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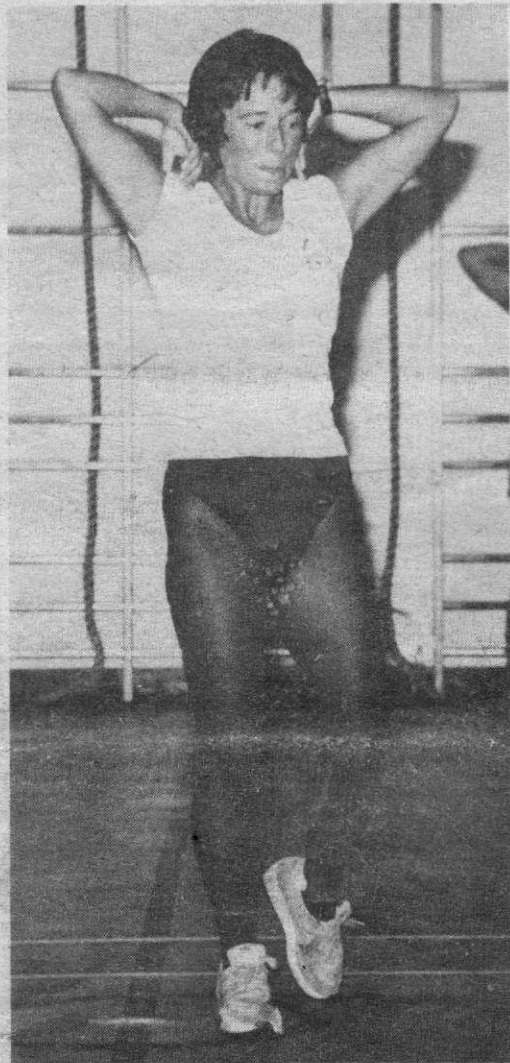
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It's not a 60's sock hop, but an exercise program



The school gym echoes to the beat of Credence Clearwater thumping out *Midnight Special*, and before the sound dies, Dwayne Eddy's twangy guitar blares *Rebel Rouser*.

Bodies sway and move to the beat, but not in a 60's nostalgic sock hop. The people are striving, not for rock bliss, but for body beautiful.

The Salty Sweat's Fitness Program is into another season of sessions. The program, begun in 1978, has proven popular with island residents and summer visitors.

Several times each week, mornings and evenings, the fitness buffs gather in Ganges, Fullford or Fernwood to stretch and sway to the music, toning muscles and taking care of bodies.

Participants in the classes exercise at their own pace with the aim of attaining flexible muscles and joints. The aerobic emphasis also helps tone the muscles, tune the lungs, control the weight and provide conditioning for sporting endeavours.

With nine YMCA-certified instructors keeping a watchful eye on the sessions, those persons trying to be fit have a choice of 23 classes per week.

In addition to the fitness forums held at the three locations, the program is also made available for school children and seniors.

The kids keep fit at programs run at Salt Spring elementary and Fernwood schools. The program is brought to the residents of Greenwoods for fun and fitness.

With more than 200 Salty Sweat's perspiring for fitness sake, the Parks and Recreation Commission has a popular activity swinging throughout the island.

Dance to the music and tone up those muscles is the theme of the Salty Sweat's. The fitness group runs classes for Salt Spring Islanders who insist upon being in good physical condition. Betty Lou Portingale urges exercisers to stretch and sweat at a recent class at the Fernwood School gym.

Pool vote coming at election time

Salt Spring voters will be asked, by referendum, to approve the construction of a swimming pool when election time comes around.

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission issued a questionnaire this summer in an effort to gauge public attitudes on various facilities on the island.

With 266 returns coupled with the results of a *Driftwood* readership survey, the answers were fed into a computer for analysis.

The results showed that islanders thought that recreational sports facilities were in short supply. More than 30 percent of those who replied to the survey said they were dissatisfied with recreational opportunities provided.

POOL THE ANSWER

A swimming pool was thought to be the answer to the lack by more than half the people. As a back-up to that attitude, 53 percent said they would support a new facility through an increase in property tax.

The age group which suffered the most from the lack of sports facilities were from 14 to 30 years old.

Hugh Borsman of the Parks and Recreation Commission said the voters will be asked to decide if they want a swimming pool. He stressed that the referendum is not a rehash of the proposal voted down last year.

The pool, with a price tag estimated at close to \$1 million, would be built in the area of

Mouat's Park not being used by campers or picnickers.

Costs of the pool could be covered by grants from various provincial ministries up to approximately \$550,000.

TWO MILLS

Islanders would have two mills added to their tax bills to repay the remainder of the capital costs and an additional two mills to cover the yearly maintenance costs.

A user fee would also be imposed upon swimmers but the amount would have to be determined later.

The pool, as envisioned by the Parks and Rec people, would be a 25-metre affair with a depth of from three to six feet.

The shape of the pool would allow for a children's area of two feet, six inches to three feet deep as well as a wading pool of two feet, six inches to four inches of water.

A QUESTION

The question of Mahon Hall remains just that - a question. A plurality want to see some improvement to the hall but almost as many people are against spending money for improvements.

The commission indicated that Mahon Hall needs a new roof, improvements to the electrical system as well as the foundation, and other work necessary for a general upgrading of the building. Estimates place the cost of repairs at \$100,000.

If the repair program to Mahon Hall goes to the voters, it will be under a separate referendum.

Pay withheld by Young

Valcourt's expenses questioned by CRD treasurer

BY BILL WEBSTER

Serious questions have been raised concerning certain expenses charged to the Capital Regional District by Yvette Valcourt.

She represents Salt Spring Island at the CRD and when the new treasurer for the district was conducting a routine check of the books to familiarize himself with the accounts, he noticed several charges from Valcourt which he questioned.

The matter would normally have been investigated and discussed in private by the CRD directors but the newspapers in Victoria carried accounts of it last week. CRD executive director Dennis Young wrote a letter to each director explaining the circumstances of the problem.

The expenses of the various directors are handled as a matter of routine. Each receives a monthly stipend of which one-third is tax free to allow for expenses associated with constituency work.

BECAME CURIOUS

Young said expenses incurred

beyond the stipend are usually paid without question. However, when Valcourt submitted an account for \$679.30 for June, the new treasurer, William Jordan, became curious.

Young ordered a thorough check of the accounts of all directors for the past two years. The check proved nothing for each of the other directors but uncovered at least \$2,344 which was described as an amount not properly chargeable as regular expenses submitted by Valcourt.

As a comparison, the accounts of the previous Salt Spring representative were checked and proved to be of a regular nature.

Valcourt had claimed the expenses because, she said, being the representative of Salt Spring cost more than for the representatives from the other 13 areas of the CRD.

THERE TO CHECK

"If there was an error in my expense account," she said, "it was all there for them to check."

Valcourt's June expense

account claimed \$309 for telephone calls including a long distance call to Greece for \$26.70.

"If I were trying to cheat them," she said of that particular call, "do you think I'd be that stupid to leave something that obvious?"

Valcourt had been submitting an itemized account until then-treasurer Ken Ball told her that copies of the phone bill would suffice. Valcourt complied and was ticking off calls which were of a personal nature.

The treasurer also questioned at least 38 long distance calls to Robert Price, a Victoria lawyer. Price acts as counsel to the Sewer Alternatives Committee as well as having represented Valcourt in several court actions initiated by her.

PART OF DUTIES

She defends the calls to Price as being part of her duties as director. SAC are her constituents, she said, and she was merely passing messages to the lawyer on their behalf.

Each area of the CRD, except

Salt Spring Island and the Outer Islands, lies within the local-calling zone for Victoria where the

directors meet.

Jim Campbell, CRD representative for Victoria where the

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Responsible Citizens offer \$2,000 reward

Reward of \$2,000 for information leading to the conviction of person or persons responsible for the quarter-million dollar fire in Welbury Bay is still offered on Salt Spring Island.

On Friday morning, Aug. 21, the scow loaded with plastic pipe for the Ganges sewer project was set afire and damage to the extent of nearly \$250,000 resulted. Police investigation is still under way.

When the reward was announced at a press conference in Ganges on August 26, it was wrongly attributed to the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

The reward is offered by the group identified as The Responsible Citizens of Salt Spring Island.

The reward is available for any information which leads to the arrest and conviction of those who set the fire.

German foresters impressed with B.C. techniques

Salt Spring Island's agricultural techniques and forests were studied last week when 45 visitors from Europe travelled the rural roads and mountains of the island to inspect its forests and logging sites.

The professional foresters association of Bavaria returned a visit to Alberta and British

Columbia and according to the group's head man, Hans Schwaiger, Canadian growing techniques, nursery methods and ambitious logging procedures were in many ways more sophisticated than those methods employed in West Germany.

The West German professionals were invited to Salt Spring Island

by Prince Thurin Und Taxis, a Bavarian forester and Salt Spring Island landowner. He hosted an island visit before the chartered group left the country on Tuesday. **THROUGH INTERIOR**

The foresters first visited Albertan professional foresters before touring the Rockies by coach lines and travelling through

B.C.'s interior, on the invitation of the British Columbia professional foresters association.

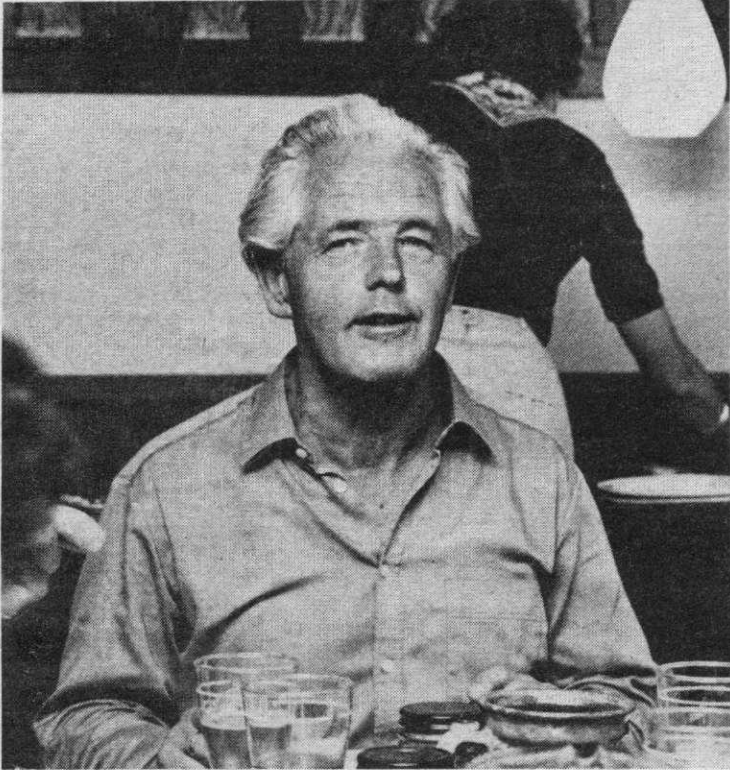
The association handed the reins over to Prince Thurin's right-hand man, Frank Rainsford, who gave the European company of 45 a tour of Salt Spring's Mount Maxwell, Burgoyne Valley and, in particular, Salt Spring Island Log Sorting Division located at Burgoyne Bay. Supervisor Patrick Corneille showed the interested visitors log sorting methods and machinery.

"The West Germans are proficient foresters. They've been planting trees and have been concerned with agricultural techniques for 500 years. We've been busy for 50. They have a lot to show us," Rainsford explained.

Schwaiger later commented that the procedures used in British Columbia cannot be incorporated in to West German methods but that the nursery techniques employed in this country could be borrowed by West Germans in order to economize on their own.

A salmon barbecue was held at the Fulford Inn, sponsored by Texada Logging Ltd. On Monday all 45 visitors enjoyed the fresh salmon at the Inn before leaving to Victoria that evening.

Said Schwaiger, "The visit to the two western provinces had certainly been anticipated by the professional foresters of West Germany, but the hospitality and knowledge gained by the visit far exceeded those expectations made by the group before arrival."



German forester Hans Schwaiger

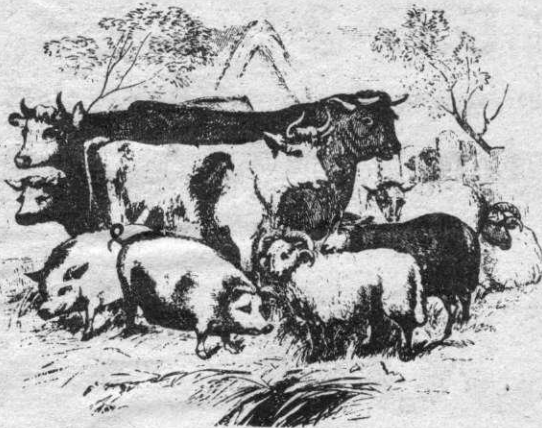


Frank Rainsford

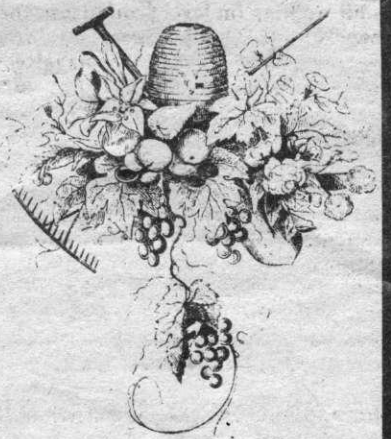
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To Be
Frank
 by richards



Volunteer for the Royal Air Force has voluntarily disallowed my recent application for a replacement shaving brush after 40 years of valiant service all over the world. Here is his voluntary letter:

Maintenance Unit
 RAF Much Bristling
 England
 3rd September, 1981

Brushes Shaving — Airmen
 Aircraftsman II Richards F.G.

The application by the above named for a free replacement of a Brush Shaving because of deterioration due to fair wear and tear cannot be allowed.

Your attention is drawn to the regulations covering Procedure for Demobilization and Return of Clothing Accoutrements and Necessaries. On discharge from the Service ACII Richards was allowed to retain certain personal items such as Shirts B/G, Socks B/G, Brushes Button, Brushes Black and Brushes Shaving. However no provisions were made in the regulations for the entitlement for a free replacement. The regulations do provide for a free replacement of such items on re-enlistment into the Royal Air Force on a regular engagement.

Aircraftsman II Richards should be advised to report to the recruitment centre Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, where his application for re-enlistment (subject to medical fitness) would be considered. Richards should be prepared to travel to Stoke on Trent at his own expense.

A. LONGBEARD
 Chief Equipment Officer
 Royal Air Force
 Much Bristling
 England

Aircraftsman II Richards F.G.
 Ganges, B.C.
 Canada

Gavin Bilton figures it's about time islanders looked at important matters and veered away from public utilities. To prove his point he presented me with the most recent published report on the Haggis. The Highland haggis is found at the top of the mountains in Scotland, he reports. The right legs are longer than the left, which permits the animal to run around the peak of the mountain at high speed in a clockwise direction. If a haggis carelessly runs in an anti-clockwise direction, however, he falls over and rolls to the foot of the mountain. Their legs prohibit walking on level ground and they lie helpless until collected by the haggis trade. They are then sold throughout Scotland where they are considered a great delicacy. The haggis is exported to other countries for special occasions, if the customs officials will permit it through immigration inspection. You know, I don't think Gavin is giving it to me straight!

Two island travellers were lucky last week. The alternator belt disappeared and they ended up in Princeton with a flat battery. After a vain attempt to fix the thing, they were hailed by a young driver in a hot-rod muscle car. It was eleven o'clock at night and they were getting worried. The local driver took the fan belt off his own car and found it was too short. He then drove off and came back with the right belt. He fitted it, adjusted it and had them running again and all he would charge them was the price of the new belt.

Our St. Bernard has developed a fondness for Harbour House. He only wants to lie at the entrance and he has no desire at all to leave the place. But it all becomes so obvious. He has inherited a taste for brandy and he has never been given a keg of his own. The headquarters for brandy is the cocktail lounge. He is, of course, supposed to ask for cognac, but his French is not good.

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Valcourt objects

Chamber will only be agent

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce backed away from responsibility for a reward for the Welbury Bay arson last week.

At a meeting of the chamber, Yvette Valcourt objected to the handling of the announced reward and urged the group to act as agents only in the matter.

Chamber president Bert Elford outlined the proposal: "The chamber decided to act as agency for any group who wishes to offer a reward for any crime sufficient to warrant it."

Valcourt said she wasn't against the offering of a reward "as long as it wasn't for a specific thing." She acted, in her words, to curtail "the high-handed actions" which, she said, had too often occurred in the past.

"I took Frank Richards to task for speaking out when the Chamber of Commerce had not met to approve it (the reward)," she said.

ANNOUNCED AT CONFERENCE

The \$2,000 reward had been announced two weeks ago at a press conference held by supporters of the proposed Ganges sewer.

Richards, as spokesman for the group, had been asked by a reporter to name the source of the reward. He replied that the Chamber of Commerce had put up the money.

He said later that he assumed the chamber was putting up the reward in light of the fact he had been approached on the subject by Elford and other members of the chamber.

Elford and several other members of the chamber were at the press conference and had not offered a correction for Richards' statement.

"I could be, to some extent, responsible," said Elford as he

explained the sequence of events which led to the announcement.

"Mrs. Valcourt took exception to it, in that it was announced before the chamber could have a meeting on it," he said.

CHALLENGED HIS AUTHORITY

Valcourt also challenged Elford's authority as chairman of the chamber to act in such matters.

After discussion of the reward, which at times became heated, the chamber voted on Valcourt's amendment to act as agents only.

Several members of the chamber expressed opinions in private about the way the matter was

handled. The only speaker allowed to address the gathering was Valcourt. Richards did not have the opportunity to explain his actions.

Elford said that he did not think it necessary to allow Richards the opportunity to explain.

"The whole affair was blown completely out of proportion," he said, "and much more was made of it than the matter had substance."

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Information may be made available to the officer in charge of Ganges RCMP Detachment, Ganges, 537-5555, or to any RCMP office.

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It's not that bad

There is a concern on the part of many Canadians today that our economy is not in good shape. High interest rates, inflation and rising prices for petroleum products are three major indications that something is amiss.

But there are other indications that perhaps Canada's economic health is not all that bad.

First, consider the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope, and the millions that have been raised since for cancer research.

And now the Jerry Lewis Labour Day Telethon, which this week saw a record \$31 million pledged by Canadians and Americans to fight muscular dystrophy.

And finally, observe the Sunday driver in Ganges who is between the ages of 16 to 21 and has gasoline, rubber and, of course, money to burn.

The economy may appear unhealthy, but Canadians aren't suffering much yet.

The national show place

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is back into normal operations. After a prolonged work stoppage by technicians, the national service is no longer limping.

During the strike a series of programs has been offered at random by CBC radio stations. And many have been well-received.

There have been restrictions on the scope of the programming and while many patrons have been left out in the cold, missing the regular broadcasts, others have enjoyed the change.

As the national service gets back into gear it might be useful to suggest one or two amendments to the services of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The first would be a strong recommendation that the service abandon its editorialized news reporting and offer a factual, objective news service, leaving judgments and opinions to the listener. The CBC news is as free of opinions as any United States network, which mostly consist of reporters' opinions on recent events. As the national service, materially paid for by the listeners, the CBC news should be far better than it is.

Another service which might be beneficial would be the introduction of good quality programming in valuable times. The television service offers movies and other attractions at a time when many viewers are either busy at work or fast asleep. Why could the service not substitute, for example, old movies or operatic performances when other, commercial, stations are busy with the stereotyped television programs available on every other accessible station?

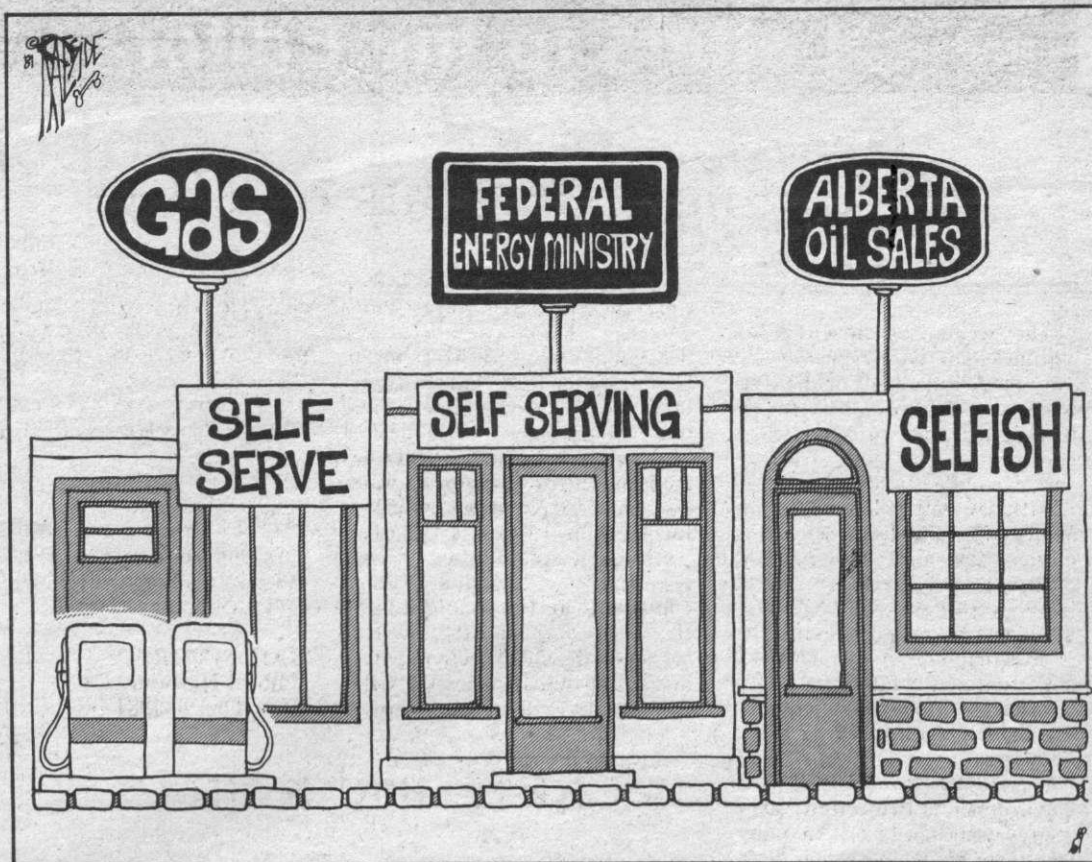
The CBC is coming back! What an opportunity faces the service!

Ferry terminals

While the ministry of transportation and highways is busy constructing additional facilities at Mayne Island's Village Bay, islanders will be busy speculating as to the reason for the expansion.

The establishment of a relay service to Vancouver from the islands has been mooted long enough by users and operators. The possibility of having feeder services from the various islands into Village Bay with one large ferry operating between Mayne Island and the mainland has been proposed by various levels of travel.

The new project is probably unrelated to any such proposal, but island travellers will be well aware that with augmented facilities at Mayne, there would be adequate docking for any future change.



High time for old glory

BY ANDREW GIBSON

Throughout history the young have had the privilege of fighting the wars planned by the old. They got to wear the glamour uniforms, march in the parades and be smothered by kisses from pretty girls. When they went on leave, they roistered; everybody knows what that means.

It was so unfair. It's not as if these young philistines could take any credit for planning the conflicts; that dull duty was performed by their selfless seniors who, because of some such physical imperfection as obesity or hardening of the arteries, were unable to be active in the struggles they engineered.

True, they seldom complained about this gross inequity. But how many warlike politicians, having carefully arranged a first-class war, have suppressed a sob, wiped away a tear, upon seeing these callow youths strut in the parades, getting the cheers really due to themselves? How many, I repeat? The number is incalculable.

It must be conceded that, until recently, there was some rationale for this. To hurl the spear, pull the bow, pour the boiling oil, young muscles were needed. And even when horses were introduced, there were no steam winches for hoisting overweight warriors aboard them. So the practical execution of war was reluctantly conceded to the young.

NO LONGER ONE-TO-ONE

But war has long ceased to be a one-to-one contest, like arm wrestling. With the invention of gunpowder it became possible for one man to dispose of several opponents at a time by merely lighting a match. Then came machine guns, flame throwers, poison gas,

tanks, airplanes, helicopters. Most recently, in the civilized world at least, a soldier could sit in comfort, sip a Coke or a Smirnoff, and let loose a barrage to astonish an Alexander.

Yet so gradual was the change and so taken for granted the prerogatives of youth that nobody seemed to notice that the monopoly no longer made sense. Today, youth is no more needed in a soldier than in an airline pilot, or a bulldozer operator. And now, with firepower about to be increased drastically with the proliferation of tactical nuclear weapons, it is more essential than ever that this injustice be corrected. Fitted with bifocals, hearing aids and pacemakers, fire breathing war planners can serve actively, and get what's coming to them.

TOO LATE

Regrettably, it's too late for those to whom the world owes Paschendaels or, more recently, Suez and Cambodia. But future wars should be fought by those who, in the pentagons of the world, are planning them. They wouldn't all be needed, of course. They could draw lots.

Young men and women should be forced to stay home, to marry and have children, only going to the parades from time to time to cheer their departing leaders. They would just have to learn to keep the home fires burning, while watching the progress of war on TV.

Could there be a more stirring spectacle than combat between battle teams led by Mr. Begin and Mr. Hussein, General Haig and Andrei Gromyko, Mr. Weinberger and Colonel Khadafy?

Or even...dare I hope...the Ayotallah Khomeini and... No, no! That's too much to hope.

The merchant rewritten and spits upon this western wealth!

BY FRANK G. RICHARDS

Had Shakespeare been a member of the Press Gallery in Ottawa during the last several years, he might well have re-phrased some of the bitter words he thrust in the mouths of the Venetians debating the merits of Antonio's bond.

What paper would he have served? What Canadian paper would employ an English immigrant specializing in blank verse and clearly more concerned with the flow of it than the accuracy of its history? The cynic might name a hundred.

But what a setting might the Ottawa House have been in place of the Duke of Venice's court. The roles might be the more difficult to decide. Who would press to fill the place of Shylock? And who decline the office of Antonio?

Here is how it might have read:

*Le duc Pierre: Mark you this, mon Chretien,
The devil can cite scripture for his purpose.
An evil soul, producing holy witness*

*Is like a villain with a smiling cheek;
A goodly apple rotten at the heart;
O, what a goodly outside falsehood hath!
My Lord Peter: Three thousand dollars, tis a good
round sum.
Three months from 12, then let me see the rate.
Pierre: Well, my lord Peter, shall we be beholden to
you?
Peter: Monsieur Pierre, many a time and oft,
From the hustings, you have rated me
About my resources and posterity;
Still have I borne it with a patient shrug,
For suffrance is the badge of this great West.
You call me hoarder, blue-eyed Arab
And spit upon my western source of wealth,
And all for the use of that oil which is mine own.
Well, then; it now appears you need my help;
Go to, then; you come to me and you say,
"Peter, we would have barrels" you say so;
You that did lay a claim upon my oil,
And foot me as you spurn a Tory cur
Over your threshold...*

Letters to the Editor

Misleading statements on sewer

Sir,
The "responsible citizens of Salt Spring" and the *Driftwood* staff have made statements on the sewer issue in *Driftwood* which are misleading and, in some cases, contrary to the facts. They are summarized as follows:

Effluent Better Than Drinking Water: The standards set for the effluent are high. However, the effluent quality will vary and the likelihood of the standards being enforced once the sewer is installed is minimal. Treatment plants in B.C. continually fall short of their standards while the Pollution Control Branch watches helplessly.

According to a 1979 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency study fewer than 15% of secondary treatment plants meet their design treatment standards. Operator error, equipment failure and varying sewage loads account for their failure to perform as expected.

Ganges will have a rotating biological contractor (RBC). Experience with an RBC at Lester Pearson College is that the bio disc requires a constant load to work properly. The college's neighbours complained of the smell. Remedial measures taken included addition of a septic tank and flushing of the system with clean water.

The Pollution Control Board listened to evidence on the Ganges sewer for a week before ordering that the outfall be lengthened. The Board clearly believed the effluent would fall short of drinking water standards.

The Sewer Will Use No Extra Water: The Big Sewer is meant to encourage growth in Ganges. Growth in Ganges will require more water. As Ganges uses more

water the North Salt Spring Water System will increase its dependence upon St. Mary Lake.

Despite the facts that the future of St. Mary Lake is clouded and that water use determines the cost of a sewer system the CRD has made no effort to promote water conservation plumbing standards for new construction in Ganges.

Stopping the Sewer Means Islanders Pay \$2 Million: If Hugh Curtis repeals Bill 31, Section 68 the courts may stop the sewer by declaring the CRD's letters patent invalid. If that happens the CRD will not have legal authority to

charge islanders for the Big Sewer.

The Community Plan Supports the Big Sewer: The Community Plan did not dictate a sewer discharging effluent to our harbour. The Plan did not dictate a sewer without a vote.

The Petition, with a 75% Pro-Sewer Majority, Is Legal: The petition provides no legal authority, for a variety of reasons, to install the Big Sewer. If it did the CRD would have used it.

GAIL SECOR,
Fulford Harbour,
September 6, 1981.

Readers 'had it up to here'

Sir,
Surely long before now every property owner on Salt Spring Island has been thoroughly sickened by the stench of this sewer controversy, which has been hashed and re-hashed in *Driftwood*. These letters, in several cases, were and are still being written by non-property-owners, self-styled experts on sewage disposal systems, and those who know little or nothing about costs of this project per local taxpayer. Facts have been few and far between and fiction, (and friction), has abounded.

All that is bad enough, but when property is destroyed, and personalities are assailed, it is high time it came to a screeching halt. Whether *Driftwood* boosts its circulation by airing all this crap I have no idea, but — Tony Richards — why don't you refuse any more letters on the subject??

The Ganges sewer is being installed *right now* after legislation

authorizing it. If you object, for the love of heaven write to your M.L.A. You are spinning your wheels by writing to *Driftwood*. We poor readers have more than had it up to here.

So, Tony, let's knock it off!
CY GARDNER-SMITH,
R.R.1 Ganges,
September 4, 1981.

Explanations welcome

Sir,
I am sorry to have upset Mr. Marr so much that he no longer knows which end is up.

One statement does intrigue me, tho'... "no wonder we are having problems with the Islands Trust."

Explanations welcome (logical, of course!!)
DAVID LOTT,
R.R.2 Ganges,
September, 1981.

First-class government through incorporation

Sir,
It has been suggested that all Salt Spring residents are entitled to a voice in the way Ganges disposes of its sewage. This is nonsense. If we, as residents of Salt Spring do want responsibility for Ganges and its problems then let us take the one step we have so long avoided — let us incorporate the Island as a municipality. Unless we do so, and despite our threats and wailings, Ganges remains just one local area of the Capital Region and like other Island concerns will continue to be handled at a distance by the Islands Trust, the CRD and a mixed bag of advisory and planning committees.

The opportunity for first-class local government will, of course, cost us approximately 10% more a year than our present mediocre, bargain package of services, but such local government could already have saved many times its theoretical added cost merely through competent handling of the Ganges Sewer Issue. Lord knows what could have been saved in other areas of maladministration. As it is our "cheapness" has produced an ill-conceived Community Plan that assures a level of general Island growth sufficient to force major Ganges development and make inevitable the proposed Ganges sewer.

It is now much too late to protect the dream that Salt Spring might even remain remotely as it is today. Our zoning and subdivision bylaws have done their work. The land has been subdivided and sold with a commitment to use guaranteed in law. We cannot now reverse this situation except at a cost far in excess of our ability to

pay.
What we can do now is grow up a little. We can stop living in dreams, stop complaining about the obvious ineptitude of the CRD and the Islands Trust and take responsibility for our own affairs through our own municipal government.

We cannot change the past, but we can certainly do something to prevent endless repetition of the same mistakes in the future.

GORDON WRIGHT,
R.R.1 Fulford Harbour,
September 4, 1981.

Considerable contribution

Sir,
Over the years Frank Richards has made a considerable contribution to the islands, through his service on various committees but above all keeping the Islanders informed, especially on matters of civic importance. I'm very pleased to hear that he is running for Director of the Capital Regional District.

I have lived on the island for 30 years, and if we ever needed a rational approach to resolving the issues before us, it is now. I'm sure that Frank Richards can do the job, and restore the harmony that once was as famous as Salt Spring Island butter and lamb and other produce.

You have my support, Frank.
JOHN STEPANIUK,
R.R.2 Ganges,
September 6, 1981.

Disabled should be included

Sir,
The United Nations has declared 1981 as the Year of the Disabled persons. But disabled people aren't even mentioned in the B.C. Human Rights Code that was set up in 1973 to protect groups from discrimination. Disabled people are only protected from discrimination whenever the phrase "reasonable cause" is used in the code, and this does not protect disabled people from certain acts of discrimination.

How can you as a citizen of British Columbia change this unfortunate situation?

Sit down for a few minutes and write letters to your Member or Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Minister of Labour, the Honourable Jack Heinrich, whose department administers the Human Rights Code. Your letters could read as follows: "I would like to see disabled people included in the B.C. Human Rights Code as recommended by the B.C. Human Rights Commission this past June." All letters should be sent to the Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

If you write these letters you will not only be helping disabled people who make up one in nine British Columbians. You will also help the government of Premier

Bill Bennett keep a promise that was made in the Speech from the Throne on December 4, 1980.

"During 1981," the Speech from the Throne said, "my government will initiate regulation, pursuant to certain sections of the Human Rights Code of British Columbia to specify a handicap as a characteristic in which discrimination in services, facilities, accommodation and employment is unequivocally prohibited."
DAVID JAFFE,

Member of the B.C. Coalition of the Disabled,
3416 West 2nd,
Vancouver, B.C. V6R 1J2
September, 1981.

Excellent coverage

Sir,
On behalf of Mayne Island Agricultural Society I would like to thank you for your generous support of the Annual Fall Fair.

We were very happy to have the write-up by Bill Webster and sorry we couldn't have seen more of him.

Thank you very much for the excellent coverage we have received by *Driftwood*.

We are missing some of our Old-Timers and glad to see that some of the new people are participating.

Thanks once again.
MRS. J. BROWN,
Corresponding Secretary,
Mayne Island Agricultural Society
and Fall Fair.
September 1, 1981.



Tony Richards

I MADE A COMMENT HERE recently about this paper's name and some of the variations in its spelling that we see in our mail.

But those spellings are nothing compared to what the local hospital gets sometimes.

Letters addressed to Lady Mental Hospital are not uncommon, according to one of the staff.

WHEN A SIX-YEAR-OLD Salt Spring Island boy called me last week with a suggestion for a name for our office kitten, it was accepted almost instantly.

Scoop is the name, thanks to young Arjuna George.

There was another reason for it being a suitable name, observed reporter Bill Webster Thursday morning. Shortly before Arjuna called, *Driftwood* staff were dismayed to discover that kitty had left a little mess that had to be scooped up off the floor in the darkroom.

ONE DRIFTWOOD READER, who thinks I'm still a non-smoker, has a mistaken impression of my will power.

Former Salt Spring resident Gale (Herchuk) MacLeod wrote to tell me of her own experiences of quitting smoking and, like myself, chewing sunflower seeds as an alternative to tobacco.

One day her husband suggested that she take 10 seeds out of the bag and open them by hand before eating them. (A true sunflower seed enthusiast

pops the whole seed into his mouth, breaks it apart with his teeth and spits out the shell).

Upon opening the 10 seeds, Gale discovered three of the seeds contained worms.

Hearing the story didn't bother me too much — I've given up the filthy habit anyway (and replaced it with tobacco).

I TOOK PART to some extent in organizing a stag party for Bruce Hildred, whose wedding takes place Saturday.

The party will take place aboard Bruce's boat, the *Anna V. Fagan*, and I took a special interest in planning the route.

We'll be heading for the Outer Islands where free ferry service back to Salt Spring will ensure that no stupid dopes get left behind.

IT WAS ALMOST one year ago that an anonymous donor from the US sent us a cheque for \$100 to be offered as a prize for a goat-milk cheese making contest on Salt Spring Island.

I immediately forgot about the contest and promptly spent the \$100. However, I feel certain we could scrape the money together and go ahead with the contest if anyone should care to enter.

I know this should be given more publicity, but it's the best thing I've got to fill the remaining space here.

So if you are a raiser of goats and maker of cheese, let us know and perhaps we could do something in conjunction with the Fall Fair next Saturday.

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.

More Letters to the Editor

Subsidized local transportation could provide elderly with access to services

Sir,
Additional housing for our elderly is a necessary and worthwhile planning objective. However, those who promote the Proposed Big Sewer in the hope it would assist our senior population are sadly misinformed. The economics of Big Sewers generally evolve into the following scenario: immediate company purchases of core land and rapid high density commercial development. As land values rise, so do business rental fees and local small entrepreneurs must give way to chain stores who will pass on their costs to consumers by raising retail prices. Increased volume brings increased demand for services such as improved drainage ditches, lighting, roadways, traffic lights,

etc. and the property tax base rises throughout the island.

Our elderly, as well as people of middle incomes, could find escalating property taxes an overwhelming burden.

Valhalla Research Corporation (James Richardson and Companies) may indeed plan to build "fixed income housing" on their McPhillips Ave. properties but they have not announced any such plans. Perhaps Messrs. Toyne, Mouat, Armour et al., of #196, 197, 198 Industries Ltd. intend to develop another Pioneer Village at their Upper and Lower Ganges Road intersection. However, no such intentions have been made public. Since the proposed Big Sewer has been propagandized as a

boon to those on fixed incomes, it is incumbent upon the developers to share their specific plans with the community.

Our elderly do need access to businesses and services. This could be accomplished by subsidized local transportation. They also need the personalized interactions that a small island community provides. A close look at any city or large suburb will clearly show the loneliness and alienation of elderly people in urban centres.

Surely our island can continue to offer all of us a commercially convenient, personally individualized lifestyle in an environment of unique natural beauty.

S. McCOLLOUGH,
R.R.3 Ganges,
September 7, 1981.

A strange and tragic set of priorities

Sir,
In May of this year a young woman was raped, stabbed and homicidally assaulted in broad daylight a few hundred yards from the centre of Ganges. This appalling event sent psychological shock waves throughout the island and drastically altered the lives of many island women who now must lock their doors, fear to go unescorted at night and who no longer feel totally at ease alone.

A few weeks ago a quantity of plastic pipe was destroyed in a fire which was also an illegal act and, as such, deplorable. However, the hue and cry from the business community has been long and loud over the plastic pipe but there was no corresponding alarm and outrage voiced at the time of the rape, assault and attempted murder.

As a social scientist this depicts a tragic aspect of commercial leadership - that material goods appear to be valued (and rewards offered) over human life and dignity. The reward offered by the Chamber of Commerce for the information leading to the arrest of

the person who started the fire is within their purview as business and community leaders. However, the lack of a similar or greater reward being offered for information leading to the arrest of an attempted murderer and rapist seems to point to a strange and tragic set of priorities.

In an attempt to mend the rifts in this community possibly a first step would be to bring the interests of the official business community closer to the real social needs of all the island residents.

DR. MAUREEN BENDICK,
R.R.3 Ganges,
September 1, 1981.

Vigilance price of freedom

Sir,
Many thanks to Frank Richards for crystallizing the truly fundamental issue which has emerged as a result of the latest legislation regarding the Ganges sewer.

His reply (To Be Frank, September 2) to the effect that he is in favour of legislation by a duly elected government implies that his favour extends to all its actions, irrespective of their effect on human rights.

It is a very short step from there to the position taken by the defendants at Nurnberg that, "I

was only following orders," presumably of duly elected governments.

To spend a significant portion of your youth fighting other people's dictators, and then to turn a blind eye towards the incipience of dictatorial behaviour in your own backyard, is to miss the object of the exercise.

As always, Frank, eternal vigilance remains the price of freedom.

SAM LIGHTMAN,
Fulford Harbour,
September, 1981.

Special funds not 'nest eggs'

Sir,
Most readers are probably aware of stories in the daily press last week which indicated the province has millions of dollars socked away in special funds and I, as Finance Minister, have been crying wolf in respect to British Columbia's current difficult fiscal position.

Such reports are misleading and I would like to take some space to set the record straight in respect to these funds.

Whenever government decides to embark on a capital project such as northeast coal or British Columbia Place it is necessary to set up a fund to pay construction costs. In B.C. we have been fortunate in the last few years to have an operating surplus in our budget and this has enabled us to plan for imaginative, job creating projects which will insure that British Columbians enjoy a strong economy and high standard of living in the years to come.

These funds are not, as hinted in the newspaper story headlines, intended as "nest eggs" to cushion the government from operating deficits in its day to day accounting.

To highlight this point, I would like to run down some of the major provincial funds we have and what their purpose is; the list is not complete:

- The Crop Insurance Stabilization Fund (1967) was established to give financial stability to various plans set up to insure agricultural producers against crop loss or damage.

- The Downtown Revitalization Fund (1980) of \$25 million was established to provide aid to smaller municipalities for the provision of certain facilities in designated downtown improvement areas. Grants are also paid to private owners to reduce interest costs incurred in restoring building exteriors in these areas.

- The Elderly Citizens' Housing Aid Fund provides grants to non-profit societies for construction of housing for senior citizens with low incomes. Prior to 1980-81 the fund was recorded as a trust fund. It is an extremely important program.

- The Energy Development Fund (1980) was established with \$10 million to provide funding for research and development through

the Energy Development Agency. Its purpose is to develop technology related to energy supplies, alternate fuels and conservation.

- The Ferries Insurance Fund is a self-insurance fund established to protect the British Columbia Ferry Corporation fleet in the event of an accident. Only two such accidents have occurred since the fund was established in 1970-71. Prior to 1980-81 this fund was recorded as a trust fund.

- The Forest and Range Resource Fund (1980) was established to ensure continuity of funding for enhanced management of the forest, range and recreational resources of the province. In the first year of the fund's operation \$23.9 million was spent for this purpose.

- The Farm Income Insurance Fund has allocated \$140.2 million since the 1973-74 fiscal year to provide a guaranteed annual income for farmers. Producer premium income to March 31, 1981 totalled \$69 million. Expenditure in the 1980-81 fiscal year was \$17.2 million, and the fund balance at March 31, 1981 was \$11.5 million.

- The Revenue Sharing Fund was established by the Revenue Sharing Act (1977) to allocate a specific share of provincial revenue for payment of grants to municipalities and regional districts. Revenue of \$176.2 million was allocated in 1980-81. Conditional and unconditional grants paid to local governments totalled \$172.2 million.

- The Urban Transit Fund (1980) was established with \$55 million to assist in the sharing of capital expenditure of urban transit systems.

I hope you will agree that these funds are not fancy bookkeeping devices to insure the government does not record a budget deficit, but rather specific and necessary deposits of money to ensure the future good health of the British Columbia economy. Our problems with respect to a projected deficit on "operating account" this year relate to serious declines in government revenue concurrent with increased expenditures.

HUGH CURTIS,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B.C.,
September, 1981.

Take heart, June's only 10 months away

BY BILL WEBSTER

Back to school. The very thought is enough to make a kid's hair go grey. Each year at this time, we who have been through the ordeal can watch in amusement as the rites of September repeat.

When but a youngster, growing taller among the rocks of the Canadian Shield in Northern Ontario, back to school was not something to which I looked forward.

Summer, with freedom to roam the woods and investigate nature, was a season of special enjoyment. Winters were fun as well, that is, after 4 pm each day.

But school....

I must confess to having been a drop-out. I fled the rigors of the academic scene a mere nine months after birthday 16. Newspapers, then as now, paid for my supper.

School should be a time of happy learning. After all, doesn't *Sesame Street* seem to be fun?

BEAR WITH IT

What can a grade 10 drop-out say to the pitiful group now engaged in mental gymnastics and mind expansion? Bear with it kid, someday you'll see the necessity of knowing why Henry VIII had all those wives.

But seriously folks, education is a prime ingredient to the good life. Just ask all those people who are engaged in leather craft who also have a doctorate in philosophy.

Leather just doesn't fold right unless it has been urged to do so in Latin.

Way back when my head was being stuffed with sums and history and English grammatical structures, I came across several pedagogues who may well have influenced me. We uneducated have the intellectual arrogance to deny any influence.

In grade 7 and 8, the English teacher flayed away at sentence structure and the use of verbs and adjectives.

"Thou shalt not split an

infinitive," was her guiding maxim.

WAS TO INCUR WRATH

To willfully split an infinitive was to immediately incur her wrath.

Another memorable instructor was what's-his-name who taught some subject or other. He stands out in mind because, during recess, he acted as referee for the soccer games.

We played that game only during the few weeks of early snow. The janitors had set up the boards for the skating rinks, outdoor variety. We intrepid soccer players would chase the ball about the rink and trample the snow to produce a good base for the ice.

Whenever the ball was kicked out of the rink, the teacher would thunder, "Get that ball, you bonehead." There were an inordinate number of children at that school with Bonehead for a first name.

PUT TO GOOD USE

Speaking of ice-inks, the ones which sprouted beside every

school in Kirkland Lake were put to good use.

Studying the actions on a rink often gave insight into the workings of group dynamics. The ankle skaters clumped together near the centre of the ice for mutual support, while the next group, having mastered the art of standing on the blades, nevertheless could not yet achieve graceful mobility.

Near the boards, round in circles, the real skaters swirled. Here were the potential hockey stars. And from just such a position on Kirkland Lake ice, Toller Cranston emerged to wow the Europeans and change figure skating into an art.

Memories of school days, for me at least, are filled with ice rinks, pool halls and walks in the woods but then that's to be expected from a student who was disciplined in grade 1 for reading Zane Grey in class.

Education does not necessarily begin and end in the classroom.

The world itself is an education. So are people. One of the best teachers of my learning years was my grandmother.

The dear lady taught me the joys of books and was indirectly responsible for my grade 1 trauma with pulp westerns.

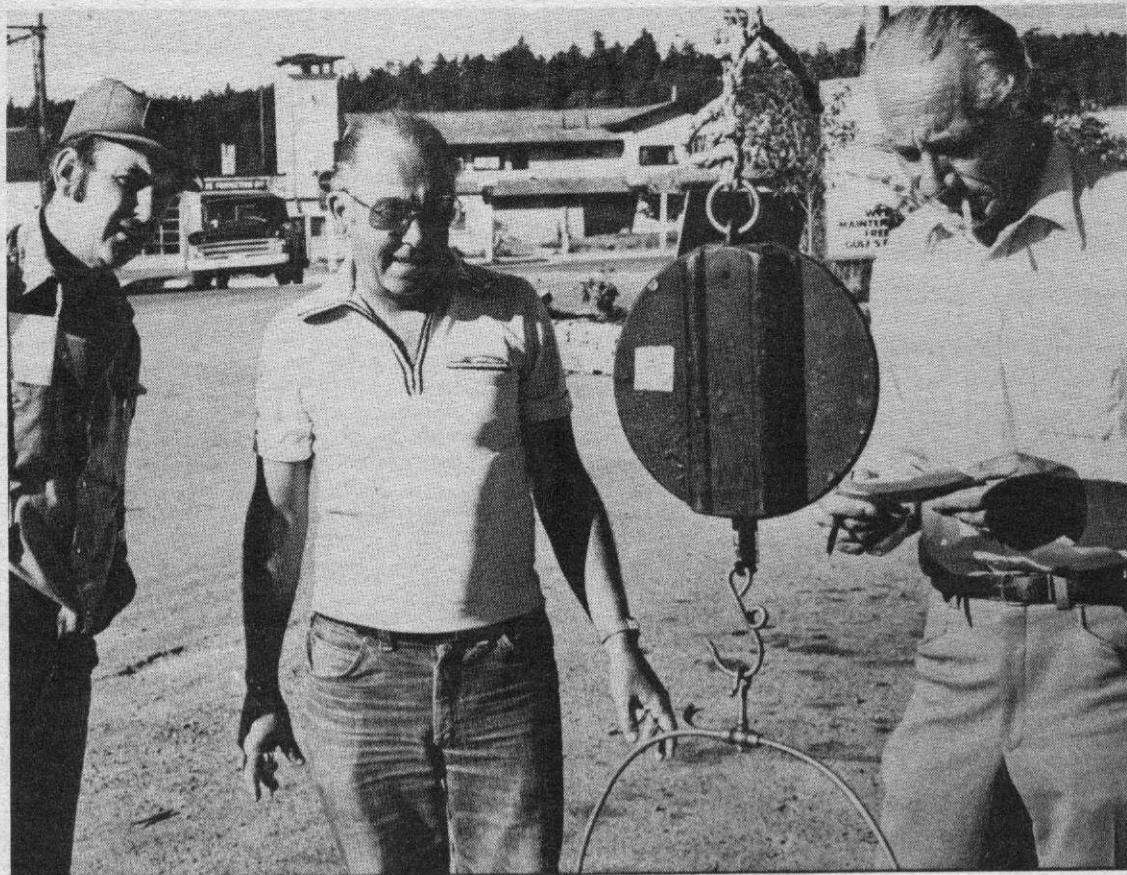
TIME TO ASSUME MANTLE

After a summer of relative leisure, students must again assume the mantle of serious learning in an effort to cram knowledge into unwilling minds.

But take heart, students, June is only 10 months away.

To be fair about the whole thing, I should admit to having pursued a higher education. After kicking about in various occupations for many years, I decided, at 38, to return to school.

Humber College in Toronto allowed me to seek enlightenment. After surviving that lightning mill for the required number of credits, I was turned loose on the world, an instant expert on all matters to which I care to turn my attention. Ain't education grand?



Jim Clark, left, looks on as Hank Doerksen weighs in his fish. At right, derby organizer Gerry Coers checks weights of other fish entered.

Left-turn slot planned at Lower Ganges

A three-day, \$88,629 paving contract will get under way at Salt Spring Island at the end of the month.

Included in the contract, which has been awarded to Hub City Paving of Nanaimo, is a widening of Lower Ganges Road at the Rainbow Road intersection, to provide a left-turn slot. The road will be widened and paved for a distance of 200 metres (656 feet).

The proposal for a left-turn slot was brought up at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce about two months ago, when Phil Valcourt proposed that the chamber write to the highways ministry about the bottleneck created by traffic turning left on to Rainbow Road.

Other paving will include Mount Belcher Road, two side road intersections and some gravel accesses.

In Ganges, paving an 18-foot strip down the middle of travelled portions of roads will be done, the remaining paving having to await the completion of the new sewer system, said a highways spokesman.

On the Fulford-Beaver Point

intersection, some overlay of reconstructed gravel intersection to provide two through lanes, plus a left turn slot on Fulford-Ganges and the channelization of Beaver Point is to be done.

North End Road patching will be done last with the remaining materials.

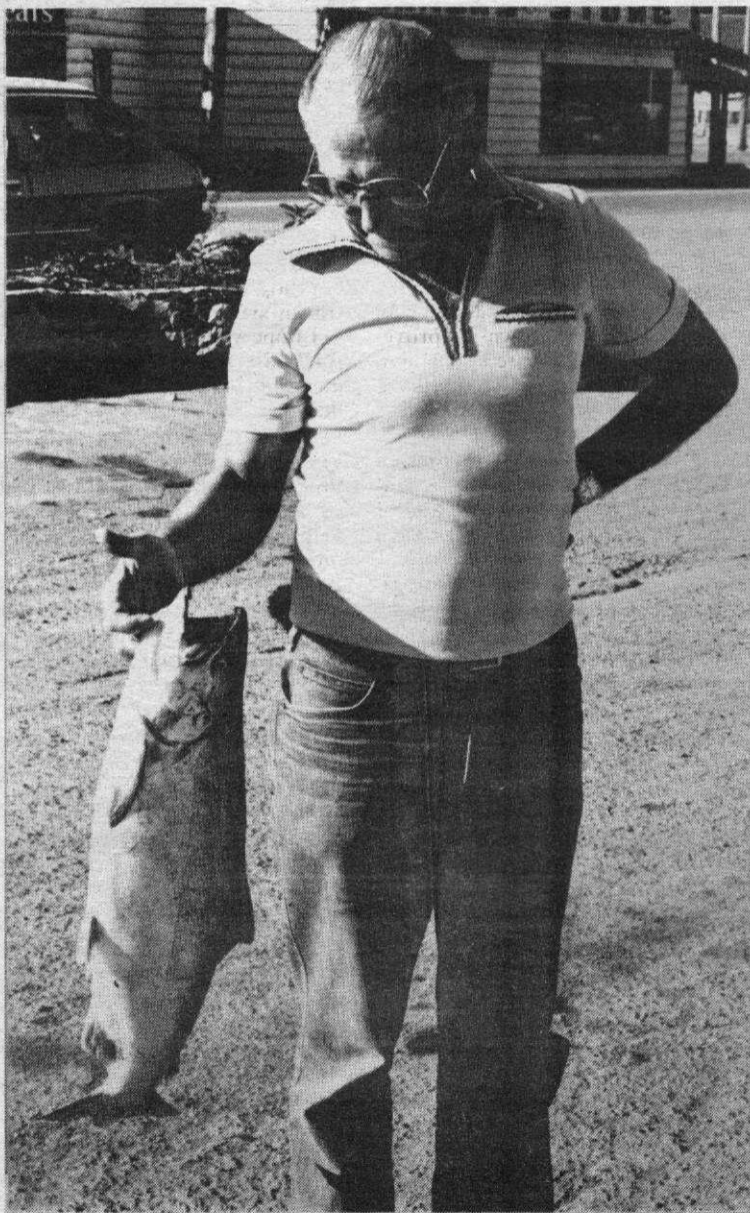
All work will be done during daylight hours.

Sweaty fund-raiser

Take a step to fitness and help the Terry Fox Cancer Fund in one sweaty session.

The Salty Sweats and the Salt Spring Runners will be holding a fitness special September 13 at 9 am in the Gulf Island Secondary School gym.

Islanders are invited to participate or just watch, with proceeds from the event going to a memorable cause.



Rotary fishing derby winner Hank Doerksen and his catch

Nine fish weighed in at derby

Members of the Salt Spring Rotary Club in charge of Sunday's 10th annual fishing derby waited for two hours for veteran derby winner Bruce Fiander, but he never showed up.

Fiander won last year's Rotary derby with a 20 lb. salmon, which was twice the size of this year's winning fish.

Hank Doerksen of Victoria and Salt Spring took home the \$100 cash prize with a 10 lb., 9 oz. fish. Second prize of \$75 was won by A. Hoffman with a 6 lb., 2 oz. fish and Fred Whitcomb won third prize of \$50 for his 6 lb., 1 oz. catch.

A. Spencer won \$25 for the largest cod, which weighed in at 22 lbs., 4 oz.

The grand prize draw of \$500 was won by Bev Gibson of Delta.

There were nine fish weighed in this year, compared to 19 last year.

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Guiding year getting under way with registration this week

"Honesty, loyalty, courtesy and kindness are among many ideals which are sometimes hard to live up to in the world today, but badly needed if we are to have a world worth living in."

Those are the words of one of the Guiding organizers on Salt Spring Island, which movement is designed to instill those ideals and others into girls in 98 countries all over the world.

The Guiding year is getting under way on the island, with registration beginning this week.

Guiding, the organizers say, has much to offer the girl of today.

The aim of the Girl Guides of Canada is to provide opportunities designed to help girls become responsible, resourceful and happy members of society.

The objectives are:

- to develop personal values and respect for self and others;
- to develop respect for nature and the order of things;
- to have new experiences and outdoor adventure;
- to make friends and have fun;
- to achieve a sense of well-being;
- to learn the importance of decision making;
- to function in small groups;
- to achieve a sense of pride in accomplishment;
- to acquire practical and leadership skills;
- to develop their ability and willingness to help.

Girls between six and nine years of age can become Brownies, learning skills which can earn them badges and help them to be useful and "lend a hand".

Guide companies cater to those between nine and 12 years, and offer outdoor adventure and camping, home-making skills, first aid, games, handicrafts and service to others.

Finally, the Pathfinders are for girls 12 to 15 years. They learn to plan their own program, help run their group and make decisions. Leadership is shared and everyone has a chance to work at "her own thing" and meet challenges at home and in the community. Camping provides girls of this age group an opportunity to apply for international camps, described as one of the great adventures of Guiding.

ROOM FOR ADULTS

Local organizers say there is also room for adults, who have an important role to play as leaders and helpers at all levels. At present there is an urgent need for leaders and assistants for the Guide age group. The future of the Guide company is in doubt unless volunteers step forward to offer help, *Driftwood* was told.

Anyone interested in helping is invited to phone Mrs. Marion Goodwin at 537-5464 after 7 pm. Someone with a basic knowledge of bookkeeping is also required as a treasurer.

The following registration evenings are being planned, for parents only:

Brownies

First Ganges Pack: Brown Owl, Mrs. Trudy Sloan. Registration on September 16, 7 pm, at St. George's Hall. Regular meetings are on Mondays from 3-5 pm at St. George's.

First Fernwood Pack: Brown Owl, Mrs. Liz Dafoc. Registration is on Monday at 7:30 pm at Fernwood School. Regular meetings are on Mondays from 3-5 pm at Fernwood School.

First Fulford Pack: Brown Owl,

Mrs. Heather Gardam. Registration is at the school house next to Beaver Point Hall on Thursday, Sept. 17. Regular meetings are held Thursdays at 3:45 pm at the school house.

Guides

Registration will take place when there is sufficient help.

Pathfinders

First Salt Spring Island Pathfinders: Guider in charge is Mrs. Marion Goodwin. Registration is on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 pm. Meetings are held at the Legion Hall from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Registration fee this year is \$10.

Afternoon of teachings, dance for Heritage Group

The Native Indian and Inuit Heritage Group at Salt Spring Island was treated to an afternoon of Sioux spiritual teachings and dance by Ray McKeown of Mayne Island and Vancouver.

McKeown makes his own authentic costumes and does the dances in the traditional way. He tours public schools in the Lower Mainland, devoting the mornings to explanations of the spiritual and practical life that are represented in the dancing he does in the afternoons.

Highlights of the Heritage Group's afternoon at the Nelkens' home were: the spiritual view of the world, picture of creation, birth, naming, freedom, the roles of children, elderly, male and female; the way of life, how a chief comes to be, how feathers are earned, how war shirt designs are earned and what they mean.

He demonstrated three types of drum beats and explained that the typical "Hollywood" four-beat is not traditional and is used now for "touristy" reasons. He spoke of how songs originate, demonstrated rattles, shields and five basic dance steps. He performed an unusual Coup Dance and then taught onlookers a circle dance.

His mother, Flo McKeown, and

the Fitzgeralds and son Wayne of Mayne Island, augmented the Salt Spring group and their families. They are hoping to get a Heritage Group established on Mayne Island.

The Heritage Group on Salt Spring Island has been in existence for several years. The three principal tenets are: To provide knowledge and pride in each child's cultural heritage; to act as a support group for the children and their families in matters of prejudicial problems and any other aspects that might arise; and to act as an information outlet to the community through speakers, writing and films.

One of the plans of the program this year is to have a dance group, each child to have a traditional outfit from his heritage, and the group will learn a dance from each native nation represented. This now comprises Coastal Salish, Cree, Iroquois, Inuit, Cowichan, Ojibway and Shuswap.

Persons interested in joining in are invited to call A. Sawyer, 537-2125, or the Nelkens, 537-5245.

DRIFTWOOD IS RECYCLABLE

Susan Cogan: She gets top marks for dealing with difficulties

BY MICHAEL ARMSTRONG

It's fall. You can feel the season in the night air. It's late Sunday night and I'm writing a review. Drinking orange juice because I don't have any scotch. Better for me anyway.

It has been some time since the last coffee house. I had forgotten the informal warmth of St. George's Hall. It is not as much the hall itself as the music and the people who fill it. My few minutes waiting for the show to start were filled delightfully by some peach cheesecake and the piano stylings of John Akehurst.

The warm up duet of Barb Slater and Kevin Wilkie presented an uneven show of about 20 minutes. Starting with some nice a capella singing by Barb they moved into a set of folk-oriented songs, some of which they were uncomfortable with. Both have beautiful voices, though, and there were several highlights.

Kevin's treatment of *Willie of Winsbury* was quite beautiful. Their talent is obvious but they need much more rehearsing.

A PROFESSIONAL

By contrast, Susan Cogan is a professional entertainer with years of experience and practice behind her. Susan has a beautiful, easy voice. Her first number, *Living the Good Life*, gave her a chance to show off her range and warm up her voice at the same time.

She presented a nicely balanced first set that had the audience listening intently to quiet love songs and singing loudly along with rousing numbers. *Lady Disdain*, a song written about 10 years ago while Susan was living and performing in Israel, reminded me of some of the quiet rock tunes of the Turtles.

A love song for husband Uri was prefaced by some interesting contradictory remarks. "In marriage, a mate is usually not an inspiration, but rather a support system. Uri has inspired a few songs, though." This number was followed by my favourite of the evening. Susan called it her love

song to all men, entitled *I'm In Favour of the Sensitive Man*.

SLIDE SHOW

The second set started with a slide show by Uri Cogan to the accompaniment of Susan on drums and voice. The interesting and often beautiful photographs were presented in a well-thought-out sequence. It concluded with a series of photos taken over a number of months showing winter, spring thaw and summer in the same rural scene. The patience and skill of the photographer captured this slow movement of time in a way unique to his art.

The sign of a professional is the ability to work through difficulties. Susan gets top marks for dealing with all of them; the noise of the street through the open windows, the sound system and lights that kept going on and off and the sore throat she had been nursing for a week. I think this last started to tell on her toward the end of the show.

OBVIOUS STRAIN

There was an obvious strain in her face and voice following a vigorous number called *Space Age Primitives*.

After popular careers in Israel and Ontario, Susan is trying to establish herself in British Columbia. She has a lot of talent and presents it well but she lives on Salt Spring Island. Salt Spring may be beautiful and inspirational but it is not the place to be if one is trying to make it as an entertainer. You have to spend your time where the market is, and that means the city.

That's where the jobs are: in clubs and concert halls. That's where the media is: the radio, TV and newspapers that blanket the province and determine the kind of entertainment we get, and how much we pay for it.

A performing professional can't hope to exist on his or her art in a cultural backwater. This is a place perhaps to gather strength and inspiration. But in order to get paid regularly for it, you must either be prepared to move or commute very regularly.

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The Canadian Forces Naden Band

Second appearance here by Naden Band on Sunday

The Salt Spring Concert Society is staging a free concert featuring the Canadian Forces Naden Band at the Ganges Activity Centre on Sunday at 2:30 pm. This will be the second appearance on Salt Spring by the internationally famous

band from Victoria, which performed a well-received concert on the island last winter.

The Naden Band was formed in 1940 and is presently the only full-time performing group of this type in B.C. They perform all styles of

music and may be seen as a complete concert and parade band through various groups of any size, down to and including a single performer at formal dinners.

The Naden Band has performed extensively throughout Europe, Canada, the United States and in Japan. Captain Gerry Klaassen, CD, has recently been appointed as commanding officer and director of music for the band.

This free concert is a promotional event sponsored by the Salt Spring Concert Society. Ticket books (five for the price of four) and Concert Society memberships will be available at the concert.

The Ganges branch of the Canadian Legion will be hosting a luncheon for the band on Sunday in the Legion hall.

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Contributed
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Reverend A.N. Skinner conducted the beautifully simple service, and with family and friends witnessed the vows of the young couple.

Jill, on her father's arm, approached the altar to Purcell's hymn, *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*. The lovely bride wore her mother's wedding dress and carried pink roses from the family garden.

David's best man was Don McClure and Jill's bridesmaid was Lorrie Roland. During the signing of the register, Angela Funk played the hymn tunes, *Crimond, Slane and Kingsfold*, all favourites of the family. The procession from the church was accompanied by music from Handel's *Judas Maccabeus*.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the family home. The wedding cake had been made by the bride's mother and exquisitely decorated with cascading pink roses by the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Helen Irwin. Later in the afternoon, Dave and Jill left for their honeymoon.

Just five weeks earlier there had been another wedding, when the Archbishop of Canterbury had so rightly commented, "All couples are royal on their wedding day."



Jillian Stacey and David Bartle, following their wedding
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GALIANO NEWS

Good selection of entries at Flower Show

BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER

On Saturday the Community Hall was filled with islanders and their friends who had come to inspect the products of their neighbours' gardens and kitchens.

The Galiano Island Harvest and Flower Show, sponsored by the Senior Citizens Association Branch 94, was blessed with a fine holiday weekend, a good selection of entries and a large crowd of visitors.

The organizing committee of Jean Tully and Frank Greenhalgh had done a good job, assisted by the other members of the branch. The judges made their decisions in the morning. Mrs. Dorothy James of Salt Spring had adjudicated the flower classes, D. Keepens of the department of agriculture the vegetables and Mrs. Nancy Rainsford of Mayne the home baking. The organizers particularly wish to thank Mrs. Rainsford who came at very short notice.

The culinary arts occupied the kitchen side of the hall, the vegetables and fruit were set out on tables at the other side, and down the centre were the most colourful and attractive entries — the flowers.

IMPOSSIBLE TO CATER TO ALL

It is impossible with one annual show to cater to all the varied enthusiasms of the gardening community. After two months of hot dry weather, cool climate vegetables such as peas, lettuce and cabbage are hard to find. Other classes had no entries because flowers, such as chrysanthemums, were not yet in bloom.

Nevertheless, contestants had entered exhibits in most of the 124 classes in the show catalogue. To record even the winners would read like the First Book of Chronicles so a summary must suffice.

For overall versatility in garden and kitchen the prize must go to Linda Laughlin who collected enough ribbons to make a dress. She was closely rivalled by Alistair Ross in the flower and vegetable categories. Jessie Bellhouse, Betty Fairbank, Dorothy Woodbridge, Ruby Garner, Marjorie Bow and the Billingsleys won prizes for both their gardening prowess and kitchen skills.

Margaret Robson and Doreen Hillier had many successful entries in both the flower and vegetable classes. Some beautiful roses were entered by Glen Stahl and Fern Stewart. Also conspicuous for flower specimens were Clare Bennett, Aini Haksi and Betty Sale.

It is apparent from the list that this was a showcase for the women. Even in the vegetable garden the women dominated. Are Galiano men being assigned to "Tillers of soil and drawers of water"? Perhaps men prefer their gardening to be contemplative

rather than competitive, and find the kitchen too hot a place to work.

Terry Fox and China

Those extraordinary qualities which have given Terry Fox a place in Canadian hearts have a more universal appeal. A recent visitor to Galiano from China is in the process of translating the book *Terry Fox* by Leslie Scrivener, into Chinese.

Sun Fu-zeng is an exchange scholar studying linguistics at Simon Fraser University. In his own country he teaches English at Shandong University in Jinan 400 km south of Peking.

That Terry Fox was also a student at Simon Fraser may have been a factor in arousing Fu-zeng's interest, but what appealed to him most was the courage with which Terry lived his life and the nobility of his character.

The translation presents a great many difficulties. In the book the many quotations from Terry and his friends are in the vernacular, colloquial to the point of obtuseness for older readers unfamiliar with the youthful argot of the 70's.

MOST WRITTEN IN MANDARIN

China has so many dialects that most books are written in Mandarin, a classical language not readily adapted to slang and everyday speech. The translation is often a two-step process; the first from colloquial into standard English and the second into Mandarin.

English is a very idiomatic language, a fact that the practised reader forgets. Figures of speech with which we are familiar are instantly meaningful, and those which are new can usually be interpreted without interrupting the flow of reading.

As an example: "On November 12, 1976, he dreamed his 1968

Cortina right into the back of a half-ton truck..." in a paragraph describing Terry's habit of daydreaming while in his late teens.

Translating first into ordinary English this becomes: "...in November 1976 on his way to university Terry was thinking about other things and, paying insufficient attention to his driving, collided with the back of a truck."

A REAL PERSON

The great merit of Leslie Scrivener's book is that Terry Fox comes to life as a real person, not a mythical, faultless hero which tends to be his public image. Through it all shines Terry's stubborn courage, that greatest of the virtues without which all others are impossible.

This odyssey of determination throws light on Canadians both great and small; some of the mighty are diminished by their insensitivity and the humble elevated by their generosity and courage.

This is not a review but we recommend the book to all readers who admire Terry Fox and what he achieved. It renews that unique emotional appeal of the Marathon of Hope and the idea that the courage of one young man can, for all of us, make a difference to this flawed and fleeting life.

School-Community Project

Oswald New wishes it known that, since the Chamber of Commerce is a democratic organization, he as president cannot pledge its support to a project without consulting its members. Mr. New's position is that the concept of a school-community facility such as has been discussed in this column, merits study and this is what he will

enjoyed the music of the Orient Express.

The proceeds of the dance will be handed over to the school-community project because, in the words of John Scoones, "Galiano needs a new hall and I believe in doing something about it."

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Revised Schedule VANCOUVER ISLAND SALTSPRING PENDER ISLAND

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| Lv. Saltspring | 6:30 am |
| Pender | 7:35 |
| Swartz Bay | 9:10 |
| Saltspring | 10:00 |
| Lv. Swartz Bay | 11:30 |
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| Lv. Swartz Bay | 7:20 am |
| Otter Bay | 8:00 |
| Swartz Bay | 9:10 |
| Fulford Harbour | 10:00 |
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From Thursday, November 26, 1981 regular sailings as published in the Gulf Island Schedule.

NOTE: Second Wednesday of each month subject to interruption due to dangerous cargo movements.

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Galiano news

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Ron Minette

Galiano readers will be sorry to learn that an accident in his stationwagon has disabled the Corner Store operator, Ron Minette, sending him to hospital with a broken hip and other injuries. The accident occurred as Ron was driving down Montague Hill at the intersection with Georgeson Bay Road. In addition to the damage to the vehicle and the destruction of a canoe, Ron will be out of action for three months, placing an additional burden on his family. Since taking over the store in January the Minettes have been hit with several misfortunes. We are sure we will be joined by many in hoping for a rapid and satisfactory recovery and in wishing the Minettes better luck in the years ahead.

Girl Guides

There is a move afoot to organize a Brownie Pack on Galiano, to cater to girls from six to nine years of age. The originator of this idea is Ann Hennessy, who is seeking help from other members of the community.

The help and advice of ladies with previous experience in Guiding would be welcome but also that of older people who would be willing to spare time to instruct the girls, supervise activities and accompany them on expeditions. Those volunteering assistance may contact Mrs. Hennessy at 9-2930.

Bridge

Progressive contract bridge will be resumed at the clubhouse of the Golf and Country Club on Monday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 pm. Lottie Frewer will be convening the first session and phoning participants of last season. Players must be social or playing members of the club but newcomers to the island who would like to sample the activity would be welcomed as guests.

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The amendments include a new definition of "enclosed lands" which now includes not only land surrounded by a lawful fence in a rural area but also all lands on which notices prohibiting trespass are posted.

The signs must be clearly visible and posted at each ordinary access to the lands.

If a person is charged with trespass, they must rebut "on a balance of probabilities," that he was on the land without the consent of the owner, lessee or occupier of the property.

Police now have the right to arrest without warrant anyone believed to be a trespasser. The amendments extend the police

power to allow for the arrest of persons who have "recently departed from the enclosed land."

If such persons refuse to give their name and address to the policeman, or if the information is considered suspect, the police can make the arrest without a warrant.

The amendments, while aimed primarily at farms, are expected to help eliminate problems of trespass experienced by most rural communities. They are also designed to stop mushroom pickers on Vancouver Island farms.

Whales seen at Ganges

Anyone at the Ganges harbour-front near the Imperial Oil depot last Monday was treated to the sight of several whales gliding majestically through the water.

The visitors apparently didn't find what they wanted, for after a circle of the bay, they left for parts unknown.

Just moments later, several seals were seen cavorting in the waters off Mouat's Point. The seals stayed around until nightfall.

Books

The women's Auxiliary to the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department is running short of books for its monthly book sales. The president of the W.A., Mrs. Esther Diehl, would be happy to receive donations of books which may be left at the Fire Hall or arrangements made to receive them by phoning her at her home, 9-5737.

The next book sale will take place from 2 until 4 pm on Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Fire Hall on Valley Road.

Sea-Witch Sighting

Islanders out late last weekend might have noticed unusual shadows against the moon in the Burrill Road area. Two witches apparently flew along to the Thrift Shop and left their brooms for its use. Indications are that they may be sea-witches as the brooms showed signs of salt-water immersion.

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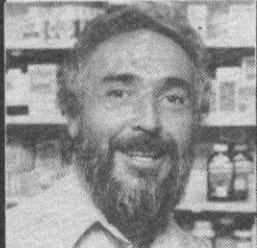
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The most important aspect of winter gardening is a favourable mini-climate. Even a temperature differential as low as five degrees will make a considerable difference.

So, to get the extra five degrees over the ambient temperature several factors need to be taken into account. First of all the winter garden site must be facing south to take advantage of the sun. For some of the sun's heat penetrates clouds, so even on cloudy days there is a temperature advantage.

Next in importance is a shelter to the north. Trees or hedges are best, as these reduce the airflow without creating turbulence. Effective shelter provided by trees and hedges extends to about 18 times the height of the shelter.

Next in importance is the slope of the ground, for two reasons. Since cold air sinks to the lowest possible point, on a slope the ambient air will be much warmer. Further, the inclination of the slope to the sun will increase soil and air temperatures by increased absorption of heat from the sun.

NO BARRIERS AT BOTTOM
Another aspect which is apparent from the foregoing is that there should not be any solid barriers at the bottom of the slope, which would hold or trap cold air. Hedges and trees and open fences are O.K. Solid structures will

definitely trap and collect cold air. Another advantage of the slope is that it allows better drainage of our abundant winter-water.

So, there we have it, all the reasons for the advantages of a sheltered, south-facing slope.

If there are a few deciduous trees on your slope, this is not a disadvantage. I have seen our lawn touched with frost except under our bare apple trees. So even the bare branches of a tree will give some frost protection, without robbing too much light.

Now then, there are further improvements we can make to increase heat absorption and drainage. If we lay out our beds across the slope, we will then have created both terraces and raised beds, which will drain better and absorb more heat.

BENEFIT FOR YEARS

In this manner then, we can create a favourable mini-climate, the most important aspect of growing our winter vegies. This obviously is a permanent set-up, and once established, will be of considerable benefit over the years to come. Fresh winter greens for you and yours, over-wintering vegies for early spring harvest or very late goodies are all possible.

One note of caution, however. Fresh winter greens are appreciated by our deer and slugs just as much as by us. So a deer

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fence and some vigilance regarding slugs is required.

The best slug control, bar none, are ducks. Ducks love slugs. If ducks are allowed to patrol the outside perimeter of the garden, they will catch the slugs coming or going, since slugs travel a lot.

Ducks are cheaper and far more effective than poison, they provide fertilizer, eggs and meat, and they also perpetuate themselves if allowed to hatch their own progeny. Another note of caution, if you have or are using any DDT-type poisons (chlorinated hydrocarbons), do not eat your ducks or their eggs.

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Slugs concentrate DDT products in their fat and this concentrated poison is stored and further concentrated in the duck's fat.

Again, and as always, a natural way of life benefits all life.

Now then, to the principles of winter gardening. As we all know,

hardly anything actually grows during our winters, but our climate is sufficiently mild to allow over-wintering. Basically, what we do is two-fold. We bring our hardy vegies to maturity, or near-maturity just before frost, for over-winter harvesting.

Consequently, desired vegies should be sown or planted in sufficient quantities to provide for a harvesting period extending over three months (January, February and March). Suitable vegies for this are the cabbages, especially savoy, purple sprouting broccoli, collards, leeks, Jerusalem artichokes, beets, kale, rutabaga, swiss chard, corn salad, spinach, winter cress, garlic, onion and shallots.

Otherwise, vegies may be sown later in fall to hang in there over the winter, and to grow to maturity in early spring. Suitable for this are all the above plus fava beans, carrots and peas.

BETTER SUITED

Generally speaking, European varieties are better suited for winter gardening, especially the cabbage families. European varieties usually and traditionally have a slow and long maturing period, having long been grown in a similar climate.

American varieties have been selected and grown for a short and fast maturing period in warm

weather. Thompson and Morgan Seeds from England and Abundant Life Seed Foundation of Port Townsend, Washington, are good sources of winter hardy vegies.

Another one is William Dam, West Flamboro, Ontario, Canada, LOR 2K0.

In any case, the best approach is to try one or two varieties, see how it goes and take it from there. And to start, leeks, onions and shallots, winter cress, and Jerusalem artichokes, purple sprouting broccoli, kale and swiss chard provide a good range of goodies and are almost sure-fire granted a reasonable winter.

Damage estimated at \$2,000

Damage has been estimated at \$2,000 following an accident at Fulford a week ago last Sunday.

A 1974 Fiat Spyder driven by Eric Buckingham of Victoria left the Fulford-Ganges Road and hit a fence, after the driver had bent over to pick up a tape from the floor.

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Off James Island

Young fisherman lands 30-pounder



Peter Aust, left, and David Brown with salmon

Contrary to popular belief, built up by small-sized winners in the various fishing derbies recently, there are some large salmon out there.

Peter Aust, 13, of Salt Spring Island, landed a 30-lb. chinook last week. The young fisherman was with his uncle, David Brown, of Victoria, and younger brother Andrew, 10, off James Island near the Saanich Peninsula when the good-sized salmon struck.

The struggle to get the chinook on board was fierce and when it came alongside, Peter said it looked like "Jaws".

Peter is not willing to divulge his technique, except to say he was using a Stingzilda lure.

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Festival beautiful show despite the hot weather

BY OPTOMIST

Salt Spring Island Garden Club members once again were top winners in the Summer Flower Festival. H.J. Barker, with his beautiful gladiolus, took top honours and most points in the show with champion gladiolus "Lambkin", reserve champion "Green Beret", and best three spikes with "Green Beret".

Mary Clements won best novice gladiolus while best geranium in a pot, best lily and best potted plant were won by I.C. Shank. Best bowl of cut flowers was entered by Nancy Keith-Murray, while the floral art rosette went to Dorothy Edwards. This section was very good.

Bill Hill of Victoria took all dahlia prizes with champion bloom "Candy Keene", reserve champion "Shirley Jane" and best

three blooms "Pink Frank Hornsey". It was a beautiful show in spite of the very hot weather. Many thanks should be given to all the hard working members who made the show possible.

Next meeting will be September 16, 8 pm at St. George's Hall when Dr. Hyslop will speak on lilies. His knowledge on the subject is wide. This should be very interesting, as most gardeners have at least one type of lily in their gardens.

Once more the fall fair is getting close and you will be giving some thought to what to enter. Deadline for entries is September 12. We hope many members will enter to make this a good horticulture section again this year.

A workshop September 21 at 10:30 am in Mr. Hooper's garden at 500 Beddis Road will deal with care and winter storage of dahlias.

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Capital Region to post voters' lists this month

New voters' lists for the Capital Regional District will be made public during the third week of September, as the countdown begins for the November civic elections in unorganized territory.

The lists are compiled from information obtained during a two-week, door-to-door enumeration in June. They are a replacement for lists which had become obsolete over the years.

To be eligible to get on the list as a resident elector, a person must be a Canadian citizen or other British subject, and must have resided in Canada for the past year, in British Columbia for the past six months and in his present electoral area for the past three months, as of August 31.

Anyone who is eligible but whose name is not on the list might still have time for his name to be submitted to a court of revision which will be held at the CRD board room on the morning of Thursday, Oct. 1.

WILL MAIL FORMS

Jack Fry, CRD information officer, will mail voter registration forms to anyone who requests them. If they are returned to the CRD in time to be processed prior to the court of revision, the names will be added at that time.

Lists of electors can be seen at the following locations:

Salt Spring Island: school board office, Mouat's Store, Fulford Post Office, Vesuvius General Store, Fernwood General Store, provincial building.

Outer Gulf Islands: school board office, provincial building.

Galiano Island: Post Office, North Galiano Store.

Mayne Island: Post Office.

Pender Island: Post Office, Driftwood Store; General Store, Port Washington; South Pender notice board.

Saturna Island: Post Office, community hall.

MAKE THINGS EASIER

"You can make things a lot easier for people working at the polling stations on election day, if you take the time now to find out whether your name is on the new voters' list," said Fry.

The Municipal Act allows a person to register at the polls on election day, but this practice can make things tough for people who are working at the polls, particularly when it is the only day of the year that they do this kind of work, he said.

Dennis Young, returning officer for the CRD, urges people to check into their voting rights prior to the court of revision to make things run smoother on the third Saturday of November, to elect regional board directors, school

trustees and whatever referendums that may be voted on this year.

TO GET REGISTERED

"The Municipal Act requires that the lists of electors be posted by September 15, so that people who feel they have a right to vote can see if their names are on the list, and take steps to get registered if they are not on the list," Young said.

The CRD's June enumeration was interrupted by the postal strike. More than 3,000 voter registration cards had been left in the mail boxes of absent residents when the strike began, and only 300 of those cards have been sent back to the CRD following the strike.

"There may still be a lot of people floating around out there whose names are not on the new voters' lists, and we would like people to make a special effort to get on the new list before the court of revision meets on October 1," said Young.

Writers' contest

Canadian Authors Association, Victoria and islands branch, is sponsoring a writers' contest open to all residents of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

Deadline for entries (fiction, non-fiction and poetry) is February 15, 1982. Cash prizes will be awarded. Entry fee, \$3 per manuscript.

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Laughter is best medicine

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I am grimly determined to write a "joyous" column this week! Al Skinner reminded us on Sunday that Christianity is founded on "the good news" and that Christ came to give us life more abundantly and full of joy.

Many people view Christians as "kill-joys" and we certainly have a dampening effect on some kinds of exuberance. We WASP's have much to answer for, and it's not so long since I was told just why Puritans became known as dour wet blankets. As with most things, this was a political move on the part of the government.

Puritans had been reformers and won a great following among the common people. Therefore, when the king's party was restored, it became necessary to discredit the Puritans. People soon forgot they had been dedicated to the joyful worship of God, and remembered only that they had closed the theatres, dressed soberly and frowned on the excessive immoralities of the day.

As we approach the beginning of the Christian year, the beginning of a new school year and the latter days of 1981, it might be as well to turn our minds from the grim daily news and on to the healing power of humour. This, incidentally, is the subtitle of another book by Dr. Raymond A. Moody Jr. (who brought you *Life After Life*).

LAUGHTER BEST MEDICINE

Laugh After Laugh was published in 1978, and while I am alarmed to find Marabel Morgan is a friend of the author, I am delighted by his tribute to professional clowns, going back to Grimaldi and Will Somers, jester to Henry VIII. Isn't it fascinating that all those years ago, when medicine was barely a step removed from the Black Arts, those in positions of authority knew that laughter was the best medicine!

Norman Cousins recently wrote a book and made countless personal appearances, relating his miraculous recovery from a disabling and possibly life-

More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

threatening illness — through deliberate and painstakingly induced laughter!

As Al Skinner talked about the joyful aspect of Jesus, I conjured up a mental image of an effervescent, merry man with flashing eyes and a ready laugh. No wonder people flocked after him. Would they have done so had he been the lugubrious doomsayer so often portrayed in illustrations of the gospels?

Would you?

The gift of laughter is one of the things that distinguishes us from the so-called "lower orders" of creation. (When I read of the atrocities we perpetrate on each other, I question our position in the pecking order!)

And if we sometimes laugh at the wrong time, or the wrong person, or the wrong thing? Well, that's better than never laughing at all.

PROTESTING SWIM SUITS

My laughter the other day was quite misplaced. I heard of several people being injured in a bomb

blast on a Middle East beach. It was a protest against women wearing swim suits!

Laughter was one of the things we enjoyed at the Women's Place last week. It was good to be with 20 other women, discussing plans for future meetings and activities. On Wednesday, Sept. 16 we plan a dessert pot-luck at 7:30 pm. All women are welcome. It's downstairs at the Community Centre, Ganges Hill.

A poster on the drug store notice board, advertising "The Women's Place" bears the graffiti, "Is in the home". I was tempted to add, "Now there's an original idea!" I may do yet, if someone else doesn't beat me to it!

On Sunday, Sept. 20 the United Church of Canada has a program on CTV from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. There will be another dessert pot-luck that evening, at Ganges United Church, to discuss the TV program.

Unfortunately, I will miss both events, as I plan to be at the Disarmament Conference in Vancouver.

Thought for the week: "Nothing...neither principalities nor powers, can separate me from the love of God."

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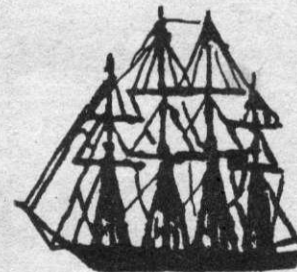


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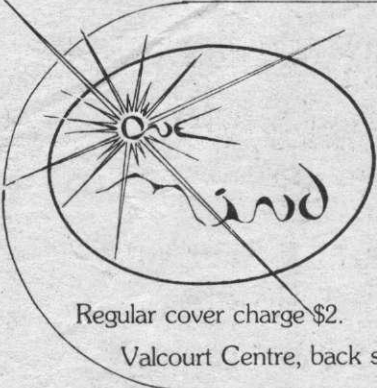
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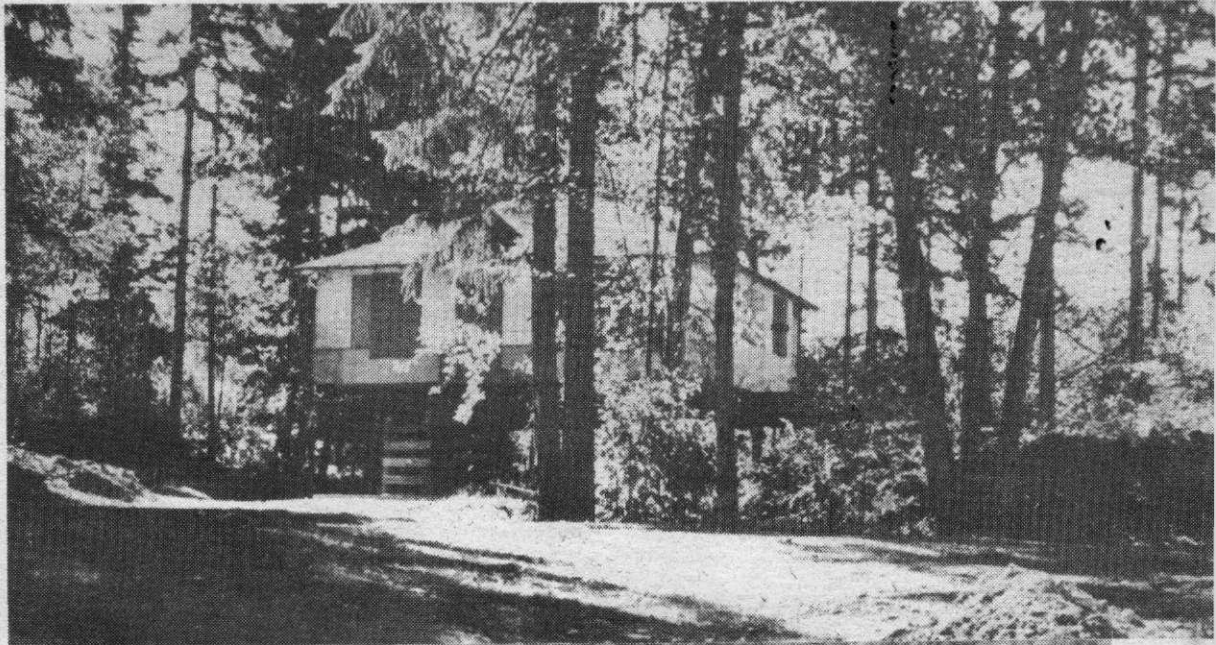


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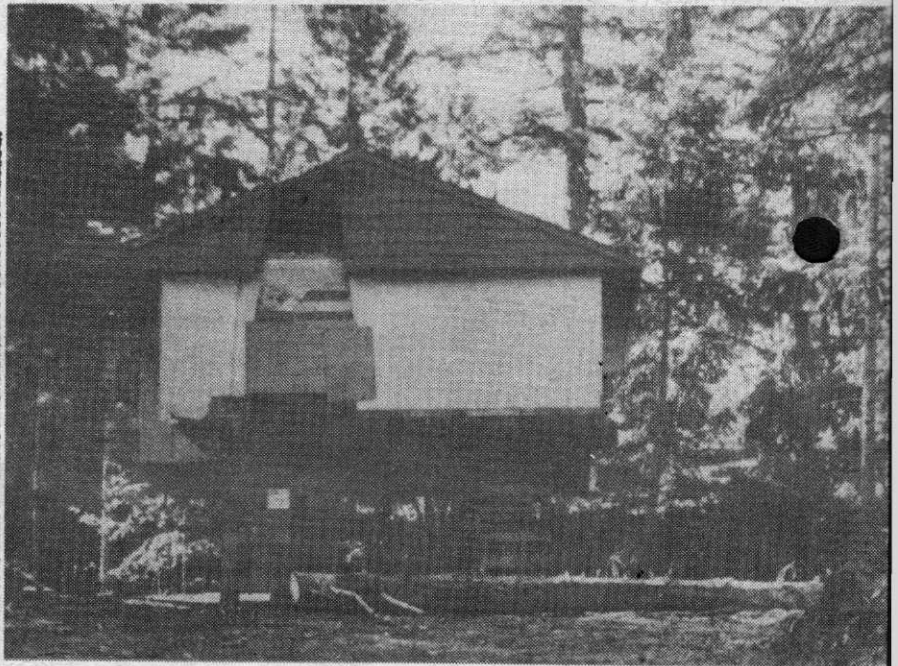

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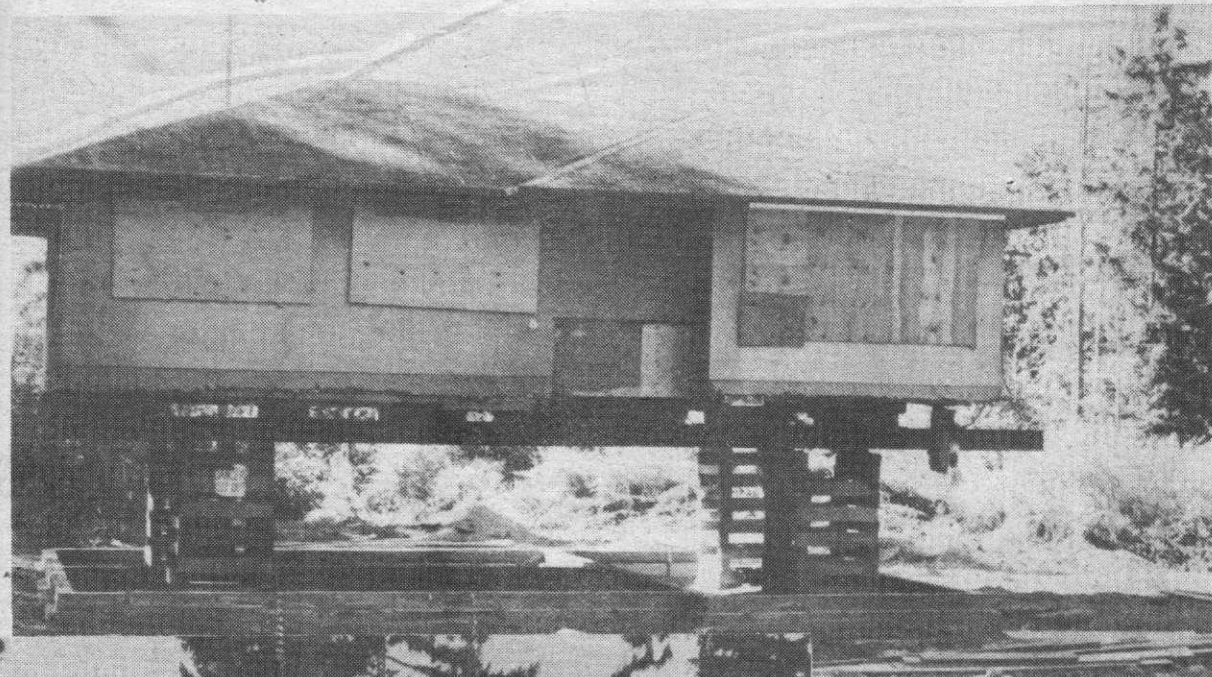
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The company is planning the siting of some 19 homes in the valley on its 969-acre holding. These homes are to be offered on lease as "farmettes", or small farms for the would-be farmer who either cannot afford farmland or would prefer to rent leased land.

When the application was made to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee at the beginning of the year, the committee was told that the occupants of each dwelling would be tied to a three-year, non-registered but renewable farm lease.

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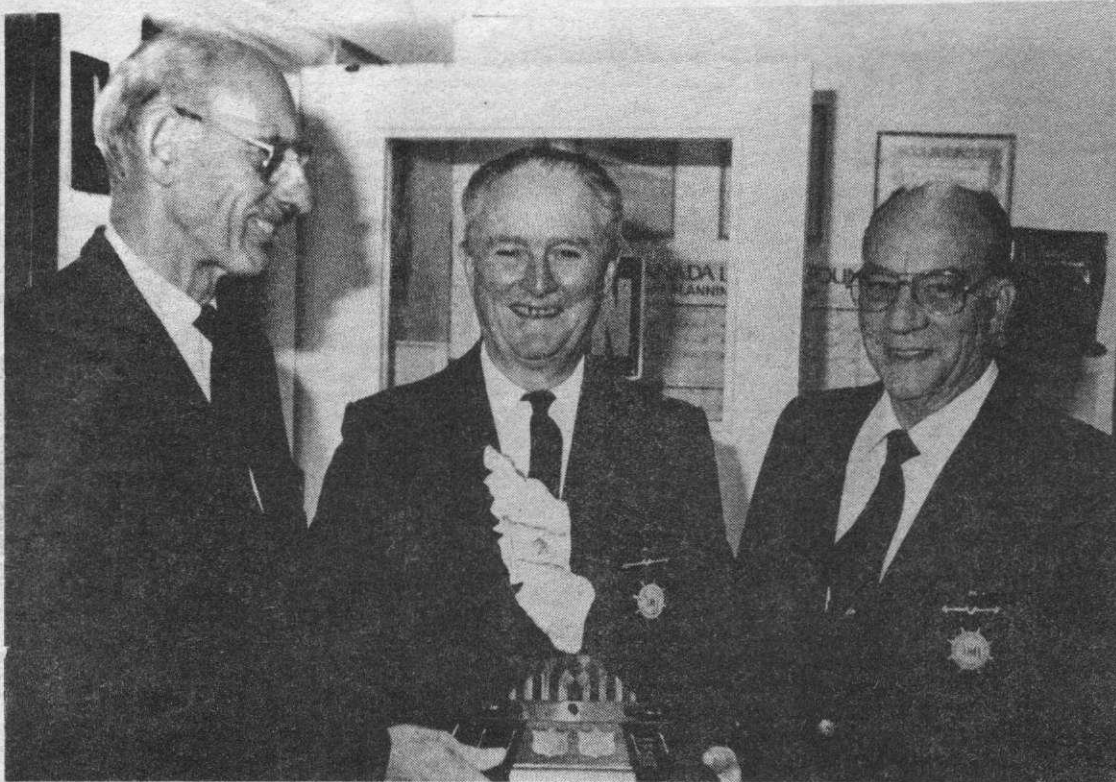
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In competition with 17 other power squadrons on Vancouver Island and the upper Sunshine Coast, the Salt Spring Island Power Squadron has brought the Kurt Kukla Award to the island for the second time in the three years that it has been up for competition.

It is authorized by the Vancouver Island District to recognize the squadron whose students attain the highest grades in the cruise section of the boating examination.

The boating course is made available each year to those who would go down to the sea in small boats. With safety on the water as its primary objective, it acquaints the amateur yachtsman with the problems he is likely to meet in his own waters. It is not necessary to join a power squadron in order to enroll in the course but successful students may do so if they wish and by so doing become members of a training group that extends from coast to coast.

As members of a squadron they may take more advanced courses such as seamanship in power or sail, engine maintenance, advanced piloting and celestial navigation, weather and marine electronics. With one or two exceptions, all instruction is given by volunteer members of the squadron.

The next course will commence October 7 at the Gulf Islands Secondary School and enquiries may be directed to the training officer, Peter Bingham, at 537-2001.

In the ladies' nine-hole-section the good weather brought out 20 players. The winning twosome were Di Fraser and Vera Sarginson and the putts prize went to Edna Redington.

If there had been a prize for oddest shot it would have gone to long hitter Jo Stone who, we are told, tangled with the ditch, both banks of the lake on Number 4 and all the trees on Number 5.

Dorothy Crofton picked up the Connie Porter trophy as she finally got her share of the trophy which was won by three ladies in the same week. The nine-hole ladies offer a warm welcome to new member Joyce Guerin.

In the ladies' 18-hole section on September 1 the winners for the day were Dolly Whorley and Libby Noble with net 69's apiece. The putt pot winner was Connie Hardy with 26 putts. The club championship Wilson Cup is down to the final match between Connie Hardy and Dorothy Kennedy.

In men's play the matches are still going on in the Parsons Cup. The season is now almost over for the men while the ladies still have a program that takes them up to October 20.

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Committee to sponsor second refugee family at Salt Spring

The refugees of Southeast Asia cry out for help and a Salt Spring Island group is listening.

The Salt Spring Island Boat People Committee will soon be hosts to a second family from that battered part of the world.

To date, three families from Southeast Asia have settled on Salt Spring, thanks to the generosity of island residents. The Reverend Al Skinner of the Ganges United Church described the families as fitting into Canadian way of life extremely well.

The family sponsored by the church group have become self-supporting after only a year on Salt Spring. They have a dream yet to be fulfilled — to buy their own home.

The family sponsored by the SSBPC are as equally adapted to the customs of Canada. This family has grown since arrival with the addition of a baby girl.

HORRORS OF WAR

The families, seeking a sane life away from the horrors of war in that region, are sponsored by

generous people who help them adjust.

The idea is to help until the help is no longer needed. Funds collected by the sponsoring groups help pay for accommodation, clothes and living allowances.

The success of the three new families on Salt Spring has prompted the SSBPC to ask for another family.

Alice Andress said the group is seeking another Laotian family of five or six members. The group has sufficient funds collected to pay the costs for the family but is lacking several key ingredients for success.

ACCOMMODATION

What is now needed is accommodation, preferably in

Ganges, to house the family. Also, Andress said home furnishings such as furniture, dishes and such are needed.

Donations of the furnishings would enable the group to spend money on other things.

Andress said the announcement from the refugee centre for Southeast Asia is expected soon. At that time the local group will know more about the family which is coming.

After the initial thrill of having offered a family a second chance, the Salt Spring group will have a better idea of how to cope with the situation.

"The excitement of it is gone," said Andress, "but the need goes on."

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