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Four generations of Brigdens pose after making the 12-kilometre walk from Ganges to Fulford Saturday. In back row, from left, are Walter, Mackenzie, Ben, Jim

and Alana. In front row are Tymen, baby Kevin and his great grandmother Betty. Walter, 85, was winner of the Lions trophy for having raised the most money

through pledges. He won the trophy last year as well. Fifty-five members of the Brigden clan were on the island last week and most of them entered the Walkathon.

Weather co-operates for 50 walkers

Even the weather co-operated for the 16th annual Salt Spring Lions Walkathon Saturday as walkers and runners toured the 12 kilometres between Ganges and Fulford.

Jeff Blumb of Merritt ran to the Fulford wharf only to discover that the finish line was in Drummond Park. He jogged the route in just less than an hour. Second place went to Lisa Koski, 10 while Grace Graham, 9, arrived third.

The more than 50 participants raised upwards of \$1,000 for the use of the Salt Spring Lions Club. The prize draw for participants will be

held soon and each person who entered will be eligible for the chance at cash.

The elder statesman of the walk, Walter Brigden, 85, again led his clan along the route.

Refreshments were available in Drummond Park to revive those who finished the route.

Organizer Jari Laitinen extended a hearty thank you on behalf of the Lions Club to participants and those who pledged money.

Last year the event attracted 30 participants who walked the route in less than ideal weather.

Increase to meet cost of improving service

Cost of water is going up. The parcel tax on properties within the North Salt Spring Waterworks District has doubled this year. Some consumers have expressed dismay and some have expressed curiosity as to where the money is going.

The answer was prompt from the district.

The increased levy is needed to pay for six miles and more of water mains, replacement tanks and a new pumping station.

Biggest project has been the laying of new pipe from Mount Maxwell. The original wood stave pipe was replaced with cement pipe, but when this was done the four-inch pipe was replaced with pipe of the same size. It has now been

replaced with 10" and 12" pipe.

The wood pipe had an expected life of some 25 years and the replacement pipe was expected to last longer. The new pipe laid down the Cranberry is expected to serve indefinitely. The main sections are of plastic encased in fibreglass. It is light and easily handled, with a strength up to 600 lbs. per square inch and no limit on its expected life.

A 25-YEAR LIFE

Superintendent Mike Larmour explained that most pipes are geared to a 25-year life. It is customary to replace it with a larger line after that period. Such is the pattern of water distribution and community growth. The Maxwell Lake line,

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'Schedule good for Outer Islands but not Salt Spring'

The proposed summer schedule for ferries improves service to the Outer Gulf Islands but will be much less desirable for Salt Spring, says two members of the Salt Spring Island transportation committee.

Arvid Chalmers and Jan Macpherson pointed out this week what they see as shortcomings in service to the island and the impact the service will have. They also suggested several improvements.

The summer schedule between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen appears to be co-ordinated with the Outer Island service to Swartz Bay. The terminal at Village Bay on Mayne Island would take on the role of being the main transfer point for the Outer Islands.

The mainland service runs from Long Harbour each morning beginning at 7 am as usual. But the return trip tours the Outer Islands and returns to the mainland without stopping at Salt Spring. Travellers to Salt Spring must wait until the early afternoon departure from Tsawwassen at 12:05 pm to reach Long Harbour at 2 pm.

Macpherson said the lack of morning connections would

eliminate the daytrippers as visitors to Salt Spring.

SERVICE IMPROVED

"Outer Island service has been improved over what it has been," she said. "There certainly was a need for improvement and the schedule meets that need."

But, she said, businesses on Salt Spring would suffer. Resorts will lose customers and the craft sale in Mahon Hall will also suffer because of the lack of service to Salt Spring.

The Islands Trust has envisaged Ganges as the commercial centre of the Gulf Islands and the ferry schedule once reflected that ideal. But the new schedule does not allow for easy access between islands, she said.

Chalmers said that each time the service was changed, people stopped using the ferries and the corporation could justify the changes by the reduction in passengers.

With the Mayne Island terminal coming into prominence as the transfer point for the Gulf Islands, Long Harbour will lose, he noted. There are 150 families on Salt Spring dependent upon the service out of Long Harbour, he claimed.

"We're sitting here seeing our service being diminished."

The lack of mid-morning

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Meeting to discuss schedule

The summer ferry schedule will be the subject of discussion at a public meeting Saturday on Salt Spring Island.

The island's transportation committee is sponsoring the meeting to explain the schedule and how it affects Salt Spring.

Frank Ramsey, assistant general manager of B.C. Ferry Corporation, said no one from that company will be at the meeting. They had not been advised of the meeting, he said, and no invitation had been issued to them.

However, Bev Unger, Salt Spring Island Trust representative and member of the transportation committee, told *Driftwood* on Tuesday that ferry corporation chairman Stuart Hodgson and local MLA Hugh Curtis had been invited to the meeting.

The summer schedule had been discussed by representatives of each of the Gulf Islands and officials of the ferry corporation. The schedule, said Ramsey, had been accepted unanimously by the islanders.

The meeting will be held in the board room of the school district office and is set to begin at 3 pm.

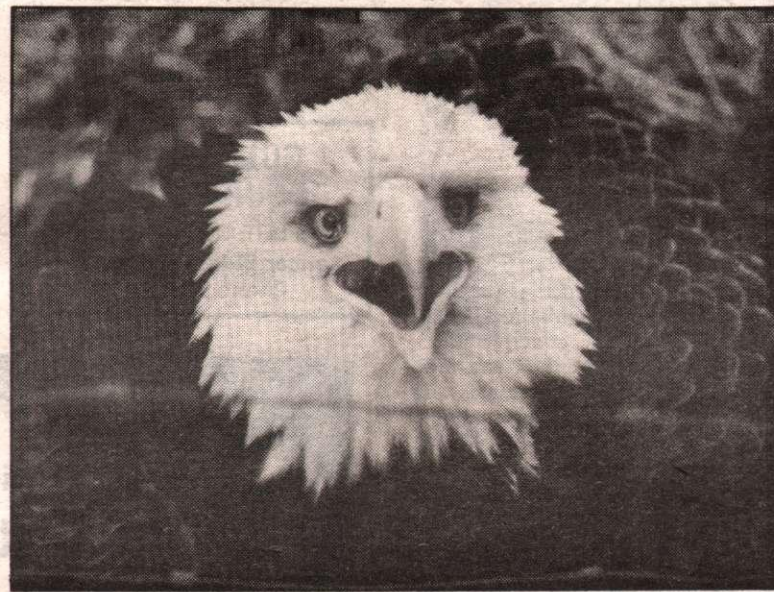


Photo by Andrew Wooldridge

Bald eagle recovering

A mature bald eagle, found hurt at Salt Spring Island recently, is recovering under the care of the local auxiliary to the SPCA.

The bird, with a wingspan of 78 inches and weighing about 9 lbs., was discovered March 13 on the roadside near Fulford. An SPCA inspector was called but was unable to examine it closely.

The eagle then swam across a nearby creek, using both wings in a normal manner. Because the bird was now safely away from the road, it was decided to leave it.

Two days later, it had swum back across the creek and was perched on

a log beside the road. It was cornered and caught and taken to Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic where Dr. J. Vanderwekken sedated and examined it. No sign of injury was found.

An SPCA spokesman reports that the eagle is eating well and exercising its wings. Its right leg is weak but is slowly improving. The bird is free to fly away when ready but will be protected and fed until then.

Food for the bird has been provided by Gulf Island Trading Co. and Salt Spring Sea Products.

District won't discuss Pender's departure

The Saanich School Board would be willing to discuss a proposal to have Pender Island join that school district but the Gulf Islands school trustees aren't interested.

Sophie Palmer, representing the Parents of Pender Island School Children, had written to the Saanich school district to ask for the inclusion of Pender Island because many of the high school students from that island attend Parklands Secondary School in Sidney.

Claude Campbell, superintendent of schools for the Saanich district, wrote to Palmer to tell her that her

letter had been presented to the school board for information.

The trustees of School District 63 had indicated "their willingness to enter into discussions with your board and the ministry of education regarding the proposal made by the parents from Pender Island," Palmer was told in the letter from Campbell.

The letter concluded: "They believe the initiative for any such discussion would most properly come from School District No. 64."

School District 64 has said the discussions will not occur.

Hunt is named president

The Salt Spring Island Riding Club ended the 1982 season with its annual potluck dinner recently, at which the election of officers was held.

They are: president, Caroline Hunt; vice-president, Walter Luth; secretary, Gay Alkoff; and treasurer, Joan Meredith. In charge of activities are Paula Blomly, Laura Rodstrom, Roberta Elliot, and John Blomly.

In mid-February Mary Stepaniuk was trail boss for a ride up Mt. Maxwell. Eleven riders enjoyed the

event and hope she will conduct a few more this year.

With weather permitting there will be a trail ride Saturday, leaving the Ganges ring at 11 am. On the 17th there will be a playday starting at 1:30 pm. Riders are urged to watch for the ads in the classified under the club logo. Memberships can be paid at the playday.

If there is some doubt as to whether an event may be cancelled due to rain, riders can check with Caroline Hunt or Paula Blomly 1/2 hours before the scheduled time.

Nominations due Monday

Annual meeting and election of trustees for North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held on April 26.

Candidates for office must submit nomination papers by noon Monday to the water board office at Central.

The candidate must be nominated by two ratepayers of the district. All must be in good standing, and

Canadian citizens of 19 years of age or over.

Two trustees reaching the end of their three-year terms are the chairman, Don Lougheed, and Bud Kreissl. Both have indicated preparedness to serve a further term.

Other members of the board, not seeking election this year, are Don Storr, J. Fairley and Ken Patrick.

Water tax increase

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however, will never require enlarging because the new line will deliver anything that the lake can produce, he noted.

The water utility has installed new mains on Vesuvius Bay Road and Lower Ganges Road as well as in Ganges.

New steel tanks have been installed at Don-Ore and at Mountain Park.

The shortage of water experienced over recent summers will be minimized and perhaps eliminated by the new works, *Driftwood* was told.

These projects, all carried out since 1977, have been expensive. They have cost \$1,291,000. District funds met \$177,800 of this figure and government grants provided another \$104,000. The outstanding liability of \$1,009,000 has been raised by the issue of debentures which have to be paid for. The cost to the district is \$149,705 a year.

The top figure in this updating of the system is the cost of pipelaying. More than \$1 million has been spent since 1977 on replacing water mains.

METER BOXES

One critic asked why the district was using expensive concrete meter boxes instead of the cedar boxes hitherto in use.

Larmour explained that the cost of the cedar box is about \$10, as against \$20 for the concrete unit. The life of the cedar box is a few years. The life of the concrete box is indefinite. The district uses about 1,000 meter boxes and replacement is becoming a constant service problem. He also noted that the concrete box is safer and less hazardous to pedestrians.

The entire list of works over the past six years has been undertaken to assure an adequate supply of water for the consumers in the district, emphasized Mrs. Ellen Bennett at the water office.

Schedule benefits Outer Islands

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connections to Salt Spring could be eased with a through-ticket on the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay run, said Chalmers. The travellers could board the Swartz Bay ferry and transfer to the Fulford service at the peninsula terminal. The current set-up means two fares but with the through-tickets only one fare would be required.

TRANSFER TO QUINTISA

The two members of the transportation committee pointed out that foot passengers for Salt Spring could transfer from the Tsawwassen-Outer Island run in the morning. The passengers could board the *Quintisa* at Village Bay when it moves on to Long Harbour following a tour of the Outer Islands.

The late-night ferry between the mainland and Long Harbour also comes in for criticism from the Salt Spring group. The boat leaves the mainland at 9:50 pm and arrives, after a stop at Galiano Island, at 11:20 pm. Macpherson said that the same set-up during the winter often resulted in passengers arriving at Long Harbour close to or after midnight when the ferries ran late.

In addition to the poor service, the Salt Spring group maintains that the schedule would be difficult to understand. Islanders used to reading schedules may not have too many problems, but the proposed schedule would confuse tourists not familiar with the intricacies of reading the timetables.

TWO OTHER CHANGES

In addition to the through-tickets for transfer from the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay run to the Fulford ferry, Chalmers and Macpherson suggest two other changes for the ferry corporation to consider for improving the Salt Spring service.

Any threat of a strike affecting ferry service causes a drastic drop-off in use of the ferries, they noted. Last year, Chalmers said, he watched the island empty of visitors in about four hours when the threat of a strike loomed.

Business on Salt Spring went down about 30%, claimed Macpherson, during the month of August. That month is generally considered to be a busy one for islanders but following the strike

last year, the number of visitors was down.

The way out of the problem would be for the government to declare the ferries an essential service. The ferry service is, in fact, an essential highway link for the islands, said Macpherson.

"Not that we want to take any rights away from the unions," said Chalmers, "but any disputes involving the ferries should go to arbitration."

Another improvement in service to Salt Spring Island would be to have the ferry corporation turn the Vesuvius-Crofton run over to the department of highways.

The service is more frequent to islands served by the department of highways ferries and much less expensive. He said that two trips on the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry cost the same as five trips to Thetis Island.

The change would also allow for later service in the evenings, he said.

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Notice is hereby given that at the annual general meeting to be held on April 25, 1983 two trustees are to be elected to serve for a term of three years.

Nominations of a candidate for this position must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Monday the 11th day of April, 1983.

NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR.

Nomination papers are available at the Water Office.

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That was a holiday?

Hugh Borsman went on a Borsman's holiday the other week. The Salt Spring Island doctor sailed to Mayne Island for a brief holiday to supervise his daughter's moving and to have a chat with Mayne Island's doctor, Robert Forrest. His intentions were excellent. Shortly after his arrival on that Saturday morning he was called out to an accident. The victim of a one-car crash was the island doctor. Hugh attended him, called Victoria and arranged his admission into hospital and for transportation by helicopter. He flew over with the patient and completed his ministrations. The pilot was flying him back to Mayne. They landed on the island and before the helicopter could take off, Borsman was called on to attend another accident, this time involving a motorcyclist. He went to her aid and decided that she, also, should be in Victoria. He despatched her by the waiting helicopter. His chores over, he settled down to a pleasant weekend. The only break in the pattern came at supper time when he was called out to the third emergency in one day. It was good to get back home!

In camera, of course!

The school board has decided to improve its communications with the public inside the cloisters of the islands schools and the public beyond the school doors. The decision was, of course, reached in camera.

Annual Easter question mark

Annual Easter conundrum was presented on Monday in Ganges: Who is open? I drove around Ganges without banging on any doors and apart from the banks, you wouldn't have known it was Easter Monday. The banks were dormant and there was no mail. You couldn't pay a water bill and the Court House was quiet. I found three stores closed and none of them selling groceries, or gasoline.

A sad story

Island mother was explaining to her three-year-old the origin of Good Friday and Easter. She was half-way through her description of the first Good Friday when her daughter broke into tears and begged Mummy to tell her no more. It was too sad.

It's babble all day long!

We have a domestic disease which has only just broken out. Women's Lib bought a game of Boggle and for hours at a time we throw dice with letters on them and try to make words. I am climbing the wall. It isn't that I don't like the game. My problem is that Women's Lib keeps winning and I keep dozing over combinations. It used to be perpetual Scrabble. Now it's babble and scroggle, mostly babel.

He won't buy mufflers

There was some steam and some dripping from the radiator of the old Ford and my son-in-law found a replacement. I was indignant because everything should last for ever like I hope to. I recalled with bitterness the year when three cars needed new mufflers at the same time. George Jessup, who was in the air force with me, was smug. He was over from Duncan for the sole purpose of cheering me up. He's never bought a muffler for any car, he remarked boastfully. Why anyone boasts about cars I never could figure. He's driven American Motors products for two decades and the exhaust system has never failed, he assured me. He drives them to 50,000 or 60,000 miles and then replaces them. After a lifetime of acquiring mufflers I can only ask plaintively how come he deserves all that?

I wish I was single again!

I have a Pharmacare card. So far I haven't used it. I don't even want to use it. But it came to me without even asking. Just like that. And it came with a printed message from Grace McCarthy. A nice message. But how did Grace know how old I am? The thing about Pharmacare is that you get the card before the brutal birthday. It comes ahead of the deadline. And you get the pension a month after the deadline. Or even six weeks. It shows the provincial government is one jump ahead of the feds. Or do they both get the info at the same time and the post office takes up the slack? Like the song, I wish I was single again! Then I'd be half a lifetime on the right side of Pharmacare.

At Saturna

Activity centre requires \$110,000

The proposed activity centre for the Saturna Island school could be built if the community can come up with \$110,000.

The Gulf Islands School Board agreed at a recent meeting that the activity centre could be built under a joint school board—community funding arrangement. The money from the community must be raised within a year and forwarded to the school board before an application

is made to the ministry of education for construction approval.

The ministry has stated that activity centres can be part of schools with a minimum student population of 50. Saturna School has 18 pupils enrolled. The activity centre at the Galiano School was approved by the ministry of education and that school has had an enrolment at or near the required minimum. The centre was

constructed with money from the ministry as well as money collected from the community.

Current plans for improvements at the Saturna School include a covered play area with a cost of \$38,000. The school board would proceed with the plans for the play area to get ministry approval for the funds.

By following ministry rules, the school board hopes to get around the minimum pupil requirement. When the money for the play area has been approved, the school board will hang on to the amount and give the community the opportunity to come up with its share of the cost of the activity centre.

When that money is in place, the school board will ask for ministry approval to build the centre with the argument that despite the low enrolment, the money is available to pay for the construction.

The centre would be 150 square metres in size and if approved, the ministry would pay one-half the cost.

Assessment figures released

Figures released by the Gulf Islands School Board last week show 54% of the assessment totals in the islands come from Salt Spring Island.

The figures were compiled by Salt Spring Island trustee Ron McQuiggan and school district secretary-treasurer Amy McLeod from various sources.

Total assessed value of 4,413 residential properties on Salt Spring comes to \$39.6 million. With \$1.9 million worth of B.C. Hydro property added in, the school assessment for the island stands at \$41.5 million.

The breakdown for the Outer Gulf Islands shows Galiano Island as a location for taxable Hydro property. That island assessment on 1,024 properties stands at \$8.9 million with another \$334,000 worth of electric company land for a value to Galiano school assessment of \$9.2 million.

North and South Pender Islands have assessment values for 2,130 residences at \$14.2 million. Mayne Island's 1,448 homes are worth \$8.8 million while on Saturna Island, the 457 residential assessments stand at slightly less than \$3 million.

The three schools on Salt Spring hold almost 80% of the total enrolled students for the Gulf Islands school district.

Galiano, with 12% of the assessment, has four percent of the enrolment. The Penders account for 18.5% of assessment and seven percent of enrolment. Mayne has 11.5% of the Gulf Islands residential value with seven percent of the school enrolment. Saturna assessment accounts for four percent of the value and the school

holds two percent of the Gulf Island students.

The school board does not set its operational budget on a per school basis. Comparisons by island do not hold value because the Mayne Island School and the high school on Salt Spring hold students from other islands.

The assessment figures were presented to the school board for information only.

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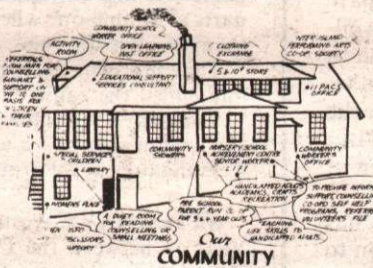
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To be a current member of the Society it is necessary to sign the membership list posted at the Community Centre, according to the constitution also posted at the Centre.

The objectives of the Society are:

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Walkathon merits support

There was a time when the Lions Walkathon on Salt Spring Island was a joyous community event. The start of the long walk from Ganges to Fulford would close the Fulford-Ganges Road as the running, trotting, walking and riding entrants swarmed out of Ganges Centennial Park.

There were entries from every source and the Lions launched Portlock Park as the fruit of the Walkathon.

The joy and the enthusiasm and the fervour were not so evident on Saturday when the entry of the Brigden family became more significant than the event they were entering. Headed by Walter Brigden, a large number of family members from Salt Spring Island and beyond took part in the Lions project. It was a happy event for all the family and particularly for the Fulford patriarch.

The participation by one family on a large scale is a reminder, however, that the annual long walk is a community project. It merits the support of the community if only in tribute to the long-established service club which sponsors it.

And it merits the whole-hearted, full support of the Lions Club to bring back the fervour and the delight in community which was its character for a number of successful years.

Soccer's patron saint

There were 260 boots slamming at innumerable soccer balls on Salt Spring Island last week when the soccer finals were played off. One hundred and thirty boys of every age took part in the weekend program.

Some of the boys were well acquainted with Malcolm Legg. Others scarcely recognize his name. Yet the entire soccer program has been established and developed as a result of the driving force of this one island resident.

If soccer were in the practice of naming its various patron saints, Malcolm Legg would be a natural for the job.

Legg lives soccer and thinks soccer. He devotes every spare moment of his time to the promotion of the game and to the well-being of the youngsters who play it. He has made a contribution to Salt Spring Island that will never die. As long as soccer is played here, the youthful players should be aware that it was made possible by the untiring efforts of this one man. He has had help and lots of help. But there has been no other promoter with the energy and devotion of Malcolm Legg.

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has made a practice of setting up plaques at the park to call attention to those island people who have contributed to Portlock Park.

It would be most fitting to have the name of the indefatigable juvenile sports promoter spelled out for posterity in that same place.

A loss to the province

When Bill Vander Zalm announced last week that he was not seeking a further term as MLA there were many who breathed a sigh of relief.

Unhappy souls!

The absence of Bill Vander Zalm from the provincial cabinet and from the provincial house will be a loss to the province.

He is opinionated, abrasive, pig-headed at times and always courageous. There can be few voters in the province who go along with his views on all subjects, but there are few who have not been annoyed, insulted or cheered by his outrageous approach to administration.

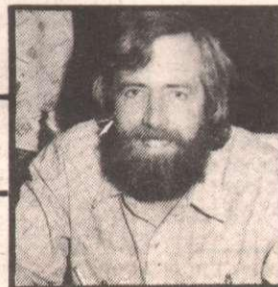
He has left a trail of comment behind him. Pierre Trudeau has his finger and Bill Vander Zalm has his shovel.

Whatever his views and however he may elect to present them, Vander Zalm has brought excitement and response into government. He is the adrenalin merchant of the provincial house.

We don't have to agree with him, but we can enjoy him.

Ken, why are you working in the dark?

I'm finishing my INCOME TAX forms and I don't want to see how bad it turns out!



Tony Richards

B.C. TELEPHONE CO. would appear to be in the dark as to the corporate size and structure of Driftwood Publishing Ltd.

It's not that I would expect B.C. Tel to know the size of our operation, but I was a little floored by a request that came from them in a call last week.

The caller wanted to speak to the manager in charge of telephone operations.

I couldn't locate the person in question, so I took the call myself.

IT WAS DURING a particularly long game of darts at Thursday night's tournament at the Legion Hall in Ganges that I learned the lengths to which people can be driven by frustration.

None of us was able to double out in the game in question when one of the players recalled a similar game. He and his opponent had thrown countless darts at double-one when finally desperation forced them to alter the rules.

They put their darts aside, picked up a pellet gun and ended the game in short order.

Thursday's tournament, by the way, was between the Legion and the Vesuvius Inn. The latter gave the Legionnaires a 3-0 drubbing.

SATURDAY'S Western Hockey League game in Victoria between the Cougars and the Kamloops Oilers was excellent.

Victoria won the fifth game of the semi-finals 5-4 in overtime.

It was far more entertaining than any Vancouver Canucks game I've seen this season. If Victoria wins the semi-finals they go on to play the Portland Winter Hawks in a best-of-seven series. It could well produce the type of action that would keep Howie Meeker raving for weeks.

ISLAND SOFTBALL PLAYERS may be interested to hear that Pat Gaines, now living in Victoria, is playing in the Senior A league in that city.

The former Fulford Inn Saltie and Driftwood Dazzling Derelicts coach is practising five days a week with Old Fort Breweries of the Stuff McGinnis League.

THE RUSSIAN-BUILT DNEPR motorcycle has suddenly become very popular on Salt Spring Island.

Ross McIlvenna of Ross & Ganges Marine & Equipment introduced the bike here a number of weeks back and has sold four of them.

A friend tells me that a shop in Victoria has had them on sale, but their price was nearly \$1,000 more than Ross's.

I FIND IT somewhat difficult to sympathize much with objections to the increase in parcel taxes in the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

I think I have a more valid objection than most.

We live within the boundaries of that district but we don't draw water from it, as we have our own well. We are, however, required to pay the parcel tax.

And our taxes doubled this year, from \$60 to \$120.

If I was taking water from the district I wouldn't feel the sum was exorbitant. But I take no pleasure in paying for something I don't use.

HERRING ROE connoisseurs in Japan can relax over their snacks on the West Coast delicacy now that there is no danger of finding a pair of glasses.

I mentioned here a few weeks ago that herring fisherman and Salt Spring school bus driver Bill Hitchcock lost his glasses in a skiff during the opening of the fishery last month.

The fish he caught, along with the glasses, went through three pumps before they were discovered at a processing plant.

They were slightly bent but still usable.

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CITY DRIVING doesn't usually bother me too much but last week I really blew it.

I turned off a one-way street on to Blanshard and, still thinking in terms of one-way, I headed down the road at a good clip.

Half a block later I realized why Alice was screaming at me.

SPEAKING OF MY WIFE, just to set the record straight, it wasn't her I was referring to last week in connection with a meeting at Fernwood School.

She was not the parent who stayed home to watch *Thorn Birds* while a speaker told the meeting of the effects of television on youngsters.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT was in for some criticism this week from Ganges restaurateur Rita Dods.

Rita, who was one of those who spent some time cleaning up Ganges a few weeks back, was complaining about garbage littered about the school grounds near Kanaka Road.

She observed that youngsters from both Ganges schools spend a lot of time in her coffee shop.

Why can't the schools have them clean up the mess and keep it clean, she asked.

Good question.

More Letters to the Editor

Plan would allow cluster housing on farms

Sir,
I have always thought that the Land Commission Act, Bill 42, was a controversial bill because it preserves the farmland but it does not get at the cause.
You could not make a living trying to farm the land, that is, the average farm, and you still cannot. Read *Sidney Review* front page, March 23, 1983, and editorial.

If the farming business was a viable business, no more need to worry about any more farms being chopped up.

It would be difficult to give protective tariffs to farm produce or to subsidize the farming operations any more than is now being done without having retaliatory measures from our neighbours to the south who seem to have corralled most of the markets for fresh fruits and

vegetables, things that can be grown as well in our suitable climate.

I have an idea that would give those owners of farmland an alternate source of income, separate from their farming operation.

If each farm that was making a business of farming were given a zoning based on the farm acreage in production, to operate a mobile home cluster (group of homes). This density would be based on the farm acreage. For example, a 100-acre farm could have 12 units, a 50-acre farm six units, etc.

This would diversify the farming business and allow a cash flow even during years of crop or market failure. It would distribute some of the urban population throughout the rural areas and this would not be a bad thing. The mobile home park would use very little land if units were clustered.

Some of these could be convenient accommodation for farm help, for instance.

Barnyards are usually surrounded by farmland and byproducts are used to increase the fertility of the soil. A hundred cows, pigs or chickens, if confined in one place, can create a sanitary problem that each farmer deals with in his own way as a rule, I believe.

A communal septic tank if isolated by acres of fields would not contribute to pollution any more than a barnyard would, probably less.

I think that this plan of mine would revitalize the farming business at a time when it needs revitalizing, and there is a lot of spin-off from the farming business.

Tractors, accessory equipment, irrigation, machine shop & repair, transportation, buildings, seed and fertilizer. This benefits every part of the community and stabilizes the finances of many. If the farmer is successful a lot of other people will be too. There will be more jobs around.

The farmers contribute more than we give them credit for.

They deserve a chance.
GEOFF HOWLAND,
Box 14, Ganges.
March, 1983.

Missing wallet returned

Sir,
I lost my wallet at Fulford wharf on Friday, Mar. 25. Of course, we became terribly concerned because of credit cards plus driver's licence, etc. (Money in wallet important also—and I.D.'s imperative.)

After a couple of frustrating hours, searching around wharf and Pattersons' Store and P.O. and restaurant—hoping for a miracle—of course wallet could not be found.

At home we endured more terrible time. Then our phone rang. A gentleman had found our wallet! Could we pick it up that same evening?

Could we!? Does it ever rain in Vancouver?! Is Salt Spring Island the best place in Canada to live!?

Away we went. Dust flying, stones bouncing from our tires. Sheep and birds and dogs scattering from our right-of-way.

Our wallet-finder was a very nice gentleman—and had a lovely home and family. He had had his wallet missing, and stolen, a couple of years back. Never did get it back. And from that he surely knew what we were going through.

My wife and I wish to thank this gentleman once more—from the bottom of our hearts. Thank God it was such as him who had the sharp eyes to see our wallet by the roadside a couple of miles away from the spot where I had lost it.

All credit cards were in the wallet, as were all I.D.

The money was stolen by whom-ever was first to pick up the wallet at Fulford. Hope they realize what

hardship they caused in stealing money and in not returning wallet to owner. (Great gesture at Easter time.)

Also, I would like to thank the people at Pattersons' Store, the Post Office, and the restaurant there. They were co-operative, helpful, and sympathetic. This was very much appreciated.

Again, however, thanks to that gentleman who returned the wallet.

CHARLES CROSBY,
Box 675,
Ganges.
March 27, 1983.

When will they consider it necessary

Sir,
I wonder, after five years of bitter debates, several law suits, Provincial shot-gun legislation, and the opinion of the overwhelming majority of Salt Spring Islanders, what conditions must exist in the minds (?) of some of the C.R.D. directors before they will consider a sewer referendum to be "necessary" in Ganges.

DAVID LOTT,
R. R. 2, Ganges.
March 25, 1983.

Three-day schedule planned

Sir,
Sea Capers 1983 is going to be held on June 10, 11 and 12. Due to the number of events and to allow participants to enter all events it was felt that the three-day schedule is necessary.

Last year the Festival was a success and as a result Sea Capers once again has been able to donate \$3,000 to the community. The following groups were chosen this year to receive grants. Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute, \$2,000; Girl Guides of Salt Spring, \$200; Gulf Islands Gymnastic Club, \$400; Fulford Hall Restoration Committee, \$400.

The Sea Capers Committee received a total of 10 applications for assistance, and it was very hard to decide who should receive a grant. We just wish there had been more money to go around and hope those who were not successful in their applications understand our dilemma.

We are having a public meeting and invite anyone interested in helping for a few hours on the Sea Capers weekend to attend. The success of the weekend is in direct relationship to the volunteer efforts by community members. The meeting will be held at the Elementary School Library, Wednesday, Apr. 13 at 7:30 pm.

Sea Capers is a non-partisan

group and its interests are solely to provide a good time for all Islanders. Any profits generated are returned to the Community.

Come to the meeting and have some fun!

ARVID CHALMERS,
Chairman, Sea Capers 1983.
April 4, 1983.

Club logo chosen

Sir,
We wish to thank everyone who contributed their time and effort in submitting a logo for the Gulf Islands Gymnastics Club.

The coaches' final decision was based upon a combination of two designs submitted by Sheryl Luscombe and Macie Pring.

Recipient of the Honourable Mention award of \$5 is Ellen Box. The remainder of the prize money is to be donated back to the Club to go towards the purchase of a tape recorder.

Thank you again for your support and interest.

GULF ISLANDS GYMNASTICS CLUB
Box 1513, Ganges.
March, 1983.

Dangerous intersection

Sir,
There is a very dangerous intersection where the Long Harbour road joins the road to Ganges. I have twice been almost clobbered as I advanced from the stop sign to turn left onto the road leading to Ganges by cars travelling at about 80 kilometres per hour going north past the intersection.

A friend had a near miss at this same intersection when a car travelling north just missed him as he started out from the stop sign. The other driver veered at the last moment and hit the bank by the side of the road. He admitted that he had been travelling too fast.

Visibility here is seriously restricted by the bank and the bushes by the side of the road. Starting up from a stop sign does not give one much opportunity to avoid someone travelling at a high

rate of speed who suddenly appears on your left not more than 50 feet away.

Before there is a serious accident on this very busy intersection I believe that something should be done to improve the visibility on this corner.

ALLAN W. EDWARDS,
Box 1438,
Ganges.
March 26, 1983.

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Bill Webster

The crazies are loose

Don't look now, Gulf Islanders, but the crazies are loose out there.

Snow falls on many parts of Canada while we here in Med West enjoy sunshine which, on occasion, gets damp.

Suitcase is on the track of a new job. He is negotiating with the powers who would be to search the hinterlands of Bitter Columbine to discover the elusive provincial Sock Red.

'Tis peculiar the way the ones who once were are disappearing like endangered species. The Surrey flurry fades into the woodwork and the head lawyer decides to hang up his law books.

And Dave Doleft sits and dreams of power.

Billie Wacyson will have a difficult time marshalling an act to match the one which now approaches the comic pages of history books. Vander Smooth will be the most difficult replacement.

Residents of the province may even forget that a government exists if no one is on hand to inform them of events on the one-eyed news.

Officials of Vander Smooth's ministry joked about checking with the six o'clock telecast to find out where he was and what was happening. Seems he never bothered to inform those who should know what they should know.

quite nicely with the federal Tories. Too bad he fled the local version of the lost Libs to ensure a nook in Billie's bunch.

Joe's foes in Bytown-by-the-Canal, otherwise known as Tories, are gathering steam to create the event of the decade. The big news from Blue ranks these days involves Tories who won't make a run at being party dagger target.

Sinclair Stevens doesn't want it. Bill Davis won't go. Brampton Bill wisely decided to stay in the big smoke of T.O. rather than risk a ventilated back as federal party leader.

Brian Jutjaw of Morereal gathers troops to support his bid. They come, these stalwart Conservatives, from rest homes for indigent wine-tasters and other bastions of Tory strength in La Belle Province.

Which isn't so surprising. Politics in Canada follow much the same lines from coast to coast, with a slight detour around Quebec.

The game is not the same in that province.

At one point, early in our history, organizers in a Quebec riding listed the residents of a cemetery as eligible voters. The other party complained about the practice of ghost votes. But when they won the riding, the next election featured a voters' list naming the same cemetery as part

of the ballot casters.

Which is not to say there is anything underhanded about the political practices of Quebec. Which is not to say the shenanigans are confined to that province.

In a Toronto riding at a recent provincial vote, one particular poll centred on people who filed income tax returns in megabucks. The vote in the area traditionally went solid Tory.

Some of the voters in the poll were the hired help who tended to cast a vote for the left. On the election day in question, the hired help were given the day off and encouraged to visit downtown Trawanna for an extended shopping spree.

Needless to say, the left received few votes in the poll.

Isn't the democratic process wonderful?

While Mulrone pulls stunts for delegate support, others in the race cry foul. Mainly because they hadn't thought of the tricks first.

As the maxim reads: The sneaky shall inherit the spoils.

But meanwhile, on the home front, auditions proceed for colourful characters to fill the Sock Red bill. We could be trooping to the polls this spring to make a choice between the ridiculous and the downright funny.

The silly season is indeed upon us.

More letters to the Editor

Letters and more letters need to be written

Sir,

Some of us recently attended a symposium at the University of B.C. given by the Physicians for Social Responsibility entitled *The Final Epidemic* (Nuclear War). It was urgently stressed that letters and more letters be written to your member of Parliament and Prime Minister Trudeau urging our government to:

1. Resume its former policy of suffocating the nuclear arms race;
2. Take bold diplomatic initiatives to persuade the United States and the Soviet Union to reduce their nuclear arsenals bilaterally;
3. Make Canada a nuclear-free zone by removing American nuclear weapons from our territory;
4. Ban flight-testing of the cruise missile and other nuclear vehicles in Canada.

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concern about the nuclear arms build-up and that the only way to protect ourselves is preventing the unthinkable.

Regarding letters: these can be sent postage-free to the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. Below are listed the names of people you should write to—repetitively and immediately. Write to them care of the House of Commons, Ottawa, K1A 0A2.

Rt. Hon. P.E. Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; Hon. Allan

MacEachen, Secretary of State for External Affairs; Hon. Gilles Lamontagne, Minister of National Defence; Rt. Hon. Joe Clark; Hon. Erik Neilsen, Leader of the Official Opposition; Dr. Pauline Jewett, M.P., External Affairs.

If you have any questions we would be very happy to try and answer them at 539-2475.

BILL AND JOAN PATERSON,
Galiano Island.
March, 1983.

Canada should take stand

Following letter has been sent to Alan McEachen, minister of external affairs.

I am writing to express my dismay and disillusionment with the Liberal government's attitude towards nuclear disarmament. I write as no wild-eyed radical but as a great admirer of Queen Elizabeth, Peter Gzowski, Wayne Gretzky, Labatt's beer and other national institutions.

In the interest of this planet's future, somebody has to take a firm and constructive stand towards nuclear disarmament. Canada should do this, instead of wish-washing along behind those wild-

eyed reactionaries, Reagan and Weinberger, tamely testing their missiles and meekly supporting their policies.

The deployment of the cruise and Pershing missiles will completely change the nature of military confrontation; it is far too dangerous to allow.

I used to be an admirer of the Liberals too, but you are proving yourselves unresponsive to the electorate and it's time we had a more responsible government.

MARALYN HORSDAL,
Fulford Harbour.
March 23, 1983.

It's too early to bet on outcome of yet-to-be-called provincial vote

BY FRANK RICHARDS

What? A provincial election again?

Who's winning?

The provincial scene, with a sluggish economy and controversial legislation to meet the diving revenues, is no great attraction to any political party.

Traditionally, the party in power stands to lose most in a recession. The voter who is happy to keep up with the Status Quoes in prosperous days tends to turn on the government in the hope of electing a new administration with a better chance of bailing him out.

But this may be different, yet. The provincial governments across the nation have passed the buck and insist that the tottering provincial economy is a disease caught from the federal administration in Ottawa. Some will believe it and others won't. The extent to which the uncommitted voter will accept this theory is probably the factor which will decide the election.

There's no work. In many parts of the province people have been unemployed for months, even years. The burden hits hardest of all the young worker, inexperienced, out of school, out of work and unwanted by any trade.

LOOKING FOR CHANGE

The majority of youthful voters in this category will undoubtedly be looking for a change. They will want to try anything and anyone who might be able to juggle things around so that they might find employment.

The older worker may look to the New Democratic Party to resolve his problems, but many workers are already moulded into a voting pattern and will balance their philosophy against a snap attack on the Socreds, fighting for a return to Victoria.

The government doesn't look rosy and doesn't smell of violets in the provincial labour picture. But

the opposition has a lot of things that don't go for it as well as they did.

Insistence by the unions on pay increases when many workers have no income to increase hasn't sat too well with many workers. The campaign by teachers to retain every dollar and to challenge the lay-off of any teacher has been met with a twisted grin from those who have neither an assured job nor a dollar to spare.

And many identify the NDP with the union movement. But it should be borne in mind that while there is a bond between unions and the New Democrats, there are many union members who are dyed-in-the-wool Socreds or whatever.

Bill Vander Zalm has aroused the ire of teachers in latter months and of almost every other segment of provincial society in other times. But his vigorous campaign for control of teachers and schools has won him a considerable sympathy. Although his actions may well have polarized a part of the electorate, they have not turned all voters against him, by any means. He has probably won as many friends over the ministry of education issue as he has lost.

LITTLE RELATIONSHIP

The issues that boil up from time to time have little relationship to the

likely results of an election.

Some point to the falling apart of the Socred cabinet as ministers seem overly anxious to leave the ship. But not even John Diefenbaker lost an election on that count. The public at the polls seems to assume that cabinet upheavals are good for the community if shattering to the party.

The issue will be unemployment. And the rival programs to build a brave new world will likely be seen as the main issue.

At this moment, before any election has been called, I wouldn't want to make a bet on the outcome. Nevertheless, there seems some resemblance to the 1975 pattern, when the NDP went out and the Socreds came in. If David Barrett wants to clinch it, he'd better have the unions soft-pedal on their demands until after the election.

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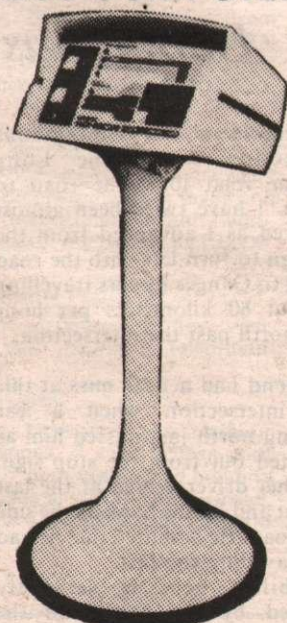
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School board prepares policy to improve communications with 'publics'

The Gulf Islands School District intends through a new policy to improve communications "with its internal and external publics".

School trustees received a draft copy of the policy on communications at the board meeting last week. A committee will co-ordinate the efforts aimed at developing, fostering and maintaining a flow of information to promote public interest in school board affairs.

The committee, chaired by Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools, will be made up of representatives from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), the Gulf Islands Teachers Association (GITA), the school administrators and the school board.

They will meet every second month during the school year, in September, November, January, March and May. Other meetings of the committee will be called as needed.

Projects to be considered by the communications committee include an information brochure, letters of recognition, communication improvement sessions, displays and an opinion survey.

The information brochure would be prepared for distribution early in each school year. It would serve as a source of information about the schools and the school district.

A review of topics and discussions

at school board meetings will be prepared and distributed to district staff and other interested individuals.

The letters of recognition would be sent to individuals who contribute time and effort to the school district. The school district officials want to express "appropriate appreciation for all extra efforts whether by parents, employees, students or others."

The sessions to improve communications skills would involve key personnel on the district staff. Other informal gatherings would be held at specified times and locations so that staff could discuss

district information in an open forum.

Displays to be staged would involve art and science projects prepared by students. Aspects of the operations and programs of the school district would be the subject of slide presentations to be shown to the public.

At least once each year, the community would be the source of information, gathered through a random survey, to determine attitudes related to the school district.

The trustees will discuss the proposed committee at their next meeting.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Taking aim

Darts tournament last Thursday evening saw the Salt Spring Legion branch matched against the Vesuvius Inn at the Legion Hall in

Ganges. Susan Wyatt takes aim for the Legion team, which lost to Vesuvius. About 24 players took part in the match.

Committee awards grants of \$3,000

The Sea Capers committee has handed out money to various Salt Spring Island organizations.

With a total of \$3,000 given away, the recipients of the profits from Sea Capers last June include the Farmers' Institute which received \$2,000.

The Gulf Islands Gymnastic Club was given \$400 and the Fulford Hall committee received the same amount. Girl guides on the island were given a donation of \$200.

Any money made at Sea Capers is used to stage the event the following year. The amount above the cost of staging the event is donated to different groups on the island.

Arvid Chalmers, chairman of the Sea Capers committee, said that 10 groups applied for a grant this year.

"We're glad to give the recipients money," he said, "but we're unhappy to turn some down. There are only so many bucks to go around."

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Owner responsible for accident last year

When a vehicle is in an accident and the driver cannot be identified, the owner is responsible, said Judge D.K. McAdam last week.

Michael Mitchell, 22, of Salt Spring Island, was in court in Ganges and the charge against him resulted from an accident July 22. His automobile skidded across the pavement at Lang and North End Roads on Salt Spring and ended up in a swamp.

Mitchell told the judge that he did not, at that time, know who had taken his auto. He had been at a party and fell asleep, he said. When a friend woke him later to drive them home, his vehicle was gone.

Mitchell and some other people began walking down Lang Road towards North End Road when they met the police officer investigating the accident. Mitchell explained the situation to the officer.

The evidence at the scene was sufficient for laying a charge of using a highway without reasonable consideration of others, noted the officer. The driver could not be found and Mitchell, as owner of the vehicle, was charged.

Mitchell told judge McAdam that the keys had been left in the automobile and that people often borrowed his vehicle without permission.

The judge said that leaving the keys in the car where people had been drinking was not a good idea.

"That seems to invite trouble," said the judge, "and trouble is what he's got."

Mitchell was fined \$150.

Driver loses control

A juvenile was driving up Ganges Hill when she lost control of the vehicle Saturday.

The 1969 Dodge swerved from the road and hit a tree. No one was injured and the vehicle had an estimated \$2,000 in damages.

The name of the driver was not released because she is a juvenile.

Island student to enroll at Royal Roads College



Alex Neish

This year's graduates from Gulf Islands Secondary School are busy planning their next move but for Alex Neish, the plans extend nine years into the future.

Neish, 17, has been accepted for admittance to the Royal Roads Military College in Esquimalt. He begins basic training for officers in July and joins the other cadets at the college after Labour Day. Basic training runs for six weeks.

The GISS student said he became interested in applying for a position at Royal Roads last October when he and a companion went there to discover what was being offered.

He plans to concentrate on becoming an electrical engineer.

The qualifications, he said, included good marks and physical fitness. Neish is a B+ student.

At the end of the second year in Esquimalt, Neish will have to transfer to the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, for the final two years of his higher education.

After college he will be required to put in a further five years of military service.

"I guess it's pretty good," he said, "I get five years of work experience and that's what most jobs ask for."

He would like to apply for the naval branch of the Canadian Forces but expects to be assigned to the engineering corps. He could be able to transfer to the navy if he wished to do so.

The basic training for the summer, boot camp, involves leadership training, map reading and basic military skills, he said. The training camp is located in Chilliwack.

At Royal Roads, Neish will sit in classrooms for seven hours per day and upon successful completion will receive a degree similar to a bachelor of arts in electrical engineering.

Fined \$350 following accident

An accident on Beaver Point Road September 10 resulted in fines totalling \$350 against a Salt Spring Island resident.

Robert Barter, 30, had been charged with operating a vehicle without due care and attention, failing to report an accident and failing to remain at the scene of an accident. He entered a guilty plea to all charges in court last week.

The accident occurred, Barter told Judge D.K. McAdam, when his glasses slipped off his face. As he adjusted the glasses and attempted to negotiate a curve, his pickup truck slammed into a parked vehicle.

Barter drove away from the scene and did not report the incident to police until September 13.

Judge McAdam told Barter that failing to report the accident within the required time could result in the Insurance Corporation of B.C. invalidating his insurance.

Barter was fined \$150 for each of the first two charges and \$50 for the charge of failing to remain at the scene of the accident.

Boating restrictions announced

Boating restrictions on various lakes on Salt Spring Island were announced recently.

For 1983, there will be no power boats allowed on Blackburn Lake.

Electric motors only will be allowed on Stowell and Weston Lakes. The limit to electric motors also applies to Cusheon and Maxwell Lakes.

The restrictions are imposed by the provincial ministry of the environment under the Canada Shipping Act and the Fisheries Act of Canada.

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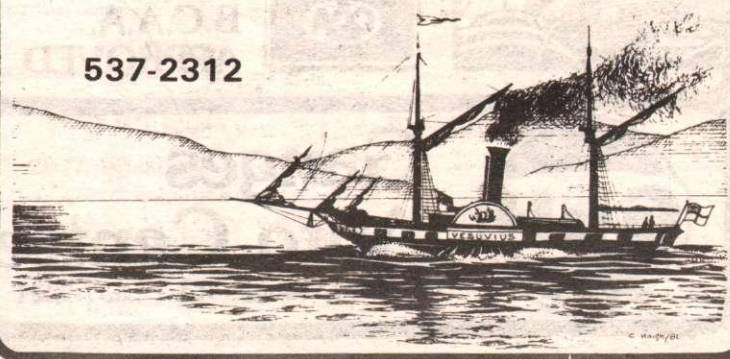
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It's theatre week at Salt Spring

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BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON
 The magic letters "E & OE" should appear on each program and flyer for this week's Drama Festival at Ganges.
 Changes, cancellations and omissions are inevitable in an event of this nature. A regrettable omission from the Salt Spring Player's *Cubistique* is Gary Lundy, the talented and versatile pianist who has gained a tremendous following for his work at sundry hostilities and as the accompanist of local jazz singers, The Society.

The festival is well under way and we look forward to January Players (Thursday) with a one-act play, *Lone Star*. (This may not be suitable for those who are offended by coarse language).

They also present an original play by Graeme Morton (who acts in both) with the intriguing title, *We Don't Play Guy Lombardo Any More*, set in a small-town radio station on New Year's Eve.

Peninsula Players complete the evening with *Operators* by prize-winning dramatist Margaret Hollingsworth. This is a memory play about three women.

Those who saw the *Ida Clarkson*

Show on Thursday heard about Peninsula Players offering *Play Strindberg* (Friday). Hetty Clews, the director, said this is an adaptation by Durrenmatt of Strindberg's *Dance of Death*. The tragedy has become a "black farce" and portrays marriage as a boxing match!

James Bay Players complete the evening with Edward Albee's comedy *The Sandbox* and a Japanese play by Yukio Mishima. *Sotoba Komachi* takes place in a Tokyo park in 1959, and the Albee play is set in the present, at the beach.

Saturday brings the festival to a close, with Fernwood Community Theatre's *Bookends*, an original play by Jim Harding, set in Vancouver, and Woody Allen's *God* which has the largest cast of the festival.

Shawnigan Players complete the comedy series they began on Tuesday with *I'm Herbert* (from *You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running* by Robert Anderson).

Then comes the highlight of the festival, with awards to be presented by adjudicator Clara Hare.



Anne Prosk of Salt Spring Players is member of the cast of *Cubistique*, a one-act play to be presented at this week's festival.

Walkways sought for school

Talks between the Islands Trust and the Gulf Islands School Board have been aimed at improving safety for pupils who will be attending the new school in Fulford.

Charles Hingston, school trustee for Salt Spring Island, told a recent meeting of the school board that the discussions had centred on creating walkways near the school. The new school is located at the intersection of Stewart and Beayer Point Roads.

The Islands Trust has been talking with the ministry of tourism

about road safety to Ruckle Park, said Hingston. While the roads in the area are the jurisdiction of the ministry of highways, Hingston is less than optimistic about making headway with officials there.

The highways department has turned down other requests for bicycle paths along island roads.

Hingston said he would press for improvements to at least one side of the road near the school to allow a walkway for the pupils. He suggested the improvements extend for two miles from the school.

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BY LOUISE BEIJK

Gandhi's words, "Non-violence cannot be preached; it has to be practised," reflect our current search for meaningful ways to respond to the threat of nuclear war.

Non-violent demonstrations, letters of protest and other efforts to effect political action are necessary but they are not enough. We must look to the underlying structure of our political system which is funding the war machine at home and elsewhere: namely, tax dollars.

Our government generously subsidizes private industry to develop nuclear weapons components and other items for the nuclear arsenal. Government agencies provide financial resources to develop nuclear armaments abroad.

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Thus far our government has refused such a fund, although Jim Manly, MP, will soon present a private member's bill to establish one. In the meantime the Canadian Peace Tax Fund Committee (headquarters in Victoria) is encouraging Canadians to direct 10.6% of their net federal tax

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It will be held with interest accumulating until the government forms a legal alternative to contributing to its defence budget with the 10.6% payment. The money is refundable at any time if one chooses to do so.

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Louise Beijk is a Salt Spring Island resident active in the nuclear disarmament movement.



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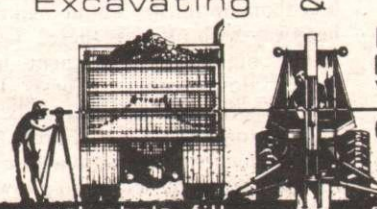
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Institute plans to revive Raspberry Tea

Raspberry Tea at Fulford Hall on Salt Spring Island is to be revived.

The South Salt Spring Women's Institute has decided to stage the event in July and donate the proceeds to Fulford Hall to put a new roof on the facility.

The institute met at the home of Mrs. Hazel Truefitt recently with president Mrs. Evelyn Lee in the chair.

The meeting discussed and voted on resolutions for the spring conference to be held at Duncan United Church Hall on Thursday. Mrs. Gladys Slingsby will be the

local delegate at the conference, and nine members have indicated they plan to attend.

The institute decided to continue with its \$150 school bursary to a student graduating in home economics or agriculture. The student receiving the grant must continue his education in one of those fields.

Other business at the meeting included a decision to invite the group's sister institute from James Bay, Victoria, to a pot-luck dinner and meeting at the home of the president in May.

A special invitation is going out to Mrs. Margaret Merner of the A/N Institute to display her crafts and show local members how she made some of the items.

A farewell gift was presented to Mrs. Hazel Truefitt at the meeting as she and her husband will be leaving the island soon to take up residence in Courtenay.

The institute's next meeting will take place April 14 at the home of Mrs. Gladys Slingsby and new members are welcome.

Further information can be obtained from Evelyn Lee.

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Young trout released

Staff from the B.C. Fish and Wildlife Branch were at Fernwood School last November to deposit some fertilized rainbow trout eggs in the school's aquarium. Last week, the rainbow trout fingerlings were taken to Weston Lake where they were released. Above, B.J. Severs weighs the fingerlings to determine how many there are. In the background are, from left, Hans Dietzl, Ben Clarke, Sarah Jang and Kirra Korrison. At right, the Grade 5/6 class releases the fingerlings into Weston Lake. From left are Hans Dietzl, Trevor Hardie, teacher Jackie Stibbards, Sarah Jang, B.J. Severs, Steven Lyon and Ben Clarke.



Shell station sold

Changes are being made to the intersection in the middle of Ganges as the Shell station receives a new coat of paint.

The facility was recently purchased by Lee and Mary Ann McColl from Bill and Joanne Windsor. The McColls also run Salt Spring Taxi.

McColl said a grand opening is planned for later in the month.

The taxi company may have an office upstairs, but the taxi is connected to the telephone service by radio and doesn't need an office, said McColl.

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Ah, spring and the excitement of new life. Like new mothers getting together crib, clothes, diapers and rattles, the gardener frets about seeds, soil, pots and flats, and the correct formula for this and for that.

Little two-leafed seedlings are cause for loving concern. Leaf colour, sturdiness, rate of growth, moisture and temperature all need to be checked, and how to keep the bugs away without hurting anything else is a constant care.

However, all this has its own reward when, after being transplanted twice, the little bringers of beauty finally are growing in their appointed place, be that flower bed, planter or hanging basket.

In my mind, little surpasses the charm of cascading blossom and leaf at eye level and this, perhaps, is why the hanging basket finds favour with so many of us. I can hardly wait for spring to get the baskets under way, and I am loath, in fall, to take them from their familiar place at porch and door, until their leafless

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BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

twigginess makes its own demand. **INSPIRATION**

This year, though, when I started thinking of our new baskets, I had a splendid inspiration.

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In the middle then one could leave sufficient space for an eight or 10-inch pot of the familiar candidates for summer colour. Only this middle pot would have to be replanted or held over under shelter.

The evergreen moss basket would stay in its accustomed place all year round. And if rosemary and thyme are part of the permanent perimeter planting there would be fresh herbs for the kitchen as well.

All the perimeter candidates mentioned are evergreen, drought-resistant and, in time, some will cascade in quite an awesome fashion, which could be quite dramatic.

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Maintenance over the winter would be nil, as long as the baskets are in a spot where the rain can get at them.

In order to do this we would need a large, sturdy basket, made of strong wire to take the wet winter weight. This basket should provide about an extra three inches of planting and growing space around the centre, summer pot.

For an eight-inch centre pot, the wire basket should then be 14 inches in diameter, or 16 inches with a 10-inch centre pot. Light, small metal chain would make good, sturdy hangers.

We also need a pie plate or similar deep dish at the bottom to act as a water reservoir in the summer. The basket is then lined with moss and filled with soil.

Since the perimeter is a permanent planting for many, many years to come, we must provide some long-lasting essentials. One-third sand in the potting mix would keep the soil from compacting. A handful of dolomite lime and rock phosphate will provide long-lasting calcium and phosphorus.

TRACE ELEMENTS

And a liberal amount of rotten seaweed would provide lots of trace elements for quite a while. That is all there is to it. Plant with your choice of the evergreen perimeter candidates mentioned, leave space for the centre spot and away we go.

This same idea works just as well

with planters of any sort or description. If the centre pot is lifted for the winter, an empty pot of the same size should be put in its place to keep the space intact until next spring.

Also, a two or three-inch-wide galvanized metal strip around the top of the basket is a definite asset to provide an inch or inch-and-a-half freeboard at the top of the basket. This is essential to hold water on the top in summer to allow it to soak into the soil instead of running off immediately.

And a saucer under the centre pot would help with water conservation in summer as well.

Who knows, maybe the city of Victoria will adopt this idea, and that would be quite spectacular.

The truck had no licence plates so the driver ended up in court last week.

Norman Valcourt of Salt Spring Island was in court to explain to Judge D.K. McAdam the circumstances of the incident which occurred February 16. He was driving the 1974 tandem truck from a garage on McPhillips Avenue to another on Lakeview Crescent, he said. The temporary licence plate had been mislaid, he told Judge McAdam.

The police stopped him on Jackson Avenue and he was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

When Valcourt entered a guilty plea, the judge imposed the mandatory fine of \$300.

Sea Capers committee looking for organizers

A meeting April 13 will determine what events are staged on Sea Capers weekend this year.

Arvid Chalmers, chairman of the Sea Capers committee, said the meeting is being held in the library of the Salt Spring Elementary School at 7:30 pm to discuss new events as well as to find organizers for the proposed events.

There are, he said, any number of volunteers but the Sea Capers committee needs organizers.

"If we can't find organizers," he said, "the event won't go."

Any new and different ideas should be brought forward at the meeting, he said. As examples he cited the tug-of-war which has become a popular activity at Sea Capers and which was only recently added to the program.

Last year, Dennis Marshall proposed an apple box derby. The race proved to be an enjoyable draw for many people.

Sea Capers begins Friday, June 10 with a dance to be held in the gymnasium of the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

On Saturday, June 11, a parade kicks off the frolic. Water events are set to splash through the morning. In the afternoon the land events occur and the evening will be the setting for the popular concert in the

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On Sunday, June 12, the apple box race will be staged. A fun run around St. Mary Lake is planned and a softball tourney will be played.

Last year, more than 50 volunteers ensured that Sea Capers was a success and this year the festivities are developing in the same way.

"It's shaping up to be a busy weekend," said Chalmers.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the Harbour House Hotel, Ganges, B.C. on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1983**, commencing at 1:30 pm.

Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 85, being Amendment By-law No. 3, 1983, is a By-law to amend By-law No. 14 cited as "Zoning By-law No. 2, Salt Spring Island, 1978", as follows:

- (1) By creating a zone called the "Food Take-Away Zone" which permits limited food preparation and retailing and accessory residential uses.
- (2) By changing the zoning classification of Lot 1, Section 7, Range 2 East, Plan 18652, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District from the "Rural" zone to the "Food Take-Away" Zone and designating the lot as a Development Permit Area.

A copy of the proposed By-law may be reviewed at the offices of the Capital Regional District, Building Inspection Department, in the Provincial Government Building, Ganges, B.C., during normal working hours of 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive. The proposed By-law may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust Office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning Salt Spring Island at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1983** at the Harbour House Hotel, Ganges, B.C.

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GALIANO NEWS

Music, dance, song mark warming days of spring

BY KATHLYN
AND BASIL BENDER

For millennia humans have looked forward to the lengthening, warming days of spring and celebrated its coming with music, dance and song. Springtime in the Gulf Islands, with its succession of wildflowers, is a time to treasure and store in memory.

Up on the Bluffs above Active Pass the wildflowers are at their best. Leaving the parking lot to several car-loads of off-islanders cooking up a meal, listening to the car radio, sunbathing or staring at the view, a few yards down the cliff edge trail brought into view a clump of coral-root orchids safe from the inquisitive visitors.

Rounding the first of the ancient firs one could see a scattering of calypso orchids while the Bluff edge was carpeted with blue-eyed Marys in profusion. Nearly all the flowers are miniatures; spring gold only and inch high, the minute *mimulus minimus*, filaree, pale pink fringe-cup and the early saxifrage.

ACOUSTIC TRY-OUT

Dancing was used to celebrate the season on the last day of school before the Easter holiday. A sock-hop gave the new activity centre its first acoustic try-out. The children, staff and some parents danced with joy to the music of two live bands.

First the Falling Rocks, Galiano's junior band of intermediate students, made their debut and acquitted themselves well. Lisa Foster and Celeste Howell sang the lyrics to the accompaniment of Zach Gilson on lead guitar, Nicolas Benger on bass guitar, Alison Stafford on synthesizer with Cody Gilson and Damien Rasmussen as percussionists.

Galiano's senior band, Nasty Habits, then really tested the acoustics of the new gym with most favourable results. Bob Gilson is lead vocalist and plays guitar assisted by Paul Hawbolt on lead guitar, Jane Edwards on bass guitar, Sue Gilson on keyboard and Ian Hooley on drums.

Nasty Habits made a very successful second appearance on Saturday when they played for a packed Community Hall full of adult dancers. The considerable proceeds were donated by the band to the equipping of the activity centre. The band's next objective is to make a promotional video-tape to secure off-island engagements.

Galiano dancers will be happy to know that there will soon be another opportunity to dance to the music of this talented band, probably on the May 24 weekend.

Dorothy Livesay on Morningside

On March 16 Dorothy McNair Livesay was interviewed by host Peter Gzowski on CBC's *Morningside*. She read selections from her recently published *Phases of Love*.

A resident of Galiano for several years, Dorothy is at present writer-in-residence at Massey College, University of Toronto, where she is

leading a full life, lecturing, holding seminars, going to theatres and being as young and alive as a 70-year old should be. She will be returning to Galiano in April.

Phases of Love is a collection of poems spanning the range of Dorothy's writing life from 1925 to the present. Although the poems are not dated, one assumes they are in chronological order, for the concluding poem is from her last published book, *Raw Edges*. The book is dedicated to "the women, young and old, friends and strangers who have signalled their support for poetry."

Women have written lyrical love poetry of distinction in many ages and many cultures, which is as different from that written by men, as the two sexes are in their attitudes and behaviour towards the romantic pastime.

The early poems were written in adolescence: "In arresting love/ Before it has flown,/ Before it has grown/ To more than a thought-/ In arresting love,/ What do you do, Poet?/ I bring back wonder to the world."

But to a mature reader the later poems are more satisfying. Written in her 70's was: "O do not put me down/ teach me to be more human/ and to learn/ in the clutch of loving/ how small miracles/ shatter the facts/ explode!"

A delightful book which, with its flashes of autobiography, illumines the enchanting person many of us (on Galiano) have come to know.

Manikin needed

Galiano ambulance crew would like to provide courses in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for island residents. To do this effectively they need a manikin on which students can practise.

This manikin is a life-size model with built-in electronic recorders of the effectiveness of the cardiac massage and artificial respiration being performed by the student. Such a model is quite expensive, having to be imported from Europe.

The ministry of health will not finance the purchase of the manikin for islanders' use, so it will have to be bought from money raised locally. The old Galiano ambulance fund is still in existence and is quite separate from the present system of government funding.

Donations towards the cost of the manikin, which will exceed \$500, may be given by making out cheques to the Galiano ambulance fund, and

sending them to Peter or Jean Dunn who are co-ordinating this project.

Coming events

Thursday evening the Lions are staging a mammoth bingo at the South Community Hall at 7:30 pm. Those needing limousine service to get to the bingo should phone Bill Paterson at 2475 from mid and north-island and Bob Dugas at 2250 from the south end.

Beginning Friday, St. Margaret's Thrift Shop will try a new schedule, opening on Friday as well as Saturday from 2 until 4 pm.

Next Saturday, Apr. 9, members of the Galiano Garden Club are meeting at Montague Harbour in time to board the 7:55 am sailing for a field trip to Victoria. They plan to view Ernest Lythgoe's garden at Elk Lake en route to visiting the Vancouver Island Rock and Alpine Garden Society's Spring Show.

On Sunday Rev. Leonard Pocock invites all islanders to join him in worship at St. Margaret's beginning at 10 am.

The Ladies Service Club will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, Apr. 11 in Page Drive Lounge to finalize plans for their Spring Rummage Sale to be held in the South Community Hall on Saturday, Apr. 16 between 1 and 3:30 pm. Donations of rummage will be gratefully received at the hall after 9 am or may be picked up by phoning president Lucey Milley at 5762 or Sally Riddell at 2263.

The ladies' section of the Golf Club will celebrate the opening of the season by holding a general meeting in the club house on Tuesday, Apr. 12, beginning at 11 am followed by a luncheon.

Bernard Moore, the TV and radio gardener, will pay a return visit to Galiano Garden Club on Wednesday, Apr. 13 in North Galiano Hall. All members, especially those bringing show bench exhibits, are asked to note the new time of the meeting, 1:30 instead of 2 pm.

Bernard will speak on planters, hanging baskets and tubs, and be prepared to answer questions, preferably written out and handed in before the meeting.

The monthly baby clinic held in Page Drive Lounge has been postponed one week on account of Easter to Thursday, Apr. 14 between 1:30 and 3 pm. Jane Stokes, the public health nurse, would like to visit all new babies and is prepared to give pre-natal information at the home of the expectant mother.

Easter Saturday was marked by a steady stream of pilgrims converging on the North Galiano Hall. The fair began with an outdoor auction conducted by "Stormin Norman" Russell in his inimitable chuckling way.

In keeping with Easter bells, the piece de resistance was a beautiful chiming clock for which bidding was fierce.

The doors of the hall were flung open and the pilgrims surged in to purchase their Easter "pardons" and sample the refreshments. In a noteworthy parade of Easter bonnets the metaphorical prize went to Alistair Ross for his hen-house hat, although the actual prize was awarded to his wife Dorothy for a more conventional piece of floral headgear.

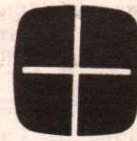
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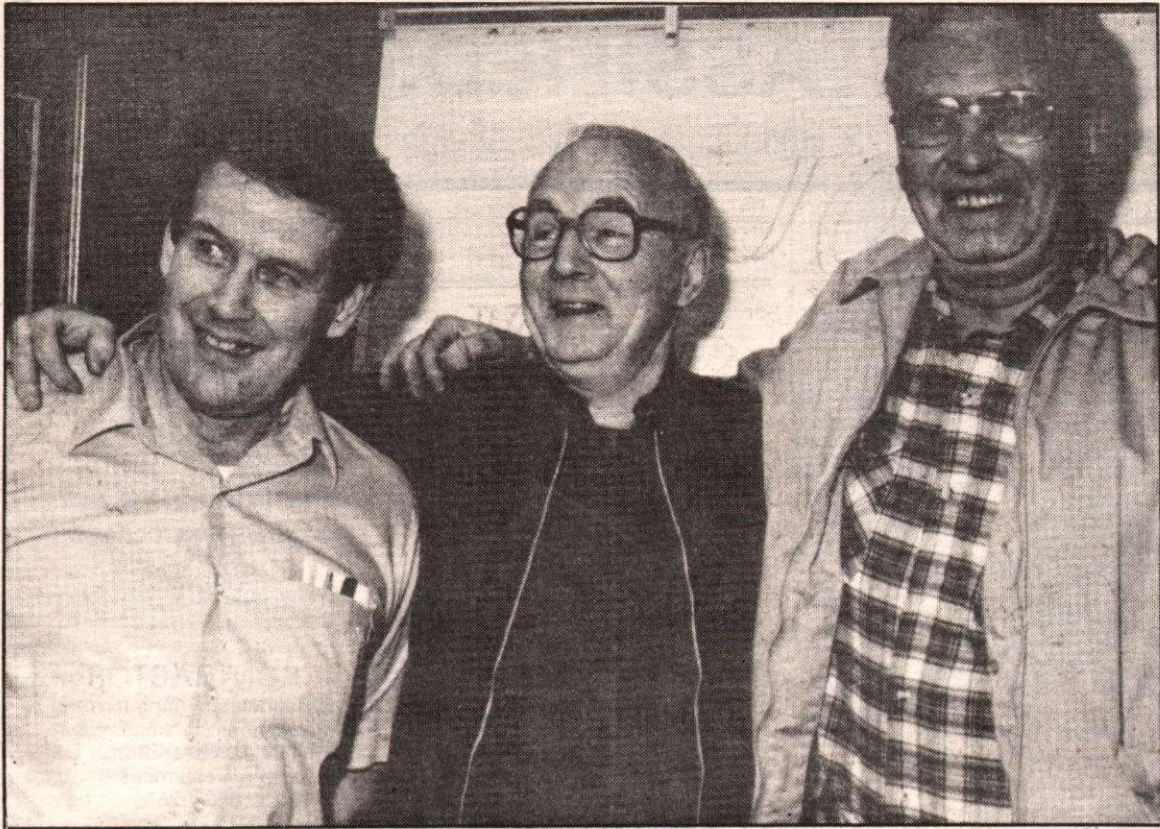
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Retires after 18 years

They honoured Jim Southern, centre, at an open house in the school board office last Thursday afternoon. The occasion marked Southern's retirement after 18 years

with the school district as custodian. He spent many years in the Gulf Islands Secondary School. Frank Sutherland, left, supervisor of

works, and Charles Baltzer, Salt Spring school trustee, joined others in expressing appreciation to Southern.

Apple crisp snack wins school culinary contest

The cooking contest was open to the students at Gulf Islands Secondary School and the snacks were to be tasty, nutritional and appealing.

With 20 entries to savour, the two judges, Ricci Cornell of La Fontana Caffe and Steven Lynch of Hastings House, set about determining the winner last week.

Each entrant had to include the recipe and a list of the ingredients. The finished products, after judgment, were sold to students at noon with the money gathered from the sale to be forwarded to an unspecified international relief organization.

Heidi Hume won top spot with Beth's Favourite Apple Crisp Snack. She won brunch for three at Hastings House.

Crystal Watson was second with an Armenian Orange Cake and won cooking lessons from Cornell.

Lisa Barry came in third with Vanishing Fruit Nut Balls. Her prize was a cookbook donated by Volume II Bookstore.

The event to display the culinary talents at the high school was organized by Linda Hoover and Bill

Underwood.

Hume's winning recipe:

Beth's Favourite Apple Crisp Snack

- 5 large apples—cored & peeled
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 1/4 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1 teaspoon fine minute tapioca

TOPPING:

- 1/2 cup oats (regular)
- 1/3 cup wheat germ
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 cup oil

Cut apples and place in small baking dish. Soak tapioca in lemon juice, then mix together with honey, lemon rind, cinnamon. Stir in raisins. Mix into apples.

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East-west: first, Madeline and Joe Frantz; second, May Whiten and Margaret Ellison; third, Shirley Love and Phyllis Henderson;

fourth, Nora Day and Phoebe Stevens.

The charity game will be held on Monday, Apr. 18 in aid of the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Tuesday evening winners were: first, Dawny Scarle and Fred Melhuish; second, Isabelle Richardson and Bunny Jordan; third, Lorna and Fred Melhuish.

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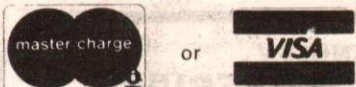
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