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Riding change objections to be heard next week



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Boys will be boys, girls will be ghouls

Gulf Islands Secondary School students are presenting a three-act play with music entitled *Boys and Ghouls* to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the activity centre in Ganges. 2 x 4 (Ray Hawkes), left, holds Barbara (Maria Payne) who is about to be stifled by Dracula (Paul Betts). Music has been added to the script by teachers Irene Wright and Dwaine Prosk.

Nona Rowat has had seven operations since a hit-and-run accident put her in hospital last June, but she is in fine spirits nonetheless.

"In a lot of ways, I feel very lucky," the Vancouver resident told *Driftwood* this week. She was in hospital last week for the seventh operation on her leg since the accident on Salt Spring last year.

She had been riding her bicycle up Ganges Hill last June on the way to visit friends. She was struck from behind by a vehicle which sped off and left her seriously injured on the side of the road.

Ganges detachment RCMP are continuing their investigation of the accident.

In addition to the problems Rowat has experienced with her leg, she suffers from a strained back. She undergoes physiotherapy three times each week and has had acupuncture treatment to relieve the pain.

"It has really taken up a lot of my time," she said, but despite the ordeal she adds, "I'm okay."

She walks without crutches now although she has a noticeable limp and her major concern in this spring weather is that she can't attend to her garden.

She works part-time three days each week and rides her bicycle to and from her job. The severe damage to her leg means she cannot participate in sports. She ran in a marathon shortly before her visit to Salt Spring.

"You really don't know what you would miss," she said, "until it's missing from your life."

Her leg bears five scars from the accident as well as a skin graft. The sight of the leg, she said, causes an uncomfortable feeling when she goes swimming.

The accident also brought changes to her home life. Her

BY BILL WEBSTER

Arguments over where the lines will be drawn on the map are set to go in Victoria next Monday and in Nanaimo on Tuesday.

The dispute centres on the soon-to-be-lamented riding of Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands. The federal electoral boundaries commission for B.C. split the riding into four parts and at least four objections to the carving job have been registered with the commission.

Members of the New Democratic party, the liberal party and the Progressive Conservative party will join municipal governments in the Cowichan Valley in the protest. The municipalities of North Cowichan along with Duncan, Ladysmith and the Cowichan Valley Regional District will make a joint submission.

The protests centre on the Lake Cowichan area which is to be divided to become parts of three new ridings, Nanaimo, Esquimalt and Comox-Alberni. The Gulf Islands have been separated from the mid-island constituency and grouped with the Saanich peninsula communities in the new riding of Saanich-The Islands.

'RIDICULOUS'

Jim Manly, MP for Cowichan-

Malahat-The Islands, has termed the new boundaries "absolutely ridiculous." He will join NDP member Barbara Wallace, provincial member for the area, in making a submission to the commission.

"I don't anticipate a major problem in getting a minor revision in the boundaries," he said.

Wallace told reporters, "I am opposed to this fragmentation of our community at the federal level."

She joins Liberal Mike Coleman in decrying the disappearance of the name Cowichan from the constituency name.

Coleman, former mayor of Duncan, said, "The commissioners obviously faced a difficult job. But in the case of mid-island representation they botched it."

"Caesar divided Gaul into three parts; the commissioners had the gall to divide us into four."

Don Taylor, P.C. candidate and former MP for the current local federal riding, wants the boundary drawn so it doesn't completely destroy the Cowichan Valley community.

Towns such as Duncan and Ladysmith are part of the Cowichan Valley community, he said, but are in the new Nanaimo riding and other parts of the valley cannot identify with Esquimalt to the south.

Splitting off the Gulf Islands makes sense, he said, if the idea was to line the islands up with the provincial constituency. The islands have more commercial ties with the peninsula, he noted, and are part of the Capital Regional District.

But cutting off the Gulf Islands does not make sense to Moe Sihota, who will represent the NDP riding association at the hearings. He noted in a letter to the commission announcing his intention to address them, "...the Gulf Islands cannot be

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Seven operations later, victim of hit-and-run in good spirits

husband, Peter, now takes care of the household chores.

"It has changed our lives," she said, "but at least I can still laugh."

Rowat said she does not hold bitter feelings against the driver of the vehicle which struck her down. The accident and its aftermath brought her to support the group Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD).

"There doesn't seem to be much doubt that the person who hit me had consumed some booze," she said.

The courts and the police must make every effort to ensure that people don't drink and drive, she said. The law must be made more severe so that no one would consider driving after consuming alcohol.

She also praised the people on Salt Spring who cared for her immediately after the accident. In particular she mentioned Dr. Peter Clark and the staff at Lady Minto Hospital. She wanted to say thank you to those who came to her aid that night.

"It's good to know how much love there is in our society," she said. Her spirits have been boosted by people whom she hardly knows who have phoned her to offer support and wish her well.

The rehabilitation to this point has been slow and difficult, she admitted, but she looks forward to the future with optimism.

"It's still early to tell what sort of deficit I'll be left with."

'Agent' not commission representative

The "government agent" talking to vendors in the parking lot of Centennial Park in Ganges is not representing the Parks and Recreation Commission, says chairman Glenn Woodley.

He said the commission will discuss rental arrangements with the Okanagan fruit vendor and others who use the parking lot during the week. Nothing has been decided upon, he said.

If a rental arrangement can be made, the money would be used by the recreation group to maintain the park. The commissioners are currently talking with those involved to set a course of action.

The matter will be talked over by the commissioners at the regular meeting of the commission next Monday.

Ferry service threatened

The provincial government employees are upset and the unrest could mean a strike against the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

The B.C. Government Employees' Union is currently holding a vote on the issue of the traffic and security patrolmen at ferry terminals of the ferry corporation. The ferry company wants to take the patrolmen off the job.

When the members of BCGEU went on strike last summer, the ferries came to a halt as a result of picketing by the 40 patrolmen. They are the only workers with the ferry company to belong to the government workers' union.

A spokesman for the ferry corporation said that during the

strike, while the ferries were running, there were no patrolmen on duty and there were no problems with traffic at the terminals without them.

The results of the vote will be known by next week. While union officials won't say whether a strike will be called a news release on the subject earlier this month noted, "By taking an arbitrary decision to deny that service to the users of its service is a foolish and even dangerous mistake on the part of the corporation."

Any strike against the ferry corporation would isolate the Gulf Islands and reduce service between Vancouver Island and the mainland.

Objections heard next week

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well represented by a member from Saanich."

He will argue that with the Cowichan Valley included in the Esquimalt riding, the populations of the three Vancouver Island constituencies will be more equitable.

Under the commission's proposal the Nanaimo riding will have a population of 93,163. Esquimalt

riding will have a population of 79,461 and the Comox-Alberni riding will be home to 86,340.

Saanich-The Islands would have a population of 89,942.

The current population of Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands stands at 99,422.

ENTITLED TO 33

As a result of the 1981 census, B.C., with a population of 2,744,467, is entitled to be represented in parliament by 33

members. The province is currently served by 28.

The number of members to represent each province is set by a formula outlined in the Constitution Act. The provinces, according to population, are classed as large, intermediate or small.

The large provinces, being home to more than 2.5 million people, are Quebec, Ontario and B.C. The only intermediate province, population between 1.5 million and 2.5 million, is Alberta. The remainder of the provinces are classed as small, having populations less than 1.5 million.

The Yukon and the Northwest Territories have a fixed number of seats in the House of Commons. Yukon has one seat and NWT has two.

QUEBEC USED AS BASE

Quebec is taken as the base province and the population, according to the last major census, is divided by the number of seats plus four. The figure arrived at is then used to divide the population figures of the other large provinces to determine the number of representatives each would have.

Quebec is currently entitled to 75 members. With the added four seats, the population of 6,438,403 is divided by 79 to arrive at a figure of 81,499.

The population figures of the other large provinces are divided by that number too and the resultant figure is the number of seats to which the province is entitled.

In the case of B.C. the figure which resulted from the division was 33. The population is divided again by 33 to arrive at the figure 83,165. That figure is the ideal population of each riding. The commission which was established to look at representation in B.C. attempted to create 33 constituencies with a population of 83,165.

HEARINGS HELD

The commission determines the boundaries of the proposed ridings and then holds public hearings in order to make any changes deemed appropriate. The report of the commission as well as the maps of the proposed ridings go to parliament for final approval.

When parliament approves the new ridings, a Representation Order is issued. If an election is called before one year of the date of the order, the elections are determined on the current ridings. If the year passed before an election, the next vote would be in the proposed ridings.

The entire process takes at least 2½ years.

When the new ridings are contested, there will be 312 members of parliament compared to the current 282. Provinces can gain seats but no province can be represented by fewer members than it had in the last re-adjustment.

Infectious period questioned

The public health office in Ganges has been receiving phone calls from parents concerned about the infectious period of chicken pox.

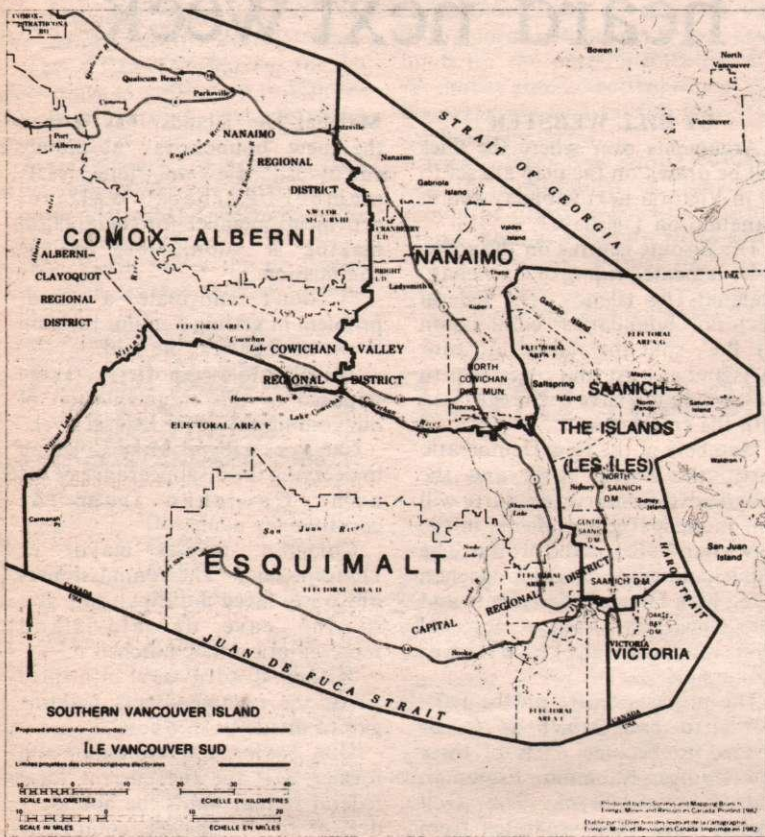
The danger period for spreading the disease begins five days before the red rash appears and lasts until six days after the last outbreak of the blisters.

The parent of a child infected with chicken pox should observe the

outbreak of spots each day. When a couple of days have passed with no new spots appearing, the parent can count six days from the day the spots last came out.

After the sixth day, the danger of spreading the disease has passed.

The local epidemic has been going on since September and will probably continue until at least June, the health office warns.



Map shows new riding boundaries

Trust to urge land swap

The Islands Trust will urge the provincial government to arrange a land swap with Texada Logging to preserve the Maxwell Lake watershed.

Texada owns property near the lake and has plans to put in residential units on seven lots. Two of the lots are in the watershed.

Tom Gossett of the Water Preservation Society told the Trust committee last week that the company is willing to accept an exchange of equal value but the ministry of lands and forests has done "virtually nothing".

Texada wrote to Gossett in June of 1982 and guaranteed no

development would take place on the property for one year while a land swap was being negotiated. If a deal were being worked on at the end of a year, the guarantee would be extended.

The ministry of forests seems to be the problem, said Gossett.

The Trust committee was urged to take action by the Advisory Planning Commission as well as the Salt Spring Planning Association. The committee will write to MLA Hugh Curtis and the minister of lands and forest to swap crown land somewhere in the province for the watershed acreage at Maxwell Lake.

Gossett indicated that Texada appears interested in land on Vancouver Island.

"Texada knows what it wants," he said, "but the government hasn't moved."

15 fail to show

The action in Ganges provincial court went quickly recently, mainly because 15 of the persons involved in the 22 cases to be heard did not show up.

Judge R.B. Allan issued bench warrants for their arrests for failure to appear. Of the cases, 11 involved seat belts. Only one person appeared in court to answer the charge.

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Trustees won't sit on committee

The Salt Spring Island representatives to the Islands Trust decided last week not to sit on the Ganges sewerage disposal committee.

The Salt Spring Trust Committee talked about a request from the Capital Regional District to name a representative of the Trust to the committee.

Gordon Wallace, a general trustee and Islands Trust representative for North Pender Island, said the committee would have to decide if it wanted to participate in the sewage committee and then decide who would sit on behalf of the Islands Trust.

Nick Gilbert of Salt Spring said the committee to study the sewage disposal problems must be as fair as possible and must be seen to be fair. He noted that the latest committee, approved recently by the CRD board of directors, omitted mention of those who had opposed the sewer project in what appeared to be a deliberate attempt to leave them out.

"I take offence that they are being ignored," he said.

Bev Unger, also of Salt Spring, had been included on the list submitted by Salt Spring CRD director Yvette Valcourt which the CRD had rejected.

She explained that while the Trust Committee had not previously appointed anyone to represent it, she had been requested by Valcourt to sit with the group which would study the issue.

She and Gilbert had talked about it and decided to have Unger sit on the Valcourt committee, she said.

Unger also questioned the inclusion of the Ganges Centre Association on the list proposed by the CRD. She questioned the

number of members the association had and why, in that it had only recently been formed, it was to name two members to the sewage committee.

Valcourt told the trustees that she had not been aware of the association until mention of it was made at the CRD board meeting. She called it a secret organization.

"I was not even aware such a thing was being formed," she said.

Valcourt explained her concerns with the new committee. The school board and the hospital board were represented, she said, but the institutions would pay user costs only and not pay for the capital costs of the project.

She had submitted a list of 25 names to board chairman Howard Sturrock of Saanich but a "johnny-come-lately" decided he wanted to nominate the committee" and the controversy began.

The CRD chairman and Valcourt had studied 200 names of possible members, she said, before arriving at the list which had been rejected. It was Sturrock who had decided that Greenwoods would best be represented by the hospital board, she said.

Mike Humphries of Lasqueti Island, Islands Trust chairman, urged both Unger and Gilbert to give the matter second thought.

Lack of representation from the Islands Trust would not change the committee, he pointed out, and could deprive the committee of their point of view.

Gilbert agreed that the options to offer protest on what was happening were limited and requested time to talk about the situation with Unger. The pair were to make a decision by the end of the week.

"I urge you to reconsider your position very carefully," said Humphries.

By Friday of last week, the two Salt Spring Island trustees had decided not to take part in the Ganges committee's deliberations.

Round that circle!

Thinking of education, I heard a report in Edgar Dunning's program on the teaching of a second language. Before teaching another tongue, ascertain whether that school time might not be better employed teaching technological subjects. This is the other end of the circle! When I came in, the traditional identification of a learned man was his ability to handle other languages. Now we will recognize an uneducated man by his fluency in languages.

The first step

It came in the mail, this beautifully crafted brochure on becoming a millionaire. It is so easy. The brochure explained that finding an extra \$1,000 is the first step. I reckon they're wrong. The first step to being a millionaire is wanting to be a millionaire. Maybe that's why I'm not one. At least, it's as good a reason as any.

The wrong side

I bought a window or two. They were used and cheap and just what I needed. But the price was on them. And each window bore the legend, "Richards Paid". That's because they'd already heard of me and insisted on cash in advance. But how to get it off? It was in a marker pen ink. I tried gasoline and nothing happened. Alcohol wouldn't move it. Water was wasted. It wouldn't respond to abrasives and I couldn't scrape it off. Until I had a brainwave. I washed the other side of the window. I was trying to clean it off from the wrong side.

It wouldn't pass

Reading the Islands Trust summary of home occupations the other day I came across the guide to the trained nose. A stench is graded from the one you can't trace to the one that kills you if you stick around. These are offensive odours and not noxious pollutants. Zero leaves you unaffected. No. 4 you can't stay with very long. I ended up realizing that Ganges Harbour would never be allowed as a home occupation. It must be about a No. 3 on the trained nose chart.

The flag is flying

There's a Union Jack flying on the American islands over the water from here. I was thumbing through an old copy of the Legion Magazine that Art Patterson left with me months ago. He left it with me because it tells of the Pig War of 1859 and the cemetery on San Juan, known as the British Cemetery. Beneath its grassy slopes lie seven Royal Marines and a civilian, all of whom died from natural causes. More than a century and a quarter ago there were British and Yank settlements on the San Juans. They are the American Gulf Islands. When an American settler shot a Hudson's Bay pig fire and brimstone rained down from heaven. This was it. As a result of the dastardly attack on a fine British porker, the United States sent its troops and the British sent three warships. For a few more years the two nationals maintained forces on the San Juans until Kaiser Wilhelm I of Germany was invited to arbitrate and he gave the islands to the States. Eleven years ago a colour party from the Britannia Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion went to San Juan to take part in the raising of the Union Jack in the British Cemetery to fly for ever over the remains of those marines. And the flag yet flies, there.

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They're different in 1984

Decreasing school populations have resulted in the closing of a large number of schools in British Columbia. Landmark and tradition have been set aside in order to keep pace with a declining attendance. The day of constant school building programs all over the province has disappeared. It may well prove to have been only a short break, but there are plenty of schools around going for a song.

Except in the Gulf Islands.

We're different.

The school trustees of the islands are not concerned with the closure of islands schools redundant from a slow-down in enrolment. Gulf Islands School District is moving in the opposite direction.

It's 1984 the trustees are approaching with trepidation. But it is not Big Brother who threatens the school district in 1984. It's Big Son and Big Daughter who are watching us as they promise to go about 16 students over the capacity of existing and pending schools on Salt Spring Island.

Let's make a trade!

If the provincial government were to accept an exchange of property to settle the fate of Maxwell Lake there would be no new routes followed. The government has often made an exchange of timberland where an encroachment on the community or other specific pressures were being felt.

A petition has been successfully circulated on Salt Spring Island, asking the province to go ahead with a proposed exchange of Maxwell Lake property and land of equal value and potential in some other, less vulnerable part of the province.

They've done it before: the people have asked for the deal and a large, loud voice has gone up from islanders asking for relief.

At stake is the quality of water in Maxwell Lake. And that's the future of Salt Spring Island. It does not seem an insurmountable problem: the government is not short of land.

No warm commendation

There were two members of the public at last week's annual meeting of Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.

The number probably hits an average over the past two decades. Each year the firemen attend the fire district meeting. Many volunteer firemen are accompanied by their wives. Trustees are usually present and anything from none at all to three or four residents unrelated to the district or the department.

The meeting elected two trustees to serve another three-year term.

There was no discussion of the completion of the new Fulford Fire Hall. No comment was made on the acquisition of a new fire truck.

The meeting did not speculate on the forest fire last year which brought the forestry service to the island.

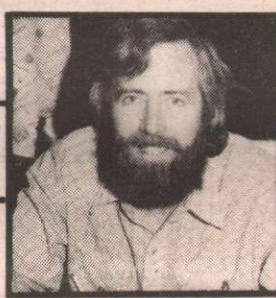
Fire Chief Bob Leask outlined the mechanics of the past year's operation. He reported on the 82 fires last year in the district and the 125 calls for assistance. With the exception of two members of the general public, the meeting was already aware of the incidents described by the fire chief. They had all been there before.

The fire chief referred to the past year; to the new hall and the new truck. He reported that the department now numbers 27 volunteers.

Ace Mainwaring of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment at Ganges and Dennis Andrews, employee of the B.C. Ferry Corporation, were both re-elected, largely by firemen.

Despite the apathy evinced by the general public or perhaps, echoing the complete confidence of the community, the meeting gave its seal of approval to the past year's operation, thanked the firemen and their employers and completed the business of the meeting in short order.

It might have been a little more reassuring had the island been represented better.



Tony Richards

SEEN ON THE FISHING GROUNDS a couple of weeks ago was a local fisherman crawling on hands and knees in a skiff full of herring.

Was Bill Hitchcock searching for the perfect herring? Or was he grading his catch, fish by fish?

The answer is none of the above. He was looking for a lost pair of glasses, a search that proved fruitless.

Now he's waiting to hear about some unfortunate Japanese connoisseur of herring roe chomping into a pair of bifocals.

THE AUTHOR'S NAME began as C.S. Lewis when I wrote here recently about my wife meeting the Queen in Victoria. An alert typesetter pointed out that surely I meant Lewis Carroll.

Of course, I agreed, what a foolish mistake.

Unfortunately, I was wrong again.

It was Alice (and with a name like that she ought to know) who reminded me that it was A.A. Milne who wrote about Christopher Robin and Alice seeing the king at Buckingham Palace.

ONE OCCASIONALLY HEARS reports of high hands in games of cribbage, but rarely does one hear of the low scores.

My wife pulled off a low score the other day, a score that's hard to beat.

It was her crib, too, and her total was one point.

PROFESSIONAL CHEESECAKE CHEF Janey Talbot lived up to the praise bestowed upon her at the recent Salt Spring Elementary School auction by producing a masterpiece.

Her cheesecake was worth far more than the \$9 I paid, especially when you take into consideration the strawberries, loganberries and raspberries that came with it. I'll be at the next auction looking for another one.

HOCKEY STICKER BOOKS have been big among youngsters recently, my own included.

They filled a couple of books and promptly lost them but last week they got another one.

A friend of mine received it for his birthday along with the instructions that he must fill it before he gets his present. So he offered my sons a nickel per sticker if they filled it for him.

My eldest son immediately demanded 10¢ or there was no deal. My friend agreed and now my sons are busy buying up all the stickers they can find.

Meanwhile, I don't think Jay Small realizes that the deal is going to cost him something like \$25.

MY WIFE AND I made one of our occasional treks to the south end of Salt Spring Island Friday evening. Our purpose in making the journey was not to see for ourselves if Fulford Harbour had really disappeared from the map, but to get a first-hand look at the area's nightlife.

We were surprised to find that most of that area's inhabitants, it would seem, prefer to stay home. And that seemed odd considering that Strait Salt was playing at Nan's Cafe. The entertainment and the food were excellent.

The former included a first-class rendition of *New York, New York* and the latter included a delicious Irish stew.

But if restaurant operators David Peek and Tamar De Vane were disappointed in the size of the crowd that night, they probably were not the only ones.

We almost stopped at the Fulford Inn but there was hardly a soul there. Things were no different at the north end where both hotels reported very quiet nights.

As far as Strait Salt is concerned, those who didn't hear them can kick themselves for having missed the performance.

WHEN IS A GULF ISLANDER not a Gulf Islander?

The answer, according to Allan Brooks, is when one is required to pay \$15 (and not \$10) for a *Driftwood* subscription.

The former South Pender Island resident adds, however, that \$15 is still a bargain.

In a letter last week, Allan, who now lives in the Comox Valley, wondered if *Driftwood's* postal rates were lower for papers delivered in the islands.

They are, indeed, but I doubt many people know why.

In fact, we don't pay any postage for papers delivered within a 40-mile radius of Ganges, provided there's no carrier delivery in the area.

The federal department of communications pays Canada Post to deliver those papers, as a benefit to readers.

AND IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW, it was my birthday too last week, although after last week's birthday announcement in the classified (for which I was not responsible), everyone seems to be aware of my "growing up."

Consider this advance notice of my wife's birthday. It's August 16 and she too will be 32 but I'm not certain that she's growing up.

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Letters to the Editor

Beautiful resort foreseen

Sir,
A friend and I had a guided tour of Bodega Resort near the north end of Galiano Island. We marvelled at the amount of work accomplished by an enterprising couple in the space of 1½ years.

When anyone on any of the islands talks about shortage of water they should rather mention the millions of gallons of wasted water and then see what Bodega Resort has done to form a couple of large lakes which contain many acres of that much-needed resource. And they will soon be stocked with trout, another plus.

Bodega now has a couple of log cottages ready to serve those interested in finding a country

setting, and, while it's still in its rough stages, I can foresee a beautiful resort and I say more power to the hard-working couple who have excellent dreams for their 25 acres.

It is quite possible the north end of the island will have a golf course and I walked over those possibilities. This will take much more hard work but I'm positive this couple have the determination and the expertise to come up with a dandy little golf course.

And competition is good, and I know that sometime in the future the Galiano Golf and Country Club will shed its holier-than-thou attitude and open its doors to the deserving residents of Galiano whether they be old or young and where they will be able to go anytime for a coffee, a beer and a sandwich, play checkers or just gossip about this terrible letter writer.

Incidentally, while working on the grounds of Bodega Resort, Steve Ocsko picked up a rare Indian stone mortar. It probably belonged to a medicine man and it has a small bowl held up by frog's legs but with a face carved in front. The museum at Victoria figures it to be about 2,000 years old and it's a fine piece of Galiano history.

CHAS. J. GARDNER,
R.R. 1, Galiano.
March 13, 1983.

P.S. One of the most controversial matters at the annual meeting of the Galiano Hall was the market garden on Friday mornings. In fairness to the established grocers and their high operating costs the new executive could limit sales to items made, produced or raised on the island.

And Ollie Garner and his crew should be commended for their efforts as the 1982 executive.

P.P.S. Mr. Editor, I appreciate the letters and phone calls received from the neighbouring islands. I got hell for missing last week.

Participants thanked

Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in the Legion mixed shuffleboard tournament, and to those who took part in the team play competition at pool. For the 1983-84 season we hope to have some prizes, then the spectators that have been in attendance will perhaps be participants.

I appreciated the Ladies Auxiliary having the kitchen open, it was well used.

Thanks to Ivor Cawker for the extra work he did as bar steward, and to the Branch for the contribution to the players.

The bridge players have been most patient with the tournaments and we thank them.

Special appreciation goes to Jock Stewart and Jack de la Franier for their assistance.

DENNIS H.C. ANDERSON,
Sports Chairman,
Royal Canadian Legion,
Branch 92,
Ganges.
March 16, 1983.

Why not follow example set by Egyptians?

Sir,
Recently when reading a book about ancient Egypt I learned that the villages of the Nile instead of fighting amongst each other came to co-operate "so that all might reap abundant harvests." This book points out: "Co-operation meant organization. And it was the gift of organization, perhaps more than any other single factor, that enabled Egypt to erect a dominant, enduring state."

On Salt Spring we seem to be lacking such a gift. Instead we see here a community divided by controversy and confrontation over the sewer issue.

I believe it is time for all Island residents to forget about past mistakes and unfortunate statements concerning this issue. Perhaps Henry Ford was correct when he said, "History is bunk!"

I believe all residents should come together and recognize we have a serious problem on this Island regarding sewage disposal and that this problem needs to be solved now for present and future generations. In my view this problem needs to be solved by us who live in the

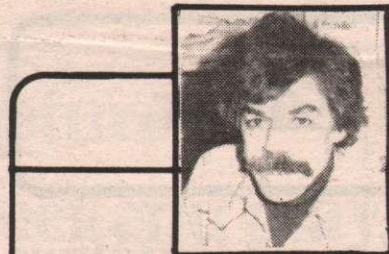
community, particularly by the residents in the area most affected, namely Ganges.

However, because of the lack of co-operation and effective organization here there seems to be a real danger that vital and costly decisions could be made by people who are not residents.

This danger could have been avoided if the CRD Board, instead of rejecting the sewage disposal council proposed by our Regional Director, Mrs. Valcourt, had acted within her formula for this council. Changes in persons named for it could have been made as necessary to strengthen its role and credibility.

I have heard much concern expressed about the council to be formed by the new formula, especially since its terms of reference do not allow it to explore all practical options for disposal and since the need for a referendum is questioned.

Further controversy and confrontation appear to be the inevitable result of this new formula. The fact that key Island groups and people reject it is evidence of this potential



Bill Webster

True to form, Tories doing everything to avoid success

Recent comments in this space concerning aspects of life on Salt Spring have prompted devastating rebuttals against which I have no defence.

The letters of reply caused great concern and the admission must be made that a search of motives revealed, indeed, that I lack qualities such as conviction, determination and, as a result of tilting with utility poles, the top of my left ear.

Rather than risk alienating anyone else in these isles of beauty, this week the words are directed farther afield.

In Bytown-by-the-Canal, the federal Tories prepare for a convention to choose a leader for all the people. The blue bunch smell election victory and, true to form, are doing everything they can to avoid success.

High River Joe, to prove he does have a chin, decided to beat the backroom grumblers to the punch. He imitated a diplomat and stepped aside just in time to avoid the knives.

And so, with the help of the islands character Suitcase, the Tories seek a leader of renown, refinement and resilience.

To date, 11 hopefuls have tossed hats into the ever-expanding ring as possible choices for the position of Tory-target.

In addition to High River Joe, the contest will feature John

Codfish Crosby of Newfie joke fame.

When he announced his intention, John C. said his image as a buffoon may hurt him. He will conduct his campaign "looking as though I was weaned on a pickle".

Actually, a jokester as leader of the country may be just what we need. The situation has reached a point where, if we don't laugh, we will all cry ourselves to the poorhouse.

It was John C.'s budget, you will recall, which brought about the downfall of the short-lived Tory government a couple of years ago.

The Liberals pounced on his intended oil price structure.

"If the people re-elect us," they cried, "the cost of gasoline won't go up to the price the Tories want."

Canadians, at least the Eastern variety, in their collective wisdom elected sufficient Liberals with the result that the price of gas, true to the Grit promise, didn't reach the level the Tories had intended. It more than doubled.

But back to John C. and his running competitors.

Jut-jawed Brian Mulroney also wants the job. He, of Iron Ore Company fame, agrees with Peter Pocklington that the country needs a millionaire businessman running things.

Mulroney has resigned from the presidency of Iron Ore and will, he vows solemnly, run for a seat in the gas-house by the Rideau.

Wayne Gretsky's boss wants the position. He will free enterprise and get the country on a scoring streak. Mr. Pocklington talks of great things happening in this great country under his leadership.

The choice of Tory leader is, as in all matters affecting the party, not a simple matter. The leader must have an iron will, an iron conviction and an iron back.

The new leader must convince the Tories that when they are called to service on a firing squad, they do not form a circle.

Nevertheless, whatever the outcome, the fun and games should keep the minds of Canadians off the fickle finger of Pierre for a while.

The possibilities for the next federal election would be interesting if Mulroney convinces the Tories to choose him and John Turner becomes Liberal leader. The vote would become more of a male beauty contest than anything else.

Which is why my money rides on John C. We've had prime ministers with many and assorted qualifications. It's almost time to have one with a sense of humour.

What law was invoked?

Sir,
Is it true that the Okanagan man has been banished from selling fruit and vegetables on "our" island by some nameless "government official"?

What law could this official possibly have invoked? Who could

he possibly claim to represent? I like buying fruit and vegetables from the Okanagan man. He gives good value.

Lots of people like to buy from him, given the choice. Who has decided that we are no longer to have that choice?

MURRAY REISS,
RR 1 Vesuvius Bay Rd.,
Ganges.
March 21, 1983.

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More Letters to the Editor

Director's committee had good representation

Following is a copy of a letter to Chris Woodward, inspector of municipalities.

You advised the C.R.D. that the tragic split in the Salt Spring community and health considerations were two issues that must be faced and resolved not only by the board but more importantly by the people of Ganges.

You confirmed that although a referendum is essential, it could not take place before the November election. Further you indicated that the time would best be spent if the people of the community were assisted in arriving at a resolution of the waste disposal problem.

The C.R.D. concurred with your proposal and resolved to establish a committee to study possible alternative ways of eliminating the pollution problems in this critical area with various forms of sewage treatment and discharge alternatives being considered. Funding for necessary professional studies and advice was to be made available.

It was moved and adopted that Mrs. Valcourt, the regional director, would appoint a committee representing the divergent interests in the community. Mrs. Valcourt appointed a committee, which in her judgment would best carry out the mandate of the committee which is to honestly examine alternatives for sewage treatment and disposal.

She worked closely with the chairman on the formation of this committee. The proponents of the presently proposed system were well represented on the committee, a fact which is attested to by the support she received from Mr. Sturrock, the Chairman of the C.R.D., who recommended that her proposed committee be approved.

Mrs. Valcourt's recommendations were rejected and an alternate committee was appointed, the composition of which, on the surface, appears to be representative, in spite of the anomaly that the

Ganges Centre Association (an organization that has only existed for the past three weeks) was granted two seats whereas the Sewer Alternatives Committee, which has been responsible for all organized opposition, was given no representation.

All the organizations with the exception of the Islands Trust and the Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association are on record and have consistently supported the presently proposed sewer with the marine outfall. The Property Owners and Tenants Association have never manifested concern for the environment and only belatedly objected to the sewer on the grounds of excessive cost. Accordingly, it is apparent that the committee is "stacked with representatives that have never been receptive to legitimate alternatives."

Mr. Sturrock is concerned that this committee was appointed without the sanction of the Regional Director. This, as you are aware, is a departure from all precedent at the Board. Further, it is a departure from the spirit and intent of your recommendations calculated to heal the rift in the community and to seek resolution of our problems in a co-operative way. How can this be when the whole democratic process is once again manipulated?

Mayor Pollen proposed that there be a referendum as the only way of clearing up the debacle and maladministration of the C.R.D.'s handling of the Ganges Sewer. Further, that not only should there be a house-cleaning of the staff responsible but also these elected officials should resign for their part in this maladministration and manipulative denial of the democratic process for the people of Salt Spring.

The same sewer proponent group has once again successfully lobbied the same voting block of Directors who have been responsible for the whole mess.

Chairman Sturrock, by his word and deeds, gave hope that there might be a reasonable resolution of the problem, in that he appeared committed to assuring an honest assessment of alternatives. His sincere efforts have been totally negated through the appointment of this committee which, so obviously, was selected to assure a continued direction by the C.R.D. of investigations along lines acceptable to them.

I urge you to give your support to Chairman Sturrock on his stand of supporting the right of the elected Director to appoint committees in her area of representation.

Her committee does include good representation of the present sewer proponents. If it is true that it is slightly disbalanced in favour of those receptive to looking at alternatives, is this not appropriate in that supposedly this is the object of the committee. Surely this is better than the committee approved, overweighted with the old sewer proponents, who have no interest other than a determination to employ the marine outfall in the cheapest way possible.

P.A. TIERNAN,
For the Sewer Alternatives Committee.
March 16, 1983.

Blame typos on flicker

Sir,
Let me introduce myself to your readers as the person who usually proofreads this stuff. If I've let more typos slip through this week than usual—well, I have a tale to tell.

When we moved into our new house just before Christmas, a few finish items were still missing—among them soffit covers. So when we noticed clouds of shredded pink fibreglass floating in the breeze, we quickly deduced that a bird was nesting in the open eaves, over a corner of the bedroom.

The bird book identified it as a red-shafted flicker. We thought it was pretty cute, although probably not to code, to have a bird in the house; we would have preferred swallows, but in the winter one can't be picky.

I enjoyed watching him (or them) swoop from trees to house, and from house to lawn, where he and his friends cruised for worms like giant speckled robins. The constant scuffling in the ceiling reminded me of my student days in the slums of Vancouver, when pigeons in the

attic were as *de rigeur* as cockroaches under the refrigerator.

But last Friday at 6:45 am I was awakened by a loud drilling noise, inches from my ear. I remembered that a flicker is a kind of woodpecker. "Hey, cut that out," I yelled, and threw things. I was early for work, and not pleased.

Like most people, he took the weekend off.

But this morning he went off again at 6:45. That's too early for me. I'm tired.

Will he get up earlier and earlier as the days grow longer?

Would anyone like to swap for a family of swallows? Or offer advice?

ANNE LYON,
R.R. 1, Epron Rd.,
Ganges.
March 14, 1983.

P.S. He's now getting up at 6:25. This morning, however, we foiled him; waking up with the sunrise, we were ready for him; and at the first tentative scuffle we booted him out of bed.

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exceeded our expectations. We are now able to purchase a necessary piece of equipment which will go a long way in improving the quality of the teams' performance in future gymnastic meets.

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Home occupations

A very part of rural living—or a threat to commerce?

BY FRANK RICHARDS

For the first time since planning came to the islands, the question of home occupations has been closely examined by the Islands Trust.

Home occupations have long been an accepted commercial activity in a residential setting. The use of the basement for hobby crafts and the sale of goods so produced have never been frowned on, here or elsewhere in the province.

To some extent the system polices itself.

At the lower end of the scale, the use of a home for many occupations is not evident and could not be controlled, even if there were any wish to restrict it. The resident who takes a typewriter home and pursues a commercial purpose could not be faulted. The cooking of produce to be disposed of elsewhere for cash would be difficult to limit.

Each occupation will find its own limits. A bank of typewriters and stenographers would be impractical as would a truckload of bread from a home kitchen.

One car being repaired in the garage could not lead to a fleet of 50 cars under repair.

The current question is stopping short of such absurdities. There are two aspects to the sanction of home occupations.

At what point should a home occupation be identified as a commercial venture, requiring zoning approval of the premises used?

And to what extent is the use of the private home for commerce and industry a challenge to the normal procedures of zoning property for such purposes and requiring a trade license?

Is the home occupation an unfair challenge to the commercial venture? Is the home occupation a threat to the local residents and when could it be considered a detriment to the value of property?

The Islands Trust has distributed a summary of the home occupations legislation among island Trust committees. The established nature of home occupations was recognized when zoning regulations were introduced, it is stated. The continued use of home and land was only subject to limiting nuisance to neighbours.

The Islands Trust has recognized that some uses have developed which were not contemplated when the regulations were first introduced.

ADVANTAGES

Among the advantages of home occupations listed by the Trust are the provision of income from a convenient, pleasant workplace for writers, artists and artisans who work alone or who do not need extensive facilities. Home occupations allow for the establishment of enterprises which might not be viable, otherwise, during their developmental stage.

The home occupation provides goods and services which might not otherwise be available where population would not justify an

independent business establishment. Sale of the products of artists, potters, weavers and other craftsmen is in keeping with the rural lifestyle of the islands.

And there are disadvantages.

SHORTCOMINGS

Neighbours have no prior warning of the nature of a home occupation which is being launched on an adjacent lot. The operator of a successful home occupation may be unwilling to move even when his activity has reached the point of being viable. Owners of established full-time commercial operations may feel that they are faced with unfair competition in the form of home occupations.

Infractions of the home occupation regulations are difficult to identify and to meet.

The Trust recognizes three basic methods of applying controls.

The first would be to prohibit home occupations and to introduce zoning to cover the use of property for such purposes.

Second method would be to allow home occupations in certain areas, but not in all, or to allow some home occupations in all areas.

Third procedure is the one currently employed, which allows home occupations to be carried on in almost any zone, subject to general regulations.

ADMINISTRATION

The first would be difficult to legislate and impossible to police while demanding considerable administration.

The second would require little administration and could minimize nuisance.

The present system lacks definition and can lead to difficult enforcement problems.

When the question was considered last fall by the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission, it was felt that the present system was the most effective and the best way to go.

Typical stricture to control nuisance is cited by the Islands Trust:

"The home occupation carried on therein shall not produce noise vibration, smoke, dust, odour or heat..."

It tells what is wanted and what is not wanted, but it is impossible to enforce.

A regulation related to the increases in pollutants in the air would be enforceable. Such pollutants as carbon monoxide, sulphur oxides and others could be measured. The opacity of smoke is

measurable against the Ringelmann Chart and reference to that opacity would be a means of enforcement.

These could be used. There is no suggestion as yet that they should be or that they could usefully be cited.

SMELL THAT ODOUR

Odour is measurable by a "trained nose" from a zero condition of no odour sensation to a Grade 4, where the odour is overpowering and intolerable for any length of time.

Without this type of specification a bylaw is readily challenged in court.

Many municipalities have noise bylaws, notes the Trust, but few are enforced in the courts.

Regulations that will stick, says the report, are such as a requirement that all activity be limited to the dwelling and/or an accessory building. The size of signs and the external appearance of the property can be regulated and it might be ruled that only items manufactured or assembled on the site may be sold there.

Some home occupations might require a minimum site area or specified set-back. Regulations calling for screening from view of tools or other materials are enforceable.

THREE STYLES

The Trust report also offers a distinction between the various uses of property for a home activity.

Home occupations would be those economic enterprises carried on entirely within a building unit by an occupant of the dwelling.

Home industries would be such enterprises conducted within a permitted accessory building by the occupant of a permitted dwelling.

Extended home industries would provide for enterprises carried on on a property not otherwise zoned for commercial or industrial use by an occupant of a permitted dwelling on the land.

Home occupations, emphasizes the Islands Trust, are a continuing reminder of the rural nature of the islands' communities. Providing employment and services they can, nevertheless, create nuisances for neighbours.

Most home occupations have no evident offensive features, it was noted. A few have objectionable features which should be

minimized.

The Trust looks to isolation as the essence of correction. If an activity is removed from sight, out of sound and produces no nuisance, it hurts nobody.

The summary was presented to the Islands Trust council at its recent two day meeting but it was passed on to island committees for their consideration.

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Children helping children

Last Sunday's concert was in aid of Save The Children Fund and raised almost \$100 for the cause. Organized by Jean Knight and sponsored by island music, dance and gymnastic teachers, students

performed in many and varied ways in Mahon Hall. Kate and Julie Gilbert, above, students of Pat Duke, piano teacher, play a duet. Below, Morven Neish plays a harp solo.



Resurrection of I-IPACS planned

Opening new possibilities for performing artists in the islands is the goal of a local society that is being brought back to life.

The Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society (I-IPACS) is being resurrected by a number of local residents. A meeting is planned for Sunday at 2 pm at Tribal Drum Communications, Lee's Hill, the home of Uri and Susan Cogan.

I-IPACS was responsible for a number of musical events of Salt Spring Island in recent years.

Ideas to be considered by the society include performing arts workshops, a musical and others.

Mayne to be transfer point

When the summer schedule for ferry routes is adopted, Mayne Island will be the transfer point for the Outer Gulf Islands.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation and the new Gulf Islands transportation committee are in the process of discussing the summer runs. A new route, using the *Quinitsa*, will improve service to Saturna Island.

The *Mayne Queen* will tour the Outer Islands from Swartz Bay with an added stop at Long Harbour. Transfers will take place at Mayne for traffic headed to Tsawwassen or to Salt Spring.

The Salt Spring Island transportation committee will gather in the library of Salt Spring Elementary School next Monday to discuss the new schedule.

The 13-member committee will meet at 8 pm to listen to ideas, complaints or comments from the public concerning service to the mainland and to Vancouver Island.

The Gulf Islands transportation committee is a newly formed group consisting of a representative of each island.



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The program will consist of traditional Celtic tunes from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany.

The Irish harp has recently found international favour as interest has grown in the authentic performance of folk music. The instrument has had an important place in Irish culture as far back as the 12th century.

At that time harpers enjoyed great prominence and respect and their instruments were often attributed with magical powers. Harpers were often poets who plucked out tunes as they recited their verses.

The hammered dulcimer came to Europe with Crusaders returning from the Middle East. It had been known in Persia and Arabia for many years. It is an ancestor of the modern piano and is much in use in Middle European countries where it is also known as a cembalom.

Maureen Brennan and Ciel Tarmann are two young California artists who have appeared extensively at festivals and fairs in the western United States and Canada. They have also appeared as a warm-up act for one of Jean-Pierre Rampal's concerts.



Maureen Brennan and Ciel Tarmann

John Mika to visit islands

New Democratic Party candidate for Saanich and the Islands provincial constituency will visit three islands on Saturday.

John Mika will visit Pender, Mayne and Galiano Islands.

At Pender he will be at the Driftwood Centre between 10:30 and 11:30 am and on Mayne at the Agricultural Hall from 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

The candidate will be at Galiano between 3:30 and 4:30 pm but no decision had been reached by Monday as to where he would meet the public.

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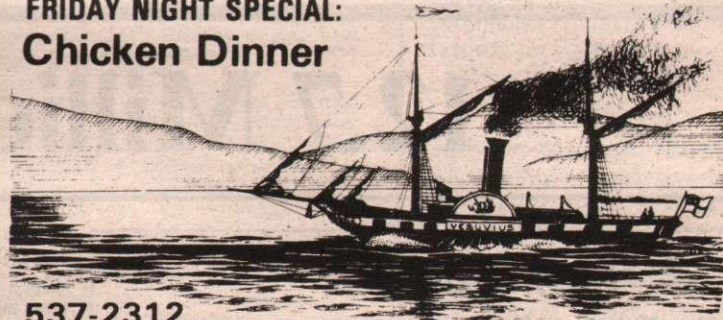
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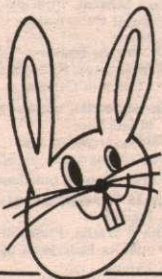
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Music from different parts of the world will be performed by the Pearson College Choir and the College Singers while solo numbers will be sung or played by other members of the college community.

The show will begin at 2 pm at St. George's Hall in Ganges. Admission is \$3 at the door.

The Salt Spring Concert Society is staging the event.



Pearson College Choir

Pender visitors

Grades 7 and 8 students from Pender School had a field trip to Ganges March 16, when they had a tour of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Greenwood's was their next stop, where they put on a recorder and piano concert for the residents.

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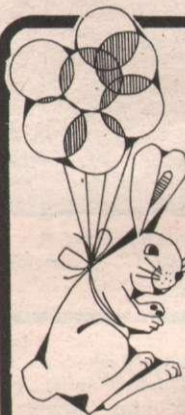
Mean maximum temperature for the day is 10.7° C. This represents the average maximum over past years.

It was not a wet day.

Weather office recorded a precipitation of two-tenths of a millimetre. Average precipitation for March 24 is 1 mm.

Spring sprung into life at 4:39 am on Monday, warm and dry. The winter, although exceptionally mild, broke no records.

Records fell in January, when the mean temperature was more than twice the normal. The average temperature for January at Patricia Bay Airport stood at 6.3° C. The mean for January, established over 41 years, is 3.1° C. Records at the airport go back to 1942 when the station was opened. The January mean was even higher in Victoria, where a record of 7.1° toppled records dating back to the 19th century.



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Despite these results, your government recently signed an agreement to allow United States weapons tests in Canada. We understand you are considering a further agreement to allow Cruise missile tests in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

We are opposed to testing the Cruise missile, for nuclear weapons do not provide security. Their existence is a threat to the continuation of life on earth. Testing the Cruise missile will contribute to a dramatic escalation of the arms race and will make verifiable arms control agreements extremely difficult. It will also weaken Canada's ability to play its traditional constructive international role for peace.

We therefore urge you to refuse to allow the testing of Cruise missiles in Canada, and to press for productive negotiations towards disarmament. We encourage you to initiate a full national debate that will allow all Canadians to decide the role they wish Canada to play in ending the arms race and building a durable peace. For humanity's sake, please act now!

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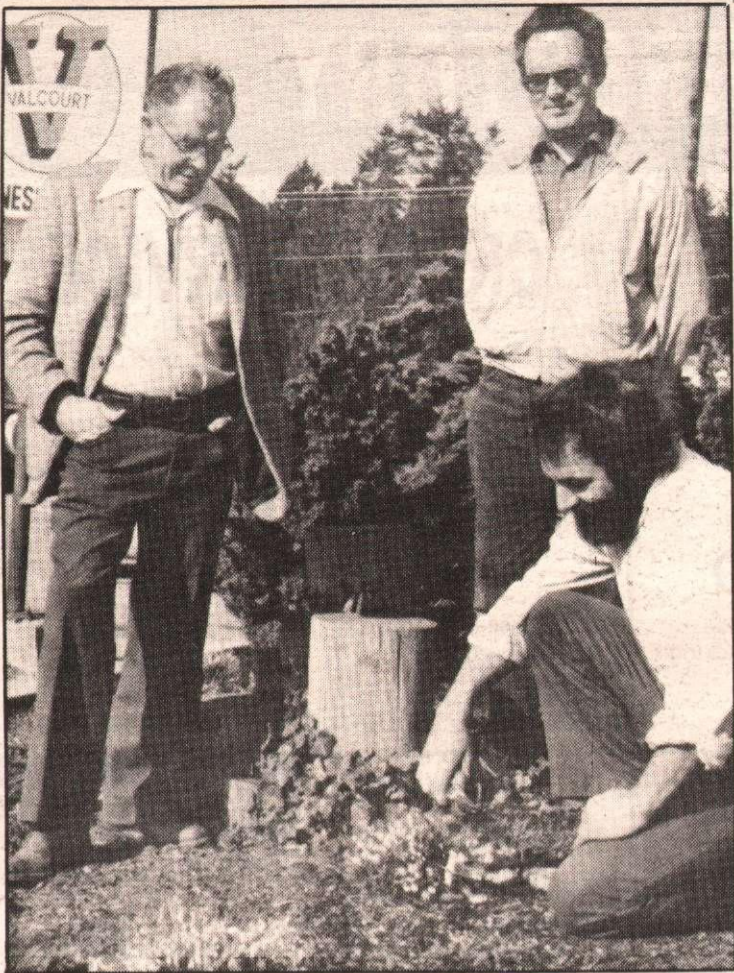
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The effort to beautify Salt Spring began in the roadside flower bed at the Valcourt Centre. Phil Valcourt, left, donated to the fund to bring beauty to the island. Chamber of Commerce president Dale Codd watches as landscape artist Walter Davis plants heather in the bed.



Beautification and cleaning up Ganges was the target and on Sunday a large number of volunteers turned up to do their part. Doreen Glasspoole tackles grass near Centennial Park while other swept streets and seeded planters.

Beautification plans require funding

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is looking for ways of funding its beautification program.

While donations are being accepted at both Ganges banks, the chamber is also exploring the possibility of obtaining grants from the Capital Regional District, the B.C. Lottery Fund and other sources.

The group is forming a committee that will be charged with co-ordinating efforts towards beautification of both public and commercial areas on Salt Spring.

The committee will offer information and will receive written requests for funding from businesses, groups and associations.

Walter Davis, of Treasure Island Landscapers, began the process of beautifying the commercial sections with the boulevard in front of the Valcourt Centre on Lower Ganges Road.

"I'm interested in getting something going," he said. He would be doing what has to be done on his own time and with his own money "for however long it will take."

Projects which the group has in mind include sprucing up the rear of the chamber office overlooking the K & R parking lot to match the efforts at Mouat's. A proposal for the site behind the office also involves putting in a set of steps from Lower Ganges Road to the parking lot.

"People have been waiting for permanent decisions such as on the sewer," said Davis, "but that's not what is needed right now."

He also sits on the Design

Advisory Panel as the landscape advisor when that group deliberates on development permits.

Other ideas centre on Centennial Park in Ganges. Davis visualizes a turf stone driveway as a means of setting up a courtyard effect. The turf stone is honeycombed and allows grass to grow while supplying a hard surface.

With the turf stone driveway at one end of the park, vendors at the Farmers' Market would drive on to the site, set up their wares and drive off to park somewhere else. Such a set-up, said Davis, would help with the space problems at the market as well as make more use of the park.

Chamber president Dale Codd said, "The idea is to do as much as possible at as little cost as possible."

He noted that the chamber has applied for a summer works grant to

hire up to 14 students. The young people would help to clean up public areas of the island.

Flower gardens at various locations would be tended by a crew of two people who would tour the island to water and care for them.

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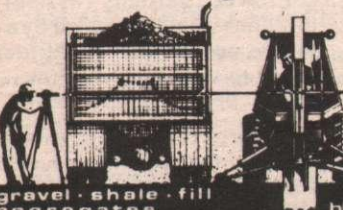
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Council promotes cultural activities

There are many opportunities for involvement by islanders in promoting the cultural activities of the islands, says the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.

The council, which holds its annual meeting next week, invites residents to become involved by serving on the CAC board of directors, volunteering with Artcraft or participating in one of the various interest groups or guilds.

The council offers two kinds of membership, individual and group. Fees for the former are \$3 per year and for the latter, \$10.

Objective of the CAC is to increase and broaden the opportunities for local residents to enjoy and participate in cultural

activities.

One of the ways in which this is accomplished is by offering support to cultural groups through grants.

Groups that received grants last year included 10 on Salt Spring Island: the Historical Society, the Weavers' Guild, Painters' and Potters' Guilds, the Singers, the Concert Society, the Players, the Community Band, the Camera Club and S.O.C.I.E.T.Y. Singers.

On the Outer Islands grants went to the Potters and the Art Group at Pender Island, the Little Theatre and the Paint and Sketch Club at Mayne and the Galiano Spinners and Weavers Guild.

Individuals benefit too through the CAC. In addition to a \$500

bursary to both a graduating student and a continuing student, grants-in-aid are given to individuals who are continuing or expanding their cultural development through study or a specific project.

The council offers art programs for children such as summer classes in painting and pottery, an after-school art program and funding for students to attend the Children's Festival in Vancouver.

Mahon Hall provides facilities for many of the activities of local cultural groups. Because of this, the CAC has contributed towards its restoration.

The Arts Council's funding comes largely from the annual Artcraft

Show and Sale at Mahon Hall. Last year sales totalled \$118,000, of which \$93,500 was paid to craftspeople and \$14,800 provided wages for staff and expenses.

The sale's profits were used to fund programs and grants.


The provincial government provides a per capita grant which amounted to \$1,030 last year. Another activity bonus of \$1,000 is available at the government's discretion because the CAC raises over 40% of its own funds.

The council's annual meeting is slated for next Tuesday at 8 pm in Mahon Hall.

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217 entries in school Science Fair

The Salt Spring Elementary School pupils showed their understanding of science and displayed projects at a science fair last week.

There were 217 entries in the fair. In the first fair, four years ago, there were nine entries.

Elaine and Anne Gardam took the top spot overall with a display of a topographic profile of Beaver Point. Jason Cherney was judged second with an explanation of geodesic domes. Jodie Harrison and Sarah Kienast produced a comprehensive study of bees for

third spot.

There were winners in each section from Grades 4 to 7 as well.

The pupils of the intermediate grades not only created displays of things scientific, but also wrote reports on their displays.

Festival program changes made

Some program changes have been made in the South Island Zone Drama Festival at Ganges.

Solstice Productions have withdrawn the three-act play scheduled for Wednesday, Apr. 6. Tuesday the 5th will now be totally occupied by Shawnigan Players with five of their playlets under the general heading of *Couples*.

Salt Spring Players have two one-acts on Wednesday, *Cubistique* and *Pedagogue*, and Solstice Productions present an original one-act play, *Entry* by Kevin Arthur Land, also on Wednesday.

Thursday, Apr. 7 remains as reported last week and Friday the 8th is shared by Peninsula Players and James Bay Players. Peninsula presents *Play Strindberg*, a "black" farce by Durrenmatt, who claims to have choreographed Strindberg, giving a picture of marriage as a boxing match.

James Bay presents *The Sandbox* by Edward Albee, and *Sotoba Komachi* by Yukio Mishima.

Saturday, Apr. 9, the final evening of the Zone Festival, will begin with two one-acts presented by Fernwood Community Theatre of Victoria. *Bookends* is an original play by Jim Harding, dealing with an encounter between two men on a bench in Victory Square, Vancouver.

God is by Woody Allen, and takes place in 500 B.C. Two playwrights in search of an ending for their entry into the Athenian Drama Festival call on "the elements" to help them in their quest.

Shawnigan Players, who open the proceedings on Tuesday, will close Saturday evening with the sixth of their playlets about the man/woman relationship. *I'm*

Herbert is another excerpt from *You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running* by Robert Anderson.

Each evening will close with a short public adjudication.

Following the final evening, adjudicator Clara Hare will present awards to the best actor and actress, best supporting actor and actress, best visual presentation, best director and best production.

The best production will go on to the finals festival in Victoria. Reg Taylor, Zone Festival stage manager, will present an award to the best backstage crew.

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Annual General Meeting

Saturday, March 26, 1983
Salons 1 & 2, Village Green Inn
Duncan, B.C. 2 pm

REFRESHMENTS

DOOR PRIZES

Emotional, physical abuse touches one out of four women in Canada

Our government has recently recognized that one out of every four women in Canada is a battered woman, emotionally and physically abused.

From an age-old, one could almost say, tradition, from the late 1800's in England, came the saying, "rule of thumb". This rule stated a man could beat his wife with anything including a stick. However, the stick could be no bigger than his thumb.

Who is a battered woman? It knows no age, financial or cultural boundaries. Defining what constitutes a battering situation is difficult for many people, including battered women themselves.

The confusion comes from the early stages of abuse, where it may be a less violent incident scattered with psychological abuse: "You're stupid, ugly, a poor mother and frigid in bed."

Statistics have overwhelmingly proven that it does not stop there. The physical and psychological abuse inevitably gets more frequent and increasingly severe until her life is in danger. Many women have been beaten to death, many hospitalized.

One woman from Vancouver Island was left a paraplegic for life. It took nine months for her husband to be brought to court.

Women who have been or are being abused seem to have similar stories. They could not have predicted that these men could demonstrate violent behaviour, nor could they predict when the behaviour would recur. Even when the reasons given for the violence were cautiously corrected, e.g., dinner ready on time, another excuse would be given.

Many women state that the slow emotional torture which produces invisible scars is almost worse than the blows. Bruises heal quickly, emotional scars are left lingering.

Many abusers are ridden with jealousy which leaves the woman isolated even from other women. Often she is treated with worse beatings or even more silencing: "You'll never see your children again."

He is often very loving after the incident and it is usually not

mentioned again—until the next time. Promises are always made for the violence to stop—they are rarely kept.

Women on our island are not immune and a support group for abused women is being formed. The purpose of the group is for women who are survivors or are still being abused to gain strength from meeting with other women with similar situations.

It is important to note the group will maintain and protect the strictest of confidentiality. Together the group will help, educate, inform and support each other. Legal advice will be available within the group, and a list of safe houses will be prepared.

If a member of the group wishes to separate herself and her children from the abusive situation, emotional support and assistance with the challenges of a new life, e.g., housing, finances, legal aid, will

also be available.

If you are a woman in our community who needs to be supported and accepted by other women who are faced with similar situations, join us on Thursday, Mar. 31, 1:30 pm at the Catholic Church. Day care will be provided free of charge at the Community Centre. Remember, you are not alone.

If you are a man who wishes to redirect his anger, you are also not alone. Other men have come forward wishing to form a supportive group. Please call the Community Centre at 537-9212.

If you are not feeling ready for a group but would like individual support or if you are in a life-threatening situation, call the Community Centre.

This article was submitted by the Salt Spring Island Community Centre.

German lottery tickets offered to islanders

Many residents of Salt Spring Island have been offered the opportunity to become millionaires—for a price.

Letters from Hamburg, West Germany, have arrived urging participation in the Staatliche Nordwestdeutsche Klassenlotterie. That's the Northwest German State Lottery.

The cost of a ticket stands at \$399 in Canadian funds, but the entry form asks for payment in Deutsche Marks or the equivalent in United States funds.

The lottery will be drawing prizes each Friday beginning in April and the whole thing lasts six months. Each draw will be for one million Deutsche Marks and the prize for a draw in September will be two million DM.

If the recipient of the letter wants to get in on the action but the price seems too steep, tickets can be split and one-half or one-quarter of a ticket are available. Fractional

tickets entitle the winner to a corresponding share of the prize money.

There will only be 300,000 tickets available and up to 113,000 cash prizes will be drawn for. The total pot stands at 103,000,000 DM and the prize money is guaranteed by the government of Northwest Germany.

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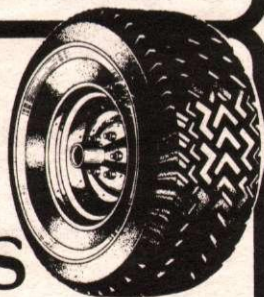
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Amnesty begins campaign against political killings this week

Heaps of human bones are unearthed by peasants from a pit in the Cambodian countryside. In a Ugandan prison cell a priest points out stains near the ceiling left by the bleeding bodies of dead political prisoners stacked against a wall.

In a cemetery near Buenos Aires the soil has been ploughed to hide the graves of unidentified victims believed to have been disposed of after abduction by security agents.

According to the local chapter of Amnesty International, the deliberate elimination of political suspects has not been confined to any one ideology or culture or to any one region of the world. In the last decade alone hundreds of

thousands of people have been killed by the political authorities in their countries, says spokesman Phyllis Webb.

Some killings, like those in Uganda and Cambodia, made headlines. Others, in Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia and elsewhere attracted less attention.

But, she says, the vast majority had one thing in common: the dead were victims of deliberate political killings by governments.

On March 23 Amnesty International launches a world-wide campaign against political killings by governments, using its usual techniques of letter-writing,

investigations and adoptions, and public education.

Building up a precise picture of the extent of political killings is next to impossible, says Webb. Some deaths, such as the massacres at the Chatilla and Sabra refugee camps in West Beirut, provoke outrage and demands for investigation. Many, though, come to light long after the event, or take place in circumstances that are never properly explained.

Authorities in El Salvador have claimed that atrocities in rural areas were perpetrated by independent extremist groups or "death squads" out of government control. Testimony from survivors, refugees and international aid officials, however, has implicated all branches of the Salvadoran security services in the killings.

Establishing the facts and proving responsibility for local political killings is often difficult and may invite reprisals, says Webb. Vital investigative work is sometimes done by local human rights groups.

Salt Spring Island's Amnesty Group 115 will be participating in this international campaign, focussing on Iran, Libya, Argentina and the Philippines.

The film *Disappearances* will be shown in April and today (Wednesday) in Central Hall at 8 pm a screening of *Prisoners of Conscience* will be followed by guest speaker Yaroslav Shumuk.

Shumuk will give new information on Danylo Shumuk, one of the cases featured in the film. Group 115's strategy for the campaign against political killings will also be presented.

Two Salt Spring groups receive grants-in-aid

Grants-in-aid from the Capital Regional District have been given to two Salt Spring Island groups, Concerned Citizens and the Sewer Alternatives Committee.

The Concerned Citizens have received \$287.59 and the Sewer Alternatives Committee has been the recipient of \$500 from Salt Spring CRD director Yvette Valcourt.

She said the Concerned Citizens

were a group of island residents who had been active in the Islands Trust straw vote at the past civic election. The money had been given to the group to pay expenses incurred in efforts to have the straw vote take place.

The grant for the sewer committee had been applied for in 1982 but was granted from funds for this year.

In 1982, Valcourt distributed \$1,379.58 to various community groups on Salt Spring Island.

Grants-in-aid are available to the electoral area directors of the CRD for the support of "any organization which is deemed to contribute to the general interest in the local community."

Last year at budget time, the CRD directors decided to hold the 1982 grants at the level of hand-outs in 1981 plus a five percent increase.

Valcourt did not hand out the full amount, \$5,400, in 1981. Part of the surplus was used last year and the remainder will cover grants for this year. No levy was made against Salt Spring taxpayers in 1982 and no levy will be made this year.

Last year, grants-in-aid went to the following groups: Mahon Hall Restoration Committee, \$500; Salt Spring Island Community Society, \$400; Conservation Committee, \$300; tax assessment meeting, \$99.58; and Concerned Citizens, \$80.

The grants-in-aid account for Salt Spring has \$590 remaining in it for 1983.

Community work ordered

Not using a seat belt will cost Kelly Stewart of Salt Spring 10 hours of community work.

She was in Ganges provincial court recently to answer the charge of not using a seat belt while operating a motor vehicle. Judge R.B. Allan took into consideration that Stewart is unemployed and suspended sentence on the charge with three months' probation.

She must perform the community service within that time. Any breach of the probation will cost Stewart an automatic \$50 fine.

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