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Activity centre rises at Galiano

Construction crew prepares to set trusses on 24-foot walls of new Galiano Island activity centre. Work on the facility was delayed by poor weather last week when high winds and rain made conditions hazardous for setting trusses in place. See story in Galiano news - Page Ten.

Fulford school to be built as planned

The site of the proposed school in Fulford has been inspected and the results show that the building will go as planned.

For Pender Island and chairman of the board's building grounds committee, told the school board that the inspection of the proposed school site at the corner of Beaver Point and Stewart Roads revealed no problems in locating the building.

In answer to recent criticism of the suitability of the site, the board

Trust enters sewer debate, calls for vote, halt on work

On Saturday the Islands Trust entered into the Ganges sewer debate. At the instigation of the two new local trustees for Salt Spring Island, Nick Gilbert and Beverley Unger, the Islands Trust council decided to write to the Capital Regional Board protesting the installation of a sewer in Ganges and to call for a further discussion in March of the philosophy of sewers among the islands.

Retiring chairman John Rich,

speaking to the proposal, described the Ganges sewer project as "without question, the most complicated project I have ever seen".

Proposal to combine a study of sewers with a study of water was not warmly endorsed by Unger, but adopted by the council.

It was decided to ask the regional district for the presentation of a referendum to all of Salt Spring Island in view of the fact that the sewer project influences the taxes paid by the hospital, Greenwoods and the schools.

Gordon Wallace noted that all the islands came into that category, but the motion was not amended to embrace them.

There are three procedures adopted under normal conditions when such a project is initiated, explained the chairman.

It may be launched by an initiative of the authority or a petition may be taken up or a referendum presented.

"None of these things has been done," he told the Trust.

The council approved a resolution explaining that the recent cost figures on the sewer released by the Capital Regional District indicate a cost far beyond the anticipated levels. The economic pressures resulting from these costs are likely to prove too much for property owners and small businesses.

These pressures will also create pressures for development beyond the scope of the community plan.

In view of these circumstances the Trust is calling on the Capital Regional Board to give accurate information on costs to all persons affected and to suspend further work until a referendum has been presented to the people.

Although the referendum is usually restricted to the property owners within the benefiting area, the motion expands that to include all persons on Salt Spring Island, it was explained.

Toilet-flushing costs outlined for directors

How much will it cost the Ganges homeowner to flush the toilet?

The costs were revealed last week by the Capital Regional Board.

In 1983 the cost will be charged against properties in the sewer area. The user charge and frontage tax cannot be applied next year because there will be no facility against which to levy the charges. Recovery taxes can only be levied when the facility is available for the use of the owner of the property.

In 1984 the levy will be in the form of charges against the service.

Last week the Capital Regional District staff prepared a summary of facts on the sewerage of Ganges.

In a brief outline the staff report went over the salient decisions which have affected the tax structure of the sewer area.

The region recalled the public meeting in the activity room of Ganges School on March 1, 1979, when representatives of the regional district outlined alternative methods of handling sewage from the area. Preferred option, directors were reminded, was the biodisc treatment plant, "capable of

producing a high quality effluent which would be released on the most favorable portion of the tide cycle through an outfall, 1,925 metres (about 6,250 ft.) long."

ORDERED TO EXTEND IT

In November of 1979, the Capital Regional District was ordered to extend the marine outfall into Ganges Harbour to a total length of 4,570 metres, or nearly 15,000 feet. The order was made by the Pollution Control Board following

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Three are rescued by ferry Friday

The *Bowen Queen* was delayed for eight minutes Friday on the afternoon run but she rescued three people in that time.

The three people had been in a flat-bottomed Boston whaler which overturned near Isabella Point on Salt Spring Island. They sat on the overturned boat for at least half an hour before the *Bowen Queen*, under the command of Captain Wilson, sighted them.

The rescue, said a B.C. Ferry Corporation official, took only eight minutes from sighting until the

The people, two men and a woman, were provided with blankets for warmth and treated by a doctor who was on board. When the *Bowen Queen* reached Swartz Bay, the three were transported by ambulance to hospital.

A vessel from the Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Esquimalt picked up the whaler.

Pearson's CARE tree lights up Wednesday

The lights will shine from the George Pearson Tree of Light on Pender Island next Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

The Tree of Light has illuminated its message of compassion over Swanson Channel since 1960. George Pearson and his wife Edith put up that first string of lights to represent donations to CARE by friends and neighbours.

Over the years, the lights have traditionally been in place by December 15 and as each donation is made to the fund, another light is added to the tree.

The response proved more than Pearson had hoped as money came to his project from across North America. By 1975, the Pender Island Lions Club began to help administer the project and the fund.

But the Lions want the

world to know that the project is George Pearson's Tree of Light.

Last year, the fund raising met its goal of \$10,000 with a total of \$10,700 collected. They money was given to CARE for the use in establishing a nutrition rehabilitation centre in the Baroda Medical Hospital in Gujarat, India.

Pearson, a hail and hearty 97 years old this year, decided to begin a trust fund to help cover the administration costs of the project such as buying stationery and stamps. He will donate \$500 to the trust fund this year

and another \$500 next fall. The trust fund, he says, will ensure that he continues to be part of the organization which creates the Tree of Light each year.

Donations for hunger relief can be sent to Lions CARE, Pender Island, V0N 2M0.

Christmas Ship visit one of many events to celebrate season here

As the big day approaches, activities increase to ensure that this will be the season to be jolly.

Much of the entertainment during the Christmas season will be supplied either by or for the children of the Gulf Islands. The various schools will be presenting Christmas concerts and, of course, Santa visits as many of the events as he can.

The Bellingham Christmas ship *Discovery* brings Santa Claus to the Gulf Islands on Saturday and Sunday. The visit begins at Ganges on Saturday at 6 pm. He travels to Galiano on Sunday morning then visits Mayne, Pender and Saturna Islands during the day.

Also on Saturday, Santa hosts a breakfast at Fulford Hall.

While he will be busy elsewhere that afternoon, the children will be treated to a free movie at Island Cinema at Central. The children also receive free popcorn and a soft drink. The afternoon at the movies comes compliments of Dan Evanishen of Island Cinema, *Driftwood*, et cetera and Central Hall.

While the children enjoy the seasonal festivities, the residents of Greenwoods are also planning happy times. The seniors invite the public to attend a decorating party on December 17 at 7 pm to help trim the tree and string the lights.

A few days later, on December 22, a birthday party will be held for

Alice Young. Friends and acquaintances are invited to help celebrate her 100th birthday.

At the schools on the Gulf Islands the children are putting the finishing touches to Christmas concerts.

The Saturna Island pupils will be putting on their show Saturday at 7 pm. The event will be staged in the community hall at Lyall Harbour.

The Pender School Christmas concert is slated for December 16 in the community centre at the school beginning at 7:30 pm.

On Mayne Island, the concert is December 17 at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium of the school. The early start has been arranged to allow parents of students from the other islands to attend.

The Galiano School concert takes the form of a play again this year. The evening of December 15 will be devoted to *Pointy-headed People* which will entertain islanders from the stage of the community hall beginning at 7:30 pm.

The Galiano pupils will also take part in a carol service on Sunday at St. Margaret's of Scotland.

At Salt Spring Elementary School, the primary grades' concert is scheduled for 1:30 pm December 14 in the activity centre. The intermediate grades have their concert on December 16 at 7:30 pm, also in the activity centre.

Fernwood School presents its Christmas concert on December 15 at 7 pm. The fun occurs in the school gymnasium.

On the same day the Gulf Islands Secondary School celebrates the season at 7:30 in the auditorium.

Service improvement goal of ferry schedule changes

Changes in the ferry schedule between Swartz Bay and the Outer Islands have been implemented in an attempt to improve service.

The changes, which resulted from a meeting of Islands Trust representatives and officials from B.C. Ferry Corporation, include the addition of the *Vesuvius Queen* on an early run from Swartz Bay to Pender, Mayne and Saturna Islands.

The morning run from Swartz Bay at 9:30 am will not go to Montague Harbour at 10:45 am but routes through Village Bay, Mayne Island, at 10:30 instead of 11:20 am. The *Mayne Queen* then proceeds to Saturna, an added stop, at 11:10 am, before returning through Otter Bay on Pender Island at 11:50 am to Swartz Bay at 12:30.

The *Vesuvius Queen* leaves

Swartz Bay at 6:25 am and reaches Otter Bay at 7:30 before returning to the Saanich peninsula terminal at 9:30 am. The ferry will also sail from Village Bay at 11:05 am and Saturna Island at 11:55 am.

For three days each week, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the *Vesuvius Queen* acts as standby to pick up any excess traffic bound for Pender which cannot be accommodated by the *Mayne Queen*.

The officials for the ferry corporation at the meeting were board chairman Stuart Hodgson, Swartz Bay area operations manager Captain Charles Partridge and Frank Ramsay, superintendent of terminal maintenance.

The two Islands Trust representatives were Bill Norton, South Pender Island, and Ed Williams, Mayne Island.

Sewer costs outlined

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a week-long public hearing in Central Hall.

The board also required a back-up disinfection system to the ultra-violet apparatus.

The new measures raised the cost of the project from \$2,700,000 to an estimated \$4,100,000. The province increased its outright grant monies from \$1,175,000 to \$2 million.

This was in addition to the provisions of the sewerage facilities assistance act, whereby the province pays three-quarters of the cost of interest and capital repayment each year beyond that figure which is represented by a 2.5-mill levy on the benefitting area.

The long outfall has been installed and tenders have been called on the construction of the treatment plant and the laying of collection pipes. The original bid on the treatment unit was \$1.4 million. This was rejected and the district amended the plans. The current bid is \$580,000.

Estimated completion cost is \$4,790,000.

Summary prepared for directors shows where the payments come from.

The federal government grant represents \$2 million. Provincial government assistance under the sewerage facilities assistance act raises \$1,867,500 and interest earned from capital monies sitting in the bank awaiting use amount to \$290,100. The remaining \$632,500 will be paid for by the citizens of Ganges.

TAXPAYERS' SHARE

Portion of the cost paid by Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods will be \$43,898 and the two schools in Ganges will pay \$17,279, to a total of \$61,177.

The unit cost of \$467 per household was based on a calculation taking these contributions into consideration.

Original cost of the connection to the sewer had been estimated at \$1,200, or \$1,000 if the connection is

made at the time of installation of collection lines. It has been amended to \$800 if the connection is made at the time of installation and \$1,000 if the ground has to be excavated again.

FROM \$300 TO \$3,000

Final cost facing the property owner is that of connecting from the building to the sewer outlet at the property line. The cost could range from \$300 to \$3,000, reported the regional staff, according to the distance between building and outlet and the nature of the ground through which it must run.

The cost of this connection is one which can be partially or fully recovered from the federal government.

Property owners on low incomes or senior citizens are eligible for a financial assistance program to meet the cost of this connection.

The federal government's Residential Rehabilitation Program offers non-repayable grants to low-income property owners and senior citizens. These grants cover the cost of service lines between the house and the sewer system as well as the connection fee to that system.

Information on obtaining this grant is available, according to the Capital Regional District staff, from Dennis Baxevanidis at Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 1007 Fort St., Victoria, 388-3103.

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No such word

What was the original French, he asked. There is no such expression in that language which means "fine hay!" And, of course, he was right. There ain't no such word. A cartoon reproduced recently in these columns showed some first war poilus in the trenches. The nickname for a French soldier was poilu. The trench is better than ankle-deep in water and the caption reads, "Et s'il gele ce soir?" "Bon! On pourrait s'asseoir!" And that was the original French of nearly 70 years ago.

Pursued by fiends

I came out of the school board office and walked half a dozen paces along the narrow sidewalk when I knew that all the fiends of hell were after me. The shriek of a loud car horn had me jump around so quickly that an observer started to laugh. But the driver who blasted his horn wasn't trying to run me down. He was merely signalling to a student in the school grounds.

A milky brew

You know, you can't deny your age whether you're six or 60. The other day I made some tea, took the milk out of the refrigerator, took the lid off the teapot and poured in the milk. And when the brew was turning pale brown I realized what I was doing.

Hunger unsatisfied

I was at Swartz Bay waiting for the ferry and I'd had nothing to eat by mid-afternoon. It was a long wait and instead of getting a ticket I turned back into Sidney. I drove into a parking lot and as I was about to leave the car I saw a bottle end, shattered, threatening my tires. So I started up to look for a space with less aggressive tendencies. But I went all the way and drove out. Next stop I walked in and found I was at a self-serve cafe. How do you make your own hamburger? I didn't stop to enquire. Finally, at the ferry terminal I went to the cafeteria and asked for a hamburger. They only have hot dogs on Saturdays. I came back home still hungry.

His name comes up again

I mentioned Jack Lamb several weeks ago as a worthy member of the Salt Spring Island branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. The name came up again this week when the congregation at the island's Catholic churches were exhorted to include him in their prayers because he is a very sick man.

Quick explanation of fatal crash

Other people's news reports are always more interesting. Like the television news report of an aircraft accident. The plane hit a mountain in the vicinity of the landing field. It is attributed to the fact that the airplane was flying too low, announced an announcer.

Fatality is always a grim story, but in retrospect there is often an accidental light touch. Several decades ago a boy lost his life at a Vancouver Island lake when playing with a tied-up float plane. "Only eye-witness," reported a Victoria newspaper, "was away at the time of the accident." It was a printing error. A line of lead had been lost.

Truck hauls limestone

The cement truck regularly travels on the ferry from Tsawwassen to Long Harbour but the sign on its door reads Lynden, Washington.

Travellers on the ferry

Vehicle sought

The automobile swung past the school bus while it was stopped to let the children off and Ganges RCMP are now searching for it.

Passing a school bus while it is stopped to pick up or drop children is an offence.

The incident of the passed school bus occurred last week on Beddis Road.

transporting the truck have wondered why cement is being brought all that distance to Salt Spring Island.

But in fact the truck is full of dust. It contains limestone which has been ground, baked and treated. Limestone is the basic ingredient in concrete.

The dust is brought to the cement plant on Salt Spring Island to be mixed with sand and gravel to produce concrete.

Adult education funding cut

The provincial grant covering some of the 1983 costs of continuing education in the Gulf Islands has been reduced.

The adult education programs received \$18,000 for the 1982 budget year but next year will only have \$14,000 covered by the provincial government. The total 1983 budget for continuing education has been tentatively set at \$74,300.

When the proposed budget came to the table at a recent school board meeting, the trustees refused to accept it. They decided, after debate, to receive the figures for information only to be used as a guideline when the entire budget process begins.

Provincial funding to the continuing education programs across British Columbia is to be cut by two-thirds over the next two years, the ministry of education announced recently.

At least 350,000 people take part in the various programs of continuing education province-wide, and the grants to the programs account for less than one percent of the total educational budget according to figures released by the Adult Basic Education Association of B.C.

In the Gulf Islands, there were more than 1,000 people participating in 70 different courses between January and June, 1982, says Virginia Newman, the administrator of the program here.

The school board, said trustee Charles Baltzer, should not accept the continuing education budget at this time. He said that acceptance of the figure would lock the board into a budget item they could not change.

The continuing education program is funded by a grant from the provincial government as well as money raised through the fees for

the various courses available. The school board also raised \$17,600, through taxes this year to help finance the programs.

Board chairman Strick Aust urged that the budget not be accepted because the school board had earlier this year requested that Newman prepare a budget eliminating the need to go to taxpayers for the \$17,600.

He said that the board had questioned the ministry of education about whether it would pay the difference if the school district did not levy a tax to cover part of the continuing education program.

The school trustees had earlier

this year passed a resolution to eliminate the reduced fees for senior citizens as a means of generating more money. They also agreed to freeze the salaries of instructors but accepted Newman's request not to raise course fees because of strained finances facing many potential participants in the programs.

Some of the programs generate more money than is needed to run them, she said, but are balanced by other programs which, although necessary, do not pay for themselves.

The budget for continuing education will be considered when the remainder of the 1983 operating budget is discussed by the trustees.

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North-south: second, Joe and Madeline Frantz; third, Gordon and Raymond Best, fourth, Dawny Scarfe and Don Nemeth.

East-west: first, May Whiten and Margaret Ellison; second, Taddy and Phil Tindle; third, Phoebe Stevens and Nora Day; fourth, Fred and Mildred Gurney.

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

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The Christmas Ship

Many juniors have become seniors during the 32 years that have seen the Christmas Ship sail through the islands waters from its home base at Bellingham, Washington.

Many parents taking their children to the Christmas Ship this year were among the children greeting that ship in the not very distant past.

Christmas brings many things to many people. It brings gifts and it brings a spiritual rebirth. It brings joy and friendship and nostalgia. And it brings the Christmas Ship. On Saturday the *Discovery* will sail over the international boundary to make its first Canadian call at Ganges. The ship will remain at Ganges until Sunday morning.

During Sunday it will call in at the various Gulf Islands, bringing Santa, seasonal music, gifts and excitement.

The ship is a tribute to the Bellingham Jaycees, who have made it happen for 32 years. It is a tribute to an international accord that welcomes such a gesture between neighbours. But most of all, it is a tribute to the people who join the ship for two days to bring joy and excitement to the very young.

Long may she sail!

A new procedure

The meeting last week between spokesmen for the B.C. Ferry Corporation and the Islands Trust resulted in the decision to transfer responsibility for transportation discussions from the trustees to elected spokesmen for each island.

A number of trustees have expressed concern that many outside observers had gained the impression that all ferry changes were made with the sanction of the Trust.

The Islands Trust had taken over in some degree from the long-gone Islands Joint Committee. The old committee was made up of delegates from chambers of commerce and other organizations who met regularly to consider transportation and other matters of concern to all the islands. During its final days of activity the committee even looked at zoning and came up with a number of recommendations before the provincial government stepped in with more forceful recommendations.

The joint committee operated for the purpose of striking agreement, if not harmony, among the islands.

The local trustees were from all the islands and represented a ready contact with the ferry authority. They have discussed many aspects of ferry transport with the corporation. The Trust, however, enjoyed no mandate to speak with the ferry corporation on behalf of islanders.

Last week the strain was beginning to show and trustees approved a new policy whereby a committee will be named from each island to meet the ferry corporation personnel whenever ferry services are under discussion.

The disruptive influence of ferry service disagreements tended to act against the interests of the Islands Trust. Trustees are elected and encouraged to enjoy a harmonious relationship between islands for the purpose of reaching agreement on many matters of mutual concern. By identifying with individual islands' pressures for ferry service they are undermining their freedom to work together.

The new procedure will not detract from the pattern of co-operation between islands and ferry corporation and it leaves trustees' hands free for other functions.



Bill Webster

Little has changed since that tragedy two years ago

Two years have passed and the emotions have cooled but a cynic would say we learned little from the tragedy.

December 8, 1980. The place was the courtyard of the Dakota apartments in New York City. John Lennon had died, the victim of a mind which saw a twisted reality.

Lennon and his wife Yoko Ono had got out of a taxi that evening to walk the short distance to the front door of the building. He was shot twice in the back.

The act of insanity cut a deep wound into many people around this world. Lennon spoke of peace and brotherhood. And many people wished his words would become true.

But they haven't. Not yet. Handguns are readily available to those who want them. The arms race outdistances peace. Violence remains a way of existence for far too many people of our world.

Give peace a chance

"All we are saying, is give peace a chance," he sang with Yoko during their celebrated honeymoon in several cities in North America and Europe.

The cynic emerges and asks if peace has a chance. John Lennon and Paul McCartney teamed up in 1955. Since then, they have made a lot of money writing and singing songs which expressed the feelings of many people.

If all that money were available to the peace movement,

it wouldn't pay the daily interest incurred by the world-wide war machine.

What are the odds for peace?

Lennon drifted into the background in 1975. He tired of the hustle and hype of the limelight. But he could never avoid it completely.

And in the end it claimed his life.

News of death

The news of the death spread to touch the emotions of many, many people. It affected those who had grown to adulthood listening to records by the Beatles. It affected those who grew to maturity after the four had gone their own ways.

In Toronto, at Nathan Phillips Square, 15,000 people gathered for a candlelight service in his memory.

The scene was repeated in other squares in other cities, but the emotions involved were the same. To some, the death of Lennon tore a part of their own lives from them. The bullets wrought damage on far more than just the flesh of one man from Liverpool.

How far have we come from that fateful moment? Handguns are sold each day to people who do not need them.

"Guns don't kill people," say the opponents of gun control. "People kill people."

Tell that to the admirers of John - Kennedy, - Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King and John Lennon. They are dead

and the debate continues.

Lennon looked upon life as something which must be lived fully and was not afraid to look for it. The way to reach others was to know what was inside the heart and mind. He searched there to find the path to the world.

He began, in 1955, to reach out with music and with the Beatles, he helped in no small way to change the ideas of an entire generation.

The songs, the lyrics, the music, the antics, all combined to make John Lennon a hero to some and a fool to others. But he made his presence felt. When he claimed the Beatles were more popular than Jesus Christ, the reactions were predictable. Albums were burned in protest while agreement came from others.

Peter Newman, in an editorial in *Maclean's*, wrote, "Yesterday is ours to hear but not to have, and we'll never be that young again."

Mourn lost youth

Maybe that's what hurts so much about the insanity at the Dakota. Maybe we were mourning our lost youth. Maybe we are mourning that loss yet.

Lennon entertained, in person and on record, for 25 years. He has been dead for merely two but somehow the time spans, when compared, are reversed.

He spoke for many with the words, "One thing I can tell you, is you got to be free."



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Letters to the Editor

Hunting seen as legalized vandalism

Sir,
He watched as they killed his mother. He had run off when the gunshots began, and the others with him had leapt away into the undergrowth. In panic and fear, he peered out between the salal and alder, undecided whether to run with the rest or go to his mother, who lay grunting with pain on the ground.

He watched as the men stumbled through the bushes and pulled out knives.

We haven't seen him around since then, nor the others that would appear near our house and watch us, unafraid, for a while, before slipping away among the arbutus and fir. November came, and the family group of buck, does and fawns foraged quietly as I walked to within 50 feet of them one dawn.

And then came the men with guns. Where previously we watched the sunset fade behind the hills, now we listened to the gunfire echoing over the island. We awoke one night to find a group of men wandering through our land with flashlights, stumbling and cursing in the 1 am darkness.

A friend told us of finding the bloody, half-dismembered remains of a deer with its head cut off, a short way from his home.

We heard a neighbour in the valley, shouting in agitation, "Get out of there; that's private land and you have no right to be shooting

there!" But that was after the gunshots, and they slewed their pick-up off the road, threw the carcass in the back and drove off shouting, in spite of her.

There are many, many of us who enjoy and respect the wildlife with whom we share these islands. Fewer than one in 14 of us choose to kill them. Do we have to endure this legalized vandalism until there are no deer left? Sixty or 70 years ago, cougars, wolves and bear, among others, still lived on this island, as they had done for the previous million years, no doubt. When did you last see a bear lumbering through a patch of sunlight up on Mount Maxwell?

Our society's attitudes to hunting have grown out of a time in man's development when it was the only occupation that stood between his family and starvation. With the most primitive weapons, and in considerable hardship and danger to himself, he pitted his wits and experience against the animal's desire to live. Under these circumstances, there is some justification for hunting.

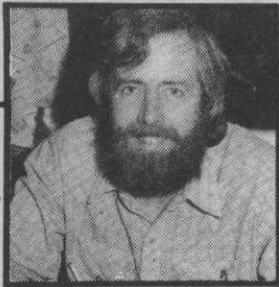
When the hunter arrives in a four-wheel-drive vehicle, with rifles, shotguns and a case of beer, the picture changes somewhat. When further the whole exercise is carried out in a semi-residential area, in disregard of a thousand No Hunting, No Shooting notices, often using lamps at night to attract

the deer - then one can only regard it as butchery. No tracking skill, no expertise as a woodsman is required where the deer live almost tame among us, like the birds and the squirrels.

I suppose that if you can only see a stand of tall firs in the forest as so much lumber, and a group of deer grazing at dusk at the edge of a field as so much meat in your freezer, then what I have said may leave you quite unmoved. However, this island is home to so many of us who do care about its inhabitants of all species, that our voice should be heard too. One deer alive in my neighbourhood, raising its young and living out its span in peace, surely has to be of more value than the momentary thrill of killing it and a soon-forgotten meal of its meat, does it not?

R. POLDEN,
Ganges.
November 28, 1982.

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Tony Richards

FISTICUFFS ON THE ICE is an unsporting activity about which many North American hockey fans complain.

But violence on the ice on this continent pales by comparison with what went down in a soccer match at the Asian Games in India last Tuesday. The referee was hospitalized with head injuries after being kicked and beaten by hundreds of spectators, who were aided to some extent by some members of one of the teams.

The fuss was over a penalty shot awarded by the unfortunate referee.

Nothing resembling that incident took place at a Western Hockey League game I saw at Victoria's Memorial Arena a couple of weeks ago. Although I was told before I saw the Victoria Cougars beat the Regina Pats that I could expect to see lots of fighting, there were only a couple of minor outbreaks of violence.

It was, in fact, a much more entertaining game than I had expected. The play was certainly not as polished as that seen in the national league, but it was of a better standard than that to be seen at Slugs' games.

(Let's face it guys. How many Slugs have been drafted by the NHL? Or the WHL, for that matter?)

IN THIS SPACE last week, while my wife was away, I likened my situation to that of a bachelor. I overlooked one important detail: bachelors don't have kids.

Within one day of taking on the household chores, I set aside all thoughts of bachelorhood. A house husband, I learned, has no time for thoughts, idle or otherwise.

The routine worked satisfactorily. The kids caught the school bus at eight and I got to work five minutes later. I put in almost eight hours at the office, returning home just as the boys got off the bus.

The main problem was adjusting. It's difficult to

spend eight hours at one job, no matter how varied or enjoyable it may be, and then exchange it for another.

The second biggest problem was Alice's timing in taking a holiday. Two days after she left, my sons doubled their food intake. The result was havoc in the kitchen. Dinner came to mean nothing more than a change from the peanut butter sandwiches that both preceded and followed our nightly repast.

The third biggest problem, which was influenced to a large degree by the second, was the dishes. It was about four days after we began fending for ourselves that rapidly dwindling counter space dictated that some form of action was essential if we wished to avoid using paper plates.

So I washed them (and learned never to leave carrots in the water in which they were cooked if you wish to avoid unpleasant odours in the kitchen).

And three days later I washed them again, despite my mother's offer to let me use her dishwasher. I believe it was pride that prevented me from loading all those dirty dishes into a cardboard box (it would have been a very large box) and carting them to her house to be washed.

B. C. FERRY CORPORATION is under heavy fire from islanders again, and it certainly looks as if the criticism is well deserved. The corporation's chief problem, I think, is that it's virtually deaf.

Whether this is a result of spending long periods in close proximity to ships' whistles or putting in vast amounts of overtime in the engine rooms of the corporation's fleet, we'll never know.

But deaf it is.

A relatively minor personal experience recently was a request to the Swartz Bay terminal to place a newspaper vending box on the Fulford-Swartz Bay ferry.

The letter was mailed August 4 and I have yet to receive a reply. The corporation is not only deaf - we must assume it can't read either.

Concern expressed for needy

Sir,
There is a tremendous concern being expressed by many people on Salt Spring for individuals and families who may be in special need this Christmas.

Thank you for allowing me to use this column of your weekly newspaper to invite people in special need, or if you are aware of someone in need this Christmas, to please phone Wendy or Marg at the Community Centre (537-9212) or myself at the Ganges United Church office (537-5812) - no later than Wednesday, Dec. 15, if possible. Please phone between 9 a.m. and

noon.
All requests will be treated with confidentiality and with respect and dignity.

If you wish to make a donation of a toy for a child - either new or in good working condition, please leave your donation at the Community Centre or at Ganges United Church.

Thank you for sharing in the profound Christmas Spirit.

ALLISTER N. SKINNER,
Ganges United Church.
December 3, 1982.

Peace begins at home

Sir,
On Nuclear disarmament:

For the first time in the history of man we have the means and the ability to make the earth a fruitful and abundant home for all its children. We also have the means and ability to bring about Armageddon.

Well, it is up to us, to us entirely. No one will interfere; not even the Creator, for we have free will, free will to do each other in, in thought, by word of mouth or pen, or by

bomb.
We also have free will to cherish each other, to live in harmony with our neighbor and community, in thought, word and deed.

If strife in the family is seen as natural, no one will raise an eyebrow at strife in the community, or among nations. Hence our dilemma, and our solution. Peace can only begin at home.

PETER WEIS,
R.R. 1 Fulford Harbor.
December, 1982.

Already has makings of pub

Sir,
Some good people are currently trying to get the Island pulse re building a pub on Galiano in the vicinity of the Galiano Hall.

A pub is needed and one good feature would be the creation of work but I would remind everyone that today's building costs would require that the operators have high prices to return ample profits for their investment.

But we already have the makings of a pub, already in place, and with much reduced liquor prices. This is known as the Galiano Golf Club and it's already owned by the people. Only some of the golfers with their dog in the manger attitude

have to change.
Many of them never go near the club in the winter and the advisory planning council and Islands Trust should get into the act and bring pressure to bear to open up a facility already owned by all of us.

Remarks have been made to me such as, "I won't go there to be insulted," or "It's such a cold atmosphere."

I say to these people, this is one of the easiest things to change!

Perhaps it would be better for the pub promoters to buy and operate the golf club as a total facility.

CHAS. J. GARDNER,
R.R. 1, Galiano.
December 3, 1982.

Trustees deserve applause

Sir,
It is befitting that with the advent of a new administration in the Islands Trust we thank the outgoing Salt Spring Island members, Dr. David Lott and Dr. Bud Kreissl, for their fine work for four years in the face of many difficulties.

As in other booming communities, Messrs. Lott and Kreissl were under great pressure from developers and quick-buck artists to bend the laws and bylaws for their benefit but not always for the benefit of the lovely island and its amenities. They faithfully executed their mission to permit only desirable developments and turn back those which would lessen the charm and liveability of Salt Spring Island.

How successful the Trust has been generally, on all the islands, can be seen from the fact that the Social Credit Party tried to foist a piece of legislation on us which

would have obliterated the Trust, the only real protection we have. They failed because of massive protests.

I have met most of the members of the Trust in the last administration and admired their integrity and devotion to the welfare of the general community. They are all well worthy of our applause.

ANTHONY NETBOY,
Ganges.
December 3, 1982.

Congratulations!

Sir,
Congratulations SSAC! (On another Giant Step backwards).

EDWARD ARMSTRONG,
R. R. 1,
Ganges.
December 1, 1982.

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More Letters to the Editor

Referendum should follow full disclosure of costs

Sir,

Recently I received photocopy of a document, signed by W.M. Jordan, Treasurer CRD, reporting to a Special Finance Committee Meeting on December 1, 1982. In this report Mr. Jordan projects annual costs of the proposed Ganges sewer to taxpayers in the "specified area". It is estimated that by 1985 user charges will have escalated to \$650 or \$1,220 (depending on Provincial Government grant policies) per home or housing equivalent plus frontage charges of 73¢ per foot, maximum 150 feet.

Other reports place hook-up costs between \$1,100 minimum and \$4,000 or more per property.

Please let me make it crystal-clear that I am not in either camp of the everlasting sewer debate. There are enough experts on either side. I am simply a ratepayer in a so-called specified area. I am very much in

favour of a system, any feasible system, that will clean up and protect our village environment in which I live and work.

It is obvious that we cannot afford any further confusion, battles and consequent astronomical increases in costs.

In order to settle this matter once and for all we, the directly affected ratepayers in the "specified proposed Ganges sewer area", should immediately demand our right to a Referendum after full disclosure of capital cost and latest projected user rates. If my fellow ratepayers decide to underwrite the cost, the proposed installation could be completed. If not, alternative facilities could be started without delay. In either event, we could, hopefully, finally get on with the job.

EDITH SACKER, C.G.A.,
Box 959, Ganges.
December, 1982.

Who can afford cost?

Sir,

As a rational citizen on this beautiful island since September 1979, I am truly very disturbed of accepting against my will that big sewer.

Let's face the costs that are now known. CRD says it will charge the "sewer area" properties a total of \$288,093 per year for sewer service; this is an average charge of \$1,391 for each of the 207 properties that will be forced to connect to the sewer.

It also appears that the average user will face annual charges of at least \$800 per year. Initial connection costs will be between \$1,500 and \$4,000. (As most of the lots are large and many homes have no basement.) Can you afford hook-up fees as early as in 1983?

Considering these facts, can you afford all these and extra thousand dollars or so more a year on your taxes? Even as renters your landlord can and will pass these increases on to you.

Water is so important to all of us. Can we flush it so freely daily into the ocean?

Senior citizens on fixed incomes cannot borrow such a big amount of money. So where are you going to get that money?

Even for the young on this island, with high interest rates and jobs so insecure at present, it is hard to get loans from banks...harder to repay loans.

So all of us, old and young, we just cannot afford a big sewer. Let's face it and refuse it. We still can stop it...as they refused us to vote on a referendum on this matter so important to all of us.

All we need is sewer alternatives that are sufficient and cheaper. We need a refund of the taxes that have been charged the last three years to us. Homeowners that have satisfactory septic tank systems should not be forced to pay for the proposed stupid sewer.

What we need most is food, shelter and medicare. Let luxuries wait till better times come back to us. To the people that come to make a home on this island they should not expect all luxuries of living that are offered in the cities.

Developers should also leave us alone and not try to destroy the nature and beauty of this island.

Are we living in a democratic country? I just wonder.

ALICE TESTER,
142 Swanson Rd.,
Ganges.
December 6, 1982.

Residents are 'severely inconvenienced'

Sir,

This letter has been submitted to Alex Fraser, Highways Minister; Islands Trust; B.C. Ferries and Hugh Curtis, MLA, as a petition of over 150 names.

We, the undersigned, as residents of Mayne Island, wish to express our anger at and total disagreement with the Fall/Winter 1982 Ferry Schedule for the Gulf Islands. The Fall/Winter Schedule makes it impossible for Mayne Islanders to directly reach Salt Spring Island on Fridays and Saturdays. Two days a week, we cannot go to doctors, the hospital or banks on Salt Spring Island unless we first go to Swartz Bay and then pay for a ferry to Fulford Harbour.

There is absolutely no reason for such a circuitous and time-consuming route and it must have been obvious to the Islands Trust that Mayne Islanders would be severely inconvenienced by such scheduling.

The new Ferry Schedule is even worse in terms of Mayne Islanders getting to and from Swartz Bay. In previous schedules, we were able to go directly from Swartz Bay to Mayne Island in about 45 minutes on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons. If appointments in Victoria kept us in town until early evening, we could come home on a 7:30 pm sailing.

The short trips have been eliminated, however, and presently we have only one sailing from Swartz Bay to Mayne Island on Tuesdays and Thursdays. With the new schedule, many of us have experienced being left behind at the dock and forced to find expensive hotel or motel accommodations in Sidney. This is because the Pender and Galiano passengers are boarded first and we are only taken aboard if there is any room left.

Likewise, on all days, even though the ferry does not leave Swartz Bay until 6:30 pm, we are compelled to arrive at the ferry terminal at 5 pm if we are to be assured of getting on the evening boat. There have been several nights Mayne Island cars have been left at Swartz Bay.

Given that most of us are either retired and on pensions, or living on limited incomes because of the present economic situation, being left behind and forced to pay \$30 or more for hotel accommodations is a severe financial strain.

What we want is, as a minimum, a return to the schedule of last winter. We want to be able to get to Salt Spring directly every day. We want to have enough sailings from Swartz Bay to Mayne to ensure that we can get home on the night we intend to

and we are tired of having to be in a ferry line-up from 5 pm on to assure us a place on a 6:30 pm ferry. Mostly, we are upset at being caught in the middle of a dispute between the B.C. Ferry Corporation and ferry workers over overtime pay.

Given that the Islands Trust and the B.C. Ferry Corporation are well aware of the essential role of the ferries in our everyday lives, we can only wonder why - once again - we as a community were not at all consulted about these schedule changes before they were implemented and why after repeated complaints about the Fall/Winter Schedule, no

amendments to the schedule have been made to reflect our concerns.

We are also greatly interested in the new dock that is now in operation at Village Bay. It certainly must have been constructed for another use other than its present one. We are sure that larger ferries travelling between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen could accommodate overloads from both terminals and discharge cars and passengers at Village Bay with its new docking facility without disruption to their sailing schedules.

A.R. ALMOND,
Mayne Island.
December 6, 1982.

Sewer area boundary queried

Following letter to Dr. Arneil, regional health officer, was submitted for publication.

Re: Specified Area, Ganges Sewer Sir,

On May 4, 1978, at the Information Meeting in Ganges called by the Capital Regional District, Chairman J. Campbell gave the reason for the CRD's intention to install a sewer in Ganges without the assent of the property owners:

"This (sewer) plan is not to enable the expansion of Ganges but to resolve a health problem."

Now, as you said in a letter to a member of the Salt Spring Island Sewer Alternatives Committee, August 26, 1980:

"My role as the Regional Health Officer is to have jurisdiction over private sewage disposal systems (of under 5,000 gallons) and to have an interest in potential health hazards no matter the size of the systems."

It is your - and exclusively your - duty to identify the nature of such a health hazard, and to determine its seriousness and its extent, and then to bring your findings to the attention of the Regional Board for action.

The extent of the health problem in Ganges you indicated by showing, and drawing a line around, the affected area on a map, which portion of the village the Board of Directors then established as the Specified Sewer Area of Ganges - without seeking the assent of the property owners concerned.

This boundary is, to the layman on this island, a puzzling line, all nicks and curves and corners.

Why, for instance, does Blain Road (no Greenwoods Home for

the Elderly in 1977, 1978 January there, remember) lie within the area, but not Kings, Howell, and Pleasure Lanes, whose soil can hardly be that different from that along Blain?

What difference in the soil detected by you made you include the lower portion of Rainbow and Lower Ganges Road up to Blain, but exclude the upper stretch of Rainbow, Lower Ganges Road west of Blain, and all Churchill Road? After originally including the large slope of Ganges Hill up to and beyond Beddis and Charlesworth, what soil observations then caused you to exclude this vast settled area? Was and is the soil there so much more receptive to septic-tank effluent than at adjacent Seaview and Drake and Mouat Park?

What stated facts demanded the inclusion of Swanson but the exclusion of its connection, Atkins? What findings in your investigations made you request the sewerage of the north side of Rainbow but not the south, that half kilometer up from the harbour?

To preclude any misunderstanding: please do not interpret my questions as a suggestion that those excluded portions should be sewerage. I am asking for your evidence that this so-called Specified Area is so much worse than the lands adjacent to it.

The question of designating the area for the suggested sewer being of general interest on this island, an open answer would be appreciated.

HERMANN KIRCHMEIR,
R.R. 3, Ganges.
December 6, 1982.

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Effective **Saturday, December 4, 1982**, the Saturday morning schedule of the M.V. "Mayne Queen" will be as follows:

Lv. Swartz Bay	5:35 am	Lv. Swartz Bay	9:30 am
Saturna	6:40	Otter Bay	10:10
Village Bay	7:20*	Village Bay	10:30*
Montague Hrbr.	7:55	Saturna	11:10
Otter Bay	8:35	Otter Bay	11:50

Afternoon and evening sailings do not change.

Effective **Monday, December 6, 1982**, the Monday to Friday schedule of the M.V. "Vesuvius Queen" will be:

Lv. Swartz Bay	6:25 am	Lv. Village Bay	11:05 am*
Otter Bay	7:30	Saturna	11:55
Swartz Bay	9:30		

* Saturna transfers to and from Tsawwassen



BC FERRIES

SALTSPRING SEWER ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Master's degrees for three

Gulf Islanders continue to gather degrees from universities and three were recently granted master's degrees from the University of British Columbia.

Ernest Michael Hekkanen, of Mayne Island, has added a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing to his Bachelor of Arts degree. The B. A. was awarded to him from the University of Washington.

Ronald Karl Kessler, of Salt Spring Island, received a Master of Arts in economics from UBC. He also has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta.

Dave Bruce Pringle, also of Salt Spring Island, now has a Master of Science degree in animal science to go with his Bachelor of Science in agriculture.

The trio were among 900 students granted degrees by the UBC senate in November as recognition of requirements completed during the spring and summer. They have the option of waiting until UBC's 1983 Spring Congregation in May before receiving their degrees or they can accept them now.

Golden-Age news

BY BILL HARPER

The Golden-Age Carpet Bowlers gathered at the home of Webster and Ethel Davidsons on Thursday afternoon to honour two of their bowlers, Alice Turnbull who is moving to Chase and Marjorie Pinteau who is going to England.

Grace Garner, head of the Carpet Bowling, took sick and was unable to attend. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Also, last Friday friends and neighbors met at the home of Ann Rees to wish Marjorie bon voyage. She is leaving on Sunday.

Lil Nicholls had high score in the bridge Tuesday afternoon at the Golden-Age Rec. Club. We are pleased to see Reg. Griffin well enough to be back playing pool again.

Anyone having news to put in this column is requested to call the writer.



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Latest sewer costs presented by CRD Treasurer to special CRD meeting Dec. 1, 1982

(3) 1985	User charge (\$650 x 516 housing equivalents) =	\$335,520	User charge (\$1220 x 516 housing equivalents) =	\$629,320
	Foot frontage charge (73¢ foot x 28,331 ft.) =	20,680	Foot frontage charge (73¢ foot x 28,331 ft.) =	20,680
	S.F.A. grant =	293,800	Capital grant =	nil
		<u>\$650,000</u>		<u>\$650,000</u>

RECOMMENDATION: That this report be received for information.

Staff Report to Special Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 1st, 1982
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Wm Jordan
W. M. Jordan
Treasurer
WMJ:gdM

(Full copies of this report available for inspection at Building Inspections Office.)

Our earlier estimates of \$850.00 per year sewer costs per user now seem conservative.

THE CRD ITSELF NOW INDICATES THAT:

1. The annual user cost will be close to \$1300.00
2. Connection fees will be \$1000.00
3. Hookup fees will be \$300.00 to \$3000.00

We are now in a position to state the costs to the user of the proposed sewer (over and above the present tax bill):

HOMEOWNER

Average 1st year costs	\$3,055
Average 2nd year costs	\$1,293
3rd to 25th year costs (23 x \$1293)	\$29,739
Average homeowner sewer costs for 25 years	<u>\$34,087</u>

PIONEER VILLAGE

Minimum 1st year costs	\$26,840
Minimum 2nd to 25th year costs (24 x \$26,840)	\$644,160
Minimum Pioneer Village sewer costs for 25 years	<u>\$671,000</u>

SCHOOL

Minimum 1st year costs	\$45,140
Minimum 2nd to 25th year costs (24 x \$45,140)	\$1,083,360
Minimum School sewer costs for 25 years	<u>\$1,128,500</u>

NOTE: The recent B.C. Research (Birkbeck) Engineering Report estimated a cost of \$175,000 to install a disposal system for the school.

HOSPITAL

Minimum 1st year costs	\$114,680
Minimum 2nd to 25th year costs (24 x \$114,680)	\$2,752,320
Minimum Hospital sewer costs for 25 years	<u>\$2,867,000</u>

NOTE: The recent Underwood-McClellan Engineering Report estimated a cost of \$465,000 to install a disposal system for the hospital.

This sewer will be a crippling blow to users in the "sewered area". It will also be an unacceptable burden for all other islanders, who are taxed for the school and hospital.

IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT NO-ONE CAN AFFORD THE PROPOSED SEWER. The proven land alternatives are cheaper.

The CRD will meet on 15th December 1982. It will consider asking the Provincial Cabinet to enable it to impose these charges on the island.

This again without the vote of the taxpayer.

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Many sparkling highlights in recital by Margarita Noye

Review by
DWAINE PROSK

The Salt Spring Concert Society recently presented Margarita Noye, one of Canada's foremost sopranos, in a recital at St. Georges' Church.

The program, entitled *Nostalgia Plus*, featured an omnigenous collection of songs cleverly linked by pertinent poetry readings and anecdotes extracted from Noye's personal experiences. This novel approach created a cozy, intimate atmosphere quite foreign to the often staid format of the traditional solo voice recital.

The velvet fluidity of Noye's voice combined with her marvelous ability to turn a phrase resulted in many sparkling highlights.

The power and exultation of Handel's *Let the Bright Seraphim*

was nicely balanced by the tongue-in-cheek *Bide thy Thyme* from *Seasonings* by P.D.Q. Bach.

Two of Dvorak's Gipsy Songs with their extended melismas received unanimous audience approval. An a cappella arrangement of the folksong *I Gave My Love a Cherry* clearly demonstrated Noye's impeccable intonation and lucid vowels.

Highly charged emotions and sensitive timbres were mirrored in her eyes throughout a superb rendering of a dynamic aria from

Puccini's classic opera *La Boheme*.

Noye's reading of Thomas Hardy's poem *The Ruined Maid* was delightfully expressive.

No soloist is complete without a competent accompanist. Noye's superb dynamics and tone colourings were sensitively matched by her fine accompanist, Alison Hext.

The next Salt Spring Concert Society program will feature Salt Jazz, a fine group from Vancouver, on Sunday, Jan. 30.

No support for motion urging nuclear-free zone

Local MP Jim Manly has urged the prime minister to declare Canada a nuclear-free zone.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Manly suggested the prime minister follow the lead of Malaspina College in Nanaimo which recently declared itself a nuclear-free zone. Through a referendum held at the college, students, staff and faculty voted 95% in favour of the nuclear-free zone.

The referendum parallels recent results in municipal elections held across Canada, when between 70%-80% of voters supported the goal of

disarmament.

Manly's motion was supported by fellow New Democrat MP Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody), but failed to get the necessary backing of the Conservatives and Liberals for debate in the House.

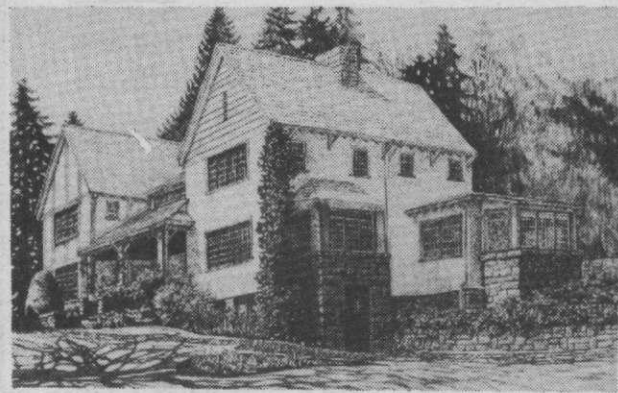
Mummers rehearsals under way

Guessing who is whom is all part of the entertainment when the Salt Spring Christmas Mummers perform.

The members of the group have been chosen and rehearsals are under way. The performers, acting in disguise, traditionally do not reveal their individual identities to the audience.

The Mummers have bookings for the Christmas season but dates are still available for those who wish to participate in an ancient ritual of entertainment. Those interested should contact Susan Wyatt.

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Guatemalan theatre group will perform

Contributed by
DAVID RIED

Salt Spring Islanders will have a rare opportunity to see an international theatre group perform in Mahon Hall next Tuesday.

Teatro Vivo is a company of three men and one woman from Guatemala who have performed in major cities in Central and South America as well as in the United States.

Their theatrical roots are quite different from ours. Although "teatro popular" began in Argentina in the 1930's, it did not gain a wide following in Central America until the 1960's.

It grew out of the social and political turmoil of Latin America at that time. It is a grass-roots movement which addresses itself to the needs of everyday people and, by its very nature, questions the status quo that these governments try to maintain.

Thus, it is radical and evolutionary not only in its themes but also in its concept as theatre that originates from the real concerns of

people and it stands in contrast to the "theatre-as-art" concept that we are more familiar with in North America (and which also exists in Central and South America.)

SUFFERED MORE VIOLENCE

Since the election in March of this year of President Rioss Montt, a "born-again-Christian" who claims God has chosen him for this mission, this small country with a history of violent repression of its own people has suffered from yet another escalation of this violence.

Some reports like CBC's *Man Alive* have made it clear that massacres of entire villages of native Indians by the military authorities have taken place.

Amnesty International reports that over 2,600 peasant and Indian farmers have been massacred since Rioss Montt came to power in March and also that there are tens of thousands who have fled this brutality into Southern Mexico.

On Tuesday people are asked to make a cash donation equivalent to

the price of admission for a Salt Spring theatrical event - between \$4 and \$5 - although any size donation will be accepted and no one will be turned away. All money raised will go to help the refugees in Mexico.

As well, people are asked to bring a homemade greeting card for a young boy or girl living in the camps. Other Canadians who have visited the camps in Central America have reported that the greeting cards have visibly improved morale.

IN SPANISH

Teatro Vivo's program will consist of mime and tragi-comedy. Their spoken script will be in Spanish but there will also be a printed program in English with a translation of their story. The presentation will not have a lot of meaning for young children but should be appropriate for high school-aged students.

Refreshments will be served after the performance and those wishing

to remain and talk with the group about their presentation and Guatemala will be encouraged to do so.

Anyone who can donate baked goods or juice to be sold please contact Lee Evans. Also, Outer Island residents who would like to attend and who need accommodation for the evening are requested to phone Lee.

Teatro Vivo is being brought to Salt Spring Island by the local 10 Days for World Development Committee and the Planetary Initiatives Committee.

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Arts Council open house Sunday

The Community Arts Council is holding an open house on Sunday to let the community know more about its work. Its support for cultural opportunities for all age groups is made possible through the monies raised by the Artercraft summer sale.

As well as bringing substantial revenue (\$93,000 this year) and giving employment to five island residents, the final profit from the

sale, after operating expenses, is used to assist many groups financially in their programs in the field of music, drama, dance, photography, weaving, painting and potting.

This year the Arts Council has sponsoring a new "after-school arts program", giving instruction to 40 children and there is already a waiting list for more classes in

January.

The Arts Council has also been instrumental in promoting the preservation and restoration of Mahon Hall for use by the whole community. They have given not only substantial financial support, but also many of their members have given hours of volunteer labour.

Last year a joint committee was established to administer Mahon Hall with three persons representing the Parks and Recreation Commission and two from the Arts Council.

The Arts Council also acts as a distributing channel for information on coming events, workshops, Canada Council grants - all the happenings in the field of the arts both in the province and across the country.

There will be craft demonstrations, a display of children's art and representatives of all the various groups at the open house. It will run from 2-4 pm at Mahon Hall.

New island theatre company will perform Shakespeare

Reading auditions for the production of *The Winter's Tale* will be held in St. George's Hall in Ganges Sunday evening at 7:30.

The play is being presented by a new group at Salt Spring Island, the New Globe Shakespeare Company, an offshoot of the Salt Spring Players. Spearheading the formation of the company is Marilyn Taylor, who says they will not compete with the Players, but will endeavour to complement that group's activities.

The new group is named after Shakespeare's most famous playhouse on the south bank of the River Thames, The Globe.

An actress and director well known to Salt Spring audiences, Taylor spent last summer in England working Shakespeare scenes with BBC actor and director Michael Deacon at the British Theatre Association.

As well as *Hamlet* and *Romeo and Juliet*, a scene from *The Winter's Tale* was covered extensively in the training course, said Taylor this week. During a two-month period, she attended 16 performances of the Royal Shakespeare Company and two of her company's workshops.

Acting experience is not necessary for attending Sunday's audition, says Taylor.

"Shakespeare's plays abound in small parts that are ideal for beginners," she says.

Future production plans of the New Globe include *Taming of the Shrew*, *Twelfth Night* and *Macbeth*.

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GALIANO NEWS

Trusses going up on new activity centre

BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER

Work on the Galiano activity centre has been delayed this week by the inclement weather. Construction is at a difficult stage with 50-foot trusses to be raised and set in place on top of 24-foot-high walls.

Ray Hill, who is in charge of construction, organized his eight workers as a coach prepares a team for a game. Each was assigned specific tasks which have to be carefully co-ordinated. Blackboard diagrams illustrated each stage of the tricky operation.

Wolfgang Wolfe and Bob Gilson were the high-riggers sitting on the 8-inch top plate 24 feet above the ground, guiding each truss into place and nailing it in position. Jordan Hartmann, Steve Oesko and Chris Bender are at the same height on the mobile scaffolding adjusting and nailing the cross-braces.

Backing up the team from below are chief carpenter Geoff Yallop with Gordie Palmberg and George Parsons. Gale-force winds and constant rain made this operation even more hazardous and forced its suspension until weather conditions improved.

Incidentally, if the editor expects coverage and photographs of such dangerous events he should issue a hard hat (perhaps Bill Webster has a crash helmet that would do) and register his columnist with the Workers' Compensation Board.

Ushering In

The North Galiano Community Association held a Christmas "Ushering-in" Party in their Community Hall on Saturday. This was a multicultural event with customs, decorations and food from many countries. Into the former one-room school house packed over 70 adults and two dozen children who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Master of ceremonies Alistair Ross provided the party spirit with the mulled wild blackberry wine and kept the festivity moving from one activity to another. Christmas greetings in 22 languages were pinned to the walls and the competition to identify these was won by Kathie Pattison with 15 correct. Having been born in Belgium she had a head start over the uni-linguals.

Gill Allen had prepared a pinata with the Canadian look of an Arctic owl. When young Mullie Schmidt was unable to rupture the papier-mache bird, a blindfolded Trevor Berg smote so valiantly that the

candied contents scattered across the floor and the children scrambled for the goodies.

VISITOR FROM ULSTER

A special visitor arrived from the North Pole by way of Ulster where he picked up an Irish brogue. The children, again responded with delight to Santa Claus and his gifts. The raffle to raise money for the fire hall heaters was won by Nancy Quist who will have a difficult job in choosing her prize.

Should she take the dressed doll with a crib and a wardrobe of hand-made clothes for her daughter Sarah, or should she take the bicycle to use herself when she runs out of gas, and Galiano's only service station is closed? Second prize went to Helen Reynolds.

The guests then sat down to a smorgasbord of Christmas fare from several different countries. The lucky almond in the traditional Danish Christmas rice pudding was found by Steve Pattison. Community singing of Christmas carols followed the meal, accompanied by the Gilsons, Sue on the piano and Bob on the guitar. This was the first test of the community's piano after it had been repaired by Lloyd Slind.

The party ended with the premiere of the Scottish Country Dance group who performed *Highland Fair*. For an encore they rendered *The Dance of the Twelve Clowns*, accompanied by a bagpipe playing a theme from Tchaikovsky's well known *Nutcracker Suite*.

A Christmas Card for the Queen

Ronaldo Norden of Galiano has had one of his delicate etchings chosen as a Christmas greeting card to be sent from B.C. Ferry Corporation to Queen Elizabeth. The oval-shaped etching done on copper plate, shows one of the large Queen ferries turning to port out of Georgeson Bay, as it prepares to pass through the narrow southern exit of Active Pass.

Thirty-six of the 100 prints made were purchased by the corporation to be made up into "prestige" greeting cards. The Queen of Norway is also to be the recipient of one of these beautiful cards. It is to be hoped that the cards will not suffer the usual post-Christmas fate, but will be framed and hung in some gallery or on a palace wall.

The Twelve Weavers

Galiano residents and visitors have been given ample opportunity during the past four weekends to inspect the products of the industry and inventiveness of island craftsmen and artists.

Last Saturday's second Annual Craft Fair provided the discriminating shopper with the choice of an attractive variety of gifts to buy. Galiano potters Peggy Pearson and Richard Hawbolt displayed wares in their distinctive styles and glazes. Paul Hawbolt of Fantasy Glass, who recently attended the opening of the Emerald House Restaurant in North Vancouver for which he designed and made several of the windows in the reconstructed heritage building, showed Christmas medallions, some made by his newly acquired sand-blasting technique.

Betty Fairbank was busy selling her print-on-cards of the work of Galiano artists, and Enid Gaylor her light-as-gossamer mobiles.

Ronaldo Norden showed some of his latest embossed etchings. Also on view were the plates and built-up plaster casts from which the embossings are made.

The focal point of the fair was the long central display of Galiano's Twelve Weavers. For a year and a half this group has met once a month in each other's homes. They have attended many stimulating workshops - one on Japanese Ikat by Liz Courtney of Salt Spring, a second on spinning by Judith Mackenzie of Victoria and a five-day one at Salt Spring by Anita Mayer of Anacortez on one-of-a-kind art clothing pieces.

Four of the weavers went to Seattle in July to Convergence, a biennial conference of 2,400 weavers from Canada and the U.S. where for four days there were many workshops and seminars from which they gained new ideas and techniques.

Coming Events

Santa Claus and the Christmas Ship will be docked at the wharf in Montague Harbour from 8:40 to 9:30 am on Sunday. On the same day all parishioners are invited to a Christmas welcome party for Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Pocock in Page Drive Lounge from 2 to 4 pm, and in the evening the new minister will

lead the Annual Children's Carol Service beginning at 7 pm.

The Ladies Service Club will meet on Monday, Dec. 13 at 2 pm. Traditionally this is the time members learn how well they did at the bazaar, and decide on the donations they wish to make.

Although classes at Galiano School have been decimated by the 'flu bug, practices are in full swing to prepare for the school's Christmas concert which is scheduled to begin at 7 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 15th. The major part of the program is a musical drama, *The Land of Point*, performed by the children and a few brave adults.

The primary and junior classes will present additional numbers. Concert-goers are warned to be in their places early, for an overflow crowd is expected for this single performance.

Those in need of Christmas gifts might like to visit the Thrift Shop on Burrill Road between 2 and 4 pm on Saturdays where they can purchase gift certificates to present to their family or friends.

All Galiano pre-schoolers are invited to meet Santa Claus at the South Community Hall at 1 pm next Thursday. Parents' gifts of Christmas yummys would be welcome.

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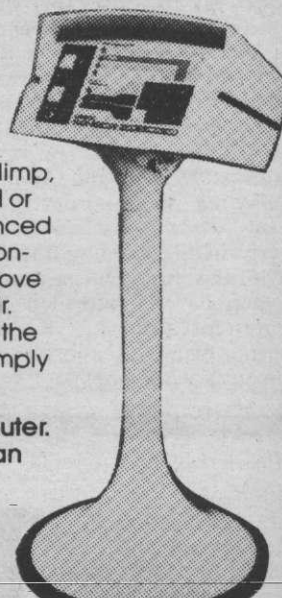


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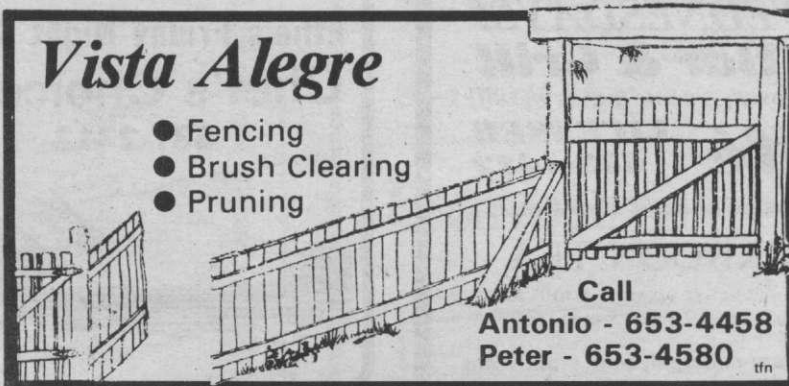


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Community Society Craft Faire

The Christmas Craft Faire, staged by the Salt Spring Community Society, filled Mahon Hall with seasonal enthusiasm Friday and Saturday.

At top left, Mark Meredith discusses the evening's activities with David Barclay, right, in front of an exhibit of Meredith's pottery. Barclay also had a display of his hand-crafted wooden articles.

The colourful dragon, above, attracted attention and had to be calmed by creator Joel Mathews. She showed her stuffed toy animals and the ducks and lions as well as the dragon added colour to the Craft Faire.

Music supplied by Terry Warbey, at left, delighted browsers. Warbey picked tunes on a dulcimer he had made. He had other dulcimers for display and sale.



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School trustees don't like county system proposal

The Gulf Islands could be the target for an experiment in the proposed county system proposed by the provincial government, and the local school trustees don't like the idea.

Copy of a resolution expressing concern about the possibility of the Gulf Islands being part of a county has been sent to Education Minister Bill Vander Zalm.

Charles Hingston of Salt Spring Island urged the school board to seek information about the scheme in order to check the implications, both negative and positive, as they relate to the students of the school district.

Under the proposed county system, all functions of civic government including the business of school boards would be the responsibility of a group of elected officials. Such entities as school boards would cease to exist.

The Gulf Islands School Board will ask the British Columbia School Trustees' Association for

any information which it has on the subject.

The school trustees will consider further action when the information is available for study.

Katimavik open house

The participants in Katimavik approach the end of their stay on Salt Spring and will hold an open house to thank island residents Sunday at Cedar Beach Resort. They issue an invitation to any islander interested in learning more about the program.

The afternoon get-together begins at noon and ends at 4:30 pm. The participants will be there to talk to people about various aspects of the program as well as to explain the next rotation of Katimavik.



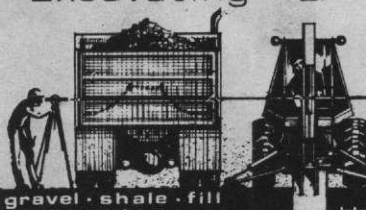
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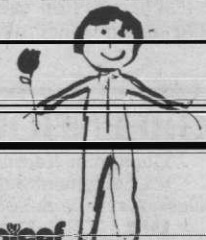

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KICK-OFF

Local teams having banner year in lower island soccer league

BY MALCOLM LEGG

As is evident from the standings our teams are having a banner year in the Lower Island league with all teams challenging for top spot in their respective divisions.

In fact, in recent weeks the Salt Spring teams have improved their standings with key victories.

In Division 1B the Kicks have almost assured themselves of first place after the win over Gordon Head ran their record to nine wins and one loss.

The Strikers in Division 3C are in a dead tie with Gorge for first place after a win over Juan de Fuca Columbia. A win this weekend will assure them of a tie for first and possibly divisional honours.

In Division 4C the Wranglers have a solid hold on second place, still two points behind Lansdowne. Unfortunately, they need some outside help to move into top spot.

The Sting in Division 5C have vaulted into second place with a convincing win over Peninsula and hope to hold on to their position with some key late season wins.

Last but not least are the Selects in Division 6 who have a record of seven wins to one loss and with a win this weekend can vault into first place.

With all these key divisional races going on, the last few league games should be packed with thrills and excitement, and your support can help push our teams on to victory. So come out and cheer our youth on as they drive for their divisional crowns.

Here is a summary of other news.

Christmas Break

Last league games will be played on Decmeber 19 and will re-open on January 15, 1983. The junior section of the intra-island will end their season on December 18.

Christmas Dinner

It will be held on Monday, Dec. 13 at Kanaka Place Restaurant. The dinner commences at 6 pm, and is open to all coaches, managers, referees, sponsors and their escorts.

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Please turn all monies in to myself, Strick Aust or Norm Forsyth at the concession stand.

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Coaches' and Referees' Schools

We will offer both after Christmas.

DOWN THE GUTTER

BY KEN COLLINS

Terry Jenkins has been struggling all year to find his form of last year. Last week he finally put it all together when he came up with a big 900 triple. He had games of 388-281 and 317 to total 936. This is our highest triple to date.

Other good scores came from Anne Harrison: 751; Sheila Lucas: 718; Bob Akerman: 748; and this writer with 716. Connie Kelly had her first 300 game of the current season when she bowled a 311. Buntly McNally had a 302, while Bob Akerman had a 309.

The bowlers of the week were

Anne Harrison and Terry Jenkins.

How many times have you seen someone bowl a gutter ball with the first ball only to see him spare on the next ball?

One of the most common mistakes that I observe people making while bowling is that they tend to drop their shoulder just as they are about to release their ball. Always try to keep both shoulders level till you have released the ball.

Y.B.C. NEWS

High scorers Saturday, Dec. 4 were:

Jets: Nathan Helfrich, 64; Heath Cooper, 29; Jennifer Neilson, 73; Eric Taylor, 91; Alicia Gopp, 60.

Pee Wees: Leah Brubaker, 74; Rita Phelps, 69; Jeffrey Neilson, 161; Clinton Helfrich, 117; Daniel Hatch, 89.

Bantams: Laura Little, 206; Lisa Jorgensen, 203; Marnie Shaw, 184; Paul Hatch, 194; Lance Davis, 152; Mark David, 146.

There are no scores available this week for the juniors. I'll be sure to include them next week.

Seniors high scorers Wednesday, Dec. 1 were Dawn Guilbault, 200; Denise Harrison, 181; Carol Cunningham, 169; Steve Marleau, 328; Paul Trenholm, 239; Dan Fraser, 206.

GOLDEN AGE BOWLERS

Top scorers for the past week were Geof. Baker, 662 (268); Gladys Harper, 657 (283, 207); and Ruth Bedford, 605 (283).

Other good scores came from Jim Holder, 200; Edie Gear, 211, 240; Flora Robinson, 209, 212; Lydia Purser, 204, 209; Fran Kreckel, 209; Nellie Herbert, 212; Helen Herron, 218; Rusty Hopper, 207; Margaret Pilon, 216; Flo Kavanagh, 215; Mary Vickers, 219; Ed Allen, 273.

Margaret Pilon had 117 pins over average as did Mary Vickers and Frank Cullis with 113.

Sell surplus assets to raise money —ministry

A recent decree from the ministry of education allows school districts to lease or sell surplus assets as a means of generating money without having to go to the taxpayers.

The new measure, said Education Minister Bill Vander Zalm, would also give school boards the incentive to manage space "as effectively as possible."

In the Gulf Islands, the school board will be weighing the need to the district of the surplus property to determine if the sales would benefit the district.

The surplus property owned by the school board includes a residential property on Beaver Point Road as well as the property and buildings occupied by the Community Society on Ganges Hill on Salt Spring Island.

On each of the Outer Islands, the board owns the house and land of the teacherages on each island.

The teacherages were placed on

the market earlier this year but the offers to buy did not meet the satisfaction of the board. The properties were taken off the market and the board decided to sell them when the market improves and a good price can be obtained.

The board does not intend to sell the properties it owns on Salt Spring Island.

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SOCCER STANDINGS

Division 1B:	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
1. Salt Spring Kicks	6	6	0	0	12
2. Lansdowne	6	4	2	0	8
3. Gordon Head	6	4	2	0	8
4. Cordova Bay	6	3	3	0	6
5. Prospect Lake	6	3	3	0	6
6. Bays United	6	1	5	0	2
7. Duncan	6	0	6	0	0
Division 3C:					
1. Gorge Canadians	10	7	2	1	15
2. Salt Spring Strikers	9	6	2	1	13
3. Gordon Head	9	1	5	3	5
4. Juan de Fuca Park	3	2	1	0	4
5. Juan de Fuca Columbia	9	1	7	1	3
Division 4C					
1. Lansdowne	7	7	0	0	14
2. Salt Spring Wranglers	7	6	1	0	12
3. Bays United Barbarians	7	5	2	0	10
4. Gordon Head Westcoast	7	3	3	1	7
5. Bays United Westcoast	7	3	4	0	6
6. Peninsula	7	2	4	1	5
7. Prospect Lake	7	1	6	0	2
8. Sooke	7	0	7	0	0
Division 5C1:					
1. Gorge	10	10	0	0	20
2. Peninsula	10	5	4	1	11
3. Salt Spring Sting	8	4	3	1	9
4. Prospect Lake	9	4	4	1	9
5. Juan de Fuca	10	3	6	1	7
6. Bays United	9	0	9	0	0
Division 6C2:					
1. Bays United	6	6	0	0	12
2. Salt Spring Selects	6	5	1	0	10
3. Lakehill	6	4	2	0	8
4. Sooke	6	3	3	0	6
5. Gordon Head Gulf	6	2	4	0	4
6. Gordon Head Cosmos	6	1	5	0	2
7. Lansdowne	6	0	6	0	0

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This Week in Recreation

SOCCER:

- Div. 1B: S.S. Kicks vs Prospect Lake, Sun., Dec. 12, 10 am, Portlock Park.
- Div. 3C: S.S. Strikers vs Juan de Fuca, Sun., Dec. 12, 1 pm, Portlock Park.
- Women's: S.S. Sockeyes, Sun., Dec. 12, 11:30 am, Portlock.
- Div. 4C: S.S. Wranglers vs Sooke, Sat., Dec. 11, 12:30 pm, Sooke.
- Div. 5C: S.S. Sting vs Gorge, Sat., Dec. 11, 12 pm, Portlock.
- Div. 6C: S.S. Selects vs Bays United, Sat., Dec. 11, 11 am, Portlock Park.

INTRA-ISLAND

Senior: Saturday, 9:30 am. Dodgers vs Cosmos, Portlock #1; Fury vs Sounders, Portlock #2; Sharks vs Stingers, Ganges School.

Junior: Saturday, 11:30 am. Demons vs Eagles, Portlock #1; Gobins vs Firebirds, Portlock #2; Devils vs Panthers, Ganges School.

EXHIBITION: Div. 8: Intra-Island All-stars vs Peninsula, Sat., Dec. 11, 1:30 pm, Portlock Park.

INDOOR TENNIS: Every Friday at Cedar Hill Rec Centre.

A summer pilgrimage

Britain at its best and at its worst

BY FRANK RICHARDS

From the changing state of Harrogate's spa and the changing role of the great inland resort, down through the Midlands, into the south and through Wales and the south west, Britain was at its best during the past summer. And its worst.

It showed us brilliant sunshine and stultifying heat. But it also brought us thunder and traffic-stopping deluge.

The industrial Midlands are no more beautiful than most smoke-blacked great cities. But they are less beautiful than many.

Sign of the times is the grass growing in the pavement of industrial properties everywhere offered for rent. Signs of the same times were the holiday tours offered at discount rates, as the suddenly unemployed found themselves unable to meet the costs of an exotic holiday.

Signs of those times were the spinning wheels en route to the domestic holiday centres up and down every coastline. A holiday at home in Britain was cheaper.

The speed of British traffic is impressive. The regulations permit much higher speeds than would be tolerated in British Columbia and the average driver adds a few miles per hour to express his ego. On the motorways truck traffic travels at about a 70 mph maximum and around 100 is the top speed for cars.

FAST TRAVEL

The motorways are for moving large volumes of traffic from point A to point B in the most direct and the fastest possible manner. They represent a 20th century concept in transportation. But if the traveller wants to see the country, he is better employed using the main roads and the side roads. There he will find the quaint cottages and the castles and the mansions. On the motorways he finds fast convenience and monotonous views of miles of farmland.

In terms of climate, the south west coast of England most nearly resembles the islands. Except in winter snow. Devon experiences now, in some parts, only once in several years.

The coast of Devon is a reminder of the remarkable attraction of the English coast, with its miles of golden sand, warm bathing and

tourist facilities. Community after community lives off the delights of a conventional seaside holiday. Even today, with a substantial segment of the population travelling abroad for holidays, the beaches are crowded and the fascination of the seashore holds every inland Briton enthralled.

CORNISH TRAVEL

Cornwall is the Edwardian holiday resort. Invented by the ancient Britons, Cornwall made tin and catered to the equally ancient Phoenicians. It was discovered by the railways, developed by the automobile trade and rejected by the foreign-holidaying public. It is rugged in parts and it has to be. As the southeastern corner of Great Britain, it has to withstand the fury of the Atlantic storms.

Today the faithful tourist still looks to Cornwall and the strife-racked, strike-packed British Rail still sends its 125 mph trains whistling over the steel to Cornwall from the British capital.

Back in the Midlands we looked at history.

The banks of the Avon River are as steeped in history as they are in blood. The blood is forgotten. The history is the mainspring of the various small towns and villages.

Castles nestle against the river bank, overlooking cottage and mansion. Ancient churches rank with the relics of the past.

SEEING SHAKESPEARE

The world makes its pilgrimages to Stratford to examine the last physical record of the man called Shakespeare. The traveller from the far end of the world joins in the unending queue of the curious. He rubs shoulders with the student from across the town or across the county or across the country.

The Shakespeare home is a curiosity: it is no longer a home. The woodwork is worn and repairs have been made in the modern manner.

The physical remains of Shakespeare's world are on view. But the traveller recognizes no link with the playwright. Sentiment is not for sale. The pound's worth of culture is mechanical. I wouldn't go there again. I'd stay with the homes where a fee is still charged but all is kept intact.

But within a stone's throw stands Warwick Castle, with its walls and towers intact and its dungeons freed of the death and despair they once served.

Now the property of the famous waxworks company, Tussaud's, Warwick Castle is open to the curious public and offers not only a close introduction to the world unknown to most, but throws in the waxen images of those who once graces its halls and state rooms. There are kings and princes and lords and ladies. Some are enjoying music as the singer is accompanied by a piano, and a king, as yet uncrowned, valiantly glows with fire as he seeks to light a cigar.

LINK WITH HISTORY

For two months I wandered around city and countryside in England, with a brief trip to Spain. I enjoyed most of all the link with the thousands of years of history to be found and enjoyed everywhere.

The countryside was green and vital and the great industrial cities were drab in the rain and sad in the sun.

The trip to Powis Castle and its magnificent rooms was reminiscent of Warwick. It bears the same marks of opulence; of living on a scale of magnificent splendour far beyond the imagination of the ordinary fellow.

I was particularly impressed with the libraries of these monuments and the sad message that when a home of these dimensions is left behind, even the books are abandoned as merely part of the decor.

Where 10 persons might comfortably pass are a hundred talking, shouting, jostling sightseers.

The visit to some of the great homes of Britain is an introduction to recent magnificence and centuries of world history. Close your eyes and see the generations of Europe's leaders who have passed through those halls and gathered in those great rooms. When Shakespeare was writing of affairs of long before and far away, the people who populated those chambers were creating the history that his literary successors would use as the raw material of their works in years to come. There is yet the veneer of that history to be examined and enjoyed.

We stayed with friends and relatives all over the land.

In Birmingham I visited my youthful mother: she is edging 92. In Wales I visited my youthful sister-in-law. She hasn't even thought about her 90's, yet.

In Yorkshire we stayed with an

old friend in her modernized and renovated cottage and in Cornwall we enjoyed St. Austell with another cottage-converting friend. In Warwickshire my brother and his wife elected for a modern house. The homes are obviously English, but the passage of the years has shown a North American influence in both the penchant for central heating and the design of the average kitchen.

I have lived too long away from England to join with the emotional poet in his own, his native land. But I had lived long enough in Britain to remember with pleasure the green and pleasant land beyond the smog-covered cities. The great, vast countryside with its miniature fields and cramped, narrow lanes must appeal, in some degree, to every visitor.

The ancient monuments and the ancient towns and cities are a reminder of that common heritage which is shared with the entire English-speaking world.

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Showing off ribbons won during the Lower Mainland Regional Merit/Bronze Gymnastic Meet in Surrey last weekend, members of the Gulf Islands Gymnastic School, from left, are Kim Jorgensen, Sheryl Luscombe and Jodie Harrison.

Gymnasts attend Surrey meet

Members of the Gulf Islands Gymnastic School attended the Lower Mainland Regional Merit/Bronze Gymnastic Meet in Surrey last weekend. Accompanied by coaches and judges, the three girls competed against six gymnastic clubs from the lower mainland region. Sixty-eight gymnasts took part.

In the Tyro age category, Kim Jorgensen placed first overall, first place in floor exercise and first place in vault. She also achieved third place on the balance beam. Also in Tyro competition was Sheryl Luscombe who placed fourth overall as well as achieving second in floor exercise and fourth in vaults.

Competing in Argo competition was Jodie Harrison.

Coach Macie Pring told *Driftwood* that the next qualifying meet will be the bronze level which will be hosted by the Delta Gymnastic club in February, 1983.

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The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce 1982 paint up-clean up award goes to the Gulf Island Trading Company.

Owner Grant Carignan will receive the trophy at a dinner-reception hosted by the Chamber of Commerce December 8. The

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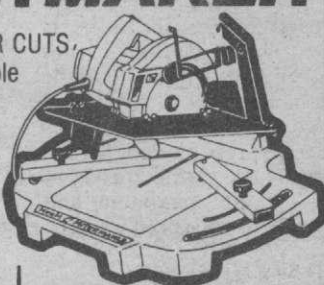
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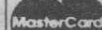
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