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Mt. Maxwell fire burns 25 acres

One of Salt Spring Island's largest forest fires in 20 years burned 25 acres on Mt. Maxwell over the weekend.

The fire was first sighted by residents in Crofton who reported seeing smoke to the forestry service in Duncan. When the Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department was notified they passed on the information to Mt. Maxwell resident Mimi Gossett.

Gossett discovered the area on fire when she went to survey the region on horseback. She called back to the fire department at Ganges.

A five-man team of fire fighters came to Salt Spring Island following the alarm at 2 pm Friday. The forestry service called out two A26 water-bombers which came from Abbotsford accompanied by a Cessna 185 acting as a bird-dog spotter plane to fly ahead of the two bombers.

Salt Spring Island volunteer firemen were also summoned to help fight the fire and by late Friday afternoon the fire was believed to be under control.

But by Friday evening the water

bombers were called back when the fire could no longer be contained. The two A26's returned with a DC6 water bomber which flew down from Campbell River.

A highways ministry tanker truck assisted the Salt Spring Island pumper trucks with water transport. A man-made pond near the fire supplied the water to fight the fire.

"We dumped about 100,000 gallons of water on the fire," Salt Spring fire chief Bob Leask reported. "We had a bulldozer there and it pushed a road through to the small lake."

But Leask added that the 25-acre blaze was a "tough one to fight" because of the inaccessibility of the area and the steep terrain.

By 6 pm Friday, there were over 50 people fighting the blaze; about 36 of whom were island residents and visitors who went up the mountain to volunteer their services.

The visitors who volunteered were taking part in a yoga retreat at the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road.

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Driftwood photo by Tony Richards



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

There was no liquor - just lemonade - at Ganges liquor store Friday as government employees

set up picket line. Striking workers are, from left, Paul Adams, Tom Stokes, Gordon McPhee and Ruth

Volquardsen. The store closed after the 40,000-member union went on strike at 12:01 am Friday.

Ferries halted one day as government workers strike

Most provincial government services came to a halt Friday when the 40,000-member B.C. Government Employees' Union went on strike for the first time in its nine-year history.

The strike also shut down the B.C. Ferry Corporation on all but a few of the smaller routes, including the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry which continued running all day Friday.

The ferries stoppage was short-lived, however, as the BCGEU lifted pickets at ferry terminals on Saturday morning.

After an almost day-long hearing on Friday, the Labour Relations Board ruled that the government employees' union could legally picket ferry terminals. The B.C. Ferry Corporation had sought an injunction against the picketing.

A number of employees at ferry terminals, such as dock maintenance workers, are BCGEU members.

But union general secretary John Fryer announced about an hour after the LRB decision that the ferries would be allowed to run.

Fryer said the union didn't want to "unduly inconvenience" the

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Resorts suffer from shutdown of ferries

Gulf Islands resorts suffered last week when B.C. Ferries were shut down on Friday.

Resort owners were helpless as they watched visitors pull out several days early and reservations for following weeks being cancelled as a result of the ferry closure.

"Everybody left. Our reservations were cancelled. Two days before the strike everyone left. The damage has been done. This is usually our best month of the season," explained Udo Berger of Arbutus Court Motel.

The Salt Spring Island resort was saved on the weekend by the firefighters who stayed at Arbutus Court while fighting the Mt. Erskine fire, Berger added.

At Pender Lodge half a dozen cancelled their reservations while three or four groups left early.

The resorts depend largely on July and August for their main income. When ferry service stopped, major business at the Mayne Inn came to an end, explained Joyce Stricklands.

"We had cancellations from the

United States as well as from Vancouver and Victoria. Last weekend was the worst we've ever had," the manager explained.

For Fred Bruynse at Cedar Beach on Salt Spring business fell by 50% as a result of the ferry closure.

"These are our two big months. And it happens that during our two months when business is best there's some kind of strike. We feel pretty bad about it. We're just about ready to pack it in," Bruynse said.

Booth Bay Resort experienced confusion when some extended their vacation and others cut short their week or two at the Salt Spring resort.

Campers left Blue Gables Resort as a result of the ferry shut-down and four to five reservations cancelled out.

The resort business will take a while to get back to normal, Mayne Inn manager Stricklands commented. Until the union makes a definite statement that further picketing will not take place, the resorts will continue to remain quiet, she added.

Last week for Trust ballot

A reader poll to determine feelings about the provincial government's move to abolish the Islands Trust appears for the last time this week.

The ballot, which has been published in the past two issues, can be found on Page Two this week.

Readers who wish to complete the ballot can drop it off at the Driftwood office on Rainbow Road, or mail it to Driftwood at Box 250, Ganges.



Helicopter drops supplies to firefighters on Mt. Maxwell

Mayne's gracious mansions, Salt Spring's dozen lakes are described in travel story

BY TONY RICHARDS

Many descriptive adjectives have been used to describe those charming jewels in British Columbia's Georgia Strait, the Gulf Islands.

But in all the travel stories I've read about the islands, I've never before heard them referred to as luscious.

That's the word used in a feature published in the summer issue of *Touring & Travel*, a Toronto-based magazine.

And after reading the story, you wonder if its writer ever left his desk in Toronto before he wrote it.

The only positive aspect of the story was that full-colour photographs of the islands were included with it. The photos, unlike the story, were accurate.

The writers devoted a few paragraphs to each of Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Salt Spring Islands.

Galiano, they wrote, offers accommodation to visitors at a number of resorts, among them were Madron Lodge and Salishaw Resort. Presumably they were referring to Madrona Lodge and Salishan Resort.

Bluffs Park offers spectacular views, the reader learns, and among the sights visible from that park is nearby Saltspray Island.

GRACIOUS MANSIONS

Residents of Miners Bay on Mayne Island will likely be pleased to hear their homes described as "gracious mansions", but most of Mayne's residents will no doubt be decidedly unhappy that their island is gaining a reputation for being home to a bunch of boozers.

Miners Bay, according to the story, was a stopping point for many rowdy miners on their way to the goldfields in the 1850's. While there, they indulged themselves in "Mayne's many pubs" before continuing their journey.

Also in Miners Bay, we learn, is the island's hotel

row. In addition to its many mansions, it is the location of both the Springwater Lodge and the Mayne Inn. The latter was always thought to be located in Bennett Bay.

Finally, a quick check of local maps failed to tell us the location of Velage Bay, also on Mayne Island.

Our delicious — sorry, luscious — island-hopping tour takes us on to Pender. North Pender is an older established community with a reputation for hospitality. We are left to draw our own conclusions about South Pender's reputation.

Our informative tour guides tell us little about the Penders, other than the fact that sheep and stray chickens form a large part of the population.

GOOD FISHING
We move now to Salt Spring (the writers forgot to tell us about Saltspray Island) and we find that it really must be a popular place to visit for sports fishermen.

What other island on the coast, of similar size, can offer the angler no less than a dozen lakes, all providing good trout and bass fishing?

Provincial cartographers will have to redraw island maps to show us the whereabouts of all those lakes.

And where do you think is situated the Gulf Islands' largest town? It's not Ganges, Fulford or Vesuvius and no, it's not even Fernwood or Beaver Point.

It's St. Mary's Lake, home to most of Salt Spring's 6,000 residents.

Thank you, *Touring & Travel* magazine, for a most entertaining story. Now, perhaps, your writers would like to see these luscious jewels first-hand and provide your readers with a more accurate description.

In the meantime, we're going fishing, as soon as we decide which one of our dozen lakes we should try.

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...ary than that and

Forest fire on Maxwell

From Page One

By Friday night another five forestry service personnel had been summoned to fight the blaze, including a B.C. Government Employees' Union "fire boss" who broke picket lines in order to assist the firefighters.

Power on Salt Spring Island was shut off when the water bombers were required to bomb across the Hydro lines. The fire was directly below a Hydro right-of-way.

Water bombers used to fight the fire were not using water.

The A26's use a chemical fertilizer on the fire which acts as a fire retardant. The fertilizer inhibits combustion.

The planes carry about 800 gallons of the retardant which when spread over burning areas colours the landscape with red patches.

By 6:30 am Saturday, winds had spread the fire across the containment guards. A shift of firefighters was arranged and numerous island residents

volunteered to help the fire department.

Two Bell Jetranger helicopters were rented by the forestry service to sling-load 100-gallon buckets of water out of Maxwell Lake.

On Saturday there were five trucks at the blaze, including a septic tank truck.

"We had about 12 forestry service employees and the island firemen fighting," forestry service spokesman Rick Clevette stated. "Everyone was very helpful. The hotel and motels where the forestry personnel stayed would have meals ready for the men at 11, 12 at night when they'd get in."

There were about 50 people at the fire on Saturday.

But Salt Spring Island didn't lose the fire department to the mountain blaze over the weekend.

"One tanker had a flat tire on Saturday and by the time it was fixed at 3, Saturday afternoon, there was a fire call to Cusheon Lake where an unoccupied building was on fire. Fortunately,

we'd kept a reserve crew on hand for other fires and we had both the 500 and 700-gallon tankers to respond to the call," Leask said.

Wives of the Salt Spring Island Fire Department volunteers prepared meals for the men working on the mountain fire.

During the weekend there were five fires in the lower Vancouver Island region reported Clevette. Salt Spring Island was the largest and the most difficult to fight, he added. Clevette said that he suspected the fire was started by a careless smoker.

Cost of the water bombers per hour was \$1,500 each. Each helicopter hired cost \$650 an hour.

"The fire would run around \$100,000 in cost," Clevette speculated, "but that's just an estimate."

The special five-man firefighting team is classified as an essential service and cannot join the British Columbia government employees in the present strike.

A shift of firemen were still mopping up on Tuesday.

Proceedings halted in Mayne stabbing death

The charge was manslaughter but the court stayed proceedings on the grounds of absolute self-defence.

Daniel Rajala, 27, of Vancouver, was charged following the stabbing death of Gary Canning, 21, of Surrey. The incident took place on the beach at Campbell Bay on Mayne Island June 24.

Rajala, an artist, had been on Mayne to begin a week's vacation. He had been swimming when Canning and three friends came into the bay by boat. Canning came ashore and for no apparent reason began to beat Rajala and

would not stop until Rajala pulled a knife.

The young Surrey man went back to the boat and Rajala attempted to escape the scene of violence. Canning and another man chased him up the rocks and threatened him with sticks.

In the struggle, Rajala stabbed Canning in the heart. He died on the trip back to the mainland.

Canning's mother asked police not to charge Rajala. Her son, she said, has a history of unexplained violence.

Rajala suffered bruises and cuts to his face, requiring 13 stitches.

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The Islands Trust: has it outlived its usefulness?

The new Land Use Act, introduced in the legislature last Friday, calls for an end to the Islands Trust. Land use control in the Trust islands is to be returned to the various regional districts.

If you wish to indicate your feelings on the matter, fill in this ballot and mail it to Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges, or drop it off at the newspaper office, at 121 Rainbow Road, Ganges.

	YES	NO
Do you favour retention of the Islands Trust?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like to see a referendum held in the Trust Islands to let the people decide on the future of the Trust?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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When John Armour was in South Africa recently he met a lot of South Africans. And on one occasion he was asked where he came from and he replied that he was from Vancouver and Salt Spring Island, "although they wouldn't know where that is". Oh, but he would, countered a South African and "how are Gordon and Win Brown?"

 It is the best little house of ill repute in Texas, said a CBC speaker the other day, bowdlerising the bawdy in deference to his unseen audience.

 But another radio comment proved ill-founded. Every liquor store in British Columbia closed at noon, stated the news announcer. So I dropped around to the Ganges Liquor Store and bought a Scotch!

 I wasn't about to cry over the closure, but I was curious to know why does the face crumple in times of grief or pain? And why do tears flow? Even a baby knows how to cry!

 The Sealey Posturpoedic is the largest selling mattress of "it's" kind, says a mammoth sign on the side of a Sealey mattress truck. It's a wonder they can sleep at all after that kind of spelling mistake!

 She was wind-surfing on Long Harbour. He was rowing a boat. As he approached, the boater called to ask her whether she knew Frank Richards. And she admitted that she did. She was Valerie and the enquirer was an Albertan whom she knew in Sidney nearly 15 years ago. Paul Bourque, of Edmonton, found Tony before sailing away from the island.

 An islander wanted to know whether the civil servants would allow her to go to Vancouver. And she called the union headquarters in Vancouver. The spokesman at the other end of the line was courteous and helpful. The phone was there to enable people to ask questions, he assured her. He didn't have the answer but he would call her back. She's still waiting.

 And the question I've always wondered: Is Weston, Ontario in western Ontario?

 I went into Victoria on Wednesday to pick up my kid brother and a nephew in Victoria. On Thursday Laurence and his son, Sandy, left for fear of being stranded. And I was glad I was not a resort operator watching my patrons sail away in fear.

 I went away for a holiday recently to lose a little weight. I came back with one shirt missing and one pants belt gone for good. On the credit side, I ended up with a bottle of deodorant. It's only just occurred to me that the roll-on might have been left intentionally because he knew not even my best friend would tell me. But the loss of a shirt brings to mind my proclivity for losing shirts. I've probably lost lots more, but I can recall two that completely disappeared from my closet. One was a cream shirt of some English material. It was the same kind of thing that we used to use for cricket when I was 40 years younger. It went on me. The other was a printed shirt I bought in Hawaii and the shirt represented a front page of the Honolulu Advertiser. I wore those shirts only one time each and that was it. I guess they figured they were pairs, like socks. I had a drawer full of single socks, all in excellent condition and all without mates. It's something to do with the washing machine. It eats socks. And now it's started to eat shirts.

 There are a dozen names for a minister of the cloth. But only two were normally used as verbs. In many churches it is customary to say that a minister "pastors", although the word infers that he caters to the spiritual needs of his congregation by his appointment to that church. If the pastor "ministers", then the verb needs its object and he ministers to the congregation. Here, the emphasis is to the people and the actual church is not contained in the sense. It is equally acceptable to say that a minister "priests" in a parish; although it is seldom seen. Yet, the only use of parson as a verb means that he has performed his function, because "parsoned" means wed in a church. The vicar does not "vicar" and the rector may rule in the secular sense but doesn't "rector". The only other ecclesiastical title which can be a verb, that comes to me, is canon. But if a minister "canons" into his congregation the sense is lost and we have a picture of a benign and benevolent gentleman gaining speed down a slope as he approaches his flock.

 I've lost my green thumb. It must have fallen off when I wasn't looking. It was the thumb that first planted radishes some 60 years ago and dug them out daily to make sure they were growing down there, in the ground. My garden has given up the ghost. My radishes have massive leaves and no root and even the beets are all green smoke and no red fire. The worst item facing my thumb are the fruit trees. We have one apple. Of four trees, all about eight years old, we have yet to eat an apple or a pear. This year's crop is impressive. There is one apple. It is about half an inch in diameter and is soft pulp and pink. The apple sits in an acorn-like cup of bright green. The green thumb disease is even in the leaves. So I looked it up in the list of minerals missing from the soil. As far as I can figure out they are all missing. All I know for sure is that the apples are missing.

 It is 40 years since nearly 3,000 Canadian troops were lost in the Dieppe Raid. They were part of the 7,500 men who took part in the abortive attack. On August 19, 1942, the attack was launched. Nine hours later the raid was over and became part of Canada's military history.

Hall restoration fund gets \$5,000 boost from lotteries

A \$5,000 grant to the Mahon Hall Restoration Committee from the B.C. Lottery Fund has been approved by the provincial secretary, John Crofton, chairman of the fund-raising sub-committee, has announced.

In a phone call to Crofton last week Finance Minister Hugh Curtis advised him that approval had been granted.

In a confirming letter to Crofton, Curtis said, "I am particularly pleased this government has been able to assist in this worthwhile project because of the wide community support the project has on Salt Spring Island."

His letter concluded by saying, "May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your continued initiative and spirit."

"With the \$5,000 from the lottery fund and the generous contributions from individuals and groups within the community, the total amount raised for the restoration work stands at about \$34,000," Crofton said. "With all the bills for the completed work

having been paid we have sufficient funds on hand now to complete the remaining restoration projects."

Crofton said the letter from Curtis is a direct tribute to the many people who have responded to the community-wide appeal for funds and to the volunteers who have devoted so much of their time and effort to the fund raising and to the restoration work. He had a personal word of gratitude for fund-raising committee members Les Ramsey, Ron McQuiggan and Arvid Chalmers.

Hugh Cummings, chairman of the Restoration Committee, said the additional funds will enable his committee to go ahead with the planning and work to complete the major restoration projects such as the replacing of some of the support timbers on the north side of the building.

"Work on this and other interior projects will get under way soon after the closing of Artcraft early in September," Cummings said.

He also praised the work contributed by local architect Hank Schubart.

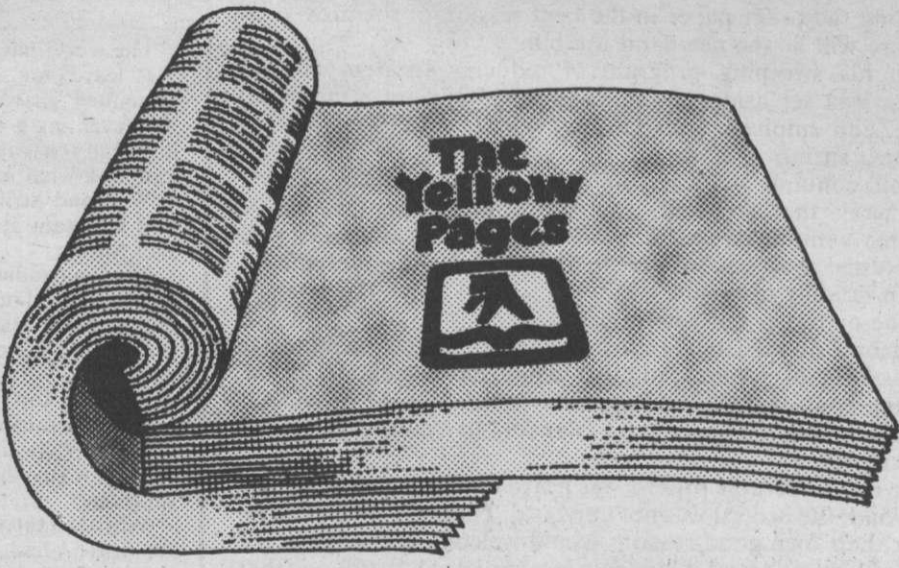
"He has devoted many hours developing plans and drawings and the awarding of contracts for major projects such as the re-roofing work and the construction of the new entrance and ramp on the south side of the building. His advice and work is invaluable in helping to get the restoration work completed.

"Another valued committee member is Nels Vodden," Cummings said. "His many years of experience in contracting and construction work has provided the expertise needed in the acquisition of materials and in getting the jobs done satisfactorily.

"Without the contribution of the time and expertise of both these committee members the restoration jobs already completed and those coming up would be much more protracted and much costlier," Cummings said.

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Seconds to start, days to stop

The weekend on Salt Spring Island saw a forest fire blazing on the western slopes of Mount Maxwell. An area of some 12 hectares, or 25 acres, was ablaze and two administrations were engaged in attacking the fire.

Salt Spring Island volunteer fire department was at the fire with all equipment available. Auxiliary fire fighters were enrolled at the fire hall to augment their numbers. In addition the forestry crews from Vancouver Island took part and enlisted air tankers and other outside aids.

Throughout the weekend the Ganges fire hall was the headquarters of the crews and the slopes of Mount Maxwell were their concern.

It was a small fire. But it was a persistent fire.

And it is a useful reminder to the people of the islands of the dangers accompanying a forest fire.

A fire which takes seconds to start takes days to stop.

We should all remember that.

Let's examine island planning

Heading the order paper in the next session of the provincial legislature will be the new land use bill.

When his sweeping program of reducing local input into planning was set aside, the minister of municipal affairs, Bill Vander Zalm, emphasized that the bill will be up for consideration at the next sitting.

The bill contains a clause wiping out the Islands Trust.

Last week the legislation was left behind when the house prorogued without adopting the new bill. Many islanders who had protested the measure were delighted with the government's action in holding it over.

But the matter is not yet closed.

The debate on the Islands Trust Act has brought to prominence many aspects of island planning which have been neglected. Before the controversial bill is further debated in the provincial legislature, it might be timely for islanders to examine the terms and the problems.

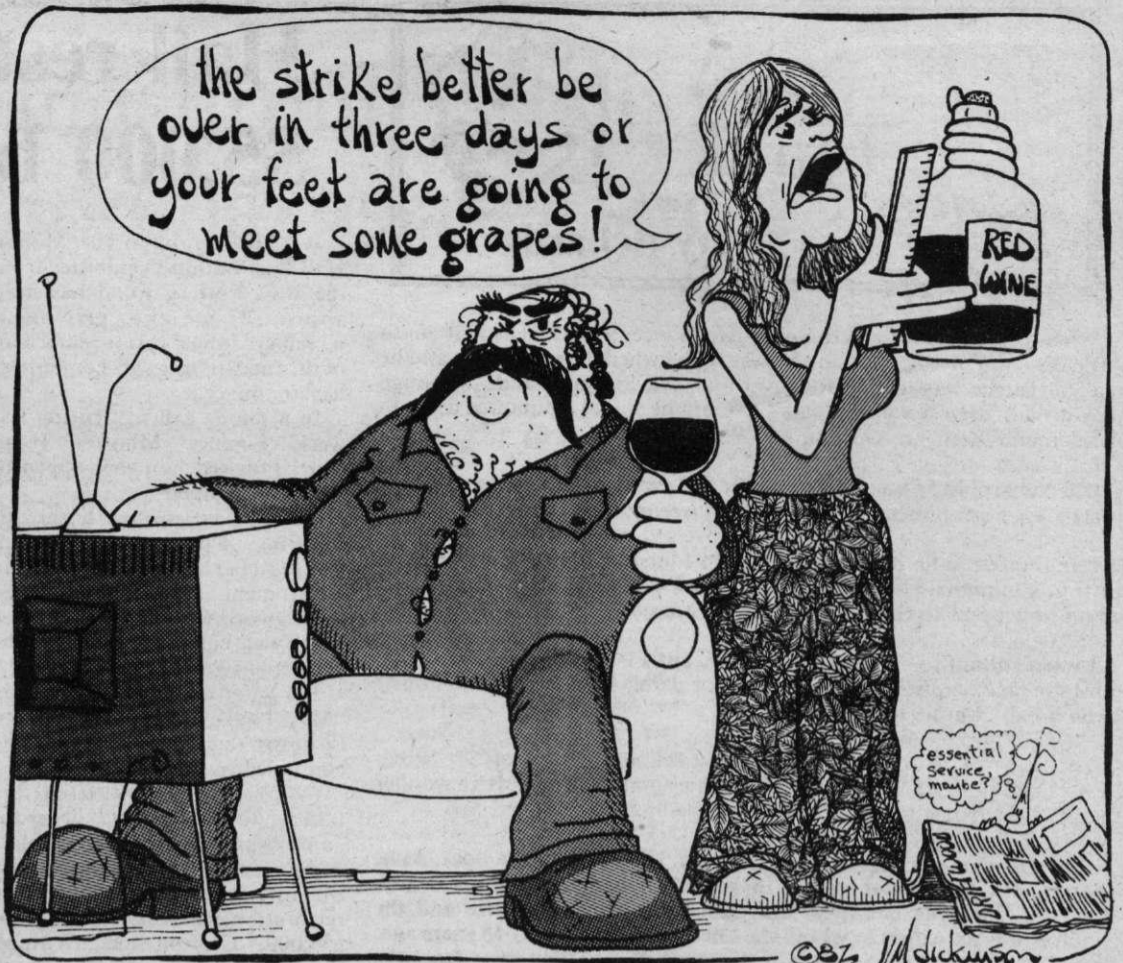
While a considerable protest was heard from within the islands and beyond, the protest was not universal. There are island people who for their own good reasons would welcome a change in the pattern of planning here. One critic last week told *Driftwood* that he would welcome a distant tribunal considering land use and changes in land use.

He could welcome the administration of planning by the regional boards on the grounds there, being far away, they would be impersonal. A local planning authority becomes too heavily influenced by emotional considerations, he asserted. A distant, out-of-town tribunal has no emotional awareness of the issues and thus can act more impersonally, he contended.

Experience in many administrations has not borne out the submission that distance brings content. Yet what he is saying is that he blames the shortcomings of island planning as he finds them, on the fact that the Islands Trust committees are too close to the people.

The proponents of the Islands Trust should be concerned with the uncertain state in which the proposed bill has left the administration. But they should be even now looking into the factors which are seen by critics as shortcomings to island planning.

Planning and the use of land will never be an exact science. Planning cannot satisfy every resident. But the plan of the islands has been prepared by the people of the islands in accordance with principles evolved in the islands. Now is an excellent opportunity to assess the criticisms and to seek to correct those failings which can be identified.



Bill Webster

...And a guy named Fryer tries to roast public

The world has gone mad. I leave my post as self-appointed guardian in charge of preventing a hand-cart ride downhill for two measly weeks and look what happens.

War and strife and strikes and a blatant attempt to burn Salt Spring.

The big daddies in Vic take a club to the Trust and a guy named Fryer tries to roast the public. Is there no end to madness?

And on top of all that, I caught a summer cold.

Where does one start in an effort to put the pieces back together.

When last these words graced the page, I had only begun to swing a golf club. Try it, they said, you'll like it. So I tried it.

"What was your score," queried a wit at the North Salt Spring Ferry Turn-around?

"Sixty-six," I replied modestly.

"Not bad for 18 holes," he said.

Didn't have the heart to tell him we only played nine.

The following week, my score improved dramatically. Shaved two entire strokes from my game. Without cheating. **THEY WERE IMPRESSED**

The other duffers on the Thursday tour were so impressed that they invited me to join their alleged slow-pitch team. I went out for a game.

Which was the first mistake.

The second mistake was buying a glove. Now that I've proved to all and sundry what a magnificent slow-pitch pitcher

I am, the glove can't be sold. No one wants a second-hand, left-handed softball glove.

That's my handicap in this cruel life. I'm a lefty.

The way I look at it, I'm a dandelion among the weeds. Few understand the frustration of living a life backwards. The only consolation is derived from the fact the wicked dog-leg on the fourth hole fits nicely into my slice. When I tee off the ball arches gracefully into the air and curves impressively to the left, naturally, headed straight for the hole.

The Salt Spring D.O.G.s, as the slow-pitch crew call themselves, invited me for a tryout and since I purchased the glove for \$14.98, I'm not quitting the team until the coach reimburses me.

COULDN'T REMEMBER SCORE

The first game played with me on the field ran into difficulty in that no one could remember the score or the inning. Those guys kept sneaking behind the dugout to sip from funny brown bottles.

Needless to say, yours truly was simply magnificent. Sparkling fielding, impressive hitting and sterling base running.

The next game, coach said to pitch. I did. The opposing forces were mowed down in order: three up, three down. And so it went for inning after inning. The patented left-handed baffle ball had the batters baffled.

Coach said take something

off it. I did. Home run. I went back to the baffle ball.

The Salt Spring slow pitch league has four teams, the Slugs, the Fernwood Flops, the Fulford Outs and, of course, the D.O.G.s. With Lefty on the mound, the D.O.G.s are the terror of the league. Although no one keeps track of such things, I'm sure we firmly hold down fourth spot.

SITUATION DISTRACTING

Which brings me to the point of this column. The situation in the world today is distinctly distracting to members of the team. Many of the players are from the pedagogical profession and talks of cutbacks and rollbacks and raise reduction has taken their minds from the game. They can't concentrate on their play when they're worried about their pay.

To distract themselves from the distractions, they hied off to Orcas Island last weekend. They went, they said, to partake of an international slow pitch tourney. They said.

I haven't seen them since.

Which brings me to the real reason for this column. Just one day before leaving, they fed me a flu bug. As the boat sailed down Ganges Harbour bound for glory, I was flat on my back suffering from this darned summer cold.

They apparently didn't want a reporter along to report back about the happenings between innings.

Letters to the Editor

Chamber indignant over less than pleasant letters

Sir,
In recent weeks you have published letters written by a Galiano resident expressing his displeasure in our local Chamber of Commerce. These letters have been less than pleasant.
Citizens who give freely of their time and energy in the community are to be commended. We must be very grateful to them. They are for the most part always open to constructive criticism but when the critic's pen is dipped in vitriol it is quite another matter. The executive of the Galiano Chamber

of Commerce has every right to be indignant.

It is not easy to find good people to run our organizations and such uncharitable publicity will make it even more difficult to find them.

Perhaps a good deal of blame could be laid at your door, Mr. Editor. It seems irresponsible journalism indeed to perpetrate dissension in our small community by publishing such letters.

ELIZABETH BEACH,
R.R.2 Galiano.
July 30, 1982.

Taxpayers' union needed

Sir,
It's time for some really serious business and time for the protesters and taxpayers, (excluding civil servants) to form a union to control government, and rid our Canada of many of the people who really produce nothing.

Since confederation, without any checks all governments continued to grow because of the easy access to taxes, and bureaucrats continued to build their little empires in all municipal, provincial and federal governments.

It's time to call a halt to the non-producers and we should have a hiring freeze for 10 years to really bring government down to size and the high-priced empire builders would have to go to work and a lot of red tape would disappear in the process.

Also, our large governing bodies require the services of many lawyers and accountants who are non-producers outside of the civil service.

This is where private industry differs from government. When their little empires grow too large, and they do, the hatchet men are called in and quickly rid the non-producers. It never happens in government and with easily raised taxes we end up with high-priced civil servants and a hoard of non-producers around them.

Probably, through attrition, etc., we could easily chop government by one-third and while there might be some inconveniences by moving people around and if the civil servants didn't like it, they could leave and speed up the whole reduction process. Isn't it about time to shake up those smug little nests?

Also, somewhere down the line, we must arrive at a system of recall for all elected representatives.

Let's show the world by example.

From a humble taxpayer.

CHAS. J. GARDNER,
R.R.1 Galiano.
August 2, 1982.

Controversy could be settled unilaterally

Sir,
The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has been asked about its position on the controversy over the Islands Trust.

The chamber membership is basically business. These members vary in opinion in the same proportion as the general public. The Trust has been a benefit for the Islands and to state that its job is completed is absurd. There is progress or regress, rarely can the status quo be maintained. The chamber has approved of much of the Trust's actions, but has not always been in agreement.

The local control of the Islands has been divided between the Trust and representation of the CRD. To the CRD the Gulf Islands are tolerated much as a relative that can't be quite ignored.

These two levels of control might better operate as one elected body. The Islands are separate entities physically and tend to be independent politically.

More local control could be either an immediate group such as those serviced by the Long Harbour ferry, all the Islands of the Trust as its own regional district, a type of county government, or a municipality, which to some is abhorrent.

It should be recognized that the Provincial Government has been known to unilaterally create municipalities to settle controversy.

BERT ELFORD,
President,
Salt Spring Island Chamber
of Commerce.
August 9, 1982.

Chiropractic adjustment can help shingles victims

Sir,
The July 28 issue of *Driftwood* reported over a dozen cases of herpes zoster (shingles) among the children reported to the health office on Salt Spring. The report concluded, "There is no medical cure for shingles and the complaint can take months or even years to treat."

That proclamation offering such a poor prognosis for children, was a little more than I could accept.

If I knew of a child or any person with such an affliction, I would want them to have the benefit of a chiropractic examination. Many people think of chiropractic as being a health method solely for musculo-skeletal problems - back pain and debility. Others understand a wider view of the principles of chiropractic - that nerve pathways serving any area of the body can be interfered with by vertebral misalignment predisposing them to disease. They would suggest that this principle when capably applied by a qualified chiropractor will allow

the nervous system to develop toward a balance in the whole body.

If there is a disturbance from normal function of the nerve endings in the skin, e.g. herpes, it would seem logical to have the person involved examined by a professional who is skilled in detecting nerve interference at the spinal level. If it is found, and removed by a gentle chiropractic adjustment, it would give the nervous system an opportunity to restore normal function at the nerve endings in the skin.

If I offend anyone's understanding of the scope of chiropractic, I apologize. On the other hand, my conscience would not allow me to sit back and not offer the victims of this painful and irritating malady the benefit of what experience has shown me to be true - that shingles can be helped through a chiropractic adjustment.

RALPH G. CHATWIN, D.C.,
R.R.1 Mayne Island.
July 29, 1982.

Government wants restraints on individual rights

Sir,
Your forum allows me the only opportunity to answer those folks who expressed their disapproval Friday morning as I was on picket duty at the liquor store in Ganges.

Yes this is to you, sir, who spit at us and to you, sir, who used the handy one-finger salute. And to you, madam, who should learn another word besides moron and to all the glaring, malicious faces, yes, this information is for you too.

The strike is for the most part not one of wages. Government employees have sacrificed wage increases for three years and in my opinion will do so once again. We are people of the Province of B.C. just like you, we hear you, we say the same things as you.

What you may not know is that the present government negotiators have tabled a plan of **restraints** that they want to take away from the present collective agreement. Not just economic restraints but restraints on the rights of the individual.

I will be glad to discuss in a rational way anything you wish, just let's not forget we're friendly, accommodating neighbours.

See you on the picket line.

H. BURNETT,
R.R.2 Ganges.
August, 1982.

P.S. Solidarity is not just for the Polish.

How can economy recover?

Sir,
Crime doesn't pay and neither does farming, fishing or logging.

Where is the government going to get the money to pay these people who are going on strike?

How can the economy recover when union leaders won't let it happen?

These fellows don't care what happens to the rest of us.

GEOFF HOWLAND,
Box 14,
Ganges.
August, 1982.

More Letters — Page Six



Tony Richards

PEOPLE COME FROM far and wide to the Ganges Farmers' Market, proof of which is in a list prepared by Islands Trust supporters July 31.

When residents were collecting signatures from market-goers who opposed abolition of the Trust, they obtained addresses as well.

Of the 445 signatures collected, 331 were islands residents, while 86 hailed from other parts of B.C.

There were five from Alberta, one from Saskatchewan, three from Ontario, three from Quebec, eight from Washington state, two from London, England, two from Memphis, Tennessee, one from North Dakota, one from Johannesburg, South Africa, and two were all the way from Switzerland.

THE FOLLOWING was to have appeared this week in *Down Through the Years With Driftwood* as it was printed in this paper five years ago. Considering the labour problems B.C. is facing today, it is timely to repeat it.

A young union member was reading a fairy tale to his children. It began, "Once upon a time and a half...."

COMPANIES THAT DEPEND heavily on the postal service have certainly become cautious as a result of the Canadian postal service's strike record.

A classified ad insertion order came from a firm

in the B.C. interior last week. The printed order contained the precautionary line, "...in the event of a postal strike, please stop the ad until the strike is over."

Surely there's another year to go before we have to face the threat of a postal strike.

WE RECEIVED two copies of the Land Use Act last week, one from Hugh Curtis' office and the other from John Mika of the NDP.

The latter was mailed from Victoria July 26. It arrived at Ganges August 6.

So what else is new.

WE HAVE BEEN highly critical of their food on many occasions, but we are always ready and eager to give them praise when it's due.

I am writing, of course, about the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

It was nothing less than first-class service on Sunday when a cafeteria employee on the *Queen of Sidney* looked for us on the car-deck just before we disembarked at Long Harbour at 3:30.

She came down from the upper deck with a toy car my son had left behind.

I, personally, don't care for the toy as it's one of many that lie around the house waiting for me to trip over. My son, however, was very grateful.

That kind of service tends to make one forget the tedious aspects of travelling by ferry to Tsawwassen.

Legion stages picnic

The Pender Islands Legion sponsored a picnic on the property of Peter and Elizabeth Campbell on Sunday afternoon. During the afternoon a pentathlon of lawn darts, pitch and putt, quoits and other events was held.

Stan Carey won the prize for the highest points for the men and his wife Ellie won the highest points for the ladies. A young visitor in the children's section won \$2.

The bring and buy table organized by the Legion members' wives was popular as everyone exchanged each other's "goodies" for a price.

The Legion members' wives supplied salads, buns and coffee and each guest did his own barbecuing on barbecues set up for the purpose.

The Legion hopes to raise money from the picnic to assist in the renovations and addition to their building.

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of Commerce.

Observations on Hiroshima Day

'They create desolation and call it peace'

BY FRANK RICHARDS

It was a bomb: a real bomb. It was Hiroshima, 37 years ago. I remember the day the bomb was dropped. They told us of the mushroom and the massive explosion. And we rejoiced.

The European war was already over and Victory awaited the Japanese defeat. The formula was simple. And the bomb represented the missing factor in the equation of peace.

Everyone said everything. Distinguished British figures made profound observations and distinguished Americans made profound comments.

The most profound of all comments was that of a physicist at Liverpool University. The bomb had been a very interesting incident, he revealed.

"We didn't know whether it would initiate a chain reaction and destroy the universe!"

In a sense it did. The peace we sought and the peace we hailed may yet prove to

have been the calm before the final storm.

We had become accustomed to bombs. A bomb was what you waited for when the planes went over. A bomb is what went up into the bay of the bomber before it took off for enemy territory. A bomb could kill you.

And the atomic bomb was something so far beyond any weapon we had seen that it was described as something awesome; something awful; the bomb to end all bombs.

But that was a long time ago.

Time embraced many incidents. Time brought us the reality of death by nuclear explosion. Time brought us a new appreciation of what had been inflicted on the people of Hiroshima. And time brought us the wonderful new bombs that were Stage Three in the progress from explosives to atomic bomb to scientific nuclear destruction.

What's the difference? Ten die or a hundred die or thousands?

The difference that counts is the effect of the bomb on the living.

A bomb is a bomb is a bomb. And the dead are dead are dead. But it's the living. Poisoned by radiation; poisoned by irradiated food, the living will live in an unreal world until they die.

The picture we have of the post-nuclear world is that described by St. John in his abomination of desolation.

On Friday there were gatherings all over the world to remember the bombing of Hiroshima. There was a ceremony in Centennial Park in Ganges when about 150 people heard various writings on nuclear warfare and sang of those in need of relief.

To the 150 people at Ganges Cenotaph, the threat of a nuclear war is real and oppressive. They are fearful that their children, or their grandchildren, might one day find themselves in that abominable desolation which is the legacy of nuclear war.

Is the nuclear bomb an assurance of peace? Or an assurance of desolation? If disaster strikes will the naked, blistered screaming child examine the remains for evidence of the bomb's origin?

The small nucleus of Salt Spring Island people who are fearful for the future of mankind did not gather to celebrate the peace achieved by the destruction of

Hiroshima. They gathered to warn of the logical destiny of mankind enjoying that peace.

Tacitus wrote in Rome 2,000 years ago of another folly in another age when he said, they create desolation and call it peace.

Perhaps the quotation is apt.

If it is appropriate, why were so few to be seen on Friday?

And no minister to offer guidance or inspiration?

Where have the flowers gone?

Some random thoughts at the Ganges war memorial on Hiroshima Day, Friday, Aug. 6
BY SUE YARDLEY

The songs were from the 60's, my time, familiar. In spite of all that has passed, they still stir those idealistic feelings we all shared then.

Peace and love, maybe things could be changed, flowers down the gun barrels, Dylan we won't go," napaimed babies and Lyndon Johnson's appendix scar. Camelot lost.

Long time passing. At this monument, my father, 83 this year, and my son, just 10, marched at the service on "poppy day". My father fought at the tail end of World War One 19 years old and still wet behind the ears.

Between him and my son, with the foreshadowings of maturity on his face, lie thousands upon thousands of dead. In five years my child could be an Argentinian conscript half out of his mind with hunger and terror on the Falklands. Cannon fodder.

Where have all the flowers gone, long time ago. Flickering candles around the memorial stone. Can they hear us, those young men who left Salt Spring for the mud and the chaos? At least in their war there was an occasional human face.

Time off for Christmas to sing *Silent Night* with the enemy and my God, they still used horses. Tin soldiers to video game warfare in a generation. Are they glad we are gathered around them in the dark while lights come on in the anchored boats and the hot rodders roar up Ganges Hill?

Where have all the flowers gone? "All things bright and beautiful," sang the guitarist on the steps and there they were, the small children. Clustered like starlings on the stone ledge, enchanted by the flickering lights and music. Their

soft cheeks and downy sunburned arms.

Do any human creatures in the universe love their children less than we? What indoctrination turns other men's sons into Gooks or Japs or Huns or Argies? Would it really make any difference if the women who bore those sons ran things or will we ever get a chance? Not the carbon copy, pseudo-men we have had so far.

Would any of them have been allowed to get to power had they proposed a radically different feminist way of looking at life?

Gone to graveyards everyone. And what about the bomb that shadowed our growing up? The Aldermarston marches in England, so jolly and Anglo-Saxon and pink cheeked. Faced with the arsenal in the world today they fade into innocence, the A-bomb as obsolete as a Model T.

Can public opinion make any difference, or is nuclear warfare an inevitable reflection of a state of consciousness that is incapable of seeing the fragility and beauty in every living thing and cannot grasp that we'll all be losers in the next one.

When will they ever learn? All coffee table arguments about the necessity of nuclear weapons as a deterrent fade into gibberish at the sight of Hiroshima silent and smoking. The shadow of a man on a ladder cast on a wall.

Faced with such evil what can we do? If, as a Christian, I believe that this life is not all there is and that there are realities behind the one our limited brain-computers allow us to perceive, then death of the body is not the worst thing that can happen to me.

Worse, maybe, the living death of a mentality that can subscribe in any way to such harm to my fellow humans.

The dusk comes down. Knots of people linger, reluctant to leave the candlelight and the close feelings. A small island of sanity amid the conflict.

It feels right to gather quietly together, all shades of religious and political belief, to light our own personal candles against the dark. Ultimately, it is all we can do. When will they ever learn.

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REPORT FROM THE COMMONS

Government should borrow to provide stimulation to economy

BY JIM MANLY, MP

Brother, can you spare \$11 billion?

On budget night, June 28, Canadians got a real jolt when Finance Minister MacEachen announced that this year's federal deficit would equal \$19.6 billion. As much as anything else, people were shocked at the huge error in last November's budget which estimated that the deficit would be \$10.5 billion.

This means that Allan MacEachen and his advisors had made an error of 87%. Canadians begin to wonder if government projections mean anything at all.

The reasons for the increased deficit require our attention. On the one hand, the depressed state of the economy means that mills do not produce, stores do not sell and workers do not earn.

Consequently, people do not pay the same amount of taxes and government revenues are down by \$614 billion. Total revenues for 1982-83 are now estimated at \$58.6 billion.

GREATER DEMANDS

On the other hand the increase in unemployment makes greater demands on the unemployment insurance fund which will end up with a \$2.2 billion deficit. This year, unemployment insurance will cost the federal government approximately \$7 billion compared with \$4.8 billion in 1981.

The debt itself has become a major expense. The increased debt, at exorbitant interest rates, means that debt service charges have increased by \$1.1 billion dollars over earlier estimates.

In order to cover this deficit the government has had to ask parliament to give its approval for the government to borrow an additional \$11 billion. Only five weeks earlier, on June 15, the Liberals had forced through the house a bill giving authority to borrow \$6.6 billion.

IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES

Both New Democrats and Conservatives have indicated their

opposition to the borrowing authority bill, but for different reasons. The differences are important.

Ideologically, the Conservatives oppose any government deficit. During the 1979 election campaign they were forced to admit that the cost of all their promises would result in an increased deficit which they then proceeded to call a "stimulative deficit."

In this year's debate, the Conservatives have advocated spending cuts but have conspicuously avoided showing where the cuts should be made. Conservative finance critic Michael Wilson said, "Let us not be fooled by the question honourable members opposite put to us. They say, 'Where would you cut?' Cuts cannot be made in one particular area or another."

Perhaps Wilson remembers the night of June 21 when Conservatives did get specific on spending cuts and votes to cut off nearly \$12 million for medical research.

SHOULD BORROW TO STIMULATE ECONOMY

While we take a strong stand against government waste, New Democrats do not have the same ideological opposition to a deficit. In times of recession the

government should be willing to use its borrowing power to stimulate the economy. When times are good the government should use its taxing power to reduce the deficit.

Individuals have no trouble making a distinction between borrowing as an investment in the future; for example, buying a car to get to work, and borrowing for a trip to the south seas. In the same way, New Democrats would support government borrowing to stimulate the economy or to invest in our future. But we oppose borrowing that ignores the basic problems facing our economy and only puts us deeper in hock.

New Democrats voted against the government's borrowing authority. The government has now shown that it has any workable plans to put people back to work and to stop the flood of bankruptcies facing many small businesses.

We cannot support borrowing an additional \$11 billion so that we can all pretend that everything is going along fine.

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'Political influence used for developers' — Barber

The debate on the Land Use Act heated up recently when several cabinet ministers were questioned about using political influence on behalf of developers in the Gulf Islands.

Charles Barber (NDP-Victoria) asked in question period July 28 about letters between ministers concerning zoning changes which were to have been discussed by the Islands Trust.

Barber asked Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, "Will the minister admit today that he has, on more than one occasion, used his political influence to advise developers on how to circumvent the planning decisions of the Islands Trust?"

Curtis said he could not recall the specific letter to which Barber referred and three times during the questioning invited Barber "to make any such allegations outside this chamber this afternoon."

Later in the debate, Barber attempted to have the letter tabled but was refused permission by the members of the house.

The questions were interrupted several times and on three occasions the speaker had to rise from his chair. Under rules of the house, when members get out of hand, the speaker rises and all debate is supposed to cease.

Barber asked similar questions about possible political influence of Alex Fraser, minister of transportation and highways, as well as Bill Vander Zalm, minister of municipal affairs.

The speaker had to remind Barber several times about the rules of the house governing question period. He told the Victoria MLA that the time was to be used to ask for information, not to bring information to the house.

He also warned Barber about using preambles to the questions. When Barber attempted to frame a question by quoting from the letter, the following exchange took place:

Hon. Mr. Phillips: What's your question?

Mr. Barber: If you'll shut up, you'll hear it.

Hon. Mr. Phillips: Quit abusing the rules of the House, you snake.

When permission was sought to have the letter between Curtis and Fraser as well as several other letters tabled, NDP leader Dave Barrett challenged the ruling of the chair on the matter.

The house, on division, upheld the ruling and Barber later introduced the correspondence during the debate on the Land Use Act.

He tabled letters between Curtis and Fraser concerning a subdivision being proposed by Salt Spring Island developer Gordon Cudmore as well as correspondence between Vander Zalm and Islands Trust chairman John Rich of Bowen Island concerning development on Denman Island.

Barber suggested during the debate that the government was getting rid of the Islands Trust in order to open the islands up to developers.

Barber read from the letter written to Fraser by Curtis, who at that time was the minister of municipal affairs. He indicated that one particular paragraph was an expression of political influence.

The paragraph stated: "My only hesitation in not writing you sooner was that the term of Mr. Marc Holmes, chairman of the Islands Trust, was so close to expiring that I did not see the need to involve him in this matter, especially in light of the feelings that he expressed in his letter. It would appreciate it if you would

correspond directly to Mr. Cudmore and notify him of the procedures that he must now take to put his subdivision back in the process."

The letter to Curtis from Holmes was written on November 9, 1978. The letter from Curtis to Fraser was written on December 20, 1978.

Holmes had expressed the opinion that Cudmore's application did not fit the qualifications of being made before the zoning bylaws came into force. At one point in the letter he stated:

"I would like to state that if I had sufficient reason to believe that four or five small lots, and possibly a further 40 or 50, are going to be allowed without an opportunity for fullest prior consideration and recommendation by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, then I would publicly resign immediately."

Barber also read from a letter written by Vander Zalm to Rich.

Part of that letter read: "From the information that is

available to me Mr. Peck and Mr. King appear to be victims of the present development approval process.

"I would appreciate it if the Denman Island Trust Committee allowed their application to be considered at least to the public hearing stage so that they may have sufficient opportunity to explain their intentions and the past history of the subdivision proposal."

Barber claimed that the letters proved the real reason behind the attempt to do away with the Trust was because the Trustees had resisted attempts to promote unwanted development even when cabinet ministers urged it.

Several sections of the proposed Land Use Act give the minister of municipal affairs the power to rewrite official plans. The minister, Barber said, "would use the power to favour developers and

subdividers.

"He would, subsequently, use the power to destroy the islands as we know them."

Barber was speaking against the bill as the designated opposition speaker. He introduced a motion to have the Land Use Act read for the second time in six months. Such a motion would have effectively killed the bill.

When the motion had been accepted by the Speaker, Barber moved adjournment of the debate on his motion until the next sitting of the house.

The adjournment motion failed by a vote of 26 to 21.

The government then introduced a motion to adjourn debate on the Land Use Act until the next sitting. It passed.

The Land Use Act will be debated further when the house resumes sitting in the fall.

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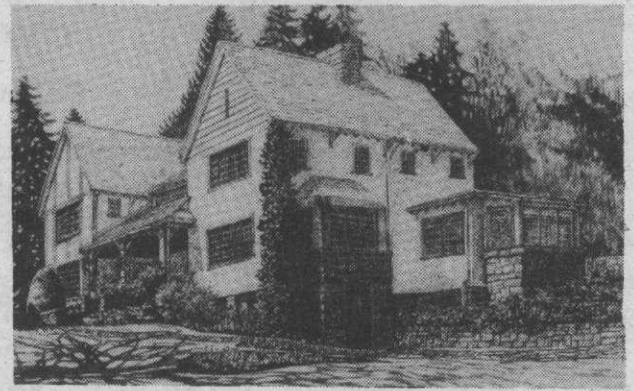
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Workshop given at Ganges

Eric Nichols' latest play, *Atom and Eve*, had a work-out at a workshop at the high school gym in Ganges last weekend. Six players visited from Victoria and about 12 islanders attended the workshop at which vice-president of Theatre B.C. Hetty Clews, left,

discussed the play. Peninsula Players members Brenda Whittingham and Alan Clews came from Sidney for the workshop. Director of the play will be Mike Armstrong of Ganges. He will go over the play with playwright Nicol before casting

gets under way for the local production.

Patio wedding held at Salt Spring Island

The Salt Spring Island home of Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson was the scene of a patio wedding July 31 when Mary Teresa Coll and Gregory Thomas Hannah were united in marriage.

Father P. Bergen officiated at the ceremony when the son of Margaret Wilkinson was united in

marriage with the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coll of Oshawa, Ontario.

The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Gerry Joyce, matron of honour. Best man was Dennis Wines.

Visiting from Oshawa, Ontario, for the wedding were mother of the bride, Margaret, and sisters of the bride, Bridget, Margaret and Bernadette and brother, John.

Godparents of the groom, Gladys and Nevy Baldassi, came to the wedding from Everett, Washington.

Dr. Wendy Palmer and husband Vasilis Parassidis staged a lamb barbecue as their wedding gift to the young couple.

Forty guests attended the wedding and 50 went to the North Vancouver reception.

The bride's bouquet was caught by her sister Margaret, who presented it to Greg Hannah's 90-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Gerda Pearson.

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BY PAT DOHERTY

First of all, we must apologize to the ladies of the nine-hole section of the Salt Spring Golf Club for missing their news last week.

The fact is this writer travelled to Alberta to sample their 32 cents a litre gas and cigarettes at \$6.80 a

carton. The gentleman who was supposed to look after the news got the notes and placed them close to his heart in his hip pocket, and there they stayed. So again we apologize.

On July 27 there was a splendid turnout to entertain the 11 lady members from Gabriola. Prizes were awarded to Mary Clements for closest to the pin on number 2, and Joane Millner on number 5. Joane actually put hers in the hole and also picked up the Connie Porter Trophy which she had to share with Joan Tiernan, who chipped in on another green.

Vera Sarginson won the longest drive on number 6, and just beat

out Bernice Browne who was the visitor's power hitter. A very enjoyable lunch followed play.

There were 22 ladies out on August 3, and Maryalice Burford won the prize for being closest to the pin on number 11. She also got her birdie.

Joane Millner won the Porter Trophy again, this time chipping in on number 9. The low putt prize was shared between Di Fraser, Gwen Ruckle and Joane Millner.

In the ladies' 18-hole division on August 3 the winner of the Bank of Montreal Cup was Gerry Alexander with net 67. In the runner-up spot were Mildred Mitchell, Connie Hardy and Helen

Kernaghan. However, Mildred won the golf ball because of a better back nine. Mona Coulter was the best putter with 25. The Bake Sale at the Farmers' Market on July 31 was a great success as just under \$400 was raised in two hours.

Teams from Ardmore, Galiano, Salt Spring and Pender played for the White Trophy at Pender on August 7. Pender won the trophy with a team score of 524, followed by Salt Spring with 548, Galiano 561 and Ardmore 572. Pender is to be congratulated not only for winning, but also for getting the lovely new clubhouse to a useable, closed-in condition for the

occasion. A great day was had by all those present.

A list is being posted in the ladies' locker room until August 31 for those wishing to play bridge in the Alice Hammett Bridge Tournament. One of each couple must be a member, or the wife of a member of the Golf Club. There will be a list for those wishing to play who haven't a partner, also those wishing to substitute. Contact Mabel Moore, convener, for more information.

There was a hole-in-one recorded at number 2 by Lynda Morris, who was playing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carlson.

Garden Club summer show on weekend

Fulford Hall Association members will provide afternoon tea for visitors at the forthcoming summer flower show.

The show, to take place Saturday and Sunday at Fulford Hall, will see Salt Spring Garden Club members display their best blooms and potted plants.

Off-island exhibitors are also expected to contribute to the show's friendly rivalry, a club member reports.

What is hoped to be an informative addition to the show will be a display of many varieties of pelargoniums by Mrs. Pat Pierrt.

The show will be open from 1 to 5 pm Saturday and from 11 am to 3 pm Sunday. Sale of blooms will take place at 3:30 pm Sunday.

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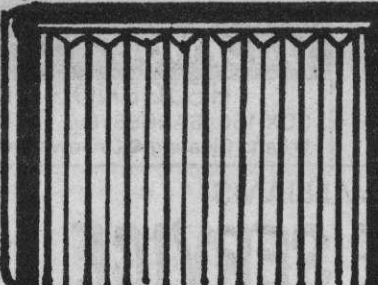


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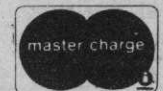
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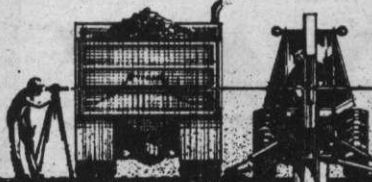


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However, with our growing practices and intense cultivation we make heavy demands upon the resources of the soil and sooner or later we will run into deficiencies.

There are also natural deficiencies which are caused by our climate. Our winter rains leach out the more readily soluble

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Common natural mineral deficiencies are manganese and cobalt, and other deficiencies arise from individual cultural practices. To help in identifying most of the common deficiencies the following is a list of symptoms and the deficiency that causes them.

Nitrogen

Starting from the bottom of the plant, the whole leaf turns yellow, develops dead spots and drops off.

Sulphur

Leaves are yellow all over the plant and sometimes have a beige cast.

Phosphorus

Leaves are green but growth is stunted, followed by purple colouring of leaves, beginning with the oldest ones.

Potassium

The edges of older leaves turn yellow and later appear burned. Small yellow spots turning into dead tissue scattered on older leaves.

Magnesium

Recently matured and older leaves show yellow between green veins.

Iron

Only the young leaves show yellow between veins, without any other symptoms.

Manganese

Young leaves are yellow between veins along with grey or brown spots in the yellow areas.

Copper

Young leaves are yellow between veins, but leaf lobes and tips stay green. Veins turn yellow later and the leaf dies back.

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Foxglove Nursery Consultant

Zinc

Young leaves are abnormally small or missing, nodes between leaves are abnormally short. Often called "little leaf" disease.

Boron

Terminal buds die, young leaves turn thick and leathery. Some yellowing with rust-coloured cracks and corkiness on young stems and flower stalks. Young leaves are often crinkled.

Calcium

Growing point stops to develop. Pale green or uneven yellowing of leaves. Roots short and thickened. Sometimes margins of leaves fail to form, resulting in "strap" leaves.

As many of these elements are closely linked with each other in a precarious balance, symptoms often overlap and only an exhaustive soil analysis can identify the deficiency.

For this reason I like to recommend bonemeal and seaweed for most deficiencies. These are natural organic compounds and contain the minerals in a natural balance. It is really difficult to use too much bonemeal or seaweed.

EASY TO USE TOO MUCH

It is really easy to use too much boron, though. Only one part per million is required. Any more than this and we get calcium toxicity.

So this is one of the many reasons why I prefer manures, green and otherwise, wood ashes, bonemeal and seaweed, the latter for its full spectrum of all trace minerals; and all for their organic material in addition to their

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But this is only a small part of the whole story. We now know over 60 trace elements which go into the make-up of a plant, and of us, for our life is a result of their life.

Ferries halted for one day by strike

From Page One

people of the province or tourists. **NOT THE PEOPLE**

"We're not on strike against the people of the province or tourists, we're trying to get a settlement," he said.

On Salt Spring Island the government agent's office and the liquor store closed Friday, and highways crews also remain off the job.

There were some union members working on the island over the weekend, however. Several forests ministry personnel were engaged in fighting the forest fire on Mount Maxwell. Firefighting is one of the services designated essential.

The union went on strike after rejecting the government's offer of a 6½% pay increase in the first year and a five percent increase in the second year of a two-year contract.

BACK TO WORK

The union leader made a surprise move on Sunday when he

accepted a challenge from Premier W.R. Bennett to permit the general membership of the union to vote on the government's offer of 6½% and 5% wage increases over the next two years.

Fryer's second statement promised relief to those areas suffering from the withdrawal of government labour. He announced that the BCGEU would return to work on Thursday of this week, whether members accepted or rejected the offer.

On Thursday the liquor stores will re-open and the various government functions in the islands will be back in business.



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Public use of foreshore leases cannot be restricted, Trust told

Public use of crown foreshore which has been leased for commercial oyster culture is not prohibited, but such use is not encouraged either.

The Islands Trust had questioned the ministry of lands, parks and housing about the restrictions on public use of crown foreshore and recently received a reply from district manager Doug Berry.

Berry said that leases for occupation of crown foreshore can only be granted by the province and such leases "can be granted over the objections of all other agencies."

The lease could cover endeavours such as private boat moorages, commercial oyster cultures, log dumps and storage areas as well as commercial marinas.

The public has a right to unimpeded access along all foreshore despite leases for oysters or boat moorage.

"They cannot, however, make use of the wharf or floats," said Berry, "nor can they pick oysters or carry on other activities which would damage the shellfish crop."

He noted that "no trespassing" signs posted in such areas have been put there without permission of the ministry and are not factually accurate.

"Unfortunately," he said, "as they are generally posted on the privately held upland, staff from this ministry cannot remove them."

The holder of an oyster lease

cannot prohibit the public from the crown foreshore but can restrict access to the high portion of the area to prevent damage to the crop.

The most productive growing areas are in the lower intertidal zone, he said, and the ministry often retains a strip of land between the high water mark and the lease to allow for public access.

"A well stocked oyster lease is

not especially compatible with public swimming or sun bathing," he noted. "And while these are not prohibited (unless they damage young oyster spat) they are not encouraged either."

Crown foreshore leases are subject to control by the federal ministry of transport through the Navigable Waters Act with monitoring by the Coast Guard if use of the area would interfere with navigation.

Other restrictions can be applied by the ministry of fisheries and oceans under the Fisheries Act if the operation has a "deleterious effect on the fish or their habitat." The federal ministry also has a number of regulations concerning the growing and harvesting of shellfish.

Other regulations concerning shellfish are administered by the marine resources branch.

The leases must also conform with existing local zoning bylaws which are set in the Gulf Islands by the Islands Trust.

Berry noted that any objections which the Islands Trust might have concerning foreshore leases should be explained in detail and must fall under either zoning bylaws or be considered unfavourable by the Trust for other reasons.

However, concluded Berry, "All recommendations that an application (for a foreshore lease) be disallowed or the area amended must be thoroughly justified in writing as we must explain to the applicant why his proposal is being turned down."

Entry forms deadline August 18

Entry forms for the Mayne Island Fall Fair must be in by August 18, reports Fred Dodds of the Mayne Agricultural Society.

The forms will be accepted at the Agricultural Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 17 and 18, from 1 to 5:30 pm.

They can be submitted before then, if desired, to the museum, where booklets and entry forms are available.

The barn that houses machinery and other large artifacts for the museum has had a new floor laid recently, providing a better display area, Dodds told *Driftwood*.



Driver injured

The driver was injured and the telephone pole was sheared. Lawrence Hollings hit the pole at the bottom of Lee's Hill near Furness Road on Salt Spring last

Thursday. No estimate of damage to his 1953 Chevy was given. Hollings was treated for injuries in hospital and later released.

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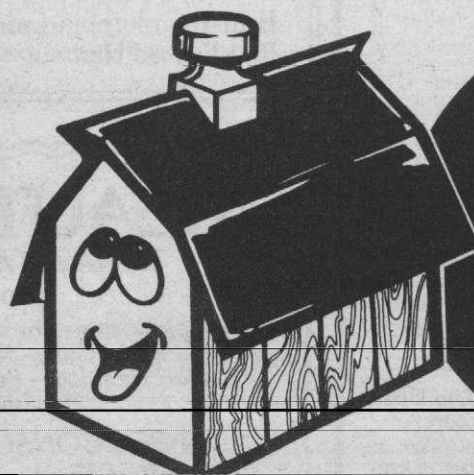
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Children in awe of dancers

Anxieties vanish as Fiesta

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The Galiano Lions were this last week subjected to their annual quota of anxieties as the day for their annual Fiesta approached. On Saturday, doubts and difficulties were resolved and a gem of a day inserted itself into the uncertain pattern of this summer's weather.

Courtesy of the B.C. Government Employees Union the ferries resumed their service in time to deliver the parade band and other off-island visitors.

Parade marshal Art Woods assembled his charges much as an artist applies his colours to canvas. The procession, led by RCMP Const. Kim MacDonald in his scarlet, moved off from Sturdies Bay at 10:30, admired by spectators lining the route. The Fiesta Queen, Jessie Bellhouse, dressed in red and white and riding in Nancy Quist's blue convertible, had the natural, gracious smile that so befits a queen.

Elsbeth King was promoted from last year's juvenile-lead role of Goldilocks to a mature, silver-locked Queen of Coon Bay, attended by twin Queen Aini Haksi, both driven in the procession and into the parts by Hart Scarrow.

The excellent Pioneer

Telephone Band provided the musical accompaniment for the parade and for a demented food-crown. A sea monster provided an oriental touch "headed" by Alistair Ross with the sinuous body supported by the Fukushima family of North Galiano.

The South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department showed considerable histrionic ability with Chief Chester Williams playing the comic lead. The volunteers matched their ancient reserve pumper truck with an appropriate Keystone Cops performance. The serious message was that this vehicle is obsolete, and that the fire department will be asking residents in the South Galiano Fire Protection District to support a referendum to allow the department to purchase a new vehicle.

This year's Fiesta was memorable in several ways. The events moved along with clockwork precision beginning with Lions' president Gerald Nicolson's introduction of Fiesta Queen Jessie Bellhouse, who was accompanied on the dais by her two flower-garlanded attendants.

Music for the day alternated between Galiano's Dan and his One-man Band and a group of Vancouver musicians who enjoyed

jamming together. Their verve, enthusiasm and choice of tunes provided exciting background music.

Galiano's own singing group of Sweet Adelines, who gave a preliminary taste of their sweetness at the Jamboree, sang four numbers while being filmed by a National Film Board crew, who were present to continue work on the film they are making about Elisabeth Hopkins, Galiano's senior painter.

A singing group has a hard task competing with the noise and bustle of a fairground, but a visual attraction is not so handicapped. The lissome grace and colourful costume of the young exotic dancer from Vancouver, Pauline Deleon, certainly proved this point. The beauty of her hand and arm movements and the swaying of the iridescent skirt as she performed various Polynesian dances made her appearances one of the highlights of the Fiesta.

Jessie's Memorable Day

Jessie Bellhouse, the Fiesta Queen, will remember August 7 for reasons unconnected with her one-day reign.




Alistair Ross and the Fukushima family



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