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Suffering in Somalia

In the African country of Somalia, 1½ million refugees such as this mother and her child suffer from a shortage of food, water, shelter and fuel. This week, Pender

Island correspondent Eleanor Harrison outlines the problems facing the country and the conditions under which the refugees must live. Last year Dr.

Don Sutherland of Pender spent some time working in Somalia. Some of the photographs he brought back, and Harrison's story, appear on Pages Sixteen and Seventeen.

School costs up 95% since 1977

The cost of running the Gulf Islands schools has gone up 95% since 1977, according to a five-year budget comparison released by the ministry of education.

In 1977, the local school budget was \$2.2 million and rose to stand at \$4.3 million in 1981. If the budget had risen only from a yearly inflation rate of 12%, it would have stood at \$3.9 million. Deducting the inflation rate

leaves a real growth for the five years of approximately \$413,000 or 18.8%.

In that same period, the school district employed the full-time equivalent of 13.2 more teachers. The fraction enters the picture because not all of the teachers work full-time and the employment number is based on a lump sum called "full-time equivalent."

The salary figure for teachers rose 79.4% in that period, moving to \$2.3 million from \$1.3 million. Allowing only for increases caused by the yearly 12% inflation, the teachers' wages would have risen to \$2.24 million.

DIFFERENCE OF 3.1%

The difference between the inflation figure and the actual increase comes to approximately \$40,000 or 3.1%.

Salaries for office, operations, maintenance and administration personnel went from a 1977 figure of \$233,300 to \$506,500 last year. Inflation could have accounted for boosting those wages to \$411,154, leaving a real increase of \$95,346 or 40.9%.

The non-teaching staff increased from 21.5 full-time equivalent employees in 1977 to 36 in 1981.

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CARE tree raises \$10,000

The Pender Island CARE tree has met its \$10,000 goal for the fifth consecutive year.

As of Sunday, the total stood at \$10,630, up from \$10,050 a year ago.

The annual fund-raising project, started at Pender by George and Edith Pearson 22 years ago, is run by the Lions Club. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moebes were in charge of it this year.

Mrs. Moebes said they had "tremendous support" from Gulf Islands residents and couldn't have asked for more.

She said 535 donors helped light up the 150-foot Christmas tree which overlooks Navy Channel. A light is turned on for every donation.

No expense money is taken off the total raised, Moebes noted. The cost of the lights, the electricity, the stationery and postage for thank you letters and the labour required are all donated.

Business licence fees up 15%

The cost of doing business in British Columbia went up recently. Fees charged under the province's Business Licence Act increased by 15%. The fees apply to businesses operating in unorganized areas of B.C. such as the Gulf Islands.

The fee hike was introduced through a cabinet order from the ministry of finance.

Finance Minister Hugh Curtis said: "In keeping with the 'user pay' principle in provision of government services, these fees have been adjusted to a level in line with current costs."

The new costs for various businesses includes \$130 for manufacturing companies, \$85 for wholesale businesses, \$70 for retail outlets and \$85 for service occupations.

The retail section is broken down to various categories such as \$11.50 for cottage industries selling hand crafts and \$85 per year to run a bar selling alcoholic beverages.

The garbage collector must pay a fee of \$45 which is the same cost paid by a laundry. *Driftwood* will pay \$60.

The baker, the linen store, the butcher and the fish monger must pay \$45 for the business licence.

Banks and other lending institutions have a fee of \$125 to pay while the theatre fee stands at \$85.

Farmers, whether they own or rent it, are exempt from the business fee when they sell produce or animals raised on the land.

The fee increase, said Curtis, is necessary to reflect the increasing

costs of administration.

The costs of administration referred to, said a ministry spokesman, cover the ministry cost of collecting the business fee.

There was a big jump in licence fees last year when the provincial government replaced the 92-year-old Trade Licences Act.

Equalization practice to continue

Province amends School Act

The ministry of education has hedged its bet and the Gulf Islands School Board may be out of the game.

With a recent amendment to the School Act, the education mandarins have made legal a practice they have indulged in for several years. The change provides that all revenue raised in a school district by the provincial mill rate goes in to the provincial pot.

What each school district gets from the money collected would cover the basic education program, also set by the folks in

Victoria.

The local school board and the B.C. School Trustees' Association recently challenged the ministry's past practice and that prompted the change in legislation.

Lawyers for the BCSTA found the wording of the act ambiguous and open to an interpretation that all money collected in a district should be used by that district for education.

For the past several years, under the equalization system, the Gulf Islands School District has paid out almost \$1.3 million more than

had been returned for teaching purposes.

Despite the amendment which legalizes the government position, the practice was not made retroactive. The local school trustees have not given up on the excess money.

The board authorized secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck to talk to other districts similarly affected to plan the next move.

"Although we can't do anything in future," said board chairman Strick Aust, "we can do something about the past."

Local dog found in Peace River

The value of the Capital Regional District's dog licensing system was made evident last week when a Salt Spring Island dog was found in the icy waters of a northern Alberta river.

Animal control officer Bill Leach received a telephone call from the Fairview, Alberta, RCMP advising him that a black lab with a CRD tag had been pulled from the Peace River.

The dog, owned by Phil Knowles of Ganges, was like a chunk of ice when rescued and was barely alive. But police in Fairview had no difficulty in identifying it because of the licence on its collar.

Knowles' wife, June, told *Driftwood* that she had taken the dog with her on a visit to Fairview. She said it had apparently gone for a walk along the riverbank and fell in.

The dog, named Ramah, has long been a familiar figure in the Ganges area.

Group continues its efforts on behalf of colour blind drivers

An automobile brakes suddenly and the vehicle following crashes into it. Seems like a case of bad driving but chances are good that the driver of the second car did not see the brake lights.

A group of Galiano residents have formed a committee to call attention to the plight of those such as the mythical second driver. They want changes made to traffic signals and auto lights to assist those who suffer colour blindness.

The Committee on Behalf of Colour Blind Drivers was formed about eight months ago. Dr. Morley Whillans of Galiano and his friends want the provincial ministry of transportation to give some consideration to their cause.

Whillans said that as many as one in 12 men as well as one in 25 women suffer some type of colour blindness. The most prevalent, and from a traffic point of view the most hazardous, is blindness to the colour red.

CANT SEE LIGHTS

Victims of red colour blindness can't see the red light at the traffic signal or brake lights on a car until too late, said Whillans.

The committee would like to see traffic signals changed. Green is also a colour which many people cannot see.

The changes to the traffic lights would be as simple as having a white diagonal on the lamp.

Whillans and company have also written to several automobile manufacturers such as Chrysler urging them to consider having

yellow turn signals on cars. The back up lights which are white could be hooked to the brake light and thus aid the colour blind, said Whillans.

"The fact that we allow people to drive with the wrong lights all this time is an anomaly," he said.

GIVEN SHORT SHRIFT

The problems of the colour blind person driving an automobile have been given short shrift in the past, said Whillans. A study of the problems had been completed and submitted to the federal transportation ministry at least 17 years ago without results, he said.

Two provinces currently have shape coded traffic signals. Nova Scotia and Quebec have changed to a system of a red square and a green diamond. Quebec changed, said Whillans, not to help the colour blind but because officials there thought the different shapes looked better.

Another aspect of colour blindness which has not been explored too deeply is colour vision fatigue. That affliction can strike anyone, said Whillans.

When a person becomes overly tired or suffers a trauma, he could suffer temporary colour blindness.

Whillans told of a case he had heard from a drivers licence bureau in Victoria.

A woman who worked as sales clerk in a fabric store was experiencing difficulty matching the colour of fabric. She had not had such problems before. The one difference in her condition was that she was pregnant.

FAILED TEST

She went to the licence bureau to have them test her for colour vision. She failed the test.

After the baby was born she returned to the bureau and passed the colour vision test.

Whillans said such an occurrence happens quite frequently. With the emphasis on traffic safety, he and his group want changes.

The group has submitted a brief to the minister of transportation in their efforts to effect changes. Whillans is confident of getting results.

"People have started to listen to us," he said.

Enrolment drops by 12

Enrolment at Gulf Islands schools dropped by 12 students in December from the November figures.

With a total pupil population of 1,071 for the month, figures released by the school board showed a decline of nine students at the Gulf Islands Secondary School, two students at Fernwood on Salt Spring and one student from the Mayne Island school.

When compared to December of 1980, the enrolment figures show an overall decrease of two students. The number of children in Outer Islands schools totalled 228 in December, up from the 226 of a year ago.

The secondary school total dropped from 360 in 1980 to 335 in December.

Increases were recorded at Salt Spring Elementary, going to 368

pupils from 351. Fernwood also increased in student size, standing at 140 from the 1980 figure of 136.

Wilf Peck, school district secretary-treasurer, said that although some students, particularly in the high school, end their year in December, the reduction of 12 students in one month was unusual. The drop-out rate generally increases in the spring months, he said.

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Notice of Meeting
SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE
There will be a regular meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1982 at 1:30 pm in the United Church Hall, Ganges, B.C.
THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.
M. LEE,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

School costs up

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The largest increases in costs came in the supplies and services needed to run the school system. For example, the price of busing children to school and home again went up 137.2%, rising to \$268,000 last year from the 1977 cost of \$113,000.

LOWERED RATIO

The school board, said secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck, made a deliberate move to a lower ratio between pupils and teachers.

In 1977, 58.2 teachers, full-time equivalent, taught 1,014 students in the various schools of the Gulf Islands.

By 1981 the figures were 71.4 full-time equivalent teachers teaching 1,037 pupils.

The pupil-teacher ratio in 1977 stood at 17.42 children for each teacher. In 1981 the figure had been reduced to 14.52 students for each full-time equivalent teacher.

The provincial figures for the two years was 18.61 students per teacher in 1977 and 17.3 students per teacher in 1981.

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The restrictions will limit vehicles to 70% or 50% of legal axle weights, as allowed under the regulations pursuant to the Commercial Transport Act. Overweight permits will not be granted. All overweight term permits are invalid. Other restrictions may be imposed as necessary.

The public, and trucking and transportation companies, should govern themselves accordingly.

Your co-operation in adhering to the above regulations will be appreciated.

G. W. Harper
District Highways Manager
for: Minister of Transportation and Highways
DATED: January 6, 1982
AT: Victoria, B.C.

To Be
Frank
 by richards



I got it all figured out last week. The way it all comes back to the little taxpayer. The ball starts rolling in Ottawa and the minister of finance calls the prime minister to tell him that the economy is lagging and he figures they are going to end up just about \$750 per taxpayer short of their target. So they get their heads together and drop a postcard to Victoria explaining that there's been a slow-down in every direction and that they'll simply have to cut back on the federal cheque to the extent of about \$750 per taxpayer. Victoria shrugs and there's a meeting between the premier and the minister of finance. There just won't be that amount of money for schools, they agree and the word goes out that the grants to schools will fall this year about \$750 per taxpayer. When the tax notices come, what do you know? School taxes are up \$750! All this may be kind of airy and a long way round to a short cut, but that's the way it seems to work. The people in Ottawa end up happy. They've distributed the load. The people in Victoria end up happy, there's no deficit on their books. And the fellow who has to pay all the deficits in the long run is left to fork out once again to bail himself out.

The weather changed and so did one Ganges shopper. I passed her on the road when I didn't dare stop as she sailed by on skis. I just hope I don't have to get a picture of anyone skiing through Ganges again.

It's a matter for kittens, explained an Ontario reporter. And he was wrong. Not even the kittens could get me out of trouble. It was on account of the snow. I started the slippery season with a set of plastic chains. And I could go most places. Then a chain broke and I was running round with one ordinary tire and one chain and getting places, mostly. But I was fearful. I had the garage fit my snow tires from two years ago. I drove to the garage on ordinary tires without incident. And I drove home happily on snow tires. Until I got to Churchill Road and the car pointed one way and slid the other. Bill Webster drove up behind with shovel, snow tires and a big bag of cat litter. If course you use cat litter, he explained. It gives you a grip. And, sure enough, I drove away on the stuff. When I got stuck on Madrona, not even snow tires, not even cat litter would move me. And I did some quick thinking. Again. I had good all-round Pirelli tires on the car. So I took them off and put on two snow tires made by a company I never heard tell of until I landed up with those tires. When it comes to snow tires, better the devil you know than buying a brand nobody ever heard of. The answer is clear. Buy your snow tires before the snow starts falling.

If a reporter in 1945 wanted to mail a letter he put a four-cent stamp on it. And if he was paid \$35 a week, he could afford to mail 3,500 letters a month out of his pay. But if the reporter's son wanted to mail letters in 1982 he might be earning \$1,200 a month, or nine times as much. The figures are purely arbitrary but the parallel remains. The man who spends all his hard-earned dollars on postage stamps would be able to buy 4,000 stamps at 30 cents and mail half as many again as could his father before him. The 1945 reporter might have had a girl friend in a London pub whom he met while dodging doodle bugs in Trafalgar Square. He could send her an air letter for 10 cents. If he wrote to nobody else and spent all his wealth on the overseas mail, he could send 1,400 letters every month. His son, enamoured of a doctor of philosophy temporarily cleaning sewers under London, could now mail his letters at a cost of 60 cents a shot. He could mail 2,000 letters each month to her underground bureau. Which all goes to prove that the cost of mailing a letter has gone down, not up. There is one major difference. It went quicker in those bad old days of post-war recovery.

Stability of credit unions to be strengthened by amendments

A move by the provincial government to strengthen the financial stability of credit unions will mean increased costs for services to customers.

The ministry of consumer and corporate affairs recently announced proclamation of amendments to the Credit Union Act, one of which would increase compulsory statutory reserves to five per cent of loans and investments.

The increase from the current two and one-quarter per cent will be phased in over the next 10 years. It will "allow and require credit unions to build up their reserve levels to protect their viability and members' deposits," said Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Peter Hyndman.

Paul Polak, manager of the Island Savings Credit Union on Salt Spring Island, agreed the move would help the institution.

"From the point of view of members, it's a good thing," he said, "especially the way the economy is going."

But he also said, "We'll have to find ways to make more money and one way would be to raise the cost of services to make enough for the reserves."

WERE REDUCED

The Credit Union Act was changed in 1975, at the request of the institutions themselves, to reduce the required reserves. In the

interim, said the spokesman, credit unions have been holding reserves to the low end of the requirement at or near one per cent.

Subsequent research, both by the credit union movement and the government, has shown the ideal reserve level to be between three and five per cent.

Island Savings has held its reserves near three per cent, said Polak, and the amendments will mean an additional \$225,000 per year which must be found to meet the new requirements.

Another announced amendment would increase the minimum level of reserved to 1.2 per cent from the current one per cent. If a credit union were to fall below that figure, the Credit Union Reserve Board would step in "to do what was felt needed to protect members' money," said Polak.

The spokesman for the ministry of consumer and corporate affairs said few credit unions in the

province fail. The past trend has been towards consolidation of unions. Since the last Credit Union Act amendments in 1975, the number of credit unions has been reduced to 150 from approximately 230, he said.

NUMBER OF BRANCHES UP

While the number of credit unions has gone down, he said, the number of branches has gone up.

The reserve increase will be based on a formula depending upon the current level held aside by the various credit unions. Each institution had to be at a 1.2 per cent level as of January 1, this year.

The phased-in increase will cost .2 per cent each year until the institutions have reached at least a three per cent reserve level by 1990.

Polak said the move can only strengthen the position of credit unions in addition to protecting members' savings.



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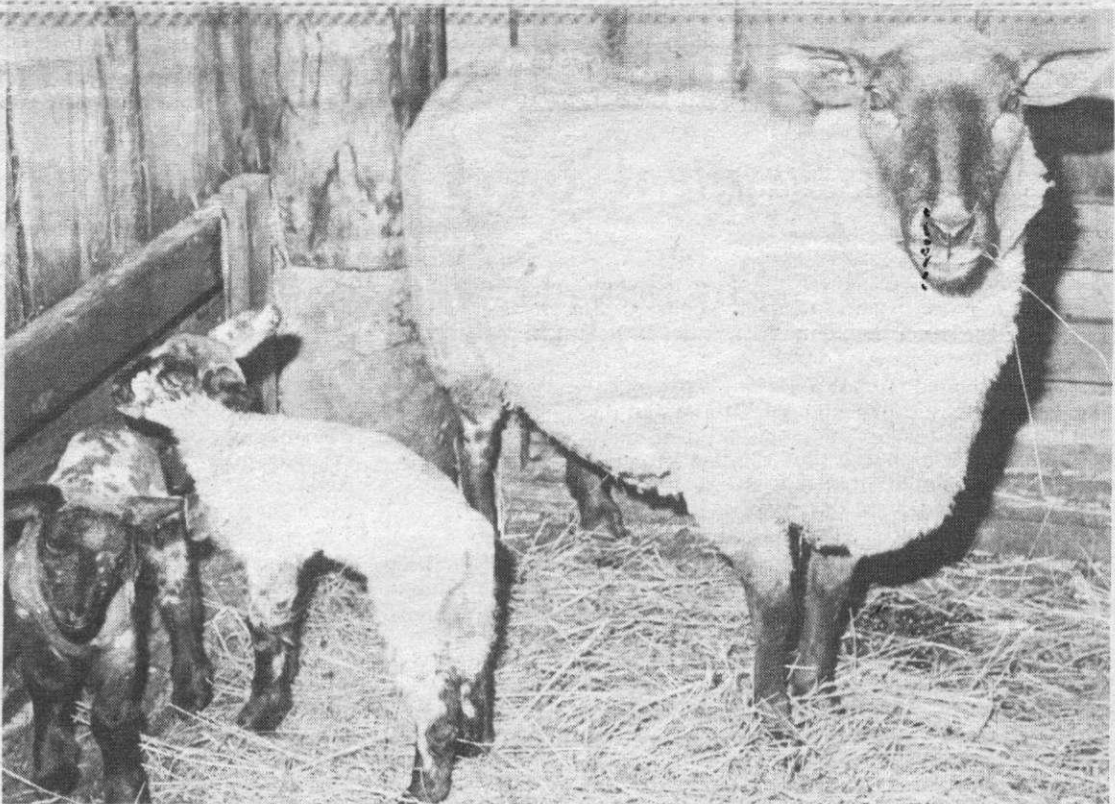


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Signs of Spring!

It's lambing time again in the islands, despite the fact that it might seem a little early to some.

These early lambs belong to Agnes Baker of Robinson Road, on Salt Spring.

Happy New Year, Canada!

It may not be the happiest, but this year of 1982 should prove to be the newest in all of Canada's history since 1867. This year will see the British North America Act written into the Canadian record.

The Canadianization of the constitution has been a long struggle and one which has been settled only after a bitter dispute. For some 115 years the nation has been nobly served by the British North America Act, the terms of reference of the Canadian entity and the yardstick by which all things Canadian were judged. But the British North America Act was evolved in the 19th century to meet the needs prevailing during the 19th century and to launch a colony and a Dominion and a nation. The colony grew out of its baby-clothes and the Dominion grew into a nation.

This year will see the nation formally recognized as such. This year will see the end of an era: a successful era: a dignified era: but an era during which the ultimate national strings were in the hands of another nation.

When the British North America Act becomes more North American than British, then history will have, finally, been made. And the occasion will rank second only to the day nearly a century and a quarter ago when the act was first passed.

This is, indeed, a happy new year for this nation.

One increase leads to another

Remember last year when the Business Licence Act was brought in to replace the old Trade Practices Act?

Most people will likely remember because the new act had far-reaching effects, particularly in the islands. Businesses which had never required a licence and even people selling arts and crafts found they had to pay a fee to continue their business.

The reason for the changes and the higher licence fees that came with them was simply that the government wanted to provide itself with more revenue.

But this year has brought another increase in the business licence fees — an increase which anyone could have predicted. However, few could have predicted the reason for it.

Last year's changes to create more revenue brought about an increase in the cost of collecting it. To offset those higher costs, the fees are going up again.

It's a system that only government could devise.

Check for fire hazards

The ever-present enemy of every householder is fire. Despite regulations and controls there is no method of introducing heat into buildings without hazard. If this were not the case there would be no call for fire-fighting units.

There is no way the occupant of a building can guarantee that fire will never strike. But there are many precautions which may be taken to minimize the hazard.

Fire Chief Bob Leask has invited Salt Spring Island homeowners to call the fire hall at Ganges and ask for an inspection of heating units. He should be inundated with calls. Every responsible householder on the island should be vitally concerned with fire hazards.

An inspection of your home could spell the difference between safety and danger: between life and death. Can you afford to ignore the proposal?

It is not only modern airtight stoves that need care and attention. It is every type of heating apparatus. Every islander should call the fire hall and find out where he stands.



Bill Webster

The struggle to strangle language

A classic line from the film *Cool Hand Luke* had the warden say, "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

All too often these days, that phrase could be repeated in reference to our efforts to talk to each other. Whether it be by word of mouth or print, we somehow manage to misconvey the message.

The bureaucrat in his sanctuary spews out gobbledygook in such fascinating profusion that one can but stand in awe of the efforts to bring obfuscation to maturation. Right?

The several-syllable word lovers of the world have united in their struggle to strangle the English language in sheer garbage.

Whatever happened to the idea that communications meant saying something simply?

Words have meaning only when two people, the talker and the talkee, agree on what is being said. Your words mean something to you but may mean something entirely different to me. What we must do is to find the common ground and work from there.

GRIST FOR OTHER MILLS

Unless, of course, we don't want to understand each other. But then that's grist for other mills.

When one sits amid the deluge of paper hogwash which pours from trypewriters of public relations flaks, one develops either a sense of absurd humour or a bad case of the screaming memes.

The way in which some press releases are worded, one can but guess that English is a foreign language to many people out there.

Participles dangle, nouns are forced into slavery as verbs, sentence structure and sense are beaten into submission.

In so far as can be determined at this juncture of time, the advent of inadvertent non sequitur, barring of course the occurrence of the inevitable, can produce complimentary consequences concurrent to the established norm.

Got that so far? While in the other corner, someone is pulling out great tufts of hair thinking perhaps the Martians have landed.

LITTERING LANGUAGE

As bad as all that nonsense can be, probably the worst offense to be inflicted upon English involves the use of cliches. Those trite phrases beloved of the awful writer litter our language in a scene reminiscent of a beach after a paper chowers' picnic.

What follows is a description of the constitutional debate written by a cliché clod who throws in every tired, hackneyed phrase available.

Canada has reached an auspicious moment, better late than never, when we as a people have launched ourselves into eternity.

In the last analysis, this labour of love, it goes without saying, grasps the forces of circumstances in ways more easily imagined than described to propel Canadians whose names are legion into the bright hope of single blessedness of this land called Canada.

Soon, and for time immemorial, we will stand silhouetted against the sky, proud, undeterred in our glorious mission, as a truly united nation.

We will quiver with excitement as the momentous

moment descends upon us. By the untiring efforts of those few stalwart individuals we shall at last be independent and truly free.

Stop. Please stop, enough already.

Winston Churchill valued the English language as a tool of subtle persuasion. Shakespeare forged phrases which remain an inspiration.

But today, we receive input from a variety of sources with which to define the parameters of the problems before us. Yeech.

FAR PROXIMITY?

One of the phrases which sets my teeth on edge is "close proximity." Has anyone here seen a far proximity? But then that's just another case of someone too lazy to consult a dictionary because the phrase sounds so poetic.

An author of several best-selling novels once said he had given up on cocktail parties. Not because he had given up on drinking but because he was weary of people buttonholing him to tell of the novel they were going to write.

Writing, he said, is a craft. As with any other craft, the good writer begins with the basics and sticks to them. The good writer writes. There is no substitute, he said, for practice.

Just as the good potter throws out the first 1,000 pots he has spun, so the good writer discards the first 10,000 words he has written.

English is a language of subtle variety. It comes to us as a mixture of several other languages blended into the basic Anglo Saxon. The problem with English today stems from the fact that too many people just don't know how to use it.

Cold Turkey Day

It was a big investment but he's been there!

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Cold turkey day?

I veered off the straight and narrow path of virtue at the age of eight or nine years. My brother and I sat on the bed in my grandmother's house and puffed away at our illicit cigarettes. There was a sudden sound of movement beyond the bedroom door and we hurriedly opened the window and cast out cigarettes, pack and matches. It was to no avail. My father opened the window in spite of our dishonest assurances that we had not been smoking. He confronted us with the evidence, which had fallen on the shallow roof below, and we were duly beaten.

It was a pattern of the rake's progress which was destined to be my undoing for many years.

I developed a passion for nicotine that stayed with me.

At high school I was presented with a cigar which my brother Bill and I smoked happily until we were violently sick. So sick were we that we had the following day in bed to recover.

When the crunch came, I was hooked. I went after a cigarette like a bear after mead.

It was the war that really did me in.

TEMPTATION PRICES

Growing up an English schoolboy, I was faced with Temptation in varying packs. I could buy Crayol for three for one penny; or three for two cents. Father's Joy, I think the alternative was called, at 10 for 2½ pence; or tuppence-haepenny; or five cents. Then came Woodbines which were offered at five for twopence; or five for four cents. The standard cigarette, full-size and laden with the delightful gases so much a part of growing up, were 10 for one shilling. That is 10 cigarettes for 25c.

The prices are not important until you do some quick mathematics. At that time an average doctor would take home about 15 to 20 pounds sterling a week. An average, middle-class junior executive would settle for about 10 pounds and an artisan or senior clerk would reach about five pounds. A carter would earn some two pounds and a junior office clerk would get around one pound a week.

I was earning around one pound a week. Steaming well on average cigarettes I could buy 20 packs of 10 cigarettes each week if I spent no money on anything else. I was just out of school and learning to smoke freely.

SMOKE FOR NOTHING!

Then came the war. I was suddenly in France with the RAF. Cigarettes were duty-free and we paid half-price or less. In addition, the Red Cross sent us cigarettes.

And various other philanthropists sent us cigarettes. It was in the halcyon days before anyone knew that the cigarettes were killing us. We had an average of 200 cigarettes a week for nothing and any more we could get duty-free.

We were lit up! Were we ever! Wines and spirits at half-price and cigarettes until we were hazy with smoke.

When Hitler got tired of waiting and marched into France, we were placed on a 24-hour shift. We worked when there was work to be done and we slept on the field when the opportunity presented itself. So we needed more cigarettes. I increased my consumption until I was smoking close to 100 a day. Five packs of cigs in one day and the whole of the Marne was covered with a pall of smoke. Some of it was ours. The rest came from bombing attacks.

NO MORE!

When France fell and we returned to England we were no longer heroes. There were no free issue cigarettes and the price had already gone up about 25%. My needs fell and my supply diminished but puffing on I went.

I puffed my way through the war and through Canada and I puffed my way back to Blighty with well-tanned lungs drawing like bellows on every inch of lovely nicotine.

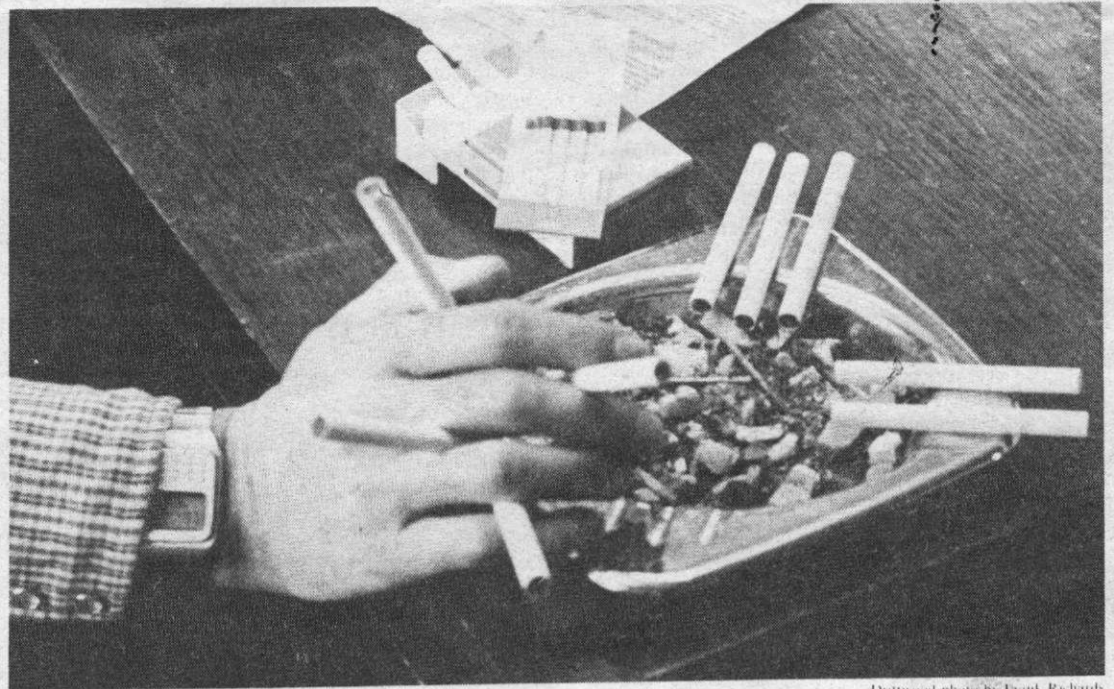
By the time I was sitting at a British Columbia news desk I had invested a fortune in this business of smoking.

I started regular puffing at the age of 15, using about 20 fags a week. Fag meant cigarette in those happier days.

For four years I increased the dose until I was on about 10 a day. If that averaged 40 a week I had spent four years burning 50 cents worth of cigarettes each week of the four years. That's only \$100. **TWO PACKS A DAY**

Then, from the age of 20 to 40 I averaged two packs a day. Say 14 packs a week for 20 years, at an average of about 35c a pack. That's approximately \$5,000.

So my puffing had cost me the price of two new cars. In fact, you could have bought a house for \$5,000 in those days. And a house is a big investment. So I had a big



Driftwood photo by Frank Richards

Cigarettes! Nicotine! Shaking hand and a full ashtray and he's all set for another day! It's a habit that dies hard!

investment in the smoking game. In addition, there were the pounds of pipe tobacco and the dozens of cigars.

I had cigarette burns all over my office floor and the edge of my desk was black with burns. It was a hard, demanding business, this smoking.

It hit me hardest in the morning. I would buy two packs when the grocery store opened at 8 am and I would light up as soon as I got to my desk. The next five minutes were devoted to coughing and heaving. The first cigarette cleared the passages. My throat burned and my lungs tried to get out into the open air. The second cigarette settled the lungs and slowly placated the throat. The third cigarette came down almost uneventfully.

You see, if I could have arranged to smoke my third cigarette first, I would have saved a lot of heaving and choking. But I could never find it in time.

"I QUIT!"

In 1964 I walked into Stan's Grocery Store in Sidney and purchased my usual supply of cigarettes. As I paid for them I

thought of the next 10 minutes' ordeal and I threw them back on the counter. Cancel it, I told Stan, and bought two pounds of peanuts.

For weeks my office floor crunched under a carpet of peanut shells. I ate them until I was sick of them. But I never craved for a cigarette again. I smoked cigars for many years, but I could say "No!" to a cigar without even thinking

about it. I was never addicted to them.

And that's how I abandoned my investment. Despite the thousands of dollars I had tied up in smoking, I quit the market and tried other recreations. I've tried smoking many times since, but the smoke makes me cough and I don't like the smell.

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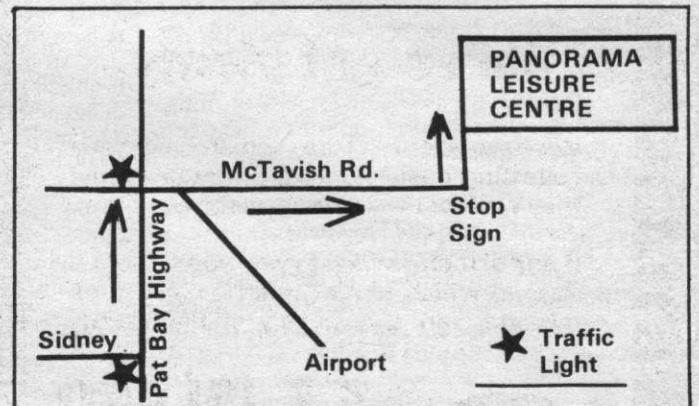
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Some sowing can be done in greenhouse or indoors

There is a foot of snow on the ground, the power has been off for more than 12 hours, the wood stove is cantankerous and it takes two gallons of snow to make enough water for a cup of coffee.

This was the introduction to last week's column, but because of all that snow it never got to its appointed place in time.

And in the meantime another week has passed and more seed catalogues have arrived. It is most interesting to see that many suppliers are now listing wildflower seeds.

If this trend continues, I would not be surprised to see wild flowers wherever I go, from one end of the continent to the other. Stokes offers three regional mixes of annuals and perennials in a full range of colours.

FROM 70 CENTS

Prices range from 70 cents per packet to \$67.20 per pound. One pound is sufficient to sow one quarter acre. This is an idea which has been dear to me for a long time, to scatter wildflower seeds in all

those places which we do not cultivate or use in some way.

You see, when our little one was very young and going to daycare, it was very important to her to have a little bunch of flowers for her teacher every day. And when we did not have flowers to cut in our garden, we used to stop where the Fulford Inn is now, and we would pick a bunch of wildflowers.

Ever since I have been meaning to sow wildflowers here and there, and this year I will; for those wildflowers made so much joy for all of us, the little one, the teacher and myself.

START ONIONS

Another thing we can do now is to start some onion seed indoors or in the greenhouse. Onions, shallots, green onions and leeks may usually be set out about the middle of February.

Grow them in a cool and light place, as they prefer a germinating temperature of around 45 to 50 degrees.

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

Another slow starter which likes cool germinating temperatures is parsley. It usually takes 45 days to germinate. So if sown by the middle of January it will emerge from the soil by the beginning of March. Allow a month to grow and it will be just right to set out around the first of April.

"Darki", from Stokes, is my favourite variety which is quite cold resistant. A friend of mine described his "parsley bush" on New Year's Day to me; by all accounts a sturdy, good looking variety.

Dill, if started now, along with the parsley and onions, will be ready to set out with your cabbage

plants around the beginning of April.

SEED IN POTS

Both dill and parsley do not take kindly to having their roots disturbed. Therefore I seed them in four-inch pots, as follows: Parsley, 10 seeds to the pot, well scattered over the surface, then a quarter-inch of soil to cover.

This makes for a nice, dense bunch of plants, allowing frequent cutting, without any one, single plant being cut overly.

With dill, sow three seeds to the pot, covered with a quarter-inch of soil. Pinch out all but the strongest plant. Upon transplanting, these can then be tapped out of their pots and planted without disturbing the roots.

Onions transplant readily and I sow mine densely in six-paks, or any other handy container.

For those who wish to spray their peach trees against peach leaf curl, the middle of January usually supplies a few warm and sunny days. In any case, January is the latest this can be done without damage to the tree.

Choose a time of a few dry days so that the spray is not washed off by rain. Use sulphur and dormant oil combination, or use Eva's method of half a pound of lime and grated grapefruit peel scattered over the ground to the dripline, per mature tree.

Other good things to do, as soon as we can find the garden again, are to cut out old raspberry and boysenberry canes.

And make some raised beds before it gets too soggy to do so, for early planting of radishes, peas, broad beans, leeks, onions and parsley.

Two long-time members honoured

The Pender Farmers' Institute honoured two old-time members, Nep Grimmer and Ashton Ross-Smith, at a party last month.

In 1924 Nep Grimmer was a founding member of the Pender Farmers' Institute and has been an active member since then.

Ashton Ross-Smith has been a member and a director of the institute for over 30 years. Today he is a member of the board of directors.

The two guests were presented with scrolls attesting to their long-standing services in support of the institute and the whole community by Mrs. Joyce Jones, president.

In making the presentation, Mrs. Jones said: "Both these gentlemen have been pillars of strength in the past and have held the organization together in the service of this community during difficult times over the past 50-odd years."

Entertainment was provided by the Pender Promenaders, the Barber Shop Quartet and Music Hall girls troupe with dances from the 1920's. Peter Selby sang an original ballad, composed by

himself, telling the story of the trials of the pioneers, accompanying himself on his guitar. Pender musicians provided the dance music.

The proceeds from the dance will be used to provide an award for a Pender student taking post-high school studies in an agricultural field.

Appleby to serve second term

The recent annual meeting of the Royal Canadian Legion, Pender Islands branch, elected Tim Appleby for a second term as president.

Art Lambeth was elected vice-president; Peter Campbell, secretary; and George Weeks, treasurer. Second vice-president will be Jack Finnie and third vice-presidents are Homer Rogers, Dave Hambly and Harold Paget. Pender Post representative will be Peter Campbell.

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TAKE NOTICE that the first sitting of the Court of Revision to hear appeals concerning the 1982 Assessment Roll for the Saanich and The Islands Assessment Area will be as follows:

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W.R. CRAVEN
Area Assessor
Saanich and The Islands
Assessment Area

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Notice of Public Hearing

The dates, times and locations set forth below are presently established by the British Columbia Utilities Commission for the public hearing of Applications by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority to amend its electric and gas schedules of rates, filed or deemed to have been filed, with the Commission.

- At the Commission Hearing Room, 21st Floor, 1177 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.**
 - Tuesday, January 19, 1982 through Friday, January 22, 1982
 - Tuesday, January 26, 1982 through Friday, January 29, 1982
 - Tuesday, February 9, 1982 through Friday, February 12, 1982
 - Tuesday, February 16, 1982 through Friday, February 19, 1982
- At the Huntingdon Manor Inn, Victoria, B.C.**
 - Tuesday, February 23, 1982 through Friday, February 26, 1982 (The primary purpose to discuss gas rates, Victoria.)
- At the Coachouse Inn, Fort Nelson, B.C. commencing**
 - Tuesday, March 2, 1982 (The primary purpose to discuss the requirement for higher electric rates in Zone II (diesel generation) service areas.)
- At the Commission Hearing Room, 21st Floor, 1177 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.**
 - Tuesday through Friday, commencing March 9, 1982 until the completion of Phase I, "Revenue Requirements".

The hours of sitting each day are: 9:30 am through 12:30 pm; 2:00 pm through 4:00 pm.

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A.C. Michelson, Secretary

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More Letters to the Editor

Budget a 'shameful travesty'

Sir,
It is my considered opinion that the November 12th budget of Allan MacEachen is a shameful travesty that is wreaking havoc on the Canadian homeowner, Canadian public, and Canadian economy. The December 18th changes, brought about as a result of overwhelming public, corporate and Conservative criticism, do not change the basic thrust of the budget and still do not provide major help for those in mortgage difficulty.

The budget was a major disappointment, if not surprise, to all Canadians with homes. Perhaps no one was more disappointed than Paul Cosgrove, Minister Irresponsible for Housing, who had to "grit" his teeth over the lack of support provided for homeowners. After being gutted by the budget, Mr. Cosgrove has been reduced to urging young families to dig into their savings and change their spending habits to finance homes. The best way to accomplish this apparently, is to furnish their dream homes with orange crates!

Let's look at some CMHC statistics:

Canada requires 220,000 housing units by the end of 1982. It is projected that only 135,000 will be built by that time. Vacancy rates are quickly approaching zero in most major cities.

There will be 900,000 people renewing mortgages next year. Approximately 80 to 90,000 will have difficulty meeting increased payments.

Only 13,000 homeowners will be able to receive assistance under the government's current budget provisions. The toll free number made available for those in housing difficulty has been informing people for a month that help will be available in two weeks.

There is no long-term solution for the long-term problems of housing in this budget. The small relief that is available is only for a few and it is only one-time assistance for what will be a continuing problem. It's like giving a band-aid to someone who is bleeding to death.

ROBERT L. WENMAN, M.P.,
Fraser Valley West,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.
December 21, 1981.

'Wonderful support' given

Sir,
It is my pleasure to write to thank your community again for wonderful support received during the year.

The community encompasses the volunteer corps whose members assist the Arthritis Society through their fund-raising and public awareness efforts, and the hundreds of people who contribute financially to our requests for help. It encompasses the media, whose voice shares our needs and our news.

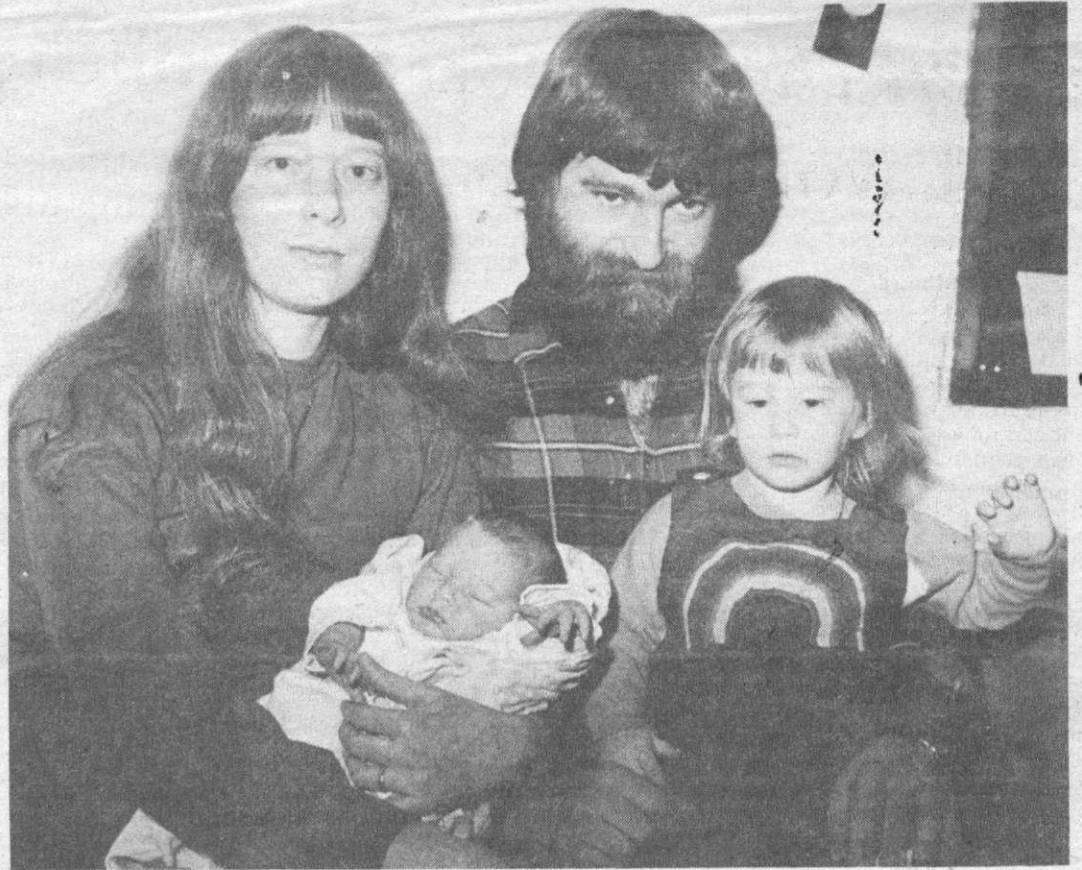
Recent statistics issued by Canada Health in association with Statistics Canada indicate more than 2.4 million people were reported suffering from one or more forms of arthritis with another 2.3 million suffering limb or joint disorders. The cost of arthritis through pain, suffering, disability and work loss runs into the hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

It is because of these statistics that our Society is especially grateful for assistance received from media and the public-spirited people of our communities. These figures highlight the importance of our cause.

Working together as we do, to share our caring and our giving, the cause for arthritis will one day be found and subsequently a cure. It will have been through the help of thousands of B.C. friends and supporters, including media, when this pinnacle is reached.

The Arthritis Society is always grateful for assistance received. In wishing everyone a fulfilling New Year, it is with the hope we will all be brought closer to the alleviation of the problems associated with arthritis, Canada's most prevalent disease.

BRIAN GILBERTSON,
Executive Director.
December 29, 1981.



First baby of the year

New Year's baby at Lady Minto Hospital was Heather Frances, daughter of Pat and Gail Mussell. Born at 4:10 pm January 1, Heather weighed in at 7 lbs., 8 oz., or in modern terminology, 3,400 grams. Also pictured is 19-month-old Anna, the Mussells' first child. The family live on Stark Road, Salt Spring Island.

Stealing for the sake of stealing

Sir,
We have long tolerated the presence of teenagers parking in our quiet neighbourhood. As many as eight cars have assembled, radios blaring, and we became used to finding broken beer bottles in the road the following day.

On Monday, Jan. 11 at 5:30 pm I was walking down to my home when teenagers picked up my two cans of stove oil — my only source of cooking and heating. I shouted to them, "Hey, that is mine," and was ignored as they loaded them in to their car and drove off.

They couldn't have known what was in them: It was stealing for the sake of stealing. I am asking the people who took them to bring them back.

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January 12, 1982.

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Green cheese took a lot of hard work and patience

Contributed
BY BRYAN SMITH

It was just before Christmas. I entered Mahon Hall and gaped at the wonderful effigy of Santa Claus as created by Joan Pawsey.

The curtain was about to go up. Excited chatter by children both front and back-stage died to a whisper. The scenery depicted the cellar of a home and mother rat and grandfather rat were awaiting the entry of the children.

They poured on-stage and grouped themselves around like seasoned performers. They wore name plates around their necks and they were odd to say the least. I could understand Ping and Pong and forgive the commercial plugs for Et Cetra and also Dagwood, but rehabilitation?

A clothes line complete with washing was strung across the stage and the show began. The narrator, Johnnie Wells, unfolded the plot and the children mimed their actions and raised voices when music fitted into the plot.

It would appear that the rats were anxious to move upstairs and voiced their approval with an excellent number by Joan Raeside called *In the big big house upstairs*. Thus ended Act One.

GAVE ALL SHE HAD

Act Two was mainly concerned with a party to celebrate the move and a talented performer, Meggie Coombes, gave all she had creating a realistic rendering of jungle drumming and the children danced accordingly. The fact they got themselves entangled with the washing on the line only added to the fun and was much appreciated by the audience.

A good number in this act was *Yum-yum*. Then came a production masterpiece—the black (paper) backcloth was broken into and a huge cat's face appeared in the opening. Consternation!

However, Et Cetra calmed them down and said she had invited the pussy-cat. The other rats did not approve, especially when a giant paw came under the back-cloth and stole their party goodies.

Act Three was concerned with packing and for a reason that still escapes me, the move transferred from going upstairs to the moon which mother rat said was made of green cheese and they could eat all they wanted. The show ended as it had began: herald in excellent costume and long trumpets (horns?) with "THE END"

effectively bannered between their instruments.

It would be grossly unfair to comment on individual performances but they all deserve praise for their exuberant spirits. It was only natural that the youngest performers lacked projection and the older children were less afraid of stage fright.

A FINE JOB

I thought Et Cetra, by Micalle Madison, did a fine job, not only in projection but she was really into her part and acted her heart out. Best projection was Dagwood as played by Dominic Wales and solid performances included grandfather rat (Martin Wales) complete with mink beard, and mother rat, Kirsten Maddison.

The Maddisons comprised a quarter of the cast and tiny Alexi Maddison, aged three, upstaged every rat in Act One.

One could sense that a lot of hard work and patience went into *Green Cheese* and my hat is doffed

to the very talented producer, composer and director, Joan Raeside.

I make no apology for being a keen fan of her professional abilities in the musical and dramatic scenario of Salt Spring Island. From the age of 15 she has been writing plays and composing music. Before coming to Canada she was on stage as Rosamund in *As You Like It*.

Then came music and we islanders have been privileged to see and hear her delightful productions ranging from *4th Wise Man* to *Wizard of Woosle* and now her latest success, *The Moon is Made of Green Cheese*.

Blood clinic on Monday at Ganges

More than 250 people are being sought by the Royal Canadian Legion branch at Salt Spring to roll up their sleeves for a blood clinic on Monday.

The semi-annual Legion blood donor clinic is scheduled to be held at the Legion Hall in Ganges from 2 to 8 pm Monday.

The target of 250 pints is one that has been set for many recent clinics, but so far has not been attained.

Groups of people such as clubs or businesses are again invited to compete for the Legion past-president's trophy.

Hydro lets contract for cable

B.C. Hydro is spending money to improve electrical service to Vancouver Island.

The electric company recently let a contract of \$112.3 million to a pair of European firms to install a high voltage underwater cable from the mainland to the Dunsmuir substation north of Qualicum Beach.

The new power line, 149 kilometres long, will bring electricity from the Cheekye substation at the north end of Howe Sound to the island.

The cable, when completed, will be the world's longest high voltage underwater electricity conductor stretching a total of 37.1 kilometres in up to 400 metres of water in both the Strait of Georgia and Malaspina Strait.

The two successful firms, from Norway and Italy, have combined in the past to run an underwater cable between Sicily and Italy.

Hydro expects the line to be operational by October, 1983.

Inventory of heritage buildings

An inventory of heritage buildings and structures in the islands is being conducted by the Islands Trust this month.

Pete Mitchell, who is undertaking the study, is seeking assistance in locating such buildings and ascertaining their history.

All significant buildings will be judged with regard to their historical and/or architectural

value.

Mitchell can be contacted at the Islands Trust office in Victoria, at 848 Courtney Street, or by phone at Zenith 2258.

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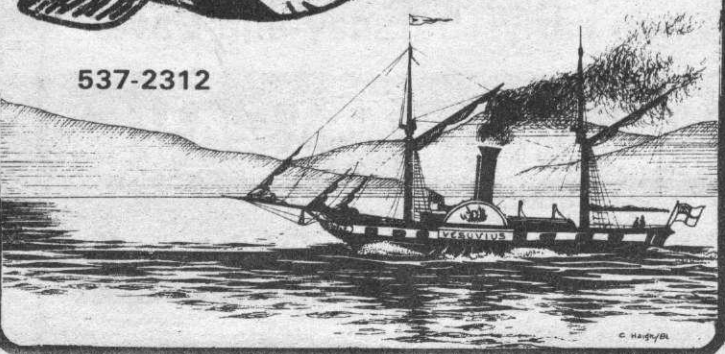
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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Amortization scheme 'another ploy' on part of government

BY YVETTE VALCOURT Salt Spring Island Regional Director

Referring to the Driftwood article of January 6, under the heading, "Amortization of hook-up costs is explored".

It's simply another ploy! I can't believe that such questionable priorities are to be taken seriously. Would the finance minister or any cabinet ministers be foolish enough to give tax money to a tiny commercial area, in one of the minister's own ridings, at the same time that this same minister is telling the rest of the province that there is no money available and therefore this government has cut social services, medical care to low-income people, foster care, home care, etc.

Amortization of hook-ups would be yet another debt placed on your land title, and at what rate of interest? And most of all, why?

The question of RRAP grant, under Central Mortgage and Housing, is yet another ploy. These grants may be available, after everything is completed or built, and all the excessive, prohibitive costs and tenders are signed, sealed and delivered and irreversible. It is again a ploy to try and sidestep the real issues facing this unwanted and unreasonable sewer scheme!

REAL ISSUES

The real issues are: the way this scheme has been implemented, and whom it will serve; the falsehoods used to try and fool the public into silence or intimidate those who tried to speak out against the methods used to ram this sewer down our throats; and the arrogance of those who decided to serve a minority, rather than the democratic process of letting the majority decide for themselves!

No amount of ploys or promises is ever going to undo the damage done to this community! Only the restoration of our rights to a free choice and our rights to make our own decisions without being legislated every time we choose to stand up for our rights!

It is time that a real good look be given to all the unbelievable schemes used to ram this unwanted sewer down the throats of Salt Spring Island residents. A copy of the report prepared by myself, using all the available documents, is now available for your information.

DENIED ACCESS TO FILES

I regret that this was not available earlier, however I was denied access to the files until I became frustrated enough, just to find out where the files were, and to literally take them and make a copy, so that all the missing pieces are now together. Please phone 537-2394 for information on this report.

Please note the ad offering help on your assessment under classified ads. Because of the many telephone calls from citizens about the new tax assessments, I have decided to set up a committee to help you, the taxpayers, who are concerned, to help you in registering an appeal; discuss with you your concerns and advise you of your rights; and appear with you at the time your appeal is heard, if it is your wish, and if it is felt that we can do something constructive

on your behalf. I have discussed this idea with John Crofton, and he assures me that he would be pleased to help in this matter. Mr. Crofton has now just completed an extensive course dealing with assessments, and I am pleased to have his offer to help.

Other expertise would be greatly appreciated. If you are in any way able to assist us in this endeavour, please contact me at 537-2394 or 537-5914.

Y.B.C. News

Contributed

After a nice long Christmas vacation for us all, we are back in the "groove" at Leisure Lanes.

Before we mention our high scorers, though, we'd like to say a BIG thank you to those bowlers and their parents for braving the snowy roads and turning up for the Family 2-Some Tournament. Winners will be announced in next week's column.

High scorers for Saturday, Jan. 9 were:

Jets: Jennifer Neilson, 98; Eric Taylor, 94; Chris Magnus, 61.

Pee Wees: Candice Miller, 109; Anna Maddison, 100; Tracey Cunningham, 86; Clinton Helfrich, 130; Jeffrey Neilson, 125; Brett Marshall, 118.

Bantams: Lisa Jorgensen, 206; Jodie Harrison, 203; Laura Little, 178; Adam Baines, 152; Ryan Davies, 128; Chris Dafoc, 122.

Juniors: Shannon Taylor, 222; Jennifer Lucas, 203; Sara Fee, 172; Justin Williams, 233; David Jacquest, 211; Anthony Barrett, 157.

Driver trapped

The slushy roads claimed another victim last week.

Frances Hillier of North Beach Road on Salt Spring Island lost control of her 1981 Toyota which rolled over on to the roof.

The fire department was called to help release Hillier who was trapped inside the vehicle. She was taken to Lady Minto Hospital for observation but was uninjured in the accident, which occurred on North End Road Friday.

The Toyota suffered damages to the extent of \$8,000.

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On Salt Spring Island the number is 537-9921 and for the Outer Gulf Islands, 629-3215.

These new numbers are

necessary prior to the installation of additional telephone lines at the centre, the ferry corporation said.

A total of nine extra lines will be added to the Gulf Islands, Victoria and Vancouver exchanges, allowing for easier accessibility to B.C. Ferries information and reservations.

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Snow downs lines

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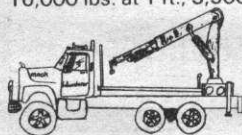


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Heating hazards

Fire Chief Leask urges inspection of home system

Fire Chief Bob Leask has invited householders on Salt Spring Island to have his department check their heating plants.

Six chimney fires were attended by firemen on Salt Spring Island during December.

The fire chief explained some of the problems of fire hazards on Monday.

He recalled that one chimney was mounted on a wooden bracket, which was a perfectly acceptable method many years ago. The heat had charred away the wood until it caught fire. It is no longer permissible to mount a chimney on a wooden support.

He spoke of a fire where extensive damage was sustained by the building after a chimney manufactured from five-gallon drums broke down.

The occupant of the house

attributed the crackling noises to the chimney. The fire was already burning between the chimney and the room beyond.

In another instance the owners of a house had placed a board of asbestos behind a wood stove. The asbestos was mounted on the wooden wall and when the firemen pulled it away from the wall there was a hole already burned behind it.

CHIMNEYS

Many homes on the island today have inadequate chimneys and a construction which is inviting a fire, the fire chief told trustees of the island fire prevention district on Monday evening.

He cited an instance when a housewife called him because she could smell oil smoke in the house. Leask inspected the kitchen and found that the stove pipe was not

fitted into the chimney. The exhaust from the oil stove was discharged straight into the room.

Private residences are not inspected on the island, although commercial and public buildings are.

No occupant of a home is obliged to permit firemen to inspect the premises, explained the fire chief. The firemen can ask permission to inspect and that is all.

He told trustees that he would be delighted to carry out an inspection of the heating system in any island home.

Most insurance policies demand that all heating installations be approved, *Driftwood* ascertained. In the case of a new home, the building inspection procedures ensure that all installations are approved and inspected.

APPROVAL

The insurance company requires, in most cases, that subsequent installations be approved by the fire department before they are put into operation. It is possible, suggested an island agency, that the insurance could be jeopardized by an unauthorized installation.

Any resident of Salt Spring Island who is uncertain of the safety of his heating system is invited to call the Ganges Fire Hall, at 537-2531. They may not call the emergency fire number for such a purpose.

On Monday evening trustees heard a proposal for a bylaw requiring periodic inspections of chimneys and heating plants. They were told that such a regulation would be very difficult to enforce.

Water pump got nice and toasty



The cold snap forced people to take precautions to protect the water pipes but not everyone was successful.

A resident of North End road near Central placed an electric heater near the water pump to keep it warm. The enterprising islander also put a blanket over the pump as an added precaution.

Salt Spring's volunteer firefighters were called out to quell the fire which resulted when the blanket began burning.

There was no damage in the incident.

Monday is blood clinic day, 2 to 8 pm at the Legion Hall in Ganges.

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Report from the Islands Trust appointed to district

I wish to thank Mr. Stuart Hodgson, chairman of the B.C. Ferry Corporation for the time he took to visit with islanders on December 29, 1981. It shows his sensitivity to the aspirations of lifestyle desired by islanders, enhanced his presentation of the overall mandate given his corporation, as well as explaining the subsidies needed to maintain the present service.

I was most impressed by the mature views of many present that it is the responsibility of ourselves as well as the corporation to help keep expenses down. This requires understanding of our real needs in the way of service. This also fulfills the overwhelming wish of islanders

to maintain our unique way of life not only for the present, but for future generations.

But I have always been impressed with the attitude of islanders to accept our adult view of responsibility in understanding that a degree of inconvenience at certain times is a small price to pay for the advantages we have, as opposed to the urban and suburban rat race.

REVISIONS

Mr. Hodgson noted some revisions and suggestions that might be implemented within his mandate, and because most participating were willing to temper their requests with an understanding of the overall

situation, I am sure such requests where responsible and possible will be considered.

Mr. Hodgson showed his understanding of the wishes of the transportation committee of the trust, in attempting to encourage more use of the Vesuvius ferry for Vancouver Island destinations, to spare pressure on Fulford. This is practical as we see the increase in commercial activities in the Nanaimo area, and because the concentration of 70% of population will be in the northern half of Salt Spring.

The trust is to meet with the ferry corporation on January 20th, and these matters will be discussed in further detail.

The Gulf Islands School District has a temporary superintendent of schools.

The ministry of education has appointed Charles Hopper to replace Bob Huestis, who is retiring at the end of January. Hopper's appointment runs until June 30 or until the local school board finds a permanent superintendent.

Hopper will act as the local superintendent of schools for two weeks of each month and share his time with the school district of Cranbrook in eastern British Columbia.

He has had experience in various school districts around the province and currently operates as a substitute, filling in where needed

at the request of the ministry.

Discussions with ministry officials have been conducted over the past months since Huestis announced his intention to retire.

Dr. Alan Newberry, of the ministry of education, has assisted the local board in their search for a replacement.

"I feel very confident that the board will be recruiting quality candidates soon," said Newberry.

He said he expects an announcement from the board by March 19 naming the new superintendent of schools.

If the school board has not found a superintendent by June 30, Hopper's appointment could be extended or other arrangements made.

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Fined for impaired driving and refusing breath test

Refusing to take a breath test proved costly for a Salt Spring Island woman in court last week.

Dorothy Hitchcock, 50, of Cranberry Road, was found guilty of driving while her ability was impaired by alcohol and refusing a police officer's demand to take a breath test.

The incident occurred March 21, 1981, when police noticed a car being driven through Ganges in an erratic manner. The car was being driven up Ganges Hill and swerved over the centre line forcing an oncoming van to drive on the shoulder of the road to avoid collision.

When the car was stopped on Cranberry Road, Hitchcock, the driver, was described by the officer as being impaired. Although otherwise co-operative, Hitchcock refused to take the breath test, court was told. The officer suspended Hitchcock's driver's licence for 24 hours.

Hitchcock told Judge G.S. Denroche that she had gone to the Legion with a friend and had consumed only two beers. The time, said Hitchcock, was about 10 o'clock in the evening.

The friend, Joanne Windsor, told the court that Hitchcock had picked her up at about 8 pm. The two parted at 9:30 or 10 o'clock, said Windsor.

Hitchcock maintained that she had not been asked to take a breath test but testimony from a second police officer confirmed that she had been asked.

Judge Denroche, noting that Hitchcock had been convicted of refusing to take a breath test in January, 1980, imposed a total of \$400 in fines on both counts, placed Hitchcock on a one-year probation period with orders to serve 100 hours of community service and suspended her driver's licence for one year.

"It's a serious matter which you must take seriously, personally," Judge Denroche told her, "for your own sake and for the safety of everyone else on the highway."

Jim Manly at Ganges next week

Islanders will have an opportunity to question their MP, Jim Manly, at a meeting in Ganges next Wednesday.

Manly, New Democrat member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands, will give a report, which will be followed by a question and answer period.

Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 8 pm in the new band room at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

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To proceed on eight charges

The crown attorney asked for proceedings on only eight of the 11 charges facing a Ganges youth. Judge G.S. Denroche agreed to hear the eight charges on February 3.

Thomas Moulton will be in court that day to answer the counts against him resulting from a series of incidents on Pender and Salt Spring Islands last year.

Calvin Watt, who had been in court previously in connection with the incidents, had charges against him withdrawn.

The crown attorney asked for the withdrawal describing Watt as "at best a disinterested bystander."

Judge Denroche told Watt, "May I suggest that if anything is going on, you move far away from it. And choose your friends better and you wouldn't be here."

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Food, water, shelter, fuel are major problems

Story by Eleanor Harrison
Photos courtesy of Dr. Don Sutherland

Somalia is a small country on the Horn of Africa, about the size of Texas. The true population is unknown but one guess puts it at five million. At least a million and a half of these are refugees, three-quarters of whom are in camps, the balance scattered about the cities and towns. Few nations are poorer — most of the people live at

subsistence level. Sixty percent of Somalians are nomadic, 15% engaged in agriculture, the balance urban. The best minds and skilled hands have left for the Arab world of oil and money. At the beginning of the century European powers divided Somalia into French, British, Italian,

Ethiopian and present-day Kenya areas. In 1960 the present Somali Republic was created from the British and Italian entities.

In 1969 a military coup created the Somali Democratic Republic, which was Marxist oriented, and attempted to create "scientific socialism." Eight years later, in 1977, the Somali government ousted its Soviet advisors when Ethiopia began colonizing the Ogaden area with the aid of Soviet advisors and Cuban troops.

NOMADIC

The Ogaden area historically has been the home of Somalian people, who are Muslims with century-old traditions, all speaking the same language. They are nomads wandering the desert, moving continuously with their camels, families and tents wherever water and food can be found.

Centuries of nomadic life have developed a proud and determined nationalistic race. Camels are their status symbol and camels live only on the desert — they will not go where there are forests. This race believes the desert belongs to them and their camels.

A border drawn by far-away Europeans has no meaning for them. They have fled from their Ethiopian rulers into Somalia and



Dr. Don Sutherland with his Somalian assistants

their own people have taken them in, though the country is so poor there is no way it can cope with this influx of refugees.

The basic problem for these refugees is lack of food, shelter, water and fuel, with resulting health problems. The refugees' lifestyle has been changed and they are helpless to cope. The country is far too impoverished to provide even reasonable help.

Various world health and refugee organizations have moved in from several countries with assistance. One of these is British Oxfam.

SPENT SIX MONTHS THERE

Dr. Don Sutherland of Pender

Island spent nearly six months with such a team in early 1981. His function in Somalia was to help coordinate the health care and feeding problems. The Oxfam team was also involved in water projects.

The contributions the people of Pender made paid for a solar water pumping system to give clean, chlorinated water from a good source to the refugees.

A drought that began in 1978 has compounded the terrible plight of the refugees.

The refugee camps contain women, children and old people. The men are all engaged in a guerilla war, seeking to wrest their desert home back from the Ethiopians. This is the Western Somalian Liberation Front.

The United States respects the present border and in return for some \$40 million in arms for defense, and the agreement that



Trucks provide most refugee camps with water



Refugee mother seeks medical

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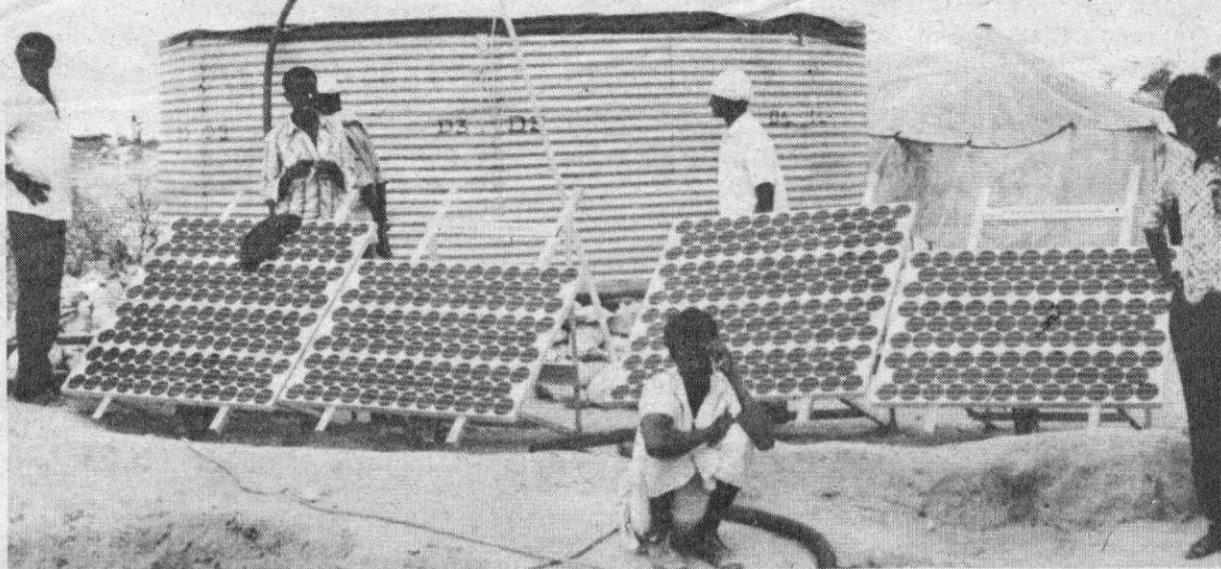


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Plans for 1 1/2 million Somali refugees



Somalian mother and child



Solar-powered water pumping system purchased with donations by Pender residents. In foreground are solar collectors with reservoir behind.

regular Somali forces are not deployed in the Ogaden area, has access to Somali port and air facilities in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean region.

Somalia's main export is livestock and bananas which go principally to Saudi Arabia. There is little industry and only 15% of the land is arable. The major constraint on Somali progress is lack of trained manpower and education.

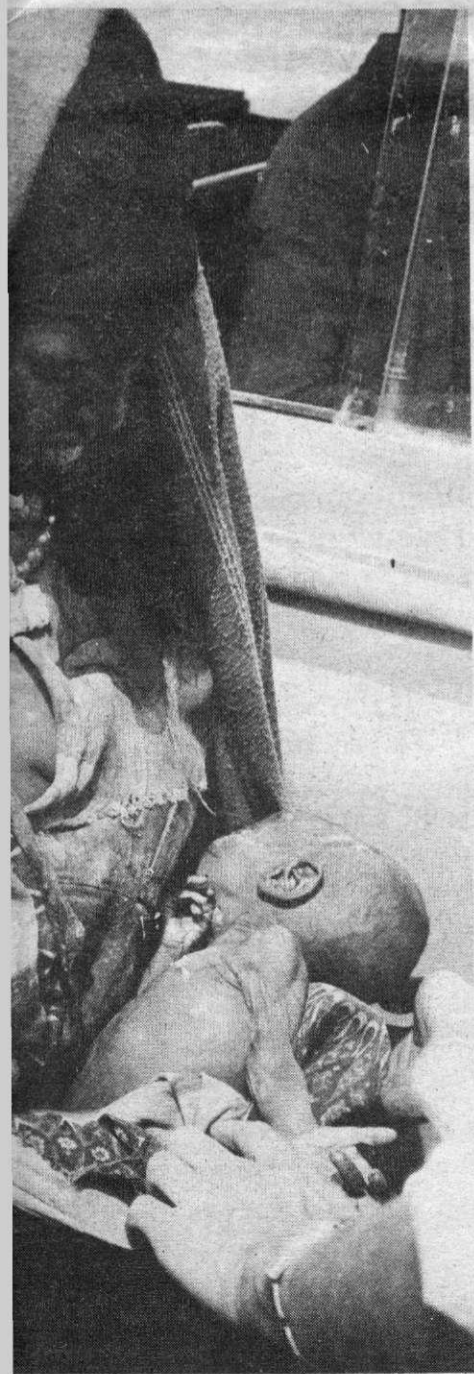
There is one university which had 246 medical students in 1981 in the four-year course. When Dr. Sutherland was there, he and the Oxfam team went about teaching the refugees basic health care. The Somalis were quick to learn even though they had to learn to

read and write first.

Dr. Sutherland says the only solution to the refugee problem is for us to teach them as much as possible and as fast as possible, to enable them to help themselves.



Somalian refugee children



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KICK-OFF

Clear fields will allow soccer season to resume

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Well the new year has dawned and brought the white stuff with it. Fortunately, our warm climate will soon clear the fields and the second half of our soccer season can get under way.

The fall of 1981 was a period of adjustment for our off-island teams as most were promoted to a higher level of soccer, an adjustment that saw our teams drop many games. The bright spots were the strong play of the new Sting team and a good showing from the re-united Sockeyes.

As the season progressed the teams improved and victories started to show as the teams adapted to the higher level. This should bear out when our teams enter Sun Cup and District Cup in '82.

SPRING PROGRAM

With the soccer program ready to kick off in 1982 it is our chance to present our spring program, which is as follows.

January 16/17: league play all off-island teams re-starts at next game on your schedule.

January 19: Intra-island Cup play begins for both senior and junior levels (based on winner vs. winner, loser vs. loser concept).

January 30/31: Sun Cup play begins for the Kicks and United. United meets Lakehill in Victoria. Kicks meet Cowichan at Portlock.

February 6/7: District Cup play starts for all teams.

March 13/14: District Cup Finals at Gordon Head.

March 13/14: Intra-island Tournament for both levels. It will be a round robin event with further details announced later.

April 3/4: Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association Tournament for all our off-island teams. It is a single game event for trophies.

April 16: Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association Banquet (tentative date).

The highlights from this schedule are as follows:

The junior intra-island will be involved in Cup play this year. The

format for both levels involves series of play-off rounds where winners will meet winners and losers play losers on a continuing basis. The point scoring is different also as teams receive five points for a win, three for an overtime decision (win or lose), two for a loss if the team scores and one point for a shutout loss.

My predictions: Kickers in the senior loop and Demons in the junior.

SUN CUP

The Kicks and United are competing in the Sun Cup, the first time in seven or eight years for Salt Spring teams. Both teams have good draws and with some consistent play both could advance to the Lower Island finals.

This year we have two tournaments with the intra-island event in March and the off-island teams in April. The reason should be obvious as we have too many teams and feel the two events should make for less panic and better organized soccer tournneys.

The junior tourney will be round-robin and involve only local teams and will be played strictly as a fun event. The senior tourney will be a one game versus an off-island opponent for trophies and therefore a little more competitive.

In the Victoria Men's Indoor Tournament between Christmas

and New Year's some of Salt Spring's players played for the Peleggs. The team came away with a 1-1 record, a win 3-2 over first-division Croatia and an 8-3 loss with first-division Royal Elks.

Not bad considering Croatia won the Consolation final and Royal Elks lost in semi-finals to Athletics, the tournament winner. Alan Webb, Dave Toynbee, Derek Walker and myself were the local contingent that competed and came up shining.

GET MONEY IN!

With regard to the Kick-A-Thon, one thing says it all: Get your funds in now! Deadline is January 25 to get money in.

Credit list comes out on the 27th and we order items requested on February 1. So please get your money in if you want to get soccer gear.

The referee's course exam was written on December 21 by most taking the course and marks should be known about mid-month. Those who missed the exam can contact Lin Beattie (537-2555) about writing.

Don't forget the Red Cross blood clinic, from 2 to 8 pm Monday at the Legion Hall in Ganges.

A soccer meeting will be held Wednesday the 13th at 7:30 pm at Kanaka Place for all coaches, managers, officials and any interested people.

On the agenda are tournaments, banquet, concession, Kick-A-

Thon and summer program.

Please note that I will be away until January 26 so please call Strick Aust (537-9386) about off-island teams and Chuck Nelkin (537-5245) about intra-island. See This Week in Recreation for this week's schedule.

This Week in Recreation

FREE FAMILY SWIM: Sidney pool, Sundays 6:30-8 pm.

INDOOR TENNIS: Fridays 6-9 pm, Cedar Hill Rec Centre.

SOCCER:

Div. 1A: S.S. United vs Gorge, Jan. 17, 11:00 am, Portlock Pk.

Siv. 2A: S.S. Log Sorting Kicks vs Juan de Fuca, Jan. 17, 10:30 am, Victoria.

Div. 4B: S.S. Strikers vs Juan de Fuca, Jan. 16, 1:00 pm, Victoria.

Div. 5C: S.S. Wranglers vs Gorge, Jan. 16, 1:00 pm, Victoria.

Div. 6C2: S.S. Sting vs Gorge, Jan. 16, 11:00 am, Portlock Pk.

Women: S.S. Sockeyes vs Duncan, Jan. 17, 1:00 pm, Portlock Park.

Intra-Island:

Senior: (Coers Cup)

Tues., Jan. 19: Game #1 - Dodgers vs Stingers, Ganges

Tues., Jan. 19: Game #2 - Sounders vs Fury, Ganges

Thurs., Jan. 21: Game #3 - Kickers vs Sockers, Ganges

Junior (Cup):

Tues., Jan. 19: Game #1 - Machine vs Eagles, Ganges

Thurs., Jan. 21: Game #2 - Panthers vs Demons, Ganges

SOCCER MEETING: Wednesday, Jan. 27, 7:30 pm, Kanaka Place. All are welcome.

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What's New in '82.

Safe Driving Vehicle Discount Program continues.

Autoplan's Safe Driving Vehicle Discount will continue to be applied throughout 1982 to the premiums of eligible vehicle owners.

Because of operational disruptions in 1981, the Corporation was unable to implement the Driver or the Owner Accident premiums which had been scheduled to start in 1981 and 1982 respectively. Consequently, the Safe Driving Vehicle Discount Program will continue and no Driver or Owner Accident premiums will be charged.

The Discount is applied on the following basis:

One Year Discount - 15%: deducted from the premium if no claim payment has been made during the 12-month period ending two months prior to the date of application or renewal, regardless of when the accident occurred in the preceding three years;

Two Year Discount - 25%: deducted from the premium if no claim payment has been made in the 24 month period ending two months prior to the date of application or renewal, regardless of when the accident occurred in the preceding three years;

Three Year Discount - 32.5%: deducted from the premium if a claim-free record has been maintained for the 34 month period ending two months prior to the date of application or renewal.

Note: Some claims were paid during 1981 without their liability being determined. Consequently, an owner may receive a renewal form for 1982 which does not reflect the liability for the claim. In such a case, subsequent liability adjustment may result in the owner losing the Safe Driving Vehicle Discount at renewal in the following year.

Autoplan rates for 1982.

To cover the cost of claims resulting from significant increases in the number of accidents, the severity of injuries and the cost of vehicle repairs, Autoplan rates in 1982 are increased by an average of 21% for all Third Party Liability coverage, and an average of 18% for all other coverages.

Some increases for Collision coverage may be less than 18% due to changes in vehicle rate groups.

Finance Plan.

Premium financing is offered again this year to motorists whose total licence fee and Autoplan premium, after discount, is \$200 or more.

The interest rate is increased to 1.75% per month (21% per annum).

Financing may be arranged through an Autoplan Agent of Motor Licence Office on the following conditions:

- A down-payment at the time of purchase equal to 30% of the total cost of licence fee and insurance premium; minimum down-payment \$75.
- Three installment payments payable at two month intervals, to be automatically drawn by the Corporation on the insured's bank account.

FAIR Program.

Over the past three years the influence of age, sex and marital status has been removed from the rating system in B.C. In 1982, the program makes further adjustments toward removing territory as a rating factor.

Your Compulsory Autoplan Insurance provides:

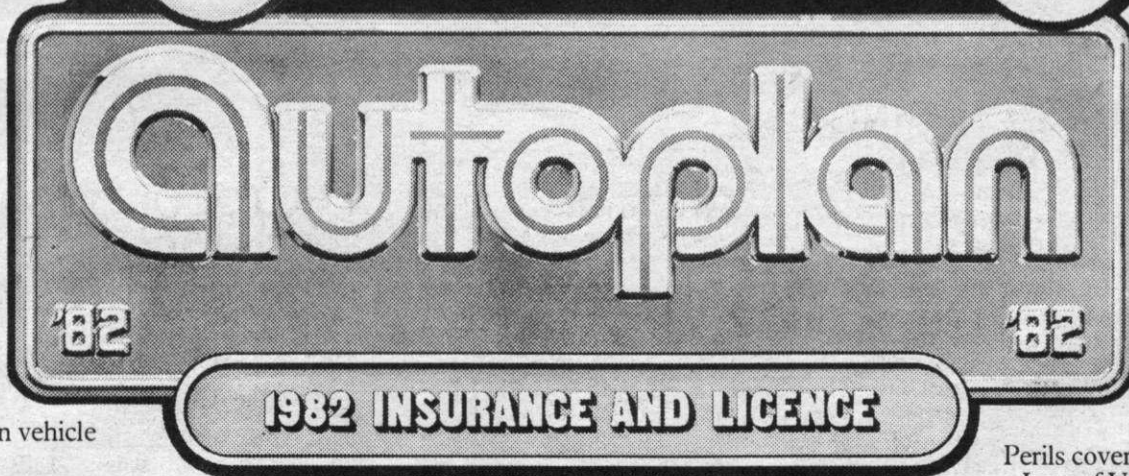
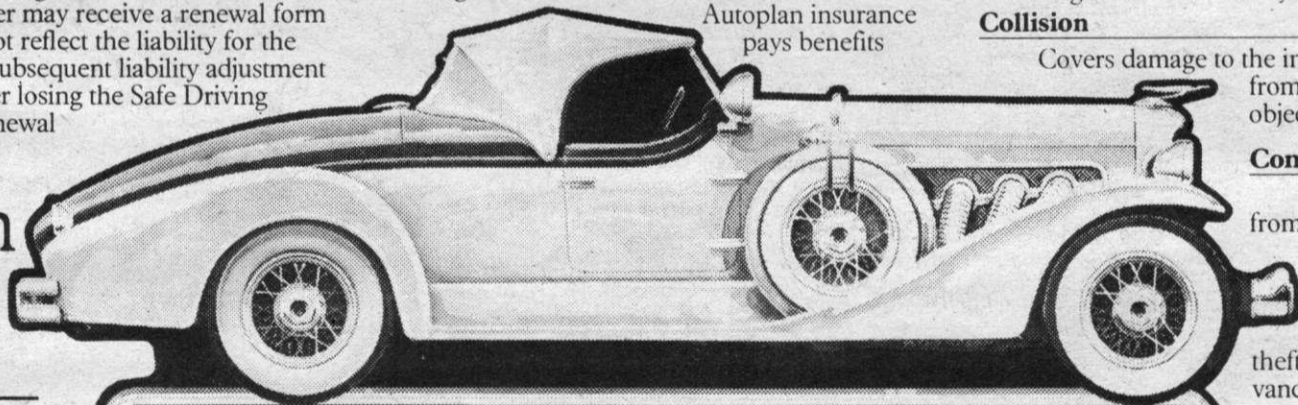
1. \$100,000 Third Party Liability -

This protects an insured who is legally liable for an accident, against claims by others for bodily injury, death, or property damage, to a total limit of \$100,000. In addition, all legal and claims investigation costs arising from the claim, are covered.

If legally liable and no extended Third Party Liability has been purchased, the insured is responsible for payment of any claims in excess of \$100,000.

2. No-Fault Accident Benefits -

Regardless of who is at fault in an accident, Autoplan insurance pays benefits



for injury to occupants of the insured vehicle, and to pedestrians hit by that vehicle. These benefits include reasonable medical and rehabilitation expenses to a limit of \$100,000 for each injured person; funeral expenses to a limit of \$1,000; death benefits; benefits for total liability.

3. Inverse Liability -

This is protection for damage to a vehicle registered in B.C. when involved in an accident in a province or state where the right to recovery is

legally prohibited and a resident of that jurisdiction is at fault. Damage is covered to the extent that the person from that jurisdiction is liable.

Optional Autoplan coverages.

Extended Third Party Liability -

An example of costs for increased limits:

A vehicle owner driving to and from work in Vancouver, may increase coverage from the basic limit of \$100,000 to:

	3 Year Discount	No Discount
\$200,000 for an approximate additional premium of	\$10	\$15
\$300,000 for an approximate additional premium of	\$14	\$21
\$500,000 for an approximate additional premium of	\$18	\$27
\$1,000,000 for an approximate additional premium of	\$27	\$40

Underinsured Motorist Protection

In situations where the insurance carried by the driver at fault in an accident is not sufficient to pay claims for bodily injury and death, this coverage provides that the victim's own Third Party Liability insurance can be applied to bring the total payment to the higher limit of liability.

Collision

Covers damage to the insured vehicle resulting from collision with another object or from upset.

Comprehensive -

Covers loss or damage from any cause other than collision or upset, and is most frequently purchased for protection against fire, theft, glass breakage and vandalism.

Loss of Vehicle Use Endorsement

Provides reimbursement for expenses incurred for rental of a substitute vehicle when a valid claim is made under Own Damage coverage.

Note: Only after theft of the entire vehicle is substitute transportation automatically provided under Comprehensive, Specified Perils or All

Perils coverage. In all other circumstances, a Loss of Use Endorsement is required to

cover expenses for a substitute vehicle. An insured who is not at fault in an accident may in some circumstances claim reimbursement from the other motorist involved.



