist precept that in this society we should get as much as we can if we're capable of getting it," said Levitt.

Though far from disinterested in the events that unfolded in Penticton, it was readily apparent in speaking to some Salt Spring Island doctors that the whole episode had left a bad taste in their mouths.

Some indicated that they would go along with the proposed settlement if for no other reason than to put the issue behind them.

HARD TO DISAGREE

It should be said, however, that most felt that they are entitled to every penny they appear to have won. To listen to them one would be hard-pressed to disagree.

"I feel that everyone should earn a decent wage for work done and that everyone should get the benefits and that everyone should get the holiday pay and that doctors are no exception," said Levitt with a great deal of conviction.

"I don't think that we should be paid on a higher basis than everyone else and I don't think that we should be paid on a lower basis."

"I don't think that we should be looked down at by society because we aren't acting up to the godly image that they give us and I don't think that we should be looked up

to by people as godly people.

TAKES ITS TOLL

"We do an honest job like everyone else and it takes its toll," she said.

Levitt spoke of the strain that a physician faces with each new day and of the cumulative effects that go hand-in-hand with hers and other professions.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, a semi-retired physician and chief of staff at Lady Minto Hospital, said that it's easy to be misled into thinking that all physicians are raking in exorbitantly high incomes.

"The only way you can earn a lot of money is to work like hell," he said.

He suggested that the accepted figure of 42% is what the average doctor pays in operating expenses each year and that by the time he finishes paying income taxes it doesn't leave a lot.

For the physician earning a yearly income of \$250,000, a 40% increase over two years would be "unconscionable", said Borsman.

UNACCEPTABLE

On the other hand, a similar increase for the physician struggling to earn \$30,000 a year would be entirely unacceptable.

He said that for most doctors in the province, the proposed settlement represents a "more than adequate amount".

It was also apparent that while island physicians were concerned about the dispute between the government and the BCMA, for most the issues were secondary to providing quality service for their patients.

"I think that you'll find on this island that even if the powers that be had come out with some strong direction, most people would have quietly got on with their work like most of us did and just hope that people would find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible," said Rowell.

DISAGREED

Most disagreed with the idea of taking any sort of job action as had been recommended by the BCMA.

For those who did cut back on their services, it was really a token effort at protesting what they feel is a double standard set by the provincial government.

Both Graham, who fills in for physicians while they are away, and Dr. Jerry Nestman discontinued booking patients for a few days, although the former continued seeing those who visited Nestman's office.

Patients who had wanted to book appointments for routine checkups were asked to hold off until the following week, said Graham.

"In fact I was busy all day and responded to about five emergencies," he said.

AGAINST EXTRA BILLING

With regard to balance billing, nearly every doctor, with the exception of a few who chose not to express an opinion, were opposed to the idea.

"On the whole, the doctors on the island tended to favour just

getting on with one's work, assuming that the negotiating team and the government are going to come to some agreement so that there has to be no financial exchange between the doctor and the patient," said Rowell.

Graham said, "I personally would not extra bill regardless of what the upshot of it was."

There were those, however, who said that it should be left up to each individual doctor to decide for himself whether to bill patients over and above what is called for by the medicare fee schedule.

Levitt, who personally refuses to balance bill, is of the opinion that those doctors who choose to do so should be allowed to charge whatever they feel they are worth.

"I believe in the right to balance billing in this society, which isn't the type of society which I think is ideal, but I don't see why doctors should be any different from anyone else," she said.

NEGOTIATING TACTIC

Borsman suggested that the issue of balance billing may have been used as a negotiating tactic by some doctors.

"Balance billing was just a way for trying to retain some degree of independence and I think that some of them hated the idea," he said.

He said that ever since doctors established the Medical Services Association shortly following the war, they have given up, by

increasing degrees, their own autonomy.

Rowell said that island doctors held a meeting nearly four weeks ago at which time it was decided on whether to proceed with balance billing.

He declined to divulge the results of that meeting but indicated that most doctors were opposed to the idea of balance billing, due particularly to the high percentage of old-age pensioners on Salt Spring Island, most of whom could ill afford the added burden.

PERSONAL DECISION

"Every doctor gave his two bits worth and it was agreed that it was a very personal decision and some were going to go along with the negotiating team and some weren't," said Rowell.

"I think that the general consensus was that there wasn't a single old-age pensioner anywhere going to get balance billed."

Bennett, who also attended the meeting, said that doctors failed to

reach a consensus other than that they would support the position taken by whoever happened to be president of the BCMA at the time.

Outgoing president Mandeville, along with a number of other physicians, all of whom have been termed militant by the media, fought the proposed settlement tooth and nail, right up to the close of the convention.

Incoming president Dr. Ray March, also labelled a militant, is a proponent of balance billing.

He said in a recent speech that the provincial government would be in for another fight if it proceeds with its plans to do away with the right to balance bill through enactment of Bill 16.

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To Be Frank



by richards

Like all red-blooded men I have always been keenly interested in rippers. So naturally I followed reports of the arrest and trial of the Yorkshire Ripper in England. But I was puzzled by a report in a notable British Columbian daily newspaper which informed me that the plea was made in the British court similar to a plea of a similar kind in a United States court. I no longer live in Britain; I have never lived in the United States and I am still puzzled by the news report because I have no idea of which it meant. And the Ripper goes on!

Violence again: Hunter shot by friend, read the headline. And they're still friends?

I still don't get the Irish project. If they are asking what it looks like, an Irish government would give special consideration to the Pope's attacker on the grounds that he was a social reformer fighting for his principles. Or is he? And would it?

I had an applicant in the office last week asking me to endorse his application for employment with the B.C. Ferry Corporation. He wants a job as timekeeper. His duties would be to ring a bell for three minutes and a half every five seconds.

Fred Brookbanks had an answer and proved it. He brought a pocket alarm to the Lions dinner last week. It makes no noise while running and it doesn't flash out. The power failures don't faze it and he doesn't want to sell it. It's a battery-operated quartz-timed clock with an alarm that sounds like a pager. I think he just brought it to keep him awake.

Joe Bossio figures he's going to write a column "To be Joe". The heck with him! I'm both!

Government's settlement of bus levy protested

Capital Regional Board is still not happy with the provincial government's settlement of the retroactive bus levy imposed on islanders last year.

The board has approved the preparation of a letter from the chairman to Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm, protesting the ministry's failure to refund the entire overpayment as had originally been promised.

The bus levy was imposed on island Hydro bills from April 1, 1980. It was imposed on all accounts within the Capital Regional District. After a near-pantomime of on-again-off-again votes by directors, the provincial government changed the legislation to permit the islands to be excused. When the necessary bylaw was not approved by the minister before the end of the fiscal year he assured directors that he would make the legislation retroactive and refund the levy after the close of the year.

When the minister acted, he made the levy repayable only as far back as November. Hydro levies charged between April and November would not be refundable, he ruled.

A letter had been prepared, but it was not warmly endorsed.

When Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt commended the chairman on her letter, chairman Norma Sealey

explained that she wasn't wholly satisfied with one paragraph.

The board finally approved the preparation of the letter with the provision that it be endorsed by the chairman before being sent.

Possession of liquor

A 16-year-old Ganges youth was ordered to participate in an alcohol and drug awareness program after pleading guilty in provincial court last Wednesday to possession of liquor while under age.

The court was told that the youth admitted to ownership of a quantity of beer after he and two other individuals had their vehicle searched by Const. Bernie Hopp of Ganges RCMP the night of March 20.

It was learned that the three youths were the occupants of a vehicle that was parked at Centennial Park.

The youth also received a \$25 fine and was paced on probation for a period of three months.

Judge Denrosche told the youth that more than half of the persons that appear before him in court experience some sort of drinking problem.

Probation, community work and restitution for four break-ins

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

One of five adults arrested during several months of heightened criminal activity over the course of the winter was placed on probation for a period of 18 months in provincial court last Wednesday for his part in break-ins at businesses on Salt Spring Island.

Joseph Cecil Toutant, 19, pleaded guilty to four counts of breaking and entering at three different businesses during a one-month period beginning December 10.

He had earlier pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Toutant, who could have received prison terms totalling 14 years, was also ordered to perform 36 hours of community work during the next year and to make restitution to the three businesses for the value of merchandise that was never recovered, an amount that has yet to be determined.

PACKED COURTHOUSE

Crown counsel Clint Kittle described the details of the four counts against Toutant to Judge Denrosche and a packed courthouse.

It was learned that the first offence occurred December 10 at around midnight.

Toutant and three juveniles, one of whom remained on the lookout, forced their way into the Red and White Store on Lower Ganges Road through a rear door and removed approximately \$75 worth of food items.

Leaving the scene in Toutant's

vehicle, they later divided their booty among themselves.

Toutant and one other juvenile kicked open a rear basement door at Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies on December 13, again at about midnight, and after making their way upstairs, stole a quantity of bluejeans, vests and jackets.

The pair made off in a vehicle, which ironically enough had been left parked at the same courthouse where Toutant was to eventually face the charges against him.

STRUCK AGAIN

Foxglove was again struck the very next night at midnight, and this time Toutant and two juveniles made off with five baskets full of merchandise with an approximate value of \$2,500. Stolen that night was an assortment of clothing, numerous tools and knives and about \$50 in cash.

The fourth count against Toutant stemmed from a break-in January 10 at about 2 am during which he and a single juvenile entered Nan's Coffee Bar, near the Fulford Harbour ferry dock, through a rear door.

That night they escaped with a quantity of gum and chocolate bars, which were eventually recovered from the juvenile, and about \$50 in cash.

Kittle told the court that the information which led to Toutant's arrest turned up during the investigation of one of the juveniles.

It was revealed that Toutant eventually admitted to all four

crimes and that he was very cooperative with police during the course of their investigation.

ASSISTED POLICE

Toutant also assisted police in recovering a portion of the stolen merchandise, some of which had been hidden in a wooded area.

To Toutant's credit, Kittle told Judge Denrosche that while the accused's crimes were of a "serious nature, they were not committed in a serious way."

Defence counsel Ted Daignault said that his client had made an effort to sort out his problems and that he planned to start work soon with an island construction company.

Daignault asked the judge to consider the fact that Toutant has kept a clean record with the exception of the four break-ins, all of which were committed within a short period of time.

Daignault also requested that Judge Denrosche hear a pre-sentence report before imposing sentence. The attorney had hoped to have a probation officer present information which would bolster Toutant's character.

"I don't think that the probation officer can present any information that you can't," replied Judge Denrosche.

The judge told Toutant that as the only adult involved in the four incidents, he should have set a better example for the juveniles by behaving in a more responsible manner.

Fined \$300 for three violations

A Salt Spring Island man received a total of \$300 in fines in provincial court last Wednesday as a result of three traffic violations dating back to October 9.

James Donald Hull of Robinson Road pleaded guilty to charges that he rode a motorcycle without a valid driver's licence, without insurance and without current plates.

He was stopped by Ganges RCMP when it was noticed that the motorcycle he was riding did not have a rear plate.

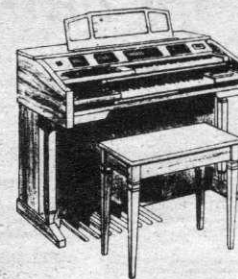
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The community at the end of the line

The unfortunate little community at the end of the ferry line-up is Salt Spring Island. The island is well-served by ferries and ferrymen. In the ordinary routine there are three services linking the island with the other islands and the outside world. The majority of islanders appreciate the service afforded them.

The people of Salt Spring Island are left to weep when the ferry corporation needs a spare ship.

The *Powell River Queen* is off each year, like other ferries, for its annual refit. And where does the corporation look for a replacement? Where else but Salt Spring Island. The *Bowen Queen* is the only ship left available that will adequately serve the fine citizens of Powell River. There are three sisters. The *Powell River Queen*, the *Bowen Queen* and the *Mayne Queen* not only came from the same litter, but they also underwent the same interesting operation which made them grow big and heavy.

And each refit necessitates the use of a smaller vessel for a short period.

The usual stand-by is the *Queen of the Islands*. Built in error for the Islands-Tsawwassen service, the big little queen towers above her lesser sister vessels and carries fewer cars. Nobody wants to see the *Queen of the Islands*. Except, perhaps, those who have to sail her. She's too small.

But the ferry corporation doesn't simply send off the *Queen of the Islands* to serve the run deprived of its regular vessel. Not at all! The *Queen of the Islands* is sent off to Fulford and the *Bowen Queen* is borrowed for more important services.

The critics of this procedure are the Salt Spring Island residents who live here and work there. They are the commuters who travel every day into Victoria and come home to the largest of the Gulf Islands every evening. They who travel most suffer most. These are the ferry patrons who consistently get left behind. And they are the patrons who complain.

They have reason.

Why does the ferry corporation always step on Salt Spring toes, when it comes that time of the year for refits?

Convenient solution found to problems of the world

Sir,

Further notes from exile where I observe the wondrous contradictions of the world at large; e.g. the Catholic majority of Italy renews the mandate of freedom of choice

for women in the face of the strongest direct intervention by the Pope, while the fundamentalist freaks in the U.S. follow the frothings-at-the-mouth of the Baptists of Jerry Fallwells who condemn Catholicism, the Pope, and abortion as equal heresies.

Fortunately, I have a convenient solution to the problem.

In 1984 the Republican Party will nominate Jean Paul Wojtyla and with the help of the Moral Majority elect him President of the U.S.A. under the alias of Jean Paul the Baptist.

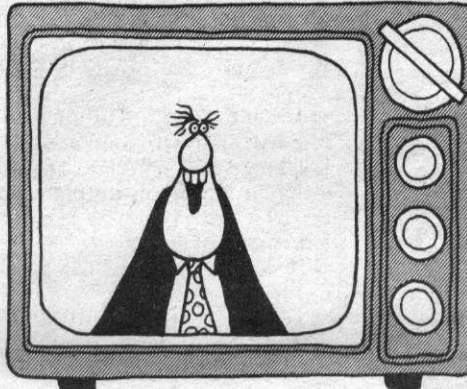
I now have a title for the new column by the way — I'm going to call it *Last Wrights*.

NORMAN WRIGHT,
Victoria,
May, 1981.

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Letters to the Editor

Question raised on Mahon Hall

Sir,

There will no doubt be a number of questions raised concerning the questionnaire which the Recreation Commission is currently distributing. One that has already been raised by some members of the Community Arts Council, and which merits an explanation, relates to the question concerning Mahon Hall.

Mahon Hall has become a particular project of the Community Arts Council, and it has shared with the Recreation Commission the responsibility for managing it and helping to make full use of it. They have also contributed a good number of their hard earned dollars to refurbishing it. Their present concern is that the figure of \$100,000 is a frighteningly high figure that will discourage interest in retaining Mahon Hall.

With the defeat of the referendum for a recreation centre last November, it is distinctly possible that Mahon Hall will be the only "indoor" recreation centre for some years to come. It may well be that there is ample justification for bringing it up to acceptable standards and even expanding its facilities in some way. This could cost more than \$100,000 but the excess would probably be made up in available grants, or even private money, such as the Community Arts Council has suggested it may be willing to contribute.

While understanding the concern of the C.A.C., the Commission must be careful not to underestimate any figures quoted, no matter how unpalatable they may appear to be.

Your readers may, incidentally, be interested in how confidentiality of replies to the questionnaire can be maintained despite the numbered return envelopes. The list, first of all, was chosen at random by someone from off-island. A master list was prepared from these names, and as replies are received they will be checked off but not opened.

An attempt will be made to collect those not in by a certain date, again using the numbers and the master list. When it is thought that all that can be collected have been collected, the master list will

be destroyed and the envelopes then opened. The computer department at the University of Victoria will then analyze the results. We would again respectfully ask all those who receive questionnaires to assist us with your answers.

C.H. BORSMAN,
Chairman, Planning Committee,
Salt Spring Recreation Commission,
May 18, 1981.

There is no safe dose

Sir,

Irene Fewings is quite right to question the use of Kwellada, which contains Lindane, which is one of the highly toxic chlorinated hydrocarbons, of which DDT is another.

A U.S.A. government report says that "Lindane has been implicated directly or circumstantially in cases of serious bone marrow failure."

Dr. A.B. Allen is quoted in *Driftwood* (May 6) as saying, "There is no evidence, that if Kwellada is used according to manufacturer's instructions and our policy, that it has, or ever will, cause permanent damage to any child."

This is the orthodox reply that has been made many times, with DDT, agent orange, 24D, etc. etc., yet all these and many more pesticides and herbicides, fungicides, etc. have been proven harmful. Besides, do we want even temporary damage done to children, let alone permanent?

When Senator Ribicoff headed President John Kennedy's Committee that investigated chemical pesticides, he stated that modern chemical pesticides, herbicides, etc. did harm as a result of the proper use, not improper use, of these materials. The improper use did just so much more harm.

In 1969 the U.S.A. government banned the use of lindane in vapourizers, as a "serious threat to human health". There is no safe dose of these chemicals. Their accumulation is destroying life.

EVE SMITH,
South Pender Island,
May 7, 1981.

The lower possibilities heard more often

Sir,

Faces like you would see in Ganges, children and teens 3-18, from Australia, 32 of them, presenting the Flying Fruit Fly Circus at the Fourth Annual Vancouver Children's Festival. A local theatre company brought children from three small towns, Albury, Wodonga and Tumut together to produce a circus.

Their own Big Top, the smell of wood shavings, music by Boris and the Banana Band, an intro by Lucy the Ringmistress, a rush of acrobats in the ring, Slack wire, unicycles, two 10-year-old girls on the trapeze, Harlequin trying to bring the limp, blue, whiteface doll back to life. Swinging on the high trapeze, two 12-year-old girls, one blonde, one brunette, opposite types, working together, looking over at each other 30 feet up, upside down, in synchronicity. Jugglers.

The three male Wombats bouncing on their huge net up to the aerial equipment above. Clowns. Tight wire. Acrobats doing pyramids. An eight-year-old girl dressed in a yellow trapeze suit with a diamond-studded cap spinning on a single rope high above the ring. More acrobats. Timing and co-ordination.

In February, 23 youths on Salt Spring faced criminal charges. More often than not, it is the lower possibilities of young people that are spoken of. But here it is, the exuberance and energy of young people focused on a project that demands such skill and courage.

A. HENLEY,
Fulford Harbour,
May, 1981.

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of Commerce.

Valcourt is best regional director that Salt Spring Island has ever had

Sir,
In recent *Driftwoods*, I have read two or three letters from Islanders who seem to think Mrs. Valcourt's direction to the Recreation Commission to abide by their terms of reference and to stay out of the political arena was dictatorial.

First I suggest that these people go to Mrs. Valcourt and ask to listen to her tape recording of the meeting in question. I know from experience that *Driftwood's* version of what is said is not always accurate — i.e. Mrs. Valcourt was ill and I attended the Regional Board meeting at which Directors' salaries were discussed. I told the Board that I did not know about the other Directors but I felt that Mrs. Valcourt earned much more than she was being paid and that the time she spent at the Regional Board table was just a small fraction of the time she spent on Board business. I added that her telephone was very busy, many people came to her house to discuss problems or to ask her to help them and she also attended a large number of meetings in connection with her job as Regional Director.

When I read *Driftwood*, I found that Mr. Richards had reported that I had made my comments about A.I. Directors. I have not seen a correction yet even though I told Mr. Richards of his error. Does he find it difficult to print anything complimentary about Mrs. Valcourt?

Regarding the worries about dictatorship, I too have that concern, but it certainly isn't about Mrs. Valcourt. I have known her and worked with her as her Alternate for nearly two years now. I have found her to be a reasonable woman, very

determined that the voice of ALL the people be heard be they rich, poor or in between and that a democratic way of doing things be maintained. If Jim Campbell and some others at the Regional Board had agreed to her requests for a referendum on the sewer, the issue would have been settled a long time ago.

The people of this Island turned down the referendum on the proposed Recreation Complex by a substantial majority but there are those who just can't seem to accept the fact that the Islanders don't want it and many simply can't afford it. Personally, I could only accept the results of the 400 questionnaires they are sending out if they are signed by those completing them. After hearing a Minister of this Province (after being told how badly the referendum had been defeated) state that it was too bad we ever had a referendum and that in his community he had just gone ahead and done these things — Dictatorship??

Those who are trying to find a Dictator in Mrs. Valcourt are looking in the wrong place. If they took the trouble to attend the Regional Board meetings and read Provincial and Federal government news over the past year or so, they would find some much more appropriate spots for the title.

Mrs. Valcourt is a very strong supporter of the democratic system and that is the reason she angers some people. She is the best Regional Director Salt Spring has ever had and I sincerely hope she runs again in November. The people of this Island who are too busy earning a living or stretching their pension pennies to get involved in speculation or large

city-type recreation plans need her and need her badly. Support her and let her know that you do.

Suggestion — All candidates for the Regional Director's position should name their alternates BEFORE the election, so the people have this information before they vote. When they elect the Director they would also be endorsing the choice of alternate director.

(MRS.) S. HUMES,
R.R.1 Ganges.
May 17, 1981.

Open House at school May 24

Sir,
The Ganges Hill School will hold an Open House on May 24 from 1 to 4 pm at 212 Ganges Hill.

The School is an ungraded elementary class, and is now nearing the end of its first year of operation. There are five students at present, from 7 to 11 in age, and the school hopes to double this number next year.

This has been a good year of organization and learning for everyone in the school. Planning and getting materials together for next year are well under way.

Fees will be \$750 a child next September, with a reduction for two or more children in a family.

For information please call John or Kathy Hall, and please come in to see what the children have been doing.

JOHN HALL,
Ganges.
May, 1981.



Tony Richards

FOR THE PAST COUPLE of weeks there's been a pall of gloom hanging over one Ganges store.

The long-faced looks of customers and staff alike at Ganges Western Drug Mart can only be attributed to one thing: the departure of the ever-cheerful and popular Doris Coles from behind the dispensary in the drug store.

We miss you, Doris ...

AND SPEAKING OF GLOOM, our cantankerous Comp/Set typesetting equipment has suffered its 19th nervous breakdown. Unlike those who operate it, it displays symptoms of acute strain every time a deadline approaches, which is at least once a week.

Despite the ministrations of computer doctors from Victoria and Vancouver, it remains in somewhat critical condition, relapsing into a coma every Monday morning without fail.

Unfortunately, ever time it suffers a breakdown, so do I.

HOW COULD I have forgotten about the results of a softball game at Ganges a couple of weeks ago, the score of which should have gone on the front page.

Jack Speed's team of 12 to 14-year-old boys beat one of the local ladies' teams, Dagwood's Dazzling Derelicts. It couldn't have been a dazzling performance by the ladies.

I ENJOY THE OCCASIONAL drink of 12-year-old Ballantyne's scotch, and so do a few others. But chances are that if you were to put some Potter's rum in a Ballantyne's bottle, most of your friends wouldn't know the difference.

I tried it the other day with about six people: only one was able to recognize that something was amiss.

A LARGE NUMBER OF Salt Spring Islanders took a step back into the past Saturday night when they went to the dance at Fulford Hall.

The odour of Brylcream was unmistakable and white socks and rolled up blue jeans were not uncommon as Duke and the Ducktails, a Victoria band, played some of the best of early rock 'n roll.

There must be a high percentage of ex-greaseballs on this island as Duke and his band have become very popular after only two appearances here.

The Victoria Day weekend is never a quiet one but this year it had to be one of the busiest.

Fulford Hall was packed for the dance and so was the secondary school gym for the 20th annual Firemen's Ball.

Then for those who had the stamina to continue, there was the party at Ernie and Brenda Lowe's place where the band Sea Biscuit got together for a reunion.

And if you think this column is boring, imagine what it's like for me having to write it. I'm just a little on the sleepy side this Monday morning ...

Ship's anchor blamed for loss of service

The loss of telephone service earlier this month on Galiano Island may have been caused by nothing more than a ship dropping an anchor on the telephone cable that runs between the island and Mayne Island in Active Pass.

"The tests would indicate that the cable was mechanically damaged roughly 200 feet from the Mayne Island side," said Harry Lane, B.C. Tel. repairman at Mayne Island.

He and seven other B.C. Tel. repairmen worked day and night restoring telephone service to Galiano after Lane discovered the cause of the problem May 5 after arriving for work.

Repairmen were called in from Ganges and Victoria to help sort

Improvement sought in service

Sir,
Secretary, Islands Trust,
Dear Sir or Madam,

I have been directed by the Saturna Island Community Club to inform you that residents have continued difficulty with ferry travel. There are three requests that we have to make of you, which are as follows.

We request an improvement to the inter-island service. Travel between Saturna and either Pender or Salt Spring Island is extremely difficult.

We request removal of the charge between Outer Islands and Salt Spring Island when going through Swartz Bay. The alternative is a long and tedious trip.

Since there is no longer afternoon service to Saturna on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, we request that Saturna residents who can only travel to Vancouver via Swartz Bay be charged the same rates they would have been charged had they the choice of travelling through regular connections, i.e., transfer at Mayne Island.

FLORA RATZLAFF,
Secretary, Saturna
Community Club.
May 7, 1981.

out the problem. Disruptions began the previous morning about 11 am and continued till later that afternoon by which time the entire island was without telephone service.

It was not until Friday that service had been restored to all 600 telephone subscribers.

An estimated 95% of the phones on the island were back in operation as early as Wednesday at about 4 pm, however.

With construction of a new \$1.4 million microwave receiver station already completed, the damage to the cable couldn't have occurred at a much more convenient time.

Lane explained that the microwave system was expected to be in operation some time next month and that all that was left to do were some acceptance tests.

With the unexpected loss of service, B.C. Tel. was forced to forego most of its scheduled testing and to speed up its plans to put the system into operation.

As a result, repairmen were faced with some initial difficulties, particularly at the north end of the island, and it was not until Friday that all of the bugs had been ironed out.

The phone company expected that by the end of the holiday weekend it would have a better idea of how the service was functioning. With a great many residents planning to spend the weekend at their summer homes, Lane expected that he may still receive a few additional reports of interrupted service.

The first of its kind, the new DM 32 digital concentrator is the state of the art in systems designed to work in accordance with a microwave transmitter.

There are two DM 32 concentrators in place on Galiano Island, both of which were built by ITT.

Each concentrator can handle up to 128 telephone lines.

Lane said that most of the problems were encountered at the island's north end where they installed three special subscriber carriers which had to be made compatible with the DM 32 concentrators.

Each subscriber carrier has a capacity for concentrating six six-party lines.

Clubs offer support to handicapped society

Salt Spring Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island have both offered support for the Gulf Islands Handicapped Society.

Bryan Smith, social worker, is the sponsor of the society. He spoke to both service clubs of the need for such a service and of the benefits.

The society is intended to provide assistance to all islanders in need of help as a result of physical or mental disablement.

Smith was director of a similar organization several years ago when the response was considerable, he reports.

To support his presentation, he showed both service clubs a short movie on the progress of a boy who lost both legs while playing on a mainland railway track. The victim came to the G.F. Strong rehabilitation centre in Vancouver when Smith was newly appointed there, nearly 20 years ago.

The movie showed the progress from a helpless child to a walking, athletic boy.

The same boy, said Smith, is

now 35 years of age and the head of a family.

The clubs asked a number of questions before offering him their endorsement.

Fulford parents to meet

A group of concerned Fulford parents have called a meeting at the suggestion of the Gulf Islands School Board, to establish a committee to provide input into the proposed construction of a new elementary school in the Fulford area.

Charles Hingston, a spokesman for the group, said that a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 at 7:30 pm at the old schoolhouse next to Beaver Point Hall.

It is hoped by organizers that the committee will work along with the board during various stages in the development of the school.

Waterworks district will do all it can to protect lake

Sir,
The letters of Fred Bruynse and T. Bruynse raised a number of questions about my previous letter regarding Resort development. My conclusions in the letter were based on research into the lake by various government agencies, as well as books on eutrophication, microbiology, public health and local knowledge of the watershed and lake gained over the past 30 years.

1. The potential for development in the St. Mary Lake watershed was based on eight C4-zoned properties with a total area of 39.6 acres. An Islands Trust analysis noted that a hotel or motel could be developed to a density of approximately 50 units per acre, assuming one unit per 600 sq. ft. of floor space, maximum site coverage (one-third of total acreage) and a two-storey building. This could give a total of almost 2,000 units. At even a modest figure of 100 gallons per unit per day a total of at least 200,000 gallons of sewage could be produced daily.

The occupancy rate will, of course, vary with the seasons and from year to year, but most resorts are fairly busy during the tourist season, and many units are rented on a longer term basis in the off season.

As well as Resorts, hotels including public houses and restaurants are permitted under the present C4 zoning and could, if unrestricted, contribute very large amounts of sewage.

2. The phosphate input to the lake is estimated to be between four percent and 75% of the amount discharged into septic tank fields within 200 feet of the lake, depending on soil type. After five to 30 years the ability of the soil to remove phosphorus is exhausted, and larger amounts will reach the lake. In general, soil

conditions in this watershed are not suitable for high-density development, and in only a few areas is even low-density development considered appropriate according to the Water Resources Service study in 1975.

Phosphorus is contained in human sewage, and it is unavoidable that it will reach septic systems. Other sources of phosphorus exist, such as detergents and fertilizers. But, man also adds to the problem by removing trees and topsoil, cutting ditches, and adding impermeable surfaces such as buildings, driveways, etc., allowing surface runoff containing nutrients and silt to reach the lake. Again, this sort of impact on the watershed is an unavoidable part of added development.

3. The existing subdivision and zoning bylaws limit residential areas to a minimum lot size of 10 acres for new subdivisions and only one single-family dwelling per lot. While these restrictions are helpful in protecting the lake it is recognized that it would be even more desirable to retain at least part of the watershed in its natural state, and for this reason we approached the provincial government, with the full cooperation of the landowners, to see if land on the west side of this lake could be purchased.

Some residential development still occurs in the watershed, mainly on empty lots developed many years ago. Contrary to the statement by T. Bruynse, the Mobrae area is not in the St. Mary Lake Watershed and St. Mary's Highlands was developed before there were any zoning bylaws.

Finally, there is much documented evidence to indicate that St. Mary Lake is indeed in poor shape due to over-enrichment by nutrients. The continued use of this lake as a source of domestic water, and as a recreation and sport fishing area is threatened.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District continues to believe that St. Mary Lake is an absolutely vital resource to the community, and we will do everything we can to protect it. We do, however, need the support of the community in this regard, for the lake is a community resource, and decisions affecting its future must be made by the community.

MIKE LARMOUR,
Secretary, North Salt Spring Waterworks District.
May 15, 1981.

Post Office

High hopes for new corporation

One of the thickest files of correspondence from constituents deals with the Post Office and the problems people have had with mail delivery.

One woman from Chemainus wrote, "I do not understand why it takes eight days for letters to come from other parts of Vancouver Island. I have even had them take 10. I had an airmail letter from Scotland, mailed December 12; I received it January 21."

A writer from Pender Island documented a number of problems including a Christmas card mailed from the United Kingdom on November 20 which did not arrive until February 9 and the disappearance of a \$1,000 pension cheque which he had mailed to a Victoria bank.

A man in Sooke said, "Enclosed is an envelope from a letter posted December 17, 1980, from our granddaughter in Cobble Hill, B.C., and just received here today (January 22, 1981)."

MUTILATED
Other constituents have enclosed envelopes that have been mutilated by the automatic sorting process.

The exasperating aspect of these complaints is that even young Canadians can look back to the "good old days" when the mail was delivered on time — and usually in one piece.

In April, after years of discussion and delay, parliament finally passed Bill C-42 which changes the Post Office from a government department into a crown corporation. Although it will not go into effect until September 1, people have great hopes that the change will help to solve some of the most persistent problems of the Post Office.

A major advantage of the crown corporation will be freedom from political interference. In the past the Post Office had to deal with the Public Service Commission for hiring and employment procedures. The treasury board was responsible for wage and salary rates, and the department of public works was in charge of buildings and maintenance. The management of the new corporation will have much more freedom and flexibility to make decisions on its own in accordance with the needs of the postal service itself.

IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS
In a previous column I mentioned the expected improvement in

Ottawa report

BY JIM MANLY, MP

labour-management relations because the Post Office would bargain directly with the unions under the Canada Labour Code instead of the more restrictive Public Service Staff Relations Act.

Sid Parker, my deskmate in the House of Commons, is the New Democratic Party critic for the Post Office. In committee he moved a number of amendments to improve the bill. One amendment would have protected the bargaining rights of postal employees by preventing the corporation from contracting out work that was formerly done by union members. The minister unfortunately rejected this amend-

ment as being too expensive. Parker was more successful with an amendment requiring the new corporation to provide similar service to communities of comparable size. This means that the growing suburbs and communities of Vancouver Island should get regular door-to-door delivery as soon as they reach an appropriate size.

We all have high hopes for the new corporation, but it will not be a cure-all. For one thing, mailing costs will probably increase to reflect inflationary increases in handling and processing and the new climate in labour-management will not come overnight but will depend upon the growth of confidence on both sides.

For our own sakes let us wish the best of luck and good management to the new corporation in the days ahead.

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Students deny drinking accusation

Sir,
On May 15, two students were accused for drinking beer at lunch-time down at Centennial Park by a teacher in the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

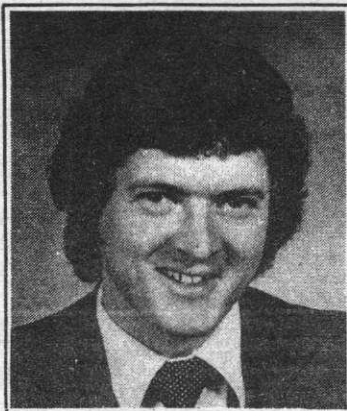
The teacher said, "Drinking at lunch and on school time is an immediate suspension."

The two students said they weren't drinking but the teacher didn't believe them and sent them to the office. Students that teachers don't like almost always get accused for something they didn't do.

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STEVE MARTENS,
Ganges,
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Things taken for granted here provide thrill for Quebec students

BY PENNY WRIGHT and MAUREEN CUE

On April 27 we met the students from Longueuil, Quebec, who were to be our guests for the next week. Many activities were organized to introduce our Quebec visitors to the Gulf Islands.

The visits to local potter Merle Box and weavers Jane Clark, Tom Hall and Gill Kidd were highlights for the students. A sail to Montague Harbour also added great excitement to their visit. It was interesting to see how things that we take for granted could provide such a thrill for others. At the end of the week the French-speaking students were "thinking" in English.

May 5 was an exciting day for everyone as we left for Montreal. When we arrived, what a shock it was to be surrounded by French-speaking people. How can anyone speak so fast!

The most common phrases among the Gulf Island students were, "Parlez plus lentement s'il vous plait" and "repetez s'il vous plait." We were then able to

understand the way they felt when they first arrived.

We visited the Olympic Stadium where we saw an Expos game as well as had a tour of the other Olympic buildings. A visit to Old Quebec City and dinner in Old Montreal gave us some feeling of Quebec's age as compared to British Columbia's.

The tour of Jacques-Rousseau, our billets' school, was awe-inspiring with three storeys and

3,000 students. It is much like a technical school in British Columbia in scale and in the variety of subjects offered.

Those of us who participated in this exchange would like to thank Glenda Kaiser, Susan Underwood and Pam Edge for helping with our fund-raising activities and supervising the trip. Thank you also to Mr. McWhirter, Irene Wright and Jon Korrison for their efforts on our behalf.

French immersion students to Quebec in three weeks

Contributed

Twenty-one young people from Fernwood School's French immersion class will be arriving at Boucherville on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River three weeks from now. There they will be using the French they have been learning several hours a day while they have

fun and visit the students of Pierre Boucher School.

While they are there they will visit nearby Montreal several times. They will visit the Olympic Stadium, swim in the Olympic Pool, walk through Old Montreal, hike Mont-Royal, picnic in the Botanical Gardens and explore Chateau Ramsey. Irene Wright, Louise Couture, Betty Calkins and the boys and girls will spend a day in Quebec City and will drive to Granby to visit the zoo.

These Fernwood students have been working hard to earn money towards their expenses. The biggest money-raising project will be this Saturday's Bottle Drive.

Students will be calling at your door between 10 and 4 on Saturday. If you plan to be away please leave your returnable pop or beer bottles outside the door.

Concern expressed over use of Liquid Paper in schools

It was brought to the attention of the Gulf Islands School Board at last Tuesday's meeting that a ministry of education circular lists the product Liquid Paper as being potentially dangerous.

Salt Spring Island trustee Mary Williamson quoted a newsletter that was made available at the B.C. School Trustees Association (BCSTA) convention in Vancouver earlier this month in expressing concern about the product's use in this district.

Liquid Paper has many applications although it is generally used by office workers for correcting handwritten or typewritten mistakes.

The ministry of education circular cites a report by the St. Paul's Drug and Poison Information Centre in Vancouver which attributes approximately 30 deaths to inhalation of Liquid Paper.

"Concentrated inhalation, when using Liquid Paper improperly in poorly ventilated areas, can cause blood pressure to fall, shock and death," says the newsletter.

It also suggests that the product should not be made available to school children and instead recommends Mistake Out which has a water base.

"I feel quite strongly about this and the fact that both of my kids have been helping themselves to my supply of it (Liquid Paper). I'm

quite angry about that," said Williamson.

Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck assured the board that he had already advised district clerical staff about the product's possible harmful effects and the fact that there is a substitute for it.



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J. W. GOSNELL

Mr. Paul Polak, Branch Manager, is pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Gosnell as Loans Manager, Salt Spring Island Branch.

Jim will be becoming a resident of Salt Spring with his wife Mairi and three daughters, and brings over 20 years of financial experience, most recently as Manager of the Credit Union in Campbell River.

His appointment is one of a number of recent changes and additions to the Salt Spring staff which have been the result of the tremendous growth of the Branch.

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Delegates attend conference

Salt Spring Island was represented at the annual meeting and conference of the B.C. Council of the Girl Guides, held May 12-14 at the University of B.C.

Stuart Channel division commissioner Mrs. Muriel Denison of Salt Spring, was one of the delegates. Mrs. Marie Dyck also attended, representing Salt Spring

district commissioner Mrs. Marion Goodwin.

More than 5,000 volunteers who work with the Girl Guides in B.C. were represented by 300 delegates. They discussed Guiding today, with emphasis on the role of the volunteer. Keynote speaker was Mrs. K.P. Hayes, chief commissioner for the Girl Guides of Canada.

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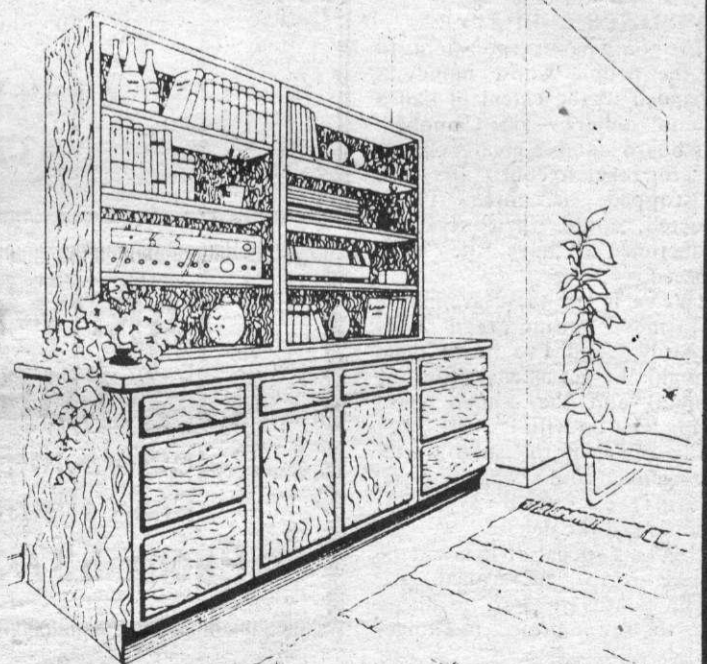
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Festival Encore this weekend

Cast of Salt Spring Players' production *Joy as it Flies* prepares for Festival Encore, when an evening of one-act plays is presented Friday and Saturday at

Mahon Hall. They are, from left, director Ian Thomson, and members of cast, Roz Truelove (who also wrote the play), Elma Rubright, Jennifer Wiebe and

Annie Shuttleworth. Another Players' production, *The Audition*, will be presented along with the Peninsula Players' *The 75th*.

Outfall purchase approved

From Page One

same morning and was thrown out because the petitioners were not following the appropriate procedure.

Campbell examined the administrative picture.

Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm has now said that the government is concerned about the pollution problem in Ganges. He suggested that the case in question is that of a group of people who have lost in court a second time and are now trying to delay the project until it is too late to collect the government grants.

"We have a clear case and we must proceed until a court or a senior government tells us otherwise," he asserted.

"You've been plying this board with the same garbage for years," retorted Valcourt.

HAS RESPONSIBILITY

The board has a responsibility to all the people whose money is expended to the extent of half a million dollars, said Campbell. The board stands a greater chance of being taken to court if the work is stopped, he noted. Those affected could then seek an injunction to have the work proceed.

"We've heard these arguments 32 times," commented W.J. McElroy, "and I've heard them enough! We get a letter from the hospital and the school board saying 'Get on with it!'"

Chairman of the solid wastes management and sewage disposal committee, Bob Wright, summarized the debate.

"I got my education in law at the regional board," he recalled.

The board voted to go ahead with the sewer project in Ganges

and there is a time frame for a \$2 million grant.

"Without debating the merits of who's right; who's wrong; who wants it; who doesn't, we've got to get on with the job!"

The board approved the

purchase of 4,800 metres of polyethylene pipe at a cost of \$121,639.84 for the outfall pipe at Ganges, to be charged against the Ganges sewer bylaw No. 646.

Only dissentients were Valcourt and Howard Sturrock, of Saanich.

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Hungarian Folk Dancers to perform Sunday at Ganges

A group of 24 members of the Victoria Hungarian Folk Dancers will visit Salt Spring on Sunday to perform in the Spring Song and Dance Festival being staged by Salt Spring Singers in the Ganges Activity Centre.

These dancers represented B.C. at the 75th Jubilee of Saskatchewan, in Edmonton at the 1980 Hungarian Western Dance Festival and at the United Nations Conference in Vancouver. They also performed at the International Women's Day Fair at Camosun College recently.

Terez Mihaly of Victoria is the group's instructor and their manager is Mrs. Emma Kadar, who is the sister of Laszlo Bedocs of Fulford.

As well as meeting other costs, the Singers are providing financial assistance to bring this group to the island and therefore admission is by donation.

Fund raising event for refugees

Hank and Maggie Schubart opened their house last week to an evening of recorder music. Joan Stacey, Sheila Stacey and Maggie Schubart performed mostly Renaissance music, with assistance from Jean Knight on percussion. The evening was informal, with each of the performers discussing the music to be played.

Refreshments were served by Alice Andress and friends, and about 30 people attended.

A collection was taken for the Salt Spring Island Boat People Committee, and the sum of \$225 was raised. The money will go towards a growing fund to be used to bring another southeast Asian family to Salt Spring in the fall.

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Museum opening postponed

The museum committee of the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute expressed its gratitude this week for the donations of furniture it has received for furnishing the Bittancourt heritage house.

The committee plans to restore the house to resemble a turn-of-the-century home of this area and further donations or loans of furniture are being sought.

The house stands on the institute's property on Rainbow Road and will open as the island's first museum towards the end of the summer. The opening was originally scheduled for June 20 but had to be postponed due to extensive renovations which have yet to be carried out.

Anyone interested in contributing furniture is invited to call Marguerite Lee at 537-5302 or Carol Gear at 537-9255.

One year's probation for three driving charges

A series of driving infractions dating back to October finally caught up with a 16-year-old former Ganges youth who was placed on one year's probation and lost his driving privileges for the same period of time.

The youth pleaded guilty to charges of driving while impaired the night of October 24, to refusing a breathalyzer test early the following morning and to exceeding the speed limit the night of November 4.

It was learned that the vehicle the youth was driving October 24 at about 10:45 pm was observed fishtailing down Rainbow Road before pulling into the parking lot at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Following a brief pursuit, Const. Robert O'Connor of Ganges RCMP caught up with the individual who displayed obvious signs of impairment, the court was told.

The youth refused the second of two compulsory breathalyzer tests later at police headquarters.

It was further disclosed that the individual was involved in a motor vehicle accident November 4 on Mount Baker Road after he was observed swerving all over the road by Const. Glenn Hanna.

His mother stated that the youth was upset at the time due to family troubles but has since come to grips with his drinking problem.

He is now working steadily for his father in Campbell River.

Judge Denrosche suspended the youth's driver's licence for a minimum period of three months but ordered him to abstain from driving during the probation period unless he can first prove that he "has grown up a little."

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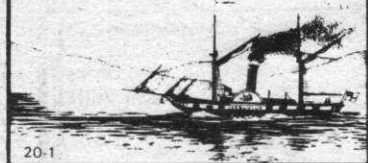
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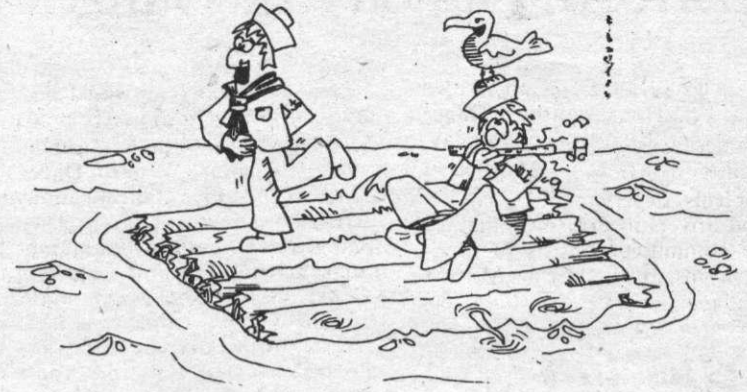
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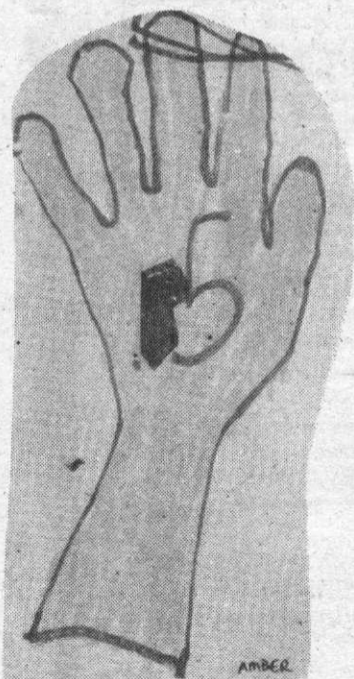
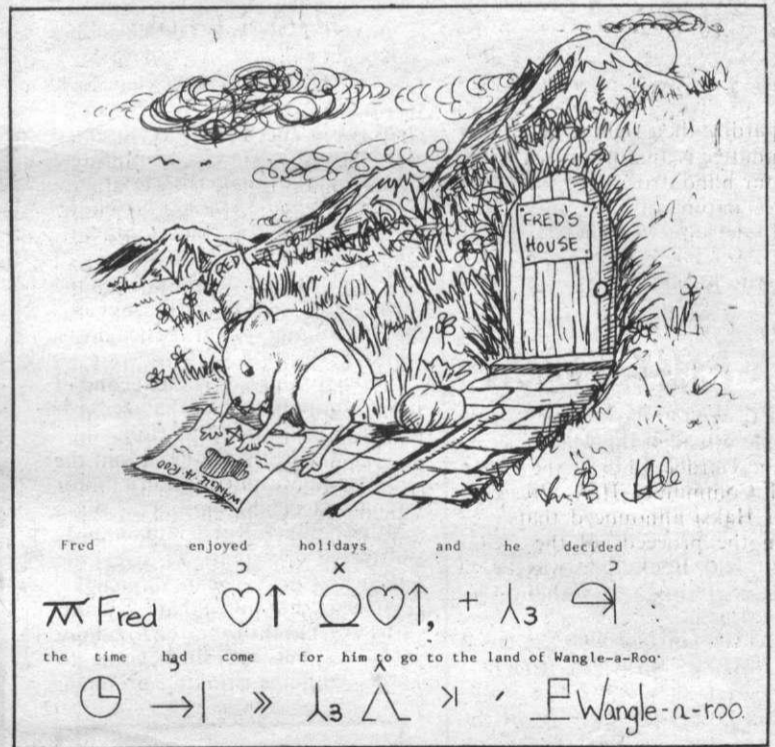
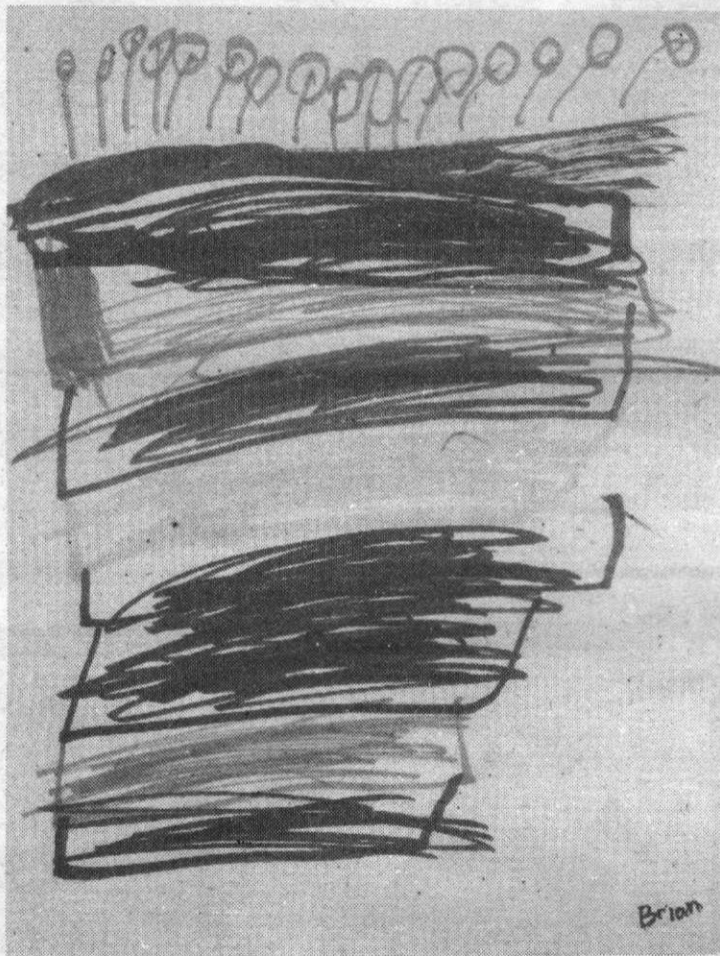
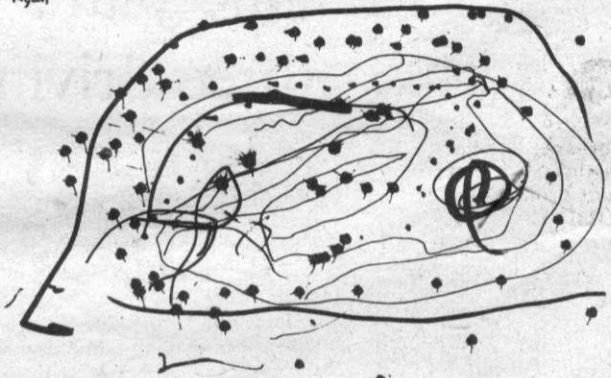


This week the Flotsam & Jetsam page features drawings from the three and four year olds at the Salt Spring Co-operative Nursery School on Ganges Hill.

Kids: don't forget! When you submit drawings they must be clear and on white paper. Don't use blue colours as they won't show up!



Ryan



C.R.D. NOTICE A Door-to-Door Enumeration

will be held during the first two weeks of June to gather the names of eligible voters for civic elections in Colwood, Langford, Metchosin, Sooke, View Royal, Salt Spring Island and the Outer Gulf Islands.

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GALIANO NEWS

Group concerned over colour blind drivers

BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER

A committee of four Galiano residents is preparing a brief to the minister of highways regarding the problems experienced by colour blind drivers in British Columbia. The committee consists of three physicians, Hart Scarrow, Morley Whillans and Hugh Maclure, and Mrs. Whillans, a physiotherapist. Providing legal advice is John T. Martin LLB of Vancouver. An article by Dr. Whillans has already appeared in the *Province* (April 6, 1981) and a manuscript is now in the hands of the *B.C. Medical Journal*.

The committee estimates that there may be more than 80,000 colour blind drivers on the roads of British Columbia, most of whom have difficulty in recognizing the colour red and for whom driving is a more hazardous experience than for those not so afflicted. Nearly all are under no driving restrictions nor is their disability recorded on their licences. Consequently there are no statistics available to indicate whether such drivers are more accident prone.

SHAPE CODING

The simple and relatively inexpensive solution suggested by the committee is shape coding for traffic signals. The committee is examining designs and will recommend suitable shapes to the traffic authorities.

Members of the committee are concerned that colour blind drivers are reluctant to make their concerns known to the authorities out of fear that they might jeopardize their right to drive. The committee is anxious to hear from colour blind drivers regarding the exact nature of their difficulties and relevant experiences.

Colour blind drivers are urged to write to the executive secretary of the committee, M.G. Whillans M.D., R.R.2, Galiano, V0N 1P0.

Garden Club

Last Wednesday close to 40 people attended the May meeting of the Garden Club in the North End Community Hall. President Aini Haksi announced that \$350 from the proceeds of the recent Plant and Book Sale was being donated to the North Galiano Fire Department.

The Galiano Garden Club voted to affiliate with the Victoria Horticultural Society. Mrs. Haksi outlined jobs to be done in the garden during May and then discussed the exhibits on the show tables.

After a break for coffee I.C. Shank of Salt Spring addressed the members. His presentation was varied and full of interest,

interspersed with answers to questions from the audience. The inadvisability and difficulty of transplanting wildflowers was discussed, particularly the fragile members of the orchid family.

Shank demonstrated a multiplicity of uses for a discarded bleach bottle, one of which required the use of detonating wire, whereupon a knowing smile flitted across the face of the acting secretary. Shank spoke on the storage and preparation of gladioli corms and how to keep dahlia tubers over winter.

EXPEDITION

The afternoon ended with the speaker leading an expedition to a small peninsula and rocky islet in Spotlight Cove where there was a varied selection of spring wildflowers. Perhaps the most interesting were the pale blue bells of broomrape. This family of plants are parasitic and have no green chlorophyll or leaves. This particular species is parasitic on sedum or stonecrop which was also in bloom.

There, for our inspection, was a mat of sedum on the bare rock, leaves ranging in colour from pale jade to bright pink decorated with the yellow of stonecrop and the blue of broomrape.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Shank and his wife for giving us the pleasure of their company and much new knowledge.

School Faire

A wide banner stretched across Sturdies Bay Road and a long line of cars parked between the school signs announced that Saturday was the Annual School Spring Faire day. Fortunately the weather was kind enough to encourage a steady stream of people to attend and sample the food and drink, to risk the raffle and the palm reading, spend at the stalls, play in the ball game and for younger children, thrill on the horse ride.

Galiano's Dan the One-man Band this Saturday forsook Granville Market to entertain in our school yard. Steve Nemtin, fresh from clowning at the Vancouver Children's Festival, was there in grease-paint and costume. No doubt successful financially, the Faire was perhaps more important as a social gathering for, in a scattered community, being together assumes more significance than in a crowded metropolis like Ganges.

Golf

The first of the season's Twilight Two-ball Foursomes was played at the Galiano Golf Club on the evening of Wednesday, May 13. Low net scores were made by

Margaret Robson (Ladies) and Jack Wright (Men).

For the first time ever in this competition there was a hole-in-one. Dentist Bill Paterson lofted (or should it be drilled) a shot off the fourth tee which sailed in a perfect arc over the third fairway to the green below and to Bill's delight and dismay rolled into the cavity. The dismay came from the thought that when he returned to the clubhouse he would be expected to provide an all-round libation in celebration. This went down very well with the refreshments provided by the ladies.

Club captain Frank Sarson reminds members that the next Twilight Foursome will be played on June 10 and that he expects a good turn-out. As added inducement this event is billed as a Chicken and Bean Pay-off, the significance of which can only be discovered by taking part in the competition.

Coming Events

When one visits the North End Community Hall the achievements of the fortnightly work parties are very evident. The next opportunity for volunteers occurs on Saturday, between 1 and 3 pm and the task is to cut trails to the public conveniences, to use one of the more refined euphorisms.

Frank Basarab donated a load of gravel which son Danny delivered to make the access road more negotiable. More volunteers are needed for the July 1st Jamboree and are asked to sign their names on the board just inside the hall door.

Reserve time on Saturday week, May 30, to visit the local artists' exhibition.

Individuals or groups who have news items are asked to phone 539-5702 by Saturday evening for inclusion in the following Wednesday's *Driftwood*.

Sea Lion Carcass

Our courier, Don Critchley, called at the weekend to have us come and inspect a sea lion carcass washed up on the beach at Bellhouse Bay. Although the sight of the huge sea mammals basking on the rocks is not uncommon, a close-up view of one of the massive beasts presents a number of surprises.

This specimen was about 12 feet long with a girth of seven to eight feet. The hair on the dorsal surface was a light, sandy colour, although when seen in the water the animal



Driftwood correspondent Kathlyn Bender of Galiano with dead sea lion.

appears quite dark. The front flippers were two feet long covered with gray leather-like skin as were the rear flippers, although these had "toe nails" at the end of each embedded bone.

In both pairs of limbs bones corresponding to arm, leg, wrist and ankle were completely enclosed in the body. The head was small compared to the body and had small external pointed ears. The nostrils and nuzzle resembled a dog's except for the large whiskers of some translucent material. There were no apparent indications of the cause of death; no wounds or bullet holes.

It is to be hoped that what the sea has deposited it will also remove, else the dwellers around the bay will be subject to the aroma of several hundred pounds of decaying flesh.

Nature Notes

May is the month par excellence for wildflowers. Bellhouse Park is at its best and is well worth a visit. The showy, blue camas is blooming in profusion mixed with *ranunculus occidentalis*, one of the common yellow buttercups.

We had the good fortune to have as guide and instructor I.C. Shank of Salt Spring. The company of a knowledgeable wildflower enthusiast is the ideal way to discover species unobserved before

and to find a name for a familiar unidentified specimen.

Mr. Shank agrees with Linnaeus who wrote, "Nomina si nescis, perit et cognitis rerum" (Unless you know the name, your knowledge will perish), and uses the Latin binomial system. Many of the Latin names are not only euphonious but also provide a description of some significant feature of the plant.

Among the tall grasses were the white five-petal blooms of *cerastium arvense*, field chick weed and creamy clusters of *saxifraga integrifolia*. In the short grass of the shallow soil areas were seen *orthocarpus pusillus*, the smallest of the paintbrush family with its purplish foilage only an inch or two high, also *trifolium tridentatum* or lance clover and *lothus micrathus* with pale yellow petals tinged with pink.

The geranium family was represented by *erodium cicutarium*, commonly called stork's-bill or filaree and by the ubiquitous *geranium molle*, crane's-bill, a pesky little European garden weed with attractive pink flowers and pointed seed pod.

Of Galiano's four parks, Bellhouse concentrates more blooms and species in a small area than the other three.

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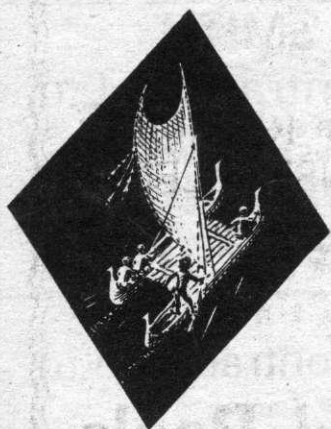
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Well known weaver opens studio at Pender

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

On May 11 Mrs. Milley Colley, a resident of Pender Island for the past 3½ years, opened a studio in Annex 3 cottage at Pender Lodge. Milley is well known as an expert in weaving and allied arts throughout the Gulf Islands, in Victoria and many other places.

"The Annex is a working studio," Milley said on opening day, "but it is also a shop and everything on display is priced and for sale."

Milley's original creative articles are for sale in Victoria, Vancouver and Toronto shops. In the Annex she displays her original hand-made shirts, stoles, creative stitchery and smaller wall hangings. Larger wall hangings are on display in the dining room of Pender Lodge. Milley also does larger wall hangings on commission for public buildings and banks, lawyer's offices and others.

Milley never uses a pattern. She says she has "a conversation with the yarn." Sometimes the yarn wins and sometimes she does. Weaving, she noted, is a craft where you must know, understand and love your medium.

WITH EXOTIC YARNS

Milley uses wool plus some exotic yarns such as cashmere, mohair and silk and gold and silver threads for decorations. She spins

her own camel hair and mohair. The mohair comes from South America and Mexico from the Alpaca goat, a kind of llama with long woolly hair. Vicuna is also obtainable from the Alpaca but it is very expensive and Milley says she would not use it because the animal has to be killed to obtain the wool.

According to Milley, there is now an interest in the wool of the musk ox. Since the animal lives in the high Arctic and is large in size, the wool only comes from game farms so it is pretty scarce, but is finer than cashmere. The wool of the musk ox is known as quiviak.

Basically all the wool used comes from sheep, the oldest domesticated animals, and there are many varieties throughout the world. In the Hebrides the Shetland sheep have very soft wool which is plucked from the animal.

ORIGINAL DESIGNS

Milley weaves yardage for sale or often for a specific order. She dyes all her wool herself and all her designs are original.

In the Annex shop she has a four-harness, 45" counterbalance loom on which she weaves yardage. She will be using it there so everyone coming in to the shop will have an opportunity to see how the cloth she uses is woven.

There are also items for sale

which would be of interest to weavers, such as flat shuttles, shed sticks and battens which are hand-made by Milley's husband, Charlie Colley. He also makes small looms for Milley's students to start out on when she teaches. Of interest to weavers are the old commercial shuttles from the Yorkshire mills, which some customers like to purchase for their work.

In the shop there is also a Salish loom, the type the Indians use, and all the wall hangings in the shop were done on this loom. Milley says each Indian tribe had its own way of weaving. She has spent time studying with our native people.

GOBELIN LOOM

At her home on Pender Island, Milley has her Gobelin Loom, which is too big for her Annex shop. On this Milley weaves her tapestries. This is a very ancient technique working at high warp, which means the complete work is seen from beginning to end starting at the floor and rising to the ceiling.

Although Milley Colley was born in England she came to Canada when she was quite young but returned to live in Scotland. There she became much involved through her husband with Scottish woollen mills, as he was employed by the Scottish Woollen Board. They lived in Aberdeen where she



Milley Colley

attended Grays Art School.

In 1971 the couple returned to Canada and settled at Harrison Hot Springs on five acres of land raising sheep for the wool, which was spun, woven and sold in their shop at Harrison. At the same time, Milley taught weaving in her shop and at Fraser Valley College. In 1978 she began teaching at the Okanagan Summer School in Penticton and eventually found she and her husband were so busy,

they sold out at Harrison and retired to Pender Island. Her first love is commissioned works and includes tapestries in Ontario, Saskatchewan, North West Territories, Vancouver and the Gulf Islands, in both private collections and public offices.

Milley has also studied at the Toronto Technical School, the Memphis Art Academy as well as with the native people both here and in the U.S.

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Wife battering topic of workshop at Ganges

Violence against women will be examined in a day-long workshop at Ganges next week.

The Victoria and Nanaimo Rape/Assault Centres are offering the workshop, which will look at wife battery and other forms of violence against women, at the Community Centre May 30, from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

From the first-hand reports of victims, the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women has formed a definition of wife battering.

"Being battered is feeling confused, feeling dead inside, feeling worthless, having no friends — not even one that you can call when you're feeling really low. It's not knowing when he'll turn on the kids — always feeling jumpy, never knowing when it will start again. It's being afraid all the time — not just of him but of everything — not really trusting anyone or anything.

"It's feeling guilty and in some indefinable way responsible, even though you're the one who's being beaten."

The Advisory Council makes these observations in its publication, *Wife Battering in Canada: The Vicious Circle*.

• Battering is rarely a one-time occurrence.

• Beatings are frequently severe.

• Wife batterings do become homicides.

• Seventy percent of wife battering occurs between 5 pm and 7 am.

• Wife battering does not happen only in cities.

• Battering often occurs during pregnancy.

• Every year, one in 10 Canadian women who are married or in a relationship with a live-in lover are battered.

• There are 10 unreported cases for every call by a battered wife to the police.

Square dancers meet

The Pender Promenaders were host to the Victoria Promenaders recently when a Square Dance Jamboree was held. Callers were Jack Weber of the Victoria club and Bert Barber of the Pender Club.

Fifty people danced from 10:30 am to 3 pm with a pause for a smorgasbord lunch. The visitors were entertained with a drive around the island in late afternoon followed by supper at the Legion.

Second family to be sponsored by local Boat People Committee

Contributed

Two years ago the newspapers were full of the plight of the "boat people." One pathetic story after another appeared in the press, telling of the people who preferred to crowd on flimsy and often unseaworthy craft with inadequate supplies of food and water and face the horror of the China Sea, rather than continue to live under a communist regime.

The endless newscasts on the TV were heartrending and pitiful. Throughout Canada groups of concerned people banded together to sponsor refugees to this country and on this island the Salt Spring Island Boat People Committee was formed, resulting in the arrival of the Kitikoune family over a year ago. Many people have helped this family in all sorts of ways and they are now happily established as Salt Spring Islanders.

NO LONGER NEWS

Now in the spring of 1981 the "boat people" are no longer news. Seldom does one hear about them on the TV or read about them in the press. The glamour of the story has worn off but the need remains. The small boats continue to set out from Vietnam.

Tim and Chris Mead of Chu-An Drive were in Hong Kong last Christmas and witnessed the

arrival of one of these boats which had left with 200 people aboard and limped in with only 70 remaining, after several encounters with pirates while at sea. There are still hundreds of thousands of people, many of them well educated, still housed in refugee camps in various parts of the world.

Hope Manuel, the Meads' daughter, has worked in one of these camps in Hong Kong and tells of the appalling conditions she encountered there. At Kai Tak East Camp on 30 acres next to the airport there are 10,000 people living in metal hangers and Hope describes the noise and the filth when she first went there 18 months ago.

THEIR ONLY HOPE

Now some effort has been made to improve their living conditions but the people's only hope is the hope of a new country, which will give them a chance to live, once again, productive lives, not just to exist from day to day.

With these facts in mind, the Salt Spring Island Boat People Committee has decided to sponsor another family, hoping that it will be possible to arrange for their arrival on the island about September of this year. This means that once again sponsors are

needed.

The committee is asking for financial help, either as a donation or a pledge of a certain amount each month for the year of sponsorship. It will be necessary to find accommodation, which is as hard to come by on Salt Spring as anywhere else. Furniture will be needed, bedding, clothes. And when the family arrives, there will be the need for welcoming them to this country and helping them in so many different ways to adapt to our culture and to learn to call Canada their home.

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Charlie Hume, 10, and John Ellis, 8, stand atop garbage collected by students from schools on Salt Spring last Wednesday. At right, Robin Coombs, 9, Christine Spencer, 8 and Jenny Beitel, 9, go about collecting litter.

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Less than half of flock survives after attack by dogs at Mayne

BY WALTER HUNT-SOWREY

Sheep raiding by dogs seems to be quite common on Salt Spring, but the sheep population is greater. It is not uncommon on the Outer Islands. There are fewer sheep, but much the same vigilance has to be maintained.

The writer will always remain glad of his World War I training and particularly that part of musket training known to the PBI as the "mad minute".

(The writer is referring to the common foot soldiers who were known as the "Poor Infantry", with the "B" to be read as the reader wishes. The mad minute was the firing of 10 rounds in one-minute-minus).

Grandfather will always remember that minute, if, as I say, he was a PBI and you ask him.

The reason for this introduction was a 5 am raid on the flock of Miss Sydney Brannan of Mayne Island two weeks ago.

Her flock is small but was being steadily built up. She now has less than half of that flock.

TWO LAMBS SURVIVE

Of that flock of 22, nine lambs and four ewes are either dead or missing, largely dead. Just two lambs survive to carry on the flock and this was in under 10 minutes by at least three marauding dogs, two of which were recognized.

If there ever was a case where a farmer could regard these raiders as vermin and thus be within his rights to shoot them, this is one. As it is, the danger of shooting anyone on this property would be slight and the island sheep population would be in a much safer position.

None of the dogs appear to have been destroyed. The writer has been, through most of his life, both a breeder and lover of these animals, as well as a dog trainer.

He thinks there is no finer sight than dogs working sheep over a few acres of heather or brush. Either in unison or in pairs, it is a marvellous sight to watch the dogs respond to the slightest motion of the owner's hand, moving the sheep just as far as and in the direction demanded and especially the singling out and placing in the correct pens at the end of the exercise.

SIGHT TO BEHOLD

Often enough a really good dog could anticipate the next command and watching one or more dogs maintain a flock in an almost constant position was a sight to behold.

However, last Wednesday was no joy to behold, but pure mayhem. Each dog was at least two feet at the shoulders; two, at least, were young and very strong and just tore in. Barely 10 minutes separated beginning and ending; torn-up turf, pools of blood; dead and dying animals and patches of flesh and wool lying everywhere, and animals blindly dashing for shelter.

Then comes the saddest part: driving undamaged animals and walking wounded to the pens for inspection; picking up the seriously wounded and dressing them; deciding the dying

and the dead; phoning poundmen, the RCMP; phoning the vet to arrange to bring the badly wounded over; after inspection, collecting the dead and the torn flesh for burial.

No longer does the owner see the bright and eager look of animals expecting the feed bucket, but the scared look: "Could you not have prevented this?" of a wounded animal.

Slowly, as things begin to take a more normal shape, does the owner really begin to tote up the damage; the obvious value of the killed; the cost of curing the wounded; the loss of at least three breeding years, their worth and value and the fact that the dead always seem to be the hardest to replace in a flock.

PERSONAL LOSS

There is also the personal loss to the owner in friends. Few could raise stock if they did not like their animals; the young would not respond if they did not like their dams and owners. To graze on their mangled and torn bodies and realize that there will never be that look of joy in their eyes on finding a special tid-bit in their feed; to realize that there will never again be that lick or rub of appreciation; the realization that there will be no response to that hug of affection brings one against the stone wall of a blank future.

One knows that there are special laws in all sheep-rearing areas with regard to dogs. A dog is entitled to his place, but he cannot read the book of words. His owner must make him acquainted with what he can and cannot do. Invariably the dog takes the punishment... for his owner. If the dog is usually "on the loose" what time exists to instruct him? A large dog, kept merely as a pet, but with no special duties, or periods of confinement, soon grows up to look on the whole area as his domain in which to do as he chooses. As with children, amusement rapidly becomes mischief and trouble. The owner then wonders. He has suspicions but will not admit them when confronted.

OWNER AT FAULT

He has never done anything like that at home. However, he is so rarely at home, why not be honest? Either have the dog destroyed or moved to a home where he will be given more restraints and thus less liability of trouble. In almost every case the owner, not the hound, is at fault.

Farming is a very necessary occupation or few non-farmers would eat. In all too many cases the friction is not intended; it is merely the by-product of caring so little how one's actions affect one's neighbours. Why not make that slight effort to adjust so that each may live his life in friendship, not enmity?

Dogs are friendly creatures. They are also powerful and can inflict heavy damage with tooth and claw. Restrict their opportunities to display these very necessary aspects of their make-up. Each dog; human; sheep could live in better amity.

A final thought: Should you be totally unwilling to do any of these things, dispose of the pooch.



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Dogwood is gift to village

A dogwood is growing in Pioneer Village at Ganges, thanks to Susan Mouat.

Mouat presented the tree and Fred Brookbanks, of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club, planted it last week.

The Lions Club sponsored the Pioneer Village and a Lions Society is the administrator of the retirement homes.

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Golfing

by Pat Doherty

In the nine-hole ladies' section May 12, 14 ladies teed off and the competition was first on the green and closest to the pin on numbers 2 and 6. After their original drives off the tee they were only allowed to use iron clubs. They also welcomed Gloria West to the nine-hole section.

The second annual Salt Spring Ladies Invitational Tournament held May 7 and 8 drew 83 participants from Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands and was a great success in spite of the torrential rain that drenched the course on Thursday afternoon. Congratulations to those who persevered in spite of a thorough soaking, and condolences to those who became too uncomfortable to continue.

Many people worked hard to make this a successful tournament: Irene Hawksworth and Anne Monro who organized it, Helga and Eva for the excellent banquet, Cathy Oliver for the lovely flower arrangement, scorers and handicap tabulators Marg Russell, Jean Hopkins, Dorothy Sneddon and Mildred Gurney, and last but not least to the spotters who helped keep the game moving so smoothly.

The winners were as follows: low gross Salt Spring Insurance Agencies Trophy: 170, Lorna Rooper, Uplands; runner-up, 172, Jean Smith, Gorge Vale. Low net B.C. Forest Products (Crofton) Trophy: Jean Vodden, 140; runner-up, Maxine Danielson,

148, Nanaimo. A low gross: Eileen Anderson, 174, Royal Colwood. Low net: Blanche McCallum, 150, R.C. B low gross: Helen Burns, 199, R.C. Low net: Carolle Price, 150, Cowichan. C low gross: Irene Holland, 210, R.C. Low net: Janet Jernberg, 153, Victoria. A low gross: runner-up, Diane Phillips, 176, Uplands. Low net: runner-up, Anne Monro, 150, Salt Spring Island. B Low gross: runner-up, Genny Boden, 202, March Meadows. Low net: runner-up, Jessie Harper, 152, Nanaimo. C Low gross: runner-up, Edith Stuart, 215, Victoria. Low net: runner-up, Sadie Campbell, 156, R.C. Closest to pin number 11 May 7, Isobel Hawkins; May 8, Beryl Baker. Hidden holes number 7, Shirley Bendell; number 4, Bea Breffitt.

On May 12, in the ladies' 18-hole section, 32 ladies participated in a match v's par, organized by Mildred Mitchell. The winner was Lois P.C. with plus nine, runner-up was Marg Russell with plus seven. Connie Hardy won low putts with 27.

On May 14, our team travelled to Prospect Lake and had a very close match.

In the men's section playoffs continue in the Matson Cup, and all the men are again reminded of the Aage Villadsen Classic on Saturday.

All profits are to go to Greenwoods, and it is a nine-hole affair, so everyone can play. So get your name on the sheet on the notice board.

Low enrolment may force cancellation

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission reports that the level 1 theory course for present and potential coaches, to be held on June 6 and 7, may have to be cancelled due to the low enrolment received to date.

This course is a required component of the National Coaching Certification Program. Coaches may not be certified without general theory course completion. The 14 hours of instruction will be taught by Jim Lee, provincial recreation and fitness branch field representative, and Mick Goodger, of Camosun College recreation department. Fee for the course is \$10.

Registration may be completed by calling Linda Stafford, Recreation Commission secretary, at 537-9257, any day up to 9 pm.

International tournament at Ganges

The Greenwoods Rockers are to host a two-day, international slow-pitch softball tournament next weekend at the Ganges school grounds.

Eight teams from Salt Spring Island, Victoria and Orcas Island, Wash., are to participate in the 15-game, double-knockout Hands Across the Water Slow-pitch Tournament.

With the Rockers just starting their second season, it is hoped that the tournament will help develop local interest in slow-pitch softball.

The first ball will be pitched at noon on Saturday and the competition will wind up Sunday afternoon with the final game scheduled for 1:30.

Ladies Softball Standings

Week ending May 15

TEAM	POINTS
Fulford Ladies	0
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Boomers	1
Ganges Ladies	2
Kaye's Cuties	1
Dagwood's Derelicts	1

for the B.C. championships, scheduled for June 7. Some of the rowers are also training for the Canadian national team.

The rowing crews will begin on Saturday at about 7 am and will go out again at 5 pm. Sunday's schedule will be similar except the afternoon row will be earlier as the club returns to Victoria that night.

At least two Salt Spring Island residents have won gold medals in rowing competition.

Tom Toynbee won a gold medal in the 1954 British Empire Games and Doug McDonald was a gold medal winner in the 1956 Olympics.

Rowers from UVic to train at St. Mary Lake

St. Mary Lake will be the scene of a training session by rowers from the University of Victoria on Saturday and Sunday.

The UVic rowers have just returned from the Canadian university championships, held in Montreal last weekend, where the men's and women's varsity fours and eights crews were victorious.

During the last three years, four island students have rowed for UVic and one for the University of B.C., travelling as far as Egypt, Montreal and Southern California.

Nick Toulmin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Toulmin of Ganges, rows for the UVic varsity crew and Gary Bogdanovich, son of Cheri Nestman, rows for the UBC varsity lightweights. The latter team won their event at the championships in Montreal.

The UVic crews are preparing

LINE CALL!

BY ROZ TRUELOVE



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Last week in this column it was incorrectly stated that the cost for a session of tennis lessons was \$25. My apologies. The figure is \$30. (It's still good value!)

Bev Unger, our club captain, is now busy arranging matches with other clubs and associations. Details in this column as soon as they are available. Bev is hoping to arrange enough fixtures to give everyone a chance of playing in at least one. If you know of a possible

contact with any other club, either on another island or on the mainland, please do let her know.

The next tournament will be held on Saturday, June 6, courtesy of the Borsmans who have kindly undertaken to organize it. Details next week.

We would very much like to get out an up-to-date membership list. If you are still thinking about joining but haven't yet done so, please let the treasurer have your \$5 before June 1.



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Saturna scene

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

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The Woman's Club would like to extend a general thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter Bake Sale. And I would like to thank the Woman's Club for giving me \$20 to buy plants and other necessary items for the health clinic flower boxes.

Jeannie Ratzlaff is in the midst of her first practicum in nursing. Marjorie and Walter are glad to have her over visiting.

The Lions Mother's Day breakfast was great! The hall looked beautiful with lots of flowers and mother's faces. Each mom got a healthy fuschia and her breakfast.

Laura and Em Coombs, Joan and Don McLellen, Hilda and Les Crosby and Wendy and Bert Bertram served and organized the affair. Walter Ratzlaff handled the money.

Joan McNeil is older now — she had a birthday, so did Dayle Johnson, Don Piper and Ken.

Pat Garth is awaiting her child's arrival, in Victoria, so is Ron. We care and are thinking about you Pat.

Taimi and Bob Hindmarch have Len and Marian Thomas staying with them this weekend. Len and Bob are boyhood friends from the days when they were neighbours in the 20's in Nanaimo.

Elizabeth Bray's sister, Christine and Tom Riley, her husband, are visiting in between school sessions. They live in Oxford, Ohio. Cameron and Elizabeth are very happy!

Taimi's sister, Helen, visited and toured the island with her son, his wife and her granddaughter.

The pig barbecue was a good occasion. Jon Guy cooked the pig of the day to perfection, in 10 hours. The homemade buns were exquisite, cole slaw and Spanish rice were outstanding! And the company — nice to eat with friends. We do know how to please ourselves. The money will go to a good cause, of course, the fire department. Thank you, I enjoyed myself.

rable mention for their artwork entered in the B.C. Young Artists' exhibition. Our art teacher is, of course, Lynn Scott.

Leah Smith and Tammy Stewart are back from their 10 days in Quebec. Leah found a good cold more later.

Kids have been sick! A vile bug causing hot, hot cheeks and bright eyes and much worry has attacked the kids. Sports Day (May 29) practice has been hampered by the illness and by the pea soup consistency of the grounds.

The older kids had a tour of the museum Wednesday. They caught the 4 pm ferry back but the parents didn't! Argh!

Of Note

The barbecue is coming! Gird up your loins!

Debbie Hog takes this article in to *Driftwood* each week. I want to praise her responsible nature and her willingness!

Taimi Hindmarch provides invaluable information for this column regularly. Not only information, but correctly spelled and interesting! I do appreciate this "ear to the ground!"

Illegal mesh size costs \$100

A routine inspection by a Duncan fisheries officer in Ganges Harbour early last month led to a Ladner man receiving a \$100 fine in provincial court last Wednesday for a breach of fishing regulations.

Peter Kouroupis, 52, had been charged with trawl fishing with a net of illegal size.

After originally contesting the charge, Kouroupis changed his plea to guilty to avoid the expense of having to return to Ganges at a future date for trial.

It was learned that a routine check by Trevor Fields of Kouroupis' vessel as it entered Ganges Harbour on April 3 turned up the violation.

Kouroupis had replaced a damaged area of the cod end of his

bottom trawl with netting which failed to meet fishing regulations.

The legal mesh size for inside waters is 108 mm, whereas the mesh in the portion of the net that Kouroupis replaced measured 80 mm.

Kouroupis told the court that he had been out of the country for a period of time and was not aware of the current regulations.

Judge Denrosche termed the offence a minor violation in imposing the minimum fine.

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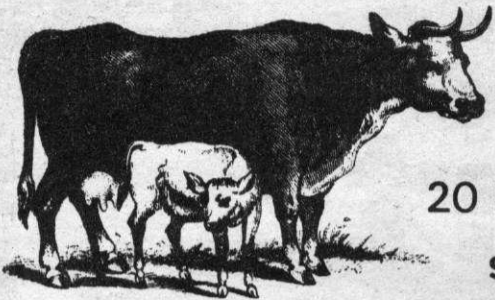
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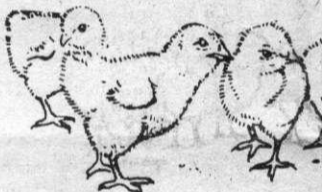
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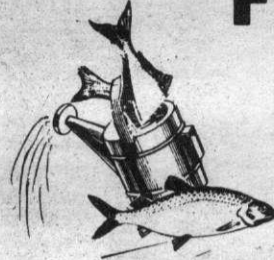
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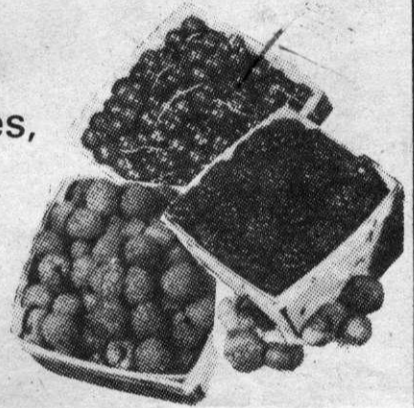


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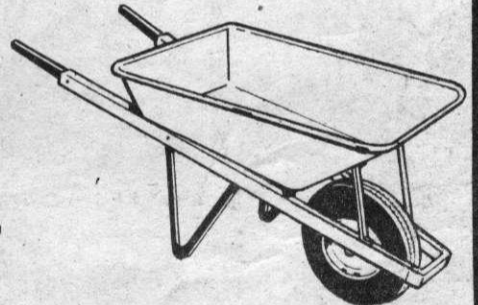
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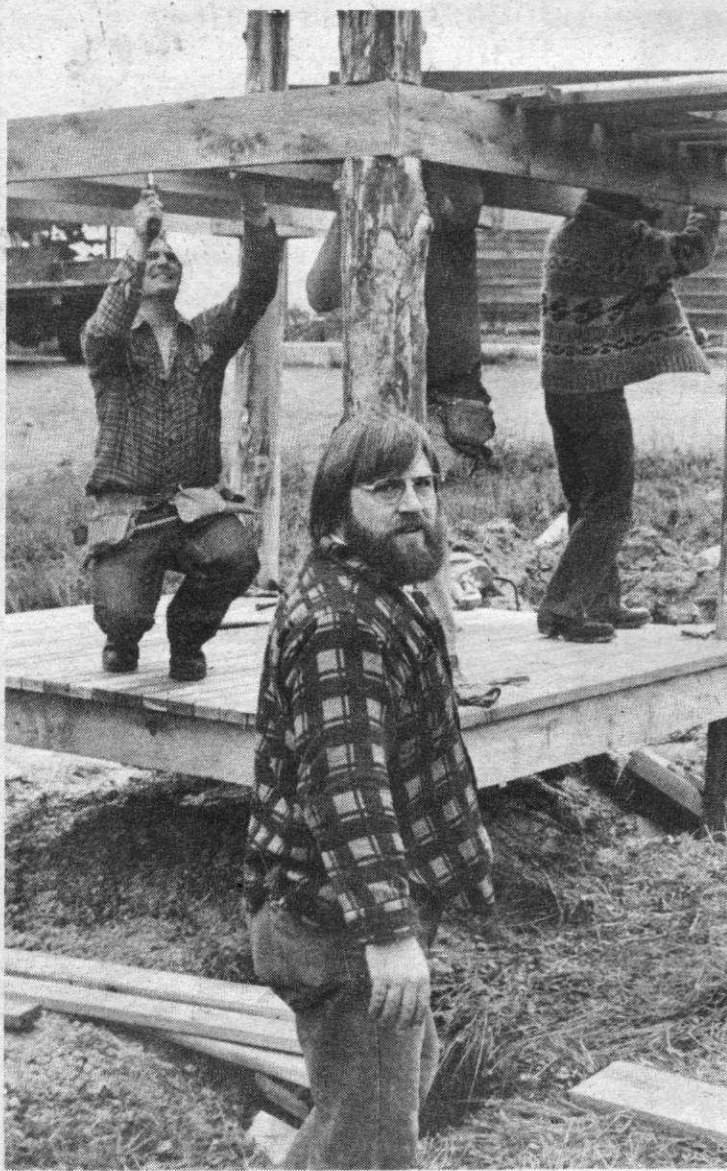
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Above, Donna McWhirter puts finishing touches to suspended tires at Fernwood School's new adventure playground. Several children were on hand Sunday ready to try out the new play equipment. Below, supervisor Joe Clarke gives orders to carpenters at work on platform. Seen swinging a hammer is Dick Trory.



Parents construct playground

The Fernwood School grounds were a hive of activity Sunday as a large number of parents turned out to help in the construction of an adventure playground.

Several pieces of playground equipment were constructed in the day-long work bee, under the supervision of Joe Clarke, who drew the plans for the various structures.

Many of those involved were grateful for the fact that several local building contractors have children at Fernwood School, and were therefore on hand for a busman's holiday.



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