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Slide closes road, cuts power

Second slide in almost three months occurred on North End Road near St. Mary Lake last Wednesday morning, leaving the road closed for two days while

highways crews cleared the debris. A tree came down with the slide, tangling power lines and leaving the north end of the island without electricity for about four hours.

Highways foreman Ken Stevens estimated Tuesday that 450 to 500 yards of earth came down on to the road. He said ministry officials are planning to visit the island to examine the slide area.

Too much opposition

Corporation cancels land purchase plans at Fulford Harbour

Superintendent of terminals for the B.C. Ferry Corporation, F.W. Ramsay, has announced cancellation of the corporation's plans to buy property at Fulford.

In a letter to the Islands Trust on February 2, the superintendent explained that public opposition had led to the change of plans.

He did tell the Trust, however, that if funds are available this year, the old dock at Fulford will be put into full operational status.

The old dock was there before the new compound and dock were constructed. It was the terminal for the *Cy Peck* and the *Salt Spring Queen* and the *Pender Queen* before any larger vessel was engaged in the island service.

ANY CONNECTION?

"Does the work on the dock have any relation to the original proposal?" asked Gordon Wallace. It does not, he was told.

David Lott expressed surprise.

He had gained the impression that public reaction had been "quite mild."

The only strong expression he had gained had been the preparedness of owners to sell as long as they were fairly recompensed for their property.

The corporation's decision had been sudden, commented Bud Kreissl. He didn't feel that enough time had been given to the question.

CONTINUE DISCUSSION

Chairman John Rich suggested that the committee might thank Ramsay for his comments and suggest that he continue to discuss it with the transportation committee and the spokesmen for the Fulford ratepayers.

Gordon Wallace asked whether the decision of the ferry corporation might have been prompted by a discrepancy between what the people wanted and what the corporation was prepared to pay.

Hank Schubart noted that the second ferry slip could accommodate a larger ship in order to permit duplication of services during the summer months.

Tighter rein looms on water sources

Trust looks at new proposals

Islands Trust has been alarmed by the water supply situation in the islands.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District has been faced with serious problems respecting its use

of St. Mary Lake water during the past summer. Two Salt Spring Island water supply systems, as well as many private groundwater supplies, have had water turn salt. Last month the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee called for a staff report on possible amendments to the subdivision bylaw relating to the availability of potable water.

At the present time, reported planner Dean Strongitharm on Tuesday night last week, the definition, adequate supply of potable water, means a protected supply of drinking water which is developed on or supplied to a parcel and which, in the opinion of the approving officer, is capable of producing on site a minimum flow of 500 imperial gallons a day per dwelling.

This water must meet acceptable drinking standards.

This regulation does not necessarily require that there be a separate well on every parcel, noted Strongitharm.

NO REQUIREMENTS

Also at the present time, there are no potable water requirements in respect of parcels exceeding two hectares, or approximately, four acres. In the case of parcels ranging in area between 6,000 square metres and two hectares (or one to two acres) an adequate supply of

potable water must be evidenced. Where lots are less than 6,000 square meters, a community water system is required.

There is a wide range of regulations on water, the committee was told. They vary from those less demanding than on Salt Spring Island to provisions whereby a

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Bypass urgent —committee

The ministry of highways has made a move towards surveying the proposed route of the Ganges ring road.

Last week the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee decided to write to Finance Minister Hugh Curtis to explain the urgency of establishing that route.

The developer of a bare lands strata subdivision on Drake Road is awaiting the decision of the ministry in order to go ahead with the 11-home project.

The committee is not asking for a road at the present time. It is an established route for the future.

New blood is needed for Summer Festival committee

The amount of interest shown by the community next week for the annual Sea Capers at Salt Spring Island will likely decide the future of the event.

Charles Sutcliffe, past chairman of the Sea Capers committee, now being called the Summer Festival committee, says that active help is needed to keep the festival going, and that volunteers are being urged to attend a meeting next Tuesday.

The festival has been tentatively scheduled for June 13 and 14.

At present the committee has about \$1,700 on hand as well as several trophies for the various events.

Sutcliffe wants to know if the event has the support of the community and would like to see new blood on the committee. He points out that most of its members have served since its

inception four years ago. Sutcliffe would like to see the festival improved by having a bigger parade, craft exhibits and other events.

Should the festival take place, local musician Valdy has indicated that he will put together a concert that would run throughout the Saturday afternoon and evening. In addition, the Canadian Armed Forces Naden Band has said it will come to the island for the occasion and the Salt Spring Sailing Club has scheduled its annual regatta for that weekend.

"I feel sure that we can get a lot more people interested in providing a good time for all age groups and open up our summer season with a festival worthy of our island home," says Sutcliffe.

Islanders interested in the festival are invited to the meeting Tuesday at the school board office in Ganges at 8 pm.



The Cubbiest

Cubbiest Cub in the First Ganges Pack is Michael Tranter. He was chosen last week by guests of the Cubs and Scouts. Runners-up were Peter Anderson and Erin Butler. See story —Page Nineteen.

Development of the Ganges plan

Planners assess needs of core area

Two reports on the development of the Ganges area along the lines of the Ganges plan were received last week by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee.

The Trust planner, Dean Strongitharm, offered a summary of various projects in Ganges. His submission was accompanied by an interim report from Spar Consultants Ltd., engineers engaged to examine a drainage plan for Ganges.

The planner explained that two major projects in the Ganges area have been long awaiting a community sewer system. These were road repairs and surfacing and the drainage scheme.

The attention of the committee was called several months ago to the need for implementation of the

plan for Ganges by a letter from Tom Toynbee. In his letter Toynbee deplored the lack of development of Ganges in relation to the progress made in other parts of the island.

CONSIDER NOW

The engineers recommend that the design of a drainage system be considered while the sewer project is being planned. They also suggest that drainage improvements be carried out by "open channel diversion," or ditching rather than by means of underground pipes. Final recommendation in the interim report urges that design work for the system be hastened, to coincide with the design of the sewer project.

Community plan designates

Ganges as the commercial, social and cultural hub of Salt Spring Island and suggests it be developed as "a compact, small-scale and attractive island centre," recalled the report from the planning department.

It is not the objective of the Islands Trust to promote development for its own sake, cautioned Dean Strongitharm. It has the responsibility, however, to ensure that the design pattern and services needed by a growing population have the freedom to develop in keeping with the community plan.

VARIOUS PROJECTS

The report listed a number of projects: the storm drainage system, a waterfront walkway, waterfront park, roads, parking,

beautification, sidewalks, curbs, landscaping and overhead wire removal.

If a storm drain were to be undertaken it would be on the basis of a local improvement, whereby the property owners in the core area would be responsible for the cost involved.

Highways district manager has indicated that as long as funds allow, some road re-surfacing will be undertaken in 1982.

Improvements to the downtown junction of Fulford-Ganges Road and the Lower Ganges Road are planned for this current year.

PREPARE ESTIMATES

Cost estimates for a waterfront walkway and park area are being prepared.

Under the Ganges plan, the Mouat Point property is under a reserve for use as a park.

Parking is a matter for concern, said the planner's report. It was suggested that solutions might include the enforcement of parking standards when developments are submitted; uses of parking areas for different peak loads. An example cited by Bud Kreissl was the agreement between the Legion and

the United Church to share a car park because their peak traffic occur at different times.

Third offer was the development of strategically located, suitably surfaced and landscaped parking compounds.

SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks could be installed as a local improvement. The ministry of highways does not undertake provision of sidewalks or curbs.

The Trust is looking into the elimination of overhead wires, but this is in the preliminary examination stage.

Landscaping is also considered an important aspect of the future planning of Ganges. It might be included as part of a development permit, suggested planner Strongitharm or it might be initiated as a community project by a service club.

Tighter controls on water sources

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report is required from an engineer having knowledge of groundwater hydrology assessing the potential for the construction of successful wells on each lot, prior to preliminary layout approval.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

Some areas call for water quality to meet British Columbia health regulations and require that all wells shall have a reinforced concrete or metal cover; that no well be within 100 feet of a sewage absorption field and that testing be carried out in accordance with the guidelines prepared by the water investigations branch of the ministry of the environment.

The use of common wells with easements to participating parcels is permitted in some jurisdictions, the committee learned, but many times with unsatisfactory results. Director of engineering services for the ministry of municipal affairs has recommended that common wells be discouraged. This would not apply to bare lands strata, where the property owners have already subscribed to an agreement to adopt bylaws common to the strata corporation.

ARE THEY HAPPY?

"Are local trustees happy with the requirements that lots over five acres require no well?" asked Mike Humphries.

They are not, it appeared. "Anyone could drill a well two feet down, tonight, and find water," commented Gordon Wallace. Tuesday night brought a deluge of rain.

"Might it not be feasible to require some method of water storage in lieu of a well?" asked Humphries.

He would rather see some such requirement for surface water accumulation, said Wallace. "Sharing wells is dynamite!"

"We're opening a large can of worms," warned Bud Kreissl, "but we've got to think about it." The planner suggested that the subdivision bylaw be amended in the following manner:

All lots less than 6,000 square metres shall be connected to a community water system.

All lots between 6,000 metres and 2.5 hectares shall be furnished with a well on each parcel. The bare lands strata would be excluded from this provision.

That the minimum yield for any common wells be increased from 500 to 1,000 imperial gallons a day.

SHOW PROOF

All lots between 2.5 hectares and five hectares must show proof of

potable water.

Lots exceeding five hectares, or roughly 10 acres, would not be required to show proof of water.

That reference be made in the bylaw to B.C. health regulations, location of wells and septic absorption fields and that testing be undertaken in accordance with ministry of environment guidelines.

After discussion, the committee decided to act on the recommendations of the planner.

Food-producing land will be needed warns Trustee

When a property owner last week asked for release of his 10 acres from the agricultural land reserve on the grounds that it was not commercially suitable or economically viable for agriculture, the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission did not go along with him.

Application was rejected by the commission on Tuesday afternoon last week.

Planner Dean Strongitharm reminded members of the commission that adjacent properties also lie in the agricultural land reserve and are used primarily for grazing.

Parcel covers 10.5 acres and the owner wanted to subsequently divide it into two five-acre lots.

"We are going to need food-producing land in the next 10 years," warned Bud Kreissl. He would want a "horrendous reason" for sanctioning the application.

Regional director Yvette Valcourt agreed that farmland can't be cut up indefinitely, but asked whether it could not be tabled for further information. The commission had no information on the quality of the land or any other details.

The rest of the commission felt that it was up to the owner to provide such details, and that it was the owner's onus.

Valcourt moved, unsuccessfully, that the application be passed to the B.C. Land Commission without any recommendation.

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To Be Frank



by richards

I'm glad my mother's name wasn't Einstein. She might have wanted her name as part of mine and that would have left me Frankenstein. Come to think of it, I'm glad my father's name wasn't either!

There have been many things said about hairy lice and lousy hair. And there have been other things unsaid. But the oddest thing was a picture on television of Vancouver teachers searching students' hair with chopsticks. The principle is obviously sound. You catch the louse with the two sticks as pliers. Having found the little beast you place him on one chopstick and you whack him soundly with No. 2 chopstick. I reckon you might need a lot of practice to get with that one.

I wonder what Santa Claus looks like without his whiskers. I know what Allan Hardie looks like without his and it comes out like an open-air version of the same man. I bet his face is freezing!

Last week I went to the Cubs and Scouts dinner in the basement hall of the Catholic church on Drake Road in Ganges. And I had the same place card I had last year. And the year before. I know the card because it is slightly modified. Several years ago I was making notes of what was said at a similar dinner and I doodled while I listened. And the cards and the doodles were all there again on Thursday.

Last week I read my own column with horror. Ursula McEwen had been given a nickname. And it was all so easy. When the typesetter could not read my writing, she set in a name to fill out the line. Rather than leave off in the middle of what she was typing, she left it to the proofreader to ascertain the scrawl. The name taken out of the air was used to ensure that when the correct name was available, there would be space for that name without having to set several lines to catch up. But the proofreader had had a heavy night out and fell down on the job. Hence, the horror. But what did the victim say? She laughed. I only wish there were more people around like Ursula McEwen.

They breezed in from Seattle 20 years ago and they made Salt Spring Island their home. Windsor Utley was not an Englishman, but, nonetheless, his home was his castle. When he completed the giant stone and timber edifice on the Beddis Road shore, he named it, aptly, Windsor's Castle.

While they built the house, Windsor and Josie Utley were living in Washington and commuting north. When the house was completed they pulled up stakes in the States and moved in.

For many years they became a part of the fabric of the island. Windsor painted and Josie weaved. The Utley studio was in the top floor of the Rec Centre on McPhillips Ave. Windsor explained that he worked better away from the house.

It was a massive studio overlooking the Outer Islands and the inner sea.

Now it's all changed. The paintings everywhere, the splashed tables, the clipping and the croppings are all cleared away and there's no bereted artist greeting the visitor who has braved the double flight of stairs to the top of the town.

The weaving was all done at home and Windsor's Castle was the bastion of the island loom.

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

To the people of the island, the Utley's were always welcome. Windsor would be filled with the memories of many a holiday in his beloved Italy and Josie would bring him back to reality when she wasn't contributing to his embroidered travelogue. To the Utley's, the people of the island were always welcome. Windsor would cook and carve his turkey and the massive kitchen would be filled with the delights of a man who enjoyed the creations of the kitchen every bit as much as he drooled over the Italian schools and the glories of a world-famous orchestra.

There would be people everywhere and Windsor and Josie would be grinning happily as they stepped over and by and between their guests.

They've left their mark on the social fabric of the island. They've left their architectural mark on the island and they were responsible for an impressive development on the slopes of Reginald Hill, overlooking Fulford Harbour.

IN CALIFORNIA

No, they haven't moved to Italy. They're in California, at Laguna Beach. They built a home there. It is, I think, less ambitious than Windsor's Castle, but it will most assuredly gather up laughter and the pleasures of people meeting people now that the former island couple are on their way home.

For mine, I shall remember Windsor less for his brilliance as a musician, or his fame as an artist than for his invariable greeting. On the street or in a store, he would whip off his blue beret, bow deeply with a cheery, "Hail to the editor!"

Founder's Month is marked

BY EDITH CHAMBERS

Every year in Canada the month of February is designated by the members of the Women's Institutes as Founder's Month. It is then we remember not only the founder, Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, but also all the early pioneers of the movement.

It was in February of 1885 that Mrs. Hoodless met a group of women in Stoney Creek, Ont., and explained her ideas and reasons for interesting them in improving rural conditions of farm women. At that time the rate of infant mortality from impure milk was extremely high.

Mrs. Hoodless herself had lost an 18-month-old baby and knew of what she spoke. That meeting saw the beginning of Women's Institutes in Canada. In the years following, institutes in nearly every part of the globe sprung up, and today are banded together in one giant organization with the needs of home and country as a high priority.

In 1909, 15 institutes were formed in B.C. Today there are over 200.

Therefore, on February 19 the members of the South Salt Spring Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. R.E. Dodds. After a delicious turkey dinner Mrs. R. Lee, vice-president, chaired the meet-

ing. Get-well wishes were sent to the president, Mrs. D. Slingsby, who is recuperating from the 'flu, as well as Miss M. McKetchnie who is in hospital at present.

Donations to the provincial memorial fund were sent in memory of Mrs. Barbara Wright and Mrs. M. Gyves. Mrs. Gyves was our last remaining charter member. She was present at the first meeting held at Fulford in 1920 and was active until her recent death. She vividly remembered canvassing the island on foot for funds to help build the first Fulford Hall.

In perusing through old minutes many tiny items were noted. They

each told a story of the group's involvement in community life. One sentence especially was intriguing: "A little boy received a pair of boots so that he could attend school."

Not only locally, but provincially they carry on their needed projects. The Children's Hospital in Vancouver; the Solarium on Vancouver Island, scholarships and bursaries for students who plan on furthering their education in agriculture or home economics.

There are many more such projects. Like the Salt Spring Island Womens Institute, each institute keeps its fingers on the pulse of the community of which they are a vital part.

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One final satisfaction for ordinary Canadian

Who's winning the constitution race?

For 54 years, in the report of Prime Minister Trudeau, the battle has waged. Certainly, for the past year or so it has reached fever heat.

So who's getting burned?

The prime minister?

Not on the face of it. As the national debate continues the prime minister appears to be more than holding his own. There are Canadians across the nation who would not offer a Trudeau vote to save their immortal souls, but who want home rule and a Canadian constitution in Canada. The long debate has brought many a waverer to support the principle of patriation even while keeping out of the hot kitchen where the constitution furore is being brewed up.

The official opposition?

They can't lose. Here is a national issue, fought out at fever pitch, with the Trudeau government stoking the fire, while the opposition is far enough away that it can enjoy the warmth without any danger of getting burned. The worst it can suffer is a few burned fingers when the more excitable reach out to the front.

Joe Clark?

He hasn't lost his leadership, so he hasn't lost anything yet. During the early deliberations he lost his way for a time and found himself kicking the separatist can for a brief joyous expedition. But it was all good, clean fun and he's back there, fighting. And as he asserts, if any trouble comes of all this it isn't his fault! Which is fair enough, because he hasn't done very much to help.

Ed Broadbent?

The New Democrat leader has suffered singed fingers already. He has taken a firm stand in favour of patriation and he has offered support for the constitutional package prepared in the Liberal kitchens and flavoured to the taste of the committee. He could suffer for his apparent preparedness to put his principles ahead of his party.

The separatists?

They gain from the heat of the debate. They gain from the disaffection of the participants. But if the nation turned to cedar shakes and shingles, not all the loggers in the land could split all British Columbia's cedars and the separatists are short of axes.

The British parliament?

For the first time for decades the British have taken on an appearance less benevolent than that of a distant but affectionate relative. While the government has taken the stance demanded by its own unwritten constitution, the small-time Brits in parliament are making hay out of a lively, heated political issue that is totally unrelated to the reality of their own bailliwicks and could be a valuable step up the political ladder. And Canadians don't like being trodden on.

The nation?

There's the pinch! While parties shuffle and sway in the heat of battle; while politicians hold forth in brilliant, witty exchange to the delight of those who can understand them, the people of the land are left to cool off, in the cold.

When the heat of passion is spent and the blistering phrases are ended, what then? First, there will be a constitution, complete, identifiable. There will be no more half-truths, evasions, double talk, political campaigning.

We shall have a Canadian constitution, living in Canada, affording Canadians more safeguards than, perhaps, any nation on earth.

Politicians will seek changes. The concerned Canadians will seek changes. And the nation will make changes.

And the ordinary Canadian, living his ordinary Canadian life and dying his ordinary death, will have one satisfaction: the Canada Act.

OPPOSITE
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Letters to the Editor

Misspelled

Sir,
We enjoyed Frank Richards' column with the anecdote about the road-builders of Italy.

However, there was an error in it. The name of Wacky Bennett's Minister of Highways is spelled "Gagliardi."

WHATSHERFACE McEWEN,
Box 671,
Ganges.
February 19, 1981.

Any measure to protect fish should be applauded

Sir,
The Federal Fisheries Department has given notice of impending restrictions in sports fishing and already all are deafened by screams of agony and anguish. Before we find ourselves caught up in this cacophony of grief it might be fitting to consider, dispassionately, both the issues involved and the arguments advanced.

On one major point, even the most vociferous advocates of unrestricted sports fishing are muted - no one denies the fact that salmon stocks are dangerously low and the industry in peril.

It is instructive to note just who these hysterical protesters are. While he is by no means unique, Mr. Al Davidson, broadcaster and wealthy entrepreneur with interests in sports fishing business and charter boats, is typical of the breed. There are, of course, others, many of whom continue to get publicity and TV exposure in order to further their "cause." All have one thing in common - they are *not* sports fishermen, but businessmen, cynically unconcerned either by the depletion of salmon stocks or the interests of the true sports fisherman.

May I define a term here - the "sports fisherman" is not the wealthy, jaded, foreign trophy hunter but the Canadian resident who goes out once or twice a week to catch one or two fish for his table. The philosophy of the fast-buck boys seems to be "bonanza

Time to cut out 'expensive and unnecessary frills'

Sir,
The Chairman of the Gulf Islands School Board is quoted in your paper last week as having stated, "We have to spend the \$4.2 million on the school budget for 1981 so as to ensure that we can give the quality of education that we want to", and further that "the

Board is getting good value for its money". We all want the best of everything in life, but more often than not cannot afford it.

I would point out that it is not the Board's money but that of the taxpayers. The report also states that for the second consecutive year the budget exceeds the guidelines laid down by the Ministry of Education. I would like to know why the School Board made no attempt to keep within the guidelines. The Ministry surely knows what the Province can afford, and 20% increase each year is certainly more than we can afford.

The Board has no control over the cost of living in the Province, but does have a duty to ensure that the budget is in keeping with the rise in the cost of living index and no more. I would like to see the School Board's 1981 Budget published in full in *Driftwood* so that we may see where our money is going. I would also like to know what it actually costs per child to transport pupils to and from the other Islands, and per child for transport to and from school in the school buses on Salt Spring Island.

The time has come for the School Board to start practising thrift and whilst ensuring that the pupils have a good solid education, cut out the expensive and unnecessary frills. We should be informed of proposed budgets in order that we can express our views before the tax rate is set and too late to raise any protest. I appreciate that when we employ a watchdog we should not bark ourselves, but an annual increase of 20% on education together with all the other increases is just too much and the time has come for more open public accounting. Greater citizen control of our purse is long overdue.

CHARLES SUTCLIFFE,
R.R. 1, Ganges.
February 23, 1981.

now - and after me, the deluge!"
I understand that Mr. Davidson is organizing rallies to build up pressure lobbies. I would suggest that his true fishing expertise lies less in the realm of salmon and more in the capture of suckers.

Another argument advanced is that seiners are far more destructive than sports fishermen, therefore sports fishing is insignificant and should be ignored.

To draw an analogy - grocery store hold-ups should be legalized - after all, the Mafia gets away with millions.

The new regulations are not perfect. Yes, there are anomalies. But these can be corrected in the course of time. Meanwhile, the problem is urgent and *any* measure which takes even a little pressure off the fish stocks should be applauded. A vital industry should not be sacrificed to the narrow interests of a selfish few.

Is the new limit so dreadful? The Chinook is a big fish. One Chinook is a good day's catch for any reasonable person. Any one who clamours for more is a pig.

It is to be hoped the Commercial Fishermen's Unions will act to counter the propaganda of Mr. Davidson and his ilk. And, of course, clean up their own operations.

H.R. HAYWARD,
Box 734,
Ganges.
February 18, 1981.

Rewards for speaking out are slender

Sir,
In response to Mary Small's letter of the 18th, I certainly must make this reply:

If her contention is primarily that no island is a paradise, then Mary Small and I are in complete accord. But if she is saying that since this is the case, we should just let things be as they are, for after all, this is the way things are, then we part directions.

I appreciate her anger at my criticism of realtors, but "to better understand my position," I must tell you, that I have heard several accounts of sad realty transactions on this island during my sweet sorry stay here. One of them involves my house, which I have been renting. It has not had potable water for ages and for three months, has had no water at all. I must lug water from the neighbours' or from the creek. About 1½ hours a day go into carrying water. Drinking water must be boiled. Recently the house sold. Prior to its sale I informed three realtors of the problems with the plumbing, which are numerous. I believed that it was only fair a new owner should know what he was getting into. A discussion with the new owner revealed that the realtors had failed to explain the plumbing situation to him. Of course the ex-owner should have mentioned it. There is another case in mind where the realtors failed to explain the well was dry and this matter finally went to court. No doubt most realtors are, as M. Small avers, honest and it is unfair to lump the upright many with the disreputable few. This I concede. But the fact remains that it does occur and this occurrence contributes its share of sludge to the community pool. This sludge affects us all in various ways; we all have to deal with it.

Possibly it affects the kids more strongly. Certainly they are well-informed as to what is really happening on the island. Being naturally rebellious, they tend to see our faults, before they see our

virtues and thus tell themselves, perhaps, that if the adults are so dishonest, so hypocritical, or inebriated, etc. why should they be good.

Of course the main responsibility for impressing proper standards and goals upon the children, rests with the parents. But how many parents, regular decent folk, have there been, who have tried, through reasonably good models, to positively influence their children, only to see them go awry, anyway? Peer pressure is so strong at this age. How many delinquents come from well-to-do respectable families? Many.

While I have not raised four sons, I am raising two children for most of their lives, on my own. I have worked with emotionally disturbed and gifted children for five years, have set up play centres for children and in my life, had the opportunity of seeing the world from the street kid's side of the fence.

M. Small does present an interesting query, concerning who keeps this island going, financially. She implies that there is a black and white distinction between those who work and those who do not, that the former finance the latter. Of the latter, many are single mothers who found themselves betrayed by their romantic expectations into relationships which left them, finally, marooned with children. Time lost which could have, perhaps, been better put to learning a trade or a profession. For some, now it is too late. It is unfortunate and they cannot be blamed, for society presents this sort of pattern to women, still.

Of these women, many work part-time or as volunteers, such as in Homemakers or at Greenwood, contributing their effort to Salt Spring. The meager stipend they receive is completely taken up by rent, food and utilities, most money going back into the island.

Many other people work at wages far inferior to union wages, on the multitude of construction

and related jobs here on the island. Their paltry wages are again completely taken up by necessities, money again goes back into the island. A statement could be made of what would happen to Salt Spring, were it not for this willing cheap labour pool. But I think I've made this point. If we look at it closely, who is the giver, who is the taker?

I will say nothing of the Farmers' Market debacle for now, for this will come another time.

I'd like to finish by mentioning that there is a difference between social drinking, the occasional state of inebriation, and alcoholism. It is to alcoholism that I addressed my concern in my previous letter. There is a difference in that a social drink is fairly innocuous, while an alcoholic can destroy his family, ruin his life and that of his loved ones. Salt Spring has a high alcoholism rate. Let's face it.

As for myself I have a cigarette habit I'm trying to kick. If I weren't so nervous I'd have kicked it long ago. Meditation is helping with this.

Second to that I just can't seem to stop myself from becoming all indignant sometimes. I would be fine if I kept my indignation to myself and got ulcers for it. Sometimes I go this route but it is no fun at all. Mainly I just seem to have to let it out. So I speak my mind. I write things. The rewards are slender. Here on Salt Spring this vice of mine has probably made me Salt Spring's most unemployable woman and no one so far will rent a house to me. Only my bravest friends will dare to be seen in public with me, and even then, only in disguise. I'd sure like to oblige people by keeping my mouth shut. I really just want everyone to be happy. But before I know it, something nasty comes up and without even trying I open my mouth and words come out. I just can't help it. It's a vice of mine.

JEZRAH HEARNE,
Fulford Harbour.
February 18, 1981.

The Anarchist

If you like Joe Clark, read no further.

Mr. Clark is certainly not an isolated persona in the list of public figures with whom I have a fundamental disagreement, but he is among that smaller group for which I have no respect.

I have for the past few months refrained from wasting space, at least in this one particular, by rehashing the issues of the constitution debate; it is at the stage of resolution and I believe that the issues of principle are getting a proper airing, but Mr. Clark does not speak to the issues of principle.

Mr. Clark speaks to the issues of prejudice, Mr. Clark speaks to the issues of personality, Mr. Clark speaks to the issues of division, Mr. Clark speaks to the lowest common denominator in his own party because it is "leadership" which is his current concern. Mr. Clark speaks like a politician, not a statesman.

Pierre Trudeau is many things, with a degree of superiority which makes his faults unforgivable and his virtues unacceptable, but I can still accept that his passion and his intellect are focussed beyond himself in a vision of a future Canada which will be the common

passion of all its citizens.

Joe Clark has not yet thought further than next Friday, in Winnipeg.

Quote of Note

A game of hide-and-seek: when the Devil wishes to play on our lack of character, he calls it tolerance, and when he wants to stifle our first attempts to learn tolerance, he calls it lack of character.

Dag Hammarskjold.

Tourist Season

The days lengthen, and somewhere the sun shines with real warmth, and the tourist season is upon us as the great ones, the movers and shakers sashay round about the globe.

In his low-crowned, wide-brimmed white hat John Paul II carries the message of Rome to the Catholics of the Far East. Will he teach or learn?

In her newest Easter bonnet Mrs. Thatcher betakes herself to Washington, probably to study the Chrysler gambit.

In his high-crowned, wide-brimmed white cavalry hat, Mr. Reagan will journey to Ottawa - resourceful Mr. Reagan - to renew the natural good-neighbour relationship on its natural historic base - 10 to one.

Friday the 13th brings vandalism to Ganges

The Salt Spring Island community was the victim of Friday the 13th bad luck this year as a group of unknown culprits went on a vandalism spree that evening.

A number of cement garbage containers and road signs were knocked over and a pair of valuable gate lamps at the entrance

to Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies were smashed overnight that same evening, according to the RCMP detachment.

Ken Stevens, road foreman with the highways department, estimates that nearly a dozen road signs were knocked down over the course of that weekend.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks of the RCMP told *Driftwood* that four cement garbage containers that were jointly donated to the community by the Rotary Club and the industrial arts class at Gulf Islands Secondary School were also knocked over.

Rotary Club president Gary Garras estimates that the containers are worth approximately \$100 each, plus labour that was donated by students who built them.

Pat Lee of Foxglove said that he had noticed a group of about 20 individuals outside the Foxglove gates earlier that evening and that he suspects they may have been involved with smashing the lamps there.

Police are still investigating.

Incoherence leaves reader breathless

Sir,
In light of recent reports in your newspaper concerning testing for English literacy among teachers in the Victoria area, I feel that it could be beneficial for your staff and contributors to take the same tests.

When reading your "award-winning" publication, I often find that I must re-read certain articles several times in order to decipher whatever meaning must surely lie within. When I wish to work my brain at dissecting meaning I can turn to crossword puzzles or anagrams, I don't think that I should have to decipher incoherent reporting. Add to this an astonishing lack of regard for punctuation and the occasional run-on sentence, and this reader is truly left breathless!

I don't know what your publication has won awards for in the past, but I'm sure that many more could be gathered if your writers and contributors conveyed their messages with more constant competence and clarity.
DELAINE FAULKNER,
R.R. 1, Fulford Harbour.
February 20, 1981.



Tony Richards

CHRISTMAS DIDN'T COME LATE in Agassiz, B.C., although that was our first impression when we received the *Agassiz-Harrison Advance* last week.

The copy we received was their Christmas issue, published on December 23. It arrived in Ganges almost two months late.

And in the same vein, Gustaaf Wttewaall of Kamloops writes to say he is glad to learn we are still publishing. We are glad to learn that he still gets his paper, albeit somewhat on the late side.

Mr. Wttewaall went as far as to compile a record of the dates on which he received his paper. On November 13 he got the issue of November 5. On the following day, 16 days after it came out, he got the October 29 issue.

The issues of November 19 and 26 didn't fare badly in their travels, arriving within six days of publication. But the November 12 issue took 23 days, arriving after those of the 19th and 26th.

There was another 23-day delay in getting the January 14 paper. And when he wrote on February 7, he still hadn't seen the issue of January 7, a full month after it was published.

Perhaps one day, Mr. Wttewaall, we will grow to the size of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, at which time we could consider beaming the pages by satellite for printing in different locations, such as Kamloops for instance. But until then, out-of-town subscribers will just have to bear with the postal service.

I GOT OUT OF THE HABIT of commenting on the local entertainment scene after I decided it was the best way to go about getting burned out on a weekend. Also I felt that in all fairness I couldn't

write something about the entertainment in one night spot without saying anything about the others.

But the performance last weekend by the New Hot Air at the Harbour House is certainly worth mentioning.

Hot Air consisted of Dale Stavroff and Eric Petersen, two singer-guitarists who played a number of times at the Vesuvius Inn last year. From the start their popularity was assured with their foot-stomping country and blue-grass music.

As New Hot Air, the band has tripled in size. Playing with Dale and Eric were Robin Cherney, fiddle; Rob Lehman, slide guitar; Jerome Jarvis, drums; and Dave Roland, bass. At least two of the additional players had never before played with Dale and Eric, but you would never have thought so on Saturday night.

The music was great to dance to, fine to listen to and the volume was such that it didn't drive me out of the pub (which most bands do).

Watch for another performance in March when they are supposed to play a benefit at Beaver Point Hall for the family grouping class at Salt Spring Elementary School.

I WASN'T AWARE OF ANY PROBLEM with our punctuation until I was criticized for it this week. So I thought about it on Monday morning and decided it must have something to do with drinking coffee.

If I don't drink enough coffee Monday morning, I find it *truly* difficult to get through a sentence without a rest. So every time I take a rest, I inadvertently slip in a comma.

But we can spell fairly well, can't we?

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says the Salt Spring
Island Chamber
of Commerce.

Questionnaire helps understand what concerns constituents

When Tommy Douglas used to send out questionnaires I often objected to some of the questions. How could complex issues be answered with a "yes or no?" Some people have expressed the same frustration with the questionnaire I sent out with my last household mailing. But most people appreciated the opportunity to express their opinion on some of the basic questions of the day. I realize the limitations of this method but it does help me to understand what issues most concern constituents.

The results of the questionnaire will be tabulated and released as soon as possible. In the meantime I would like to share a small fraction of the thousands of comments people made.

One person who recently moved into our riding wrote, "I am a Conservative, my father was a Conservative as was my grandfather. You being a member of the New Democratic Party I am wondering what representation I have in Ottawa?" In answer, I say that while I may take a different stand on issues, I will do my best to represent any constituent, Conservative, Communist, Rhinoceros or Liberal, who has a problem in the same way that I try to represent New Democrats.

HAVE SPOKEN OUT

Another constituent wrote "If you spent more of your time trying to do something about our economic system and less time worrying about the Indians possibly you would accomplish something." Since this person didn't bother to fill in the questionnaire, which asked several questions about the economy, I have trouble taking this comment seriously. Let me assure my readers, however, that I have spoken out on economic issues and work with other members of my party to prod the government into action.

Some people liked the cartoon we included, others objected to it and said it was in bad taste. However, I want to point out that the pig in the cartoon was meant to represent inflation and not one of our political leaders. Incidentally, these leaders, especially Prime Minister Trudeau, did receive a fair amount of negative comment and sometimes downright abuse. I think we should be careful of this kind of personal attack. If we disagree with a leader's policy we should disagree on a policy level not a personal level.

"Please lean on fisheries minis-

Ottawa report

BY JIM MANLY, MP

ter." and "Improve search and rescue facilities on the west coast" are two comments that reflect widespread concern over decline of the fishing industry and inadequate search and rescue capabilities.

Many people raised the bitter housing situation: "Give our children a chance to afford a home of their own someday. Looking at the continual, unrealistic rise in real estate values today (including interest rates), young responsible people are beginning to develop apathetic attitudes." Another person said, "If interest rates and energy prices came down, along with cheaper housing, unions wouldn't have to demand high wage settlements."

NEGATIVE COMMENTS

Some constituents made negative comments about people on welfare. For me these complaints are over-balanced by the sincerity

and need of comments like the following: "I am unemployed and on welfare. I want to work. My husband and I have separated because he hasn't been able to get a job, believe me with two children and a wife he has tried. The personal problems that have arisen because \$600 won't keep a family of four are tremendous! Now I have my two children, one in school, one to start in September. I have taken several courses to help me find work with no avail. I can't afford to pay my bills and buy food to last a month. When I spend all on food I end up with notices and cancellations on my phone and hydro. What do I do? Bills or food?"

A young widow mentioned the difficulty single parents face in getting credit; she continued, "Canada Pension thinks I can raise a 15-year-old on \$57.27 a month; this will hardly buy one pair of shoes and a pair of pants, never mind food."

A senior citizen who said, "I find my pension eroding drastically," highlights the difficulty people on fixed incomes face in a time of runaway inflation.

I will share further comments on such items as the environment, energy, the Post Office and the economy at a later date.

School board wants to see Knowledge Network here

The Gulf Islands School Board unanimously approved a motion at last Thursday's board meeting to ask the provincial government to make the Knowledge Network available to Gulf Islands residents.

The Knowledge Network was established in May, 1980 to provide educational television programming for residents of British Columbia who are socially or geographically isolated.

Tom Davidson, who introduced the motion, successfully argued that as taxpayers, Gulf Islands residents are entitled to the educational television service.

"If it's taxpayers' money, why shouldn't taxpayers be able to use it?" asked Davidson.

CONVERTER REQUIRED

He explained following the meeting that the Knowledge Network is only available to residents here who are on cablevision and that the purchase of an expensive converter is required to receive the network's mid-band frequency signal.

Davidson questions why a provincially funded service should be available through a commercial cablevision company and its reception then be dependent upon the purchase of an expensive converter.

He would like to see the provincial government explore the possibility of making use of an abandoned CBC transmitter on Saturna Island to transmit the Knowledge Network to Gulf Islands residents. This could be done without the use of a converter, he said.

The Knowledge Network signal is transmitted from a distribution centre at Burnaby to a Canadian satellite located 22,000 miles above the equator, and then back again to a series of terminals throughout B.C.

ONE OTHER ROUTE

The only other route the school board could go would be to install an expensive dish receiver atop the secondary school, but even if the provincial government would go along with the idea, the network would only be available to secondary school students.

Davidson thinks that the most practical solution is for the government to utilize the abandoned CBC facilities on Saturna Island.

The school board will be sending letters to both the ministry of education and the ministry of technology and science to explore this possibility.

Davidson also hopes to discuss the idea with Hugh Curtis, local MLA and minister for municipal affairs.

Objections raised to liquor advertising in automobile association magazine

Sir,

This letter is addressed to the many members of the British Columbia Automobile Association, and of the general public, who are concerned over the relationship between the grim toll alcohol is taking on our streets and highways and the liquor advertising carried in every issue of *Westworld*, the BCAA motoring magazine.

It is true that many other publications carry similar liquor advertising, but not one of them commands the influence and impact which *Westworld* enjoys with its crucial readership of 250,000 active motoring people and B.C. motor vehicle operators. The fact that *Westworld* is in all other respects such an excellent publication tends to make its liquor advertising content all the more dangerous.

At the same time, this magazine - once the liquor ads are removed - can be a powerful influence for safe, responsible driving, which, indeed, is the BCAA's primary reason for existence.

The following resolution was mailed to the Directors of the BCAA in January, for action at the June Annual meeting in Victoria:

Whereas the liquor ads in *Westworld* magazine are addressed to the approximately quarter-million readers of that publication, many of whom drive motor vehicles, and

Whereas consumption of alcohol by motor vehicle operators is responsible for a very large part of the tragedy, accidents, injuries, material damage, and deaths, on the streets and highways of British Columbia, and is also responsible in large part for the great increase in Autoplan ICBC insurance premiums this year, and

"Whereas a corner-stone principle of the British Columbia Automobile Association is the promotion of safe motoring, in all its aspects, and

Whereas the publication of liquor advertisements in *Westworld* magazine constitutes a contradiction of that principle, in that these ads promote the sale and consumption of alcohol - the most deadly enemy of safe motoring, and

Whereas *Westworld* magazine is published by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the British Columbia Automobile Association - namely "Westworld Publications Ltd.",

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Association assembled here at this Annual Meeting, instruct the Board of Directors of the British Columbia Automobile Association to take all necessary steps to end all advertising of alcohol, liquor, and alcoholic beverages in *Westworld* magazine from this time forward."

Letters in support of ending alcohol advertising in *Westworld* will be of great value between now

and mid-April, while the B.C.A.A. Directors are working on the agenda for the June Annual Meeting. They should be sent to:

The Board of Directors,
British Columbia Automobile Association,
999 West Broadway,
Vancouver, B.C., V5Z 1K5

All thanks to you who take those few minutes to write such a letter, and then encourage your club, lodge, church, parent-teacher group, etc., to write also. Ending liquor advertising in *Westworld* will contribute to making our streets and highways safer, not only for those who drive, but for the pedestrian, the elderly at a crosswalk, children on their way home from school, the paperboy on his bike - yes, for all!

STANLEY H. CHURCHILL,
"A Concerned BCAA Member",
Langley, B.C.
February 11, 1981.

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Strong support for drop-in centre

Ways of dealing with juvenile crime examined

The Salt Spring Island Inter-agency Committee held a special early-morning meeting last Thursday at the Community Centre to plan a course of action for dealing with youthful offenders and for meeting the general needs of teenagers here.

The committee was formed in response to what committee members see as increasing cause for alarm in the community, the soaring number of break-ins and the arrests of 23 young adults and juveniles in connection with the incidents.

The meetings are hosted by the Community Society.

Ralph Miller, the school community worker who chaired Thursday's meeting, termed it a positive step towards reconciling strained emotions in the community in the wake of the numerous break-ins committed by youthful offenders.

SEEKING TO CURB CRIME

As the first of several exploratory, or fact-finding, meetings sponsored by the interagency committee, it was hoped that some direction would be found for curbing juvenile crime and for providing recreational facilities for

youth on Salt Spring Island.

Input was received from representatives from throughout the community and from government agencies. They included the Ganges RCMP, the GIPSY program, the private sector, the school district, the Community Society, students and the Sidney Teen Activity Group (STAG).

The interagency committee received a wide range of opinions on the best way to curb juvenile crime and for dealing with offenders after the fact. Four areas where agreement was reached were:

• That the committee will gather and consider information from teenage representatives.

• That the committee would investigate diversion programs in other communities in which offenders are required to confront victims of crimes committed by them and to pay some form of retribution in the form of community service.

• That the committee would examine individual cases of habitual offenders in order to track down causes for their behaviour.

• That the committee will direct its attention towards preventative counselling in dealing with an increasingly serious alcohol problem among youths. This would be done in conjunction with a newly established alcohol awareness program sponsored by STAG.

DROP-IN CENTRE

Strong support was also given to the idea of establishing some sort of teenage drop-in centre on Salt Spring Island, similar to STAG, a non-profit organization that is run for and by teenagers of Sidney and North and Central Saanich.

STAG has found that it's important that teenagers be involved in organizing such a centre and in planning group activities, according to coordinator Carmille Martin.

She also suggested that fund-raising be left up to teenage members so that they will have a better appreciation of where the money is coming from and how it's spent.

It was generally agreed that organizers should have a background in working with youth.

Mark Bach, a former department head with a diversion program on the mainland, said that past experience has taught him that diversion programs are particularly successful with first offenders who participate in the programs.

BENEFICIAL TO BOTH

Face-to-face confrontations are beneficial to both victim and offender and such meetings serve as a healing process for both individuals, according to Bach.

A new resident here, Bach said that facilities for dealing with juvenile offenders or troubled youth in general on Salt Spring Island are as poor as he has seen anywhere.

Ralph Miller had suggested that business merchants in the core area might be encouraged to provide youth-oriented recreational facilities and that support from the community would be needed in order to create interest in the private sector.

He proposed that the community might hire somebody to work along with employees in such a business to help "things run smoothly".

Ole Johnson, proprietor of the Recreation Centre on McPhillips Avenue, told the committee that he finds that teenagers who frequent his establishment are generally well behaved and that he has had few bad experiences since taking over the business.

MET WITH SUCCESS

Participants in the meeting were generally agreed that Johnson has met with considerable success in dealing with youth at the centre.

He said that he has discovered that the teenagers with the worst reputations for causing disturbances have turned out to be the easiest to get along with.

"I think that the first thing you have to do is trust them. We took the (rules) signs down and let them police themselves," said Johnson.

He said that occasionally a group of youths will cause trouble, but that alcohol is usually involved

when this happens and his solution is to close shop for the rest of the day.

CAMPAIGN

"I think that maybe there should be a campaign to let parents know that there is a severe penalty for buying liquor for young people," said Johnson.

He informed the committee, however, that new owners would soon take over the centre.

Jack Albhouse, a Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission member, told the committee that construction of a recreation centre would provide the necessary facilities to ease the situation, but until that happens, the community will have to depend upon present facilities, particularly community halls on the island.

Glen Hanna, an RCMP constable, replied, "The people who are criminally minded are not going to be affected by that sort of thing."

Hanna also told the committee that he has noticed that the juvenile crime rate and use of

alcohol by teenagers on Salt Spring Island have been on the upswing since he joined the detachment about three years ago.

SIMILAR TREND

The community experienced a similar trend approximately four years ago, according to Hanna.

A GIPSY program student told the committee that she had been repeatedly threatened by students when her parents decided to press charges after their home had been broken into.

Miller said he was appalled by the frequency of crimes committed by students against other students and by vandalism at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

"That's what I find really frustrating," he said.

Juvenile crime on Salt Spring Island is not entirely directed towards the establishment or against adults, according to Miller.

The committee also learned that eight secondary school students have decided to provide peer counselling for troubled students at the school.

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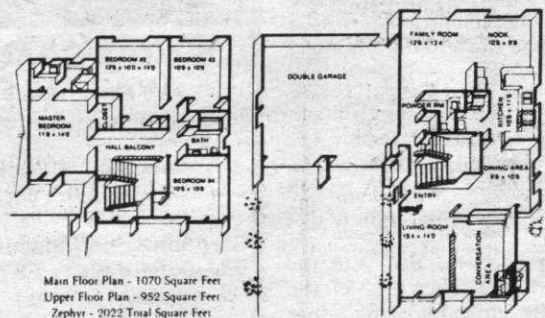
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To stage benefit

Two blue-grass and country musicians who have gained acclaim in the Gulf Islands are Eric Petersen and Dale Stavroff, who played together until recently as

Hot Air. More recently they have been joined by four other musicians and last weekend played at the Harbour House. They will

be staging a benefit next month at Beaver Point Hall for the family grouping class at Salt Spring Elementary.

Gulf Islands make the headlines in U.S., U.K. newspapers

The Gulf Islands made the headlines in two newspapers last month, one in England and the other in the United States.

In the London *Observer*, travel writer Trevor Grove wrote of a sailing trip through the islands at Christmas time. He and his fellow travellers tied up at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club's facilities at Long Harbour and attended Christmas Eve service in a Ganges church.

The congregation, he found, "came straight from the pages of the *Saturday Evening Post*, rosy-faced, bundled up against the Canadian winter, these welcoming folk . . . had the look of long-rooted inhabitants, if clearly not the descendants of the island's original settlers, who were escaped Negro slaves from the United States."

He went on to say that Salt Spring was the largest of the islands but Ganges, he found, hardly suggested a dense population.

"There is a filling station, a hotel, two churches, a newspaper office (the engagingly named *Gulf Islands Driftwood*), a harbourside shopping mall selling local crafts, a street or two of clapboard houses, and Rita's Inn."

It was at the latter establishment that Grove said he found the "challenge of a Canadian breakfast: sausages, bacon, hash browns, and pancakes and maple syrup...."

The writer concluded with the observation that when they left the islands, they talked not of a rother holiday here, but of emigration.

Canada's warm, wild Gulf Islands exude hospitality was the headline over a story by Bruce Obee in the *Arizona Republic* last month. Obee, a former *Sidney Review* reporter and Canadian Press correspondent, wrote that many boaters consider the Gulf Islands to be the finest cruising

region in the world. He described island communities as having an aura of maritime hospitality, the kind found only on islands.

Obee touched upon the various activities offered in the islands, including fishing, hiking and cruising the islands by ferry.

Gallery exhibition at Ganges

"In a sense, every painter is a colourist, yet colour is the element in painting we most often take for granted."

So says the extension department of the Vancouver Art Gallery, which is returning to Salt Spring Island next week with a touring exhibition called *Colourfast*.

Colourfast brings together a group of paintings whose common bond is a focus on colour, the gallery says, and sheds light on colour, symbolism, on relation-

ships between colour and shape and on psychological and emotional values expressed by colour.

The exhibition represents the work of about 20 artists, including Jean Paul Lemieux, Peter Aspell, Victor Vasarely, Claude Tournant and Roy Lauzanna.

The display will be at Ganges next Tuesday at Gulf Islands Secondary School. It will be open to the public at 7.30 pm in the vocational wing of the school.

The exhibition is sponsored locally by the Community Arts Council.

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PUBLIC WELCOME

Sunday evening concerts resume at St. George's

BY MAE MOORE and MARA SEAGULL

Murray Foreman, an aspiring, talented and strong performer, opened Sunday night's concert at St. George's Hall in Ganges. The evening marked the resumption of the regular concerts, sponsored by the Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society (I-IPACS).

Foreman looked easy on stage sliding through his repertoire, which consisted of his own songs, as well as those by other fine Canadian folkies.

He opened with *All-Canadian Boy*, which kept with his image as an all-Canadian songwriter. He drew upon the Grassy Narrows disaster for the content of another of his pieces. With *Silver Moon* the audience melted into the melody

and the imagery of his love song.

Kathy Stack and Rob Lehman opened with an EmmyLou Harris tune, creating a gentle but vibrant atmosphere. Stack loosened us up, laughing as she introduced the following number, a composition to the wife of a man to whom she is just a "sparkle", while the wife is his "steady flame". Lehman's pedal steel had an ethereal quality blending very well with Kathy's beautiful voice.

This seemingly effortless combination warmed our hearts with the local tale in her song called *Fisherman*. Kathy Stack delighted us with many of her own compositions.

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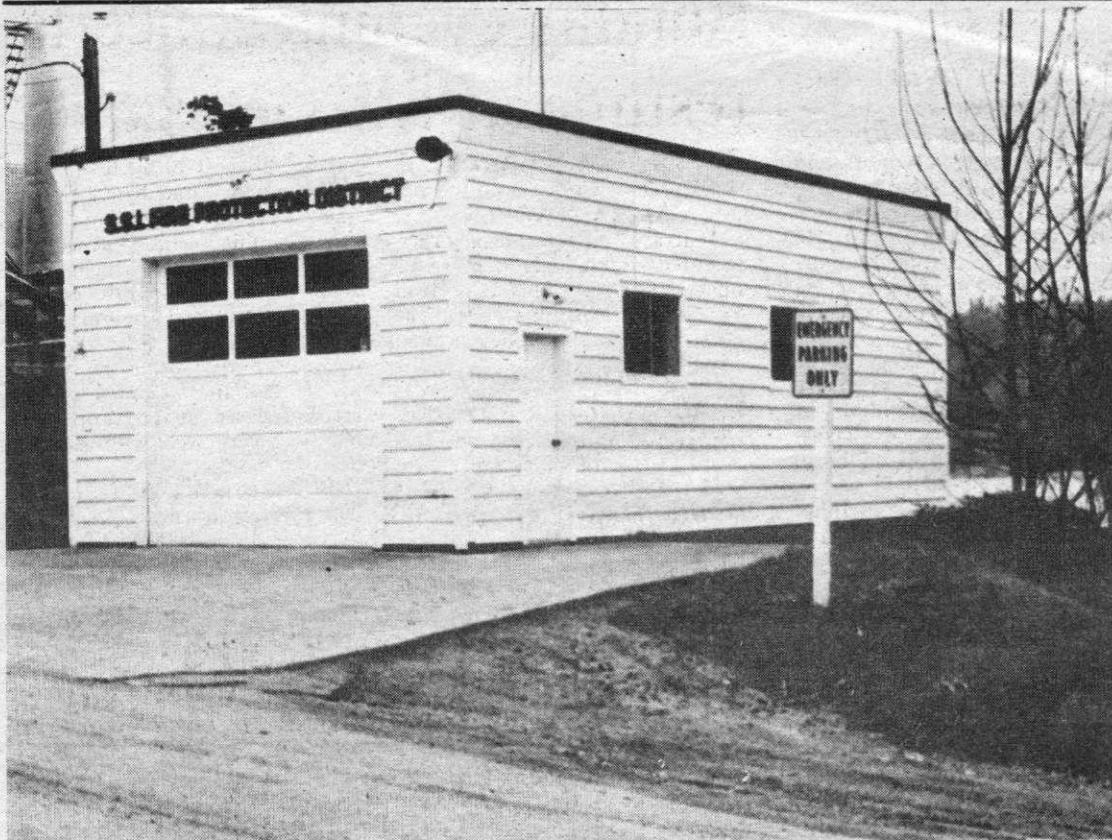
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Spring Fire District is selling the hall and hoping to use the revenues derived from the sale towards the cost of the new hall.

BOOK REVIEW

Two works not shockers by today's standards

BY LOIS PHILLIPS
No Man's Meat and the Enchanted Pimp by Morley Callaghan. Published by Macmillan of Canada, 1978. 170 pages.

Incredibly, the first short story, *No Man's Meat*, was considered too risqué to publish in 1931; finally an avant-garde press in Paris put out 400 copies of it.

By today's standards, this piece is very tame: you can see worse tangled-web sexual relationships on any day-time soap opera. However, this 30-page insight into the lives of the married Beddoes and their single woman visitor is poignant and engrossing, with beautiful emphasis on the summer lake setting and the feelings of the three.

The Enchanted Pimp is longer and rates the name novella. It is perfect for an evening's reading. It also deals with a form of sexual perversion: pimping and prostitution. Again, we have heard so much about the scenes on Yonge Street and Davie Street that this subject is no real shocker either.

Jay Dubuque, the limping hero, had humble beginnings in Cabbagetown, Toronto. In the summer he worked for the owner of a ball club and "got used to

being in the company of well known rich people". In the winter he performed at conventions and "would rather have been a great magician than anything else in the world. Magic was the one thing he wanted to believe in."

He was also a bill collector for furriers, a thoroughly mean job in which Dubuque saw possibilities. One day, the Boot, who has "always had a hunch that women could open all doors for him", puts it all together: his well-to-do businessmen contacts, his secret understanding of women and his willingness to gamble, and sets up what becomes a "convention service" with himself as procurer.

The business succeeds; Dubuque becomes a lonely man. Enter Ilene Tomorrow, fellow illusionist and cheap whore whom Dubuque seeks to raise from the Block at the raunchy Southgate Hotel to a classier joint. His plan backfires badly but Dubuque of the "defiant grin" and "shrewd hazel eyes" is undaunted and feels he "discovered there could be real magic in people".

This is indeed a magical story, about dreams and fantasies, interwoven with harsh realities of class struggle and human weakness.

Housing discussion at Chameleon Centre

The housing crunch on Salt Spring Island will be the major topic of discussion at a meeting in the Chameleon Centre in Ganges Saturday.

A meeting last week at the centre, located above the Recreation Centre on McPhillips Avenue, drew about 30 people to discuss various projects that could be undertaken. They included a range of ideas, such as walks to identify local herbs, theatre, environmental and community matters and music.

It was decided that musical jam sessions will take place at the centre on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm on. Open meetings will be held on Saturdays after noon.

Anyone affected by the shortage of housing on the island is urged to attend this Saturday's meeting.

Also discussed was the possibility of setting up an information file on local people with different resources and skills.

Five bylaws approved in minutes at hearing

Five bylaws were considered at a public hearing in Ganges on Tuesday evening last week.

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee called the hearing shortly after eight o'clock. Salt Spring Island Trust Committee closed the hearing shortly after eight o'clock.

There were no observations made concerning the bylaws.

Bylaws approved included provision for up to three dwellings per parcel in the rural zone provided that the parcel is not less than two hectares per unit. Definition of dwelling unit and transient accommodation were amended in the zoning bylaw to clarify the zone in which time-sharing is permitted. The same bylaw was amended to restrict the uses of land within the Agricultural Land Reserve to those conforming with the adjacent zone. Property on Beaver

Point Road becomes watershed zone instead of commercial and the designated development permit area at Ganges was amended to include specified lands and water.

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The Donrbirrak

The Donrbirrak

BY SHERYL JANKOWSKI

The donrbirrak lives in The Death Valley Desert. He is very friendly. He has sharp teeth to eat catis to get water. He has very long wings to fly into outer space.

He has rabbit ears to hear when danger is around. His enemies are rabrakoon, elocoon, sexy soros, rakatak and elhorn. He has rabbit feet to run fast from his enemies.

He likes to eat cacti and desert grass and sand. He hops very high and flies in to outer space. He has a racoon's mask to protect his eyes from the flying stars from outer space.

The Stag

BY K. SILVEY

He holds his antlers high over the ferns and shrubs. His peaceful solitude is broken by the crack of a rifle. Pain sears through his powerful body.

He falls to the ground with a thump. His heart pumps rapidly, blood spurting from his powerful shoulders.

He jumps to his feet scrambling through the weeds. Gravity pulls him down - until it is over - life is broken. Sometimes strength isn't enough.

Ugladugla

BY SARAH JANG

The Ugladugla eats grass and leaves and shellfish. He lives on dry land and drinks water. His friends are Raccagaf and Sharbasorus. He swims in salt water and drinking water. He lives in a burrow. He sleeps in feathers. He hibernates in winter.

He and his wife hatch eggs in the summer. At first the baby Ugladugla drink milk and eat grass. His enemies are bagtagas, cookie walklas, batman and fonzie Bear.

He can climb almost anything and he eats wood, trees, boats, paper, garbage cans, wild boar, rats, insects, shirts, pants and people. When the babies are hatched he takes them for a walk. Sometimes they run away to go exploring and after they have finished exploring they come back home.

Big Mess

BY MARK

This interesting animal has 200 babies a minute, and it also lives about 525 years. It does not have any enemies. It eats rhinoceros, lion, birds (with feathers on), monkeys, buffalo, all vegetables, and nuts.

It has an automatic jack and can go as high as it wants, and can live anywhere, but usually lives in hot areas.

It can run about 752, 657, 824 m.p.h. It's wing span is 7,562 metres long and it can fly 140,000 m.p.h. It has 26 feet (two ducks feet and 24 others).

It weighs 516,413,772,984,671, 410,603 tons. Most of them die because they go through the earth. It can go without water for one year. It also is 647,891,707,389, 148,714,925 feet long and 573,784,369,482,124 feet wide. It mostly lives on Mt. Kenya.

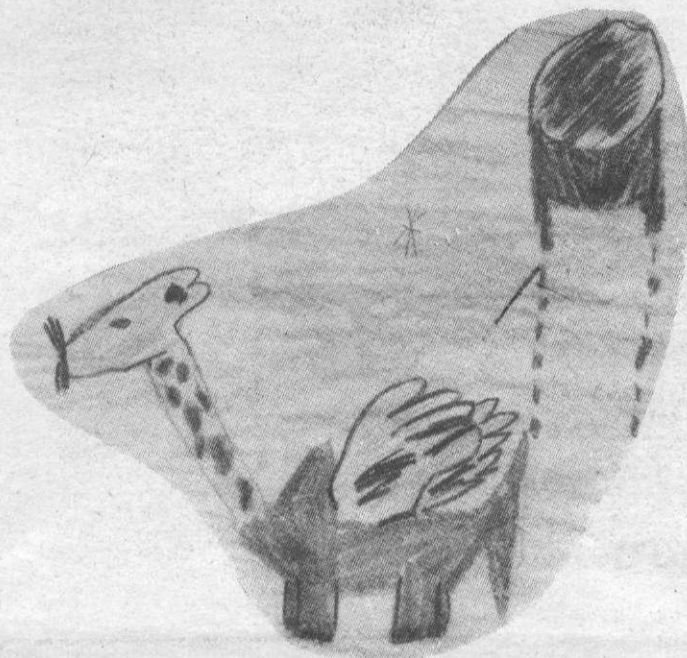
THE UNNAMED PAGE

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The Sharkasorus

The Sharkasorus

BY HEATHER THOMSON

My animal comes from a strange place in space. He eats purple people-eaters for his main dish. The creature I have made has monkey's ears, rabbit face, stork's wings, elephant's feet, shark's body, dog's whiskers and giraffe's neck.

His planet is called the World of the Sharkasorus, and the closest planet is the World of the Purple People-Eaters.

The enemies are purple people-eaters, men and more, but sharkasoruses don't like water, and they

take a bath every Wednesday. They don't even know that they are taking a bath in the water. The sharkasorus lives in green glass gleeks. They are born in eggs. They only live for 18 eons. 18 eons is only 40,000 million years.

The sharkasorus is 16 feet tall. It weighs 50,000 million tons.

They have a force field around the whole planet, it looks like yellow rocks going around in a circle.

In the strange place that my creature comes from, there are blue stars and yellow stars.

BOOK REVIEW

A lot missing from this book

BY CAROLE EYLES

The Talking Parcel by Gerald Durrell. William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd., London. 1974.

Penelope and her cousins Simon and Peter get caught up in a series of adventures to save the land of Mythologia from being taken over by the evil Cockatrices. Mythologia is a magic land where all the strange animals of fantasy and mythology have their special places to live.

Unfortunately, the Cockatrices are not content with what they have and want to take over the whole country. Percival, Archibald, Reginald, Roderick, Oscar, Theophilus - Parrot for short - is a talking parrot who sets out to find help and brings back the three children. With their help, the Unicorns, the Weasels, the Firedrakes, the Griffons, the Mermaids and

the rest successfully attack Cockatrice Castle, recover the Great Books of Government, and restore peace to Mythologia.

This story is full of exciting adventures. The setting is a little bit like the Narnia Chronicles and is full of fantastic and wonderful beasts who can do amazing things. There are lots of funny bits as well as the exciting parts. I especially liked the Moon carrot Pie song.

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Oh, a cow in a manger, a pig in a sty,

They all love their slices of Moon carrot Pie.

If you enjoy fantasy and adventure, stories that can be both silly and scary, and a book where you never know what will happen next, I think you will enjoy The Talking Parcel by Gerald Durrell. It is available in paperback for \$2.75.

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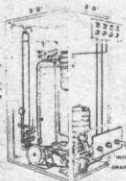
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BY CHAD

This thing lives on Salt Spring of the third kind.

It's part rabbit, part snake, part rooster, part horse, part turtle, part cow, part shark.

It eats eggs for the snake, hay for the horse and cow, carrots for the rabbit, and bugs and fish for the turtle, seed for the rooster and fish for the shark.

It's very fast. It travels at 50

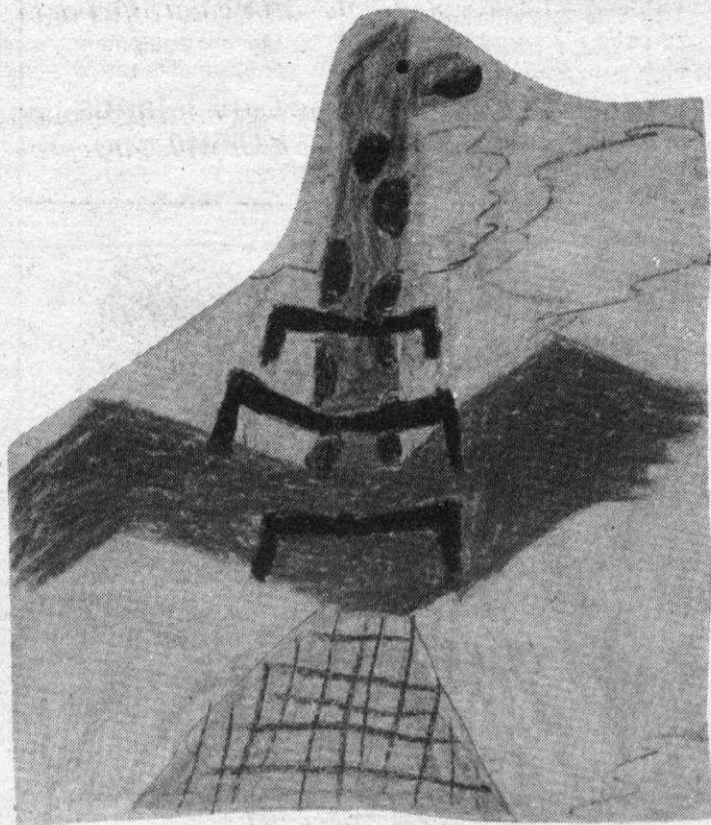
miles an hour.

Its enemy is a rifle.

It has 1,000 babies every half of a quarter of a half of a month.

It's five feet tall.

With its neck tucked in it sees three miles, and with its neck not tucked in it sees three miles, 500 feet. It can smell its enemy rifle on mile away. It can hear a pin drop 300 feet away.



The Gab

Gab

BY PETER

Gab is an animal that is made up of a camel, a giraffe, an ant, an eagle and a bass.

This animal can fly up to 100,000,998 miles up.

This animal eats anything that's in sight. It eats cars, it eats houses and it even eats airplanes.

It was almost extinct because its fur was good for coats.

This animal is good for cutting down trees and likes living in a hot place. He or her swim and walk and fly, and it can go without water for 100 days. It cannot eat if it is in a wet place. Gab likes to eat trains the best. This animal is incredible. I don't think I will see an animal like Gab again.

KIDS

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

Oompa Loompa

BY LEILA CROWTHER

The Oompa Loompa lives in a place where I've never been before. In the desert!

He has yellow feathers and a pink face, brown wings and also purple and red neck and red legs he eats fish when he can get it.

And when he can't get it he would eat a plain piece of cow and water.

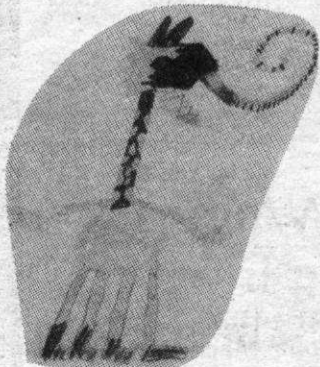
The Elegrit

BY BEN

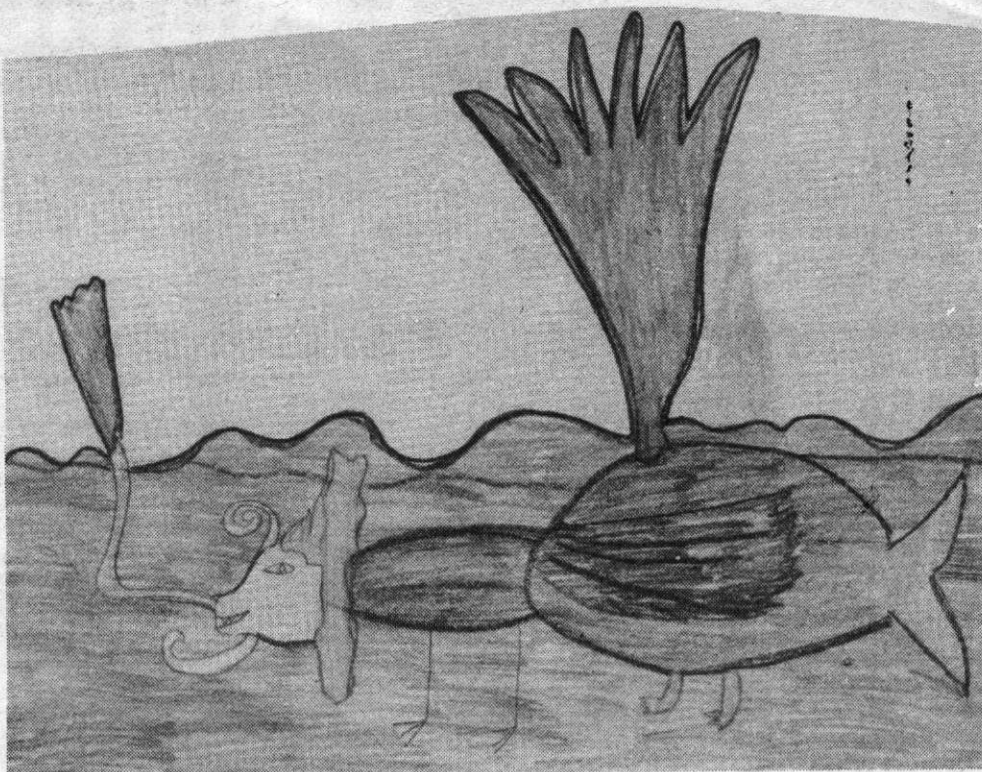
Elegrit is an animal, is made up of an elephant, the mask of a raccoon, and the neck of a giraffe.

Also the tusks of an elephant, the mane of a lion, the ears of a rabbit, the teeth of a Tyrannosaurus rex, the arms and stomach of a human, the legs of a dog and the feet of a human.

Elegrits are 30 feet high and weigh 100 tons. They live on Mt. Kenya.



The Elegrit



The Lerrshdwa

The Lerrshdwa

BY JENNIFER RYCKMAN

The Lerrshdwa is a very weird animal. She is part elephant, ram, lion, bird, red-headed woodpecker, ant, whale, shark.

The Lerrshdwa is a very fast runner and swimmer. The Lerrshdwa lives in a cave under water. She can hold her breath for 65 hours.

The female Lerrshdwa lays up to eight eggs a day.

Enemies: Elegrit, Gab, Steven Lyon, Super Saurus, Girog, Paul.

Friends: Perphant, Oompa, Loompa, Ugladugla.

Eats: fish, crab, eggs, alligators, trees, paper, worms, boats, garbage cans, tin cans, glass and any other kinds of garbage she can find.

As you probably noticed the Lerrshdwa eats a lot of garbage. I'm surprised she doesn't get sick.

The Perphant

BY TERESA

The perphant lives in the ocean and land. The land is a triangle shape.

The perphant loves peanuts. Peanut trees grow on the island. The trunk helps them to pick the peanuts.

The Perphant's best friend is the Lerrshdwa. She swims in the water with her. They have trunk fights.

The Perphant's enemy is the Peronilla.

At night the Perphant goes in her cave and goes to bed in a pool dug in the ground.

The Elgerabit

BY NICOLA BYRON

Fernwood School

The Elgerabit's best friends are the Raccagaf and the Rabbadodado. It eats Elgerabbit food.

He also lives on Venus Canada.

In the Spring, Summer and Fall it goes with one of his friends the Rabadadodado to visit the Raccagaf who lives on Margin Island.

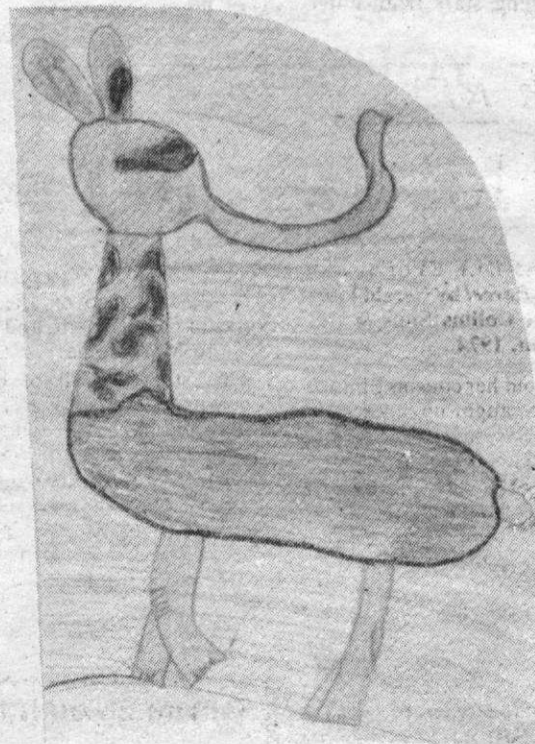
In the winter he stays home and

watches Alamanit which is Happy Days in our Language.

His second best friend is the Eleejel and that looks like the Rabadadodado but its ears and wings aren't the same.

Sometimes the Elgerabit eats Fan-a-loo-loo and drinks Mal-a-loo.

The Elgerabbit also watches Fala which is the News.



The Elgerabit

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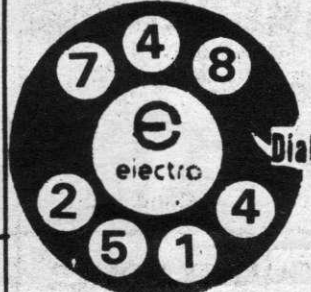
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ANIMAL CONTROL

Irresponsible dog owners a major problem

In the seventh instalment of *The Administrators*, Driftwood reporter Scott Webster tells of the duties of the animal control officer for the Capital Regional District, Bill Leach.

For the next several weeks, the series will examine the responsibilities of those public servants who are employed by the Capital Regional District.

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

There are too many negligent dog owners in the Capital Regional District and sheep farmers are paying for it in terms of dollars and cents while dogs are paying for it with their lives, according to animal control officer Bill Leach.

Despite a marked reduction during the past several years in the frequency of attacks against sheep by packs of marauding dogs, Leach says that many dog owners still have a long way to go in taking responsibility for their animals.

Dogs seen wandering at large near fields of sheep are often shot by wary farmers but Leach says that farmers will generally warn a dog's owner before taking such action.

Identification of both the dog and its owner must first be determined, however, and licensing is the best way to accomplish this, says Leach.

FEW TROUBLESOME DOGS

Involved with animal protection for the past 25 years, Leach says that experience has taught him that there are few troublesome dogs, just irresponsible owners.

That persons shouldn't own dogs unless they are prepared to care for them properly is the message that Leach has been carrying ever since he took on his position with the CRD nearly two years ago.

Proper care involves licensing in addition to humane treatment, according to Leach.

He says that the purpose of licensing is to protect dogs against undue harm and to enable the animal protection division to track down their owners in the event that they are injured or lost.

Attacks on sheep have historically been more of a problem on Salt Spring Island because of the large-scale raising of sheep here, says Leach. It's a problem, however, that is by no means restricted to Salt Spring Island.

NO REGULATIONS

The incidence of sheep attacks probably peaked several years ago during a two-year period when there were no animal protection regulations in effect and before the CRD has assumed the responsibility.

The provincial government, in 1977, decided that the regional districts should administer animal control and it was during the two years that followed, when dogs were allowed to wander about at will, that a "horrendous" number of attacks were recorded against sheep, recalls Leach.

The provincial government, however, re-enacted a section of the livestock protection act in December, 1980, which allows farmers to shoot dogs that are attacking their sheep.

Leach said that the number of

serious attacks against sheep have diminished since the CRD assumed responsibility for animal control and that this is due, in part, to the animal control division's efforts to educate the public.

UP TO SIX

While unable to provide exact figures about the number of attacks on Salt Spring during the past two years, Leach estimates that there are between four and six serious attacks each year, which claim as many as six ewes or lambs.

Leach was hired by the CRD in April, 1979 to set up and administer an animal control program for this area and enforce a tough new dog control bylaw.

In doing so, he is assisted by seven part-time deputy animal control officers who are stationed at different locations. They are Sooke, Metchosin, Langford, Salt Spring Island, Pender Island, Mayne Island and Galiano Island.

A native of Rivers, Manitoba, Leach was raised and educated in

them if caught wandering.

Deputy officers patrol each of the district's seven dog control areas and take loose animals into custody where they are held for removal to the division's pound at Langford.

SIMPLIFIED BY TAGGING

Leach makes every effort to contact the owners of impounded dogs, a process that is simplified if the animal is properly tagged.

If not claimed by their owners, dogs are put up for adoption for a three-day period, and are destroyed at the end of that time if not adopted.

"One of the most frustrating things is to find the owner if the dog is not wearing its tags," he said.

Leach says that the key to controlling dogs is through birth control.

"People should be encouraged, and are encouraged, through financial incentives, to have their dogs altered or spayed," said

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Dublin, Ireland, where he attended Wellsley College, a division of Dublin University.

NAVIGATOR

He was stationed in England during the Second World War and saw active service as a navigator with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Following the war, Leach joined a major Canadian investment banking firm in Toronto and has been in the stocks and bonds business for the better part of his working career.

Having moved to western Canada towards the end of the 50's, Leach alternated between Victoria, Vancouver and Calgary with several different investment firms, but it was in 1977 that he joined the British Columbia Society for the Protection of Animals (BCSPA) as its executive director based in Vancouver. He became responsible for about 30 branches throughout the province.

He and his English-born wife Christine and their two children Nigel, 15 and Susan, 12, live in Victoria.

They own a German Shepherd named Sasha and a pair of Siamese cats.

"Our whole family is very interested in animals and you wouldn't have a job like this if you weren't interested in animals and animal behaviour," said Leach.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

He devoted about 25 years of volunteer service to the SPCA and was the founding chairman of the Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada, a Toronto-based organization which directs its attention towards alleviating animal problems across the country.

The owner of a 30-foot sloop, Leach is actively involved in yachting and he participates each year, along with about 400 others, in the Swiftsure Race, an event which many consider themselves lucky to finish, says Leach.

"My main hobby and my main joy is to cruise the Gulf Islands."

The dog control bylaw calls for Leach to regulate and control dogs in the district and to be responsible for licensing them and impounding

Leach.

"The long-term approach has to be through having animals fixed."

The CRD encourages people to neuter their dogs by offering free licenses in return for having their animals altered or spayed.

NEUTERING CLINICS

It's common practice in many large metropolitan areas to set up low-cost neutering clinics where dog owners are charged a nominal fee for altering or spaying their animals, according to Leach.

He said that an oral contraceptive for animals will likely be introduced in the not too distant future.

Licensing is the key to administering the dog control bylaw, which Leach says is one of the best in Canada, and paying the nominal licence fee is cheap insurance compared to the amount of harm that a loose dog can cause.

Licence fees for unaltered males and unspayed females are set at \$15 per year and \$5 per year for altered males and spayed females.

The lower rates are to encourage owners to have their animals neutered and to help defray the costs of relatively expensive operations.

Owners of unlicensed dogs are subject to a \$15 fine, the cost of purchasing a licence and a boarding charge of \$5 for every day that the animal is impounded, if picked up by an officer.

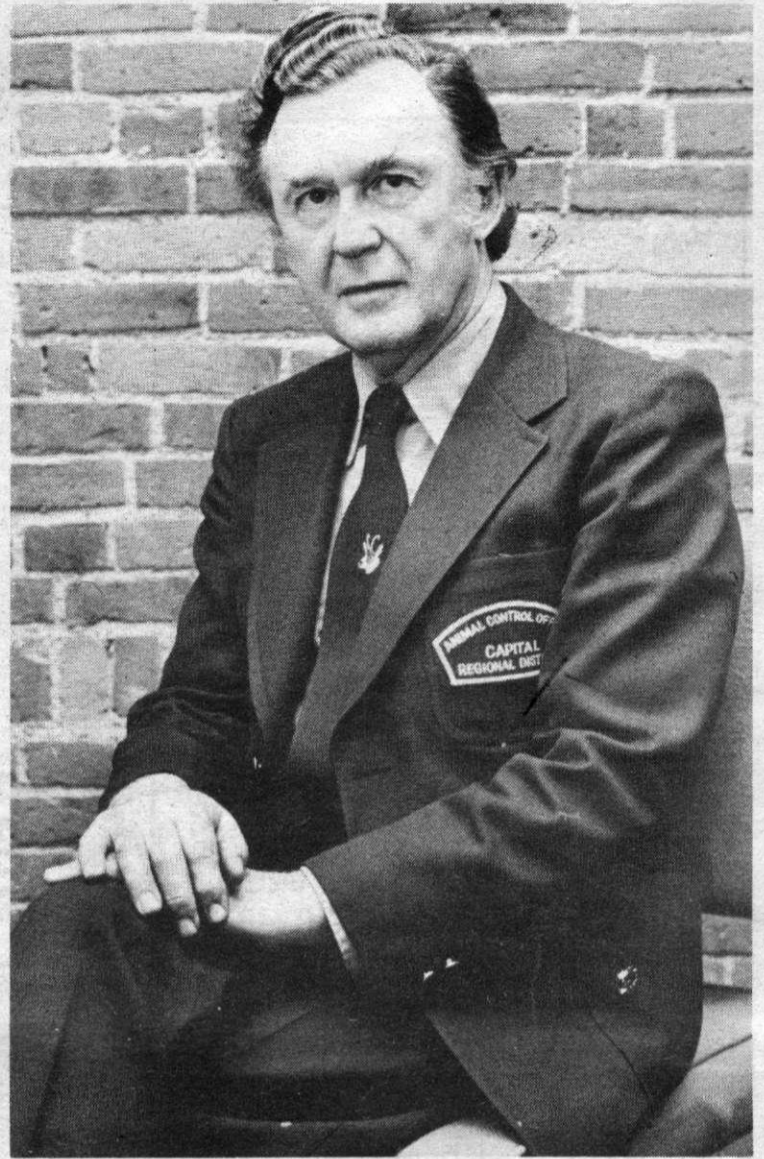
MAXIMUM OF \$75

Repeated infractions can cost owners up to a maximum fine of \$75, depending on the number of times the dog is caught wandering at large without tags.

Some of the revenue generated through licensing goes towards compensating farmers who have lost sheep to marauding dogs. If the owner of the dog is not known, the animal control division will pay farmers 75% of the current market value of the lost sheep.

In situations where the owner's identity is known, he is liable for the full market value of the sheep, but the farmer must recover his losses in civil court.

"Licensing is for the dog's own protection, as well as for enforcing



BILL LEACH

the law," said Leach.

FEW DOG PROBLEMS

"I think that there are few dog problems. I think that the real problem is the many irresponsible dog owners who don't understand the responsibility of dog ownership in areas where there are livestock," he said.

A farmer who suspects that a dog has been harassing or attacking his sheep can warn the animal's owner or the area officer that the dog will be shot if it causes further trouble.

Such a warning could well save an animal's life, says Leach, who feels that farmers are entitled to shoot marauding dogs that have been attacking his sheep or poultry.

"He's justified in shooting an animal that's tearing his sheep apart," said Leach.

"If dogs aren't wearing their tags and they're shot, who's to know what happened to them?"

"If people would license their

dogs, they're buying protection and at least they'll get a warning," he said.

Leach says that normally well-behaved dogs become aggressive when travelling in packs and that what might start out as a playful chase in a pasture full of sheep, all too frequently ends up with a savage attack on defenceless animals.

Dogs generally attempt to separate a lone sheep and will then run the terrified and exhausted animal into the ground. The first scent of blood causes them to revert to instinctive, savage behaviour.

Marauding dogs travelling along coastal farms will often run sheep over the edge of a cliff into the sea.

Terrified ewes, if pregnant, usually abort during the course of a pursuit by a pack of dogs.

"If an owner has a dog that is running sheep, he can be subject to a pretty heavy fine," warns Leach.

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Hatch Point proposal is to be discussed at Ganges

The Saanich Inlet Preservation Society will hold a public information meeting on Salt Spring Island this weekend to discuss plans by Chevron Canada Ltd. for a storage and distribution centre at Hatch Point.

The proposed complex poses a threat to the environment of this whole area and particularly to the Saanich Inlet, according to the society.

Chevron, on the other hand, claims that the facilities will actually be safer than existing facilities at its nearby and much smaller Cowichan Bay site.

Chevron plans to shut down storage facilities at Nanaimo, Cowichan Bay and Victoria once the Hatch Point complex is completed.

MUST BE REZONED

The 52-acre site must first be rezoned from agricultural to transportation-based industry by the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

The Saanich Inlet Preservation Society has been fighting Chevron and the Hatch Point proposal since last October and plans to carry its message to Salt Spring Island residents this Saturday. The public information meeting will be held at the Ganges activity centre at 1 pm.

Marilyn May, a spokesman for the society, says that the Gulf Islands residents should be concerned about Chevron's plans since oil will be barged from the mainland, past the islands and through Satellite Channel to Hatch Point.

Any oil spill could damage the environment of the Gulf Islands, claims May.

NO NEED

May said that Chevron could continue using existing facilities at its three Vancouver Island sites and that there is no need for the company to build the Hatch Point complex, unless it plans to expand its storage capacity on Vancouver Island some time in the future.

She said that Chevron plans to use just 1.7 acres of the total 52 acres that it is purchasing at Hatch Point and she fears that Chevron may decide later to expand its operations at that location.

Chevron has just about reached near-capacity oil output at its Burnaby plant on the mainland and may eventually decide to build an oil refinery at Hatch Point, according to May.

TO USE 15 ACRES

Ross Jolly, manager of public

affairs for Chevron at its Vancouver office, told *Driftwood* that his company plans to use 15 acres of land, not the 1.7 acres mentioned by the society, on which to build storage facilities. The remaining 37 acres will serve as a buffer zone between the storage area and surrounding agricultural land.

Chevron will also reduce the total number of trips made by oil-laden barges to its three Vancouver Island sites from about 150 that it now averages each year to about 45 once Hatch Point is completed, according to Jolly.

Approximately 100 of these trips presently made are to and from its facilities at Cowichan Bay, he said.

INCREASED STORAGE

Jolly said that existing facilities at Cowichan Bay can accommodate approximately 8,000 barrels of oil and that the new Hatch Point storage tanks will hold about 210,000 barrels of oil, an increase of exactly 2,625%.

"We're supplying the whole south end of the island. It happens that Hatch Point is the centre of the southern marketing area," said Jolly.

He said that its "antiquated" facilities at Cowichan Bay have been in operation since shortly after the Second World War, that its facilities at Nanaimo are inadequate to meet demands and that its storage facilities at Victoria do not allow room for expansion.

The city of Victoria has also decided not to renew Chevron's lease there, according to Jolly.

A letter written to a member of the Saanich Inlet Preservation Society from an administrator with the ministry of lands, parks and housing, indicates that this may not be the case, however.

NO OBSTACLES SEEN

Keith Anderson, a technical land officer with the ministry, states in the letter, dated November 20, 1980, "I do not foresee any obstacles to the lease renewal unless the city of Victoria has any objections or sets restrictions that Chevron feels are excessive to the continued operation of the facilities on the present site."

Jolly claims that Chevron was never informed that it would be allowed to renew its lease at the Victoria site and that the company has already proceeded too far with plans to build at Hatch Point to reconsider staying in Victoria.

Regarding objections by the society that the Hatch Point complex will endanger the

environment, Jolly stated that the company never experienced a single oil spill at its Cowichan Bay plant and that new facilities at Hatch Point will be even safer.

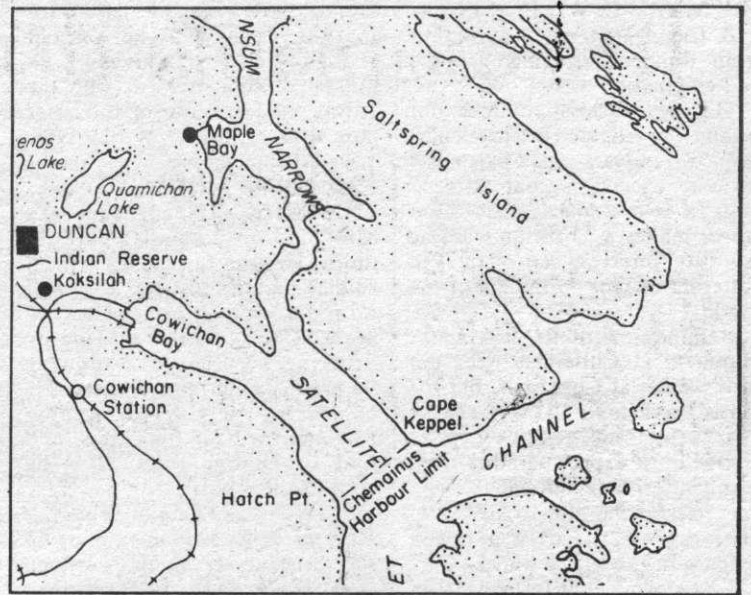
AT BOTTOM OF PIT

He said that the actual storage tanks are to be located at the bottom of a gravel pit and that the company will take steps to ensure that oil cannot seep into either the ground or the sea, even should a spill occur.

The Saanich Inlet Preservation Society is urging the provincial government to conduct an environmental impact study.

The society claims that a study commissioned by Chevron and conducted by Dobrocky Seatech Ltd. warns of possible environmental damage to the area.

In conclusion, the study states, "Certainly the consequences of oil reaching Boatswain Bank would be severe because of the high productivity of the area, and the difficulty of removing oil from the sediment. Another area which should be viewed with concern,



Hatch Point, site of proposed Chevron storage centre

both from oil spills as well as ship movement, is Patey Rock, which is a provincial government ecological reserve."

It's also stated, in the study's final sentences, "Finally, the Cowichan estuary, while some

distance from Hatch Point, is a highly utilized estuary and an important fisheries and wildlife habitat. The area is very much a public concern and development at hatch Point would have to consider this aspect."

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More food for thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON
A friend sent me a quotation from Bonhoeffer. It's impressive and enigmatic:

"To be a Christian does not mean to be religious in a particular way, to cultivate some particular form of asceticism, but to be a man. It is not some religious act which makes a Christian what he is, but participation in the suffering of God in the life of the world."

Reminds me of Rev. Skinner's comment at Christmas: "It's not how we act at Christmas, but the Christmas acts we do the rest of the year."

One must expect paradox from Bonhoeffer, a devout pacifist who was part of the plot to kill Adolf Hitler, and there is paradox aplenty in this crazy world.

I have wondered for some time how decent people - ostensibly Christian people - can remain indifferent to the suffering of people around them. Suffering of our own poor in Canada: suffering of our indigenous people - the Fourth World - whose life expectancy is not much higher than that of the Nicaraguans before the revolution. Suffering of those in the Third World, with millions of people in Africa, Asia and Latin America being preyed upon by multinational corporations, by their own elite class, and by the military-sponsored governments foisted upon them by their "friendly allies".

MORE ACCEPTABLE

We are not indifferent to suffering behind the Iron Curtain - suffering in communist countries seems to be more acceptable, more respectable to believe in! This may explain our overwhelming response to the plight of the boat people, and our complete lack of reaction to the millions of refugees in Somalia, Abyssinia, South Africa and other African countries.

There is, of course, the exceptional action taken by Dr. Sutherland, who went from his comfortable home and practice on Pender Island to set up health support services in Somalia. But until that was noted in *Driftwood*, most people had no idea that there were such things as refugee camps in that part of the world!

Certainly nobody who is indifferent to human suffering can be said to "participate in the suffering of God in the life of the world".

Consider the case of Clifford

Dunbar, known as "Chief". Born in 1923, as soon as he was old enough he enlisted in his country's militia, serving overseas with the Royal Air Force during the latter part of the Second World War. Then he went home.

FAR FROM MODEL

He twice attained corporal's rank and lost his stripes both times. He was far from a model soldier, and the post-war army had no room for him. For the next 20 years "Chief" earned a living by drinking kerosene and blowing flames to entertain tourists. He contracted pleurisy, an occupational hazard for fire-eaters, and had to change jobs. Now he collects dirty bottles.

"Chief" is the king of Jamaica's scavengers. He lives in a shanty on the garbage dump in Montego Bay. He and 16 others collect bottles from the garbage and sell them to a trucker who carts them away three times a month. They are washed and refilled in Kingston.

NOT A BAD LIFE

"Chief" makes about 40 Jamaican dollars a week - not bad for an unskilled worker - and he pays no rent. It's not a bad life if you don't mind living among flies and the excrement of the cows which live off the garbage. If you can stand the smell and the mud churned up by trucks which dump the garbage in perpetual Jamaican rain. The shanty leaks, has no lighting, no clean water and no sanitation. The nearest store is a long way away.

"Chief" is literate. He was smart enough to gain promotion, though not wise enough to hang on to it. He makes as much money as an unskilled labourer - rather more than a peasant farmer. (A tourist pays more each night for a room than he makes in a week.) But is this any way for a man to live? Is this what God meant us to be and do with that most precious gift of life?

Can you read this story unmoved? Then perhaps you are not "participating in God's suffering in the life of the world".

Pension cheque lost

A retired Ganges man has informed Ganges RCMP that he lost a \$1,400 pension cheque in the vicinity of the K & R parking lot near the Bank of Montreal last Wednesday afternoon.

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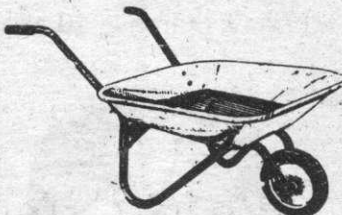


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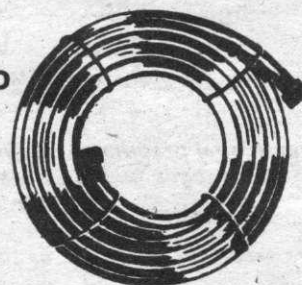
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Last week's unwritten column seen by many as best of year

BY JACQUES STRAPPE
 There are readers, particularly among the Slug players, who feel that last week's unwritten, unpublished, non-existent column was without doubt the year's finest; and as such was an accurate statement of the worth of this writer and of the content of the weekly blurb.
 If in fact something had been written about last week, it would have to have been headlined, "Slugs squished, slide continues" or "Stinkers stomp slugs" or how about "What happened? Slugs stink!"
 How else can you explain the fact that the Slugs, down only 3 - 2 to the Crofton Stinkers after two periods, ended up losing 9 - 2?

OVER-CONFIDENCE
 Perhaps it was over-confidence - they had only been outshot 60 to 15 through the first two periods. Or perhaps it was a result of the Fulford Cowboy Dance the night before, which had left several of our stars in a sad and sorry condition. Or perhaps it was because one of the Stinkers had taken exception to his nose running into Ian Jukes' fist (not to mention Captain Crunch's subsequent ejection from the game - tossed out by his own team!)

At any rate the roof caved in for the Slugs in the third period as they went down for the fourth straight game! Disgruntled accurately described the team's attitude, while disgraceful wouldn't be too harsh a word to describe their indifferent play. Poor Wowie Howie was so appalled that he was last seen heading north from Fuller Lake, mumbling incoherently (as usual) to himself something about needing a good shot of screech.

Women's fitness class proves most popular

The director of continuing education reported to the Gulf Islands School Board during last Thursday's board meeting that a total of 596 students are enrolled in evening classes for the current semester.
 Of this total, 551 students are taking classes on Salt Spring Island with the remaining 45 students attending classes on Pender Island, according to Virginia Newman.
 She told the board that total tuition fees collected since January 1 stand at about \$9,000.
 The school board is offering 38 different evening classes this semester with 35 of that number offered at schools on Salt Spring Island. The remaining three classes are conducted at Pender School.

BOUNCED BACK
 After a week of soul-searching (not to mention heavy drinking) and a classic 40 oz. team meeting at Mel Topping's place (by invitation only), the Slugs bounced back with a (hold on to your false teeth) 21 - 12 shootout victory over the Duncan Disasters. (A defensive battle it wasn't, he understatingly says). Actually it was a lot closer than it seems - just a touchdown and a field goal...
 This is not to say that the Disasters' goal-tending was bad, but apparently their goalie was so distraught after the game that he tried to do himself in by standing in front of a train. Unfortunately, the train went between his legs...

Nevertheless a win is a win, even if the Disasters did lose their seeing-eye dogs. The Slugs were led by Danny "Rural Cowboy" Akerman with five; Al "Let's Make a Deal" Hardie with four; Ron Moger and Pat Akerman with three, and Gene "Cruiser" Scown and Mel "One-Way" Topping with two apiece, while Boom-Boom

Bergstrom, with a magnificent Minnesota Fats bankshot, and Peter "The Jet" Huser chipped in one each.

OVERDUE
 Not a classic, but overdue - particularly with the Vancouver trip next weekend and the fabled return to Gold River upcoming. Nice to see Pat Gaines back in action without his purse. There certainly were a few sighs of relief in the shower after the game.

Finally, the Slugs would like to commend letter-to-the-editor writer Stuart Lyon for his obvious good taste and literary appreciation of the finer points of hockey. Although Wowie Howie's schedule precludes his writing a weekly column (not to mention his weak stomach), we will try to maintain the high quality of writing expertise offered here to date this year.

(Providing I don't have a change of heart and scrap the column altogether. Ed.)

Physiotherapist to instruct seminar at Family Centre

A seminar at Ganges next week will attempt to direct the participants towards a greater understanding and acceptance of their bodies and to increase their awareness of the sensory, emotional and intuitive functions of the body.

A registered physiotherapist from Mayne Island, Lorna Watson, will instruct the one-day seminar on Saturday, Mar. 7 from

10 to 5 pm at the Family Centre in Ganges. A variety of techniques will be included, such as art, dance, music, breathing, relaxation and massage.

Family centre spokesman Anita Snell points out that tension, stress and feelings, when retained, will distort the shape of one's body and disrupt its natural functioning.

Fee for the seminar is \$16 and the class is limited to 10 participants, who must pre-register before March 5.

The Family Centre is also seeking suggestions for topics of future seminars.

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Break-in

Thieves removed about \$150 in merchandise from a Ganges residence Sunday after gaining entry through an open door, according to Ganges RCMP.

A variety of tools, a pair of jumper cables and a tape deck valued at about \$80 were removed from the home of Mark Brewer. Police are still investigating.

Lice infestation in schools is now "well in check"

Salt Spring Elementary School principal Tom Watson reports that no new cases of lice have been discovered and that all children affected by lice during the past three weeks are back in classes.
 "I think that it's well in check," said Watson.

Of the total 24 cases discovered at the school, just one involved live lice, with children in the remaining 23 cases found to be infested with nits, or the eggs of lice.

The actual number of children of children infested with nits at the school was nowhere near 23, however, with a number of children having been sent home three and four times, according to Watson.

Watson said that the health nurse is still checking children to make certain that no cases have been missed, since the lice problem could easily reappear.

The last reported case was discovered Thursday and that child has been ridden of nits and is already back in school.

Glenn Woodley, principal at Fernwood Elementary School, reports that no new cases have been discovered there since one

child was discovered to be infested with live lice February 17.

A group of six parents have been checking children there, along with the public health nurse, but have yet to turn up any additional cases, said Woodley.

Assault

A 22-year-old Ganges man will face charges of assault causing bodily harm in provincial court after being demanded to trial following preliminary court proceedings last Wednesday.

Richard Kevin McGoldrick will face a charge of assault against a 17-year-old Fulford Harbour man on the night of December 20.

The court was told that Doug Lawrence Hamilton-Horne suffered a broken nose and had his teeth pushed through his upper lip as a result of the incident.

A date has yet to be set for trial.



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Scouts, Cubs dine with their p

Scouts and Cubs keep up long tradition

Scouts and Cubs on Salt Spring Island went to have supper with their parents last week. What was once a father-and-son banquet was a parent-and-son function. And the word was in the singular: one parent was invited. Two would have filled the hall at the Catholic church on Drake Road.

The boys sat down to supper and then entertained the assembly. Final presentation was a movie depicting the life of Chief Scout Baden Powell and the birth of Scouting under his guidance.

The guests were introduced and the leaders were introduced and speeches were out. Then the gathering was invited to cast ballots on the selection of the "Cubbiest Cub".

Chairman Bob McWhirter paid tribute to the late David Hoskin, who devoted many hours to the Ganges Cubs and Scouts.

"This evening is a result of his labours," said McWhirter.

Cubs displayed the selection of provincial flags by a group of boys.

The Cubs held out the flags and one boy placed them in order, from east to west.

They then paraded through the hall, each bearing a number, and the guests voted for No. 1. Winner was Michael Tranter, with Peter Andress in second place and Erin Butler, third.

The Scouts presented three skits all based on the principle of offering first aid and each outlining as much what not to do as advising what should be done.



Sitting at the well-decorated table cloth are, left to right, Kevin Smith, John Thomas and Keith Treble. They appear out of kilter, as Kevin is starting in and his two companions have already dined.

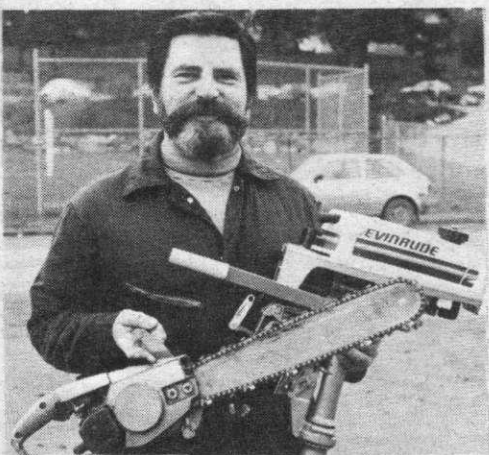


Cubs line up in a row while the flags are sorted out



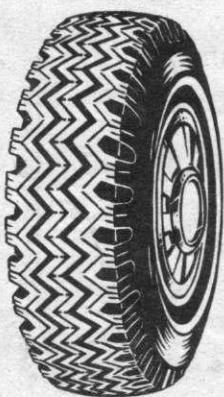
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KICK-OFF

Kanaka Cosmos make headlines

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BY MALCOLM LEGG

In an association where 12 of the 13 teams are made up primarily of boys, the one girls' team, the Kanaka Cosmos, rarely see their name in the headlines. In last week's Coers Cup action the local girls stole the show with their finest performance of the season.

The Cosmos are made up of girls varying in age from eight to 14, and come in all sizes, from small to tall, but the one thing they have in common is they all love the game of soccer. The skill level of the girls is not yet on a par with the boys' team, but their enthusiasm and hustle makes up for this weakness and as the number of girls playing grows their skill level will grow also.

Last week's game was an example of their enthusiasm as the girls played flawless soccer in defeating the Rowdies 1-0. The Cosmos started slowly, which seems to be a trademark of theirs, but their defence of Susan Box, Jennifer Anderson and Jessica Speed held firm.

UNABLE TO PENETRATE

The Rowdies carried the play to the Cosmos for most of the first half, led by Kevin Smith, Chris Koski and Shane May, but they were unable to penetrate the stingy Cosmos defence. As the half ended the girls were gaining their confidence and their offence was penetrating the Rowdies' defence.

Led by Laura Hynes and Joey Moger at strikers and Christie Aust and Natalie Blomley on the wings, the Cosmos roared into

attack early in the second half. Laura, Natalie and Andrew Aust all had good scoring opportunities but it was Andrew who scored their lone goal for the victory.

The Rowdies tried to rally but the girls were equal to every challenge. The win vaulted the team into second place in the standings and a shot at league-leading Panthers on Tuesday.

A SOLID SHOT

Certainly the improved play of the Kanaka Cosmos gives them a solid shot at second place and who knows, with consistency and a little luck, a chance to win cup honours.

In other league play there was very little as all juvenile matches were cancelled due to poor field conditions. The Salt Spring Blues

were scheduled to play Metro Toyota at Portlock Park but the visitors failed to show, giving our local men's team a default win.

Next week's schedule is up in the air at the moment but the Blues go to Lambrick Park to play Gordon Head, the league leaders, in what should be a great game.

Coming soon: District Cup for our off-island youth teams; a preview next week.

Close games for local basketball team

Contributed

This past weekend the Grade 9 boys' basketball team travelled to Port Alberni to participate in a North Island Invitational Tournament at Eric J. Dunn Junior Secondary.

In the first game against Woodlands of Nanaimo, cold shooting by both teams kept the scores low, 13 - 13 at the quarter. However, after Graham Lee, Sean Logan and Paul Cottrell got going the score changed to 26 - 23 for Gulf Islands. A strong secondhalf performance by Joey Horrocks and Gary Quiring brought about a 43 - 35 lead.

The ending to the game was an exciting one with the score 49 - 47 for Gulf Islands with a mere 22 seconds on the clock. The outcome was a 49 - 50 loss and a group of disappointed young boys.

Our second game against A.W. Neill was a close one, which we lost

54 - 59. However, many coaches agree that this group of talented young basketballers will be a power next year in island basketball.

High scorers for the Scorpions were Sean Logan with 22, Joey Horrocks with 26, Lyle Brown with 16, Paul Cottrell with 14,

John Burgess with 13, Graham Lee with 8 and Gary Quiring and Jack Andrews with 2. Robert Colter and Miles Wilson gave help on the rebounds and on defense.

The team's next game is at Ganges against Lake Cowichan on Tuesday at 3:00. Spectators are welcome.

Bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on February 16 were: tied for first, Nora Day and Phoebe Stevens, Anne McConnell and Gordon Hutton; third, Mary K. Thomas and Mayme Iverson; fourth, Irene Hawksworth and Dorothy Sneddon; fifth, Jock and Thelma Craig.

On February 17: first, Gordon Best and Norm McConnell; second, Mayme Iverson and Shirley Love; third, Dr. Hyslop and Fred Melhuish.

LORNE P. HUDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Photo by Ed Bermingham

LAUREL NEIL, aged 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Neil, of Vancouver, B.C., has been awarded a Lorne P. Hudson Memorial Scholarship at St. Michaels University School in Victoria.

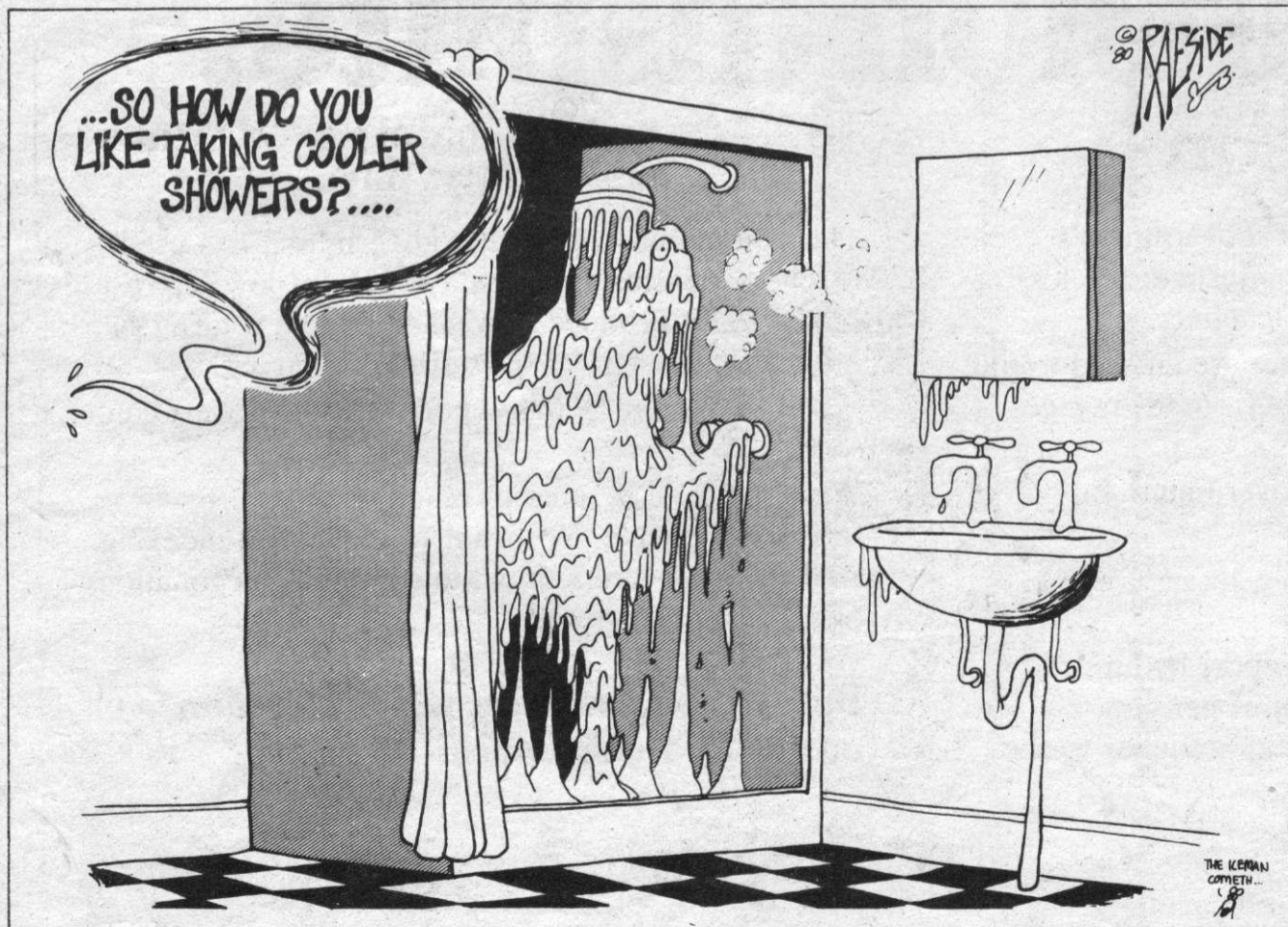
Laurel, a Grade 12 pupil, was one of the first girls to come to St. Michaels University School, when it became co-educational three years ago in Grades 10-12, and she entered as one of the first B.C.T.V. Scholarship holders. Now Head Girl of the school, she is Editor of the Year Book, and has shown outstanding qualities of character and leadership. Recently, she organized students to work for the Greater Victoria Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The Scholarship is a living memorial to Lorne P. Hudson, who attended St. Michaels University School (1950-59) where he was active in Cadets, excelled academically and played on winning rugby teams. He graduated from U.B.C. with distinction in both commerce and law, and went on to become Secretary of the U.B.C. Alma Mater Society. At the time of his tragic death in 1972, Lorne Hudson had his own law firm, and was married with one daughter.

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