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Nine handlers, 13 dogs and 1,100 spectators

Courtenay man wins Evans Trophy again

The event was billed as Sheep Dog Trials and what with the hot sun and unfriendly sheep, the competing border collies had a trying time Saturday.

The trials, staged by the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute,

attracted nine handlers to enter 13 dogs with John Wickson of Courtenay winning the W.P. Evans memorial Trophy, thanks to his dog Trixie, for the eighth time.

Wickson also won the Fernwood Farms Trophy when he

guided another of his dogs, Rock, through the novice trials.

Mike Byron and Aysle, of Fulford won the Foxglove Farm trophy for best Salt Spring Island dog.

The afternoon of work for the dogs and entertainment for almost 1,100 visitors was held at the Institute's property on Rainbow Road.

TO HERD FOUR SHEEP

Each dog had to herd four sheep, taken from the farm of Ted Akerman, from a lower field in the pen across a bridge to the upper field. Once there the dog was required to hold the sheep for a moment and then split them into pairs. The final trial was herding

the none too co-operative sheep into a holding pen.

Each competing dog has seven compulsory manoeuvres, worth 10 points each, to complete within a 12-minute time limit.

The actions were to be

completed with as little help from the handler as possible. The sheep showed an independent disposition from the weeks of freedom they had on the Akerman farm prior to being trucked to the trials.

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Condos not included in expansion plans

The new owners of the Mayne Inn at Mayne Island stress that the expansion plans for the resort do not include condominiums.

Guy O'Byrne, president of Realacorp Financial Ltd., consultants for the project, was unavailable for comment last week but did talk to *Driftwood* after publication of the story about the Mayne Inn.

O'Byrne said the newest proposal for expansion of the inn includes only 22 additional units which will be sold under strata title for financing purposes only.

The purchasers of the units become, in effect, part owners of the resort which must be operated as a hotel in order to take advantage of the federal tax shelter.

The proposals for expansion, at least four amended plans so far, have met with severe criticism from some Mayne residents.

O'Byrne, who also has a partnership in the company owning the Inn, said the criticism came as a result of misinformation about the plans.

"Where the criticism came from," he said, "I think was from lack of communications. There really isn't the kind of density they (the opponents of the scheme) were talking about. We've reduced the density by about 40%."

The 22 new units will be constructed on approximately three acres of land.

Potable water for the expanded resort will come from a

desalinization plant. The ocean water passes through a filter similar to that used on swimming pools. The next step consists of purifying by ultra-violet light before the water seeps, by reverse osmosis, through a second filter.

Slightly more than 18% of the intake water would be used by the inn with the remainder being returned to the sea.

The resort will use up to 5,000 gallons each day and storage tanks will be utilized to ensure an adequate supply at all times.

The sewage will be treated on the property in a secondary treatment facility and disposed of in a septic field.

O'Byrne said each of the systems has been designed to meet the needs of the current resort and the planned expansion.

No day at beach for Driftwood

Driftwood staff will mark B.C. Day this year — by staying at the office. Not even the prospect of a hot day on the beach will keep *Driftwood* staffers away from their jobs, and readers will not have to sweat for an additional 24 hours waiting for the paper to appear.

All deadlines will remain unchanged.

Plane breaks up after crashing at Pender

Good fortune smiled on three visitors to Pender Island last week when the light airplane in which they were flying broke apart after smashing into some trees.

A passenger, Leona Gromnyer, 13, of Pitt Meadows, B.C., suffered severe cuts to her left arm. The pilot, Donald Oliphant, 31, of North Delta, and another passenger, Emil Labelle, 25, of Victoria, escaped with only minor scratches.

The airplane, a Cessna 172 owned by Peace Arch Flying Club of Langley, was cut in half just behind the fuselage and declared a complete write-off. The plane was estimated to be valued at \$20,000.

Oliphant was attempting to land the aircraft on a private air strip, owned by Earl Hastings of Pender, but had difficulty and aborted the attempt. The plane crashed into a stand of trees about a quarter-mile from the end of the runway.

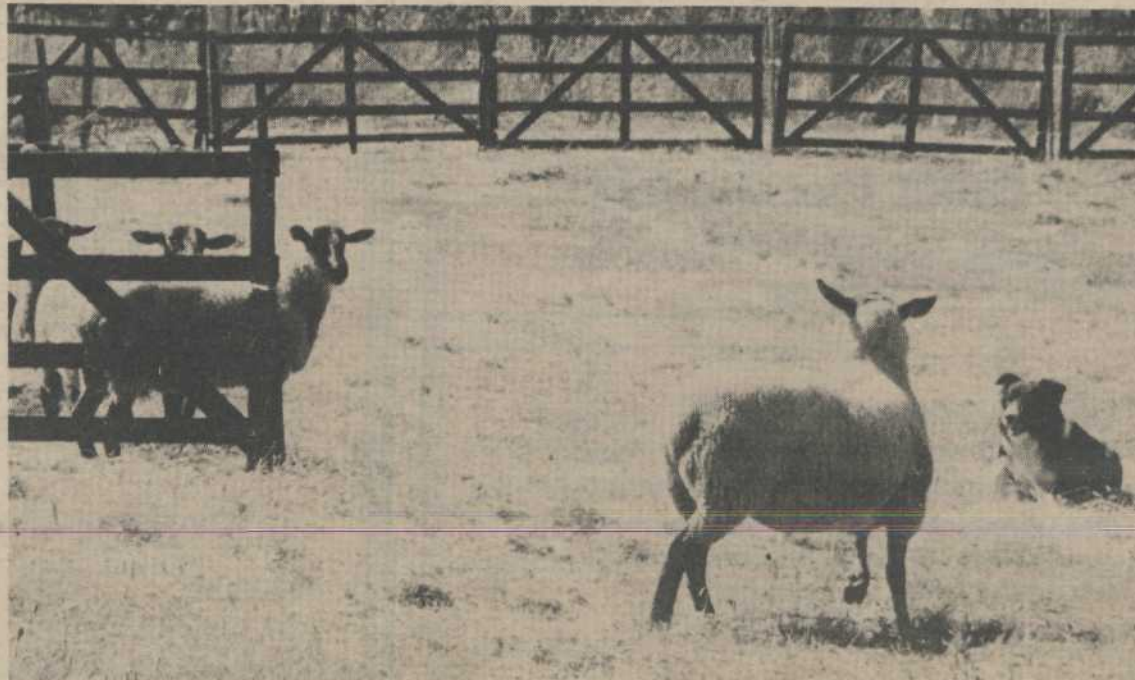
First reports of the accident placed the plane in the waters of Otter Bay and the newly-formed B.C. Lifeboat Association arrived at the dock of that harbour dressed

and equipped for action.

The airplane will be removed from the accident scene on Friday.



John Wickson's Trixie, champion of Saturday's trials



Three sheep at left are almost across bridge while fourth shows reluctance

Art show on Saturday at Pender

The annual arts and crafts show at Pender Island takes place this Saturday and not on August 11 as reported in last week's *Driftwood*.

The show, in its 11th consecutive year, will be open from 11 am to 3 pm and will feature the work of more than 20 Pender Island artists. It will be held at the school-community centre.

Several hundred attended last year's show and purchased most of the work displayed.

Watershed must be protected — Gossett

The plight of St. Mary Lake and other lakes on Salt Spring Island is evidence and reason for ensuring that subdivisions and other types of high density housing do not get started in the Maxwell watershed or its vicinity, Salt Spring Island Trust Committee was told last week.

Tom Gossett wrote to the committee opposing a proposed bylaw to permit a residential development on the slopes of Mount Maxwell.

The zoning regulation of one house per lot in the area should be rigidly enforced, said the Mount Maxwell farmer and, further, there should be new laws enacted prohibiting any logging in the Maxwell watershed.

In conclusion, Gossett told the committee that in his opinion all Maxwell watershed properties should be in the hands of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, "isolated and preserved for the future of the Salt Spring community."

Owners were asking for a strata development to permit the construction of six homes and four guest cottages. Access would have been by easement, eliminating the need for constructing new roads.

Committee also heard a report from the water district superintendent Mike Larmour expressing objection to the proposal. Committee did not go ahead with the proposed Uplands and Forest Cluster Zone, which would have allowed for such a development. It was tabled.

Shellfish ban lifted

Shellfish harvesting ban imposed by the federal fisheries department has been lifted.

The ban was lifted early last week after testing revealed that coliform levels in shellfish in the area had dropped. Higher levels were discovered earlier in the summer and were blamed on heavy rains carrying septic tank effluent into the sea. Closure was imposed from Nanoose Bay to Sidney.

Lifting of the ban does not mean, however, that beaches posted with signs warning against shellfish harvesting are now safe. Shellfish remain contaminated on those beaches.

Courtenay man wins

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Other attractions at the event included a lamb barbeque prepared by staffers from the Harbour House Hotel as well as a beer garden run by volunteers from the Salt Spring Lions and Pemberton, Holmes Real Estate. **PLACE FOR FAIR**

The Farmers' Institute, under president Allan Gear, will use the proceeds from the afternoon to defray expenses of building a home for the annual Fall Fair.

The dogs were judged by Pat Hoole of Saanich, assisted by timekeeper Pam Wickson of Courtenay. The spectators were kept informed of proceedings by announcer Scotty Steward of Campbell River.

Second place in the competition for the Evans award was taken by Gordon Carter of Black Creek on Vancouver Island with dog Jerry. Another Carter dog, Shadow, came in third.

In the Foxglove event, Salt Spring Islander Russ Lazaruk and Hamish were runners-up. The novice event second place went to

John McGowan of White Rock who entered Islay. Third novice was Fred Glassbergen of Aldergrove, with Glen.

TO HONOUR BILL EVANS

The W.P. Evans Memorial Trophy was created in honour of Bill Evans who lived and worked on Salt Spring for more than 50 years.

Although Evans worked for the highway crews, first as a labourer and later as a foreman, his main love was animals and their welfare. He acted as a veterinarian when no qualified animal doctor lived on the island.

He became interested in border collies and their abilities in handling sheep and over the years won many top awards in various competitions in the province.

Many of the dogs entered in the trials last week are descendants of Rainbow Misty Maid which was one of Evans' best dogs and one for which he had particular affection.

The top dog in Saturday's trials, Trixie, is an offspring of the Maid.

Hitchhiker is having thumb fun



The lure of the open road draws contemporary adventurers in such numbers that often merely using the thumb does not attract a ride.

Rainbow Diamond Longfellow, of points east, may have gone too far in his efforts to hitchhike. He created a large thumb, neatly printed with the words, "Home, please."

Home for Longfellow is where ever he sets his thumb down for the night.

Drivers stop, not to give Longfellow a ride, but to comment on his sign and take his photograph. They drive away and he remains to await the next vehicle.

The art work on the thumb sign is a result of his training as a sign-writer. Other occupations which have kept him fed include welding, roofing and operating a winch as a longshoreman.

"There is no such thing as Big Foot," said Longfellow as he left the *Driftwood* office. "There is only Big Thumb."

Somewhere on the roads of B.C., Longfellow, on his way to Alaska, is having thumb fun with motorists.

Sewer injunction denied

The Salt Spring Sewer Alternatives Committee failed in its bid this week to obtain an injunction to halt work on the Ganges sewer project.

Mr. Justice A.A. Mackoff ruled in Supreme Court in favour of the Capital Regional District.

A petition was filed last Monday by the Alternatives Committee for an injunction. The group claimed that Ganges residents were not notified of the amendment made last year to the pollution permit for the sewer scheme. The pollution control board amended the permit by stipulating that the outfall be extended farther into the harbour.



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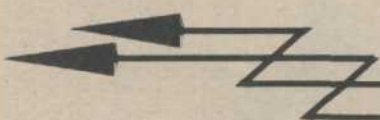
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To Be Frank



by richards

His name was Shaun Pat Heinekey and he was eager to know how I was loading the camera. As was his brother. I explained the moves and the reasons as I made the change and both boys watched with keen interest. It was Shaun who explained that he knew newspapermen sometimes adopt a disguise. By that means people don't know they are shooting for a paper and then don't run out to get into the picture. It may not be completely accurate, but it showed some pretty shrewd thinking about the subject.

Up in a Balloon, said the advertisement in a 100-year-old paper. And I thought of the song I sang in school a short time ago. It was, of course, almost completely meaningless:

Up in our balloon, boys, up in our balloon!
 Father kicked me out of bed because there wasn't room.
 The wind blew the candle out, the dog ate the doormat;
 Up in our balloon boys, up in our balloon.

Going around the old timers' picnic on Sunday was like taking part in a school home-coming. Not everybody knew everybody. Some had to ask and wait to find out who was who. But there was pleasure in every face throughout the afternoon. There were some who were there under false pretences. Like Gavin Bilton who arrived on the island five days too late to qualify.

It's a funny thing having a lot of visitors, you have to keep them busy doing nothing. So far it's worked. My uncle, Bill, tells me that this week is the first time he has cleaned and polished a car for 31 years and this week he's done it twice. Now I'm looking for cars.

It's not a funny thing waiting for the weather. All spring long; all during the first days of summer we were screaming and condemning the weathermen who were falling down on the job. Now all we want is rain to help the dried-out gardens. There just is no happy medium. All the media are miserable.

Like everyone in the province I was remembering Bob Strachan this week, but I never encountered his sense of humour. I recall one day explaining at length that every New Democrat I met was a Scotsman and that, as a Sassenach, I couldn't join his party. He shook his head earnestly and explained that that would be no bar. But I never did hit it off with him. I remember him, simply, as a very earnest man.

It was hot in Kamloops last week before I got lost in that great city. It was hotter after I got lost. I went to meet a few fellows from Alberta. They didn't bring King Peter or the Oil Family.

Sailing from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay last week was like flying transatlantic in an empty 747. Only one car deck was in use on a triple-decker. It was late evening and everybody was staying while the weather was good.

The ferries last week gave me an idea. If they carried people and not cars, the ferries could handle all the traffic for ever. So why not carry passengers for nothing and charge a premium for cars? It would encourage more people to leave the car at home and reduce the strain on the ferry corporation.

Committees should report

Commends Trust and offers advice

When a Salt Spring Island businesswoman was dissatisfied with the decision of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee she said so.

Last week Ena Nemeth, of Green Acres Resort, on St. Mary Lake, wrote to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee expressing appreciation of the response to her objections to the original proposal for controls on St. Mary Lake. Mrs. Nemeth had objected to the tight restrictions on Commercial 4-L zones and the committee had relaxed them before adopting the bylaw.

In addition to her observations on the changes adopted to Bylaw No. 57, she also listed a number of suggestions for trustees at subsequent meetings.

Mrs. Nemeth suggested that the agenda be compiled far enough ahead of the meeting to allow for the inclusion of most items. This would obviate the discussion of items to be included, which usually precedes every meeting.

POSTING

She urged the posting of notices of the meetings in the Government Building and at the place of the meeting.

"I do not like the practice of having second reading of a bylaw immediately following the first reading," she suggested.

Parliamentary practice is to give second reading, with a clause-by-clause study, at a later meeting.

"If you were to adopt this practice," she wrote, "I am fairly certain you would not pass so many bylaws that you have to change later simply because they were not adequately studied in the early stages."

The trustees are all trying to be all things to all people, charged the writer, "and this is impossible."

COMMITTEES

She urged the establishment of committees to undertake research and make recommendations. Each would make the necessary recommendations in the area of his

expertise, continued the suggestion.

Finally, she suggested that the committee places too heavy a burden on the shoulders of Planner B.D. Strongitharm.

"You are assigning him homework you should be doing yourselves and then are rejecting his recommendations."

Mrs. Nemeth apologized for her temerity in offering such a letter.

"Having let you know most vocally when I was displeased, I had an obligation to offer some constructive thought when I could."

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Two properties are rezoned

Carol's Antiques, on McPhillips Ave., and Richard Murakami's garage were both the subject of bylaws last week by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee.

In each instance the Trust finally approved commercial zoning and thereby brought the zoning of each business into conformity with its use.

Carol's Antiques has been used as a retail store for a long period when the owners were under the impression that it was already zoned for commercial use. The Murakami automotive body shop has also been used for its present purpose without the necessary commercial zoning.



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
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Reunion

They came to Salt Spring Island in hordes when the invitation went out. And on Sunday afternoon the line-up for parking space at the Cusheon Lake farm of Charlie and Natalie Horel seemed unending.

There were close to 1,000 people taking part in the Horel-sponsored reunion of old-timers. Any family who had been on the island prior to the Second World War was invited. And they came from a few miles away to thousands of miles away. There were babies and there were babies long since grown up.

The work that went in to the arrangements and the whole operation was undertaken with a typical Horel grin and a keen sense of contributing to the community.

The old-timers' picnic was one of the biggest things that has been undertaken on the islands and the Horel family and their committee were more than justified in taking a bow amid shrieks of delight at meeting long-lost friends and neighbours.

It is a promising plan

The housing committee established earlier in the year by the Advisory Planning Commission on Salt Spring Island has proved to be here at the right time.

It was appointed to look into the popular need for accommodation for the aging people of the island. Did the older resident look to distant fields when he could no longer maintain his own home, or would he prefer some housing for the elderly on the island? And where might it be located to satisfy the majority of people?

The committee looked into these aspects and many more. Its final report urged the need for accommodation, the plea of older residents for accommodation on the island and the preference for a location within reach of shops and services.

The task completed and the findings reported, the committee was at the stage of its investigations when it could properly expect to be dissolved.

But almost coincidentally with the committee's tour of duty came the national survey of such matters. And the federal government once again offered help towards the construction of such accommodation.

The same committee is now undertaking a detailed survey and will send off the findings to a special committee of the British Columbia lands, parks and housing ministry.

Some Salt Spring Island people will react with distaste towards a second survey of the wishes of the elderly on the island. Better they bear with it and accept the questionnaire than argue it. It is the key to a new Pioneer Village with the sponsorship of three service organizations. And the island needs it.

Questionnaire to go out

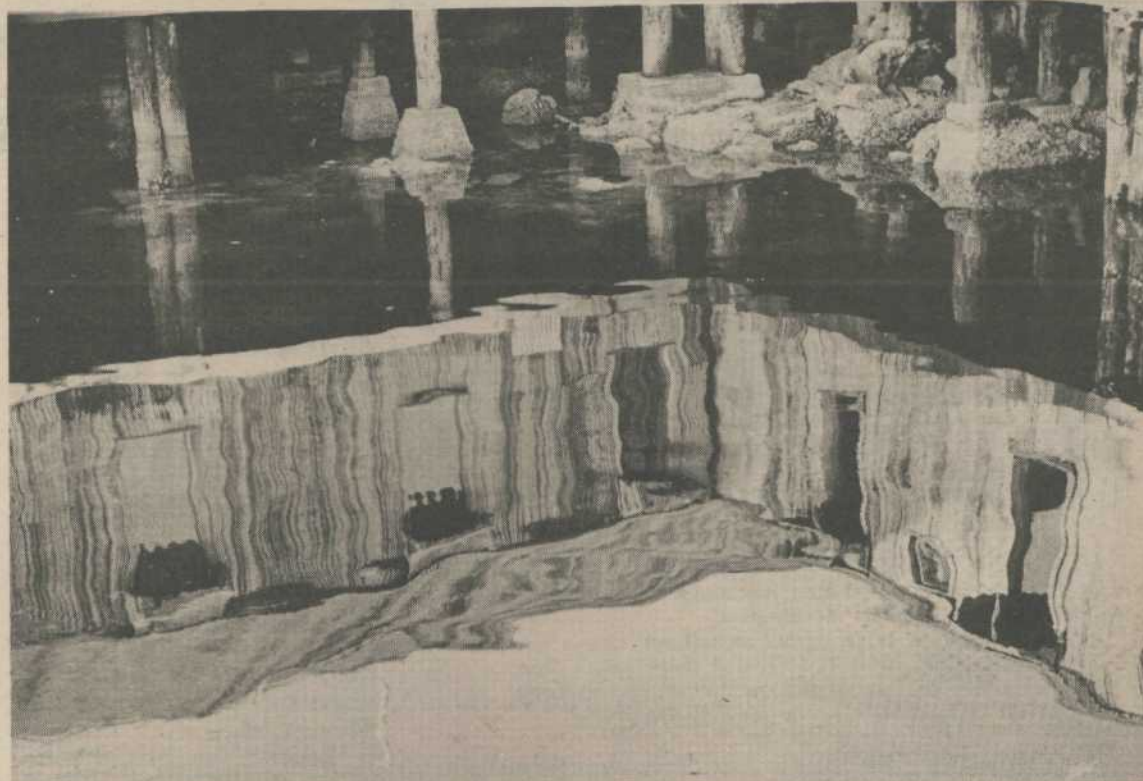
Sir,
It's coming next week! What's coming next week? Why, the questionnaire, of course! What questionnaire? The one that will be in every mailbox on the island, that should be answered by every Islander over 60.

Why? To help us prove that more Senior Citizen Low Rental Accommodation is needed. But we all know that! Sure we do, but we have to prove it to the Government to get financial assistance, so

please fill it out *promptly*, whether or not you will need it, and leave it at one of the Banks, or the Credit Union, or mail it in the envelope it came in.

Help us to help the Seniors of Salt Spring.

FRED BROOKBANKS,
Chairman,
The Legion-Lions-Rotary
Committee for Seniors
Accommodation.
July, 1981.



No impressionist painting, this!

It isn't a surrealist impression of Ganges. It is the reflection of Mouat's Mall in the sea.

Letters to the Editor

Cost is less than \$1 per person

Sir,

The recent survey on accommodation requirements confirms the Ganges Plan as one that will satisfy the needs of many people on this island. So let us not hold it up any longer.

I am not going to discuss the relative merits of sewer systems — that we need one is obvious — and I go for the one that has been examined and re-examined so often.

I will discuss the assertion of the terrific cost to the taxpayer. In approximate figures say the cost of the sewer is \$4,100,000, made up as follows:

Federal Government grant	\$2,000,000
Provincial Government grant	\$1,600,000
Property owners in Ganges	\$500,000
Total	\$4,100,000

The source of the \$2,000,000 obviously is taxation — personal and corporation income tax and other taxes that the Federal Government collects from us all. This money is spent across the country from coast to coast and overseas — thus some of my tax money (and yours) has gone into Federal Government grants — subsidies to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia and many other places more or less

deserving. I don't hear any call for a referendum each time this is done.

What is the cost per individual? There are approximately 22,000,000 taxpayers in Canada, i.e. those who pay income taxes. Thus the \$2,000,000 Federal Government grant amounts to just over nine cents for each taxpayer — *and only once* — one-fifth the price of a cup of coffee or just over half the cost of first class letter post — it is not much, is it? — *and only once*.

The Provincial grant of \$1,600,000 for a total population of say some 2,000,000 residents in B.C. amounts to 80 cents per head — *and only once* — not ongoing — *just once*. Thus the *total cost* to the residents of Salt Spring Island for the government grants for the Ganges sewer system is less than \$1 per head.

The balance of the funds, some \$500,000, is payable by the *Ganges* businesses and residents — the property tax for 1981, however, which *included* the 7.432 mills for the sewer did not exceed a \$1 for

some of those over 65, the same as last year — no increase in property tax payable.

Is this expensive when it is going to make it possible to get the Ganges Plan into effect, and allow you, if you wish, to live near the stores, the park and the clean, non-smelling waterfront, do without a car, through choice or of necessity, to walk to church, to meetings — go where you like and not have to depend on friends or public transportation — then you can make your choice. I have seen my tax money spent in a lot worse ways than this.

I don't think it is expensive — I think it is a good deal — don't you?
A. SPENCER MARR,
Box 410,
Ganges.

July 26, 1981.
P.S. I live in Ganges, own property in Ganges and am in business in Ganges — according to the letters in opposition to the sewer this would appear to disqualify me from participating in the discussion — strangely enough I don't feel that way about it.

Unable to provide more service

Sir,

In *Driftwood* dated 22 July under article "Multiple Family homes are needed" there was one paragraph, "The respondents also suggest that visiting homemakers, or parallel services, could be extended to cover more than they do at present."

Perhaps it is not understood by the general public that homemaker services over the province are restricted in the type and amount of service they provide. I agree that the retired person sometimes needs

heavy cleaning and handyman service, but homemakers are prohibited from doing this.

Under the Long Term Care program the government is not willing to pay for more than basic essential health needs in the home. To keep a client in his/her own home, understandably a certain amount of light general housework must be done, but basically it is the client's health that is our main concern.

If a cleaning person or handyman is needed, a client may hire someone privately. Frequently there are ads in the newspaper or on local bulletin boards for this type of heavy service.

Hopefully, at some future date, handyman service might be provided in conjunction with this agency.

M. KAUFMAN,
Supervisor,
Salt Spring Island Homemaker
Service.
July 24, 1981.

Fine turnout, grand co-operation

Sir,

We would like to take the opportunity to warmly thank all those very fine people and organizations who helped us, and came to the 1981 Salt Spring Island Old-Timers Reunion.

We appreciated the fine turnout and the grand co-operation of everyone.

RUTH HEINEKEY,
ELLEN BENNETT,
DAISY GEAR,
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MARY MOLLET,
NATALIE HOREL,
Organizing committee,
July, 1981.

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New Horizons grant presented to Greenwoods for publication



The Greenwoods Story Group, from left, rear, Frank Bostock, Bea Freeman and Ida New. Front, Gartic Ritchie, Nellie Kolosoff, Group members Iris Ashwell and Forrest Platten were not available for the photo.

BY BILL WEBSTER

Memories move, persistent, compelling, bidding recall of friends and events and in doing so warm the quiet moments of one's day.

A group of residents of Greenwoods, with the help of a grant from New Horizons, will be sorting their memories to create a book of stories, poems, sayings and folk remedies.

The 10 residents, working under the name Greenwoods Story Group, last week were given a grant of \$1,526 by New Horizon Program representative Joe Zakreski to bring the book to publication-readiness. When the book is developed that far, the Story Group will seek an additional grant to cover the cost of printing.

When the material has been gathered, school children will draw illustrations in co-operation with the individual who wrote the various stories.

THEIR PERCEPTIONS

The finished book will include comments from the school children and the seniors concerning how each group perceived the other.

New Horizons, a program of Health and Welfare Canada, began as a three-year pilot project in 1972 and gained permanence in 1975.

The aim of the program is to supply funds to groups of senior citizens to allow them to create, organize and manage programs and projects of interest to themselves and the community as a whole.

New Horizons operates annually on a \$14 million national budget and groups in British Columbia, such as the Greenwoods Story Group, will be the beneficiaries of almost \$1.5 million this year.

REQUIREMENTS FLEXIBLE

Funding requirements are flexible with the main criterion being that at least 10 seniors have to be involved in directing the proposed project and administering the grant.

The Greenwoods Story group is presided over by Marion McKecknie with Ida New as vice-president.

Other members of the group include Sid Labell, Doug Willock, Frank Bostock, Nellie Kolosoff, Gertie Ritchie, Bea Freeman, Iris Ashwell and Forrest Platten. Each member is a Greenwoods resident.

Also included as honorary members are Eddie Waddell, Ariadne Sawyer and Jonna Mattiesing.

The title of the book as well as the design of the jacket will be determined through a contest to be held for the residents.

The aim of the Greenwoods Story Group, in addition to producing a book, will be to bring young and old closer, which they hope will spill over as closer ties among the residents of Greenwoods.

Perhaps the most important result of the co-operation between seniors and children will be to show the youngsters that being old is not as bad as many people think.

A little less fiction, please

Sir,
I must respond to R. Elkington's letter in the July 22nd *Driftwood* to correct two statements which are seriously in error. Mr. Elkington has every right to his opinions but he should get his facts straight.

On the question of adequacy of treatment, Elkington states that the planned secondary treatment is inadequate and will lead to "toilet papered beaches". In fact the effluent leaving the plant will be of a very high quality with a very low level of suspended solids. It will then undergo ultra-violet disinfection prior to discharge. Tertiary treatment has to do with the elimination of nutrients from the effluent and not as Mr. Elkington states with the removal of toilet tissue.

As stated in an earlier letter the supporters believe the planned marine outfall will cause no damage to the marine environment. As one of the many authorities that agree I cite Fisheries and Environment Canada. I challenge Mr. Elkington to produce a recognized authority who backs his statement that the outfall will pollute.

On the question of the community plan, the amendments to the plan which cover Ganges were put into place only three years ago, not 10 years ago as stated. The Ganges plan was the responsibility of the Islands Trust not "Regional Bureaucrats" and was completed after three years of citizen committees, questionnaires, public meetings and public hearings. The finished product had broad public

support and in particular it had strong support from several people who are in the leadership of the sewer alternatives committee.

Mr. Elkington, for a person with such a keen interest your knowledge of the planned treatment system and of the community plan is extremely limited and it leads me to wonder where were you when all this was going on? Did you not attend at least some of the many public meetings and hearings to do with the sewer? Did you not take the opportunity to have input into the community plan? Were you living on the island when the community was dealing with these matters?

A little less fiction please, Mr. Elkington.
T.A. TOYNBEE,
Ganges.
July 27, 1981.

Sewer violates goals, policies of Community Plan

Sir,
In a recent letter Mr. T. Toynbee cited the Official Community Plan as authority for the development of Ganges (to a population of 2,300) and installation of the "Big Sewer".

In my letter of July, published in edited form on July 22, I had listed many goals and policies of the Community Plan which are violated by the proposed sewer. Since these violations, the primary purpose of my writing, were edited out I feel I must try again.

Listed among the goals of the Community Plan are the following, which are not met by the proposed sewer and the core development it will sustain.

1. To preserve the area's rural unspoiled character, natural beauty and views, and to protect its foreshores and surrounding water.

2. To encourage the conservation of productive agricultural land...and to conserve other resources including protection of watercourses.

4. To ensure a healthful environment...

5. To provide for the recreational needs of residents and visitors...subject to proper controls and supervision.

The following policies of the Community Plan are violated by the proposed development.

12. Public Beach areas are to be established with proper access at...Ganges Harbour....

22. Water areas are to be utilized in such a manner as to complement activities and planning goals on the adjoining shores.

In the subsection *Proposals for Ganges* the following goals and principles are violated by the proposed sewer and development.
(c) To provide in the Ganges

area...necessary facilities...for the elderly to enjoy the remaining parts of their lives in a meaningful, profound, and healthy manner in keeping with the character and spirit of the island.

(d) To protect and improve the natural amenities within the Ganges area...

(f) To respect at all times the rural atmosphere found on Salt Spring Island...and to encourage an aesthetically pleasing maritime environment.

(k) To recognize the sea as a valuable asset and to reinforce links between land and water and tidal areas.

I feel that the proposed sewer and development violate these goals and policies. The sewer is very likely to pollute the harbour and cover beaches and foreshore with toilet paper much as a similar facility has done to the once popular Isle View Beach near Sidney. Development of the Ganges core, which cannot proceed without sewer services, will detract from the quiet rural character of the village and island, with increasing traffic, noise, air pollution, loss of agricultural land, and cluttering of the landscape with subdivisions.

Progress has been a byword of our culture for some time now. If we look at our "great" cities, our endangered farmland, our polluted air and water, our shattered families and social breakdown we may see that what we thought of as progressive is merely progressively worse.

R. ELKINGTON,
R.R.3 Ganges.
July 26, 1981.

Editor's note: We do not like to edit letters but limited space often requires that we do so.



Tony Richards

IN ALL THE YEARS that I have smoked cigarettes, many's the complaint I've heard about how dirty the habit is.

Now that this week marks the fourth since I dropped the habit (or, to be on the safe side, stopped for a while), I am planning to visit all those people who expressed displeasure over the smoke, the ashes and the butts. They will quickly discover that there is one habit which is rather more dirty.

They'll be cleaning up sunflower seed shells for weeks.

A STRIKE WITH a difference is being carried out by the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians (NABET). It's different in that I think the public, to a certain extent, is benefiting from the strike against the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

CBC Radio normally offers some good programming, but for the most part the music programs in particular can get pretty dull as a result of too much talk and not enough music.

That's all changed now, with no talk and all music (apart from the comedy numbers) with a good, wide selection at that.

Now if only the postal workers' strike could have the same effect on mail service.

I'M SURE THERE ARE MANY who would like to see Ganges amputated from Salt Spring Island, but even a B.C. Tel employee seemed to think there was something gangrenous about our town last week.

An operator made the second g hard, pronouncing it Gangus.

But what more can you expect from a large American corporation?

I HAD ANOTHER GOOD reason for quitting smoking last week: I couldn't have rolled a cigarette anyway.

Although I enjoy it, I haven't found much time for carpentry during the past couple of years and that's probably as good as an excuse as any for drilling a hole through one's thumb.

But the drill being of the push variety for drilling screw holes makes it a little harder to explain. So I won't bother to try.

I spent a lot of time trying to think of something useful I could thread through the hole but it hurt rather a lot, so in the end I abandoned the idea.

JOHN ROLAND, WHO grew up on Salt Spring Island, is now in the business of selling boats in Victoria and can count among his customers a number of island residents.

An incident connected with his latest sale here deserves to be retold. The purchaser is a local businessman who spent many years on the water commercial fishing, and consequently knows of the location of every rock and sandbar from here to Alaska. At least he thought he did.

John and his customer went to Vancouver recently to take delivery of the new boat.

They were cruising past Spanish Banks when the proud new owner, who was at the wheel, recalled all those "silly bastards" who had been foolish enough to hit the sandbars there.

He didn't say much when, a few minutes later, there was a distinct "bumpety-bump" as the boat bounced over a sandbar.

(Unfortunately, there is a little something lost when this story is written down. The phrase, "silly bastards," has to be intoned with a rich, English accent to be fully appreciated.)

KICK-OFF

Early registration this year

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Soccer in July? Well, not quite, but preparations are beginning to take shape as this weekend we begin our player registration.

The early registration of players has been caused by the Lower Island Youth Soccer Association commencing league play on the second weekend in September. This means our players and teams must be fully registered by August 28.

This year the registration format is straightforward and one nice thing in these days of inflation and rising prices, our fees have virtually remained the same. The fee for players competing in the Victoria league (off-island teams) is \$25 while our younger players who compete in the intra-island will pay \$15. To help the larger families with more than one soccer star we give a \$5 discount on every player after the first.

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For this fee each player receives a shirt, pair of shorts, socks for off-island play, free entry to the banquet and a team photo at season's end. A bargain for seven months of fun and competition under the guidance of our association's development program.

Registration for all players, young and old, whether new or returning, is on Saturday, Aug. 1 from noon to 3 pm at Portlock Park (at our clubhouse). Please bring your birth certificate for

player verification which we will photocopy at the field.

We will issue each player with a receipt upon payment of fees with which that player can claim his uniform when they are issued at a later date, when the teams start practicing.

We will also be taking registration for the Summer Soccer School sponsored by the B.C. Youth Soccer Association to be held August 24-28 at Portlock Park. The fee is \$20 per player and we request you fill out the necessary form and please provide your B.C. Medical Number (for insurance purposes).

This registration will take place at the same time at Portlock Park this Saturday and based on last year's response you had better not delay in order to get into the clinic. The clinic provides our youth with five days of intensive soccer training, five hours a day and a free ball and t-shirt are provided. The training is done by a fully certified CSA coach.

At this registration we will take names of people who wish to coach, manage or referee as we are always looking to strengthen our ranks. If you are interested come out and talk to us about our program.

Those players not receiving their Kick-A-Thon items can claim them on Saturday also.

From all appearances Saturday will be a busy day. So don't miss this chance to get registered as we will NOT be doing a registration by mail (for obvious reasons) this year.

He's going places in small boat

Salt Spring Island student is going places in a small boat. He is Nick Toulmin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Toulmin, of Ganges Heights.

At the weekend the UVic student will take part in the Canadian Open Rowing Championship in Montreal. He will be part of the team competing for the distinction of representing Canada at the world championship in Munich in September.

The University of Victoria has already taken the Inter-varsity and the B.C. top places and a win in Montreal at the week end will send them off to the rowing finals in the world championships.

The UVic teams of men and women rowers have a long record of triumphs. The women took the Henley event and the men's team defeated the team which took the Henley event.

Coast Guard kept busy

An otherwise routine week turned into a busy time by the weekend for the Coast Guard unit in Ganges.

The crews were kept hopping answering 20 calls for assistance with the majority coming on Saturday and Sunday. Most of the calls concerned boats which had broken down for one reason or another.

Many of the breakdowns could be traced to faults in the cooling or electrical systems and the Coast Guard advises boaters to check

everything on board at least weekly and particularly before casting off for a long run.

The majority of calls came from boats owned by Canadians. The United States Coast Guard has much more stringent rules to enforce with the result that American-owned boats appear to be in better repair.

The Coast Guard unit at Ganges will check any boat as a courtesy and are willing to visit other islands in the Gulf, if necessary, to run the inspections.

Line Call!

BY LOES HOLLAND

Some questions about tennis nights have been received.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has given permission to use two courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 pm until sunset from club members and their friends.

No four movements or round robins are planned for these nights.

It is an opportunity for everyone to have a friendly game, for juniors and seniors, for members who do not have time to play during the day or members who do not have a playing spouse.

It is impossible to arrange a scheduled event on those nights as the players come and go at different times.

Some eager beavers arrive at 5 pm, waiting for a game and some players arrive at 8 pm.

So do come and have some fun! Tennis lessons will be finished this week for the current season.

Thanks are due to Mike Kolesar for the efficient way he arranged all classes, which were well attended.

Last Saturday we received a beautiful Cup from Mrs. Sheila Smith of West Vancouver.

More about this Gulf Island Trophy in next week's *Driftwood*.

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Byron's Babes take ladies' softball tournament

BY ALICE RICHARDS

There was no question about which two teams would be entering the finals in the ladies' softball tournament held at Fulford Ball Park last weekend. Byron's Babes and Dagwood's Dazzling Derelicts have been neck and neck since they met on the same field last year, at which time the Derelicts unseated the defending champions in a spectacular contest under the same, down-to-the-wire circumstances.

Dagwood's entered the tournament with three wins and one loss, having been upset by Fulford Ladies earlier in the tournament, when the Fulford team beat them by one run at the top of the seventh inning, which saw Byron's with the advantage with a standing of 4-0. In order to take the tournament trophy Dagwoods had to win two games against the Babes, and it looked as if they had the first win all wrapped up as in the fifth inning the score was 10-0 in favour of the Derelicts.

Ruth Smith and Kim O'Neil had both scored home runs, on no errors, to ensure the wide margin. However, it was a close win as by the end of the seventh inning Byron's had recovered by their successful stealing and hard-hitting to make the final score 13-10 for Dagwoods.

With only a short rest, both teams returned to the field to play the final match on one of the hottest days this year. Again, as last year, it was a hard-fought, well-matched contest that made it anybody's game.

Both teams played a tight game making it impossible to steal bases, and each run was brought in with great effort. With the score at the bottom of the seventh inning tied at four runs each, a spectacular play saw Byron's with a runner on third and Kelly Booth up to bat. She sent the ball over second base, bringing Loretta Dods in from third base. But before Loretta could get there, Derelict's centre-fielder Kathy Toyne made the pickup and throw to home to put her out.

Byron's were two away and two runners on base. Mary Helton on third. With such incredible pressure and outstanding play by both teams, it is not surprising that a Derelict's error at this point cost them the game, and Mary Helton ran in to score the winning run.

Unfortunately, immediately after Mary scored, she turned to receive a ball in the face and had to have three stitches above her eye. It stole a little of the excitement from the Byron's win.

The end-of-season tournament standings are: Byron's, 5-1; Dagwoods, 4-2; Fulford Ladies, 3-2; Ganges Ladies, 3-2; Kayes Cuties, 1-4; and Salt Spring Boomers, 0-5.



Tournament champions Byron's Babes are, from left to right: back row, Loretta Dods, Julie Collins, Kelly Booth, Howard Byron (coach), Peggy Stacey, Betty Jones. Middle row, Kitty Bantel, Pam Featherstone, Tammy Jones (batgirl). Front row, Caroline



Mary Helton, who was injured as she scored the winning run in the final minutes of play.

Unblemished record shows consistency

BY BILL WEBSTER

Consistency is the keyword to describe the Boomers of the Salt Spring Ladies Softball League and to prove the point, the intrepid nine went through the league's recent tournament with an unblemished record — five consecutive losses.

Team coach Bob Selkirk expressed the attitude of the team after the final game, when between long draughts of liquid sanitizer, he said, "What the hay, you can't win them all."

"I'm embarking on an extensive scouting assignment," he said, "and next year the Boomers are going to be contenders."

One Boomer, who for reasons of her own did not wish to be identified, said, "This was a close game until the other team started to score runs."

The score of that memorable game was: Fulford Ladies, many runs; Boomers, not as many. Coach Selkirk denies the rumour that the official scorer lost interest when the Fulford side scored their 40th run.

Assistant coach Mike Schubart became positively eloquent in

describing the season. Unfortunately his eloquence made one fan, a lumberjack, blush and therefore cannot be repeated here.

Nevertheless, said coach Selkirk, the season did have several high points for the team. They managed a win, their first ever, and they made it to the playoffs. All the teams in the league participated in the tournament.

On a more realistic level, said the coach, the Boomers played each game under a severe handicap — the other team showed up.

Even as the final out was made, cries of "Wait 'til next year," rang through the valley surrounding the Fulford ball park. And just as quickly, more cries, "Aw, forget it."

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Two have been charged with obstructing ferries

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The marine Mounties, on patrol boats out of Sidney, are cruising the waters of the Gulf Islands and are particularly concerned with the action in Active Pass.

So far this year, they have charged two fishermen with obstructing the ferries and issued warnings to several hundred others who insist upon waiting until the last moment before scooting out from under the bows of the ferries.

The Canada Shipping Act declares it an offense to impede the progress of a ship which, of necessity, must navigate in a narrow channel.

The island ferries fit that category and Active Pass allows the vessels only limited room to

manoeuvre.

Constable Kim MacDonald, skipper of the RCMP *Advance*, said the ebb tide causes the main problems in the area. Ferries need the speed and power to fight the tide and cannot slow down or stop without endangering the passengers.

"We've tried as much as we can to warn them (the fishermen), but in one instance the ferry had to come to a crash stop. In that instance we laid charges," he said.

The constable noted that the majority of those warned were from the American side and the remainder tended to come from the lower mainland. Some locals were involved but on the whole, he said, the locals tend to know the hazard and therefore stay away from the area.

Prima ballerina visits island

Salt Spring Island was graced with a visit from Lusia Pavlychenko, a prima ballerina from Saskatoon, last week.

Miss Pavlychenko was here to visit her long-time friend and former student Dan Evanishen.

The two friends have been writing to each other for a number of years and recently Miss Pavlychenko was in Mexico City for a ballet seminar. She had the opportunity of returning to Canada by way of Vancouver and decided to skip across the Strait of Georgia for a visit.

She said she was impressed with the beauty of Salt Spring and planned to return.

Miss Pavlychenko is a teacher of ballet in Saskatoon and is ballet-master of the nationally known Folkloreque Ensemble. The group will tour Canada this fall but her west coast will have to wait to see her perform for the tour is headed east.

She learned her dance as a young girl in Saskatoon and attended ballet schools in Banff run by Gwenith Lloyd and Betty Fairley who were organizers of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet company.



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Fair may become day-long affair

The warm Saturday created a pleasant setting for the annual Anglican Summer Fair at St. George's Church hall last week.

Organizers of the event greeted between 350 and 400 visitors who came to enjoy the offerings and the puppet shows.

Children had fun with games such as digging in a large pot of bran for prizes. Two showings of the puppets amused children of all ages, when adults as well as tots attended the adventures of *Little Red Riding Hood* and hooted at the antics of *Punch and Judy*.

Mrs. Proctor of Mountain Park Drive won the lamb, the second win for her in three years. June Beattie was successful in the draw for a hand-made stole.

While the annual fair has met with success for the past few years, organizers are thinking of changes for next year's. The fun and games may be spread over the entire day, instead of the few morning hours it now occupies.



HIDDEN TREASURE REVEALS ITSELF to John Yeliga, right, and Reuben Seaman, both of Coleman, Alberta. The pair were on Salt Spring Island for a vacation and took the time to explore Centennial Park with Garrett metal detectors. Their hobby has netted them coins, rings and other objects. The depth of the probe depends upon which head is used on the detector. For the Ganges exploration, a head capable of probing 12 to 18 inches was used. A more sensitive head can reach a depth of six feet.

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Persistence pays for local man

The persistence of a Ganges man paid off last week when he was finally cleared of a charge of carrying a firearm without a permit.

Gordon Langston, of Fulford-Ganges Road, was in the process of moving earlier this year when he was stopped by police. A rifle, which he described as an antique, was on the back seat of the car.

Langston did not have a permit for the .32 calibre gun because he kept it as a memento. The gun was not loaded but he was charged for not having a permit for it.

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Lady golfers busy gathering cups, trophies at Salt Spring

Salt Spring Island's lady golfers are in the middle of their busy season gathering cups and trophies.

Pictures show, clockwise from left: Barbara Maguire, ladies' captain, presents Jean Vodden with the Ladies Invitational Low Net plaque. Ann Sober awarding the Kennedy Cup to the Nine-Hole Ladies winner, Dorothea Graham. Winner and runner-up for the Evans Cup, Marg Cathro and Nora Ray. Pauline Elliot, runner-up, and Ann Sober, the winner, with the Frattinger Cup presented by Marg Frattinger. Lois Popkin-Clurman with the Brooks Cup.

"All this and the season is only half over!" one of the golfers noted this week.

Golfing

with Pat Doherty

In the nine-hole ladies' section on July 21, 20 competitors took part in a low putting competition which was won by Helen Welliver. Marg Fisher came closest to the hole on number 6 with a chip-in. The nine-holers would like to welcome new members Edna Redington and Bertha Walker.

On Thursday, July 23, the nine-hole ladies' section under captain Anne Sober were host to 16 visiting nine-hole lady golfers from Qualicum. A team of eight ladies from each club took part in the match, while the extra lady visitors were paired off with local members.

The weather was beautiful and the local deer came out to impress

the visitors with their casual meanderings around the golf course. Gwen Ruckle took the low net award, and token prizes were taken for runner-up and hidden hole. The guests were then treated to a delicious lunch served up by Helga and Eva, and a return match is planned for sometime in September.

In the ladies' 18-hole section on July 14, 31 ladies played, and low net was won by Irene Hawksworth with 90 gross. Helen Kernaghan took low net with 67. The putt pot was a three-way tie among Helen Kernaghan, Marg Frattinger and Bev Menzies, each taking 27 putts.

On ladies day, July 21, congratulations went to Molly Hardie for her hole-in-one on number 2. Mollie's hole-in-one is an eagle so she will receive the eagle sweater donated by Barbara

Maguire.

In team play in the ladies' 18-hole section the results are as follows: July 16, Cowichan, 34½; Salt Spring, 13½. July 21, Colwood, 25½; Salt Spring, 22½, a real close encounter. On the same day it was Salt Spring, 36½; Cedar Hill, 11½.

In club play on that day the game was called knock out your high hole. The winner was Norah Ray with net 59, runner-up was Jean Jefferies with net 63. The putt pot was a tie between Jean Jefferies and Libby Noble.

In the men's section in the Schwenger Cup in the play-off it was Ralph Cossey over Bob Atkins. The qualifying round for the Parsons Cup goes on Thursday and all those over 55 are invited to enter.

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Association holds annual meeting

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The annual meeting of the Pender Islands Recreational and Agricultural Hall Association was held on July 22 in the school activity room and was attended by about 50 people.

This organization operates the community's section of the new community-school complex and the old Pender school, which has not been used as a school since the new complex was completed in November 1978.

Since the completion of the new complex, the old school has been used for community activities. One of the rooms has been used permanently by the Islands Art Group and the other room by the play school. The basement has been used by the pottery group, while the separate building built in recent years is used by the Pender Lender Library.

President Tim Appleby reported that the committee had paid for summer janitor services, bought locks for the cupboards in the community rooms, had a cart made to move the chairs, held the Christmas market in December and operated two bingo games, paid the insurance on the new piano, donated to the *Pender Post*, and bought some kitchen equipment during the past year.

HIGHER RENT

He also advised that due to increased costs an additional \$10 rent per month would have to be charged the tenants in the old school buildings.

In 1978 the present committee set-up came into being. This consists of 10 members, five of whom are elected for two years and five for one year.

Appleby noted that rumours had abounded regarding the purchase of the old school by the hall committee, and went on to explain the situation. Originally the grounds were donated by a member of the Pender community to the crown for a school. It was passed on to the school district and was administered by the school board.

When the hall committee heard that the school board was considering selling the property, they applied to the government to have the property returned to the community. At present the hall committee is hopeful this will come to pass, Appleby said.

When and if it does, the hall committee will call a public

meeting to decide what the people of the Penders want done with the property, but the committee will not do anything without the public's consent.

NEW BUILDING

He continued by saying that the Lions Club have offered, in conjunction with the hall committee, to build a large building to be used for storage. The newly elected committee will work with the Lions Club on this project.

Elections were held and the five members offered by Verne Roddick's nominating committee were elected.

George Storrie observed that he felt that at an annual meeting the financial statement presented should be audited by an independent accountant and this had not been done. It was agreed that it will be done in future.

In reply to Ron McLardy's question about finishing the upstairs mezzanine in the school-community complex, Appleby said at the last estimate it would cost \$32,000.

Frank Jones asked if any thought had been given to a plebiscite asking the community to pay additional taxes to provide monies instead of "limping along crying poverty" and also investigating federal and provincial community grants available. He suggested a drive to donate money and increased membership to pay the taxes and repair the old school, built in 1905.

COST \$22,000

Verne Roddick attempted to explain the full situation as it now stands. A couple of years ago the estimated cost to renovate the old school was \$22,000. At that time they had asked the school board for a 10-year lease. It was refused, as the board considered selling the property.

Roddick researched the original transactions in 1905 and found Mr. Auchterlonie had donated the property and some of the old-timers had built and maintained the school. Roddick felt then that the money should come back to the community.

It costs \$1,300 to \$1,400 to maintain the old school building now. If the community obtains the property and sells it, it provides a means of getting the money to finish off the present school-community complex and any

money left over can be used for the grounds.

If the school-community centre is finished by using the money from the sale of the old school

property, there will be far better accommodation provided for the play school, Art Group and so forth than there is at present, the meeting learned.

A "TWO-BIT" SEWER BATTLE?

The Executive Director of the CRD (Dennis Young) has reportedly implied that the Ganges Sewer Battle is a "two-bit" issue.

QUESTION #1

Do you think spending 4.1 million tax dollars is a "two-bit" issue? (The CRD-proposed Big Sewer would serve 205 properties - that is \$20,000 per property!)

QUESTION #2

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QUESTION #3

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QUESTION #4

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Curiously, especially now-a-days, only a few knowledgeable individuals, (and perhaps all the people engaged in the multimillion dollar industry devoted to the battle with the weed with cold steel and poison — but these don't count) will be aware of the value of the weed.

CLOVER WAS A WEED

At one time, believe it or not, our much cherished clover was thought to be a weed. Until we discovered that clover enriches our soil with nitrogen. Clover, the former weed, has been pardoned. Exonerated and elevated to the

status of "green manure" since we found that it enriches the soil by growing.

And at another time, every farmer worth his salt and with eyes to see knew that his cattle, goats or sheep loved and thrived on nettles, thistles, plantain, cleavers and dock, and even the dreaded buttercup. And he also knew that he had to maintain these in his meadows and he did just that by sowing his barn sweepings. Did you know, that as a fodder plant, plantain can produce more protein and carbohydrates per acre than clover and do this with a far higher mineral content in a more digestible form. Interesting, to say the least.

PROVIDE MINERALS

It has now been recognized that weeds excel in making minerals available to the end user of the weed, either as animal fodder or to the soil as mulch.

Since the availability of formulated pasture seed mixtures, we have been encouraged to use these, and to re-cultivate and re-seed "weedy" pastures. We also found it necessary to add mineral supplements to our livestock feeding program. What nature once supplied free of charge, (and is still willing to do so, thank goodness), we now buy at the feed store.

Not all plants do everything equally well. Our well-being

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

depends on the balance of all things. Everything has its place and its purpose and so has the weed. It is now becoming apparent more and more just how valuable the weed is. A good pasture mixture is now known to consist of 50% grasses, 40% clovers and 10% weeds.

NOT ALL ARE FODDER

Not all weeds are fodder for any beast, and therefore reduce food value if present. The following are now considered valuable fodder plants.

Bilberry, burnet, buttercup, cat's ear, chickory, cowslip, daisy, dandelion, devil's bit, hawkbit, heather, heath rush, hogweed, knapweed, lady's bedstraw, nettles, ox-eye daisy, plantain (broad and ribbed), self heal, sorrel, shepherd's purse, sow thistle, speed well, tormentil, creeping thistle, yarrow and yellow rattle.

Most of the research into the value of the weed is happening in England and the foregoing is a result of research by Brynmor

Thomas and C.B. Fairbairn of Durham University School of Agriculture.

The common weed is finally beginning to receive the recognition it deserves.

You see, at one time the earth was barren; water and rock, nothing else. Life then developed in the sea, and slowly, over the eons, found a foothold on land. And the weed, with its abundant life force, was the first to colonize the barren earth. It grew where nothing else could, and by growing and decaying, slowly created sufficient topsoil for others to follow. One of those, the common horsetail, is still with us from that era.

NET INCREASE

And the beauty of it is that there is a net increase in fertility and quality, as well as quantity, of topsoil, created by the growth and decay of the weed. If this were not so, there would be no trees or bushes, neither animal nor bird, neither you nor I.

This then is the purpose of the weed, to grow where nothing else can, and to prepare the way for others to follow. It is a true pioneer, the noblest and the humblest of all plants. And it is still with us, serving as from the beginning, supplying and maintaining a mineral balance, and giving its very substance in the creation of rich, organic soil.

Our Mrs. Pat has been the only one so far to say: For goodness sake, if you do not use your weeds as mulch, the least you can do is to put them into your compost."

Yes, and amen, and thanks to the weed, one of the many who give and sustain my life and all life.

Friday tax deadline

Property owners who don't pay their 1981 property taxes by Friday will be subject to a five per cent penalty. Tax notices were mailed over a month ago and taxes became due July 2.

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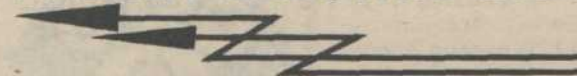
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Janice Torrance, of Ganges, was driving on that road last Wednesday when the pickup truck sideswiped her 1965 Pontiac causing her to swerve into the ditch.

The truck drove off leaving Torrance shaken but unhurt.

Anyone with information about the pickup truck is asked to contact the RCMP at 537-5555.











**More sights
than meet
the eye**

There are more sights to see in the Gulf Islands than meet the eye as these two visitors attest. The scuba divers are preparing to view the undersea life at Ruckle Provincial Park on Salt Spring Island. The young man, left, was introducing his lady friend to the joys of scuba and she seemed to be taking to it like, well, like a fish to water.



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In front of the new Chamber of Commerce office are, from left, Chamber president Bert Elford, tourist information volunteer Bonnie Hewett and Chamber secretary Pat Kirk.

Chamber has new office

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has found a new home on Lower Ganges Road in downtown Ganges.

The new office, a multi-purpose affair, is located in the premises vacated by the real estate firm of Miller and Toynbee next to the Kanaka Place restaurant.

Included in the offerings of the chamber are a Business Information Centre, the Tourist Information Centre, as well as P.S. Secretarial Service.

For the duration of the national mail strike, a courier service to the Vancouver metropolitan area is also offered from the office.

Pat Kirk, owner of the secretarial business, doubles as chamber of commerce secretary and business information officer.

The Business Information Centre is funded by the B.C. Chamber of Commerce on a grant from the ministry of industry and small business.

It provides information to anyone thinking of opening a business in the Gulf Islands as well as to current businesses wanting to expand.

"In this case," said Bert Elford, Chamber of Commerce president, "it does not tell you how to find money for financing business."

The Tourist Information Centre is manned by volunteer help and is open each day of the week from 10 am until 4 pm for the duration of the summer season. For the fall and winter months it will be open only five days per week.

The information available to visitors includes brochures describing various aspects of the Gulf Islands and maps to help

people get around.

To reach the new chamber of commerce office by telephone requires dialing the number of P.S. Secretarial. When the telephone is installed later in August, the listing will be under the Business Information Centre.

The Tourist Information Centre will in all likelihood have the same number.

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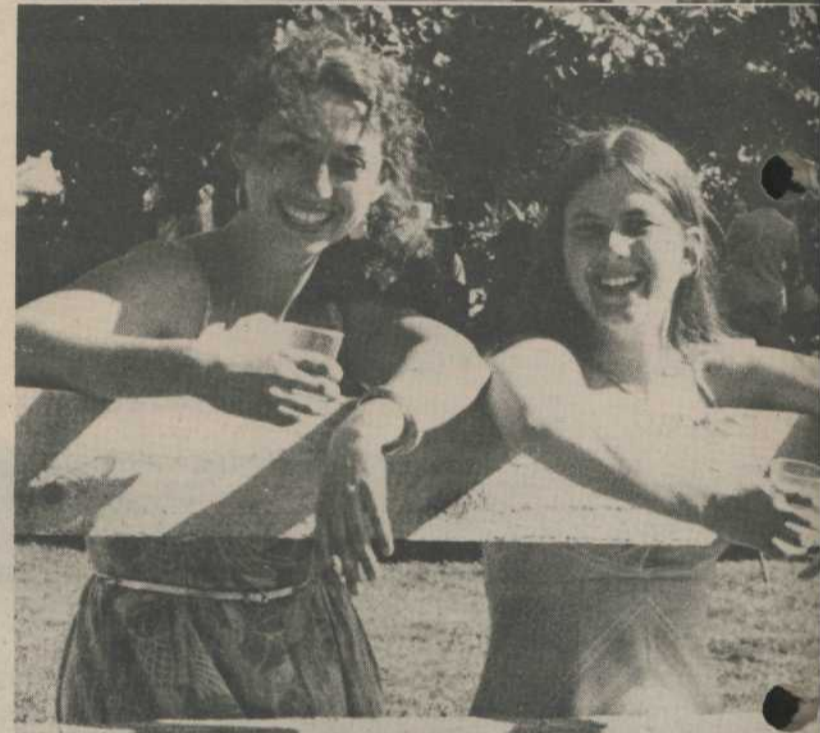
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There was never a gathering like it on Salt Spring.

Nearly 1,000 veteran Salt Spring Island residents descended on Charlie and Natalie Horel on Sunday afternoon. The island couple had asked for it. They invited all islanders and former islanders whose families were on the island prior to the Second World War to take part in a reunion. The invitation was

warmly accepted.

Supper was pot-luck and the facilities were on the house.

From early afternoon the crowds started coming. Within a couple of hours the field was packed with cars and the Cusheon Lake farm was packed with people.

Each visitor was registered and given a lapel badge. Many visitors had been away for decades and 30

years was no great gap. Others were from the island and had never been away.

They arrived by car and truck and the Lions bus brought at least one load of passengers from Greenwoods.

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GALIANO NEWS

Only three salmon landed for weekend derby

BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER

The Galiano Rod and Gun Club's 30th Annual Fishing Derby was held on Saturday. Although the sun shone throughout, it was not one of the best of days for fishing as a strong northwest wind made for choppy seas and poor fishing.

With the need to preserve dwindling stocks of salmon such events are drawing criticism but the Galiano derby can hardly be faulted as only three salmon were landed, a far cry from the 30 or more fish that were entered in the early years of the contest.

The two heaviest fish were caught by Alan Steward of Mayne at the edge of the tide-rip opposite the Mayne Lighthouse. A 17 lb. ling cod was caught on a plug-cut herring at 6 pm and an hour later a 15 lb., 8 oz. spring salmon on a "Wetaskawin plug herring". The connection with the Alberta city is so flimsy it must be an example of Alan's whimsy.

His boat companion, Len Fowler, caught the second largest salmon, a spring weighing 10 lb., 8 oz. Third largest salmon and the only coho was caught by Stewart Pengelly off the rocks at Bellhouse Point. Stewart, whose first salmon this was, used a Deadly Dick but as he had only a trolling rod and reel but no boat, the lure had to be thrown into the water by hand!

Largest fish caught by a resident of Galiano was a 9 lb., 2 oz. ling cod by Gerald Nicolson with runners-up Keith Standing and Daniel Kenyon. Club president Charlie Head presented the prizes to the winners.

SECOND VISIT

The children's competition took place in the morning with the weigh-in at 11 o'clock on Sturdies Bay Wharf followed by the distribution of prizes to all contestants by Ollie Garner. Three years ago a young boy from Paris, France, spent his school holidays on Galiano. The memory of the fish he caught drew him back for a second visit this summer.

Simon Rougeul was so excited on the morning of the Derby he could not eat breakfast. He was quickly off to the wharf where, for a long time, he was the solitary fisherman. His lengthy vigil was rewarded by him hooking and landing a 3 oz. bullhead which won him the prize for the largest fish in this category. The great ambition of this young, fanatical, French fisherman is to "attraper un saumon". Unfortunately without boat or proper gear his chances are not great.

Most of the other children who fished in the derby had local parents or grandparents. Jason and Greg Potter with Aaron Sarson, all grandsons of Frank Sarson, had the three heaviest rock cod caught off Bellhouse Point and Arron Dunn caught one from the

dock.

BARBECUE

The derby concluded with a salmon barbecue at the Rod and Gun Club's premises. More than 50 people enjoyed the meal prepared by Ollie and Ruby Garner assisted by Pat Moseley and many others. The prize draw was made by Archie Georgeson, the oldest surviving member of the club. The first prize of \$100 went to E. Johnson of Vancouver with \$50 going to Roy Harding and \$25 to Harry Lane of Mayne.

An unusual draw was held for three boxes of 25 lbs. of antique boat nails, discovered in the basement of Burrill Brothers Store and placed there over 50 years ago but only recently discovered. The nails were donated by store owners Bob and Carol George. Winners were Brenda Klassen, Gladys Zala and Lori Wilson.

Supper Cruise

Once a month throughout the summer a Bunny-bus leaves Lady Minto Hospital pond for Galiano on the 4:30 pm ferry from Long Harbour. Aboard the bus last Wednesday, July 22, were a party of six travellers from intermediate and extended care escorted by the director of diversional therapy, Pam Taylor, and her husband Richard who doubles as bus driver.

On arrival at Sturdies Bay the visitors proceeded to the home of Sally Riddell where there was a convenient ramp for the three wheel-chair guests. Inside, Sally and her friend, Jessie Bellhouse, were waiting to serve supper augmented with homemade cake and ice cream.

One of the guests had special memories of Galiano. Mrs. Clara Bell lived for many years at Retreat Cove. After supper the party enjoyed the view from the sundeck before catching the evening ferry back to Salt Spring.

Art News

In appreciation for her work for the Painters' Guild the members recently presented Betty Steward with the book *Shock of the New*. Betty has just left for a two-week stay in London to be followed by a three to four-month working holiday in Paris. Many art lovers will recall the interesting portfolio of sketches and watercolours she brought back from her last stay in Paris.

Betty and Elisabeth Hopkins have each had the distinction of having one of their paintings included in the Coast Arts Calendar for 1982 in company with such well known artists as Jack Shadbolt. The calendar will be sold locally at the Camas Shop and at Earthen Things. The guild continues to meet weekly and once a month Alistair Ross will give an instructional session.

Active Pass

Over the years many a drama has been played out in Active Pass. Last Friday, visitors to Bellhouse Park around noon first observed a helicopter hovering above a helipoint taking photographs of a damaged bow. Almost immediately afterwards they saw the houseboat *Libreum*, apparently with engine failure, being washed on to the rocks of Bellhouse Reef.

Nearby residents called Air Sea Rescue and two boats soon appeared to offer assistance. However, the crew managed to start the engine and with difficulty free the anchor, and the boat limped into Sturdies Bay for repairs. None of the four adults on board was any the worse for the experience.

Later that day a fire call reported a brush fire out of control at Mary-Ann Point. Fire Chief Chester Williams answered the call with the tanker truck and was able to put out the fire before it became large enough for a general call-out.

Nature Notes

DUSK FLIERS

At a time when most birds are thinking of retiring to their nest or roost for the night, the common nighthawk is taking to the air in search of nocturnal flying insects which form its main source of food.

Silhouetted against the deepening blue of the twilight sky, this bird, with its erratic flight, looks like an overgrown and intoxicated swallow. After a series of measured wing strokes the nighthawk will suddenly "change gear" to a burst of rapid beats. This bird is often seen in conjunction with bats whose nocturnal habits are well known. Canada is home to only one of the 17 families of bats which are mainly creatures of tropical climes. Those now seen on Galiano will probably be little brown bats or long-eared bats although the identification of these small mammals on the wing in the near dark is very difficult.

The Flemings were gratified recently to have helped save the life of a baby barn swallow. The nest, in which there were three fledglings, fell from their garage wall killing two of the birds. Joe returned the sole survivor to the nest and tried to feed it. Two days later it was observed perched on their TV aerial being fed by its anxious parents, apparently having emerged from its ordeal unscathed.

Coming Events

The Lions Club Fiesta on Saturday, Aug. 1, will begin with a parade, led by a military band, starting at 11 am from Sturdies Bay. Art Wood will be parade marshal.

The festivities, including barbecue, beer garden, sideshows,



Alan Steward with winning fish. stalls and bingo, will take place in the same site will be open from 11 the Fiesta Grounds on Burrill am until 4 pm. Road. The Thrift Shop which is on

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