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The ailing economy

Postal strike added another log to the fire of inflation

Second of three parts

BY BILL WEBSTER

Small businesses are the backbone of the Canadian economy and nowhere more so than in the Gulf Islands.

The sinew and muscle of the economic body are the workers in those businesses, non-unionized for the most part, and dependent as are the businesses upon the whims of the marketplace for their prosperity.

Large corporations can, and do, survive the buffeting of economic forces run amok. The moneyed giants can weather the storms of inflation merely by passing on the increases to customers.

The size of those companies allows them the privilege of waiting out labour disputes.

But not so with small business, and particularly not so with the owners and workers in those businesses.

Profit is name of the game

Profit is the name of the game, whether the business be large or small. When the profit of the small business slumps, workers suffer. Their earning power is curtailed and consequently their spending power is lessened.

A corporation such as Chrysler can sway governments when cash is needed to keep going. Citizen Small's Independent Business, when faced with more red than black on the ledger, becomes another statistic on the bankruptcy lists.

A labour dispute in a widget factory affects few outside the circle of that immediate argument. The numbers affected by strikes grows as the pervasiveness of the industry on the general economy increases.

The current work stoppage in the B.C. forest industry affects almost everyone in the province. The strike by the inside workers of Canada Post reached out to touch almost everyone in the country.

Business in the Gulf Islands has continued in a reasonably

normal fashion. The lack of postal service has hurt, certainly, but after five major strikes and several lesser service stoppages in the 10 or so years since the right to strike was granted, people are becoming accustomed to the periodic lack of postal service.

The mails mean many things to many people. To small business, it is an inexpensive way of communicating with customers and suppliers. Money passes through the mails and keeps the small business in operation.

When the flow of money ceases or slows, business suffers.

Financial loss, inconvenience and higher operating costs have been inflicted upon business by the mail strike.

A Salt Spring book store, for instance, must depend upon people going to or coming from Vancouver and Victoria to pick up orders. If the order is a rush, the freight or courier services come into play.

Said the owner, "I really can't afford a \$10 pick-up for something which normally costs 50 cents for delivery. My profits aren't that large and I can't afford that cost as a mark-up."

Driftwood had 20 letters to go to Victoria and area. The cost by courier, not including the price of the ferry or gasoline to get the letters to that city, was over \$70. The cost, if the postal service had been available: \$3.40.

Travel industry severely hurt

Resorts in the Gulf Island have had to depend upon reservations made before the 42-day strike began. Since then, the telephone company has enjoyed an increase in the number of long-distance calls. Or the resorts have hoped people would come seeking an empty room.

One business hurt severely by the strike is the travel industry. The fall schedule of tours and costs are stored in some post office somewhere. Holidayers

can't book vacations if no information is available.

Again, courier service adds to the operating cost as does the number of necessary long-distance calls.

Tom Toynbee of Mouat's said, "We find virtually every minute of every day many more ways we are inconvenienced by the mail strike."

That store finds inconvenience, as do others, in paying suppliers.

The strike may have stopped the mail but money owed is due regardless and has to be accommodated somehow.

Lawyers, architects, business owners of various kinds, old-age pensioners, or lonely lovers, each has been affected by the mail stoppage.

The Chamber of Commerce courier service to Vancouver has handled approximately 40 letters: \$120 compared to \$6.80.

Looking to avoid using post office

One businessman said, "It's interesting there's been no clamour from the public or small business."

Which is true in a way. But many people indicated, as one businessman did, that they are seriously "looking for ways of avoiding the post office in the future."

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers may have settled for less than they wanted and the treasury board may have given away more than they intended, but Canadians as a whole are the big losers.

Gulf Island businesses have paid a large toll for the privilege of continuing to function during this strike. Inconvenience and frustration, as well, have added to the cost.

While few if any businesses had to fold, the price each had to pay, here and across the country, adds another log to the fire of inflation.

Fire, if not extinguished before it finishes its rampage, leaves behind only ashes.

Next week: The effects of record-high interest rates.



Flower show a beauty

Salt Spring Island Garden Club president Lionel Wood, left, admires some winning plants with show judges Bea and Bill Kempster from Victoria. The large dahlias

won a rosette for Birl Hill of Victoria, while the gladiola in the middle came from the garden of Jack Barker of Cedar Lane. Story, picture — Page Twenty.

Sprinkling restrictions

Water demand hits record level

Record temperatures during the past weeks have brought record demands on the water distribution systems. Residents of the Sunset Drive area of the North Salt Spring Island Waterworks District have been short of water as the heavy demand has exhausted the reserve balancing tank at the northern end of the line.

On Monday evening the balancing tank was out of water and in Ganges the tank on Ganges Hill was down to the eight-foot level. It is 23 feet high.

Mike Larmour, superintendent of the water district, explained on Tuesday that the demand is unprecedented.

"We are pumping nearly a million and a quarter gallons every three days," he told Driftwood.

He explained that the sprinkling restrictions imposed this week are expected to reduce the strain on the system, but that the demand is desperately close to the capacity of the pumps.

When the reserve and balancing tanks can be filled overnight in readiness for the demand of the

following day, there is no problem, but when the demand exceeds the capacity of the pumping system, then there must be controls

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It was nearly hot fish

Cold fish it nearly wasn't when a troller had engine troubles in local waters last week.

When Cold Fish broke down near Pender Island it was towed by the Ganges-based Coast Guard boat into Port Washington. Jack Hughes of Gulf Island Water Taxi took over from there and towed the troller to Vancouver.

The fishboat had a load of frozen salmon on board and not even his auxiliary engine would run to keep the freezer unit functioning. They made it to Vancouver in time, though, and the fish remained cold.

Fulford kindergarten to open in September

There will be a kindergarten in the Fulford area this fall but the time of opening is in doubt.

The Gulf Islands School Board this week voted to direct Wilf Peck, board secretary-treasurer, to seek approval in principle from the ministry of education for the tot-school.

Parents of pre-school children in Fulford had been told by the board that a kindergarten could be arranged subject to several conditions. They were also informed that the board had no money for transportation of the youngsters.

Parents of children living farther away than walking distance could apply to the government for a grant to cover their own costs of getting the children to classes.

The opening of the 1981-82 school year is close at hand and the board will seek approval in principle because of the length of time which such applications usually take.

NO GUARANTEE

Even with speed on the part of the board, no firm guarantee can be given that the kindergarten will be ready for use when the school year begins on September 8.

The kindergarten, to be in Beaver Point Hall, will cost the school board at least \$4,710 for the operation from September to December, 1981.

The cost would be broken down to \$2,350 for original capital expenses such as classroom fixtures and supplies, plus a further \$5,900 for operating expenses. The total is divided by four-tenths to reflect the costs for the four months of school this year.

The school board must inform the ministry of education if sufficient numbers of pre-schoolers are registered to warrant a third kindergarten and if at least 15 children are from the Fulford area.

To that end, parents are being asked to pre-register their youngsters at the school board office on Lower Ganges Road.

WHICH SCHOOL

At the time of registration, parents will be asked which school they would like their children to attend, Fernwood, Salt Spring Elementary or the new Fulford school.

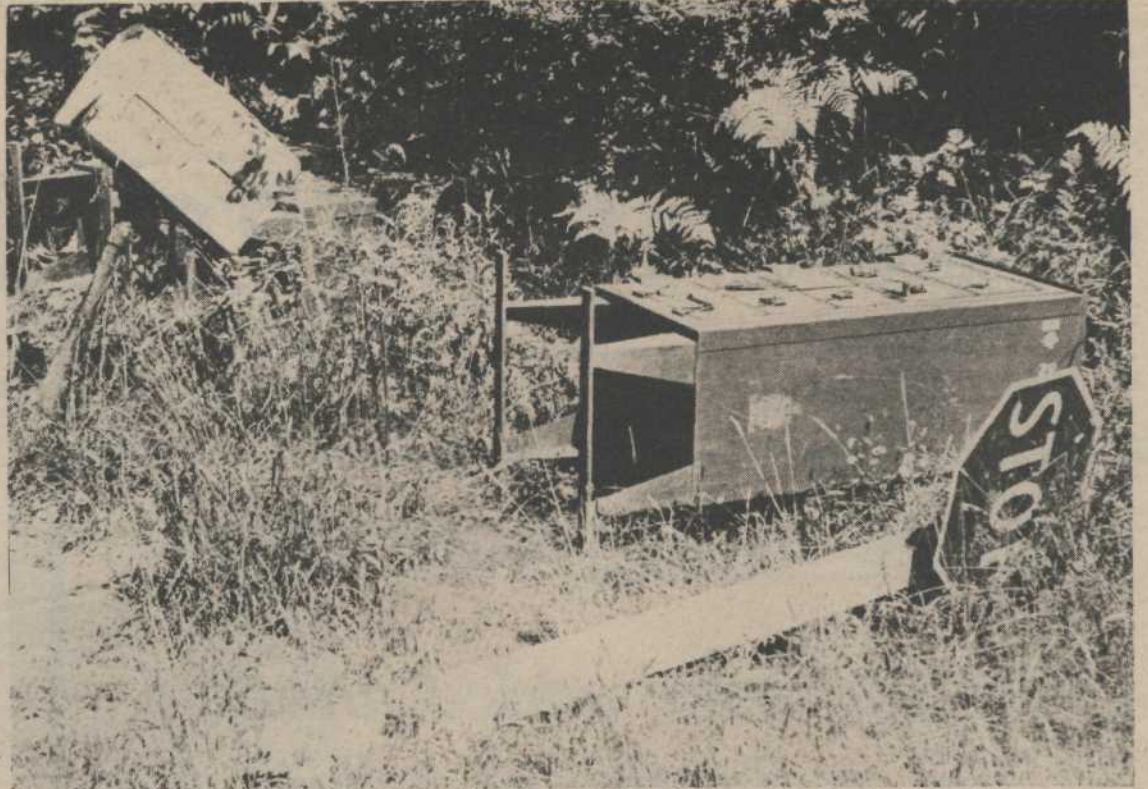
Another stipulation which the parents must meet is in voluntary help to set the kindergarten up or remove the class facilities if Beaver Point Hall is being used by other groups.

The parents will also be asked to help the school board by donating various items needed by the kindergarten.

The new Fulford elementary school will be constructed sometime within the next two years on five acres on the northwest corner of Beaver Point Road and Stewart Road. When the school is completed, the kindergarten will move to it from Beaver Point Hall.

The hall board has indicated that if the school board pays the costs of utilities for the kindergarten the rent charged will be minimal.

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Signs and mail boxes rearranged

Vandals have been busy during the past week rearranging the road signs and mail boxes on the south end of Salt Spring Island.

Youngster borrows car, rolls it

When a Galiano Island man returned from a vacation last week, he found his car had been extensively damaged.

Upon investigation, it was discovered that a youngster had borrowed the car, rolled it and then returned it.

The incident took place July 4, Ganges RCMP said this week.

The local detachment of the RCMP have been investigating a rash of destruction in which road signs have been knocked over and mail boxes upset, not an uncommon occurrence here.

The signs have been knocked down near Drummond Park in Fulford, along Beaver Point Road, at the intersection of that road and Reynolds Road as well as in the Cusheon Lake area.

Each sign costs approximately \$15 to replace and highway crews are out in an effort to locate and replace each of the vandalized signs.

Doors taken

Four solid wood doors valued at \$200 were reported stolen last Wednesday from a house on Isle View Drive, Salt Spring Island.

RCMP are investigating the theft. Doors were the property of Lloyd Martin of Fulford.

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Water demand

From Page One imposed until the capacity is augmented, he explained.

"The demand is fantastic," he commented.

NEXT YEAR

The remainder of this hot summer will be met out of the supplies now available, but next year will bring the added output from Maxwell Lake as a result of the pipeline now being laid on the Cranberry.

The district crews are laying pipe at the present time and will shortly be up to the creek running from Maxwell Lake. The procedure will change at the creek and ductile iron pipe will be used instead of the

PVC pipe wrapped in fibreglass which is being used elsewhere. The line is laid on the creek bed and the iron pipe affords greater protection, he explained.

The iron pipe is to be laid by additional labour and helicopters. The creek is deep and narrow and a road cannot be readily driven through, said Larmour. The 1,000 foot lengths of pipe can readily be placed by helicopter.

MARSH

Above the creek is a marsh which has not dried out this year and it may yet prove too great a barrier until next summer.

If the work can be undertaken through the marsh an increased

water supply will be ready for the hot weather next summer.

For the rest of the summer users will be restricted on the quantity they can take until the peak draw is over.

The shortage is not related to the available water in the lakes, commented Larmour. There is plenty of water, but insufficient distribution facilities.

This year's short supply follows last year's problems of oxygen-depleted water which brought unpalatable and ill-smelling water to many consumers. That was corrected by changing the depth of the pumping level.

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To Be Frank



by richards

Looking at Martha's Paper published in Martha's Vineyard, on the United States Atlantic coast. The publication arrived in my office from Ken Fluet, a former islander. Martha's Vineyard is somewhat like the islands here. But it is impossible to be exactly like that community. The tide tables in the free circulation newspaper show high tides with the note that low tides fall approximately six hours later. To the purist the statement is not possible. If they are low how can they fall?

He was not infuriated, but he was saddened and indignant. I'd better not name names. But he explained that he had approved the collection of some wood from his property. And as the truck left the field, the driver inadvertently ran into the barrier over the ditch. The driver was apologetic and helpful. He would be back with a hammer. He explained that he normally carried his tools with him. Not at all, retorted the owner and if he was in the habit of carrying tools was that because he was in the habit of knocking down fences? That was the end to a mild altercation. Some months later the home owner was aroused in the middle of the night by sudden loud noises. He went outside to ascertain that the heavy timbers on his culvert had been knocked out of place and some fence posts were gone. Further in, away from the road, a pickup was backing up his lane. It backed up until the two flat tires permitted the wheels to spin freely within. The truck had suffered a slight dent. But his ire was roused when he learned that the owner was a nephew of the last driver to attack the culvert. Of such incidents are vendettas made!

Electronic pronunciations are beyond me. If you want more of de tails, they are probably behind de cat. I am still researching the details of de tails.

But as a former publisher observed in Vancouver, better be a radio reporter and make a mistake in pronunciation which is forgotten in minutes than a newspaper reporter, making a mistake in spelling which will live forever.

It shouldn't even happen to an Albertan! When Pat and Phyllis Meagher (pronounced "mar") went back to Alberta for a reunion they encountered the recent Calgary hailstorm. The car was stationary at the time, but the top and the trunk lid and the hood are all pitted. Some of the dents have lost paint. Worst hit was the chrome trim which has been flattened in places by the force of the storm. And it isn't as if Pat had never heard of hail storms. He grew up in Drumheller.

I once went fishing. In 1948 I went out in a rental boat with another immigrant RAF veteran at Sidney. It was his idea and his gear. As we chugged out into the bay I felt a tug and shouted that I had a bite. My companion was incredulous and insisted I had snagged bottom. He was still more incredulous when I hauled in a five-pounder. On my third fish he wasn't only despondent, he was indignant. And the fact he was skunked didn't ease the tension. That was three fish in one evening. I couldn't do that again! So I didn't try. I didn't try fishing again for 20 years and I went out with Fred Rhodes and Stan Sage. The motor failed after about five minutes and I rowed while they caught no fish. On Saturday the whole pattern changed. We had a visitor or three and Tony chartered the Annie Fagan: Capt. Hildred: and we set out. All morning we ate prawns from the captain's private stock under the sea. After a brief lunch at Maple Bay, we fished. There was an expert fisherman from the English Midlands on one side of me and a well-informed couple of youthful fishermen from Fort St. John on the other side. All three knew what to do and how to do it. In the middle was the rod with a reel that wouldn't. So I used it. And I caught a fish. The only way I could get it near the boat was by hauling in the line and forgetting the rod, but it came aboard as a 6 1/2 pound coho. But the odd thing is that while the expert British angler, Mark Shrimpton had a bite, he lost it at the boat. I figure I have a jinx. I don't often catch anything, but if I do, nobody else does. At lease, that seems to be the answer after 30 years' experience.

Last week I met the only commuter to Salt Spring Island from Salt Spring Island. He's Tom Farup and he comes to the island to work as a pharmacist at Les Ramsey's drug emporium. And he comes to work from his home on Salt Spring. By way of the Swartz Bay ferry, of course. It's easy enough to figure. Tom leaves his Cape Keppel home by boat because it's not readily reached by road. And he runs over to Swartz Bay. There, he ties up his boat and transfers to the Fulford ferry. And on to Salt Spring Island! He could come direct to Fulford Harbour, but the Swartz Bay hop is shorter. And he likes ferries, maybe!

It was a perfect hand. And Harold Komm, of Tripp Road, Ganges, held it. He and his wife were playing crib on August 6. He held the Jack of Clubs and three fives when the five of clubs turned up. That gave him the 29 score and made his day.

Of course I like the weather...of course I like sunshine...of course: the temperature is just right and we've waited long enough! Of course I like black eyelids! Of course I like sweating: of course I like red thighs. Of course I like cold meals! You know, the winter isn't all bad.

There have been no cases reported of frost-bite in the islands during the past week.

Well-loved Island priest

Death of Father Mudge in Victoria

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Roman Catholic priest who was widely known on Salt Spring died in Victoria on Sunday. Rev. William Mudge was among the best-loved Catholic priests to serve on the island.

During the 1960's he was in charge of the Catholic parish of Salt Spring Island and the name of Father Mudge is still known among islanders of all faiths as well as those of no religious persuasion.

For many years he devoted his time to the young parishioners at the two Salt Spring Island churches in his charge and he was one of the initiators of the ecumenical movement among island churches.

He is remembered on Salt Spring Island as a warm, friendly man whose smile rarely faded and whose message never wavered.

IN 1956

Father Mudge was born on Vancouver Island 52 years ago and was ordained in Nanaimo in 1956. A year later he was appointed to Saanich Peninsula with the Rev.

Philip Hanley. The parish of Salt Spring Island was part of the Saanich parish.

During his ministry on the island he was also known as a keen sportsman and spent many of his spare hours hunting and fishing.

Despite his concerns for the island parish and its youngsters, Father Mudge was the Indian priest. He worked among the Saanich Indian community for 13 years, giving them support in every direction as well as maintaining his spiritual role.

Earlier this year he fell victim to cancer and had been an invalid for the last several months. In one of his last messages, he told a congregation that cancer was a humbling experience.

Services will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, on Thursday and Friday. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 am Friday by Bishop Remi de

Roo and interment will follow in the West Saanich Cemetery.

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Truck, horse collide

A horse which was in collision with a gravel truck on Salt Spring Island has been described as extremely lucky.

The horse, being looked after by Lyn Roland of Fulford-Ganges Road, was in the middle of the road at Rock Crusher Corner Wednesday morning last week when a gravel truck owned by Hal Wright Trucking rounded the corner.

The horse was knocked down and dragged for several feet, becoming wedged underneath the truck, before the vehicle came to a halt.

The animal suffered cuts and bruises and some internal bleeding but is reported to be doing fine this week. Front bumper of the truck was left dented and damage was estimated at \$550.

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A strike at a distance

There is a strike. And the government acted promptly and forcibly. And the public cheered. But it was in another land. And Canadians from coast to coast wept with mortification that the only government to show strength in the labour arena was outside Canada.

The action of United States President Ronald Reagan in forcing a showdown with the airport controllers has brought warm admiration from Canadians who were not sure that they cared for his policies. When the strike was called, the president jumped to the controls and warned what would happen if the strike went on.

The circumstances were not identical with any encountered on the Canadian side of the border because the employees had specifically contracted not to strike when they joined the government department responsible for aviation. But thousands of Canadians were demanding similar strength and prompt action from their own government in face of the long postal strike.

The strike is a weapon wielded by labour to force management into capitulation. But it is used, too often, to attack onlookers as well.

The time must be looming when the Canadian government will institute a rational approach to labour disputes. The public is the victim of every dispute in every part of the country. The workers have a union to represent them and the forces of management are brought to combat the proposals put forward by labour. But until the government acts, the rest of the nation has no representation.

If a man engages in dispute with his neighbour he has ready recourse to the courts. It is high time industrial disputes were handled in the same, sane, rational manner. We have only to look across the world to Britain to see the damage inflicted by the lack of reasonable negotiation.

It must be the heat

Finance Minister Hugh Curtis' insistence that Premier Bennett is not breaking the government hiring freeze is doing nothing to allay fears on the part of the public that the heat has gone to their heads.

The premier has hired two senior executives within a week of Curtis' announcement that additional hiring was to be curtailed in an effort to balance the books.

Whether the employment offers were "in stream", as Curtis has said, makes no difference.

The hiring should have been done before the freeze was imposed. As it is, the government is left looking just a little bit silly.

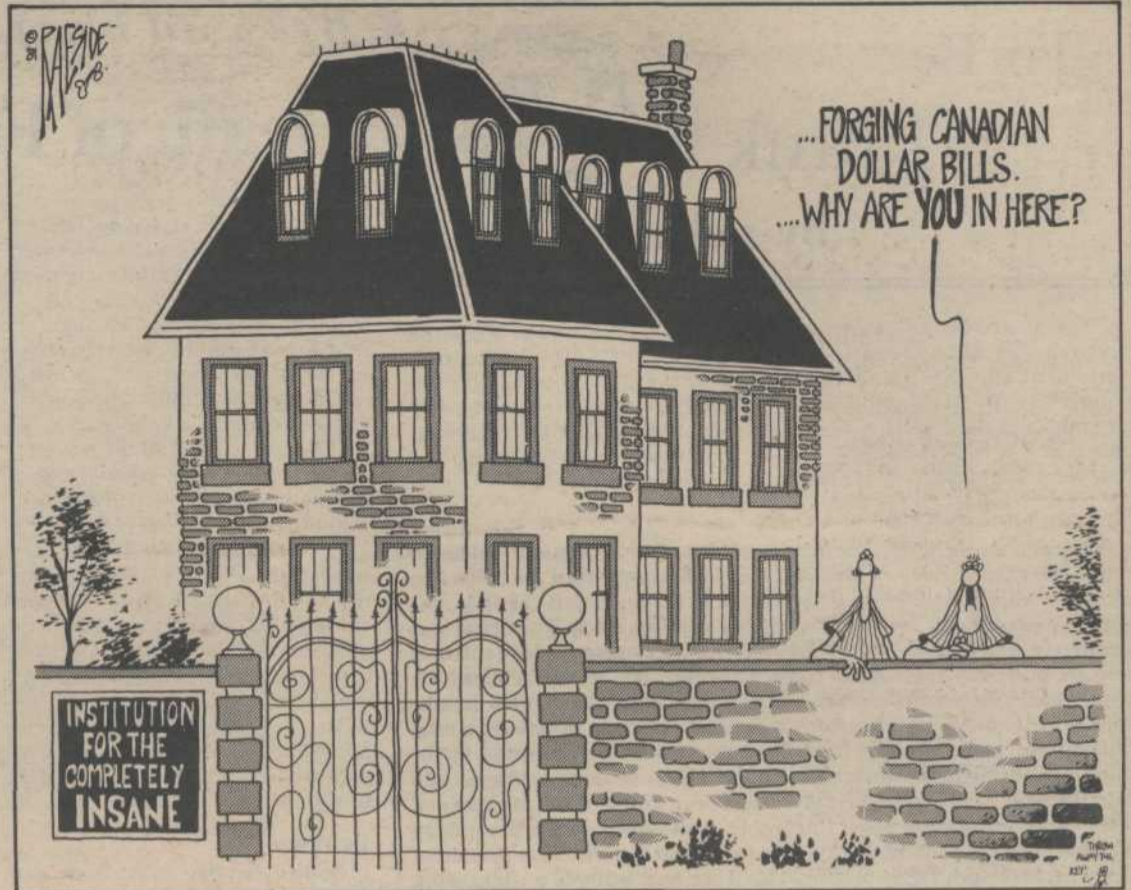
Subsidizing pregnancy

Canadians should no longer have any doubts about the future of the economy now that the 42-day national postal strike has been settled. They should, in fact, be convinced by now that there is little hope for recovery for quite a few years to come.

The federal government, by agreeing to postal workers' demands for paid maternity leave, has set a precedent whose effect will be felt every time a union goes on strike.

Every union in the country will likely demand what amounts to no more than a pregnancy subsidy for its female workers.

But what makes it even harder to swallow is that the postal workers have failed for many years in their efforts to deliver mail efficiently, despite very adequate pay scales. It now remains to be seen whether they will achieve greater efficiency delivering offspring at equally impressive rates.



Paradise has problems too

BY BILL WEBSTER

As with everyone residing on the Gulf Islands, I come from elsewhere. Toronto had been home, more specifically, Etobicoke was the last place I worked.

Before leaving that borough and urged on by a desire to know what to expect upon arrival here, I talked with my good friend Louis Bolivar-Finchely.

Louis has been many places, seen many people and done many things. He has lived, for a time, on various of the Gulf Islands, although few places in this world can hold him indefinitely.

His question of why the move from Toronto the Good prompted the reply: to escape the traffic problems, pollution, niggling disputes and crowds.

HEADING FOR THEM

"You're not leaving those things," he said, "you're heading straight for them."

The statement surprised me, for everything I had heard about the Gulf Isles engendered visions of an earthly facsimile of paradise.

Louis assured me that those problems, which make cities such as Toronto less than good, do exist in paradise — the difference being in degree.

But then he went on to tell me about vistas which, when encountered around a curve in a mountain road, take one's breath away.

He described for me the hummingbirds, bold little whirly-birds darting among the flowers, which on occasion will hover within feet of one's face as if inspecting the features-for remembrance.

FEEL AT HOME

"Have no fear, my boy," said Louis, "you'll feel right at home. It'll remind you of Muskoka and the winding, hilly

roads are just as bad as the ones you drove in Northern Ontario.

"Besides that, you'll be dealing with people," he continued, "and they're the same no matter where you unlimber your typewriter."

And of course, Louis was right. The Gulf Islands are beautiful; but then again, I found the drive across Canada a moveable feast of beauty.

As for people, they are, so to speak, my bread and butter. Without them there would be no news created and none to read the stories.

People and I get along fine, thank you, and it's not often one rubs the wrong way. I attempt to withhold judgment until after meeting with and talking to someone at least three times.

VIOLENCE

Nevertheless, one of the few unrecrational activities of some people I find unsettling is their penchant towards violence. Whatever the form, be it one person massaging another's nose, the fury of nations or the damage done to minds, violence disturbs me.

Friend Louis and I have talked the subject into long nights, and his opinion states, "Violence is actually inner anger turned outwards. It's difficult to bop yourself on the beak."

"The main problem is attitude," he said. "When attitudes begin to resemble rock there's no room for growth and that can lead to actions of the most negative kind."

We agreed, Louis and I, that the most insidious violence is that aimed at minds. Those people who suffer hardening of the attitude can be counted upon to engage in that form of rage.

DESERVES CONSIDERATION

How often have we heard the phrase, implied or directly, "If you're not for me, you're against me"? The old saw, live and let live, may be hoary and tarnished by cliché, but it deserves serious consideration.

Nowhere are negative attitudes more dangerous than in the family. Some parents, for whatever reason, demand of their children a perfection which they themselves cannot deliver.

"Some parents don't know when to let go," said Louis. "They make mincemeat of their children in the guise of love instead of facing the reality that they have so little in common with each other."

"Sure they talk, but the words are mere sounds to fill the dreadful silence built up over the years. They use guilt to bind the children closer to themselves in an effort to give meaning to their existence."

NO SELF-CONFIDENCE

"What they are doing is fostering the growth of large-size children, no adults, people who have absolutely no self confidence to deal with life."

Attitudes, as a basis for belief, are difficult to change. If they are flexible, there is no problem. The grief starts when attitudes become bedrock. Those of a community can, over time, be moved but negative attitudes of individuals require a great deal of psychological blasting.

Communications help. Not the hurling of words into the void but a search for common ground of understanding. The search moves inward to discover the reasons behind certain feelings.

That voyage of discovery takes much longer than balling a fist and letting fly. But the results are so much more satisfying.

Letters to the Editor

Trust urged to uphold plan, consider more restrictions to protect lake

Sir,
We should like to comment on Heather Martin's letter of clarification on the Maxwell Lake watershed rezoning issue.
Mrs. Martin and her business associates have applied to the Islands Trust to rezone Lot 35 to allow for 10 houses to be built in the Maxwell Lake area. Mrs. Martin's group claims that they are not asking for any more dwelling units than would be permitted if the property were subdivided under present zoning laws. This argument is based on a false preposition: namely, the owners of lot 35 do not own access to a public road and thus the property cannot qualify for subdivision. Therefore, under existing zoning laws, the owners of lot 35 would be allowed to build only two houses and one occasionally used guest house.
Knowing fully well of their inability to subdivide, this group is asking the Islands Trust to deviate from the community plan and allow for a special zoning in this very sensitive area of our island. The Committee for the Preservation of Maxwell Lake has urged the Trust to deny this special zoning and uphold the community plan and consider even more

restrictive laws that would prevent this property and others around Maxwell Lake from ever being subdivided. There are several reasons for our taking this position.
First, and most important, the Maxwell Lake and watershed is a priceless resource for our community. It is the only lake remaining on Salt Spring Island that provides our community with class A drinking water and it may well be our *only* source of quality drinking water in the near future.
Second, any increase in dwelling density in the Maxwell Lake vicinity poses a threat to our water supplies. It is not necessarily the houses that become problems; it is rather the people who inhabit them. Anyone living near a beautiful lake will want to use the lake for recreational purposes, so will their friends, relatives, agents, etc. and as we've sadly found out with our other island lakes, human activities are not controllable or commensurate with good water quality.
Third, a relaxation of zoning laws in this watershed area would set a dangerous precedent and it will be tempting for owners of land

parcels adjacent to lot 35 to ask the Islands Trust for zoning concessions on their properties.
Fourth, a development proposed by Mrs. Martin's group would, if allowed, open up a natural, unsettled area perfect for watershed and therefore could endanger our principal island water resource. It would be just the beginning of more and more housing density and recreational pressure in a precariously vulnerable area of our island.
TOM GOSSET,
Chairman,
Committee for the Preservation of Maxwell Lake,
Ganges.
August 7, 1981.

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Doesn't treat tax load lightly

Sir,
I am sure that Mr. David Skinner now realizes that the subject matter of my letter, which he says was a "perfect example of distortion by omission of facts", discussed only the 4,100,000 tax dollars - the figure which appeared in the large advertisement in your paper and signed by the Salt Spring Sewer Alternatives Committee.
The direct tax cost is less than \$1 and thus does not represent a tax levy of over one mill on Salt Spring Island property owners outside the Ganges Sewer area - thus there is no need for a Salt Spring Island referendum. Mr. David Skinner lucidly explained that New Brunswick's share of the federal tax grant for our sewer system will come from general funds, which, of course, is the same source for Salt Spring Island's share of the grants. Thus we will be treated in the same way as New Brunswick. That seems fair.

I don't think Mr. Skinner knows me at all - or perhaps he was not here when some years ago I was at public meetings with the Minister of Education, as reported in your paper and in Letters to the Editor, asking for a review of the School Taxes so that this School District would not be required to contribute some \$400,000 a year into the general B.C. School system to help other School Districts, when, because of our many islands, we had to borrow to build and renovate schools - when our School tax produced almost sufficient to take care of our needs *at that time*. Does Mr. Skinner know that only three School Districts in the Province are in that position?
Mr. Skinner should have a chat with some members of the Recrea-

tion Commission, past and present, and he will find how hard I argued over the years about the expenditure of our tax money. Ask the Fire Chief and the Fire District Trustees how carefully I watch expenditures. No, Mr. David Skinner, you are wrong - I do not treat the tax load on my fellow Canadians lightly - the reverse is true.
To conclude I will re-iterate what I said in my previous letter - Quote "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" Unquote.
Am I wrong?
A. SPENCER MARR,
Box 410,
Ganges,
August 8, 1981.

Character at stake

Sir,
Thanks for your comments about the unnecessary amount of hate and emotionalism involved in the sewer debate, nobody will reconsider their position as a result of threats and name calling is more than useless.
The sewer issue is vitally important, however, as what is really at stake is the future character of the entire island.
Enclosed is a copy of my recent letter to the Premier regarding the handling of the sewer issue by the government.

Dear Sir,
Permit me, Sir, to express, as a Canadian and as a resident of British Columbia, my profound dismay at the way in which your government is handling the Ganges sewer issue.
I fail to understand why your government refuses to permit the taxpayers of Salt Spring Island an opportunity to vote on the matter in a referendum.
A sewer system as rammed through by your government, once implemented, will affect the local community in a very drastic way, since obviously, it will enable commercial development of a kind that will destroy the present way of life of the community.
It seems to me, therefore, that the forcible transformation of a unique, rural community, strictly on the basis of financial and political considerations without due concern to the citizens' wishes is an example of a callous and politically unwise exercise of power.
URI COGAN,
Fulford Harbour,
August 7, 1981.

Derelicts had a hoot

Sir,
Dagwood's Dazzling Derelicts would like to acknowledge the time and energy Ron Moger contributed to a much improved team. Indeed, we had a hoot this season! Thanks also to Lee, Moe, Pauline, Debbie and Kim for their years of experience at being "cool".
Yes girls, it did rub off! Of course we appreciated our dedicated fans Lester, Pat and Genette. Hey, aren't you glad softball is over. Harbour House.
JAN HULL,
Box 321,
Ganges,
August, 1981.



Tony Richards

IF YOU'RE THE SORT OF PERSON who doesn't care much for fishing but is suddenly overtaken by the urge to drag a line around in November or December, think again.
I paid the full \$5 for an annual tidal water licence last week and discovered it was only good for another five months. The licences all have an expiry date of December 31.
I also discovered (to my relief) that only those people on a boat who are actually fishing need licences. So last weekend's fishing trip didn't cost me the \$50 I had expected.
I shall not go into any details of the results of that trip. I expect it will be fully covered by our new fishing columnist on Page Three.
One more note on the licences: After having to take the trouble to supply all the vital statistics of those people for whom I was purchasing licences, I think professional sports fisherman Bruce Fiander (whose office sold them to me) should be providing a few tips.
CONSISTENCY IS A BYWORD in the world of newspaper publishing, but that's not the case with highways ministry sign-writers.
There are two signs marking Salt Spring Way up on Hundred Hills. On one Salt Spring is spelled as one word and on the other as two, the accepted, correct spelling of the name.

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND too much agreement from visiting relatives from England with my theory on the future of that country's monarchy.
But the more I think about it the more plausible it seems that if England's economic situation continues on the road to disaster, the greater is the chance for anarchy.
Consider the situation in Germany which provided the opportunity for Adolf Hitler to take power. If a man such as Hitler can take the reigns of power in a country beset with economic problems, what's preventing a man such as

Charles, future king of England, from doing the same?
After all, if the government of the time falls and the country is in turmoil, it's the perfect opportunity for one man with the power and the ability to govern to move in and take over.
Charles would certainly find supporters if he were to make such a move, and the only support he would really need would be from the military.
I only wonder, though, if he's the type of person who would seize such an opportunity.

MAKING A COUPLE OF PHONE CALLS this week and being greeted by a recorded message brings to mind an incident of about three or four months ago.
I was trying to get hold of Jack Van Dort but whenever I called his office he was never there. Instead, I got that insufferable recorded message. It was Jack who made the recording, and in a very polite tone he explained he was out and asked that I leave a message.
I don't like leaving messages anyway, because sometimes, particularly with calls to government ministries, you can wait for weeks before your call is returned. But I dislike even more talking to a tape recorder.
I called Jack several times in one week with no success.

The following week I tried again but this time the message was different. The tone was a little less polite and a little frustrated as he apologized for having to use an answering machine but explained he had little choice.
It was about a month later that I ran into Jack at Don's Radio and TV. He was returning the answering machine, which he had been renting from Don Perkins.
He didn't want it anymore because, he explained, so many people were calling but failing to leave a message. I have to admit, I felt a little guilty.

Fill out that form

Sir,
Everyone has the senior housing questionnaire now - let's all get busy and send it back!!! Someone has said, "I expect to stay in my house just as long as I live - why should I bother to fill in this form?"
Can you *really* be sure of the future? Sure, we *all* want to stay in our homes just as long as possible, but, just as sure as God made little green apples, the day must come when we just cannot cope - and it would be too bad if you found that you needed accommodation, which was not there because you had not bothered to do your little part.
Fill out the form and return it today, even if you never expect to need the services. Others will, and need your support. If you did not get one, call 537-5111.
And many thanks to *Driftwood* for their fine support!!
FRED BROOKBANKS,
Chairman,
Committee for Seniors Accommodation,
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August, 1981.

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Drive shaft breaks, ruptures fuel tank

Visitors and locals in Ganges were treated to an exhibition of how to prevent a fire by the volunteers of the Salt Spring brigade last week.

The drive shaft on a truck owned by Salt Spring Frieght broke and ruptured the fuel tank, fortunately just across the street from the fire hall.

The fire volunteers sprayed the area with water and proceeded to empty the leaking tank, transferring the diesel to the safety of barrels.

The crew from the highways department arrived and spread sand on the spilled fuel to

prevent further mishap.

As a side light, a customer in the pharmacy, in front of which the truck had stopped, was in the process of flicking a lighted cigarette out the door while all the excitement was going on.

Cries from the sales staff stopped her and what could have been a serious situation turned instead to nervous laughter.

On Saturday evening the volunteers were called out once again, this time to deal with a burning stump in Mouat Park.

Vandals had set a blaze in a five-foot cedar stump.

Nutrient removal would be excellent

Sir, In a letter two weeks ago T. Toynbee challenged the veracity of a couple of statements I made concerning sewage disposal and treatment and harbour pollution.

Mr. T. Toynbee is misinformed when he states that tertiary sewage treatment does not include filtration (usually in extensive sand beds). Tertiary treatment includes filtration, "nutrient" removal and other specific functions such as chemical de-contamination. Nutrient removal, which would precipitate out the phosphates from our dish and laundry detergents, seems like an excellent addition to our treatment process as it would help protect our harbour from "red tide" and its like.

If the sewage treatment is adequate and non-polluting why must the outfall be doubled? Is this a contingency plan for the inevitable time when the treatment plant breaks down and we are pumping 90,000 gallons per day of raw sewage into the harbour? I believe this extension is a recognition of the uncertainties of performance and reliability of the proposed sewer, and all for only four million plus.

With the land disposal we can take advantage of natural filtration, use the treated effluent for irrigation of crops, and get more direct feedback on the quality of our effluent.

The proposed sewer is not yet designed. This would seem to be a good time to get on with a safer, environmentally sound alternative.

Finally, I have a concern about the supply of water. The proposed sewer and core development is projected to require an additional 45,000 gallons of water per day. Have we tried the simple experiment of draining our reservoirs by 45,000 gallons per day for a number of weeks or months to see the results in our

reservoir lakes? In drier seasons there are appeals for public conservation. Are we not conserving water just so that local developers can justify continued growth? When those developments are in place and our local population has grown will we not be compelled to stricter conservation and our reservoir lakes placed under greater stress?

St. Mary Lake is already in trouble. Recently when I was swimming there a couple put their

outboard boat in the water and proceeded to fill the gas tank on the motor. I called out, "Hey, you are spilling gas in our reservoir." To which he replied, "What are you doing drinking my gas spill?"

Stay tuned for the latest statistics on the poor performance of local secondary sewage treatment systems!

R. ELKINGTON,
R.R.3 Ganges.
August 9, 1981.

Men's league playoffs being held this week

The regular season is over for the teams of the Salt Spring Island men's softball league and the games which count begin this week.

The playoffs, which include each team in the league regardless of season standings, began Tuesday and continue Thursday and Friday with two games each day at the Fulford ball field and the Little League field in Ganges. The games begin at 6:30 pm each evening.

On Sunday, the action features the final games, played at the Fulford field at noon, 2 pm and if

necessary at 4 pm.

The series is a double knock-out with any team losing two games being eliminated.

Tuesday's games featured Greenwoods versus Langdons and Vesuvius against Salt Spring Lands. GAS-Driftwood, regular season winner, has a bye in the first round.

Standings at the end of play in the season, with won-lost record in brackets was: GAS-Driftwood (15-5), Vesuvius (11-9), Greenwoods (10-10), Langdons (8-12) and Salt Spring Lands (6-14).



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Hit and run

A hit and run in the Harbour House Hotel parking lot left a Vancouver man's car with damage amounting to \$400.

The passenger-side door of a 1966 Ford Fairlane owned by Lincoln Ingram was damaged last Friday.

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Montrealers alerted to dangers of gas from sewers by *Daily Witness* in 1878

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Interested in sewers? Join the history books! It's nothing new. When Colin Nicholson, of Sky Valley Road, found an old newspaper backing a mirror he switched his attention to the past and forgot the mirror.

His new find was a copy of the *Daily Witness*, of Montreal, for Saturday, Oct. 26, 1878.

And what were the good people of Montreal thinking about on Saturday morning, Oct. 26, 1878? The editorial lead reminded all and sundry in the Quebec city that the collapse of the Bank of Glasgow had been followed by the formation of a company to handle the assets of the bank in an effort to avoid too great a loss to its shareholders.

The second warning was of the dangers of sewers.

"Even now," expounded the editor, "those who dispute the wisdom of using water as a universal scavenger are naturally asked how they are going to replace it and it must be owned that in this they have not succeeded."

The editorial referred to the typhoid which had struck at the prince consort and the prince of Wales and termed it "drain fever".

"Costly surroundings are no bar to the vampire which lurks underground," warned the newspaper.

VENTILATION

The newspaper and a letter to the editor both debated the issue of ventilating sewers. Should sewer gases be confined to the system below the ground or should they be vented to the atmosphere? This was the question plaguing readers of the *Daily Witness*.

The newspaper termed the gases Zymotic Poison and the threat of infection by diseases bred beneath the ground was the issue rather than any danger of explosion.

The *Daily Witness* was closely concerned with the temperance movements of the day and devoted one page to the pulpit and scriptures. It carried news of all church groups except Roman Catholic.

Advertising was not expensive. Classified announcements cost one cent a word except for employment advertisements, which were half a cent a word.

Montreal on a Saturday night: Lacrosse would feature the Caughnawagas versus the

Shamrocks and it would cost 25 cents or 10 cents. Nothing else was listed.

Pastor Bray, of the Zion Church was planning a sermon tomorrow on "Why do people not go to church?" and on Thursday the Caledonian Society was planning a brilliant evening's entertainment with Hamilton Corbett, the renowned exponent of Scottish song; Mrs. Barnes, the celebrated soprano; Mrs. Bohrer, the distinguished harpist; Neil Warner, elocutionist; Sir A.T. Galt, KCMG. The attraction was obviously Mrs. Bohrer and her exquisite gems on the harp.

A NEW SUIT

If you care to attend you could buy a new suit for the occasion at J.G. Kennedy and Company. The price ranged from \$6.50 to \$9.50 and were reduced from \$8.50 up to \$13. A winter overcoat cost about the same. And no polyesters!

The *Daily Witness* was published by John Dougall and Son from the same house which published the *Weekly Witness*, the *New Dominion Monthly*, the *Northern Messenger* and *L'Aurore*.

For \$3 a year a householder could become one of the 14,000 readers of the daily or 25,000 readers of the weekly at \$1.10.

If you happen to see a jet black Newfoundland dog answering to the name of Jack, get hold of his owner at 21 John St., Montreal. He should be valuable. He's been missing since 1872.

A report from the Public Health Association explains some of the concern for sewers. There had occurred a series of deaths attributed to sewer gas in the expensive Murray Hill area. Such incidents in the slums were common, the association was reminded, but when the diseases attacked the homes of the well-to-do it could not be laid at the door of dirt. The larger cities in Canada and the United States were being plagued with the construction of substandard houses with inadequate plumbing and draining, the report explained. Speculative building had proved the need for close supervision and inspection, the meeting was told.

GAS LIGHT

The New City Gas Company of Montreal wrote a letter assuring the readers that the electric light system, both in London and in Montreal would never represent a serious threat to the gas

companies. "Electric light, even under the most favourable circumstances, cannot be twice the cost of gas."

A rosewood square grand piano was available at 105 Champ de Mars St. for \$125.

A Montreal inventor, Charles Rigby had invented a method of reducing noise on the New York elevated railway. He proposed the fitting of rubber tires to the flanged wheels.

Driving without lights was a costly risk to the carter in ancient Montreal. One such was fined \$1.50 or 10 days with hard labour for driving his cart unlighted. Drunk and loitering brought the same penalty to a 25-year-old, Marie Bertrand, 35, paid a \$2.50 fine for drunkenness and assaulting the police. Alternative was 15 days in jail.

PALPABLY UNJUST

It is palpably unjust, charged the newspaper, to charge the same price for goods sold for cash as for goods sold on longer or shorter credit.

The people of Montreal knew there was a west coast, alright.

A Canadian government advertisement announced to Capitalists and Contractors: "The government of Canada will receive proposals for constructing and working a line of railway extending from the province of Ontario to the waters of the Pacific Ocean, the distance being about 2,000 miles. Memorandum of information for parties proposing to tender will be forwarded on application as underneath engineers' reports, maps of the country to be traversed, profiles of the surveyed line, specifications of preliminary works, copies of the Act of Parliament of Canada under which it is proposed the

railway is to be constructed, descriptions of the natural features of the country and its agriculture and mineral resources and other information may be seen on application at this department or to the engineer-in-chief at the Canadian Government offices, 31 Queen St., Victoria, London, Sealed tenders addressed to F. Braun, Secretary, will be accepted until December 1 next. Extension of time: The date for receiving proposals is hereby extended until 1st January, 1879, Dept. of Public Works, Ottawa.

It was an historic announcement.

Chinook closure

Cowichan Bay will be closed to chinook fishing effective Friday, the federal fisheries department announced last week.

The closure is imposed every year at this time to protect spawning chinook stocks. Boundary of the closed area runs from Skinner Point to the government wharf.

Restrictions were also announced concerning chinook fishing in the Cowichan River. Effective last Friday, no fish over 50 cm in length can be taken and only single hooks may be used.

Meanwhile, several sports fishermen will be appearing in Ganges provincial court soon for fishing without licences. A fisheries officer from Duncan told *Driftwood* that 10 people were charged the weekend before last.

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Marionette show adds to Pender Picnic

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Dirk and Elizabeth Oertel's marionette show, *The Carnival of the Animals*, was an outstanding event at this year's Pender Islands Children's Picnic on Saturday.

The picnic has been sponsored by the Pender Island Farmers' Institute for many years for all the children to attend with their parents and grandparents.

This year it was held at the Library Centre on the lovely old Pender Islands school grounds.

Dirk and Elizabeth Oertel have a summer home on the island, although they live in Vancouver where Dirk is a construction supervisor. They came to Canada from Germany over 20 years ago and brought with them their knowledge and skill in the art of marionette puppetry, where Dirk first became interested at the age of 10, and has continued perfecting his skills all his life.

They perform extensively in the lower mainland area. The Children's Picnic was their first Pender performance. They write, plan and arrange the shows and music and tend to specialize in fairy tales and to have their audience react and become involved in the show. The



Marionette dances on stage to the tune of Dirk Oertel.



Pony rides were a big hit during picnic.

children loved the show and so did the adults.

As usual, Ross McKinnon did a magnificent job conducting the races events and got everyone including the adults to join in. Martha Nance was in charge of the food which was wholesome nutritious health food cookies and fresh fruit.

Angela Veriour and Conroy Schultz took the children for pony rides with Frank Jones in charge of the long line-ups and Mike Banks was once again the wonderful clown. Many generous donations were received from Pender Island businesses for prizes and food.

Joyce Jones is the president of

the Institute and many members assisted her in making this year's picnic an outstanding event.

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Nightwatch with Salt Spring Islanders Marianne Grittani and Jerome Jarvis in the background.

'Mellifluous melodies' by Nightwatch

**BY MIKE ARMSTRONG
For I-PACS**

This Saturday Beaver Point Hall will come alive with the sounds of Nightwatch as I-PACS brings you a full moon boogie. Months have passed since the last dance and the floorboards of Beaver Point Hall ache for the sound and feel of tapping toes and sweaty socks.

This Saturday is it. Nightwatch will bring their mellifluous melodies and rhapsodical rhythms all the way from Victoria.

They have just returned from a

four-month tour of B.C. and they are moving fast, trying to stay ahead of the horrible harmony-hungry hordes that haunt their heels.

The release of their hot new single *He's My Cowboy* has only pluralized the problem. Scores of slaphappy sobbusters have filled the record stores in search of this dynamic vinyl donut.

Sometime Salt Spring sedentarians, Marianne Grittani and Jerome Jarvis, form the core of this quality quintet. The enthralling threesome of "Rocking" Robert Brodeaur, Peter "The P" Walker and Dancing Dennis Griffiths fill out the fine five.

The dance starts at 9 pm. Admission is \$4 for the general public and \$3 for I-PACS members.

So mark this message of moment in your memory. Sew up your socks, polish your pumps,

uncrate those cravats, brush the dust off those bowlers and get ready. Look out, Arthur Murray.

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Laughter success of year

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

I've just finished reading *Move Over Mrs. Markham*, the Salt Spring Players' next venture. It is a very funny play.

An English comedy, it relies a great deal on misunderstandings, mistaken identities, contemplated infidelities (none of which materialize) and split-second timing.

It takes me back! I remember clearly, although far too young to know what might be going on behind those doors, being convulsed with laughter as people shot in and out, missing each other by inches and micro-seconds. *Mrs. Markham* certainly belongs to that genre.

The direction will be every bit as important as the acting, and I look

forward to meeting Dawny Scarfe and watching her in action.

The first audition resulted in the casting of two female characters. Annie Shuttleworth and Dawn Luker will play Mrs. Markham and her friend, Mrs. Lodge. We know the standard of performance set by these two will be extremely high.

The next audition will be held at St. George's Hall on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 7:30 pm. If you are interested — all the remaining characters are well written and equally important — please don't miss this chance to be in on the laughter success of the year.

Backstage help is also invaluable. If your talents run to scenery, wardrobe, make-up, etc., please come to the audition and offer your services.

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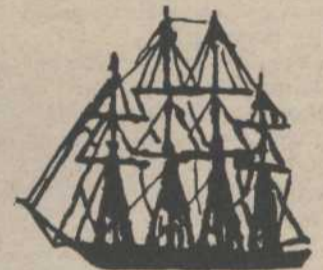
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An opportunity for singles to get together

BY BILL WEBSTER

An appealing aspect of life on the Gulf Islands reveals itself when someone needs help and such is the case with a Salt Spring group aimed at single parents or people.

Cliff Leblanc and Carol Trotter have organized the group, which meets the second Wednesday and last Saturday of each month, to allow single parents or single people a chance to get together.

With almost four of every 10 children enrolled in the schools of Salt Spring coming from single-parent families, the need for such people to talk and meet with others in their situation is obvious.

The parent in a single-parent family has to be all things to the offspring and the onerous task can become wearing. Some of the children of such families develop the idea that they are alone, that every other girl or boy has two parents, and problems can arise.

The group, through efforts such as picnics or other social activities, attempt to show the youngsters that others share their circumstances.

FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

The singles group is trying to attract people from all walks of life and all age groups. The one condition not acceptable is if the applicant is married. Some people said Trotter, have a real desire to help, but the group is cautious about accepting help from married couples because they do not wish to become involved in creating problems for other people.

Society, said Leblanc, is built on couples, and singles just don't fit in.

The two organizers related instances as illustrations of the problem. If a couple were part of a group and for some reason split up, either one would notice a change in attitude within the group after the break-up.

The situation often becomes one of odd-man-out which can, on occasion, become embarrassing.

The children in such situations can develop emotional problems due to the push and pull of the ex-marriage partners.

Another problem facing the single parent is money. Attempting to keep the family unit from falling apart any further, with but a single wage coming in, necessitates scrimping and saving.

FORUM FOR TALK

Frustration, anger, and a sense of hopelessness can engulf the person. The group brought together by Trotter and Leblanc offer a forum for talk, not to deride the ex-spouse or the situation, but to seek positive and constructive solutions.

The group meetings on Wednesdays are in the Ganges United Church and babysitting is available at the Community Centre for a nominal fee.

The Saturday sessions are set up, in someone's home or as an outing, as a social setting as, for instance, later this month the group plans a pot luck supper evening.

As autumn approaches, the group hopes to refine their schedule on a regular basis.



Another aim is to create a Big Brothers or Big Sisters group for more direct help for the children.

Children from families with single parents often believe they are the only children in such situations. Picnics such as the one

pictured at Ruckle Park recently, are social occasions where children can learn that other children share the same situation.

Fall Fair entries being accepted now

Entries are now being accepted for the 1981 version of the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute Fall Fair to be held Saturday, Sept. 19.

The fair will be held on the Ganges school grounds because of various problems encountered in getting the fair building constructed at the institute grounds on Rainbow Road.

With 538 classes in 18 sections, including the five-class pet contest for children 12 years and younger, the fair promises active competition for entrants.

The fun begins at 10 am and continues through to the dance scheduled for 8 pm that evening.

Each admission ticket, at \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students, is eligible for the admission draw for

four prizes.

Many favorites from previous years are returning to add to the enjoyment of the newer attractions such as a children's midway.

The horse show, sponsored by the Salt Spring Riding Club, has been expanded and will be held at the club's riding ring on Rainbow Road.

Competitors can enter such classes as livestock, produce, flowers, crafts or hobby arts. Children will also have various classes, grouped according to age.

Programs for the fall fair line-up are available at several locations on Salt Spring. Each program details the numerous classes of competition and contains entry forms for those wishing to enter.

This year, as in previous fairs, the pentathlon will pit teams from local groups and businesses in gruelling events such as climbing a greased pole.

Deadline for entries is Saturday, Sept. 12.

The theme, *Come to the Fair*, should, by fair time, be well known around the island.

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It will take two years to replace controllers

If you see a small red cotton triangle scarf bearing the words "El Salvador Vencera" please let me know. It's a souvenir of my week at Naramata and was removed from the United Church some time between Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Bob McLaren (of Naramata fame) filled in for Al Skinner at Ganges United this Sunday, and his message came over loud and clear. "All God's children...." He read the first half of my favourite passage from Matthew's Gospel. Here's the second part:

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Away from me, you that are under God's curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the Devil and his angels! I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give me drink; I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not clothe me; I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me.'

"Then they will answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and we would not help you?' The King will answer them back, 'I tell you, indeed, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.' (Ch. 25 vv 41-45)"

I read this passage when I led the early morning service at Naramata, and followed it with a moving poem by Dorothee Solle,

More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

German theologian. It's a letter from a hospital in Hai Phong, telling of a three-year-old boy whose skull has been penetrated by fragments of that "handy" bomb which destroys people without stopping traffic or production in the factories.

MAKE TOYS INSTEAD

Solle writes to the plastics workers in the USA who manufacture the bomb. She asks them please to make toy boats instead of bombs, on behalf of this little boy who cannot write for himself, as he is only three years old.

One of the dangers of Reagan's administration is its appearance of strength and decisiveness. Both praiseworthy if genuine. However, in the matter of the air controllers' strike, mostly "sound and fury, signifying nothing." Those who want his example followed here should assess what has been achieved. Three percent of the striking controllers returned to work.

Twelve thousand now swell the ranks of the unemployed. It will take two years to replace them, restoring operations to their former efficiency. That's not allowing for expansion! Attempts

to double up the number of trainees are being met with considerable resistance. Rightly so. These are people who must operate under enormous pressure and tension, and psychological suitability is every bit as important as technological expertise.

CHAINED

There are some interesting sidelights. Did you see the controller in Alabama, sentenced to 60 days? He had chains wrapped around the whole of the lower part of his body and legs. What kind of a society chains such a man like a mad dog? A man found guilty of contempt of court! If such a picture came out of Africa or Asia we would wag our heads wisely and agree, "Barbarians, aren't they?"

As a parent of two teenagers, I am becoming increasingly paranoid. An editorial in the *Times-Colonist* mentioned Salt Spring Island by name, and the problems we face with so many young people hitchhiking as a matter of necessity. It seems to me that all people of goodwill should make a special effort to pick up hitchhikers these days to keep them out of harm's way.

Yolocamba Ita was received enthusiastically by 10,000 people in Vancouver. A friend who attended the Folk Festival tells me of the great reception they were given.

Imagine that massive audience singing along, "El Salvador Vencera!" and "No! No!

Intervencion!" Let's hope they made enough noise to be heard in Washington!

'EAT EST'

The Moral Majority has asked its members to deface copies of *Mother Jones* when they see them displayed on newsagents' shelves. Interestingly, the *Times-Colonist* is now featuring articles on subjects first raised by *Mother Jones*. World Hunger was exposed in 1979 by a cartoon on the cover which said, "Let them eat EST".

They also penetrated the exclusive summer camp patronized by US government and industry VIP's. Where only men are employed, and where the guests run around naked or appear in "drag" at parties.

I hope you all read *Mad Money* in this week's *Today* magazine. In his Point 6 against the Bank of Canada's policies, Professor Ruben Bellan says:

"An increase in interest rates

compels the people who are borrowers, usually those with lower incomes, to hand over more of their money to the people who are lenders and who have higher incomes."

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Three-storey agriculture provides high yields

It seems that self-sufficiency for our own food is becoming more and more important. Even partial self-sufficiency will go a long way towards relief from ever rising prices, and many, many people are investigating ways of providing more of their own food.

The concept of "three-storey agriculture" has risen out of this need. This means, simply, that three crops can be obtained from the same area: fruit from the top level, almost any kind of crop from ground level and some yield from livestock, such as chickens, from in-between.

Now if clover or peas are part of this scheme, there would be the added benefit of nitrogen enrichment of the soil. Myrna Twomey and Nancy Dunning of Whidbey Island describe an integrated system of crop and chicken raising in *Tilth* magazine. They have worked on this for the last seven years in order to reduce their need for store-bought feed.

Aside from some minor problems caused by weather conditions, this project has been so successful that they are continuing with it to find the perfect combination.

NO FERTILIZER

They do not use any fertilizer at all since they found that the chickens and the green manure crops are quite sufficient to

maintain adequate soil fertility. They recommend that the earliest maturing kind of foraging crops are essential for success. They also feel that their system may be applied anywhere in the Pacific Northwest.

Supplementary chicken feed crops, consisting of sunflower seed and comfrey, are grown elsewhere, and fed freely. They caution against the use of rape seed, which, although very quick, will turn egg yolks green. Their system, at present, consists of four yards through which the chickens are rotated. They feel that five yards would be ideal. The following then is their rotation plan.

March: Hens are in yard 3; sow peas in yard 2; sow chicken lettuce in yard 4.

May: Maintain status quo.

June: Harvest peas in yard 2; move hens to yard 2; sow proso in yard 1.

July: Sow rutabaga and kale in yard 4. Hens remain in yard 2.

August: Hens move to (and eat barley) in yard 3; sow buckwheat and kale in yard 2.

September: Hens move to (and eat proso) in yard 1; sow winter wheat in yard 3.

October: Hens move to yard 2; sow winter rye in yard 1.

November and December: Hens remain in yard 2.

January: Hens move to yard 1.

Farming and Gardening

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February: Hens move to yard 2.

March: Hens move to yard 1.

BEGINS AGAIN

Then, the cycle starts again, one yard ahead, that is, peas will be sown in yard 3. In this manner crops are rotated through the yards as well.

Now, a few notes regarding the above. Proso is a variety of millet and "thousand-headed kale" is recommended. Only dolomite lime is spread in the current pea yard. Peas, rutabagas and kale are used for human consumption as well, with the tops of the rutabagas going to the chickens. Rutabagas can also be used for chicken feed when boiled.

Winter rye is solely grown for greens, as the seeds are unpalatable for birds. The most important aspect of this cycle is the need to cultivate and seed a yard immediately after moving the chickens out, to allow for maturing of the rotation crop. Tilling of the yard to be cultivated is recommended as the best method,

as there are often sufficient greens left to become green manure.

This whole system of rotating crops and livestock provides a great deal of feed at little cost while it improves the soil at the same time.

ASSURE HIGH FERTILITY

Chicken manure and leguminous crops combined with green manure assure that soil fertility and organic content remain high, eliminating any need for fertilizers whatsoever. It is a beautifully integrated system which makes intelligent use of the fullness of nature's resources.

This whole thing may be integrated with fruit trees, as chickens prefer to be under trees, as these provide protection from hawks and eagles. In this manner it is possible to obtain fruit, eggs, chickens, peas, rutabagas and kale from the same area, as well as providing the bulk of a natural and balanced feed supply for the chickens.

The same principle may be applied to other types of livestock, food and feed combinations. It can also be applied on any scale, ranging from a few square yards for a few chickens, to a few acres for hundreds of chickens, or other livestock.

An additional benefit is soil improvement and disease control, an automatic result of varying

crops and rotation of both livestock and crops.

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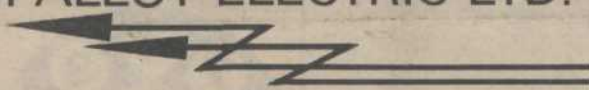


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And my thanks to out to Nancy Dunning and Myrna Twomey for their vision and dedication and for sharing this with us.

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Goodbyes were said to the visiting Irish children at a party at the Bayshore Inn in Vancouver. Enjoying the afternoon were, from left, Katherine McNally, Cedric Gittleson, the Bayshore doorman, Geraldine Manning and Vancouver Mayor Mike Harcourt. McNally from Belfast and Gittleson from Mexico visited Wanda Pieterzak of Mayne. Manning was the guest of Pat Fitzgerald, also of Mayne.

The Irish children, visitors to families on Mayne Island for the past five weeks, have returned to Belfast.

The four youngsters and their host families joined 81 other Irish children who had visited other families in British Columbia for a farewell party at the Bayshore Inn in Vancouver last week.

After the party, the children and their chaperones from Ireland bused to Seattle where they caught a flight back to the strife of Belfast.

The visits have attracted attention from cities across Canada and sponsoring groups are forming in those cities to bring even more Belfast children to Canada next year.

On Mayne Island, the families who hosted the children, the Fitzgeralds, the Forlanders, the Mudies and the Pieterzaks, are organizing a fund in remembrance of Walter Hunt-Sowrey.

He helped through contributions and encouragement to bring the four children to Mayne. Walter Hunt-Sowrey died the day the children arrived.







A fund in his name is being set up to ensure that at least two Irish children will visit Mayne each year as a relief from the violence of Belfast.

The Bayshore party was a happy event with the children given the run of the hotel by its management. But as the afternoon wore on, the tears came more easily as the time to say goodbye approached.

The party was hosted by Mike Harcourt, mayor of Vancouver, and the city gave letters of commendation to each host family.

Pat Fitzgerald of Mayne said goodbye to Glen Corr, 8, as he left for the airport.

"It was quite telling," she said, "for these children to have to leave all this peace and go back to Ireland."

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Camosun College board meeting to be held at Ganges next month

BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN
Director, Continuing Education

The Salt Spring Elementary School library has been chosen as the location for a public meeting of the Camosun College board on Thursday, Sept. 3 from 2 to 5 pm.

Since the Gulf Islands are now included in Camosun's newly extended district, it is hoped that classes and services related to the islands' needs will be planned. Any people who are interested in such plans should circle the above date on their calendar and plan to attend.

Camosun offers counselling services, library resources, career-oriented and academic courses, as well as general interest and enrichment classes. The philosophy of the college is to serve adults in the community: to satisfy their present goals and to encourage many to set new goals.

NEEDS INPUT

Since Sooke and Saanich and Greater Victoria districts also fall in Camosun's area, this relatively new college needs input from all these communities to aid in planning future programs. At this point, the continuing education department of Gulf Islands School District hopes to be able to supplement our existing program with some short workshops using Camosun personnel.

Another approach is to use local resource persons using Camosun course curriculums and materials in order to minimize the cost of

Campers are theft victims

Two campers at Montague Park on Galiano Island lost two coolers and a radio to thieves last week.

Rob Baird and Garth Wright, both of Victoria, reported the theft to RCMP last Monday.

travel expenses when off-island teachers are brought over to instruct classes.

Small class sizes which prevail in most Gulf Islands courses due to the wide span of interests, plus the small population of the islands, must be reckoned with when planning the college credit courses offered in the cities. Adult education programs receive some financial backing from the provincial ministry of education but most courses must still be "cost accountable", or very nearly so.

FEES PAY SALARIES

In other words, the students' fees pay the teachers' salaries. Many people in the continuing education field believe that as day school enrolment decreases and more and more adults go back to school — full-time, part-time, any time — that more funding will be available for the adult learner.

Come to the September meeting and meet some Camosun educators. We hope to have a full library that first Thursday afternoon in September!

Funeral service held for George Grimmer in Calgary

George Washington Grimmer, youngest son of the late Washington and Elizabeth Grimmer, passed away in Calgary on August 5. He was 88. Funeral service was held at Jacques Lodges Funeral Parlour August 11. Interment followed in the soldiers' plot in Calgary.

Predeceased by his wife Raby, his sister Nellie Hamilton, and brother Percy. George is survived by his brother Nep Grimmer and sister Olive Clague of Pender Island, two step-sons, Stan Rivers of Moose Jaw, Sask., and Harry Rivers of Calgary, Alberta, and grandchildren, nieces and

nephews.

In the first World War, he went overseas in 1915 with the 11th CMR's, Vernon regiment, and transferred to the 29th Battalion. In the second World War he joined the Veterans Guard and served in prison camps in Alberta and B.C.

Friends will remember how George Grimmer loved to sing, enjoyed sports and was a keen fisherman.

In the early 1940's he sold his small sheep farm, in the Grimmer Valley on Pender Island, to a few far-sighted people for a golf course, which is now the Pender Island Golf and Country Club.

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We hope many other residents and visitors will take this invitation to come and see the changes we've made and to see the new lines of products we now handle, including the DERMETICS line of cosmetics.

This will also be a most opportune time to meet the staff and discuss your hair and beauty requirements with us.

In closing, it's my hope you'll all come down and meet Andy and view the recreational vehicles and Whirlpool Spa he's bringing over for the day. (The Spa goes to our house when it's over.)

So please come, enjoy the refreshments and let us show you some new found Island hospitality.

We'll be looking for you.

Trishia



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A MESSAGE FROM ANDY

I'm the co-owner of our shop, but I'm certainly not a hair stylist. Since Trishia and I are both from small communities out East, I feel very good about being associated with an active community enterprise, especially on beautiful Salt Spring Island.

I commute daily to Sidney where I'm the Sales Manager for Triangle R.V. Centre located across from Sandowne Racetrack.

Since I wanted to contribute something to the Grand Opening of *And Trishia's*, I felt some of our fellow Islanders might want to view some of the products I represent.

On Sunday the 16th I'll have some of our Recreational Vehicles on the harbour side of Mouat's Mall for public viewing. I'll also be bringing over a portable Whirlpool Spa which we'll have set up and working (bubbles and relaxation). Anyone wishing to try the spa should bring a bathing suit.

I've spent many years in the recreational vehicle industry and I'd be pleased to answer any questions you might have regarding your R.V. or the industry itself.

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The Fearful Fulfords, who in other regalia are but mere people, here pose for posterity, from left, as Careless Joe, pitcher; Cigar Sid, manager, shortstop and home plate; an unidentified urchin; mascot Eddie Waddell; team friend Petty Boom-Boom, who said of her condition, "It was a team effort"; Harry, "Beauty" Noname, token transvestite and right field fence; and Drinko Starr, who served as dugout.

BY BILL WEBSTER

Some people play ball for large amounts of money, others for the thrill of competition; but Saturday at the little league field in Ganges a bunch showed up and the question was: Why did they bother?

The Fearsome Fulfords challenged the Ganges Greats to a grudge-match game of rounders and the grab-bag collection showed pitiful ineptitude to the non-enjoyment of very few spectators.

The game itself evolved into something which vaguely resembled softball with costumed players on both sides reaching for that something extra but in failing to grasp it, settled for liquid solace.

As the innings wore on and the pile of empties grew, the score became laughable until finally the game was called on account of darkness on the far side of the moon.

The final score could not be determined for, as the sun set slowly in the west, several players were seen, in apparent confusion, trying to find their way home.

For the second year in a row, this travesty on the noble sport was perpetrated and it threatens, despite entreaties to the contrary, to become an annual event.

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Outer Islands phone in entries - 537-2020



The Ganges Greats were represented by, from left, Goo Roo, Shiek Amud Pye, Simon Lessgrate, each of whom played third base because it was close to the cooler; Earthquake McBat, who went hitless as well as witless; Straigh John Straight; Lucy Diamond Sky; "Cub" Chaser and Gitum Hup Scout, who had tried out for the girls team but lost.

Visitor dies on ferry

A visitor from the United States on his way to Galiano Island died of a heart attack aboard the *Queen of Tsawwassen* Monday night.

Irvine Smith, 68, of Spokane, Wash., died on the ferry at approximately 9:30 pm.



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Board gives 17 life-membership for their donations

Generosity is a mark of a healthy community and the unselfish giving of 17 Gulf Islanders has earned them recognition by the Library board.

Don Kertland, library board chairman during the years of the recent building program, said, "After the building program was completed, we as a board took a look at certain instances where some people had gone beyond the point of generosity in giving us money or volunteer labour."

To mark the efforts of those who had given more than \$500 either in money, labour or a combination of both, the library board decided to make them life-members of the library.

The board will not publicize the names of the 17 givers in keeping with their wish to remain anonymous.

The new library, named the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library in honour of the woman who worked long and hard to make it a reality, was built with a grant of \$37,000 from the provincial lottery, a \$20,000 grant under provincial

assistance for recreational projects, as well as almost \$50,000 collected through donations and other local fund-raising efforts.

Kertland praised the Salt Spring

Lions Club for their donation of \$2,000 plus volunteer work of various members, particularly in staining the wood on the outside of the building.

"Local trades people were extremely generous," he said as he extended praise to those who pitched in to create the new library building.

"Thanks to the generosity of all those people who helped, we were able to pay off all our bills and still have a little left over for improvements as we need them," he said.

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Mr. Bill Alford is President of SMU's Junior School Saturday Morning Maths Club, an enthusiastic group which met three hours at a time for eleven consecutive weekends for the fun of solving problems in maths. Seven of the top fifteen Grade 7 mathematicians in the recent Greater Victoria Maths Contest, run by the University of Waterloo, were members of Mr. Alford's Club. His top five SMU pupils ranked first among all Grade 7 maths teams in the region.

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Buying books at the Library sale of discards are, from left, Colin Nicholson, Morton Stratton and an unidentified lady. Half the fun was in the browsing, hoping to find a volume of half-forgotten lore, as a poet once said.

Washboard worsens here as crews refrain from grading

The heat is playing havoc with gravel roads on Salt Spring Island, as anyone who drives them can attest.

But the highway crews won't be grading the roads — because of that same heat.

"We don't do much grading at this time of year," said highways foreman Ken Stevens. "It causes problems with dust which bothers people living near the roads."

He explained that not grading the gravel roads is a policy of the highways department and the crews wait until after a rain to try to bring the washboard under control.

A section of Robinson Road, which runs between Upper Ganges and Walker Hook Roads, has been treated to a layer of pea gravel. The road has an asphalt surface but the gravel was laid, said Stevens, as a surface treatment to help seal cracks and seams.

Users of the road have complained that the gravel makes the road worse than it was. As vehicles use the road, the gravel is

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One person's discard being another's treasure proved itself again last Saturday as the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library on Salt Spring Island held a sale of discarded books.

With more than 1,000 books from which to choose, browsers had an opportunity of searching

for a volume of interest.

The library collected approximately \$300. Prices ranged from 10 cents to \$1 for the books.

The books available for purchase came from the library's stock, being either worn out or donations from people but already on the shelves.

The staff has also been culling the shelves for a year, picking out books which have not been read for several years.

Library board chairman Bob Robinson described the culling process as a value judgment on the part of staff. Fiction books which haven't moved in several years were pulled.

In the non-fiction category, Robinson said the decision rested on what the library should have and what they could part with.

Each year the library, through a grant specifically for book purchases, adds up to 1,000 new books to its stock and the limited space means others have to go.

"We try to keep a good supply of books that islanders want to read," said Robinson.

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Golfing

Book Review

with Pat Doherty

What to do in the islands

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, in the nine-hole ladies' section, the glorious weather lured 25 players out. The competitions were closest to the hole 2, and fewest putts. Gloria West took the honours in both, touring the nine holes with just 12 putts.

On the same day in the ladies' 18-hole section a large field played for the Bank of Montreal Trophy. Congratulations are due to winner Connie Hardy with a net 64, and runner-up Gloria Lloyd with net 67. Gloria also picked up the putt pot, cruising the 18 greens with a cool 24 putts. Tremendous.

The Bank of Commerce Cup has reached the final stage, and it will be Alice Fraser and Gloria Lloyd doing battle in that series. Irene Hawksworth, Lois P.C., Dorothy Sneddon and Mona Coulter travelled to Uplands to play in the Heart Fund Tourney. They did very well coming within two shots of winning the trophy. Irene did come home with the low net award.

RETURN MATCH

In ladies' team play on July 28, our ladies in the 30 to 40 handicap group travelled to Victoria to play the return match at Uplands. Four of our girls had never played the course before, therefore the close result of Uplands 25, Salt Spring 23 was very pleasant for the team captain.

On Thursday, Aug. 6, on a very hot and humid day, 24 ladies teed off for the third round of the Georgeson Trophy at Salt Spring. When all the firing was over and the results of this low net trophy were added up, it was Galiano 1848, Pender 1774, Salt Spring 1719. The Salt Spring ladies therefore won by a total of 55 points. Congratulations, ladies.

The 12th Annual Salt Spring Open goes next weekend, and the sheets are on the notice board for those willing to act as spotters, etc. This is one of the very important parts of participation in the golf season, and is one of the reasons that our volunteers make such a success of this very important date on our golf schedule. Those juniors who wish to caddy are asked to contact Jack Noble.

PARSONS CUP

In the men's section the play-offs are continuing in the Parsons Cup. For those men who complain about us not writing more about their activities, we're sorry but we cannot expect Marvin to shoot a hole-in-one every week.

We hate to admit this but Helen Shandro insists. Summer is almost over and it is that time of the year again when one has to think of bridge for the winter months. The entry forms for the Alice Hammett bridge tournament are now posted in the ladies' locker room. One partner of the team must be a member of the golf club. Those without a partner, or wishing to substitute should also sign.

This year there will be a "Bridge Box" in the ladies' locker room to drop score cards in as the games are played. For further information please contact Helen Shandro, 537-2240.

BY FRANK RICHARDS
What is there to do? What is there for the visitor to do when he reaches the islands?

Bruce Obee has answered these questions as well a heap of others with the publication of his guide to the Gulf Islands.

The Gulf Islands Explorer takes each of the islands and outlines the particular attractions and the most suitable hiking patterns.

That explains it very baldly and Obee is certainly not bald. The book devotes almost 200 pages to the delights of the islands; what to

do and where and how to get around. It is a valuable asset to the visitor but it is also valuable to the resident who knows so many of these things and has never sorted them around yet.

The book is Bruce Obee's and it is published by Gray's at Sidney.

Obee has been a newsmen on the Vancouver Island beat for several years and has tied in his journalistic skills with his love of the islands to offer a guide to the islands, with love.

In addition to reminiscences and historical notes on many island

features, the book also offers pictures of island scenes and island people.

For anyone with two feet or a small boat and the same fondness for these islands evinced by the author the paperback is well worth acquiring. It is of equal interest to the rest of the islanders ... and the visitors.

Neither Obee nor Gray's did the chapter head drawings. They are the work of Suzanne Gagnon, of Ganges. The maps and the pictures not taken by Obee are by Jane Barwell-Clarke, of Brentwood, his wife.

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Jack Barker wins aggregate award



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The flowers lining the tables in St. George's Church Hall last Saturday sprinkled an array of colourful beauty before the eyes of the beholder.

The annual summer flower festival of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club attracted a bewildering display of flowers entered in the nine sections of competition covering 80 classes.

Jack Barker, of Cedar Lane, won the grand aggregate award for accumulating the most points for his various entries.

Dorothy Edwards was honoured for her display of floral art.

The judging was by Bill and Bea Kempster of Victoria. Garden Club president Lionel Wood was assisted by I.C. Shank who co-ordinated the efforts of the seven-man show committee.

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