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Engineers survey harbour

Geophysical engineer Tom McGee prepares equipment to take soundings from bottom of Ganges Harbour. Studies were being carried out last week in preparation for laying outfall for proposed Ganges sewer. Story — Page Eight.

Planners to investigate proposal

New regional district under study

Formation of a new regional district, encompassing all the islands within the Islands Trust, is to be examined by the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association.

The association decided Monday to look into the proposal by contacting Trust representatives on other islands and to look into the financial implications as well.

Association chairman Ray Hill brought up the proposal, noting that the Trust has limited power in some areas, such as sewers and water districts.

Incorporation, said Hill, "strikes fear into the hearts of many". Such a move could see a dominant pressure group elected to council with undesirable results, he warned.

However, he continued, if the Trust were turned into a regional district, it would be a small one in terms of population and would be unable to maintain many of the services currently provided here by the Capital Regional District.

Local trustee David Lott expressed concern that the Trust might lose what special status it now has, and would become just another regional district.

But, he observed, "I would love to see some alternative to the present situation".

There were one of two people at the meeting who felt that with continued growth on Salt Spring

Island, it would soon have much less in common with the other Trust islands.

Charles Sutcliffe said he could foresee a population here a lot higher than the 15,000 envisioned in the community plan.

"Whether we like it or not, the island is growing fast."

When someone pointed out that

population growth would be limited to a certain extent by water supply, Sutcliffe disagreed. Hong Kong, he said, has less water but supports a population of four million.

Desalinization or piping water from Vancouver Island were two possible methods of overcoming a water supply problem, he said.

Ministry more receptive to bypass route — Lott

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee has succeeded in establishing "some kind of relationship" with the provincial ministry of highways, a meeting at Ganges was told Monday evening.

Reporting on the Trust's activities during the past year, local trustee David Lott told the Salt Spring Community Planning Association that the ministry was becoming more receptive to a proposal for an alternative route for traffic around Ganges.

Lott said the Trust committee was told to design a bypass route and then go back to the ministry with it.

The plan the Trust has come up with would see through traffic diverted at Dean Road, on Ganges Hill. The new road would connect

with Drake Road, just west of the Catholic Church, and from there would run to Rainbow Road, coming out immediately west of the Salt Spring Sea Products plant.

Traffic flow would then be west on Rainbow to Atkins Road, and thence to Lower Ganges Road.

In his summary, Lott also touched upon the highways ministry's 80-foot road requirement, saying that he tended to sympathize with it.

"It's not necessarily all bad provided they don't clear 80 feet," he observed.

He explained that, uncleared, the extra road allowance would provide a buffer between roads and adjacent properties.

No Zenith number

Police number is direct at all times says Hanks

The police office is as near as your telephone, reports Sgt. Mitch Hanks, of the Ganges RCMP detachment.

When an islander calls the police office the telephone in that office rings. If there is nobody in the office, the call is immediately transferred to the Nanaimo office.

Nanaimo police communications office is in touch with the island officers at all times. The message is passed on to the island officer in charge, explained Hanks.

The system is activated by a switch in the office. The officer or employee leaving the office empty switches the line to Nanaimo.

The Nanaimo unit contacts the island officer by radio.

There may have been delays when the system was introduced last month, admitted Hanks, speaking to the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce last week, but the personnel are now well-versed in its use.

He had no complaint, commented Ben Martens, of Windsor Plywood. A night call to report a burglary brought a police officer into the building in 20 minutes. And it was less than an emergency.

There is no Zenith number for the police office. Salt Spring and Galiano Islands call 537-5555. Pender, Mayne and Saturna Islands call 629-6171. There is no other police phone number in the islands.

Buses to be serviced by Cowichan district

The Gulf Islands School Board gave the go-ahead to entering into a school bus maintenance contract with the Cowichan School District at last Thursday's board meeting.

Under terms of the agreement, the four school buses owned by the Gulf Islands School District will be regularly serviced by the maintenance department of the Cowichan School District.

Up until now, the buses have been serviced by Ganges Auto Marine.

Wilf Peck, secretary-treasurer, explained to trustees at the meeting that the Cowichan School District is in the business of servicing school buses and has the facilities and parts in stock to do so. He said that the maintenance department there also employs a staff of experienced school bus mechanics and that it was to the advantage of the Gulf Islands School Board to make use of their expertise.

The agreement calls for the Cowichan School District to provide regular preventative maintenance and it's hoped that this will result in fewer costly repairs.

PARTS AT COST

The Cowichan School District will sell replacement parts to the district here at their cost and will charge approximately \$25.80 per hour for labour, an amount which Peck says covers their overhead costs. He says that the school board can expect to make a slight saving on labour since commercial rates are about \$35 per hour.

Peck said that the school board will be further ahead by not having to get involved with repairs and that the agreement would save the board money in the long run.

He said that a thorough preventative maintenance program would reduce the number of break-

downs and subsequent repair costs.

Emergency repairs will continue to be undertaken by Ganges Auto Marine.

Several trustees expressed concern that the Auto Marine might balk at undertaking future emergency repairs since the board had taken the bulk of the work away from them.

The school board added a last-minute amendment to the agreement, reserving the right to cancel the contract with 30 days' advance notice, when trustees were informed that the Cowichan School Board had included a similar clause.

New office for Chamber

New full-time business office is planned by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. To be located adjacent to the Kanaka Place in Ganges, the office will provide tourist information for the off-season and business information all the year round.

On Wednesday evening last week the executive of the chamber heard a report from treasurer Sandy Gordon outlining plans to set up the office.

He could not provide the final details, but stated that he expected the new office to open in April.

The present tourist information service at Centennial Park will be operated during the summer months as in past years.

Ganges school sends 11 home following outbreak of lice

About 11 children have been sent home from Salt Spring Elementary School during the past week as an outbreak of head lice at the school is reaching "epidemic" proportions, according to principal Tom Watson.

By noon Tuesday, 16 identified cases of lice involving 11 different children had been detected at the school, but five of those were instances where children had to be sent home for the second time.

Watson said that the problem is isolated to six different families at this point and that the public health nurse has detected just one case of live lice. Children in the other cases have been plagued with nits, or the eggs of lice.

Watson urges that parents take prompt action to rid their children of lice and he strongly suggests that they adhere to the recommended treatment as laid down by the ministry of health.

NOT AS CRITICAL

He says, however, that the problem is nowhere near as critical as it was last year when lice were discovered at the school.

The school board, at a meeting last Thursday, unanimously voted to take immediate steps, as recommended by Watson in a memo to the board, in order to keep the situation under control and to rid the school of lice entirely.

Among the steps were that the board obtain the temporary services of a nurse for a total of 30 hours, to assist the public health nurse in checking students for lice. He also asked that the board disinfect carpeting at the school.

Watson said Monday that he expected a registered nurse to begin conducting examinations at the three Salt Spring Island schools by Tuesday and that the school board had already completed shampooing the carpeting at the school.

AID SOUGHT

During the school board meeting, trustees also opted to send a letter to the Capital Regional District asking for financial assistance in dealing with the lice problem and that the CRD establish emergency procedures for dealing with any future lice problems.

Following another meeting Thursday with about 20 concerned parents, Watson mailed a letter to the parents of each of the 360 students, outlining steps to be taken by them, if necessary, to rid their

children of lice.

Watson says that discovery of lice is an emotionally charged issue and that some parents over-react in their attempts to rid their children of them while others deny their existence because of the social stigma attached.

NO BOUNDARIES

He says that lice know no boundaries and that their presence occurs as frequently among the well-to-do as it does among the poor.

Watson says that it's every parent's responsibility to follow the recommended treatment because it takes just one student who hasn't been properly treated to reinfest the school.

"There are parents still out there who refuse to accept that it's lice," said Watson.

He says that some overzealous parents will repeat the suggested treatment four or five times even though the ministry of health recommends that the treatment be repeated no more than twice.

"Some parents are really uptight about the issue and this is really where you have to be careful that the cure is not worse than the problem itself," said Watson.

A preliminary treatment with Kwellada shampoo kills all living lice and most of the nits, or eggs. An application of vinegar and water loosens the eggs from the hair and eases their removal with a fine tooth comb and by picking them out by hand.

Watson says that the procedure should be repeated three to four days later because it's unlikely that a parent would successfully remove every nit from his child's hair, and that those remaining nits will likely hatch several days later.

He says that repeating the procedure is the only guarantee that the problem will not reoccur.

The child must then be inspected by either the public health nurse or the temporary nurse before being readmitted to class.

Watson's letter to parents also asks that they wash and iron all of the affected children's clothing, including hats and coats, and he suggests that dry cleaning is an

even more effective remedy.

A pamphlet prepared by the provincial ministry of health and distributed by the CRD community health service here at Ganges suggests that parents launder all washable clothing and bed linen in hot water and detergent and then dry them at high temperatures for at least 20 minutes.

Brushes and combs can be disinfected by soaking them in very hot water for 10 minutes or in a disinfectant solution for one hour. Any stray hairs should be removed since nits cling to hair fibre.

The ministry of health also suggests that clothing and bedding, including mattresses, can be effectively disinfected by storing them at freezing temperatures for a 24-hour period.

Smoking endangers your heart's health.

Camera, tapes stolen from vehicle

Sgt. Mitch Hanks of the Ganges RCMP cautions motorists that they should keep valuables locked in the trunk of their car or if that proves impossible, to at least lock the doors of the vehicle.

The warning comes in the wake of a theft last week in which thieves removed a camera and a quantity of tapes from a vehicle.

According to RCMP, a Fulford Harbour man had gone for assistance after his automobile ran out of gas on Beaver Point Road

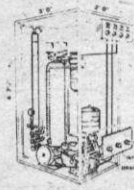
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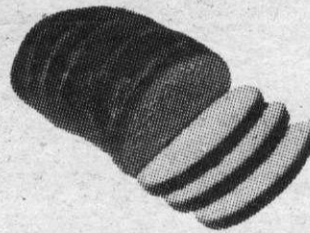
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Most of the members of the upper house in Britain were lauded for their contribution to a cause and, larded, landed up as peers in parliament. In Canada we work it different. Most upper house Canadians get larded before they get lauded and end up as seers in senate.

I was in a place where all the names were strange. Yet they were once familiar. There was Gwynedd and Clwyd, Powys and Dyfed with Gwent. And the only counties whose names link Wales with Britain are the Glamorgans, West Glamorgan, Mid-Glamorgan and South Glamorgan. The new counties were formed several years ago as part of the British policy of expanding the regions under a local administration.

Dorothy Bird, of Mansell Road, is a hot-shot cribbage player. Playing four-handed cribbage at the Legion Hall, in Ganges last week, Dorothy was dealt three fives and the Jack of Spades. The fourth five turned up to match the jack and give her a 29 total. She's not the first, but it doesn't often happen.

Just read the back issues, said Ed Gavin. He was looking at back copies of the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* consigned to the Legion Auction on Saturday. The sample he brought out was for February 4, 1965 and the main story on the front page could have been current. Ganges Business Targets of Vandals, announced the headline. Story explained that Mouat's had been broken into and, although merchandise and papers were scattered around the store, nothing had, apparently, been stolen. Government office was similarly entered as were the offices of Salt Spring Lands Ltd. It could have been redated for 1981 and it wouldn't have been far from wrong.

The very American-sounding quotation attributed to Voltaire is often quoted in this country and more often south of the line: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." I feel much the same in face of sharp criticism from my betters.

The debate on constitution has been its own justification. The more Canadians wrangle over patriation: the more Britons resist patriation, the more necessary patriation becomes. The internal debate is not surprising to many Canadians because protagonists are mostly arguing along established lines. More surprising is the display of colonialism on the part of the Brits who see patriation as a ladder to political gain.

When the new Lions' telephone book was unveiled last week at the home of Fred and Lola Brookbanks, Salt Spring Lions paid tribute to the two members who had stayed with the project from the beginning, host Fred and Bill Toulmin. It was a surprisingly large group to spend an evening happily reading the telephone book. Some of the Lions are already waiting for the sequel!

Association provides useful service, meeting decides

The Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association is expected to continue functioning for at least one more year.

Majority of the 20 people present at the association's annual meeting Monday felt the group was providing a useful service to the community.

Discussion on the association's usefulness was sparked by some observations from I.C. Shank, who wondered if the group had become redundant.

Beth Hill and David Skinner both felt the association provided

islanders with the opportunity to learn a lot about local government.

Despite the more direct representation now provided by the Islands Trust and the Advisory Planning Commission, Nick Gilbert noted that there is still a need for a grassroots body.

Five new directors were elected at Monday's meeting, while two others, Nick Gilbert and Ray Popkin-Clurman, were named to serve another term. New members are Gordon Brown, Anne McDonald, Jean Brindamour, David Skinner and Jonathan Yardley.

Impaired offences net 60 days

A Ganges man was handed three concurrent 60-day jail terms in provincial court Wednesday as a result of two separate impaired driving offences dating back to September.

John Clair Graham of Mansell Road had pleaded not guilty to charges of driving while impaired and refusal to take a breathalyzer test after being picked up by Ganges RCMP September 3. He was found guilty of both charges by provincial court Judge Frederick G. Giles.

After sentencing, in which he received two concurrent 60-day jail terms, Graham and defence counsel E. Daigneault decided to enter a guilty plea to the second impaired driving charge which stemmed

from an incident September 22, in which Graham's pickup truck struck a telephone pole near Mouat Provincial Park.

The September 3 charges arose after two RCMP officers, while on routine patrol, spotted Graham at the wheel of his truck driving the vehicle backward and forward.

REFUSED TO BLOW
Stopping to investigate, Const. Glenn Hanna and Const. Robert O'Connor noticed that Graham displayed signs of being impaired and after taking him into custody, Graham refused to submit to a breathalyzer test.

Const. Bernice Hopp testified that Graham responded to her demand to take a breathalyzer test by saying, "You're the law's sweetheart, not mine."

Graham testified that he had been drinking earlier that day aboard a friend's boat, but that he was asleep in the pickup when he was aroused by Hanna and O'Connor.

He also told the court that he had forfeited his keys to the pickup to a friend, Ray Dennis.

Dennis substantiated Graham's version of events during his own testimony.

GIVES AWAY KEYS
"If he has two drinks he goes home but if he has three drinks he gives the keys to somebody else," he testified.

Crown counsel J. W. Anderson

successfully argued that it was a question of the court accepting either the testimony of three police officers or accepting the version of events as given by Graham and Dennis.

Judge Frederick G. Giles made his choice clear in finding Graham guilty.

The second charge was laid after a series of incidents September 22 that started when a Colwood woman notified Colwood RCMP that she had noticed a red pickup truck following her while on her way home.

REPORTED NUMBER
When she first noticed the truck, both headlights were working but only one was working when the driver resumed control after the pickup briefly left the road. She reported the licence number of the vehicle to the RCMP there, who then notified the Ganges RCMP detachment.

Ganges RCMP, meanwhile, picked up Graham later that day after they were notified that a motorist had struck a telephone pole near the entrance to Mouat Park. They then matched the licence plate on Graham's pickup with the number they had received from Colwood RCMP.

Graham pleaded guilty to this charge and his attorney asked that any additional period of incarceration be concurrent with the term already imposed.

New member appointed

A new member has been appointed to the Lady Minto Hospital board of management following the recent resignation of Mary Stepaniuk.

Board chairman J. Wes Edwards announced this week that J. S. Cooper will sit on the board until the annual meeting due to be held in June. Cooper will then be eligible to run for the unexpired two-year portion of Stepaniuk's three-year term.

The latter resigned due to the pressure of other commitments, said Edwards.

Sudden death of Colin King in England

Colin George King, for many years a resident of Salt Spring Island, died suddenly in Sherbourne, England, on January 30.

He came to Salt Spring Island in the early 30's and farmed here until the Second World War. After the war, in 1964, he returned to Ganges and lived on Old Scott Road. In 1973 he moved to Victoria. After the death of his wife, Jean, he went back to England, living at Sutton Montis, in Somerset.

He leaves his daughter, Alison and his son-in-law, Wing Cmdr. John Davis, of Coningsby, Lincolnshire.

Before the second war Colin King lived where Greenwoods now stands. His brother, Ron King, and family lived in the house still standing on the opposite side of Blain Road.

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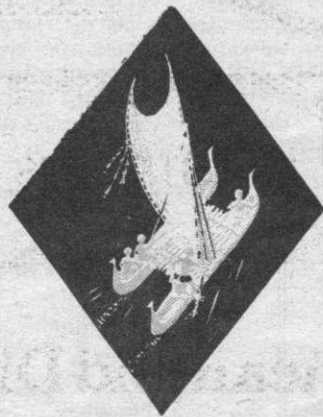
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Could have kept quiet

He didn't have to say a word! The minister of municipal affairs could have kept quiet and still been a nice guy. But he didn't.

The Capital Regional District had a bylaw for buses. The bylaw established the cost per Hydro consumer, for city buses. Then the same bylaw let the islands out as far as paying for those buses was concerned.

Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm didn't go much on the levy set against non-residential users. And he said so. More: he held back the bylaw.

Now, that holding back had an effect on the islands very different from its effect on the rest of the region. The price per user could be established any old time. But the exclusion of the islands from the transit service levy had to be established, signed, sealed and read into law before the end of last year. Because it was retroactive. The bylaw stated that the levy imposed from April would be refunded to island consumers. And a municipal council may not make such promises when the fiscal year is over. It was over.

And Nice Guy Vander Zalm stated that he would handle that. He'll make it good. The bylaw would still be retroactive.

Last week Nice Guy's figuring was in black and white. Instead of dating it back to April, like he implied, he had dated it back to November.

So he's no longer a nice guy around here! And he didn't have to say a thing! Only thing left for him to say is, "Backdate it to April!"

Government will lose votes, money to new licensing plan

Sir,
I do not know what our government hopes to lose with the new licensing regulation of small vendors. Votes certainly, no question about that. Money too, it seems, considering the necessary expansion of management, staff, equipment, supplies, space, record keeping, enforcement (ha!), tracing and prosecution of offenders. Maybe they figure that they can make a bit on the fines for offenders. Jailing certainly would cost them more money, they wouldn't do that, would they? (The following scenario came unbidden).

Con: "What are you in here for?"
Vendor: "Selling tomatoes. Couldn't swing the fine."
Con: "Hey, I didn't know them's illegal; they get you high?"
Vendor: "No, no, just ordinary tomatoes, you know."
Con: "Too bad, could of used something like that."

It seems to me our farmers' market won't suffer much though. We will just have to change the timing to after midnight at Centennial Park and buy or make large overcoats with lots of inside pockets. And among the cries of the gulls and sound of the waves there may be whispers of: "Lettuce, lettuce" and "Celery, celery."

I, personally, never would stoop that low for being small and skinny. I would look ridiculous in a greatcoat, and with our eggs, I would be in constant terror of being patted.

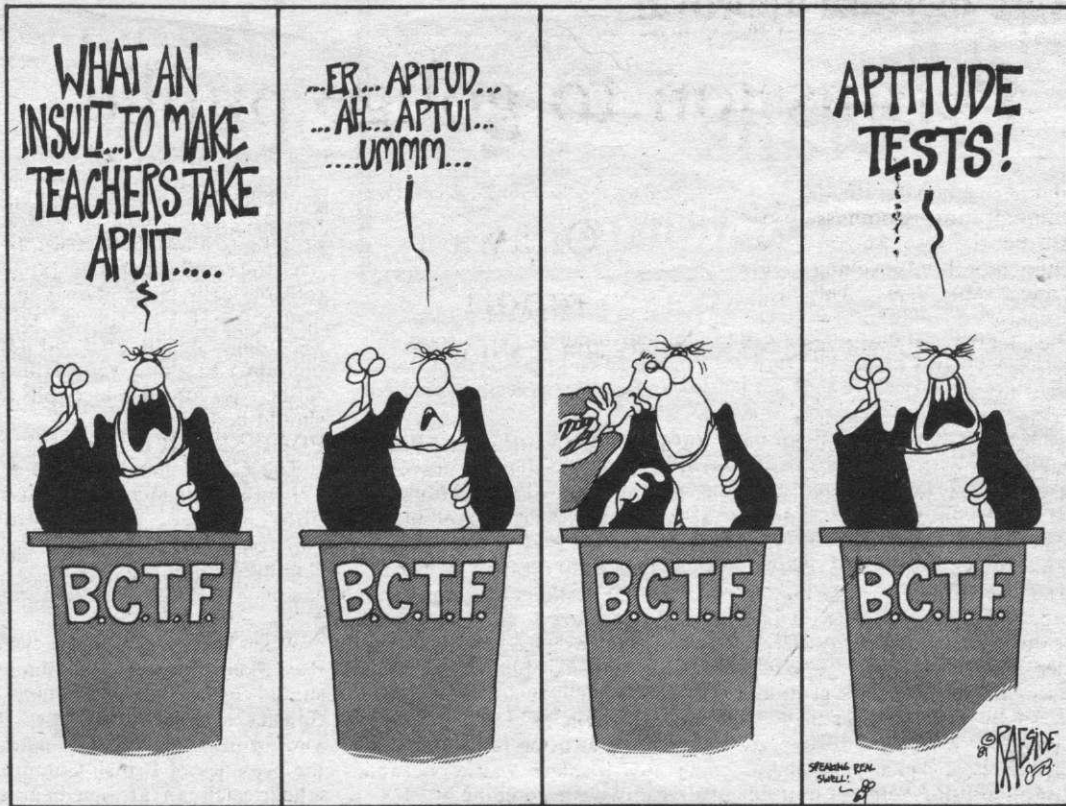
Or perhaps it will go like this:
Law Enforcement Officer (Leo): "May I see your license please?"
Person: "I am not selling anything, just airing my tomatoes."
Leo: "I saw you give some tomatoes to that man."

Person: "Yes, a friend, I gave him some."
Leo: "And he gave you some money."

Person: "Yes, I lent him some the other day, he just returned it."
Leo: "39 cents, eh?"
Person: "Yup."

On the other hand, this new legislation could possibly make us more giving. A could give B some tomatoes, because he knows he likes them, and B could drop by the next day and help A out with a couple of bucks, because he knows he needs them. That would be nice.

(A note to our Leo's. I know you have better things to do than to impound beans as exhibit A and asparagus as exhibit B and I beg your indulgence).
PETER WEIS,
Fulford Harbour.
February 8, 1981.



Letters to the Editor

They are reflection of society

Sir,
So, the kids are becoming alcoholics are they? They're resorting to B & E and we're upset. They do God knows what to the wee hours and we beat our breast!

And what kind of an example, do we the adults set them? Here on paradisaical Salt Spring Island with one of the highest alcoholism rates in B.C., we are setting the kids a good example?!

Perhaps we should, en masse, do a little careful soulful inventory about what kind of a world view we are, in fact, passing on to our kids.

Remember, this is the island where everything goes. Where a half acre of swampland sells for \$25,000, where realtors fail to explain to buyers that the well is dry, where a rather dubious sewer scheme is foisted upon the unwilling many to serve the few, where the common good is equated to gross materialism, and where our highest ethical expression amounts to "you pat my back, I'll pat yours."

This is the island where if this writer dares to take issue with Leviathan and decry its folly, such as the attempted uranium development, she is threatened with a punch in the mouth and worse. This is the island where, if this writer chooses to impress upon a friend the gravity of a drinking problem, in the environs of the scene-of-the-crime, i.e. the neighbourhood pub, it is herself who is threatened with retribution by the pubkeeper, while the person with the problem is served another beer!

And now the kids are misbehaving? Well our children simply reflect the society they inhabit. If we want to find out what kind of a world we really live in, all we have to do is observe the kids. And they're showing us, aren't they?
So let he and she who is without

defilements cast the first cowpie, to rephrase a rather famous saying. In the meantime, the hypocrisy of some so-called adult Salt Springers disgusts me. In fact, you make me sick.

And while I'm good and mad, I'd just like to mention that the solution to Victoria's exploitation of our little Farmer's Market is really very simple. We simply refuse to pay up. We the merchants simply show up as usual and en masse, refuse to pay. We boycott the fee, we boycott the Mahon Hall summer craft faire and we boycott the small town Babbitts who support this bit of dictatorial legislation.

Remember that in another time, not so very long ago and not so very far away, the attempt of a government to enforce a surcharge of this nature, in this totalitarian fashion brought cries of outrage and outright rebellion. In those days, the rallying cry was:

"No Taxation Without Representation!"

Remember that?? Well this writer is back up in the saddle, boys, and if you want another Farmer's Market Showdown, just let me know...

JEZRAH HEARNE,
Fulford Harbour.
February 5, 1981.

Parents' responsibility

Sir,
In reply to Scott Webster's article regarding vandalism, we the undersigned feel very strongly that:

1. Control of minors is the parents' responsibility.
2. Children living here should be made to feel responsible toward their community. These troubled young people should not be upsetting the lives of so many who have come to the islands for a secure and tranquil way of life.
3. Recreation facilities on the island are adequate for those who are interested, such as bowling, tennis, golfing, sailing, roller skating, plus school sports activities

which endorse soccer, badminton, basketball and baseball.

We suggest that juveniles charged should be required to make restitution in the form of community work detail.

We disagree with Mr. Webster's contention that this community doesn't care about its youth; but feel that they must also do their share of caring.

**I. HAWKSWORTH,
D. SNEDDON,
S. PARSONS,
N. KEECH,
D. CLARK,
G. HUTTON,
C. ACKERMAN.**
Ganges.
February, 1981.

Sarah Hughes to visit Mayne

Sir,
By now most of us have heard of the fund for Irish children begun by a Belfast mother, Sarah Hughes. She longed to show the children of battle-torn Belfast that Protestants and Catholics can and do live together peacefully in other countries.

Mrs. Hughes, a Protestant, working with her friend Maureen Campbell, a Catholic (now of Vancouver), is organizing holidays for children (eight to 11 years old) in Canada, beginning this July.

On February 9, Sarah Hughes arrived in B.C. for a two-week stay. She will come with two friends to visit Mayne Island on Sunday, Feb. 22.

A public reception will be held at

the Agricultural Hall at 2.30 pm, during which tea and coffee will be served. Sarah will then speak to us about her project and questions and discussion will follow.

We now have \$750 in our Mayne Island fund, through the generosity of many individuals and groups. We hope to have two or three children here for a holiday in July. So come and help plant a seed of peace in the world!

Time: Sunday, Feb. 22 at 2.30 pm. Place: Agricultural Hall, Fernhill Road.

For more information, phone 539-2193, 539-5310 or 433-4485.

PATRICIA FITZGERALD,
R.R.1, Mayne Island.
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says the Salt Spring
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of Commerce.

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Permission to gouge public

The Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission has betrayed the interests of British Columbians by approving a rate increase for B.C. Telephone Company.

Residential telephone rates will increase by about 12.5% while business rates and services will increase by 15% to 20%. This will give B.C. Tel a minimum rate of return of more than 14% while Bell Telephone in Ontario has been held to 12% profit.

The hearings on B.C. Tel took the longest time and heard the largest number of briefs in the history of the CRTC. Most of the briefs, like those submitted by myself and other New Democrats, opposed the rate increase on three grounds.

1. In spite of promises made in connection with a 1978 rate increase, B.C. Tel has not made substantial improvements in quality of service. In 1980, in response to complaints, the CRTC held hearings on the quality of service. However, it has not released the report to those people who needed the information to oppose the increase.

When Ray Skelly, New Democratic critic for consumer and corporate affairs, requested the report he was told it was not yet printed. The rate increase should not have been approved before the report was released and its evidence considered.

2. Earnings of the company are already sufficient. In 1978 the now

Ottawa report

BY JIM MANLY, MP

defunct Anti-Inflation Board ordered B.C. Tel to return some \$25 million in excess profits but they only returned \$7 million.

DON'T NEED IT

3. The rate increase would go for a capital investment program that we do not need. G.T. Harrison, vice-president in charge of finance for General Telephone and Electronics, which owns a controlling interest in B.C. Tel, has admitted that the electro-mechanical switching now in place was serviceable for many years to come.

New equipment will not improve service. We have already paid for the present equipment and should be allowed to use it before being hit with payments for new equipment. The chief beneficiary of the rate increase will be the other G.T. & E. subsidiary which sells B.C. Tel the unnecessary equipment. The new equipment will result in a loss of 800 jobs in British Columbia - 270 of them on Vancouver Island.

People in the Cobble Hill exchange (743 prefix) have been hit twice as hard because they have been transferred to a higher rate

grouping with a subsequent rate increase. This increased cost does nothing to alleviate the frustration over the small geographic range of toll-free calls from phones in the exchange. B.C. Tel is taking advantage of an artificial tariff boundary to soak Cobble Hill subscribers for long distance calls that should be toll-free.

POOR SERVICE

The CRTC has rewarded B.C. Tel with a rate increase because of poor service, poor labour-management relations and plans to eliminate hundreds of jobs. How can such action be justified in the public interest?

When I raised this question with Ray Skelly he suggested that we should press the government to transfer authority over B.C. Tel away from the CRTC and back to the province of British Columbia. Under such an arrangement the CRTC would continue to set standards for inter-provincial and international service.

The Public Utilities Commission of British Columbia would set rates and the provincial department of transport and communication would provide general supervision over levels of service, areas of service and types of equipment.

Public utilities should serve the public and respond to public needs. The CRTC ruling flies in the face of such common sense and gives B.C. Tel continued permission to gouge the public.

The Anarchist

Last week's paper included the contributions of not one, but two people who were more or less eager to tear a strip off me. I am always happy for a response since each provides an opportunity to imagine the sometimes unusual ways in which the writers look at a topic.

The gentleman who, from an obvious life-long handicap of knee-jerk thinking, deplored my lack of knee-jerk respect for Reagan has my sympathy, in token of which I will spare him both a public account of my "success", and an analysis of his failure to write an interesting letter.

To the lady who wrote from intelligence with venom I am glad to respond, and pursue the matter further.

Firstly, the three topics of the previous week were not all of a piece. *American Pie* was my reaction to the particular events of a particular week in a particular place - Presidents, Hostages, Superbowl, and the media in the U.S.A., and I feel about them now as I did then - dyspeptic.

The Joe Clark thing was a throw-away item which seems appropriate both in concept and characterization.

The third item, *Transfer Payments*, is a different case. I was attempting to deal with one small facet of a larger problem by pointing out among other things, that very often a substantial part of the money thrown at the problem has very little to do with the benefits for the victims. In addition, there is the media process itself which results in public statements which on many occasions I find either annoying or disappointing.

Which brings us to the question of "popularity". Yes, madam, you are correct and intelligent to recognize that there is that about "popular causes" which makes me uneasy, though it has nothing to do with who is promoting them.

I had mentioned Women's Rights, Native Rights and the environment as matters "which in most ways I would wish to support". Radical criticism, (and each of these subjects, to me, necessarily shares that designation,) radical criticism always has its origin in a moral or ethical or legal concept which is diametrically opposed to the reigning model; without that basis then they become mere reform and can be played with by

any establishment lawyer/politician, or theorist.

I become uncomfortable when these matters are redefined in terms and concepts which are consistent with orthodoxy, in order that they may become "popular causes" because this usually indicates something else.

There is a term which was seriously debased by overuse, but which is nevertheless useful as a starting point. The word is "co-option". By itself it is another generalization, but I shall try to be specific.

A radical question such as the long-debased humanity of women and native Indians could not in "popular" terms be confronted by a settlement which was entitled "Insult Payments", if for no other reason than that there is no existing legal precedent.

But suppose we say that we are prepared to consider the problem of the native people under the title "Aboriginal Rights" - a term which to me already carries within itself another more subtle kind of racism - and by means of using the new concept we shall determine by legislation the right of the native people to Indian Territory, Indian Laws, Indian Municipalities, Indian Corporations and Indian Landholders and they and women too will be ushered into the full flower of the existing culture - Credit cards and Property Rights.

After all, consider for a moment, whether at least part of the reason why the native people have been an indigestible element in Canadian society for the last 100 years may not be found in the fact that as wards of the government living on federal reserves, they could not own property and hence were in some way less than human.

So we will be enlightened, and welcome them into their new status as men and women of Property, because that is the only way to confirm and perpetuate the right of the majority by which they were abused for the past 300 years.

And if that is not being co-opted then you can take another swipe at me.

Meanwhile, I shall continue to feel uncomfortable every time I hear a representative of the native people talking like a Member of the Board.

And I don't imagine or worry about the fact that what I have said here will not be popular with all kinds of folk.

Strap was the answer for bad behaviour

Sir, After reading comments about their break-ins and juvenile delinquency I would like to add my own experience at school.

In Grade 2 for destruction of school property - namely carving up the top of my desk with a razor blade, I received the strap in good measure. It certainly taught me respect for school property and I didn't forget it.

I never got the strap after Grade 8, my behaviour had improved. In fact it was very seldom that anyone got the strap in high school.

Of course we had some good teachers, but we already knew how

to behave and had developed some good work habits already from the lower grades. The training that was received then showed up its worth.

I think this is significant to note. If there has been bad behaviour and disrupted classes in the lower grades then this bad behaviour becomes re-inforced by habit.

Eventually you have a bunch that won't apply themselves to school work. Some may be disruptive, disrespectful, even vandalistic in some cases. Ones that won't listen to parents, teachers or even police!

If there was two people that went wrong then it wouldn't make much news. If 20 do then that's bad news and there could be more.

At least I'm glad that I grew up

when people believed that strapping was the best thing if a kid was bad.

In those days one did not go home and say he got the strap, otherwise he might get it at home as well.

In other words the parents backed the teacher up and this was important too.

Right from the start the kids knew they'd better knuckle under or the consequences would be most unpleasant.

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GEOFF HOWLAND,
Box 14,
Ganges,
February, 1981.

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Independent inquiry best way to solve problems

Sir, Mr. Tom Siddon spoke in the House of Commons on January 16, 1981, about the "administrative incompetence" that exists in the Federal Government departments now involved in Search and Rescue. His speech, Mr. Ray Skelly's in support, and Mr. Roger Simmons' speech on behalf of the Minister of National Defence go a

long way toward showing where our problems lie. Mr. Siddon's motion for an independent inquiry is the best possible way to solve them.

"It is the whole system that must be changed," as Mr. Siddon says in his press release. An inquiry by the senior civil servants involved would not be productive, but an inquiry by an independent commission would allow all the internal problems to be aired and all points of view to be recognized. After an inquiry, solutions could be developed from known facts and appropriate actions would be obvious.

Mr. Siddon and other M.P.'s from this region have attempted previously to bring this subject before the House, but our Federal Government appears to be too involved in problems they have created themselves, such as energy and the Constitution, to be interested in the saving of human lives.

Although their refusal to appoint a commission is extremely disappointing, it is only the most recent example of their attitude. Mr. Siddon must be given a great deal of credit for his persistence and diligence on our behalf.

In a television interview following his press release of January 19, 1981, Mr. Siddon asked for public support of his motion. I believe that everyone involved or interested in marine activities on this Coast should make every possible effort to support Mr. Siddon on this issue with our Federal Government. We must get their attention and force them to act.

Your efforts should include publicity, letters to the Ministers of Defence and Transport, letters to your M.P.'s, Mr. Siddon, Mr. Skelly and anything else you can do to help. Every M.P. and M.L.A. in this region should be informed of this situation and asked to assist in avoiding unne-

cessary future maritime tragedies.
HORST ED. KLEIN,
Pender Island.
January 25, 1981.

P.S. A copy of the above excerpt from Hansard and Siddon's Press Release can be obtained from: Horst Klein, R.R. 1, Pender Island, B.C. V0N 2M0.

Fees up

Membership in the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is to cost more.

Last week, directors of the chamber approved a hike in membership fees. Individual membership will be \$30 a year; business employing not more than two staff will pay \$40; up to nine employees will be charged \$50, and over nine employees, a business will pay \$60.

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

THE ADMINISTRATORS

Chief planner foresees growth problems

Fifth of a series

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

The long delays in the Ganges sewer project caused at least one aggravating headache for the Islands Trust in planning for future population density in and around Ganges, according to the Trust's chief planner, Dave Morris.

While the question of whether the project would be given the green light was still up in the air, the Trust remained uncertain whether to plan on the basis that the sewer project would be approved and that the Ganges population density would increase as a result of it.

Morris said that uncertainty over whether the provincial government would approve funding for the project forced the Trust into a compromise situation.

He said that ultimately it was the Capital Regional District's decision whether the project would be given the go-ahead and that the Trust's primary consideration was whether or not the sewers, if approved, would be strained by future growth as anticipated by the Trust.

DIFFICULT TO PLAN

"From our point of view it was difficult to plan Ganges without knowing whether there would be a sewer or not," said Morris.

Morris, an articulate yet cautious man, was reluctant to discuss Trust policy in any real depth and spoke in generalities rather than specifics when he discussed areas of concern for the islands within the Trust.

He says that the Trust is accomplishing more or less what it set out to do, to preserve and protect the rural character of the islands.

There are problems, according to Morris, particularly on Salt Spring Island where the influx of new residents is going to place increasingly heavier demands not only on the environment but also on residents already here.

He says that this is due in part to the island's central location between Vancouver Island and the Outer Islands.

TENSION

Morris says that tension can be expected to develop among residents of Salt Spring as the needs of an increasingly permanent population conflict with those of a shrinking seasonal population.

"I suspect that the kinds of problems that are going to become more apparent are the problems that will arise between life styles," he said.

He said that tighter land use regulations can be expected as the population becomes progressively more permanent, since permanent residents generally tend to favour more stringent controls.

A largely seasonal population would generally favour fewer regulations since that is one characteristic of urban life from which they hope to escape by buying property in the Gulf Islands, according to Morris.

MORE REGULATIONS

He said that the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District can be expected to introduce more regulations, not only in land use but in other areas as well, to meet the needs of a growing population

Influx of new residents will place heavy demands on environment

and that this may conflict with the philosophy of seasonal residents.

"With population growth, these are the kinds of problems that are going to appear more regularly."

Morris indicated that water, from the standpoint of both quantity and quality, was the one single factor that could stand in the way of continued growth on Salt Spring Island.

One theme that crops up again and again in a discussion with Morris is that the Trust has to be careful, in initiating land use legislation, that the controls don't create more problems than they solve.

One example he cites could have catastrophic effects on the water supply on Salt Spring Island.

UPLAND RUNOFF

He says that the surface water supply on the island is very much influenced by upland rainwater runoff and that the Trust has to examine a number of possibilities in considering rezoning applications that deal with logging.

Clearing large areas of land could significantly affect the flow of runoff water which would in turn influence the water table on Salt Spring Island.

Morris echoes the concerns of planner Dean Strongitharm that the demands of a growing population could place unrealistic demands on the amount of good water here and that the quality of already poor, brackish water will continue to get worse.

"That, I think, is the biggest area of concern," said Morris.

QUALITY VARIES

He says that the quality of water varies from "unpalatable" to really, quite good throughout the Trust islands. He says that Gabriola Island suffers serious water problems, as does Mayne Island which is totally dependent on ground water.

On Bowen Island there is a good quantity of pure water flowing along numerous fresh water streams.

Morris says that geologists know little about ground water in comparison to the wealth of information that has been gathered about surface water.

He said that recent demands placed upon a relatively large quantity of well water here have led geologists to intensify their efforts.

"There's probably as much known about ground water here as anywhere in the province."

FURTHER DETERIORATION

He says that the quality of water in wells already brackish will further deteriorate, particularly those near the sea, as increasing demands skim off the pure, sweet water only to have the sea replace it with salt water.

At this point no one really knows how much good ground water is left but the intrusion of salt water into wells near the waterfront is a problem that's not about to go away. Future growth in the Gulf Islands could be restricted because of the shortage of good water in general, according to Morris.

Morris, 43, and his wife Phyllis

have been married for the past 14 years and with their seven-year-old son live at Esquimalt, across the harbour from Victoria.

Born at Revelstoke, Morris started out in a career as a helicopter mechanic after completing an aircraft maintenance course at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

FOR FIVE YEARS

Having spent the better part of five years tinkering with helicopter engines in bush camps throughout northern Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon, Morris realized that he didn't particularly want to spend the rest of his days at it.

"If I wanted to have anything near a normal social life, I realized I would have to do something different."

Upon earning his degree in community and regional planning at the University of British Columbia, Morris went to work for the Capital Regional District as a planner.

Two years later he was on his way to Ottawa and a job with the ministry of transportation, where he put in another two years as a planner in the highways branch.

Morris has been with the Islands Trust since leaving his job in Ottawa six years ago and he has worked his way up to chief planner.

LIAISON

He shares the same administrative responsibilities as do other planners at the Trust, but as chief planner Morris serves as a liaison between the Trust and other government agencies.

He acts as an advisor to the general and local trustees on matters relating to planning and he serves as a contact person for other agencies seeking or providing assistance.

If other agencies are conducting studies for the Trust, it is Morris' responsibility to see to it that their work meets Trust requirements.

When new techniques are developed in areas related to the Trust's jurisdiction over land use, Morris determines whether they have any applications to the Trust.

The islands that fall within his territory are Pender, Saturna, a portion of Mayne, Bowen, Gabriola and the islands on the sunshine coast.

DECLINED TO SAY

Morris declines to say whether he is in favour of the effluent outfall proposed for Ganges Harbour but he says that the subject of dumping treated sewage into the sea creates a controversy everywhere it crops up.

Morris says that both sides of the issue have been waging a battle with one another for years and that they're still no closer to resolving their differences than they were 10 years ago, when Victoria ran its first outfall into the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

"You just have to be around Victoria for a while to hear a range of opinions, from both professionals and non-professionals."

He says that extensive studies were conducted on Salt Spring Island to determine whether the outfall would damage the environ-

ment before a decision was made to go ahead with it.

IMPOSSIBLE TO JUDGE

"It's a complicated subject and it would be impossible for us to judge that particular issue," he said.

He says that the Trust has never adopted a position on the method of sewage disposal in the islands and that it is strictly a CRD matter, at least within the Gulf Islands.

Morris gives the Islands Trust good marks for effectively regulating land use in the islands but he says that zoning and subdivision bylaws have been in effect for too short a period of time to give an accurate picture of the overall

effectiveness of the Trust.

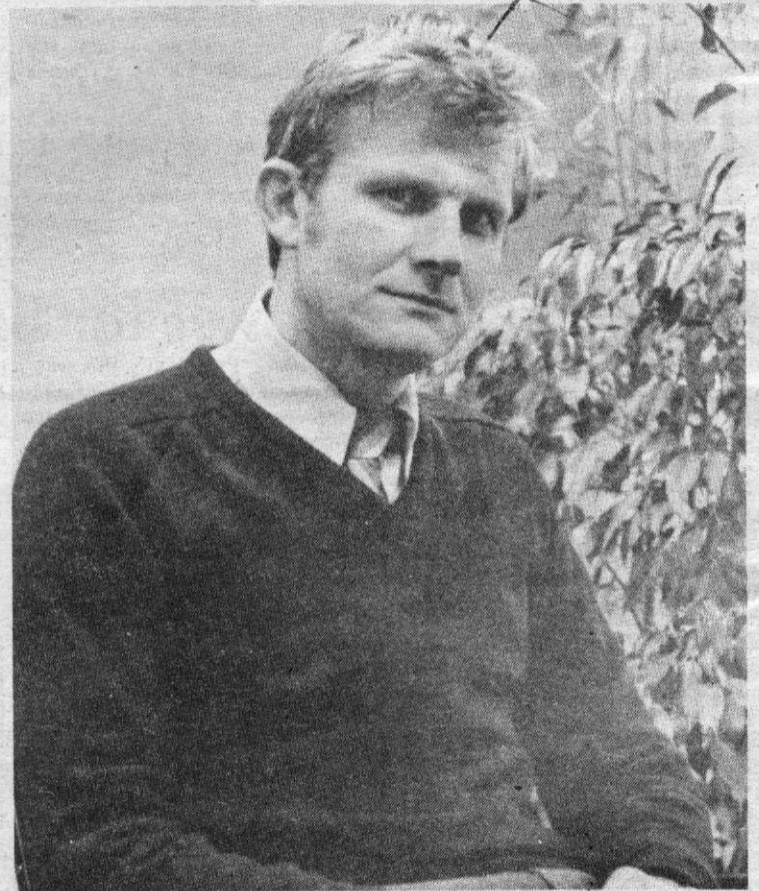
"I think that probably the next five to 10 years will tell whether or not we've been on the right track," he said.

He refuses to comment on the suggestion that the interests of the Gulf Islands would be better served by withdrawing from the CRD and turning the Islands Trust into the Islands Regional District.

He says that contrary to suggestions made by some who support this idea the CRD directors are attuned to the needs of the Gulf Islands, and that past experience with the CRD has taught him that urban planning is not all that much different from rural planning.

There are areas all over British Columbia competently managed by two or more governing bodies, according to Morris.

"I've always thought that there is a lot of merit in the motto of doing one thing well," he said.



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GALIANO NEWS

BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER

From the "Buffer Zone." We are keeping an eye on the fearsome metropolis where things are rapidly deteriorating. We can see the lights going out and the smoke rising from the burning garbage, way off on the northern horizon.

We have the barricades ready, a fleet of small private enterprise boats in case labour's armada sets sail and a "home guard" trained to repel developers infiltrating by helicopter.

With pride we stand on guard as Salt Spring's first line of defence. Meanwhile, like Drake, we continue with our games and fun.

DARTS TOURNAMENT

The social members of the Galiano Golf and Country Club have been gathering every Friday evening at the Clubhouse to play darts and cribbage. The culmination of the winter session is the darts tournament.

The deadliest darts were again thrown by Sheila Ripley who won the singles' competition and, partnered by Frank Greenhalgh, the doubles contest. "High Threes" prizes were won by Bill Burton in the doubles and Frank Greenhalgh in the singles. At the conclusion of the tournament members celebrated with a party.

GOLF CLUB

The annual general meeting of the Golf and Country Club will be held in the clubhouse at 8 pm on Saturday, Feb. 21. The meeting is particularly important this year as there is a proposal to rewrite some of the bylaws which would considerably change the administrative structure of the club.

It has recently come to light that a young man who played for Galiano in inter-island matches won the Prince Edward Island Senior Golf Championship. Ron Hanik, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Macdonald of Cain Road, won the senior championship although he was still eligible to compete as a junior. Belated congratulations to Ron.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Twenty-one members attended the annual general meeting of the Galiano Senior Citizens Association in Page Drive Lounge February 2. Joan Callaghan and Jean Tully agreed to continue as president and secretary, respectively. Les Woodbridge was elected as the new vice-president and Frank Greenhalgh replaced Devina Baines as treasurer. A special vote of thanks was accorded Devina for her faithful stewardship of the finances for the past six years.

Particulars of the new dental care assistance program for the over-65's are available from the secretary. People are urged to phone any executive member if they have any ideas for future meetings or expeditions.

WEAVERS

At their annual meeting February 5, the Galiano Spinners and Weavers Guild chose Fern Stewart to be their president and Helen Reynolds as vice-president. Mari

Greskin will serve as secretary, Phyllis Stafford as treasurer, Helen Dixon as loom mistress and Vimmy Coffey as program convener.

The Weavers hold weekly meetings each Thursday from 1 to 3 pm in the South End Community Hall. Prospective members are most welcome to attend.

SNIPPETS

Omitted last week from the list of Victor Zala's "Angels" was Betty-Ann Gustin. Apologies, Betty-Ann.

Rose Partington, whose collar bone was broken when she fell from a horse two weeks ago, notes that she is the first of the recently qualified emergency health attendants to ride in the ambulance as a patient. We hope she is also the last.

Incidentally, the ambulance was called out 98 times during 1980, the first year of its operation under the provincial emergency health scheme.

JAPANESE FILMS

A good audience of islanders attended a film show given by the Japanese Buddhist Society of Vancouver, last Saturday in the Community Hall. They were treated to three films; one about community youth activities and another illustrating the tradition and art of the craft of samurai sword making.

The first film was, perhaps, the one that will be best remembered. It told the story of one of Japan's foremost artists, Shiko Munakata, who began drawing as a child in the streets, and because of his verve and excitement was nick-named the Mad Painter Boy.

At 75 years of age, although blind in one eye, he was still displaying the same enthusiasm, humming with happiness as he worked. He achieved fame in three different media, woodcut prints, watercolours and oil painting, and was awarded the highest Japanese cultural decoration by the emperor himself.

Some of Munakata's magic and creative emotion was transmitted from the film to members of the Galiano audience. Steven Nemtin, painter, poet, musician and storyteller, was inspired to write the following poem in honour of Shiko Munakata and his art:

Magical Man

Motions, myriads, mysteries,
Delicate simplicities,
Old man blinded
By inner light of sorrows
Colours
Ancient tapestries
For our tomorrows.

Memorial fund established

Contributed

The meeting of Galiano Lions Club held recently decided that a substantial sum of money will be placed in a Cam Prior Memorial Fund, and if anyone wishes to make a contribution in memory of the late Cam Prior it will be welcomed.

This fund will be used to buy equipment for Lions Fiestas, and will be a memorial to a good Lion member from Galiano.

A substantial amount was also sent to the Terry Fox Cancer Research Fund in Vancouver, in memory of the late Cam Prior.

Plans are well under way for the annual seafood dinner to be held at the hall on March 14.

The 100% President's Pin was recently awarded to Roy Harding!

Lion president Bob Knowles made the presentation at a recent meeting.

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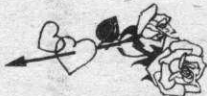


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Outfall surveyed by engineers

A team of engineers spent all of last week collecting data for the Capital Regional District on the route of the proposed sewer outfall in Ganges Harbour.

The seven-man crew used an array of sophisticated scientific equipment to scan the seabed in order to determine the harbour's depth and the thickness of mud coating its bottom.

Information gathered from the five days of scanning will be interpreted by a Vancouver engineering firm which will then recommend where to lay the eight-inch outfall pipeline.

The information is being collected by Northwestern Hydrophonic Engineering of Surrey and Thalassic Data Ltd. of Vancouver, and will be interpreted by H.A. Simons, a design engineering firm from Vancouver.

Dave Long, an engineer with H.A. Simons, said that the data will enable his firm to make a series of construction drawings, similar to topographical maps, of the contour and makeup of the harbour's floor.

Tom McGee, a geophysical engineer with Thalassic Data, explained that the outfall will be buried in a narrow trench three feet below the harbour's floor. The bottom will be scraped out much the

same as a farmer would plow a furrow in his field.

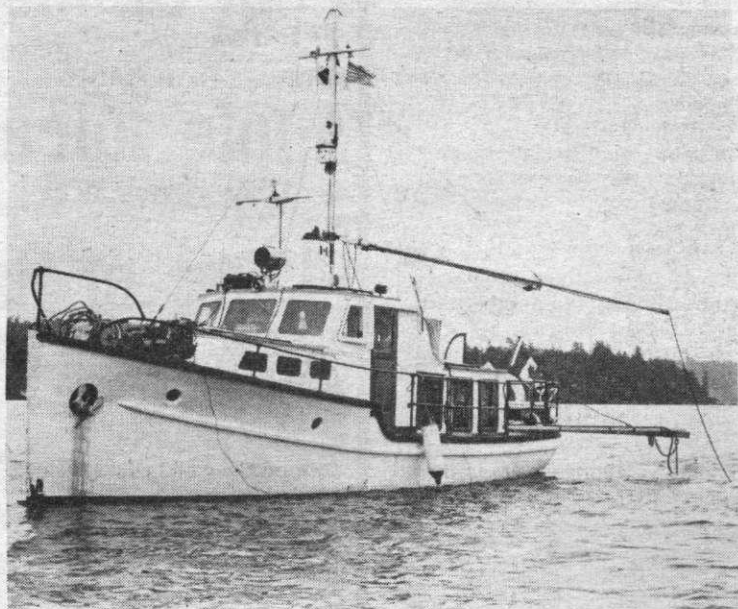
He said that a sand and gravel bottom was what the team hoped to find and that early indications were that the CRD would be pleased with the results.

By mid-Thursday, preliminary findings indicated there was little

solid rock to be found along the proposed route.

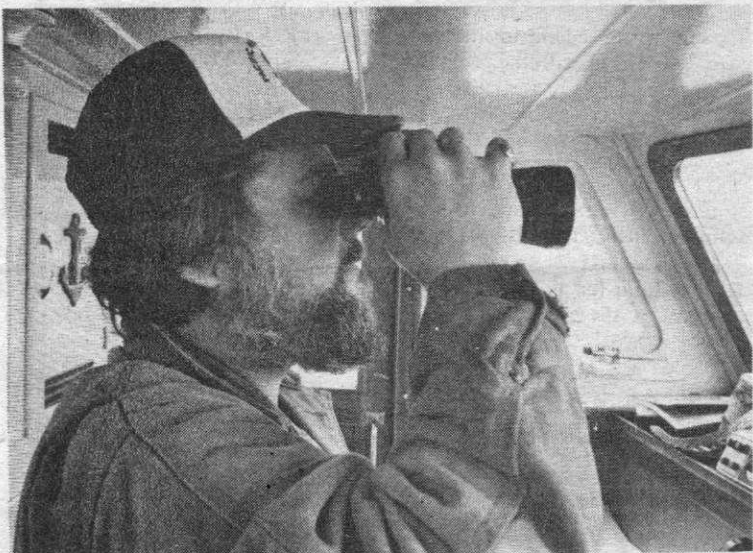
The crew was conducting its testing aboard the 34-foot *Seabreeze*, out of Ganges, which is owned and operated by Craig Marshall.

Marshall skippered the vessel along the approximately 5,000-



The Seabreeze in Ganges Harbour.

metre main line that the team followed and they were assisted by a land-based survey station along the shoreline behind Salt Spring Fibres.



Skipper Craig Marshall steers along path of the proposed outfall.

Pender Lions host Burns Night

Pender Islands Lions Club hosted the annual Burns Night dinner on January 31 at the school-community centre for the seventh consecutive time. It was attended by approximately 120 members of the community.

The dinner was prepared by the ladies of the Lions Club with Mrs. Anne Fairweather in charge. It was a traditional Burns night dinner with haggis, cock-a-leekie soup, turkey and finished with oatcakes and cheese. Rod Barrick of Victoria was the piper and the address to the haggis was given by Gordon Wallace.

Chairman for the evening was Lions vice-president Phil King and the master of ceremonies was Douglas Harker.

The traditional "Immortal Memory Address" was given by Charlie Colley, the toast to the ladies by Tim Appleby and replied to by Lorraine Dever. Mrs. Rose Ann LeBlanc gave the toast to the men and Stewart Corbett replied to it. Fred Leroux won the raffle prize.

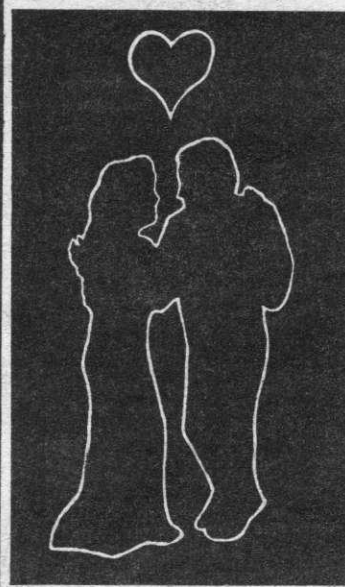
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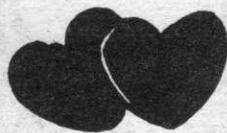
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Poster painters for heart fund



Top picture shows Gulf Islands Secondary School art teacher, Caroline Hamilton and Heart Campaign Chairman Fred Tessman examining entries in the poster contest. Other entries are to be seen on the wall behind them.

Babysitting co-operative to be discussed

Salt Spring Island parents interested in a babysitting co-operative are being invited to attend an information meeting on the topic on Friday at the Family Centre.

The purpose of the neighbourhood babysitting co-operative is to provide free, experienced babysitters for its members.

Sitting is arranged by the members themselves, and hours are recorded by using scrip, or tickets.

New members of the co-operative are given 50 scrip, each representing 25 hours. Sitters are then paid by the hour with scrip.

The information meeting will be held at 10 am Friday in the Family Centre on Ganges Hill. Further information may be obtained by calling 537-5274 or 537-9212.



Their hearts were in right place

Their hearts were in the right place last week when these four islanders posed for their picture.

At left is Fred Tessman, chairman of the Heart Campaign

on Salt Spring Island and at the right is Dick Toynbee, of Salt Spring Island Rotary Club, sponsor of the students' poster contest. Holding their entries are, left, Debbie Anderson and Brian

Matthews. Brian took top place and Debbie was second. Not seen in the picture, Jennifer Hughes took third place.

To take issue over fees

Salt Spring Island businessmen are taking issue with the provincial government over the sharp rise in the cost of business licenses.

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce last week directed that a delegation ask for an interview with Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, Islands MLA, to state their case.

The minister is likely to visit Ganges at the end of the month and it was hoped he would be able to offer an answer at that time.

Curfew bylaw a last resort

A curfew bylaw could be brought in for Salt Spring Island as a "last resort" against juvenile crime, regional director Yvette Valcourt told the annual meeting of the Salt Spring Planning Association Monday.

The director said she had let the word out about a possible curfew through her own children, and noted that she had received a couple of phone calls from local youngsters shortly after.

Valcourt felt there was a possibility that the threat of such a curfew might act as a deterrent against further break-ins. She made it clear, however, that such a move would be a last resort

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Euphoric's Dream

BY CORY
Grade 7
Saturna

Last year, when I was nosing around in a huge cave that I had discovered, I came across three objects: a coin with a sun on one side and a moon on the other; a piece of material with the design of a tree woven into it; and a beautifully carved, pointed stick.

To me, the coin looked like it was Roman, but what would it be doing way out here? I grabbed the three things and took off out of the cave, not bothering to explore any further. I ran all the way home and by this time dad was home from the mill.

Later on, I showed dad the objects. He told me they were from the museum and that there was a legend that went with them. (He had heard it on the news.)

He started like this: A long time ago, a Greek messenger was having nightmares. He kept on dreaming that he was on a cliff throwing a small pouch in the water. Then he would slip on a wet stone and fall off. He's look down and see the god Poseidon, king of the sea. As soon as he hit the water, he'd wake up.

One morning after he had had one of his dreams he heard a knock on his door. Euphoric (for that was his name) got up and looked out the window. He saw two soldiers carrying a little pouch.

He opened the door to let them in. Neither of them spoke, but one of them handed Euphoric a piece of paper with some writing on it.

The message read: Deliver this pouch to King Theseus. Don't look inside.

Euphoric was naturally nosy, and he disobeyed. Inside he found a beautiful piece of cloth with a tree design woven into it. Underneath the tree was a large black dot.

"Hmmm," he thought. "That tree looks just like the tree up by the seacliff."

Euphoric ran up to the tree and studied it. He saw a small mound of dirt where the dot was on the

cloth. Euphoric dropped on his knees and dug up a small coin with a sun on one side and a moon on the other.

He laid the coin on the ground with the sun side up. He glanced down at it and noticed that it was catching the sun's rays and sending beams over to a certain rock. Euphoric ran over to the rock and brushed the moss off the spot where the rays were hitting. There he found a perfect impression of the sun side of the coin.

Euphoric was so excited that he trembled while he fitted the coin in. He didn't need to hold it in. It sat there catching the sun's rays again and sending them off to a flat rock over by the cliff.

Euphoric dashed over to the rock and brushed it off. He found one word carved on it: **DIG**. He lifted the rock and dug. After about five minutes he came across a beautifully carved pointed stick with gold inlay. It was Poseidon's stick! His magic sceptre!

Euphoric stood up and looked down the cliff and into the water. He tossed the pouch into the water. Suddenly he remembered his dream. He got so startled, he slipped on a loose rock and fell off the cliff. Before he hit the water, he saw Poseidon's smiling face.

Euphoric's nightmare had come true!

The Magical Garden

BY KARRIE ANNE FREIND

Grade 2
Galiano

Once upon a time lived an old woman in an old house and every time the clock struck 12 the old woman would water the garden.

But one day when the old woman went to water the garden it was full of rosettes. It was beautiful.

So every time she went down stairs it was magical, so they named it the Magical Garden.

Guadalupe and Abrasax

BY KARELIA HOGAN
Ganges Hill School

Once there was a Mexican lady named Guadalupe Consuela. She was poor so she had to work for a living. She grew corn and ground it into meal then sold it. Her only lighting was a candle. People of the village she lived in said she was lucky because of her powers.

She could turn a cow into a cat or a dog into a human, or something like that. But no one knew her secret which was an old book. The cover looked like a dictionary cover. But it was a magic dictionary which actually belonged to a magician named Abrasax. He came to you only when you said, "Kisheftrollkarl-zaubererherlishstoratad."

One day Guadalupe decided to

say that. She said it and poof! there was a magician dressed in red with a black staff. It was a rather tall staff. "I am at your service, madam!" he said in a strange voice. "Why thank you," said Guadalupe.

Well, what would you like?" said Abrasax. "To be rich," she answered. "That's only one wish. Hmm, oh alright, but just two more though."

"Oh, I know," said Guadalupe, "lots of horses and servants!"

"Servants come with being rich," said the magician.

"Then a palace made of gold," she said, "and full of riches like rubies, sapphires, diamonds."

"Okay," agreed Abrasax, and poof! there was all that she had wished for.

"Thank you, o thank you," said Guadalupe.

"At your service, madam," replied the magician.

"O thank you again," she said.

"You're quite welcome. Whenever you need me, say 'Come, Abrasax, come.'"

"I will," she replied. Then he disappeared, and was gone. "Goodbye," called Guadalupe.

She lived in peace until one night she heard a big bang. Boom! "Come, Abrasax, come," she cried, "Please come quick!" As soon as she said it she heard a poof! and swinging around, saw Abrasax standing beside a lady dressed in white with a golden wand and wings. "Yes, Guadalupe?" he said. "Who is she?" she said, pointing at the lady.

"O, she's for you. Happy birthday."

"But what was that bang?" she asked.

"O that," the magician replied. "That was your castle!"

"O, please fix it," cried Guadalupe.

"O, all right!" And before she could say anything it was fixed.

"O, thank you!" she said. But the magician had already gone. The white lady stayed with her and guarded her for ever after.

Oh, what a pity!

BY ADRIENNE GOULD
Grade 5
Galiano

As she swiftly ran down the stairs Felena took a deep breath. She had just managed to escape from Hamish the dog.

Now, being a cat Felena knew exactly what to do when a dog came around, but she was still terrified of them.

"Whew," she said, "that was a close call."

"What was?" asked Whiskers, her older brother, who was coming up through the garden.

"Hamish nearly ate me up," said Fif.

"Oh I'll bet 'e did, heh heh," stammered Whiskers.

Fif hated being insulted, so, lifting her head she strutted off, saying, "Well, you can bet all you want because it's true."

Just then the two cats heard the creeeeeeeaaeeeek of the door. "It's supper time!" cried Fif.

"What did you say, supper?!" inquired Whiskers.

"Of course," yelled Fif, darting up the steps.

A funny little girl about 10 years old stepped out of the door. Adrienne was the girl's name. She was the owner of the two cats.

"This must surely mean supper time," said Fif.

"Meeeeeoooooerrrrrww," cried Whiskers.

"Oh you're hungry are you?" asked Adrienne. "Well, today Pam is feeding you," and with that she slammed the door in the cats' faces.

"Pam is feeding us," whined Fif.

"Now we'll never get fed," complained Whiskers. "Oh well, good night."

Whiskers lay down to sleep. Fif followed.

KIDS

If you would like to draw some animals to live in Mythologia, we will try to publish them. Use your imagination.

Defeat of Conceit

BY CHRISTINE
Grade 4
Galiano

"Being the most beautiful goldfish in the whole pond sure makes her conceited," sighed Dinsler.

"I do do agree," murmured Stut. The two were talking about Princesavalda, the most beautiful and conceited goldfish in the whole pond. You see, Princesavalda's father had a great fishfood industry which made him rich enough to make his only child's dreams come true. She had won many beauty contests and was very conceited.

Stus shivered. "Why are you shivering, Stus?" questioned Dinsler.

"I just felt some cold, cold water," he answered.

Suddenly, a dainty scream was heard. "Help! Help! Oh, oh! Help me somebody! Help! Oh, oh, oh!"

The two recognized the voice as that of princesavalda.

Suddenly a large pike appeared, chasing Princesavalda! "Quick, hide in this cave!" shouted Dinsler. The frightened Princesavalda quickly obeyed.

After a week in the cave Princesavalda realized there were no contests to be won and she began to realize that if she had not been so stupid the whole problem of being stuck in the cave never would have come about.

After a while the pike did leave and Princesavalda came out of the cave a totally nice fish.



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Pender Womens Institute marks 50 years of service

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

On Jan. 4, 1931, a group of Pender Islands women met in the Hope Bay Hall to form a Women's Institute, and on January 15 they received their Charter.

The first regular meeting of the W.I. was held on February 4 in the Port Washington Hall. The officers they elected were Mrs. Ruth Stigings, president; Mrs. Mona Corbett, vice-president; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Addy M. Auchterlonie; and four directors, Gertrude McNeill, Wilhelmina Menzies, Isabel Moore and Marie Craddock. Thirteen other ladies signed the charter and the total membership that year was 31.

For 50 years the institute has been active on the Penders. On Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 3, a 50th birthday party was held to celebrate, complete with a tiered birthday cake made by the 1981 president, Myrtle MacGregor.

Mrs. Dorothy Grimmer, one of the original members, was given the honour of cutting the cake. She had three friends from the 1931 membership to help her, Mrs. Ethel Johnston, Mrs. Florence

Ethel Johnston, Mrs. Florence Auchterlonie Newhorn and Mrs. Helen Grimmer. The 1931 minutes tell how busy these devoted women were as they were responsible for no less than 16 different events that year as well as eight papers and talks given by them on a wide variety of subjects.

Pouring tea during the afternoon were Mrs. Mac Appleby, Mrs. Marjorie Clarke, Miss Marjorie Bailey, Mrs. Joyce Jones, Mrs. Helen Grimmer and Mrs. Audrey Taylor.

About 70 guests were present to look at the displays, scrapbook and pictures of early institute days.

Pender Island's newest citizens who arrived during 1980 were each presented with a silver spoon, a tradition with the institute. Although seven new citizens arrived in 1980 only four were able to attend. They were Dana Burandt, Allison Farrell, Briana Grimmer and Sara Miles.

Mrs. MacGregor opened the birthday celebration with a welcome and a brief review of the founding of the Women's Institute, which has become a world-wide organization with over 70 countries participating through its association with the Associated Country Women of the World. In 1983 they will meet in Vancouver for a convention.

After tea Mr. and Mrs. A.L. MacGregor showed beautiful slides of Bavaria, taken on their 1980 trip to Germany and to the Oberammergau Festival.

BY DEVINA BAINES

A happy group of about 80 people gathered in the North Galiano Community Hall to bid the Bells "Bon Voyage" on Sunday afternoon with a pot-luck supper. There were 25 children present.

Mrs. Rene Howard was the convener and for the first time in that capacity she did really well and thanks to her hard work, we had a beautiful meal. She contacted everyone in the community and collected 40 different casseroles. Those who came from the south end also brought something with them, casseroles, cakes or candies.

There was baked salmon, turkey, ham and many delicious desserts.

To start the meal off Doris Russell served everyone a cup of wonderful clam chowder.

The hall was beautifully decorated with fir and cedar boughs and coloured lights, done by Woody Coward, Alistair Ross and Norm Russell.

Dinner wine was provided for the adults while the children were served apple juice donated by Tony and Vivien Brooke-Harte.

Ray and Marge were presented with a beautiful painting of the island near the store, which was done by Gill Allen.

Woody Coward made the presentation speech, which was replied to by Mrs. Bell. We wished the Bells many years of happy retirement.

Tea and coffee were served by Pat and Jennifer Hughes, relieved later by Phyl Stafford.

There was also a photo album of pictures taken around the store

and island and also at the party by Norm Russell and Alistair Ross.

Tony and Vivien were also introduced and welcomed to the island.

Mrs. Marge Bell had her son, daughter-in-law and little grandson over from Vancouver for a few days.

The Arts Club met at the North End Community Hall on Monday, Feb. 2.

The next meeting of the Garden Club is Wednesday the 11th.

Bud and Sylvia Baines entertained 25 guests at a dinner party in honour of their parents' 53rd wedding anniversary on January 26. The youngest guest was 16-day-old Dorraine Baines, their youngest grandchild.

The huge anniversary cake, made by Tillie Bamford, was in the shape of an open bible on a table, all iced in gold with white doves, roses and gold leaves.



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SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-laws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the United Church Hall, Ganges, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1981, commencing at 8:00 pm.

1. **Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 47**, being Amendment By-law No. 10, 1980, is a By-law to amend By-law No. 14, cited as "Zoning By-law No. 2, Salt Spring Island, 1978" as follows:

By allowing for up to three one-family dwelling units per parcel in the Rural Zone providing that there is a minimum parcel of 2 ha. per unit.

1. **Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 50**, being Amendment By-law No. 13, 1980, is a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 14 as follows:

By amending the definitions of "dwelling unit" and "transient accommodation" in order to clarify the zone in which time-sharing accommodation is permitted.

3. **Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 54**, being Amendment By-law No. 14, 1980, is a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 14 as follows:

By deleting Section 3.15 from the Zoning By-law which relates to uses permitted by the Agricultural Land Commission lands contained within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

4. **Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 55**, being Amendment By-law No. 15, 1980, amends Zoning By-law No. 14 as follows:

By changing the zoning classification of that Part of Lot "A" of Section 72, Plan 5317 except the westerly 60 ft. and Plans 13759 and 15089, South Salt Spring Island, shown on Plan No. 1 which is attached to the By-law; from the Commercial 4 (C-4) to the Watershed 2 (W-2) Zone.

5. **Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 58**, being Amendment By-law No. 1, 1981, amends Zoning By-law No. 14 as follows:

By expanding the Development Permit Area designation to include certain lands and water in the Ganges area.

Copies of the proposed By-laws may be reviewed at the offices of the Capital Regional District, Building Inspection Department, in the Provincial Government Building, Ganges, B.C., during normal working hours of 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive. The proposed By-laws may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust Office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

M. LEE,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE Notice of Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning Salt Spring Island at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on February 17, 1981 at 8:00 pm, in the United Church Hall, Ganges.

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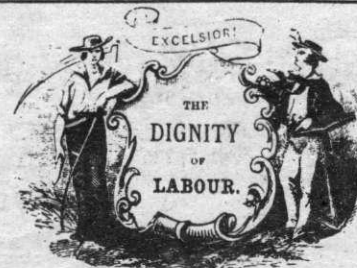
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Change scenario for disaster by heeding nature's methods

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Nitrogen is fairly well understood, but as for phosphorous and potassium, we really do not know how they work, except that they are necessary. We have come to know the signs of deficiency and excess, but still do not know how and why they work.

We have embraced the findings of Professor Liebig of a century ago, who found, upon burning some plants, that nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium were the components of the ashes. This is the basis of our current practice of supplying the familiar N-P-K chemical fertilizers.

SALINITY INCREASING

This worked for awhile in rich organic soils with their reserves of abundant humus. Now we find that chemically fertilized soils are rapidly increasing in salinity. It now takes double the amount of fertilizer to grow the same quantity of corn in the American midwest as it took only 10 years ago.

This, alas, increases the salinity as well, to the point where the soil is rapidly approaching infertility. Sad, and true. In our ignorance, we have allowed the organic content to dwindle to the point where wind and water erosion are reducing our topsoil at an alarming rate. Add to this the ever-increasing costs of the manufacture and distribution of fertilizers and pesticides and we might get an idea what a head of cabbage will be worth 10 years from now. A scenario for disaster? You bet it is.

THEY ARE FACTS

It is not my intention to scare anybody with the added factors of increasing population and pollution of the elements. For these are facts. And also it is a fact that we, and all life, are a product of the four elements, the earth, water, sun and air.

And it is also a fact that nature has provided us with the means for abundant life in all things. For once this planet was a barren rock and look at it now. Nature's way provides an ever-increasing abundance. There is an actual net gain in the fertility of the soil; were it

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

not so, you and I would not be here.

We can change the scenario of disaster to one of abundance, simply, cheaply and effectively. There are about 75 million pounds of nitrogen in the air over every acre of land. The legumes, clovers, alfalfa peas and others, fix nitrogen in the soil through bacterial action.

Sow clover and buckwheat in your orchard or any other available area. Just let it grow permanently. You can harvest the buckwheat seed and return the straw as mulch to your orchard. If the weeds get too tall, mow them and let the clippings rot back into the soil. The idea is to have a permanent ground cover of clover and buckwheat, use what you want of it, and let the natural process of growth and decay build deep, rich topsoil for you.

HEALTHIER TREES

You will not need any other fertilizer at all and you will have healthier trees. Once the soil is rich and healthy all that is required is dormant oil spray in our climate. Treat your garden in a similar manner. Rotate your garden to a green manure crop of clover and alfalfa or clover and winter rye, the more often the better.

The best scheme would be to double the size of your garden and alternate the two halves every year. Again, if you return the straw to your garden as mulch, you will need no other fertilizer as the straw contains the phosphorous and potassium.

Of course, return all your organic waste and your wood ashes (alkaline for Ph balance) as well as anything else you can lay your hands on, to your soil. If you feed your clover and alfalfa to your animals, return the manure and straw to the soil.

Try mowing a clover patch, sow your corn in it, mulch the mowed

clover with (buckwheat) straw and grow the corn right in the mulched clover patch. Grow your bush fruit in the same manner. Just make sure not to grow corn where you mulched with corn straw as corn borers can overwinter in the straw.

This is the way nature grows all things in ever-increasing abundance, without applied fertilizers, pesticides or tilling, for that matter. Read *The One Straw Revolution* by Masanobu Fukuoka; it is an eye-opener.

Garden Club notes

BY OPTIMIST

The Salt Spring Garden Club's first meeting of the year, on Wednesday, Feb. 18, will be held in St. George's Hall at 8 pm. William Brandner of Vancouver will speak on broadleaved and deciduous trees and shrubs for the Pacific northwest garden.

This should be a very interesting program. Our speaker has many year's experience in landscape gardening and as a horticultural judge. He will illustrate his talk with well chosen slides.

On Monday, Feb. 23, a workshop will be held on the pruning of fruit trees. We will meet at 9.45 am St. George's Hall, then go to an island orchard where Fred Maybee will demonstrate.

Our club executive have varied plans for the new season, spring and summer shows and a garden bus trip are in the planning. All members will be looking forward to a new season with your Garden Club, so happy gardening.

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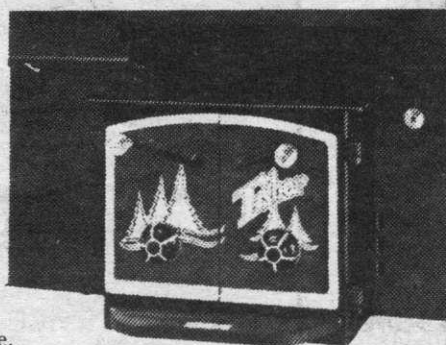
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BY ELSIE BROWN

The regular meeting of the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Association was held at Saturna Island Community Hall February 1 with a good attendance.

Since time was limited for the speaker, Hal Hussey from the B.C. Telephone Co., his talk, accompanied by slides, was given first. Hussey has been with the telephone company for 23 years, serving in various capacities.

The first job the speaker was given when he started working for B.C. Tel was cleaning used phones for service elsewhere.

By the use of slides Hussey was able to show the growth of B.C. Telephone from the first instrument to the present day modern phones.

In the 1960's B.C. was the first province to have telephone service via satellite.

The telephone company still uses miles of wire beneath Johnson and Yates streets in Victoria. A sample of the wire used was shown to the attentive audience by the speaker. It is made of glass. The costs are not in the millions of dollars but in the billions and the extent of the increase in service is not always comprehended by the user, Hussey said.

A question and answer period

followed Hussey's lecture and appreciation was expressed by the president, who presented him with a copy of *Gulf Islands Patchwork*.

The business meeting followed. Correspondence included a letter from the Vancouver Historical Society asking for the support of the Gulf Islands branch in a project consisting of a display of publications by historically minded individuals at the annual convention of the B.C. Historical Association, to be held at Cranbrook May 28 - 31. It was decided that the branch would participate.

The president, Marjorie Ratzlaff, read a notice of motion that the Gulf Islands branch disband unless the attendance improved and membership increased.

The treasurer, Evelyn Saunders, gave the treasurer's report, which showed a healthy bank balance. The only revenue has been from the sale of *Gulf Islands Patchwork* and membership dues.

Saturna students were the only ones who participated in the essay contest this past season, and it was the opinion of the membership that the entries be sent to Sue Wagner of Mayne Island for judging.

Following the meeting refreshments were served by the Saturna members and a social time was enjoyed before ferry time.

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Wranglers play Juan de Fuca

Deciding game this weekend

BY ED DAVIS

This Saturday the Salt Spring Wranglers put their unbeaten streak on the line in a match to determine who will be this year's league champs.

The Wranglers, who are currently in the #1 spot, will go up against Juan de Fuca Dycos from Victoria. The match will be on home turf, Portlock Park, at 11 am.

The past two weekends of Wrangler soccer action have seen the team maintain its division lead heading into the cup playoffs with a tie on the weekend before last and a decisive win last Saturday.

In the previous weekend's match with Prospect Lake, they had to be wearing horseshoes, as the Wranglers dominated 40 of the 50 minutes of play. However, it was not to be a Wrangler victory as the game ended in a 0-0 tie.

Saturday's game against Bay's United Newport Meets (Oak Bay) again saw the Wranglers in control of the game, only this time the team was able to complete their thrusts with some goals. Final score, Wranglers 5, Oak Bay 0. **EVERYTHING BUT SCORE**

In the first game against Prospect Lake it must have been one of those days that happens to everybody occasionally. The boys

did everything beautifully, everything except score. Their passing was on, their dribbling was superb, but it just was not their day when it came to shooting.

Shots were banged off the corner posts, off defending players, off our own players and the opposing goalie must get a lot of credit for keeping the Wranglers scoreless. It was a frustrating game for the boys, as almost every Wrangler got a kick at the goal but just couldn't get the ball in the net.

The Wranglers almost lost it near the end of the second half when after a long drive and numerous shots on the Prospect goal, they got caught with the whole team pressing the attack. A Prospect forward got a clear break away and it looked, for a brief moment, as if we were in deep trouble.

It was Anthony Archer who got the Wrangler-of-the-game award. He sprinted down the field, overtaking the charging aggressor and kicking the ball free just as he was in shooting distance. The Wranglers were able to re-group and again took control for the remaining minutes. The game ended in a 0-0 tie.

Saturday's game against Bay's United from Oak Bay was a repeat of the previous week's perfor-

mance, only this time the boys were able to find the net.

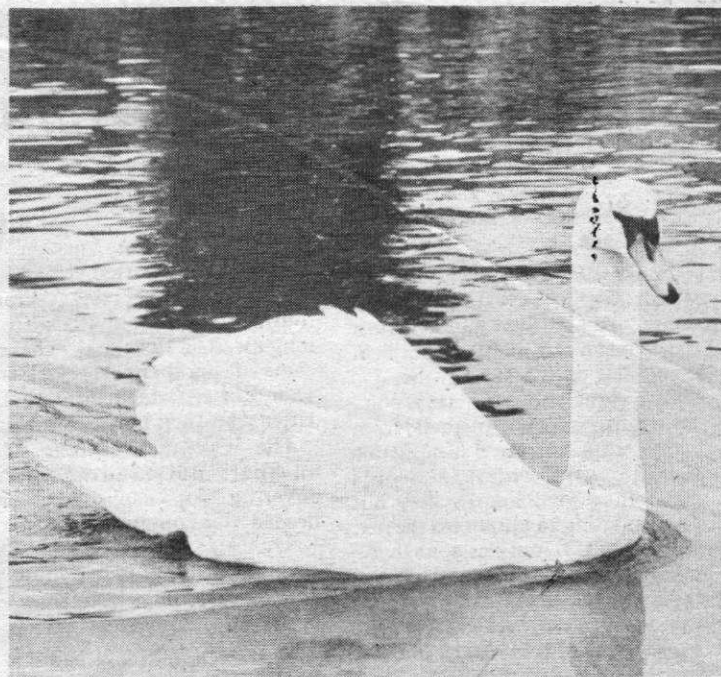
TOOK CONTROL EARLY

The Wranglers took control of the game from the opening minutes with an early goal by team captain Michael Brown. This game turned out to be one of the finest games of the season with the whole team contributing to the final effort. Michael came up with three goals, all of which came from being in position to receive passes.

John Thomas got on the scoreboard, as did first-half goaltender Robert Calkins. Robert picked up his first goal of the season playing forward in the second half. He shared the shutout goaltending duties with Sean Albhouse, and both did an excellent job. Final score, Wranglers 5, Oak Bay 0.

It's been an exciting season for the Wranglers! We are heading into the playoff with eight wins (two were exhibition games) and four ties. You may recall at the beginning of the season we were a newly organized team and this, for most of the boys, was their first year in an off-island league.

This Saturday's game to determine league champs promises to be a real thriller. Let's see all the parents and soccer fans out to cheer on our team for this final game in league play.

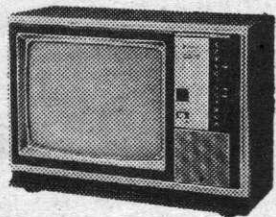


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Solid win for Cyclones over Duncan Royal Bank

Salt Spring Cyclones, 4; Duncan Royal Bank, 1.

BY BRUCE CASPAR

Salt Spring Cyclones played their third and final game against the Duncan Royal Bank and beat them 4 - 1 with a solid game.

The game showed a very good team effort with lots of hustle from every team member. The game started out fast with the Cyclones controlling most of the play but always failing to put it into the net. With about 20 minutes gone in the half, the Cyclones scored what was the only goal of the half. The goal came off a cornerkick by Dan Fraser which Ken Anderson put in.

Dan took a lot of cornerkicks and they were all perfect. With this goal the Cyclones came to life, showing all the skill they have and totally taking over the play. Dan Utter scored the next goal, but it was all due to the work of Gordon Hitchcock. Gordon had an excellent game and this play is just typical of how he worked hard throughout the whole game.

Gordon took the ball right down the wing, running by every defender, then he crossed the ball

right on to the feet of Dan Utter, who put it in. Gordon got the next goal on an unassisted effort.

This writer got the Cyclones' fourth goal, but it was also my long-awaited first goal. The goal came off another cornerkick from Dan Fraser, which went to Dan Utter who then put it to me.

The Cyclones' defence had another outstanding game, covering for each other when needed and communicating well.

Duncan didn't give up, however, and with about one minute left they put one in.

The Cyclones' next game is on Sunday at Portlock Park, where they play their rival, Cordova Bay.



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KICK-OFF

BY MALCOLM LEGG

With league play rapidly drawing to a close, it's an appropriate time to see how our teams are fairing in their respective divisions.

two quick goals.

Dave's first goal came after he took a pass from Bruce on the wing. He tried to loft a cross into the middle but it was too close to

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TEAM	WON	LOST	TIED	POINTS
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2. Castaways	9	3	2	20
3. Dynamos	7	4	3	17
4. Salt Spring	7	4	2	16
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7. Chez Pierre	5	7	1	11
8. Duncan	4	7	2	10
9. Metro	1	12	1	3
10. Sidney	1	12	1	3

THIRD DIVISION

TEAM	WON
1. Salt Spring Kicks	
2. Bays United Ocean	
3. Lakehill	
4. Juan de Fuca	
5. Gordon Head	
6. Bays United Titans	
7. Prospect Lake	

Last weekend was to be a very critical game for the Kicks as they were to meet the Bays United Ocean team in an encounter for first place, but the local squad held half the team out with the 'flu and

FOURTH DIVISION

TEAM	WON
1. Duncan	
2. Prospect Lake	
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Last weekend they took another step towards moving up as they defeated Duncan 3-2 in a tightly played game. The Blues carried the play and had numerous good scoring opportunities but their finish around the goal was poor. In fact, the three goals they scored were more of the fluke variety than classics.

Bruce Hume opened scoring with a shot that caroomed off a defender and spun past a bewildered Duncan keeper.

After Duncan tied the score, Dave Toynbee went to work with

their goalie. As luck would have it the goalie mis-played the ball and the Blues were up 2-1.

Moments later Dave took a corner-kick which the Duncan goalie punched into his own net and Salt Spring had a 3-1 edge.

Although Duncan narrowed the gap in the second half they rarely tested Blues defence and goalie Derek Walker. The mid-field showed good imagination at times as Bruce has settled in well with Nick Bergnach and Gary Hartwig and the forwards gave a good effort.

A little more polish up front and the Blues will be a hard team to beat.

SECOND DIVISION YOUTH

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIED	POINTS
1. Salt Spring Cyclones	6	0	1	13
2. Gordon Head	4	2	0	8
3. Landsdowne	2	3	2	6
4. Cordova Bay	2	2	2	6
5. Juan de Fuca	2	4	1	5
6. Duncan	0	5	2	2

(After seven games)

FIFTH DIVISION

TEAM	WON
1. Salt Spring Strikers	
2. Lakehill	
3. Peninsula	
4. Juan de Fuca	
5. Sooke	
6. Gorge	
7. Gordon Head	

Two weeks ago the Strikers and Lakehill held their league play-off

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ION YOUTH

WON	LOST	TIED	POINTS
6	0	0	12
5	1	0	10
4	2	0	8
1	3	2	4
1	4	1	3
1	3	1	3
0	5	0	0

(After seven weeks completed)

hence the match has been rescheduled.

After 10 weeks the Kicks are 8-0-1 for 17 points one up on Bays - the rematch should be a good one.

VISION YOUTH

WON	LOST	TIED	POINTS
6	0	1	13
5	1	0	10
4	2	1	9
4	3	0	8
2	2	2	6
1	5	1	3
1	5	0	2
0	5	1	1

(After seven games)

The Selects had a slow start this season as after 11 games they now have 3-5-3 record for nine points and the two wins were over the top two teams in the division. Watch for them in the District Cup.

SION YOUTH

WON	LOST	TIED	POINTS
5	1	1	11
5	1	1	11
4	1	2	10
3	2	2	8
2	2	2	6
2	3	2	6
1	5	0	2

(After seven games)

game and the local boys took divisional honours with a 1-0 triumph.

It was Salt Springs' first declared winner this year and congratulations go to Strick Aust and all his Strikers! With the victory his squad will compete in the 5B District Cup (one division higher), a tough assignment for any team.

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SIXTH DIVISION YOUTH

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIED	POINTS
1. Salt Spring Wranglers	4	0	3	11
2. Peninsula	3	0	4	10
3. Lakehill	3	1	3	9
4. Juan de Fuca	3	1	3	9
5. Gordon Head	2	3	1	7
6. Bays United	2	2	1	5
7. Prospect Lake	1	5	1	3

(After seven games)

After 11 weeks the Wranglers have a 6-0-4 record for 16 points and still hold first place, but their critical game comes this Saturday, 11 am at Portlock Park against

Juan de Fuca. A victory for the Wranglers wraps up the division for another one of our new teams - good luck, boys.

INTRA-ISLAND - COERS CUP

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIED	POINTS
1. Panthers	3	0	0	15
2. Rowdies	1	1	1	9
3. Fernwood Fury	1	2	0	7
4. Kanaka Cosmos	0	2	1	5

Last week's games saw the Panthers retain a solid hold on first place and Fernwood pick up their first win.

1) Panthers 2 (Drayson Akurst -2); Rowdies, 0.

It was a close battle but the Panthers squeaked out a narrow victory due to two fine goals from Drayson Akurst. The Rowdies, weakened due to sickness, received a stand-out performance from Izak Ondre in goal.

2) Fury, 5 (M. Nordine - 4, C. Little); Kanaka, 0.

The Mark Nordine scoring show

broke loose against an undermanned Cosmos team. Mark's four-goal outburst and a single from Chad Little vaulted the Fury into third place and the chance to meet the Panthers next week.

After looking at all our teams it becomes apparent that they have all been very competitive in their respective leagues.

Their standings reflect the hard work of each team's coach and manager as well as an enthusiastic group of players who are giving our association a banner year.

Down the Gutter

With KEN COLLINS

This past week, ending February 7, saw some very good scores recorded.

Denis Corcoran led the way with a big 845 triple, followed by Terry Jenkins with 819, Flora Robinson, 768, Lesley Cheesman, 760, this writer, 760, Jayne Collins, 715, Ruth Bedford, 705, Ron McNulty, 751, Carole Corcoran, 703, and Peter Jacquest, 714.

We had 300 games from Denis Corcoran, 331, this writer, 331, Ron McNulty, 360, Ron Cunningham, 341, David Betts, 305, and Terry Jenkins, 309.

The Golden-agers had some good scores as well. Flora Robinson led the way for them with 768 (328), then we had Stan Glazier, 695 (305), and Marge Robinson with 694 (301).

The bowlers of the week were Flora Robinson and Denis Corcoran.

The teams for the B.P.A. contest have been decided. They are posted in the bowling alley, so be sure to see if you are one of the lucky ones.

I was amazed to see a blind person bowling with the handicap group on Wednesday last. Terry devised a way for her to know where the foul-line was by placing a broom handle between the foul-lites.

Daryl Little and his wife Lois travelled to Maple Ridge Lanes (Haney), to compete in the high-low contest that was held there on Sunday last. Don't know the results at the time of writing.

Tip of the week

Always keep your toe aimed at your target.

Y.B.C. NEWS

As promised, we are very pleased to give the names of the singles and team bowlers in the bantam, junior and senior divisions, who will be participating in the second step of the Four Steps

to Stardom Tournament.

The bantams get to lead off this year with their tournament being held in Duncan this coming Saturday, Feb. 14, and our singles bowlers will be Shannon Taylor for the girls and David Jacquest for the boys. The team spirit will be upheld by Lisa Jorgensen, Jodie Harrison, Penny Spencer, Laura and Deanna Little.

The juniors and seniors both bowl in the beautiful new Brechin Lanes in Nanaimo on Saturday, Feb. 21 and qualifiers for the juniors are Denise Harrison and Charles Rose for the singles and team of Kara Cruickshank, Suzanne Cottrell, Jackie Matthews, Wendy Luscombe and Danica West.

Senior singles are Cindy Corcoran for the gals and Danny Fraser for the guys, with the team of Steve Marleau, Marvin Foerster, Robert Messam, Steve Martens and Paul Trenholm.

Good bowling to you all and may we have a winner, or better still, all winners, from Salt Spring for the provincial finals.

High scorers for Saturday, Feb. 7 were:

Jets: Aaron Slingsby, 96, and Shane Eldstrom, 64.


Pee Wees: Chelsea Eldstrom, 100; Tammy Sloan, 94; Tanya Slingsby, 91; Ryan Davies, 146; Jeffrey Neilson, 128; Lance Davis, 100.

Bantams: Shannon Taylor, 214; Jodie Harrison, 192; Lisa Jorgensen, 191; Justin Williams, 175; David Jacquest, 131; Jay Pinchin, 100.

Juniors: Denise Harrison, 259; Jackie Matthews, 249; Kara Cruickshank, 225; David Cates, 216.

Seniors, for Wednesday, Feb. 4: Janet Foerster, 227; Cindy Corcoran, 189; Marvin Foerster, 283; Rick Andrews, 248; Robert Messam, 227.

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Div. 2B: S.S. Cyclones vs Cordova Bay, Sun. Feb. 15, 11:00 am at Portlock Park.
Div. 3B: S.S. Kicks vs Prospect Lake, Sun. Feb. 15, 1:00 pm, Portlock Park.
Div. 4B: S.S. Selects vs Bays United, Sat. Feb. 14, 1:00 pm at Maynard Park.
Div. 5C: S.S. Strikers - BYE
Div. 6C: S.S. Wranglers vs Juan de Fuca, Sat. Feb. 14, 11:00 am at Portlock Park.

Intra-Island:
Senior -
Thurs., Feb. 12: Game 8, S.S. Rowdies vs Kanaka, Portlock
Tues., Feb. 17: Game 9, Winner #7 vs Winner #8, Portlock
Thurs., Feb. 19: Game 10, Loser #8 vs Loser #7, Portlock
Tues., Feb. 24: Game 11, Winner #9 vs Winner #10, Portlock

EXHIBITION:
Kanaka Cosmos vs Oak Bay, Sat. Feb. 14, 2:00 pm, Margaret Jenkins School. Girls will catch 12:30 Fulford ferry.



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Slugs remind Howie of Canucks

BY WOWIE HOWIE
SQUEAKER

Golly gee whiz and holy jumping jehosophats, it sure was super for those young Slug kids to ask me down from Parksville to see them tangle with the Duncan Old Timers and then tell all you folks about it!

What with my hockey schools taking a dive and people getting a little tired of my gee whillikers gosh darn enthusiasm on TV, I've had a little time on my hands, and other than flogging those silly career videos I haven't been doing much, so I jumped at the chance to see the game.

And hey - what a game! If only the Ruskies could see those Slugs play - whoo hee, would they ever love it. I mean, can they play in this league? (Rhetorical question).

Sure, they lost 5 - 1 to those guys - the Old Timers - but hey - was that ever exciting. Boy oh boy, have those guys got wheels. (It's

just too bad they don't have skates).

Mind you, I'll betcha some of those Duncan guys were old-timers back when I played and coached the Leafs in the 40's. (Before they fired me).

JUST SUPER

But I mean, you should have seen that Duncan kid go - it was super, just super! All game long he turned those Slug defencemen inside out. He went around them like a hoop on a barrel. I mean, hey, he had that puck on a string - that kid plays with his head.

He'll have those Montreal Canadian Old-Timers fit to be tied when Duncan plays them next week. Whoo hee, did he make monkeys out of those Slugs. But hey, that's the breaks.

The Slugs though - I mean it makes me so gosh darn mad - they go into the corners like they've got eggs in their pockets. I kept telling the boys to take the body, not the

puck - but gee whillikers, they were on the short end 3 - 0 before they even got untracked, and when that young kid scored that super super goal with Jukes riding cowboy on his back, I mean hey - it knocked the stuffing right out of them.

DIDNT HAVE THE LEGS

Young Tommy Watson got one back, but the Slugs just didn't have the legs. The Old-Timers were full value for the win (whatever that means). Sufferin sarsparilla, if it hadn't been for goalie Al Lea the Slugs would have been blown out. I mean he stood them on their ears and except for the five easy ones he let slip through, he stoned em cold.

Anyways, jiminy cricket, it made me so gosh darn happy to see the Slugs play - I've heard so much about them. As I was telling Jimmy Robson last week, they remind me a lot of the Canucks. And hey, next week when they tangle with Mill Bay Misogynists, you can bet the fur will fly.

Fined for failing to report

A Saturna Island woman received a \$35 fine in provincial court last Wednesday for failing to report a traffic accident. Beatrice Carpentier pleaded guilty to the charge.

The court appearance stemmed from an incident January 17 when Carpentier's vehicle collided with a parked van. Her son had been

attempting to give her vehicle a push start.

The accident occurred on East Point Road at Saturna Island.

The van sustained about \$400 damage while Carpentier's vehicle sustained about \$150 in damage.

Judge Frederick G. Giles told Carpentier that the \$35 fine represented the bare minimum sentence that he could impose.

Bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on February 2 were:

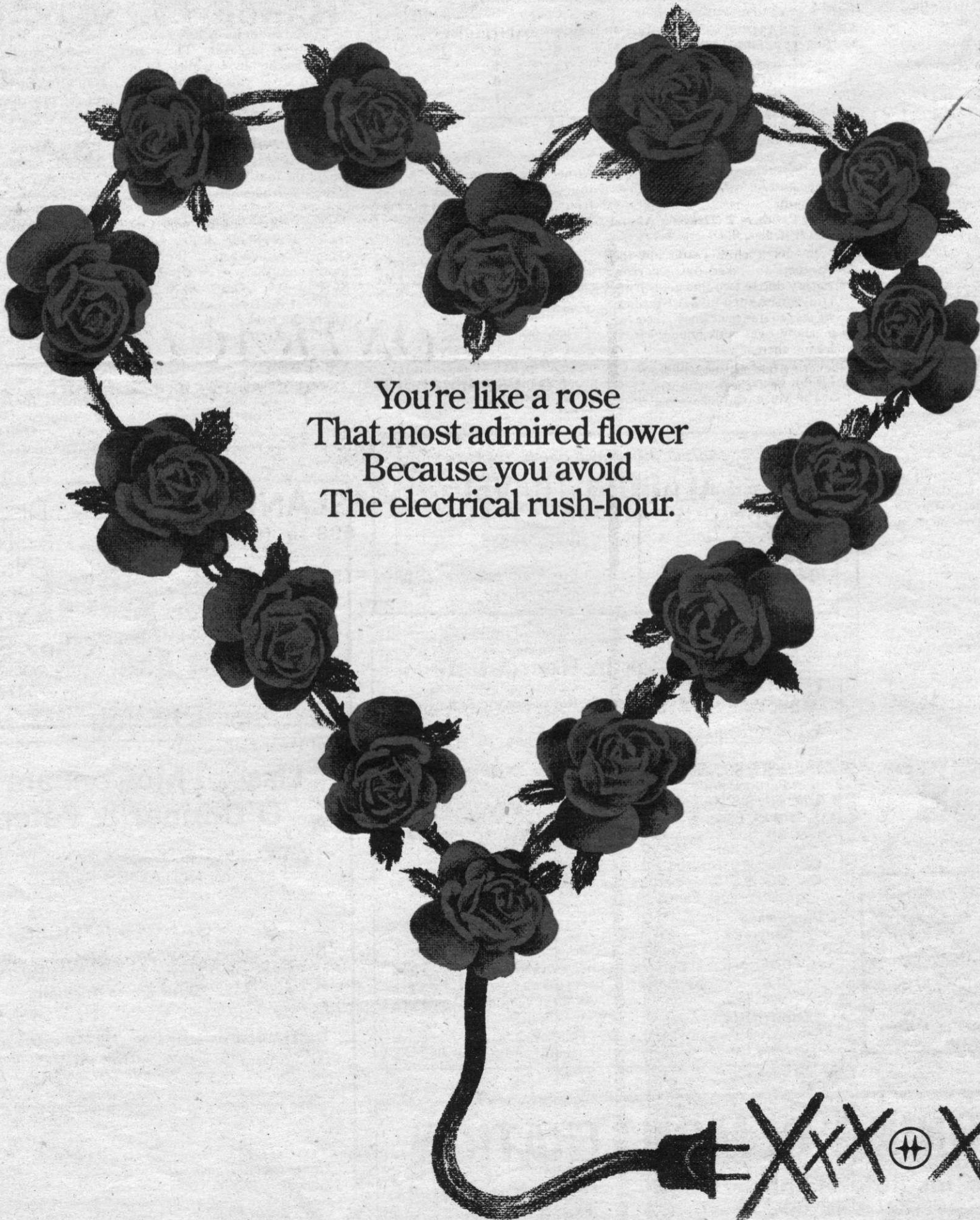
North-South: first, Marjorie Downs and Dorie Best; second Irene Hawksworth and Dorothy Sneddon; third, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop.

East-West: first, Anne McConnell and Gordon Hutton; second,

Shirley Love and Phyllis Henderson; third, Lorna and Peter Pentz.

Winners of the individual game February 3 were: first, Gordon Dafoe; second, Norm McConnell; third, Lorna Pentz.

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Ganges Chapter elects officers

Here are the table officers and others after the election of officers of the IODE at Ganges last week. From left to right, front row, are Lydia Purser, Dorothy James,

Roma Aston and Marjorie Cuttall. Rear row are Joy Whitecross, Marj Farncombe, Olive Mouat, Anna Warrington, Alma McQuiggan, Christina Searles,

Margaret Howell and Barbara Smith. Annual meeting of HMS Ganges Chapter, IODE, was held in the United Church Hall.

Local man chooses fine

After extending a public apology in provincial court last Wednesday, a Ganges man was told by Judge Frederick G. Giles that he could choose between receiving a substantial fine or spending a period of time in jail.

Following a brief period of consideration, Henry William Pickering, 21, informed the judge that he would prefer a fine.

Pickering changed his plea to guilty during Wednesday's court appearance, having originally planned to contest the charge of obstructing police officers in the execution of their duty.

The charge stemmed from a fracas at Bader's Beach (Cranberry Outlet) more than 10 months ago, during which several people harassed police officers who were attempting to apprehend a prisoner at large.

RCMP Const. Donald Geislinger and another officer were attempting to take Kevin McGoldrick into custody and had called at the beach party to do so.

The court was told that numerous under-age drinkers were in attendance at the party last April 3 and that several individuals threatened Geislinger and the other officer. A scuffle ensued and Pickering and another person went

"berserk."

Pickering had to be restrained by several of his friends while the officers placed McGoldrick in the rear of the police cruiser in order to take him into custody, court was told.

The officers then withdrew from the site of the party as it became increasingly apparent that their own safety was threatened by remaining there.

Pickering has a history of trouble with the law, the court learned, including assault and robbery with violence but he vowed that he had

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Judge Giles imposed a \$350 fine.

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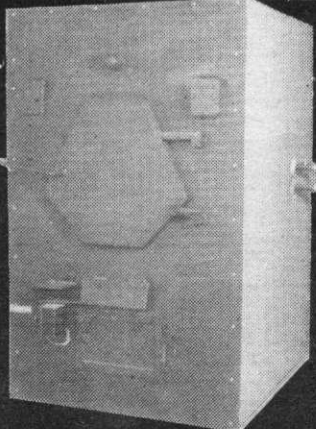
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2460 Beacon Ave., in Sidney, or 3932 Douglas St., at the corner of Ralph St., in Victoria.

Hugh Curtis, M.L.A. for Saanich and The Islands, will attend and Spooner's Ladies Wear of Brentwood Bay will present a fashion show at the affair.

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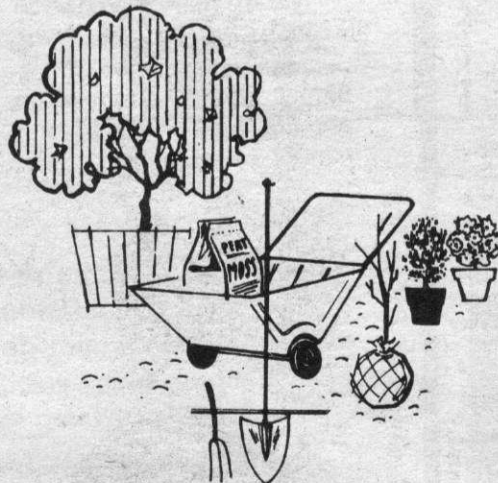
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