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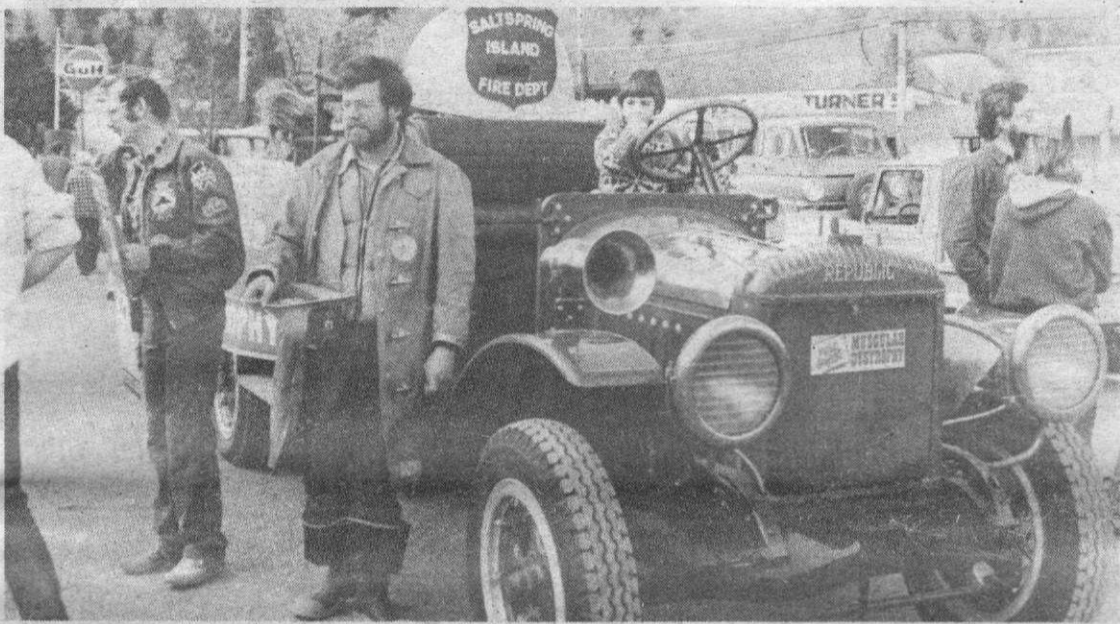
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Firemen's campaign in Ganges

Firemen were aided by antique canvassed on Saturday for Republic pumper when they Muscular Dystrophy. On Salt Spring Island they raised more than \$700.

Drama Festival

Annie Shuttleworth and John Lomas in best supporting roles

Annie Shuttleworth and John Lomas were named at the South Vancouver Island Drama Festival on Saturday.

The two Salt Spring Island players took the awards for best supporting actress and best supporting actor for their roles in *Rose*, the Salt Spring Players' entry in the festival.

The adjudicator, John Lazarus

also had some warm commendation for the presentation.

It was the most exciting and the best-written new play he had read in years, he told the company.

"It was clearly about real people in a real world."

And it was written by a playwright who had listened to women, he added.

The scene between Rose (Lawn

Luker) and Sally (Anne Prosk) was a real delight, stated the adjudicator in his final comments.

Montrealer Lazarus is a well-known broadcaster, actor, playwright, and instructor who graduated from the National Theatre School in 1969. He has appeared at the Stratford Festival and has toured in British

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Parkland school to cater to Gulf Islanders still

Cutbacks and fiscal restraint will not affect Gulf Island students who go to Parkland Secondary School in Saanich.

Ross Ingram, secretary-treasurer of the Saanich School District told *Driftwood* this week that budget restraints will not affect the classroom space for pupils. That school board is seeking restraint by eliminating several teacher positions.

A total of 24 Gulf Island students attend the Parkland School in various grades from 9 to 12; 20 from Pender Island and four from Salt Spring.

The Gulf Island students may face difficulty in finding available space at Parkland as the population of Saanich increases. Ingram indicated that Parkland is one of the few schools in the district which is experiencing an increase in the number of students. Space is allocated to residents of the district and then to those from outside, if there is room.

April Fool foils reporter

The hollow hum of the long distance wire sounded faintly like laughter when a *Driftwood* reporter phoned to Pender Island last week.

"Can you tell us about the motordrome being built in the horse corral at Magic Lake?" asked the reporter.

"How did you hear about that?" questioned the voice amid the chuckling of the wire.

"In the *Pender Post*."

"Did you check the date of the issue?" asked the voice.

When chasing news stories one should always check the date, especially when the issue came out April 1.

Set the clock forward

Don't forget to put the cat out on Saturday night and put the clock forward one hour. That way the cat will behave during the night and the time will be right, in the morning when it is time to get up.

Summer time starts on Sunday, so anyone who neglects the clock on Saturday night will be alone in his schedule on Sunday.

One hour forward: that's the drill!

Big protest meets bus

1867-1982 Hospital is highlight of sewer tour of Ganges

The sight of sewage oozing out of the ground within 20 metres of the hospital and the offensive stench were the highlights of Saturday's tour of the Ganges sewer area by regional directors.

The grassy bank rises at the top of the parking lot of Lady Minto to form a pleasant background to the hospital. The lush green grass spreads from the modern

Greenwoods building to the helipad and beyond.

And out of the green grass oozes a steady flow of raw sewage. The ground is wet and stinking and even on a cool April day, the odour of the sewage was rank and oppressive.

Whatever else they might think, said Mel Couvelier, of Saanich, all directors were agreed something

must be done at Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods.

A busload of visitors arrived at Fulford at 9:15 on Saturday morning and were met at Ganges by a gathering of protest signs. Directors later discussed sewers and sewage with protesters.

The 15 or so directors and officials were briefed in camera in the Health Office at Ganges.

The tour started with a distant check of the schools and an examination of the water in low-lying areas and in water meter boxes in Ganges. The directors were told that some 25% of meters have not been read for years because the staff of North Salt Spring Waterworks District will not bail out what might prove to be offensive water in order to read the

meters. **DYE EVIDENT**

The tour took directors from property to property. They examined the situation at the Royal Canadian Legion where evidence of seepage of dye was still present from Friday's testing.

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Saturday's tea at St. George's

Churches to pool resources for world development program

The annual World Development Tea, sponsored by the Anglican, Community Gospel, Roman Catholic and United Churches, supports people in developing nations in self-help projects.

Representatives of these local Churches have been meeting regularly to plan the event for this Saturday, April 24, 1:30 - 3:30 pm at St. George's Anglican Church; and to focus on significant projects.

To enrich the continuing tradition of the annual World Development Tea, the four churches have agreed to pool their joint financial resources for world development. By choosing a Salt Spring Island World Development Project, the churches will qualify for a special matching grant from the Federal Government under the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

For every dollar an ecumenical, community group raises, the Canadian government will match with an additional \$3 for international development. So every dollar raised by the World Development Tea will become \$4 under this program.

FOUR TIMES AS MUCH

Salt Spring Island residents, through their support of international development, are now able to do four times as much good as we have done before.

Funds raised for this World Development Project will be sent direct to personnel working on development programs, thus avoiding expensive administrative costs.

The development project, yet to be chosen by the Salt Spring Island committee, will feature a direct feed-back so Islanders will be kept

well informed of where the dollars are spent and progress achieved.

Executive members of this project for Salt Spring Island are: Rev. John Bailey, chairman; Mrs. June Beattie, secretary, and Mrs. Marjorie Gordon, treasurer. Clergy and lay members of the churches on Salt Spring serve on the World Development Project committee.

Support for this program may be given at the World Development Tea on Saturday, April 24, or anytime through the year. Receipts for income tax purposes will be issued.

For further information, phone 537-5812.

Readers will be well informed on all aspects of this exciting endeavour for Salt Spring Island and the world.

Weighty area in library includes works on crafts

BY OLIVE CLAYTON

The Mary Hawkins Memorial Library in Ganges, has thousands of books all classified by the Dewey Decimal System.

The section that carries the most weight, literally, is the 700-800 category which embraces arts and crafts, music, theatre, and all games and sports.

Its most recent weighty volume is *The Tranquility and the Turbulence: The Life and Work of Walter Phillips* by Roger Boulet.

The metric measurements are 42 cm by 34 cm by 4 cm, only exceeded by the works on two other famous artists, A.J. Casson and Norman Rockwell. Because of the high price of weighty tomes, the Phillips book can be admired only in the library, and the Tom Thomson biography has also been made into a reference book for the same reason.

However, you can take home 63 general works on art, 19 on Indian and Eskimo art, 10 on Asian, and 43 on landscaping and architecture. The latter include seven books on log cabins and recreational homes. There are a dozen works on sculpture and woodcarving, and due to one of the idiosyncrasies of the Dewey

system, next to them four books on coin collecting.

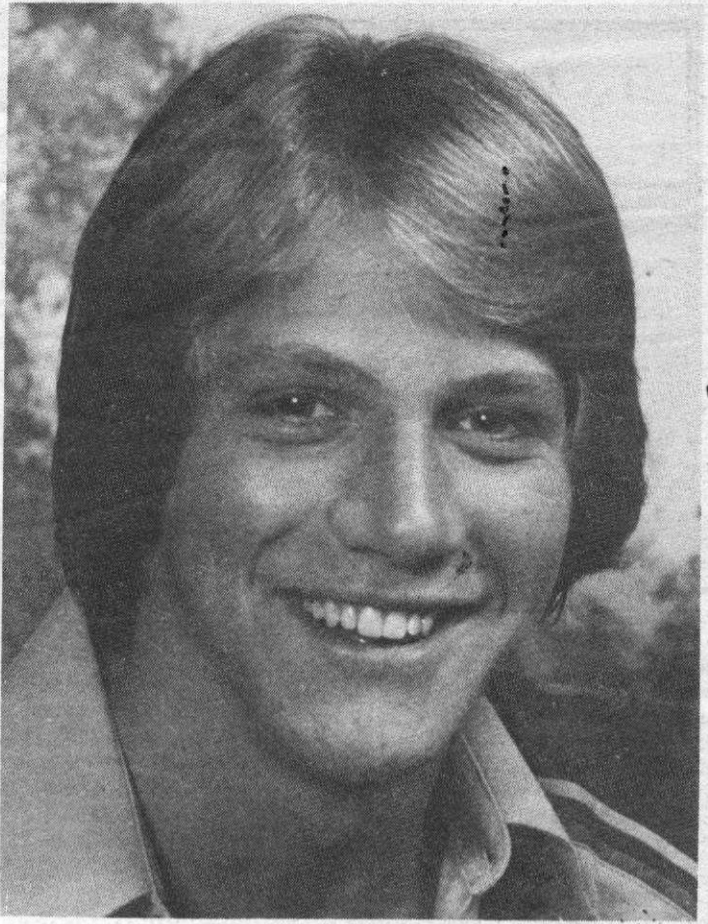
CRAFT WORK

Then come 40 on pottery and ceramics, nine on metalwork and metal jewellery, 16 on drawing, and 57 are general works on crafts. There are 11 oddments including *Permanent Bird Houses*. Want to know how to build a duplex wren house? There are five books on flower arranging, 60 on spinning, weaving, and dyeing, 35 on all the facets of stitchery and quilts, and four on basketry. Then come 34 on antiques, furniture, and glass.

Now you can plunge into 15 general works on painting, and 36 instructional ones. These are followed by all the great ages of painting, and Canadian and American painting, 45 volumes in all. Graphics take up eight works, stamps, nine, and photography, 46.

There are 84 books altogether on music, theatre, and dancing, and 90 on all the many sports and games (cerebral and active) that people enjoy.

Come in and browse around through all the Dewey categories. If you can't find what you want tell the staff. They're always open to suggestions.



Mark Wyatt

Mark Wyatt, son of Susan and Alan Wyatt, of LePage Road, Ganges, has just received his International Cap in Rugby.

He is a second-year student at UVic, and is presently on a 21-day tour of Japan with the Canadian Rugby Team.

He is the youngest member of the squad and celebrated his 21st birthday the day before receiving

his cap, when the team played the Japan national side. This game was their first loss out of five games, but Mark scored 10 of his side's 18 points, and has been a consistent scorer in all the games. Canada has one more game before returning home.

Mark is also a superb soccer player and was in the Premier League when he was only 16.

The Ewart Gallery of Fine Arts wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated and so kindly assisted during the Opening of our new Art Gallery.

Thank you one and all.

Beth & Bill McDonald

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Rents going up for all teacherages

The landlord raised the rent last year and wants another increase of 15% as soon as possible.

The landlord is the Gulf Islands School District and the rent is for the teacherages on various islands. The house on Pender Island rents for \$300 per month, while the teacherages on Mayne and Saturna Islands cost tenants \$250 per month for each house.

The teacherage on Galiano is currently empty and the school trustees will have the superintendent of facilities check it over to determine if it can be lived in.

There is no teacherage on Salt Spring Island.

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To Be
Frank
 by richards



I'm a bacon and egg man. I was a visitor to the shrine of the smoked pig even before a rasher of bacon had noxious additives. I learned the habit in the war. After a diet of supreme indifference, a man might be lucky enough to get some fat with his bacon and be able to dip his bread in it. Service eggs were usually baked hard. But I even liked eggs. Then, last week, I saw some beefed up bacon. It started life on the hoof on the range and ended up being smoked and sliced. Which is a big come-down for a steer. It was palatable. But it wasn't bacon. I'm still a bacon-and-egg man.

It's just my luck that after working on levelling my parking area at home for six years I have to be missing when the job's done. For six years I have sweated over that driveway. There was a mound of hard shale that took up space. And with my own pick and shovel: I wore out one of each: I have steadily dug into it. It all started when I planned a gathering of newspaper publishers at home and figured that I could get more people into the driveway that way. The gathering was in 1976 and they didn't park in the indicated area. This week I got a machine to finish the job. From the time he set it up until he drove away I had no chance of getting in his way or throwing the odd rock here and there. And why? Because Tony decided to go off to a gathering of newsmen in somebody else's backyard. While he's away I have to work. But I know two things for sure. Digging your way through 20 yards of shale with a pick and shovel is nobody's dreamlife. And a return to a full working schedule is no way of celebrating retirement.

They went to a Victoria restaurant and among other things, they ate lettuce. And they're an island couple, not rabbits! But they enjoyed the lettuce, fine! It was the grit that set them back. Maybe they're Tories! But Mrs. Salt Spring suggested that the lettuce might have been better had it been washed. Her lord and master passed on the suggestion to the manager. He was apologetic, but the explanation was simple. It wasn't their ordinary lettuce, he explained with an apologetic smile. It was California lettuce, hence the sand! The only question left in the lady's mind was whether lettuce from other administrations normally gets washed.

Those are the ads I like. From a daily newspaper: "Only one left; Fordrolet dead-beat, etc., etc., \$10,000. Many more to choose from!"

I was thrown on Saturday when everyone showed up in Ganges wearing sewer buttons. They were all the same buttons, but some were "pro sewer" and others were amended to "pro-Alternatives".

Charge of harassment

Health permit granted for stationery store

Health permit for the Ganges Auto-Marine has been approved by the Capital Regional Board.

Last week the board received a letter from the Ganges service station protesting "harassment" over changing the use of the front of the building from marine sales to retail stationery sales.

A straightforward change of tenancy turned into a nightmare, wrote Spencer Marr, secretary of the company.

"Is it really the intention of the CRD that commercial owners unfortunate enough to be operating on a holding tank in the core of Ganges be prohibited from making a simple change of tenancy which has no health implications?" asked Marr.

He also expressed concern that Salt Spring Island Regional Director Yvette Valcourt would have taken part in the discussions.

"Our new tenant is vacating space in the Valcourt Centre," he reported, "and we would have anticipated that Director Valcourt would have declared a conflict of interest at the health committee meeting."

A MATTER OF DUTY

The director denied the suggestion of a conflict of interest and told the board she was simply doing her duty. She told the board that the stationery store had enjoyed a special rate while renting her premises and that the space is now rented profitably and that she

has gained on the deal.

The medical officer of health, Dr. A.S. Arneil stated that the emphasis on personnel had no great significance. The gross sewage flow is the important factor.

The previous week the health services committee had directed that the flow be monitored for a

month.

Shirley Wilde recalled that she had moved the resolution to monitor the system on the grounds that the committee wanted to slow things down in Ganges.

There was no reason why the certification should be withheld, said Ken Hill and moved the board approval.

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School boards ignore provincial restraints

Opposition to the provincial government's restraint program for school districts is firming up around B.C.

Some school boards have flatly refused to comply with the restraints until legislation has been enacted to legalize the moves.

The boards to date which have refused to go along with the cuts in spending include: Vancouver, Coquitlam, Burnaby, Richmond, North Vancouver, Surrey, Langley, New Westminster, Prince

George, Prince Rupert, Comox, Vernon and Shuswap.

Those districts represent a majority of students in B.C. schools.

Parents' groups and teacher associations have begun various actions to develop common opposition to the cuts. The people have initiated letter-writing campaigns to MLA's as well as going out to shopping malls to bring the message to the public.

An island family needs your help.

The home of Randy and Faye Cocker of Salt Spring Island was destroyed by fire last Wednesday.

Islanders are invited to show their concern for their neighbours in distress.

Donations can be made through Greenwoods, Gulf Islands Driftwood or the Bank of Montreal; or they can be mailed to the Bank of Montreal at Box 249, Ganges, B.C.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1982

A moment in history

On July 1, 1867, the new nation of Canada was born.

On Saturday Canada marked the second greatest event in its history with the formal adoption of the constitution and the signing of the Constitution Act.

The event, which brought Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip across the world, was an incident in history. It will make little difference to the day-to-day affairs of Canadians. It merely affords them a greater confidence in their own nation. And it adds stature to every Canadian.

Under its former status, Canada was obliged to ask the British government for approval of any change to its constitution. Many Canadians thought nothing of it. But Canada is not a puling infant in its nationalism. It is a mature and developed country. It has long deserved the privilege of conducting its own affairs, at home.

Indeed, the furore in Westminster over this, the final action of the British parliament in its administration of Canada, is a warning that the change was necessary and that Britain's politicians were not ready and eager to see Canada's affairs as merely functionary. It is past time that Canada's internal affairs be debated in her own parliament and in no other.

There are Canadians today who see the repatriation of the constitution as demeaning and even as a loss of an historic link with Britain.

They may be right in part. But the infant is no less the child of the mother for the cutting of the umbilical cord. Canada is no less a proud member of the British Commonwealth of Nations for the fact that its internal debates and disputes will for ever be internal. After more than 100 years of steady growth, the country had no further need of its umbilicus extending across the Atlantic to the halls of the Mother of Parliaments.

The return of self-government will bring no change to the sagging economy. It will not bring jobs in place of soaring interest rates. But it brings a new presence to the people of this nation.

Long after the present economic slack has been taken up; long after the interest rates have been forgotten, the Constitution Act will remain. And the sense of maturity and the awareness of responsibility which it carries will be a part of the heritage of Canadians yet to come.

A hundred years hence, the founding of the nation will be learned in Canadian schools as part of the national history. And the coming-of-age of this nation will be the second most important date in our history.

And Pierre Elliot Trudeau will be remembered, not as a controversial leader in troubled times, but as the leader who finally guided the constitution back to Parliament Hill where it will always belong.

For the first time in 100 years and more we are truly a nation from sea to sea and Saturday's magnificent ceremonies marked a new day in history.

Salt Spring men's softball gets underway April 30

Men's Softball gets underway April 30 with Annual Ice Breaker Tournament. Teams use this competition for the Dagwoods Trophy as preparation for the upcoming season.

teams and hopefully a team from Pender. Local teams are Langdon's Loggers, Driftwood-G.A.S., Salt Spring Lands, Vesuvius Inn, Our Gang and Greenwood Rockers. The defending champions are the Greenwood Rockers.

This year there will be six local



Bill Webster

Secrecy? Balderdash!!

When stars glisten like icy sequins cast across the dark blue velvet of a Gulf Islands night, one can be sure that the path through the trees will be obscured by darkness.

The stars glitter brightly when the moon is busy elsewhere and the unwary traveller risks a stumble in the absence of light.

But the dark is not confined to moonless nights in the Gulf Islands.

The school trustees have, for too long, kept people in the dark.

Each session of the Gulf Islands School Board begins at 10 am on the morning designated as meeting day. They sit "in camera" away from prying eyes and questioning minds until the public is allowed in at 1 pm.

In camera, described by a dictionary as in privacy or secrecy can be pointed to as one of the reasons for the problems the board has experienced in the current controversy over lay-offs and cutbacks.

The school board trustees met on April 14. The agenda for the meeting listed 34 items of business and 11 of those items were to be discussed in camera. From comments of several

trustees, the secret session heard discussion on more than just the items which were to be talked out privately.

"Candid comments come in camera," say those who defend the practice.

"We are discussing personalities," runs another weak defense of the secret conclave.

"Balderdash," say the people who want to know.

Some items should be discussed in the secret session, certainly. But the question begs, why does the talk away from the public ear take longer than the talk when the meetings are open?

Trustees talked for more than two hours on 11 items. When the doors were opened, the entire agenda took only slightly longer.

The budget restraint items are another case in point. The board met in session sometime or other but no one knows when. They talked of where the cuts would come. But not with the people affected by the board's action.

Why? Why is it necessary to talk in secrecy about a letter of resignation?

Why is it necessary to talk in secrecy about the appointment

of the new superintendent of schools?

Why is it necessary to talk in secrecy?

Granted school board actions affect personnel on a closer level than does the actions of the Capital Regional District or the provincial legislature.

The problems arise when a school board develops a seige mentality and feels, rightly or wrongly, that discussions must take place in secret. Problems arise when the talks in secret encompass more than should be discussed in such meetings.

The public right to know far outweighs the tender sensibilities of some trustees who feel they can only be candid when the doors are closed.

Public debate solves many problems and leads to a surer understanding of issues than does the current system employed by the Gulf Islands School Board.

All too often when one attends the public portion of a school board meeting, one is overcome with an eerie sensation that the trustees are voting on items, not out of agreement or conviction, but from ignorance.

Open the doors, trustees, Open the windows and feel the breeze. It is so much easier to breath outside of the closet.

Letters to the Editor

Deprivation of services is sharp blow

Sir,
The Community Society is having its annual general meeting at 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 22, at the Community Centre. The society's board is made up of 15 members of the community, with elections taking place each year. The constitution reads in part, "that the society will identify needs

in the community and help meet those needs".

The Community Society hasn't heard yet what this year's funding from the Ministry of Human Resources will be, but indication is that there won't be an increase. As it is now, by job-sharing and hours and hours of volunteer work from staff and community, we are barely keeping up with the growing social service needs of Salt Spring.

The Ministry of Human Resources funding that comes into our community certainly will not be able to fill the gap that will be left with the terminated school positions.

Seven years ago, the society and the school board, together, saw the benefits of having a community-

school worker and jointly funded this position. When MHR withdrew their funding a few years ago, the school board saw the need for this position to continue. Indeed, earlier this year it became a full-time position, from part-time. The title was changed to educational support services consultant and will be one of the jobs terminated at the end of this month.

The society, as presently staffed and funded, cannot meet the social needs of the community, which will be created through the loss of the school positions.

MERLE SHEFFIELD,
Chairperson,
Located on Ganges Hill,
Ganges.
April 19, 1982.

Why not cut dead wood at top?

Sir,
Open letter to parents and taxpayers, Strick Aust, chairman, and Members of the Gulf Islands School Board.

We consider the cuts in professional services unacceptable.

Why has the onus for budget cuts been passed on to front-line and recognized workers?

Why not cut some of the redundant and dead wood at the top?

Bullying-bulldozing tactics of self-served interests only irritate.

Parents and Taxpayers — VOTE NO CONFIDENCE to the School Board.

SUZANNE MADDISON,
D.W. MADDISON,
Salt Spring Island.
April, 1982.

It will save no jobs

Sir,
I would like to make a few brief comments in response to last week's editorial in which it was suggested that the Fulford School plans be put on hold and decisions to lay off staff revoked.

My understanding is that the new school would come out of a capital budget (if it were approved) while salaries come out of an operating budget. These are two distinct budgets and saving money in one doesn't give more money for the other.

Certainly the viability of a new school should be considered in

light of present economic realities. But let us stick to the facts and not cloud the issue with the false idea that chopping the school will save any jobs. And speaking of jobs, will a new school bring any new jobs? Considering that indications have been that local labour will be used when possible to build a new school surely a new school brings jobs and do nothing but good for our Island's economy.

DAVID EYLES,
Chairperson,
Fulford Parents' Group,
Box 54, Fulford Harbour.
April 15, 1982.

Questions keep him awake

Sir,
Before I cry myself to sleep, worrying about the plight of our teachers and the system they are trying to perpetuate, the following questions will keep me awake: —

Why do we hire substitute teachers on Mayne Island where there is only an average of 10 students per teacher.

Why does the Association include "field trips" twice in their advertisement respecting possible eliminations from existing programs? (Is there a canoeist and a skier on the staff?)

The school year is 195 school days but the Board won't tell me how many classroom days there are or how many days the teachers are in their classrooms. (195 minus paid sick-leave, minus paid professional days, minus sports

days, etc. etc.)
Haven't we gone too far, too fast, in expanding our public school programs?

KEITH JACKSON,
R.R.1,
Mayne Island.
April 19, 1982.

Editor's note: We are responsible for the number of field trips in the advertisement and our excuse is that good proof-readers are hard to find. We could blame the educational system, but we won't.

Thanks to firemen

Sir,
I wish to commend our Fire Department, for the work that they take on, as volunteers, is dangerous and self sacrificing.

Thanks to them, the fire at our home was contained to the one building.

Thanks to the community for the clothing and other necessities.

Thanks to our God Jehovah, for the spiritual gift needed to continue. Matthew 5:3.

FAMILY OF RANDY, FAYE, JOEY, SHELLEY AND SHANE CROCKER,
P.O. Box 792,
Ganges.
April 15, 1982.

Cuts should be distributed

Sir,
Arbitrary politico-economic decisions are nothing new. Neither is the "Yes it's terrible, but at least it doesn't affect me" attitude the majority holds. Decision-makers act not always to proliferate real human progress, but most often to further progress in terms of their various vested interests. Real progress serves no one class or social group of people, but rather the advancement of all people regardless of their social or economic standing.

Any facet of administrative policy which falls short of the above cannot be considered democratic. Unfortunately for Salt Spring residents the fashion in which recent education cutback issues have been dealt with not only falls short of democracy, but reeks as badly as the sewer issue.

Traditional classrooms do not extend the benefit of education to everyone. Those students whose capabilities are, for whatever reason, above or below average cannot function in the regular class environment adequately. They require special teaching skills, counselling, and individual working relationships with caring and skilled personnel in order to succeed. The value of special education is reflected in those it serves, your children. It helps foster their changes to achieve personal and social value.

The community as a whole should have a major part to play in determining where cutbacks in education are made. They, after all, foot the bill for services rendered. The school administration only a few months ago promised no cutback in personnel. Parents of students should recognize this fact. The administration should be held responsible for over-turning the arbitrary decision to lay off as many as 19 members of CUPE and GITA by May 1, 1982.

However if GITA and CUPE are forced to participate in cutback measures, the membership should do so in terms of a fully-shared rollback in hours or salary in order to preserve jobs and education services currently offered. The amount in question, a portion of the total \$235,000 cut, is rendered far less significant when distributed in this fashion.

The administration could, of course, consider cutbacks in their own various expenditures.
RENE G. BOURGET,
R.R.2 Cranberry Road,
Ganges.
April 19, 1982.

Another form of slavery

Sir,
High interest rates are usury. Another form of slavery, a little more refined.

They are abominable and if we call ourselves civilized, how can we accept them? They make the rich more rich off the backs of the workers.

I personally enjoy the high rates and recently filed more income than in my last working year and I've been retired for eight years.

But it's sinful. I'm no church person but where are the church leaders?

Is it time for a revolution? I'm beginning to think so. Interest rates everywhere should be set at a maximum of five percent. Then watch the money come out of the woodwork and go to work, to make work.

How can we be so apathetic and allow our legislators to go on and on with closed eyes? We are over-governed and over-taxed, so let's revolt.

It's hard to believe what is happening to us.

CHAS. J. GARDNER,
R.R.1 Galiano.
April 8, 1982.



Tony Richards

OUR POLICY on letters to the editor prohibits me from publishing the large volume of unsigned letters from members of the Salt Spring Swine Society.

The swine themselves, of course, will argue that the letters are signed. But "His Swiness, Numero Uno" or "Head Cheese"?

The latest letter objects to attacks on the society and then closes with the observation, "Put some pork on your fork."

Not a bad idea. How about a week-long pork barbecue at the Fulford Inn? Long pig, of course, as the cannibals would say.

I WAS REMISS a couple of weeks back in omitting any mention of the Vesuvius Inn's victory over the Legion darts club in a tournament at the Legion Hall.

I didn't say anything at the time because I couldn't remember the score. I still can't but news of the Inn's success should be publicized. The fact that I was on the Vesuvius team is really beside the point.

I HAVE HAD A YEARNING for some time to become a house husband, or at least to give it a try and see what it's like.

The opportunity came last week when first the kids got the measles and then my wife was confined to her bed with tonsillitis.

I am happy to report everyone has since recovered and I've rediscovered the happiness of sitting at a desk.

For three days I undertook the chores of a housewife/husband. For three days I did very little else but wash dishes. And in between washing dishes I cooked.

For the first night I had planned a gourmet meal of liver and onions. I went shopping for the necessary groceries and went straight home to my

new domain, the kitchen.

At that point, my wife staggered out of the bedroom for something and surveyed my purchases.

"What's the kidney for?" she inquired.

I groaned, mumbled something about steak and kidney pie and quickly began formulating new dinner plans.

Liver and onions forgotten, I soon discovered a package of sausages in the fridge. After a hurried search through some cookbooks I found an interesting recipe: a variety of potato cakes with sausages inside them.

They were just barely cooked when the stove quit working. The vegetables, however, were not.

Just in the nick of time, I remembered the big jar of pickles in the fridge. Pickles, I reasoned, are vegetables, and they wouldn't need any cooking.

So we had potato cakes and pickles for dinner.

Several loads of dishes and one day later, Alice wanted some soft-boiled eggs. The water was boiling, the eggs were on, and I sat down to read the paper. Ten minutes later, I remembered the eggs.

I could have kicked myself then, because I could have used my computer to time the eggs. But then I would have had to suffer the humiliation of hearing my computer referred to as a \$2,000 egg-timer. That would have hurt.

Those eggs formed the main course of gourmet meal number two. They also taught me a valuable lesson: if you want a gourmet meal, go out for it.

So gourmet meal number three, or the last supper as my wife likes to call it, was a great success.

We went out for hamburgers and fries at a local coffee shop. And I haven't been in the kitchen since.

We remind readers that we reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, legality and taste.

Letters to the editor must be signed, and should be addressed to The Editor, Gulf Islands Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges.

More letters:
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More Letters to the Editor

Write to Victoria to protest cuts

Sir,
 "As Canadians and as British Columbians, we are decent and compassionate people. In our program of restraint, we cannot and will not turn our backs on those most in need in our society." With these words Premier Bennett unveiled his "restraint program" in a special live televised address on February 18.

Minister of education, Brian Smith has assured us that, "The system of funding of special education programs has been carefully preserved", and that, "There should be no need for drastic cutbacks in these, or any other educational programs". Somehow these supposedly well-intentioned phrases were not translated into firm ministry guidelines, and it would seem, have not filtered down to those who would implement the program.

Our school board's knee-jerk response was to kick the legs out from under the district's special education programs providing support services to our special-needs-children, their families and teachers. Even before the necessary provincial legislation was introduced, our local board terminated the programs and services of Ralph Miller, school psychologist and community worker; Joy Maxham, speech therapist, and other support staff, without input from either those who provide the services or the children, parents and teachers who benefit from them.

While it should be understood that our school board was operating under considerable perceived time limitations in cutting the budget for the present ongoing school year, the reduced budget is still the largest in Gulf Island's history. According to figures appearing in *Driftwood*, even with the cutbacks, at over \$5 million the new 1982 budget is more than 25% higher than last year. Board office administrative salaries alone have gone up by over 50% in one year. Something is wrong here.

Was it really necessary to drastically reduce and eliminate special education and support

programs? There must be other options! In addition to being inhumane, unless corrected, this short-sighted political and administrative cop-out will, in the long run, surely prove to be an expensive error, in both social and economic terms. Does this really reflect the values and priorities of our community — to turn our backs on those of our children and families who most need our support? I doubt it! We, as a community, have both the right and the responsibility to take an active part in determining local priorities and services, and we must act now.

Our situation is unique in the Capital Regional District in that we do not have ready access to the support services of other ministries and agencies that we pay for. We have no local mental health services, counselling or assessment. Our Human Resources Services are intermittent and not always available here when we need them. Our district is a special case and a need for funds and programs to provide our own services locally must be brought forcefully to the attention of the politicians and administrators.

Write to the school board, with copies to Hugh Curtis and Brian Smith at the Parliament Buildings; a short note will do. Sign the petitions being circulated in the district in support of special services to children in need, and attend the next school board meeting, Wednesday afternoon, April 28.

JUDY RIPLEY,
 Box 395, Ganges.
 April, 1982.

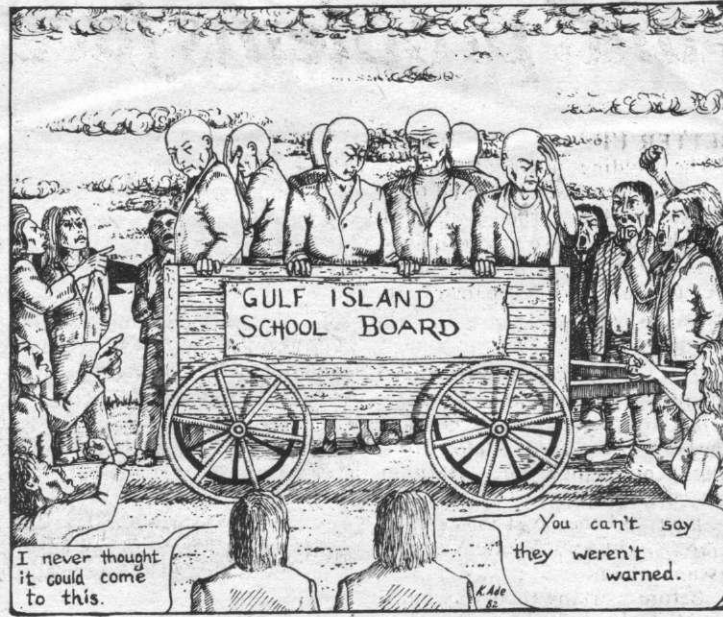
We are not isolated

Sir,
 Those who want an education or not can get it. Abe Lincoln, it is told, would walk 20 miles to borrow a book and although he had only one year of being taught school, learned the law profession, learned surveying and finally became president of the United States.

The people who are most handicapped of all are those wallowing in self-pity and looking for a hand when they would be helping themselves.

I think Jack Althouse said it right when he said it would be better if the pay cut could be distributed among all of the teaching staff.

In fact, some union leaders are now saying to be prepared for pay cuts as a better thing than reducing staff or employees.



Catholic women's group plans luncheon for parishioners

Salt Spring Island Council of the Catholic Women's League met in the parish hall on Wednesday, April 14, after attendance at Mass.

Director Fr. P.A. Bergin opened the meeting with a short talk on the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title "Our Lady of Good Counsel", patroness of the C.W.L.

During the business meeting, final plans were made for the council's participation in the World Relief Tea being hosted by the Anglican Church ladies on Saturday, April 24. The C.W.L. ladies are in charge of the home cooking table this year and the convener for this is Lucille Campbell, aided by Lilian Beauchemin, Ethel Fraser and Pat Taylor. Alicia Anderson will assist with pouring tea.

The meeting was reminded of the Diocesan convention being held at Lake Cowichan on May 17 and 18 and several members advised that they were planning to attend.

The Fulford Hall project of a Salt Spring Island quilt to raise funds for the hall was brought up

and members discussed how the C.W.L. square for the quilt could best be completed. All organizations on the island are being asked to do a square each.

FAMILY MONTH

Joy Johnsen spoke to the meeting on the formation of a living rosary for the month of May and received an enthusiastic response from the gathering. It was also decided to promote the proclamation of May as Family Month.

There was some discussion of a parish luncheon to be held on Sunday, May 30, after the 11:15 Mass. At that service the new C.W.L. executive for the 1982-83 term will be installed.

The newly elected officers are: president, Ursula McEwen; first vice-president, Elsa Drummond; second vice-president, Jean Anderson; third vice-president, Lucille Campbell; secretary, Valerie Gyves; treasurer, Julie Godwin.

At the close of the business meeting, a social hour was enjoyed. Madeleine Franz and Jean McCaffery were in charge of the refreshments. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12.

Two Pender farmers are elected

John Langston, District Manager of B.C. Hydro spoke to the Pender Islands Farmers' Institute on Tuesday evening, April 13, at the Legion Hall. Twenty-five very interested people attended. During the evening he showed two films.

Two members of the Pender Farmers' Institute attended the District A meeting held at Saanich Experimental Farm on Saturday, April 3. Ashton Ross-Smith, of Pender, was elected treasurer and Wilf Craven, of Pender, elected to serve on the board of District A. District A covers all of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

Daisy is top dog at show

Ganges Dog Obedience Training Club held its graduation last Sunday.

Marion Graham judged and presented a cup to highest scoring beginner, golden retriever, Daisy, owned by Monica Ritenour.

Sheltie Peter, and owner Jim Stevens, were presented with a companion dog plaque, by Mona Davies, trainer.

He is the first dog completely trained in the club to receive this award. A number of dogs were registered for a good turnout.

Two trustees

Two trustees will be elected at the annual meeting of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District next week.

Meeting will be held in St. George's Hall in Ganges on Monday evening at 8 pm.

Already nominated are Ken Patrick and J.J. Fairley. Vacant terms are for three years.

She could use one!

Sir,
 I have just received my copy of *Driftwood* dated December 9, 1981. Being one of Frank's oldest friends I hope I will receive one of his male order catalogues next Christmas, as a widow of 10 years standing it is just what I need!
LORNA WAITE,
 27 Duchy Ave.,
 Harrogate, Yorks., U.K.
 February 2, 1982.

Some sawmill operations are now rotating employment so that everyone could get some hours in, while production is cut back. It means less money at the end of the week for them.

Just imagine, Chemainus Sawmill shut down and this is the first time I can remember this happening!

We do not live on an island in an economic sense. Neither is Canada from the rest of the world.

GEOFF HOWLAND,
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Protesters and problems face directors at Ganges

From Page One

The staff of the health department and ministry of the environment offered explanations as they moved around.

The school system runs its effluent through a septic tank and thence into the sea, where it discharges about six feet above high tide mark, they were told, before examining the point of discharge.

Robin Blencoe asked whether surface drains might help the situation.

The fill on the United Church property was examined critically, with some concern expressed as to whether it might prejudice the disposal system.

The water in meter boxes posed a problem to some directors.

BETTER UP

The holding tanks at Ganges buildings were examined and tour guide Dr. A.S. Arneil explained that the tank above the ground is better than the buried tank, because leaks or discrepancies are readily evident.

It is, nevertheless, difficult to monitor a holding tank, he noted.

The tour examined the creek to the west of the Credit Union office and approached the Harbour Grocery complex.

That is the best system in Ganges, Director Yvette Valcourt assured them.

Before working their way back, the directors examined the site of the treatment plant.

After examining the shore end



At Centennial Park

The tour of Ganges core concluded with the check of the discharge into the harbour at the log dump.

After a further private session, the tour party took a quick look at the fish plant on Rainbow Road and a close look at the hospital complex.

In addition to taking a close look at existing conditions, the party discussed problems with residents.

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Joe Stewart, of Park Drive, explained his opposition to the project when he told a group of listeners that he lived on a half-acre lot with perfect conditions for a septic field. It costs him about \$50

every five years to keep it in operational condition.

"The sewer will cost \$2 every time I use the toilet!"

He wasn't arguing the need for a sewer in many regions.

"I agree that a sewer is necessary for the Ganges core area," he said, "but why should we be included in the area?"

Stewart also explained that he found few residents of the Ganges area who support the scheme, although it is favoured by commercial operations.

At the hospital the directors were told that the hospital is unable to go ahead with plans to extend the facilities until the sewer question is settled.



Protesters greet visitors' chartered bus

Blencoe decided that the boxes were of cedar and as they filled the cedar would swell to prohibit the water from draining away.

of the discharge area directors walked past the controversial Ganges Auto-Marine, where a health permit was approved by the board last week and went on to

chat with protesters at the Farmers' Market.

They examined the treatment field at Mouat's and the holding tank.



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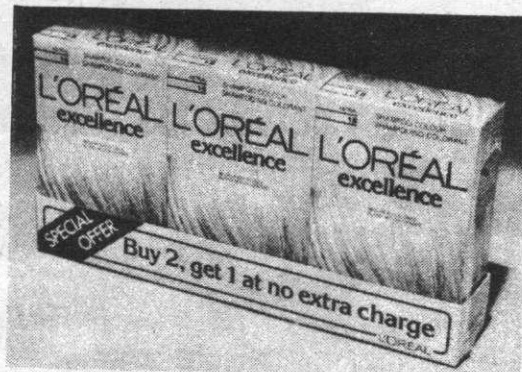
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Galiano News

Constitution Day is celebrated Saturday

BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENGER

The North Galiano Community Association celebrated Constitution Day on Saturday, April 17, with a meeting in their renovated Community Hall. Featured was a multi-media show by Keith Simpson and Dave Martin including beautiful slides of Yoho National Park.

A 1953 portrait of the Queen from *Star Weekly* had been discovered during renovations, left there by the last teacher in the

North Galiano School. The picture had been framed and was on display flanked by the old ensign, unofficial Canadian flag of that time, and the maple leaf, official Canadian flag.

Other provincial flags and emblems decorated the room. Everyone there was presented with a lapel flag, a copy of the Constitution and a booklet 'Facts about Canada'. As the anthem says, it's the true North (end) that stands on guard for thee, O Canada.

Some proposals

Ferry meeting Saturday to ask for input from travelling public

Officials of B.C. Ferry Corporation have asked Gulf Islanders for their suggestions as to how costs might be cut while preserving an acceptable level of ferry service to the islands. Obviously this is a very difficult problem, one that the Corporation cannot solve without raising a furore of protest.

Most islands have already had public meetings to test reactions to various proposals. On Galiano there has been no public meeting and only the Chamber of Commerce executive and Island Trustees have so far proposed solutions. Whether two conflicting proposals and no public input best serve the interests of Galiano residents is open to question. The Chamber of Commerce has, over the many years since the provincial government took over the service, been the medium through which Galiano residents have made representations to the Ferry Authority regarding the service provided. Sparky New, the president of the Chamber, is well qualified to offer advice since he operated a Gulf Islands ferry before the government took it over.

DEALING WITH TRUST

Since the formation of the Island Trust, officials of B.C. Ferries have preferred to deal with the elected trustees. The local trustees' recommendation is that the existing summer schedule be continued. Both the Chamber and Island Trust recommendations have now been rejected by the ferry corporation. B.C. Ferry Corporation is now asking for new suggestions from island people. Here's one!

citizens who do not write. Islanders are urged to exercise the freedom-of-conscience granted in the new Constitution to make known their views to those in a position to make decisions.

Since even a full ferry on Gulf Island routes runs at a loss, cutting schedules reduces costs. For political and, possibly, moral reasons, this cannot be carried too far towards the logical but absurd

solution of eliminating the service entirely.

DROP THE SLOWEST

Obviously the fewer vehicles and passengers a ferry carries, the

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Nuclear threat and the rights of the citizens

Every thinking person recoils from the contemplation of devastation which would be wrought by the use of nuclear weapons, probably pushing the thought to the back of the mind, rationalizing either that nuclear arms are a necessary deterrent or that single individuals are powerless.

However, increasing numbers of people, particularly in Europe, are realizing that a false alarm may set off the holocaust and, within 20 minutes, missiles will drop nuclear warheads on cities all over the world.

Last Saturday, April 17, Galiano doctor Kevin Nolan showed to the Humanist group the film "The Last Epidemic" borrowed from the library of the B.C. Medical Association. The film shares with viewers the concerns of prominent physicians regarding medical issues in a nuclear war. The film illustrates most graphically the effect of detonating a one megaton (equivalent of one million tons of TNT) bomb over San Francisco.

Total destruction would occur within a radius of three miles and almost total destruction to six miles.

Medical facilities would be wiped out and civil defence would

be useless. Hundreds of thousands of severely wounded could expect no medical assistance. There would be a complete breakdown of communications systems and water and power cut off to a huge area.

A more long-range calamity would be the destruction of the ozone layer of the atmosphere allowing the penetration of ultra-violet radiation from the sun. This would produce blindness in humans, animals and birds, and cause burns and skin cancer. It would also destroy vegetation, and the eco-system would collapse.

A group led by Mary Williamson discussed what can be done to diminish the risk of nuclear war.

Christa Weiss, one of Galiano's Island Trust representatives, reported that the Islands Trust Committee had agreed unanimously to request the Capital Regional District to submit a plebiscite to the electors this November in which they could indicate if they were opposed to nuclear armaments.

Galiano residents who wish to express their concern will shortly be advised to whom they should write. One personally composed, handwritten letter is considered to represent the views of 200 silent

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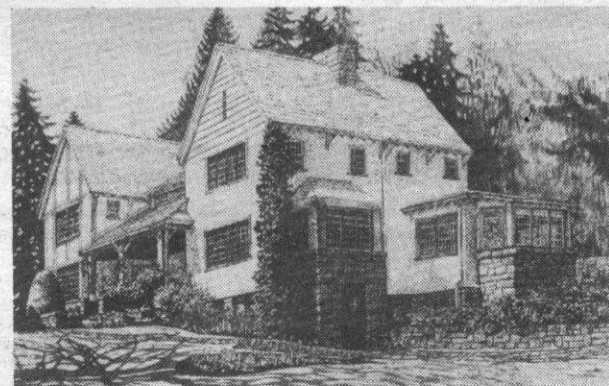
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To Garden Club

Bernard Moore is speaker

The popularity of this young organization and the guest speaker combined to produce an excellent turn-out for the Garden Club's monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 14 in the North Galiano Hall. Membership now exceeds 60, over 10% of the island population.

Guest speaker, Bernard Moore of TV and radio fame, complimented members on the Show Bench which, he said, was the best he had seen this year in visits to many other garden clubs. His topic of "Seeding Practices" was most timely. A demonstration is worth a thousand words, and Bernard proceeded to pour sterilized soil into seeding trays and over the president's table, open seed packets and fold them so that, with judicious finger tapping, seed can be dispensed one at a time, and how to bury seeds to the exact depth recommended on the packet. An innovative tool consisting of a piece of 2 by 4 the exact size of a tray marked on the two side faces with lines indicating

depths of 1/8, 1/4 and 1/2 inch depths (or to comply with metrification .3, .6 and 1.252 cms) was used.

Mr. Moore's hour long talk was packed with good advice and Lancashire humour. His basics of successful vegetable growing were soil preparation and enrichment,

seed viability and vigour, conditions for good seed-germination and foiling pests. If it had not been for the scheduled 6:10 pm departure of the ferry from the mainland Mr. Moore could have continued to enthrall his listeners well into the evening.

Golf Club

The Ladies' Section of Galiano Golf Club held their spring general meeting on Tuesday, April 13 and a few of the 38 members present ventured onto the golf course in the cold and the rain.

After cheese and wine the majority of the ladies sat down to an afternoon of bridge, an occupation more suited to the weather. On Tuesday, April 20, the ladies will begin their playing season with an 18-hole competition beginning at 11 am. At 1 pm they will be joined by the nine-holers.

On Saturday, April 17 the men opened their season by playing the

Spring Handicap for the Beach Trophy. Winner was Alec Smith. For the less energetic there was a nine-hole competition for the Captain's prize. The winner was Art Wood who protests that he is not less energetic but that his duties left him insufficient time to compete in the premier event.

FLASH!

All islanders should attend the public meeting on ferries this Saturday, April 24 in the South Community hall at 2 pm.

Coming Events

St. Margaret's Thrift Shop on Burrill Road has an expanded stock in its extended shop for your perusal every Saturday afternoon between 2 and 4 pm.

Galiano members of the Gulf Islands Historical Society are reminded that they should board the 11:05 sailing from Montague next Sunday, April 25, to attend the annual general meeting to be held in the Saturna Community Hall beginning at 1:30 pm. Dues for the coming year will be fixed and should be paid on Sunday. Donald New will present a slide show "Historical Scenes on Galiano".

Rainy days are perfect occasions for baking and freezing for good causes. The Garden Club will have a bake stall at its plant sale in the North Galiano Hall on Saturday, May 1, beginning at 1 pm. There should be a good supply of healthy plants on sale.

Home baking, extra pies for the refreshment stand, cakes for the cake walk and preserves are urgently needed for the School Spring Fair to be held on Saturday, May 22. Please phone in your baking offers to Chris Gaylor at 2519 or Sue Gilson at 2845. Donations for the White Elephant Stall and prizes for the Children's Fish Pond may be left at the school any time before May 22. Phyllis Stafford at 2689 will be glad to receive offers of plants for the Fair.

Public input sought

From Page Eight

greater the loss. Therefore if runs are to be eliminated they should be those least utilized. Statistics should be available of every port-to-port use of the *Mayne Queen* on every run. Observation would indicate that the least used run is the 9:45 am to 1:45 pm Swartz Bay round trip.

This run might also generate a cost problem if the union contract stipulates a 7 1/2 hour shift, as it would involve overtime. Other lightly used parts of runs are the 5:35 am Swartz Bay to Mayne at 7:20 am and the 10:05 pm Mayne to 11:50 pm Swartz Bay.

Saturna, with the smallest population and longest sailing time, generates most user loss, with Galiano next in line. These two islands have already had afternoon calls reduced to three a week without devastating results. Would it not be possible to treat the other two islands in the same way, and eliminate the corresponding early morning calls?

The schedule would then read: Monday, Wednesday, Friday; Lv Swartz Bay 5:35 am Saturna 6:40, Mayne 7:20 and Swartz Bay 8:15 am. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday; Lv Swartz Bay 6:00 am Galiano 7:00, Pender 7:45 and Swartz Bay 8:30 am.

The afternoon sailings would remain the same so that travellers from Saturna and Mayne could go to Victoria on Monday, Wednesday and Friday while

Galiano and Pender residents would have the same service on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. **OFF-SEASON**

From October to May the mid-day sailing could be eliminated or cut to two or three days a week or, even, reduced in length by alternating Galiano and Saturna with a schedule of Lv Swartz Bay at 8:45 am, Pender 9:30, Galiano 10:15 (MWF) or Saturna 10:30 (T,TH,S), Mayne 11:15, and Swartz Bay 12:15 pm. This would give Galiano and Saturna either an early or late morning ferry to Swartz Bay each day. It would reduce the shift of the first watch to about seven hours.

Just before going to press a public meeting jointly sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Galiano Island Trust Committee was announced. The meeting is to be held in the South Community Hall this Saturday, April 24, beginning at 2 pm. Mr. New will be in the chair and the meeting will hear a report from Local Trustees on the current state of discussions with the ferry corporation. The views of the public with regard to the proposed changes of schedule are solicited.

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'Cuts are inhumane'

Parents picket board after protest debate

The subject was the budget cuts by the Gulf Islands School Board but the meaning was children and the mood was one of frustration.

The parent group from Salt Spring Elementary School met this week with individuals who have lost their positions with the school district because of the requirements of the provincial restraint program.

The parents listened to Dr. Ralph Miller, district psychologist; Jackie Taylor, hospital homebound teacher; Joy Maxham, speech therapist; Bonnie Kreye, kindergarten aide; and Robin Cherney, GIPSY aide.

The school board was represented by Charles Baltzer and Jack Albhouse. Board chairman Strick Aust did not attend.

Each of the guests explained his position with the district and what each did for the children. Miller told the meeting that discussions with the administration officials of the board had resulted in a decision to use his talent on a contractual basis for the remainder of the school year.

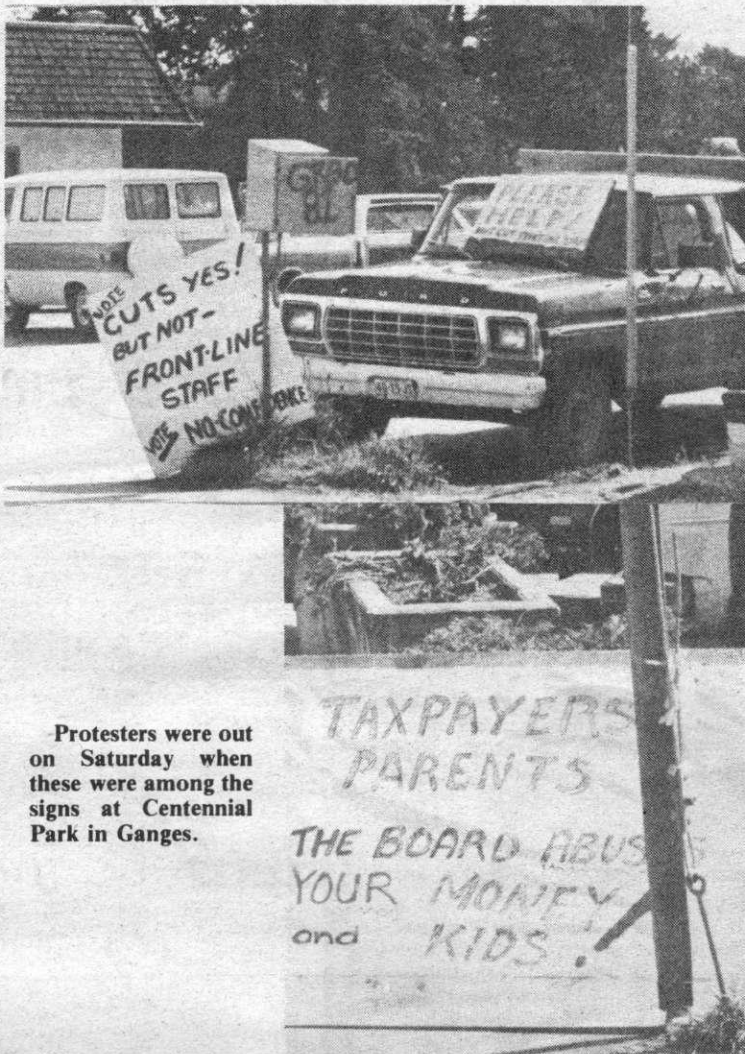
"In that way," said Miller, "we'll be able to continue to deal with the more crucial cases."

INHUMANE

Cherney expressed the mood of the meeting when she ended her presentation by stating, "I think the cuts are inhumane."

The parent group has prepared a petition and is seeking support of island residents to press the minister of education to call for a referendum of non-confidence in the school board trustees.

The group questions why the board is cutting individuals who deal with children with special needs and yet would create a position of superintendent of facilities at a salary of



Protesters were out on Saturday when these were among the signs at Centennial Park in Ganges.

approximately \$48,000.

Wilf Peck, formerly the district secretary-treasurer had resigned his position to become the superintendent in early January. The provincial government did not announce the restraint program until the end of February.

B.C. scarecrows pay no tax

Scarecrows are now tax exempt in British Columbia if used on a farm.

Farmers received a break from the social services tax on 27 items as a result of measures introduced in the recent provincial budget.

The exemptions cover a range of items from dairy brushes and dehorners to silos and soil fumigators as well as a variety of equipment and machinery used by B.C. farmers on a daily basis.

Fence posts, drain tiles and

rubber mats for cattle stall gain exemption along with ventilation and air conditioning equipment. Other items include berry cleaning and sizing machines, cherry size gauges, cranberry separators and steam generators to sterilize the soil.

Hogpens, manure aerating systems and front end loaders also fall into the tax-less category.

The items were exempted to help farmers reduce operating expenses.

When the petition has sufficient names, the group plans to send a copy to the school board, the minister of education, Driftwood and the *Times-Colonist*.

PICKETING

Several members of the parent group have taken to the sidewalk of the school board office in Ganges to carry signs of protest. They also have set up a booth in the Ganges Farmers' Market each Saturday to publicize their concerns.

Michael Hayes, president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association told the meeting that the villain in the drama is not the local school board, but the government in Victoria.

"The restraint program is not an economic program," he said. "It is a political program and it can not have the desired economic effect when it is geared to only one segment of society: the public service."

"One of the most disappointing

things for me was that the school board did not defend itself from ministry action," he said.

While many at the meeting could understand the need to spend less money all questioned the way the cuts were made.

One person said, "We're saying to the board that we'd like to see cuts in areas other than in the area of special needs for our children."

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REPORT FROM THE COMMONS

Electronic revolution has positive and negative effects

BY JIM MANLY, MP

In Ladysmith, when I go to the Credit Union, service is almost always prompt. When I go to my Credit Union in Ottawa, I often have to stand in line for a lengthy period of time. Other Ottawa banks are the same; perhaps they are trying to prepare us for soup kitchen line-ups or believe that standing in line is character building.

Now, however, help is on its way. The electronic revolution has arrived and I have received a little plastic card plus a secret number that no one else knows, except probably someone in Miami. Now when I need money I don't even need to go into the bank or wait for it to open.

Outside is a little computer called the "Automatic Teller". I place my card in a slot, press the digits of my "secret number"; press other buttons to show what I want done; and presto, it is done. Since I'm one of the first kids on my block to have one of these cards, I find it rather convenient; but what happens when everyone has one?

Will we be standing in line in front of a computer? And what happens if a transaction gets fouled up, how much of a hassle will I have getting it settled? And what happens to all the people who work in banks today?

IMPORTANT QUESTION

This last question is most important in a nation where we already have 1 1/2 million people unemployed. The automatic teller is only one of the earliest and the most visible ways in which the micro-electronic revolution will affect us all.

Some of the newer sawmills in our own area now have automated processes that no longer require the kind of skilled personal

judgment that a head sawyer used to make 20 years ago.

Think of all those coded stripes on milk cartons and other groceries. They indicate that automated pricing stock control and checking out at supermarkets are on the way and already in use in some areas. Again, jobs will be lost.

Typists who grow weary at typing hundreds of routine letters will soon be facing a long rest, replaced by automatic work processors.

TRUE TO A POINT

We usually think that it is good to replace routine human work by mechanical or electronic processes. To a point that's true; nobody wants to go back to the middle ages when every book had to be copied laboriously by hand. We don't even want to go back to the days 40 years ago when falling and bucking of our timber was done with hand saws.

But not all technological change improves our human condition. Word processors not only throw many workers, mainly women, out of work, they also result in long hours of drudgery for the people who operate them. Eye strain, back strain, headaches, insomnia and nervous disorders have all been showing up among workers involved with video display units. There have been reports of women workers at such units having difficulty maintaining pregnancy, or giving birth to children with defects.

Because the technology is so new and is being introduced at such a rapid rate, no one knows what the ultimate effects will be. Employers,

unions, government and the general public are all in a mad scramble to try and keep up with what is happening.

SHOULD SERVE PEOPLE

Some obvious things need to be done so that micro-technology will serve people rather than the other way around. Labour laws must be changed to provide for mandatory advance notice of technological change along with worker participation in planning and implementing any changes.

Health and safety standards must be brought up to date; where doubt exists the benefit of doubt should go in the direction of caution rather than risk. We need to change job training and retraining procedures to ensure that Canadians are able to get the top jobs involved in micro-technology.

We need affirmative action programs to ensure that women get their share, not only of clerical but also of technical and management jobs. Above all, we need to recognize that the new technologies will require less human work in the production of goods and services.

This means that we need to introduce shorter working days, and fewer working days a year. Otherwise we will end up with a society in which a few people have highly paid jobs with long hours and the great majority have no jobs and exist on welfare.

Because of the importance of this subject, I would like to hear from constituents about the way in which this new technology has affected or is going to affect their jobs.

Goodman Award is official name of NDP essay prize

In future, the annual School Essay Contest sponsored by the Gulf Islands NDP Club, will be known as the "Goodman Award".

The club members met April 15 to make the change, which will honour recently retired "Goody" Goodman and his wife Isobel.

Club president Beth Ariss described the action as an expression of appreciation for the Goodmans' long years of active concern for their fellow Gulf Islanders.

In the same meeting the club recognized the effects of inflation during the five years since the Essay Contest began and increased

first prize to \$125 and the two book prizes to \$35.

Topic for this year's essay will be "A Contemporary Social Issue".

Essays, as usual, will be judged by school staff and the first Goodman Award will be made at School Awards Day in June.

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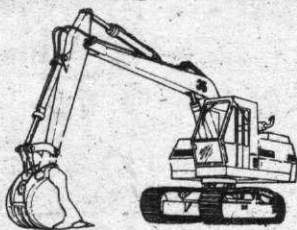
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Slugging it out

A good end to a good season!

BY XAVIER ZAMBONI

It was truly a remarkable sight, impassioned clapping and screaming, honking and yelling at the Slug Family Hockey Tournament.

And what a final! You couldn't have asked for two more diverse teams. On one side, you had the bad guys — Lake Cowichan Lakers, with a roster of Junior A ringers and several simian-like defencemen, led by a coach suitably named Attila.

Meanwhile down at the other end lay their noble opponents (sorry folks — not the Slugs) Victoria Paving — a team with a remarkable herbal method of getting up for games and an unusual fiscal management problem — either they won the

tournament prize money or their cheque for the entry fee bounced.

Unfortunately, good did not triumph over evil and so the Lake Cowichan team came away with an undeserved first prize. Three guesses who won't be invited back next year.

Ah — but what a tournament — what a bunch of characters! Burnaby Breakers, there for a good time, but definitely not a long time, serenading one and all, drinking Tequila and showing us the other, less sordid side of hockey. How about Courtenay — over-confident, under rested, led by fiery Mike Laughlin, Boom Boom's erstwhile brother-in-law (that speaks for itself).

Then there was Chemainus — in a class by themselves — biker

manager, rowdy fans, and a team under the influence of the 200 Club (they drank 200 beer before each game). Special mention had to go to poor Igor, their designated hit man, who was only let off his chain if he swore not to hurt anyone, or more important, get a penalty. It was a remarkable, some say magical, experience to see Igor troop up to the bar between periods in full hockey regalia to inhale four beer, four hot dogs, and a black coffee during the 10 minute intermission.

AND OF THE SLUGS

And what about the Slugs you ask? Well they certainly get an "A" for effort. With Farm Boy playing great goal and the defence doing their job, the Slugs swamped Duncan Hornets 5-1, and led pre-

tourney favourite Courtenay 2-0 with six minutes to go. Unfortunately they blew it — 4-2 final, and the letdown continued into their third game against Breakers, who led 5-0 after 20 minutes.

Slugs battled back, won the next two periods, but lost 5-3 against a very good team. In the process though they knocked both Burnaby and Courtenay out of the finals.

Really a good way to end the season — everyone played well from Mark out. Strong defence (for the most part) from Watson, Jukes, Bush, Hardie, and especially Sinclair; and a steady performance from Moger, Pat

Akerman, Stringer, Topping, Huser, and Boom Boom.

A special tap of the magic wand to our oft maligned Mr. Bergstrom, who has toiled tirelessly all year long on our behalf, and who has truly earned the title "Mr. Slug". His organization of the tournament, one in which there was not a single one-sided game through 13 played and 65 dozen beer sold says alot. Well done Scott!

So, that's it except for our wind up banquet next week at Fulford Inn. Scott has sworn that he won't try to organize any more games before September. The big question is — will he? Most of us don't think we can last that long.

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BY PETER WEIS
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"Peredovik" and "Supbred brand" are six foot plants, maturing in about 110 days, grown for making oil as they yield about 40% oil. Soybeans, in comparison, yield about 20% oil. These might not succeed if we keep on having cool summers but it is worth a try.

Sunflowers are really easy to grow. They are a hardy annual and should be sown in the latter half of April. They will grow in almost any soil and have few, if any problems. Lots of fertilizer and a

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Historians to examine history

The Salt Spring Island Historical Society is looking at the past to keep it for the future.

The group has asked permission of the Gulf Islands School Board to go through board files to add to the inventory of historical items. In a letter to the board, the group

wanted information on the registers of schools on Salt Spring which have been closed.

They are seeking permission of the board to research files as well as to reproduce items of historical significance either by photograph or photostat.

Do they know where the islands are?

Ottawa folk don't know where the Gulf Islands are.

Lawrie Neish has been turning up evidence that the nation's capital isn't sure where the nation's best islands are. This week Neish showed *Driftwood* an item from a newspaper which confirmed it.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission held a hearing recently on the transfer of the cable TV license for Salt Spring. The hearing was held in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Presumably it was held there because the harbour was free of ice.

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Last concert features famed choir on its first visit to Salt Spring

BY JEAN KNIGHT

The Salt Spring Concert Society will bring its season to a sparkling close by presenting the internationally known Arion Male Voice Choir of Victoria in concert at Mahon Hall on Sunday, April 25 at 2:15 pm.

The choir, made up of more than 40 male voices will present a delightfully varied program ranging from the comic *Hippopotamus* song to the beautiful Negro spiritual *Lily of*

the Valley and the moving Welsh Chorale *Gwahoddiad*.

The Arion is the oldest continuously operating male choir in Canada performing their first concert in 1892. Over the years the choir has travelled extensively up and down the west coast, making regular exchange visits to Vancouver, Washington and Eugene, Oregon, the home of another fine male choir.

A few years ago the Arion travelled overseas to Great Britain,

performing at several major centres in Scotland and England for proceeding to take part and compete in the world renowned musical Eistedfodd held annually at Llangollen, Wales.

CEREMONIES

The choir has been called upon to perform on many ceremonial occasions in Victoria, which have included royal visits, the opening of the legislature, and every year the traditional Remembrance service at the Cenotaph.

Although the choir is celebrating its 90th anniversary it will be the first occasion that it has visited Salt Spring Island.

The choir will perform under the direction of Harold Treloar, an eminently qualified conductor who took over the choir two years ago when he emigrated from his native Cornwall in the south of England. For 18 years prior to coming to Canada Mr. Treloar was the musical director of the St. Denis Male Voice Choir, one of Britain's most prestigious choral groups.

colourful crest suitable for attaching to cap or blazer and which should be available to members in the near future.

The Change of Watch and Graduation Banquet is scheduled for May 19 at the Rod and Gun Club.

Bingham named commander of Salt Spring Squadron

Peter Bingham will head up the Salt Spring Island Power Squadron for the coming year.

At the annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Island Power Squadron held on April 14, a new slate of officers for 1982-83 was elected as follows: Commander, Peter Bingham; Executive Officer, Don Clarkson; secretary, Jack Poole; treasurer, Frank Cunningham; Supply Officer, Lance Hardie; MAREP Officer, Joe Stewart.

Public relations duties will be assumed by the Executive Officer and entertainment duties by the Supply Officer.

In addition to regular business it was decided that the squadron will take an active part in a proposal to establish a small boat launching ramp at Burgoyne Bay.

Artist Evelyn Napper, a member of the squadron, has originated a

Used bus for islands schools

The bus is used but the price is good.

The Gulf Islands School District trustees decided to buy a used school bus from the Cowichan School District last week. The negotiations for the bus have been going on for some time and the decision was made because ministry of education approval is needed.

The money for the bus, \$3,500 plus tax will be taken from the "J" section surplus from 1981. The bus, when ministry approval has been granted, will come to Salt Spring in July.

School board to outline restraints and effects

The Gulf Islands School Board will be going public in an attempt to explain how the provincial government's restraint program affects the local schools.

School board chairman Strick Aust and director of instruction Larry Holbrook will be trooping to each island with the local trustee to talk about the situation as the school board sees it.

Aust will explain the new education finance formula as well as how budget cuts bear on the district and the different schools.

"Hopefully," Aust told the last meeting of the board when the visits were announced, "after these meetings, we'll have answered most questions."

He said the education finance

formula may not be completely explained by the minister of education by the time the meetings are held but that he would try to explain as much as he can.

The first meeting is set for April 26 on Saturna Island to be followed by a meeting on April 27 at Pender Island. Mayne, April 28, and Galiano, April 29, will finish the tour of the Outer Islands.

Meetings on Salt Spring, where the cuts have caused the most concern, will be held on May 3 at Salt Spring Elementary School, May 4 at Fernwood School and May 5 at the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The meetings start at 7:30 pm and will be held in the various schools.

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Up goes another telephone pole

B.C. Tel cable splicer Gary Gaetz splices cable on new telephone pole which was recently placed on Upper Ganges Road on Salt Spring Island.

Long ride for island horse club

The Salt Spring Island Riding Club held a successful trail-ride up Maxwell Mountain on Saturday, April 10.

Riders started from Walter Luth's ring and the Ganges ring. Lunch was enjoyed by all participants up on Maxwell Mountain.

Afterwards, Mary Stepanuk led the group on a ride through various trails. There was a good turn-out, for this 4½ hour ride.

Anne Caldwell will hold clinics for beginner riders and those

wishing to brush up on their riding skills, on Saturday, April 24 at the Ganges ring, and on Sunday, April 25 at Walter Luth's ring. Both clinics will begin at 10:30 am. Club

members' fee is \$5 and non-members, \$10. Riders may pre-register at Marsim Craft and Gift Shop on McPhillips Avenue, by Friday, April 23.

Salt Spring chapter works for cancer lodge in city

BY ALMA McQUIGGAN

Since we, of the HMS Ganges Chapter, IODE have resolved to assist financially in the furnishing of the new Vancouver Island Lodge, we thought it fitting that we should acquaint you further with the aims and amenities of this Lodge. We will, of necessity, be asking the public to support our various fund-raising projects so it is only right that you, the public should be aware of the uses to which the money realized will be put.

The Lodge is being built just across Richmond Road from the Victoria Cancer Clinic in the Royal Jubilee Hospital. There will be 14 patient rooms, lounges, kitchen and dining rooms, recreation room, laundry and library. Total capacity of the Lodge will be 27 persons. There will be 13 double rooms — some equipped for the handicapped and one single room. When space permits, a spouse or relative may share a room with the patient.

Help is being asked of all service clubs, fraternal organizations and some businesses.

Dozens of volunteers will be working in the lodge in many capacities. There will be nursing services, the kitchen will provide three meals a day as well as snacks.

Patients will pay only a nominal fee for their room with the remainder of the cost being borne

by the Provincial Government and by the Canadian Cancer Society. **ROOM COSTS**

The rooms, with ensuite bathrooms, will contain telephone, clock-radio and an emergency call system to the front desk. Cost of furnishing a double room is estimated at \$4,000. The support rooms will range from more to much less expensive.

The Lodge is intended as a support facility especially designed and constructed to house and care for those undergoing therapy on an out-patient basis. It should also be emphasized that, while the Lodge is situated in Victoria, it is primarily designed to accommodate patients from outside the area.

Our first fund raising project for this Lodge will be the fashion show on May 12, at the Golf Club. Mrs. Barbara Toynbee is in charge of the show. Tickets may be purchased from any IODE member for the Fashion Show and Luncheon.

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Regional medical officer Dr. A.S. Arneil appealed to the Capital Regional Board last week to consider a smoking ban in all regional buildings.

The smoker isn't just affecting himself, explained the doctor. The smoker inhales and blows out two-thirds of the smoke.

This "sidestream smoke" is not enjoyed by the smoker and it is five times as toxic as the original smoke.

The smoker enjoys the benefits of his smoke, but 75% of the people around him are affected by smoke in the form of allergies and other reactions, continued the health officer.

The spouse of the smoker is subjected to this sidestream benefit, but the working companion is exposed to the smoke to a far greater degree.

Arneil asked for properly designated areas for smoking, restricted smoking and no smoking.

"I had to bring to the board my concerns about second-hand smoke," he explained.

No title for old school

The land and buildings were sold for \$1 but when time arrived to search the title, it couldn't be found.

The unused school at North Galiano had been sold to the community group there but the registrar of land titles in Victoria had no record of the title. Research showed the last title had been registered in 1946 and no recent title could be found.

To search and create a new title would cost from \$300 to \$600, depending upon the degree of difficulty involved. The Gulf Islands School Board voted to pass that expense along to the buyers, the North Galiano Community Society.

Traffic and children don't mix. Child Safety Week, May 1 to 7, is a good time to teach children about safety and traffic.

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Restraint boosts expenses

The costs of repair and maintenance of the school buses will be slightly higher for the summer months, the Gulf Islands school trustees learned last week.

As part of the province's restraint program, the Cowichan school district will be closing its maintenance shop for two months. The buses from the Gulf Islands district are usually sent to the Cowichan shop for repairs and maintenance.

The additional costs to the local school board will result from having to bring two mechanics to Salt Spring to work on the buses.

Mel Couvelier, who is a pipe's best friend, moved that the doctor's report be filed.

The board did not agree that the proposal be buried and debated action.

Had the staff been consulted, asked J.D. Watts. They hadn't.

"Significantly less than 25% of the staff in this building are smokers," reported Executive Director Dennis Young.

The staff will be invited to consider the proposal and to report back to the board.

CHIP and government chips in to help keep warm

The eligibility date for grants under the Canadian Home Insulation Program has been changed to January 1, 1971.

The change, from January 1, 1961, means almost 230,000 homes in British Columbia have been added to the eligibility list. Under CHIP, a homeowner can apply for a grant of up to \$500 for insulation of the building.

CHIP provides taxable grants of up to \$350 for approved insulation materials including weather-stripping, caulking and vapour barriers as well as one-third of the contracted labour costs up to a maximum of \$150.

The government limits the labour-costs to work carried out by contractors listed with the

Canadian General Standards Board in order to ensure proper installation of the materials.

The change of date adds 1.6 million homes across Canada to the list of housing units eligible for grants.

Heralds of Spring

This is the message the aconites bring.

Straight from the battle twixt Winter and Spring:

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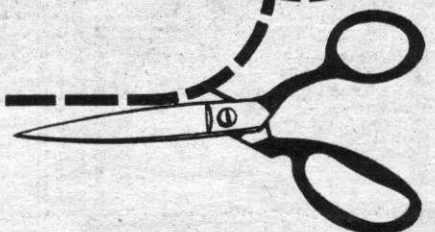
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Big showing

Pender flower show is 50 years old



Baye Leroux, president of Pender Women's Institute, stands beside Bea Chisolm's flower arrangement in a hollow log.

BY ELEANOR HARRISON
Pender Islands Women's Institute held their annual Flower Show, Saturday afternoon, April 17, at the School-Community Centre. This show was started on the Penders in 1931 and except for the war years has been held continuously since then.

Such a cold spring reduced considerably the number and varieties of entries, but there was still a delightful display of narcissus, tulips, iris, wallflowers, polyanthus, anemones, a variety of arrangement of mixed flower baskets, hyacinths, camellias and ferns. Peter Campbell's humorous flower and fern arrangement was unique and imaginative.

The Women's Institute were delighted to have Mrs. P.G. James from Salt Spring come over once again to act as judge. She was the overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Campbell.

Grades 2 to 7 contributed to the show with an excellent display in the artwork contest.

THANKS COMMITTEE

President Baye Leroux thanked the members for their enthusiasm and the hardworking committee headed by Elizabeth Campbell, the tea committee of which Martha Nance was in charge and Margaret Stevenson who organized the sale

of flowers and plants.

The Women's Institute have special speakers at each monthly meeting and Mrs. Leroux urged all those present to come out to hear them, and help the Institute in their goal in working to a better Home, Education and Country.

At last meeting April 6, Mrs. Bea Chisolm was the guest speaker showing how she makes her magnificent flower arrangements. She made a special arrangement for the Flower Show in a hollow log, which caused many oohs and ahhs from the spectators.

Pender Islanders work for program in Somalia

Saturday evening, April 24, will be the night of the second Somali Relief Fund Concert on the Penders.

This time the money raised by sale of tickets and donations will be sent to Somalia so that native girls from the camps can be sent to a hospital where they can take a three-year nursing course, the cost of which is \$800 per student.

Pender Islands Dr. W.D. Sutherland, who spent four months in 1981 working with the refugees at the Saa'ab camp, feels he can support this program as one of the best ways to help the refugees.

The trained nurses, when they return to the camps, will be of inestimable value in helping their countrymen.

It is just a year ago the first Somali Relief Fund party was held when a large enough sum of money was raised to provide clean water year around in the Saa'ab Camp, where Dr. Sutherland was then working.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

It promises, once again, to be a great evening. An excellent musical program is planned, a real old-time concert when the people of the Island all get together to entertain their friends and neighbours.

The Choral Group will be there, the Desolation Sound Barber Shop Group, the Pender Promenaders Square Dancers and five to six other surprise performers, and the evening will finish with the Pender Islands Band playing for dancing.

The cost to enjoy the fun is only \$4, which gives a chance to win a truckload of firewood, a food hamper or a \$10 Woodwards certificate.

Magic Lakes tender for final phase

Final contract in the expansion of the Magic Lakes sewer installation was let last week to Seaboard Excavating Ltd.

The successful bid was \$219,000. Other tenders received for the Pender Island project were from: Chew Excavating Ltd., \$247,480.68; Gulf Excavating Ltd., \$278,209.18; Port Washington Excavating Ltd., \$306,489.20; A.H. Winter and Son Construction Ltd., \$312,685.50; H. & B. Contracting Ltd., \$321,985.93; and S. & R. Rentals Ltd., \$374,144.88.

Disappointing attendance at Sunday's concert

The Pender Island Choral Society Spring Concert held at the S.C.C. on Sunday evening, April 18, was an excellent musical event on the Island, but the turn-out of 35 to 40 people to hear them was disappointing. Their leader is Joy Johnsen of Salt Spring who makes the trip every week during the winter to Pender to work with them.

Each year the choir improves, and this year it had improved a great deal. They sang as real professionals with clearly enunciated words. There are 10 male voices and 18 female voices. Their best items were the group of four songs, *Deep is the Night*, Schubert-Luboff; *The Water is Wide*, a folk song and *Every Night When the Sun Goes In*, an Appalachian folk song.

Sheep May Safely Graze by J.S. Bach, was beautifully rendered.

Tom Moore, an accomplished trumpet player, is a fine

acquisition to the musical life of Pender.

Tom Madden admonished the Barber Shop Group, "if you can't ding 'em sweet, sing 'em funny", and they followed his instructions and did both.

Those who didn't attend missed a lot.

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KICK-OFF

Soccer banquet Friday closes off season on Salt Spring

BY MALCOLM LEGG

This Friday evening the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association will hold its annual soccer banquet, something that has become a very special event in every soccer season.

The banquet will be held in the Gulf Islands Secondary School Gymnasium on Friday, commencing at 6 pm. Admission is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple with all coaches, managers and guests getting free entry. All players have free entry as long as they turn in their full uniform at the door.

The banquet will open with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30, followed by team introductions, trophy presentations and several speeches. The evening is capped off with the draw for door prizes and the usual clean-up that follows any banquet. As a note, the tickets for the door prizes are bought once

you are inside (look for the girls with the caps).

SIGNIFICANCE

For our Association the banquet holds tremendous significance as it is the culmination of another long soccer season, a season highlighted with many positive events as well as the odd disappointment. The banquet allows our membership to reflect on the past season and to give recognition to the efforts and achievements of all those who participated.

It is an evening where we can give thanks to the organizers, the coaches, the managers, the supporters and the officials for making soccer a viable entity on Salt Spring.

It is a night we also applaud the hard work and achievements of our many teams and their many players whether they attained

success or not. But most of all it is an evening for us all to recognize the true spirit of the evening, friendship and fun and that through our Association we have tried to promote in soccer those two attributes.

RECOGNIZE THEM

We hope that all the parents will attend to recognize the efforts of our youth as they have promoted good sportsmanship as well as ability everywhere they play. We are very proud of their achievements and this night is to honour them — so don't miss it.

Next week I will re-cap the 1981-82 season and preview up-coming events, after which my pen will retire so I can spend the summer watching the world's greatest sport with the broadcasts of the World Cup in June and July.

Down the gutter

On Sunday last, Leo Toutant and I journeyed to Port Moody to bowl in a 12-game tournament.

We both bowled our averages, but when the eventual winner bowls a 299 average scratch and the handicap winner comes up with 302, needless to say we did not place.

I thought Leo was a sandbagger, with his 202 average but there was a bigger one in this event. There was a bowler who was entered with a 200 even average, and he never bowled a game under 248, finishing up with a scratch average of 269. I was informed that his father owned a bowling alley and he only spared in a league until he had a low enough average and then practiced steady for the tournaments. We told the owner of the bowling alley about it and informed him not to waste the price of a stamp sending us an entry form next year.

Here are the better scores of the past week: Terry Jenkins, 829; Cy Beech, 714; Carol Kaye, 716-801; Steve Marleau, 715-717; Denis Corcoran, 740; Joyce Taylor, 776 and this writer with 905.

We had 300 games from Terry Jenkins, 344; Gwen Wakely, 328; Denis Corcoran, 301; Val Hughes, 319; and this writer with 329.

The bowlers of the week were

Carol Kaye and this writer, and for the Golden Agers it was Gwen Wakely and Cy Beech.

Tip of the Week:

Always concentrate before you deliver your ball.

Y.B.C. BOWLING

These are the scores for Saturday, April 17.

Jets: Chris Magnus, 92; Eric Taylor, 86; Jennifer Neilson, 78; Cheryl David, 57.

Pee Wees: Jeffrey Neilson, 159; Brett Marshall, 152; Clinton Helfrich, 130; Tracy Cunningham, 129; Candice Miller, 125; Anna

Maddison, 115.

Bantams: Paul Hatch, 208; Mark David, 162; Adam Baines, 137; Lisa Jorgenson, 201; Suzanne Jacquest, 174; Laura Little, 140.

Juniors: Ross Hughes, 207; Justin Williams, 181; Michael Howell, 160; Shannon Taylor, 222; Mary Sinclair, 194; Danica West, 180.

Seniors, April 14: Allan Sinclair, 248; Steve Martens, 226; Paul Trenholm, 213; Tracey Pring, 227; Paula Hughes, 201; Carol Cunningham, 171.

With Ken Collins

Ladies washed out

BY PAT DOHERTY

On Tuesday, April 13, the weatherman did not co-operate, and the ladies were washed out.

On the same day our team travelled to Cedar Hill, and they might as well have stayed in bed. After putting up with the chilly weather and getting soaked to boot, the game ended up in a tie.

However, our ladies say they will have no problem in the return match at Salt Spring.

On Wednesday, April 28, the

mixed two-ball evening games swing into action. These are nine-hole events, and are enjoyed by all who play in them. They are also an excellent way for new members to get acquainted.

The men's section is rumbling into life and the Morris and Mouat cups take place on May 2, while the Matson Cup goes on May 8. For those of you who keep handicaps, there are two pages of instruction on the men's handicap board which may be of interest to you.

Line Call



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As in previous years the Salt Spring Tennis Association is sponsoring tennis lessons taught by local instructors.

The first group of these lessons will commence in the second week of May, with two one-hour sessions per week, lasting five weeks.

The lessons will take place at Portlock Park and will be taught on Saturday mornings and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Exact timetables will be determined by the instructors.

Cost of the 10 hours of lessons

will be \$30. Instructors will be Loes Holland, who will teach people just starting out in tennis and Ian Thomson, who will teach intermediates and advanced players.

Those interested in signing up for these lessons may leave their names and telephone numbers at Dr. Claus Andress' office on Rainbow Road.

On Saturday, May 8, the Tennis Association plans to hold a mixed doubles tournament, followed by a social that evening. More information will appear in next week's *Driftwood*.

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350 attend Ewart Gallery opening

Response to the opening of the new Ewart Gallery on Salt Spring Island surprised even the proprietors.

There were 350 people to view the display when the gallery was formally opened last week and the visitors came from many parts of the United States and as far away as Ontario.

The gallery has started off with the good wishes of a number of well-known Canadian artists, notably Allan Edwards, who performed the formal opening ceremony.

The exhibition will continue until May 15 and includes works by many notable western artists.

The new gallery is owned by Beth and Bill McDonald, who came to Salt Spring Island from Sidney last July.

They are planning several one-man shows and more group

exhibitions through the year.

Among the exhibitors at the opening event are many local artists. They include Warren Langley and Ted Harrison, whose Yukon subjects have been shown in Edmonton. Colin Williams, ARCA is a local artist now. Kiff Holland, museum art director in Vancouver is one of the exhibitors as well as Ruth Borsman, Kay Catlin and others.

A painter herself, Beth McDonald hails from Thornberry in Ontario. She studied art at Guelph, the Southampton Summer School of Fine Art.

Her husband is an industrial electrician and a ski instructor. He built the gallery.

It is named after Beth McDonald's father, Ewart Boyd. The new gallery is a new addition to the strong concern of the islands for the arts.



Visiting the Ewart Gallery are seen Allan Edwards, vice-president of Canadian Federation of Artists, Dr. Hugh Borsman and Kay Catlin with other interested viewers.

TOPS into new year

By Scribe

Installation of new officers of TOPS Chapter No. B.C. 1292 on Salt Spring Island took place on Tuesday, April 13, 1982, at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Foulis, on North Beach Road, Fernwood.

The evening started with a delicious pot luck dinner of low calorie foods, enjoyed by everyone there. After the meal, while a short relaxation period was filled by a discussion break, pictures were taken, for the Chapter album.

The retiring leader, Mrs. Joyce Bader, then introduced the installing officer, Mrs. Ethel Davidson, who conducted the ceremony.

Mrs. Sharon Sparling presented the officers with gorgeous pink corsages made by the hostess, Mrs. Louise Foulis, from her home-grown camellias. Joyce Bader received a gift and a card signed by attending members and was commended for faithful service during her year in office.

New officers for 1982-83 are Mrs. Louise Foulis, leader; Mrs. Joyce Bader, co-leader; Mrs. Betty Pinchin, treasurer; Mrs. Vivian Bannon, secretary; Mrs. Betty Kempling, weight recorder. Chapter Queen, Mrs. Betty Brigden, looked regal and lovely in her sparkling crown and pink corsage.

Weekly meetings are held in the basement club room at the home of Mrs. Cleo Weston, Beddis Road, at 7:30 pm on Tuesdays. New members are welcome. If you need to Take Off Pounds Sensibly, join the club.



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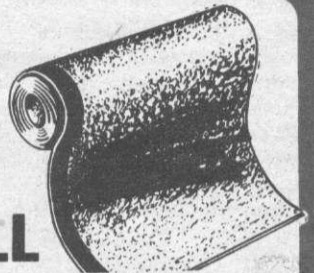


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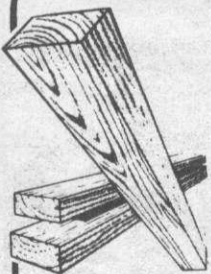
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Anniversary of Hiroshima is cited by Mika at Penders

BY ELEANOR HARRISON
Pender Islands New Democrat Party Club had as guest speaker at their meeting Thursday evening, April 15, John Mika, Saanich alderman and a special assistant to Dave Barrett. The meeting was held in the Community Room at the S.C.C. and 25 people attended.

Mika's address focused on nuclear disarmament, a high priority of the party. "Trident is the Auschwitz of Puget Sound", said Mika. "In our political system you must express yourself because politicians react to what the people press on them."

He insisted that petitions are important, and the Pender NDP group had one on the table before him for signing. As an example, in the New England States, where the old-fashioned Town Hall meetings are still held, Reagan responded to pressure by agreeing to hold talks with Brezhnev. In Canada, Trudeau does not react as quickly as Reagan, said the speaker.

HIROSHIMA

April 24 is the anniversary of Hiroshima. Rallies will be held in 25 Canadian cities. It is important for every individual to take part in this event, so politicians will be made aware that the average man wants them to stop the accumulation of nuclear weapons. After this, the meeting was told, the next step is to start reducing

them, if we do not want to become part of the nuclear disaster that seems inevitable with present policies. Under the leadership of Pauline Jewett, the NDP are in the forefront of a major effort to bring about nuclear disarmament.

Nuclear arms have the potential to destroy our planet. More than \$500 billion is spent per year on arms, some of this by third world countries.

It is estimated that to bring clean water and a decent standard of living to every country would require about \$17 billion per year, only about two weeks of what is spent on the arms race. Mika stressed that all human beings count in this world, and in our democratic society we all have a chance to be heard.

THEY WILL GO

Mika stated that before this year is out the nuclear tipped missiles on planes at Comox will be removed.

These are the only nuclear weapons on Canadian soil, said the speaker. Mika said he found it puzzling that Trudeau would allow nuclear weapons on U.S. planes to use northern Canada as an experimental testing ground.

Mika was asked when the provincial election would take place. He replied that in his opinion the government had planned for it right now, but the polls have frightened them off.

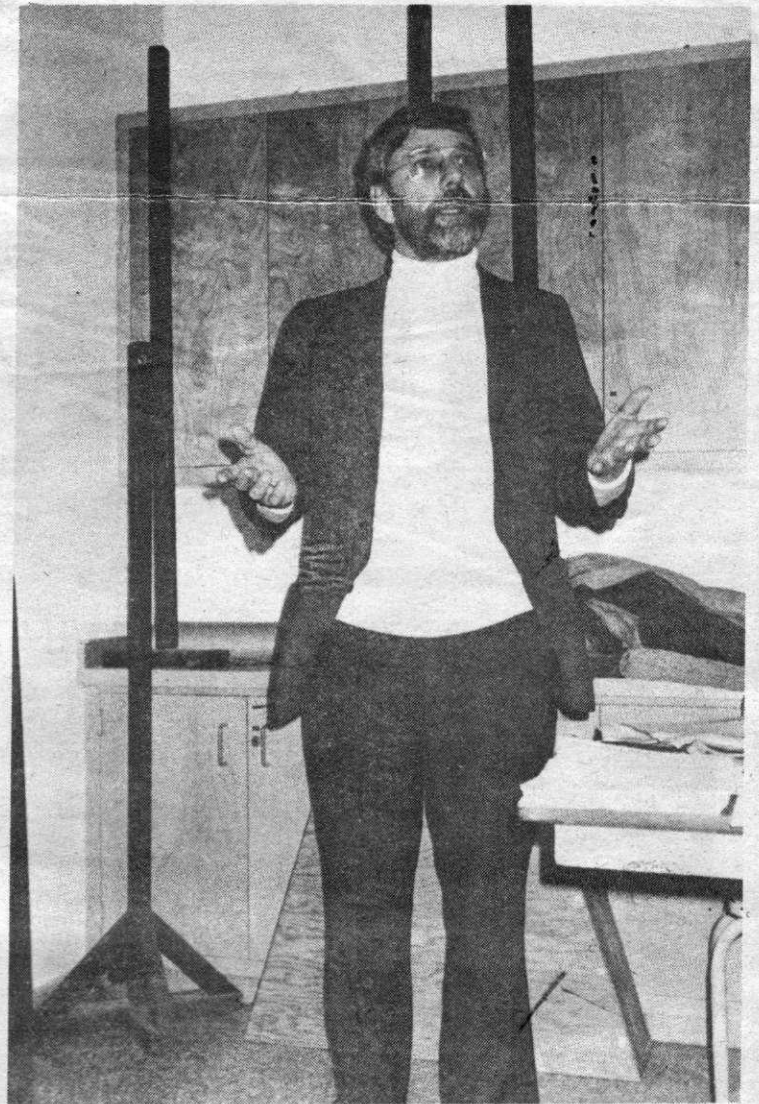
He said Curtis' budget of April 5 was a disaster. The government had an actual deficit last year which they have folded into this year's budget. Curtis did this by changing the system of accounting. By the third quarter of 1982 it will be shown that the April 5 budget is simply a fraud, and the government will have to call an election to prevent being exposed. Probably the present Government would prefer to wait till next year or the year after.

MILLIONS ON COAL

In answer to the question as to how many millions of dollars have gone into north east coal, Mika said \$23½ million last year, there is now an overrun on \$45 million and up to \$395 million has been committed.

Mika stressed that the NDP are not against the north eastern development.

Mika said that there have been 130 increases in costs of government services in the last three months. Even a marriage licence costs more now!



John Mika addresses club

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A contract for the re-roofing of Mahon Hall has been awarded to Ray Hill Construction, Hugh Cummings, chairman of the Mahon Hall restoration committee, announced Tuesday.

The contract was accepted following receipt of tenders from five island construction companies. They ranged from a high of \$23,104 to a low of \$11,875, which was the Hill bid.

Work on the re-roofing job which will include new flashings and gutters, is expected to get under way in the near future. The contract calls for the work to be completed in 40 calendar days from the time of starting.

The plan calls for the old roofing to be removed and to be replaced with new under-sheathing topped with duroid shingles.

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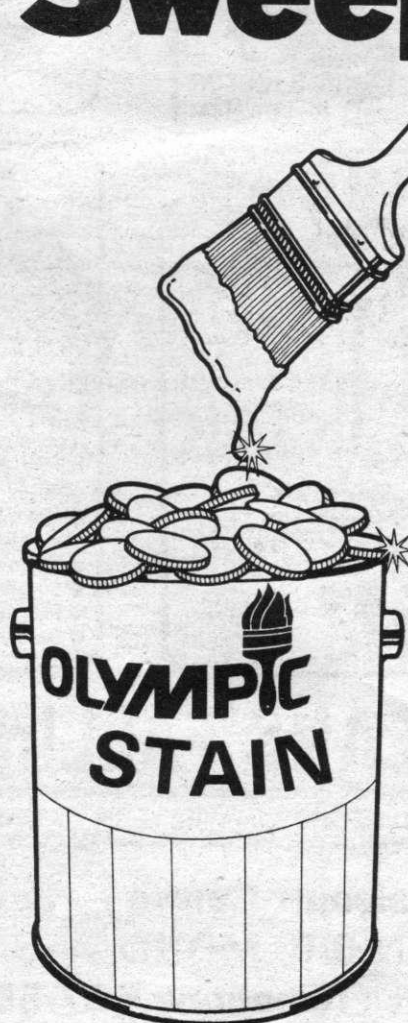
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