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## For May 5 vote

# April 20 deadline for registration

Voters in the Gulf Islands should check the voters list to ensure they are eligible for a ballot in the provincial election May 5.

Registration offices for those not on the list but eligible to vote have been set up on each of the main islands. The deadline for registration is April 20.

On Galiano, voters can check the list at the Corner Store and register for a vote. Mayne Island residents can contact Roy Betts on Fernhill Road. The Golf and Country Club on Pender Island houses the registry for that island. The Saturna General Store is the location for Saturna voters.

Salt Spring Islanders can check at Room 210 of the government building on Lower Ganges Road each day from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Registration can be made there.

Rural area voters, and the Gulf Islands qualify as rural, can register at the polls on election day. The deputy returning officer will swear the voter in and a ballot can be cast.

Any ballots cast by voters registering at the regular polls will not be counted until the final count on May 17.

Individuals who register for a vote at the poll will require at least

two pieces of identification such as a driver's licence, a social insurance card, a Pharmacare or senior citizen's card.

To be eligible for a vote, the individual must be 19 years of age as of election day. The potential voter must have been a resident of Canada for the past year and have resided in British Columbia for six months.

The other requirement is either Canadian citizenship or being a British subject.

The advance polls, for those out of the area on election day, occur April 28, 29 and 30 from 1 to 9 pm. Locations of the advance polls will be made public later.

Election day sees the polls open from 8 am to 8 pm.

Nominations for candidates close on April 22 at 1 pm.

So far, three candidates are in the running for Saanich and The Islands. Incumbent Hugh Curtis, Social Credit, faces another challenge from John Mika of the New Democratic Party. Mary Jane Lewis stands as the Liberal Party candidate.

In the last election in 1979, Curtis defeated Mika by a margin of 2,057 votes.

## To negotiate land swap

The provincial ministry of forests will negotiate a land exchange with Texada Logging, *Driftwood* learned Tuesday.

Islands MLA Hugh Curtis said Forests Minister Tom Waterland has instructed that crown land be traded with Texada Logging for its

property in the Maxwell Lake watershed on Salt Spring Island.

Protection of the lake's watershed is one of the main goals of the recently-formed Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society. Since its formation the group has been pressing the government to take action to preserve the watershed.

Society president Tom Gossett said his group was "very grateful" with the announcement.

"The land exchange, which will provide protection to Maxwell Lake, is now one step closer to reality," he said.

Gossett expressed his gratitude to the people of the community who wrote letters, signed the petition and provided support to the society.

The petition collected 2,000 signatures in about four days.

## Permits required

Permits for open fires will be required after Friday, Apr. 15 on Salt Spring Island.

Salt Spring fire chief Bob Leask said the permits will be required for the remainder of the season. The use of incinerators or burning slash would be covered by the permits.

When the danger of fire becomes greater, the permits could be cancelled, said Leask.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

## Feeding the goats

The Blakeway twins, Laurie and Shon, aged 6, had finished feeding the goats but it seems they are still hungry. The Salt Spring Island

youngsters were out walking with their grandfather along Leisure Lane and stopped at a farm to play with large herd of goats.

## 'Minor repairs' cost \$20,000

When the repairs to the government wharf in Ganges Harbour are completed sometime this spring, the price will total \$45,000.

A spokesman for Public Works Canada said "minor repairs" to the wharf have been made to date with an approximate cost of \$20,000. A repair crew had been at the wharf last week to replace several pilings which showed old age.

The work yet to be done on the wharf, at a cost of \$25,000, includes adjustments to the ramp and other repairs which may be necessary. An inspection of the wharf is being carried out to determine the exact extent of repairs required.

"There doesn't seem to be a panic situation involved," said the spokesman. The work should be completed by the beginning of summer.

## Peninsula Players take four awards

Peninsula Players from Saanich took four of the top prizes at the Drama Festival held on Salt Spring Island last week.

The troupe won the award for best production for their offering of *Play Strindberg* and Hetty Clews was judged best director for her handling of the play.

Lina de Guevera and John Gilliland took the best actress and actor awards for their parts in the play.

Best supporting actress was Barb Trowbridge in the role of Harriet in *Footsteps of Doves* presented by the Shawnigan Lake Players.

Graeme Morton of Duncan's January Players was the best supporting actor for his portrayal of Cletis in *Lone Star*.

Festival adjudicator Clara Hare said she did not enjoy comparing the ability of the individuals but the good performances should be recognized.

As she prepared to announce the

winners, she noted, "I find this the most difficult moment of the week."

The best visual presentation required the set to be just right, she said. The prize went to Martin

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## Baby born aboard water taxi

A vessel operated by Gulf Islands Water Taxi became a floating maternity ward Tuesday morning when a Mayne Island resident gave

birth to a baby in Ganges Harbour. The *Ganges Hawk* had been dispatched to Mayne Island to pick up expectant mother Audrey Piggott and deliver her to Ganges. But the baby boy couldn't wait to

get to Lady Minto Hospital and was born aboard the boat at 8:20 am.

A midwife and two ambulance attendants were on board to help with the delivery, which went without a hitch.

It was the third baby to be born aboard one of the fleet's boats since he took over the business, said Jack Hughes Tuesday morning.

# District figures show 583 days of class time missed

Gulf Islands teachers have missed 583 days of classroom time between September and February of this school year.

Figures released by the school board show the teachers in the seven Gulf Islands schools worked a total of 8,665.25 teacher/days in that period. There are 75.35 full-time equivalent (fte) teachers employed by the board.

In February, the teachers missed 121.9 days. They were absent for 66.9 sick days, 33 professional development days, 12.5 days on school business, five days on personal emergency and 4.5 days of teachers' association business.

The 20 school days of February, multiplied by the 75.35 fte teachers, come to a total of 1,507 teacher/days for the month.

The 21.9 fte teachers of Salt Spring Elementary missed 45 days in February with sick leave accounting for 38 days. For the school year, the teachers were absent for 211.4 days of the total teacher/days for the school of 2,518.5.

The absent days for the school year at the Ganges school break down to 132.9 sick days, 30 days on school business, 23.5 days on association affairs, 23 professional development days and two days for personal emergency.

Mike Marshall, district superintendent, told school trustees at a recent meeting that the high number of sick days had been accumulated by several teachers who were using up the sick leave owed to them. Teachers are allowed 15 sick days for the 10 month school year.

At Mayne School, the 7.3 fte teachers missed 95.6 days of the 839.5 teacher/days to the end of February. The teachers were absent for 13.6 sick days, 13.5 days on school business, 53 days for adoption, maternity or paternity leave, eight professional development days and 7.5 days for personal emergency.

The Mayne teachers missed 8.5 days in February on six days sick leave and 2.5 days for school business.

Galiano School teachers took 62.9 days off so far this year. The 3.9 fte teachers worked a total of 48.5 teacher/days to the end of February. The leaves of absence consisted of 41.5 sick days, 14 professional development days, 6.5 days on school business and 0.5 days for Gulf Islands Teachers Association business.

The Galiano teachers took 12.9 days off in February for 6.4 sick days, six professional development days and 0.5 days for GITA business.

At Fernwood School on Salt Spring, the 8.75 fte teachers missed 51.9 of the total 1,006.25 teacher/days this school year. They were out of the classroom 19.4 sick days, 17 professional days, 7.5 days on school business, five days for adoption, maternity or paternity, and 1.5 days for both personal

emergency and GITA affairs.

In February, the Fernwood teachers spent 14.9 days away from the classrooms. They took nine professional days, 4.9 sick days and one day on school business.

Pender School houses 6.8 fte teachers who worked 782 teacher/days from September to February. They were absent for 32.7 days in that period. The teachers took time off for 10.7 sick days, nine professional days, seven days of school business, and six days for personal emergency.

In February, they took four days off. Two of those days were for professional development and one day for each of sick leave and school

business.

The smallest Gulf Island school is on Saturna Island. The school has 2.6 fte teachers who worked 299 teacher/days in the period covered. They were absent for 15 days. The teachers took seven sick days, four professional days and four days on school business.

For February, the Saturna teachers were absent for 1.3 sick days.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School has 24.1 fte teachers. They have worked 2,771.5 teacher/days for this school year and have been away from classes for 113.4 days.

The high school teachers took 36.4 sick days, 31 professional days,

17 days for GITA work, 15 days for personal emergency and 14 days for school business.

They were absent for 35.3 days in February with 14 professional days, 9.3 sick days, five days for personal emergency, four days for GITA and three days for school business.

The school year has covered 19 days in September, 21 days in October, 22 days in November, 12

days in December, 21 days in January, 21 days in February for a total of 115 days.

Across the district for this school year, the teachers have been away for 261.9 days of sick leave, 106 professional days, 58 days for adoption, maternity or paternity leave, 82.5 days on school business, 42.5 days for GITA and 32 days for personal emergency.

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# JOHN MIKA

## Saanich and The Islands

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### The Record:

- has lived in the Saanich area since 1957
- Victoria Times reporter for 15 years
- Saanich alderman for 6 years and an elected member of the Regional Board
- executive assistant to Minister of Transport and Communications
- currently special assistant to Dave Barrett

### Chairman of these Saanich Municipal Committees:

- Urban Growth
- Environment
- Emergency Services
- Handicapped Transportation
- Todd Creek Rehabilitation
- Colquitz Creek and Cuthbert Holmes Parks

### and has served on these committees:

- Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary
- Regional parks
- Planning and Economic Growth
- Regional Public Health Services

### Currently a Member of:

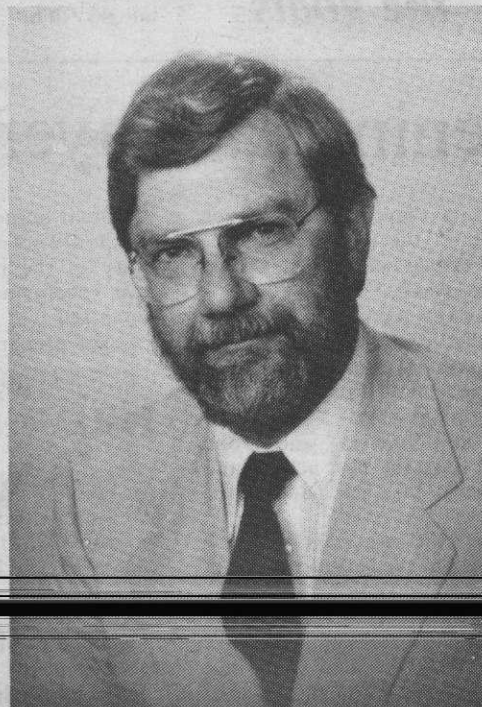
- Saanich Peninsula Farmer's Institute
- Greater Victoria Disarmament Group
- Board of Trustees, Queen Alexandra Hospital for Children
- Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria
- Robertson II Sail and Life Training Society

### A leader in the fight for:

- developing the Community Plan from local area meetings
- preservation of agricultural and greenbelt land
- Saanich Freedom of Information by-law
- establishment of Saanich #2 Fire Hall in Royal Oak
- evening meetings of Saanich Council

John Mika has the experience, the knowledge, the energy and the commitment to be the best MLA Saanich and the Island has ever had. But to reach this goal, he needs your help. Call one of the numbers below and tell us you want to lend a hand. Let's make a fresh start.

## Together, A New Beginning



On May 5th, let's elect

# JOHN MIKA

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Ganges: Mowat Mall

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Inserted by the John Mika Campaign Committee

## Spark ignites shingles

Volunteer firemen put out a blaze on the roof of a Miles Road home at Salt Spring Island but damage estimates range from \$10,000 to

A spark from the chimney of the Beddis Beach area home of Ernie Booth ignited the cedar shingles on the roof last Tuesday at 7 pm.

No one was injured in the fire.

To Be

Frank

by richards



# Australian singer to visit

When a visitor from Australia arrives in the middle of April, he'll bring memories to Mary C. Forbes.

Today, she is known to Gulf Islanders as Mary C. Williamson and with her husband, Harry, lives at Central on Salt Spring. In the 1950's she managed a quartet of singers, called Group One, in England.

Wally Carr was the lead tenor in that group, and after 25 years, he and Williamson will be re-united. Carr entertains people in Australia and is currently on a North American tour. He comes to Salt Spring for a day of rest and a day of nostalgia.

Williamson had been booking agent for the BBC and by 1956, she became the agent for Group One.

The four singers, Carr, Tony Russell, Frank McKay and John Masters, became a popular act of the day. They were featured on BBC radio and television as well as on record. They sang at the London Palladium and other places in England.

Carr lives in Australia and as well as being a singer, he teaches music and co-ordinates cabaret acts in the cities down under.

Group One was popular, said Williamson, before singing groups became known for song hits.

Although they made many records she has only one record of their performances. It was made from a radio broadcast.

"You couldn't identify them with a particular song," she said of the group, "but they were musicians and could read music."

Williamson is planning a welcome-to-Salt-Spring party for Carr on April 17 in the United Church Hall. She will be part of the local group The Society, which will entertain the entertainer during the afternoon.

## More statistics

The islands assessment figures furnished by Ron McQuiggan and Amy McLeod last week provide comparisons between the Gulf Islands. Everyone knew that Salt Spring Island is the largest of the group, but not every resident would know that the next in line is Pender, North and South. Not everyone would know that the Penders enjoy almost exactly double Galiano's number of dwellings and that Salt Spring Island accommodates almost exactly double the number of homes found on Pender. The average value of dwellings and properties on Salt Spring Island comes to \$89,735; on the Penders the value is \$66,666 on average. Galiano properties average out at \$86,914 and Saturna, \$65,645. Average value of dwellings on Mayne Island works out at \$60,773. E. and O.E., of course! This is one of the valueless little pieces of information more commonly garnered from computers.

## I got it at the Pharmacare price!

It cost me nothing when I picked up a prescription on Monday. I got it at the Pharmacare price! To mark the event I tipped the pharmacist. Les Ramsey beamed in gratitude and recalled that the last man to offer him a tip was the late W. M. Mouat, some years ago, probably when Pharmacare was born. The tip on that early occasion was five cents, but I upped the gratuity to 10 cents. I guess that's just inflation!

## That's more like it!

I referred to Whitaker's Almanac of 1949 the other day and I glanced over the introduction near the preface. The British Almanac was introduced in 1868 and the summary explained some of the features of Britain in the following year, of 1869. The British national income was 75 millions of pounds and the level of income tax had been reduced from sixpence in the pound to fivepence. This was the equivalent of reducing income tax from 2½ cents in the dollar to something less than two and one-tenth cents. We could use a bit of that kind of income tax ourselves with income tax at least ten times that figure!

## Vers-atile voting

I like-a  
John Mika;  
But my heart is  
Where Curt-is.  
I haven't the wit  
To rhyme up a Grit.  
And if there should be a Progressive Conservative  
My rhyming ability will get worse and worsative.

## Main difference

I had a call from my twin brother in Britain. He explained the difference between an aging Brit and a Canadian of similar age. He, in Britain is an old-age pensioner. I am, he charged, a senior citizen. The term is not used in the homeland of the Anglo-Saxon tongue. There is another difference. In Britain the pension is payable at the age of 65 as long as the recipient is no longer working. In this enlightened land, it comes at the age of 65. Other than that, despite the metric monster controversy, it takes the same number of months to reach the age of 65 in either country.

## You know them all!

After 35 years of newspaper reporting in the same general location, you get to know the party supporters. The election brings up two island names. Dennis Heinekey, brother of Vesuvius Bay's George Heinekey, is running himself ragged with the Liberal campaign and Ken Arnott, who lived above St. Mary Lake for long enough is the press contact for John Mika's NDP campaign. Hugh Curtis's right-hand man is Jim Guthrie. He and I have both worked as reporters on the Sidney Review over the years. And Hugh was with radio in Victoria when I was with that paper. Another New Democrat worker is Ian Campbell, of Saanich. He was an NDP worker a hundred years ago as I recall. That, of course, is one of the things that makes elections interesting. You work with people whose views are entirely different from your own and you enjoy the exchange.

## Ugh!

There is a use for slugs. I'm not telling who told me, but if you're connecting up modern plastic pipes and you run out of the lubricant to make the joints, you take a slug and smear it over the areas to be connected and you got yourself a perfect joint. Ugh!

## Another former Islander!

Heard from Liz Sneyd last week. Former Salt Spring Islander, she lives in Ontario and keeps in touch. She sent me a clipping from the Ottawa Citizen. Dave Brown, writing his own Brown's Beat, observes that the House of Commons will continue its current broadcast schedule despite a plea from a Vancouver listener. The westcoaster wrote to John Warren, explains Brown calling for a change of hours. Warren is host of the CBC Parliamentary Television Network. The letter-writer explained that the new hours coincide with Jack Webster's program. Warren had been in touch with the Speaker, Mme. Jeanne Sauve, who "expressed no immediate inclination to revise the House of Commons' broadcast schedule because of the conflict with Mr. Webster's program." Similarly, of course, Mr. Webster might have expressed a parallel lack of enthusiasm to pander to parliament. Last time I heard from the Sneyds was a few months ago when they commended the post office for the fast delivery of Driftwood to eastern parts.

## Barrett, Mika to open offices

The New Democratic Party's Saanich-The Islands constituency headquarters will be officially opened Thursday at noon.

Party leader Dave Barrett and local candidate John Mika will conduct the opening of the offices, located at 104 Saanich Centre, 3995 Quadra Street, Victoria.

Following the opening, Barrett and Mika will move on to Sidney to address a luncheon at the Sidney Travelodge at 12:45.

At 2 pm they will open the party's Sidney office at 2473 Beacon Ave.

Information on Thursday's activities was provided by former Salt Spring Island resident Ken Arnott, who is working on Mika's campaign.

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For details of the calculation or other enquiries, contact the Agricultural Credit Branch, Victoria 387-5121 (local 212 or 224).

Mail applications postmarked no later than April 30, 1983 to:



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## Armed to the teeth

The Canadian government and candidates for leadership of the Conservative party might do well to reflect on the strange defence policies growing up around them.

Governments are falling back on force and threats to compel their own nationals to accept nuclear weaponry.

Can any government retain power in defiance of the national wishes?

How long can the Canadian government defy the wishes of the Canadian people in respect of nuclear armaments?

Today's house divided will fall just as it would in biblical times.

## Only one logical use

Every time a new house is undertaken in an electoral area the province makes a grant of \$250 to the region to help meet the costs involved in administration.

The building starts grants in the Capital Regional District are paid to the region by the province in respect of new dwellings in the islands and in the western sector, beyond Victoria and Esquimalt. The grants are made in the form of one payment and there are no strings attached.

The grant is an attractive carrot to the various rural components of the region.

They have been allocated to the electoral areas as a unit and the grants have already paid towards the acquisition of the former CNR property in the western sector. There are plans afoot to use the property for recreational and administrative purposes at some time in the future.

The board has debated the use of these funds for the past several years. Each component has a use for the funds. Many directors feel that they should be distributed among the electoral areas in proportion to the number of building starts and then used for local projects.

There is only one logical use for the funds. They are surplus to the normal, budgeted revenues and might be used for innumerable local improvements. But they have been derived from building starts, from the issue of building permits to construct a dwelling, or any other structure. The only fair distribution would be to allocate them to the reduction of permit fees, which are very high.

There would be no apportionment needed. The value of the grant could be set against building inspection costs and the permits would be reduced accordingly.

Extra monies floating around a municipality are a great temptation to wasteful spending and surely there is enough of that at every level of government.

## Tax reform

There has recently been reference to income tax reform. This reference was made during the Tory leadership campaign when one candidate, Alberta's Peter Pocklington, advocated a levy on gross income.

Gone would be the deductions and the allowances and the evasions. Instead, the national budget would be set against the national earnings and the income tax figure would result.

The individual or corporation earning \$100,000 would pay tax on that amount. Similarly, the earner of \$10,000 in the year would pay on that.

Yet the greatest appeal to most individuals would be a sales tax instead of an income tax. The single-tax system as a levy on all purchases would require little figuring out and would be broadly distributed.

Whether these proposals would be effective is a question beyond the comprehension of the man-in-the-street or the woman-in-the-street. The only substantial conclusion from such proposals is that a review of the tax system is overdue and the federal government could well institute a review or an enquiry into a more equitable method of raising taxes.

Such a plan would undoubtedly gain support from most Canadians, baffled by the income tax return which now requires the publication of a book of instructions for each and every taxpayer.



## Letters to the Editor

### Grant was not for buying cookies

Sir,

*Driftwood* of March 23 reported that "the Sewer Alternatives Committee has been the recipient of \$500 from Salt Spring CRD Director Yvette Valcourt." Lest your readership conclude that Mrs. Valcourt has most generously provided us with a lifetime supply of cookies for our many meetings, may we offer the following information.

Prior to the aborted Sewer Referendum last December, a public meeting had been scheduled. The S.S.A.C. in co-operation with the ratepayers, the Chairman of the

CRD and the Regional Director, recommended that an engineer be engaged to present a point of view different from the single CRD sewer proposal.

The monies were made available from the Regional Director's Grant-in-aid fund and the total sum committed via S.S.A.C. directly to the engineer.

The engineer's draft report (currently on file with the CRD) which would have been presented to all islanders states:

"We (the engineers) do not feel that the assessment of alternative

sewage schemes which has been carried out to date is adequate. The communal system with central treatment facility and extended outfall seems to have been the favoured solution, with other treatment options not really receiving serious consideration... With the potential of significant capital and operating cost savings (while still solving health and environmental problems) by using alternative systems we feel that further study of such systems is justified." Steve McMinn, Engineer, Underwood McClelland.

It is regrettable that the Provincial Government and the CRD cancelled the referendum and the public meeting, as the people of Salt Spring might have found the open opportunity to explore alternatives with professional engineers very helpful.

**SHARON McCOLLOUGH,**  
for Sewer Alternatives Committee.  
April 4, 1983.

### The public is amused

Sir,

I read with some amusement of the plans of the Gulf Islands School Board to implement a policy and set up a Committee to look at improving communications with "the internal and external public."

Yet another committee consisting of all the right people, members of CUPE, GITA, the school administrators and the School Board. Not one mention of the parent representatives from the three schools, they are obviously not considered to be important enough or intelligent enough to sit on such an illustrious Committee.

The School Board is becoming more like a Union every day, with too many "closed shop" activities being organized which are tending to alienate them from the general public rather than improve relations. It is time the School Board remembered they are not "a law unto themselves."

It makes one wonder where the members of the School Board find the time to come up with all these brilliant ideas?

Ah, but that is part of the magic of living on the Gulf Islands—time to muse and think on the finer points of life—how to improve communications with the parents, whoops did I say the Parents, I meant "the internal and external

public."

It will be interesting to see how this latest plan will materialize.

**MACIE A. PRING,**  
Box 1327,  
Ganges.  
April 9, 1983.

## Paper took two days from Ganges to St. Catharines

Sir,

For the last three or four weeks we have been receiving our *Driftwood* on the Monday following your Wednesday publishing date, which, we felt, was pretty good considering that in the past some issues have been as much as six weeks late.

The reason for this letter is that the March 23 issue of *Driftwood* arrived on March 25—last Friday. Two days from Ganges to St. Catharines is almost unbelievable! Regular first-class mail from Ganges usually takes longer.

Top marks to the Post Office

for once—it must have been a personal delivery. It will be interesting to see how long it takes this letter to arrive in Ganges.

We do look forward to receiving the paper which we enjoy reading—especially the ongoing saga of the sewer—but would it be possible to have our address spelled correctly?

**H. RAYMOND JENKINS,**  
20 Prince Philip Drive,  
St. Catharines, Ontario.  
March 29, 1983.

**Editor's note: The letter took exactly seven days—March 30 to April 6—to reach our office.**

# More Letters to the Editor

## Islanders invited to help with beautification

Sir,  
Each year I have the opportunity to landscape a number of Salt Spring Island properties. Expenditures range from a few hundred to many thousands of dollars. Islanders have spent from a few thousand up to half a million dollars on constructing "their" home and grounds. Every week most residents make one to three trips to Ganges and yet most of us have spent nothing on "our" town.

Merchants are beginning to donate generously and I would like to suggest that every islander may wish to consider what portion of their "home" expenditures they could contribute to the beautification of Ganges, Vesuvius, Fulford and our other commercial-cultural areas.

Accounts have been set up at the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Commerce in the name of the Salt Spring Beautification Program. This will be administered by the Beautification Committee under the auspices of the Chamber of

Commerce. Projects may be initiated by individuals or groups according to the guidelines set by the Advisory Design panel of the Islands Trust. Work will be done primarily by volunteers supervised by qualified local tradespeople and designers. We will also have input and expertise from off-island professionals. Your suggestions are also welcome (Chamber, Box 111, Ganges) as this is your island.

A hanging basket and flower planting program is now being organized amongst merchants and institutions but the key to its success is our planned water wagon—litter pickup and maintenance vehicle. We are still looking for a pickup truck, a 100-200 gallon tank and a 12-volt pump. Anyone who could donate or help us find and set up this equipment would be making a very worthwhile contribution.

I would personally like to invite every islander to contribute something to the fund and/or their labour and suggestions to improve

the quality of life on our island. Write Box 111 or phone 537-9561, 537-5259 or drop in at the General Store, 537-5612.

**WALTER DAVIS,**  
Box 613,  
Ganges.  
March 31, 1983.

## Year's total is \$883

Sir,  
I would like to thank all the children, (musicians, singers, dancers, and gymnasts) who took part in the concert, "Children Helping Children" on March 19.

The door takings amounted to \$93; this added to money in collection cans of \$181.06, and sale of Christmas cards of \$559, brought the year's total to \$883.17.

On behalf of the children of the World, I thank all who contributed; and would like to remind you all of a Plant and Miscellaneous Sale, next Saturday, April 16, in the carport at 250 Woodland Drive from 11 am to 1 pm.

**JEAN KNIGHT,**  
Save the Children Fund.  
April, 1983.

## Australian singer here April 17

Sir,  
May I use this feature to extend a warm invitation to the United Church Hall on Sunday, Apr. 17 from 2-4 pm.

Australian singer Wally Carr is on a North American tour and is taking a day out to visit Salt Spring Island. This is also a reunion of friends who have not met for 25 years!

Thirty years ago I had the privilege of forming and managing a close-harmony quartet called Group One. They made quite a name for themselves in England on TV, radio and records, as well as appearing at the Prince of Wales Theatre, the London Palladium, and being featured in a revue staged

by Hugh O'Brian (TV's Wyatt Earp). Wally was our lead tenor.

This will be an informal tea-party with appropriate refreshments. There will also be entertainment, and The Society will sing. Please come and help us welcome a great performer who is still very active in show business, in his home of Prospect, South Australia.

**MARY C. WILLIAMSON,**  
R.R. 1, Ganges.  
March 31, 1983.

P.S. A couple of weeks ago, Rev. Al Skinner called for a boycott of Nike and Adidas products. The third item was listed as Tintex. My apologies to this company—it should have been Kingtex.

## Greens coming to island

Sir,  
The Constitution of the newly-formed provincial party, the Green Party, states that three of their purposes are:

- to work towards achieving the goal of nuclear and general disarmament and world peace;
- to work towards achieving the goal of a conservator society;
- to work towards an economic system based upon sound environmental and ecological principles.

It seems as if we must all re-orient ourselves politically towards establishing new goals, rather than simply focusing on "economic recovery"—and it may even be necessary to do this through the establishment of a 'Coalition government' for a change.

Radical? Not really. Coalition governments have previously been set up in times of war; but as far as many of the people at present are concerned, we are in a state of economic 'war' right now.

Most of the capital is concentrated outside of the country in the hands of multinationals and banks; even they don't know which

**SUE HISCOCKS,**  
Box 781,  
Ganges.  
April, 1983.

P.S. The Greens will be on the Island soon to discuss their policies further.

## Interesting experiment

Sir,  
It might be an interesting experiment to institute, on Salt Spring Island, a ruling that all bicycle traffic must ride on the left hand side of the roads. Pedestrians are asked to do exactly that as it is a safety precaution. One can see the oncoming traffic and therefore avoid it by stepping off the paving if necessary.

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Such a ruling could prevent a great many accidents and deaths on the highway. Such an innovation, on Salt Spring Island, could become a model for other communities.

**ALLAN W. EDWARDS,**  
Box 1438,  
Ganges.  
April 4, 1983.

Hopefully when the inevitable election is called, all parties will recognize the value of being issue-oriented. Survival in an environmentally sound society is good enough for me.

## Regional district is liable

Sir,  
A rainy day makes me reach for the neglected accumulation of *Driftwoods* and I see that a good month ago you reported on the sewer costs. The Municipal Act, say the CRD lawyers, does not permit the CRD to levy charges on the properties in the Ganges designated area: for the costs so far, the CRD is liable, not the Ganges people. Quite so.

Some three years ago, *Driftwood* reported that the Ganges sewer expenses incurred till then would have to be paid by the owners in the designated area, not by the Capital Regional District. At that time I phoned in my objection to you, and in the following issue you reported correctly that I understood the Municipal Act to require the Capital Regional District to pay, not the Ganges people.

But, you said, both the CRD and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs endorsed your report: the Ganges people have to pay. You had fallen over yourselves to ask the goat whether it was legal to eat people's currant bushes, and had asked the goat's boss, the Municipal-Affairs Ministry of Mr. Curtis, for good measure. And the goat ate, the CRD

charged, the Ganges people paid. I had limited my objection to the costs up to the date of issue of the Letters Patent, March 30, 1978 (not, as you report now, 1972), for the simple reason that I did not know what they allowed or forbade: I had never seen them. There was soon cause to examine them, and that was another eye-opener. But I do not wish to add that tale of woe right now.

**HERMANN KIRCHMEIR,**  
RR 3,  
Ganges.  
April 9, 1983.

## Organizer did a great job

Sir,  
An exciting week of drama in our province, Festival '83 South Island Zone, has just concluded. Once again Salt Spring Island spirit was in evidence.

Homes and hearts were opened to many visitors. Businesses and individuals contributed generously to entertaining our guests. Human relationships were enhanced and a big thank you is due to the contributors and the organizer of this joyous happening.

Catherine Faulkner, Chairperson, you did a great job!  
**D. SCARFE,**  
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Salt Spring Players.  
April 10, 1983.

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Bill Webster

## The plug is pulled on hot air

Sunshine washes winter (that's a joke folk) away from the Gulf rocks and spring prepares a welcome entrance.

Just when things political appeared to be calming Billie Wacyson pulls the plug and encourages hot air to waft across Lotus Land. Which prompts a thought about noise pollution.

When the typewriter warmed up with a devastating commentary on the foibles of left and right, a phone call from Banduricistan interrupts the fun.

Louis Bolivar-Finchley spoke words from far away. "Don't do it," said he. "Don't bore your fan by talking about the election campaign."

His words echoed as the noise of the keys stilled. Mayhaps Louis was right, again. Mayhaps the populace will suffer sufficient in the madness of rhetoric blowing wild across the land.

### Notes reveal scrapers

A check of notes reveals potential comments about Hugh of the Many-Turned-Coat scrapping with John Tryagain of

of voters in The Islands and Saanich.

Salt Spring, say pundits prophetically, becomes the swing in what should be a wire-to-wire event. Anyone care to guess why?

Further afield, the Western Canada Concept plans to win four seats in the gas house. They'll bear watching, not for the number of wins but for the number of votes.

Brian Westwood, famed ex-Tory who chose to switch rather than stab, runs separately in Langley with the WCC pennant unfurled. He is joined in the fight by three other conceptual westerners and if all four sit, they'll set a record for balloting of 100%.

### Teachers: to be or not to be?

They teachers may get involved. Or they may not. They perceive nasty treatment at the hands of government. Which will be another switch. When the Indeepeers were government, teachers didn't appreciate the treatment they were getting and worked to topple the regime.

That's consistency for you. The teachers won't have to change their signs which proclaim, "Vote against the government."

Other aspects of political note another switch. Charlie Barber of Victoria has decided he wants a different stage.

He plans a career in music and will chase notes instead of votes this time around.

Dave Doleft comes on like a moderate, shaming some of his cohorts with his mildness. Will any believe change?

And over in the right court, Billie Wacyson comes on like a practised politico. Apparently he has listened to the marketeers and tries to prove he is more than merely heir.

Will any believe that change?

The last note in the notes contains comments by the pundit of pundits, Dell Flippard. We met for conversation on the beach at Fulford Fjord. Dell predicts the outcome of disasters such as elections.

He uses a timely device. The prognostication is gauged by the soreness of the bunion on his big toe.

### Bunion predicts winners

"Hugh will stay", throbbed the bunion, "and Billie remains as leader of all Lotus Landers."

"If it don't rain," he added.

As earlier comments in the column noted, Louis advised against dissecting the campaign. The notes were noteable and the temptation to use them strong. But Louis' advice prevails. No notice of the election will be taken by this space.

# Spring wedding at Galiano

BY MARY HARDING

St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Galiano Island was the setting for a lovely spring wedding on Saturday.

Rev. L. R. Pocock heard the vows of Gina Lynn, daughter of Mrs. Mary I. Wilson of Galiano and John Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Silvey of North Galiano.

Coming down the aisle on the arm of her brother, Rodrick Wilson, the bride was lovely in her long gown of soft ivory, with pleated skirt, long sheer sleeves, and high ruffled collar, complemented with dainty lace.

Her hat was small-brimmed, with seed pearls, a blue rose, and sheer fingertip train. Her bouquet was a fan, with blue and white flowers. She wore a brooch that had belonged to her great-grandmother and a single pearl necklace, a gift of the groom.

Maid-of-honour was Darcy Wilkes, of Mayne Island, and bridesmaids were Schon Hardy and Kathy Baines. They all wore long gowns of powder blue with white lace yoke insets, blue flowers in their hair, and carried bouquets of blue and white flowers.

Best man was Scott Green of Powell River; ushers were Robert

Wilson and Lorne Silvey. They and the groom wore tuxedos of blue, to complement the wedding party.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Wilson chose a long gown of magda blue. Mrs. Silvey chose a gown of sky blue, and their corsages were blue and white.

The reception dinner was held at Galiano Hall, where more than 100 relatives and friends came to help celebrate. Master-of-ceremonies was Fred Wilson, uncle of the bride.

Another uncle, Charlie Head, gave the toast to the bride.

The bridal party led the procession for the feast, prepared by all of the families, assisted by Johanna Newmoon and Geordie and Rosemary Georgeson.

Dancing followed to taped music given by Rod Thompson of Sidney, cousin of the groom.

Following a honeymoon at Harrison, the couple will reside on Galiano Island.



## Exhibition in Victoria

Salt Spring Island artist Leroy Jensen was in Victoria last week for an exhibition of his work at the Backroom Gallery. The Canadian-born artist was raised in the Orient and later studied at the Royal Academy in Copenhagen and at the Andre L'Hote School in Paris. He began painting at the age of 19

following a stint as a merchant seaman. When he returned to Canada in 1954, Jensen taught art at the University of B.C. for three years. Later, he taught at the Banff School of Fine Art. He and his family moved to Salt Spring Island last summer.

Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards

## Workshop for painters

A workshop in ink brush work on rice paper will be offered to members of the Salt Spring Painters' Guild April 20.

A leading exponent of the Oriental brush technique, Nenagh Molson, will conduct the workshop.

Molson attended the Vancouver School of Art, Cunningham School of Art in California and the Beaux Arts in Montreal. She now teaches at Camosun College in Victoria.

Further information on the workshop, to run from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at Mahon Hall, is available from Joan Hoadley.

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## Budget being finalized

Lady Minto Hospital's 1983-84 operating budget is being finalized by the hospital administration.

The budget is expected to be presented for approval at the next board meeting.

Board vice-chairman Ivan Mouat said last week that the task is not an easy one as the health ministry has not yet indicated what the hospital's revenue will be, except that it is unlikely to exceed last year's. However, negotiated wage increases are still before compensation stabilization commissioner Ed Peck.

In other business, the board announced that Dr. C.H. Borsman has been re-appointed chief of staff. He replaces Dr. Charles Gould, who undertook to fill the position on a

temporary basis.

The hospital is in the process of selecting a new director of nursing. Fifteen applications have been received for the position.

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**OTTAWA REPORT**

**Crucial issue needs leadership**

**BY JIM MANLY, MP**

If we don't agree with Pierre Trudeau as prime minister we can at least identify and sympathize with his human failures. For example, most people at some time in their life have had the experience of being pressured into making wrong decisions and then being afraid to come right out and tell people about it.

That's the situation with Trudeau and the cruise missile. When American Vice-President George Bush visited Canada on March 23 everyone knew that this was one way to put pressure on Trudeau to accept Cruise missile testing. As we know from the question of lumber exports, and as Prime Minister Trudeau knows from a host of economic and environmental

**New books at Ganges library**

New books in the library at Ganges include the following:

**FICTION**  
*The Detling Secret* by Julian Symons, *The Speaker of Mandarin* by Ruth Rendell, *Impressionist* by Joan King, *Cool Repentance* by Antonia Fraser, *Children of the Black Sabbath* by Anne Hebert, *Peacock in Jeopardy* by Katharine Gordon, *Saigon* by Anthony Grey, *Floating Dragon* by Peter Straub, *Best Fantasy of the 19th Century* ed. Isaac Asimov, *Second Heaven* by Judith Guest.

**NON-FICTION**  
*Embroidering With the Loom* by Penelope Drooker, *Fodor's Portugal, Fodor's Europe 1983, Backroads Journeys of Southern Europe* by David Yeadon, *Wild Bill Donovan: The Last Hero* by Anthony Cave Brown, *Hopi* by Susanne and Jake Page, *Oscar Wilde in Canada* by Kevin O'Brien, *Blue Highways* by William Least Heat Moon, *The Thunder and the Sunshine—Memoirs* by Jeffrey Brock, *Long Lance* by Donald B. Smith, *Christopher Pratt* by David Silcox, *Nukespeak* by S. Hilgartner and others.

questions, we have to be very sensitive to American opinion.

Prof. Bill Rose used to tell students at U.B.C. that when you get into bed with an elephant you have to be very careful that the elephant doesn't roll over on you. Consequently, Canadians have to be very sensitive to American opinion.

We don't want the American elephant to roll over on us. And we expect our prime minister to be sensitive to American opinion as well. Like it or not we are in bed with the Americans.

Therefore Canadians can understand Trudeau's reluctance to stand up to the Reagan administration and the Cruise. And considering that Trudeau himself knows the danger of nuclear escalation, and that 52% of Canadians oppose testing the Cruise missile, we can understand his reluctance to make a clear statement on Canada's intention.

But while we can sympathize with the prime minister's dilemma, we must also insist that he was elected to give some leadership. We want leadership on the most crucial issue facing our world at the present time. The Star Wars theology of President Reagan combined with an equally paranoid mentality in Russia threatens our world with nuclear oblivion.

Any escalation of the arms race increases the danger of nuclear war. Cruise missiles are designed to deliver nuclear warheads; their low trajectory allows them to elude radar monitors and a built-in tracking device allows them to home in to a specific pre-determined target. If we allow the Cruise to be tested in Canada we will contribute to nuclear escalation and the increased threat of war.

Prime Minister Trudeau has tried to have it both ways on this subject. When Vice-President Bush was here he said that testing the Cruise was the least Canada could do for our NATO allies. The next day in the House of Commons he tried to pretend that no decision had been reached.

As Pauline Jewett, NDP critic for external affairs, said, he wants the public to "continue in a state of absolute and complete confusion on the subject."

Perhaps the pressures of office are so heavy that the prime minister himself is confused. Either that, or he is cynically trying to manipulate public opinion for some end of his own. In either case he is not giving the leadership that he should on this life and death issue.

We can sympathize with Pierre Trudeau as a human being. We can no longer afford to keep him as our prime minister.

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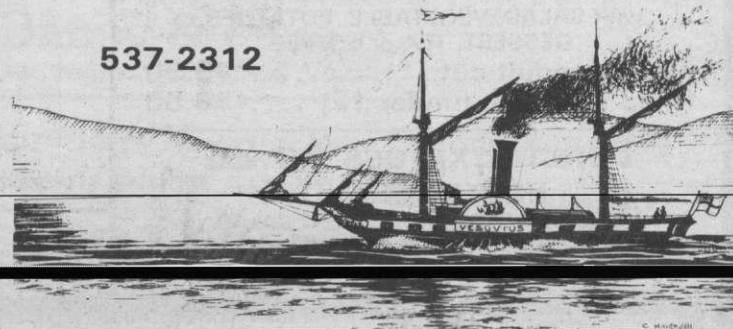
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# College choir soothes, entertains, enlightens

**Review**

**BY DWAIN PROSK**

Like any typical Salt Springer on a lovely Sunday in March, I had been rototilling the garden. Ears still ringing, my body racked from wrestling that beastly machine, it was a relief to be not only soothed but entertained and enlightened by the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific Choir and Singers.

My first impression upon viewing the Pearson College Choir was, if Canada is truly a melting pot, what a glorious alloy this collection of young people would make, for the choir is made up of students from around the world.

They presented a delightful "cosmopolitan-concert" made up of traditional choral and instrumental music as well as songs and dances indigenous to their various homelands.

Throughout the concert it was interesting to hear various members of the group speak about how they hoped to help resolve world problems through the

philosophy of comparative harmony, an objective of the United World College concept.

This concept of world harmony which the choir represented pervaded the concert and greatly enhanced audience appreciation and excitement.

The concert contained many novel and dynamic performances. Bach's *Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue* played on the piano from memory by Helen Lin, a native of Singapore, was most impressive.

Kiribati resident Banuera amazed the audience with his unusual vibrato and voice timbre on a set of quaint folk songs, although the songs were a bit lengthy. *Memory*, an a capella song sung by Beatrice from Hong Kong, demonstrated a peculiar blend of Chinese romanticism with a strong essence of American melodic tendency. The pleasant tone and pride of Guadalupe brought us all a little closer to the people of Argentina and Cuba.

A brief "market dance" by three young women from West Africa complete with baskets balanced on their heads, colourful clothing and market calls, was most delightful and won unanimous audience approval.

(Apparently native folk dances are a large part of the choir's

repertoire, but limited space at St. George's prevented extensive dance performance).

Due to the lack of a Russian delegate among the 57 countries represented, Edgar Samuel, the wonderful and talented director of the choir, felt obligated to serenade us with a very moving rendition of the lovely 19th Century Russian romantic song *O Yes Libe Mook*. (The college soon will be enrolling a Russian student thereby hoping to help bridge the abyss between East and West). Mr. Samuel also gave an excellent performance of Raford Williams' charming early English sea shanty, *On Board a 98*.

The choir per se sang several selections interspersed throughout the program. The distinctly West African song *Banuwa*, and also the American Negro spiritual *Deep River*, demonstrated the choir's best tone and blend even though the full-bodied sound of these styles was a bit lacking due to the youthfulness of the group.

A high point for the choir was a very musical rendering of William Byrd's (16th century) version of *Ave Verum Corpus*. The depth of feeling in Byrd's magnificent song was captured in the musical subtleties and pureness of the Latin vowels as beautifully performed by the choir. The gentle chromaticism and subtle

nuances of Mozart's *Piu mon sitrovano* proved a bit much for the puerility of the group. The concert ended with two rousing canons, the famous *All Praise* by Thomas Tallis (16th century) and the more traditional *Hey Ho* which inspired a standing ovation from much of the audience.

On April 24 the Salt Spring Concert Society will be importing a full-sized grand piano for a special concert with the celebrated Canadian concert pianist Jane Coop.

The final concert of the season will feature the Delta Youth Orchestra on May 22.

## Computer electronics display planned

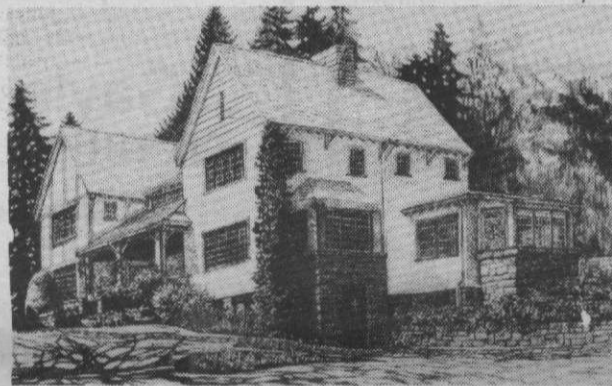
Junior scientists from the Vancouver Island region will gather in Victoria this weekend and Salt Spring Island will be represented.

Chris Boehringer, 12, a Grade 7 student at Salt Spring Elementary School, will display his knowledge of computers. He plans an entry which will explain computer electronics as a means of showing how the computer works.

The Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair will be held at the University of Victoria April 16 to 18 and is the only science fair for students in the province. This edition will be the 22nd annual fair.

Winners of the top awards at the fair will be eligible to enter the National Science Fair to be held at the University of Saskatchewan May 15 to 21.

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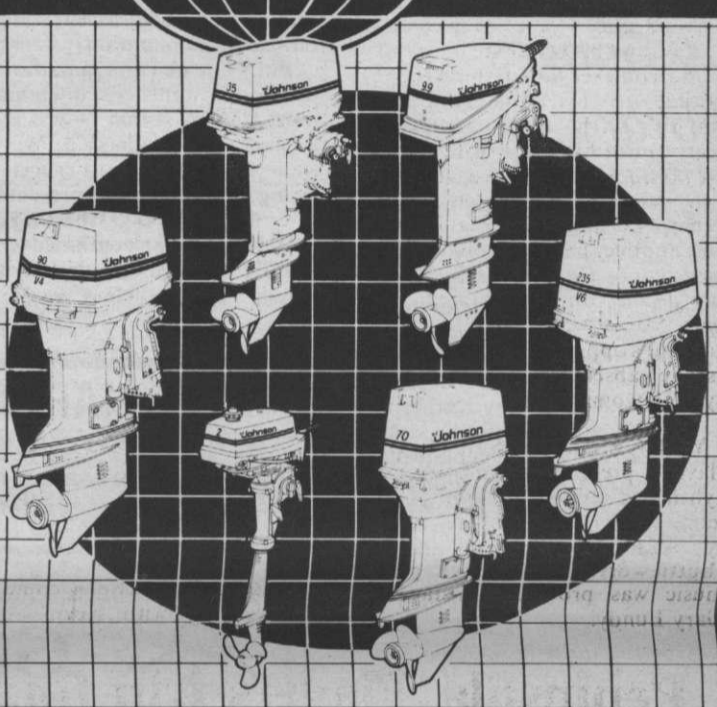
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# Good attendance for South Island drama festival

Contributed

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

Theatre B. C. South Island Zone Festival '83 closed to a full house at Ganges activity centre on Saturday. It was, according to organizers, participants and audiences, a huge success. Good attendance rewarded the competing groups and there were no obvious hitches.

The nightly public adjudications were educational and entertaining, and Clara Hare's awards on the final night were greeted with roars of approval.

**TUESDAY:** Shawnigan Players' *Couples*: four playlets dealing with man/woman relationships, and a monologue, *The Lark*, with Heidi Wachtin as Joan of Arc. *Man's Best Friend* showed two young newlyweds on the journey between wedding and honeymoon. Their stilted, self-conscious relationship was well played. *Score* took place on a tennis court, with a slightly older husband and wife playing against his boss and his wife. The husband's "Can't you ever do anything right?" attitude to his wife contrasted sharply with his ingratiating treatment of his boss's wife!

*Countdown* concerned an older, even more bitter couple whose verbal exchanges alternated with their audible, hateful thoughts. *The Footsteps of Doves* described a wife who decides on twin beds after 25 years of disturbed nights. The husband's opposition melts when, in his wife's absence, he is "seduced" by a young woman.

**WEDNESDAY:** Salt Spring Players presented *Cubistique*, a stylish and stylized reunion of two young women, brilliantly portrayed by Anne Prosk and Annie Shuttleworth. *Distinctive piano music was provided on-stage by Gary Lundy.*



Congratulating each other on a very successful festival are, from left, Salt Spring Islander Catherine Faulkner, organizer of the drama

festival, Judy Rinfret, president of the South Zone Theatre B.C., and Clara Hare, adjudicator.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

In *The Pedagogue* Marilyn Taylor gave a splendid portrait of an English schoolmarm teaching unresponsive students a scripture lesson on the Creation. For the most part she held our attention and sympathy throughout, and the slight weakness of the nuclear attack ending was due to a faulty sound system.

Solstice Productions completed the evening with Kevin Arthur

Land's original *The Entry*. A tape-recorded dialogue between two store mannequins was surprisingly effective. We even found ourselves looking at the female figure when the woman's voice was heard, and at the male when the man's voice spoke.

**THURSDAY:** January Players opened with *We Don't Play Guy Lombardo Any More*, a wryly entertaining episode in the life of a small-town disc jockey, played by the author, Graeme Morton. Well written and staged, this could become a standard for small theatre groups, and might be even more effective in a local setting.

*Lone Star* was another bitter-sweet comedy, with excellent performances by Kelly Neilson, Dave Gibson and Graeme Morton. In a small Texas town, a returned Vietnam veteran, his young brother and wimpish friend get drunk on Lone Star beer. Roy's distress at

learning of his wife's infidelity with his brother is surpassed only by his rage when his prized '59 Thunderbird convertible is wrecked by his friend.

Sadly, hilariously funny, the pace never lagged, and they all retained our sympathy.

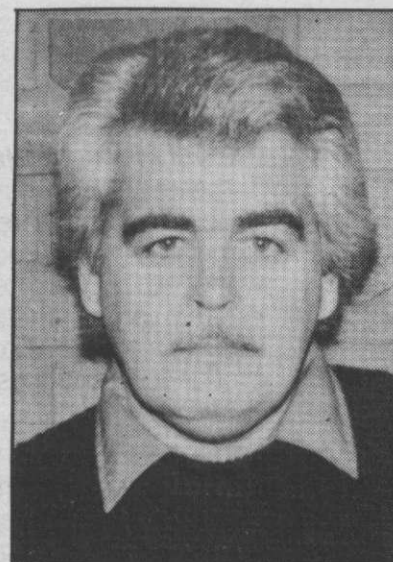
Margaret Hollingsworth's *Operators* (Peninsula Players) was effective, dramatic and somewhat puzzling. Also set in a small town, a young mother recalls her stint on night-shift in a local plant with a mother of five and a Polish woman whose "difference" seemed exotic.

**FRIDAY:** Peninsula Players' well-dressed, well-staged, superbly acted *Play Strindberg* held our attention for 12 rounds. Like Charles the Second, Edgar (John Gilliland) took an unconscionable time to die (and never did), and his wife's transformation from harpy to doting nurse was suitably nauseating!

James Bay Players recalled the Theatre of the Absurd with Edward Albee's *The Sandbox*, especially poignant to those who have dealt with difficult elderly or dying parents.

They closed the evening with a visually arresting Japanese play, *Sotoba Komachi*, an enigmatic story of a once beautiful woman doomed to return to a Tokyo garden every 99 years, there to recapture her youth long enough to enslave yet another man who is thereby bound to die. Judith Johnston made the transition from old to young convincingly, especially in her stage debut!

**SATURDAY:** Fernwood Community Theatre delighted us with yet another world premiere, *Bookends*, an encounter between two lonely old men, one a World War II veteran, the other a retired railway employee of 47 years'



The forgotten man of the theatre festival was Gary Lundy. He played the piano player in the Salt Spring Players production *Cubistique*. An added note to the program noted his presence but no mention of him was made elsewhere.

service. The author, Jim Harding, is a young man with great insight, and he also directed Woody Allen's *God*, an elaborate play within a play within a play. Woody Allen fans enjoyed this most of all, and most people enjoyed much of it! Twenty-two characters (plus a sizeable chorus) in search of an ending, with a plethora of authors, kept us entertained and off-balance.

The closing, gentle *I'm Herbert* completed the cycle begun by Shawnigan Players on Tuesday. Herbert and Muriel are very old and very forgetful. Married several times, they lapse in and out of awareness of who the other is, eventually losing their own identities in the general confusion. We are all heading in that direction, and as Clara Hare pointed out, when we laugh at them we laugh at ourselves, a healthy state of affairs.

## Peninsula Players win four

From Page 1

Simonsen and Deane Farley of the Fernwood Community Theatre for the set of the play *Bookends*. The action of the play took place in Victoria Square in Victoria. Hare said the monument which was part of the set drew her attention because

it appeared to be stone.

Reg Taylor of the Salt Spring Players was in charge of the activities backstage and presented the award which recognized the efforts of the best backstage crew to the Fernwood Community Theatre for their work in putting on Woody Allen's *God*.

Hare told the audience that while no award was offered for sound, three of the productions merited mention for the use of sound effects.

She offered compliments to the Fernwood group for *Bookends*, the Peninsula Players for *Play Strindberg* and Salt Spring Players for *Pedagogue*.

The Peninsula Players take their winning production to the Theatre B.C. final competition in Victoria in May.

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# Archdeacon Powell to be honoured

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

For the past five years Archdeacon David Powell has been the vicar of St. Peter's Church, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Saturna church.

During these years he has become a much-loved person, not only by his own parishioners but by all the people of the Pender Islands to whom he has been a friend.

Archdeacon Powell has also been padre to the Pender Legion during his stay on Pender.

On Sunday morning at the 11 am service at St. Peter's, a church parade was held in honour of David Powell, who plans to move to Sooke and retire.

Flag bearers were Harold Paget, Tim Appleby, Basil Wood and Lily Miles of the Legion Auxiliary, escorted by Charlie Harrison, Sergeant-at-Arms. The lessons were read by President Art Lambeth and Ladies Auxiliary secretary Anne Forbes.

A sit-down luncheon was held at the Legion after the service for over 100 guests when David Powell and his wife Morrie were guests of honour. Gifts were presented from the three churches by Mrs. Winifred Spalding and Mrs. Helen Grimmer. Brief speeches were made by Anne Forbes, people's warden, David McBain and Douglas Harker.

Harker, a previous vicar's warden, said that "during David Powell's tenure here, he had doubled the congregation, brought the finances from the red to the black, strengthened the bonds with the Community Church, visited the sick

in hospital and homes every week, supported fund-raising drives, organized the music and always been a kind, compassionate friend. We were lucky to have him with us for five years and we are sad to see him leave us and we wish him well in the new venture of retirement in Sooke."

Archdeacon Powell replied that in his 33 years in the ministry, the past five years which he and his wife Morrie have spent on Pender have been the happiest time in their lives.

He thanked everyone for their support and announced he will be replaced by David Apivor to whom he commended the support and pastoral care of the Penders and Saturna.

Six members of the Saturna congregation came over for the luncheon, which was followed by a reception.

# Pender musician to give concerts

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Mary Reher of Pender Island is planning a series of concerts in the Gulf Islands. Reher's specialty is the flute but she is also an accomplished guitarist.

Mary Reher comes from a musical background: her father is a

professional musician in Los Angeles.

She has chosen a career as a music therapist which involves the use of music in rehabilitation of people with mental and physical handicaps.

She graduated in 1978 from Capilano College in the music therapy field. Music therapists have been used in Europe in rehabilitation for a long time and are becoming widely used in the United States.

In western Canada this is a comparatively new trend but in Vancouver a number are now employed in senior citizens' homes,

psychiatric hospitals and with retarded people. Reher has been doing music therapy in Victoria.

On Pender Island she teaches private flute and guitar lessons to all ages. She also teaches younger children in groups which introduces them to musical elements.

As a partner in the forthcoming concerts, Reher will have Paul Bankes, guitarist. The concerts will take place on Galiano April 29 and Mayne April 30. The Pender concert will be on May 7 at 8 pm at the Golf Club and on Salt Spring it is scheduled for May 13 at 8 pm in St. George's Hall.



Mary Reher

## Income tax time approaches

As income tax time approaches there are many residents of the islands who are unable to prepare their own. Completion of the income tax return is arduous and confusing to many people.

Many residents engage an accountant or bookkeeper to complete their returns and to calculate their liability or refund.

Nevertheless, there are Canadians who are unable to complete their returns and yet who are genuinely unable to meet the cost of assistance, reports the Revenue Canada office in Victoria.

To help those people to whom gaining assistance is a hardship a voluntary program exists. Such people as old-age pensioners, the disabled, those on very low incomes and new immigrants may be assisted in the preparation of returns and other matters relating to income

tax. On Salt Spring Island it is Roma Sturdy who has undertaken responsibility for the task. Florence Cridland is the volunteer on Pender, with Phyllis Linton on Galiano and Isabel Geehan on Mayne Island.

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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:

- to promote, plan and develop comprehensive quality community services
- to foster community planning and control of social services in all sectors of the community
- to ensure appropriate services by promoting co-operation and communication between existing services, both government and private
- to aid individuals, local groups and organizations in gaining information and access to resources, personnel and/or funding for citizens' self-help groups.

## Windows broken

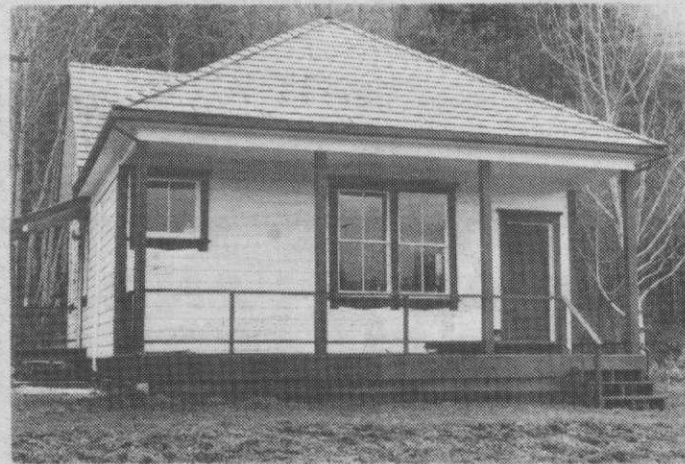
Vandals have broken windows in Embe Bakery at Ganges twice within the past week, reported Ganges detachment RCMP.

The incidents occurred in the late evening and two windows were broken. Anyone with information on the vandalism is requested to contact the RCMP.



## Bittancourt Heritage House Museum

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As the major renovations on the Bittancourt Heritage House Museum are now completed, we would be very pleased to accept donations or loans of local artifacts. For further information please contact Carole Gear at 537-9255 or Frances Eide at 537-9350.

The Museum is schedule to open on the weekends starting June 25 and ending September 5 during the hours of 11 am and 4 pm.

# Beets trouble-free, easily grown

We are all quite fond of red beets at our place, both cooked and pickled, but not to the extent that we want great big bunches of them.

A small but steady supply suits us best and we have hit upon a nice way of achieving this with two varieties.

One is a fast maturing variety like Little Egypt, which matures in about 45 days. It can also be started in flats indoors or in the greenhouse and it will produce nice round beets in 34 days from transplanting for extra early beets.

The other variety is Long Season, also known as Winter Keeper. This beet matures in about 78 days, but it keeps extremely well in the ground. The roots are large, round and delicious. This beet does not go woody, no matter how long it is kept in the ground.

### STEADY SUPPLY

Both these beets are sown at the same time and provide us with an almost all-year, steady supply, exactly what we like.

Beets are not demanding as far as soil is concerned. Their life cycle, like all roots, is somewhat different from blooming and fruiting plants, for instance. Instead of making a large leaf area to gather energy for blooming and fruiting, the beet makes a tap root and then stores nutrients in the swollen root for next year's blossoms and seed production.

Knowing this it becomes immediately obvious how we should treat our beets for optimum root size.

Nitrogen-rich soil or fertilizers are not required. These would result in much leaf and little root. Phosphorus and potash are needed, though, for good root production.

Bonemeal for phosphorus and wood ashes for potash are best. Bonemeal will supply ample phosphorus for a long time, a tablespoon per beet would be about right, so a 10-foot row, spaced at three or four beets per foot, would require 30 to 40 tablespoons, whatever that amounts to.

### LEACHES READILY

Since all potash leaches readily, we need to scatter a couple of cupfuls in the row and repeat this at least once a month with a side dressing. With frequent rain or irrigation this should be increased accordingly.

The other requirement for nice beets is soil of good tilth—nice and loose to allow for easy expansion of the root. With the beet, only the top few inches need to be nice and loose, since the beet makes all of its growth near the surface.

Hard or compacted soil will result in misshapen, small and twisted roots. Therefore, raised beds are ideal for beets. Another cause of lumpy roots is crowding. Beets need to be thinned to allow sufficient

## Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS  
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

room for expansion, and this is nice since young beets are delicious cooked whole, with root and leaf.

The other reason for thinning is that the seed is actually a fruit, containing several seeds, but this is all to the good as we are inordinately fond of beet greens.

### SOW ONE TO THE INCH

Sow seeds one to the inch, about one half-inch deep in rows about 10 inches apart. After emergence we thin first to one inch apart, and then progressively for greens until the late ones stand about four to six inches apart.

Beets germinate in soil temperatures above 45° (F), so any time from the middle of April to the end of May is the best time to sow,

depending on your location and soil temperature.

Beets sown in the latter half of this period grow rapidly and soon catch up with early sowings. There is no need to rush things.

A steady supply of moisture is essential for good sized, sweet roots. As beets prefer the cooler part of our summer season, sowings after the end of May usually do not do well.

They may be sown again around the early to middle part of August for winter beets. Since these grow larger, a six-inch spacing is required.

"Zoning", white rings in the beetroot, are the result of a shortage of water, and split and hairy roots are caused by too much nitrogen.

It is best to grow beets in a location which grew a nitrogen user the previous season, such as cabbage, corn or lettuce.

Otherwise beets are a trouble-free and easily grown crop, providing fresh, delicious roots and greens for the better part of our long growing season, and for a long time after.

## Students to try gardening

A garden will grow at Mayne School with help from the island's agricultural society.

The school received a \$50 grant from the Mayne Island Agricultural

Society to help focus student attention on gardening. Ron Pither of the society has tilled a plot of ground 60 by 20 feet to allow the classes of the school to create five gardens.

Under the guidance of Ann Hekkanen and Sandy Forest, the students will prepare the soil, plant the seeds and care for the plants until harvest. Experiments involving different ways of looking after the gardens will be conducted.

The students will learn about the recycling aspect of gardening. They will be taught that what is not eaten should be returned to a compost heap for use as fertilizer for the garden.

The garden plots will be on the school property and located behind the play area.

## Hearings postponed

The commission set up to examine administration costs of school districts has postponed hearings into the matter because of the provincial election.

The commission, composed of Mark Sager of West Vancouver and Allan Stables of Victoria, had been set up by Education Minister William Vander Zalm. They were to examine administration costs at the school district and regional level. The object was to see if alternative methods of organizing school districts could improve efficiency and effectiveness.

Vander Zalm, Social Credit MLA for Surrey, recently said he would not seek re-election.

Sager has announced his intentions to seek the Social Credit nomination in the riding of West Vancouver-Howe Sound. The seat has been held by Attorney-General Allan Williams who also decided not to run again.

Gulf Islands School District was to present a brief at the hearing to be held at Camosun College in Victoria.

## Islanders contributed 16%

Gulf Islanders gave \$6,941 to the Red Cross last year.

The 1982 fund-raising efforts in the islands contributed 16% of the regional total of \$42,776. The region covers the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. Large cities are not included in the campaign area.

On Galiano, the campaign conducted by Margaret Robson came up with \$2,134 while on Mayne, Elsie Brown and crew collected \$802. The Pender effort,

under the guidance of Jean Hinton, totalled \$1,092.

Salt Spring was split north and south. The upper island campaign, chaired by Bud Kreissl, resulted in \$1,500. In the south end, Evelyn Lee directed her crew in gathering \$1,400.

The total donated by residents of B.C. stood at \$1.3 million, up from the \$1.2 million collected in 1981.

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# GOLDEN-AGE NEWS

BY BILL HARPER

Lil Glazier had visitors over the Easter holidays. They were her daughter and family from Bradner, her son and family from Calgary and a friend, Ann Zembik, from Coquitlam.

Major D.R. Hopper, wife Andree and daughters Valerie and Karine visited his parents Helen and Rusty Hopper over the Easter holidays. They reside in South Burnaby.

Brian Robinson brought his wife and three children from Woss Lake,

B.C., to spend the Easter weekend with his parents, Art and Flora Robinson.

Barry Harper and family from Madeira Park, Pender Harbour, visited with his parents the Bill Harpers over the weekend.

Terry and Jean Jenkins have his mother Connie for a few days.

Glad to report Jim Gilson is home from hospital. Get-well wishes go to Al Anderson.

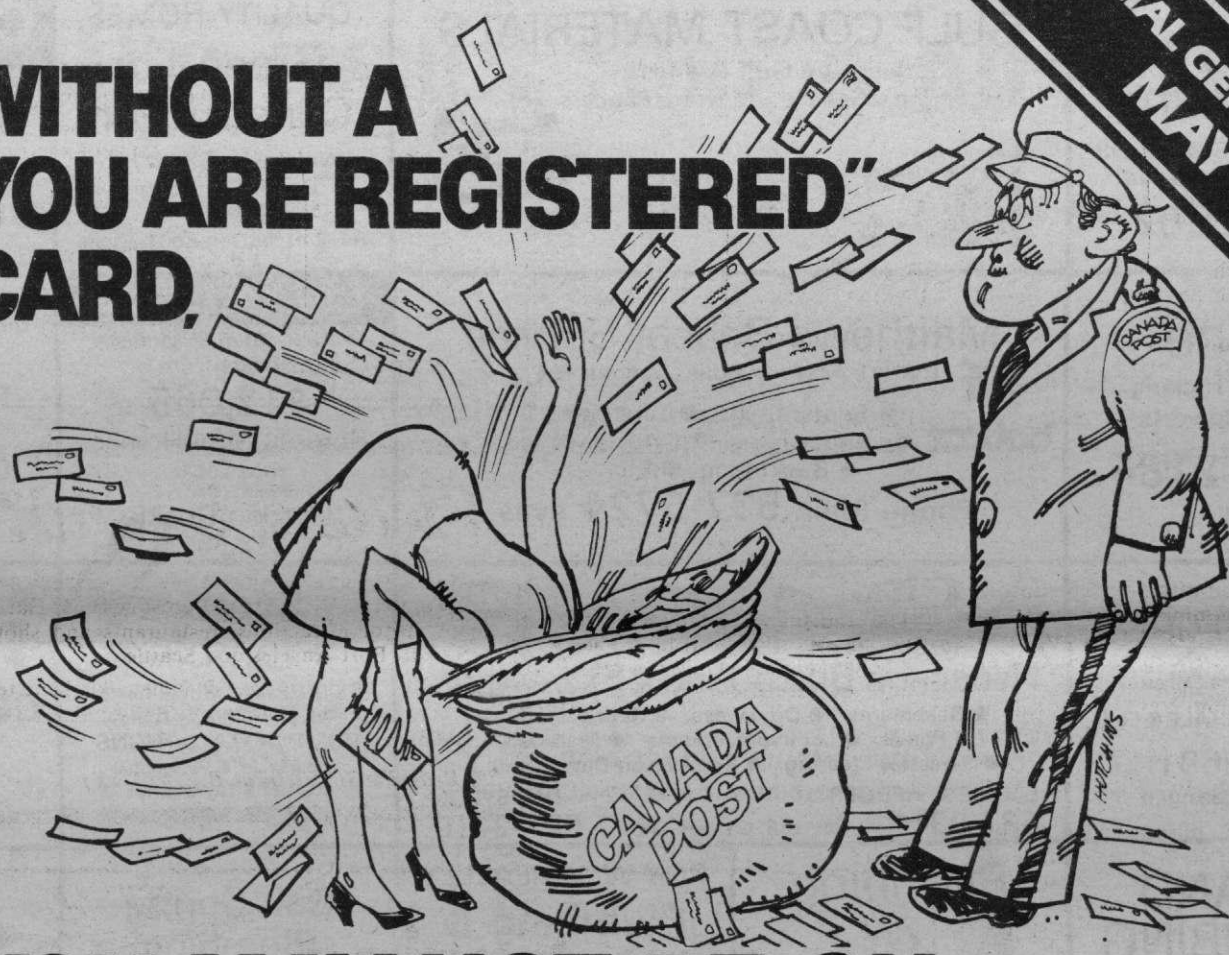
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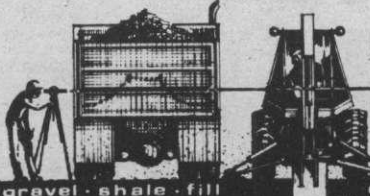
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# Preoccupation with nuclear war form of illness

BY BILL PATERSON

*The Nuclear Delusion* by George F. Kennan.

George Kennan, formerly U.S. ambassador to Russia, has been an advisor to the U.S. government for many years as an expert in Russian affairs. His beautifully written book is a voice of clear, logical reasoning, as the following quotes illustrate.

"I find the view of the Soviet Union that prevails today in our government and journalistic establishments to be so extreme, so subjective, so far removed from what any sober scrutiny of external reality would reveal that it is not only ineffective but dangerous as a

guide for political action.

"If we insist on demonizing these Soviet leaders—on viewing them as total and incorrigible enemies, consumed only with their fear or hatred of us, and dedicated to nothing other than our destruction—that, in the end, is the way we shall assuredly have them, if for no other reason than that our view of them allows for nothing else, either for us or for them."

George Kennan reviews how his warnings have not been heeded, and how the U.S. government is now totally committed to an ever increasing escalation of the arms race as the means to its security. Yet another wise quote demolishes this

theory:

"The nuclear bomb is the most useless weapon ever invented. It can be employed to no rational purpose. It is not even an effective defence against itself. It is only something with which, in a moment of petulance or panic, you commit such fearful acts of destruction as no sane person would ever wish to have upon his conscience."

Kennan's plea for sanity rings out loud and clear in the following quote:

"This civilization which we have inherited is not the property of our generation alone. It is something infinitely greater and more important than we are. It was

bestowed upon us with the implicit obligation to cherish it, to preserve it, to develop it, to pass it on to others who are supposed to come after us. Is it really impossible for us to cast off this sickness of blind military rivalry and to address ourselves at last, in all humility, to setting our society to rights?"

"For this entire preoccupation with nuclear war is a form of illness. It is morbid in the extreme. There is no hope in it—only horror. It is a death wish, a readiness to commit mass suicide, a lack of faith, or better a lack of the very strength that it takes to have faith, as countless of our generations have had it before us."

He suggests two ways to reduce the tensions between the two superpowers:

• Deep cuts, at least 50%, in the long-range strategic missilery (the intermediate-range missile talks are of little importance).


• NATO must abandon the option it has stubbornly clung to for 30 years—the first use of nuclear weapons in any military encounter.

He states: "There is no issue at stake in our relations with the Soviet Union—no hope, no fear, nothing to which we aspire, nothing we would like to avoid—which could conceivably be worth a nuclear war."

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### May lose his spot

Farmers' Market has been the subject of much controversy in Ganges, concerning what kind of

goods should be sold. Ruth Barker makes a purchase from Michael Aronoff who stands to lose his spot

despite two years of participation in the market. Aronoff sells second-hand goods.

## Changes planned to Student Loans Act

Changes in financing should help post-secondary students make it through school.

The changes to the Canada Student Loans Act would offer guaranteed loans to needy part-time students, up to 18 months of interest relief for unemployed graduates and increases in the student loan limits.

The proposals will require the approval of the federal parliament before coming into effect but if quick approval is gained, the changes would affect students in September.

Part-time students had been excluded from student loan programs but the growing numbers of such students prompted the proposal to include them.

The interest-free plan for graduates unable to acquire a job quickly allows for up to 18 months relief. The plan would provide payment of interest charges due on student loans. This plan covers both full and part-time students.

When a student acquires a loan, the repayments and interest do not start until the student leaves school.

The amount of the loans would be increased to \$100 per week from the current \$56.25.

The changes were being put forward by the federal government with the understanding that the

provinces maintain the level of student aid and not reduce provincial commitment by an amount equal to the federal increase.

All provinces in Canada participate in the program with the

exception of Quebec which receives payments directly from the government.

The Canada student loan program has been in operation since 1964 and has assisted more than 1 million students.

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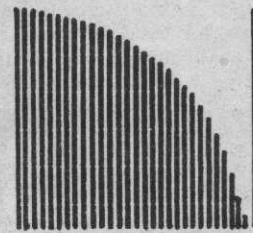
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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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### Salt Spring Island Trust Committee 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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