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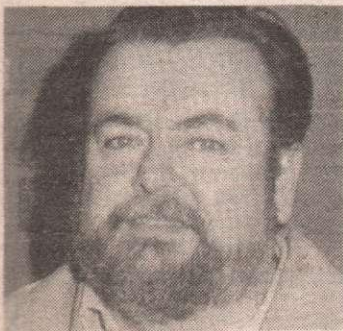
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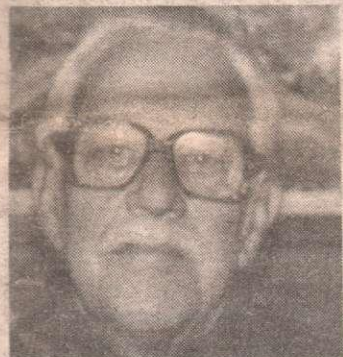
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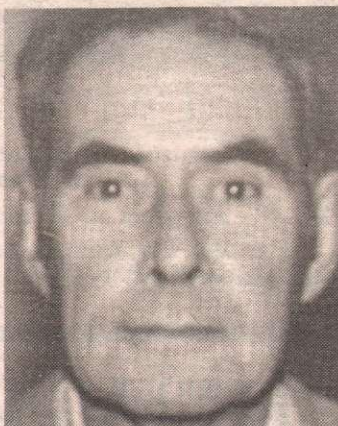
Gordon Wallace



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Stephen Wright



Bill Norton

Straw vote turnout 43% at Salt Spring

About 43% of Salt Spring Island's registered voters turned out Saturday to cast ballots in three straw votes.

The nuclear disarmament poll, which asked if the voter supported a proposal that the Canadian government work to stop the worldwide development and use of nuclear weapons, saw 88% in favour.

In the Farmers' Market vote, 75% of the voters favoured limiting the market to the sale of home-produced goods, while 51% said no to moving the market to another location.

Fifty-nine percent of the electorate said they favoured an investigation into setting up a Gulf Islands regional district.

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Baltzer, Beitel, McQuiggan, Hoebel, for school board

There will be two new faces on the Gulf Islands School Board as a result of Saturday's voting at Salt Spring and Galiano Islands.

At Salt Spring, incumbents Charles Baltzer and Bert Beitel were both returned, while newcomer Ron McQuiggan was named to finish the term of retiring trustee Strick Aust.

Second newcomer is Michael Hoebel from Galiano Island, who pulled in 239 votes to defeat opponent Andrew Loveridge, who got 42 votes.

Baltzer topped the polls at Salt Spring for the two-year trustee's position with 934 votes. He was followed closely by Bert Beitel with 925. David Eyles was third with 701, followed by Yvette Valcourt with 512 and Judy Ripley with 452.

McQuiggan came out well ahead of the other two contestants for the one-year term with 886 votes. He was followed by Pat Baines with 522 and Robin Cherney with 461.

Voter turnout at Salt Spring was 50% while at Galiano it was 40%, a

high turnout compared to some other areas. In Victoria, where only school board elections were held, only 10% of the voters went to the polls.

Last year's figures show that 2,450 voted on Salt Spring Island while this year the figure is down by more than 500 at 1,938.

More voters went to the polls at Galiano this year. Turnout was 248, compared to 197 last year.

North Pender: Campbell, Wallace South Pender: Norton, Wright

The only Islands Trust elections in the Gulf Islands saw the return of two trustees and election of two new representatives.

Gordon Wallace, North Pender and Bill Norton, South Pender were returned for two more years as trustees. Wallace, veteran trustee, is a vice-chairman of the Islands Trust.

Peter Campbell gathered more votes than incumbent Emil LeBlanc on North Pender while Stephen

Wright managed second spot on the South Pender ballots to take the seat vacated by Joan Noble.

Other changes in Gulf Islands representation involved the election by acclamation of newcomers Bev Unger and Nick Gilbert as trustees for Salt Spring Island. Incumbent Christa Weiss and Ron Thompson were also returned to their seats without opposition.

Saturna Islanders named John Gaines back in office as well as J. Money. Both were elected without opposition. But the J. Money of last year is not the J. Money of this year. John Money will take the chair left vacant by his father, Jim Money. Jim Money plans to retire from public affairs. Gaines is a former general trustee named to office by the government at the time when general trustees were nominated and not elected. He has served as an elected general trustee and latterly as local trustee, when the duties of general trustee and vice-chairman proved too onerous.

Elsewhere in the Islands Trust area, four new faces join the four new faces from the Gulf Islands.

NELDER BOULTON OUT

On Gabriola, Jim Tyhurst did not seek re-election and Nelder Boulton was defeated by Russell Bates and Graham Sheehan. Nelder Boulton

was one of the first islanders to serve as general trustee and sat for several years with Marc Holmes in the chair.

The election on Hornby Island saw the return of the two incumbents, Bob Helliwell and Carol Martin. Mike Humphries was successful again on Lasqueti Island

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Fire truck bylaw approved

Money bylaw for the purchase of a fire truck at Galiano Island was approved Saturday with 217 in favour and 24 opposed.

The bylaw will permit the borrowing of \$30,000 for the purchase of a tanker truck for the South Galiano Fire Department. Only voters in the South Galiano Fire Protection District were eligible to vote on the referendum.

Galiano home destroyed

Fire destroyed the home of a Galiano Island family last Wednesday.

The Highland Road home of Charles and Kathleen Partington was destroyed when fire broke out in a workshop attached to the house.

A stove in the workshop is believed to have overheated a dividing wall.

By the time volunteer firemen arrived, heavy smoke in the building prevented them from saving any of the contents.

89% favour disarmament

The various straw votes on nuclear disarmament held in the Gulf Islands showed 89% of the votes cast in favour of the question. In total, 2,064 voted yes compared to only 256 no votes.

On Pender Island, disarmament gathered a 92% favourable vote. Voters on South Pender were 97% in favour with 64 yes and only two no.

On the north island, 308 voted yes and 64 voted no for a 90.6% favourable answer.

The Galiano vote on the issue showed 225 yes and 18 no for 92.5% being in agreement with nuclear disarmament.

On Salt Spring the figures broke down to 1,467 yes and 204 no. The vote saw 87.8% in favour of the question.

The island disarmament

groups will meet on Salt Spring in early December to discuss further action on the issue. Don Erikson, chairman of the Salt Spring group, urges each island to send the results to Prime Minister Trudeau, the minister for external affairs, Allan MacEachen, United States President Ronald Reagan, as well as the new leader of the Soviet Union.

Salt Spring Island trustees for two-year term

	Advance	Central	Fulford	Ganges	Total
Baltzer, C.M.	26	381	121	406	934
Beitel, A.M.	26	381	94	424	925
Eyles, D.N.	8	224	169	300	701
Ripley, J.L.	9	190	65	188	452
Valcourt, Y.M.	6	181	65	260	512

Salt Spring Island Trustees for one-year term

	Advance	Central	Fulford	Ganges	Total
Baines, P.	12	182	91	237	522
Cherney, R.	6	177	85	193	461
McQuiggan, R.	21	356	112	397	886

Straw votes

Question/Poll	Yes	No	Rejected Blank	Other	Votes Cast
Nuclear Disarmament					
Fulford	256	22	2	-	280
Central	562	71	14	5	652
Ganges	649	74	11	5	739
Total	1,467	167	27	10	1,671
Farmers' Market No. 1					
Fulford	167	100	11	-	278
Central	490	145	9	1	645
Ganges	584	132	25	-	741
Total	1,241	377	45	1	1,664
Farmers' Market No. 2					
Fulford	99	159	18	2	278
Central	307	289	76	1	673
Ganges	270	411	58	3	742
Total	676	859	152	6	1,693
Gulf Islands Regional District					
Fulford	184	83	6	-	273
Central	377	223	48	3	651
Ganges	417	291	32	5	745
Total	978	597	86	8	1,669

Trust elections

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and will be joined by Jack Barrett who replaces Laurence Fisher. The latter did not run.

The Bowen Island election was a four-way race with incumbents John Rich and Betty Black taking the two available seats. Rich is the chairman of the Trust who has announced plans to relinquish the chair while he is studying law at university.

The only other change from the other islands sees Elmer Bichel as a replacement for Dick Nixon on Thetis Island. Bichel and incumbent Bill Dickie were unopposed.

On Denman Island the two incumbents, Harlene Holm and Glen Snook were returned by acclamation as were the Gambier Island twosome of Ann Rogers and Ed Drummond.

The newly chosen Islands Trust

will meet in Victoria, December 3, for swearing-in ceremonies and the group will gather the next day, December 4, to choose a chairman and two vice-chairmen to act as general trustees.

Summary

NORTH PENDER
Brand, R.N., 259; Campbell, A.P., 276; LeBlanc, E.R., 224; Wallace, G.G., 302.

SOUTH PENDER
Norton, W., 57; Spalding, D.J., 29; Wright, S.J., 45.



First defeat

The Demons suffered their first defeat of the year when they came up against the Goblins last Saturday. Demon Jamie Byron can almost taste defeat as he battles for the ball with Dana Hawkes, right. The two teams play in the inter-island division of the junior soccer league on Salt Spring. Final score was 3-0 for the Goblins.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Contest deadline Friday

Gulf Island students are reminded that the deadline for the *Driftwood* Christmas essay contest is Friday.

Essays must be related in some way to Christmas and maximum length is 500 words.

First prize in each of the four categories is cash while second prize is a gift certificate for a book.

Prizes for the primary category, Grades 1-3, are \$15 and \$7.50; for intermediate, Grades 4-7, \$20 and \$10; for junior, Grades 8-10, \$25 and \$12.50; and for senior, Grades 11 and 12, \$30 and \$15.

Winning essays will be published in *Driftwood's* Christmas issue December 22.

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Frank

by richards



It all depended on what was on the head

I found out how they saluted the other day. We were talking about military salutes. The pattern was fairly consistent in many countries. The exceptions were probably the Polish soldier who uses two fingers, rather like a Boy Scout and the Canadian style, which is an easier gesture without the stiff flourish. But, explained Alf Temmel, the German soldier had two salutes. Alf was an Austrian officer who spent too long in a Russian prisoner-of-war camp. The wartime German salute was the conventional, very stiff flourish of the hand to the forehead. However, if the soldier was hatless, he raised his hand in the gesture which is still remembered as the salute of the regime, the "Heil Hitler" salute. This form of salute was used by the S.S. troops at all times, whether they wore a headgear or no, he explained. It is part and parcel of the television tales of war, today. And in its fictional setting is not always depicted with scrupulous accuracy.

Everything is so heavy these days!

I got up to the beginning of the roof of my garage. And the long rafters were awkward. So was I. When the truth dawned on me and I gave in, I figured it all out and found that I could build a small staging to hold everything in place while I laboriously nailed it together. That was another snag. I couldn't lift the pieces. But there's only one sure thing surer: one way or another, I'm going to finish it. Ever driven a convertible with a wet seat? That's why. And to prove to myself that I still can!

Who's winning berries or frost?

Elections be damned! The fate of eight greenberries and one redberry is worrying me. They started out to be blackberries, but the season and fate and the principles of natural reproduction misfired and left the unfortunate berries to face the frost alone. They are growing outside my office window. Will they mature? Or are they all destined to die? It's like listening to a soap opera.

They do it often!

People die many times a year without leaving a will, explained a lawyer on a Vancouver radio program Monday. That's Vancouver for you! In the islands we only die once in any year, whether we leave a will or not!

You never hit it right without words

It never fails. When two people aim at the same target, you can be sure that they both miss. Years ago two of us used to write all the heads in a weekly where once I worked. One week every page was black with bold heads and without consulting each other, we would both soften our pattern. But when both followed the route you could be sure that the next issue was pale and weak as water. The same with pictures. You have more than enough, so you soft-pedal next week and sure enough, so did everybody else.

It was a Packard

I wrote of a fire on an airport recently and I recalled an ancient fire truck at Sidney as a converted Packard. It was, indeed, a Packard. I heard from the former publisher of the Sidney Review, Clair Rivers. Not only did he remember the story of the vehicle, but it was the property of Mildred Rivers' father before it ever smelled a puff of smoke. It was acquired by Everett Goddard, in Sidney and subsequently presented to the fire department. Even when it was no longer used to fight fires, it lived on. The last thing he remembers the engine was moved to drive a small mill on Horth Mountain, overlooking Swartz Bay Terminal.

Watershed pollution cited

Tearoom rezoning denied

Representatives of water districts drawing water from St. Mary Lake attended Tuesday afternoon's Island Trust Committee meeting in Ganges to protest any rezoning to commercial use within the watershed area of St. Mary Lake.

"When are we doing to learn from the lessons of the past that we must protect the water?" asked Frank Pearce.

In 1981 the Secchi disc used to measure clarity of water disappeared in 28 inches of water at St. Mary Lake, reported Mike Larmour.

Superintendent of North Salt Spring Waterworks District, he told the meeting that it is normally visible to a depth of some 10 feet.

"Failure to protect the lake will lead to some serious health and economic consequences for the community," he stated.

Mary and Harry Williamson are seeking a change in zoning for their property at Central to permit an outdoor tea room.

The application had been approved by the Advisory Planning Commission a week previously.

THREAT OF BOATS

Percy Hawkins saw restriction on boating on Maxwell, Cusheon and Weston Lakes as a threat to St.

Mary Lake and he showed a 40-inch list of signatures to a petition already in the hands of the federal minister of the environment asking for a similar restriction on St. Mary Lake.

"We can expect all the boats to come to St. Mary Lake," he warned.

The progress towards commercial ventures in the watershed will mean that lake water will be undrinkable for longer periods more often, said Don Storr.

As a trustee of the water district it is his duty to combat any proposal which threatens to result in pollution, he stated.

Tom Fraser saw it as the thin end of the wedge. A small cafe leads to a larger cafe, bringing even more development into a watershed.

IRRESPONSIBLE

Don Lockhead, chairman of the North Salt Spring district, stated that the district is unalterably opposed to rezoning in a watershed, either St. Mary Lake or Maxwell Lake.

"It would be an act of grave

irresponsibility to allow development in a watershed," he told the committee.

Tom Gossett felt that no development can be sanctioned in a watershed.

Regional director Yvette Valcourt agreed with the need for protection, but she enquired whether the projected squash club premises at Central was proceeding.

"Are we giving a group something that the little person can't get?"

Planner said that the dividing line in water flow occurs between the two sites and that part of the squash club property slopes away from the watershed.

Arvid Chalmers, of the Advisory Planning Commission, pointed out that the change in lakeshore zoning from Commercial 4 to Commercial 4 (L) had deprived those operations from providing a restaurant in a commercial zone on the watershed. It would be unfair to permit another site in the same watershed to operate such a project.

Application was defeated.

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New sheep management techniques

Dr. Claus Andress has recently returned from a Veterinary Conference at the University of Reading in England. There are, he reports, a number of new management techniques that would be of interest to island sheep farmers.

Dr. Andress will speak at a public meeting in the Upper Hall, Ganges United Church at 8 pm Thursday, December 2. His talk will cover several aspects of sheep management and he will describe some breeds of sheep not raised in Canada.

CHEESE LAMBS

The East Friesian, a milking sheep from Germany is one of the breeds of interest to Dr. Andress. The Freisian and several other milking sheep are the basis of the Roquefort cheese industry in France.

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The Islands Trust

Most of the Gulf Islands elected the new local trustees to the Islands Trust without an election. In some instances there were changes and in other cases a new face will appear at the table at future Trust committee meetings.

With land use as its prime concern and its only reason for being, the Islands Trust faces one of the most significant and one of the potentially most unpopular functions in any community.

For years the Trust has performed this task with remarkably little backlash. On each island two residents have performed the office of local trustee. Those two trustees have been responsible for decisions on land use and changes in land use. Most of the time decisions were made they were made with the individual's interpretation of planning and zoning rules prepared within the home community of each committee.

There have been instances of disagreement between trustees. There have been less frequent instances of disagreement between local trustees and general trustees.

By and large, on an island-wide scale, planning has been accepted and Trust decisions have been faced with forbearance by those disappointed by results of the various committees' decisions.

Hard times will bring hard decisions. Any new trustee who might figure that his task is simple and demanding of little devotion will rapidly learn otherwise. Fortunately, the majority coming to the Trust this year will be of the same calibre as their predecessors. They will devote every effort to a conscientious decision on the merits of each debate.

And the record of island committees is, thus far, excellent.

Restraint and education

Emphasis was on spiralling costs when the voters of Salt Spring Island returned two trustees for a further term on the board of Gulf Islands School District and chose a third trustee on the platform of accountability.

The voters gave their support to the provincial government in its drive for restraint and made it clear that costs must come more nearly in accordance with the shrinking economy.

In a community already suffering from a declining employment, the call was for paring costs.

Two sitting members of the board, Charles Baltzer and Albert Beitel, have made it clear that they must live within the provincial guidelines. The newcomer to the board, Ronald McQuiggan, campaigned on the need for accounting for every dollar spent.

The new year will be no sinecure for the board of trustees. Sitting between the indignant teachers and the adamant ministry of education, the trustees must evolve a pattern of operation in the coming year that will satisfy both factions, while fully recognizing that the two are seeking courses diametrically opposed and eons apart.

The coming year will see more and more residents without gainful employment. It will bring hardships and shortages. A populace with scarcely enough income to survive cannot meet heavy tax increases.

Restraint is a difficult encounter. To some, restraint is a dirty word. Yet, to others in these islands, restraint is the only way to survive.

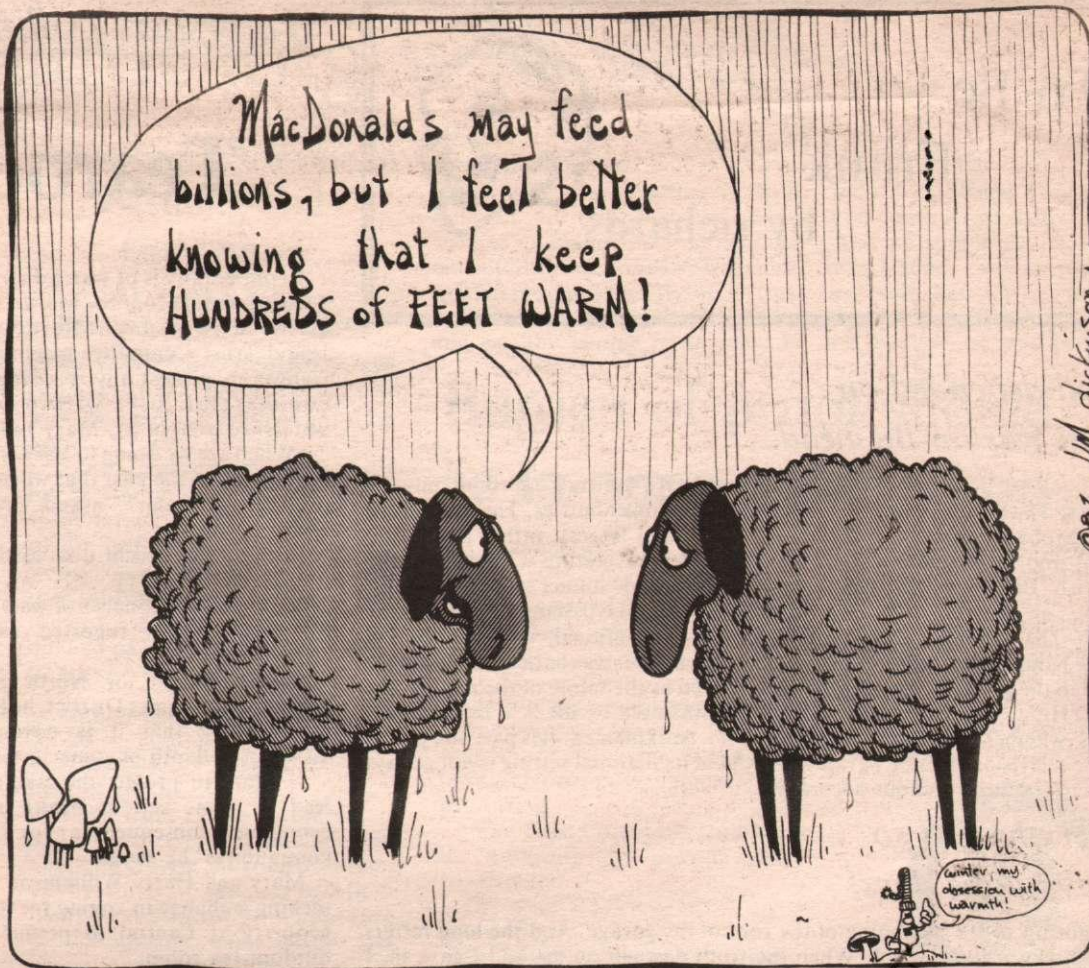
The message from the Salt Spring Island electorate makes this very clear.

Nuclear vote

On three islands a vote on nuclear disarmament was conducted on Saturday. The vote was not part of the civic elections, but it drew almost as many voters. That vote proved two things.

The first conclusion is that the island people share much in common with the rest of Canada in matters of national and international significance, for their having voted the same way.

It also proved that legislators who attempt to gag the voters are not closing another man's mouth: they are stuffing plugs in their own ears.



Bill Webster

An ace of a guy wanted to rename it Webster's Corner

This past week heralded the entrance to the Gulf Islands of the not-so-warm season as early morning walks revealed beauty enhanced by dustings of frost.

One such morning recently, I passed the golf links on Salt Spring and saw Louis Bolivar-Finchley lying flat on his back on the first green creating angel outlines in the frost.

When he noticed me, he laughed. "I see you're walking these days."

"Yes," answered I, "due to misfortune beyond my control."

"What I heard was you bent the Datsun so that the headlights beamed north while the tail lights flashed west," he said in an attempt at humour.

Apologized for lack of tact

As I turned to walk away, he apologized, after a manner, for his lack of tact and asked me what happened.

I was driving Twitch Burple to a telephone, I explained, and the Datsun took a wrong turn. The car had to be forgiven, it being but a recent arrival to the island.

Actually, the story of that fateful eve was recounted to me by Twitch after the fact because the bump on my noggin drove all remembering of the incident from my mind.

Twitch had been visiting my new residence and when he decided to phone his accomplice in Vancouver, we discovered that

B.C. Tel had decided not to allow the telephone to operate.

A quick conference called for a quick trip to the nearest public telephone.

We set out but never got to where we were headed.

Perhaps I should, at this point, explain why I am situated in a new residence. The long climb up Mount Belcher had proven to be, on occasion, a bit more than the Datsun could handle. I was worried about its performance when the winter descended with its full force upon these islands.

The poor thing, so recently arrived from the mainland, would not be used to heavy hill-climbing in the snow.

So I moved. The evening drive to the nearest telephone involved having the Datsun drive over a patch of black ice. It didn't make it.

When the news of the accident spread, the firemen, the ambulance, the police and just curious islanders gathered at the scene. Someone, an ace of a guy, passed around a petition to have the curve renamed Webster's Corner.

Almost the same position

It was almost the same position at which the old Plymouth broke its nose on a pole earlier this year.

During all the excitement, someone noticed that I was bleeding from the ear and kindly

conveyed me to Lady Mental for treatment.

Doctor carried away

The good doctor who treated me got carried away and instead of merely sewing the ear back on, he embroidered me a new one. He didn't want to cut it off, he noted, because I wasn't a painter but a writer.

As I explained all this to Louis, he noted sagely.

"Decisions have to be lived with," he said. "Look at Salt Springers, they voted to try for a new form of government but also voted to ban the bomb. Now they have no means of real persuasion."

Louis has a way of giving new meaning to the most innocent of happenings. He and Twitch Burple make a good pair.

Twitch, following the accident, went scurrying about in an effort to find a replacement vehicle for me. He looked high and low.

I realized how busy he had been when strangers were stopping me on the street to ask if I needed a new car. Phone calls came to the office from used car salesmen in Pyramidpower, Alberta, offering me a good deal.

I think he went too far though when I got a call from a supply sergeant at an army base in Ontario who enquired if I needed a low-mileage, second-hand tank.

Valuable learning experience

Sir,
My family and I came to Salt Spring just over two years ago. When I decided to run for School Trustee I realized that I was virtually unknown here.

However, as a parent and taxpayer I could see it was time for a positive change on our school board. As well, I had lots of energy to devote and a clear message and commitment to represent the people in a sensitive and honest manner. For being so new to the arena and taking a first shot I felt my campaign went well and I certainly enjoyed the challenge as well as the valuable learning experience.

I want to extend a warm and appreciative "Thank you" to those 461 electors who supported me. To those who assisted in my campaign: You were wonderful. To those who re-elected and supported the "Old Guard", I can only say: I hope you get what you want from your school board because some of us will have to wait for the positive, strong, clear and energetic leadership that is so greatly needed.

ROBIN CHERNEY,
R.R.2 Ganges.
November 22, 1982.

Letters to the Editor

Some further thoughts on annihilation

Sir,
Some Random Thoughts on the Nuclear Disarmament Referendum Fiasco.

If the people lead this peace crusade, the frightened politicians will follow.

The greatest single obstacle to Peace is thinking we cannot find new ways to solve old problems, a conviction based on mutual distrust. This mistrust becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

The old gods of nationalism and regionalism must be replaced by a new vision, i.e. that the planet we occupy is a precious jewel that must not be destroyed. We must fight as valiantly to protect it as we did in waging the previous "wars to end all wars".

Instead of asking, can we trust the Russians? (or the Americans, or the Liberals in Ottawa?) We should be asking, can we trust the ever growing military-industrial-scientific complexes anywhere in the world? These complexes must have an enemy to justify their existence.

To quote George Kenna, the veteran Soviet specialist (ex-Ambassador to Russia), "There is no issue at stake in our (the USA's) political relations with the Soviet Union; no hope, no fear, nothing to which we aspire, nothing we would like to avoid, which could conceivably be worth a nuclear war."

He also deplored the grotesque misrepresentation of the Soviets to the American public "to believe that the Soviet adversary has lost every semblance of humanity and is concerned with wreaking unlimited destruction for destruction's sake".

Instead of relying on MAD (Mutual Assured Destruction) as our main deterrent, we are now developing undetectable, extremely accurate missiles of fearsome potential (the Cruise Missile) to fight and win a nuclear war. This paradox of deterrence becomes too much for sensible minds, when it reaches the point at which "war fighting" and "war winning" capability is deemed necessary for the credibility of deterrence.

Millions voted for life

Sir,
I would like to thank all those who aided the cause of the nuclear disarmament referendum; the members of the committee who worked so hard and efficiently to make a success of it; the many other persons who volunteered time and energy to help out; the hundreds of islanders who offered their names and money in support of the campaign; the *Driftwood* management and reporters who co-operated at all times and expressed opinions favourable to the referendum.

None of this effort has been wasted. The election results have been sent to the Prime Minister, his members of cabinet, and other members of parliament.

Our voice is being added to that of 139 cities and communities across Canada, representing millions of people, who have voted for life.

DON ERICKSON,
Chairman, Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Campaign.
November, 1982.

Referendum in spite of regional board

Sir,
I would like to propose a hearty vote of thanks to those community-minded people who arranged for the three straw votes on November 20, especially because we Gulf Islanders were denied a referendum on nuclear disarmament by the CRD.

Think of it! We were within one vote (29-28) of becoming 100% first class citizens!

Nearly 140 municipalities across Canada voted on this referendum with a resounding 'Yes'. Though this grave matter is not within the mandate of local or provincial bodies, it is expected that Ottawa will take note of these strong expressions of opinion.

I am told 88% of us here in the straw vote said "No" to nuclear proliferation. One wonders about the curious reasoning of the other 12%, who seem to want more nuclear build-up.

Confirmed hawks, they would do well to read a few books on the subject.

I dare them to pick up a brutally realistic novel by Collins and Lapierre titled *The Fifth Horseman*. It's all about a terrorist nuclear bomb planted in New York and it's

at the library.
Another one would be *Nuclear Madness* by Dr. Helen Caldicott, whose single voice in 1971 to her local Australian paper sparked a nation-wide protest about nuclear fallout, forcing France to cancel her South Pacific tests.

The possibility of a straw vote made November 11 more meaningful for many of us. We can only hope that CRD director from Metchosin and colleagues interested in cost-breakdowns of a referendum were able to watch this year's Memorial Service, November 11 on TV from Vancouver.

A ghastly cost-accounting of forces' casualties from the two World Wars was vividly illustrated by the chief speaker. His calculation of a steady march-past, taking months in duration of casualties, 20 abreast, of all nations, was a real shocker.

It is imperative for all of us to realize that if war is ever unleashed again, there will literally be no one left to tabulate the dead. So, besides Remembrance, the key-theme "Lest We Forget" carries a built-in warning to never take for granted this high-priced freedom we enjoy. It also implies that lip service to

Peace is not enough. As individuals, we must stop being afraid to open our mouths against nuclear proliferation, because that path leads to annihilation of our planet.

The straw vote results regarding a change in regional government showed that we Islanders want to investigate the idea of a regional district for Gulf Islands only. As a relative newcomer here, I have been puzzled why there is not some form of local autonomy. I was also concerned about the obscure wording on the straw vote ballot, regarding the disposition of the Islands Trust. This body was established by an Act of the same name in 1974 to serve as an umbrella "to preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents and of the Province generally." It is logical to believe that there is room for both a regional board and an Islands Trust board - one to provide counterbalance to the other. Their views, no doubt, should move much closer if the regional districts include only Gulf Islands.

DOREEN WAKELY,
R.R.2 Ganges.
November 22, 1982.

Teachers have ethics code

Sir,
Please let me address this as an open letter to the Social Credit Party. (I am sending copy of it, under covering letter, to the Minister of Education).

If I heard the evening news correctly on Saturday, Nov. 13, then someone at your Party Convention moved that the Department call the B.C. Teachers' Federation into conference, together to work out a code of ethics for teachers.

I am a teacher of long, long service to the public - 1927 to 1973 on full-time, and then until today still very active in the profession. I have enjoyed, and am enjoying, a public reputation of being among the best of the profession. I have always held to the principle that your word as parents, as students, as society, is very important to me in developing both my philosophy and my creed in teaching.

Therefore, please think it not amiss of me when I tell you that we teachers worked out a Code of Ethics as far back as the 50's - perhaps you were aware of that, perhaps not. It is a *good* code, particularly so because it emanates from the personal codes of ethics that we, as teachers, believed in. We

could not have developed a satisfactory code, had we not had a good personal code.

I have every sympathy with your concern over the reports that a teacher here or there may have transgressed (his) (her) code of ethics. I ask, however, that you speak to the Teachers' Federation about that, for it is in the profession that transgressions should be heard and disciplined.

Do otherwise, as you did when you tried to have a direct hand in the formulation of our code, and you will have opened the way for the very real possibilities of developing witch-hunting. Let us not delude ourselves in thinking that a witch-hunt just would not happen here.

Very briefly, then, what I say to you is that I welcome your word and dialogue with you, but the code of ethics is mine. I am proud of it. Many of you would have to lengthen your stride, were you to try to walk this code with me. It is my code, and it is good, and as for you, just keep your interfering fingers off my code!

WALTER RATZLAFF,
Box 35,
Saturna Island.
November 14, 1982.

Thank you for voting

Sir,
I would like to use your newspaper to thank all the people who voted for me in Saturday's school board election. In particular, I would like to thank Betty Carroll, Bill Toulmin and Kevin Bell who assisted me during the election campaign.

In these times of poor economic conditions, all of us must be prepared to make the best use of the resources we have. I hope to be able to contribute to the efficient and effective management of our school board resources during 1983.
RONALD B. McQUIGGAN,
Box 570, Ganges.
November 21, 1982.

Prevent destruction of planet

Sir,
Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to the Prime Minister to voice my concern about the Nuclear Arms situation and the threat to world peace that nuclear power poses.

I urge all others who have hope for the future of our world to let our political leaders know that we must halt the nuclear arms race. Let us begin to build a peaceful society based on humanitarian values.

I am writing to you as an individual citizen who is greatly concerned about the Nuclear Arms question and the ramifications of this situation upon today's society and future generations. It is with despair that we see certain world leaders engaged in what appears to be a blind and insane race towards

total annihilation of global civilization. What an horrendous waste of human endeavour and potential this is.

When we consider the effect that mismanagement of nuclear power wreaks upon the world and its environment we cannot endorse nuclear arms proliferation and must question the use of nuclear reactors for even so-called peaceful purposes. All other issues of national interest pale in view of the threat posed by nuclear power abuse.

If the funds used to encourage the exploitation of nuclear power were channelled into positive, humanitarian programs for international health and the elimination of world hunger we

could have hope for a peaceful future. Canada is in a position to, and has a responsibility to initiate such a trend. This world is really a global village, all men our brothers. Let us act now, with vision, before our fear and mistrust destroy us.

We can all pray that peace and sanity will be realized in the international political arena but insightful and innovative leadership is desperately needed. I urge you, as the elected representative of the people of Canada, as a citizen of the world, to act courageously to do what you can to prevent the destruction of this planet.

LINDA INKSTER,
R.R.1 Ganges.
November 19, 1982.

Grateful for all the help

Sir,
I am taking this opportunity to express my thanks to those who supported me in my bid to become a school trustee and a special thanks to those who helped me with my campaign.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the candidates who were elected. If at any time during their term they need a helping hand, I would like to offer my assistance.

JUDITH (JUDY) RIPLEY,
Box 395, Ganges.
November 22, 1982.

Nuclear weapons devices for mass suicide

BY PETER PENTZ
Last of four parts

If nuclear war can now be "won" by no one and must be regarded as suicidal lunacy, why are some of us, with no vested interest in the weapons industry, so reluctant to see the huge unusable stockpiles of nuclear weapons reduced?

Why object even to the minimal step of stopping the development of new weapons like "Cruise" that multiply immeasurably the risk of catastrophe?

The explanation may lie in the obsolete words we use to clothe our thoughts. We talk of "arms" and "defence", as our ancestors have done since the days when man used one well-muscled arm to wield a club or sword and the other a shield as protection.

Today's nuclear world is in no way like that. Nuclear war need involve no soldiers, only electronic signals to launch missiles which pass on their way almost identical missiles travelling in the opposite direction; there is no defence whatever - soothing talk of shelters is a cruel fraud - and the result is "disarmament" achieved by exploding all available weapons and obliterating civilization.

Nuclear "weapons" in fact are explosive devices for mass suicide, and should be given a different name to avoid confusing us. Sui-bombs?

Clearly, the 50,000 and more nuclear warheads (to which the U.S. and the USSR are currently adding several every day) provide 100% risk and zero protection for all the people - Americans, Russians, British, French, Chinese and Indian - who paid trillions of dollars to equip their military forces with these useless devices, and for their allies like ourselves who paid to tag along. We paid for something we felt we needed: defence of our freedom, security to live our lives in peace.

No defence, no security

What did we get for our money? No defence, no security. Only the virtual certainty that we will disappear from the earth along with the rest of civilization unless we immediately stop development of new self-destructive devices and set about dismantling most if not all of the existing nuclear stockpiles.

And we still have to pay the bill for safe storage, for the next thousand years, of the plutonium from the dismantled warheads. There goes another billion of our dollars. Was a greater fraud ever perpetrated on a too-trusting public?

And we still lack security, we still need genuine, usable means of defending our freedom. Are "conventional" non-nuclear weapons the answer? General Rogers says his NATO forces are able to repulse any non-nuclear Soviet attack in Europe without recourse to any of the nuclear weapons with which NATO is so lavishly equipped.

This should not surprise us: NATO's military manpower numbers 5.8 million, against 4.8 million for the Warsaw Pact - and that 4.8 million includes such potential liabilities, from the Soviet angle, as the Polish, Czech and Hungarian contingents.

There are another 4.8 million Chinese troops ranged against the Eastern frontier of the USSR. The Soviet superiority in tank numbers (45,000 in Europe against NATO's 29,000) is counter-balanced by nearly half a million ultra-modern anti-tank weapons in NATO hands. Traditional thinking might well lead us to agree with those like Robert McNamara (ex-U.S. secretary for defence) who urge that we abandon the nuclear nonsense and concentrate on conventional weaponry.

Undoubtedly this would make the world safer than it can ever be with nuclear arsenals everywhere. We must recognize, however, that if the great military powers dismantle their nuclear devices, store the plutonium (there is no other way of keeping it safe, since it cannot be changed into something innocuous) but maintain their present antagonisms, there remains the risk of a conventional war. What assurance could there be that both sides would refrain from taking plutonium out of storage and re-constructing their nuclear horrors? The blue-prints can never be obliterated as long as civilization survives.

We have somehow to stop the development and deployment of Cruise and Pershing 11 missiles (due in Europe in 1983!). If we fail, all is likely to be lost. We have also to stop the M-X and Trident developments, or at least their arming with silo-threatening super-accurate warheads.

Ideally these stops should be matched by corresponding reductions by the USSR, but they are at present so far behind in first-

strike capability that the U.S. can clearly take the initiative in applying a total test ban and freeze on such developments with zero risk to its own safety. There is no possibility, with the monitoring and surveillance equipment already used by both sides, of either breaking a test-ban treaty undetected.

Agreed Levels

Once we have arrested the growth we can proceed to the next steps towards a safe future: balanced, verifiable reductions to the lowest level on which the nuclear powers can agree - maybe a very few invulnerable submarines armed with city-targeted nuclear missiles, as a totally adequate insurance.

Next, effective elimination of chemical and biological warfare, both very real threats today; and measures to prevent the spread of nuclear explosives to the rest of the world, even if this means the closing down of nuclear power plants and the cessation of uranium mining worldwide - to which there is at present no alternative if proliferation is to be stopped.

This problem of proliferation has special significance for Canada as a major producer of the uranium, without which no plutonium or other nuclear explosives would be produced. Every CANDU or other nuclear power reactor inevitably produces plutonium - typically, enough to make 10-20 nuclear "bombs" a year.

If action is not taken very soon, there will be not six but 30 nations making their own nuclear weapons - including Israel, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Pakistan - a list which includes only one genuine democracy, and a highly promising source of world catastrophe from the accidental (or maniacal) launching of home-made missiles.

What Canada can do is obvious: stop selling uranium (in any form), reactors or nuclear technology, and put what pressure we can on the big nuclear powers to start the process of disarmament to which they committed themselves in the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty, and without which the smaller nations refuse to refrain from "going nuclear" too.

While the process of nuclear dismantling gets under way we in Canada might study

the policies adopted in Sweden and in Switzerland: both have refrained, just as we have, from using their nuclear technology for making weapons.

Instead they have policies of active territorial defence using the latest weapons of defence (anti-tank, anti-aircraft, etc.) in the hands of a highly mobile militia whose objective is simply to make it extremely difficult and costly for an opponent to occupy their country. And, we might note, they achieve their security at far less cost than we have been paying for our total insecurity.

What can we do?

If these are our aims, how do we achieve them? There are innumerable things we can do to help the world back to sanity and a safe future. We can stop being afraid of thinking, for a start. We can discuss these all-important issues with our neighbours - and we will be pleasantly surprised to find how much common ground there is already.

We can involve our organizations - social, religious, political. We can put real pressure on politicians - no candidate who fails to satisfy us on the immediate disarmament measures will get our vote. (Again we may be pleased to find how ready our politicians are to lead when they know we are following close behind them).

We can combine with the social groupings that represent the millions of Canadians now suffering from the economic troubles that stem precisely from the lunatic expenditure on nuclear rubbish. We can urge at the national level that Canada will leave NATO unless that alliance drops plans for installing Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe, and works urgently towards a nuclear-free zone extending from Britain to Scandinavia.

Above all, we need to realize our own power. After all, without our tax money all military activities would rapidly cease. We can take to heart the words of President Eisenhower:

"I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than are governments. Indeed I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of their way and let them have it."

More Letters to the Editor

Why deny other residents use of club?

Sir,
On November 6, at the Galiano Hall, the big shots of the little puddle called the Galiano Golf and Country Club, held their annual awards dinner.

It seems they had a good time, in their own way, and some of the local gals cooked up a good beef dinner, which was well taken care of before the back-slapping at the head table and the handing out of the trophies.

This is just a small example of why this selfish world is in such a hell of a mess.

The Galiano Golf and Country Club was purchased by the NDP government and then leased back to the group who were instrumental in swinging the purchase.

In order to keep out the so-called Riff-Raff, initiation fees were introduced for both golfing and social members. The golfers, with their set of fees, have the cheapest golf in North America and the social members (I am one) pay an initiation fee of \$50 and \$30 annually for the privilege of

playing bridge on Monday nights and buying some booze and playing darts on Friday nights.

Yes, they have a liquor license but the place is closed five of the seven nights during the week, while the younger set, on the island, do not have a watering hole and particularly since the only lodge has recently folded.

I proposed recently that the executive set a very minimal membership fee for the balance of the year and freely offered my part-time services to make this taxpayer-owned club available every evening to the rest of the humble Galiano residents. I've heard nothing and of course didn't expect anything.

We know it's primarily a golf course but why should this facility with liquor license, piano and dart board be denied to the rest of Galiano people?

The facilities could easily be further improved with little earned expenditure. I gave much of my time assisting in a lot of the volunteer work that a few good members take part in and without

fellows like Ellis Goodrich they would have many problems. I didn't hear him mentioned at the dinner and he deserves an award for his efforts.

I quit my volunteer work on the day they purchased a \$14,000 piece of inefficient machinery to aerate the greens and spread sand on them and the sand was brought in at great cost from Vancouver Island.

Fourteen thousand dollars tied up for approximately two days use per year.

They can slap themselves on their backs but it's high time they got off their high horses, spent their monies in the right places and opened up the club to be a meeting pub for all Galiano.

Failing that, they should buy the club from the taxpayers and then they could set their own exclusive initiation fees.

The older I get the more angry I become.

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

Does board know?

Sir,
In last week's *Driftwood*, Strick Aust tells us in one letter that "monies" cannot be transferred from one budget (capital) to the other (operation)."

In another letter, same issue, Yvette Valcourt tells us that "Bill 89, Section (3)...is now law. It includes the transferring of non-shareable capital in 1983, to operating budgets."

Does our school board know? Can funds be transferred out of capital into operating budgets? If so, seems our school board is faced with choices.

They can take money "out of buildings" and put it "into people". I wonder what they'll do. Think they'll let us know?
MURRAY REISS,
R.R.1 Ganges.
November 22, 1982.

Be modern!

Sir,
Be modern, ride a bicycle, the latest thing in transportation, and keep fit at the same time.
GEOFF HOWLAND,
Ganges.
November, 1982.

Nearly \$500 raised by UNICEF boxes

Sir,
On behalf of the students at Salt Spring Elementary school who carried UNICEF boxes at Hallowe'en, we would like to thank everyone who gave, for their support.

We raised \$466.32 for support of UNICEF's programs in poor countries - programs for clean water, health care and adequate food and education.

Thank you all very much for your generous support.
PENNY VANDERWEKKEN,
JULIE CUNNINGHAM,
Grade 5,
Salt Spring Elementary School,
Ganges.
November 18, 1982.

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More Letters to the Editor

She is trying to stay on top

Sir,

During my happy two-year stay on Galiano Island, I found interest in a variety of things: membership in the Galiano Ladies' Service Club, the Galiano Weavers and Spinners Guild, the Galiano Club and the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Fire Department.

The function of other local groups also interested me. I try to stay on top of fund-raising activities wanting to know where the funds go.

First, let me credit the Ladies' Service Club, for the contributions. Members are hard-working and very concerned, doing their best at distributing their funds to the needy. Who donates to them?

The Galiano Weavers and Spinners Guild was established 11 years ago and 25 members enjoy the social aspect every Thursday afternoon. There is tremendous enthusiasm for weaving, knitting, crocheting, sewing, and tatting. They have one grant a year from the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council, total of \$100.

Question: Who donates to the newly-formed Galiano Activity Centre? Government, private, Lions. Can't take anything away from their hard working canvassers.

But this, in turn, leads me to the respected Galiano Lions Club. When I saw the \$10,000 donation posted in the Bengel column of *Driftwood* November 3, I was

stunned.

I immediately phoned Vancouver head office of the Lions for confirmation. I was sure money raised by, or donated to any Lions Club, be strictly for the Crippled Children's Society. They, in turn, tell me Clubs in the far out districts, sometimes, have areas in dire need, where some of their financial overload can be utilized. (How many people know this)? But at no time do they forget the Crippled Children.

I have a hard time figuring out the Galiano Club. I want them to know openly, I have deep feelings for the South Community Hall, affectionately recalling some of the stories told by senior ladies and gentlemen of Galiano Island.

On the Island, it seems people think by being on several executive boards, they have prestige by the tail. When they need to give a little physical duty, they can't participate.

If the Galiano Club doesn't try something soon, the tired, old, hall will fall by the wayside and some gallant society or club will quietly clutch on to it and sell the land at a profit. Rumours are now buzzing re the sale of the land, as well as the Bluffs.

It's a darn shame the Lions Club overlooked the dear old hall's needs.

Even with great contributions, the Activity Centre will take time and money to furnish and equip.

So, I may yet add mill rates to my list of donations.

I'm interested to know if the local groups know, dances, fast-moving activities, beer parties are allowed in the South Community Hall? I did notice Lions members borrowing or renting the piano Thursday, Nov. 4. Sharing rental accommodations could help the Galiano Club eliminate the pressing rental rates, which they are now asking, with only a three-week notice. Outlandish rates of \$3 per hour rental, and an increase of 10% of gross proceeds up to maximum total of \$100. This cost zeroed in on Cultural groups and Service Clubs.

Even the old sagging story of the garbage dump is pitiful, costs could be established on the taxpayers, then everyone shares. Small monies coming into the hall could be retained for the treasurer's pot. Mum seems to be the word for the Galiano Club re: the restoration or collapse of the South Community hall.

I am sure I have stepped on some vital areas of interest, but I do have my soft-soled shoes on, I'm looking for comments, please post them to the Editor of *Driftwood*. The comments may bring light to people who have been wondering about issues for a long time.

MRS. MARIE GASKIN,
2980 East 54th Ave.,
Vancouver, B.C.
November 10, 1982.

Misconceptions in flyer

Sir,

Isn't it nice that some people have money to waste? The BCTF and GITA (and the other school districts) must have spent a considerable amount of money on that trash they gave us in the mail last week. On top of this there were the innumerable childish advertisements they had in *Driftwood* several weeks ago. Perhaps the Hon. Mr. Vander Zalm should use the money the teachers contribute to their association to make up the budget!

I would like to show you a few misconceptions the BCTF has printed in their "Defend Education" flyer. In the article "School Services (Interim) Act adds to public school crisis", there is an error in section B. The article reads "The legislation overrides the separate contracts... which penalizes the teacher with a pay cut of anywhere between six to 11 days...."

Correct me if I am wrong, Mr. Hayes, but are the teachers not losing one day's pay off their 1982 contract? (I agree they have to teach on professional days - but there is no cut there). The article goes on to state that the teachers lose six to 11 days pay this fall. I do not follow (they can be penalized five days pay if they do not negotiate a day off I know).

Any difference in pay negotiation after December, 1982, is not a breach of contract, because there is no contract for that year as yet - so there is no argument there about legality. Furthermore, the footnote on the article is incorrect - the rate of inflation in B.C. is the lowest in the country - just over eight percent.

I have but one criticism in the

article "Government cuts put public schools in crisis". The last point in "Loss of a Healthy School Environment" should read "morale of students is low because of the attitudes of teachers and support staff", instead of "morale of teachers, support staff and students is low".

In the article "1983 cuts - more drastic" I would like to comment on the passage near the beginning in black, which reads "If the 1983 budget cuts are not stopped, public education as we have come to know it over the last few decades will cease to exist in this province." Perhaps this is for the better.

I have been told by some teachers that there are some students entering universities who cannot write well-constructed essays, paragraphs and yes, even sentences. Do we really want this to continue? From other sources I have heard that some university professors are appalled at the standard of students coming out of High Schools.

I do not intend to go on any further, but I do wish to say one more thing. I received a reaction from my last letter from someone that totally surprised me. This person (a teacher, incidentally) calmly slipped it by in class that one should not generalize "like Ken did in his letter last week". In my letter I used the word "teacher" in general, instead of naming names, for one reason - because teachers belong to an association which fights together for impact thus they should be ready to accept criticism as a whole body, not as individuals.

KEN MARR,
Ganges.
November 20, 1982.

MORE SUPPORTERS FOR A "YES" VOTE ON WORLDWIDE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT:

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Martha Wilson

This list of names, which arrived too late to make last week's printing deadline, is being published by the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Committee as an expression of appreciation and an acknowledgement that it is never too late to go on with the work we need to do until the worldwide stockpile of nuclear weapons is gone.

POTLUCK SUPPER

Everyone interested is invited to a Potluck Supper and idea get-together at 5:30 pm, Friday, November 26th at St. George's Hall in Ganges. Your ideas are important for further efforts needed to make Ottawa hear our voices.

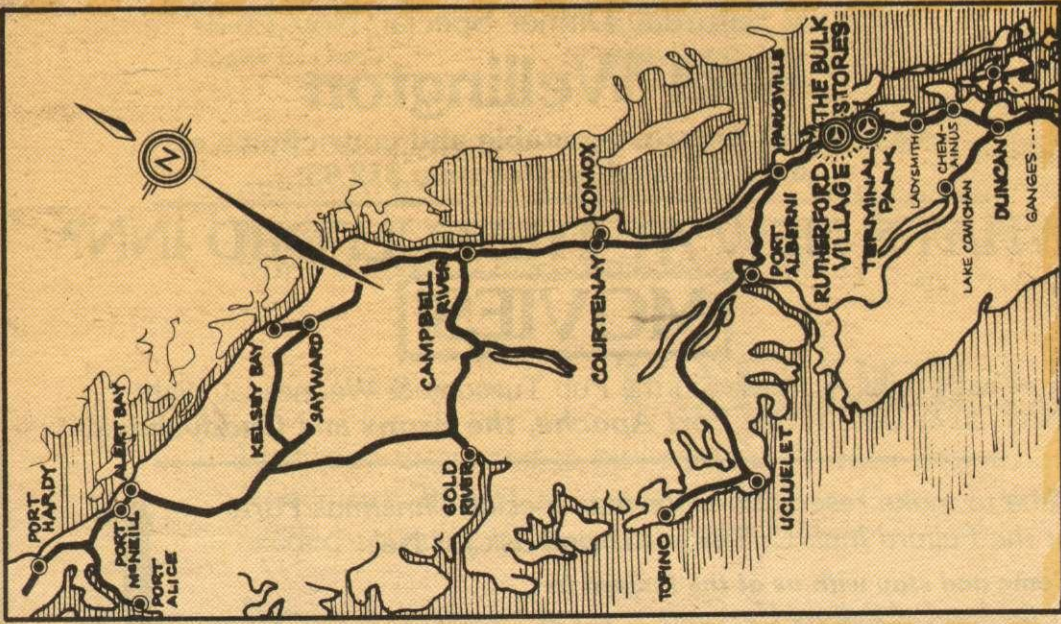
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17¢ /100g
Bulk Bran Muffin Mix
 PER LB **.79**

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SATURNA SCENE

Pig barbecue is big success

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN
November already! You know what's next and then the barbecue! Speaking of barbecues, the pig barbecue was a delicious success. Jon Guy cooked the pig to succulent, savory excellence and Debbie Graham, Dayle Johnson, Gerri Davidson, Wendy Coombs and Gloria Manzano prepared the hearty accompaniments and dealt with the 101 details.

I heard a rumour that the men manned the dishwasher - I must check this out further. Many people I know danced til one, two and three in the morning; it was a lively gathering.

I arrived at the Woman's Club sale and bazaar (held at Eddie's Garage) at 4 - the sale started at 3:30. Instead of buying anything, I could only congratulate the group on their great success. There was nothing left to buy.

Stacy Bavis brought her husband with her when she visited her parents. No doubt Stacy showed her father a few more fishing techniques. Stacy and Dusty came down from Prince George.

Terry Siemens has indeed had a baby! A boy, tentatively named Andrew James. Ashley will be staying with Aunt Carol for a while. Terry's mother flew out from Winnipeg to stay with the baby. Terry had a good birth and is feeling well. So, a special new person for Terry, Andy, Christian, and Ashley, and for us, Saturna Island.

The Christmas concert is coming

December 14 - don't forget. All are welcome. At school I heard many boisterous rounds of *Jingle Bells*. The planned entertainment is all top-secret, but from the few leaks I've had it will be good!

On December 13, from 12:30 - 1:30 pm, Jane Stokes, the public health nurse, will be at the health clinic.



Bill Bender plays the eager-young-doctor-to-be while Ted Burden is the reluctant sexton with an abscessed tooth in one scene from Mayne Island Little Theatre's production of *The Good Doctor*.

Mayne drama group offering this week

Mayne Island's drama group will present a Neil Simon play at the Agricultural Hall Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Good Doctor, a series of vignettes based on short stories by Russian writer Anton Chekhov, will be offered by Mayne Island Little Theatre on each of the three nights at 8 pm. The play is a tribute to Chekhov's work by Simon, a

popular, contemporary American playwright.

Simon also wrote the play *Chapter Two*, which is being presented this week at Mahon Hall in Ganges by the Salt Spring Players.

The Good Doctor has a cast of 12 local players and is directed by May Sharpe. Producer is Elisabeth McEachern.

Bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners, November 15, were:

North-South, first, Audrey Allan and Helen Shandro; second, Fred Struve and Gordon Hutton; third, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; fourth, Don Nemeth and Dawny Scarfe.

East-West, first, Shirley Love and Phyllis Henderson; second,

Raymond and Gordon Best; third, Jock and Thelma Craig; fourth, Allan Steward and Kay Sinclair.

Tuesday night, first, Mary Clements and Isabelle Richardson; second, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; third, Helen Shandro and Dorothy Crofton; fourth, David Todd and Barry Urquhart.

Driver blinded by sun

Ted Brown, 78, of Ganges, ran his 1970 Datsun pickup into a department of highways four-ton truck Monday when the morning sun momentarily blinded him. The Datsun suffered \$550 in dents but the large truck wasn't damaged.

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Frequent performances for the CBC include solo cantatas, songs, and many contemporary music premieres.

In 1976 she made a highly successful recital debut at London's famous Wigmore Hall and since then, has won acclaim throughout Canada and the USA.

For her portrayal of Mimi, in Puccini's *La Boheme*, Countess in Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* and

Gilda in Verdi's *Rigoletto* she won such bravos as "perfect" and "wonderful".

Among her many broadcast performances this season has been a solo television appearance which will be seen on CBC National television in the new year.

She will be presenting a program entitled *Nostalgia Plus* which includes songs, poems, readings, piano duets, a medley of pop, Broadway, opera, ballads, folk songs and lieder. The concert will be at St. George's Church, Sunday, Nov. 28 at 2 pm. Admission is payable at the door or by member's ticket.

Pensioners elect officers

Annual meeting of the Fulford Old-Age Pensioners group November 16 saw Betty Bridgen elected president of the recently formed branch.

Other officers are Gladys Slingsby, first vice-president; Vera Loxton, second vice-president; M. Folstad, secretary; Laura Roland, treasurer; and N. Craig, Cameron Leask and Jack Stibbards,

directors.

Members are preparing for a mini-bazaar at Fulford Hall Saturday, beginning at 2 pm. Tea, home baking, novelties, books and attic treasures will be offered.

Other plans include a Christmas party December 7.

The group held a social gathering recently at the Reynolds Road home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Yardley.

Mummers available for parties

An old English Christmas tradition will be seen on Salt Spring Island as the Players offer Christmas Mummers.

The Mummers will be available for private or business parties after December 15.

The 300-year-old English rite is a ceremony involving death and resurrection. The play is short and there have been many variations but there is always a fight, death and revival by a quack doctor, according to professional actress Yvonne Adalian, whose idea it was to present the Mummers here.

An organizational meeting for prospective Mummers or anyone who may wish to engage the group's services is being held at Mahon Hall on Sunday at 2 pm.

Bird count December 18

The Christmas Bird Count sponsored by the Trail and Nature Club will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Those who helped with the 1981 count will be contacted.

Any newcomers who would like to participate can call Mrs. Jean King or Mrs. Dorothy Robertson for further information.

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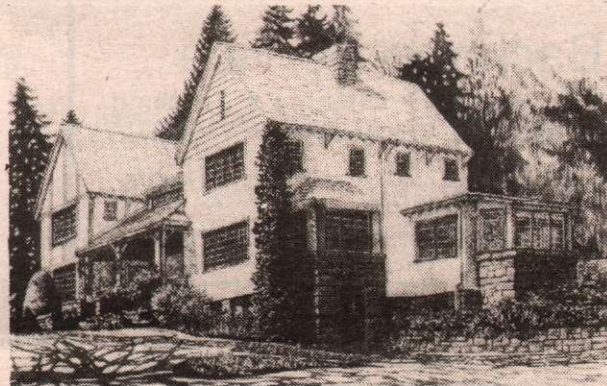
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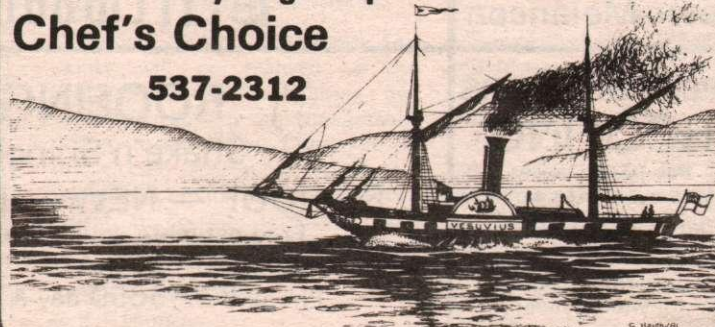
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So this year we did not grow any onions, but this is solely because of my ongoing commitment to build our house. We did grow carrots again, but in the usual way, four rows in a three-foot wide raised bed, without weeds. And we have very nice carrots, so far no sign of the carrot rust fly. However, everything else was grown with weeds.

We started off with freshly tilled soil, shovelled out our walks and raised our beds. These were sown or planted according to kind, and the cabbage and tomato beds were sown to white clover as well. Weeds were allowed to grow with everything else, including in the walks and up the sides of the carrot bed, which was the only bed kept clean of weeds.

Everywhere else we sheared the weeds down to two inches, periodically. Once the tomatoes had the upper hand in the weeds and clover, we did not shear anymore and ended up with a one-foot-high ground cover.

ONLY THE HILLS

In our cucumber bed we kept only the hills clean of weeds and the space between hills was sheared and the cuttings laid down as mulch as everywhere else. At a guess, I would say that we probably ended up with a solid layer of weed mulch somewhere between six to 10 inches deep over the season, which entailed

about three shearings altogether. The results were highly satisfactory. Lots of organic material from the weeds for our soil, which is more suitable for poor pottery than for growing things, and that does not include what all those weeds contributed with their root systems.

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NOT ENOUGH

I consider our fertilization for this season totally inadequate. It consisted of a thin scattering of dolomite lime, an equally thin scattering of chicken manure enriched compost, and a mediocre application of goat manure which was mostly straw.

All transplants though, such as cucumbers, tomatoes and cabbages were given about two handfuls of compost mixed with chicken manure and a tablespoon of bonemeal. A bit of seaweed around the cabbages and an occasional drench of chicken manure tea completed our fertilization efforts. All together it was not much, and we concentrated our fertilizers under our vegetables, rather than a heavy, blanket type of application

Farming and Gardening

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throughout the garden. It worked well, we are pleased and we will do it again.

It also seems to me that we saved a lot of labour since I know that I spent far more time on our clean carrot bed than on all the other weedy ones. We also interplanted the cabbages with dill and the tomatoes with parsley. Elsewhere dill and parsley volunteers were left to grow.

This proved to be a bit of hassle as it takes great concentration to distinguish a carrot from the frizzy kind of parsley.

Aside from cactus in the desert and moss on a rock, I have not seen anything grow in isolation in nature. I believe that we can only benefit in many ways by growing our produce in conjunction with weeds and clover, and I know that our green ground cover provided the necessary shelter for our beneficial insects above the ground and below as well.

Since weeds made our top soil in the first place, long before we came along, I am inclined to let them keep doing it and trust that they know what they are doing, and I will grow my food with them rather than against them. The only problem

with the carrots and onions among weeds was the shearing, it is a bummer to find that you have sheared an onion, and another one, and another one....but we will work on that too, for to me the direct link between healthy soil, healthy plants and healthy people is obvious. If

you think that this is the most radical gardening article you have ever come across, I don't blame you. And if I should get fired for this, I won't mind, I will keep on doing it, anyhow. And if you want to try it, start easy, with the tomato patch maybe, and see how you like it.

Burden of proof should lie in opposite direction

It is the duty of planners to protect water resources, asserted a water trustee at last week's meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee.

"I was disturbed at statements made at the Advisory Planning Commission meeting," said Bud Kreissl, "that water boards are losing credibility by their constant pressuring."

"The Trust Committee should use its authority to protect water resources."

Get some studies done, he urged his colleagues.

"In future it should not be water boards defending themselves against applications. The Trust should protect the water sources

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Three students attend conference in Vancouver on traffic safety

Traffic safety and how it relates to the community was the subject of a conference attended by three Salt Spring Island youths earlier this month.

The three, Kathleen Mouat, Karen Govenlock and Paul Betts, were part of a group of more than 450 young people from all parts of the province to attend the Traffic Safety Youth Leadership conference in Vancouver from October 31 to November 2.

Mouat was chosen as a provincial representative to the traffic safety group. She and the other two Gulf Islands Secondary School students will be developing approaches to bring traffic safety to the attention of the high school students and the island community as a whole.

"I hope everyone becomes interested," said Mouat. "It's an important issue in today's society."

The Salt Spring group intends to involve other students in their efforts and will show films on traffic safety with the emphasis aimed at the graduating class next spring.

The Vancouver conference, said Mouat, was very informative and the various points were presented in an entertaining manner.

Guest speakers included American consumer advocate Ralph Nader who talked about how citizens can effect positive change in the attitudes of drivers.

Dr. Herb Simpson discussed traffic issues from the point of view of marijuana and driving. A panel discussion was also included with representatives of the Insurance Corporation of B.C., police,

parents, the ministry of the attorney general and the provincial motor vehicle branch.

During the discussions, one of the school representatives pointed out that Prince William, new son of the Prince and Princess of Wales, was shown on television on his trip from hospital to Buckingham Palace riding in a car without the aid of a child support seat.

The conference decided to charge \$1 extra for a dance which was held. The extra money paid for a telegram to the queen telling her of the significance of the baby in a vehicle without protection.

The remainder of the money raised was used to purchase a child support seat which was donated to a baby born at Grace Hospital in Vancouver.

The examples of danger from

traffic accidents was brought home to the young delegates. They learned that seven children were injured in motor vehicle crashes each day. In 1981, 859 people lost their lives in accidents and 44,123 people were injured. An accident occurs every four minutes and someone is injured in a traffic accident every 12 minutes. Every two days approximately five people die in traffic accidents.

The details were emphasized with a note that the age group of the conference delegates, 16 to 24 years old, represented only 20% of the provincial driver population but accounted for 34% of the accidents.

The conference was sponsored by the traffic safety education department of ICBC as well as Counterattack, a program run by the ministry of the attorney general.

New cluster zone allows grouping of all dwellings

New zone for uplands and forest areas was approved last week by a public hearing in Ganges. The uplands and forest cluster zone provides for the centralization of all permissible dwellings on a parcel within one cluster.

It does not provide for more dwellings or less than are normally allowed. It merely allows them to be built in the same vicinity.

The zone was introduced to permit a development on Mount Maxwell in the vicinity of Maxwell Lake.

The 160-acre parcel lies in the vicinity of the lake and runs out to the drop down to the west side of Salt Spring Island.

In addition to permitting the entire residential area outside the watershed zone, the measure has protected the watershed from both dwellings and clearing. Owners have agreed to leave the terrain undisturbed.

The owners of the land have also undertaken to donate to the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, or an acceptable trust, a 30-acre watershed parcel in order to preserve it from untoward development.

There were no opponents to the new zone at the hearing in the United Church Hall on Tuesday afternoon last week.

"Oh Boy!"

New cookbook addresses victims of two ailments

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Libby Leicht, and her husband, Ted of Pender Island, have recently published a cookbook, "Oh Boy!" It is now available to the public at bookstores. It's 98 pages of recipes and hints are a boon to celiacs or diabetic sufferers. People can have a combination of both these conditions.

Celiac people are unable to digest wheat, rye, barley, oats, bran, malt or buckwheat. Thus they can never eat foods made with flour from any of these substances. Even today celiac disease is a little understood condition.

Mrs. Leicht's book will help the one in 1,200 Canadian sufferers. There are recipes for breads, deep-fry batter, crepes, noodles, pancakes, waffles, dumplings; all foods celiacs cannot normally enjoy. Mrs. Leicht shows them how they can eat everything their friends can by following the recipes in her cookbook.

In all, there are 102 recipes, plus helpful hints for celiacs and diabetics. The recipes are calculated showing substitutions in a diabetic diet and are also useful for "singles". You don't have to be a diabetic or celiac to use this cookbook.

AFTER MANY YEARS

"Oh Boy!" cookbook is the culmination of years of recipe experimenting and testing by Mrs. Leicht, whilst attempting to cook for herself and make interesting meals at the same time for her husband and children.

Mrs. Leicht's daughter was a



Libby Leicht

baby celiac and diabetic, and she herself has been a celiac and borderline diabetic since babyhood.

Although the celiac condition is not well understood, eliminating gluten, a substance present in grains, pretty well solves the problem.

Substitutes are rice, potato and soy flour.

Mrs. Leicht's cookbook will make eating a happier experience for people with these conditions. The cookbook has been welcomed by the Canadian Celiac Sprue Association and by registered practicing Dietitians. It fills a need.

Insurance invalid he learns

The charge of driving a vehicle without insurance had been laid last January and the case finally came to court this month at Ganges Provincial Court.

Gordon Stokes explained that he had traded vehicles with his brother and in the shuffle the insurance had been cancelled. He, nevertheless, assumed the insurance was valid.

Stokes works off-island and had returned to purchase new plates for the vehicle when he was stopped by RCMP.

Judge J.M. Hubbard imposed the minimum standard fine for no insurance of \$250.

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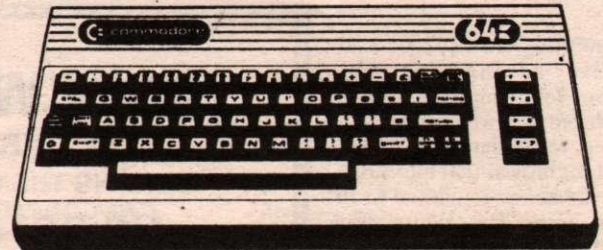
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Monty the Python comes to Ganges

Two members of the Swan Lake - Christmas Hill Nature Centre Society in Saanich brought some interesting visitors to the Salt Spring Cubs and Beavers meeting last week. Above, Fran Benson,

naturalist with the nature centre, holds a rainbow boa as assistant Anne Scarfe and Beavers Kevin Hack and Ryan Ulanski look on. Below, Anne Scarfe shows Monty the Python to the group. There

were four snakes in all, including an indigenous garter named Fat Hattie due to her unusually large size. Cubs and Beavers enjoyed a discussion on snakes before they were allowed to handle them.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

Zoning still debated

The provision for a density of development beyond any seen on Salt Spring Island may yet be removed from the island's zoning bylaw.

The Island Trust committee had, several months ago, expressed concern at the density of zoning which could be legally permitted, although the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission had subsequently agreed that other controls would exert a brake, such as health regulations and similar requirements. The commission had called a special meeting to consider the issue and had been warned by real estate businesses that any change in zoning specifications could be reflected in property values.

The committee had also looked at inoperative zoning and was considering following the North Pender procedure, where dormant zones revert to residential.

David Lott moved that allowable density in C4 zones be limited to 10 units per acre. The figure was amended to 15 and approved.



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Jean Rowell memorial fund is closed at \$1,600 level

The medical staff of Lady Minto Hospital recently spearheaded a memorial fund in the name of Jean Rowell. The fund has reached a total of nearly \$1,600 and has now been closed.

The executive committee, after conferring with Jean's family and friends, propose that these funds be used in the library area at each of the two Elementary Schools where Jean taught, with the provision that such use be for books or library materials of a semi-permanent nature, suitably identified, such as by book plates, and placed on an appropriate shelf that can be marked accordingly. It has been suggested that the art teachers, or students, might be interested in designing

such identification.

Letters have been sent to the board of School Trustees, Tom Watson, principal of Salt Spring Elementary School, and Glenn Woodley, principal of Fernwood Elementary School, so that plans can be made for ordering these library books and materials.

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Watershed acreage is given to community

When a group of property owners couldn't subdivide their property on Salt Spring Island they asked the Islands Trust for approval of a cluster development whereby they might keep the 120-acre property intact, yet build the same number of homes as they could if they subdivided it. So they gave part of it away to the community.

The tale was long drawn-out. The property lies on the slopes of Mount Maxwell and part of the land was in the watershed. But they might not subdivide because past government officials had permitted a subdivision of the mountainside without road access. The property is reached by a means of a registered easement over an adjacent property.

WHAT! NO ROAD?

The provincial regulations permit such a lot to be made, but the same regulations prohibit its further division. Before the holding could be made into separate parcels and each individual owner permitted his house and his cottage, a road had to be found.

After lengthy negotiation with the Islands Trust and with the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, a new cluster zone was established to permit the land to be developed as if it had been subdivided and without requiring the construction of a road.

The property is unchanged, except for the loss of some 30 acres in the vicinity of the lake. But the Uplands and Forest Cluster Zone permits the construction of six homes and four cottages just as subdivision would. Owners of the land were eager to co-operate with

the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee. They have mutually agreed on the location of the planned dwellings.

And the 30 acres of critical watershed land will be transferred to either the North Salt Spring Waterworks District or a form of trust and duly covenanted, if necessary, against future development.

TRUSTEES HAPPY

The happy legatees of the zoning agreement are the trustees of the water district. They have assurance that yet another parcel of land is protected against any type of development which could damage the supply of domestic water on Mount Maxwell.

Spokesman for the water district told *Driftwood* that he was delighted with the gift of land and with the warm co-operation his board had enjoyed from the families concerned.

It is another step, he observed, in the steady campaign to protect the entire shoreline of the lake.

Donors of the watershed land are all members of the Salt Spring Centre, on Blackburn Lake Road.

Sewer cost to be \$900 Trust told

Cost of the Ganges sewer has tripled in less than a year, Salt Spring Island Trust Committee was told last week.

Regional director Yvette Valcourt told the committee that the bylaw has been drafted to charge a parcel tax levy for 1983.

The requisition is for \$181,000, she stated.

"The home owner without anything operating will pay \$900 a year," continued the regional director. "Heaven help us for 1984 and 1985!"

If the figure of \$900 is right, suggested Arvid Chalmers, the committee and the Advisory Planning Commission will come under pressure to allow development to help pay the cost of the sewer.

Figure includes bus cost

Cost of transporting Saturna students to Ganges by water taxi every day would cost \$1,820 a month. But that figure isn't just the cost of the water taxi, says Bob George of Gulf Island Sailing Charters.

The water taxi operator said the figure includes the cost of busing the students from Horton Bay to Miners Bay on Mayne Island, which would amount to \$500 a month.

Water taxi cost would be \$1,320.

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Driftwood photo by Alice Richards



Fish and Wildlife workers visit school

Leah Hebert points out the full belly of a female rainbow trout School last week. Hebert and Russ MacMillan, centre, are from the B. C. Fish and Wildlife Branch and came to the school to conduct an experiment with the students. Story Page 18.

No pay TV for time being

Pay television won't be coming to Salt Spring Island for the time being.

Linda Phillips of Salt Spring Cablevision said that a subscriber survey conducted by the company revealed a split in sentiment among those who get the cable service with a slight edge to the positive side, favouring the pay channels.

The results of the survey were not conclusive and although Salt Spring Cablevision could proceed, the company is under no obligation to supply the pay television service.

The Canadian Radio-television

and Telecommunications Commission earlier this year approved applications from three companies to produce material for pay television channels.

While companies in Victoria and Saanich supplying cable television are to begin transmitting the pay signal as of February 1, 1983, the Salt Spring company cannot, at this time, afford the expenses involved in setting up the service.

The system requires a receiving dish antenna as well as electrical equipment to process the signal from the satellite. The cable

company, said Phillips, currently has the capability to supply at least one channel in the midband.

At the moment, the three Canadian pay television companies produce a movie channel, a fine arts channel and a multi-culture channel.

The Vancouver Island cable systems have sufficient numbers of subscribers to afford the required equipment for pay television, but a small company such as Salt Spring Cablevision must assess the financial end of the scheme very carefully, said Phillips.

Community plan to be reviewed

Trust turns down Windmill Farms

The Advisory Planning Commission said, "Yes".

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee said, "No".

On Tuesday afternoon last week the Trust denied the zoning application sought for the establishment of Windmill Farms on Lower Ganges Road. And trustees asked for the reopening of the island's community plan.

Applicant Terry Penny asked for rezoning of 1½ acres of the former Scott farm, at the corner of Atkins Road, to Commercial 1 in order to permit the operation of a series of stores.

He explained that he was hoping to provide a produce market, arts and crafts outlet and a meat market, with a staff of 12 full-time employees.

Planner Richard McKellar told the committee that the proposal was beyond the

range of the community plan. It lies in a residential "A" zone, which permits multiple-family dwellings among other residential uses. Residential "A" does not provide for commercial developments, he told the committee.

RECONSIDERED

Gordon Wallace told the meeting that he had proposed when the matter first came up that a special zone be considered to provide for the specific use envisaged. The applicant pointed out that with limited zoning there would be limited borrowing for development.

Perhaps the logical place to start would be the community plan, said Wallace. The applicant could see whether the Salt Spring Island people wanted changes in the plan whereby this and other proposals might gain support.

David Lott described the project as a good thing for Salt Spring Island and termed the planner's summary as "biased".

He moved a resolution to rezone 1½ acres of land on the property of Commercial 1. He was not supported.

Discussion developed into a bitter exchange between supporters and opponents of the scheme. Bud Kreissl saw such zonings as circumventing the community plan. To change it on an ad hoc basis would destroy the plan. He supported Wallace's proposal. The commercial zoning would result in pleas for businesses to fill in the gap between the commercial properties.

The plan had been adopted after multiple hearings, he recalled, and it had to be protected.

Director Yvette Valcourt challenged his comments.

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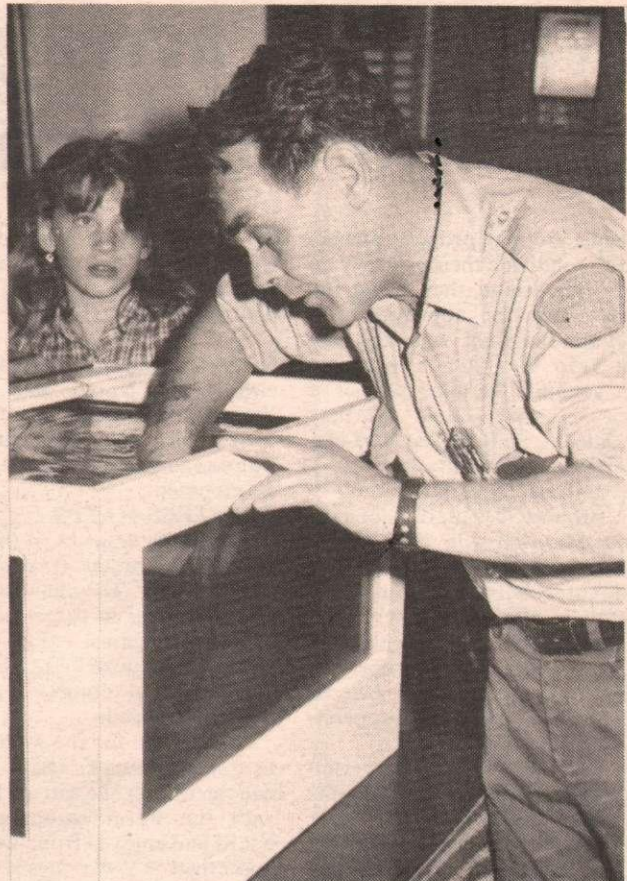
For three years she had been trying to get copies of letters submitted to the public hearing on the community plan, she stated. A large number of letters had been submitted in opposition to the plan, said Valcourt, and the plan was originally turned down by 400 at a meeting.

"I suggest the plan was written by a few people in the core area to benefit them at the cost of others," she told the committee.

She was not suggesting that there should be no community plan, she assured chairman John Rich.

If the proposal is against the community plan and the plan is a good thing to have, then it should not be changed, persisted Rich.

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Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

Fertilization of trout eggs seen by students

Two members of the Fish and Wildlife Branch visited Fernwood Elementary School last week to conduct an experiment of import to all Salt Spring Island sport fishermen.

With them came five "ripe" domestic rainbow trout. The term ripe means that the two females were full of eggs and the three males were ready to fertilize the eggs. The idea began

with Neil Todd, superintendent of hatcheries and friend of Jackie Stibbards, a teacher at Fernwood. He arranged for Russ MacMillan and Leah Hebert of the provincial fish culture department to provide fertilized eggs for the school's aquarium. The children could then follow the cycle of the eggs to the fingerling stage. In the photos, Russ MacMillan, left,

brings the 4-5 lb. rainbows in the gymnasium after anaesthetizing. While the fish are still drowsy from the anaesthetic, centre, the eggs are squeezed from the females into a bowl and fertilized by squeezing the sperm, or "milk", from the males. MacMillan estimated that the two females could produce about 9,000 eggs of which only five percent would

fertilize. Only a few hundred were deposited in the school's aquarium, right. Hebert and MacMillan also brought a few hundred eggs which had been fertilized two weeks previously and were at the "eye" stage of development. Fernwood principal Glenn Woodley plans a field trip to release the fingerlings into Weston Lake in a few months time.

Home industry bylaw to be reviewed again by new board

Question of home occupations will be considered by the new Salt Spring Island Trust Committee at its next meeting.

A number of complaints about home occupations had been received by the Trust committee, recalled chairman John Rich at last Tuesday's committee meeting in Ganges.

The Advisory Planning Commission had resolved that the present bylaw was acceptable. A number of garages had protested the establishment of automotive repair agencies on residentially-zoned property.

The Trust committee had looked at a complete overhaul of the bylaw and the community plan.

Recommendation of the planning commission after a public meeting was that the present bylaw, fully enforced, would cover the situation.

The new committee will decide which way to go.

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Touring exhibition based on food

A touring exhibition based on the theme of food will be seen at Salt Spring and Pender Islands next week.

The extension department of the Vancouver Art Gallery will bring the exhibition, entitled *Mere*

Morsels, to Pender on Monday and Salt Spring on Tuesday.

The exhibition includes paintings, prints and sculptures dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries, and is organized entirely around food. The 16 artists selected

for the showing come from Canada, the U.S., England, Italy and Japan.

Their works offer a range of lighthearted, eccentric and sober reflections on our attitudes and rituals concerning food, the gallery said in a news release.

Among those represented are American pop artist Andy Warhol, Canadian painter Jack Bush, B.C. ceramist Gathie Falk and Simon Tookoome, an Inuit printmaker from Baker Lake.

The exhibition will be shown at the Pender community centre from 1-5 pm Monday and at the Gulf Islands Secondary School drafting room between 7:30 and 9:30 pm Tuesday. There is no admission charge.

Serious reactions rare

Cases of diphtheria, tetanus and polio are never heard of any more and whooping cough, measles, mumps and rubella are now rare. And the reason for that, says regional health officer Dr. Allan Arneil, is immunization.

As a result of adverse publicity, whooping cough vaccine acceptance in Britain dropped from 80% to 31%. Three or four years later the number of cases of whooping cough skyrocketed to levels higher than for the last 20 years.

If children are not immunized for a medical reason, Arneil says, it is unfortunately unavoidable, while if it is for a religious or moral reason it is understandable. But if it's for other reasons, he notes, it is unfortunate.

Reaction to immunization is one common reason but serious reactions are rare. Reactions such as fever, tenderness, redness or swelling are of no lasting significance, the health officer says.

"Those that occur unexpectedly are really quite rare and certainly infinitesimal compared to the

ravages of the diseases against which they give protection."

Arneil says that five to 10% of children in the region are still not fully immunized by the end of Grade 1.

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