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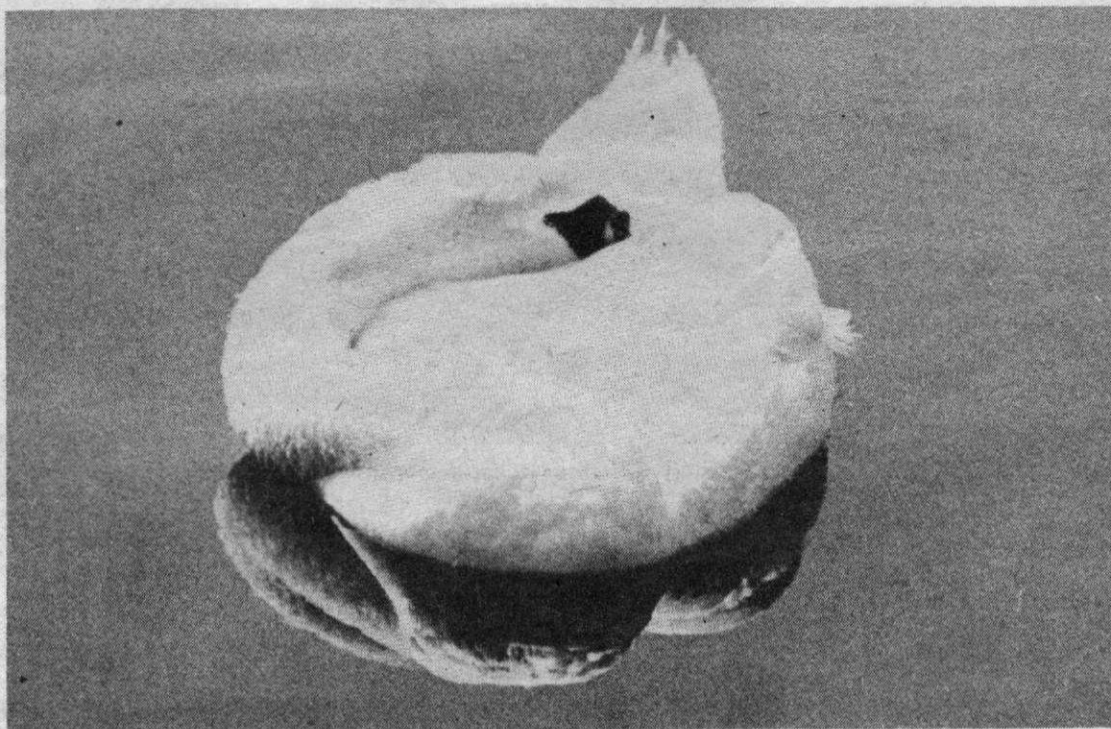
## Injunction sought

A petition was filed in Supreme Court Monday seeking an injunction against the Ganges sewer project.

The Salt Spring Sewer Alternatives Committee filed the petition on the grounds that residents in the sewer area were not advised of an amendment to the pollution permit. The order to amend the permit was made in February, 1980, requiring that the harbour outfall be extended.

The order followed a week-long hearing into the sewer plan by the pollution control board.

Sewer opponents claim that the Pollution Control Act requires that residents of the affected area be informed of such an amendment.



## Catching a bird-nap

This typical resident of Salt Spring Island snoozes away the sunny afternoon seemingly carefree. The swan, a favourite

sight in Ganges Harbour, catches a bird-nap during a lull in boat traffic near the government docks.

## Courier service offered for mail

While the two sides in the postal dispute mumble through negotiations in Ottawa, the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is doing what it can to get mail at least as far as Vancouver.

Individuals or businesses can take advantage of a courier service to Vancouver and area, if they are willing to pay the price.

A letter to Vancouver will cost \$3, to Surrey or New Westminster, \$3.50 and Richmond, \$4. The price includes \$1 for the local end of the system and the remainder going to the courier service in Vancouver to speed delivery there.

The special courier service, an arrangement between the Chamber and P.S. Secretarial Service, has been organized for the duration of the postal strike.

Letters brought to the office at 315 Lower Ganges Road by 3:30 pm Monday or Thursday will be sent to Vancouver on Tuesday and Friday.

Anyone wanting a letter to reach other parts of Canada should consider a courier service from Victoria.

## Developer looking for 'winning horse' as new plan submitted at Mayne

The debate over the expansion plans for the Mayne Inn on Bennett Bay Road, Mayne Island, continues with the owners of the resort submitting yet another set of plans for discussion.

Ron Pither, of Horton Bay Road, said of the latest revisions,

"I suspect they're still trying to get a winning horse to win the approval of all the different jurisdictions."

The resort owners, represented in negotiations by Realacorp Financial Ltd., of Vancouver, have, with the latest proposal,

submitted at least four different plans to the Islands Trust advisory planning commission.

The principals of the company could not be reached for comment. **REVISED DOWNWARDS**

Mayne island trustee Joan Sprague said, "We have been looking at several sets of plans, each of which have been revised downwards in density. But nevertheless, it's still a large-scale development for this area."

The new proposal calls for 22 condominium units registered under strata titles, plus 30 units for rent or lease to the public. The public units consist of eight one-bedroom suites with living rooms and kitchenettes, eight units of one-bedroom only and 14 two-bedroom units.

A condominium registered under strata title gives the owner of the unit access to it for a minimum of 60 days per year as well as membership in a corporation which has responsibility for the operations of various parts of the resort as a whole. That responsibility includes the running of the restaurant and maintenance of the grounds.

Pither, spokesman for Mayne residents who oppose the planned expansion, explained their reasons for being against the proposals. **DOESN'T IMPROVE AREA**

"Our feeling is that it doesn't maintain or improve the residential area it's in," he said.

"The proposal is more of an urban style development and even with compatible architectural design, it doesn't fit."

Pither calls the planned

expansion a hybrid scheme, partly hotel and partly privately owned.

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## Expansion down to one classroom now

Juggling has become the order of the day as Gulf Islands school trustees attempt to fit the cost of expanding the Galiano School into their 1981 budget.

Current estimates call for an expenditure of \$236,600 for a proposal to add 230 square metres of space to the school.

The original plans called for a library, two classrooms, improved washroom facilities in addition to various storage areas and offices.

The cost of that proposal, according to the architect, would have been almost \$406,000.

The revised expansion includes one classroom, which will eventually be converted to a library, storage areas as well as a connecting corridor to join the new building to the current structure. **NEW WIRING**

In order to bring the current structure up to standards set by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, the school board must spend \$31,500 for new wiring and other fire-prevention renovations.

Until money can be found to create a library, the staff-room will serve that purpose. Trustees expect the ministry of education will

make available sufficient funds in 1982 to complete the job.

A proposed activity room, which would double as a community meeting and recreational place, as well as a gymnasium for students, has been vetoed — for the present — by the education ministry.

### NOT THIS YEAR

At a meeting with ministry officials in early June, representatives of the school board and community were told that money for the gymnasium-activity room could not be made available this year.

The ministry had planned to look at the possibility of funding such facilities for 17 schools in the 50 to 100-pupil category around the province in 1982.

A later indication from a ministry official, however, was that money for the Galiano facility may be available in the near future.

The gym-activity room would be approximately 150 square metres with a six-metre ceiling and would allow community groups such as senior citizens to use the space when the students are not engaged in physical activities.

## Outbreak of mumps at Salt Spring Island

There has been an outbreak of mumps on Salt Spring Island, with 24 cases reported in the last three weeks, according to the Capital Region health department.

Mumps is a viral infection, normally affecting the parotid glands, causing soreness and swelling in the sides of the face, reports regional health officer Dr. A.S. Arneil. Other glands such as the testes (15-25% of adult males) and the ovaries (five percent of adult females) can be affected, as well as the pancreas.

There is little risk of permanent damage, Arneil says, but the symptoms can be quite painful. With children, mumps can be so mild that infection isn't noticed. Mumps is not as common as measles and chickenpox in childhood, and therefore quite a few adults remain susceptible.

Mumps only affects humans and is spread from person to person by droplet spread (or saliva). It has an incubation period of 12-26 days

(commonly 18) and is thought to be infectious from six days before the salivary gland swelling to as long as nine days after. Immunity is said to be lifelong, although some people claim to be infected more than once, Arneil says.

The health officer advises that people affected with mumps should be isolated from others until the swelling has subsided or for nine days, whichever is less.

A live vaccine is now being manufactured and to give best protection should be given prior to any exposure to mumps. It is normally available from the health office at Ganges for \$5 but at present is in short supply.

Cases of chickenpox are also being reported on the island, as well as one case of scarlet fever. The whooping cough reported last year is now being reported from other parts of the Capital Region. These diseases, Arneil notes, come in cycles.

Neighbours object

Fire lights dispute over location of dump

The Salt Spring garbage dump caught fire last Saturday and the flames, in addition to giving the volunteer fire fighters practice in fire control, lit a long simmering dispute over the location of the disposal facility.

Deputy Fire Chief Les Wagg said the dump can be counted upon, at least once each year, to blaze up either through spontaneous combustion or deliberately set fires.

The fire department officials were worried that the flames might have spread to nearby trees and created a worse situation.

With the aid of a bulldozer used at the dump, the crew scraped a fire break in the long grass between the flaming garbage and the trees.

EXPLODING CANS

The fire fighters had to contend with exploding aerosol cans and glass bottles as well as the thick billowing smoke.

And the smoke, trapped in the Blackburn Road valley when the low clouds moved in over the weekend, caused problems for homeowners in the vicinity.

Marion and William Thomas of Blackburn Road were bothered by the smoke, ash and smell which clung to the area well into Monday.

Mrs. Thomas said she and other neighbours have, in the past, complained to the dump owners, the fire chief, the ministry of the environment as well as the local MLA, Hugh Curtis, with little success.

'BEYOND BELIEF'

"I don't know what else to do about it," she said. "What with the watershed in the area and all, I find it's really beyond belief that it is still there."

She said a small creek runs through the valley to Cusheon Lake and expressed concern about the quality of the water.

Norman Twa, who maintains the dump for the Capital Regional District, said he would gladly move the dump to a new location but such a move would only upset other people.

He said that the neighbours of the dump should have been told of its location when they purchased

property on Blackburn Road. "The dump was here long before those people moved in," he said.

He has attempted to have people using the dump to put combustible material in a separate spot with little success. A recycling depot was set up but many people chose not to use it. He and his crew have seen some dump users lighting the garbage on fire.

DOING A FAVOUR

"I guess they think they're doing me a favour," he said.

Burning garbage is against pollution control standards for the Gulf Islands, according to a CRD spokesman.

Dr. A.S. Arneil, regional health officer, said his department does not get involved in the dump unless a health issue comes up.

"We do get interested in it if things don't work out," he explained.

The health office is concerned with control of rats and urges that the dump be maintained to prevent birds such as seagulls from feeding on the garbage.

One of the fire fighters commented on rodent control: "Well, at least the fire will keep the rats down."

Although the dump is maintained by Twa, the permit for its use is issued jointly to him and the CRD which sets standards for its maintenance.

COMPACTED

Mike Williams of the CRD engineering department said the dump regulations are aimed at creating conditions where fires are less likely to start. Each dump should be compacted and the garbage buried on a regular basis, he said.

The problem at dumps on the Gulf Islands is the availability of fill. The Salt Spring dump is located close to a supply of shale which is used to cover garbage.

Fire Chief Bob Leask acknowledged the water seepage problem. Twa said the dump has been moved to locate it away from the stream.

A further problem with burning garbage was pointed out by Dr. Arneil. He said some people may be bothered by the burning of toxic materials such as plastics.

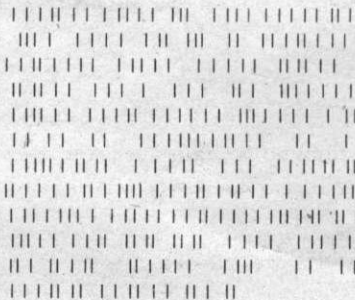


It's only a garbage collection, but you should have seen it burn. Volunteers of the Salt Spring Fire Department cope with the flames and smoke as they attempted to quell the fire at the dump on Blackburn Road last Saturday. Aerosol cans and bottles exploded in the heat, sounding very much as if a mini-war was being waged in the valley.

Computer takeover at Driftwood

When Driftwood purchased new typesetting equipment 2 1/2 years ago, a story was published announcing the acquisition. The story noted that as the new computer equipment could do almost anything, it was to be hoped that it would not take over the operation of the paper.

Those hopes were dashed this week. The equipment produced a four-foot strip of type on Monday that looked like this:



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Advertisement for Ken Byron Excavating. It features a line drawing of a backhoe loader. To the right of the drawing is a list of services: SEPTIC TANKS & DRAINAGE FIELDS, EXCAVATIONS, DRIVEWAYS, CULVERTS, and DITCHING. Below the drawing, the text reads 'Ken Byron Excavating' and 'Backhoe Service 537-2882'. There is a small 'tfn' logo in the bottom left corner.

# To Be Frank

by richards



Haven't heard of any great rush of designs for an Islands Trust logo. A few weeks ago Dave Lott reported that the Trust wanted a logo and offered honour and glory for the successful design. It looks like most of the islands artists find honour and glory a thin diet and are awaiting announcement of something more substantial.

The longer CBC is on strike, the more people seem to like their programs. The random glance into history which has featured the emergency programming is quoted everywhere. But it could be like me. The more I stop the better my critics like it.

When you see a kind of white sawdust every time you clean your electric razor you realize you're round some bend, somewhere, because no youngster ever had whiskers like those.

Last time the cat had pups, about two months ago, we had an emergency maternity ward in the middle of the kitchen floor, with Women's Lib hopping from one foot to the other and the labouring cat gazing at her with sorrowful eyes. This time, on her No. 2 litter, the cat, who rejoices in the name of Splodge, decided that no way was she going to make a spectacle of herself. This load was going to be deposited in my dressing chest on top of my handkerchiefs or in the bush. The bush won. I just hope the mice get to them before they have time to grow up.

Is it me? Or is everyone being attacked by flies? They seem to be everywhere, large black beasts with a good amplifying system and trained to do low dives. I think they are related to the wartime Stuka, except they aren't armed.

It is more honourable to fight for whales than to fight a war, stated a spokesman for Greenpeace on a television program. A few weeks ago I picked up a passenger who wanted to get to the Patricia Bay Airport. He was a very fortunate man, he explained, because he had been born too late for the Second World War. In both instances I was listening to younger men who had established a sense of propriety based on their own priorities and were now inviting others to share their sense of superiority. But I couldn't. I couldn't accept that a whale ranks above my fellows. I have every sympathy with the people who would protect a dying species but four decades ago I shared the same sympathy with those who would seek to save another dying species. I was not a fighting soldier and I carried a chalkboard more often than a gun, but I accept no reason to hang my head for having taken part in a war against a tyranny. And Greenpeace could not exist in a world directed by those against whom we fought. Neither did my chance passenger have any cause to commend his wisdom in achieving a birthday unhindered by battle. Is he a better man than he has never seen a battle fought? This distaste for war I can accept. But the suggestion that a man is greater in stature or higher in honour than his forebears who died to protect him is a strange conclusion and beyond me. My generation fought a force that destroyed half a race of men. His generation fights a force that would destroy most of a race of beasts. And good luck to him! But must he be a superior being?

It was a week of deaths. Hubert de Burgh was a warm and friendly figure and everyone misses him. Almost the same time saw the death of Walter Hunt-Sowrey, an island away. He could not have been more closely identified with Mayne if he had been born there. Wayne Cooper, veteran, ferryman and churchman died at the same time. He was another islander who was always quick with a jest and a helping hand. And while the reports were yet coming in I had a call from Victoria reporting the death of Irving Wilson, of Parksville. Wilson was publisher of the West Coast Advocate in Port Alberni for many years and I knew him as a publisher from the day I settled in British Columbia. And there was a common thread linking them all. I knew that they all had something in common. They had all made an impact on those around them. They were all aware of their fellow men and they all left that awareness as a legacy. They had all loved their neighbours.

I was looking back to driver's tests I've known over the years. First test I took was in a large English city in 1934. I was driving a Standard and the tester asked me, half-way down a hill what I would do if the brakes failed. I would blow the horn. Not enough. I would open the window and bang on the door. Not enough. I failed. Then the tester failed his test. What should I do? Shift down, he replied. But a 1934 Standard had a free-wheel and coasted in any gear. I got my license. A colleague was being tested in Sidney. Why didn't he get a double license, asked the tester, and be entitled to drive on both sides of the road. He stopped the car. Do tell! After pestering the tester to explain how to get this special license he was duly qualified without any further testing. One day I'll learn to drive.



Goodbye campers! And off by ferry for home

"Goodbye campers! We love you!" sing the leaders as another group of campers take over the Bowen Queen, en route home.

While the youngsters sing from the upper decks, the camp leaders unload the Yawaca van. A few

hours later the next contingent arrived from the mainland, eager but yet quiet.

## New plan submitted by developer

"Trust policy," he said, "clearly doesn't support this idea which is an attempt to circumvent the intent of our community plan."

"Some of us have worked hard to develop specific language in the community plan and proposals such as this are hard to swallow." The developers have been convinced of the need to build a secondary sewage treatment facility on the property. In one of their initial proposals, the sewage was to be piped into the sea.

**DESALINIZATION**  
Water, always in short supply on Mayne Island, would be obtained for the expanded resort from a desalination plant.

But Pither doubts the ability of the sewage treatment plant to cope with the problem.

"I understand the health department has suggested rather strongly that they haven't enough space on the property," he said in reference to the sewage treatment.

Meanwhile, the advisory planning commission stresses the proposals are for discussion only at this point.

"Basically, it's a matter of negotiations," said Sprague.

An advantage to potential owners of the strata condominiums is the tax shelter ownership would provide. The shelter falls under a federal government regulation covering small businesses.

Some residents of Mayne Island have adopted a wait-and-see attitude to the continuing debate.

Said one such resident, "Some people are against anything new on this island while others want to bring the city to Mayne."

**From Page One**  
Something has to give because they can't keep the island isolated forever.

The Mayne Inn was the scene of

a long battle over the construction of a wharf last year when it was owned by Pinchin Holdings Ltd. The hotel has since been sold.

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## Two cheers for the big seven

This week many, but certainly not most Canadians will be looking to Montebello, Que., to see what they're going to get for \$7 million. But if they're expecting to get full measure for their money they are probably in for a surprise.

There was little or no substance at all to the announcements made after the first day of the three-day Western economic summit being hosted by Canada.

U.S. President Reagan has been made aware of, or "sensitized", as Prime Minister Trudeau put it, to the effects of U.S. economic policies on other Western countries.

Trudeau didn't explain why it takes a meeting of the leaders of the seven major industrial nations of the West to pass on that little tidbit of information.

Other announcements included a warning that retaliatory action would be taken against any country that provided aid to terrorists. Unfortunately, the big seven haven't quite decided what kind of action they will take.

The Soviet Union got its knuckles rapped in a warning that it will not be allowed to attain military superiority.

Like the grain embargo imposed by the U.S. against the Soviets, it was an empty, pointless move.

But perhaps we can just find enough energy for a half-hearted cheer for the urging by the big seven for restraint between the warring parties in Lebanon. After all, it was an unprecedented statement, according to French Foreign Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, because the seven have never stated their position so clearly on a subject.

How about two cheers? Such an earth-shattering move will likely never happen again.

## It may be their last fling

Sir,  
 David Woodley's concern over 600 Black Bears being sacrificed to supply bearskin hats for the soldiers taking part in the Royal Wedding is well founded and is just another example of man's continued efforts to exterminate most of our wild creatures.

I'm sure the poor soldiers who have to wear the ungainly heavy hats would very much prefer that they were made of some lightweight synthetic stuff (Hong Kong or Taiwan) than the "real thing".

However, I fail to see how he considers himself qualified enough to wax eloquently on the shortcomings of English traditions, eg. Royalty and Royal Weddings; and to be so short-sighted that he thinks it is only the English who are wallowing in economic crises, massive unemployment, and racism.

Granted they seem to have acquired the technique of

"making a mess of things" but their problems are enormous by comparison with ours. I have no doubt that from all their apparent chaos there will emerge an economic, social, political, and racial society that will be suitable for life in that overcrowded Island.

Perhaps the writer should take a good look at his own society and note the increasing inflation (decreasing in U.K.), nationwide strikes, and visit an Indian Reserve (as I have) and see unemployment, "poverty", and racism conveniently "swept under the carpet" away from public view.

So why not live and let live, and sit down on July 29 and watch the Royal Wedding (bearskins and all!)—and allow the English to once again put on a show of "Pomp and Circumstance" for the world. It may well be their last fling.

**PETER ROWELL,**  
 Ganges,  
 July 20, 1981.



## Letters to the Editor

### Farmers' market good for business

Sir,  
 It is sad newcomers to the island couldn't see the farmers' market, when it started with three stalls, six or seven years ago. It grew to several vegetable and bake stalls, along with those in aid of Cubs and Brownies, pre-school, and other island charities.

Within the last few years, off-island "treasure" vendors have begun to frequent the market and ply their trade. Often these off-islanders arrive Friday evening, taking up two or three car spaces, thus eliminating needed space for Salt Spring Island sellers.

The locals rise early Saturday to prepare their goods and vegetables to ensure freshness, only to arrive at the market, to find little or no space in which to sell. Is it that our casual Saturday morning free enterprise system is becoming commercialized?

It seems harsh to accuse farmers' market food stall operators of taking restaurant business, when for three or four hours a week these

sellers cater to people looking for an out-of-the-ordinary snack, while strolling leisurely, looking at all the wares.

For many islanders and visitors, a typical Saturday morning begins with a stop at the farmers' market, followed by visits to the downtown

core merchants, and a meal. Ask any store owner, the farmers' market is good for business.

**SANCHIA SEWARD,**  
 Rainbow Road,  
 Ganges,  
 July, 1981.

### All happy, friendly people

Sir,  
 I am answering about the complaint of the Farmers' Market by Ed Cornell, on the front page of *Driftwood* July 15. What's the matter? Are you afraid you may go out of business because once a week we have the Farmers' Market?

The Farmers' Market is a great place to go on Saturdays and meet your friends and make new friends. I have met many people from other Islands who look forward to coming over in their boats and browse around the Farmers' Market and also shop in our local stores. The tourists enjoy it very much and think it's great.

I noticed you mentioned about cupcakes and coffee sold without health inspection. Well, how about the different churches that have bake sales? Their "goodies" are sooo good. Who inspects them? God? You didn't mention about the churches.

As for saying selling food was

### Peaches will be missed

Sir,  
 Peaches, the little 12-year-old Basset Hound, who was a friend to everyone on Vesuvius Bay Road and Sunset Drive, has passed away.

We wish to thank everyone who was so good to her as she went on her daily walks. We know you will all miss her as much as we do.

**DON AND MARY McCARDIA,**  
 Ganges,  
 July, 1981.

"competing with local restaurants" that's ridiculous. People will eat where, when and what they want anytime they please.

If you object so much to the Farmers' Market on Saturdays, Ed Cornell, then I suggest you stay at the Rec Centre for the day. We are all happy, friendly people down here at the Market.

**MARY McCARDIA,**  
 Ganges,  
 July 20, 1981.

### Benefit to community

Sir,  
 Re: Mr. Cornell's comment to Chamber of Commerce.

It's unfortunate that Mr. Cornell cannot see the subtle benefits of our wonderful farmers' market. He should be indeed thankful for the extra business that results from the outpour of people attracted to Ganges Centre once a week on Saturdays.

It's an economical, asthetic and cultural benefit to our community.

Let's live and let live, there's enough to go around!

**SW. ANAUD PRAFULLO,**  
 R.R.2 Ganges,  
 July 15, 1981.

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this week,  
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 Island Chamber  
 of Commerce.

# It's time for premier's famous second look

Sir,  
I have, today, forwarded the following letter to Premier Bill Bennett:

Your government's decision to name a mountain peak in honour of Terry Fox was commendable. However, press reports indicate that no discussion or consideration of local opinion was undertaken. So instead of assuring local community support, your government has once more alienated a local community.

The only connection between this and your government's shoddy treatment of the people of Salt Spring is the autocratic indifference to people's rights.

With such a slim political majority, denial of an evident demand for an island-wide referendum, for reasons of expediency appears suicidal. Then to permit the passage of legislation aimed specifically at nullifying the effect of a pending court decision is tantamount, politically, to a death wish.

It is not to be expected that MLA's from other parts of the province would be conversant with our problems. I am aware that party solidarity dictates virtually blind acceptance of your minister's recommendations and that the opposition submissions in debate are regarded as little more than sound and fury.

It is reported in Hansard that you, Mr. Premier, departed from the House during the debate. Accordingly, you should seek the truth. Read Hansard for yourself. Certainly Mr. Barber and Mr. Skelly, in frustration, skated on thin ice, as have many of your ministers in debate. But ask yourself did Mr. Curtis or Mr. Vander Zalm give a direct answer to the questions put to them? They could not because the questions dealt with the simple matter of the right of a vote and access to justice, and their replies were completely

evasive.  
Mr. Vander Zalm's reply was a waffling joke in his contention that we cannot turn back because too much money has already been committed and, secondly, because we may lose the Federal grant. His credibility is further in question by virtue of the misinformation he provided the house in the matter of the mill rate. He assured the house that the costs would be so much lower than elsewhere at 2½ mills, whereas, the affected properties are already paying 7.432 mills on their 1981 tax statement.

I can assure you that in spite of the desperate measures of the CRD, appropriately described by Judge Gould as tricky, there are thousands of people on Salt Spring who will see this injustice reversed.

If there ever was a time for your famous second look it is now. The conclusion that political patronage is a factor is, in my judgment, nonsense and unfair to Mr. Curtis, whom I consider to be an honest politician. One need look no further than the manipulative tactics and bullheadedness of Jim Campbell and Dennis Young for reason why this grossly unfair and ridiculous waste of public funds is being foisted on the people of Salt Spring.

Consider, in the light of the political future for your party what your government has done. For expediency alone, your government has interfered with the due process of law. You have put a justice of the Supreme Court in the position where he declines to render a judgment.

To correct, possibly the worst blunder your party has made, I urge you to assure that subsection 244 of sec 68 of Bill 31 be not proclaimed.  
**P.A. TIERNAN,**  
Old Scott Road,  
Ganges.  
July 18, 1981.

# What do you expect for 17c?

BY ANDREW GIBSON

Please forgive me for beating your ears about the Post Office, but I feel it my sacred duty to tell you, in case you missed it in the news flash, about what that presently shut-down institution has in store for us simple-minded peasants, who expect the words First Class to mean just that.

"Upsell" is a new word in merchandising hype. It means conditioning the public to mentally downgrade the service it now thinks it is entitled to, so that a properly-performed service can be peddled for an increased fee. In this case, the directive to the Post Office staff asks, "What does the mailer expect for 17c -- 100% reliability? Then he is using the wrong service. Here's our opportunity to upsell from 17 cents to special delivery. For \$1 more, we'll still be able to beat our competition and satisfy customer needs."

We can all recall the "assured delivery" pitch we got some time ago for First Class mail. That, according to a Post Office official, was "the biggest goof in history", because the fact is (please brace yourselves) that "six or seven letters out of 100 are...er...sidetracked."

The "Upsell" information was in an internal Post Office communication, not intended to be divulged to the public. "It's just a promotional letter", explained the official who signed it, "to be interpreted by a person working in the Post Office. It may mean something else to the general public."

### DUCKING THE ISSUE

What it means to this member of the general public is that, instead of tackling the real problem, which is the 15% of mail which is "sidetracked", the Post Office plans to duck the issue by reclassifying instead of curing. By paying six times as much we'll be able to get the First Class service we're supposed to be getting (and used to get, before the Post Office laid all that good technology on us, and lost its pride in a job well done).

Beautiful! But it doesn't take much imagination to realize that the founding principle of the institution is being destroyed.

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And the Post Office, instead of cleaning up its act, proposes to join them, and become Courier Number 1. As the directive says, "We'll be able to beat our competition and satisfy customer needs."

### HAS A PRECEDENT

This approach to public service has, alas, a precedent in Canada. The railways, whose performance is, in theory, totally controlled by the government, were permitted to institute a policy of malicious neglect toward the less profit-making passenger part of their obligations. The service deteriorated until the government caved in and, in the world's greatest sweetheart deal, picked up the VIA tab.

Not, however, until the rolling stock, the roadbed and the passenger stations were in a disgraceful condition. So there is at least one precedent for the impending Post Office abandonment of responsibility.

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CUSTOMER: Well, I'll tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to sue. When you say First Class, the public expects First Class...

Exactly. But we can't sue the Post Office. The most we can do is to form a citizens' group, called, perhaps, SOPO -- Save Our Post Office -- to bring that mishandled institution back to its original reason for being.

## More letters to the Editor on Page Six

# Making profit goal of community plan

Sir,  
I was delighted to see the letter from T. Toynbee in the July 15 Driftwood. It was nice to have a clear presentation of the "establishment" position. I was surprised to hear that the proposed big sewer would only have secondary level treatment facilities. Tertiary treatment (filtration) is essential to controlling the toilet papered beaches and foreshore I was referring to in last week's 'letters'. It is sad that the new 4 plus million dollar facility proposed would not be capable of doing an adequate job, and shameful that this could be imposed upon island residents rather than an efficient alternative system at lower cost.

Mr. T. Toynbee, you seem pleased at the thought of fighting local pollution, but where is the wisdom in exporting the pollution out into the harbour you love? Where is the wisdom in building a big sewer which will service development of the valley and shores of the harbour you love?

Let's take a look at the community plan. Mr. T. Toynbee cites it as an authority to develop Ganges according to its provisions. Yet the ultimate authority in this land comes from the people. When people object to some facet of

development authorized by the community plan are they not withdrawing or reserving their authorization for that development.

On looking at the Community Plan the first thing I note is that it is almost 10 years old and seems to have been prepared for the people by regional bureaucrats rather than by the people. Have any of us seen a referendum on the style and extent of island and Ganges development?

Has there been a referendum to confirm the purposes of the Plan which include preparing the island for a population of 15,000?

I submit to the readers that the development of the island is the purpose of the plan, the goal is to make profits for some at the expense of our environment and quality of community -- and that as the plan acknowledges -- the development cannot proceed before getting sewage treatment in place. That is the source of the haste in getting the sewage system through the works.

So T. Toynbee, it seems the Sewer Alternative Committee and others are wise to oppose the big sewer. Water quality in your beloved harbour is not the only thing at stake. In question is a whole, integrated question of island development. Sewage

disposal must be dealt with in conjunction with all other factors. We need a referendum which specifically deals with these questions, which gives people a choice of options and combinations of options for Salt Spring's future. Let's see what the majority of people want for their future and the future of our children.

Thanks again T. Toynbee for telling us the way you see it, but you are wrong, the sewer system and core development do not, I feel, meet the requirements of our community plan or those of the majority of islanders. It is time the people renewed the mandate of the Community Plan. Likewise our various levels of government have periods of office which may be renewed periodically only by seeking authority from the people.

The courts protect people from the development of autocracy in a majority government. So the acts of our provincial government and CRD in removing the right to judicial appeal and in ignoring the call for a referendum from large numbers of citizens is nothing short of dictatorial -- which they will discover to have been very unwise.

**R. ELKINGTON,**  
R.R.3 Ganges.  
July 16, 1981.

# Legislation means complete denial of judicial process

Open letter to Hon. Hugh Curtis:

Dear Mr. Curtis,  
I must register my protest in the strongest terms against the recent legislation, processed with unseemly haste, which permits the CRD to install a sewer and treatment plant at Ganges.

This legislation has been described as an "end-run" around the court system. Rather I believe it is a complete denial of the impartial judicial process. It probably sets a landmark precedent for chicanery -- for when in history has any other parliament put through legislation to circumvent a decision which has not yet been handed down by the court?

*We remind readers that we reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, legality and taste. Letters to the editor must be signed, and should be addressed to The Editor, Gulf Islands Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges.*

The sewer will benefit only some 200 parcels of land. Most of these are owned by speculators. (Do not tell me about the Greenwoods home or the Lady Minto Hospital -- both of these have sewage disposal systems installed at great cost, but by incompetent contractors. These two places are a distinct issue and it would be insane to solve their \$50,000 problem by means of a multi-million dollar sewer).

Victoria seems to bristle with bureaucrats and elected officials who do not live on Salt Spring and were not elected by us: yet these people seem determined to install an extravagant sewer and treatment plant which we do not want, and which we do not need.

You, sir as our MLA, could have stopped this Bill: if you knew the first thing about political strategy, (to say nothing about competent government), you would have, at the least, delayed this legislation until a referendum had been held.

Don't count on my vote going to the Social Credit candidate next time round!

**COLIN NICHOLSON,**  
Box 1087,  
Ganges.  
July, 1981.

# Days of canine freedom gone

**BY WILLIAM LEACH,  
ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION  
CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT**

Ignoring the local leash law may no longer be simply a question of a \$25 fine. In a unique decision, the Supreme Court of Canada has thrown its weight behind a lower court ruling that owners of dogs may have to pay for damage caused by their pets anywhere off the owner's property.

That was the outcome of the top court's decision last fortnight not to hear an appeal against an Ontario judgment that found a dog's master responsible for damages of \$8,021.93 because of an accident touched off by the dog.

It all started April 17, 1976, when two boys were playing with their seven-year-old Labrador, on a 40-acre property in Richmond Hill near Toronto. A 17-year-old rode by on her horse, along a rural road. Eluding the two boys the dog ran and nipped the horse, causing it to throw her. The horse then bolted into busy traffic on a nearby highway, where it was hit and killed by a car. The girl received slight injuries.

**REVERSED JUDGMENT**

Lawsuits by the girl's parents and the driver of the car were thrown out of the Ontario Supreme Court. But the Ontario Court of Appeal reversed that judgment, saying that the legal owner of the dog was negligent. The Appeal Court's reasoning was twofold: that the dog owner knew

of a Richmond Hill bylaw prohibiting dogs running at large and that he should have known an accident might occur under the circumstances.

That ruling amounts to an important precedent say lawyers involved in the case. A Toronto lawyer sees it as another step by modern society away from the centuries-old common-law principle that allowed "man's best friend" to roam at will. Most municipalities have restrictive bylaws, but "the problem is that these laws are often ignored." That will change, he points out, now that owners' negligence can be more readily established.

**NO MORE**

In the past, such findings ran head on into what the Ontario Court of Appeal termed "ancient rules that required the dog's master to have some knowledge of vicious or mischievous propensity." But no more. Now the courts are shifting to a test similar to that applied in other negligence cases.

That means that if a dog is unlawfully at large and does something the owner could have reasonably foreseen, the owner may be liable for damages caused to people or property.

Pet owners must become more responsible and realize that the days of canine freedom are long gone. In today's modern society, a dog can get into a lot of trouble without too much encouragement.

## More Letters to the Editor

### They have genuine concern for community

Sir,

I learned from this section of *Driftwood* that Tom Toynbee cleared Mouat's shelves of pornographic publications. Since most other magazine stands in the province display this material, it must be profitable. Its removal as a matter of conscience is hardly the act of a man concerned with commerce to the detriment of the community.

A brief letter by Mr. Toynbee in his own defense brought many column inches of counter attack by your readers. One letter seemed to suggest that it was insignificant that Mr. Barber's and Mr. Skelly's accusations were false, implying that character-assassination by lies is a legitimate way to express an opposing point of view.

Lies repeated often enough become accepted as truth. A genuine concern for adequate

sanitation and the rehabilitation of Ganges Harbour from an open cesspool, has become in the public mind part of a devious plot hatched to accelerate irresponsible development.

It is time that those who have formed their opinions on second-hand information gained from listening to the loudest voices should calmly re-assess those opinions.

It would be well for all of us to obtain and re-read all studies and reports on the methods of sewage disposal suggested over the past few years together with the Ganges Plan, in order to intelligently decide the merits or disadvantages of the proposed method.

Above all we should take a walk

around the inner edge of the harbour for our own eyes and noses to remind us we are living a 20th century lifestyle with 19th century sanitation.

Whatever our conclusions, we must acknowledge that those who are pro-sewer are people with a genuine concern for the community. We must allow that it is possible for neighbours to disagree without one suspecting the other of corrupt motives. If we don't do this we are building barriers of distrust and hostility between each other which may never come down.

**P. BARNES,**  
Box 502,  
Ganges.

July 16, 1981.

### Several reasons for spaying, neutering

Spaying or neutering pets should be considered, if only for the elimination of worry by the pet owner, advises the Salt Spring auxiliary of the SPCA.

The procedure helps control the proliferation of unwanted animals, reduces the chance of a pet contacting infections or other diseases and eliminates the necessity of keeping the pet confined during heat periods, the society explains.

For female cats, spaying should be done at six to eight months, while with female dogs, the surgery should be carried out when the animal reaches five to six months of age.

Males, both cats and dogs, should be neutered when they are from nine to 12 months old.

The costs involved are

reasonable when one considers the bill includes confinement, surgery, anaesthetics and drugs, as well as post-operative care such as removing of sutures, says the SPCA.

If the animal is suited to breeding, having good conformation and temperament, the owner may be wise not to spay or neuter.

Other factors to consider in not having the animal operated on include assurances of finding homes for the litter as well as proper facilities to ease the birth and raising of the new-born animals.

The operation of spaying a female is identical to a hysterectomy in humans and a veterinarian will advise owners of any questions of spaying or neutering.

### Only fair that vote be taken

Sir,

I am greatly distressed with the prospect of the proposed sewer for Ganges polluting our beautiful harbour. It will benefit only a small minority, mainly the business section of Ganges. I am a lifetime resident of Salt Spring Island and a senior citizen and think that I and many other old-timers should have had a say in what takes place on our island. Speaking for many others in this age group we feel strongly about the increase in our taxes that this project will bring about.

For many years now we have been asked to conserve our use of water during the dry season. We do this. Has no thought been given to the amount of water which will be used in this venture if, sadly enough, it should take place? Our water supply will be depleted, I am sure.

Another way must be taken in order to preserve our beautiful island and surrounding waters as they have been for all the past years.

It is only fair that a vote should be taken in order to determine the wishes of all concerned.

**F. JAMES STEVENS,**  
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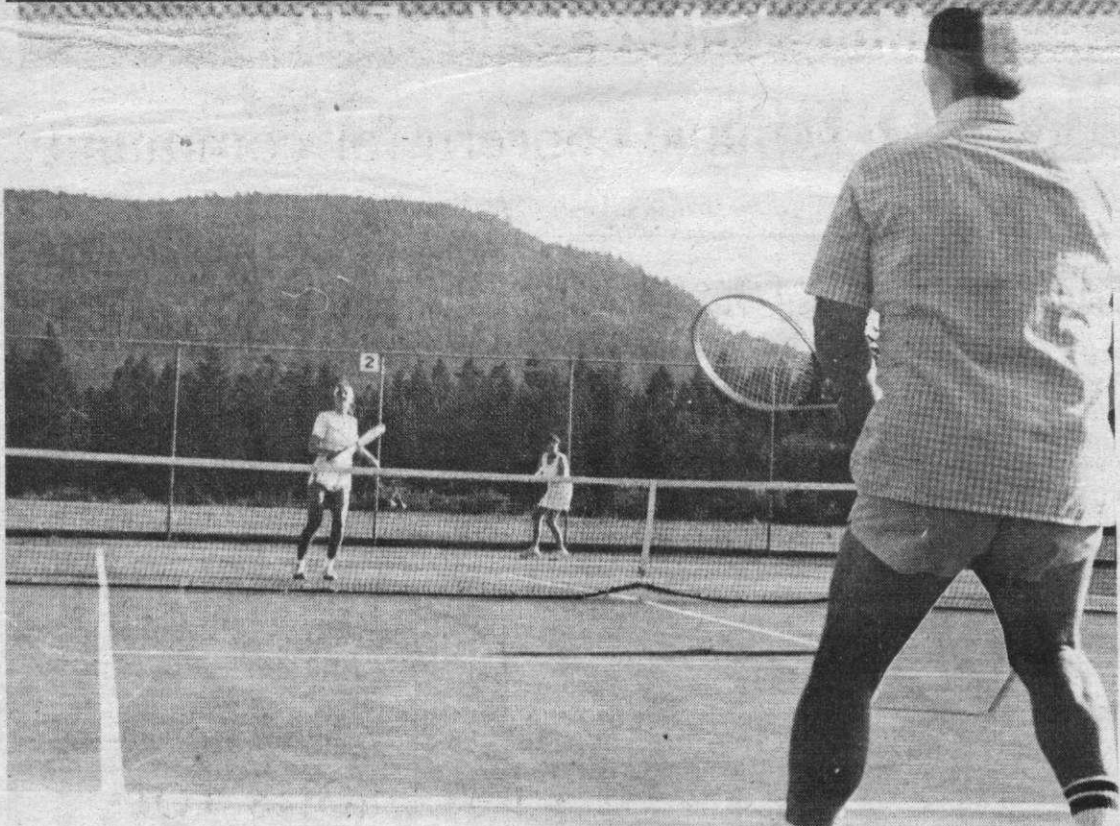
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### Line Call!

BY WENDY HUGHES

The gloriously sunny day Sunday, July 12 more than made up for the extra hour's wait at the ferry terminal for the Langford tennis group.

(Where is Langford? Eight miles north of Victoria).

Portlock Park was the scene of matches throughout the day with some matches being played at the Wilkinson-Hughes court on Old Scott Road.

Despite the wins of Pat Tiernan and Peggy Stacey, Pat Lee and Wendy Hughes, Caroline Mout and John Wooldridge in the mixed doubles, Peggy Stacey and Wendy Hughes in the women's doubles and Pat Tiernan and Pat Lee in the men's doubles, the Langford players beat Salt Spring 7 games to 5.

The contest was organized by Bev Unger, assisted by Norman Best. Many thanks to Mollie Houston who so willingly provided everyone with a lovely lunch and tea.

Dr. David Wooldridge and John Wooldridge very kindly rushed from their lunch to fill in for Jock Volkommer and Pat Lee. Jock hurt his shoulder and could not continue to play.

The Salt Spring Tennis Association is now focusing on the upcoming Galiano tournament which in the past has been one of the most fun and serious tournaments of the year. It is scheduled for August 15.

Serve and volley is the name of the game in tennis and Neil Beaumonte prepares to return the serve from Edith Sacker, centre, while Robin Sacker guards the net.

The players were practising their lessons learned in classes held by the Salt Spring Tennis Association.



The position of the feet for service is most important, is the message tennis instructor Bev Unger gives to student Neil Beaumonte. The Salt Spring Tennis Association runs twice-

weekly classes for those tennis buffs who wish to improve their game. The classes are held at the tennis courts at Portlock Park on Salt Spring Island.

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# Multiple family homes are needed

What do retired people want on Salt Spring Island?

What will Salt Spring Island people want when they retire on Salt Spring Island? The two questions are asked by the housing committee of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee earlier this year and last week the Advisory Planning commission members received the report.

The report offered its summary of the aspirations of both groups.

Non-retired people generally live in single-family dwellings, although there are many who can no longer afford to buy or rent this type of home, the commission was told.

By a 2 to 1 ratio the non-retired respondents to the questionnaire urged that it would be desirable to permit construction of multiple-family dwellings.

By 5 to 1, the respondents favoured the location of such dwellings close in, near schools and commercial, social and recreational facilities.

The report dealt in ratios.

By 1 to 1, respondents felt that mobile home parks are acceptable if properly built, landscaped and maintained.

## HERE TO STAY

The majority of islanders are

## They mostly want to stay

here to stay. By 6 to 1, they intend to retire on the island.

Almost all the retired people on Salt Spring are living in single-family dwellings. By a ratio of 3 to 1 they favour alternative multiple dwellings to be available as they grow older.

The retired people called for, by a majority of 4 to 1, such multiple-family dwellings in built-up areas, close to stores, banks and social and institutional services.

Retired people were warmer to mobile homes and expressed approval by a ratio of 2½ to 1, as long as they are properly landscaped and maintained.

The retired people responding to the questions were unanimous in their desire to stay here. By 100 to 1 they hope to spend their retirement years on Salt Spring Island, if they can find reasonable accommodation.

The questionnaire was distributed only on Salt Spring Island.

By 2 to 1, the retired people expect to have to move to accommodation that is easier to keep up and, later, to a personal

care facility.

## COULD STAY LONGER

The majority of the aging retired people on the island feel that they could carry on in their present dwelling a lot longer if they could enjoy the services of low-priced handymen to do the heavier work, such as wall-cleaning, window-washing, gardening, cutting lawns, piling wood and other chores.

The respondents also suggested that visiting homemakers, or parallel services, could be extended to cover more than they do at present.

In summary, the committee reported that a majority of the people of Salt Spring Island appear to want multiple-family dwellings in built-up areas, close to stores, commercial and institutional facilities, or well-designed and maintained mobile home park areas.

"In other words," says the report, "affordable accommodation."

The report sees a need for further buildings along the pattern of the Lions Pioneer Village in Ganges and suggests that they might be undertaken by a joint committee of the Royal Canadian Legion, the Lions Club and the Rotary Club.

The report glances back at the annual reports of the Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods. The hospital may justify expansion of the extended care facility, it suggests, "and Greenwoods must expand in the near future."

## COMBINATION

Excellent results have been

already examining a survey required by the federal and provincial governments as a preliminary for gaining government aid for a senior citizens' housing project.

It was reported last week that the clubs are undertaking a joint enquiry.

Members of the housing committee responsible for the report were Fred Brookbanks, Lions Club; George Dunaway, Royal Canadian Legion; Garry Garras, Rotary Club; Nick Gilbert, Advisory Planning Commission; Roma Sturdy, Old Age Pensioners' Organization; and Deane Strongitharm, Islands Trust.

## "Bang goes 18,000!"

# Planners question subdivision provision

Section 733 of the Municipal Act came under fire again at an informal meeting on Tuesday afternoon last week of members of the Advisory Planning Commission.

The section is that which makes allowance for the subdivision of "any parcel of land owned by the person applying for subdivision for not less than five years prior to the application, to provide a separate residence for the owner or for his father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law or grandchild."

When a subdivision is made under this section, no further action may be taken under Section 733 for a period of five years. The same length of time is applied to the use of the land so subdivided. The land subdivided under this section can only be used for residential purposes for five years and the use of the land from which it is taken may not be changed for the same five-year period.

## RESTRICTION

There is one restriction on the use of this section. The minimum size of the subdivided lot is one hectare, or approximately two acres, unless the health officer approves a smaller lot. From generation to generation farmland can be cut up, commented chairman Nick Gilbert. "And bang goes our 18,000!"

He was referring to the maximum population target of 18,000 sought under the island community plan.

The owner of the subdivided lot cannot be compelled to retain the property, said Bud Kreissl.

"He can sell it the following day."

He would have to wait five years, suggested Yvette Valcourt, but Kreissl explained that he could sell it the following day.

The Islands Trust has examined the clause with some concern in the past. The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee will continue the examination, said trustee Kreissl.

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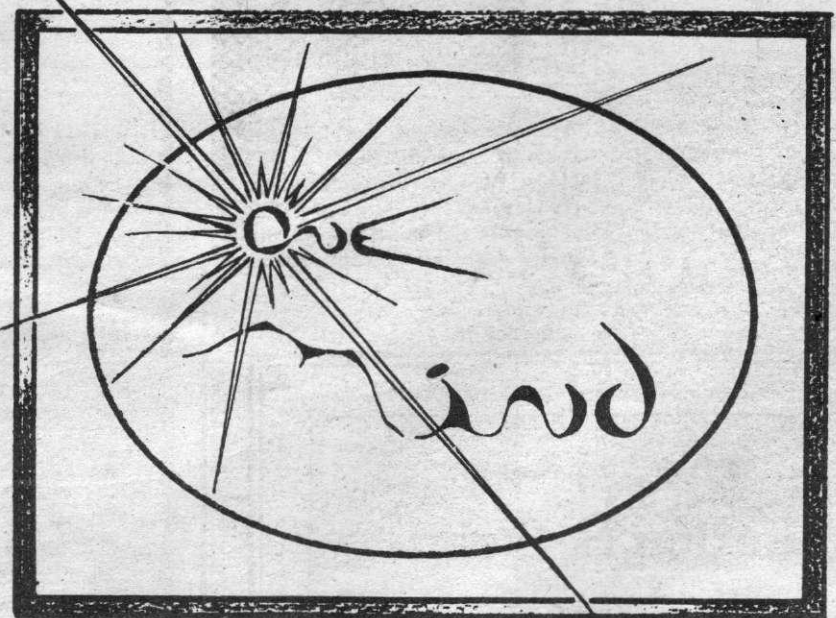
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Also available are a number of new titles in the young people's section.

## Reading was major problem

"What should we do with a drunken sailor?"

Throw him in the brig until he's sober."

Gordon Chisholm, of Edmonton, Alberta, wasn't thrown into the brig but he was fined by provincial court Judge D.S. Collins last week.

Chisholm, who is retired, was in court to answer for an incident in the Otter Bay Marina on Pender Island on July 12.

The RCMP were called to the marina that day to investigate the actions of a 34-foot pleasure craft which was bumping other boats at moorage.

Chisholm was sentenced to a fine of \$450 or 60 days in jail when he pleaded guilty to the charge of being in control of a motor vessel while impaired.

The court was told the other boats involved suffered only cosmetic damage.

Part of the problem, said Chisholm, occurred because he had the use of only one engine. Judge Collins replied that the breath test reading of .26 was the major problem.

## Zontar Brothers

# Islanders' version of Monty Python

BY BILL WEBSTER

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Friday evening at 11.

Although not available in the islands, the program is a production of talent from the Victoria area. The part played by the Zontars resembles a Salt Spring version of *Monty Python*.

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# Watch those power lines, Hydro warns contractors

Recent deaths and injuries in the Lower Mainland caused by construction equipment coming in contact with overhead and underground electrical wires have prompted B.C. Hydro to reiterate the importance of people following proper safety procedures.

Most accidents have been the result of people neglecting to follow accepted safety procedures and Workers' Compensation Board regulations, says B.C. Hydro safety engineering and administration supervisor Tony Lyttle.

Wherever there is a possibility of equipment such as cranes or cement pumper trucks coming within 10 feet of an overhead conductor, the regulations specify that the contractor finds out the voltage and the minimum clearance distance required and that minimum clearance be maintained.

If the minimum clearance cannot be maintained because of work circumstances or possible inadvertent movement, Hydro must be notified before work starts. Hydro crews can de-energize the line, re-route it or take steps to guard against contact.

"In the event of contact, however, anybody in a crane or vehicle should stay in or on the vehicle, warn other people to stay away and have somebody phone B.C. Hydro or the police immediately," warns Lyttle.

"Usually the vehicle can be moved away from the line, but if it can't be moved and you must get out because of fire or other immediate hazard, leap free of the vehicle with no part of you touching it and the ground at the same time," says Lyttle.

He adds that nobody should go near energized equipment because the ground around it can be energized to dangerous levels.

Some injuries and deaths have been caused by people trying to help another person who is in contact with an energized line or equipment.

Ideally, the best rule is to wait for an experienced Hydro crew to respond to the emergency call.

## Art show August 11 at Pender

Pender Island's annual arts and crafts show will be held on August 11 at the Community Centre from 11 am to 3 pm. This is the show's 11th consecutive year and according to organizers, promises to be outstanding. Three guest artists, Ralph Sketch, sculptor; Cyril Ripley, photographer; and H.G. Glyde, painter, will show their work.

To date 22 artists have registered and space is at a premium. There are 17 entries from arts and crafts organizations. Entries are restricted to Pender Islands people.

There will be a door prize and refreshments will be served.

Last year several hundred people attended and purchased most of the arts and the crafts displayed. This year all indications are that the show will be bigger and better.

During the year the Pender Islands Art Group conducts classes and gives instruction in various art techniques for interested islanders.

The president of the group is John Kwak, and the convener of this year's show is Mrs. Nefia Lynd. Registrar is Ora Symes.

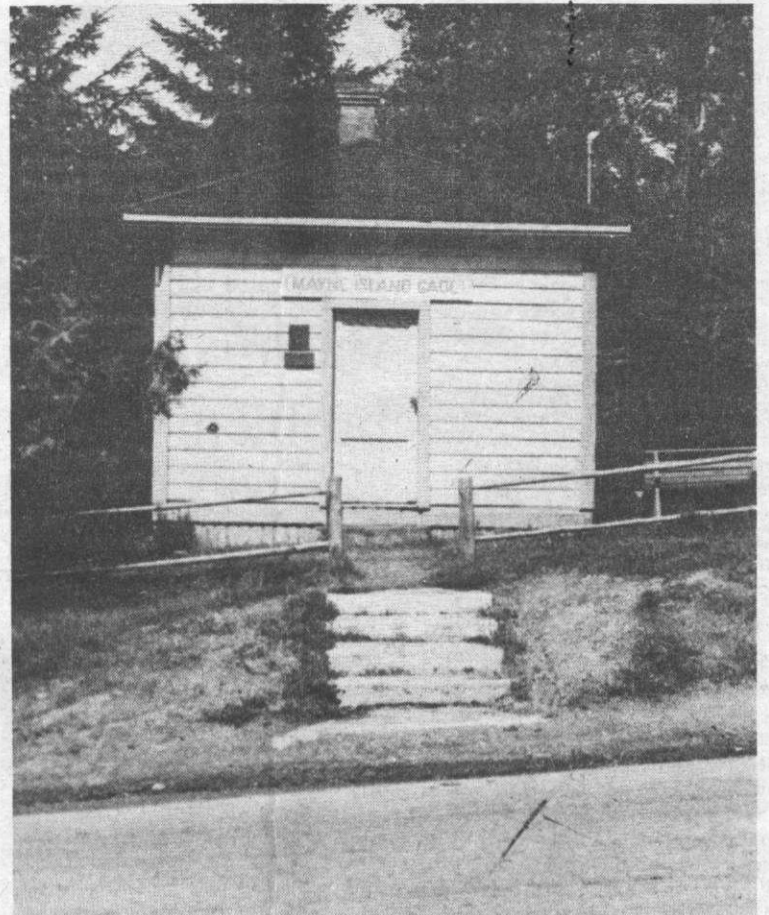
# Museum staff to stage display

For 12 years, from 1893 until 1905, while smugglers and cattle rustlers threatened the livelihood of the ranchers, Mayne Island was headquarters for the Gulf Islands district of the Provincial Police.

Constables patrolled their 600-square-mile "beat", ranging from the U.S. border to Porlier Pass, and from Georgia Strait to Vancouver Island, in the most efficient craft available, a 16-foot rowboat equipped with a sail. To augment their work, a lockup was built at Miners Bay in 1896. There were more than 50 lockups in the province by 1900, but today the building at Mayne is a rarity, carefully preserved as a museum by the Mayne Island Agricultural Society.

On Saturday from 1 to 4:30 pm, the staff of the museum will be sponsoring a Heritage Display at the Community Hall. Through the use of old documents and photographs some of the heritage buildings and farms on Mayne Island will be illustrated.

Of special interest will be the newly published history of the lockup and the work of the police constables from 1893 to 1905, on sale for the first time (for 25¢). Visitors and residents are being encouraged to attend the display and make suggestions for future displays. Free coffee will be served.



Mayne Island's lockup, built in 1896.



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# Extra space now that spinach has bolted

I had the pleasure recently to visit Sandy's garden, the little Sandy who works at Foxglove. It is a gardener's garden, a joy to behold. There are flowers everywhere, in hanging baskets, in pots sitting on the lawn, in the ground and in the garden.

It is an organic garden, in raised beds, planted according to the phases of the moon, and companion planted. Everything is growing beautifully and healthy as can be. And as we talked, her eyes were everywhere looking for something to pinch. Just as at Foxglove, a quick, darting movement and another spent blossom or straggling shoot has been pinched. I would not be surprised if she had sap in her veins.

I will be working at Foxglove every Tuesday from now on. So if you have any questions and would like to talk with me, that is where I will be, courtesy of Foxglove. However, little Sandy is another good gardener and her advice would be just as good as mine.

## HANGING BASKETS

And now for something entirely different, a few words about hanging baskets and the like. Any containers such as tubs, boxes and baskets, which are completely exposed to the air, will dry out rather rapidly. Further, their soil will also be warmer and the plants will transpire a great deal.

And now that we are blessed with all this sunshine, it is therefore necessary to water our baskets and tubs every day. Yes, to keep them looking nice, daily watering is a must; except on rainy days, of course.

Now due to all this watering a lot of nutrients will be washed out of these baskets. So a weekly dose of fertilizer is also necessary. Either the commercial hanging basket fertilizer or alternating chicken manure tea and seaweed tea or fish fertilizer will keep the baskets growing and keep them healthy.

Now that the spinach has bolted and gone to seed we have some space in the garden to grow something else. And there are two ways of using this space. One is for short-term growing such as leaf lettuce, green onions, fast beets, or radishes.

The other is for long-term or winter veggies, such as long-season beets, kale, chard, winter onions, late cabbages, broccoli and others.

## LEVEL BEDS

If you grew your spinach in

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raised beds and if you want to grow some short-term veggies, it would be best to level the raised bed to ground level. This will reduce the area exposed to drying air and will conserve moisture. For long-term and winter growing it would be best to leave the raised bed as is, and to mulch between beds even with the top of the bed. This will reduce moisture evaporation and provide all the benefits of mulching.

We obtained some of last year's hay at a dollar per bale and also collected some along the side of the roads where our highways department cut down the growth.

There are quite a few veggies which we can start now. One of the most rewarding is leaf lettuce. Lettuce is best sown at two-week intervals in small quantities.

## CONTINUOUS SUPPLY

This way we can enjoy a continuous supply of fresh lettuce until late in the season. The same holds true for spinach. Both can be sown for succession crops from now until September. Spinach is hardy to 0° (F) and late spinach can be harvested from November to next May if our winter is reasonably mild.

Mind you, there will be very little or no growth during the cold months. So in order to be able to harvest throughout the winter months your last sowing should be an extensive one.

As we are going to get into winter gardening later on in the season, we need to prepare ourselves for this adventure, and this is what is required: a nice, protected spot, open to the south, with lots of light; raised beds for good drainage and higher soil temperatures; lots of mulch between the raised beds and on top of them to reduce frost damage; and lastly, seeds for hardy veggies.

The current mail strike will be something of a handicap in this regard but let's hope for the best, and let's see what we can do. Perhaps some of us who are travelling anywhere could pickup some seeds for others or make them available through Foxglove

or other outlets.

## TRY FEW

A word of caution: for those who have not grown winter veggies before, take it easy, try a few varieties instead of a whole lot and see how it goes.

Now then, in order of hardiness, (hardest first) good stuff to grow through the winter: parsnips, burdock, salsify, scorzonera, kale, rutabaga, spinach, corn salad, winter cress, Jerusalem artichokes (all hardy to 0° F).

Leeks, parsley, broccoli, brussels sprouts, endive, escarole,

swiss chard, turnips, onions, oriental radishes, garlic, shallots (all hardy to 10° F).

Hardy to about 15° F and worth trying are the following: Chinese cabbage, arctic king and winter density lettuce, also most romaine types, cabbages, Italian green sprouting broccoli, lutz green leaf beets, savoy and red cabbages and fennel.

The latter has a sweet licorice-like flavour and is delightful in green salads as an accent in small quantities.

## Impaired

A vehicle in the ditch and a breath test showing .15 adds up to an appearance in provincial court.

Such was the case with Robert Smith of Walker Hood Road who pleaded guilty last week to a charge of impaired driving.

Judge D.S. Collins was told Smith was seen standing beside a white Datsun truck which was in the ditch on Lower Ganges Road on June 13.

Smith was co-operative with the investigating officer and two breath tests showed readings of .15 and .14.

The judge sentenced Smith to a fine of \$350 or 45 days in jail and ordered him to turn his driver's licence in to the superintendent of motor vehicles for a suspension to be determined.

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# Walkway needs land

## Trust Committee learned

Walkway around the waterfront in Ganges, proposed by the Ganges Improvement Study, has hit a snag. The consent of upland property owners is needed before any such facility can be considered.

The warning came from D.W. Berry on Tuesday afternoon. Berry is district manager of the ministry of lands, parks and housing.

The walkway would restrict water access to the upland properties and, as such, would

infringe on their riparian, or littoral, rights.

The approval of upland property owners is not binding on the title, warned the man from the ministry. It is a common-law right and not legislated in this province. No new owner would be bound by it.

A solution, suggested the writer, is to acquire a strip of land along the waterfront.

Planner Dean Strongitharm will seek further information.

Island residents subscribing to Salt Spring Cablevision may soon be able to watch the educational channel, Knowledge Network.

The cable company does not currently carry the signal but according to a CRTC pronouncement, the channel is considered a priority signal. As such all cable systems must carry it unless good reasons exist for not doing so.

Wilf Peck, secretary-treasurer of the Gulf Islands School District, questioned the reasons for the

missing channel and later told the board that Salt Spring Cablevision was being sold and the current owners were not willing to spend the necessary money to pick up and relay the signal.

The CRTC advised the school board to watch for notice of the public hearing for application of licence transfer. At that time the school board will lodge a complaint about the lack of the channel.

An official of the CRTC

indicated that a compliance order could possibly be issued requiring Knowledge Network to be included in the cable service as part of the conditions of licence transfer.

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# Visit by drama group makes for good happening

An outraged reader (luckily a self-confessed member of a tiny minority) asks why I don't write about the good things. I thought I did! I write about Christianity and faith and justice. Don't they rate as "good" in the real world?

However, it gives me pleasure to write about a good happening in Ganges last week. A group of almost 40 young people, aged between 15 and 21, made a stopover on Salt Spring Island while touring the lower mainland and Washington State.

The "New Light" Senior High Youth and Drama Group are from the First Church of the Nazarene in Calgary. Formed five years ago, they have already sung in 20 states and four provinces. They sang for us in Centennial Park and performed several fascinating and amusing skits. Their sense of humour astonished me. I know very little about the Church of the Nazarene, but assume them to be a fundamentalist sect, known more for their fervour than their ability to make fun (of themselves and us!)

### POETIC, MOVING

Their demonstrations of "signing" were poetic, moving and very powerful. I was not surprised to learn that they make a specialty of this in their youth training.

Dave Hintz is their conductor. His wife, Nellinda, is a superb

## More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

accompanist and rejoices in a lovely, well-produced voice, free from those tiresome affectations which gospel singers so often assume. They also had a strong rhythm group; two guitarists, drums and trombone!

I was interested in the reaction from our local youth. The visitors were so fresh-looking and charmingly dressed. Well poised and mature. Some of our locals presented quite a contrast! Quiet enough during the singing, they couldn't resist a bit of heckling when the skits and dialogue began. This was mercifully short-lived, and when I talked to the kids afterwards, they seemed unruffled.

"Things are much the same in Calgary," they assured me. I was crest-fallen! I thought things were so much better here — especially on Salt Spring Island!

I was reminded of our 13th foster-child.

### DISCOURAGING PERIOD

We had barely arrived on the island in 1970 when we were asked by Browndale (then at Beaver Point Road) to take on one of their

teenage girls. We did, and it was a dolefully discouraging period for us all.

When our foster-daughter reached the age at which she passed out of wardship, she returned to her mother without a backward glance or a word of farewell. And we all sighed with relief.

A couple of years later she wrote me a letter which was one of the highlights of my life. She said it had suddenly come to her how much she missed Salt Spring Island and the people on it. She finally realized how much love we had given her. She wished it hadn't taken her so long to appreciate it and say "thank you". And on and on. At great length. From a girl who had been hard pressed to complete a sentence, much less an essay!

Of course I replied immediately, and our whole relationship was healed. From then on, whenever she had the opportunity, she would visit us. This time I cried when she left!

### HADN'T CHANGED

But the lesson I learned was that she really hadn't changed. She still had all her old ways. Nobody had waved a magic wand over her and made her an ideal person. It was only her attitude which was different. Where she had been negative, she was now positive.

And this single element was enough to make all the difference.

All this went through my head on Wednesday evening as I sat on the grass and enjoyed 40 dedicated, purposeful young people whose lives have been transformed and redeemed by their faith.

They are the same as the young people who scream around on motorbikes and squealing tires. They are the same as the young people who are tossed out of bars. They are the same as the smart-mouths who heckle and yell wisecracks and obscenities at passers-by. But they are so different! Just the transforming, redeeming power of faith which has entered their lives and given them such purpose and such joy!

P.S. To Mr. Gardner-Smith: Thank you for asking. Dr. Roger Tonkin, Faculty of UBC (Pediatrics) at an International Year of the Child conference, gave these statistics:

In B.C. we have 835,000 children, 550,000 in school; 4.2% have registered handicaps, 1.9% are in special classes, 1.7% are in care, 2.2% are admitted to hospital as a result of violence (between 18 and 19,000 per year); 3.5% of our teenage girls become pregnant, 37% of these being illegitimate (this excludes the therapeutic abortion figures which are not available); 865 children a year are adopted, not all of them newborn; 450 a year are reported to agencies as suspected abuse or neglect.

"We lose 400 a year through violent death, whether accident, suicide or homicide...."

He stressed these were all current B.C. figures.

P.P.S. I received a suggestion for you, Mr. Gardner-Smith. Why don't you visit First United Church in Vancouver? They would be more than willing to show you the realities behind statistics I have quoted.



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# No way three ways Trust is told on cleaning streets

The Chamber of Commerce got into the act. The Salt Spring Island Regional Director was asked for help. The Islands Trust tried its best and the ministry of highways agreed to add an extra sweeper trip

to the island every year. The streets in Ganges were grubby, complained the chamber and the garbage cans often overflowed.

On Tuesday afternoon the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee heard a report from the Capital Regional District explaining that there is no way the region can get into street cleaning and that goes three ways.

The letter explained, that the community health services had no jurisdiction there and added that neither the sewage and solid wastes committee nor the engineering department could offer any help.

Writer D.W. Wakelyn, public health inspection director, promised to pass the request on to the community health and social services committee.



**Pender Island Farmers' Market**

Officially opened by Ross McKinnon, the market is doing a brisk business already.

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The noble woodsman with his trusty axe is set to match wits with his arch foe, the Wolf, as the puppet play *Little Red Riding Hood* is replayed as part of the



Summer Fair at St. George's Church hall this weekend. June Beaddie, the puppet master, has convinced the wolf to show what big teeth he has.

# Summer Fair dates back 50 years

The young lady, dressed in her finest, skips along the path to her grandmother's house unaware of the danger...

Once again Little Red Riding Hood faces her foe as the play of puppets will be presented at the Summer Fair at the Salt Spring Anglican Church this weekend.

The Summer Fair will feature fun for children in two puppet presentations as well as a crafts display. A lamb barbecue, chili and clam chowder are also part of the event.

The Summer Fair goes back to the '30's when visiting church folk came to Salt Spring. The event, back then, began when the boat arrived, generally at 11 am and was held in the Harbour House.

This year the festivities begin at 10 am and take place in St. George's Church hall on Lower Ganges Road.

June Beaddie made the hand puppets for the Red Riding Hood story from scraps and pieces. The head of the nasty wolf is styrofoam

and the glasses used as a disguise are courtesy of Art Beaddie.

The other puppet show will be *Punch and Judy*, a holdover from the Middle Ages when it was presented as a satire on the church.

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**GALIANO NEWS**

# Not much good news at school board meeting

**BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER**

Gulf Islands School Board met in Galiano School on Tuesday afternoon, July 14, Bastille Day. The public part of the meeting was due to begin at 2:30 pm. By three o'clock the restless populace were ready to storm the barricades as the Parisians did 192 years ago. In committee meetings are necessary and acceptable, but can be arranged so that they do not keep people waiting for 35 minutes past the announced time of commencement of a public meeting.

There was not much good news for the residents of Galiano. John Zacharias, as chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, reported on the progress of the proposed additions and renovations to the Galiano School building.

The additions and renovations asked for by the parents and staff, incorporated into a plan by the new architects and approved by both the school board and the ministry of education are estimated to cost over \$400,000. The ministry has given approval for the spending of \$292,000 in this year's budget.

**LITTLE CHOICE**

Discussion over priorities ensued, but even in this area there is little real choice. The old building must be brought up to standards required by the various codes and this will eat up much of the grant. Estimated costs of new construction are \$85 a square foot. One new classroom is essential, and even if it is labelled a library it will still have to be used as a classroom.

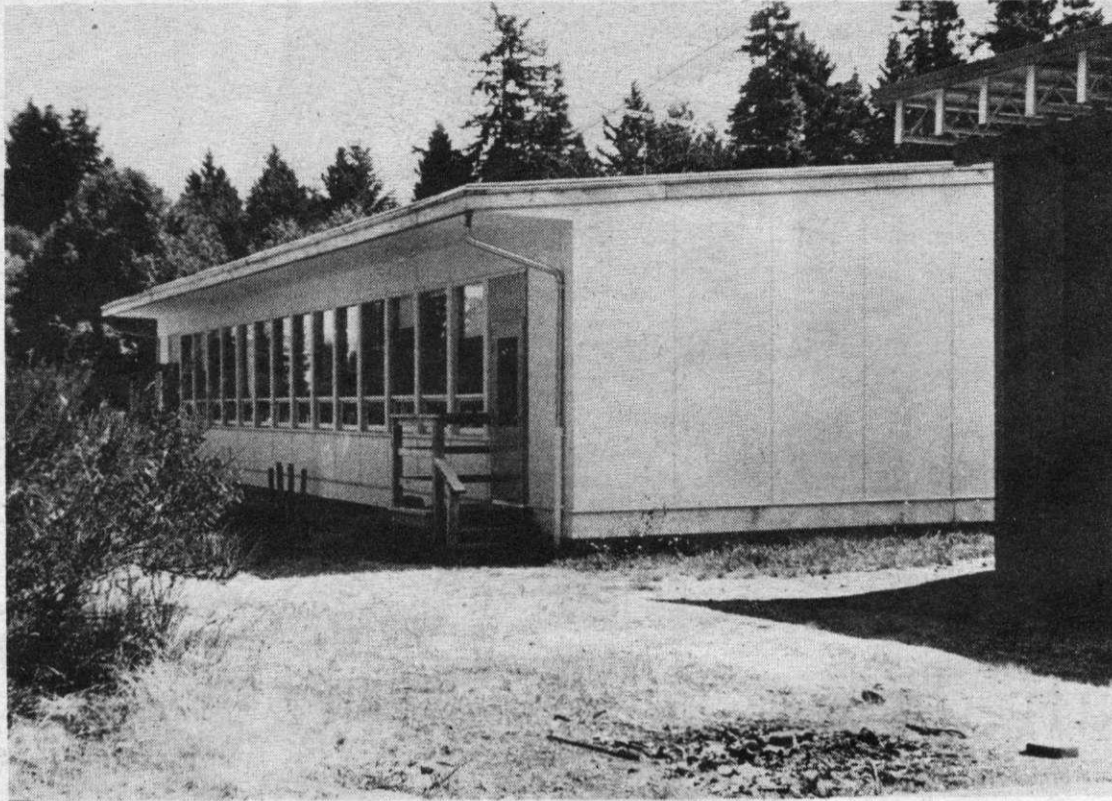
The blame for the inadequacy of the capital expenditure approval cannot be laid entirely at the door of the ministry. With hindsight the secretary-treasurer admitted that the submission of a set of line drawings with the application to the ministry might have produced approval of a more realistic sum.

The distraction of constructing a covered play area can hardly have helped, and this was confirmed by a visiting ministry official commenting that he couldn't see the point of the structure.

**POOREST ACCOMMODATION**

It is hard not to conclude that, even with the approved additions and renovations, Galiano will have the poorest accommodation and most inadequate grounds of any school in the district. It would be unjust to criticize the board or its officials for lack of effort or goodwill. It might be more reasonable to attribute the unfortunate situation to errors of judgment and deficiencies of intestinal fortitude.

Nor can the Galiano community escape blame. The Parents Association have certainly worked hard, but they have not yet



*Below-standard, aging school at Galiano Island*

received much support from the majority of residents who have no direct connection with the school.

This situation may soon be rectified. Linda Laughlin spoke to the board on behalf of a group of residents who hope to enlist community support to raise money by a referendum to expand the gymnasium-activity room if and when one is built. The board agreed to support the work of this group and authorized its building and grounds committee to meet with them and discuss ways and means of achieving their joint objective.

This group has already elected a committee consisting of Linda Laughlin as chairman, Mike Hoebel, Bob Gilson, Dr. W.

Paterson, Susan Frenn, Tom Hennessy and Margaret Howell, and has the support of several prominent members of the community. They would doubtless welcome any offers of assistance.

**Golf**

The monthly twilight mixed foursome was played at the Golf Club on July 13, in perfect weather. Players were restricted to three clubs; number 5 and number 9 irons and a putter.

It was interesting to note that scores compared favourably with those made by the same players using full sets of clubs. Winners for the low net were Marge Sarson and John Liver; runners-up were

Barbara Cornwell and Ralph Wint.

The competition for the Irene Lee Trophy will be played during the next month. Entrants are asked to study the draw which is posted on the bulletin board, to identify their partner and opponents.

**Agricultural Ignorance**

We have received a letter from the Lambs of Hunterston Farm protesting our misreporting the weight of one of their colleagues, now unfortunately no longer with them.

The Lamb in question was raffled at the North End Jamboree and the reported 26 pounds was only a third of the actual weight. All the present Lambs on the farm tip the scales at more than 75 lbs. Not only is the inaccuracy careless but the agricultural ignorance of the reporter deplorable.

We apologize to the remaining Lambs, to Farmer Brine, Marney — secretary to the Lambs, and shepherd Ed Carr.

**Tea Garden**

It is many years since Galiano has had a tea garden. Although the Gossip gazebo can still be seen on the point, it must be nearly 50 years since it was used for that quaint old English refinement, afternoon tea.

Judy and Ken Pattison have recently revived this custom at Alcala Resort at the northwest tip of the island, overlooking Trincomali Channel and Porlier Pass. Tea, with scones and butter tarts, will be served on Friday to Monday afternoons between 2 and 5 pm.

**Postscript**

Fred Robson's injury, reported

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# Galiano news

From Page Sixteen

in last week's *Driftwood*, prevented him entering the "Super Seniors Trophy" annual trap-shooting competition at Harrison. Fred and Allan Steward are members of the Pacific Indians, an international fraternity of trapshooters which has been in existence since 1908, and for many years has held annual competitions at Harrison Hot Springs. Allan and Fred donated the Super Seniors Trophy for competition at 16 yards and handicap, and had hoped to renew their traditional rivalry this week.

Fred was prevented from taking part in the competition by the injury he received last week when using his Weedeater. The blade hit some concealed fence wire projecting a piece right through his tibia without fracturing the bone but breaking a blood vessel.

In future, however small the job, Fred will change from Oxfords into workboots and he recommends the same practice to others.

## Fishing Story

July 15, 1981, is a date that Gordon McCuaig will never forget. Gordon with his wife, son and daughter has been staying with his aunt, Mrs. Marjorie Bow, on holiday from Two Hills, Alberta.

Most evenings Gordon went down to a rocky point projecting into Active Pass to cast, and was successful in catching several cod. However, last Wednesday a heavier tug was felt on his nine-year-old daughter's light rod. Gordon proceeded to help Megan haul in the line hand over hand. Lo' and behold, there at the end was a sizeable salmon.

When a few feet up the beach the salmon jumped off the hook. Fortunately, Gordon was between the salmon and the water and seizing Megan's rod he hit the salmon on the head with the butt, breaking the rod but killing the salmon. The broken rod was a small price to pay for the thrill of catching a 23½ lb. salmon, the McCuaigs very first. A fisherman's story par excellence — and with local witnesses including this reporter to vouch for its veracity.

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Vandalized footbridge in Centennial Park on Galiano Island.

stirred by the above story there is still time to buy your ticket for the Galiano Rod and Gun Club's 30th Annual Fishing Derby to be held Saturday. Tickets, costing \$2, may be obtained from Montague Marina, Sturdies Bay Service, Peter Denroche, Oli Garner or Charlie Head.

The children's prizes will be awarded at noon, while the adults may weigh in their catch at any time up to 4 pm, with distribution of prizes at 5 pm at Sturdies Bay Dock.

The day will end with a salmon barbecue beginning at 6 pm at the Rod and Gun Club. Advance tickets only at \$7 each.

## Vandalism

The footbridge over the ravine in Centennial Park has been damaged and rendered unsafe by vandals. The guard rails have been torn from the bridge and thrown into the ravine. Planks have been removed from the deck. Garbage is scattered around the barbecue shelter.

Damage was discovered and reported by nearby resident Lorraine Vernon.

The Galiano Club, which is responsible for the park, has banned use of the foot bridge until repairs have been effected.

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# Lots of friends and relatives heading for Saturna

## BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

Summer is when the folks who have anything to do with Saturna, ties of kin, friendship, love or legality, come home. All those people who get off the ferry ("who the heck is that and that and that?") mostly seem to be heading to some Saturna family's warm welcome.

All of the people I've talked to this summer have family and friends, lots of them, coming and staying. This must be another reason why Saturna people travel in winter, on those long, wet weekends and weeks, when no one comes to visit from "very far away!"

When at home, Saturna people and kids visit the beach. The beach is so soothing when you have young kids. Suddenly it's YES! YES! YES! Run, shout, roll about and play and be warm, and wear all you want or nothing. Besides that, the sky is the best wallpaper there ever was, the music is good, and the plumbing, while usually cold, is endless!

## Us

Jeannie Ratzlaff is working on the ferry *Queen of Oak Bay*. This huge beast takes 350 cars in a run and quickly reduces the ferry lineups. Jeannie is working as a galley slave making endless bowls of salad - green lettuce and green money to support her nursing studies.

Sam Crooks is working with her dad this summer, running the road

roller. Lots of roads are being put in at the shale plant and Sam is rolling the surface flat. Sam is running a large machine and making good money.

Gerry Davidson and Gloria Manzano painted Taime's room in four days and did a fine job. The primary classroom has needed some attention, and now it looks dazzling.

## Us

Did you know that Walter Ratzlaff will tutor children and adults in mathematics? Walter has an office in Eddie Reid's house by the wharf. He prefers to tutor Monday to Thursday but will tutor other days by arrangement. Enthusiasm is what Walter brings to his teaching. Presently he is working on another book of math for kids.

Pat Nueman has been over to the island several times this summer. She isn't driving truck anymore, she's studying computer programming.

The Davidsons are having a large family reunion. All of their children, Tom's parents, and of course Tom and Marjorie, are having a family portrait taken in Victoria.

Yanna, from Finland, is back visiting Saturna.

Marjorie and Walter Ratzlaff have their grandson, Joseph, for two weeks.

The lamb barbecue was excellent. The right amount of people, the right kind - enthusiastic, ready to have a good

time, the right weather - sunny but not blazing hot, good, good food, food to be proud of, and a profit. Some things were new this year, home-made sour dough buns, some things were a return to the past - hand-grated cole slaw; some things were done that should always have been done - cook-house floor scrubbed; and most things were done as always - responsible anarchy! Everything is put away for another year, the pasture at the farm is recovering, and only a faint odour of lamb fat lingers. Michael Hayes' voice is a memory, "Come on, Look, one more ball, you came so close I KNOW you can get it this time. O.K., one more ball" - many more barbecues!

Dave and Sandy Obed celebrated their 10th anniversary in bang-up style. The sign I read at Lawson's Store read, "We've rented the hall, found us some music, (something about liquid refreshment), and we'll have a ball! Everyone invited to help us celebrate." Below was a fancy picture, graduation style of Dave and Sandy. The party was lots of fun, of course! Happy anniversary!

Michelle Guy celebrated her seventh birthday at Narvaez Bay. We all had a good time and ate sandy, burnt marshmallows and strawberry shortcake.

The Grekuls are moving away, with endless boxes, newspaper, tarps and patience. Both Leslie and Joan swear they will never, never move again. We will miss you.

Jon and Jennifer Guy's mother

and stepfather are visiting from Guadalajara, Mexico. And you can bet this doesn't happen often!

I have finally found a Salt Spring courier, Mary Jane Davidson. We'll be back in print again. Thank you, Taime. Many special things happen in summer, please tell me about them. If you like, share those visits of your most special sister who's come, the baby that arrived, all those things, mostly loving things that mean so much. I will put an envelope in each store, write it out for me and put it in. We're all busy in summer and news is hard to track down.

## Of note

August 1, the Lions club auction. Come and donate what you don't want and buy something that someone else doesn't want. Amazing how that works! You can clear out a bunch of "junk", be glad it's gone and then see a treasure. Somehow a person's brain can

never be in those two spaces at once!

The Woman's Club, every Sunday at 4:00 pm, ferry departure time, has been having tea at the hall. What a bargain! Lovely atmosphere with flowers and gracious service and good food! Tea, brownies, bran muffins, butter and goodies for 75c was the offering one Sunday.

At that price I can't determine whether the Teas are to provide a service or raise money, probably both, as Woman's Club activities are. Take your mom, your cranky kid, yourself and sit and have a cuppa.

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