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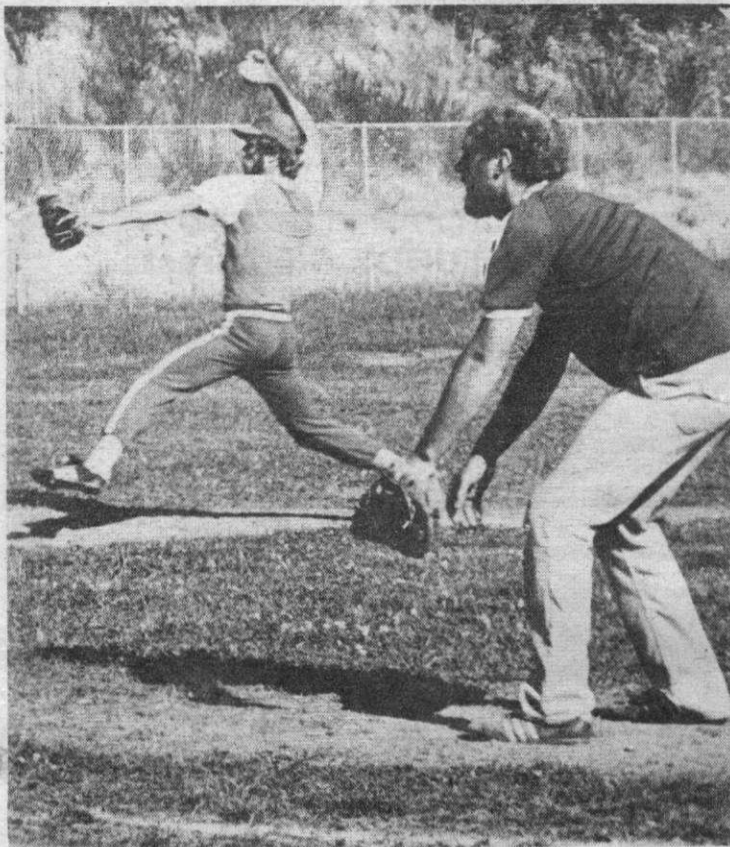
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Valcourt winds up

Julian Valcourt, of the victorious Greenwood Rockers, winds up for a pitch in the championship game against Langdon Logging. First baseman

Brian Logan is set for the play. Valcourt pitched both games in the championship series with a split finger on his glove hand. Story - Page Thirteen.

Bus and taxi

Hike in transportation costs faces board in fall

Transporting children to the various schools in the Gulf Islands will cost the school board more money for the remaining four months of this year.

The price tag on water taxis to move the children increases by \$3,160, effective in September. Up to June, the total monthly costs for the taxis were \$5,740. In September, the rate per month becomes \$6,530.

The total monthly bill for transportation goes to \$13,605 from the current \$9,640. Included in that amount is a bus service on Mayne Island to take the children of Saturna and Galiano to and from the taxi terminals at Miners and Horton Bays.

The cost of the bus, \$1,400, had not been in the original conveyance budget of \$111,600. The distance to the Mayne school from the Horton wharf is approximately two and one-half miles, while from the Miners Bay dock, about one mile.

WALKING RULE

On Salt Spring, the school board has a rule which prohibits the school bus from picking up children if they reside within walking distance of the schools.

For kindergarten children walking distance is one mile, for grades 1 to 3, the distance is two and one-half miles and for students in grade 4 and up, three miles.

Wilf Peck, school board secretary-treasurer said the Salt Spring buses will pick up students within the walking limit if time and room permit.

The hike in taxi rates and the additional service results in a

deficit of \$7,948 which will be covered by an equal amount taken from the expense account which covers operating costs.

The school board has been able to save money in that account by having the buses serviced and repaired by the garage for the Duncan School District.

In the past such repairs were made by local garages but the cost

became too high and the board decided to use the Duncan garage, said Peck.

So far this year, the school board has spent almost \$132,600 to transport school children. That amount includes \$4,565 for sport field trips.

The costs of transportation for the remainder of the year will be almost \$107,000.

He's quiet, unassuming but put four to flight

There was nothing to suggest that Ben Martens' nephew was a man of action. He came to Salt Spring Island to help Ben take three days off from his Windsor Plywood. And he brought his family for a quiet weekend.

Ben explained that his nephew was Tony Martens, who was attacked last week by a car-load of muggers in Surrey, on the mainland.

Not every man will take issue with a heavyweight wielding a knife, but Tony Martens did.

He stopped to offer assistance when a motorist flagged him down and reported trouble with the drive shaft on his old-model car. As Martens got down to look three men got out of the car and went for him.

There were two things they didn't know. The first was that he only had \$2 with him. The second was that Martens is a second-degree black belt man in karate.

First casualty was the big knife-wielder. He drew a broken nose from a karate knuckle shot. He lost interest in the deal. Next man went down with a broken leg. Martens was sure it was broken from a side-sweep kick because he heard the bone crack.

Next casualty was Martens himself who received slugs from a pellet gun in the arms and legs.

But the fight was gone out of the amateur gangsters. They grabbed their injured comrades and fled.

Martens was suddenly famous. Newsmen from everywhere wanted him. But he's still a quiet, unassuming man.

Minister to help districts

Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm has heard the plea from North Salt Spring Water District. He has announced the allocation of a fund for the assistance of improvement districts.

Last year the island water board protested the lack of direct assistance for such utilities which are improvement districts.

The minister's new \$1 million program will provide grants for the repair, renovation and maintenance of district water systems.

Priority will be given to emergency or extraordinary repairs and maintenance of domestic water systems. Maximum grant to any district will be \$25,000.

The ailing economy

Survival is name of game

BY BILL WEBSTER

Last of three parts

Any attempt to describe the factors at work in our economy requires an indulgence in superlatives. High serves as an adjective for each factor: high unemployment, high prices, high interest rates, high, high, high. Except for hopes.

The lure of living in the Gulf Islands can, on occasion, turn sour. The blessing of a small population, the relief of

isolation, may each stand as reasons for living here.

And yet each reason when viewed as economic factors, adds to the cost of life on the islands.

Inflation strikes deeper here when the distance and relative lack of population are added to the equation. The costs of transporting almost every commodity to the few people scattered across the islands means, essentially, an increase over and above the price paid on the mainland.

Each week, the Bank of Canada decides upon the interest rate to charge for borrowing money. The rate is illusory because other banks in Canada don't borrow from the national bank except in emergencies.

The Bank of Canada interest rate is a figure which would be charged if the banks were to obtain money from it.

The chartered banks in turn set their interest rates above that of the national bank. Which means customers face interest rates of over 21%.

Mortgages, loans, charge accounts of various types cost the consumer more than ever.

The cost of money hurts. Consider that for every \$100 borrowed, repayment costs another \$22 plus per year in interest.

TO SHORE DOLLAR

The Bank of Canada excuses the abnormally high interest rates by claiming the necessity of shoring the Canadian dollar internationally.

Our dollar is weak because the international money people have little

faith in the strength of the Canadian economy. We, as a nation, face a huge deficit which must somehow be repaid. Our productivity is low, prices are high; therefore the international lack of faith.

To the person trying to make ends meet, the situation is confusing. The economist who claims to know cannot agree on the causes of the economic malaise.

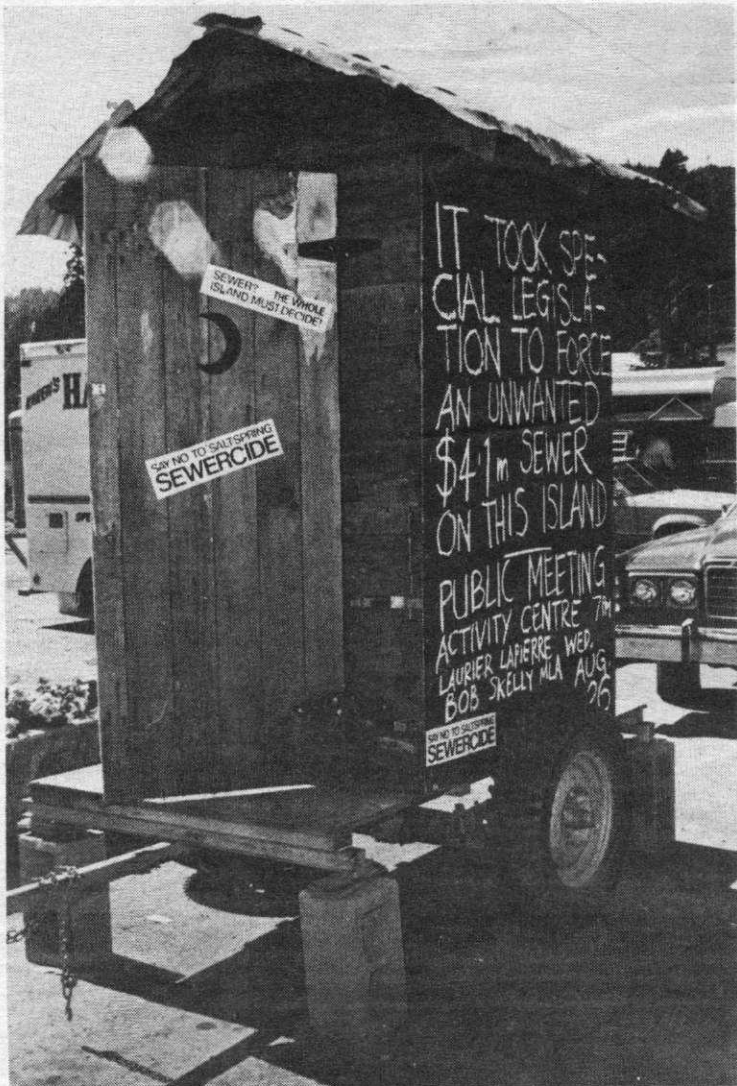
In looking at the results in the Gulf Islands, we see a drastic slow-down in real estate sales. Fewer homes are being built and many of those under construction have become do-it-yourself projects.

FAMILY OF FOUR

Consider the family of four, two adults and two children. They have a home, not yet paid for. They must, each week, tour a market to buy food. Gasoline must be purchased for the family auto, which itself may be financed.

The mortgage on the house comes due. It must be refinanced. The family has been scraping by, meeting payments on the house at 10%.

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Protest sewer project as premiers meet

The lure of coverage on national TV brought out the protesters for the Premier's Conference in Victoria last week, and the picketers included a group from Salt Spring Island who are against the installation of the sewer.

The Salt Spring group claimed to have had at least 20 people in their march from the Empress Hotel to the parliament buildings in Victoria. They carried signs expressing their opposition to the sewer and also handed out leaflets explaining their position.

The group was unable to meet with B.C. Premier Bill Bennett, but a second group, mostly local teenagers, was on hand when the 10 premiers came out of the legislative building.

Dan Evanishen said the group had gone to Victoria to protest the manner in which the sewer project had been approved.

He compared the decision to a Nazi law of 1933 which permitted the German cabinet to make laws without the knowledge or consent of the legislature.

RAMMED DOWN

"The fact is that we had this thing rammed down our throats," he said. "We don't like that very much."

The Victoria protest, after some hesitation, went ahead and Yvette

Valcourt described it as orderly and the marchers "well-mannered."

"I think our people there did us proud," she said.

The Sewer Alternatives Committee has placed an outhouse near Centennial Park as a reminder of their protest. They plan a parade in Ganges this weekend to publicize a visit by TV personality Laurier Lapierre and MLA Bob Skelly next Wednesday.

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Survival is name of game

From Page One

The new mortgage will cost anywhere from 18 to 23% depending upon the source. Suddenly the family faces, instead of interest payments on their \$20,000 mortgage of approximately \$168 per month, an increase to \$383 because the new mortgage cost 23% per year.

But the increase doesn't stop there. According to the ministry of agriculture and food of British Columbia, food has jumped more than 50% in price since 1977.

The ministry monitors 81 different items of food and draws the prices from five major retail food chains.

QUITE A JUMP

A spokesman for the monitoring group said, "In the past year we've noticed quite some jump."

The prices compiled are for the requirements of a family of four for one week.

In 1977, the cost of food stood at \$47.40. By June of 1981 the cost had risen to \$74.94.

The high cost of living affects

everyone, from the richest to the poorest. There seems to be no place to hide.

An observer of the economic scene set the tone by expressing the sentiments of a great many people: "Survival is the name of the game, right now, for everybody."

If this macabre carnival of wild economics had a barker, he would be chanting the age-old barker's cry, "Round and round she goes, and where she stops, no one knows."

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To Be Frank



by richards

I missed a picture. I was sitting in the kitchen eating breakfast when I idly watched a bird hovering near a bush in the garden. The sun was behind it and I could only see that it was a bird. But silhouetted in the sunshine was a web with a spider in the middle. Each time the bird approached the wind from its wings blew the spider away in the concave projection of the web and each time the bird flew to another branch. By the time I had my camera and had left my breakfast there remained the web and no spider and no bird. Only the web is left, torn in the wind and untenanted. I think we both, the bird and I, had a good breakfast. I preferred mine.

It was the anniversary of death. The Battle of the Somme was fought from July until November, 1916. It cost nearly a million lives, 20,000 of them Canadian, and it resolved nothing. It was war. Moreover, it was the beginnings of modern war, fought with modern engines and ancient strategy. A soldier's ultimate triumph was death and more than a million triumphed in stalemate. I knew a war. It was war of modern engines and ancient stupidity. We knew only the engines while it was waged. The inadequacies were revealed later. During that second edition I served in France within a few miles of the trenches of the first war. We could walk to the trenches, no longer walled and sandbagged, but still deep and recessed like the bed of a dry river. Here would be a piece of iron from a gun and there would be the ancient form of a rusting stove. There were other artifacts if a man wanted to dig. But beneath the earth were thousands of shells and explosives not yet used and waiting for the unwary. A false move or a false touch and off they go, the weapons of a past era entrapping the future of a peaceful nation. And I recalled an incident which occurred just at the beginning of the second war. Two French workers were searching the ruins when a shell exploded. One man was killed outright and the other suffered extensive injuries, including the loss of a leg. He bound the bleeding stump with strips of clothing and crawled to his car. He called to a youngster attracted by the explosion and had the boy operate the accelerator pedal which his missing leg would have controlled. And he drove to the nearest hospital. Not all the heroes died in battle in the two great wars of Europe. That all those men should die was a tragedy. It was the ultimate triumph of futility. But that they were prepared to die for their own interpretation of loyalty or patriotism, or what you will, is their own triumph. They forfeited what they valued most highly in life, life itself, for an ideal. Today's rationalized priorities don't live on the same street.

A truck pulled in the ferry line at Swartz Bay. I knew what make the truck was. It had to be a Republic because it was loaded with bananas.

I am grovelling in the dust. In the course of my 60 years I have been called many things, but I have always asserted that, while I am, indeed, Richards' son, I am not Richardson. I have tried to be Richards. With some success. And last week I accepted an old newspaper in good faith from J.T. Nichols, of Sky Valley Road. And in defiance of everything Nichols stands for I named him Nicholson. And he was indignant because, like me, he may explain that he is Nichols' son, but he is not Nicholson. I grovel.

An anonymous reader saw the meteorites last week. Although the phenomena were expected remarkably few people saw any. At about 10 pm on August 7 or 8, the reader saw a meteorite flash down towards seven o'clock. It was close because it was bright red and the reader could see out both the head and the tail. He saw it from the road near Greenwoods and it was in a generally north-easterly direction from Ganges. Was he the only one?

It's not only at crib. There are top scores in other pastimes, including darts. A reader reported that Sy Sloan had made a perfect score at darts when he was playing at the Legion Hall in Ganges recently. He threw three darts for a score of 180. He's been playing darts for over 20 years and never made it before.



Nick Toulmin, right, at recent rowing competition

Dipped his oars, found gold

A Salt Spring man dipped his oars and came up with gold recently.

Nick Toulmin, a member of the University of Victoria rowing team, shared the glory with his teammates at the Montreal Olympic rowing basin. The four-man team won the gold medal and the national championship.

The eight-man crew stroked to a second-place silver.

The next day, the reverse held; as the eights won the gold in an open class race. The fours came in second in their race.

A week later at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catherine's, Ontario, both crews took gold medals.

Toulmin, 22, finished in second spot in the pairs competition.

He is the son of noted Salt Spring sculptress Margaret Toulmin and husband Bill of Carlin Road.

Toulmin is currently training for a spot on the national rowing team which is being chosen for world-class competition leading up to the 1984 Olympics.

In all, the UVic rowing teams came away from the two weekend regattas with 11 medals.

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Sauce for the goose

British Columbia has applied the karate touch to provincial-federal relations. The gathering of premiers in Victoria last week was a pleasant change for the legislators from their more routine chores. Each provincial premier enjoyed the opportunity of sticking out his tongue at the federal government while a horde of admiring sycophants looked on.

It was an experience and something of a holiday for the leading players in the provincial roles. What did come of it?

Many of us many never know the precise answer. We know that the frog which blew himself up must have spent a lot of time practicing blowing before the Great Event took place. And the same probably goes for premiers. They are practicing aping the federal administration and they have to grow quickly and impressively in order to fully fit their new and increasingly important role: whatever that might be.

The only immediate response from the meeting has been a slap in the eye for islanders as the province warms up for a contest with Ottawa.

Alberta went on strike as far as oil levies are concerned. But that had nothing to do with the conference. Alberta had already stated its position. A sovereignty dissociation, perhaps. No more money for Ottawa is the ready translation. Naturally, British Columbia grabbed a flag and waved for Alberta. No more money for Ottawa!

And that, of course, is what the conference is all about. Who shall spend the taxpayers' money? Shall it go to Ottawa like always and be spent there? Or shall we keep it in the provincial coffers and go hog-wild? Sounds exciting, doesn't it?

British Columbia is all for the coffers. No more oil tax payments! We'll show these Canadians!

The provincial government has ordered British Columbia Hydro to withhold payments due to Ottawa. Hydro is a crown corporation and part of the provincial government. And governments can do these things with crown corporations. So Hydro sits on its millions and enjoys the interest.

But let us glance back over the past 12 months. The provincial government sanctioned the levy of a transportation tax through the books of B.C. Hydro. Consumers in the islands were required to contribute to the cost of city buses without any benefit. Many refused to pay. But B.C. Hydro did not explain to those consumers that the payment of taxes is a matter of choice and that Canadians may please themselves whether they pay their taxes. Not at all! Either we pay or we lose our service. B.C. Hydro sits on federal millions and laughs. It then sits on any islander with the gall to argue and fixes him, but good!

We don't argue when our leaders enter into silly little childish squabbles. We take sides and throw a few diapers around, ourselves. But, surely, we are entitled to expect the same benevolent smile when we want the same privileges?

Hydro and the province must decide now whether there is one law for the British Columbian and a totally different law for the Canadian.

Then they can get back to their pantomime without a further word from the gallery.

They need them all

Sir,

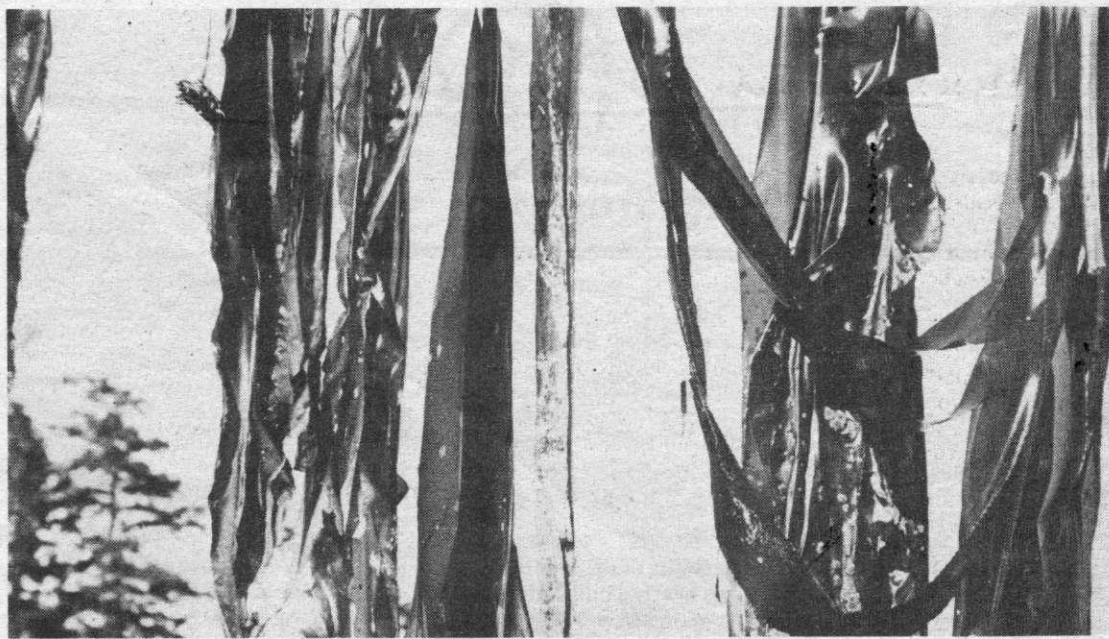
I would like to thank Bill Webster for attending our singles meeting, and for the splendid article in last week's *Driftwood*.

There are a couple of points I would like to emphasize. The meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month, at the United Church, and the last weekend of the month will be either a group (including children) or an adult outing, depending on the group's choice.

The second thing is — anyone, single, separated, widowed or divorced is very welcome...and age is no barrier. So come on out grandma and grandpa, we need you too!

Any singles wishing to attend the potluck supper Saturday, August 29, please call 537-9303 for further information.

CAROL TROTTER,
Ganges.
August 14, 1981.



Tattered curtains? No, hanging kelp

Imagination could carry one to see tattered curtains in a deserted and haunted house. But actually,

the streamers are kelp hanging up to dry on the beach at Walker Hook on Salt Spring Island.

Children playing on the sand were chewing the rubbery sea foliage - and enjoying it.

Letters to the Editor

They need the money for childbirth

Sir,

In your August 12 editorial, "subsidizing pregnancy", it appears as though you've missed the main point altogether.

Paid maternity leave to the female postal workers is a welcome and progressive step in the right direction. I find it difficult to comprehend your assumption that paid maternity leave is going to directly affect our country's economy. Boy, who will we blame next?

Because of the sickly condition that our economy is in at the present time, it requires two incomes for a couple (especially living in a city) that are considering raising children. For a mother (contributing half the income) to forfeit many weeks wages to bear a child is simply out of the question.

The Family is a foundation to a stable society. Couples have a right to bear and rear children. The high cost of living should not prevent this. Paid maternity leave is a progressive motion towards the preservation of the family.

A female employee in the process of a 30-year career with the post office, who raises two children would accumulate 34 weeks of paid maternity leave (at 93%). I'm

sure our economy can withstand the strain. On the contrary, I think paid maternity leave will stabilize an employee's job security as well as add durability to the family's well being. This is bound to affect the economy in a positive manner. As far as your fashionable poke at our postal system, I agree, it

does have its faults, but considering you can still mail (when that's possible) a letter 2,500 miles away for 17c, it's still a bargain.

DALE GREENE,
Fullford Harbour.
August 13, 1981.

Senior citizens' housing can be a real disaster

Sir,

Articles and letters re housing for Seniors and surveys conducted, are very interesting.

Your Legion-Lions-Rotary committee should get in touch with city counsellors who service seniors and they would find that many of them would agree with me that Senior citizens' housing, in many cases, is a disaster.

They should be done away with, and incorporated in regular apartment buildings. A developer would include 10 to 15% of the total number of his suites as senior citizens' and these could be

subsidized at much less overall cost to the taxpayer.

Then the Seniors would be mixed with youth and they wouldn't age nearly so quickly and sit around and watch their neighbors being carried in an ambulance or hearse.

Current Senior citizen housing is a nice place for some people to pigeon-hole their elders.

I was directly involved in management of one large complex in the city and indirectly involved in another senior apartment of 23 stories height and I know there are many unhappy old people living together and they should be living with younger persons and so live much better.

I am currently living in a Senior citizens housing development which is a real disaster. I am not there by necessity, but by choice, and if I wasn't mobile, I would not be there.

Many good tenants have been lost, resulting in many vacancies, due to the location of the 16 units.

It's time B.C. Housing and CMHC had a good hard look at further developments and stop putting the old people together, and instead, subsidized apartments, built by regular developers as part of their building program would save thousands of dollars in land acquisition, separate buildings and all the necessary maintenance.

Chew on this for a while.

CHAS. J. GARDNER,
R.R.1 Galiano.
August 9, 1981.

She was saved from giant waves at Ruckle Park

Sir,

Re Lynn Chila's letter of last week ("Beware of Ferry Wash"). I agree wholeheartedly that signs be posted at Beaver Point warning of the potentially dangerous waves that are now washing up on shore.

Last week my two children, ages 7 and 10, were playing on the beach at Ruckle Park, as they have done over the past few years, when without warning a series of huge waves washed over them. The 10-year-old managed to get away but the younger one was caught underneath and took a while to resurface — it seemed forever. Fortunately another adult was closer to her and managed to grab hold of her til she was safe, escaping only with scraped knees. I would caution all people on the beaches in this area to beware of

this danger.

Also I would like to thank the man who helped my daughter for his quick action.

PAT SWIFT,
R.R.1, Beaver Point Road,
Fullford Harbour.
August 6, 1981.

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says the Salt Spring
Island Chamber
of Commerce.

School board should reconsider

Sir,
Appropriate headlines covering last week's historic meeting of our local school board could have been: "School Board Withholds Research Report From Regional Director" or "Elected Public Officials Refuse to Share Community Report With Another Elected Official" or even "School Board Vows to Spend More Tax Money to Insure That a Study Paid for By Tax Money Will be Kept From the Taxpayers".

Your report that "Valcourt Threatens to sue School Board over Release of Report" describes an unfortunate (but obviously necessary) reaction to the preceding action of the Board. Strickland Aust asks that the community understand this position, but the decision appears to be utterly incomprehensible. The report in question is NOT one dealing with pupil's confidential performance records nor even with atomic secrets. Presumably, it describes various sewerage disposal systems which the school could install. The study was commissioned with public funds on a matter of public concern. To withhold it from a public official should become a source of public astonishment, and perhaps of public outrage.

I assume that Mr. Aust, Mrs. Pinteau, Mr. Beitel, Mr. Baltzer, Mr. Davidson and Mr. Zacharias consider fiscal accountability, community responsibility and

representative government to be concepts worthy of curriculum emphasis in our schools. Surely they will reconsider their strange decision and restore public trust by exemplifying these concepts.

The process in this issue is far more important than the content of this or any other specific report. Our elected officials and the public who pay the taxes should not be

forced into adversary positions, even though different people may have differing views on how to solve problems. These people are all supposed to represent their constituents. Let's have open disclosure in government!

DR. DIANE RICHARDSON,
R.R.1 Fulford Harbour.
August, 1981.

It's the heat and the silly season

Sir,
It must be the heat and the silly season. Chief honcho, of course, is "dear Hugh" who is determined to spend over four million dollars, virtually at gun point, to save the citizens of Ganges from themselves, and expedite the removal of 90,000 gallons of water per day from our island. When asked if he could spare a few dollars to help safe-guard our waters at their source, he pleads total government poverty. How confused can you get?

Then there is a Mr. Marr who, by the magic of accountancy, would have us believe that the total cost of "the sewer" to area residents will be \$1.00 per property. If Mr. Marr will personally guarantee to pay any sewer costs over \$1.00 for the next twenty-five years, I will erect a large statue of him downtown, possibly half-submerged in the primary treatment tank..

Lastly, the new white knight of Maxwell Lake is so concerned about the possibility of one extra house being built in the watershed that he is conducting a campaign of misinformation via the press and Mr. Curtis's office, forgetting, somehow, to mention that he operates a livestock farm entirely within the watershed of Maxwell Lake. His white knight suit has a little green ring around the collar.
(DR.) DAVID LOTT,
R.R.2 Ganges.
August 17, 1981.

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

Some tales are always left out

BY BILL WEBSTER

The Mary Hawkins Memorial Library in beautiful downtown Ganges contains several interesting books about the Gulf Islands.

The books are all the more interesting for having been written or compiled by islanders who had been living that about which they wrote.

But of course, as with most histories written by contemporaries, some of the better stories of derring-do, or tales of cunning which could embarrass meone, are left out.

Part of the discussion I had with Louis Bolivar-Finchely concerned just such tales of the people and places in the Gulf Isles.

Louis, as explained, very seldom stayed in any one place for any great length of time. I asked him if his many moves were the result of itchy feet.

ATHLETE'S FOOT

"Remember, my boy," he said, "that itch in your shoes may not be caused by wander-lust. You may have athlete's foot."

He moved about so often, he said, because he had to go where the work was. Louis has spent a great many years as a supervisor and he has often told me how difficult that occupation is.

"Anyone can do," said he in explanation of his supervisory bent. "Few can direct. It's an art and takes years to learn."

"You can't just order people about. You have to convince them that yours is the way to do it. Even if you really don't know what you're talking about."

Louis admits to knowing a great deal about a great many subjects but claims the knowledge has not hampered his ability as a supervisor.

BUILDING TOWERS

Mainly, he claims, his ability revolves around building towers. He has supervised tower construction in many parts of this and other countries.

Louis was hesitant to tell me what towers and Salt Spring Island had in common but finally he let it out. It was just after the Second War, he said, 1947 or 48.

"I came to Salt Spring because Winnie and Bill Stevenson said I should get away for awhile. Someplace quiet."

He had a house on Hemlock Lane on Mount Maxwell and came up with an idea which would benefit the community.

He kept the idea to himself until one day in Captain Hook's Breakfast Nook in Victoria he ran into an acquaintance from Calgary.

While working with Stevenson during the war, Louis had an opportunity to see first-hand the wonders of television. He knew the system was coming and he thought that the residents of Salt Spring should be able to enjoy it.

ANTENNA ON MAXWELL

He explained his idea to the Calgary acquaintance. If that good gentleman would put up the money, Louis would hire several and sundry craftsmen, Salt Springers all, to help him erect a TV antenna on the top of Mount Maxwell.

The Calgarian was interested and the project began. When Louis approached several notables from this island, he was told not to let too many people know of his idea.

"If certain people find out," he was told, "it'll take 19 years to get this thing off the ground."

So Louis decided few should know that many would benefit. And he proceeded to hire his crew of workers. Naturally, Louis was to be the supervisor.

The hiring proved easy but getting the crew to work was almost impossible.

"We can't lug all that stuff up Mount Maxwell," they chorused almost to a man.

COMPROMISE

A compromise was reached. The tower would be put together in the Burgoyne Valley and lifted by helicopter to the top of the mountain.

Work proceeded apace. The tower rose to a grand height of 150 feet. When it was finished, Louis realized that he wouldn't be able to lift the thing to the top of the mountain because the promised helicopter with that capability was busy whirling equipment around Alberta for his rich Calgary friend.

The small group of Islanders who knew of the tower and agreed to its benefits were worried lest, during the delay, those certain people would find out about it and protest.

But Louis, ever resourceful, had a solution. He sent away to a plastics manufacturer in the east for a disguise for the tower.

Unfortunately, Louis moved from the island just after the disguise was installed. The tower's location remained a secret. Those certain people never learned of it. The craftsmen, after accumulating lots of money by not doing what people had contracted them to do, moved away.

Somewhere, to this very day, in the Burgoyne Valley is a 150-foot TV antenna layered in plastic boughs and branches, disguised as a cedar tree.

Are you an island ostrich?

Sir,
Are you one of the silent majority who leaves it all to the other guy? Do you expect your neighbor to do it all, then grumble because he left it for you? Did you send in your questionnaire?
I am told that there are over 2,000 seniors on the island; so far, only 128 have replied.

Do not hide your head in the sand; it can happen to you. Can you say that you will not grow older and less vigorous, needing accommodation that is easier to keep up, well, if you have the secret of eternal vigor, maybe you should consider your friend and neighbor, who may not be so fortunate in a few years.

You would think twice if you got some of the calls I get for space in Pioneer Village, desperate for a place right now, and it is heartbreaking to say there just isn't any room, and won't be for a long time. You'll feel sorry if you find yourself in the same situation, and there is no place to go, because you didn't take a few minutes to give us the necessary support. It costs you nothing, and there is no obligation.

You may feel that you will never need financially-assisted living space. If not, your reply can encourage other types of building to suit your needs and purse.

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how you can get another.
F.B. BROOKBANKS,
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Ganges.
August 17, 1981.

Please return forms

Sir,
May 1 through the courtesy of your newspaper make this opportunity to remind all Veterans over the age of 60 to be sure to fill in and return the recent questionnaire sent to them by the joint committee of the Lions, Rotary and Legion on Seniors Housing.

August 31 is the deadline for the remission of these forms.

The future of a seniors' housing program on the island is in your hands, don't let this opportunity slip by.

Thank you.
JACK POTHECARY,
Service Officer,
Br. 92, The Royal Canadian
Legion,
Ganges.
August 17, 1981.

It's all one word!

Sir,
In a column on August 12, you say "On one Saltspring is spelled as one word and on the other as two, the accepted spelling of the name."

Fairly widely accepted through ignorance it may be, but it is not correct.

B.C. Coast Names, by Capt. J.T. Waldrun, (reprinted 1971) has the best account. Saltspring was first named by the Hudson's Bay Co. and used on an 1856 map. Other old names were Chuan and Admiral but Saltspring was officially adopted by the Geographic Board of Canada in 1905.

Nowadays this has become the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names (administered by the Energy, Mines and Resources Dept.) The committee includes representatives appointed by the provinces among its members and deals with all questions of geographic nomenclature affecting Canada.

The official spelling Saltspring is used on all government publications.

Are you also going to tell us that "sieve" used in the same column is the correct spelling for "seize"?

GEO. WELLS,
Ganges.
August 14, 1981.

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He asked Aust for information

Sir,
An open letter to Mr. Aust, chairman of the Gulf Islands School Board:

Several weeks ago I asked you for information on school board business, in which matter I have, unfortunately, not yet had any correspondence from you.

Still, I keep waiting, and I have another question which keeps bothering me mildly. Could you, please, put my uncertainties to rest.

I understand that in 1977 there was an order of some kind from the regional health officer to the school board to do something about the unsatisfactory disposal of the sewage from the schools.

Could you tell me why the school board seems not to have responded to that request?

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Lifeboat Society busy at Pender

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

All boaters, no matter how different in other respects, share a common nightmare — a distress situation on the water. Unfortunately, this is one nightmare which often becomes real.

The British Columbia Lifeboat Society has been formed to provide fast, effective response when disaster strikes.

Ultimately, the BCLS will have rescue craft stationed along the B.C. coast and operated in the same manner as lifeboat institutions around the world.

The society would like all boaters in B.C. waters to get involved.

On August 13 B.C. Lifeboat member Horst Klein was ordered by the Rescue Co-ordination Centre, at 6:30 pm, to assist the 27-ft. sailboat, *The Fluff*, owned by W.J. Feldman of Lake Oswego, Oregon. It was aground on Minx Reef, between Samuel and Saturna Islands, with a falling tide which in 25 minutes would have left it high and dry.

Horst Klein arrived in eight minutes with the Boston Whaler and had the boat free in four minutes.

CALLED AGAIN

The same evening at 8:13 pm the Boston Whaler was called out again to the 105-ft., two-masted commercial fishing vessel, *Fitzhugh*. The Captain, Byron Polly, had a severed artery in his leg. The Whaler was sent by Rescue Centre because it is the fastest boat in the area. The *Fitzhugh* was 2½ miles off Active Pass in Georgia Strait. After he was taken to Ganges the patient was transferred that night to the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

Up to August 13 Klein's Whaler has participated in 14 calls on behalf of the B.C. Lifeboat Society.

A Pender member of the society, Mrs. Anne Forbes, acting as a coast watcher, overheard a CB call

from a vessel off Sucia Island in U.S. waters, and Klein was dispatched by Rescue Centre. The vessel was taking on water in very rough seas.

The BCLS pinpointed the location and with assistance from Coast Guard and boats in the area saved the vessel and possibly the five aboard. None of the other vessels had heard the call.

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University course mooted for Salt Spring program

BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN

Continuing Education Director
John Edwards, originally from Victoria, who has lived in such different places as Oxford and Hornby Island, is moving to Salt Spring Island this fall and will be able to offer Islanders college credit university transfer courses here in Ganges.

If any readers are interested in this course or any others in John Edwards' fields, please respond to us at 537-9251 to aid in the fall scheduling, or call John Megher, Director of Applied Arts, at Camosun, 592-1281, local 203.

Party gets out of hand at Ruckle Park

A Rhodes scholar and holder of three Masters' degrees (in comparative literature, classics, and history) Edwards has done some poetry and prose writing, including a witty translation of an old Roman cookbook.

Summer parties in the park are great fun but occasionally things get out of hand as happened in Ruckle Park recently.

Police were called to the park when a large party became overly noisy and some vandalism was reported.

The park rangers told police that the party-goers were setting fire to park benches and causing other damage. The group, apparently from off-island, were told to leave the park as a result of their antics.

Charges are being considered against various members of the group.

A likely choice for his first course could be Modern North American Literature using mainly west coast Canadian authors; this class would carry college credit as English 100 and would be transferable to any university or college in B.C.

Course would entail three hours in class per week (to a total of 42 hours) plus six hours per week of outside reading and writing.

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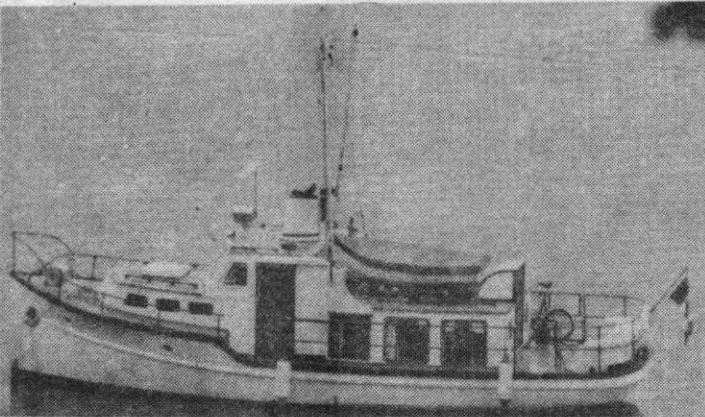
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Book Review

New addition to Gulf group is work of Salt Spring author

Pepper Island, by John Healey. Pensford Press; 190 pp. \$6.95.

Having found a peaceful home on Salt Spring Island, John Healey invented a new Gulf Island, named it Pepper Island and populated it with the people least likely to contribute to its peace.

Healey had proved his light touch with the pen in a series of verses he wrote in *Driftwood* several years ago. This is his first entry into publishing prose.

The new addition to the Gulf group is populated with a retired, middle-aged expatriate who has come home from the outside world and the wild, hard-living, hard-loving family he finds there.

The pace outside Mill Farm is, perhaps, slower than that experienced on most of the islands today, but the pace within the aging fences of Mill Farm is, perhaps, a lot faster than could be expected in any of the islands today.

Thomas Smethurst jumps in feet-first and creates the conditions which plague him through the book.

If I get the feeling that I have read it before, the feeling is very natural. I read it the hard way. The type was set by *Driftwood* and I had a lot of proofs. The process is dismaying because you are likely to be reading of the death of an aging man before going on to learn of the problems of his birth. Proofs don't always come in chronological sequence.

The book is an island production. It was conceived and written on the island of Salt Spring and the type was set here. The whole was then shipped to Winnipeg to be printed and is now on sale at et cetera books and stationery, in Ganges.

Pepper Island is distinctive among a fair number of island publications. It makes no claim to historical fact. It is light and entertaining and will undoubtedly gain a warm following in the islands. And it remains one of the few island works of fiction.

To the visitor to the island Ma Jowett and her hordes will always convey island life. Healey has probably given birth to a new view of islandism with this publication. And resident or visitor, the reader will probably enjoy the book as well as the delusion.

A Thousand Mornings, Selected Poems by Michael Coleman.

*I leave you roses, bold and red as the promise of morning.
I leave you soft white snows drifting through crystal winters.
I leave you sparkling spring-fed rivers, where winding seasons flow through endless years.
I leave you clear notes of birdsong, and freshness of dew on a peach and pure hues of delicate rainbows.
I leave no sadness or tears nor fears that red roses fade, close, when I go.*

There is no way of describing poetry any more than there is of conveying a flavour in words or the colours of a sunset.

Michael Coleman's Testament is the first offering in his newest anthology. It is one of thirty in the booklet.


Those who have encountered Coleman will welcome this presentation. For the reader who has not previously read his work it

will be a revelation.

What makes a poet? Take a young lawyer and make him mayor of the city and give him an acute political concern and you have no reason to expect poetry. But that is Coleman's background. Except for one other ingredient. His mother, Margaret Coleman, from her home on Pender, won the acclaim of readers in Alberta for her work as also did he.

Perhaps it takes heredity to make a poet. But, perhaps, it is an inherited love of the power of words. And Michael Coleman has it.

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Leg-hold traps banned for most species in province

Leg-hold traps are on the way out.

Ministry of the environment has announced the prohibition of the use of leg-hold traps for the capture of ermine, squirrel, skunk, raccoon, fisher, lynx, bobcat, marten and wolverine.

Such traps are also illegal for the taking of muskrat, mink, beaver and otter on dry land. They will be permitted for underwater use, explained the minister, Stephen Rogers, because death is caused by drowning which is not considered inhumane by the study committee.

Objection to the leg-hold trap, shared by many islanders, is that the trapped animal may be held in agony for many hours or days before death occurs. In the underwater trap, the victim dies in

minutes. New regulations will control something close to 98% of the fur-bearing animals trapped in the province, said Rogers. The remaining two per cent will be modified leg-hold traps still legal for catching wolves, coyotes and foxes.

The ministry is still seeking an alternative in this area.

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She wasn't in favour

Experience of three unions does not sell her on strikes

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

I have been castigated for defending the U.S. Air Controllers' illegal strike in last week's column. I've read it again, quite carefully, and I don't believe this is the message conveyed. Certainly it was not intended. I wrote in response to those who advocate Reagan's methods here, seeing them as decisive and effective. I attempted to point out they are neither. I refrained from commenting on the ethics of the strike as that has been done in larger newspapers and by better writers.

I was asked: Why do you only print one side of the story? My reply (as always) is: The other (establishment) side is well represented by the media. I am a minority advocate and my mission is to present "the other" side.

My caller suggested I am on the "communist" side in El Salvador. I am on the same side as Bishop Romero — the side of the oppressed. Similarly in Nicaragua. A Christian revolution deserves support from other Christians at least. And I'm one of them!

THREE UNIONS

We talked about unions, and I'm not sure my caller believed that I agreed with his criticism. I've held membership in three unions (never by my choice). I've been a negotiator, a staff representative and a union organizer. I've also been an employer.

Frankly, I would like to see all unions disbanded and replaced by something more effective, more efficient and more representative. A joint labour-management board sometimes works well. I would like everyone to be able to exercise their right to withhold services, by quitting, and I would like to see an end to the strike system, as the first person to suffer is Joe or Jill Public.

However, I must add that I believe all workers should have protection and representation. I have been employed "outside the home" for 33 years, and for most of that time I've fought my own battles. It's a lonely business and the cards are stacked against the worker who fights alone. I'm obviously an advocate of workers' rights — but I think unions have outlived their purpose and have now become the oppressors.

BOOK SALE

I can't resist a book sale. On

More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

Saturday I picked up *The Vast Majority* by Michael Harrington. It's a good read. Harrington, writing with "a passionate objectivity" begins:

"In the 1970's the government and the people of the United States are turning their backs on the wretched of the earth.

They do so with the best will in the world. Indeed, for at least 80 years, America has worked against the poor of the planet in a spirit of sincere compassion....

I do not write these things arrogantly, in the spirit of ritual anti-Americanism that sometimes demeans the Left.... I identify with.... my country's instinctive sympathy for the downtrodden.... We are a decent people. But intricate economic mechanisms.... subvert that innate generosity and perpetuate misery around the globe.... if, this nation would become aware of the unwitting evil it does, and if there were a democratic movement capable of offering serious alternatives to it, then it could, and would, change."

Well, Mr. Harrington, you have another fan — and that's on page one!

I believe there is a democratic movement capable of offering an alternative. That's Christianity.

DEFINITIONS

Unfortunately, first we must define what we mean by democratic, then what is meant by alternative, and finally, or perhaps primarily, what we mean by Christianity! By that time, it may be too late!

I heard smatterings of a CBC Sunday morning radio programme on armaments. The most offensive language I've ever heard on the air waves came from a U.S. general in Europe. He wasn't upset or angry. He was just hostile! Describing what "they" would do to anyone unwise enough to cross unspecified borders!

It's pretty scary to hear grown men describing the "improvements" of neutron bombs, or "death rays" (three of which are within our grasp!) or fast-firing anti-personnel weapons.

It's even more scary when high-ranking officers talk about troop deployment and battlefield strategies for the next war.

IN ISOLATION?

The isolation of troops in training as preparation for their "brain-washing" or indoctrination was discussed. An English officer was particularly distressed by the presence of "bloody women and children" as a distraction to the main business of the army! But when Generals talk about battlefields, I wonder if they've spent the last 40-odd years in isolation!

When you get to the top you don't have to make sense! Neither our Postmaster General nor the head of the largest armament firm can be expected to see things from the point of view of the small businessman or "one of the least of these".

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Workshop in human potential

Workshop in human potential is scheduled for the Salt Spring Island Community Centre, on Ganges Hill, on Thursday, Aug. 20, when two instructors will take part.

Instructors are Dennis Collins, who has his master's degree in psychology and was with the Greater Vancouver School District for

eight years and Larry Easterling, a graduate in humanistic science.

The workshop will run from 6 pm until 10 or 11 pm and participants are invited to take a bag supper.

Pre-registration is urged and Madge Kimball at 537-2919 is the organizer.

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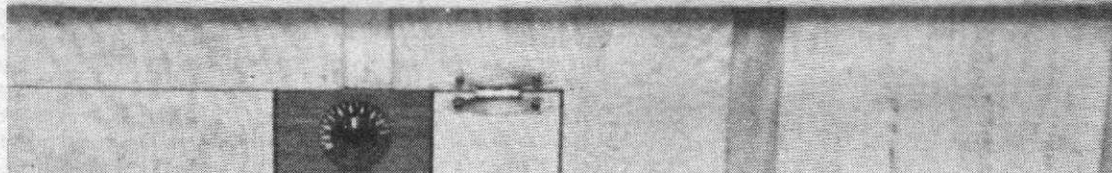
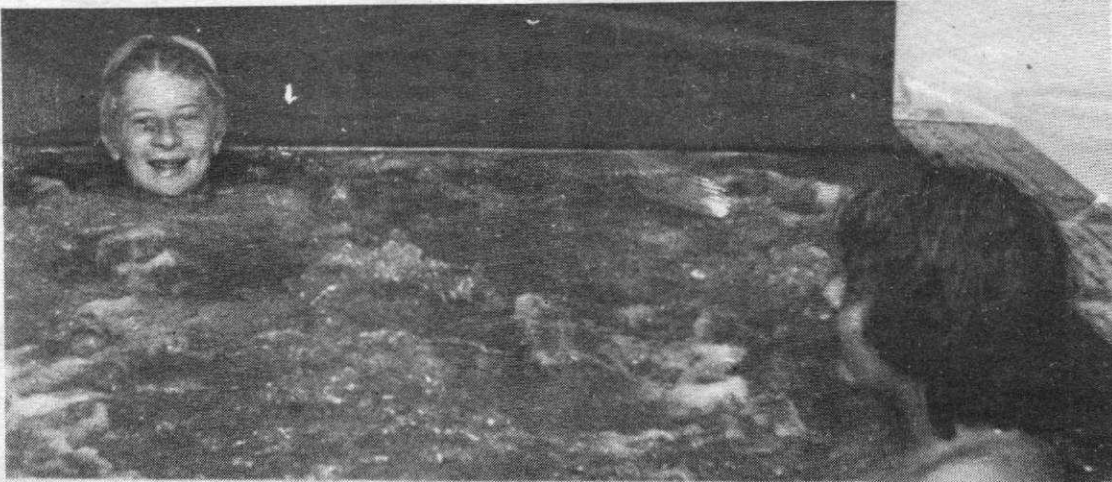
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This year's fair promises to be more outstanding than ever, organizers say. The chairman is Peter Campbell, who is assisted by many committee members and residents. Treasurer is Tom Matty. A number of new events have been added this year.

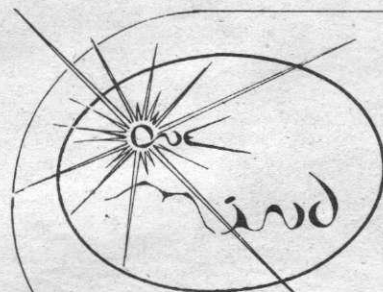
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Opening held Sunday

The water bubbles and relaxes Robert Messam, rear, and Ken Anderson in top picture. The boys were having fun in the whirlpool spa set up for the day at And Trishia's in Mouat's Mall. Grand opening of the shop was held Sunday.

At left, the customer seems pleased with the progress of his perm. Trishia Page, owner of the hair shop And Trishia's, applies the finishing touches to Roy Miller.

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The teller-of-the-month award goes to Joan Collins for her cheerful service to customers. She received a trophy and a

framed scroll from the bank in appreciation of her attitude at work.

Collins has been with the Salt Spring bank for three years. She and husband, Ken, came to the island from Kitimat five years ago with their three children. They are originally from England but moved to Canada 15 years ago.



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Bees are fascinating

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BY BILL WEBSTER

The society is structured. Each member knows instinctively what occupation it must perform. All members of the society are prepared to give the supreme sacrifice to ensure the safety and survival of the society.

The society is not an Orwellian view of something yet to come. It exists now and is duplicated millions of times across the world.

The society is a bee-hive.

Art Beaddie lives on Mountain Park Drive on Salt Spring Island and his garden is a riot of colourful flowers. Beaddie also has six honey-bee hives.

The bees flit from flower to flower, spreading pollen and ensuring that the next crop develops into strong healthy plants.

GATHER NECTAR

At the same time the bees gather nectar to ensure that the hive remains healthy and vigorous.

The centre of every hive is the queen. She is pampered and cared for. Her one task is to lay eggs and she does that extremely well. One good queen can deposit, on average, 1,500 eggs each day.

The eggs go into cells in the honey comb and depending upon the comb, will result in either a worker, female, or a drone, male.

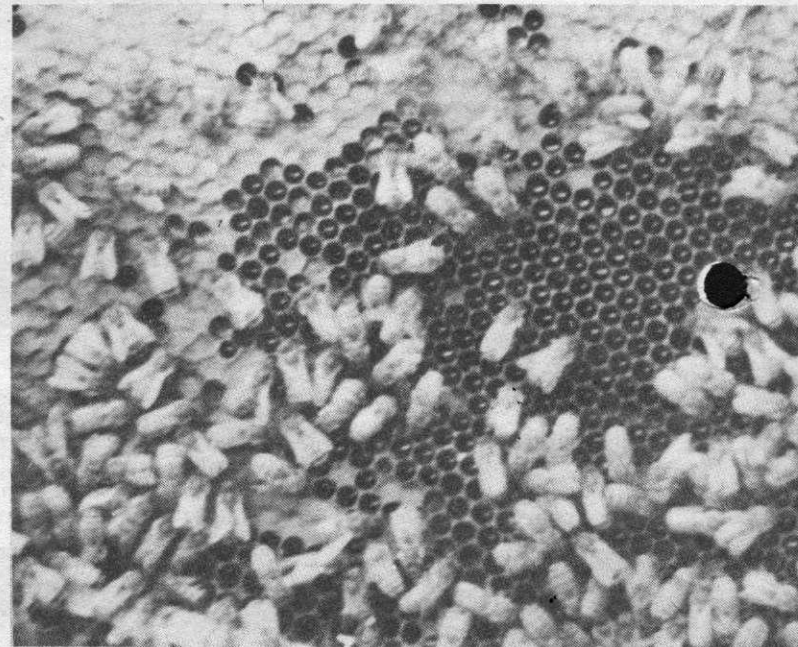
The queen crawls across the cells and seems to know, because of the size, which egg will develop which type of bee. The cells for drones are slightly larger than those for workers.

The comb itself is a work of wonder. Each cell is six-sided and fits perfectly with the cells about it. The walls of the combs are uniformly three one-thousandths of an inch thick.

ANGLED

The cells are angled slightly so that the egg or honey will not spill out. The hive itself is set with many racks of wood which fit tightly together on each layer. The bees congregate on the racks to create warmth for building the comb. They each chew a secretion from a gland under the throat and deposit a tiny drop of wax on the frame.

As each bee deposits a spot of wax, the cells of the comb are gradually built up.



Busy bees go about their business

Bee-keeper Art Beaddie displays a comb which he extracted from the hive just behind him. The bees were not too pleased about being disturbed but continued their routine in spite of the interruption.

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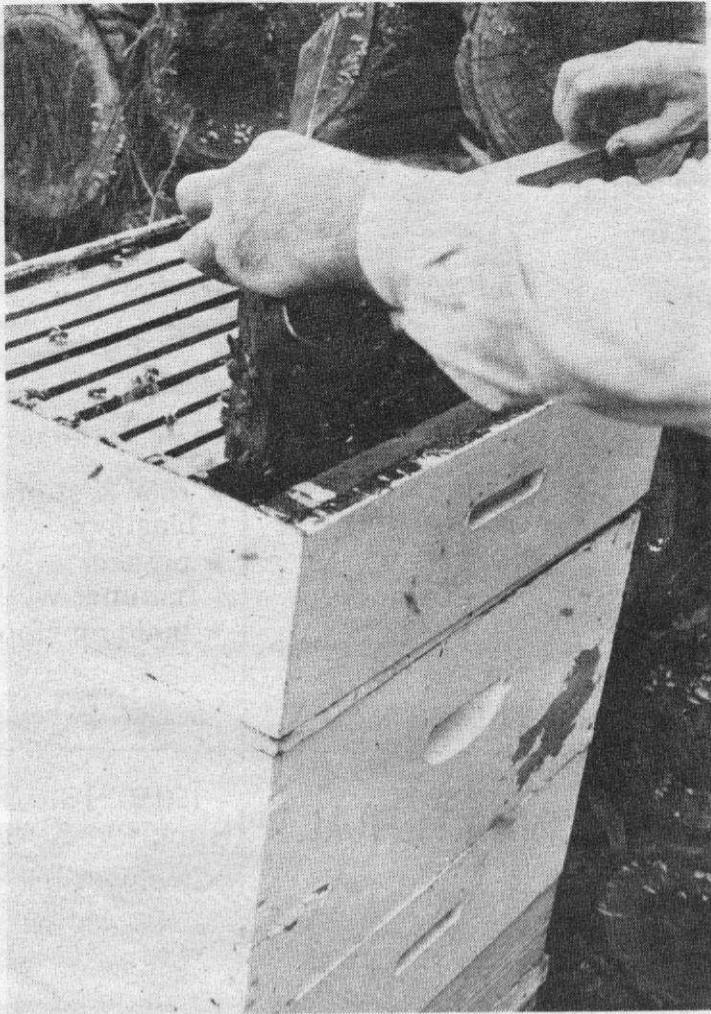
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When the cells are completed and the eggs deposited, the hive waits until the new bees hatch. As the workers, the most numerous of the bees in any hive, are born, they begin to instinctively clean the cell and the rest of the hive.

Their next occupation is to either fetch pollen, nectar or water. Some workers act as guards and will not allow a strange bee to enter the hive. An intruder suffers death from the stings of the guard workers.

PITCH USED TOO

Some workers are required to bring pitch from evergreen trees. The pitch, called propolis, is used to seal the cracks between each layer of the hive and in the colder months the bees will use the propolis to seal the entrance to the hive itself. Only a small opening is left in the entrance, the better to keep out chilly drafts.

Aerodynamically, the bee can't fly. But it does so by beating its wings 1,600 times per minute and for a non-flyer, has a range of up to two miles.

When a bee discovers a new source of supplies for the hive, it

transmits the information by doing what appears to be a circular dance.

ALL MEAN SOMETHING

The direction in which the bee dances, the way it shakes its tail, all mean something to the other bees and away they go to the new source of supplies.

The pollen, nectar, pitch and water are carried back to the hive on tiny baskets, or hairs, on the hind legs of the worker. Each worker seeks and finds just what it is supposed to, but as well, each worker can do the other jobs in an emergency.

The male, or drone, has an easy life. He is kept around to amuse the workers. His task in life is to mate with the queen. When mating time comes, he flies a short distance away and above the hive to join a clustering group of other drones. The queen joins them and nature takes its course.

LIVES FOR LOVE

The one problem for the drone is that once mated, he dies. He lives for love but it proves to be the death of him.

Bees, of course, get angry and in such a state can sting. Each stinger has attached to one end a sack of poison fluid. The workers only are capable of stinging. The wise thing to do if stung is to scrape the stinger from the skin. One should not attempt to pick it off for that

only squeezes the poison out.

As idyllic as the life of a bee seems, there are hardships encountered. Bees are prone to various diseases and a hive can be killed and emptied in a short time. Other bees visiting the empty hive can contract the disease and so it spreads.

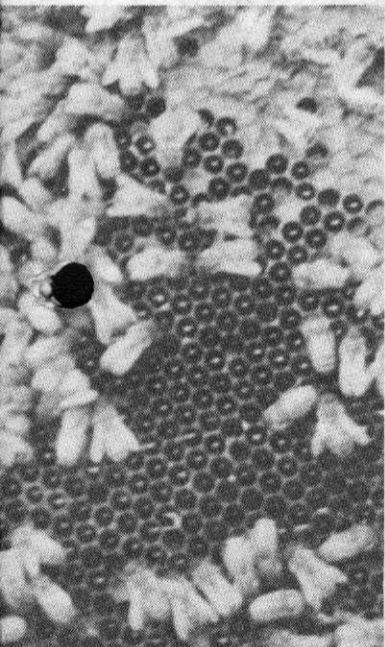
REGULATED

Bee-keeping in B.C. is regulated by the government and hive owners must obtain a clearance from the bee inspector of the department of agriculture. Each hive owner must also be registered.

This year has not been particularly good for honey, says Beaddie. He expects to get only 50 pounds from his hives as compared to 80 pounds in a good year.

The bees' wax is also useful. It is used by cosmetic companies, for various medicines and by industries for making such things as furniture polish.

Bees can be a fascinating study but one must remember that butting in on bees' business can be a stinging experience.



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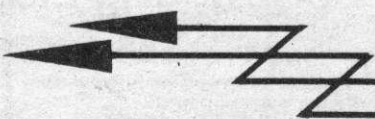
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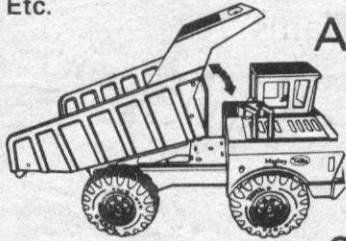
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The Greenwoods Rockers play their own tune as champions of the Salt Spring Island men's softball league after two must-win games last Sunday. The Rockers played and beat Langdon Logging in the final games of the round-robin tourney, having to win both games or lose

all. The play-downs, at Ganges little league and Fulford ball fields, were a two loss and out affair and Greenwoods played a total of six games to gain the trophy.

GAS-Driftwood and Vesuvius, first and second in regular league play, were ousted early after two losses each. GAS-Driftwood lost to Langdons and Greenwoods by large scores while Vesuvius met their fate at the hands of Salt Spring Lands and Greenwoods.

SHOOT-OUT BEGAN

By Sunday noon, with only three teams left, Langdons, Greenwoods and Salt Spring Lands, the shoot-out began in earnest.

Greenwoods won the right to face Langdons by defeating Lands 6 to 4 in a tight, well played game.

Having one game in the loss column, Greenwoods could not afford to slip against Langdons who had not lost a game.

With Julian Valcourt on the mound for Greenwoods and Barry Walker pitching for Langdons, the two teams gave the spectators plenty of action to shout about.

The first game was close until Greenwoods hit four runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Langdons

were unable to solve the pitching of Valcourt and lost 10 to 3.

The second game remained in doubt until the last one out. Greenwoods squeezed three runners home while Langdons could only cross the plate twice.

WINNING RUN

Valcourt, who pitched both games after suffering a split finger in the first inning of the first game, scored the winning run on a RBI single by teammate Barry Moen.

With Langdons having last bats, the score 3-2 for the Rockers and two away. Pat Akerman, a regular with the Salties, was put in as pinch-hitter.

He looped a hit into centre field and stretched it into a triple. Faced with the tying run on third and the winning run represented by the batter, the Greenwoods side dug in. The pitch was hit to the second baseman and thrown to first and it was game over.

Greenwoods went through the tourney with a 5-1 record, followed by Langdons 3-2, Salt Spring Lands 1-2, and Vesuvius and GAS-Driftwood both 0-2.



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Drought?

Dry summer and all these flowers!

My goodness, it is a hot one! I have never seen so many wilted people and plants in all my life. I don't know what to do about people, but, there is quite a bit we can do to prevent the "summer blahs" in the flowerbed.

Basically, the idea is to provide a dense, good-looking ground cover, combined with dense plantings to provide some welcome, moisture preserving shade.

The most simple and immediate way to provide a moisture preserving ground-cover is to place some goodsized, flat stones over bare ground spots. Small stones will heat up and draw moisture from the soil. But large stones, at least one foot in diameter, will keep the soil cool and preserve a good deal of moisture. They are also excellent deterrents to dogs and cats.

For a more longterm approach, the spaces between the stones can be covered with moss and succulents. Particularly, the type of moss commonly found on bare, exposed rocks, is an excellent moisture-preserving ground cover.

Foremost among the succulents as a very pretty drought-resistant ground cover, are the sempervivums, or "hens and chicks". We have some growing on a bare rock outcropping, fully exposed to the sun. How they survive on this hot, bare rock seems almost incredible. Yet they do, and that without any watering whatsoever. These plants survive on the water stored in their fleshy leaves. They use up the water in the leaves from the bottom up and one can easily observe the degree of drought by the number of wilted bottom leaves.

SPACE FILLERS

Hens and chicks, also known as "rock roses" have a most marvellous way of filling the spaces between rocks with their lovely, rosette shaped, evergreen leaves. They look good in summer and in winter, and they bloom as well. About this time of the year they send up 10- to 12-inch fleshy shoots which are topped with a bunch of yellow or red, starshaped flowers.

There must be about 300 different kinds, all lovely, undemanding and disease-free. And they grow so densely that very little else can grow among them. Moss will set them off most beautifully, akin to an emerald rose on a cushion of velvet. These

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three alone, stones, moss and hens and chicks, will make a very pretty, totally drought-resistant garden.

To this we can add my favourite sedum, or "stonecrop", sedum spurium. This is also an evergreen, dense, spreading succulent, to about 4" high. It has rounded, fleshy leaves, about 1/2 to 1 inch in diameter, with clusters of pink blossoms which appear in early summer. The value of this particular sedum lies in its habit of dense growth and complete covering of the ground with its fleshy leaves. An altogether charming and valuable addition to any flower garden.

SMALL IVY

Another excellent and evergreen ground cover, especially if your garden features the odd piece of dramatic driftwood, is the small-leaved ivy. There are many varieties featuring plain, curled, pointed or variegated leaves. Although these do not bloom, they provide a most lovely tracery of leaves through all seasons. Small leaved ivies are slow growing and therefore very amenable to any garden setting. It can be managed very easily to provide either a solid ground cover, or delicate tracers of green over rocks, driftwood or garden statues. A birdbath or water fountain entwined delicately with a small-leaved ivy is simply beautiful to behold.

All the above do well in sun or shade and prefer gritty, well-drained soil. Nutrient requirements are minimal and poor soil is not a handicap. Ivies do benefit from occasional high nitrogen fertilizers though.

Not as drought-resistant as all the above, arabis or "rock cress" is another stalwart evergreen, which

will survive any drought period in the companionship of any or all the above. In the sun it will make a dense four-inch-high ground cover with an abundance of white blossoms in early spring, a perfect base for spring bulbs.

In the shade it tends towards more open and leggy growth, and the variegated variety is not as vigorous as the green kind. Again, gritty, well-drained soil is preferred, with minimal nutrient requirements.

With these ground covers your garden will look good, summer or winter, and most important, they will provide the critical moisture-saving protection through our dry summer months.

With this base it is easy to maintain a lovely garden through all seasons, and it is easy to fit these around spaces for annuals or perennials, either existing or new. Another advantage is that all these tend to crowd out weeds, thus reducing our labour as well.

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KICK-OFF

Registrations lined up for fall soccer

BY MALCOLM LEGG

The 1981-82 soccer season is just around the corner and for our executives it is a busy time with registrations, soccer school, ordering and organizing teams.

The next couple of weeks are important with regard to the registration, and therefore I have out-lined the list of coming events to clarify the program.

SOCCER SCHOOL

There are still some openings but it is essential to register now so we can order T-shirts and balls. Signing up can be done Sunday, Aug. 23, 12 noon to 3 pm at Portlock Park. Fee is \$20 per player and the clinic runs from August 24 to 28, 10 am to 2:30 pm each day.

The clinic supplies a free ball and T-shirt to each player as well as top-notch soccer instruction. Please bring your medical number.

LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Sunday, August 23, from 12 noon to 3 pm, at Portlock Park will be the time to get registered. Fee is \$25 for off-island play, \$15 for Intra-island (10 and under) and we give a \$5 discount for each player after the first in a family.

It is essential to get registered this weekend as our deadline for the off-island teams is August 28, so don't delay or you might miss your chance to play.

New players should bring their birth certificates and all players should retain their fee receipt to claim a uniform at a later date.

TEAMS

Our teams line up this way this season:

Div. 1: Salt Spring Cyclones (17 and under boys). Coach: Malcolm Legg 537-5870; Manager: Margot Caspar.

Div. 2: Salt Spring Kicks (15 and under boys). Mel Coates coached the team last year but wishes to step down, therefore we are in serious need of a willing person to take-over or assist in coaching the Kicks.

Div. 4: Salt Spring Strikers (13 and under boys). Coach: Strick Aust 537-9386; Assistant Coach: Tom Watson.

Div. 5: Salt Spring Wranglers (12 and under boys). Coach: Ed Davis 537-2626; Manager: Paul Minvielle.

Div. 6: Salt Spring Sting (11 and under boys). Coach: Strick Aust 537-9386; Assistant Coach: Phil Hume.

These teams must be registered by August 28 to compete in league play commencing September 12. To find out more about a specific team call the appropriate coach.

INTRA-ISLAND TEAMS

We would like to complete their registration by September 12 as the teams will be formed the following week. The general format will be a two level split: Senior (10-8 year olds) and Junior (7 and under). The teams will play 7-a-side with maximum rosters reaching 10 players.

Girls: Salt Spring Sockeyes: The Sockeyes hope to return to league play this season. Interested women or high school girls should call Janice Hull (537-2850). Registration deadline is the end of the month and the team is looking

for a coach.

COACHES

Every year we make an appeal for coaches to assist our teams and this year is no exception, as the number of teams grow but coaches diminish. Experience is not essential and we will give instruction. One only has to enjoy kids and give a little time. If interested call Malcolm Legg.

Referees

All those interested in refereeing please call Malcolm Legg so we can order uniforms and plan a pre-season training season.

Sundry

Uniforms: If you have a uniform please hand it in to the Kanaka Place in a bag with your name on it. Please note we will not allow players to register who still have

last year's uniform. Also this year, you will only receive a uniform if you present your fee receipt.

Book exchange: If you need boots or have some to sell call Malcolm Legg.

That appears to be all for now but should you need any other info

feel free to call in the evening.

Registration is a long procedure for our executive so please cooperate and let's get it down so we can get playing. Remember Sunday, Aug. 23, 12:00 to 3:00 pm at Portlock Park. See you there.

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Soccer group gets grant

Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, MLA for Saanich and the Islands, has announced that Provincial Secretary Evan Wolfe has approved a \$4,000 lottery grant to the Salt Spring Youth Soccer Association.

"This grant is to assist the association with the construction costs of a multi-purpose recreation building," Curtis said.

"The government is pleased to

assist in the development of facilities such as this one in Portlock Park," Curtis said, "particularly because of the major contributions made by various athletic associations on Salt Spring Island.

"The contributions included both volunteer labour and fund raising and I congratulate all involved in making this new recreation project a major success."

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Golfing

Tournament draws 100 entries

The weather last weekend was perfect for 36 holes of golf, being neither too warm nor too windy, and the 1981 Salt Spring Invitational attracted close to 100 entries.

When the last putt had dropped and the scores figured out, Steve Hambleton of the Royal Colwood Golf Club emerged as the winner of the Men's Low Gross Trophy with a 149.

Irene Hawksworth of the Salt Spring club took the Ladies' Low Gross with a 170.

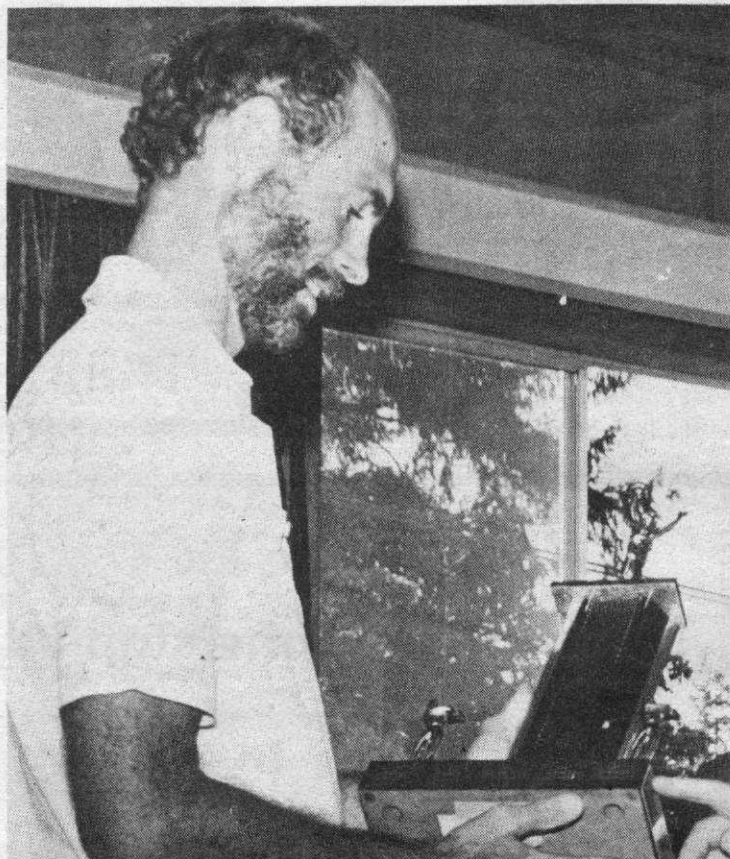
The trophy ceremony took place in the clubhouse and Louise Foulis made the presentations. She and her husband Bob have been the prime movers behind the tournament for many years.

The Foulises gave the trophies for men's low gross and low net as well as ladies' low gross and low net to the Salt Spring Golf Club for the annual tournament.

Other winners included: Men's Low Net, Ralph Cossey, Salt Spring, 130; Ladies' Low Net, Lois Popkin-Clurman, Salt Spring, 139.

The gross score is the number of strokes taken to tour the 36 holes of the tournament. The net score is a number obtained when the player's handicap is subtracted from the gross.

Men's Low Gross runner-up: Steve McLean, Balley Hally, Newfoundland, 153; Ladies' Low Gross runner-up: Edith McCormick, Royal Colwood, 176; Men's Low Net runner-up: Pat Doherty, Salt Spring, 134; Ladies' Low Net runner-up: Marg Frattinger, Salt Spring, 140; Men's Low Gross 0-11, Ian Shopland, Beach Grove, 154; Ladies' Low Gross 0-24: Joan Smith, Pitt Meadows, 179; Men's Low Gross 12-16: Al McLean, Salt Spring, 164; Ladies' Low Gross 25-32: Mona Coulter, Salt Spring, 190; Men's Low Gross 17-24: Gordon Parsons, Salt Spring, 169; Men's Low Net 0-11: Mac Mouat, Salt Spring, 137; Ladies' Low Net 0-24: Yvonne Anderson, Salt Spring, 142; Men's Low Net 12-16: Doug Adams, Pitt Meadows, 137; Ladies' Low Net 25-32: Ada Woodley, Salt Spring, 140; Men's Low Net 17-24: Chuck Hardy Sr., North Vancouver, 137; Men's Low Net Sunday: Gar Acorn, Friday Harbour, Wash., 66; Ladies' Low Net Sunday: Dorothy Tompkins, Friday Harbour, Wash., 68.



Steve Hambleton of Victoria's Royal Colwood Golf Club admires the trophy he won for men's low gross in the weekend tournament at the Salt Spring golf course. He carded a 149 to take top honours after 36 holes of play.



Irene Hawksworth, left, is presented with the trophy for ladies low gross by tournament booster Louise Foulis. Hawksworth's score of 170 topped the ladies' entrants in the tournaments.

Golfing

with Pat Doherty

On Tuesday, August 11, 16 ladies turned out for the nine-hole event. The competition was low putts and low gross, and throw out your highest hole.

Jo Stone won the putts with 15; Gloria West took low gross.

The hidden hole was taken by Bertha Walker.

In the ladies' 18-hole section on the same day it should have been named Ada Woodley day, as she swept the field, taking low net with

66, closest to the pin on No. 11, and also took the putt pot with 26 putts.

In team play Salt Spring hosted Gorge Vale, the home team coming out on the right side of an 18 to 6 score and thus winning the annual trophy for the second year. The Bank of Commerce cup play is now over, and congratulations are in order to Alice Fraser who bested Gloria Lloyd in the finals.

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He was never Martin Clifford

BY FRANK RICHARDS

There's always someone using my name!

John Duffie, writing in *Monday Magazine*, in Victoria, recently revealed the identity of Frank Richards, who wrote boys' stories to the extent of an estimated 72 million words.

The recollection was read by Ralph Miller, of Fulford, who clipped the column and sent it to *Driftwood* with the inference that my name isn't what I thought it was.

"The jig is up, Martin!" warned Miller, "Fess up!"

But I am adamant and indignant: I never was Martin Clifford.

In fact, I am related to neither. But here's the comment from *Monday Magazine*:

Does anyone besides me remember the British school stories that appeared in the *Gem* and *Magnet* magazines in the 20s and 30s? I was hooked on them, and my friends and I used to trade them by the stack. It's a wonder we didn't go blind, as they were printed on cheap pulp stock, using the smallest typeface in the shop.

I was delighted to find some bound copies recently and to

confirm my opinion that the literary level was low. We were, in fact, reading the same story week after week. The good boys were insufferably good while the others (the cads) were just as dependably rotten, and even smoked cigarettes, although I never recall liquor being mentioned. Comic characters such as Billy Bunter never stepped out of the clown role, and there was always a "silly ass" wealthy type who spoke in a sickening dialect — "You feahful rottah, I'll give you a thwashing."

Nationalities other than British were rigidly stereotyped. Frenchmen wore pointed beards and were excitable; Latins and Orientals were treacherous and sinister; Blacks were simple, happy and faithful and Scandinavians somewhat on the stupid side.

Sex did not exist. On rare occasions a girl would intrude in a story, but she was always a pure, wholesome athletic type, a good egg who was treated as a chum.

The most interesting part of the whole affair was the writer, Frank Richards. The series ran for 30 years, during which he wrote 20,000 to 30,000 words a week under his own name for the *Magnet*. After his death it was revealed that he was also Martin Clifford of the *Gem*, and that he

used approximately 25 other pseudonyms. It has been estimated that he wrote about 72 million words in his lifetime. This incredible record is modified somewhat by the revelation that he agreed to the use of substitute writers when he could not meet deadlines, and that 30 other writers produced possibly 20 per cent of his output.

More than 3,400 issues of the *Gem* and *Magnet* were produced in all, and there are collectors today who have complete sets.

I didn't see the dialect of Arthur Augustus D'arcy or Lord Mauleverer as "sickening", but I was a long way from Victoria when I read these magazines so avidly.

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Gunshots shatter quiet at Galiano

The quiet of a lazy evening was shattered by the sounds of gunshots on Galiano last Friday.

By the time police investigated the incidents the mini-war appeared to be over. The next morning six RCMP officers converged on the Indian reserve and seized 11 guns of various descriptions.

The incident was apparently sparked by a visit from friends from the Vancouver area. Charges of dangerous use of firearms will be laid.



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Women's Club

Saturna Island has long leaned on its service

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

The Saturna Island Women's Club has been an important part of Saturna's community life for a long time.

Lou Money and Lorraine Campbell are currently members and were a part of the original group. Under the department of agriculture, there had been a Women's Institute on the island.

During the war, money was collected and sent to the Red Cross. Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Cowan were instrumental in starting the group.

Mrs. Gilbert, who lived where Carpentiers have their house, was a lovely woman.

"It was started in 1949. Mr. Cowan gave us one year, he didn't think we'd keep up the meetings. Sometimes we'd have six or seven women but that was a fair proportion of the women on the island. One of the differences between then and now was that all the women belonged and they brought their kids to the meetings.

"We started the Club because there was nothing happening outside of the community club. This was a club to help people. The first thing we did was to clean up the community hall. The Women's Club and the school have always worked closely together."

Lou Money explained that the fundamental reason for the Women's Club's existence is still the same — Service.

"This means helping when needed, working for the hall, and for the whole community.

"We make more money than we used to but everything costs more. We put on a tea for local people when they were waiting for the ferry to bring the mail and store supplies.

"It was 10 cents in those days, now it's 50 cents. For me, it wasn't a case of joining to meet people, I knew everyone then, now I don't!

Ann Bavis didn't join for years, only when the kids were in school.

"I didn't join because I had heard that the women did nothing but gossip but I was pleasantly surprised. (The men said that). Recently we made ottomans for the Greenwoods hospital in Ganges and raised the money to furnish a room. We used to buy the presents for the school children.

"Thanksgiving, we had a Saturna Island venison dinner and the whole island showed up.

The women's club keeps me involved in community projects. It performs a different function for me from when I first joined.

"Yes, I was a person with causes in those days! We provided improvements in the school lighting and toilet facilities and for the hall.

"Chuck and I supplied the lighting plant for the school, I lit it every morning, pulled the starter with a prayer! I was always fighting for something. I might almost say the Lions have superseded the Women's Club. What do I miss about the women's Club?"

"We were a lot younger then, we had more energy, that's what I miss! Younger people have to take an interest sooner or later and take over. Whenever we appeal to them they always come forward. They join when they have time from their children."

Melanie Gaines joined for the social aspect and to fulfill a community service, at a time when she wasn't working.

"I'd never belonged to a club of that type so it was an experience. I think the function has diminished somewhat in the way I first perceived it. Since then there is a more active parents' group.

"I felt sad that the younger women and older women couldn't get along better. I would like to see the Women's Club more active in the school again. There is not as much sympathy between the two

Saturna Scene

groups as there once was, not as closely-knit. Women's Club members took an active interest in school affairs because their children and grandchildren attended. Most of the new members have retired to the island and their family is somewhere else."

Jean Robertson joined because she felt you should belong to something and do your fair share. And to get to know other people on the Island.

"It has always been my feeling to help those less fortunate."

Marg Daly joined to meet everyone, to help the community. "I like to do what I can to help anyone at any time."

Lil Cunningham is the president of the Women's Club.

"When I first came to the island I thought the Women's Club was a waste of time. I wanted to do my

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Mike Hayes back for auction

The August 1 Lion's Club Auction earned more than \$400. The audience was small but enthusiastic and hungry and thirsty. Wieners and corn were cooked by the Coombs and Bertrams and the Pollens ran the bar. Michael Hayes, dressed to the teeth but not beyond, came over from Salt Spring to hustle all the valuables. His honeyed tongue and waggish wit helped people see the need for many items that otherwise they might not have considered buying.

Kathy and Bill Sheffield hosted a horde this weekend, the Hayes and Colin Brown, Wendy and old timer, Gerald Beraldi.

I have heard many proposed uses for the new cabana at the tennis court. The two latest are a

place to stay dry when it starts to rain and you think it might stop shortly or diminish enough to continue and a place to sit while others are playing so that the players are not distracted by bystander comments and evaluations and so that bystanders are not distracted by out of bounds balls.

Last weekend the pub was three deep at the bar and it was "service please" from the tables. Many of the crew from the British freighter *London Team*, men and women, were there. Lately, Plumper Sound has had five freighters waiting for moorage in Vancouver. They often visit Saturna for a change of scene.

Mary and Sara Howe are coming from Ottawa to visit Taimi and Bob Hindmarch for three weeks.

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own thing. Then I realized that to be a part of the community you have to do your share. I'm a member because I got tired of the old women doing all the work. (I'm not ready to put the older ones on the shelf, mind you, they have lots to offer.) What is the Club's value? Such an organization is especially needed on the Island because it provides those functions that, for money, you buy in the city. We provide teas after funerals, dinners, weddings — we cater for Island functions. We get together and enjoy each other's company. The Club makes a money donation to the Salvation Army, the Christmas Fund and for years we supported a foster child. Flowers and a card are sent to our Islanders when they are in the hospital.

In the past I think the social aspect of the club was more important than it is now, people are more mobile. And perhaps the club provided more necessary services when the Island was more isolated. Once all services can be

provided by paying the club will lose it's zap. As long as the club is needed it will exist.

We formed interest groups. We have a plant and seed exchange, a recipe exchange, intermediate bridge, smocking, quilting, beginning crochet, and weight watchers. We have some plans for the future: a rug-hooking and a cake-decorating demonstration.

The Women's Club, besides all of its island functions, has taken on a large project. They are raising \$500 to help a child in the Sunny Hill Hospital for children.

Irene is a very handicapped little girl. She is going to remain very dependent on those caring for her.

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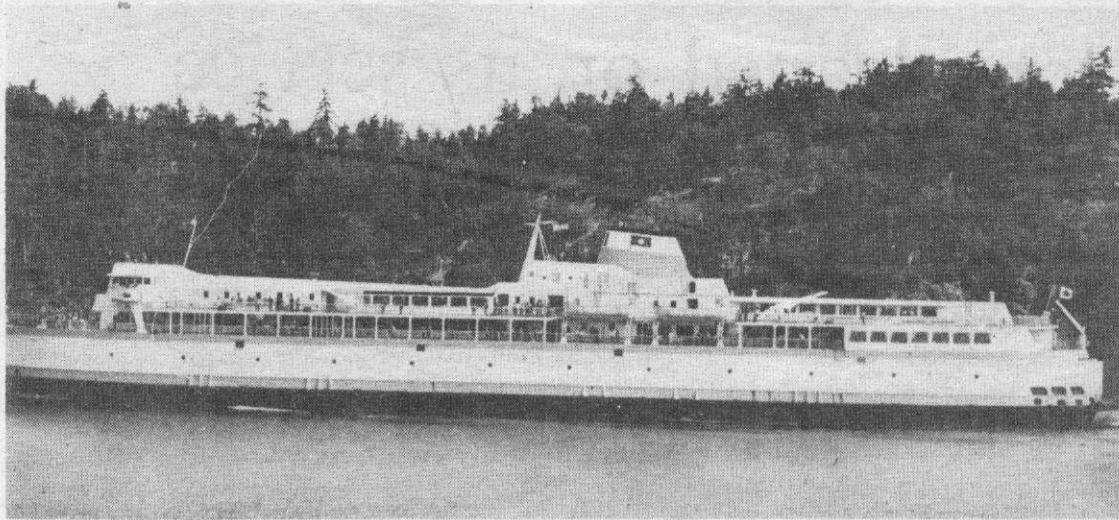
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Coast guard measures ferry wash at Mayne



Stretched vessel in B.C. Ferries fleet

The wash from the stretched ferries has drawn complaints from boat-owners in Miners Bay on Mayne Island as well as from other parts of the Gulf Islands on the ferry routes.

The coast guard unit at Ganges is spending time in Miners Bay to measure the height of the swells thrown up by the big boats.

To date, the measurements have been at flood tide and the highest wave was one foot. The coast guard crews have a measuring gauge, set in increments of one foot, on the pilings at the wharf in Miners Bay.

As the boats round Mary Anne Point on Galiano Island, the turn tends to send out a second set of swells, the crew noted.

Even at a one-foot swell, small

boats moored at the wharf can be violently thrown about.

The crew noticed that the stretched ferries seemed to sit lower in the water and kicked out a larger wash than the other large boats which have not been adjusted.

To date this year, the coast guard unit has answered 130 calls for assistance. Of the calls for help, 68 came from boats suffering break-down of some kind; 24 boats were grounded; 13 overdue and four sinkings were attended to. The remaining calls were for various matters such as small fires or open microphones.

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TH	1340	5.1
	2020	10.8
21	0310	4.3
	0940	8.4
FR	1430	6.4
	2050	10.7
22	0405	3.6
	1115	8.6
SA	1520	7.6
	2130	10.6
23	0505	2.9
	1325	9.1
SU	1650	8.6
	2215	10.4
24	0600	2.4
	1445	9.8
MO	1840	9.1
	2250	10.2
25	0710	2.0
	1530	10.3
TU	2010	9.0
	2350	9.9
26	0755	1.8
	1615	10.7
WE	2110	8.7
27	0110	9.7
	0855	1.8
TH	1655	10.8
	2205	8.3

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