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Beds may be closed

Hospital must cut 11% from budget

BY BILL WEBSTER

Lady Minto Hospital faces some tough cuts due to restraints on spending imposed by the provincial government.

In a statement the board of directors said, "The budgetary action required is considered so extensive and the ramifications so enormous that the board decided to advise the hospital community and the island people of the recommended cutbacks...."

The directors have met with hospital staff in a series of emergency meetings to consider the situation. They had submitted a budget of \$2.5 million to the ministry of health but have been limited to less than \$2.3 million.

The shortfall is close to \$275,000 or 11% of the proposed budget.

The minister of health, at a recent conference at which the restraints were explained, was asked what would happen if a hospital board resubmitted its budget as being the bottom line needed.

The minister said such an act would be considered intentional non-compliance and any board doing so would abrogate its responsibility. The board, said the minister, would be considered to have submitted its resignation and would be replaced by a public administrator appointed by the minister.

The board of directors of Lady Minto will not submit its imposed budget until the deadline date of May 31, 1982.

They are seeking response from

the community to one course of action which is being forced upon it by the restraints.

To cover the shortage, the hospital may have to close six acute care beds, four extended care beds and restrict surgery, currently done three days per week, to only one day per week depending upon the availability of beds.

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Greenwoods awaits word on budget

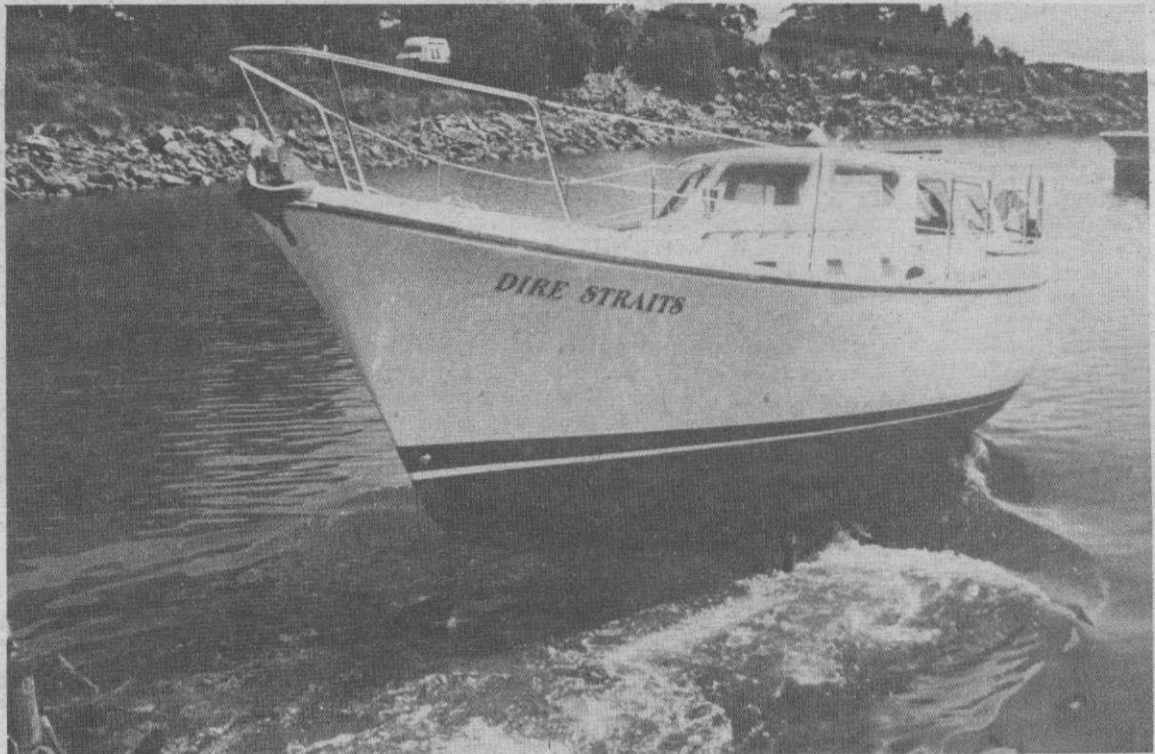
While others are worrying about budget cuts, the officials at Greenwood on Salt Spring Island are just worrying.

The board of directors sent a 1982 budget of \$830,000 to the provincial government for approval and are waiting for word on its fate.

Lorraine Campbell of Saturna, president of the intermediate care facility, told *Driftwood* this week that the board of directors has received no directions as yet. They had been warned to watch the 10% ceiling on increased spending and that, she said, "means cutting things pretty fine."

Greenwoods went overbudget in 1981 by approximately \$20,000.

"In long-term care," said Campbell, "you can't shut the beds and push the people out."



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

37-footer launched

The champagne bottle, swung by Ellen Corbett, broke on the bow and *Dire Straits* slides down the slip in Ganges Harbour, well launched. Stewart Corbett of

Pender Island beamed as his wife took the first cruise in the 37-foot Truant-built sailboat. The journey was short, just across the harbour to the wharf, but Corbett said it

would be the first of many. The fibreglass-hulled vessel was built in Ganges and after the launch last week, it was taken to Sidney to have the mast stepped.

Summer schedule announced

The summer schedule for ferry service in the Gulf Islands has been set by the B.C. Ferry Corporation and representatives of the Islands Trust.

Trustees Ed Williams of Mayne Island and Bill Norton of South Pender Island had been meeting with senior officials of the corporation in a series of meetings

to talk about service for the islands.

"For the first time there is intimate input for local feelings and requirements in ferry service," said Norton of the meetings.

The late sailings between Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour on Friday evenings have been scratched. First runs leave Fulford

at 6:40 am and Swartz Bay at 7:20 am. The last sailings leave Fulford at 8:20 pm and Swartz Bay at 9 pm.

Other changes involve Pender Island. Several runs to Otter Bay have been dropped from the Swartz Bay-Gulf Islands run. Pender will be served by a larger vessel plying the route between

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Trustees vote on new budget this week

The revised and restrained budget for the Gulf Islands School District will be presented to school trustees for approval this week.

Following the February announcement of spending restraint in the public sector by the provincial government, the local school board had been ordered to chop at least \$230,000 from the 1982 operating budget.

The board had approved a budget of \$5.5 million and the cuts took the spending estimates down to just less than \$5.3 million.

Strick Aust, school board chairman, explained the cuts to taxpayers at a series of meetings at each of the schools in the Gulf Islands. He told the parent

advisory group at Salt Spring Elementary School recently that the cuts were made in order to ensure that when the restraint program became legal, jobs did not go in the flurry.

"If supplies and such had been purchased," Aust said, "then when the cuts became mandatory, the only place to cut would have been wages, and that means jobs."

IDENTIFIED BY COMMITTEE

The areas open to cuts had been identified by the staff budget committee composed of district administration staff, the principals of each school as well as representatives of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association and the

Canadian Union of Public Employees.

That group did not make cuts in the "B" section which covers the educational portion of the budget. The section includes salaries for teachers and classroom aides. The trustees made the cuts in that section.

Of the \$234,690 dropped from the earlier budget, \$88,100 was to have gone for salaries, wages and benefits. Another \$71,090 had been earmarked for such things as transportation assistance, field trips and supplies.

The board identified a savings of \$27,900 in salaries for teachers which is made up of attrition in staff. One teacher is retiring and

will not be replaced by a full-time teacher.

WILL NOT BE KEPT ON

In addition, up to four temporary teachers will not be kept on staff after the end of June.

Other savings in the "B" section accrue from dropping the support services consultant, the hospital-home bound teacher as well as reductions in the Gulf Islands Program Serving Youth (GIPSY).

The school board also saves a further \$25,000 by reducing by six the number of classroom aides. The aides were to have lost their positions at the end of April but money had been found to keep them on until the end of the current school year in June.

The saving in transportation assistance means that parents who must drive their children to school from isolated areas of the islands will, in September, only receive half of what they have getting in automobile subsidies.

Aust explained the restraint program and the new school financing formula as being a three-step process.

The government had set a limit on the increase in spending for this year as well as each year to the end of 1984. Once the budgets had been frozen in a reduced state, the ministry of education announced the new funding scheme.

The largest proportion of school

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Not regional liability says Pollen

Contractor is out \$90,000 as result of barge fire

When vandals destroyed a quarter-million dollars worth of pipe aboard a barge in Ganges Harbour last August, nobody won. Tidewater Marine Construction Ltd., contractor engaged in laying the pipe, lost. The contractor is more than \$50,000 out of pocket as a result of the fire, Capital Regional Board sewer committee learned last week.

The contractor arranged a prompt delivery of pipe from eastern Canada. The pipe, valued at \$107,196.15, was ordered and delivered by road to save time.

The insurers, Lloyds of London, will pay only \$90,000, reported the engineering department last week. The insurance was purchased with a deductibility clause.

The shortfall of \$17,196.15, with interest on the \$82,165, already paid, totals \$26,000. Road delivery of the pipe to Salt Spring Island was undertaken at the request of the engineering department, committee was informed.

A further claim is also expected. The legal position of the region was made clear to the contractor at the time of the fire reported Chief Engineer Norman Howard: the region has no legal responsibility to pay for any extra costs associated with the arson incident.

COURT CHALLENGE

"It is believed that the contractor would challenge this legal position in the courts," continued the report to the committee, "since it is extremely unlikely that any contractor could have been expected to contemplate the public mischief which occurred on August 21, 1981, and the costs arising from that action.

"It is believed that the disruption of the normal progress of the contract, together with the costs of off-loading the destroyed pipe, reloading replacement pipe and remobilization would be considered 'extraordinary costs'."

The contractor is claiming a further \$30,327.21 to cover costs of off-loading the burnt-out pipe and reloading as well as other extra costs resulting from the fire.

Third claim, for \$37,720.65, covers the cost of additional security required on the project.

While it may be argued that every contractor is expected to provide security around the construction place, the engineers

suggest that the arson incident went beyond what a contractor might normally expect or be required to guard against.

"It would be unreasonable to expect any tenderer to include the costs of providing highly trained guards and guard dogs.

GUARD SHOT

"Even with these extraordinary precautions in vogue," emphasized the report, "and during the continued progress of the work, one of the guard dogs was shot and construction equipment on an unattended barge was destroyed in a second fire of undetermined origin in December, 1981."

The work has been carried out in "exemplary fashion" and has been completed within the specified date despite the fire, threats and harassment which were reported by the engineering department.

The chief engineer asked that the regional board be authorized to pay up to \$94,000 to Tidewater to cover costs arising from replacement costs, handling and other charges and extra security costs.

Ironically, the original contract was awarded in the amount of \$1,435,475. The work was completed at a cost of \$1,314,016.89 or a saving of \$121,459.

The damaged pipe was purchased by the regional district. But when the contractor was awarded the job he assumed responsibility for the materials.

NO LEGAL CLAIM

There is no legal liability on the board, said Executive Director Dennis Young. He felt there may be a moral liability.

Norman Howard also referred to further projects on Salt Spring Island. Failure to meet the outstanding costs incurred in the fire could jeopardize future tenders, he warned.

Chairman Peter Pollen did not consider that there was sufficient information. He called for a clear explanation of how much the insurance would cover and some explanation of how it had come about that the damage was not fully covered.

"We have insurance and we have legal advice," he noted. "Surely we are not going to make decisions on compassionate grounds?"

The claims have been tabled for one month to gain further information.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Old roof comes off

Workmen wreck the roof of Mahon Hall in preparation for replacing it as part of the restoration program for the historic Salt Spring Island building. Donations to pay the costs of the upgrading have come from many groups and individuals but more is needed.

Convicted despite convictions

The man had his convictions on the use of seat belts but they led to a conviction in court last week.

Michael Armstrong told Judge G.S. Denroche that he wasn't using the seat belt in his car when stopped at a road block on Fulford-Ganges Road February 11 because he questioned the need for a law to protect him.

"You say you have a right to drive without using a seat belt," said Judge Denroche, "but I don't see it that way."

A driver was obliged to conform to the law, the judge said. He fined Armstrong \$25.

A second charge of failing to produce a driver's licence was withdrawn by the crown attorney.

The incident took place during a routine road check set up by the Sidney highway patrol of the RCMP.

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To Be
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by richards



I used to sing it and there must be others who remember the song. I can only recall the first line or so and it went like this:
Your very life will begin
The first moment you're in
A-A-ARGENTEEENA!

It's that time of the year again when you don't know anybody. It's the time when you stand talking to someone and trying to figure who it is you're talking to. It's sunglasses time and everybody wears sunglasses and hides. Some wearers take them off to talk. That helps. But it's when you pass your mother-in-law on the main drag and you can't recognize her. Boy! Are you in trouble!

The ships that pass: you learn a lot from hitchhikers. He carried a brief case and he was hitching on Pat Bay Highway into the capital city. He might have been engaged in any pursuit and I didn't ask him how he came to be hitching a ride. The war in Argentina was closer than any war in his lifetime, he told me. The Korean War had been before his day, although he showed little sympathy for its combatants. The Viet Nam war was an American war and nothing to do with Canada, he added. But the Falkland Islands outbreak was nearer his home and nearer his heart. He felt sympathy for the islanders and he felt that a combat affecting Britain was more nearly concerning him. A Canadian-born, he had traditional links with Britain and he felt them strongly. It's the first war in his lifetime that could draw him into its tentacles, he explained. And he had lots of respect for the Argentinians' capacity to build weaponry. The danger with a war in that part of the world is that it easily spreads over the whole western hemisphere, he believed. And off he went to work wherever he works.

She was a merry widow, she told me. Two widows, both merry, perhaps, asked me to drive them to Dallas Road which was beyond their capacity to walk. I felt I was being taken for a sucker and went out of my way. They were Christians, explained the merrier widow and they were returning from having sung for a group in hospital. No degree of Christianity could counteract the ill effects of my voice, I told them. I didn't sing in hospitals for fear of bringing on a sudden relapse in all the patients within earshot. And I let out my merry Christian widows without ascertaining their views on the Falkland Islands and even wondering whether they knew where the islanders were.

The last in the sequence was aged; a widow but showing little signs of merriment. She was married in Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver, she told me when I had revealed where I came from. And when she was married Ernie Jarman's mother had entertained the guests. She recalled her long association with the Jarman family and promised herself a visit to the island: sometime. I wonder who she was!

He made wheels and his family took the name of wheelwright. The man who used the wheels was a cartwright and so his family became known. And the work was well-wrought. A wainwright wrought open wagons and passed his name to his family. Me? Just call me Copywright.

I'm learning quick. I never was a sportsman and soccer, baseball, cricket or hockey are all blah for mine. But I am learning. Women's Lib is teaching me about Stanley Cups and if they play seven games to a draw they have to have an eighth.

Thinking of dogs I figure that the half-horse we call a dog at home was never a sea dog. He doesn't even know the time of day. But that's probably because he never worked a dog watch.

Does a government ministry ever sit back and roar with laughter at its own antics? Why not have a good laugh and then clean up the Act? This is the time of the year when it is so important. The income tax return with its complete book of instructions has been completed. And many have been completed inadequately because the people who need advice the most need money the most. They can't afford to buy help and many a claim is unchallenged. Some islanders are now examining the next bureaucratic botch-up. If the federal statistics agency has selected your name, you have probably already received a form asking for details of every penny you earned last year. An interviewer comes along to help. And the unfortunate taxpayer who has just completed his book on income tax is now into the intricacies of statistics. The form is smaller and the explanation shorter than for income tax. There are only 21 questions and they are mostly already on your income tax return. And there are 22 explanatory paragraphs. All this is very vital, no doubt. It is also extremely annoying and many Canadians have an aversion to revealing details of their economics and their economies to either a perfect stranger at the door or a neighbour from down the street. I would feel more sympathetic if I had not known so many in the past. A quarter-century ago the routine method of completing government forms was to add 2% or 3% to last year's figures without resort to the books. And the nation survived even with this information from thousands of sources. In the meantime the recipients are required, by law, to complete this second set of questions on income.

Scholarships, bursaries total \$8,550 at secondary school

Gulf Islands Secondary School graduates can gain at least \$8,550 in scholarships and bursaries this year.

The main money-maker for students is the Gulf Islands School District Scholarship of \$1,000. Students who write the provincial scholarship examinations could, if they achieve a high mark, be eligible for \$1,000 as well.

A new scholarship this year is the Community Arts Council award of up to \$500 for a student who intends to go on to higher education in the fine arts field.

The other money sources available to graduates are:

- Jane Mouat Scholarship up to \$400
- Gilbert Mouat Scholarship up to \$400
- Richard Toynbee Scholarship up to \$400
- Gulf Island Teachers' Assoc. \$750
- Farmers' Institute \$200
- Rotary Scholarship \$500

- Irving Sinclair Scholarship \$100
- Peter Frattinger Scholarship \$300
- Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 92) Scholarship \$300
- Mayne Island Lions Club Scholarship \$400
- Lady Minto Hospital Ladies Auxiliary \$500
- South Salt Spring Women's Institute Scholarship \$100
- Principal's Award \$50
- Howard Baltzer Memorial Award \$50

- Lions Club Citizenship, Athletics Scholarship \$500
- Mike Wells Memorial Award \$100
- Galiano Lions Club up to \$400
- Laurie Mouat Memorial Award \$100
- Island Savings Credit Union to be determined
- Salt Spring Lions Club up to \$500

Names of recipients of the scholarships and bursaries will be released in June.

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Centennial Park

Whose park is it in Ganges?

Last week the question arose when the president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce reported that he had been invited to hand over title to the Ganges Park to the Capital Regional Board, through the parks and recreation commission.

The chamber decided to ascertain the opinion of the people who use the park and enjoy its amenities before taking any action.

Centennial Park is the result of dredging. When the mudflats at Ganges were dredged to provide a small boat harbour, the spoil was used to raise the level of the shoreline and the park was the end result. The island chamber of commerce was the author of the boat harbour and of the centennial park, nearly 20 years ago.

The park was prepared, laid out and cultivated by a committee of islanders headed by the late "Moose" Peiler. The work cost money and each year various fund-raising projects were undertaken by the committee in order to keep the park going.

The property was leased to the community by the federal government at a fee of \$1 per year, the directors of the chamber learned last week.

When the parks and recreation commission took over the park maintenance, the work of the committee was at an end, but a board of trustees remains and is still concerned with the development and future of the park.

It has been proposed that the title to the leased property be transferred to the region.

The park is presently used as a recreation centre for children and their elders. The toilet facilities are maintained despite a constant battle with vandals. And the parking area of the facility is the location of the Farmers' Market. Every Saturday the stalls are set up in the park and crowds swarm to the centre to buy, sell and enjoy a social gathering. With a movement from comestibles to other commodities, some observers have felt that the function of the park is lost and that it should be devoted solely to farm and garden produce. Many of the buyers and many of the vendors would like to see some kind of organization or control on the pattern of its operation and maintenance. In the past it has proved impractical to control the use of public property. Others have unsuccessfully sought to have it closed to off-island vendors, who are entitled to its use, as a public park.

Some farmers and producers have urged that it be moved to the Farmers' Institute property on Rainbow Road, where a tight control could be operated on private property.

Because the market is seen in many different lights, the chamber of commerce is asking for public input before any action is taken in connection with the title to the park.

Expensive cheering

The Vancouver Canucks, in the Stanley Cup finals against the New York Islanders this week, have a new fan club.

The British Columbia government has joined the large number of Canucks fans in the province but they're doing their cheering in a much bigger way. The government wished the hockey team luck in its bid for the coveted cup by purchasing full-page ads in the Vancouver daily newspapers over the weekend.

That's over \$12,000 worth of cheering.

Those famous white towels being waved by Canucks fans will still be useful when the series is over. The government can hand them out to unemployed British Columbians, who can use them to wipe away the tears of anger and frustration.

The province deserves a Bronx cheer for this one.



Bill Webster

They should be willing to face the written word

One more time the dust on the stage of a major production by the Salt Spring Players subsides.

My Fair Lady fits into memory as an enjoyable production by the local thespians. When a look is taken at the numbers and variety of people involved the talent of islanders shines through.

With a conservative estimate of from 1,500 to 2,000 people sitting out front for the 10 performances, the feat becomes even more fascinating. Break it down and that is about one-third of the island residents tramping out to watch the troupers play to the imagination.

The costumes were neat, the scenery was interesting. The performances were, for the most part, enjoyable.

But, as enjoyable as the production was, if a professional troupe came to the island and presented the same level of performance, the theatre-goer would be within rights to demand a refund on the admission price.

CRITICS ABOUND

Critics abound, of course, and everyone wants to put in their two bits.

The Players put out a newsletter, *Your Cue*, to members and the April edition has an interesting item called "Views".

The unsigned article criticizes the criticism of productions put on by the Players.

"We're not speaking about

how the play is presented," wrote the anonymous scribe, "but about how the review is written."

Which is fair. If the performances can be evaluated, so the critique can also be taken apart. But one gets the feeling that syntax and grammar are not the target of the writer.

Follow on and read, "It is our contention that if one dons the mantle of reviewer, they should be aptly cognizant of theatre productions and what they entail both artistically and technically."

Very interesting.

PERSONAL OPINION

The writer of the article does concede the point that reviews are of necessity an expression of personal opinion. But the implication is that the personal opinion should be gushy praise and cheer-leader enthusiasm.

Wouldn't it be lovely if all the productions and performances of the Players were worthy of such sweetness?

The reviewer may be hesitant to call a spade a spade if the group were putting on plays and things for free. When admission is charged, the pretense of professionalism is established and a viewing of several of the efforts by the Players prompts one to urge them to keep their jobs. Starvation awaits most of the members of the acting group if money for food depended upon their abilities behind the footlights.

The article writer goes on to explain what a review should be

and expresses the opinion that a thorough understanding of every aspect of theatrical endeavour stands as the prime requisite of a reviewer.

AS SURROGATE

Perhaps the Players should understand that a reviewer sits as surrogate for the paying public and looks on the stage action just as a theatre-goer would. The problem of scene changes are not the problem of the reviewer but when the action of changing sets interferes with the action of the play, such must be noted.

When the actors flub a line or forget a cue, such also must be noted.

When a play is chosen it should be relevant to the public and provide an enjoyable way to spend an evening.

Certainly, the Players put in weeks and months repeating parts until they become smooth, for the most part. But that's the name of the game in attempting to entertain.

Fragile egos have no place in the interplay between Players and reviewer and so long as the actors and actresses insist upon claiming the title, they should be willing to face the written word.

If praise is all that is heard and valid criticism is not forthcoming, from where does growth spring?

By all means, anonymous writer of articles, criticize the critic, but be more than willing to receive criticism in return.

Letters to the Editor

They cannot operate business without parking for customers

Islanders make treatment possible

Sir,
It was with considerable interest that I read Bill Webster's story about Yvonne Hawkins, who has rheumatoid arthritis, and who has been going for treatment to our Victoria Treatment Centre. The Centre is operated by The Arthritis Society, B.C. Division, for the specialized care of the arthritis patient.

I felt Gulf Islanders would like to know that they help to make these treatment services possible when they support each September, which is Arthritis Month, the annual fund-drive by mail conducted on our behalf by Lions Club members of Salt Spring Island.

The Arthritis Society is most grateful to the Lions Club for handling our campaign for us and very much appreciates the wonderful support provided by Gulf Islanders.

It was very kind of Yvonne Hawkins to permit her story to be told in such an effective and personal way.
MILDRED JEFFERY,
Director, Development and Communications Department.
April 29, 1982.

Drama critic he is not

Sir,
Mr. Frank Richards is a very good journalist and a fine person, but a drama critic he is not.

His inept review of the Salt Spring Players production of *My Fair Lady* was completely lacking in perception or in any depth whatsoever. One felt he had opened his program and jotted down a list of names.

He at no time seems to have noticed the totality of the production, a bare mention of the director who got it all together, accents, costumes or set design. These things just didn't happen.

Why, when a musical event takes place (e.g. Concert Society) is it invariably well written up by a qualified musician? Would it not be possible that a person with a knowledge and background of theatre could in a like manner review and give a real critique of local drama productions?

I personally was not involved in any way with this production, but I feel it deserved a more discerning eye and perhaps a bit more time and thought spent on its analysis.

I may say also that Tony is no better than his Dad in the Role of Drama Critic. Apart from this I say, "Well done Salt Spring Players."

GWEN HIND-SMITH,
R.R.1 Ganges.
May 7, 1982.

No definite commitment

Following letter to Education Minister Brian Smith was submitted for publication.

Dear Mr. Smith,
Our School Board, Gulf Islands, District 64, seems to be making efforts to keep our "special needs programs" in place. At present, however, there are no concrete plans for the upcoming school year. We are promised "contractual arrangements", with no definite commitment for the future stability of these programs.

We respectfully remind you of your intention, quoted in the March issue of *Education Today*: "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 trust your office will continue to oversee our Board's proposals to a satisfactory conclusion during the process of legalizing the restraint program through the provincial legislature.

Premier Bennett has rightly observed that "as Canadians and British Columbians, we are decent and compassionate people." We accordingly look to our government to ensure that this compassionate attitude is reinforced throughout the application of the restraint legislation.

MARGARET WARBEY,
On behalf of Parents and Taxpayers Coalition School District 64.
May 7, 1982.

Invite parents to take part

Sir,
Mr. Holbrook's plans for Special Education in this school district are, we are told still a "proposal". They have yet to be fully formulated via the appropriate committee.

This is what we are told whenever these "proposals" are questioned in any detail at public meetings. They are at too early a stage really to be discussed.

The consequences of the proposed reorganization of special

services could be as far-reaching as any feared as a result of the recent budget cuts.

I hope that the School Board this time will remember to invite parents and the public to take part when these proposals are being discussed in committee, before we are presented with another fait accompli.

MURRAY REISS,
R.R. 1 Vesuvius Bay Rd., Ganges.
May 10, 1982.

Low level radiation dangers

Sir,
The film *Final Epidemic* graphically depicts the almost unimaginable horror of nuclear war.

The nationality of the "First Strike" hardly matters, as the result would affect us all, and the far-reaching effects, of ionizing radiation, would last for so long, and be carried on air currents so far, that all life would suffer.

Those who were not killed instantly would sicken and die, and any who might survive would pass their damaged genes on to future generations, or be rendered sterile.

Let us not allow the horrors of a possible nuclear war, to cloud our vision to the current day-to-day damage done by the radiation that surrounds us.

At one time doctors and scientists thought that there was a "threshold of safety" from x-rays, other medical uses of radiation and ionizing radiation from nuclear plants and many other sources.

Then it was recognized that radiation was damaging body cells, genes and chromosomes, and certain "allowable" standards were set.

These standards were gradually strengthened, as it was discovered that more harm was being done — more cancer, birth defects, leukemia in babies, etc.

Dr. Helen Caldicott, author of *Nuclear Madness*, says that "medical x-rays are the most prevalent source of radiation for the general public today. Since the effect of each dose is additive, each exposure carries with it a minimal carcinogenic and mutagenic risk."

Dr. Rosalie Bertell, who has

done extensive research as a biostatition on human health effects of radiation, has written extensively on the accumulated dangers by low-level radiation.

"Damage from low-level radiation to offspring health, ranges from mild allergies, susceptibility to pneumonia or viral infection, asthma or other physical handicaps, to more severe damage resulting in blindness, mental retardation, spontaneous abortions or childhood cancers."

There are an increasing number of doctors who are understanding these dangers. Also dentists and chiropractors and others who have been in the habit of extensive use of x-rays and other medical uses of radiation — but patients must continue their own contribution to awareness, for our own and future generations' well being.

EVE SMITH,
South Pender Island.
May 1, 1982.

Donations

Sir,
On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross Society and myself I would like to say a big thank you to all of the canvassers who did a wonderful job of collecting.

And a big thank you too to all those fine people who donated so generously.

South Salt Spring donated \$1,403.10. We are very grateful to you all.

EVELYN M. LEE,
Fulford Harbour
May 3, 1982.

Sir,
On the morning of May 3 a B.C. Highway truck appeared and stopped across our place on Rainbow Road. Five No Parking signs were erected. This is the area that all our good customers have parked when they stopped to make their purchases at our farm since 1954, when we first opened. With those signs erected, our small business can no longer be if there is no parking for our customers.

After many fruitless inquiries, we finally found the answer to why it was put there. The Islands Trust is supposed to have received a complaint saying that any cars parked in front of our place cause a hazard to the children. Therefore they directed the Islands Trust Chairman of Transportation, Mr. Tom Toynbee, to write a letter to that effect. Because of that directive, the signs were posted.

We are very old people trying our best to be good citizens and trying to add to our community. I have only been out of the hospital for a short time. My husband, who is a very gentle person, could not understand why we were picked out. The signs devastated his well being and he has now become ill.

It is a very difficult task to have to fight any arm of the government, large or small. Usually the small person like us always loses, falling in between the cracks. We too are concerned about children's safety. But if the Islands Trust has found our area hazardous to the children, they must be fair and treat all areas with the same attitude. There are no cars parked along our section of

Rainbow Road. Yet I have seen the children walking in the middle of the road and only move to the side when a car comes by. I have seen children during school hours jogging up the middle of Rainbow Road.

The Murakamis are not causing a hazard to the children as we have been accused of. The children themselves have opened themselves to any accident by their own actions. If parents have complained about us causing hazards, I suggest that they themselves police their own children's actions and not blame us for their shortcomings. To be accused of being the cause of children's hazard is like attacking motherhood and apple pie. We have had little recourse.

We would like those No Parking signs removed so that we can accommodate all our good customers. Without your help we cannot fight alone, as we are too old. We suffered at the hands of government during the war years. There must be an irony in this somewhere. We can't see it though.

To have to fight the government in our closing years for our own well being makes us very sad. Although our lives were to be affected by the erection of all those signs, we were not given the courtesy of being told or even asked how it would be to us. Sometimes we wonder, is it better when one is old to just take it and lie down and die?

MR. and MRS. K. MURAKAMI,
Rainbow Road,
Ganges.
May 6, 1982.

He's looking for answers

Sir,
Will this island ever settle down again to its former peaceful self? Up to 1969, life here had been idyllic. Then came planning. After that, the sewer. And now the school board.

Only rumours so far, mind you, but on this island there has always been fire when there was smoke. So let's ask a few silly questions.

Keep up good work

Sir,
On Sunday afternoon (May 2) my husband and I were in attendance at the Matinee performance of *My Fair Lady*. It was so well done, I enjoyed it equally as well as when I had seen it done on the stage of Drury Lane in England in 1962.

The costumes were excellent — even the scene at Ascot, with the beautiful dresses and large hats, compared with any other production I have seen. The players, too numerous to mention, were perfect for their parts. The orchestra under Jean Knight were just right — they knew what they were doing.

The sets were so real — and the changing of them by a well-rehearsed crew. I just can't say enough about the whole performance.

P.S. We will never forget last year's *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Keep up the good work, Salt Spring Players.
BARBARA BROWN,
3920 Cedar Hill Rd.,
Victoria, B.C.

May, 1982.

Would the teaching staff lay-offs have been necessary if the school board had awarded the customary 12% instead of the highly inflationary 17+% salary increase? Does the school board represent the teachers or the ratepayers? In times of restraint, why do we all of a sudden need a well-salaried "Superintendent of Facilities"?

And why does the corresponding job description read as though it had been written with one particular individual in mind? Had this position been duly advertised in the local newspaper?

Did the school board sell 4.5 acres of land in the Fulford Valley for \$30,000? And did it then purchase five acres of very rough terrain for \$98,500? Is it true that the board rejected a better and somewhat cheaper school site situated right in the demographic centre of the Fulford area? And is it also true that the school board employs two different architects on the proposed new Fulford school — one to design the physical plant, the other to work on site plans?

If true, why couldn't one architect do the whole job, as is customary? How much are we paying these two architects for their services?

Questions, questions, nothing but questions. Does anyone care to provide the answers?

W. BANGERT,
Box 891,
Ganges.
May 8, 1982.

More letters:

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More Letters to the Editor

Call in hatchet man, save money

Sir,
Here is a humble opinion for the Ferry Authority to consider, with no axe to grind.

Since they have recently spent nearly \$2 million on the new facility at Village Bay on Mayne Island let's put it to a very practical use.

Salt Spring has excellent service from Swartz Bay and Crofton so let's cut Long Harbour off the run from Vancouver and anyone wishing to go to Salt Spring from the other islands or from Vancouver would do so via Swartz Bay. The total facility at Long Harbour could be sold for a marina and restaurant etc. and recover some capital.

Then let's sail the large ferry from Tsawwassen to Mayne, and return, with a smaller ferry running a shuttle service to Pender Island and to Montague Harbour on Galiano. This would allow the authority to also close down Sturdies Bay and they could sell the waiting room, at Sturdies, for a

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— Joan M. Raeside

Celebrates 90th birthday

Phebe Penhorwood was 90 years old on May 9.

The Salt Spring resident celebrated the day with family and friends. She was born into the Simonds family in London, England, and they moved to Canada in 1925.

Mrs. Penhorwood met and married husband Alfred in Edmonton in 1930 and shortly after they moved to the northern Alberta town of Waterways. He became the first mayor of the small community which sits on the edge of the tar sands district.

When her husband died some years ago, Mrs. Penhorwood moved to Victoria and eventually came to Salt Spring to live with her daughter and son-in-law Thelma and Alex Houston. She has been here for the past six years.

She is active in church organizations as well as the Eastern Star.

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CHAS. J. GARDNER,
R.R.1 Galiano.
May 7, 1982.

Grant refused

Sir,
I was refused a Senior Citizen's Grant when registering my motorcycles. This is given to over 65's for pleasure-only vehicles.

I wrote to The Hon. J. Hewitt, Minister for ICBC, requesting this Grant which is paid by the Department of Agriculture and Food out of General Revenue to the ICBC.

A telephone request to the above Department elicited the response that they were agriculture experts, not ICBC, and were not aware of the payments.

This was either ignorance or evasion — and certainly no way to deal with a straightforward citizen's request.

CLAUDE F. MITCHELL,
1176 Skeena,
Vancouver, B.C. V5K 4V5
May 7, 1982.

Campaign raises \$800 at Mayne

Sir,
The annual Red Cross campaign for funds held on Mayne Island during March and April is over and a total of \$801.70 was collected.

The following canvassers are responsible for the success of the campaign this year: Doris Gardner, Rose Batchelor, Nancy Sutton, Margaret Hood, Marlene Fousek, Mable Johnston, Norah Garrick, Albert Avoledo and Jesse Brown.

Thanks are also due the islanders who contributed. Their support was very much appreciated.

I would like to thank all my canvassers for the time and effort they gave towards this Annual Campaign.

ELSIE BROWN,
Campaign Chairman.
April 30, 1982.

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Ottawa Report

Federal funding is never enough

BY JIM MANLY, MP

On a recent trip to the riding I had a chance to visit with some of the community projects which have received federal funding for salaries. During the 60's and early 70's we often heard critics claim that too many projects were boondoggles, like hiring young people to study the effect of different coloured parking meters on a pre-selected cross section of the canine population.

Probably these criticisms were exaggerated and unfair; certainly they don't apply to the projects I have seen in this area over the last couple of years. The two most widely known job creation programs are the Canada Community Development Projects and the Summer Canada Projects.

NEVER ENOUGH

Because the money in these programs is never enough to fund the many worthwhile projects, some tough decisions have to be made. A local advisory board, with representatives from different parts of the constituency, meets with the project officer to set priorities. These are then recommended to the minister of employment and immigration. The members do a good job.

For the last two years the government has given priority to projects employing women and the handicapped. It also earmarks a specific amount of money for native projects. The board members try to consider all these factors as they make their decisions.

These projects make some very helpful contributions to our

society as a whole. The sponsors who initiate and supervise them should be commended and thanked. From personal experience I know that being a part of a sponsoring organization involves a great deal of hard, sometimes frustrating work.

CALLOUS PROVINCE

The projects also provide a few jobs at a minimal wage; for the people involved these jobs are all-important and there are many more applicants than there are jobs. This is made worse by the callous attitude of the provincial government, which has completely terminated its summer job program for students.

It is stupid and shortsighted to eliminate job creation at a time of growing unemployment. But we

should not think that small scale, short-term job creation is any answer to our massive unemployment problem. Band-aids have their place, but they cannot stop a haemorrhage.



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Positive results produced by students survey

First of two parts
BY BILL WEBSTER

The Salt Spring Island Community Society recently surveyed the attitudes of island teenagers in school and the results have been positive.

A report and analysis of the results prepared by Dr. Ralph Miller, support services consultant for the Gulf Islands School District, stated:

"The data indicates that most of the students generally feel pretty good about themselves, their peers and the adults in their lives."

The questionnaire had been distributed to students at the Gulf Islands Secondary School as well as Grade 7 students at the Salt Spring Elementary School. Answers were received from 293 students or about 75% of the teenagers from ages 12 to 18. The responses were almost evenly distributed between male and female.

BASED ON SIMILAR SURVEYS

The survey had been set up by community worker Wendy Case with the help of Alice Friedman and Murray Robinson of the society. It had been designed specifically for the island but was based on similar surveys of youth used elsewhere.

Miller noted in the report, "A school survey provides a somewhat biased sample of young people in a community since a significant number of school-aged youth have dropped out of school and are, therefore, not included."

The drop-outs, he said, may have different attitudes and needs and must be studied by other methods in order to complete the picture of youth on the island.

Students were not required to complete the questionnaire and were informed that participation was voluntary. Few of the youth refused to co-operate. The responses, once handed back to the various instructors, were completely anonymous with no way of identifying who answered specific forms.

Miller gave the reason for the survey as being "to gather information to enhance our awareness of the attitudes, experiences and needs of our young people so that we, as a community, might better develop and shape policies and programs."

VALID INFORMATION

While the data may have had shortcomings, the survey provides valid and useful information. Students did not, in significant numbers, mark only the negative answers as a lark. Many of the questions were related and when viewed as an entity, the answers seem to be consistent and carefully answered, Miller said in the report.

The answers to questions on drug abuse, for instance, may well have been inflated but when compared to the answers given on where money is spent, they proved to be "wishful thinking."

"Even if taken at face value," the report stated, "they cannot be considered high by Canadian standards and while they may be indicative of areas for potential concern, they can hardly be viewed as cause for alarm."

When the survey had become public knowledge, concern had been expressed about such things as invasion of privacy. Younger students, some people felt, might have been intimidated into completing the questions due to the presence of a teacher.

JUST THE OPPOSITE

Analysis of the "no responses" did not support the concerns and just the opposite seemed to be the case: on more personal questions, responses increased with age of the students.

The report ended with the advisory "to exercise discretion in interpreting the data....The evidence suggests that most students accepted the survey in the spirit in which it was intended and answered the questions in a reasonably straightforward manner."

Any actions on the results of the survey are up to the community, said Case.

"I'm prepared to act as the person to pull it all together," she told *Driftwood*, "but it's up to the community to take the next step."

Next week *Driftwood* will look at the interpretations given to the various responses to the questions.

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If left on top of the ground bone meal will go mouldy. A cover of soil will prevent this.

If your tomato plants should turn a lovely shade of purple, do not worry, this is common. It is due to one of two factors.

COOL TEMPERATURES

The most common is cold. Cool temperatures will cause these heat lovers to stop growing and turn purple. They will pick up their little leaves, then green again and start growing as soon as they feel it is warm enough.

The other cause, all things being equal, that is if some turn purple while others don't, is a bit of a shortage of phosphorus. A touch of bone meal will fix this.

By far the most impressive tomato plants I ever raised were the ones I grew in tomato cages. These cages were fashioned from old five-foot-high fencing. They were about two feet in diameter, which required six feet of fencing.

The bottom horizontal stand of wire was clipped off, leaving the vertical strands exposed. These served as anchors when the whole thing was pushed into the ground up to the second horizontal strand. Choose fencing with holes large enough to get a hand through while clutching a tomato.

SOON FILLED CAGE

These tomato bushes soon filled the whole cage and were nothing to look down upon. In fact, we were eye to eye.

If you plan on growing your tomatoes this way, better make

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

that a handful of bone meal. I consider this the best support system as the cage supports the plants all around without crowding or tying. Eventually, at the end of the season, the weight of the fruit toppled the cages as there was more fruit on the south and west sides of the caged plants.

A sturdy stake on the north side, securely tied to the cage, will prevent this.

Further, this system lends itself easily to draping the whole cage with a spacious clear plastic cloak. This in effect becomes a miniature greenhouse when the plants are young, and also provides some much needed shelter from our cool summer nights.

EXTEND SEASON

It can also extend the season significantly in fall. You will have a lot more vine-ripened tomatoes. And I mean a lot more, and much sooner and much later as well.

This plastic cloak should be at least three feet in diameter or 3 1/2 feet even, to provide at least a foot

more room than the cage, for all the branches and tomatoes which will grow through the wire. Remove the cloak during the daytime to allow for pollination. It could stay on when days are cool and a vigorous shake at the warmest time of the day will cause the blossoms to pollinate themselves.

I wonder if this could work with cucumbers — it is certainly worth a try. We would have to make some allowances for pollination, though, as the cukes have male and female blossoms. And how about peppers — I am sure they would like to try this too.

Cucumbers started indoors or in the greenhouse now will be just right for transplanting outside around the end of May and the beginning of June.

Remember that cukes and squash do not like to have their roots disturbed at all. And as to fertilizers, they like lots of everything, but do give them that extra shot of bone meal, they will appreciate it.

Upper Cranberrians and other dwellers of similar lofty elevations would find this mini-greenhouse idea especially rewarding, even if we should have a lovely, long, hot summer.

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Garden Club members visit rock garden

BY OPTOMIST

Members attending the Salt Spring Garden Club's April workshop were favoured with a sunny morning to see the beautiful rock gardens of Mr. and Mrs. I.C. Shank. Erythroniums amongst the native trees and shrubs were at their best along the steep drive, thriving in a natural setting.

It was good to see native flowers being preserved for they are fast disappearing under the pressure of urban living. The garden, situated in pockets in the rocky outcrops with added sifted soil, was a pleasure to see. Small bulbs primulas and unusual alpine plants abounded along with potted plants. Gardens can be made in any difficult situation with hard work and ambition.

Mr. and Mrs. Shank have worked very hard to achieve this and it was a real pleasure to visit.

The monthly meeting brought many members to hear Cedric Myers speak on rhododendrons and azaleas. A very keen grower, he has travelled to see the rhododendron in its native habitat and showed slides from a recent visit to Nepal, and some of his own garden. They were excellent, especially the fall colours of the deciduous azaleas.

The plant sale had a good selection for early arrivals thanks to the many members' kind contributions. Proceeds will help

club programs during the year.

Our spring show brought many blooms of good quality, and it was especially rewarding for Mary Clements, a comparative newcomer to the show bench. Her beautiful yellow tulips won the book prize for best exhibit in the show.

Congratulations to Mary Pike, Dorothy James and all who worked hard to make this sale and show a success.

Our May 19th meeting will feature Andrea Buonassise, a pest control specialist for Vancouver Island from the ministry of agriculture and food. Topic will be plant diagnosis and insect control and the use of pesticides, with slide illustrations. Bring any problem plant material and questions you need answering.

On Monday, May 17th at 10 am a workshop on chrysanthemums for garden or show will be given in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Alders Avenue on Ganges Hill.

Lionel Wood will give tips on planting and caring for your mums for the coming season.

Married Saturday at Brentwood

A former resident of Salt Spring Island was married in Brentwood Bay on May 1.


Nick Humphreys, son of Gil and Nonie Humphreys of Salt Spring, and Patricia Downey, daughter of Clair and Dorothy Downey of Sidney, were married in a ceremony at their Brentwood home.

Best man was Dave Roland and bridesmaid was Alice Richards, both of Salt Spring Island.

Reception followed at the Deep Cove Chalet.

The newlyweds have left for a honeymoon in California.

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Blithe Spirit

Mayne Island little theatre's third production opens Thursday

Noel Coward's classic *Blithe Spirit*, produced by Mayne Island Little Theatre, opens May 13. It will run through to May 15 with a Saturday matinee and an evening performance on the 15th at the Agricultural Hall on Mayne Island.

This, the third production for the one-year old theatre group, is directed by Tony Rogers and produced by May Sharpe. Lise Levesque is the stage manager.

The set was designed by Robert English and constructed by Ron Willick. Costumes are by May Sharpe, lighting by Michael Crovato and sound and special effects are by Glen Macleod.

The play is set in 1938 with Glenda Goodman as Edith, the maid, Bev Graham as Ruth, Brian Crumblehulme as Charles, Rob Taylor as Dr. Bradman, Irene Dolan as Mrs. Bradman, Elisabeth McEachern as Madame Arcati and Barbara Ross as ghostly Elvira.

The group welcomes attendance from off-islanders. Tickets can be reserved by calling house manager Gillian Marie at 539-2518.



Rehearsing yet another seance for Mayne Island Little Theatre's production of *Blithe Spirit* are

Elisabeth McEachern as Madame Arcati and Brian Crumblehulme as Charles.

Artist presents show

Haida artist and well known Canadian carver Gerry Marks recently presented a show of native Indian art to the Salt Spring Island Native Indian and Inuit heritage group.

Marks' slide presentation included pictures of the carving and raising of the totem pole at Skidigate. He also showed pictures of the carved house front at Masset in which he participated as a carver.

Jewellery and art by Marks was shown. The artist has several pieces of his work on display at the Provincial Museum in Victoria.

Salt Spring Players plan summer surprises

Actress and director Yvonne Adalian has selected two short plays for a four-day performance by the Salt Spring Players at the end of this month.

The plays are the first in a series of summer surprises, or "Summer Mummies", planned by the Salt Spring Players. The plays will be performed at La Fontana Caffe in Ganges.

The two plays borrow some of their characters and scenarios from the theatrical traditions of the Commedia dell'arte, the improvisational groups of Italy who entertained both villagers and princes throughout Europe and Russia.

The Players will present mime

featuring the genuine Harlequin and his Columbine as well as a Pierrette and her Pierrot. Susan Cogan's music will accompany the mime.

The Players will also be offering a chance for audiences to peak behind the scenes into life-as-it-really-is for a group of itinerant actors. The Salt Spring Players, including such favourites as John Lomas, Dawn Luker, Eric Booth and Dawny Scarfe, will be taking on a more portable and neo-classical style for the summer.

Islanders are invited to attend the four days of performances at the Caffe patio with a cappuccino coffee and a host of strolling players.



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Program may provide 5,000 jobs

Jobs for students for the summer is the aim of a program announced by the provincial government recently.

The ministry of industry and small business development is putting up \$6 million under a cost-sharing program with businesses and the expectation is that at least 5,000 jobs for students will be created.

The government portion of wages will not exceed an average cost of \$2.50 an hour.

The program will be administered by the ministry of labour and Gulf Islands students can obtain information at the nearest office at 808 Douglas Street in Victoria, phone 387-1131.

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Weavers mark 10th anniversary

Janet Newstead was elected president of the Salt Spring Island Weavers' Guild at the annual general meeting held recently at Mahon Hall. She succeeds Wynn MacLachlan.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the marking of the guild's 10th anniversary on May 6. Jose Clement gave a brief rundown of the history of the guild, mentioning that it had started with 12 members and now has 59. Through its newsletter the Salt Spring guild is in touch with 26 other weavers' guilds in the province.

In addition to president Janet Newstead other members elected to the executive are: Jo Bracher, vice-president; Marg Fisher, secretary; Al Pike, treasurer; Aino Tamm, program; Dorothy Robertson, librarian; Joan Ewing, membership; Colin Nicholson, equipment; Ann Leigh-Spencer, hospitality.

During the meeting year-end reports were given by the various members of the executive and retiring president Wynn MacLachlan summed the activities of the previous year and voiced sincere appreciation to the support and work of the members of her executive.

50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kitchener celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last weekend. The picture shows the couple outside the Rainbow Road home of their daughter and son-in-law, Olive and Don Layard.

Driftwood photo by Frank Richards

'Erratic driving' leads to fine

The RCMP investigated a complaint March 23 of a car being driven in an erratic manner and subsequently charged the driver.

Robert Lyle Hembruff, 42, of Ganges, entered a guilty plea to a charge of driving a vehicle with more than 80 mg of alcohol in his blood. A charge of driving while his ability was impaired was dropped.

On the day in question Hembruff provided breathalyzer readings of .27 and .26. He had been doing a tour of duty on a picket line in a labour dispute and the men had a case of beer.

Hembruff, the lawyer told the court, took exception to the description of his driving that day. Judge G.S. Denroche said, "With a reading that high, perhaps his perception was not as sharp as those following."

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ISLANDS TRUST PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE Regional Plan and Local Committee Meetings

The Islands Trust will be holding a series of Regional Plan meetings and Local Trust Committee meetings on Salt Spring and the Outer Gulf Islands as follows:

GALIANO ISLAND: Saturday, May 15, 1982, 10 am.

Community Hall, Galiano Island. Regional Plan meeting to be followed by a Galiano Trust Committee Meeting.

MAYNE ISLAND: Saturday, May 15, 1982, 2 pm.

Mayne Island School, Mayne Island. Regional Plan meeting to be followed by a Public Hearing and Mayne Island Trust Committee meeting.

NORTH PENDER ISLAND and SOUTH PENDER ISLAND: Friday, May 14, 1982, 7:30 pm.

North Pender Island School and Community Hall, North Pender Island. Regional Plan meeting to be followed by a North Pender Island Trust Committee meeting.

SALT SPRING ISLAND: Tuesday, May 18, 1982, 7:30 pm.

United Church Hall, Salt Spring Island. Regional Plan meeting to be followed by a Salt Spring Island Trust Committee meeting.

SATURNA ISLAND: Friday, May 14, 1982, 1 pm.

Community Hall, Saturna Island. Regional Plan meeting to be followed by a Saturna Island Trust Committee meeting.

The public is encouraged to attend these meetings and to participate in the discussions on the draft Regional Plan. Copies of the Plan are available on the Islands and from the Trust office in Victoria - phone 387-5219 (Zenith 2258).

M. LEE,
Administrative Officer.

Sprinklers give lady golfers added thrill

BY PAT DOHERTY

On Tuesday, May 4 there were 16 ladies in the nine-hole section of the Salt Spring Golf Club playing under sunny skies. They had the added thrill that they were checking out the sprinkler system that morning, so one was never sure when they might have an unexpected shower.

Low gross on number 1 was picked up by Marg Rithaler, Bunny Jordan won a ball for low putts and Bertha Walker picked up the third prize.

On the same day the ladies' 18-hole division played their qualifying round for the Rose Bowl. Connie Hardy turned in the best round for the day with 88. Irene Hawksworth and Gloria Lloyd were one stroke back. Pin day low net was Phil Henderson with 65, tied at second were Mildred Gurney and Barbara Maguire.

The ladies' third annual open would seem to have been a great success. The weather man co-operated and everything was well organized as usual, and from a casual bystander's viewpoint Lorna Pentz seemed to be doing an outstanding job of orchestrating the whole thing.

The winners were as follows: Low gross, Diane Phillips, Uplands; Low net, Barb Maguire, Salt Spring. As well as their prizes these two ladies also received corsages. Diane had a fine 157, while Barb had 133.

Low gross runner-up was Jean Smith of Gorge Vale with 164, low net runner-up was Elizabeth Parker of Uplands with 136. In the A event it was Lorna Roper of Uplands with 168 taking low gross; Anne Monro of Salt Spring took low net with 138.

In the B event low gross winner was Helen Burns of Royal Colwood who was tied at 191 with Judy Cryderman of Uplands. Judy took the runner-up prize.

In the B event low net winner

Brenda Parker of Royal Colwood was tied at 141 with runner-up Doreen Baker of Cedar Vale. In the C event Isabella McLeod of Nanaimo had 195, while runner-up Betty Harrison of Salt Spring had 199.

Low net C event winner was Sadie Campbell at 138. Sadie is from Royal Colwood. Runner-up was Jean Vodden of Salt Spring at 139. In the A event low gross runner-up was Joan Moore of Gorge Vale with 170, low net

runner-up in the same event was Mike Aylesworth at 141, Mike is also from Gorge.

On the first day's play the most accurate on number 2 hole was Joan Moore, on number 11 it was Betty Forgie. To prove it was no fluke Betty came out next day and was closest to the pin again at number 11. Grace Retallack took closest to the pin honours at number 2 on the second day.

For some reason they have also listed the highest score recorded on number 6 hole and the winners of that dubious award were Cheryl Bickle of Sunnydale with an 11 (can you believe it?) on the first day, while Jean Stokes of Royal Colwood was much better the second day — she sneaked down in 8.

In men's play on the weekend they qualified for the Matson Cup and the draw is now on the board. We cannot say how the scoring went as they have removed the sheet from the notice board. Malcolm Robertson, however, would appear to have been low medalist from his position on the draw sheet.

In mixed two-ball play on Sunday there was a great turnout in perfect weather, but we were not given any results, we just know that everyone had a great time.

A reminder: the Aage Villadsen Classic will be held Saturday and all proceeds go to Greenwoods. See you there.

Bridge Winners

Duplicate bridge winners at the Salt Spring Golf Club on May 3 were:

North-South: first, Helen Shandro and Audrey Allan; second, Shirley Love and Phyl Henderson; tied for third, Vera and Alf Nichols and Dorie Best and Nora Day.

East-West: tied for first, Peg Wallach and Gordon Best and Fred Struve and Gordon Hutton; third, Kay Sinclair and Alan Steward.

Winners of Tuesday night's charity game (Kidney Foundation of Canada) were:

North-South: first, Fred Melhuish and George Ferguson; second Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton; third, Audrey Allan and Helen Shandro; fourth, Lorna and Peter Pentz.

East-West: first, John McCulloch and Brian Dublin; second, Joe and Madeline Frantz; third, Nora Day and Phoebe Stevens; fourth, Ilse and Jack Foster.

Vince Lombardi said, "Practice does not make perfect; perfect practice makes perfect."

Spring clean-up time

Spring clean-up extends beyond the house in some areas of the Gulf Islands.

This year, as in past years, several groups are joining in a clean-up campaign organized by Outdoors Unlittered and Shell Canada.

Glenn Woodley, principal of Fernwood School on Salt Spring, will have the pupils out scouring the playground and the area around the school for litter.

John Lomas, as representative for the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, will be volunteering various merchants in Ganges as well as enlisting the aid of students at the Ganges schools to help clean up the village.

On Saturna, Taimi Hindmarch will have the pupils of that school

aiding in the collection of debris. The children will go out in groups to clean near the school as well as at the docks and in the more populated areas of the island.

All participants will be issued a colourful garbage bag compliments of Shell. The enthusiasm for a clean spring extends across the province, into Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and for the first year, into Ontario.

The campaign has also caught the attention of a Canadian college in Switzerland which also will be part of the clean-up campaign.

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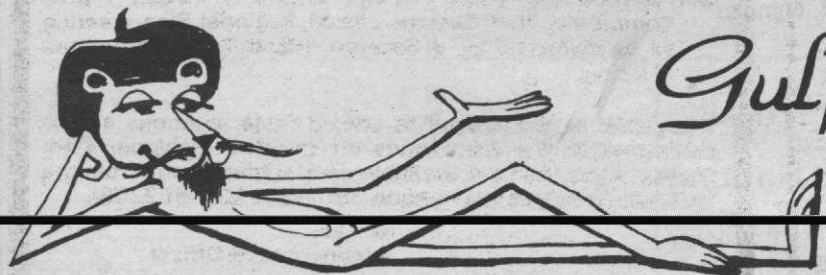


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Summer schedule

From Page One

Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay with a stop at noon in Fulford Harbour.

The Vesuvius-Crofton run from Salt Spring begins each day at 7 am with 11 runs across Stuart Channel. Saturday, Sunday and holiday service begins at 8 pm from Vesuvius and 8:30 from Crofton.

The Salt Spring Island transportation committee is concerned about the elimination of the late service between Fulford and Swartz Bay. Tom Toynbee, committee chairman, said the committee will be meeting to discuss the situation as soon as possible.

A change in the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands run will see the big boats steaming into Sturdies Bay and Village Bay from the mainland each day in the early evening before returning to the mainland.

When the boat has picked up cars and passengers there, it returns directly to Long Harbour with a stop at Otter Bay Monday to Thursday and Saturday.

Friday, Sunday and holiday Monday, the Otter Bay stop is not in effect.

The schedule for sailings between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay lists nine crossings beginning at 7 am with the last crossing at 9 pm. The revision is in effect from June 1 until June 23.

At that date the boats will run from 7 am to 10 pm each hour daily until September 14.

Fares will remain the same as are currently charged until at least the fall. At that time, the directors of the corporation will sit down and assess the success of the new schedule and determine if a fare increase is necessary.

Monitoring called off at Auto-Marine

Monitoring of water consumption at the Auto-Marine complex in Ganges has been discontinued.

On Wednesday of last week the community health and social services committee agreed to discontinue the check after reports were heard that the past month's monitoring had all shown less water used than the sewage disposal permit calls for.

Salt Spring Island Director Yvette Valcourt reported that the January and February water consumption had been at 15,450 gallons for the two months and that this exceeded the 250 gallons of sewage permitted daily under the disposal permit.

"The permit was issued subject to a reduction of flow," she recalled and there has not, in fact, been a reduction.

The water consumed is not necessarily going into the holding tank, commented K.A.S. Hill, moving that monitoring be suspended. He also asked that the

North Saanich Waterworks District be advised of the resolution.

At its April meeting the committee directed that

monitoring be undertaken for a month to ascertain whether the construction of an interior partition to accommodate et cetera Book and Stationery would cause an increased sewage flow.

Carrier part of local history

The Argentine aircraft carrier *Independia*, sold to the Argentinians in 1959 by the British, was indirectly involved in an island tragedy nearly 30 years ago.

In a *Victoria Colonist* article, dated February 7, 1947, the death of two Canadian air force men is reported. When Lieutenant-Commander O.W. Tattersall and Lieutenant Clifford Gavel attempted to fly to Vancouver they failed.

Tattersall and Gavel left the

Warrior, as the carrier was then named, in their ship-based reconnaissance aircraft in order to see Gavel's wife in Vancouver. On the afternoon of February 6, Mrs. Bob Patterson heard the plane and saw them circling above Fulford.


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Golfing trophies

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Barb Maguire, left, of Salt Spring. Next to her is the winner of the Salt Spring Insurance Agencies trophy for low gross, Diane Phillips of Uplands. Jean Smith of Gorgevale

took the runner-up prize for low gross and Elizabeth Parker of Uplands was runner-up for low net.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

LINE CALL

First tournament Saturday

Contributed
The Salt Spring Tennis Association is planning to hold the first of many tennis tournaments on Saturday.

This tournament will be of a mixed doubles format, with players rotating partners after each match. Players of all levels are invited to take part and each participant is assured of at least four matches. Entry fee is \$2.

Warm-up and registration will take place from 9:30-10:00 am, with play beginning at 10. This tournament is open to all members and potential members of the tennis association.

Later that evening the association plans to hold a tennis social. More information regarding the social can be obtained from Wendy at 537-5846.

Beginning Tuesday, May 18 the Tennis Association will sponsor Tennis Nights, to be held every Tuesday throughout May and June. Tennis players who plan to join the association and who wish to play organized matches are asked to be at Portlock Park each Tuesday at 6 pm. Play will run until dusk.

For those who are new to the tennis scene on the island, the Salt Spring Tennis Association is organized to promote tennis-related activities for the benefit of local players.

During the next five months the association plans to hold tennis tournaments, lessons, clinics and socials in which we hope you will participate. Membership in the Association is \$5 for juniors, \$10 for adults and \$15 for families.

Please send membership dues to Salt Spring Tennis Association, Box 1381, Ganges, B.C.

Track meets

The runners will run and the jumpers will jump at track and field events on the Gulf Islands.

Salt Spring Elementary will be holding a meet for students of the school June 10. Fernwood will have an intermediate meet on May 21.



Both schools will be involved in joint meets May 26 and June 3 at Portlock Park.

In the Outer Islands, the schools will gather on Pender May 26 for a day of athletics.

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Little Leaguers begin season

The Salt Spring Log Sorting Little Leaguers played ball Saturday and Tony Mazur takes his turn at bat. The ball was hit foul on this play. Softball is getting into high gear now as teams of all ages are beginning season play.

Slow pitch tournament

The third annual Salt Spring-Orcas Island International Slow Pitch Tournament is only three weeks away.

Plans are underway for this annual friendship exchange which involves teams from Orcas Island in the American San Juans coming up to play in a tournament on the Memorial Day Weekend at the end of the month and teams from Salt Spring returning the visit on the July 1 weekend.

This year's recreational good-time tournament will involve three teams from Orcas, the Clams, Whales and Reefers, a team from Victoria and four local teams. The Greenwood Rockers are the host team with three other local teams also to be involved. The Teachers-Over-30 team is one confirmed entry. Two other teams will confirm their entry this week.

The tournament will consist of two sections of four teams with all teams guaranteed three games.

Action will probably begin on Friday evening with games involving local and Victoria teams and conclude with the finals. Activities will include a barbecue. Hopefully a beer garden will be set up at one of the two fields that will be used.

Bag limit 30

For the optimists among island residents, the news is that the bag limit for the season on chinook has been set at 30.

Anglers are required to notch their 1982 B.C. tidal water sport fishing licence for each chinook caught and record the date and area of the catch in the space provided.

The bag limit is part of a conservation effort by the federal department of fisheries and oceans to protect both commercial and sport fisheries.

Salties club Victoria team 10-0

Fulford Inn Salties ran their string of consecutive wins to six by clubbing Arbay Developments of Victoria 10-0 Tuesday night.

The Salt Spring club opened the scoring in the first inning when Pat Gaines walked and Barrie Moen homered. From then on the Salties continued their punch with a 13-hit attack.

Pat Akerman led the barrage at the plate with three hits. Meanwhile, Bob Storey and Don Orr put on a terrific base-stealing display.

Coley Byron picked up his third win and his second shut-out while holding the Victoria club to four hits. Byron's shut-out was the Salties' fifth in six games.

The Salties' next league game is in Victoria on May 14 followed by a double-header at the Fulford Inn Ball Park at 1 and 3 pm on May 16. The opposition will be supplied by Coast Projects of Victoria.

This team has a history of fine hitting and exciting baserunning and could prove formidable opponents for the Fulford Inn team. So come out and enjoy an afternoon of softball. See you at the park.

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Down the gutter

Y.B.C. NEWS

Remember, bowlers, only one week of bowling left; only one week in which to bowl your highest game this season. So try and be there next Saturday, May 15.

High scorers for Saturday, May 8 were:

Jets: Jennifer Neilson, 88; Cheryl David, 85; Eric Taylor, 78.

Pee Wees: Tracy Cunningham, 131; Candice Miller, 119; Jeffrey Neilson, 164; Clinton Helfrich, 97; David Lucas, 96; Brett Marshall, roll-off game of 130.

Bantams: Kim West, 188; Marnie Shaw, 187; Lisa Jorgensen, 183; Jodie Harrison, roll-off game of 195; Adam Baines, 165; Mark David, 143; Brad Magnus, 108.

Juniors, Mary Sinclair, 269;

Shannon Taylor, 216; Nicky Kerrigan, 193; Jeanette Rogers, 184; David Jacquest, 183; Ross Hughes, 162.

Seniors for Wednesday, May 5, are: Denise Harrison, 237; Dawn Guilbault, 215; Van Innes, 200; Janet Gosnell, 196; Paul Trenholm, 238; Danny Fraser, 225; Steve Marleau, 213; Enrique Orsono, 190.

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Salt Spring softball scoring

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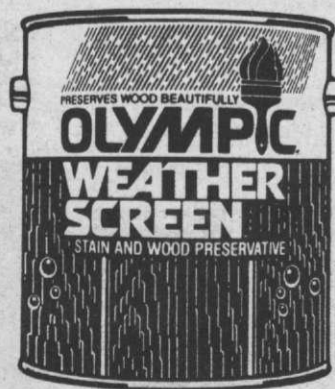
Driftwood G.A.S., 2-0; 1,000; -; Greenwoods Rockers, 2-1; .667; 1/2; Salt Spring Slugs, 1-1; .500; 1; Our Gang, 0-0; .000; 1; Vesuvius Inn, 0-1; .000; 1 1/2; Langdon Loggers, 0-2; .000; 2.

RESULTS OF GAMES

Driftwood G.A.S. default win over Slugs;

Greenwoods 12, Langdons 5; Our Gang 13, Driftwood 13; Slugs 12, Langdons 8; Greenwoods 18, Vesuvius 7; Driftwood 5, Greenwoods 3.

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The following have been designated as key areas of job opportunities.

BUSINESS. Jobs that can be created in a wide variety of businesses throughout B.C. will be funded on a cost sharing basis. The maximum provincial government contribution will be \$2.50 per hour.

FARMS. Funding to farms across the province will be on a shareable basis, with the provincial government contribution not to exceed \$2.50 per hour. It is anticipated that most jobs will be between two and four months in duration.

TOURISM. Funding will be made available to Tourist Information Centres for travel counsellors who will provide information on local and regional B.C. attractions. Funding levels will be at the current minimum wage of \$3.65 per hour.

MUSEUMS. To upgrade the quality of museum services throughout the

province, funding will be provided for staff to research and catalogue B.C. artifacts and to conduct educational and interpretive programs for museum visitors and tourists. Funding levels will be at the current minimum wage of \$3.65 per hour.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. Funding will be provided to help create career related jobs not available elsewhere. Institutions will be required to establish jobs of at least two months duration and will be encouraged to extend the employment period using funds from other sources (i.e. research grants). Funding will be limited to a maximum of \$1200 per position.

INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYERS. The Employment Opportunity Programs Branch of the Ministry of Labour, with

professional staff in 16 field offices, is ready to assist employers in taking maximum advantage of this new program immediately.

Participants in this program must be students, minimum 15 years of age, who have attended an accredited educational institution on a full-time basis for at least one semester since October 1, 1981. Unemployed young people between 15 to 24 years of age will also be considered eligible.

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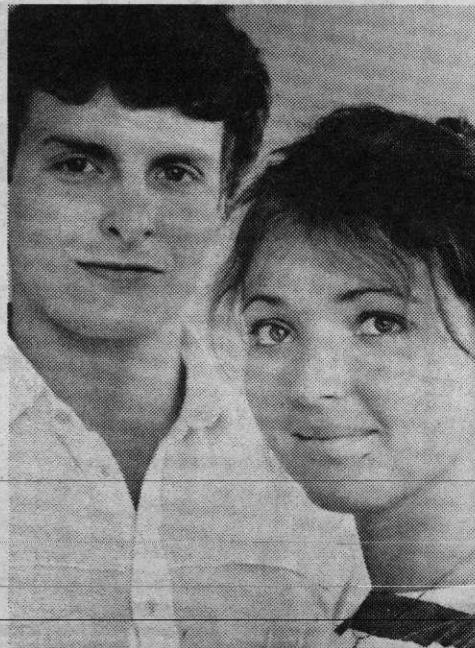
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He found his niche

Mervyn Scoble finds his way home

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

Twelve years ago artist Mervyn Scoble would have spurned the idea of painting in a converted chicken-coop and cultivating his own soil on a west-coast island, far from England's shores.

But today, Scoble has his garden turned and the chicken house has been cleaned and transformed. Wife Karen is busy working on wooden furniture while three-year-old daughter Devon talks ceaselessly of her own experiences. Says Scoble, he has found the first place he has been able to call home since his boyhood in England.

Scoble's art media are as diverse as his capacity to accept and explore the range available. In his artist's studio, at the top of Lee's Hill, there is a collection of Scoble's work. There are wood engravings; simple patterns of pastoral scenes carved and cut in wood.

Three prints of Scoble's are on display. They are of his watercolour pictures which he had painted for a Toronto firm, Framguild, several years ago. Scoble painted Daryl Sittler and Borje Salming for a limited edition of prints.

A third watercolour is of a ghostly late afternoon street scene of Toronto's Chinatown. Scoble's oils include ocean and valley subjects while beyond the studio itself, a three-dimensional expressionist painting alluding to war, industrialism, and post-industrialism has been granted a place of distinction.

WIDE RANGE

Scoble's subjects are unlimited. His work ranges from blissful, optimistic and traditional to sophisticated, cold conceptual space-age drama. He is devoted to a visual existence which is far-reaching and advantageous.

"I have never liked gardening. I'm not a gardener. But by sculpturing the garden and planning it along those same lines as a sculptor I'm enjoying the work," Scoble commented.

The long aluminum building behind the Scoble residence is where the chickens once roosted. It is now his working place which he converted from a farm building into a workable area last summer. It is a large, cool, roomy area equipped with a darkroom, frame-maker, silk screen processing facilities and various other tools and materials. He is a hardy man: there is no heating in the building.

Scoble admits that he has several unfinished paintings he still intends to return to and complete. His impatience and his impulsive desire to explore with his wide range of techniques often interferes with his perseverance to sit and work on one single project until it is considered finished.



Devon, Karen and Mervyn Scoble

Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards

Because there are so many media to work with, so many subjects to explore, Scoble admits to his impatience without guilt.

REJECTION

There is, in Scoble's theory, a rejection of the artist as an identifiable social entity.

He doesn't want to identify with his work. In his rejection of the artist's cloak of identity he sees himself as a kind of medium as well. He is merely transferring an idea onto a medium whereon it nearly takes off on its own. This sort of "muse"-like theory calls for a pat-on-the-back for modesty. The artist is refusing to acknowledge his ability to create wonderful things people love to see, because he will create only wonderful things people love to see, again and again and again...

Scoble is not interested in producing for a Canadian market. He is concerned with creating that which cannot be concealed or retained. The desire to work results in a creation. His creation just chances to be in the area of visual art.

"Unless you can achieve that photo realism achieved by such painters as Robert Bateman, realism in art should not be attempted. Impressions and holistic perceptions give more power to art," Scoble explained.

OUTSIDE PRESSURES

Pressures from external matters keep Scoble's work divided. His

work often involves absolute commercialism such as the water colours of Sittler and Salming.

The limited edition of prints afforded Scoble material purchases and financial maintenance. Commercial art is often necessary in order for an artist to pay the bills and allow the artist time to work unburdened by economic woes.

On the other hand, Scoble's work has a deeper, more complicated and certainly more individualistic quality to it. It is art that is without public, social, monetary influences or external pressures of any kind to alter what occurs between the artist and his canvas.

"If all my paints were taken away from me I could still find other materials. Dyes from the greens and berries could be extracted and I would still be able to continue painting," Scoble resolves.

Scoble has been painting for a long time. Born in Devon, England, he studied at the South Devon School of Art for two years before attending St. Martin's School of Art in London.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

His art schooling completed, Scoble furthered his education at Manchester University, where he acquired a degree in high school teaching. With a series of certificates and degrees Scoble came to Canada for a holiday in

was interested in things other than the cold."

For two years Scoble worked under such conditions. His work soon became dominated by a commercial faction until he was creating what was demanded of him by others and gaining little personal satisfaction.

UP ROOTS

Often he worked for himself but the pressures of the Toronto lifestyle and the impossible renouncement of the commercial, saleable side in the world of art hastened the Scoble up-rooting and the relinquishment of possessions and business ties. The family travelled west, determined to leave the all-take society of the big city.

"I grew up by the sea," Scoble commented. "It felt familiar being near it again and when we arrived on the west coast I was conscious again of the life cycles and constant "renewability" of life. Even the tidal motion, the back and forth movements, made that constant cyclical motion apparent."

When Mervyn and Karen moved on to Salt Spring Island, last year, Karen expressed some concern about surviving in such peace, but confesses that she has never found island life inactive.

TAUGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

Last fall Mervyn taught photography at the continuing education classes in Ganges. Much of his time is spent working in his darkroom professionally with his up-to-date equipment and ambitious facilities.

There are one or two works of Scoble's on exhibition at the Ewart Gallery on Salt Spring Way.

The view from Scoble's atelier is broad and encompasses both Mount Bruce and Tuam and valley as far as Fulford Harbour.

"The colours of that hillside are constantly changing. Last fall when the lower altitude trees turned plum the clarity was unbelievable," exclaimed the artist. "There's so much change going on all the time."

And that external change could be the very essence of Scoble's work. His diversity of subject, of technique and material provide an unlimited, landless lore of resourcefulness in the artist's range of work.

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At Sidney Island

Two trophies are taken by island



It is 75 years since Scouts were Scouts. On Sidney Island last weekend the camp formed up into

two giant numerals and this is what it looked like to a Canadian Forces helicopter.

Picture Story

BY PAUL MINVIELLE

Almost 250 boys from 24 Scout troops, including the First Ganges Sea Scouts and a troop from the Mount Olympus District in Washington State, changed the name of Sidney Island to Brownsea for the weekend.

The real Brownsea, off the south coast of England, was where Lord Robert Baden-Powell (a general at the time) held the first Scout camp, ever, in 1907.

The senior crew of the Ganges troop, with leader Al Innes, David Bremner, Rob Minvielle and Robbie Shepherd made their way

to Sidney Island aboard Scouter Roger Smith's sailboat, along with Scouter Terry Owen and Scouter-in-Training David Owen.

ARMED FORCES

The rest of the troop was met in Swartz Bay by Troop Scouter Paul Minvielle and Scouter Dan Cronin. From there it was over to the Sidney wharf, where Canadian Armed Forces ships waited to ferry Scouts and their gear to the island.

One of the ships was rechristened Hyacinth for the weekend, recalling the first boat that brought boys to Brownsea from Poole on the Dorset coast.

That was the beginning of the re-creation of Brownsea. But most impressive was the sight of a figure from the past standing on the dock, greeting each boatload of new arrivals — General Baden-Powell, doffing his tweed fedora in salute. Victoria realtor Mike Newman played the role brilliantly, giving everyone he spoke to the uncanny feeling they were actually meeting Scouting's founder.

HAUL EVERYTHING

Once on the island, the boys had to haul their gear, food and water for two days, and their special masts and spars up a steep flight of stairs and then about a mile down the trail to the campsite.

Everyone was up before dawn on Saturday and after hearty breakfasts, with the boys doing all their own cooking and cleaning, the day's activities began. Salt Spring Scouts did superbly well, and their Scouters were very proud of them.

The full menu of activities included a six-a-side soccer tournament played on a bumpy pasture, shelter building, fire starting, plaster casting, raft building, semaphore signalling,

archery, a stilts relay, tracking and deducing, rigging a shear leg and, a strictly fun event, sand castles.

TWO TROPHIES

Two trophies established in 1911 were resurrected. One, last awarded jointly to two troops for football competition in 1938, was for the winner of the soccer tournament. The other, for efficiency, was issued in 1911 and then put into storage.

The Ganges troop's secret weapon in the soccer tournament was several members of the Wranglers soccer team, along with Robbie Minvielle from the Strikers team. Splendid performances also came from some non-team members. Mike Brown was the leading scorer.

Despite the fact they played against teams with bigger boys, the Salt Spring Scouts' skill and excellent teamwork carried the day and they won the final, 6-0.

But the biggest surprise was yet to come. When the camp officials announced the most efficient troop, the First Ganges troop gasped in disbelief. The second trophy was Salt Spring's as well.

SHELTER

The Warhawks crew, consisting of crew leader Jason Minvielle,



This picture shows the whole troop standing in the troop's campsite entrance, a big factor in winning the efficiency trophy.



Soccer team captain Jason Minvielle accepts the trophy from Mount Olympus District (Washington) Commissioner Ed

Louthan. Just behind Louthan is Greater Victoria regional commissioner George Percival.

Sean Albhouse, Mason Scown and Michael Brown, got rave notices for the shelter they built and impressed Baden-Powell when he stopped in by serving him a steaming hot pizza. They sat Baden-Powell down at a miniature table decorated with ornaments they'd made at the plaster cast event.

The Raiders, crew leader Alfie Shepherd, Chad Davis and Anthony Barrett, surprised everyone with their cooking skills, as did the Rangers crew leader Morgan Wight, Drew Ripley, John Thomas and Eric Downey.

The senior crew impressed passersby with their dining shelter, home-made of clear plastic. Two of them, crew leader Innes and Bremner, used experience gained at the Canadian national jamboree at Kananaskis, Alta., last year.

The boys are already planning to win the Sea Scout regatta at Royal Roads on June 19.

Charges will be laid

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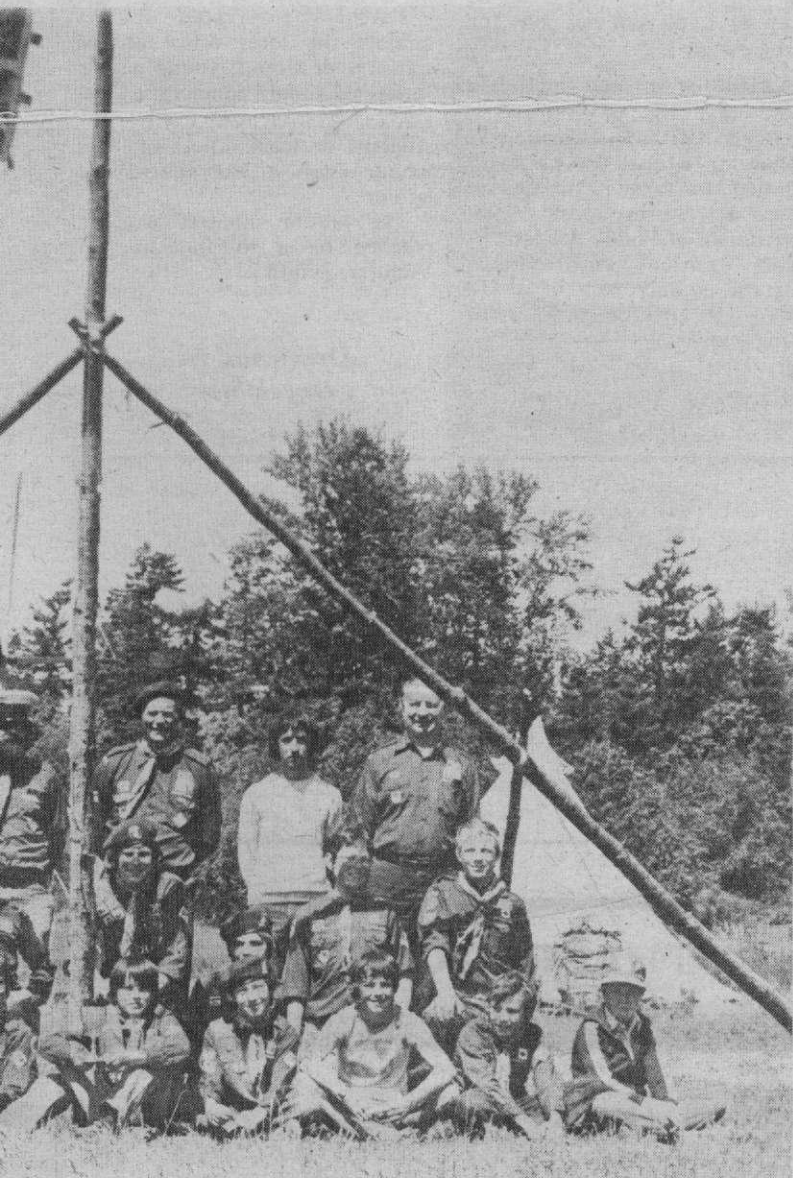
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Pete Williams (in the baseball cap on the right) of the 6th Cedar Hill troop and Ken Sleightnoime of the 10th Tsartlip troop, show Salt Spring Scouts Sean Albhouse

(front), Jason Minvielle, Mason Scown and Mike Brown the liner points of making casts in sand molds.

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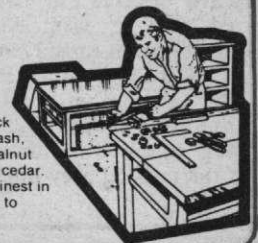
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Project a success

Spirit of E.A.S.E. continues

The spirit of EASE continues even though the program has been completed for several weeks.

The Expressive Arts Systems Exploration had been held on Salt Spring Island earlier this year as a 10-week training program for the disabled and workers with them.

Organized by Nina Wolf and Glenys Snow and funded partially by the provincial authority for the International Year of the Disabled Person, the program was by any standards, a success.

The pair of organizers had sought a \$36,000 grant but had to settle for \$9,500 and the good will of many people on Salt Spring and elsewhere.

The St. George's Church Hall committee agreed to allow the use of the facility at the church for a reduced rent and organizations such as Lady Minto Hospital helped out with grants and use of facilities.

The program received money from the Salt Spring Island Community Society, the continuing education department of Camosun College as well as the provincial lottery commission.

Islanders such as Jody Lehrmand, Barbara and Kevin Wilke and Jo and Brian Logan offered support in the form of food, hospitality and good will.

In a report to the community society Wolfe said, "The effect of EASE upon our community is in evidence even now as Betty Johnson reorganizes the day room at the hospital for use by patients in extended care."

"It is evident in our heightened awareness and honest assessment of our local facilities and abilities to meet special needs in education, transportation, access and rehabilitation in our community."

The Lady Minto Hospital had funded the participation of Johnson and supplied living space in the nurses' quarters for off-island participants in the program.

One of the lingering effects of the program was the filming, on video-tape, of portions of the events. The tape is currently being edited for showing. Photographic slides were also taken at the workshops and were shown at a Conference on Human Rights and Networking for the Disabled held recently in Vancouver.

While the lack of sufficient funding did not allow for the achievement of all the objectives of the program, the positive aspects are still being felt.

In a summary of the program, Wolf noted "EASE is ready to travel; to do workshops, staff

training and additional training sessions. We of EASE are far from finished."

She would like to see a network for the disabled created throughout British Columbia which would encompass workers in the field, families of the disabled and participation of community organizations.

The key to the success of the network would be the awakening of governments to the necessity of adequate funding, monitoring and supervision.

During one session on exercise for the body when Snow, who is disabled, attempted a cartwheel, the instructor told her, "It's a big step for some people so just take it very small."

The organizers of EASE have taken the small step and are now ready to reach for the larger step.

Program for farm workers

Many students in B.C.'s agricultural sector could be spending their summer months on a farm.

The provincial government is inviting B.C. farmers to participate in a program that could create as many as 1,700 summer jobs for young people.

Agriculture Minister Jim Hewitt stated that the government is prepared to pay approximately \$2 million on a cost-sharing basis. Funding to farmers is not to exceed an average cost to the government of \$1,200 per job.

The summer employment program is only part of a \$10 million job creation package for young people.

Hewitt hopes that the summer employment will increase the farmers' ability to hire seasonal

workers which would, as a result, help the farmers through their downturn. He also feels that the summer jobs will have a direct positive impact on the economy as the general level of employment will be increased.

Farmers interested should contact the local office of the ministry of labour; young people interested should contact the local Canada Employment Centres for students or local offices of farm labour pools or the ministry of labour.

The labour ministry can be reached on a toll-free line to Victoria, Zenith 2210.

Driftwood is recyclable

Conditional discharge for possession of stolen property

Just talking about the crime resulted in a court appearance by a Ganges man last week.

James Wheatley, 20, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of stolen property. He elected trial by magistrate on his plea of not guilty to another charge of breaking and entry.

Judge G.S. Denroche heard testimony that Wheatley had discussed breaking into Bill's Engine Repairs in Ganges with a friend. Wheatley said he considered the planning as "just talk" and had no intention of carrying out the deed.

Someone had entered the garage through a window which had been

covered with a plywood panel. Once inside the building, the person had used an acetylene torch to cut the lock off a safe. There was \$613 taken from the safe.

The person offered Wheatley one-half of the money and the young man took it. He has since made restitution of the amount.

Wheatley works as an apprentice plumber but has not been doing much work because of a slowdown in construction.

Judge Denroche gave him a conditional discharge with a one-year probational period. Wheatley will have to serve 48 hours of community service work as part of the conditions.

Zodiac missing

The 11-foot Zodiac had been rented from a firm on Vancouver Island.

Edward Peters of Surrey reported that it went missing sometime between April 17 and 28. He had left the craft at the Porlier Pass Marina and when he returned from his Surrey home, it was gone.

RCMP continue the investigation of the missing grey boat.



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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Pursuant to Section 769 of the Municipal Act, the following text of By-law No. 1033, "Deposit of Soil Prohibition By-law No. 1, 1974, Amendment By-law No. 1, 1982" is hereby published at third reading and prior to submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 179, BEING "DEPOSIT OF SOIL PROHIBITION BY-LAW NO. 1, 1974"

WHEREAS The Regional Board of the Capital Regional District has been empowered to undertake the function of regulation of the deposit and removal of soil in the Electoral Area of Salt Spring Island among others, under the provision of subsection 4 of Section 767 of the Municipal Act;

AND WHEREAS the said Regional Board is desirous of amending the provisions of Deposit of Soil, Prohibition By-law No. 1, 1974 to include the Electoral Area of Salt Spring Island;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Deposit of Soil, Prohibition By-law No. 1, 1974, is amended as follows:

(a) By deleting Section 2(1) in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:

"2(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, no person shall deposit, cause or permit to be deposited any soil upon any lands within the Electoral Areas of Colwood, Langford, Metchosin, View Royal, Sooke and Salt Spring Island without being the holder of a valid and subsisting permit therefor."

(b) By deleting Section 6(1) in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:

"6(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, no person shall deposit soil on any lands within the Electoral Areas of Colwood, Langford, Metchosin, View Royal, Sooke and Salt Spring Island if:"

(c) By deleting Section 12 in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:

"12 No person shall deposit, cause or permit to be deposited litter upon any lands within the Electoral Areas of Colwood, Langford, Metchosin, View Royal, Sooke and Salt Spring Island, except in the manner provided in Section 4 of the Litter Act."

A copy of the complete by-law may be viewed during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

Dennis A. Young, Executive Director.

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