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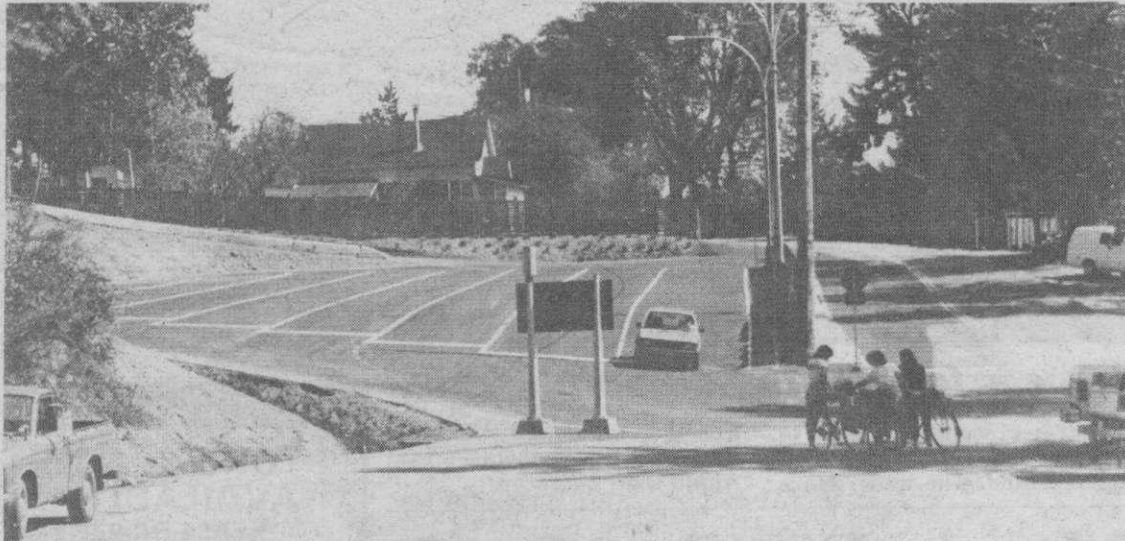
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Ferry parking adds new look to Vesuvius

A new look for Vesuvius comes as a result of the construction of the car park for ferry traffic. Concern for the traveller caught in

the traffic snarl at Vesuvius was voiced several years ago by Shirley Culpin, at that time of the staff of Driftwood. She was living in the

cottage which used to be where the sign is. The former island reporter launched a campaign to make the corner safe and this is the result.

What is a cottage industry?

Trust committee seeks answer

A question before the Islands Trust Committee of Salt Spring Island last week revolved around defining a cottage industry.

The committee had received a letter from three garage operators on the island, complaining about various individuals who had established engine repair

operations from private homes.

The letter identified eight persons who have set up such business which, it was alleged, appeared to be at variance with the Islands Trust zoning bylaws for Salt Spring.

"Home industries, we believe, are fine and good," wrote the

complainants in their letter, "but is an automobile shop or small engine repair shop with road signs really what was intended?"

The letter, signed by Jack Reynolds of Ganges Auto-Marine, Russ Murcheson of Salt Spring Island Garage and Don Irwin of Don Irwin Collision pointed out that the home repair business has a financial advantage which works against the established garages.

The garages face taxes, licence fees and costs of wages, each of which is increasing, the letter noted.

OBJECTIONS

The businesses objected to are run by Jon Page who operates a small engine repair shop on Ganges Hill; R. Smith, an auto repair shop on Booth Canal Road; Ross Walker, a small engine and marine repair shop on Pine

Place; Chester Reynolds, heavy equipment repairs on Beddis Road; G. Haarbrucker, auto-

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15th year

Mahon Hall Artcraft to open on June 25

Artcraft '82, the major display and sale of the works of the artisans of the Gulf Islands, will again be staged in Mahon this year starting June 25. It will run until September 6.

Now in its 15th year, the exhibition and sale, showing the works of more than 100 crafts people of the islands, has gained an international reputation and has become one of the major tourist attractions of the island.

All persons entering items in the show must be residents of the Gulf Islands and must also be members of the Community Arts Council.

Membership fee is \$3 and is payable at the time of submitting entries.

INFORMATION

This year pre-registration, inventory and information sheets will be available through the Continuing Education office in the lower level of Mout's mall.

The office is open from 10 am to 4 pm Monday through Thursday. The necessary forms will also be

available from the various guilds or by writing directly to the Community Arts Council, Box 682, Ganges, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Registrations must be received not later than May 25 to ensure display space in the hall.

Big bill for pumping

Legion Hall in Ganges breaks sewer barrier

The Legion hall in Ganges has been issued a stop operations order by the regional health office due to failure of the septic field serving the building.

A dye test run on the Legion's septic system recently proved positive and the subsequent order was given to close the facility down until corrections could be made.

The corrections could be given 24 hours to cut off the septic

tank from the field. The tank would have to be pumped out as often as is necessary until a holding tank is in place.

With an estimated water use of 5,000 gallons per month, the Legion faces costs of at least \$150 per week for pumping the septic tank. When the holding tank is in place the cost could run as high as \$250 per month.

Regional levies level through Gulf Islands

Good news and bad news from the Capital Regional District for Gulf Islands taxpayers.

The requisition summary for the islands was released last week and the good news was that the tax for health services shows a three-quarters of a mill credit. The excess showed up when the regional district took over financing the service from the ministry of health.

Salt Spring taxpayers must cough up a total of \$147,421 for various services supplied by the CRD. The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission, through the CRD, is seeking \$31,290 from ratepayers.

In addition, residents in the Maliview area face a collective payment of \$7,550.27 as a parcel tax to pay for the sewer there.

Residents in the Highland Water District must pay their share of \$46,020 to pay for the privilege of piped water to the home.

OUTER ISLANDS

In the Outer Islands, the tax bill which must be met stands at \$141,078.

Additional taxes have been levied against specific areas of the Outer Islands and residents of North Pender Island will be paying \$29,800 for the fire district as well

as \$7,260 for the activity centre. Residents of South Pender must kick in \$720 for the activity centre funding.

In the Lyall Harbour-Booth Cove area, the added levy comes to a total of \$38,620.35 taxed as a parcel tax.

In Magic Lake Estates on Pender, the water levy stands at \$60,240 total and the sewer payment for the year comes to \$92,316.

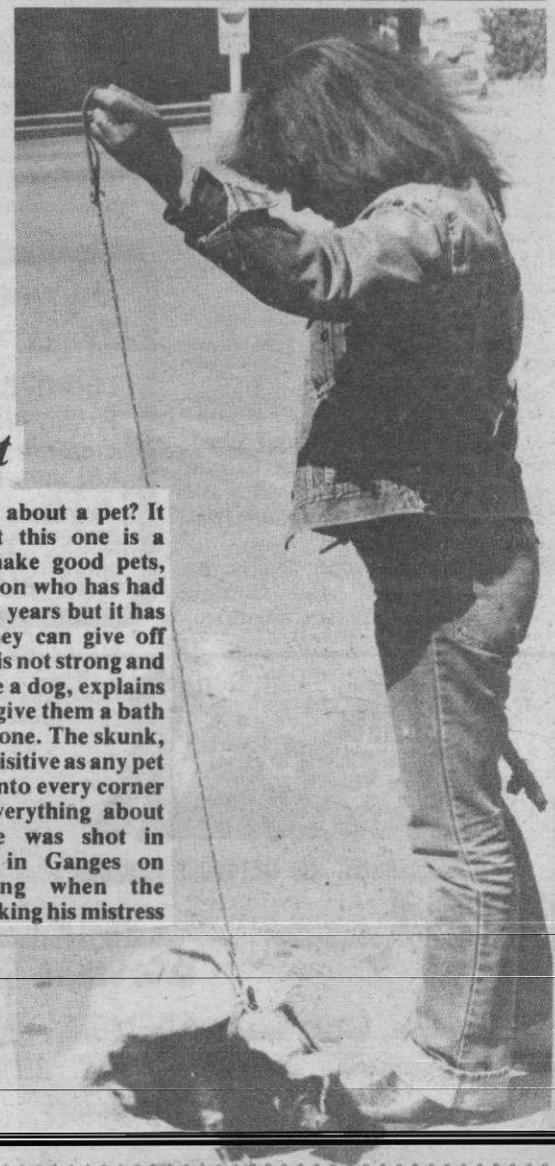
The other added tax for Outer Islands falls on residents of South Galiano fire district which, according to the CRD, needs \$18,080.

Residents of the Ganges specified sewer area do not face a levy for financing the project this year. The monies to pay for the project had been borrowed last year and the CRD invested the amount. Interest gathered over the year has been sufficient to cover the costs of repayment of the loan.

The assessment office for Saanich and the Islands sets the interim taxation value for land and buildings for general tax purposes for the Gulf Islands at \$88,853,166. The final figure is not available at this time.

He's a pet

What's unusual about a pet? It just happens that this one is a skunk. Skunks make good pets, says Louise Johnson who has had him for about two years but it has to be a male. They can give off some odour but it is not strong and they are not unlike a dog, explains the pet's mistress, give them a bath and the odour is gone. The skunk, unstunk, is as inquisitive as any pet could be, peering into every corner and examining everything about him. The picture was shot in Centennial Park in Ganges on Saturday morning when the unusual pet was taking his mistress for a walk.



Island protesters petition Victoria against trustees

Group of island parents has taken up a petition expressing no confidence in the Gulf Islands School Board and its administration.

The Parents and Taxpayers Coalition, School District 64 submitted its petition to Brian Smith, education minister, on Tuesday, asking him to intervene on behalf of the signers.

The accompanying letter was signed by Suzanne Maddison, Fulford-Ganges Road.

Following is the text of the islanders' letter to the minister:

We parents and taxpayers of School District 64 (Gulf Islands) respectfully submit a petition calling for a referendum of non-confidence in the Gulf Islands School Board and its Administration in that they:

1. established the questionable position of Superintendent of Facilities and filled that position without due public advertisement;

2. did not defend their programs and priorities for our community against the Provincial Government's restraint program;

3. cut programs and personnel providing services directly to our community's "Special Needs" children.

We wish to remind you of your statement quoted in the Times-Colonist of February 19:

"programs for special needs currently being funded, will be maintained at required levels."

and in Education Today, March issue:

"The system for funding of special education programs has been carefully preserved to ensure that the educational needs of all students will continue to be met. There should be no need for drastic cutbacks in these, or any other educational programs."

We also remind you of the Premier's statement in B.C. Government News, February, 1982. Mr. Bennett said:

"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."

We therefore respectfully submit our petition and ask you to intervene on our behalf.



Scene is familiar to Salt Spring Island

That's a familiar scene to residents of the west side of Salt Spring Island. The white smoke from the Crofton Mill blends with the snow on the mountain tops at April's end.

May is Family Month

The month was so proclaimed by the provincial government on February 1.

The proclamation lists the considerations which persuaded the Cabinet to make the announcement.

• Canadians take pride in a variety of cultural, religious and ethnic traditions and British Columbia feels that the special identity of individuals and family groupings is enhanced by an awareness of traditions that bring people together.

• There is an increased concern to bridge generation and culture gaps which isolate family members from one another.

• The British Columbia Council for the Family, in co-operation with the provincial government, religious bodies and community

agencies strives to strengthen the family as a unit in this province.

Proclamation is signed by Henry P. Bell-Irving, Lieutenant-Governor.

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Cottage industries studied

From Page One

mobile repairs on Mobrae Avenue; Jack Stibbards, auto repairs and body shop at Weston Lake; Ross Vanwinkle, marine and small engine repairs on Fulford-Ganges Road and John Voisey, auto repairs and body shop on Epron Road.

Trust Committee chairman John Rich said the zoning bylaw covering cottage industries on Salt Spring is not clear.

The part of the bylaws covering cottage industries begins: "Home occupations may include the following or comparable uses..."

The wording does not prohibit any endeavour from the home but gives several examples of what could be considered a home occupation, including small appliance and instrument repair shop.

ANOTHER LETTER

Another letter to the Trust Committee complained specifically about Jon Page on Ganges Hill.

David Lott, Salt Spring Trustee, told the meeting that he had an apparent conflict of interest in the Page matter in that the man was his son-in-law.

"I think everyone should be treated equally," said Gordon Wallace, of the Trust Committee,

"but I do think we should look at these."

He suggested that the problem of cottage industries is not confined to Salt Spring but one faced by all areas in the Gulf Islands.

He asked the committee to study home industries in light of the bylaws to see where clarification is needed as well as to bring the bylaws up to date and more in line with uses.

The home occupation bylaw limits the space to be used by a cottage industry as well as the number of employees working there. The bylaw also states that no storage of materials, commodities or finished products is allowed outside the building.

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I'm never sure about moss on the roof. Too many people look at my head and I wait in agony for the response. But I was looking at the fine crop of moss on the living room roof recently and I wrote about my problems. Safer Agro-Chem Ltd., of Victoria, quickly mailed me a summary of the advantages of the company's De-Moss. I'll have to try it after that. The reason for mentioning moss was to avoid any poisonous chemical around the house and the reason for Safer's, they tell me is that it isn't.

And from a radio program comes the reference to a new Canadian stamp. It commemorates an early stamp valued at three pence. An indignant open line fan calling the radio station protested at this new value for a Canadian stamp. Next thing you know, she stormed, our money will go metric!

The report on pigeons was carefully written and concise. Until the typesetter got into the picture. What did it really mean, asked Neil Dekker. And I couldn't easily answer. All I know is what it said. How to get a pigeon home; (You don't! You use them for brood pigeons) don't use them for brood pigeons). What could be more confusing than that? Pitch me another!

I'm starving! I missed out on the old-timers' dinner by the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute. I was invited weeks ago and then missed it. It was on the calendar in the office, as well.



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Trust plans for Salt Spring

The Salt Spring Islands Trust Committee is considering a special zone around Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwood.

The zone would extend up to three-eighths of a mile from the hospital and would be restricted to residential use only. The current community plan would permit a veterinarian to set up a business practice close to the hospital, but would prohibit a doctor or dentist from doing the same.

Bud Kreissl, trustee from Salt Spring said, "We have to accept commercial activity that's there but we have to make sure that we limit any further commercial development in the area."

The staff report on the subject noted: "Deliberate attempts have been made in hospital planning to develop them in a manner that is compatible with, and can integrate into, the residential community and to make strong statements against the intrusion of commercial and service industrial uses surrounding the hospital precinct."

OTHER AREAS

The statement referred to hospital zoning in other jurisdictions.

The report recommended that changes be made to the Salt Spring Community Plan in the section on proposals for Ganges to create the integrated hospital-residential zone as well as allowing for provisions for buffering between the facilities and adjoining residential and rural land use.

The area, as a trustee noted, had been allowed to grow without

planning and the current commercial centres have the potential for creating large amounts of traffic in the vicinity of the hospital.

The Trust Committee had been informed by the department of highways that the proposed road for use as a Ganges by-pass which would have run near the hospital

would not be built for a number of years. The roads currently in the area would have to cope with the expected increase in traffic.

The Trustees decided to send the matter to staff for a report on the proposal as well as a review of the community plan with the idea of amending or adding to it for the hospital zone concept.

Ministry rejects concern for airport precautions

The Thomas farm on Booth Canal Road has two airstrips laid out on it allowing small airplanes to take off and land either over that road or Sharp Road. Owner of the strip is David Thomas.

Neighbours of the airstrip are not complaining about the noise but about the safety factors involved. To take off towards Booth Canal means the pilot of the craft must pull up sharply to avoid the Hydro wires at roadside.

Noise is not a problem said one neighbour. "The trucks crossing the bridge make more noise than the airplanes do," he said.

Islands Trust representative from Salt Spring, David Lott said, "I'm concerned about the safety

regulations. Bringing a plane in over Booth Canal is a dicey situation and nobody seems to give a damn."

LOCAL PROBLEM

Lott was referring to enquiries made to the federal ministry of transport. That office referred the problem back to the Islands Trust as a local problem.

The farm in question is also part of the agricultural land reserve and the Trustees were curious to know if permission had been granted to use the farm land for other purposes.

A letter will go out to the land commission informing them of the situation and the Trustees will await events.

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Looking after small vessels

The Canadian government, in Ottawa, looks after Canadians. It has various departments and ministries, each devoted to the well-being of one group of Canadians. Or another.

In Ganges, a far-flung outpost of Ottawa, are three wharves provided by the government in Ottawa for the benefit and enjoyment of Canadians travelling to this far-flung outpost. One wharf looks after boats and airplanes. It is administered by the ministry of transport which looks after Canadians floating and flying. Two wharves are administered by the ministry of the environment which looks after Canadian fish.

Part of the might of government is devoted to the maintenance of two of those wharves. An employee of the ministry of the environment looks after wharf and traffic at each of its charges.

The third wharf lies unattended and untidy. Visitors complain of its unkempt state and the minister of transport hangs his head in shame. Those visitors speak with the highest praise of the fishing wharves and the minister of the environment blushes with pride.

Now, some of the ungrateful Canadian people have asked why should two wharves flourish and the third look like a poor relation? And the brilliant brains have been applied to the question. The answer has already been mooted. We need a second staff man on the island to look after the neglected wharf.

But, of course, in an administration that still believes that you need ice-breakers to get to Ganges wharf, they don't fully realize that all three wharves are their own until death do them part. And that one staff man could look at three wharves for one government and two ministries. We wouldn't want to tell them how to run a government; still less a country. But they do seem to take a lot of steps backwards in order to get ahead.



Just one of the undeserving poor of the world and don't he show it. John Beardsell plays Alfred P. Doolittle and mind you guv a few quid would certainly ease the pain of losing 'is daughter to a pair o' fine gentlemen. *My Fair Lady* runs for 10 days in the activity centre of the Ganges school.



Bill Webster

Sorry, no column this week

The man said: no more about a certain vehicle and no mention of disruptive mountains of the ilk of St. Helens.

What had gone before was obscure in content and clouded by dark references to darker ideas. Who, he asked, rhetorically, could understand what had been written?

My mother does, I suggested. So when I sat down to write for the edification of the citizenry this week, I check with him to find a suitable subject.

What about an update on the Gulf Islands separatist society? He glared.

What about the latest episode in the continuing search by Suitcase for the elusive western Liberal?

He glared harder. Do you think, I queried, that a cogent comment or two about the Zucchini Abolishment Council was in order?

No, came back the adamant reply.

What can I write on if you continually reject every subject?

Your problem, old friend, he said.

Finally I decided to write about what I wanted to write about in my own inimitable style and let the dye test run where it may.

But somehow the friendly critic managed to read my efforts over my shoulder and his tsk, tsk gave me cause for second thought. Writing about

the intransigence of the silent nine seemed like a good idea at the time but he reminded me of a recent column and I lost enthusiasm.

What better topic to wax ignorant upon than the invasion of a rock by British stalwarts? The typewriter fairly smoked as I really began to get into the subject.

Just as I was about to put the finishing touches to a prize winning essay on the South Atlantic opera, the paper was torn from the carriage and torn into 30 large snowflakes.

He stood in front of my desk smiling and shook a finger in a manner suggesting no, no. The South Atlantic was not within the subscription area of the paper and thus could not be moot meat for a column.

Scratching my head, but being careful not to get splinters in my fingers, I cast about for other topics. Each one was shot down by my friend the waiting room attendant at the Crofton ferry turn-around.

Louis, I began to explain to him, had had an interesting encounter in Victoria at Captain Hook's Breakfast Nook last week but the finger again shook and my typewriter again fell silent.

Betta Hedron went.... No, he said.

But what, I asked? Your problem, old friend.

I rapidly came to the conclusion that with friends like that, I needed no enemies.

It is the noise of the machine which bothers you, I asked? Or is it the noise of my words?

Both, he replied with a strange gleam in his eye.

Somewhere the sun is shining bright. Somewhere columnists are allowed to express opinions and somewhere friends act as friends and not as literary critics intent upon overkill.

At about the point where I was ready to throw this machine at his head, friend attendant left.

Now, thought I, the words will flow and a column worthy of this space would magically appear on the paper. Wouldn't it?

Research aids the construction of a column and so I set out in search of my favourite subject: Gulf Islands beauty.

In the unmentionable vehicle, I climbed to the top of Maxwell and viewed, breathlessly the Burgoyne Valley and Fulford beyond. I toured the tall timber near Walker Hook.

I even inspected the dump site above St. Mary Lake where fertilizer for the rocks was being spread. The beauty shone as it always does and I felt inspired but unfortunately when I returned to the office, my typewriter was missing and I never got to write this column. Maybe next week.

Letters to the Editor

He doesn't want the sewer

Sir,
Volvos are reliable cars. That's why Frank Richards drives one. He knows that after the initial outlay, that if you change the oil and filters and do the required maintenance, that you get reliable service.

Now what would we say if the following hypothetical story came to pass? A team of Experts, composed of Government types in white coats and car salesmen, comes into town and says, "Frank old chap, it seems to us that you need a Cadillac. We'll see to it, at little or no expense to you."

Our Hypothetical Frank thinks that this is a marvellous idea, that a Caddy would be very becoming. So while waiting for the Caddy-That-Is-Just-Around-The-Corner, Frank stops wasting money maintaining the Volvo. In a short time, the Volvo stops running.

What can we say about that? Was Frank foolish for listening to the experts? Were they right? Is there ever such a thing as a free Caddy? So what's the point of all this?

In last week's *Driftwood*, we read elegant words about raw effluent oozing out of the ground at the hospital and elsewhere in Ganges. In past weeks the *Driftwood* has harped over failing systems at Pioneer Village and elsewhere.

Yes, good folks at the *Driftwood*: we all know broken down cars when we see them. Septic systems too. But why are they not working?

Let's examine the biggest wreck of them all, the hospital septic system. The *Driftwood* fails to mention that this system was recently the subject of a study by a team of engineers. They found that the field was under half the size that the regulations require. They found that the field had been damaged during construction and never repaired. Worst of all, they found that 17 out of 21 drain lines

were clogged with grease, as the maintenance required by law to be done by the hospital had never been done. In short, the hospital bought a VW Beetle where it should have bought an eight seater, damaged it, and didn't maintain it.

What of that more recent wreck, the Pioneer Village septic system that stopped working oh-so-conveniently the week before the CRD came to Ganges? Fred Brookbanks was quoted as saying that delays with the sewer were now affecting our seniors. What he neglected to tell the people of Salt Spring was that he and his board, entrusted with the care of the Village, had "forgotten" to have the tank pumped as required. Same story as the hospital: surprise, surprise, the system broke down!

When the CRD was in town last week, our health Officer did a jig around the failed system at the Legion. Then one of the visiting Directors pointed out that Dr. Arneill had allowed new construction there two years ago with no expansion of septic facilities, totally against his own

regulations. And so on, and so on, and so on. Failed systems at the public and commercial institutions. But what of the other 150 or so private systems that work because their owners want them to? They are the ones who'll have to foot the bills of \$800 per year or more for this sewer if it goes in. Most will probably move away quietly.

Let's face it once and for all: nobody denies that there is a problem. But inexpensive on-site solutions are in the public record: the engineer's studies are very detailed on alternatives. The only question is whether we have the \$3 million more it will take to finish a sewer that is simply a taxpayer subsidy to commercial profit-taking and development, and a monument to illegality, negligence and stupidity.

The answer, as the great majority of islanders have indicated, is No.

ANDY ORKIN,
Salt Spring Sewer Alternatives
Committee,
Ganges.
April, 1982.

See Island Chamber in action

Sir,
At this time of year the local Chamber of Commerce asks the business community for its support by becoming a new member or renewing a lapsed membership.

Many times we are asked — what does the Chamber give to the community?

How many of you have visited the Chamber office since it opened its new premises? The services that we provide are an attractively landscaped tourist and business information centre. The office is maintained on a year round basis and in the busier summer months approximately 30 volunteers provide a courteous and welcome atmosphere for our tourists. Our guest book reflects visitors from all parts of the world. There is also the day to day flow of information by personal visits to the office and by mail reflecting community action, prospective vacationers, on and

off-island business people. We provide free maps and a local brochure. We maintain a large map showing local services, restaurants etc. on the outside of our office building.

Throughout the year we keep the Department of Highways informed as to any repairs or maintenance we think is required. We maintain a frequent check on the local parks and help in a year round garbage pick-up in the business area. We endeavour to keep in tune with local functions, which we support in conjunction with other organizations.

Right now the office is seldom without a visitor. Set aside a time to drop by and see us in action soon.

BERT ELFORD,
President, Salt Spring Island
Chamber of Commerce,
Box 111, Ganges.
April 28, 1982.

She was among the concerned

Sir,
I was privileged to be among the thousands who met in Victoria yesterday to show their feelings about the arms race.

It was thrilling and heart-warming. The placards carried by men, women and children, and worn by babies and dogs were indicative of the deep concern felt by us all.

The most amusing was, "U.S. out of North America," which triggered much speculation as to where the U.S. could or should be

relocated!

That most favoured by babies (or their parents) was, "I want to grow up, not blow up."

Many islanders were there, and I think special mention should be made of that special islander who had taken part in the Vancouver rally the previous day!

We were sorry to miss the male voice choir (I had been looking forward to that since the fall) but we felt the prior need to bring home to our leaders the message: we do not believe nuclear war is desirable or survivable, and any alternatives would be preferable.

We saw *If you love this planet* at the meeting on April 21, and this also inspired many high school students who were in the rally.

Our local branch of the Physicians for Social Responsibility is planning another informative meeting on May 8. You should plan to be there.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
R.R.1 Ganges.
April 26, 1982.

Let's get sewer finished

Sir,
I would like to express my opinion concerning the sewer controversy.

As a former student of Gulf Islands Secondary, and a participant in the agricultural program there, I had a first hand look at the horrors of island life without a sewer system.

The property used in the program was also used as a dumping site for the refuse. The septic trucks used the field to dispose of the untreated sewage.

As a resident of the island I, and many other students, had a first-hand look at the antiquated and potentially dangerous system we now use for disposing our wastes.

As the island population grows it would seem to me to be in the best interests of all island residents to have the sewer outfall system now proposed, to be quickly finished without anymore of this slowing process.

GAVIN KYLE,
Ganges.
April 27, 1982

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Sir,
Most of us take for granted our freedom to express verbally our religious and political beliefs when and where we desire.

Those who value this freedom we enjoy in our country may be interested in helping to gain that freedom for several people who have suffered much for living according to their beliefs as Pentecostal Christians. Dubbed the "Siberian Seven", they have spent almost four years in a small room in the basement of the American Embassy in Moscow. Their only crime is sharing their faith with others. For this they have been harassed and even sentenced to hard labour in concentration camps.

The Kremlin has stated that they should return to Siberia to their home village and apply for visas from there. They are understandably reluctant to do so, though one of their number has been forced to do so for medical reasons.

The Jewish people have had some success with gaining freedom for their people by barraging the Kremlin with mail. If anyone is interested in becoming a weekly penpal of President Brezhnev (don't expect a reply), here's a suggested outline you may like to adapt for use:

The Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, The Kremlin, Moscow, USSR.
Dear Pres. Brezhnev,

I appeal to you on behalf of

(name from the list below), who is seeking permission to emigrate in peace to a country where their religious faith would be welcomed:

Peter and Augustina Vashchenko and family, Peter and Maria Chmykhalov and family, Lila Vashchenko, Liuba Vashchenko, Lida Vashchenko, Timofei Chmykhalov.

VAL KONIG,
R.R.1, Epron Road,
Ganges.
April 20, 1982.

Bring back PTA to islands

Sir,
Helplessness is contagious. The school should not become a high-priced baby-sitting service.

Parents can do it. It's time to bring back the good old PTA so that parents and teachers can work together and not look for any easy way out. Kids' problems can be solved; parents' problems can be solved; teachers' problems can be solved.

There is a lot of good teacher-talent on Salt Spring.
G. HOWLAND,
Ganges.
April 23, 1982.

Ganges sewer is doomed says Director Valcourt

The tour of CRD directors is now over. However, the problems are still with us. I must convey some of the facts which we must address ourselves to, rather than trying to shovel our way out of the five years of bungling and wrong-doing on the part of CRD over the Proposed Sewer Issue!

I did not at any time say that we did not need sewer attention in some areas of Ganges. I did, however, appeal the permit for the ocean outfall, before I was elected as regional director in 1979 and have continued to oppose this antiquated method of sewerage disposal. I also advocated and promised that I would do my utmost to see that those who did not need the sewer and didn't want it would not be burdened with the costs.

We are now faced with some straightforward facts. Should the CRD decide that they carry on with the present proposal, we will encounter the following problems:

The estimates for the sewage treatment plant and collection system came in so very high that there is no way to complete the system with the budget approved, of \$4.1 million, unless an appeal to Cabinet to lower the standards of the Pollution Control Permit No. P.E. 5521, by doing away with the holding tanks, which would enable the effluent to be discharged at favourable tides, do away with the type of ultra-violet treatment etc., which would mean that no treatment at all except possibly primary, that this effluent would be discharged into Ganges Harbour.

It is legally doubtful that they can do that, because of precedent cases, which would result in delaying addressing our problems for a number of years down the road.

The aesthetics of the proposed sewer plant would have to be totally scrapped and replaced with ugly large steel tanks above the ground. Even with all of this modification, the costs would still be an overrun of \$600,000.

Mr. N. Howard, Chief Engineer has agreed that the costs to the little home owner, could very well be as high as \$800 per year, taking in the amortization of connection and connection fees. And the costs will more than likely go up from year to year as the operating costs and

maintenance costs tend to double in most instances on many projects, ask the Malview Sewerage district, and the Highland Water district, or any other projects under the CRD Umbrella.

Let us be sensible and address our problems with certainty and within a short period of time, at much lower costs! With sound engineering of alternative systems, systems which are successfully proven and implemented in many parts of our Province where there is no harbour or lake to throw it in! After all there is a federal policy that no federal funding for any sewer scheme would be available, unless all the Alternative methods had been explored and rejected as impossible, and this has not been done!

Land disposal systems for our institutions, as used in many parts of the country and elsewhere in North America and Europe.

Optional land disposal systems for commercial enterprises which allow normal business growth.

Commercial sewer systems, to be financed by the developers who will profit by these systems and not by the little home owner who will not benefit, but feel the security of their home ownership is gravely threatened by the costs of such proposals. Let's be fair!

I have spoken with engineers, who have examined the area of Ganges, and I have been assured that this is totally and most assuredly, the soundest, most economical and effective route to go.

Three prize winners

Lions Walkathon offered draw prizes to sponsors of walkers on Salt Spring Island on Easter Saturday.

Winners were Mrs. Helen Abolit, Ganges, \$50; Mrs. Florence Hepburn, Fulford, \$30; and Mrs. Grace Young, Vesuvius, \$20.

'Sea lions in this area not particularly well thought of'

Night-sounds in the Gulf Islands include the bark and cough of sea lions cavorting in the water and last week, residents of the Vesuvius area on Salt Spring heard just that.

By Thursday, one of the sea lions washed ashore in Booth Canal, the victim of a shooting.

A federal department of fisheries and oceans official in Nanaimo told *Driftwood* that the incident would not be investigated. With an increase in the sea lion population in the waters of the Gulf Islands comes an increase in the number of the mammals being washed ashore, having died either from old age or from shooting incidents.

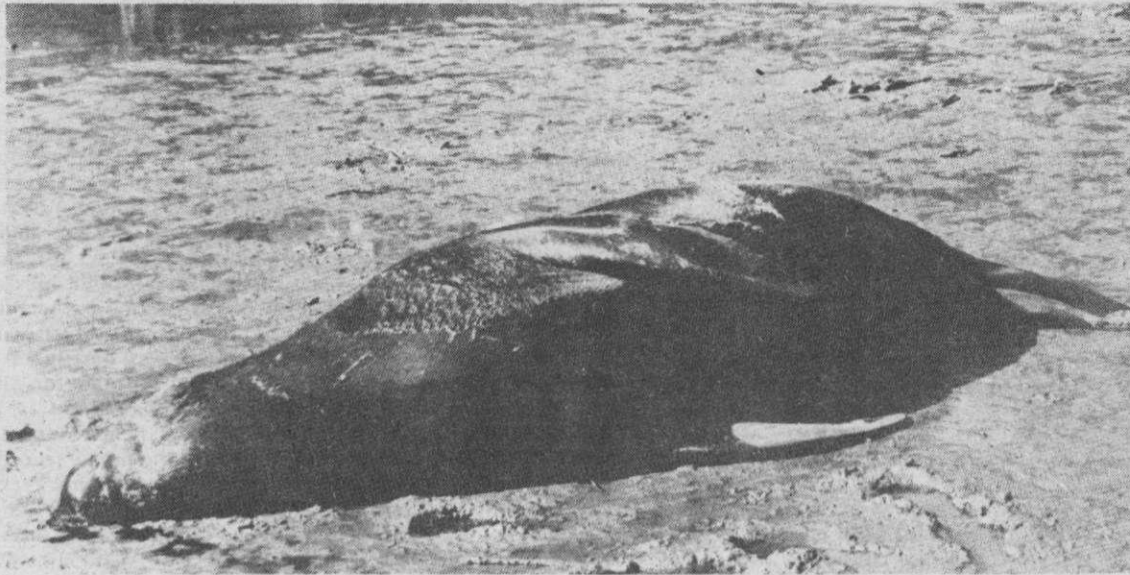
"Sea lions in this area are not particularly well thought of by both commercial and sport fishermen," said a fisheries official.

PROTECTED

Sea mammals, including sea lions, are protected by law and it is illegal to shoot or harass the animals. An exception is that a commercial fisherman can take steps, including the use of firearms, to protect fishing gear. The fisheries officials would prefer to see the fishermen use methods other than shooting to chase the sea lions away from nets.

The population of sea lions in Gulf Islands has increased over the past few years and fisheries officials have noticed that the population this year is greater than it has been for several years.

Despite the increase in numbers among the sea lions, the fishery folk do not contemplate a culling program until the animals become too much of a competitive threat to the local fishing fleets.



Victim of shooting on beach at Booth Canal

A gentlemen's agreement

Islands Trust has the answer

Texada Logging, last year, applied for and received permission from the Islands Trust to move four single family dwellings into the Fulford Valley from off-island.

Recent investigation by the Trust of the work in progress on the houses revealed that each was being prepared as a duplex, Salt Spring Island Trust Committee was informed last week. The houses were to be part of a farm lease but advertisements of the homes for rent made no mention of the farming aspect of the agreement with the Trust.

When Texada received permission to move the houses, the farm lease aspect was a gentlemen's agreement, admitted Salt Spring Trustee Bud Kreisl.

"Maybe we were snookered on this one," said Kreisl, "and I think maybe we were."

The developer has not yet broken any regulations, said Trust chairman John Rich. He has done what he said he wouldn't do, the chairman added.

"I think when a gentlemen's agreement has been broken," said Rich, "one of the gentlemen should write a letter to the other

gentlemen and tell them what jerks they are."

The Trustees agreed that the houses would stay as single family dwellings regardless of the renovations being made to them.

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Seniors will not suffer minister tells of budget

Services to seniors in British Columbia will not be reduced said Grace McCarthy, minister of human resources recently.

The minister was referring to reports published in various newspapers which said the budget changes meant a reduction in aid for the elderly. McCarthy said the budget changes reflected a reduction of payments by her ministry in only one area — the GAIN for Seniors Supplement Program.

The number of people needing the extra assistance is reduced each year, noted McCarthy, due to increases in other sources of benefits for seniors.

The GAIN supplement is automatically paid to those seniors who receive OAS/GIS benefits from the federal government and

who need the supplement to bring their income up to a guaranteed level.

The level guaranteed by the province currently stands at \$505.74 for a single person and \$926.24 for a couple. The level is reviewed quarterly to reflect the increases in the cost of living.

McCarthy also noted that other programs help raise income levels for seniors in specified circumstances. Seniors in B.C. receive help to the extent of the full costs of prescription drugs through the Pharmacare program.

Those individuals on fixed incomes receive assistance in meeting rental costs through the SAFER program and the bus pass scheme allows for reduced travel fares for seniors on various local bus lines.

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Speech therapy

She works with 50 children in island schools

The job description for the speech therapist working in the Gulf Islands School District 64 covers only half of a page and takes 12 lines to explain the duties involved.

But the actuality of the position goes beyond the sterile words on paper.

"A speech therapist has a difficult task," said Joy Maxham who after the end of April joins those caught by the money squeeze facing the local school board.

"You can't pull out a tongue, twist it right and then replace it," she adds.

Maxham works with up to 50 children at various of the Gulf Islands schools and she considers 12 of those children to be in a critical state who could possibly be held back in their education if they don't receive therapy.

Although she faces being laid off, she intends to continue at least one day each week helping those children in the critical stages.

"Critical means critical," she said, "and those children have to be dealt with. But the other children are important also."

CONTRACT BASIS

Supervisor of instruction Larry Holbrook offers a ray of hope for her aid being available. He said the children she is currently helping will need her services to a varying degree and there may be enough work to offer her a position on a contract basis.

The speech therapist, as with other positions aimed at children in Gulf Islands schools who have special needs, was originally a part-time position. Before the position was recognized as beneficial to the district, aid for children with speech difficulties was sought through public health services or wherever the help could be gained, said Holbrook.

Maxham deals not only with children who have difficulty speaking but also with those hindered by lack of language perception and comprehension.

"Speech is a birthright," she said, "and so we think everyone has a case to claim that birthright as we do."

Speech difficulties lead down several related pathways such as problems in learning, problems in social activities and can, if therapy is not available, lead to ego-related problems of adolescence.

TAUGHT 15 YEARS

Maxham was trained as a teacher and spent 15 years instructing primary grades from 1 to 3. As she gained experience teaching the youngsters reading, writing and oral language, she began to understand the problems created by speech difficulties.

She sought and received an MA in psycho-linguistics which is basically the study of the psychology of learning languages. She also spent several years at the University of Victoria, teaching student-teachers language arts and curriculum development.

Maxham approaches her tasks through interaction in the classroom. She prefers to involve the teacher in the process of aiding a child to remedy an impediment.

She wrote a report on the speech needs of Gulf Islands students shortly after assuming the position of therapist in 1980. "The classroom teacher and a speech specialist must make concentrated and co-ordinated efforts to work on children's language as sufficient individual attention cannot be provided," she noted in the report.

HER DUTIES

Her duties as outlined in the job description were to:

- Take referrals of pupils with speech problems from school principals, supervisor of instruction and district superintendent.
- Consult parents, teachers, and others as required.
- Diagnose and prescribe treatment.
- Schedule treatment in consultation with principals.
- Provide therapy as required.
- Report periodically to district superintendent.
- To be directly responsible to supervisor of instruction.

"Consider," she challenges, "in the course of a day how much



Jimmy Aitken, Grade 5, on Mayne Island, drew this picture of his teacher, Joy Maxham.

continuous communication is required by a child."

Her efforts to help the child stem from concern but are tempered with a critical eye. The therapy combines more aspects than just what the tongue does. The program of recovery for the child must also consider the mind, the body and the language of the body.

FIRST RELAX

She begins by having the child

relax. Breathing exercises are prescribed. When the body relaxes and the breath becomes rhythmical, the intake of oxygen begins to stimulate the child.

Each child requires a different approach to ensure the therapy is successful. "Some are scared it will hurt," she said, "but others are eager for help."

"I try to keep it low key. I'm a helper."

And the claim was illustrated by a mother who attended a recent meeting of the Salt Spring Elementary School parents' group. The woman told of her child who at three and one-half years had difficulty making people understand what the child was

trying to say.

The child is now five and one-half and Maxham has had an opportunity to work with the youngster. Now the child can pronounce s's and sh's and is gradually becoming clearer in speech patterns.

There is a slightly higher than average need for a speech therapist in the Gulf Islands school district than elsewhere in the province, said Maxham although she has not been able to pinpoint why.

"You can lead a child to therapy," she said, "but you can't make them talk."

"Each individual has something to say, some worth and all they need is someone to draw it out."

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Mahon Hall renovations underway

Mahon Hall on Salt Spring Island is getting a face-lift thanks to the generosity of islanders.

To date donations to the restoration fund for the historic hall stand at close to \$20,000. The largest gift to date was given by the Community Arts Council in the sum of \$15,000. The CAC spearheaded the move to have the hall fixed.

Sea Capers committee kicked in \$3,000 for restoring and adding an access ramp to the side entrance to the hall.

Many of the groups which regularly use the hall have donated money to the project. Work to be done includes a new roof as well as an updated electrical system. Work completed to date has allowed for new steps at the north and west entrances as well as a doorway between the kitchen and the boardroom.

While much work has been and will be done, the hall needs further renovations and funds are being continually sought to save the building not only for community use but also as a heritage link to the past.

Donations can be forwarded to Hugh Cummings or John Crofton, chairman and treasurer respectively of the restoration



The large cheque indicates the enthusiasm with which Sea Capers committee support the restoration of Mahon Hall on Salt Spring

Island. Gordon McRae, treasurer, left, helps Sea Capers chairman Arvid Chalmers, right, hold the large amount for Hugh Cummings, chairman of the Mahon Hall restoration committee.

committee. The address is Box 1304, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0.

Fund already launched

New board named at annual meet of Salt Spring Community Society

BY M. SIMONS

Salt Spring Community Society named a new board of directors at the recent annual general meeting.

Elected to the board were: Jack Althouse, Liz Armour, Judy Boylan, Jim Fogarty, Maggie Hayes, Madge Kimball, Linda

LeBrun, Macie Pring, Oscar Riley and Tim Stafford.

To serve the second year of their two year term are Jean Brindamour, Barb Persson, Merle Sheffield, Brenda Davies, Dave Skinner and Rose Donnelly. Merle Sheffield has agreed to stay on for a second year in the chair.

Copies of the annual report for the society are available at the Community Worker's office at the Community Centre. Reports from individuals and groups using the Centre, and programs facilitated by the society are included.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

The society rents the old building on Ganges Hill, known as The Community Centre, from the School Board, and is responsible for maintaining it.

At this time the society would like to thank people who have already made donations to the renovation fund. The society, being a non-profit organization, with a tax exemption number, gives receipts for income tax purposes.

Our volunteer committee for building renovations is headed by Brian Logan. Hank Schubart is architectural advisor, and also on the committee are Ray Hill, Jim

Fogarty, Carol Young and Marg Simons.

Basically, renovations include making the building more cost-efficient for today's use; replacing aging water pipes, septic field and wiring; and routine maintenance.

RENOVATIONS

The septic field has been replaced, and the electrical service to the building has been upgraded to meet today's standards during this past year. Our goal before next winter is to replace the costly, but ineffective furnace with zone heating. We plan also to do some necessary interior and exterior repairs, and paint the exterior of the building.

To help reach our goal, we are requesting financial support from the community. Cheques may be made out to Salt Spring Island Community Society, Box 1106, Ganges.

Sculptor to show his skills

Fine arts neither start nor finish in the islands and many islanders will visit the Saanich Peninsula Arts and Crafts Society May Show in Sanscha Hall at Sidney.

At least one island artist will be exhibiting at the show, when Tom Volquardsen will be engaged in a demonstration of sculpture. He is a well-known craftsman in wood and one of his carvings is to be seen in the Bank of Montreal in Ganges.

The Sidney show will be held from 10 am to 5 pm on May 1 and 2, next Saturday and Sunday.

Book Review

Charlotte to the rescue!

BY LAURA HYNES
Grade 8

Gulf Islands Secondary School
Charlotte's Web, by E.B. White.

Charlotte's Web is the story of a girl named Fern who raises a runt piglet named Wilbur. Wilbur moves to Fern's uncle's barn to live in the cellar of the barn along with some sheep, some geese and a rat named Templeton. Wilbur is not at all happy with this arrangement and misses Fern terribly. That is, until he meets his new friend, a beautiful grey spider, Charlotte A. Cavatica.

Wilbur's happiness soon comes to an end when he discovers that Fern's uncle plans to butcher him

at Christmas. Charlotte promises Wilbur that she will find a way to save him, and sure enough she does. With the help of the farm animals and Charlotte's ingenious plan, Wilbur soon finds himself on his way to the County Fair.

Once there, several catastrophes strike Wilbur. Charlotte is near death and the pig in a nearby pig pen is awarded first prize. Charlotte has enough strength to complete the last phase of her plan and with her help and that of Templeton, Wilbur overcomes all the obstacles. How Wilbur succeeds in winning first prize and fainting in the process makes exciting reading for all those who enjoy a good story.

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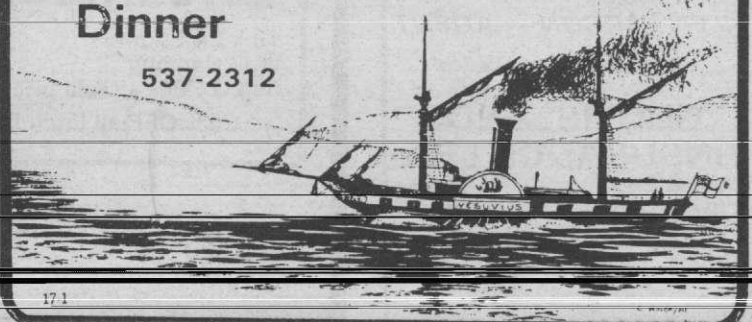
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Spring production

His Fair Lady bids to be great lady on Salt Spring stage

BY BRYAN SMITH

The Salt Spring Players are about to launch their latest opus, *My Fair Lady* as their Spring production.

And what a production!

The cast of enthusiastic actors, actresses and singers and the excellent six-piece pit orchestra, under the baton of Jean Knight, have toiled since January to give their loyal audience of Islanders an evening of sheer enjoyment. The music alone is so melodious that every number is a winner and you will be leaving the Activity Centre whistling or humming such tunes as *Wouldn't It Be Lovely*, *I Could Have Danced All Night*, *On The Street Where you Live*, *Get Me To The Church On Time* and the finale *I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face*.

IMPRESSED

As a humble one-liner in this excellent musical I can only say I have been very impressed not only by the large amount but the high standard of talent on this island.

Back stage the atmosphere was a happy one. Talking of back stage the scenery and carpentry, the extra front stage known as an apron and the hours of work involved, leaves me in awe.

Reg Taylor is a professional back (and front) stager and together with his very talented wife Marilyn, who is the director, they made a first class team and spent many dedicated hours in giving us a show we shall never forget.

I predict yet another notch on the gun for the Salt Spring Players.

Fiddler was superb and *Fair Lady* will be another.

WHAT NOW?

What next?

It is quite wrong to hope for yet another lavish and very costly production. It would be better for the Players to rest on their laurels and revert to straight plays.

I would like to see *Hay Fever* and *Present Laughter* by Noel Coward. However, it cannot be over-stressed that it would be erroneous to compare *Fiddler* with *Fair Lady*. Two entirely different types of musical productions and they should be viewed on their own merit.

merit.

The costumes are a real show-stealer. They are the result of hours of searching, borrowing and buying by Shari Lomas and her supporting crew.

I can only conclude by saying that if you miss *Fair Lady* you may regret it. There are still tickets for the show except Saturday, May 1, which is sold out. Such is the size of the "apron" and the space for the orchestra that seating capacity is limited to around 250 seats.

Tickets can be obtained at et cetera at their new location at the Ganges Auto-Marine.

'Fair weather lady'

Contributed

A charming mannequin dressed as Eliza Doolittle, the Cockney flower girl of Lerner and Lowe's musical play, *My Fair Lady*, has been attracting attention as she stands on Mouat's balcony facing The General Store in Ganges.

She is a "fair weather lady" who only appears on fine, calm days and a few visitors to Salt Spring have been seen climbing the stairs to her perch in order to be photographed standing beside her! "Come — buy a violet off a poor girl" she seems to say, as she offers her basket of purple violets to potential customers.

Joanne Moger arranged the flowers, which will be given out to the women in the cast when the

play closes on Mother's Day, May 9.

Salt Spring Players' production of this popular Broadway show opens Thursday night, April 29, at 8 pm in the Activity Centre of the Elementary School. It will run a full 10 days but the run has been broken into two sets of five performances each, so that everyone can have a rest in the middle. (Tuesday night, May 4, will be the "dark night").

The theatre-going public are urged to buy their tickets early as sell-out shows are becoming a trend on the Island.

Curtain times are 8 pm except for the one matinee on Sunday, May 2.

Muktar Passion Jazz comes to Mahon Hall

On Thursday evening May 6, I-PACS presents Muktar Passion starting 8 pm in Mahon Hall.

Muktar Passion is a six-piece

Former island writer

Former Salt Spring Island writer, Charles Tidler is among the finalists for the 1981 Governor-General's literary awards for English drama.

Tidler left Salt Spring Island several years ago for Courtenay. His two plays, both of one act, *Straight Ahead* and *Blind Dancers* are in the running for the prestigious prize.

jazz band of accomplished musicians presently on the teaching staff of David Thompson University Centre in Nelson.

The name Muktar Passion comes from a Turkish folk song, Muktar being the village Pasha. And as their name may hint, their brand of jazz will be world-wide and eclectic, ranging from compositions by Duke Ellington and Thelonius Monk to such original compositions as *Smoked Samba* and *Afro Blue*. They even

have a number composed by The Police.

Because of the limited seating at Mahon Hall and the one performance only, advance tickets will be on sale at et cetera Book and Stationery and at Annie's Music Box. Get yours before they're sold out!

The group will be on tour throughout B.C. performing at different centres every night. They will move on to Sidney on Friday and Nanaimo on Saturday.



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Concert Society seeks more attendance at its events

Salt Spring Concert Society will hold its annual general meeting on Tuesday evening, May 11, at 8 pm in St. George's Hall.

According to out-going president Jean Knight, there will be elections to fill four vacancies on the board of directors. Candidates for these offices include May George, John Guerin, Ralph Newstead, Dwaine Prosk and Carol Young.

In addition to the election, there will be discussion of a number of

relevant matters: The calibre of events sponsored by the society warrants larger audiences than many of the performances seem to draw. Suggestions for future concerts will be solicited. Mrs. Knight is hopeful that members may have some fresh ideas about promoting the concerts, including changes in the social arrangements for them.

All islanders are cordially invited to come and take an active part in this meeting.

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The weather wasn't very promising Friday evening, the night before the World Development tea, but Saturday dawned and continued in brilliant sunshine for the rest of the day.

The tea was a great success, both from a financial point of view and from the social enjoyment of those who were there.

The World Development Tea, started years ago by St. Mark's Guild, has grown in scope over the years. Today all the major denominations of Salt Spring are involved in the tea planning — the United Church, Roman Catholic, Anglican and the Community Gospel Churches.

This year, the churches are to be involved with Cida (Canadian International Development Agency) in a project of a developmental nature in the third world.

For every dollar raised here on Salt Spring, by the tea, the Federal government will add another \$3. The project selected will be announced in the near future.

The tea was held in St. George's Saturday, April 24. This year the ladies of the Anglican Church hosted the tea. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers by the ladies of St. Mark's Guild.

Father P.A. Bergin officially opened the tea at 1:30 pm.

The stalls were brimming with home baking, plants, and the inevitable attic treasures, the latter

a fascinating opportunity for collectors of bric-a-brac.

The Pathfinders and Guides added a touch of youthfulness and served tea to approximately 250 guests.

June Beaddie, the co-ordinator, wishes to thank publicly all those who worked hard to make the event so successful.

She is also gratified to announce that the receipts so far have amounted to more than \$2,300.

Anyone who would like to contribute to this Salt Spring project can send donations c/o Marjorie Gordon, treasurer, World Development Project, Box 214, Ganges.

View of the tea room in St. George's church hall on Saturday. The rush was over and volunteers and patrons were taking it easy at last.



Water test fee boosted \$5 to \$25

A resident of Galiano is very bitter towards the provincial health ministry. The island resident was worried over the quality of water she was using. She read in *Driftwood* last February that the cost of testing water had risen from \$5 to \$10, so she

enclosed water and a cheque for \$10.

Some two weeks later the water sample and the cheque were returned.

The cost of testing has been boosted again, she was informed and the new fee is \$25.

She was not protesting the mere additional increase. She was indignant that the government would refuse to check the sample without an additional fee.

She feels that a ministry of health should be concerned with health, first and then money. The

sample should have been tested and a bill sent for the outstanding \$15.

The complainant didn't say whether she plans to meet the new fee but she feels that everyone should be aware of the new high cost of good health.

Collecting money is their job



The name of the game is money. Here are Marjorie Cuttell and Peggy McLean at the table in St. George's Hall at Ganges on

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Pender Islands

Islanders raise \$1,500 for Somalia fund

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by 150 Islanders on Saturday evening April 24, at the SCC at the second Somalia Relief Fund party.

Douglas Harker acted as Master of Ceremonies, and opened the evening show by stating "that all the really important people on the Penders have come here tonight, and that the show would start with our own inimitable Choral Group singing for us."

They sang three songs, *Born Free*, a spiritual and *Somewhere My Love is Waiting*. It was beautiful. Manfred Burandt, accompanied by Joe Bilyeald on the piano, played two selections on the clarinet, followed by Tom Madden, Pender's wonderful bass singer, who sang two solos. Betty Gowan then played a piano solo by Chopin, followed by duets with Elsie Barnes, from *My Fair Lady*.

Pender's Desolation Sound Barber Quartet of Moore, Madden, Kirby and Jackson sang three songs to the delight of the audience.

They were followed by Pat Smith, Ron Wall and Fred Fuchs on the violin, mandolin guitar and tin whistle with several pieces; all of which the audience loved especially *Covert's Cove* by Stan Rogers and *Morsten's Jig*.

SQUARE DANCING

The show ended with the Pender Promenaders group of Maggie Mennie, Ray Daniels, Joe Bilyeald, Irv. Thompson, Vinnie Thompson, John Johnson, Edna Stonebridge and Doreen York dancing with Frank York doing the calling.

In place of Ron McLardy, Chairman of the Somalia Relief Fund Committee who was off the Island. Frank Jones thanked all the helpers and conveyed Dr. Don Sutherland's regrets that he, too, was unable to be present for the evening. Dr. Sutherland is at present in the U.K. lecturing at the University of Liverpool and other universities in England and Ireland on the refugee problems.

Jones said the program started by Sutherland is going well and several countries are supporting it. Part of the program is to train nurses at Government-operated nursing schools, in a three-year course.

Pender hopes to raise enough money to send five nurses for training who are committed to returning to the refugee camps to dispense their knowledge.

DANCING

After refreshments the Pender Islands Orchestra played for dancing. The door prizes were won by Betty Gowan, Manfred Burandt and Myrtle MacGregor. The Farmers' Institute donated a food hamper which also was won by Betty Gowan.

The Somalia Relief Fund accountant, Tom Matty reports that a total of \$1,500 has been reached and more is still needed. Any reader wishing to make a contribution may do so through Tom Matty, R.R.1, Pender Island, B.C. V0N 2M0.

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Death of Nep Grimmer in Victoria

Neptune Navy Grimmer passed away on Monday morning, April 19, in the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, after a brief illness.

"Nep" Grimmer was born on April 11, 1889.



His mother, Elizabeth Auchterlonie Grimmer, was on her way to Mayne Island in a rowboat when her son was born. Hence his name. His father was Washington Grimmer, one of the early pioneers on Pender Island.

Nep Grimmer lived all his life on Pender Island, farming the

original Grimmer land at Port Washington, with other members of the family.

For many years now he has been retired, living happily in his old home with his wife, Dorothy. He loved flowers and spent his time in recent years growing them in the garden surrounding his home. He was a keen fisherman and up until very recently could be seen regularly in his boat, off Pender. Nep Grimmer took an active interest in the Pender Fall Fair,

and entered his garden produce for 50 years.

HIS BIG EVENT

The Flower Show held in April each year was his great love and his contributions of flowers over 50 years were a joy for those attending.

He was a charter member of the Pender Islands Farmers' Institute,

the Pender Islands Golf Club, and a Director of the *Pender Post*.

In his youth his father, Washington Grimmer sent Nep on a long train journey to Guelph, Ontario to the Agricultural College, where he spent two years studying all aspects of farming.

Nep Grimmer was always smiling, always good-humored, a pleasure to meet and talk to, a truly fine gentleman.

He was a life-long member of St. Peter's Church, where a funeral service was held on Friday, April 23, at 11:30 am.

Family members had decorated the church with flowers from his garden. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, two sons John and Eric and daughter Joan Bannister, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and his sister, Mrs. Olive Clague of Pender Island.

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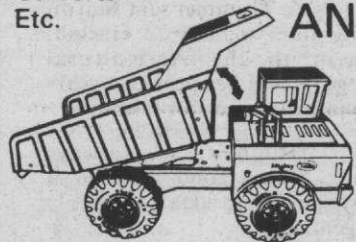
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I don't know what to do with our weather. It seems to me that we are about six weeks behind normal. The peas we sowed in the middle of February, in raised beds even, are only about three centimetres tall. I am using metric, it sounds better than 1 1/4 inches.

Well, no matter, anything going into the ground now will catch up anyhow. For the beginning of May is the traditional time to start the garden. Days are longer, the soil is warmer, the rain has done its job and the sun will shine on us, and the growing things, a lot more.

So, if you start your garden now, anything sown will catch up in no time flat. And, unless you have drainage problems, you may keep your garden flat. There is no need for raised beds anymore.

All but the most tender vegetables can go into the ground now. Only the beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash and peppers

have to wait until the latter half of May or early June.

TOMATOES ALREADY

The gamblers among us will take a chance and set out a few tomato plants at the beginning of May as well. If the gamble succeeds we shall have some fabulous tomato plants. I tried this these last two years, and although later plantings caught up rapidly, the earlier plantings proved to have much larger root systems and produced far more fruit.

If this gamble should fail we would lose no more than a few tomato plants, that's all. And I love that touch of suspense, to see if Jack Frost will rake in my chips, or call my number.

In any case, when transplanting tomatoes, remember to set them deep. Bury them up to their little necks, either in the pot, or in the ground. They make deeper and larger root systems that way. This

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results in stronger, more vigorous plants and more fruit.

CUCUMBERS AND SQUASH

There has been a long standing controversy whether to sow cucumbers and squash family members in the greenhouse or into the open ground. One thing is certain. These vegetables resent having their root systems disturbed. It is best, when starting them in the greenhouse, to sow three seeds to a 10 centimetre pot, thin to one vigorous plant, and transplant the whole thing carefully, without disturbing the roots. If grown in plastic pots,

moisten the soil just previous to transplanting, to keep soil and roots all in one piece. If grown in peat pots, carefully slit bottom and sides with a sharp knife to make it easier for the roots to spread in the ground. Even peat pots present a barrier which will take time to decay. Do not attempt to tap a seedling out of a peat pot though. Some of the finer feeder roots will have penetrated the peat already and won't part without tearing.

SHALLOW ROOTS

And now to our controversy of transplanting cucurbits versus direct seeding. It has now been established that transplants make a large, shallow root system. This results in larger plants with more fruit, as the larger root systems can forage farther for water and food. Direct seeded plants develop a deep tap root, which results in smaller plants with less fruit, but it has the advantage of better drought resistance. If there is

ample moisture for the maintenance of a shallow root system, transplanting is best. If constant moisture is a problem, direct seeding will provide better results. Hence the controversy, and the reason why one gardener will swear by the one method and another by the other.


And while we are concerned with moisture, there is a good system, proven, tried and true, for providing both constant moisture and food. Cucurbits, the squash family, are commonly planted three to four plants to a "hill" of manure covered with soil. A tin can, with a tiny hole in the bottom to provide a drip a minute, is sunk into the ground, either in the centre, or several, planted strategically around the perimeter, filled to one-third with manure and two-thirds water, will serve both food and drink to these hearty eaters, without let-up and without waste.

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Galiano News

Galiano meeting urges inter-island

Islanders have looked closely at ferry services.

A well-attended public meeting, jointly sponsored by the Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce and the two Island Trustees, took place in the South Community Hall on the afternoon of Saturday, April 24. Chamber of Commerce president, Sparky New chaired the meeting. Ron Thompson and Christa Weiss reported on a series of meetings, beginning in January, between representatives of the

Island Trust and B.C. Ferry Corporation.

The purpose of the meetings was to devise and accept schedules which would enable the Corporation to cut costs and at the same time provide a service acceptable to Gulf Island residents.

The exercise acquired new urgency when the recent provincial budget was brought down. An expected subsidy of \$66 million to the Ferry Corporation was

BY BASIL AND KATHLEEN BENDER

reduced to \$43 million. A further complication to the scheduling problem is a clause in the labour contract coming into operation this summer whereby crews will be paid double for any overtime worked.

FUEL AND WAGES

Seventy-seven percent of the B.C. Ferries' expenditures goes on fuel and crew wages. The corporation has stated its priorities in cutting costs are to save on fuel, to eliminate or reduce overtime, and to effect savings by other efficiencies.

Few, if any, restrictions are expected to be made to the summer service, since reductions would directly affect revenue. The summer schedule will probably be announced within the next few days and differ little from the 1981 schedule. The crunch will come with the fall and winter schedule for 1982-83.

The basic philosophical difference as to whether the Ferry authority should seek to eliminate or reduce its deficit by raising fares was aired.

There was almost unanimous support for instituting a tariff for inter-island traffic and for making a charge for bicycles, which at present travel free. There was very little support for a general raising of fares to cover deficits. Most opinion holds that the ferries provide access for islanders to

services available to other residents of the province and that, as far as residents are concerned, ferries should be regarded as public highways with costs subsidized accordingly.

COSTS MUST BE CUT

If revenues are not to be significantly expanded, then costs must be cut and reduction of schedules seems to be the only practical alternative. The

chairman pressed his proposal of cancelling all Wednesday sailings on the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route. There was considerable opposition and only a bare majority was prepared to accept this suggestion.

There was vociferous and unanimous opposition to a rumoured plan to set up a shuttle service, with Village Bay as the transfer point.

An interesting suggestion came from Tony Bellhouse that a bridge be constructed linking Saturna to Mayne Island, thereby eliminating the costly time and money-consuming service to the least populated island.

Despite its logic this solution might not appeal to Saturna residents, or to a cost-conscious ministry of highways at the present time.

Gilbert and Betty Kennedy, long-time commuters to Victoria, suggested cutting the 9:45 am sailing from Swartz Bay of the *Mayne Queen* from the winter schedule, a move advocated in this column last week. Priority for Gulf Islands residents in obtaining reservations and on stand-by was strongly supported. Many residents with executive experience in business cannot accept, with the sophisticated computer the Corporation has available, the B.C. Ferries' contention that this is not practical.

Marksmen receive trophies

The Galiano Rod and Gun Club held their annual trophy shoot on Saturday, April 3. Winners of the trophies were: 16 yards, Frank Basarab; handicap, Lloyd Baines; doubles, Ollie Garner; doubles handicap, Ollie Garner; high overall, Lloyd Baines; B.C. Cup, Dan Basarab.

The Inter-Island Trophy Shoot was held at the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club on Sunday, April 4. Squad representing the Galiano Rod and Gun Club were L. Baines, Frank Basarab, Charlie Head, John Georgeson and Peter Denroche, with Galiano winning the cup for 1982.

L. Baines won the high overall for this inter-island shoot.

Box social is planned for Galiano by community club

The Community Club executive are reviving the old Prairie tradition of the Box Social whereby the women prepare a supper for two which is brought to the Hall in a decorated be-ribboned box.

The supper boxes are then put up for auction and the men make bids for a box in the hope that they will sample the contents in the company of the lady of their choice.

To further re-create the atmosphere of this bygone era there will be Old Tyme Dancing to recorded music of Big Bands, swing and jazz and square dancing to music of the 20's, 30's and 40's. Tickets are available at local stores.

Raffle tickets will also be available in stores for two prints by Zoltan Szabo and a Shari Street picture. The proceeds from the raffles will go to the Galiano Club to fund the operation of the Solid Waste Disposal Area.

On Wednesday, May 5, Garden Club members will go on their second wildflower-expedition of the season and should assemble at 1 pm at the car park in Bluff Park.

On Saturday, May 8, the popular Galiano musician, Brad Prevodoros, and Greg Joy from Victoria as the duo "Waterfall" will return to Galiano for an evening concert in the South Community Hall.

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GRATIFIED

Both Mr. New and the Island Trustees expressed gratification at the support they had received at the meeting, and stated their determination to press the views of Galiano residents on officials of B.C. Ferries.

Cynics leaving the meeting were doubtful that their voice would be heard. Such apathy speeds the degeneration of democracy, and does not seem to be justified by the facts. One horrendous schedule has already been withdrawn on account of public opposition.

The message is to meet, to speak and write to elected persons, and to keep the pressure on the politicians. The bureaucrats may be doing their best but they are neither infallible nor inviolable, and improvements can and should be made on whatever schedules they may devise.

Girl Guide Cookies

The girls of the First Galiano Brownie Pack will be selling Girl Guide Cookies on the island next week from April 30. Call the leaders Wendy Hale or Ann Hennessy for more information.

Nature Notes

Weeds take over park province neglects area

For as long as islanders can remember, Burrill Point on the Galiano side of the northern entrance to Active Pass has been a noted beauty spot. Springy green turf reaches down to the sandstone rocks honeycombed by the pounding waves into intricate patterns and galleries.

Clinging to the rocks or nestling in the grass were a great variety of wildflowers. Twenty years ago the family of Thorney Bellhouse presented this land to the Province so that it might continue to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

The area is now a Provincial Park, the responsibility of the parks department. Certainly this is a park that should be left in its natural state, and a fence preventing vehicle access and picnic benches are tactful additions to the natural beauty.

The southern portion of the park is now infested with a massive invasion of gorse, a prickly alien shrub, which is smothering the delicate native wildflowers.

In other parts of the park, broom has been allowed to

On Thursday, April 28, representatives of the Gulf Islands School Board will hold a special meeting in the School at 7:30 pm to explain to the public the new educational finance formula and the budget restraints it entails. The actions taken by the school board and the effects these will have on Galiano students will be discussed.

Galiano's response to the Easter Seal Campaign is nearing the point where we could provide meals for a day for 100 crippled children holidaying at the Easter Seals Summer Camp.

To reach this goal, your donation will be gratefully received by any Lions Club member or through the mail by Lion Frank Neale, R.R.1 Galiano. Tax deductible receipts on request.

On Saturday, May 1, members of the Garden Club are asked to bring their baked goods and plants for sale up to the North Community Hall by 1 pm so that they may be priced in good time before the Sale which runs from 2 until 4 pm.

Bridge

This week will see the end of the bridge season at the Galiano Golf and Country Club. On Monday evening the progressives will wind up with a bridge party, and on

Friday afternoon the duplicators will play their last regular session before celebrating with a party on Monday, May 10.

Last Friday Lorna Tweedale and Betty Tingley were repeat winners. Tying for second were the Thompsons; Ron playing with Tim Id and Bee partnered by Ed Jones. Ed and Id had their work cut out to produce such an equitable result for the Thompsons.

Tim had to go one down on a slam he should have made in order to prevent Ron taking a higher place than Bee, a task he accomplished without difficulty.



When Salt Spring Island firemen were called out to a car fire on Mereside Drive on Wednesday this was the aftermath. Volkswagen station wagon belonging to Dan Evanishen was burned out, although the tires are still inflated.

Planners planned population but people peopled peninsula without any plan

Planners wanted growth in the core area of the Capital Regional District but people haven't cooperated.

Interim 1981 census figures show a higher population growth has occurred in the Saanich Peninsula communities. A 1974 regional plan attempted to discourage growth into the arable lands of the peninsula as a means of preserving it for future agricultural uses.

The Saanich peninsula communities increased in population by slightly more than 10,000 people since the 1971 census. The municipality of Saanich increased in population by 13,000 people during that same time.

Figures for the Gulf Islands indicate an increase in residents to almost 8,000 from 4,500 in 1971. The census areas differ from the local political areas and the CRD staff will have to spend time to separate the numbers for two electoral areas of the Gulf Islands to determine the growth of each.

The regional plan envisaged a population of 336,500 in the CRD by 1996 and the creators of the plan expected 279,500 in the core area around Victoria with 28,000 people living in the Saanich Peninsula communities.

PENINSULA

The 1981 interim figures show that almost 24,000 people live on the peninsula. The CRD divides the area into three units, the town of Sidney and the municipalities of Central Saanich and North Saanich.

The population of Victoria increased by only 1,700 in the ten years since the last census.

One of the results of the various population growths will mean an increase in representation for Saanich to four directors from the

current three.

Saanich and North Saanich will also gain one more vote each on the board. When the figures for the Western Communities are separated by CRD staff into one of the electoral areas of local political units, an additional vote may be awarded to that section of the CRD as well.

The changes will take place when the census figures have been verified by the inspector of municipalities.

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New zone needed

Trust welcomes plans for new art school on Salt Spring property

The proposed new art school on Salt Spring Island received a hearty welcome from members of the Islands Trust last week.

The trustees expressed unanimous agreement that the school will be of benefit to not only Salt Spring but all the Gulf Islands.

Local organizers of the school were at a meeting of the Islands Trust to determine what approach would be best in view of the zoning laws on the island.

The school will be built on 11.3 acres on Churchill Road in an area designated as rural residential 1.

Permitted uses in the RR1 zone include schools and libraries, as well as outdoor recreational facilities, in addition to one-family dwellings.

IT DOESN'T FIT

The art school proposal does not fit into any of the permitted uses and the trustees urged the organizers to submit a letter explaining reasonably exact plans for the facility.

When the plans have been outlined, the trust will attempt to create a specific zone for the art

school acreage. In addition, noted one trustee, the letter of intent would provide a reasonable guarantee to the public that the development would grow along the proposed lines.

While the proposal is for an art school, other uses for the property include a dormitory setup for students and faculty as well as an auditorium and an art gallery.

The proposed specific zone would encompass all such uses for the school.

Water meeting sees Stan Sage retire after 12 years as Salt Spring trustee

After 12 years service to the North Salt Spring Water District as a trustee, Stan Sage has retired.

His position was assumed by Ken Patrick and J.J. Failey was re-elected as a trustee for the district. Both positions were filled by acclamation at the annual meeting of the water district board this week.

In his report to the meeting, district chairman D.R. Lochhead outlined the activities of the past year. Water consumption, he noted, had increased to 64.2 million gallons or two million gallons more than the 62.5 million used in 1980.

The district added 35 new customers to the line and both major and minor upgrading projects were carried out. The district workmen replaced the 30-year-old pipe in Ganges and hooked 6,000 feet of pipe from Cranberry Road to Maxwell lake. New customers in the water

district must now pay \$500 for a hook-up fee but if a new lot has been created and is seeking connections to the line another \$2,000 must be paid to cover costs.

Any potential customers outside the area must also pay the \$2,000 plus the \$500 hook-up fee.

Vandals may close Ganges Post Office

Damage to the lobby of the Post Office in the Ganges has the mail people as well as the RCMP in a sour mood.

Vandals again attacked the lobby over the past weekend and punched holes in the ceiling of the room.

The lobby is left open as a convenience for the folks of Salt Spring Island but warnings have been issued that if the vandalism continues the lobby will be closed when the post office is not open.



Bumper stickers tell the tale

Driftwood photographer started looking at bumper stickers at the weekend in Ganges. He had expected to find nothing but sewer labels, but in less than five minutes he came up with a half-dozen that don't relate to sewage at all. They drove the "Laska Highway" says one driver, while another roars about being a member of the Lions Club. Rabbit stew peers at the camera from the back of a pickup and another driver demands that

Argentina be warned off the Falklands. Children are our No. 1 resource, urges another car, while the last calls for freedom. It spelled the beginning of freedom from bumper stickers, because the photographer had made his point by that time.

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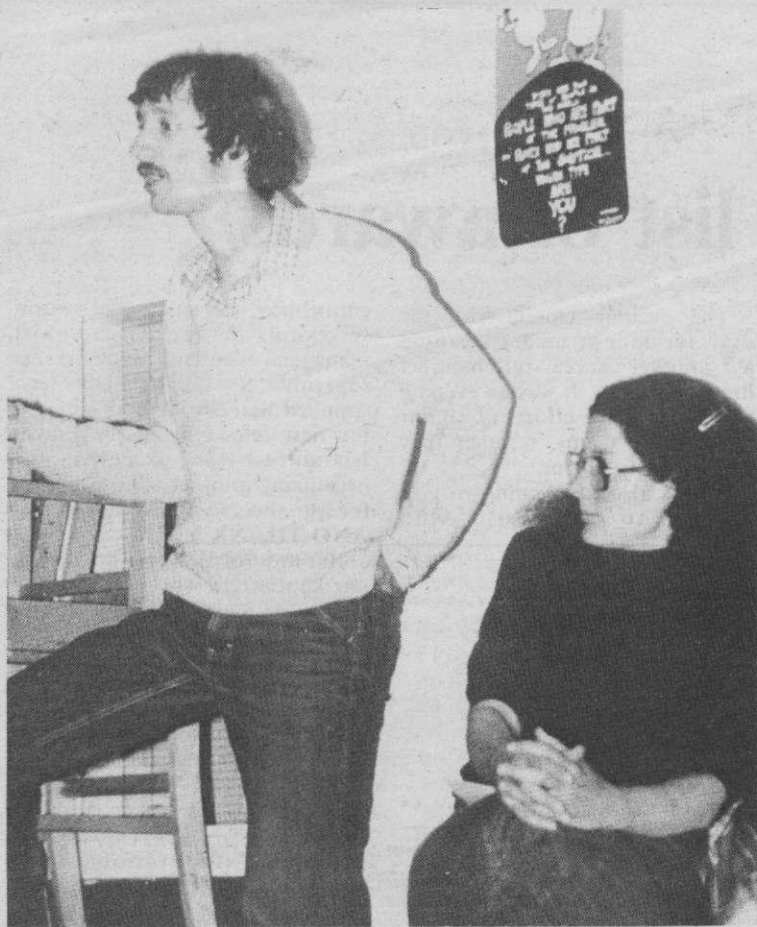
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The students of the Gulf Islands Secondary School welcomed Kathy Jenks of the Port Townsend Peace Coalition and Steven Hall of the Victoria group Headway. The two guests were showing a film on nuclear weapons and talking to the students about the activities planned by the peace groups for the summer.

Write to Prime Minister

Anti-nuclear presentation draws about 100 to Salt Spring film

If You Love This Planet, a Canadian Film Board feature about nuclear war, drew about 100 people to the high school band room last Wednesday evening. Students in the high school had an opportunity to view the movie Thursday morning.

In a brief 25 minutes, the film makes use of clips from the 50's, interwoven with straight talk before a college audience by Dr. Helen Caldecott, a young pediatric physician who has done massive research in this field. The conclusion to be drawn from the movie is that it is folly to believe there could be winners, or even survivors, of a nuclear war.

THREE GUESTS

During the discussion which followed, three off-island guests gave answers to questions from the audience. They were Andrea Clarke and Steven Hall, of Victoria's action group HEADWAY; and Kathy Jenks from the Port Townsend Peace Coalition.

They urged all concerned Canadians to write Prime Minister Trudeau and Mark MacGuigan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, urging the cancellation of any arrangement with the United States for testing Cruise missile delivery systems in Canada. They may be addressed, postage-free, House of Commons, Ottawa. The Cruise is a first-strike weapon, immune to present methods of detection.

TRIDENT BASE

Another first-strike weapon which will be based just south of our islands is the Trident

submarine, which can obliterate 40 cities. Kathy Jenks invited islanders with boats to join this summer's efforts to choke the Hood Canal in Washington State with boats, in a mass effort to hinder the movements of this marine menace.

The Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Committee co-sponsored the showing of *If You Love This Planet* with the island's Continuing Education office. The same committee will be co-operating with members of the hospital board in an educational presentation in early May.

Speaker next week on nuclear weapons

Dr. Dorothy Goreski, B.C. President of Physicians for Social Responsibility will visit Salt Spring Island on Saturday May 8.

Physicians for Social Responsibility is the respected international organization of doctors dedicated to detailing the consequences of nuclear war.

Dr. Goreski will be addressing the medical establishment at the hospital in the morning of May 8.

There will then be a public lecture on that Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at the high school. Dr. Goreski's talk will be illustrated with a film: *The Last Epidemic - The Medical Consequences of Nuclear War*.

PSR was founded by the Australian paediatrician, Dr. Helen Caldicott. Now a resident of Boston, she takes her message all over the United States (where PSR has over 11,000 members) and the world.

Salt Spring Islanders viewed a movie of her, produced by the National Film Board, last week. The organization has commissioned and published extensive scientific research into the medical consequences of nuclear war. The following points are excerpts from the proceedings of the Physicians Congress held in Virginia last year,

attended by delegates from all over the world including the USSR, UK, USA, France and Germany:

In the event of an all-out nuclear war between USA and USSR it is likely that:

- 200 million men, women and children will be killed;
- 60 million will be injured;
- 80% of physicians will die;
- 80% of hospital beds will be destroyed;
- Stores of blood, plasma, antibiotics and drugs will be destroyed.
- Food and water will be contaminated and civil defence will be unable to alter the death and devastation to any appreciable extent.
- Food production will be profoundly altered.
- Profound weather changes will cause alterations in man, animals and plants.
- A striking increase in

malignancies and leukemia in long-term survivors.

• The earth will be seared, the skies heavy with lethal particles, and no response can be expected from medicine: hundreds of thousands of burned and wounded people would have no medical care as we now conceive it, no morphine for pain, no surgery, no antibiotics, no dressings, and little or no food or water.

This conference feels that the survivors would envy the dead.

The Physicians for Social Responsibility are trying to meet this threat to the existence of humanity, the health of which is medicine's goal, by bringing these facts to the attention of their patients, the public at large. It is felt that there is lots that the public can do to avert this threat and PSR calls on the public to attend this important lecture and film.



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Kick-off

Soccer banquet features long list of awards

BY MALCOLM LEGG

The 1981-82 soccer season reached its climax last Friday night with the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association Banquet.

This year almost 400 people jammed into the high school gymnasium for a pot-luck dinner, the team presentations and door prizes.

The evening got under way with the introduction of the head table which included Mr. and Mrs. Lin Beattie, Paddy Beattie, Ken Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harker (referees), Jackie Hembruff (sponsor — Kanaka Place), Ed Lumley (ex-Salt Spring soccer player) and Alan Stacey (referee).

Then all the people, led by the guests, helped themselves to a wonderfully prepared dinner.

The fine meal was a tribute to Jackie Coates and her banquet committee for the organization of the meal and to the many parents who prepared the fine dishes.

PRESENTATION

Next came the presentations and introduction of all our teams, which went as follows (coach in brackets):

Salt Spring Demons (Bob Brownsword) won junior Coers Cup and Mac Mouat Trophy.

Salt Spring Eagles (Cathy Proctor); Salt Spring Panthers (Shannon Greenway) and Salt Spring Green Machine (Chuck Nelkin) won the Tom Isherwood Trophy for league champs.

Salt Spring Sounders (Maureen Galbraith) won Coers Cup in the Cup play.

Salt Spring Dodgers (Beverly Robertson) won the Intra-island Trophy in league play and the Laurie Mouat Trophy in tourney. Also presented with awards were Salt Spring Stingers (Ed Ruckle), Salt Spring Fury (Donna Burger), Salt Spring Kickers (Malcolm Legg); Salt Spring Sockers (Malcolm Legg).

Our off-island teams were: Salt Spring Sting (Strick Aust) won Pete Roland Trophy in tourney and Salt Spring Wranglers (Ed Davis), Salt Spring Strikers (Strick Aust), and Salt Spring Kicks (Jackie Coates) won the Captain Drummond Trophy in tourney and Juan de Fuca Trophy.

Salt Spring United (Malcolm Legg) won the Ed Lumley Trophy in tourney.

Salt Spring Sockeyes (Merv Scoble) won the Des Crofton Trophy in tourney.

OTHER AWARDS

Then the Association made the special presentations which went as follows:

The Treasurer's Trophy which was presented by Strick Aust was won by a player on a first-year off-island team who shows courage and determination to improve his level of play over the season. This year's winner was Kurt Sadler of the Salt Spring Sting.

The Gold Cup is presented by Malcolm Legg to the winner of the Junior Intra-island All-star game. The co-winners this year were Joey Moger, Christie Aust, Suzanne Burch and Allison Proctor of the Kanaka Cosmos.

The Silver Cup, presented by Malcolm Legg to the winner of the Senior Intra-island All-star game. This year's winner was Grace Graham from the All-Stars.

The President's Trophy, presented by Malcolm Legg to a player from the winning squad in

the executive match: Strick Aust from the executives was the winner.

The Alan Marsh Memorial Trophy presented to the most sportsmanlike off-island team: Lin Beattie, our senior official, presented the trophy to the Salt Spring Strikers.

The Referees Badges were presented by Lin Beattie to the officials who achieved their BCYSA badges and included Strick Aust, Bob Anderson, Ken Collins, Ken Marr, Bruce Caspar, Andrew Aust, Ed Harker and myself. Congratulations must go to these officials for their success.

The evening closed with the draw for door prizes and clean-up as another successful banquet drew to a close. It was an evening to recognize the efforts of all our players and teams, whether they were winners or not.

It was also an evening to give thanks to all those who

contributed to make this season successful; to the coaches and managers who ran their teams superbly, to the officials who supplied Salt Spring with some of the best refereeing in the Lower Island, to the executive for organizing another solid program for our soccer youth.

AND THANK YOU!

But most of all we wish to thank our supporters who helped make our season possible through financial backing or other support: They are Jackie Hembruff of Kanaka Place Restaurant (sponsor of Kanaka Cosmos); Strick Aust of Alpha Construction (sponsor of Strikers); Ron Robertson of Gulf Islands Trucking and Aggregates (sponsor of Dodgers); Tom Toynbee, of Mouat's Ltd. (sponsor of Wranglers); Malcolm Legg of Malcolm G. Legg Landscapers (sponsor of United); Pat Corneille of Salt Spring Log Sorting (sponsor of Kicks); the Salt Spring Recreation Commission (for their transportation grant and use of their fields).

Bruce McFadyen for his work in keeping Portlock Park in excellent shape. Becky Legg and Norman Forsyth for their work in the concession stand.

Driftwood for allowing us to present our articles to the island as a whole. The Gulf Islands School Board for allowing us to use the school fields; Ian and Elsie MacDonald, supporters.

And we especially want to thank all of you who supported our Kick-A-Thon program and came and watched our teams play, you all made this season another successful one for us all.

For now the season ends, my pen can rest, equipment gets put away, coaches and managers take a holiday and we can all sit back and enjoy the summer. Once again we thank all those who helped and wish you all a happy summer. We look forward to doing it all over again next winter. See you in late August.

SUNDRY

Uniforms: If you still have a uniform please turn them in in a bag with your name on it to: Chuck Nelkin at Salt Spring Elementary School or your team coach or manager. Please do it now!

Soccer School: Two schools in August (dates not confirmed) for 12 and under and 13 and over.

Summer Soccer: Watch for it in June or July.

Kick-A-Thon: The items ordered from your Kick-A-Thon credits will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

Two ends of double-header

Salties open strong when fine pitching sets stage for victory

BY BARRIE MOEN

Fine pitching was the foreground feature, as the Fulford Inn Salties opened their 1982 league schedule by beating Victoria Independent Buyers in both ends of a double header at Fulford Park Sunday.

Dan Akerman pitched a two-hitter and Barrie Moen homered as the Salties won the opener 6-0. Akerman dominated last year's B.C. rec. finalists allowing only four runners to reach base.

The second game featured another fine pitching display by Colley Byron. The Buyers could

manage only one hit as they went down to defeat, 8-0. The Salties broke open a scoreless game in the

fourth inning with a seven run outburst. Seven hits, including a two-run triple by Don Orr and a base clearing double by Frank Haves, and some base running by Pat Akerman finished the Victoria team. Dan Martin and Barrie Moen both went three for four for the winners.

Down the gutter

With Ken Collins

What happened to the male bowlers this past week? We had only one person who had 700 or better, that was Steve Marleau who had a 713. The ladies fared a little better with Jean Jenkins coming in with 758, Carol Kaye with 701 and 747, and finally we had Leah Kaye with 734.

We had 300 games coming from Fran Krekel, 319; John Pinchin, 304; Steve Marleau, 310; and Marg Robinson, 322.

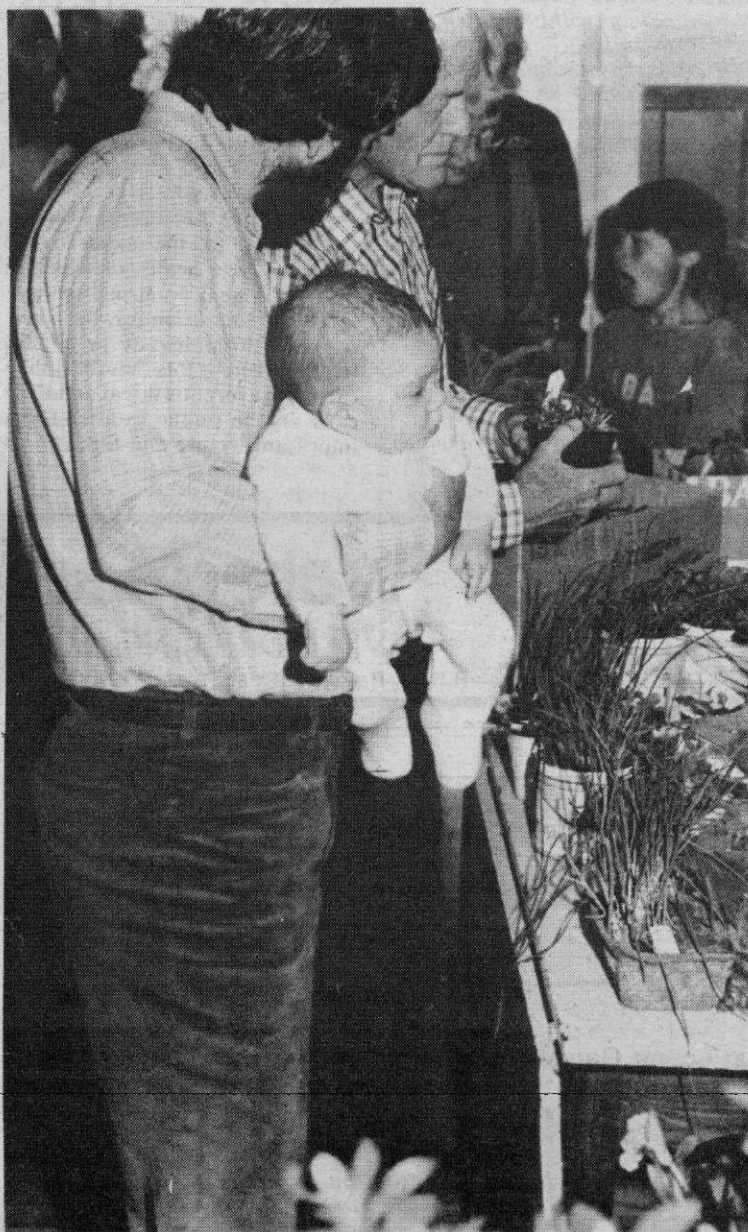
The bowlers of the week were Jean Jenkins and Steve Marleau, and for the Golden Agers it was Fran Krekel with 719.

Don't forget the spring leagues start in two weeks and run for eight weeks. If you would like to get in on the action just phone the bowling alley and leave your name and phone number.

The reason nobody could bowl in the men's league last Monday night was because most people were rushing up to bowl as fast as they could and then get back to watch the Canucks playing L.A. in the Stanley Cup on Terry's TV, which he has in the bowling alley. Someone who will remain nameless, and carries a 243 average, bowled a gutter ball in

their haste to get back to the game.

As the bowling season winds down my thoughts turn to a different kind of ball to a bowling ball, namely my golf ball. Only wish I could do as well on the golf course as I do on the bowling lanes.



He may not have been the youngest customer at last week's garden sale in St. George's Hall at Ganges, but he looks like the least interested. He didn't mention his name.



Line Call

Contributed

On Saturday, May 15, the Salt Spring Tennis Association is planning to hold a mixed doubles tournament at Portlock Park, followed by a social, that evening.

The tournament will begin at 10 am, with pre-registration and warm-up from 9:30 to 10. Participants will rotate partners, with all players having a minimum of four games. Entry fee will be \$2.

That evening the Tennis Association will hold a pot luck social evening. More information regarding the social can be obtained from Wendy, at 537-5846.

Both these activities are open to all members and potential members of the Salt Spring Tennis Association.

Duplicate bridge winners at Ganges

Winners of the duplicate bridge games in Ganges Legion Hall on April 18 were:

North-South: first, Bea Thompson and Marguerite Hall; second, Shirley Love and Phyl Henderson; third (tied), Hilda Orchard and Anne McConnell, Gordon Hutton and Fred Struve.

East-West: first, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; second, Allan Stewart and Kay Sinclair; third, Joe and Madeline Frantz.

Tuesday evening: first, Shirley Love and Fred Struve; second, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; third, Gordon Hutton and Irene Hawksworth.

Golf news

No rain as Anne Sober is low gross winner

BY PAT DOHERTY
My apologies to the nine hole ladies, I just write the notes, the Editor chooses the headlines. I knew you were "rained out" on April 13, he was the guy who said you were "washed out".

Anyway, on April 20 your very active nine-hole group were out in beautiful weather, and when it was all over the low gross winner was Anne Sober, while Bertha Walker picked up the hidden hole prize.

In the 18-hole ladies section on Tuesday, April 20, the competition was match versus par and winners, tied at 9 pluses, were Marie Hopkins, Lou Wolfe-Milner, and Lil Rayner.

On the same day the Mount Brenton ladies played their return match here, and although our girls came out ahead 17½ to 6½, they lost overall 25 to 23.

Our ladies went to all resources to win, they even had one of the local dogs steal the ball of one of the visitors, and there was a merry chase trying to retrieve it. Anyway we still lost, so next time we are hiring more dogs.

JUNIOR PLAY

All junior members are hereby notified that junior play starts on Monday, May 3 at 3 pm, and since the juniors probably haven't

started looking for their names in the paper yet, their parents are asked to inform their offspring that junior golf starts on Monday, May 3 at 3 pm.

AND THE SENIORS

On Thursday April 22, the Mount Brenton seniors came over to play.

There were 46 entries overall, and the guys in the white hats beat the visitors 52½ points to 16½ points.

Individual winners were Mount Brenton, low gross, McNeil, first low net, Henry Berto; second low net John Gourley; third, Eugene Pierce.

Salt Spring Island winners were, low gross, Gord Hutton and Mac Mouat; first low net, Dick Rudd; second low net, Bill Trelford and Tom Butt.

Longest drive, Gord Alexander; closest to pin number 2, Bill Mills, number 11, Bill Wilson.

The sheets are on the board for the Morris, Mouat, and Matson Cups so if you intend to play get your name down. This way you will be able to get your game in shape for the "Biggie", the Aage Villadsen Classic which takes place on May 15.



Garden sale sees quick clearance of vast array

These are scenes from the Salt Spring Island Sale in St. George's Hall on Thursday afternoon last week. The tables were stacked with plants which were sold in a matter of minutes.

Trails and hikes all set for coming month by club

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club, for its May program, has prepared the following plans.

Tuesday, May 4, hike in Mount Tuam area, leader, Jean King. Meet at 10 am Centennial Park or 10:15 at Drummond Park. Walk in Mount Belcher area, leader, Ernie Jenkins. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park.

Tuesday, May 11, hike at Mount Prevost, near Duncan: meet at 9:30 am at Centennial Park or 9:45 am at Vesuvius Ferry Terminal. Walk in the Quebec Drive area, leader, Marge Beggs. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park.

Tuesday, May 18, hike to Cowichan River, leader, Val Keys: walk Chemainus River area, leader, Joan Lott. Both meet at 9:20 am, Centennial Park for 10 am Vesuvius Ferry.

Tuesday, May 25, hike of Leader's Choice, not off-island. leader Bob Robertson. Walk on the Luth property, leader Walter Luth. Both meet at Centennial Park at 10 am.

Other Activities

On Saturday, May 15, members and friends are invited to see the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Oades, Mount View Drive, at 10:30 am.

Friday, May 14, has been set aside to greet a new book. From 2 to 4 pm in Mahon Hall, a reception will launch the publication of the book, *Plants and Shrubs of Salt Spring Island*. Author, I.C. Shank and artist Doug Penhale will be there.


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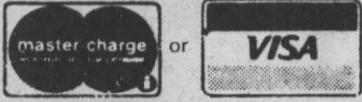
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