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## Sea Capers draws thousands to Ganges



Valdy sings for large crowd at Centennial Park

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

They started trickling in late last week and by the time it was all over thousands of people had been drawn to downtown Ganges as islanders celebrated the annual summer festival.

Sea Capers, by all accounts, was a tremendous success and organizers were ecstatic not only with the huge turnout and pleasant weather, despite a shaky start, but with the enthusiasm, with which the many events were greeted by those who attended them.

Music played an important role in the festival as a capacity crowd of better than 300 danced to the 50's rock of Victoria's Duke and the Ducktails on Friday night and then turned out in even far greater numbers for the conclusion of the festival Saturday evening to hear Valdy and other local musicians.

Arvid Chalmers, a member of the Sea Capers committee, said that all 310 tickets for Friday night's dance at the secondary school gym had been sold out as early as last Monday. He said that another 100 tickets would have been sold had the gym been able to accommodate more people.

### DIXIELAND JAZZ

The sounds of dixieland jazz rang through the air until the beer ran out late Saturday afternoon as Virginia and Ray Newman and others entertained an overflowing crowd at the refreshment gardens behind Mouat's.

The Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz

Ensemble were joined by Fred Curtis, who donned a huge 10-gallon hat and treated an enthusiastic audience to a rousing

rendition of his famous *I Like Beer*.

At Centennial Park a bevy of  
Turn to Page Eighteen



Veteran winner of walk-on-water contest is King Ineptitude. Other entrants displayed more of the latter, however, as the king (Erling Jorgenson) walked off with the trophy once again.

## CUPE votes yes

The Gulf Islands School District's non-teaching employees overwhelmingly approved on Sunday afternoon a motion to strike, thus giving the Canadian Union of Public Employees permission to call for a work stoppage at any time within the next three months.

CUPE president Don Gilman said, early this week, that about 76% of those who voted favoured walking off their jobs should the union and the district fail to reach an agreement.

The school board had earlier offered the union a wage package which would have resulted in about a 40% increase over the next two years.

CUPE turned down the offer and continues pressing for parity with other area school districts where employees, the union claims, are making an average of 80¢ per hour more than employees here.

### 22 IN FAVOUR

Of the district's 42 non-teaching employees, 29 turned out for Sunday's vote meaning 22 voted in favour of striking.

A number of other employees who would normally have voted were either unable to make the trip to Ganges from the Outer Islands or were away on district business, according

to one union spokesman.

Where the vote leaves negotiations is difficult to say with the union having turned down the board's final offer on May 9 and its membership reinforcing its position with this latest action.

"It certainly shows that the members are standing behind the negotiating team," said Gilman.

School board chairman Strick Aust was unavailable for comment on Tuesday and secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck chose not to discuss the increased possibility that the district may face a strike sometime between now and the start of classes in the fall.

### CLOSEST IN HISTORY

Sunday's vote represents the closest that the union has come to calling a strike in the 21-year history of the CUPE local in the Gulf Islands School District.

The two sides have scheduled at least one more meeting, to be held this Friday, with provincial mediation officer R.J. Phillips.

The school board is discussing its options at this week's regular meeting before sitting down at the bargaining table for one more attempt at averting a strike.

## Day camps planned

The Salt Spring Island Community Centre will once again be having Day Camp for children ages 6-12 this summer.

The summer will be divided into weeks, with a different theme for camp each week.

In July there will be regular day camps; sports camps where the emphasis will be on various sports activities, and a three-day camp-out, where the older children will learn survival camping techniques and the younger children's activities will be centred around nature.

In August there will be a repetition of day camps, sports camps and camp-outs. The children may register for a week at a time for a small fee.

Register at the Community Centre June 24 and 25 between 3 and 7 pm. Register early as the camps fill up fast, urged a Community Centre spokesman.

## Driver sought after truck goes over bank

As of presstime on Tuesday, Ganges RCMP are still searching for a man who drove a 1972 GMC pickup truck over the embankment along Lower Ganges Road near Church Road Monday night.

Witnesses said that a man ran off in the opposite direction shortly after the truck went over the edge and landed on its roof on the beach below.

The mishap occurred at about 8:20 pm.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks of Ganges RCMP said that police conducted a search of the area that evening

and even checked Lady Minto Hospital without turning up a trace of the man.

They have run a check on the vehicle's registration though and determined that it belongs to a local individual.

A call at the man's residence failed to locate him.

Those who witnessed the accident said that the pickup hit the shoulder and continued on over the embankment, evidently rolling over on its way down.

Damage has been estimated at about \$4,000 and the vehicle is thought to be a write-off.



### He likes artichokes

It is an artichoke plant. The plant blooms and bears yearly at the Salt Spring home of Bevis Walters on Wildwood Crescent.

The artichokes cover the bush from early summer throughout the season. Walters recommends lots

of butter with the exotic vegetables and, of course, they must be his favorite.

## Salt Spring director takes swing at sewer chairman

Chairman of the sewage and solid wastes committee of the Capital Regional Board last week made a statement which was incorrect, the board was told last week.

Salt Spring Island Director Yvette Valcourt charged that a resolution of that committee was approved after Bob Wright's comments.

The chairman reminded members that the sewer issue had been before the courts and that many cases were lost, said the island director.

"I would like to know what he was referring to," she asked.

The challenge was not relevant to the motion on the table, to buy a processing plant for the Ganges treatment plant, ruled Chairman Norma Sealey.

"If I said that in error, I withdraw it," said Wright.

He did not feel that the comment influenced the vote.

"The board has said that we are going ahead and we therefore need the equipment," he explained.

There is no authority, replied Valcourt.

That is a matter for another arena, replied the committee chairman.

Valcourt blamed Jim Campbell for alleged misinformation on the Ganges sewer.

The chairman ruled that the debate was not relevant and suggested that if there were anything else to say on the subject, it could be said at the close of the meeting.

Giving rise to the debate was a motion passed by the committee last week that the board authorize the award of a contract to supply mechanical equipment for Ganges wastewater treatment plant.

The equipment is to be supplied by Sanitherm Engineering Ltd. at a cost of \$202,000.

Eight firms submitted proposals and the Sanitherm proposal was accepted as providing the best combination of level of treatment, reliability, capital cost and cost of operating, directors were told.

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## Breath machine smoke test costs \$450 fine

A 36-year-old Ganges man blew a different tune in provincial court last Wednesday when he received a \$450 fine for failure to blow after being stopped during a routine roadblock for impaired drivers late last year.

George Quesnel, 36, of Jackson Avenue, also lost his driver's licence for a mandatory three-month period for refusing to submit to the breathalyzer test.

He had originally contested the charge but later entered a guilty plea when crown counsel Clint Kittle withdrew an impaired driving charge due to lack of evidence.

The court was told that Quesnel

was stopped November 22 by the Batvan and was ordered to submit to a breath analysis when he failed to satisfactorily perform a series of sobriety tests.

During the course of the analysis, Quesnel was informed that he was not allowed to smoke but, court was told, he proceeded to light a cigarette, place the lit end in his mouth and blow smoke into the breathalyzer equipment.

A second attempt at taking a sample resulted in Quesnel chewing up bits of tobacco and spitting them into the breathalyzer mouthpiece, it was learned.

Kittle told the Quesnel, who has no previous record, was otherwise co-operative with police.

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# To Be Frank



by richards

One day in the hazy future, the affairs of the Canadian constitution will be put quietly to rights: the question of sewage and Salt Spring Island will be long settled. And someone may even say, "And who the hell was Frank Richards?" Opinions are, unfortunately, as fleeting as those who hold them.

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It was a story for the paper. So the Hydro crews volunteered to dummy it up to show a connection being made to a home on Salt Spring Island. And the Hydro powers that be took a close look at the picture and Lo! and Behold! The owner of the house had a second bill from Hydro for the connection. Obviously we aren't the only ones who can dummy it up. Even the bill!

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I close my eyes, I explained. When I switch out the lights in the darkroom I close my eyes while I concentrate on what I'm doing. He looked at me as if that was confirmation of something. He didn't stop to wonder why he keeps his eyes open in the dark when he knows perfectly well he's not going to see anything.

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I travel on the ferries often. I know a lot of people who work the ferries. But when I travelled on the Coquitlam last week I decided that when they operate a ferry with so many lanes, the ferry corporation will have to establish better signalling procedures. A casual wave with a pair of coloured gloves is good for selecting one of two lanes. But I had to stop and wait for further instructions before I had a clue where to go on a big ship.

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Instructions on a letter from Toronto: Please contact me through our Toll Free numbers: Toronto XYZ; Ontario WXY; Canada VWX. Surely that means that they can all call VWX? Or has separatism spread to Ontario?

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News report: The 55-year-old Queen's horse...And that's about the oldest horse I ever heard of!

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The sun came out briefly on Tuesday, June 16, at 11:30 am. This is a special, flash news announcement.

## More log handling is planned at Burgoyne

Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission is investigating the provision of additional log booming and sorting facilities at Burgoyne Bay.

Seeking approval of foreshore leases for the activity is Texada Logging. The facilities would be used by various lumber companies and one application seeks approval of the sorting of up to 75,000 cubic feet of lumber per day.

### Charges pending

Charges of driving without due care and attention are pending against a Fulford man who fell asleep at the wheel and drove off Sunset Drive early Friday morning.

The 1978 Toyota, driven by Kevin Davies of Beaver Point Road, left the road and struck a tree resulting in about \$4,500 damage to the vehicle.

Davies walked away uninjured from the accident.

The mishap occurred at about 3 am.

Bud Kreissl asked members to make a personal visit to the location before making a decision.

He also suggested a note of warning that the transfer of very large-scale log booming and sorting operations from Cowichan Bay as a result of local protest would not necessarily be a good thing for the island.

No decision was reached.

The Islands Trust does not issue foreshore leases. It is invited to express an opinion on an application for the benefit of the ministry of lands. The ministry is under no pressure to accept such a recommendation and may make its decision in a completely opposite direction.

## Fish ranks with farming, urges regional director from Sooke

Capital Regional Board last week agreed to call on the provincial government to make some changes in its approach to the use of agricultural land.

Three recommendations sent to the provincial cabinet came as the result of recommendations from Sooke's regional director, Don Rittaler.

The cabinet will be asked to broaden the scope of the Agricultural Land Commission to give to water equal recognition in the food production cycle with land, on the grounds that fish, as a food, is as important as land-raised crops.

The board will also ask the Cabinet to have the land commission review, specifically, the Sooke Electoral Area, giving fish enhancement equal recognition with land crops and also to release land which for agriculture is useless or marginal for better uses in productivity.

The final recommendation is to urge the Cabinet to take a close look at greenhouses and to encourage their construction.

### NOT AGRICULTURAL

Rittaler suggested in his report to the Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee that the Agricultural Land Commission should be, simply, the Land Commission. People automatically think that all land within the Agricultural land reserve is agricultural land, he noted, although most know otherwise.

Sooke will never be a second Fraser Valley, rich in agriculture, said the director.

"Arbitrary legislation can never change a rock pile into anything other than a rock pile," he urged, "even if it remains in the ALR for 100 years."

He suggested a salmonid enhancement program in Sooke.

Once a river or a creek is destroyed it may take 30 to 100 years to restore it to its natural state, rearing salmon, said Rittaler. Federal government's enhancement project cost \$400 million over a 20-year period. It includes multi-million dollar hatcheries, semi-wild rearing channels and river rebuilding.

"Our problems in Canada are caused not by shortage of food, but by over-production of food," he wrote, "we have milk quotas, chicken quotas, egg quotas. We pay our farmers not to produce."

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water and heavy equipment is not required. And greenhouses can be constructed on solid rock.

Rittaler has firm views on the agricultural reserve.

He invited the board to recommend to the Cabinet that any individual asking for land to be removed from the reserve should get approval within six months unless technical and economic evidence is forthcoming to justify its retention.

He also asked for compensation payable to land owners of ALR property.

"If a green belt is to be established for the benefit of all, it should be paid for by all."

In conclusion, he wanted the region to invite the Fraser Institute to carry out an assessment of the cost to the community of locking

up land in the ALR when it is useless for farming.

"What will our children do for housing?" he asks.

The board accepted the amended resolutions presented by the committee.

### No lights: \$25 fine

A Salt Spring Island man received a \$25 fine in provincial court last Wednesday for driving a motor vehicle without functioning brake lights.

Bourget's vehicle was stopped by Ganges RCMP on March 19 on Fulford-Ganges Road.

## Jim Fogarty

Private Accountant

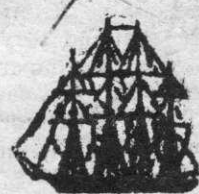
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## Shortage of newsprint

The supply of newsprint could be dicey in the next few months. Negotiations between the manufacturers and their work crews are seeking to establish a new agreement. They could lead to a strike.

While the normal fluctuations of industry are met by a reserve stock of materials, a prolonged strike could threaten the supply.

It is possible that newsprint will be rationed and that all papers will be required to shrink. Under such conditions we will all shrink, staff and paper. Shrunken, we would have to impose limits on advertising and news. We all trust that this condition will not arise and that harmony will prevail.

Nevertheless, anything is possible and readers will be kept up to date on the problems.

## Agricultural land

Regional director from Sooke, Don Rittaler, has proposed that a major change be wrought in land reserve procedures. He suggests that any application for removal of land be automatically approved unless there can be submitted a good and proper reason for retaining it in the agricultural land reserve.

His plea for assistance in the protection of fish and marine reserves will fall on sympathetic ears through the islands. Recognition of the fisheries and the breeding of salmon in these waters has been delayed too long, aver many island fishermen.

But he is treading on thin and dangerous ice when he looks to a virtual freedom in the use of land designated agricultural.

Rittaler is not the only administrator to see shortcomings in the manner in which land was designated agricultural and then retained for agriculture. There are speculators who object to any restriction on free development and there are convinced ecologists who are less than enthusiastic over some specific parcels.

The system of retaining land for agriculture is the only hope for posterity. If all farmland is subdivided into residential uses, then the future generations will undoubtedly starve. If a substantial part of the available farmland goes under the hammer, then a substantial part of the potential future food of the nation will be eliminated.

The scheme is an invaluable aid to the future.

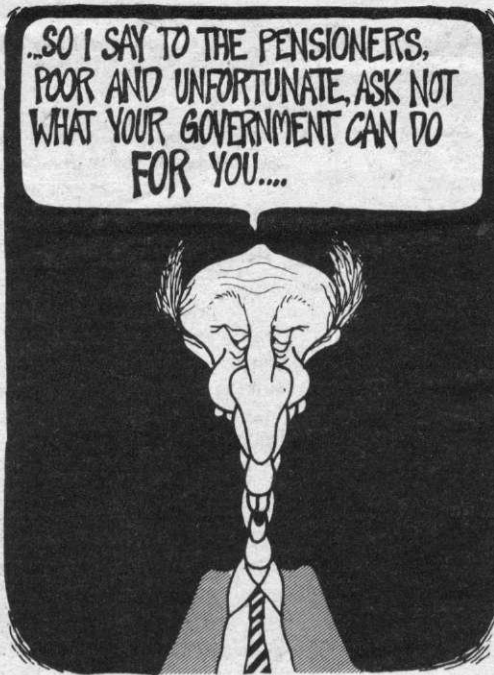
The major difficulty in administering it is not the relative merits of different parcels from an agricultural standpoint but the temptation to subdivide farmland for the immense profits that will ensue. It is these profits, or the hope of them, which threatens the safeguards.

Director Rittaler is a naive man, indeed, if he believes that there breathes no knave who would aver that a property was valueless in order to benefit from its potential value.

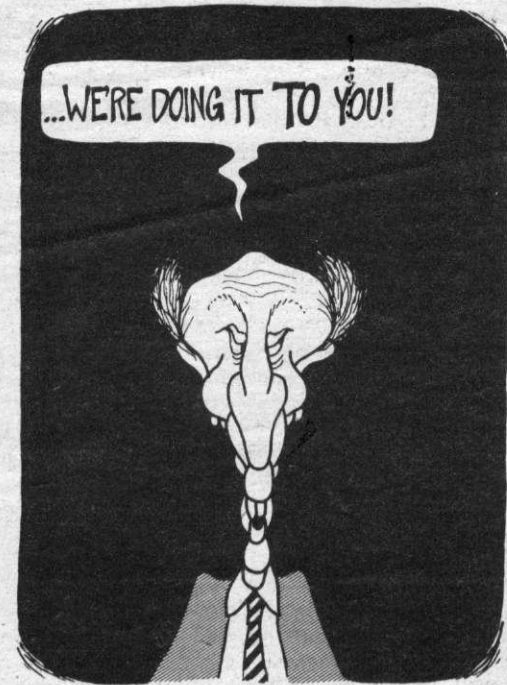
An agricultural land reserve will be challenged beyond the day when there remains no farm produce. It is an unfortunate fact that we are not a moral society and that there remain few knights in shining armour to challenge those who would profit from future hunger.

Director Rittaler is very right when he challenges the agricultural value of many parcels of land included in the agricultural land reserve. But he is inviting disaster when he proposes an automatic release of land from the reserve.

The agricultural land reserve will be under attack as long as there are people prepared to pay handsomely for homes. It must be safeguarded for the sake of our children's children. They may see the day when food is more urgent than dollars.



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## Letters to the Editor

### Wishes clearly indicated

Sir,

The response to the referendum request in last week's *Driftwood* clearly indicates the desire of many, many islanders for a vote in the highly important sewer issue. Hugh Curtis' callous indifference to his constituents is evident in his refusal to respond to the entirely reasonable request for a vote.

Those of you who have not yet filled in the referendum request can still do so. And those of you who have lost the *Driftwood* or used it for other purposes can simply write one line demanding their franchise and send it to The Salt Spring Sewer Alternatives Committee, General Delivery, Ganges. They will see it reaches Mr. Curtis and other government officials.

M.R. BENDICK,  
R.R.3, Ganges.  
June 15, 1981.

*Please register anyway!*

Sir,

The recent Wen-Do Weekend Workshop in Ganges was well-attended. Those who participated will be invited to attend an Intermediate Workshop tentatively scheduled for the end of July.

Also planned is another Beginners Workshop in late July or early August.

Telephone calls or personal conversations with me are important indications of interest only, they do not constitute enrolment in class. All pertinent information will be announced in the July 8 issue of *Driftwood*, at which time registrations will be accepted.

VIRGINIA NEWMAN,  
Director of Continuing Education,  
School District #64,  
Ganges.  
June 15, 1981.

### They could do it 40 years ago

Sir,

Forty years ago our Ganges Consolidated School was built. The people had gone to the government with a request for money for a school. The money they were granted was not enough to build the school they wanted — so what did the people do? Did they rise up with protest and petitions? No! They added to what the government had provided with donated time and labour, and built the school they wanted, which has

served well for 40 years.

I am proud that my Dad and other fathers and friends and citizens took such positive action to provide their children and succeeding children with the facilities in which to receive their schooling. Perhaps the people of Salt Spring who are dissatisfied with the present sewer plan and financing by the government could use their energy to make more of that grant so that it provides not just collection and disposal, but sufficient treatment so that it may pose no threat to anyone.

Salt Spring Island does not have very fertile soil, perhaps tertiary treatment of this same sewage could produce a useful product which would be a benefit to many farms and gardens. It might also be a marketable product which would help defray the cost of production. It would almost certainly provide jobs for people, and it would insure that effluent would not be dumped into Ganges harbour, so it would improve water quality and perhaps it would once more be possible to gather shellfish from these beaches which are now marked on the map as contaminated. Having eaten fish and shellfish from these waters as a child, I find it very upsetting that so many beaches are now contaminated.

Do the people of Salt Spring today have the same vision and determination as their parents? Are they still able to better their lot by positive action? I hope so. Salt Spring could provide real leadership in how a small community can solve its problems, then there would be *no losers*, only winners.

NANCY WIGEN,  
Ganges.  
June 14, 1981.

### They had a vote on sewer

Sir,

Following letter has been sent to Minister of Finance Hugh Curtis:

As MLA for Saanich and the Islands, I am sure you are aware that:

1. Sidney has a sewer system, and Sidney residents had a vote;
- b. North Saanich has a sewer system, and North Saanich residents had a vote;
- c. Central Saanich has a sewer system and Central Saanich residents had a vote;
- d. Saanich has a sewer system and Saanich residents had a vote.

Now, a \$4.1 million sewer system is proposed for downtown Ganges and Salt Spring Island taxpayers have not had a vote. Do the residents of Salt Spring Island represent such an insignificant portion of your constituency that we are to be denied democratic representation?

As our elected MLA, we again ask you to let us have a vote.

Will you support us in seeking an all-island referendum, or will you let us risk becoming the only community in B.C. to have a sewer system installed by governmental edict?

SHARON McCOLLOUGH,  
R.R. 3,  
Ganges.

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## They all helped make Sea Capers a success

Sir,  
The Organizing Committee of the 1981 Sea Capers Festival Messrs. J. Crofton, R. Newstead, A. Chalmers, G. McCrae, D. Neilson, E. Gear, R. McWhirter, B. Walters, L. Ramsay, V. Engels, E. Davis wish to thank all residents of Salt Spring Island who assisted them in the organization and operation of this year's festival.

We would like to give special thanks to all the commercial businesses and individuals who bought advertising space in our published program or who donated Trophies for the various competitions and so helped make the event financially viable.

We appreciate the help given to prepare and serve food and refreshments and clean up afterwards by members of the Island Service clubs and other non-affiliated residents too numerous to mention by name. The loan of tables and chairs by the Lions Club, the Fall Fair, Fulford Hall, and the Gulf Island schools was a great help. The assistance of the Royal Canadian Legion, the Gulf Island Shrine Club and the RCMP in organizing and controlling the parade was of great help to us. The Canadian Coast Guard watched over the competitors in the water events and fished at least two of them from the cold water.

Very special thanks go to members of the Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble for entertaining our many thirsty visitors to the refreshment garden and to Valdy and his associated groups for having entertained thousands of his fans with a concert in Centennial Park. We appreciate that Valdy has a busy schedule and is in great demand elsewhere in this country, but he always finds ways of adjusting his schedule to fit in a concert for his fellow islanders.

We were all pleased to witness the annual Sail Past of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. Their many yachts, together with those of our visitors in the harbour, gave

an excellent backdrop for our festival and added colour. The many entrants in the parade, the sailboat races, the water events, the tug of war together with the Lark-in-the-Park made it a day which, in spite of the doubtful weather, we feel sure was a lot of fun for the entrants and the spectators alike and that was what the festival was all about.

We enjoyed putting on the festival and we hope all your readers who came to see it and take part had fun and will come again next year. We look forward to seeing you then.

**CHARLES SUTCLIFFE,**  
Chairman, Sea Capers Committee,  
Ganges.  
June 14, 1981.



### Blood clinic trophy awarded

**Bert Beitel, manager of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce at Ganges, and Glenda Woodley, president of the secondary school graduating class, accept the Past President's Gold**

**Anniversary Trophy for their organizations' turnout to the recent blood clinic. The award was also shared by the RCMP and the Legion. Peter Bingham of the Legion presents the trophy.**

## Quite a week for tanks

Sir,  
As a part-time resident of Salt Spring Island I receive my copies of *Driftwood* at the pleasure of the Canadian Postal Service. I am, therefore, presently reading the edition of May 13, 1981. Apart from the usually interesting items to be found in *Driftwood*, I must confess that I was singularly struck by the alarm evident in the account of the problems relative to the holding tanks of the ferries which operate between Vesuvius and Crofton.

With the Canadian Constitution falling to pieces around us, a Third World War hovering over our heads like a sword of Damocles, the current energy shortages, fueled — I regret the pun — by the Lougheed and Lalonde stand-off, the ever weakening Canadian Dollar and the crushing effects of inflation, it is somewhat refreshing to read about something so totally removed from such mundane affairs.

I would that I were a specialist in urology. If that were the case, I would immediately open another office and avail my professional services to those poor souls who — burst though they might — must use those ferries. Even the know-naught layman can clearly see that they must be in dire need of having their own holding tanks properly investigated and corrected.

The crossing takes 20 minutes. There are toilet facilities, of a kind at each end of the run. Thus, the situation must be precarious indeed if those using the ferries cannot look after their special needs before the run and then hold their own for the crossing. What, for example, of the poor alcoholic? Twenty minutes without a drink may be a living hell. Do we worry about him? Does he have literary dissertations about his plight, as he struggles between one drink and the next, with wetness all around him but n'er a drop to drink?

I do not, of course, overlook the possibilities of the hip-flask and other devices to satisfy his needs. At the same time, a quick glance at medical sections of any mail-order catalogue will offer a wide display of devices available to those whose tanks are corroded, crusted or

crumbling. While on the subject of tanks, I am reminded of the Russian T34's used against the Germans, especially during the retreat from Stalingrad. These were frequently used deliberately to crush the retreating enemy with devastating effect. You have now turned, wittingly or otherwise, a local Gorgonian menace into a type of T34. With boring regularity the amount of space given to this individual seems to increase. There is hardly an edition without there being some comment about her obstructive and crushingly destructive attacks upon matters progressive.

She must eagerly await Wednesday afternoon's edition to see what hostility or frustration she has been able to engender since the last printing. Has it not occurred to anyone yet that this is the very substance upon which such an individual's ego thrives? I suspect that the most effective device to be used with this old tank would be silence. To be ignored, especially publicly, is, I submit, the best weapon one can use.

To close perhaps on a more appreciative note, it is heart-warming to learn that the volunteer firemen of the Island were quickly able to extinguish the welding tanks which recently caught fire. Quite a week for tanks, was it not?

**LEWIS A. HENBURY,**  
3120 Robinson Street,  
Regina, Saskatchewan.  
June 8, 1981.

### Now it's her turn to say it!

Sir,  
Salt Spring Players' recent production of *Joy as it Flies* has received a generous amount of publicity in this paper and perhaps by now readers have heard enough about it. One thing however remains to be said.

As author of the play, this has been for me a most exciting, rewarding, and educational experience. I could write a dozen scripts, and they could lie around collecting dust forever were I not fortunate enough to acquire: the active support of the Players; the skills of the stage management crews; the talents and co-operation of the performers; and above all the sensitivity and patience of director Ian Thomson. (This last-mentioned never seemed to feature in any of the publicity; which, to my way of thinking, is as remiss as to write of a symphony concert and to fail to mention the conductor!)

At Nelson, the adjudicator from the stage, publicly and most gratifyingly, said 'Thank you, Rosamund Truelove.'

Now it is my turn.  
Thank you — all of you!  
**ROSAMUND TRUELOVE,**  
R.R.2, Ganges.  
June 14, 1981.

## Hospitality

Sir,  
My wife and I have just returned to UK after a splendid holiday with relations on Salt Spring Island.

So many people contributed to this trip by their hospitality and kindness, some of whom we do not even know that we wondered if you would publish this general note of sincere thanks to all concerned, bringing to notice and real appreciation of the efforts to make our stay a happy one.

This has been friendship and hospitality of the highest order.  
**NOVA & ARCHIE SHONK,**  
17 Kings Drive, Weston Zoyland,  
Bridgwater, Somerset, UK.  
June 1, 1981.

## Do you care?

Sir,  
This letter may or may not bring to the attention of the citizens of Salt Spring Island the plight of a family in need.

I am only a pensioner, living alone, family gone, and careless.

What I am disgusted about is the way our social services bureaucrats can ignore the problem facing a mother of two teen-age children. She has to get out of her premises as it is sold. Her only problem is where to go (think of it!)

She was left a widow at no fault of hers and has raised two lovely respectable children, put them through school at a lot of worry and hardship on her part; every cent must count.

The school board has the gall to send her a letter asking for donations for refugees. What the Sam Hill is wrong with our society? Here we have a situation right on our doorstep that needs immediate attention.

Think of it when you sit down that that nice Sunday dinner and may God forgive you!

She is talking about living in a campsite in tents. What about her furniture and personal possessions. Her daughter is heartbroken because she has to get rid of her pets. Where is our brotherly love?  
**BOB CREAMER,**  
Ganges.  
June 13, 1981.

## She hasn't changed her mind

Sir,  
Mr. Tony Richards, June 10 issue, under his column: as follows "This newspaper has been on record for close to twenty years as being in favour of seeing a sewer system in Ganges. Regional director Yvette Valcourt and ourselves have had our disagreements but she too has stated categorically that she favours a sewer system for Ganges. We believe that we are still in agreement on that score."

My position has not altered since 1979! I still feel that some sewer attention is required for some parts of Ganges, however, I do not need you to put words in my mouth! Here are some of the well publicized facts and documents that will once more remind you of them.

a) It was a well published fact that I was one of the appellants opposing the Ganges sewer outfall into Ganges Harbour! Before I was elected to this position! I still oppose the outfall!

b) Documented in the mailers which constituted my campaign for this election of Regional Director. "In the very controversial matter of the Ganges Sewer Proposal, I will demand that two factors govern:

- 1) That the solution does not pollute the environment, but preserves it for our use and for the use of our children.
- 2) That those who do not require a sewer and do not benefit from it will not be burdened with the cost!"

Now if you are trying to imply

that I have changed my position on this issue, you are simply fooling yourself or attempting to fool your readers. Perhaps this Tony Richards column was better classified under your previous by-line of Tony Baloney!  
**YVETTE M. VALCOURT,**  
Salt Spring Island Director,  
Ganges.  
June 13, 1981.

## Mayne Inn development protested

Sir,  
This is a protest letter against the development of the Mayne Inn and surrounding property.

We can do with the hotel re-done but we must keep out all plans for condominium or strata selling.

I was at the meeting and don't believe their plans for the water supply and sewage disposal are practical.

The developers are usually out to make a quick profit, not a thought of the future peace and serenity of the Islands. Who wants crowded roads, crowded ferries, garbage, sewer and water problems multiplied, and continual harassment trying to hold these opportunists back.

**R.A. BATCHELOR,**  
Mayne Island.  
June 12, 1981.

## Game room at Central Hall for golden-agers' enjoyment

Sir,  
Summer is here now, so if you Golden-age persons 60 and over want something to do don't forget our Central Recreation game room is there for your enjoyment.

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You younger people get your older friends or relatives and get them out.

That's what this recreation club is all about.

Get the habit of helping some of the older folks to enjoy themselves instead of just sitting around. You will find out they have a lot of energy and can have fun too. They can live longer and be happier if they can get out with other people.

So come on! Let's get in the habit and also a new way of life.

Let's see you challenge our golden-agers and you'll find they can still do a lot of things just as well as ever. Let's get together and do something for the older citizens too.

**LUCY MOORE,**  
Ganges.  
June, 1981.

### Damp holiday for tourists

## Britons find temperatures, prices low

BY FRANK RICHARDS

It's summer and, even while the sun is fast asleep, there are tourists in British Columbia. They all weep over the sadness of the long days and carry on enjoying themselves as best they can. I know all this because I met some of them at the weekend.

I was in Squamish and Whistler and stayed overnight in Vancouver. A Scottish couple was there and they had brought their British weather with them. Was it always this way, they enquired during breakfast.

Arrived in Toronto, they had made their way west and in Calgary they had rented a car to drive to the coast. It snowed in the Rockies and they drove from Kamloops to the coast in a rain that thrashed at the car with a mind to tear the paint off.

"I can see why they called it British Columbia," commented the long-suffering Scot. "It's Columbia with British incalculable weather."

Nothing was calculable.

They had experienced a mild shock at the discovery that Canadian prices are so much lower than in Scotland. Cars, clothes and food are all cheaper on this side of the Atlantic, they explained. Gasoline is horrendous at home, my breakfast companion said. He estimated the price to Britons at \$4 a gallon.

Where Britain would have been today without North Sea oil, he could not hazard a guess. The country might well have been bankrupt.

He was not in love with the political experimenting because he could not accept that there was any easy answer to inflation. The only two answers that have been proved effective in past history were disastrous unemployment or war. At the moment Britain has disastrous unemployment. But no war.

From a Vancouver hotel to a ferry was a quick switch. I sat down to a cup that refreshed and the occupant of an adjacent table fell into conversation.

He is 78. That much I elicited in no time at all. He is a past president of the Bradford and District Motor Club. He is also past president of the area motor cycle trials association. But he had no thought for economic ills: he was too busy.

#### ADVERTISED

When he decided a trip to North America would be interesting he advertised for companions for a trip to this continent. He did it his own way. The initial eight volunteers for the holiday dwindled and ultimately five left the old country. In New York they

purchased a Volkswagen bus and commenced their tour.

Said the sponsor, they have a volunteer eager to drive, but as he is 67, he tends to tire after six or seven hours at the wheel. All are old age pensioners.

He, also, wept for the lack of sun. He, also, encountered snow in the Rockies. Not that it fazed him. They enjoyed the trip.

He was on his way to Victoria. They will examine Vancouver Island before continuing south in the United States, Mexico and back to New York. They are planning a 12-month junket before returning to England.

He is hipped on travelling, explained my casual acquaintance. Best holiday he ever had was when he was 68. He took three motorcycles and two companions across Europe on a trailer behind his car and drove as far as Morocco. They then undertook a holiday on the hot sands of the Sahara. For weeks they drove over

### Ham radio group to meet here

Annual meeting of the Dogwood Chapter of the Quarter-Century Wireless Association will bring ham radio operators to Salt Spring Island in fair numbers next week.

The meeting will be held in the Legion Hall at Ganges on June 27. The sponsors are expecting an attendance of about 40 out of their membership of 130. The members are eligible after having held an amateur radio operator's licence for 25 years. Some of the members didn't stop there; they have 50 and 60 years' experience of radio operation.

There are about 12 members on Salt Spring Island, *Driftwood* was told.

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## Transit motion gains no support seconder in region

Islands participation in urban transit was momentarily on the table of the Capital Regional Board last week.

At its regular meeting, Director Yvette Valcourt presented a motion that Salt Spring Island be excluded from the urban transit area.

There was silence. No director would second the motion.

At the present time the islands

are excluded from participation in the charges for transit. They are not excluded from the area.

The exclusion from liability for payment was the result of a year-and-a-half of heated debate. There was no eagerness apparent last week to reopen that debate.

Rumour around the islands last week suggested that the matter was likely to be further debated by the board.




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### Wedding at Beaver Point

# Bride's grandmother was married same place 57 years ago

On May 23 an historic wedding ground on Salt Spring Island saw the marriage of Linda Jane Maria Ingram and Thomas Matthew Unger take place. The site was Solimar, home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Ingram of Beaver Point. Present at the wedding were the groom's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Unger, also of Beaver Point.

The site was historic because in May 1924, the marriage of Linda's maternal grandmother took place around the corner of the bay at Solimar. Irene Stevens was married at an outdoor wedding party to Michael Sileck and they were photographed together by Alfred Ruckle who walked through the forest, camera in tow, to capture the happy couple on film.

Fifty-seven years later Linda, granddaughter of the pioneering Sileck family, went to the wooden altar that overlooked the rock and sea of Solimar and was given by her father, Dallas Ingram, to Thomas Unger.

Great uncle of the bride, Andrew Stevens, also attended the wedding.

Rev. A. Skinner officiated at the



Irene Sileck (nee Stevens) with husband Michael Sileck. Irene is grandmother of Linda. Wedding

picture is taken at property adjacent to Solimar, May, 1924.

mother, Mrs. M. Sileck. On their return from their

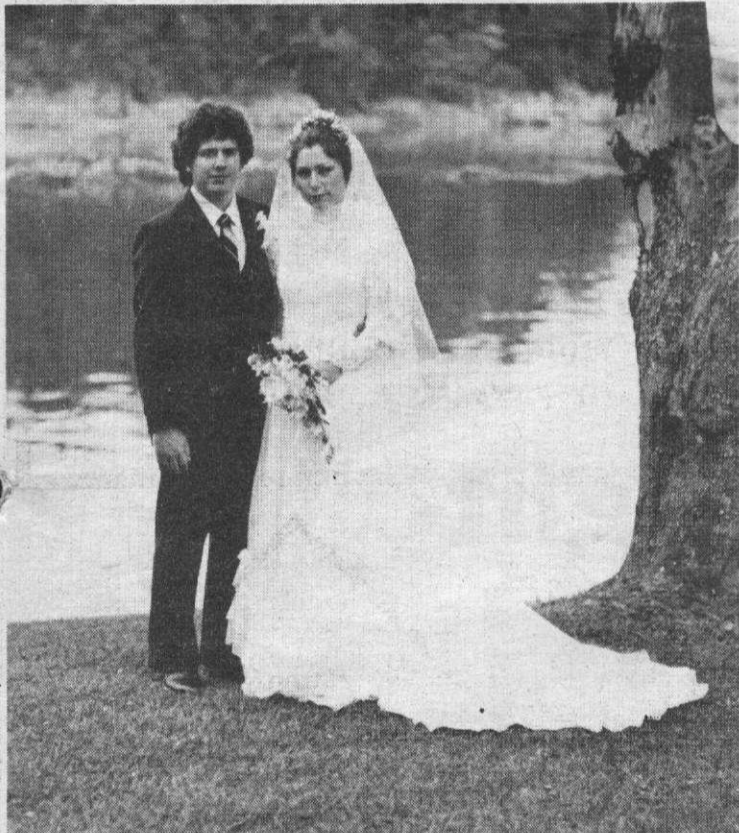
double ring ceremony. The good weather provided an idyllic setting for the 150 guests who visited the Ingram family from as far away as New York, Florida, Richmond, Virginia, and Gig Harbour, Washington.

The bride wore a Victorian gown, designed and created for her by Terry Pitts of Surrey, B.C. White sheer tergal over layers of satin and tulle fell from a princess bodice, hand appliqued with woven lace. Her chapel length veil was held in place by white freesia and baby's breath. The bride carried a white cattleya.

Best man was Kenneth Ferber of New York City, and ushers were Dr. Alan Rothstein, Portland, Oregon and Adrian Bland, Birmingham, England.

Reception was held at Fulford Hall following the wedding ceremony. Master of ceremonies was Richard Webber of Merritt, B.C. A toast was given by Andrew Methuen of Tsawwassen.

The three-tiered wedding cake was made by the bride's grand-



## Magic Lake services still studied

Water is a problem in many islands. Last week the Capital Regional District authorized further funds making a total of nearly \$40,000 to carry out an engineering study of the Trincomali water system.

The board authorized the expenditure of \$29,500 when the matter was first raised in August, 1979. The study overspent that sum by \$8,313. Last week the board approved the over-spending and added another \$1,000 to it.

The water system serves the Wallace Point area of North Pender.

The Magic Lake area has already been studied by the region and the water and sewer systems there are now part of the regional services.

Linda Jane Maria Unger (nee Ingram) with husband Thomas Matthew Unger on their wedding day at Solimar, May, 1981.

A new name is mooted for the Duncan and District Credit Union.

Members will vote at the annual meeting in Duncan on June 24 for a change in name to the Island Savings Credit Union.

Meeting is planned for the Village Green Inn at 7:30 pm.



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# North Galiano news

Contributed

Harry and Devina Baines were proud and happy to take part in the luncheon held at the Pink Geranium for the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Henry Bell-Irving.

On arrival Mrs. Baines presented Mrs. Bell-Irving with a gardenia corsage and the Lieutenant-Governor with a scroll, bearing a map of Galiano, from the people of North Galiano. The gardenia was grown and made up by our own florist, Aini Haksi, and the scroll by Alistair Ross. He also made the centrepiece of mostly wildflowers and the place cards, which were widely admired.

In the party were Les Woodbridge, Joan Callaghan and Donald New, an old friend of the guest of honour.

Mrs. Dorothy Munroe, of Vernon, and her lady friend from Vancouver, spent a few days with Bill and Phyllis Stafford at Salishan.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Beryl Weatherall is progressing favourable after surgery at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

The North Galiano Garden Club held its meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at the Hall, with a good attendance, despite the torrential rain that day. Jack Barker was guest speaker. We all enjoyed his advice on roses, along with the slides. We were sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Barker had car trouble on the road up-Island.

The Silvey family had a happy

reunion in the form of a picnic at Montague Harbour on Sunday last with about 25 members and guests present. Mr. and Mrs. John Harms came over from Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sampson and Ricky from Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Silvey and family, from Nanaimo.

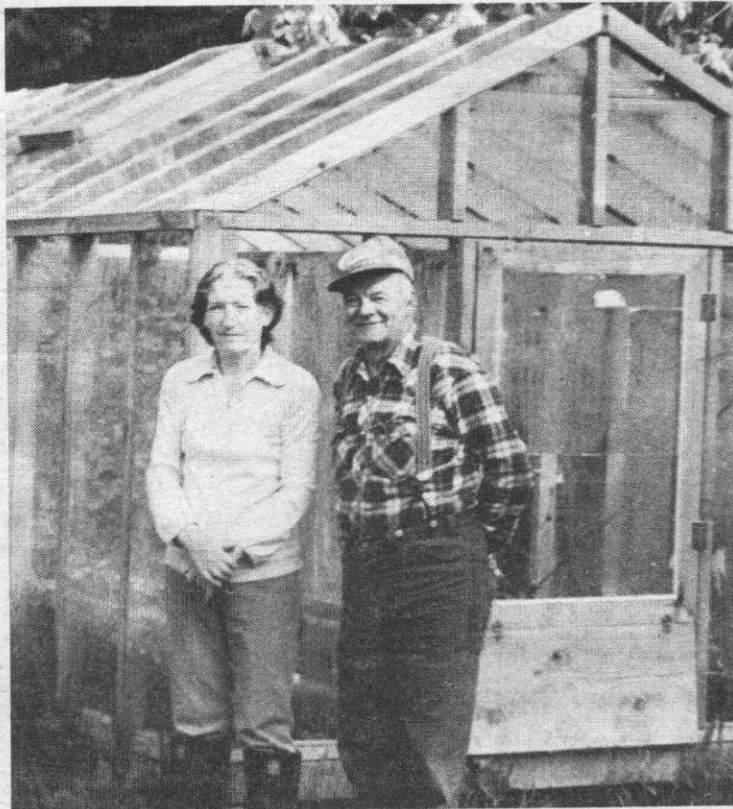
It is nice to see the Richardsons home again for a while.

Cod fishing around the Pass has been very poor this spring - owing to the large herds of sea lions that have been around all winter.

John Silvey Jr. spent a few days in Powell River with his sisters last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baines spent the weekend in Ladysmith attending the graduation of a granddaughter, Anne Brunsmann.

Mrs. Evan Hughes spent a few days up in the interior with friends.



*They'll have lot of tomatoes*

**NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS**

Art and Kit Moulton are growing all sorts of vegetables this year. Art constructed the glass, two-by-four framed greenhouse

himself. It took him a leisurely month to do it and it includes hatch doors on the roof and insert doors. Tomatoes will be abundant on the Moulton table this summer.

## Island seen as suburb of cities

Conversion of Gabriola Island from a rural, sea-girt community to a big city suburb was foreseen by the Islands Trust council meeting in Victoria recently.

The trustees from all 13 designated islands of the Trust area expressed concern over the proposal to establish a ferry terminal at Gabriola.

The Trust will express its objections to the proposed use of Gabriola as a ferry terminal and the accompanying roads and bridges to the ministry of transportation and highways.

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# All set for big art show in Mahon Hall June 27

Planning for Arcraft 81, the 14th annual exhibition and sale of the works of local artisans, sponsored by the Community Arts Council, is in the final stages in readiness for the opening on Saturday, June 27.

A pre-opening reception for members of the C.A.C. executive

and their guests will again be held this year in Mahon hall on Friday evening, June 26.

Those entering items in the show are advised that all entries, except pottery, will be received at Mahon Hall on Wednesday, June 24 and Thursday, June 25. Pottery will be accepted on the Thursday only.

The committee would like all large items, especially large quilts that must be hung to be properly displayed, to be brought in as early as possible on Wednesday morning.

All entries should be taken to the back door of Mahon Hall between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm on both days.

While this may cause some inconvenience, a committee spokesman explained that it is necessary, as the staff arranging displays will be working in the main hall. Registration of entrants will be in the kitchen.



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## Further funds approved

For more than a year the Mayne Island sewer and water systems at Georgina Point have been under study by the Capital Regional Board.

Early in 1980 the approval was given to an investigation of the operations with a view to their upgrading. At that time the sum of \$19,600 was set aside for the purpose.

Last week the board approved a further \$3,000 to complete the study.

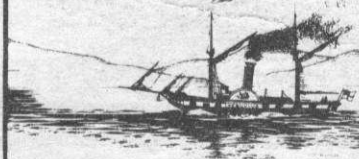
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Ian McConkey, left, Shari Dunnet and Chris Blades of Lighter Than Air

## Lighter Than Air returns for gig Friday

Some islanders may remember a musical evening in April when Lighter than Air gave a concert at St. George's Hall in Ganges. This Friday they will be back, once again performing at St. George's.

This versatile trio consists of Ian McConkey, on guitars and vocals, Chris Blades on bass and Shari Dunnet, on flute and other wind instruments, dulcimer and harmony vocals. McConkey, who is originally from Ontario, has been playing on the islands at fairs and other events for the past 10 years. He has performed on Salt Spring many times, as a classical guitarist, at Beaver Point boogies with the band Waves and also with an original songwriter's group, Sitka, with Holly Arntzen.

Having studied guitar in Spain, he plays a very strong Flamenco-style rhythm, which combined with the delicate sensitivity of the classical guitar, and the interweaving of the bass guitar, creates a very unique experience in listening pleasure, sometimes soft and sensuous, sometimes bold and explosive. And with the interplay of flute and voice, the trio takes you through many moods and musical styles, from light jazz, to light rock, including some Joni Mitchell, Randy Newman and Brent Titcomb favorites, and even into some Irish jigs.

Most of their music, however, is original, McConkey being the main songwriter and musical inventor. Their music expresses the essence of the west coast, as in songs such as *Stream to the Sea*, and it has a very uplifting and energetic "sunny" quality, as in songs such as *Sing Me Higher* and *Spanish Sunrise*, with lyrics that express a hope for environmental

awareness, and "de positive vibrations".

The trio will be performing one

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# Outraged by postage stamps and reassured by Monday

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

A strange thing happened to me on the way to the Driftwood! I lost the draft of the column which I had prepared for this week! Perhaps it just self-destructed! (I'll leave the follow up on that to my critics!)

I remember I wrote about the San Francisco lumber firm who held a lottery based on the suicides from the nearby Golden Gate Bridge. And I recall drawing a parallel between that disregard for human values and a story of the Powell River ferry which separated parents from children at a recent track meet. I thought perhaps I had over-reacted to that incident until I met a friend who said it reminded her of stories from Nazi Germany!

If only you read all the magazines and periodicals I read, there would really be no need for this column! I thought my reading list was complete, what with Macleans, Mother Jones and the TV Guide, but now I am forced to reckon with Monday, Victoria's entertainment, advertising and current affairs weekly.

For the best comment to date on Ed Broadbent's recent mission to El Salvador, I recommend you to Derry MacDonnell's *Leading Edge*, June 5-12.

"One can safely assume that even if his mission to Central America produced a peaceful settlement in blood-soaked El Salvador, Ed Broadbent's name will not be noted in history — either American or Canadian — with the same effusive adoration bestowed on ambassador Ken Taylor. After all, Broadbent is only a minor leftist politician trying to preserve thousands of nameless peasants threatened by renewed civil war in a tiny Latin-American country. Taylor, on the other hand, actually freed six-count 'em, six red-blooded

American citizens from the scourge of Islam!"

He draws another comparison: "Remember the Hungarian Revolution in 1956? The invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968?... The combined death count... was approximately 4,886. Toss in the 2,000 killed in Northern Ireland in the past 10 years, and what do you have? You have less than one-third the number of El Salvadorans slaughtered in the past 18 months."

Many who value truth, and certainly most feminists, will be outraged by the commemorative postage stamps which show Prince Charles towering over his fiancée. She is a statuesque 5 ft. 9 and has to wear low heels if she wishes not to appear taller than Prince Charles. The photograph was taken with H.R.H. standing on a box! Why? To make room for the silhouette of the Queen in the top right-hand corner. Could they not have turned the stamp the other way round? Making room for side-by-side studies of the bridal couple, and still keep the queen in her proper place.

Ah well, one person's truth is another person's trivia!

I've not seen much about the Trilateral Commission recently. All that is now changed. In a review of a new book 'Trilateralism: The Trilateral Commission and Elite Planning for World Management', William Appleman Williams says:

"Now I am outraged by the Russian intervention in Afghanistan... I am more outraged by our treatment of poor people in this, my very own country. I deeply resent the proposition that I should care more about vicious, sexist and wholly undemocratic Afghanistans than about my fellow citizens who struggle to survive in the jungles of our major cities. Save Detroit and New York is my cry.

So read the imaginative and nitty-gritty book about what we can do — *Economic Democracy: The Challenge of the 1980's*. We do have options if we choose to take them....

The Trilateral Commission is neither a joke nor a conspiracy. It is a group of people who are very serious indeed about preserving the existing dominance of the Western World....

We do know that American leaders were out to define and dominate the world. And (the authors) have told us who those leaders are and what they have in mind for us... We are all pawns....

The best that I can do is to suggest that we settle in for a long night's talk to redefine socialism and then walk out into the dawn to knock on doors. I have a hunch we might find a good many people who have been waiting for us to come by."

Recommended reading: *Trilateralism*, edited by Holly Sklar, South End Press, c/o Mother Jones, 625 Third St., San Francisco, CA 94107. \$18 hardback, \$8 paperback; *The Visible Hand*, Alfred D. Chandler Jr., Harvard University Press, 1977; *Friendly Fascism*, Bertram Gross, M. Evans and Co., 1980; *Economic Democracy*, Martin Carnoy & Derek Shearer, M.E. Sharpe, 1980.

## Drugs, cash taken at Pender

Pender Island RCMP are investigating a break-in over the weekend at the Health Care Centre pharmacy, which netted thieves a quantity of drugs and approximately \$200 in cash.

Const. Al Richard said that the culprits made their way on to the premises by breaking a rear window, reaching through and releasing a catch.

The break-in occurred sometime between 1 pm Saturday and 2 pm Sunday, at which time the incident was reported by custodians at the health centre.

A quantity of narcotics including morphine, tranquilizers, Demerol and Valium were reported missing, said Const. Richard.

There are no suspects at this point in the investigation.

Police are requesting that anyone with information, including anonymous callers, contact the Pender Island detachment.

The centre was just opened with an official ceremony on May 30.

## Alternative road route takes it away from lake

Application for a subdivision on the edge of Maxwell Lake has presented the North Salt Spring Water District with an alternative. It was debated by Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission last week.

The application refers to a 160-acre holding northwest of Maxwell Lake.

The property will ultimately be zoned for common siting of six residential buildings and four seasonal cottages.

There is no road access to the property but Tom Gossett has offered an easement over his adjacent land. This would bring the access road very close to Maxwell Lake.

If the North Salt Spring

Waterworks District were to approve an easement over the district property, it had been suggested, this would bring the access road further away from the shores of the lake.

Trustees of the water district and trustees of the Islands Trust have all expressed concern for the protection of the lake, as the major source of potable water in the area.

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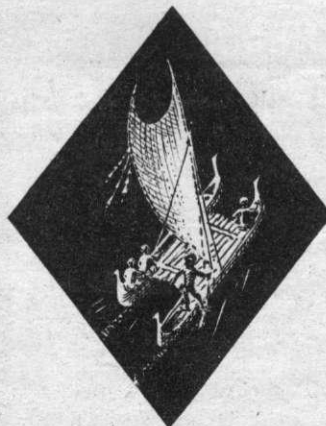
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# First Fun-run for Sea Capers

BY LOUISE BEIJK

Twenty hardy souls came out on Saturday to participate in the first annual Sea Capers Fun Run.

Runners from as far away as Montana shared the agony and the ecstasy of running on Salt Spring's hilly terrain over a 4.5 km or 10 km distance. Lest spirits be dampened by the showers, Betty-Lou Portingale and her music machine led the runners in a muscle-warming session of stretching and flexibility exercises.

At 10:45 am Jean Davis and Donna McWhirter heralded the start. The eventual winners, Peter Smith (10 km), Vancouver and Shane Glasspool (4.5 km) took the lead early on in their respective runs. It was then a game of follow-the-leader but don't let him out of your sight. Peter and Shane both had to contend with runners in hot pursuit throughout the duration of their runs. There was often a minute or less time between runners and some places were overtaken

especially as the hills took their toll.

**WINNING TIMES**

Peter Smith returned home with an admirable time of 39 min. 33 sec (10 km) while Shane Glasspool clocked in at 22 min. 5 sec. (4.5 km). Second place runners were Ken Elmer (10 km), Vancouver, and Ivan Abolit (4.5 km), Montana.

Third places went to Frans Beijk (10 km) and Gail Mayer (4.5 km), Duncan.

Participants in the 10 km included: Bob Brownsword, Paul Cottrell, Ed Davis, Nick Gilbert, Larry Gaudreau, Chris Lake, Betty-Lou Portingale and Myles Wilson.

The 4.5 km runners were Jan Abolit, Montana, Louise Beijk, Judy Goudreau, Michele Thomas and Rosemary Thomas.

**THEY ALL HELPED**

Thanks to Ed Davis, Fun Run Co-ordinator, the Esso Gas Station for use of their space and the K & R for the trophy.

The next proposed community Fun Run will celebrate the Salt Spring Fall Fair in September. Many of the above mentioned runners gather at Portlock Park on Sunday mornings at 9:30 for recreational runs of a short distance. If you run or would like to start, come by yourself or with your family and discover the fitness feeling through running.

## Two are picked up for impaired

Two Salt Spring Island motorists were picked up for impaired driving Saturday night following the conclusion of the Sea Capers festival.

An 18-year-old female was stopped at about 9 pm on Lower

Ganges Road between Central and downtown Ganges.

A 27-year-old male was apprehended in the downtown area at about 10:45.

Charges are pending against both persons, according to Sgt. Mitch Hanks of Ganges RCMP.

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## Educate cyclists — chamber

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has asked the provincial government to institute a policy of education for cyclists, particularly very young cyclists.

The request followed a protest from an islander at the tourist ministry's policy of inviting cyclists to the islands. Advertising brochures published by the province invite cycling here, wrote Mrs. Hermann Kirchmeir in a letter to the minister of tourism, Mrs. Pat Jordan.

The invitation points up the need for cycle paths, she told Mrs. Jordan. She is a rider herself, said Mrs. Kirchmeir. Must someone be killed before any action is taken, she enquired.

The letter asked for changes in the misleading advertising.

Leslee Quesnel had a practical suggestion, when the chamber

received a letter from the ministry outlining the problem.

If the bicycle riders would stay on their own side of the road it might help, she suggested.

Don Perkins commented that there is nowhere on the island for a cyclist to pull off in case of emergency.

Members agreed with the complaint and urged a campaign to train cyclists as well as asking for a strict enforcement of road traffic regulations for cyclists.



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who were inadvertently omitted from the list of trophy donors in the Sea Capers ad in last week's *Driftwood*. St. Mary Lake Resort donated an Annual Trophy for the Ladies' Inner Tube Race.

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**Happy 29th Birthday, Anne!**

They're not wrinkles...just lines on the road to wisdom.

*Ian & Kyler*

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### Notice of Special Members Meeting

## DUNCAN AND DISTRICT CREDIT UNION

To be held at the Village Green Inn, Duncan, B.C.

7:30 pm, 24 June 1981

In response to the changing needs of the community, expanding membership and the increasing importance of our Salt Spring and Mill Bay Branches, we are proposing a name change for the Duncan and District Credit Union. The new name will more accurately reflect current operations in the Cowichan Valley, the Gulf Islands and will herald the many changes and improvements our members are looking forward to in our plans for the future.

Your board of directors has therefore called a special members meeting to enact the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION that the name of Duncan and District Credit Union be changed from DUNCAN AND DISTRICT CREDIT UNION to ISLAND SAVINGS CREDIT UNION, and that the Constitution of the Credit Union be altered accordingly.

### Gulf Island Members Please Note

A special informational meeting will be held the preceding

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for the convenience of Gulf Islanders. However, we hope you will also be able to attend the official meeting in Duncan in order to support your credit union's special resolution.

# Chamber wants trophy

Who has the trophy?  
It is several years since the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce last presented the trophy for beautified business premises. It is so long ago that members could not remember who won it last when the question was raised at the last meeting.

If the holder of the Paint-up-Clean-up campaign trophy can remember what he did with it, the chamber would like to get it back in time for this year's event.

The campaign is being launched immediately and island businesses will be visited by a representative of the committee to outline the details of the contest.

The name has been amended since the last project. It is a "Clean-up, spruce-up" campaign. There will be four judges, reports committee chairman Ben Martens, and winners will be announced by July 15.



## Daughters of the Nile entertain

Daughters of the Nile are seen enjoying their luncheon at the Fulford Inn recently. The Salt Spring Island chapter was joined for the occasion by the Miriam Temple chapter from Victoria. From left to right are chaplain Thelma Randall; wearing her crown is queen, Violet Balshaw; local president Janet Newstead and Marion MacKenzie both of Salt Spring Island; and the princess royal of Miriam Temple, Beth Russell.

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# Bell-Irvings enjoy visit despite downpour

**BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER**

It is easy to pay tribute to the charms of Galiano under sunny skies but compliments carry more weight if accompanied by a steady downpour. This was the case when the Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving and his wife toured Galiano last Monday, June 4.

As the *Mayne Queen*, flying a special flag, docked at Montague Harbour the viceregal couple were welcomed ashore by Les Woodbridge and Joan Callaghan representing the host, Galiano Chamber of Commerce.

Their old friend, Donald New, was ready to escort them on a capsule tour of scenes and people, first to Montague Provincial Park and then along Georgeson Bay Road, halting to view Page Drive senior citizens housing complex and to inspect Galiano's pumper truck drawn up on the apron outside the Fire Hall.

By the time the official party arrived at the school, rain was

falling steadily but, fortunately, the new covered play area was ready to shelter the children and teachers who sang three songs specially chosen for the guests; first from *Fiddler on the Roof* in reference to the two workmen who had been scrambling about on the roof during construction, second a song with verses composed for the special occasion and finally the Galiano song composed by Elizabeth Brinson.

### ENJOYED VISIT

Bell-Irving said that during his three years in office he had visited many schools in British Columbia, but that he was particularly enjoying this visit, especially listening to the Ukelele Band. He hoped that the children could come and see him at Government House to play and sing there.

Carrie Anne Frend presented Mrs. Bell-Irving with a spray of roses while Ian Gould asked Mr. Bell-Irving to officially open the covered play area. The lieutenant-governor invited Cindy James to help him snip the ribbon.

The guests then watched the children being taught to swim by teacher Cathie Buttery, before driving to the Pink Geranium to join Harry and Devina Baines, as North Galiano's representatives, for lunch. Alistair Ross made mossy baskets of wildflowers for the table and designed original

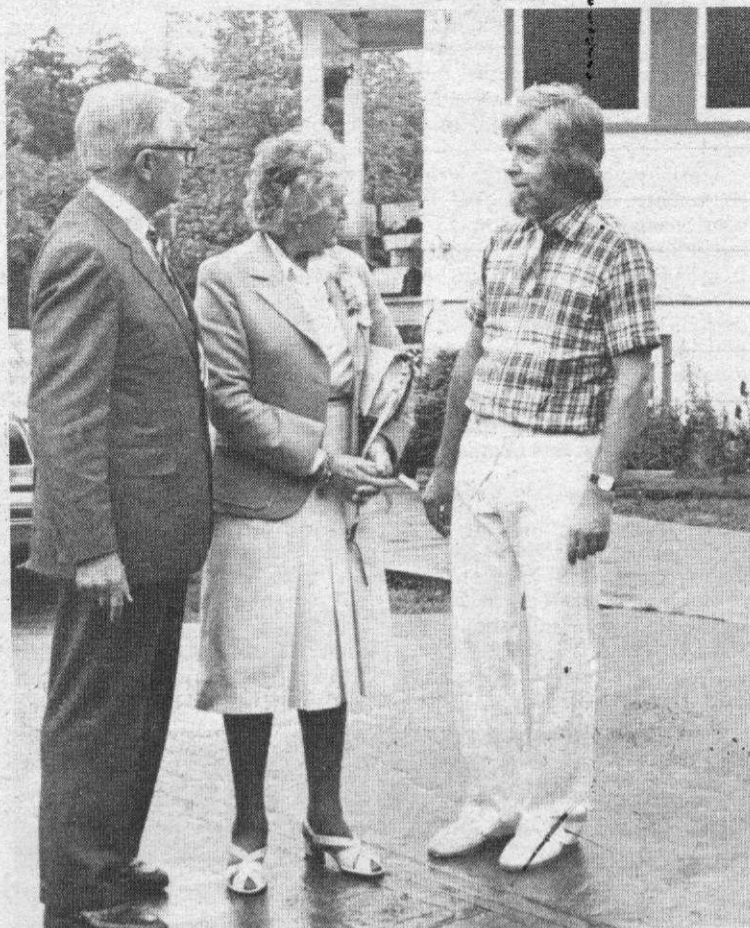
place cards incorporating a map of Galiano with the designated stops the party was to make. Aini Haksi made a corsage for Mrs. Bell-Irving from a gardenia she had grown herself.

### TRAP SHOOTING

After a delicious lunch the lieutenant-governor visited the Rod and Gun Club where he demonstrated his skill at trap shooting, then the Golf Club, before proceeding to his main appointment of the day, an afternoon party at Galiano Lodge to which all islanders and their guests were invited.

Here Mr. and Mrs. Bell-Irving mingled freely, chatting to many people while all sampled tempting savouries and sweets provided by the new restaurant owner, Werner Allen, and his staff. After a quiet private dinner a peaceful night was spent at the Whaler Bay home of Hall and Betty Tingley. Next morning the weather cleared sufficiently for the Bell-Irvings to take photographs from the top of the bluffs. They managed to visit the church and Donald New's home at Rip Point before they boarded the *Queen of Sidney* for Mayne Island.

Galiano enjoyed entertaining the Bell-Irvings, who were delighted by their visit and expressed a desire to return if the opportunity presents itself.



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# Saturna Scene

**BY PRISCILLA'S FRIENDS**

Here we are again - the hodge-podge of Priscilla's friends who are putting the column together in her much-felt absence. People have been coming and going a lot this week.

Ian Rowe has been to Seattle to participate in a solid fuel heat conference; Sam Perimaki off again to Prince George; and the population of Saturna has officially increased by one very popular and delightful small person, as Pat Garth returned with a brand new Michael. No one has ever seen such a delighted new father as Ron, grinning from ear to ear and passing out quantities of cigars.

Good news: Connie Smith is home from Richmond Hospital and convalescing. Sad to say that John McDonald has entered Victoria General. We're all hoping to see him out and about very soon.

The Saturna Singers have disbanded for the summer.

Everyone is gearing up for a great beginning in the fall. Join now and be in tune with Saturna!

Hay fever season is in full swing. Latest and best cures include Vitamin C and Calcium Pantothenate in generous doses, according to Jennifer Guy. Ian Rowe thinks Pyrabenzamine is the only relief, and Kathy Sheffeld believes only in Kleenex. Hang in there, fellow sufferers! Oh, yes, Melanie Gaines swears by Mind over Matter. If you don't mind sneezing it doesn't matter!

Awards Day is at the hall this year, 1:30 on June 24. All are welcome to see the children rewarded for outstanding achievements.

Margaret Hobbis has our sympathy as she broke her leg while cleaning gutters last Tuesday and has since been hospitalized.

Lori Rampton, of Edmonton, has enjoyed being the guest of her aunt, Carol Houston and the John Money family this past week. Lori also visited with her uncle Andy

Siemens and his family.

Desiree Houston is missing a whole set of adenoids. Glad to see you back, Desiree!

Les and Hilda Crosby's granddaughter Jennifer Howard is leaving for a week in London and three weeks in France, lucky girl!

Per Fisker has enjoyed visiting with his mother who has been here from Denmark, and we welcome back Jaana Maenpaa from Finland who will be visiting here with Lloyd Smith for the next month.

Anyone who is familiar with the weathered sandstone formations of this part of the coast cannot help but be affected by their unique beauty. Few, if any of us, however, are able to express this imagery in ways which can be gracefully communicated to others. We are fortunate in having an artist living and working among us who is able to do so in a consummate manner. Annie Popperwell is a dedicated image-maker who draws her inspiration from these forms. Her

# Manly calls for oil ports enquiry to be reopened

Jim Manly, Member of Parliament for Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands, reacted to the National Energy Board's decision to support Trans-Mountain's proposal to build an oil port at Low Point, Washington State, by calling on

the government to reconstitute the West Coast Oil Ports Inquiry.

"The N.E.B. recommendation is a green light to the Americans to increase super-tanker traffic along the B.C. coastline. The Canadian government, however, has not sought the views of people living in the many coastal communities that will be devastated in the event of an oil spill by the tankers," said Manly.

A west coast oil spill was identified, in a recent consultant's report for the federal government, as the worst possible scenario of possible spills in Canadian waters.


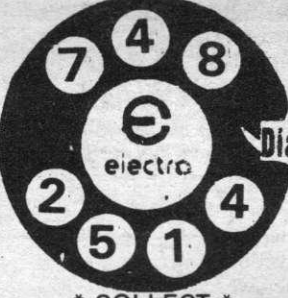




"The government has not acted consistently in delivering a strong message of opposition to increasing oil tanker traffic. The Liberals are giving a green light to the Americans through the inconsistent manner in which they have dealt with the issue of tankers in and around B.C. coastal waters," said Manly.

paintings are powerful abstractions which incorporate the grace and mystery of this unique fraction of nature's artistry.

Annie has just completed a one-person show at the Burnaby Art Gallery which ran from April 29 to May 31, and is now preparing another, which will be at the Victoria Art Gallery from October 7 to November 29. This show will include 30 new pieces of work. I'm sure many of us will want to make a point of viewing this show.

Melanie Gaines would like to register a formal protest, to whoever is in charge, about the weather! Whatever happened to summers anyway?

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**Director's viewpoint**

# Don't protect useless farm land

All land in the agricultural land reserve is not prime agricultural land. Some will never raise a crop.

The charge is frequently made. Last year a director of the Capital Regional Board, Don Rittaler, of Sooke, made his own study of reserve land and came to the conclusion that some reserve land should be re-allocated to other use.

When his final recommendations were presented to the board, they were not universally endorsed.

The three proposals were sent to the Cabinet, but the author's summary was not.

Jim Campbell summed it up when he suggested that he could accept some of the Rittaler philosophy but not all.

The summary is presented here as one local administrator's opinion.

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When the Agricultural Land Reserve was introduced by the provincial government, I think it was welcomed by most forward-looking people. We were all aware that arable agricultural land was being reduced each year and at an alarming rate, by developments. The land freeze halted that trend and halted it abruptly.

Unfortunately, it also arbitrarily slapped into the freeze area, designated as agricultural land, a lot of land which had never been farmed, never could be farmed — and a lot of land which is, to say the least, marginal.

**IT DIDN'T WORK**

The theory was that once all land was frozen, application could be made to remove land which would obviously never be farmed or land which was at very best marginal as farm land. Unfortunately, like so many theories, things haven't worked out that way in practice.

Any suggestion that land should be removed from the reserve touches off a wave of hysteria, usually from people who have no knowledge of the land and would starve if they had to live off the crops produced by the land they so noisily seek to protect. The sad fact is that because the land is called agricultural reserve land people automatically think of it as agricultural land. Most of it, as we all well know, is not.

I agree that viable, productive

agricultural land should remain agricultural land. I also agree with forward looking planning which protects that land and keeps it in the productive reserve for future generations.

**BEST USE**

But I do not agree with policies or planning which blindly insists that marginal land or land useless for agricultural purpose remain in the reserve simply because it was placed there by arbitrary legislation. I believe in land use, the best possible land use.

If the rationale behind the ALR is to preserve land for food production, then it must also recognize that land and water must have equal recognition in the food production cycle.

Let me explain.

Let's say we have ten or 20 or 50 acres of land of doubtful agricultural use. We keep it in the land reserve, fertilize it, irrigate it and each fall harvest a marginal crop.

A few miles away we have a creek running from the hills to the ocean. Each year in the late summer or early fall the creek dries up or lacks sufficient water flow to sustain life.

On the one hand, we are pouring water onto acreage which will never produce to acceptable standards. A few miles away we are ignoring a creek which could produce more food, more protein in one year than the land will produce in ten.

**PLAY AT PRODUCTION**

While we play at food production in one area, we permit one of nature's greatest food chains to be destroyed — by our own short-sightedness — in another.

It just doesn't make sense.

In the Sooke Electoral Area we have very little land of real agricultural value. But, we do have a fishery which under present circumstances is operating far below its potential. I am suggesting that we stop pretending that the land around Sooke will one day be a second Fraser Valley and rich in agriculture, because it will never be that. I am suggesting that when we plan for Sooke's future we plan to utilize to the full its obvious natural resources. And that means far greater emphasis on salmon production, far less emphasis on fields which produce poor crops of grass and will never produce anything

else.

**NOT SUBDIVISION**

I'm not suggesting turning all the land in Sooke over to developers. I'm not suggesting massive subdivisions or shopping centres. I am merely suggesting that when we look at the Sooke area we must look at it as a whole and recognize that the ocean is far more important to food production than the land will ever be.

I am suggesting that if we have a choice between pouring water onto marginal land or pouring water into a salmonid enhancement stream, the stream will give us a better return on our investment in all ways. That stream will produce more food for Canadians, for the world than the marginal land can ever hope to do.

As things stand now, I think the policies and thinking of the agricultural land commission are narrow. And I say, with some regret, that the Capital Regional District appears to rubber stamp those policies, that thinking, without proper consideration of what is really best, what is really most productive, for the people — especially the people of Sooke.

**PROTECT IT!**

Let us, by all means, protect all land which can produce food on an economically sound basis. But let us not be afraid to designate land which is useless or marginal to a better use. I think that was the original intent of the land use act — and it was a good intent. But, it seems to me that we've lost sight of the intent and now defend something that we know deep down can't be defended.

Land use. They are the key words. Land use. That's really all I'm talking about. Using the land in the best possible way. If a ten by twenty greenhouse can produce more food than an acre of sub-standard land, let's encourage

greenhouses, and if one small creek can out-produce ten acres of sub-marginal land then surely, if reason is to prevail, the life of the creek takes priority over the life of the land.


**HIS CONCERNS**

We have before us a regional plan for agricultural policies. We talked about those policies last November 19. I left that meeting with many concerns because like the land commission itself, we appear to be boxing ourselves into the belief that all land produces equally, when we know it doesn't. And we appear to be virtually ignoring the greatest food production resource we have. Not just ignoring it, but coming close to destroying it.

The time has come when we must be realistic, accept marginal land for what it is — marginal — and concentrate our best efforts on our streams and the ocean where, if we plan well, the harvest will be never ending.

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## The million-dollar car

BY CAMERON BRAY

The million-dollar car belongs to me. I bought it because I saved all that money. It is shiny and wonderful.

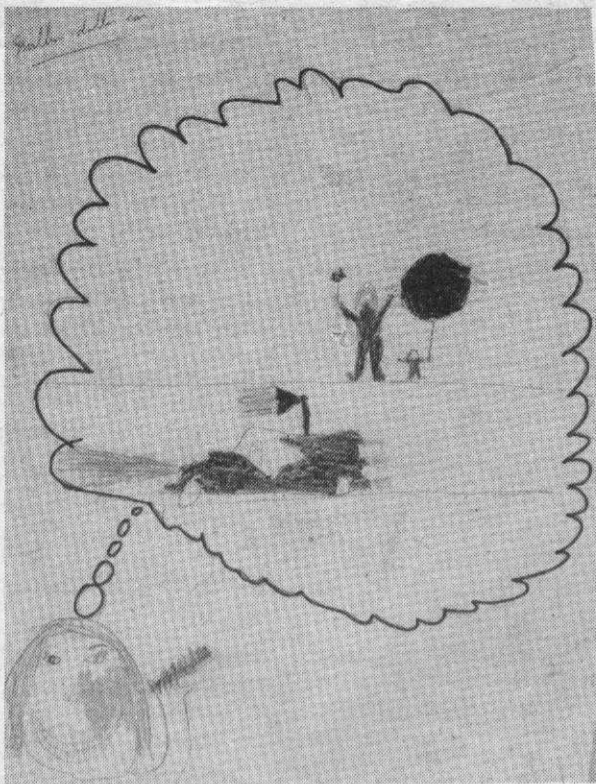
It has wings instead of fenders on it so it can fly over buildings and out of traffic. There is a siren on it. It sounds like a tuba. BOOOOOP, BOOOOOOOOOP. That means get out of the way.

It will get to Tofino very fast because it is a long way.

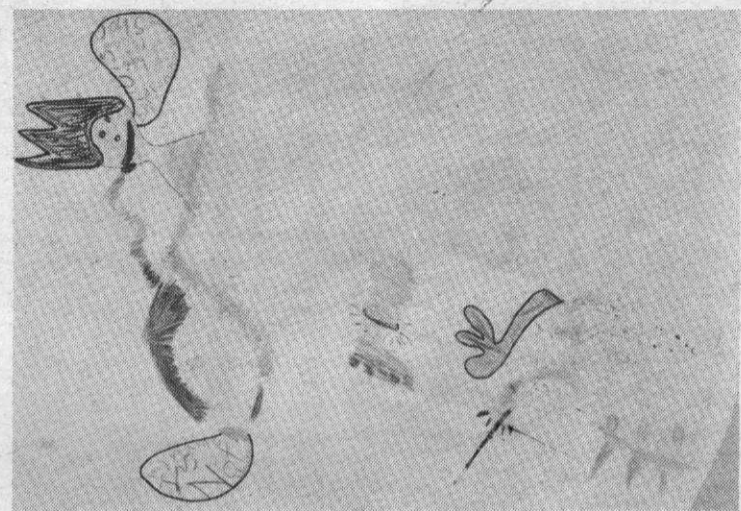
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## Flotsam & Jetsam.



By Miranda Swift, age 7  
My Soronicono only eats apple seeds and olive leaves and Niaraosoni people. And raw cauliflower. His mane is as soft as a corkscrew.

He jumps all the time and talks to his queen on top of his mane and says, "Look at my jewels!"

He is going to the Horizon Bar. Can you believe that?

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## Rose

BY MEGAN GAYLOR  
Grade 2

Once upon a time there was a little fairy named Rose. She lived in a pansy; and one day a little boy came and picked the pansy and brought it in the house and put it in a vase.

And the fairy flew out and she found a new house in a rose.

## Sunrise for Nancy

BY TANIA KELLER  
Age 8

Once there was a sun. He was a beautiful sun. He was red, orange, yellow, and everyone loved him.

Sun wasn't happy. He was tired of being admired. He wanted something different. So he wished and wished, just then a voice came. It said, "Sun, don't be sad. I can make something different."

"You can?" said sun. "Yes!" said the voice.

"Who are you?" said sun.

"I can't tell but keep shining no matter what!" said the voice.

"Why?" said sun. But there was no answer.

The next day sun kept shining. It began to rain but sun kept shining. Then a coloured thing stepped out of the sky. "Hi, it's me, Rainbow."

"Oh," said sun, "you're the one I met last time."

"Yes," said Rainbow. "You're beautiful," said sun.

"Gee thanks," said Rainbow.

## The magic book

BY NATE GAYLOR

I was reading a book when a letter moved and started to leave. And when I looked down it was a scrap book.

I got really mad. So mad that I crashed through the wall and went home.

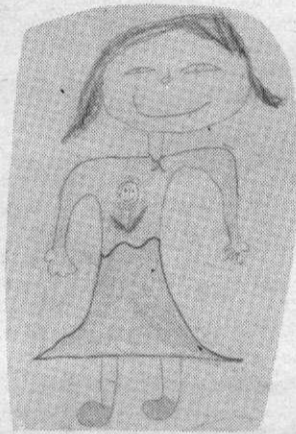
BY MICHAEL GAINES, 12

Here I'm out fishing — in my boat, the sky is blue and refreshing the sea is pretty rough, but the smell of salt is refreshing. I've just casted my line in, my engine's idling, the lure is drifting along on the bottom, the fish are nibbling.

I hear seagulls crying overhead. I feel the line tugging, and now the fish is thrashing about, with the hook in his mouth. I feel strong and vigorous in the salt air, and I know I can pull him in.

I'll have a nice, juicy, fish supper tonight. I've just reeled him in. He's a big salmon. He's wiggling around in the boat. There's a couple of seals out there, there's a good fishing spot out there, because there are a bunch of seagulls diving for fish, and they're fighting over them.

The waves are very small and everything is calm. The boat is just swaying in the water, and I just want to relax.



## The mean fairy

BY KARRIE-ANNE FREIND  
Grade 2

Once upon a time there lived a king and queen and had no food and they were unhappy.

But one day they met a fairy and the fairy said, "You have three wishes with this potion."

And the king and queen took it home and the first wish they made was some food. And the second wish was some gold and the third wish was some money but they did not know that the fairy was mean and they ate the food.

But the food was poisonous and so they died.

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**REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Motion will seek open meetings**

**BY YVETTE VALCOURT**  
Regional Director

Next Monday, June 22, will see the annual meeting of the Lady Minto Hospital and also the Greenwoods Annual meeting.

I, as your representative to the Capital Regional Hospital Board, sincerely urge you to attend these meetings for the following reasons:

To support a resolution, which I propose to introduce at these meetings, the resolution being as follows.

"That all meetings of the board of management of Lady Minto Hospital be open to the public."

"That all meetings of the board of management of Greenwoods Hospital be open to the public."

Valid reasons for these motions:

- That the members of these societies be kept informed of the actions, decisions of the boards, in keeping with the basic rights of you, the taxpayer, as to how your interests are best served, and to be given a chance to place input into the many decisions which have been made by secret societies such as these.

- To ensure yourself that our institutions will never again be used as political ploy on any forthcoming issues.

- To ensure yourselves that the health department of the C.R.D. do properly and strictly enforce that health standards as in the Health Act. For example: That proper provisions be made for any

facilities allowed to be constructed, and that proper preventative maintenance be a must as also laid out in the regulations. This was not taken into account for our hospital facilities, but rather on the assumption that the big sewer was coming, the proper methods of septic disposals have been neglected, and ignored.

**UNDERSTANDABLE**

If you, as a member of the community are confused in these matters, it is quite understandable. No one knows what is going on.

I have always stood for open government! It is your tax dollars! It should be you who decide on how they are to be spent! It is to you that these boards of management are responsible! The least you can do is to come and vote on these resolutions and the majority will rule!!! Please attend and vote!

It is impossible to bring forth in this report all the facts and figures in the engineering reports. However, I have these documents now in my possession, and you are most welcome to see them and assure yourselves that my statements are substantiated. After all, these documents and files are your property but in my care. It was not easy to get them.

In all fairness, there is a bright side of the hospital boards of management. I can personally vouch for the excellent care as a patient! Nevertheless, it is through the repeated demands of these

boards, and also the ex-chairman of the school board, Mr. Ivan Mouat and Dr. Kreissl of Islands Trust, that the board of the Capital Regional District now have passed a resolution requesting the government to legislate the sewers in Ganges.

**INTERFERENCE**

It is also because of the interference from three members of the Ganges core area that the school board has not complied with the orders to clean up! Greenwoods was also ordered to clean up! What have they done?

We are faced with a dilemma of grave concern as to the quantity and quality of potable water on this island, yet we the taxpayers are totally ignored on matters as important as the big sewer, which will require and place greater and greater demands on whatever water is now available!

Did you know that a small subdivision which has been in existence for the past 10 years cannot expect to get water from North Salt Spring Water District



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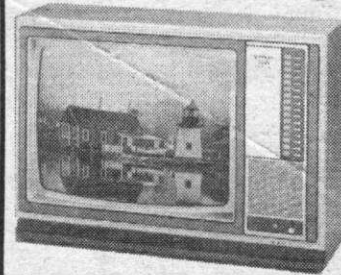
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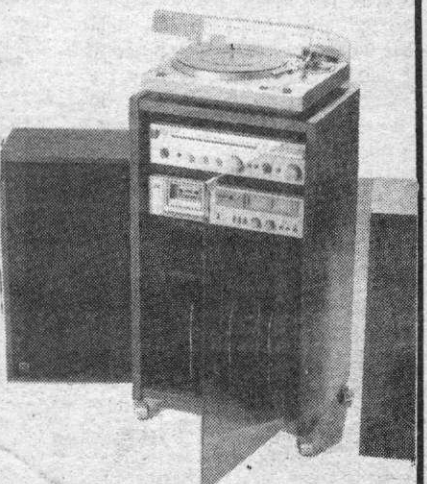
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# AFTER A YEAR, SHE'S SICK OF IT

## "I have been by-passed and ignored"

### Valcourt tells regional board

She has been by-passed and ignored on matters regarding Salt Spring Island, charged Regional Director Yvette Valcourt last week.

"It's been going on for a year and I'm sick and tired of it," she told her fellow directors at Wednesday's regular board meeting.

How did the resolution of May 27 come to the board table without her prior knowledge, she asked.

The resolution was that originating with the board's solicitor asking for provincial government action to substantiate the Ganges sewer project.

"I don't recall Mr. Campbell or the chairman being elected to represent Salt Spring Island."

No member of the board had prior advice, said Chairman Norma Sealey.

"Like the rest of the board," she continued, "I saw no copy of the resolution until it was handed out at the table."

#### INTIMATION

She had some intimation that it was coming, she added, but she hadn't seen it.

Jim Campbell also noted that he had nothing to do with its preparation or presentation.

Chairman of the sewage committee, Bob Wright, could see no problem. The resolution came from the solicitor, he recalled.

"If the solicitor says 'For legal reasons you should act', then we act."

The solicitor acts for the board and is paid to offer his best advice, added the chairman.

When Sealey referred to "nuisance litigation", the island director challenged her. What litigation was she citing?

"It was my term," replied Chairman Sealey.

It was very wrong, countered Valcourt.

"The board has been misinform-

ed right through."

Director Valcourt also referred to a motion last year by the board to invite the inspector of municipalities to investigate charges of conflict of interest on her part. There has been no further action, she recalled.

"I have a right to have my name cleared," she told the board.

#### INTERVIEW

The former chairman, Director Campbell told the board that he had had an interview with an official of the ministry of municipal affairs.

"Director Valcourt was invited to sit down with him and she declined."

The inspector of municipalities may report back or he may not. It is his privilege to make that decision, said the former chairman. So far, he has not reported back. It is possible he is still waiting for Director Valcourt, he concluded.

He told the board that last year the board felt that there was a prima facie case of a conflict of interest.

A request, now, for a reply is in order, suggested Valcourt.

In respect of that enquiry and regarding another resolution, in her absence, last year, she is entitled to have her name cleared, she urged.

The meeting then adjourned.

## Single adults and single parents meet

A self-help group is in the making for singles and single parents on Salt Spring Island. The first meeting of the group was held June 10 at the Ganges United Church basement and the many problems they have in common were discussed. To get the ball rolling, they are having meetings on June 17 and 24 from 7-9 pm in the United Church basement. Babysitting is arranged at the Community Centre 6:30-9:30 pm on a pay-as-you-can basis. Parents are invited to send a snack with their children.

It is hoped to arrange family outings and adult outings, guest speakers, entertainment for the children while the adults have meetings or just have a quiet talk together. "We need your support and ideas and would like to get started organizing picnics, camping, a dance," said a spokesman for the group. "So come out and talk to us, we're all in the same boat and can help each other and make new friends for ourselves and our kids."

Information may be gained from Al, at 537-5963 or Carol, at 537-9303 any evening.

## Log dump approved by commission

While agreeing that Ganges is not the ideal location for a log dump, the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission on Tuesday afternoon voted to maintain it.

Members were unanimous in their agreement that there must be provision for dumping logs at the north end of the island.

Under discussion was an application from Fred Howard Logging Ltd. to renew the

foreshore lease at the Ganges log dump, situated at the foot of Rainbow Road.

The commission will pass on its recommendation to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee. The committee will then consider the application, in its turn, and make a recommendation to the ministry of lands.

The present dump is operated on a temporary permit. This permit will be extended if the ministry and

the Trust Committee reach the same decision.

About five years ago islanders debated logging in some heat, recalled Bud Kreissl, and it was then recommended that only one dump be retained, at Burgoyne Bay.

He agreed with regional director Yvette Valcourt that it was too long a distance to travel from the north end to dump logs at Burgoyne.

## Weatherman kind for visit

#### Contributed

When Lieutenant-Governor Henry C. Bell-Irving and his wife visited Mayne Island last Tuesday the weatherman was kind and the sun shone brightly for most of the day.

On arrival at Village Bay from Galiano by ferry, the party were met by Bob Douglas, who escorted them to his home prior to the luncheon at the Agricultural Hall hosted by the members of the Gulf Islands Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Receiving the lieutenant-governor and the vice-regal party were representatives of the Legion. After the vice-regal salute, the president, Miss Foye Miles, escorted the guests to the head table where they were welcomed by the master of ceremonies, Rev. Dr. George Morrison.

Walter Hunt-Sowrey welcomed the guests on behalf of the Legion branch. Rev. John Dyer of St. Mary Magdalene Church said grace prior to the luncheon, which was provided by members of the Silver Maynes Senior Citizens Association.

Following the delightful repast, Dr. Morrison introduced the guests and mentioned that it was the first time in the history of the Legion that the top executive positions were held by women.

#### AT SCHOOL TOGETHER

Bob Douglas made reference to his early association with the Bell-Irvings. School days at Shawnigan

Lake School included Allan Steward and Bill Ferguson (unfortunately not present) and those days were among the happiest, the speaker recalled.

He spoke of his various trips around the province by plane and helicopter and commented on the vast areas to be seen from that method of transportation. He and his wife have also visited many of the Gulf Islands and they were very pleased with the hospitality they have received.

The lieutenant-governor stressed the need for a better understanding of each other's problems and not forgetting those less fortunate than ourselves in other countries.

#### GREETINGS TO QUEEN

A letter containing greetings from Mayne Island to the queen

was read by Dr. Morrison and given to the lieutenant-governor to present to the queen when he and Mrs. Bell-Irving attend the royal wedding in July.

Thanks are being extended to Nancy Sutton who played the piano for the vice-regal salute and *O Canada*. She was also among the helpers in the kitchen, Babs Wilson reports. Others were Vi Hamilton, Millie Paton, Doris Gardner, Glenna Hopkins, Kathie Mundie and Betty Fry.

Following the proceedings at the hall the guests of honour were driven to the school where the children put on gymnastic displays and other entertainment.

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## System acquires property

Magic Lake Estates sewer system is growing bigger. And last week authority was given by the Capital Regional District to the purchase of another lot at Buck Lake to extend the treatment plant.

The region will spend \$9,500, plus one year's taxes as well as accrued interest at 12% for one year from the date of purchase from the Magic Lake Property Owners' Society.

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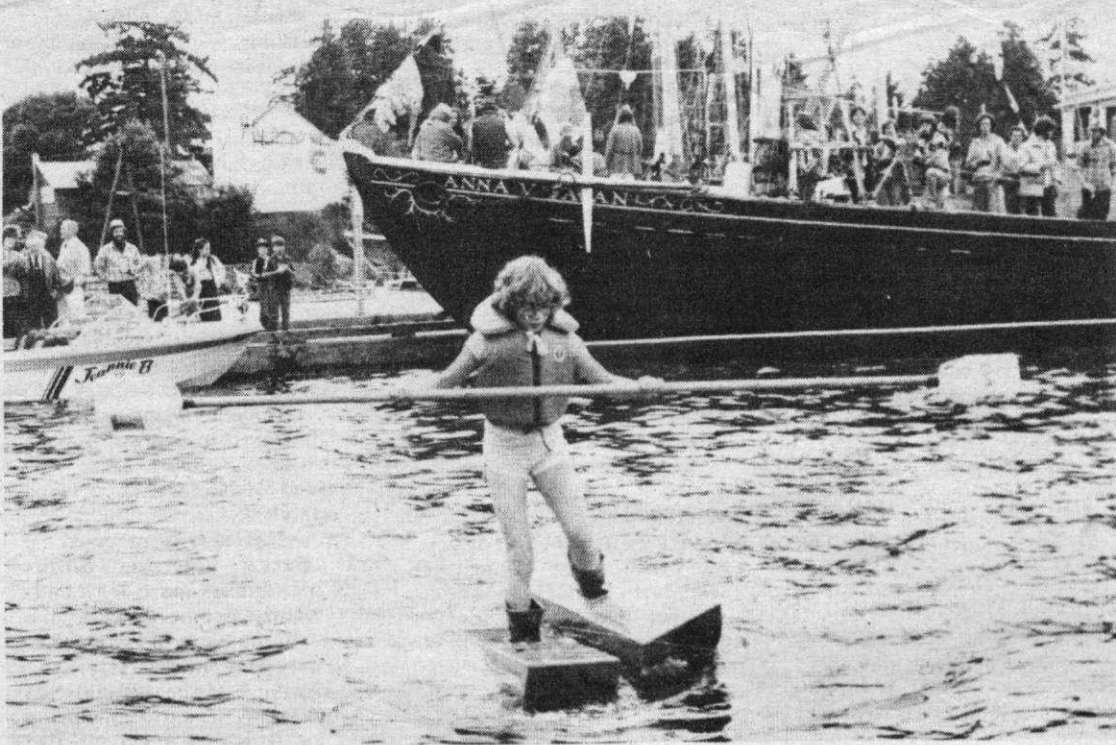
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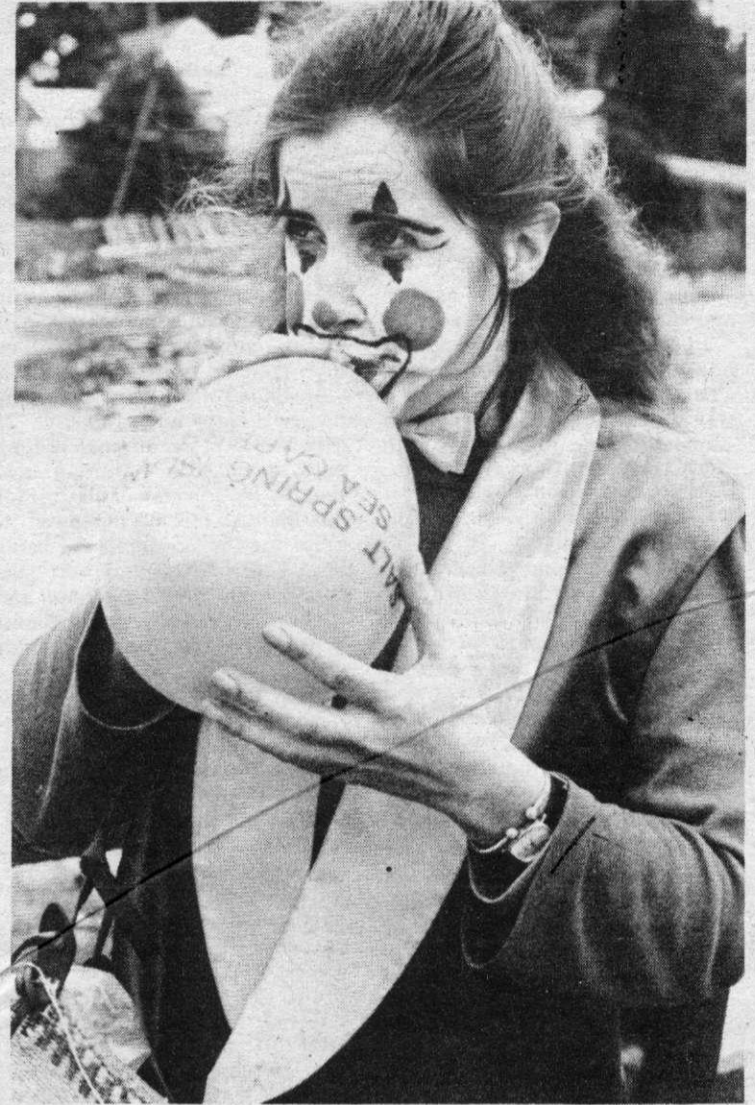
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# Music played major role in Sea Capers



Walk-on-water contest means taking cautious steps



Painted faces were not uncommon Saturday

House Hotel, the floats made their way along Lower Ganges Road, through the downtown area and wound up in the parking lot behind the Duncan and District Credit Union.

Lady Minto Hospital won the Mouat's Mall Tenants Association Trophy for the most original float and Cathy Gay was awarded the Sea Capers Ceramic Cup for the best entry by a young person.

An estimated 40 vessels, mainly from the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club but including boats from Victoria, Vancouver and even one from California, participated in the sail past just off the federal dock in Ganges Harbour.

### SLOW START

Sutcliffe said that the yacht race, which was open to all entries, got off to a slow start on account of a light wind.

Once the vessels had cleared the wharf area and reached open water in the harbour, however, the wind picked up.

By the time it was all over, spectators had been treated to an exciting contest and the *Yeoman of Cestria*, of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, had sailed off with the Bank of Montreal Trophy for its first place finish.

Second place was taken by *Marimba*, also a local boat, and *Filey Briggs*, sailing out of Mayne Island, finished third.

Approximately 40 people participated in the two fun runs which were broken down into three-mile and six-mile events.

The first three positions over the short course were taken by Shane Glasspool of Salt Spring Island, Evan Abolit of Montana and Gail Mayer of Duncan, respectively.

Peter Smith of Duncan led the field in the longer event and he was followed by Ken Elmer of Vancouver and Franz Beyk of Salt Spring Island.

### SABOT RACE

In other events, Aileen Neish took first place and the Salt Spring Lands Trophy in the sabot race. She was followed by Alex Neish and Franz Beyk.

Terry and Robin Warbey stroked their way towards a first-place finish in the rowboat race and in so doing took the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Trophy. They beat out Alan and Stephen Best, who took second, and Gulf Islands Water Taxi which finished third.

Of the 10 boats that participated in the rowboat race, one over-

turned, spilling its occupants into the water requiring that the Coast Guard rush to their rescue. Fortunately no one was reported any the worse for wear as a result of the mishap.

Karen Davies and Phyllis Jorgensen took the Duncan and District Credit Union Trophy in the open inner tube race, which was notable for its lack of male participants, with a first-place finish. May Jones and Vonnie Butler took second and Moira Neilson and Pat Lively finished third.

In the ladies' inner tube race, first place this time went to Moira Neilson and Pat Lively who claimed the St. Mary Lake Resort Trophy. Karen Davies and Phyllis Jorgensen beat out May Jones and Vonnie Butler for second.

### FIRST FOR JORGENSEN

The Gulfstream Supply Trophy went to veteran water walker Erling Jorgensen who walked off with first place in the walk on water contest. Kim Jorgensen outpaced Russ Murcheson in a walk-off and in so doing broke a second-place tie.

In the tug of war contest, the Log Sorters rolled over the competition and took the Pemberton Holmes Trophy for men.

The Harbour House Lovelies won the women's tug of war contest which was sponsored by Islands in the Gulf Real Estate.

The Village Specialty Cafe Trophy for children participating in the tug of war was shared by The Gang in the Grades 5 to 8 category and by the Salt Spring Slugs in the Grades 1 to 4 division.

Sutcliffe, when contacted early this week, suggested that while no major changes are presently under consideration for next year's festival other than the addition of more local talent to the concert, the Sea Capers committee at a future meeting will take a look at which events were more successful than others.

### MAY SHOW PROFIT

Arvid Chalmers explained that while it has yet to be determined how well the festival did in terms of dollars and cents, indications are that it will show a profit for the first time.

He said that what the festival makes will not only guarantee that it will be held again next year but that any profit represents the beginning of a fund that will eventually go towards completion of a community project.

Chalmers praised those who attended the festival's many events for their excellent behaviour and particularly those who squeezed into Centennial Park for the folk concert.

He noted that by the time it was all over the crowd had cleaned up after itself and that there was scarcely a scrap of paper to be found anywhere in the vicinity of the park.

Chalmers also praised Sutcliffe for the time and effort that he personally put into making Sea Capers the success that it was.

"Charles has been the driving force behind it for the past three years. Without him it wouldn't have happened," said Chalmers.



Aspiring rowboat racer pauses for a rest

## Three-vehicle accident Saturday

Ganges RCMP are contemplating charging a Ladysmith man who was involved in a three-vehicle accident on Lower Ganges Road near the intersection of Baker Road on Saturday night at about 10 pm.

Gordon Wenman, 20, was attempting to pass another vehicle, driven by Mark Brewer, 27, when his auto struck an oncoming car, bounced off and collided with Brewer's auto.

The third vehicle was driven by Patrick Slingsby, 31, of Ganges.

Wenman may face charges of driving without due care and consideration as a result of the accident.

There were no injuries reported and total damage to the three vehicles has been put at about \$1,400.

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# Golfing

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### WITH PAT DOHERTY

In the nine-hole ladies section this week, threatening weather kept the jolly squad down to 10 players. They used a two-ball foursome format which seemed to be enjoyed by the contestants and it may encourage some more players for the Wednesday night two-ball.

Marg Fisher was the winner, and runner-up was Anne Sober.

In the 18-hole section, play is now completed in the Spring Championship Rose Bowl, and it was a most popular win as Gloria Lloyd took the Rose Bowl, with Irene Hawksworth as runner-up.

The Consolation Flight winner was Bev Menzies, and Marg Mills won the First Flight.

On Tuesday June 9, medal play match was won by Mildred Mitchell with net 69. Dolly Whorley was closest to the pin on #11, and the putt pott was a tie between Lou Wolfe Milner and Madeline Hardie, each taking 29 putts.

Salt Spring was to have been at home to Glen Meadows, but owing to the weather this was postponed to a later date.

### MORE TURN OUT

The Wednesday night two-ball games are gaining in popularity. Twenty-eight turned out last week, and the winner was Art Lloyd with Jack Fraser in the runner-up spot.

These Wednesday night mixed two-balls are great for new members getting to know their fellow club members. Also, if you

have visitors who golf, you can bring them along, and it only costs the 50 cent playing fee. This of course is a special for the two ball nights only. If they play on other nights they have to pay the regular twilight golf fee.

In the men's section in the Matson Cup, it was Malcolm Robertson winning out over Larry Davies in the Championship Flight, while all the other flights are dragging their heels getting their matches played off.

In the Crofton Cup, qualifying on Saturday and Sunday, 28 players out of an original 32 took part, and next Saturday and Sunday the top 16 will play off for the final two rounds, the low gross score for the 72-hole event being the Club Champion. At the moment Malcolm Robertson and Richard Nemeth shared medalist honours for the first two rounds with 158.

### BIG SUCCESS

The ladies' plant and bake sale, fashion show, and tea was an outstanding success, but then that is no surprise, as anything the ladies tackle they make it an event. Shirley Parsons is to be congratulated for convening this wonderful show.

The door prize, a Coleus, donated by Foxglove Nursery, was won by Vivian Walsh; other winners were Mrs. Champagne, cross-stitch cushion; Donna McWhirter, embroidered tote bag; Jean Tiernan, basket of fresh fruit; Susan Wyatt, porcelain coasters;

# Trust seeks report

Islands Trust council has asked the provincial government for copies of the presentation by Twentieth Century Energy Corporation in support of the Gambier mine application.

At the last council meeting, trustees expressed regret that the report had not been shared with the Trust.

The Trust has been a bitter opponent of the plans to establish a mining operation on Gambier, one of the northern Trust Islands.

Island Trust includes 13 designated, larger islands and scores of smaller islands up the coast of Vancouver Island. Its function is to protect and preserve the islands in their natural state. The function is administered by control of land use legislation and changes. Islands Trust is the local authority in the islands for all planning and zoning.

Murial Osburn, P.R. of beef; Jessie Rubbra, woven tote bag.

Any members who have lockers in the Old Brown House are kindly asked to remove the contents immediately, as the building is being disposed of.

# Line call!

### BY ROZ TRUELOVE

Saturday's match against a team from Duncan deserves a column all to itself.

To start with, the weather was horrible. Grey skies and pouring rain, and the courts at Portlock Park were a duck's delight.

Some players took one look and departed, never to return. Their loss.

The Duncan team, more intrepid, came over anyway; and you couldn't ask for a nicer bunch of people with whom to be marooned in the Recreation Commission's storage room while waiting, like Noah and co., for the rain to stop.

Around noon our tennis-playing vet (or should that be our veterinary tennis player?) decided to take matters into his own hands. He drove away, saying that he would do something about the weather, and be back shortly. He was as good as his word. Within minutes the rain had stopped, within a few more minutes the sun

had come out, and seven maids with seven brooms were vigorously attacking the waste of waters underneath which lurked three courts.

### FEEDS AND PLAYS

Later, after a splendid lunch provided by Mollie Houston (what would we do without Mollie? She feeds us and she plays sparkling tennis both for and against us!) we got out there on the courts and under sunny skies played a great deal of vigorous enjoyable and closely contested tennis.

And yet, when at last the Duncan team hurried off to catch the last available ferry, and we asked each other, 'who won?' — nobody knew. Or minded. That's how enjoyable it was.

Details of last Sunday's tournament in next week's Driftwood.

Meanwhile — if you want to see a change in the weather — call the vet.

## Alcohol or Drug Problem?

The Ministry of Health is offering an alcohol and drug treatment program on Salt Spring Island. The office is located in Ganges at the Court House, room 207B. Office hours are 9:30 to 4:30 every second Thursday from June 18 on. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Mark Stone or Brent Merchant at 537-9441 or through the Victoria office at 387-5077.

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