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Orphaned fawn

Christine Wooldridge, an inspector with the SPCA, holds a three-week-old fawn, the second of two young deer found orphaned so far this year. Its mother struck and killed by a car, the fawn will

eventually be adopted but will have to spend the rest of its life in captivity. Under Wooldridge's care for the past two weeks, the fawn is still being bottle-fed.

To clear up sewer project

Director withdraws as board asks for government action

By a unanimous vote the Capital Regional Board will ask the provincial government for special legislation to confirm its authority to proceed with the Ganges sewer.

While the board considered the proposal which would end all "nuisance litigation", Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt and her alternate, Sabara Humes, withdrew to the women's restroom.

The vote was the last item on the agenda at last Wednesday's meeting of the regional board.

Chairman Norma Sealey explained that the municipal solicitor, Don Farquhar, had recommended the motion as a measure to remove doubt or uncertainty, threatening the federal government grant.

If the project is not completed by February next year the federal funds will not be available.

"Nuisance litigation could lose us the federal grant," said Jim Campbell, in support of chairman Sealey's warning.

The motion was moved by the chairman of the sewer committee, Bob Wright and, at his prompting,

a five-minute recess was called to enable Valcourt to re-enter the board room and take part in the debate.

In a short five minutes directors resumed their seats and chairman Sealey reported that the Salt

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Lieutenant-governor to visit

Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving will make his second visit to the Gulf Islands within three months when he visits Galiano and Mayne Islands early next week.

Invited by the Galiano Chamber of Commerce, the lieutenant-governor and his wife will call on Galiano on Monday, June 8 for an all-day visit during which they will be escorted around the island by his long-time friend, Donald New.

The itinerary calls for the Bell-Irvings to visit Galiano School, the Rod and Gun Club and the Fire Hall. Scheduled for later that afternoon is a lawn party at Galiano Lodge during which the public is invited to attend.

Following an overnight stay, the Bell-Irvings are to visit Mayne

Island where there will be a luncheon served in his honour, which is to be catered by the senior citizens.

After a tour of the island, the vice-regal party will proceed to Mayne Island School where students will provide entertainment. Again, the public is invited to attend.

Once school is dismissed, members of the Legion will join the lieutenant-governor for an informal meeting to which visitors are also invited.

The Bell-Irvings are scheduled to leave Mayne Island later that afternoon aboard the 4:20 ferry.

The queen's representative and his wife visited Salt Spring Island in March.

Three main concerns in planning report

The Ganges Plan; how to implement it?

When the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee asked this question the trustees addressed themselves to SPAR Consultants Ltd. Two weeks ago they received the answer.

The answer is in the form of a typewritten report, examining drainage in the core area of Ganges; a waterfront walkway and acquisition of park property.

Flooding in the core area was attributed by SPAR to unplanned growth of the drainage system. The system is a collection of solutions to isolated problem spots with an integrated system, for the whole

area, explain the engineers.

Two flows of flood water into Ganges should be intercepted and discharged directly into the sea, it is urged. These are the flow from the north of the school area and that from the south, where the present drainage route crosses Sea-view Ave.

The resultant reduced flow to the core area would alleviate the present flooding problems. These are the result of runoff water from some distance away being brought to the core area.

Flooding in the downtown area is not the disease, concludes the report, but the symptom of that routing of all outside water into one outfall which is incapable of discharging the volumes involved.

FLOODING

Unless something is done to prevent it, flooding will become steadily more frequent and more severe, warn the engineers. The completion of the Ganges sewer system will add to the problem by spurring on growth in the area.

The engineers recommend a buried drainpipe to carry water from north of the school to the foot of Rainbow Road and into the sea.

The late Peter Arnell, Ganges land surveyor, expressed concern for the run-off problem, nearly 15 years ago, when he also urged a deep drain at the eastern foot of Rainbow Road. The highways

ministry, at that time, explained that it would be running through rock and that the cost was too high.

Flow from the south west of Ganges twice crosses Ganges Hill before entering the problem area says the report and urges its discharge into the sea at the Ganges Auto Marine station.

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

On Saturday at 2 pm the Bishop Coleman Memorial Pender Islands Health Care Centre was officially opened by Mrs. Mary Coleman, widow of Bishop Michael Coleman, and Hugh Curtis, islands MLA. The latter made it all possible when he arranged for the original sum of \$85,000 from the Loto Canada Fund to be entrusted to the Pender Islands Lions Club to spearhead the building project.

When Bishop Coleman lived on Pender Island there was no resident doctor. A visiting doctor would have to use the living room of some Pender home for his office. Bishop Coleman foresaw the day when the island would have better facilities for doctors and their patients and a small fund

Those two measures could cut the flow into Ganges down by about 75% says the report.

Both drainage systems would run about 230 metres.

The engineers expressed gratitude to the regional engineering department. A regional report is forthcoming to further analyze the problem.

COSTLY ITEM

The walkway around the core area waterfront is the costly item in the report. It is envisaged as connecting the Harbour's End Marina with the Mouat complex and enabling pedestrians to walk around the head of the harbour. It would be near the water's edge or pro-

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Health Care Centre is opened

was started.

Bishop Coleman passed away in 1969 and for some years this dream was forgotten until the Lions Club revived it, and through Curtis' help, obtained the original grant from Loto Canada. With effort, persistence and good management they were able to fulfil Bishop Coleman's dream.

Dr. Homer Rogers, the first resident physician on the islands, helped the Lions throughout with knowledge and advice as did Dr. Don Sutherland, the present physician, with planning and equipment. Islanders worked together with gifts of money and volunteer labour so all shared in the success of this beautiful building.

Two hundred and fifty people gathered for the official opening

and numerous guests from off-island were present.

Stan Carey, president of the Lions Club and the Lion in charge of building the premises, spoke first, after Gordon Wallace, Lion in charge of publicity, introduced the speakers. They were Mrs. Mary Coleman; Stan Corbett, president, Pender Islands Health Care Centre; Stan Carey, president, Lions Club; and Hugh Curtis, MLA.

Carey said, in opening his address, that he was not speaking just for the Lions Club, but for the many non-Lions who participated financially as individuals and through organizations, and for members of the community who

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Ex-champs play Salties

A one-time world champion softball team will play against a local team at Salt Spring on Sunday.

The Victoria Budgets will play a double-header against the Fulford Inn Salties at the Fulford Ball Field.

The games will be played at 12 and 2 pm.

Health Care Centre officially opened at Pender



Clinic's official opening at the main entrance



Dorothy and Nep Grimmer outside the new building.



Retired Pender Island physician Dr. Homer Rogers arrives at opening ceremony on his bike.



Gordon Wallace and Mary Coleman

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gave generously of their time and expertise.

Carey first thanked Shirley and Peter Mander for donating their own land, although in the end it was not used, and the centre was built on the two acres of land donated by Garnet Marler. He thanked the architect who donated his services for the design and engineering, Ladi Holovski; the man who spearheaded and ramrodded the framing in record time, Hardy Ruckheim; the couple who donated all their labour and supplied all the material at cost for the well pump, plumbing and electrical work, Joyce and Horst Klein; the man who organized virtually all of South Pender as volunteers, Vern Roddick, and who now has taken on the important job as chairman of the house and grounds committee; and lastly Hugh Curtis, who found the way to get the project off the ground.

PROUD DAY

Carey continued by saying it was one of the proudest days of his life, not because of any personal accomplishments of the Lions Club or others but because the building stands as proof that this small community with all its differences can work together.

The value of the money, land,

labour, professional services and materials supplied by the residents of the Penders is in excess of \$100,000.

As president of the Health Care Society, Stewart Corbett accepted the key to the building from Stan Carey on behalf of all the people of the Penders.

"It is now up to us to make this beautiful building into something Bishop Coleman would be proud of," he said.

He explained that the Health Care Society is the landlord and the professionals occupying the building are the tenants. Such tenants are automatically associate members of the Health Care Society.

Hugh Curtis said the project had generated a great deal of warmth. In 1946 he was one of the first kids to attend the Thetis Island Camp Columbia and there he met Bishop Coleman, who made the kids work hard! Bishop Coleman, recalled Hugh Curtis, was a dynamic, enthusiastic man of god, and a fine human being.

Mrs. Coleman and Curtis then cut the ribbon and the building was declared officially opened. Gordon Wallace thanked those who had attended the opening and invited them in to view the building.

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by richards

Passengers for pyim pyim rauchch rauch pyim pyim pin pin dockerty brig dich rauch yin yin pyin brockerty duckerty walkway. Every ferry passenger knows the instruction for boarding the *Queen of the Islands*, anyway!

Thinking of ferries I can lay claim to ownership of the only sister-in-law who could get lost twice between Swartz Bay and Ganges. While she was with me I wouldn't dare refer to the incident. My poor relation was directed to the ticket booth and headed towards the dock when she was inspired to enquire whether she was headed in the right direction. Her amateur adviser said she was far from reality and had to follow the walkway. She took to the walkway. Half-way along the walkway she was fearful and enquired again. She found herself in a hotbed of Vancouver-bound passengers. Hurriedly she returned to the booth and explained her quandary. After three official enquiries and as many unofficial questions, they held the ferry while she ran across the compound. Worse! When the *Queen of the Islands* docked at Fulford she was so busy trying to get off the wrong end that the ship was empty by the time she discovered the other end pointed to dry land. Mind you, in fairness to the lost Welsh waif, she comes from the mountains and they don't have many ferries up there. Once in Ganges, she still had problems. Every time she looked for the rest of the village she ran out of streets and it wasn't until she discovered the *Driftwood* office that she had the courage to admit she was looking for a town that just isn't here. But that was when we had visitors. She is back where the mountain sheep can always tell her where to go.

Capital Region has found a simple formula for fire protection. In an explanatory note to regional directors last week, the board explained that "fire prohibition for South Galiano has been provided by means of an agreement..." That sounds like an agreement that could help a lot of areas.

Thinking of families: ever stopped to wonder why a fellow's in-laws are his in-laws? Why would my bride's sister be my sister in the eyes of the law? And, of course, she isn't. She is my sister in the eyes of the church law, or canon law. For centuries the church prohibited marriage between a wife's sister and her widowed husband or the other way around. In law, in canon, or church, law, the relationship is bridged by marriage and Women's Lib's sister is my sister. What a responsibility!

It isn't like they were her relatives. You could understand, then. But the way I see it is that a lifetime ago Women's Lib gave up the joys and happiness of hospital life and married me to be a newspaperwoman. And I don't blame her one little bit! So when a dozen or so relatives announce their plans to visit us, I feel that Women's Lib should remember that they closely resemble her lord and master. This should increase her joy at greeting them and I have not the slightest question in my mind but that it does. All that burns me is that when I tell anyone that copious relations are planning to visit us, up go those cynical eyebrows and out comes the unnecessary question: Your family or hers?

Sign of the times: menu in an off-island restaurant, "Prices quoted are subject to hourly change as prices of supplies vary."

On November 14, 1880, a one-month-old baby was baptized in St. Mary's Church, Kingswinford, in the English Midlands. The child was named Margaret, according to the baptismal certificate, and the ceremony was notable because the infant Margaret was baptized by her father, the Rev. Robert Henry Streeten. Incidentally, Kingswinford is in the Black Country, where the smoke of coal and iron works gave a once-beautiful rural community its unattractive name. How do I know of this event? I still have a copy of Margaret Streeten's baptismal certificate. It was found a year or more ago in Ganges. I wrote that I had it and I heard nothing. So this is a little more detail. For example, it appears that the young Miss Streeten grew up as many children do and left the shores of her native island to travel to Canada. Because in the same envelope as the baptismal certificate was the birth certificate of Margaret Winnifred Atkins, a native daughter of Edmonton. The certificate was issued on July 17, 1968, although it is not the original. If Margaret Atkins should see this and still value the documents, I have them. If any descendant of the baby, Margaret should want them, they are still here. They are still here even if nobody wants them.

While the only parliamentarian who knows the answer to inflation is the shadow minister of finance, the only ones who want to hear it are his colleagues in the opposition. And this applies to every parliament. It shows that politicians are not really good talkers.

There's a call out for artists in the islands. The Islands Trust wants a logo to identify the Islands Trust. It is to be used on stationery, ferry posters and, perhaps, signs to identify individual islands. I learned all this from Dave Lott. And he admitted there's not much money in it. In fact, he admitted there's no money in it. Lots of honour and glory, says the Salt Spring trustee, but no money. And those are the terms. Any offers? There are more artists than there are woods, so perhaps there'll be an Islands Trust logo yet!

The dichotomy between east and west was clearly indicated in a mainland newspaper last week when two reports on conferences appeared in the same paper. In Halifax the Learned Societies' Conference heard from York University's Fred Fletcher that the newspaper is the backbone of the public affairs information system, despite the fact that radio and television are big and accessible. Simultaneously, in Edmonton, a visiting speaker from San Francisco assured an educational conference that reading will no longer be needed in schools by 1985 and that the only students to learn to read in future will be those heading for college or tradition-freaks. Reading will seem as quaint in the future as learning Latin is today, he said. That makes me pretty quaint! But it's going to make some future graduates awfully stupid!

Connection fees set at two different rates for two areas

Rate for a connection to the Highlands water system on Salt Spring Island will be \$500. In the Magic Lake Estates it will be \$400. The rates were set last week by the Capital Regional Board in its rates and regulation bylaw for the water districts.

The islands water systems were both previously privately owned and have been acquired by the region.

Provision is made in the bylaws for arranging a water connection to a property in the district at the same time as applying for a plumbing permit.

Connection fee for the Magic Lake Estates water system on North Pender Island is \$400 for a 3/4 in. line and \$425 for a one-inch connection.

Penalties are the same. To turn on a water connection without authority will merit a minimum fine of \$50 and a maximum penalty of \$500 for a first offence, with a minimal \$100 and a high of \$1,000 for any

subsequent offence.

COST OF TURNING ON

The cost of turning on the water will also be the same in the two areas.

Sewage is more expensive.

In the Magic Lake Estates Sewer District, the fee for connecting is \$900 for a single-rate hook-up. If the application for connection is made before December 31 of this year, there will be a \$200 discount. Penalties for improper sewer

connections are the same as those for connecting improperly to the water systems.

All three bylaws were given introductory readings last week.

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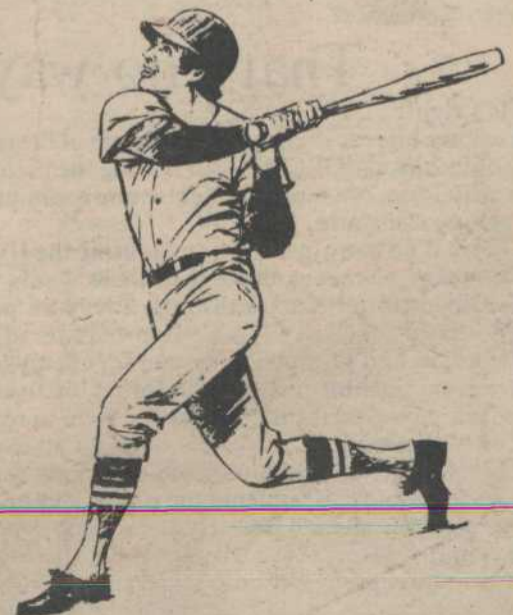
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
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The Law

He explained that his case has been waiting now for many months and that he hopes to appear in court within the next year. This island resident is fortunate. His freedom is not at stake when he awaits the hearing in a British Columbia court. He is challenging his former associates and a comparatively small amount of money hinges on the case. Unfortunately the island litigant is comparatively short of money and cannot readily shrug off the delay.

The biggest criticism that can be levelled at the B.C. courts procedure is the inadequacy of those courts. Too many litigants and too many foolish men are required to hang about for extended periods awaiting the slot in the courtroom allocations, or whatever finally decides when a case is to be heard.

If this islander was alone in his long delay, there would be no case. But the complaint is to be heard everywhere.

The provincial government is responsible for making sure that facilities are available. If the question were approached with a degree of compassion there would be no long periods of worry for British Columbians in fear of the law. The government and much of the profession of law would do well to remember that the victims of the system are those who suffer. They are the British Columbians who sweat and worry as the months drag by. The legislature feels no pinch and the courts take each case as it comes.

What we need to get over unreasonable delays must be known to the government. Whatever it is, let's have it! New courtrooms, new judges, new what-have-you; if we need it, let's have it!

A Third Crossing

On Saturday the Islands Trust council approved a resolution protesting the institution of a third ferry crossing to connect with Gabriola Island.

For as long as we all insist on taking our cars wherever we go, there will be an urgent need for additional ferries or alternative systems. And as long as the government proposes new routes for ferries there will be indignant reactions from the victims, those who live near the route.

That the good people of Gabriola Island would object is as logical as an objection by Salt Spring Island residents to having a tunnel climb up out of the ocean to terminate in Long Harbour.

The only feature about the resolution is a slight difficulty in understanding how the Trust council would deal with it. The council considers matters concerning all islands. Each Islands Trust Committee looks after local issues. And how does the third route affect the rest of the islands?

It is easy to understand any group of island residents extending sympathy in such a case, but the council saw it as a matter bearing influence on all the islands.

What influence?

That's no way

He's right!

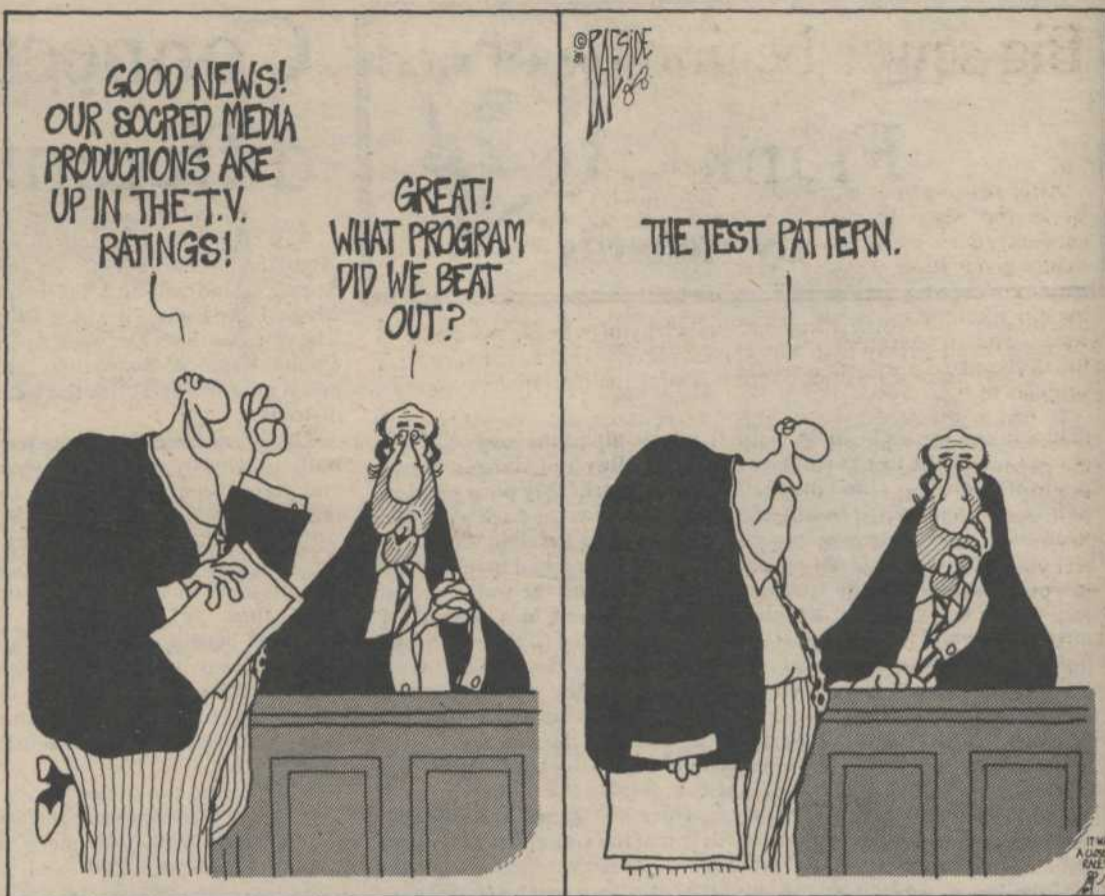
Last week a reader expressed criticism of the raising of funds for city buses through B.C. Hydro. During the period that the system was under fire, too many residents were examining the effects and forgetting the cause.

There is no more justification for using the Hydro billing system as a means of raising taxes than there would be for the federal government to raise taxes through a levy on postage stamps.

The basic function of B.C. Hydro is to administer the vast distribution and production system for energy over the province. There is no possible justification for its use to collect bills for the province; not even if the corporation were to receive a handsome bonus for doing so.

The province should announce right now that this procedure will not be adopted again; that the transit levy must be collected by other means and that B.C. Hydro remain a power corporation and nothing else.

It is an invitation to abuse to permit a Crown corporation to undertake this unrelated role and a short cut to transferring the cost of a function from the administration to a corporation.



Letters to the Editor

Fun for all, promotion of community spirit is aim of Sea Capers Festival June 13

Sir,

Once again our own Annual Festival is drawing near. Saturday, June 13 is only a few days away. I wonder how many of your readers have made a note of the date and are contemplating taking part or just attending to join in the Fun. Our aim this year is to provide Fun for All Ages, and to promote a Community spirit.

Sea Capers Festival is organized by a group of residents not affiliated to the other organizations and Service Groups on the Island, although of course, some of our Committee are members of other groups, but do not represent them in the Committee.

This is our Fourth Annual Festival. In the past we have tried to only cover our expenses and slowly build up a reserve fund to cover unforeseen calamities. We now feel that we have arrived at a point where we can think of supporting a worthwhile project from any funds over our requirements. We have a project in mind, but at the moment cannot announce it, but hope to do so shortly.

Through your columns we ask for the support of the Community to make our Festival an event of the year eagerly looked forward to by all residents. The Business Community has been most generous this year in donating fine trophies for annual competition and financing advertisements. We now ask the remainder of our residents to support the Festival by turning out in large numbers and participating in the Fun events, all of which have been announced in your columns over the past few weeks. The Water events are especially for the younger residents and we hope to make the Inner Tube Races and the Open Sailboat Challenge Race Annual events taking the place of the Bathtub races, which owing to cost, only attracted off-island enthusiasts. We have lots of Sailboats on the Island and we hope that they will all take part, it does not matter about winning, it is the spirit behind the entry, have a go and have fun should be the motto. The Salt Spring Island Sail-

ing Club will organize the Open Sail Boat Race. There are a number of sailors on the island with Sabot sailboats, these could come out of the basement and take part in the races to be organized by Laurie Neish, again for all ages.

The Grand Parade is open to all and there are trophies for the "Best Overall", The Most Original and the Best Young Person. We hope to see all organizations on the Island represented in this parade either on Floats or as individuals. We hope many residents will put on National or Period dress and also take part.

In the Park we shall be having Fun for the kiddies, as well as Tug of War contests for the muscular. A new event will be the Fun Run, this will be divided into three

groups enabling those who are very fit to take the long course and the others not so fit the lesser courses. Valdy will again be putting on a free concert for us all in Centennial Park, and will have a supporting cast. Ladies will be playing Softball in the school grounds, and of course we have Bingo for the Golden-Agers and Refreshments for the thirsty followed by a Salt Spring Lamb Barbecue, something for everyone. We hope we can all have fun and that your readers will start the day by partaking of our Pancake Breakfast outside the Salty Shop Mouat's. Have Fun.

CHARLES SUTCLIFFE,
Chairman, Sea Capers
Committee.
May 29, 1981.

Reason for it all is money

Sir,

I'm getting angry. It's the sewer again. I feel put upon by public officials. The other day I sat down and examined the whole sorry mess and while sitting in boiling blood I reflected upon the following:

A CRD that has been defeated in two hearings about Ganges Harbour; a petition riddled with questionable signatures and sloppily administered by the CRD. Even Bill Vander Zalm thought it might be a fraud; a plot to circumvent the voters by persuading the Director of Pollution Control to issue an order.

Then there is the insistence that the Letters Patent give them the authority to spend money illegally.

I support all those seeking an injunction to stop this unnecessary and costly scheme. We don't need it, we don't want it, we never voted for it, we even elected a regional director who opposes the sewer and won a case in B.C. Supreme Court against the CRD and the sewer. The judge called the CRD tricky and found that the Pollution

Control Branch had exceeded its powers.

Mr. Campbell (bless his honesty) adequately described the reason for all of this when he stated, "If we don't proceed we will jeopardize the investment of those who have bought property in the sewer area." In other words, MONEY!

DAVID E. SKINNER,
R.R.1 North End Road,
Ganges.
June 1, 1981.

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

Big sewer beginning of end for Salt Spring

Sir,
After reading your main editorial in the May 27 issue, I was encouraged to see that you have finally given some thought to the major concern we should all have for our island, namely water, safe water, and of sufficient quantity for all the citizens who do not have supplies of their own.

It was a bit confusing to me, however, considering the support the paper has given, and continues to give to the Ganges Sewer Proposal. As a charter member of the Sewer Alternative Committee, I feel you have been less than frank in your reporting of the controversy to this date.

The CRD has drawn up a resolution last Wednesday, after a meeting with Vander Zalm and our illustrious member Mr. Curtis, and they are now trying to circumvent the decision that was handed down by the court. It is almost impossible to understand how a government can be manipulated in this fashion.

If the People in Ganges and the areas surrounding, have not had their eyes opened by this situation, they had better put on their bifocals and read the following excerpt from a letter written to Mr. J.P. Kaylor, Assistant Deputy Minister, from Mr. Dennis Young of the CRD. It reads as follows:

Paragraph under heading "Land Problems".

"There is a further major problem and that concerns future expansion of the system which is entirely possible, based on the community plan as it now exists for Ganges.

"It is possible that the full development of the Community could result in flows in excess of 200,000 imperial gallons per day, which is more than twice the amount envisaged, which in turn would require an equivalent increase in the land for spray irrigation, sub-surface disposal, and evaporation options.

"With the difficulties experienced in finding sufficient land for the lesser volume of 90,000 imperial gallons per day, how additional lands would be found, remains at this moment a questionable task."

It does not take much horse-sense to realize that the possible 200,000 gallons per day adds up to 73 million gallons per year, which is better than twice the amount supplied through North Salt Spring Water District alone. Our pipe-smoking representative on the Trust is also a director of North Salt Spring Water District, and I can't remember him getting too upset about 90,000 gallons for the sewer system, and now it can be a possible 200,000 gallons. What can he say to this when he knows well the plans for higher density development in Ganges proper.

There have been at most six people who have been spending much time and their own finances to inform people to what is intended by the movers and shakers of the Great Ganges Sewer System. They have been backed up by the other members of the Committee, but it is the general public who must wake up.

If the people who depend on the water from Maxwell and St. Mary's don't get off their Collective Butts, and support the Alternative Committee, or write the minister to protest most strongly, they only have themselves to blame.

The big Sewer is the key to the Expansion in Ganges. Expansion means greater and greater water

use which the lakes will not be able to supply forever. Ganges will, because of the zoning, require more and more water, which will be to the detriment of the other water systems using the lakes. When this happens, who on the island will be doing the crying, when adequate water is not available.

I wonder what property owners outside Ganges will do for water when the big Sewer dumps most of it in the Harbour. People who are fortunate enough to have their own water supplies will laugh, but the others might just as well look for greener fields where water is sufficient, as their property won't be worth a plugged nickel without it.

This letter will distress many people, but it is my honest opinion, and for what it is worth, the big

Sewer will be I believe, the beginning of the end for Salt Spring as we know it. All because of ambitious property schemes, and an agreeable Capital Regional District.

Public Apathy has always been the major stumbling block when situations as important as this one occur, and the people who do most of the crying when they get hurt are the ones who did not give a damn in the first place.

Wake up, people of Ganges, and the surrounding areas. You are being snookered by a very persistent and selfish group, aided and abetted by a group within the CRD who don't care what happens here, as long as they win.

E.B. ROBINSON,
R.R.3 Old Scott Road,
Ganges.
May 31, 1981.

More letters to the editor

Residents should have chance to vote

Sir,
Hon. W. Vander Zalm,
Minister of Municipal Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir,
We understand that the subject of the proposed sewer at Ganges on Salt Spring Island has been clearly brought to your attention by various persons representative of a large group of residents who oppose the sewer plan in its present form.

It has also been brought to your attention that the recent action of the Capital Regional District to implement the installation of the sewer is, in fact, illegal.

When the CRD procedures were challenged in court by the Sewer Alternatives Committee of Salt Spring Island, Mr. Justice Gould of the Supreme Court ruled that

the order to construct the sewer given by the Pollution Control Branch was null and void.

This means that the Letters Patent issued as a result of the erroneous Pollution Control Branch order should not have been granted.

In spite of this the CRD apparently has gone ahead and authorized the purchase of sewer discharge pipe to the value of \$121,639.84, thereby spending public moneys without proper authority.

We find it hard to believe that you, as our Minister of Municipal Affairs can, through inaction or lack of concern, allow members of the Capital Regional District under your direct jurisdiction to proceed in such an illegal and high-handed manner.

Capital Region resolution seen as plot

Sir,
You will possibly see elsewhere in *Driftwood* a copy of a Resolution passed by the Capital Regional District on May 27, 1981. First the preamble, followed by the Resolution:

"Therefore be it resolved that the Board of the Capital Regional District request the Provincial Government to enact legislation at the current session of the Legislature to remove any doubt or uncertainty relative to the authority of the regional district to construct, finance, operate and maintain a sewage collection and disposal system at Ganges."

Why is this necessary? The CRD (namely J. Campbell and Dennis Young) have insisted that the CRD has all the powers to carry on under the order of the Director of Pollution Control and the Letters Patent. Obviously they DO NOT and the whole sewer concept is illegal, yet this Government continues to allow them to spend public money without any authority whatsoever.

The latest "plot" was cooked up with the concurrence of Messrs. Curtis and Vander Zalm, knowing that the CRD is in a mess — a mess of their creation. This is being done in another attempt to circumvent the public. Is this Russia we live in? Or Hitler Germany? This Government continues to glibly talk about "rights". Where is Freedom of Choice — not disenfranchisement of the electorate.

This Resolution states that the Lady Minto Hospital Board and the local School Board have urged the CRD to proceed. The facts are that both the hospital and Greenwoods have allowed the CRD to install Inadequate Disposal Fields to create a problem. The School Board, when it has discussed installing its own system, has on three occasions been talked out of it by local developers.

As to the so-called health hazard — despite what "our local expert" Bud Kreissl says, Dr. Arneil, Senior Health Officer, has stated

It's good common sense to protect water

Sir,
Perhaps arguments over resort expansion are academic now that the Islands Trust has passed Bylaw 57 to restrict resort development around the potable water lakes. However, Mrs. Nemeth of Green Acres Resort made a number of statements in last week's *Driftwood* that deserve a reply.

Mrs. Nemeth terms me a self-styled protector of the lake, and suggests that I am a fanatic. Now, to me it's just good common sense to protect our vital water resources, and, as a waterworks Superintendent, I am perhaps more than ordinarily aware of what can happen to a water source if it becomes polluted.

It may be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to restore a lake such as St. Mary once it has become eutrophic (over enriched with nutrients). For this reason the emphasis must be placed on preventing the deterioration of the lake as much as possible. It is generally agreed that limiting the population in the watershed is an important part of the protection of a water source — Vancouver and Victoria for instance own or control their watersheds, and

Surely instructions by you to Norma Sealev (Chairman of the CRD) to halt all commitments or expenditures on this sewer project would be in order, to remain in force until such time as all residents of this area have a chance to vote on this costly undertaking.

This subject is being discussed widely here and certainly, in the minds of many, the disgraceful record of this whole sewer question so far seems to reflect very poorly on the ethics of both the appointed and elected representatives of government.

ALAN BEST,
NORMAN BEST,
Box 9,
Ganges.
May 29, 1981.

permit NO development or recreational use.

We, on Salt Spring, are less fortunate in that our watersheds are almost all privately owned, and partly developed already. All we can hope to do is limit the type of development and amount of expansion by instituting appropriate zoning and subdivision bylaws.

Over the years, I and a small group of concerned citizens have been able to suggest some constructive steps toward protecting the lakes. As chairman of SPEC on the Island a number of years ago, I asked that eutrophication studies be done on our major lakes, and this was agreed to by the provincial government, providing much valuable information. We also developed a proposal for a 10-acre minimum watershed lot size, which was supported by the Provincial Government, Health Department of the CRD and about 85% of the community.

A few years ago I was among a small group of people who proposed a 30-acre minimum lot size for the Maxwell Lake watershed, to help protect that lake as a Class A water source. This was accepted by the Trust and the provincial government, and became law.

Mrs. Nemeth suggests in her letter that she would not consider a dense type of development for her resort, but the point is that resorts frequently change hands, and there was nothing in the previous C4 zoning to prevent a new owner from dense resort or hotel development. Bearing in mind the present condition of the lake, and its susceptibility to nutrient loading from its watershed, even very moderate resort expansion will add to the problem.

Mrs. Nemeth was kind enough to suggest that I go into the algae collection business. But, she failed to mention that they are microscopic in size, that many of the types present in the lake are unpalatable, some are even toxic when in large quantities. Furthermore, only about one-fifth of an ounce of dry matter is present in 1,000 gallons of water.

Contrary to her suggestion, Duck Creek is not plugged by debris near the outlet, and in any event this would not materially affect the average flushing rate of the lake.

Mrs. Nemeth further suggests my sources of information are questionable. There are a number of books about eutrophication in general, among the best being *The Algal Bowl*, an Environment Canada Publication; and *Eutrophication — Causes, Consequences, Corrective*, by the National Academy of Sciences. Specific information on St. Mary Lake was drawn from: *St. Mary Lake — Data Report for the Water Quality Monitoring Program*, June 1974 to June 1975 by J.M. Goddard, MSC., Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources; *Salt Spring Island — A Landscape Analysis*, Pacific Forest Research Station, Victoria, B.C. Much information relating to St. Mary Lake has been supplied by the Ministry of Environment, and the Health Department of the CRD has provided assistance.

Steven Rogers, Minister of the Environment, summarized the situation well in a letter to the Hon. Hugh Curtis, December 1980, indicating that St. Mary Lake is very susceptible to nutrient



New drawing

New composite drawing of assault suspect has been obtained by Ganges RCMP. No new developments have been reported in the case, in which local singer Shari Ulrich was attacked on Churchill

Road by a young man three weeks ago. The assailant is described as being 14 to 20 years old, five feet, five inches to five feet, eight inches in height.

Common sense

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loading from its watershed, and that much worse can be expected unless special care is taken to control waste disposal, land disturbances and population within the watershed:

These, then, are the sources of information that Mrs. Nemeth questions. And it should be noted that Mrs. Nemeth has not been able to quote any experts to indicate that resort expansion will not cause further deterioration of the lake, nor has she been able to suggest any constructive ways of improving water quality.

MIKE LARMOUR,
R.R.2, Beddis Road,
Ganges.
June 1, 1981.

Dave Pallot dies after long illness

A resident of Salt Spring Island for many years, David Pallot, died last Tuesday after a lengthy illness. He was 46.

Pallot worked as an electrical contractor for many years before turning his attention to commercial fishing. He was involved in the operation of the fish plant in Ganges, Salt Spring Sea Products, but continued to operate Pallot Electric.

He leaves his wife, Lillian; a son, Steven; and three daughters, Linda, Leah and Mrs. J. (Laura) McAstocker.

Long arm of law extended with new radar equipment

Ganges RCMP are keeping pace with the latest developments in radar control technology. Their newest acquisition will make it even more difficult for speeding motorists to escape the long arm of the law.

Equipped with its moving radar set, officers will be able to detect violations from either a stationary or moving police cruiser. The set will even take accurate readings of a vehicle travelling in the opposite direction.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks said on Monday that motorists are driving with increasing disregard for the posted speed limits and that the latest addition to its radar control arsenal will help the detachment to better enforce the law.

"We intend to use it to the fullest

to make certain that the speed limits are obeyed," said Sgt. Hanks.

"We are asking people to start taking notice of the speed they drive and to travel at the speeds posted."

Regional hospital budget

Capital Regional hospitals will cost \$8,766,416 in 1981. The budget was approved by the Capital Regional Hospital Board at its meeting on Wednesday last week.

Of this total, \$3,885,201 will be levied on the regional district. Remainder is met out of government grants. Municipalities will contribute some \$3,400,000 and the electoral areas approximately \$800,000.

The hospital district is concerned with capital costs involved in the construction and renovation of hospitals. Operating costs are the responsibility of the provincial government.

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Planning report

From Page One

jected over the tidal zone to suit the various types of shoreline, explains the report.

The walkway would tie in the character of harbour development, it is explained, to provide a pedestrian link between the accommodation at the head of the harbour and the shopping area below.

The planners noted that the walkway would not be desirable in the vicinity of the federal wharf where excessive traffic could impede the ordinary activity there. The plan would provide for its termination near the wharf, directing pedestrians towards the commercial area. It would then provide access to the government wharf without encouraging movement in that direction.

The oil tanks is another area where public access would be undesirable.

From the federal wharf to Centennial Park is seen as a recreation access with less value as a means of access. The walkway would encircle the park, with an extension around the boat basin and out to the end of the breakwater.

Cost is estimated at \$30 per metre, or about \$10 a foot, where the main work is simply levelling and paving. Where an elevated concrete walkway is recommended, the cost would jump to some \$360 per metre.

The planning consultants were not excited over the Coastguard trailer. The location of the trailer interrupts the circuit of the park by

the walkway and is not appropriate to the park setting, the Islands Trust was informed.

It would be better moved northward to the main road or switched to a floating office, said the planner.

PENINSULA PARK

The report also looked at the controversial peninsula and park behind the Island Garage. Planners have already recommended that the property be acquired for the community and used for park purposes. No action has yet been taken in that direction.

This report suggests that when the park is public property the pedestrian trail follow the centre of the peninsula for lack of sea room to locate it on the shore line.

Estimated cost of the walkway, in wood, concrete and asphalt is \$230,000 to \$330,000. There would be additional cost of purchasing the peninsula park property, estimated in the vicinity of a quarter-million.

The Islands Trust is without funds to proceed. The project would require a government grant or a local improvement scheme.

Island students graduate

Three Gulf Islands students are among the graduates of the University of B.C. this year. A total of 3,377 students received academic degrees from the university last week.

Peter Muir Sorrow has

received his bachelor of laws and Annette Elizabeth Hacking a bachelor of science, majoring in psychology. Both are from Galiano Island.

Caroline Rouel Ballantyne of Ganges was awarded a bachelor of

science in nursing.

Annette Hacking was on the Dean's Honour List and was awarded a \$12,500 scholarship from the Alberta Heritage Medical Research Foundation. She looks to a future in neuro-surgery.



1981 4th Annual Festival

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Saturday, June 13

WATER EVENTS

- 11:00 am** SAIL PAST by yachts of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. View from M.O.T. wharf.
- 12:00 noon** YACHT RACE - OPEN - For sailboats 18 ft. and over. For the BANK OF MONTREAL CHALLENGE TROPHY. Start off M.O.T. wharf.
- 12:30 pm** WINDSURFING DEMONSTRATION. View from back of K & R.
- 1:00 pm** REFRESHMENT GARDEN & HOT DOG STANDS open.
- 2:00 pm** ROW BOAT RACE for the CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE CHALLENGE TROPHY. Any size of boat capable of being propelled by oars.
- 3:00 pm** INNER TUBE RACES for the DUNCAN & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION CHALLENGE TROPHY. Any size of Inner Tube which must be propelled by human aid, no engines.
- 3:00 pm** SABOT SAIL BOAT RACES for SALT SPRING LANDS CHALLENGE TROPHY. Applications to Laurie Neish.
- 4:00 pm** WALK ON WATER CONTEST for GULFSTREAM SUPPLY LTD. CHALLENGE TROPHY. Any ingenious device to enable you to walk a short course across the water.

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- 3:00 pm** LARK IN THE PARK for Kids - organised by Valerie Engels.
- 6:00 pm** VALDY FOLK CONCERT

Don't forget the other events previously advertised, especially the FUN RUN for the K & R Your Food Store Ltd. Challenge Trophy and the LADIES SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT in the School Grounds. Have you got your FLOAT and COSTUME ready for the GRAND PARADE? There will be a VINTAGE CAR EXHIBITION in the Car Park next to K & R, and LOTS MORE!

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The organizing committee of Sea Capers is a group of interested residents of Salt Spring interested in providing enjoyment once a year for all residents and our visitors. Any proceeds beyond those required to finance the festival will be donated to a community project, the nature of which will shortly be announced.

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Outer Islands Sports Day is a wet one

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The sky was overcast at noon on Friday, the day the Outer Islands schools gathered at Pender Island for their annual sports day. By one o'clock drops of rain were falling and when two and three o'clock rolled around, it was raining steadily and everyone was wet and cold. Miraculously, by 4 pm and prize presentation time, it stopped raining.

The *Queen of Sidney* was late in arriving at Pender so starting time was delayed. Someone forgot to bring the hot dogs and buns so a teacher had to rush off-island on the early morning boat to get them, so refreshment time was late. But in spite of these set-backs everyone had a wonderful afternoon, participants entered the competitions with tremendous enthusiasm and displayed great sportsmanship.

Mrs. Irene Rundle-Woolcock and Mrs. Buntly England were the official score-keepers. The teachers were assisted by many friends of the Pender School, who acted as judges, assistants and helpers. Home economics teacher Mrs. Judy Neil and her school helpers worked hard to keep the refreshments coming for the crowd.

PRESENTED MEDALS

At 4 pm Tim Appleby, president of the Pender Island Legion, presented the medals, assisted by Aubrey Rundle-Woolcock, princi-

pal of Pender School. The medals are donated by the Pender Legion.

Winners were as follows:

In the 10-year-old girls' class for most points: gold, Alison Stafford (Galiano); Liesa Nance, silver (Pender); and Michelle Ross-Smith, bronze (Pender).

Same class for boys: Tyler Carter, gold (Galiano); Steven Neil, silver (Pender); Ian Gains (Saturna) and Kevin Watters (Pender) tied for bronze.

In the 11-year-old girls' class: Kristen Siemens (Saturna) won gold medal, Michelle Laughen (Galiano) silver and Kerry Watters (Pender) bronze. The boys in this class were Chris Watson (Pender) gold; Michael Dever (Pender) silver and bronze was a tie between Sean Barry (Pender) and Tony Head (Galiano).

In the 12-year-old class for girls Cindy Hogg (Saturna) won the gold, Teresa Hanson (Pender) the silver and Michelle Merton the bronze. The winners for the boys in this class were Ian Gould (Galiano) gold; Erich Wickheim (Mayne) silver; and a tie for bronze between Charles Johnnas (Saturna) and Jamie Bradley (Pender).

For the 13 years class, the girls were Alana Morbin (Mayne) gold; Michele Macdonald (Pender) silver; and Melody Silvey (Galiano) bronze. Boys winners were Scott Stewart (Saturna) gold; Johnny Aitken (Mayne) silver; and Michael Fisher (Saturna) bronze.



Six-year-old students pose for photographer at Outer Islands Schools Sports Day. They are, from left, David Sulye, Saturna; Franklin Murphy, Pender; Richard Wilson, Galiano; Wayne Fitzgerald, Mayne; Cy Van Dort, Mayne; and Winston Stanley, Pender.



Two wet looking participants, Sean Barry and Chris Watson, show off their ribbons.



Pender School principal Aubrey Rundle-Woolcock, left, announces medal winners.

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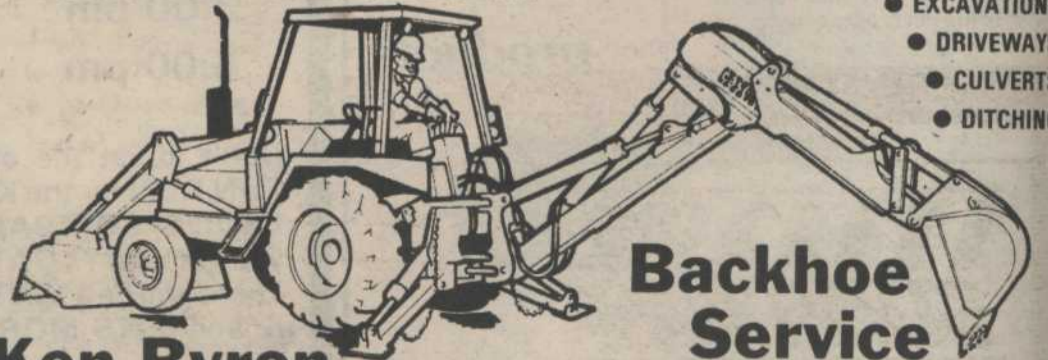
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Talent Night at local school

Audience goes hysterical over Scorpettes act

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

Highlight of last Thursday's Talent Night at Gulf Islands Secondary School were the illuminating Scorpettes. When a band of Grade 11's and 12's gathered to fake a cheerleader performance the audience went hysterical. Their act was humorous if not ridiculous too.

Second to the Scorpettes was the rock and roll band led by vocalist Mike Bruynse. Eight female vocalists accompanied him while guitarists David Reid and son with Wilf Davies at the organ, and Bruce Hume at the drums carried the rock to its limit, engineering Bruynse as both Mick Jagger and John Lennon in animated performance.

Other performers included were Loretta Dods at the piano and Alex Hele in a solo performance on the bagpipes. Kathy Mouat, Sandra Lee and Caroline Andress spun together in a rendition of *Nine to Five* and Jane Rooke, Michelle Minvielle and Amy Newman, with some help from mother Virginia at the piano, sang a boogie woogie 40's tune.

Talent not only came in song. *The Prologue* was presented by Mike Bruynse, Glenda Woodley and Michelle Minvielle. The play went missing several lines during its 10-minute course but Bruynse cured all with a handy copy of the



script nearby.

Julie Collins and Larry Spence sang together and general response to local talent at the high school was good.

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Mike Bruynse sings his heart out at Talent Night. His back-up consists of eight cooing vocalists in rock attire.



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BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN
Director, Continuing Education

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Comfortable clothing is necessary as well as a punching bag — a rolled-up sleeping bag or a sofa pillow will do fine. Participants may bring a bag lunch or go out during the lunch break.

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Ivan the Terrible

BY CATRIN ROACH
Pender Island

Once upon a time I was reading a newspaper and I saw a little ad that said, "Babysitting jobs". I didn't have a job, so I called the person who wanted a babysitter (her phone number was 593-2626). In a moment, this lady with a high pitched voice answered the phone. "Hello, my name is Mrs. Slugs." Then I said, "I am Elana Mad. I'd like a babysitting job." Then Mrs. Slugs said, "You have come to the right place." I said, "Where do you live?"

Then Mrs. Slugs said, "King Road, Oak Drive." "O.K., bye." So then in a moment I was in my car and on the road.

I soon arrived. On the outside of the house it looked very pretty, but when I knocked on the door and Mrs. Slugs opened the door and asked me to come in, it was the messiest house I ever did see. The lamps looked like corn butter, and the living room looked like a bomb was there. It was where a pig lived.

Anyway, the boy looked like a nice kid. The lady said she wouldn't be long. Then she left. That's when all the trouble began.

He said he was going outside to play. I was just going to say my answer when he interrupted me and said please, then I said yes. He said thank you and went outside to play. Then he went on the swing.

Then he fell off the swing and cracked his head open. Then I said he had to go to the hospital. So he got into the car and we drove to the hospital. Then the doctor put him in a room. He soon fell asleep.

In the morning when he woke up he went up to the window and saw that I was not there, he started to scream and pound on the door. The nurse came into the room and said what's the matter in an angry voice. Where is my "babysitter", said Ivan.

"She went home last night. And in a few minutes you are going to have an operation." "What! Right

now?" "O.K., get on the bed and take a deep breath. Good, and now let it go. He is asleep, now we can operate. His head is fine."

In a while he woke up. Marie was there (that's Ivan's babysitter).

Then they went home, and played games. Then I went and cleaned up the house. Then Mrs. Slugs came in as soon as I finished. She told me that she stayed at a friend's house. She asked me if everything was alright. I said "Yes."

BY DANNY BOUCH

He is Cory. The guy Cory, is a robot from space with a square head because of all the wires. A little motor controls him. He's thinking that there are little people living underground. They stick their heads up.

The sun is shining down and making everything warm and making everything grow. The guys underground are hard at work growing flowers. They are called tulips. They look like a cup and have water in it.

He, Cory that is, is stretching his long cat arm with triangle nails to kill the funny little guy who holds on to the ground. He pulls the flowers out of the ground.

BY ROBERT BRADFORD

The chessboards flashing lights to me
Portray a marvelous melody.
The books beyond it demonstrate
That no man must deedless wait.
And as behind the crown of stars
Shines from afar.

To my ears the sound of music comes
And my voice softly hums.

I am me and you are you,
That's what's nice about us two

But we must go to write some more
How about we stay 'til four?

—Paul Smith, age 7

Family Group feels like home

Our class is different. The students in our class are different; our parents are different. We have all the primary grades, 1-7, and two teachers, Richard and Oscar. We call them by their first names.

In other classes there are lots of desks. We have lots of tables which we use for our school work. We don't have to wear our best clothes to school and the kids in our class know each other out of school. Our class feels like a home. We don't get in trouble if we're late sometimes.

In our class we work at our own speed in regular school subjects. We also have time for projects in art, clay, music, woodworking and drama. Our parents come in from time to time to help us. We cook once a week and we always shop for our own food.

We have more choices than the other classes. We have to clean up after ourselves. We have written several plays this year and have performed them off and on the island. We do things in our class that will help us in the future, such as shopping, preparing food, cleaning up and working on projects that we are interested in.

RAISE FUNDS

We support our class by raising funds through dances and donations by our parents. These funds we use for buying food, camping, going on field trips and buying extra things we need in the classroom. We pay our own way and we do not depend on the school bus for transportation to our class activities; our parents and teachers provide it. We also have our own kitchen and we cook once a week every Friday.

Our class has been very busy this year. We have camped at Ruckle Park and on Mystic Beach on Vancouver Island. We are also planning to go to Coon Bay on Galiano Island. We have gone several times to Sidney for skating and swimming. We have seen the Look of Music Exhibit at the MacMillan Museum. The Van Dusen Gardens, MacMillan Bloedel place and have also been to the Children's Festival at Jericho Beach in Vancouver.

We have organized a fund-raising dance at Beaver Point Hall with Hot Air. We have written several plays and have performed them at two dances at Beaver Point Hall, at Galiano Elementary School, Mayne Island School and at our own Salt Spring Elementary School. There always seem to be new people wanting to come into our class.

Flotsam & Jetsam.



BY ZAMA JASON-HEARNE

Waterfall, your beauty falls gracefully
Sparkling like a star.
Ocean-wash my worry away,
My heart is happy.
The waves wash against the shore
The eagles dive, dive to the sea
Bringing back things lost in my memory.
Quiet sweetness, envelope me.
Show me how to listen and to hear.
A unicorn stands near
Drinking the water in the pond
And then is gone
The only thing left is its sparkling hoof prints.
Nothing screams and nothing yells
And all is quiet
Except for the lapping of the waves against the shore.

BY RACHEL LANGFORD

The raindrops from the stars
And drops on the ground
Sounds like bells being hit.
It feels wet, tastes sweet.
The night fall's heavenly sounds
Like harps are heard.
When I close my eyes,
Mixed colours swirl around me
Like a whirlpool —
My eyes go blurry —
When I touch it
There is a feeling of beauty around me.
Like flowers blooming at the first sign of spring.
Fresh water runs
Sprinkles hit my face — feels good
The blanket of night lifts and
Life begins again.

Fred the hamper started walking to Wangle-A-Roo.

π Fred → Δ > | P Wangle-a-roo. λ3
walked a long time through a large forest.

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When he arrived on the other side he saw a
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little girl sitting in the grass with a cat
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BY CAROLE EYLES
Muktu the Backward Musko
by Heather Kellerhals-Stewart.
Press Gang Publishers, Vancouver, 1975.

R.R.1 by Karen Muntean, 1973.
Muktu is a young muskox who is having trouble growing up. The adults don't take her questions seriously and laugh at her when she gets her backwards mixed up with her forwards. This is very serious for Muktu because muskoxen defend themselves by jumping into a circle facing outwards and shaking their horns at their enemies. And this is Muktu's other problem, her horns just don't seem to want to grow.

When Ernest M. Biglow, big game hunter, comes looking for muskox horns to add to his trophies, no one expects Muktu to save the herd. But save them she does when, facing into the middle of the circle instead of the outside, she decides to investigate Ernest M. Biglow's bright red hunting

hat.
That night Muktu is a heroine and as she falls happily asleep her mother discovers two bumps where horns usually grow.

This is a gentle story about growing up and being understood. Although the ending is a bit simplistic, it probably satisfies the primary level reader or preschool listener. The single colour line drawings are deftly done by Karen Muntean of Saturna Island, adding depth and a delightful humour to the story.

Miss Muntean's humour can also be experienced in her own book, *R.R.1*, the story of a midnight jam session with Eli and his animal friends. The tale is told in rhyming verse with a lyrical swing and is delightfully complemented by Miss Muntean's line drawings.

Both books are inexpensive and excellent value. *Muktu* sells for \$2.95 and *R.R.1* for \$1.50.

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Early Salt Spring Island builders

BY MORTON STRATTON

The arrival of the Samuel Beddis family in the area was almost as dramatic as that of the Bittancourt brothers 25 years earlier, with the difference that the Beddises waded ashore, whereas the Bittancourts swam.

Over half a century later Decie Beddis recalled how her parents, Samuel and Emily, with their five children and her Uncle Raffles Purdy, Emily's brother, set sail from Victoria in a sloop newly purchased by Uncle and headed up the coast to Salmon River. Fresh from the American prairies and without a hint of sailing experience their little party was caught in an August gale and blown on to the coast of San Juan Island.

Having lost their dinghy in the storm they anchored by a big rock and the eight of them waded ashore. No sooner had they got the billy can on to boil for tea than two U.S. Customs agents peremptorily ordered them off the island.

IN NORTH SAANICH

Some hours later, cold and hungry, they landed in North Saanich. Here they took stock of their situation for a week. It was here they met Henry Ruckle of the Beaver Point area who strongly advised against their plan to homestead up the coast and persuaded them to settle on Salt Spring Island.

Samuel and Emily Beddis had been 13 years in the United States before making their dramatic landfall on San Juan Island. Samuel had been born in Wales in 1849; his wife's family was from Blakeney, Glos., about 20 miles north of Bristol and just west of the Severn River.

Probably lured by the dramatic immigration posters advertising cheap land and bountiful harvests in the American midwest, Samuel and Emily eloped from Bristol in 1871, accompanied by his two sisters. They first settled near Nebraska City, on the Missouri River about 40 miles south of Omaha. The sisters married and the three men farmed together. Here the first three Beddis children were born — Charles, John, and Henry.

BERSERK NEIGHBOUR

Terrorized one night by a neighbour gone berserk who shot a bullet in their front door, the family took off at once with Charles and John stowed in Samuel's greatcoat pockets and Emily carrying the baby and a single suitcase. Aided by kindly folk they walked up to Omaha and again went to farming. Lionel and daughter Boadicea (Decie) were born here.

Raffles Purdy gave up his teaching job in London and joined them in 1882. But misfortune plagued them. They were cleaned out by a swarm of locusts in 1884 and decided to move to British Columbia.

After resting up in Saanich the family move to Salt Spring was uneventful. On a beautiful August day in 1884 they went ashore from their sailing sloop on a beach (now Beddis Beach) which had caught Emily's eye, not far from Cusheon Cove.

Now began the onerous task of carving out a homestead in this isolated and heavily wooded spot. Their first "home" was a large tent which offered shelter until they could move into their log cabin, ready just as the weather turned cold in November.

EXTRA INCOME

Although the work of clearing land was never ending, Samuel Beddis soon found opportunities to earn extra income by using his

Samuel and Charles Beddis



Half hidden by trees is home of Guy and Margaret Cunningham, former Stevens Boarding House.

skills as a carpenter. With son Charlie, aged only 13, and others he joined in building the little Beaver Point School in 1885. Two years later he helped Henry Stevens erect his new house on the 100-acre Stevens farm north of Central — a house soon to gain fame as Mrs. Stevens' Boarding House.

In 1889, Mr. Stevens having donated an acre of land to the Anglican Church, Samuel Beddis was called on to build St. Mark's on the ridge just south of the Stevens house (cost of the church was nearly \$800). Both of these buildings still stand today, the Stevens house the home of Guy and Margaret Cunningham since 1936.

FOR 'INCOMING GENTLEMEN'

Many stories could be told of Mrs. Stevens' Boarding House, where "all the incoming gentlemen boarded," says Bea Hamilton. Henry Bullock, "straight out of jolly old England," stayed here in 1892 while Reid Bittancourt was building the mansion above Bullock Lake. And it was here that the bachelor Raffles Purdy lived during most of the years he taught in the "Vesuvius school" at Central from 1885 to 1887.

In 1894 the Rev. E.F. Wilson boarded with Mrs. Stevens while fixing up the old ramshackle cabin on the property he had bought where the golf course now lies. When the elderly Stevens couple passed on their house to a nephew, Walter Stevens and his wife Eva, it ceased to be a boarding house.

During these early years Samuel Beddis made numerous trips up the bay from the isolated farm near Cusheon Cove and must have been absent for lengthy periods while building houses. One such period was in 1890. We get a tantalizingly brief glimpse of what life was like down on the farm in this year.

KEPT DIARY

Son John (later known as Captain Jack, the tugboat captain) kept a diary from January 1, 1890 through June 30 of that year which, along with some pages of Samuel's records of the orchard plantings, gives us a vivid picture of the hardships and drudgery which marked their life on the fam-

ily farm. (This diary, charred and partly destroyed, was rescued by Kay and Ernie Booth from a burning pile).

It is well known that Samuel imported over 40 scions (cuttings) of fruit trees from Ireland (shipped through the mail, each scion embedded in an Irish potato) which he grafted on to trees grown from seeds of fruit eaten on the voyage out from England. The records attached to the diary preserve the names of these trees; some are still familiar to us today (Flemish Beauty, Anjou and Bartlett pear; Montmorency cherry; Gravenstein apple).

ENDLESS LABOUR

In his diary entries, along with monotonous references to rain and snow and the number of eggs collected each day, John tersely states the work at hand. Again and again — felled trees, piled and burned logs, built fence, pulled weeds, grafted trees, etc. This endless labour was interrupted by weekly visits to Beaver Point for the mail and frequent trips up the bay to Central Settlement to deliver eggs and butter to Mrs. Stevens' Boarding House and bring back from the Broadwell General Merchants' Store such staples as flour, sugar, nails, salt, oatmeal, tea, coal oil, a barrel of china, or "shoes for Decie and Lionel."

At times, too, the boys went hunting for deer, "growse," or coons and fished in Cusheon Creek or up at the lake. In March they launched a boat they had built. On rare occasions company came up or down the bay or the parents got

away to a party or to a barn- or house-raising bee. But in general there were few amusements.

ISOLATION DIFFICULT

This entry speaks for itself: "Sunday did nothing...Uncle came down." Mrs. Beddis is known to have found the isolation from social contacts very difficult, especially during the first long winter when she did not see a single white woman.

This rhythm of life on the farm, so familiar to many still living on the island, was rudely disturbed in the winter of 1892-93 when Samuel Beddis contracted pneumonia and, after a lengthy illness in a Victoria hospital, died in June 1893.

To add to Emily's burden a son, Geoffrey, was born in July. But the older children were able to carry on and care for the farm and orchards and even to launch new projects of their own.

Their resourcefulness, not to mention their carpentry skills, was demonstrated when Charles and John built a 60 ft. sloop, the *Wide-A-Wake*, in 1895-6 from plans obtained by dismantling an old sloop and using the parts to make

templates for the new. FOR FREIGHT SERVICE

This was the boat John later piloted in the freight service from Victoria to Salt Spring. About 1895 the Beddis boys also helped in the construction of the Divide School near Blackburn Lake.

The lure of the north got to them, however, as it did to several young island men of this period. Charles took off for the Yukon in 1898, followed by Henry the next year. Going on to Alaska, Charles worked as a ship's carpenter aboard a river steamer. Henry soon returned to the island and moved to Vancouver where he married and became a professional carpenter.

Charles stayed somewhat longer. Whether he was back in time to help Lionel and John (and Henry?) build the fine Beddis home about 1901 is not clear. (Joe Garner says his dad helped Charles build the new house in 1905-06. Could this be a reference to the addition on the west side?) When he did return he worked for a time as a carpenter on the Mainland.

ON WALTER FARM

Returning with his bride, Hilda, to the island, he went to work on the Edward Walter farm on the spit in Ganges Harbour. Here he built a cottage which was later put on a scow, towed down the bay and, by dint of much effort, moved up the beach into the Beddis orchard. (This cottage is now embedded in the Dr. Sturdy home).

At some point he also did some work on Kuper Island. And Bea Hamilton tells us he helped Alfred Ruckle build the lovely house now seen near the entrance to Ruckle Park. But Charles seems to have retired from the building business after about 1910 and to have devoted his time to the family farm where he died in 1950 while picking apples in the orchard he had helped plant 65 years before.

In their rather brief careers as builders Samuel Beddis and his son Charles were responsible for several structures which have become landmarks on the island and stand, along with Beddis Beach and Beddis Road, as memorials to one of the pioneer families which has given the most to our island.

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Cats in the seedlings?

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Everything I planted on May 7, when the moon was in Cancer is doing very well. It is so hard to have a control group with this method. It is easy enough with raised beds. A friend of mine reports that his latest sowings in a raised bed are doing far better than earlier sowings in "flat beds".

I suppose I should plant or sow something on a barren day and then plant or sow the same things on a fruitful day somewhat later. Sounds interesting, will have to try that!

By the way, can't keep cribbing those important gardening dates from Llewellyn's moon sign book, wouldn't be quite kosher. It was just meant to be an illuminating example of the art of moon sign gardening. For those who would like to get into gardening by the moon, but object to having to buy the book every year, there is this alternative. Buy Llewellyn's book once and buy an astrologer's ephemeris which will give you moon positions until the year 2000, or maybe even longer.

SOUNDS GOOD

Maybe I should do that too, sounds good to me! Let's see, 19 x \$5 comes to \$95. If everything remains steady and an ephemeris can't be more than 20 bucks, these days; well, maybe \$25.

I am pleased to say that I am

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS Foxglove Nursery Consultant

taking my own advice, and the foregoing would be a good investment.

Another good bit of advice is to mulch with wet newspaper. Six or more layers work well at keeping weeds down. Unfortunately, we only read the Driftwood, and we also need something to start a bit of a fire on cool evenings. So if anybody sees us not mulching with newspaper it is because: A, I cannot bring myself to buy one of "those" newspapers, and B, I do not feel good about raiding the recycling shed.

If this column lacks somewhat of a more specific flavour about the day to day care and feeding of the green life, it is because we finally are into our major garden renovation. It has just barely dried up enough to allow us to put in some drainage ditches. I am very tempted to write about drainage and the value of saving pebbles, but I realize that most of you are way ahead of me in that regard.

ANOTHER SOLUTION

Aha! Just solved another problem. You see, direct experience beats everything else. With our main garden in uncultivated state, the sand and gravel fill in our house covered with concrete, and the flower beds liberally sprinkled with stones, our two cats were very much at a loss as to where to scratch. Until I put in those few beds about a month ago. They loved the raised beds, and didn't mind what I had planted in them. I was quite distraught.

Since animals mark their territories in some way or other and respect those markings, I decided to try the way dogs mark theirs. Well it works! Not a single tomato or onion has been scratched since then. I expect that the markings have to be repeated to indicate our continued dominion over the area. Human urine is very high in nitrogen and sterile from a healthy human being; and a bottle would help to make the operation discreet.

In our flower beds, fist-size and slightly larger or smaller stones, placed in a manner which prevents our cats from finding a comfortable place to scratch and to wiggle, has proven very effective. They also look good among the perennials, especially with "hens and chicks" (sempervivums) and the occasional decorative driftwood

piece, and provide many "safe" pockets for our little annual transplants.

I am repeating this information for those who missed it last year or have forgotten it since then. I find that the same questions are asked again and again by new people or new gardeners.

This brings me to another suggestion made by some readers. A question and answer format has been suggested for this column or under a separate heading. Although I would be pleased to do this, it has one limitation. Any answers to questions take about three weeks. A question received this week would be written about next week for publication the week after.

For those who find they have some cabbage loopers try a cup of wood ashes and one cup of lime in two gallons of water. Sprinkle this over your cabbage plants.

Or try one teaspoon epsom salts (magnesium sulphate - at your favourite garden centre) in one pint of water. Seems to discourage root and cutworms.

Magnesium is essential in the making of chlorophyll. Also an excellent tonic for roses - one tablespoon per month in blooming season per mature bush.

Yes, we shall have a talk on Tuesday, June 9, at 8 pm in the elementary school library.

Photographic collection presented June 20

On June 20 a unique photographic exhibit of the architecture of Salt Spring Island will be put on display in Mahon Hall as part of the Heritage Day celebration. Dr. Martin Segger, director of the Maltwood Museum, University of Victoria, will present this special collection to the Community Arts Council for the permanent enjoyment of Gulf Islanders.

Originating in a graduate research project undertaken by Karen Wonders, the exhibit is entitled Salt Spring Island: An Island Refuge. Field Notes from a Survey of Cultural Landscapes. Its production was supported by a grant from the Heritage Trust.

The exhibit consists of dozens of coloured and black and white photographs accompanied by an interpretive text. Depicted are scenes of houses, barns, churches, stores, school houses, public houses, grave-stones, fences and other evidences of man's transformation of the island landscape.

The CAC is adding this special exhibit to its own photo display of some early heritage houses of Salt Spring Island.

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BY VALERIE RICHARDS

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Education: past, present, future

BY ELEANOR HARRISON
School days — good old golden rule days, goes the song. We tend to look back on them with nostalgia. We also tend to remember the happy times and push the bad times to the back of our minds. Were they really such good days? Teachers were strict in those days so there were very few discipline problems. Everything was organized. When the bell rang we left our play immediately and lined up in a certain order, marching into our school classroom and sitting down in our assigned seat. Our days were spent in learning the three R's with lots of memorizing of multiplication tables, spelling of words, learning historical dates and geography. I don't recall our school class ever going on a field trip together. We played basketball and baseball and very occasionally visited another school to play. We had a marvellous physical education instructor, a middle-aged army captain, complete with






uniform, who had the voice and manner of the typical sergeant, so absolutely no one dared move a muscle in his presence. He made us girls into a precision team; that was great fun and we ended up liking him very much. **NO HOOKEY** No one played hookey as the truant officer visited his parents if he did. Notes written by parents had to be taken to the teacher to explain an absence. It was the habit of some parents to administer a dose of castor oil to the youngster who dared to be ill, so few tried to fake illness. Oh, we were disciplined and we learned our school lessons well, but we were a happy bunch and had fun. In retrospect I think our teachers were all rather admirable people and certainly we respected them. High school was a continuation of the same routine but with a heavy, heavy work load and two to three hours' homework each night. There was only one course, the

academic, and those who gave up struggling through Latin, French, geometry, algebra and all the rest simply quit school and got a job, or girls went to "commercial" and some boys to vocational school. So what is school like today? Vastly changed, I think. In elementary school the children memorize very little — maybe none at all today. They are asked to think more on their own; to be creative and they have a vast assortment of materials to work with and teachers trained to encourage this. They move around physically much more and discipline in a rigid sense is unknown to them. At the high school level they have at least six different "streams" they can choose to follow. Long gone are the days for only the academically inclined. **WOULDN'T DO TODAY** The education the schools dispensed in my young days wouldn't do at all for today's world where children's ears and eyes are

assailed by radio and TV, and where few families sit down to a meal together and converse with each other. Strict discipline is unknown and respect for teachers a dwindling emotion when the teachers close the schools and march around with placards on the legislative building lawns. Besides, father and possibly mother too are out doing the same thing. Still, there must be many good teachers as there are many great teenagers around with knowledge and ideas that give one hope for a better future. Then what of education in the future? Schools will undoubtedly continue to change. Today's students all have pocket computers for math. In a few years everything will be computerized in society and so it will be in the schools. It seems to me the schools of the future will separate. There will be schools for the bright, gifted children who will study the world's accumulation of knowledge, but the great mass of

students will be channelled into a computerized school where they will be taught a few basics on a machine. There will be the elite, educated few and the docile masses who will be directed by them. Gone will be the day of education — real education which instils a love of knowledge for itself and makes life more bearable, more exciting and more interesting. But perhaps it won't be like that. Perhaps TV will become a marvellous tool with great programs, beamed into every home, and everyone will be so exposed to learning that all will set up a great clamour for more and more and better and better programs. And all society will become more knowledgeable and insist on the truth from their political and economic leaders, and so a marvellous new age will come about.

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Saturna scene

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN
Us

Pat Garth did it! On May 29 Michael W. Garth came into the world so a new "child" family has been formed — Pat, Ron, and Michael. We wish you lots of congratulations and blessings, Pat and Ron.

Lou and Jim Money were visited by Mrs. Madeline Guerard from Kelowna. "She has been visiting since we came in 1945, so knows the old times."

Our big extended family Pipers, Trickeys and Turneys have had several calamities. Barb Turney ran over her foot with a lawn mower and K.J. Piper caught his hand between their truck and the moving camper body. Oh, pain! Lots of sympathy!

Bob and Bev Bruce have a cabin at the bottom of Boot Cove Road, and are becoming serious about moving over. I interviewed them carefully and I'm sure they belong on Saturna; they have proven scrounging, finding and improvising abilities and believe firmly in active retirement.

Elizabeth and Jamey Bray have been working continually on their boat. Elizabeth has no dancing classes, no gardening: work! work! Birth of a boat — delivery date was 28th of May.

Marjorie and Ray Daly are excited about Terry and Dave Puddell visiting with their granddaughter, grandson and greatgrandson.

The community club and asso-

ciated groups is buying a new commercial stove — two ovens, six burners and a griddle. This is a \$2,300 expenditure.

Woman's Club is raffling their quilt; tickets are three for \$1 or 50¢ each.

Peanut Butter Jam Session

The kids are busy these days! Outdoor learning week is June 15 to 19. The Y will be doing intertidal studies, orienteering and other general and specific outside peering and looking.

At the parents meeting Juanita Hutton-Potts turned over another \$300 in recipe book money. We have another 130 left — they'll all sell at the barbeque! Leslie Grekul

is retiring from her treasurer's post and Dayle Johnson will take her position. The parents donated 50¢ per child for food at this year's Pender Island Sports Day.

I always wondered what a teachers professional day was — a teacher vacation, catch-up day, workshops? At the last one, Will Peck and Melanie, Taime and Lynn had a general budget evaluation day, considered next year's work for pre-budgeting, considered some of the kids: their problems and strengths and possible approaches and decided the awards day prizes. Their day sounded as busy as most — probably quieter, though!

This week Melanie will start end of the year testing. The kids will spend one to two hours a morning writing the Canadian tests of basic skills.

A provincial dental team will spend a half a day checking teeth and mouths and giving a tooth brushing lesson, this week.

Melanie attended a librarian workshop taught by a curriculum resources librarian. Now that we have books (lots) we need to circulate them — lots!

Karen Muhtean made up a number of designs for a new Saturna T-shirt. The older children chose one — a Mexican Haida eagle and she and Jo-Anne House printed them. They only cost \$4.50 and are beautiful.

Sports Day

What a day for kids, baby broth-

ers and sisters, teachers, grandparents, interested friends. Michael Jacks drove the *Island Rover* and Bob George took the water taxi to Pender Island.

The kids came back with fluttering ribbons and medals. Ian Gains, Charley Johnson, Christian Siemens, Scott Stewart, Cindy Hog and Michael Fisker won medals. Everybody ran and hopped, skipped and flew (airplanes). Robin slipped. Zoe ran, even though her legs hurt.

It rained hard half way through, the hot dog buns were delicious and no coffee? Yes, *no* coffee! Debbie Graham, Leslie Grekul and Sheila Seelye helped run the races. For next week I'll know specific scores and ribbon holders.

June 24 is Awards Day. All are welcome, all will be well entertained.



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In the east-west were: first, Fred Struve and Gordon Hutton; second, Evelyn Moore and Anne McConnell; third, Mary K. Thomas and Mayme Iverson.

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Preparation for the work force one purpose of schools today

contributed by
VIVIEN PINTEAU

I would like to introduce what will, I hope, become a regular column to bring you some good news about your school system. Also to tell you something about some of the exceptional people you have working for you in your district and their special skills.

To begin, perhaps, I could report on the recent annual general meeting of the British Columbia School Trustee's Association.

It is more interesting than it sounds!

Four trustees, Strick Aust, Tom Davidson, Jeanine Dodds and myself attended, as well as Bob Huestis, Superintendent of Schools and Wilf Peck, Secretary-Treasurer. The conference offered educational seminars at the beginning of the session and then delegates debated and voted on the various resolutions school districts had prepared throughout the year.

The subject of counselling in high schools and career preparation programmes came up in the educational sessions and in more than one resolution. As the job market gets tighter we must do a better job of preparing our young people for the workplace as well as for further education and make sure that they have the skills they need.

It seems as if computers in schools are going to make an enormous difference in how we view learning, as well as their application in preparing young people for the world of work. We have several teachers who are interested in computers and who will be involved in setting up programmes for the Apple II computer in the high school. Hopefully we can persuade them to tell us more about it in a further School District column.

In closing I would like to mention the possibility of a public opinion survey in this district to discover what you think our areas of strength and weakness are. The School District of Prince George carried out a very successful survey and have been kind enough to send us some information on their experience. The kinds of questions we

School District notes

will be interested in as a smaller, rural community will be different and I would be glad to hear from anyone who is interested in the form a survey might take or in a particular area they think should be included.

I will leave you with a story about the structure of a school...

The Animal School

Once upon a time, the animals decided they must do something heroic to meet the problems of a "new world". So they organized a school. They adopted an activity curriculum consisting of running, climbing, swimming, and flying. To make it easier to administer the curriculum, all the animals took all the subjects.

The duck was excellent in swimming, in fact, better than his instructor; but he made only passing grades in flying and was very poor in running. Since he was slow in running, he had to stay after school and also drop swimming, in order to practice running.

This was kept up until his web feet were badly worn and he was only average in swimming. But average was acceptable in school, so nobody worried about that except the duck.

The rabbit started at the top of

the class in running, but had a nervous breakdown because of so much make-up work in swimming. The squirrel was excellent in climbing until he developed frustration in the flying class where his teacher made him start from the ground up instead of from the tree top down.

He also developed "charlie horses" from over-exertion, and then got C in climbing and D in running. The eagle was a problem child and was disciplined severely. In the climbing class he beat all the others to the top of the tree, but insisted on using his own way to get there.

At the end of the year, an abnormal eel, who could swim exceedingly well, and also run, climb and fly a little, had the highest average and was valedictorian.

The prairie dogs stayed out of school and fought the tax levy because the administration would not add digging and burrowing to the curriculum. They apprenticed their child to a badger and later joined the ground hogs and gophers to start a successful private school.

— George H. Beavis




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Fishermen return from Port Hardy

Pender Island residents Mike and Lynn Milton on their fishboat at Hope Bay. The Miltons have just returned from a trip to the Port Hardy area, bringing back a large catch of cod. They sold their whole catch in a matter of a few days.

Campbell protests bus policy

Provincial government is passing its costs on to the municipalities, it was charged at last week's meeting of the Capital Regional Board.

areas. If the ministry declines to meet the cost, then there will be no passes available.

Standard response of all ministers is "no money in the budget," commented McElroy. The board must adopt the same response.

Jim Campbell was the fiery participant in the debate. **USING FORCE**

The board was debating the cost of passes for welfare recipients. Original price was \$150. Estimated cost to the region was established at \$115 and this was accepted by the region and offered to the ministry. The ministry of human resources has offered \$65. The Greater Vancouver Regional Board has it tougher. The cost of passes on the mainland has been set at \$144, the regional board learned on Wednesday.

"The minister of human resources is trying to put the cost of her ministry on to the Capital Regional District," he told his colleagues. "She is trying to force us to accept responsibility for her ministry. We settled last year for \$60, knowing that the cost was about \$80; significantly below what is fair and just. She figures if she could sucker us last year, she can sucker us this year."

The ministry only paid the region at the rate of \$50 for last year.

The provincial government gave the regions the function of operating buses, complained W.J. McElroy. Now the various ministries are requiring the regions to underwrite their costs.

Any shortfall in funds provided by the ministry must be borne by regional taxpayers out of the Hydro levy, he warned.

The end of the debate is the fate of the welfare recipients in the bus

Bob Wright objected to personalities, but agreed that the board would have to make a firm stand.

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Teachers in a changing climate

Robert Loosemore is a former teacher. He is also a former island student. Robert lived on Churchill Road and attended school in Ganges until he completed Grade 12. He took his master's degree in history and taught for 21 years in Bella Coola Valley. For three years he has been a successful commercial fisherman. His observations appeared in a recent issue of the B.C. Teacher.

BY ROBERT LOOSEMORE
(B.C. Teacher)

Two of the articles in your May-June 1980 issue were probably more closely related than appears on the surface. "Schools without Failure" may often be a major cause of "Teacher Burnout."

Many of us who have retired early and/or taken up other occupations did so because we found ourselves "burning out"; we came home day after day with a snarl, not a smile; we braced ourselves for another day; we became snappish with our colleagues and pupils.

After years of feeling that our teaching was effective and rewarding, we were finding that changing circumstances were making our efforts ineffective. Moreover, we could not see that those with "new" approaches (some of which we had tried and discarded a decade or more earlier) were accomplishing any more than we were — by our standards.

BURNED UP

Actually, we were "burning out" because we were "burned up" over the practices associated with "schools without failure" — schools that made great demands on the teachers but demanded little of the pupils. We found our mental and physical health being eroded daily by a flood of situations we felt to be pedagogically unsound, philosophically wrong, and socially disastrous, but which were approved by administrators, many other teachers, and the Ministry of Education.

Item: A Grade 8 class was divided randomly for social studies. In comparison with previous classes it was not on the average a particularly capable group; it had a history of fairly low achievement. Teacher A worked hard to get across the geographical and historical information, techniques and concepts involved; Teacher B, being preoccupied with administrative and PR work, left his class mainly to its own devices. In June, after testing, Teacher A was able in fair conscience to award passing grades to half his group. All of Teacher B's pupils passed. Their lack of failure could hardly be called success; in effect, they had lost a year of social studies, but their records would not show it.

TOO BUSY

Item: A student transferred from one school to another with

credit for Grade 10 in a second language, and wanted to continue. Her command of the work being low, it transpired that her previous teacher, being loaded with other activities, had been too busy to teach French but had given credit for the course. Although the student was unable to handle the work of the next level she was allowed to enrol and pass; it wasn't her fault she hadn't learned the prerequisites.

Examples like the above can be

multiplied; they will happen in any education system. It is when they become the rule rather than the exception that they indicate a failure of the system and lead to "teacher burnout."

IMPOSSIBLE

"There must be no failure" is an impossible goal, in the nature of the universe as we know it. As Robert Ebel pointed out in his May-June article, success has no meaning without failure. Without sour there is no sweet — just bland. True, people need not be ashamed of failure not of their own making, but they need to feel shame for

failures they could have avoided. The first are signposts to other paths, other means, other goals; the second are demands for personal improvement.

A society that abandons stand-

ards of achievement, that fails to reward success and penalize failure, is on the way to its own failure. Societies (read cultures, classes,

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