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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1983

Clocks go ahead on Sunday

On Sunday morning, early, the clocks will be moved one hour forward. The change in time will mark the beginning of daylight saving time, with its later evenings.

The change is officially made at 2 am on Sunday, the last Sunday of April.

Don't forget! One hour forward. And lose one hour's sleep on Saturday night.

NDP on left, Socreds on right

The Social Credit and New Democratic Parties have rented space in Mouat's Mall and the location of the offices illustrates the intricacies of provincial politics.

When the offices are approached from one direction, the NDP are to the left while the Social Credit sits on the right.

But if a different approach is used, the positions are switched.

While provincial politics are often not what appearances show, the practice on Salt Spring shows the difference clearly, depending upon individual approach.

Sri Lanka

Inter-church campaign raises \$2,500

World Relief Tea staged on Saturday in Ganges raised nearly \$2,500 towards the establishment of a boys' trade school in far-off Sri Lanka.

The annual inter-church fundraising event was held in the basement hall of the Catholic church of Our Lady of Grace. Congregations of four churches took part in the tea and sale which was preceded by a short ecumenical service.

Rev. Al Skinner gave the invocation at the service and this was followed by several hymns, prayers and scripture readings.

Cec Wakeley, who has recently returned from a trip to Sri Lanka, gave an interesting and informative talk on the Boys' Trade School being established there, at Matale. This is the project to which the money raised at the World Relief Tea is currently being allocated.

Rev. John Bailey gave the blessing at the close of the service.

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Trial scheduled for two months

Hovercraft service coming to islands

Surface effect ship in action



She's running around in circles says island trustee of ferries

Talks with the B.C. Ferry Corporation can result in circular travels.

Bev Unger, Salt Spring Island's Trust representative, explained the circles of discussion to minister of transportation and highways, Alex Fraser, at a meeting this week.

Unger said she had approached the ferry corporation with a request for a change in ferry service. She was told the matter could best be handled by the minister of transportation.

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Another incident of circular motion resulted from efforts to extend the hours of service on the Vesuvius-Crofton run.

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Neither request has resulted in action and the circles continue, said Unger.

No posters urges Hydro

Don't put posters up on poles!

That's a reminder from B.C. Hydro. Political posters don't belong on poles. There is a Workers' Compensation Board regulation which prohibits such posting.

The hazard lies in the possibility of a lineman losing his grip on the pole when his foot slips on a staple or a nail or even on the card attached.

This picture shows the Vosper Hovermarine craft of the type visualized for the test run in the islands this year.

New feature begins next week

A new feature commencing with next week's *Driftwood* will provide a service to non-profit organizations in the Gulf Islands.

A weekly Community Calendar will list events and activities planned by local clubs. There will be no charge for the service.

Listings for the calendar must be submitted in writing by 5 pm on the Friday preceding publication. No listings will be accepted on the telephone.

Final stipulation is that listings be kept as brief as possible.

Enquiry could scuttle Farmers' Market

The farmers' market in Ganges could spell the end of Centennial Park.

The warning came from an official of the land management branch of the provincial government to the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission. The land has been rented to the island chamber of commerce by the government.

The lease on the land, which will expire in 1987, reads that the land is to be used only for recreational purposes in the public interest. If

people use the park to make money, the lease would be broken and the land would revert to the province.

The policy of the ministry of lands, parks and housing when crown land is leased as park land is to ensure that recreation only is carried on in the park.

Doug Barry of the land management branch in Nanaimo said the use of the park for a market would be contrary to the lease. He is checking the situation and if the community wanted the market and if the market fit the use of the park,

the ministry could amend the lease to allow the market.

REVERT TO PROVINCE

If the market is a clear violation of the terms of the lease, the park would automatically revert to the province as crown land.

The warning came when the local Parks and Recreation Commission was checking into the status of the lease.

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B.C. is going to try out a new transport system and the Islands are to be the testing ground.

A hovercraft will be ferrying foot passengers around the Gulf Islands on a trial run for B.C. Ferries this summer.

Finance minister Hugh Curtis made the announcement at a meeting with the Salt Spring transportation committee, Monday. The trial run will be staged between July and Labour Day, he said, to determine the suitability of the vessel for service in the provincial ferry service.

"We are running the system today unchanged since it began to serve the islands," he said. "The time has arrived when a new generation of vessels should be introduced."

The vessel, capable of carrying 84 passengers, is constructed by Vosper Hovermarine in England and is marketed as a surface effect ship. Examples of the vessel are in service in various countries of the world. Price tag is something less than a million dollars.

TO SWARTZ BAY

The routes for the two-month trial have not been announced but Curtis noted that the boat would require only 20 minutes to run between Swartz Bay and Ganges.

The vessel operates on a cushion of air contained between twin hulls with skirts at bow and stern. It has a cruising speed of up to 40 knots and produces only a low wash. In operation, the twin hulls draw one metre of water.

Curtis said the conventional ferry boats cost approximately \$2⁵⁰ per seat-mile but the surface effect ships could operate as low as 10¢ per seat-mile. The low operating cost would mean no change in fares for the trials.

The propellers of the vessel are under water and there would not be the noise associated with other hovercraft, said Curtis.

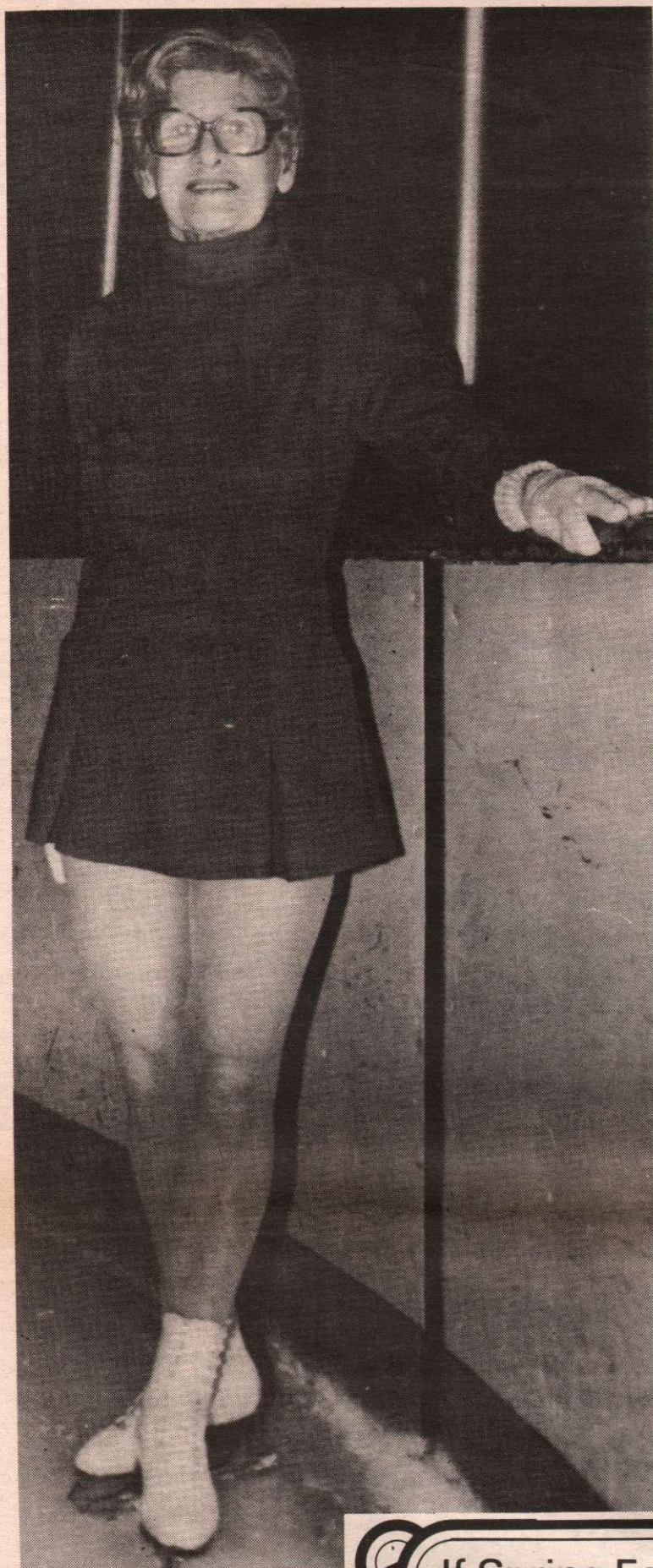
VARIOUS USES

The vessels are in use in Hong Kong as ferries. Various models of the boat operate as coast guard vessels and fireboats as well as for other duties elsewhere in the world.

If the trial is successful, said Curtis, B.C. Ferries could be using similar but larger vessels to carry automobiles by 1984.

The trial during July and August should give B.C. Ferries sufficient information to decide if the surface effect ships can be of use in the ferry system, said Curtis.

"The trial basis would be from July 1 to September 1," said Curtis, "and that would give everyone concerned an opportunity to see how it could serve."



Ice skating at 90

Why does Salt Spring Island resident Betty Greer want to see an ice rink built on the island? Because despite her age, she's still an active skater. This photo was taken in January at Fuller Lake Arena and appeared in the *Ladysmith-Chemainus Chronicle*. Greer was celebrating her 90th birthday at the time. A skater since the age of 4, the nonagenarian passed her figure skating and dance tests at Fuller Lake nine years ago—at the age of 81. She's an accomplished skater despite having a pin in her hip for the past 17 years after she broke her hip.

Hayes agrees to take part in Ganges sewer committee

All members of the Ganges citizens' sewer committee have now been invited to take part in the discussions, directors of the Capital Regional Board were told last week.

Letter from Michael Hayes of the Ganges Property Owners' and Tenants' Association explained that his group had "reluctantly" decided to take part, while expressing dismay that the citizens' committee does not give majority representation to the citizens of Ganges.

Hayes also stated that it is a tenet of democracy in municipal administration that when the user pays the user has an absolute right to vote on the question of whether or not he is prepared to pay.

"We will not compromise on this issue," he wrote.

The board declined to rescind that part of the terms of reference which called on the board to submit a referendum if it should be necessary.

IF REQUIRED

Directors agreed that a vote would be presented in the area if the deliberations of the committee should call for it. If, however, the

final recommendation of the committee should prove acceptable without the need for a vote, then the board would not be committed.

The board reduced the resolution to an indication that it is the intention of the board to invite Ganges property owners and tenants to vote on the matter.

Salt Spring Director Yvette Valcourt reported that the Sewer Alternatives Committee had received no official communication on the matter.

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World Relief

From Page 1

Host Pastor, Rev. P.A. Bergin, O.M.I., officially opened the tea downstairs in the hall at 1:45 and an enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the refreshments, and patronized the various booths.

The ladies of the Anglican, Community Gospel, United and Catholic churches joined in preparing for the event and contributed to its success. The initial count of the money raised showed the fund had gone over \$2,425, with more expected to come in.

The young people of Salt Spring Island also helped and a vote of thanks was expressed to Junior Volunteers: Penny Jones, Tammy Duke, Karen Horel, Melanie Marshall, Laudi Hanssens, Jennifer Lucas, Melanie Miller and Jennifer Anderson who served the refreshments, and Alan Sinclair and Ray Hawkes who directed traffic in the parking lots.

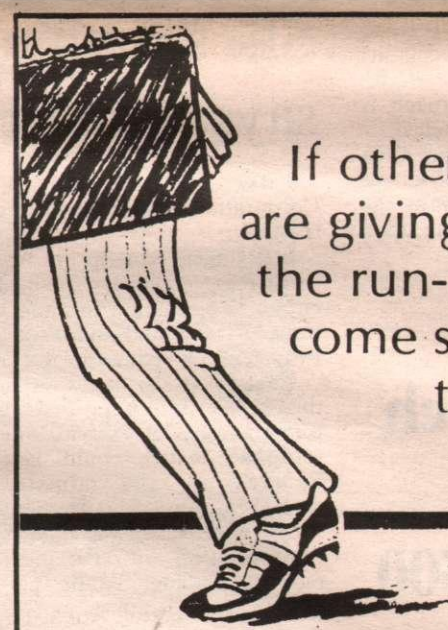
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They went honking by

The geese are gone. They came and they went, those long-distance flyers from the south to the cold country up in the north. They are usually referred to as Canada geese, but, strictly, they are not. Fortunately, the geese don't know they're not and it is unlikely they'll ever read this and learn the truth. Pat McClean, of Cottonwood Road, Ganges, reports seeing them fly over Ganges last week honking like car horns.

Impromptu concert

Society Jazz Singers went to Greenwoods and they sang. The singers were feeling good about entertaining the Greenwoods residents and they stopped in at Harbour House. There, four singers were left when they were asked to sing. So the soprano, alto, tenor and bass all stood up and sang a 13th century madrigal, *Since First I Saw Your Face*. And the rock music was switched off while their fellow patrons listened and enjoyed the music of 700 years ago. The quartette switched to a more recent style with jazz, *Satin Doll* and *When the Saints Come Marching In*. The singers at the impromptu concert were April Curtis, Ralph Miller, Janis Suess and Dwaine Prosk.

Nobody's helping

The Somebody of yesterday might well prove to be the Nobody of today. A new provincial party is struggling through the formative stages in Cowichan. Nobody's Party of B.C. is the new entry into the provincial campaign. Louis Lesosky is the candidate. His platform? Do nothing. He wants people to do it for themselves, while the party does nothing. He sees it as the answer to parties which want to do everything for other people while doing nothing themselves.

East Point: West Point: no sheep!

The island sheep are lemmings, he told me, and Saturna sheep are running into the sea. But nobody knew about it. The sheep had run into the sea off West Point, he assured me he'd heard a radio report. Only sheep I heard of at West Point were women cadets in the Yank army and that's a long way from the islands. So I figured it must be East Point. But East Pointers knew of none. And the lamb's best friend, Jim Campbell was not at home. So maybe they did. But we mutton mention it.

This work is oppressive

This week should be one of joy and merriment. I have come out of retirement to work while my family go off on a tour of the province. I get up early in the morning and toil till sundown. I strive and strife. I'm getting so used to Pharmacare and life's gentle appeal that I'm beginning to like it. After next week I'm going back to sleep.

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Health service report

Core area of Ganges in greatest need of sewers

Almost one-quarter of the developed lots in Ganges either have a malfunctioning sewage disposal system or are classified as a potential malfunctioning system.

Last week the community health service of the region submitted a map of the specified area of Ganges showing the state of the various sewage disposal systems on each property.

In a report accompanying the maps, L.P. Potter explained that the staff carried out a lot-by-lot survey of the area during the week of March 14. In addition, information was taken from the Levelton Report and acquired from the ministry of the environment as well as the region files.

The survey was undertaken to ascertain whether a sewage disposal system could be installed on area properties under current regulations.

The report will go to the Ganges citizens' committee on sewers.

The summary submitted showed that the area included 222 lots, of which 183 are developed and 39 are vacant. Total of 24%, or 44 lots showed symptoms of malfunctioning disposal system or of potential malfunction.

97 CANT BE FIXED

Fourteen malfunctioning systems are on holding tanks and on 97 of the developed properties examined correction is not possible, stated the report. In the case of vacant lots, a total of 21, or 54% were listed as being incapable of development for lack of capacity for sewage disposal.

The sewer plan was broken down into six areas for the purpose of analysis.

In Area 1, from the foot of Ganges Hill to the harbour, 20 of 25 developed lots are beyond correction of sewage problems. In Area 2, west to Jackson, between McPhillips and Rainbow, of 22 developed lots, 17 are considered beyond repair in this report. Area 3 lies to the west of Jackson and includes 29 developed lots. The report summarizes 11 as potentially curable and 18 beyond correction.

In the area north of Rainbow, following the Lower Ganges Road to the vicinity of the B.C. Telephone Company's building, labelled Area 4, there are 39 developed lots on which correction is possible, says the report, in the case of 23 properties and not for the remaining 16 lots.

Area from Kanaka, north to the northern boundary of the sewer district and west of Lower Ganges Road, embraces 46 developed lots and in the case of 28 lots, correction is possible. The remaining 18 could

not be corrected. The final area, No. 6 lies to the east of Lower Ganges Road at the Court House. Of 22 developed lots, 14 are correctible and eight are not.

MORE THAN HALF

The total picture of properties already in use shows that of the 183 lots, correction is feasible in the case of 86 and not possible for 97. This, says the report, indicates that 53% of disposal systems could not be corrected within the present-day regulations.

The significance of this area-by-area summary, says the Potter report, is that individual disposal systems, when installed in permeable native soils have a life span of about 15 to 20 years. It then

becomes necessary to project the future and assess the individual lots as to their capability.

Areas 1, 2, and 3, all of Ganges lying to the south of Rainbow Road, are the areas presenting the greatest degree of difficulty in any on-site correction. The proportion of incurable failures is estimated at 73.1% of the whole.

"While the rates are somewhat lower in areas 4-6," continues the report, "special problems exist, such as the hospitals, schools, rest homes and commercial areas. These areas deserve special consideration because of the high daily sewage flows generated."

There was no discussion of the report.

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Here's the chance!

For years the people of the Gulf Islands have been debating the possibility of a passenger ferry to transport travellers between the islands and linking with Vancouver Island. This summer the service will be here.

Hugh Curtis, minister of finance and Social Credit candidate for Saanich and the Islands, has announced that the hovercraft-style of vessel will ply between the islands for the months of July and August on an experimental basis. If the trial is successful, he suggested, it could pave the way for an entirely new approach to provincial ferry services.

The test will be faced by islanders and tourists. The test will have two particular local aspects. In the first place, it caters to foot passengers only. There will be no provision for cars on this 84-seat ship, with its crew of three. Islanders will be given the opportunity of indicating whether a foot-passenger ferry has any value in the islands. Islanders will be invited to show by example whether the appeal of a free mid-week trip around the islands and to Swartz Bay is sufficiently attractive to pensioners.

In the recent past, ferry services have catered to people in cars. A ship that caters to people on foot is a new departure. By September we shall know whether or not the Gulf Islands would welcome such a service.

The second feature of the experiment is a check on the noise of such a service. Although the noise of the modern air-cushioned vessel is less than in the case with earlier models, the test will reveal to what extent the confined waters around the islands will accommodate the vessel's motors.

The reaction of passengers to carless travel is of great concern to conservationists who deplore the expense of hauling around many tons of automobile on every trip. It is the short cut to conservation of fuel and energy. But the acceptance of a foot-passenger ferry does not settle the fate of hovering around the B.C. coast. Larger types of vessels will handle cars as they have for many years between Britain and the European continent. The test among these islands will show the value of this type of transportation to a coastal people.

The hovercraft is coming. Use it! Test it! Prove it!

The rest is up to us.

Cycle paths and cycling safety

When highways and transportation minister Alex Fraser was on Salt Spring Island on Monday he made no suggestion that his ministry is eager to provide for cycles. Highways, it seems, are constructed in order to move motor traffic quickly from one point to another. The highways engineers are hostile, he suggested, to mixing different forms of road user.

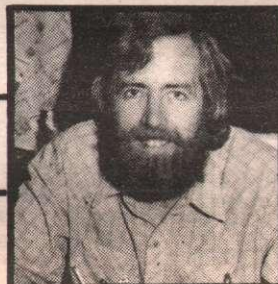
Nevertheless, the minister did suggest that the roads might be paved over a wider swath with a section separated from the main-travelled portion by a white line. Inside the white line would be the cyclist's haven.

The matter seems less of an islands concern than of a province-wide awareness of the rising significance of the bicycle and the need for provision for other methods of transportation. The islands are small and lightly populated. The pressure brought to bear on important governments is similarly small. But cyclists are everywhere. There are probably more cyclists than islanders. They must press for recognition on all provincial highways.

If enough voices are raised in the call for increased safety for this class of road-user, safety measures will come. But, conversely, if the cycling public remains silent, nothing will be done.

While he was on the island, the highways minister referred to the problem at the Deas Tunnel between Tsawwassen and Vancouver. Cyclists could not use the tunnel and were obliged to take a long way round to reach Vancouver. They protested and the government heard their plea. A truck is now provided to transport cycles and cyclists through the tunnel.

The same voice could bring cycle paths to the islands and to other parts of the province where Fraser agrees there is a similar concern.



Tony Richards

SINCE BILL BENNETT finally called the long-awaited election, I've been trying to push election advertising among local merchants.

The suggestion I've been making to advertisers is that they announce their support for their favourite political party.

So far there have been no takers. No one has a favourite political party.

One recent poll found that almost 40% of the electorate was undecided which, evidently, is an extremely high percentage four weeks before an election.

The only thing that surprises me is that so many British Columbians feel exactly as I do.

I'M SURE MANY Salt Spring Islanders are thinking that the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society conducted an unnecessary campaign to have the provincial government take action to protect Maxwell Lake.

Unnecessary, they will say, because all the society had to do was wait for the election to be called.

Last week's announcement that the province will negotiate a land exchange with Texada Logging certainly did come at an opportune time for the Social Credit party.

And so did a few other announcements in recent weeks.

Leafing through a pile of community papers from other parts of B.C. I found two with very similar headlines on the front page.

The *Juan de Fuca News* of April 5 carried the announcement that a swim club had been awarded a \$300,000 lottery grant to build a pool. The news caught club members by surprise.

Then there was the March 30 issue of the 100 Mile House *Free Press*, whose lead story proclaimed that Victoria had approved a new \$2 million hospital facility. Earlier in the month the government had put the plans on hold due to restraint.

And there was another story below that one telling of a \$57,175 lottery grant being approved for upgrading a community hall in the interior town.

Again, the club involved was "taken by surprise." If you were unaware that an election had been called, you know it now.

HOW MANY OTHER ISLANDERS got a call last week from someone selling precious gems?

Purchasing gems was a sound, long-term investment, I was told, and I could do it for only \$1,000.

But I don't have \$1,000, I told the caller, and even if I did, I would rather spend it on my house.

You can use your VISA card, he replied, and make monthly payments on the purchase.

At this point, I considered asking him if he'd checked with VISA to determine the extent to which I'd overspent my credit limit, but thought better of it.

Instead I put a wrench into his sales pitch by promising I would begin buying lottery tickets to raise the necessary grand.

"I'll give you a call as soon as I win," I promised him.

SALT SPRING ISLAND'S Mr. Soccer, Malcolm Legg, will not let us forget how our local youngsters excel at the sport. But equally deserving of praise are the mothers (and fathers?) of those players who on Friday evening demonstrated their skills at feeding the young athletes.

While the players themselves cast aside the traditional way of eating dinner by attacking the desserts first, at least one parent gorged himself on a wide selection of entrees that left him unable to move.

And he wasn't ill-advised in so doing because it might otherwise have been difficult sitting through the next 2½ hours of trophy presentations.

One alarming spectacle at our table was that of the son of a local dentist. His dinner consisted of two cookies, a rather large piece of cake, a well iced cupcake, a mound of some unidentified but sweet looking pudding and a bottle of pop.

He was only outdone by my son, who managed to pile twice as much of the same on to his own plate.

I suffered a severe toothache just watching them eat.

MY FATHER-IN-LAW entrusted a parcel into the hands of Canada Post March 31, with instructions that it be delivered to Ganges.

Will it arrive by April 6, he inquired of the clerk at the North Vancouver post office.

Perhaps, he was told, but you'd better send it first-class to be sure.

So he affixed to it the necessary first-class postage and left it in their care, believing that it would arrive in time for his grandson's birthday.

Thirteen days later, on April 12, the parcel turned up at Ganges.

But the post office is not all bad.

A first-class letter arrived last week from Vancouver, via Gibsons.

It was addressed to the Ganges Gulf Island D., Box 250, Gibsons, B.C.

The name Gibsons was crossed out and written underneath was, "Try Ganges."

Letters to the Editor

They mean well but actually are doing great deal of harm

Sir,
This is an open letter to some grandparents. Are you being fair to your children and their children? Do you show both of them respect?
The reason I ask you these questions is that daily I see and hear of grandparents who mean well but actually in some cases are doing a great deal of harm.
Do you give your grandchildren items to eat that your own children have requested you not to? I am referring mainly to those youngsters who react, in some cases in the extreme, to items with sugar, additives, etc., in them. Unfortunately some of the older generation, speaking as a grandparent myself, feel that our children lack the wisdom that can only come with age.
Believe me, I have seen a great number of young parents who are very knowledgeable in many areas including nutrition.
I am speaking for some of those parents who do not want to make an

issue of their requests for fear of either losing your love, or hurting you in some way. It is really quite sad to see how the young parent can be quite hurt when some grandparents insist on giving their grandchildren these forbidden items, reasons for giving naturally vary, showing love, etc., etc.
The usual remarks from the grandparents are that "we gave you the same food and it certainly didn't hurt you," or "It's only another food fad of yours again."
The fact is that there is much more awareness of how nutrition does affect us, also there have been many more chemicals added to our food over the last 30 years.
There is a very good percentage of grandparents who are aware of how nutrition affects their grandchildren's lives. These show their love by respecting their children's wishes in this area.
J.L. CLEMENTS,
Ganges.
April, 1983.

Players are grateful for success

Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who helped make the recent Drama Festival such a success: Salt Spring Players, Festival Committee, billetters and members of the business community.
The teamwork between the capable and hard-working Committee members and the talented and equally energetic participants, would all have been wasted without the faithful and appreciative audiences.
To all these people, known and unknown to me, my hearty thanks.
CATHERINE FAULKNER,
Chairperson,
Festival Committee,
South Island Zone,
Theatre B.C.,
Box 661, Ganges.
April 16, 1983.

No honours for Canada

Sir,
The Times for January 3 prints the New Year Honours.

This list shows that awards ranging from GCVO through KCMG through Knight Bachelor, to British Empire Medal, have been granted to citizens of the United Kingdom, Australia, the Bahamas, St. Vincent, Antigua, Fiji and Saint Lucia: to name some, though not all.

For some reason, Canadians seem to be excluded from the list, unless like Bennett, Beaverbrook or Roy Thompson they move to England. It seems picayune on the part of the Liberals to go to such lengths to make sure that nobody suspects Canada of belonging to the British Commonwealth. Why should our airmen be disqualified from awards such as the AFC?

There is even a chap in Tuvalu—wherever that may be—who got a CMG.

I believe that the next government of this Dominion—probably a Tory administration—should move us back into the Commonwealth.

COLIN NICHOLSON,
Box 1087,
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April 17, 1983.

Generosity appreciated

Sir,
Once again, I write to thank you and your staff on behalf of the residents, for providing and delivering complimentary copies of *Driftwood* to Greenwoods.

This is just one of the many ways the "Driftwooders" have shown their kind interest in Greenwoods, and for four years it has been our pleasure to be thought of so generously.

JONNA MATTIESING,
Administrator
April 6, 1983.

Nip future problems in bud with stocks at post office

Sir,
On the evening of April 1 an old red or orange half-ton truck was parked at right-angles to the road with its back end facing our Corner Store. The front of the truck was facing a glass-fronted office building recently moved to the site and six or seven young men were observed throwing things and they managed to break very expensive glass doors.

These young men, or hoodlums hopped up on beer, knew they had been seen and in their hurry to get away went off the road and had to abandon their truck in a field opposite Montague Motors. They had also taken some lumber from the glass-throwing site which the owner retrieved from the field where the truck became stuck.

The owner of the Corner Store also reported the loss of eight pop bottle cases.

Right after the truck got stuck there was a chimney fire and our fire department responded. The field which held the disabled truck belonged to the owner of the house that had the chimney fire.

The thought struck me that our heavies in the fire department could have taken these young trouble-makers and held them till we were able to get the R.C.M.P.

Couldn't we go back to the old-fashioned stocks and place half a dozen of them in front of our post office and use them as holding units for misguided persons? I think we could nip future summer problems in the bud. Word would soon get around to stay away from Galiano Island.

CHAS. J. GARDNER,
R.R. 1, Galiano.
April 2, 1983.

P.S. Sunday morning between 5 am and 6 am, one of our locals in a half-ton white truck was burning up the rubber on our Galiano Roads keeping people awake and endangering any other driver who

might be our there. He shouldn't have a driver's licence. He was closely followed by a two-tone grey sedan. Let this be a warning.



Bill Webster

Budget lowlights

By the time *Driftwood* hits the street, the feds will have issued the budget.

The big controversy is about a television cameraman who focused too finely on the conclusions of the budget. Marc Lamoneychief left the page sitting exposed and the cameraman zoomed in on it.

But *Driftwood* has had a copy of the budget for several days. The fiscal policies for the next year have been common knowledge in the newsroom and the subject of much debate.

We didn't want to release the facts because we didn't want to embarrass anyone. But now we can talk because the whole thing hit the fan last evening.

The budget contains the news, as the TV camera proved, that the deficit this year will reach \$31.2 billion.

The deficit is the fault of the opposition, claims *Driftwood's* copy of the budget. Because the opposition opposed, the money shortfall reached the megabuck range.

An out-of-work cabinet minister is one who, while talking to colleagues about legislation for certain individuals or companies, does not necessarily consider the money left in a brown paper bag as a bribe.

Actually, the term can be expanded to include those who haven't been elevated to the position of cabinet minister and may include those who sit on the opposite side of the common house.

Another item in the budget concerns payoff, that is grants, to supporters of selected members of parliament. The payroll of the senate will be increased and each member will be allowed to donate a stipulated amount to its favourite charity, care of a numbered account in Switzerland.

Travel arrangements for Numero Uno will be enhanced. No longer will he have to wait for charter flights or regular scheduled airlines. The budget contains provisions for the purchase of a fleet of jumbo jets, one to be stationed at each major airport in the country with a spare plane located in Hawaii.

Anyone above the rank of pageboy, whether an elected official or one of the hired help, will be able to use the airplanes if the boss isn't. That of course is what democracy is all about. Everyone is equal but the top guy is more equal than most.

The budget allows payments to political parties. The page on *Driftwood's* copy was smudged and while the amounts were clear,

the parties receiving the dough were not.

One of the political parties receives \$1,485,392.53 per supporter west of Winnipeg. The other two parties get the princely sum of \$14.50 for every province in which they receive at least five votes.

The oil industry receives sufficient funds to allow gifts of specific value to be purchased for those who need such tokens. Camels and tents will be discounted on tax returns if applied to the gratitude-for-legislation account before June 14 of each year.

Any interpretations of government intentions are based upon pure speculation due to the ambiguous wording of the budget document. Marc can always deny the conclusions as flights of fancy but *Driftwood* is also in possession of taped telephone conversations between someone in the finance ministry and the Toronto stock exchange.

The budget is designed to cool inflation while heating enthusiasm for the government, mainly at the voter level. Support now, it is hoped, will translate into votes later.

But don't count on it.

—Bruce Williams

Nuclear Awareness Day Sunday

Sir,
Let's get back to sanity!
As the Liberal candidate for Saanich and the Islands, I urge all constituents of this riding to join with me in supporting Nuclear Awareness Day, Sunday, Apr. 24.
Let's express our deep, eternal fear that unthinking politicians could be the instruments of total annihilation.
The production of nuclear weapons has not only been insane, but a futile use of resources and labour. Society everywhere could have been vastly enriched had these resources been channeled into peaceful and productive purposes.
Let's banish the arms business!
Let's banish the Angel of Death!

Let's live with the Dove of Peace!
It is no coincidence, I believe, that *If You Love This Planet* and *Gandhi* were top Oscar winners. People everywhere are desperate to insure that the people of the world will not tolerate the present fool-hardy position on nuclear weapons.
To demonstrate we want peace for ourselves, for our precious children, our beautiful province and for the world in which we live, let's show our support for the peaceful march on Sunday, Apr. 24 at 12:30 pm, from Centennial Square to Beacon Hill Park.
MARY JANE LEWIS,
Liberal Candidate,
Saanich and the Islands.
April, 1983.

Poet's corner

As I paddle towards the sun
I feel the midday heat blistering
my neck
And warming my spirit
The muscles ache in my shoulders
Sending vibrations of totalness
through my
Spirit with every little wake
I can see the shimmering sunlight
dancing over
The ebbs of time
Feeling the currents of yesteryear
Flowing through my mind
As I thrust the paddle into the ocean
depths
I feel the darkness that calls out
their beat
The past echoes in every bay
Middens that hold treasures of
times gone by
Eroding into the sea of eternity
Campfires etching a trail of smoke
into the sky

Hundreds being a family of one
chanting and
Singing a worship to the midday sun
The meaning of life was by
their hand
To worship and praise the land with
respect, love and
Admiration
Taking only what they need to get
Through their time.
The sun being their power
The land their mother
The rains and waterways served
many needs
Some had territorial greeds
The ego of man still flowed through
their spirits.
Kindling a desire to be the best.
As we pass through the ages of time
it's too bad
Man can't leave his ego behind.
Be humble before the universe
She is the power and the light
Let's just quit the fight
And become one with ourselves
and everyone
With all the hate and greed no one
will ever succeed.

More Letters to the Editor

He's not old or dead enough for Galiano

Sir,
The Galiano Lions held an experimental bingo last week which was poorly attended. They may have broken even on the deal and this could have been helped by a three-time winner!

To me it shows a lack of community spirit at the south end of the Island. There are too many little groups with lots of chiefs all trying to raise funds by varying Sunday sales. It would be great to see a C.D. Howe appear on the scene and knock some heads together.

One group putting on a play called *See Kitty Run* held their usual practice on the night of the Bingo and they will no doubt wish to have the support of the Lions when their play is produced.

The general apathy was shown at the annual meeting of the Galiano Club when only 25 residents appeared. Perhaps the members will grow in number and cough up their \$3 when the club announces that tenders will soon be called for controlled horse logging of Bluff Park, which will provide excellent

paths and open up a beautiful part of the island.

Sometimes, I believe I'm not old enough to live on Galiano or perhaps not dead enough.

CHAS. J. GARDNER,
R.R. 1, Galiano.
April 10, 1983.

P.S. The Galiano Golf and Country Club would still make an excellent morgue in a very natural setting, but, they couldn't use their recently installed stove to heat things up.

If you visit Australia...

Sir,
I have just received a telephone call from two very happy Australians who are leaving Vancouver for Honolulu today, then returning home to Prospect, near Adelaide, South Australia.

Wally Carr and his partner Marie Fidock spent an exciting day on Salt Spring yesterday, being equally impressed by our natural scenic beauty, the warmth and charm of the dozens of people they met at the United Church during our well-attended tea party, and by the talents of Marianne Goodrich, the S.O.C.I.E.T.Y. and April Curtis, who sang a beautiful solo, *God Bless the Child*.

We persuaded Wally to sing to us, and his moving version of *Danny Boy* reduced several listeners to tears! He was full of admiration for the ability of Gary Lundy, who provided a superb accompaniment without music or rehearsal! Such musicianship is fully appreciated by other musicians, although to other members of the public it looks deceptively simple.

I would like to thank all those who helped make this such a

memorable event: there are too many to name here, they know who they are, and I'll do my best to thank them individually in person. Any islander visiting the Hotel Enfield, Adelaide, and in particular the Bull 'N' Bush Theatre Restaurant, will be sure of a warm welcome from Wally and Marie who are in charge of the entertainment which has been such a feature of this establishment for the past eight years.

Copies of last week's *Driftwood* were read with relish yesterday and are also on their way to Adelaide.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
R.R. 1, Ganges.
April 18, 1983.

OTTAWA REPORT

Extra billing should be banned

BY JIM MANLY, MP

The Canadian public must take whatever comfort it can find in the current race for leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party.

Perhaps the best news so far is the announcement that Premier Peter Lougheed will not be in the running. If he entered the contest he would stand a good chance of winning and could end up as Canada's prime minister.

As prime minister, Peter Lougheed could attack our national health care system just as he is doing in Alberta where his government has announced a \$20-a-day user fee for hospital beds.

This will no doubt help private insurance companies and will not seriously affect those Albertans who are well off. But it will work a real hardship on the average citizen.

In spite of some exemptions for people with low incomes, it is the poor and the elderly who will be the big losers in this program, particularly as the \$20-a-day user fee is combined with a 47% increase in Alberta medicare premiums as well as extra billing by doctors.

The Lougheed government is driving Albertans back to the bad old days when prolonged illness spelled financial ruin for ordinary people.

CHARGED MORE

When extra billing was introduced, Alberta assured the public that this practice would not apply to the poor or the elderly. However, a study conducted by Dr.

Richard Plain of the University of Alberta shows that poor and elderly people were, indeed, subject to extra billing. In fact, when extra billing is practised senior citizens have been charged more than other patients.

All of us know medical costs have been increasing over the years. Inflationary pressure accounts for some of these costs and we must also consider the more sophisticated and complicated treatment we have come to expect.

If we are going to spend millions of tax dollars on expensive medical procedures such as heart surgery these procedures should be available to all citizens, not just to those who can afford an extra \$20 a day. If medicare is underfunded the necessary monies must be taken from tax revenues rather than by penalizing the sick.

The Alberta government is not only eroding medicare in its own back yard, the attack on medicare is the opening salvo in a crusade. Alberta's minister of hospitals, Dave Russell, has expressed the hope that Alberta's action would "encourage other provinces to join the battle."

While it is true that provinces have jurisdiction over health care, the federal government bankrolls medicare across Canada. In the 1983-84 estimates, the federal government will be contributing almost \$5 billion to provinces and territories "for hospital insurance, medical care and extended health care service."

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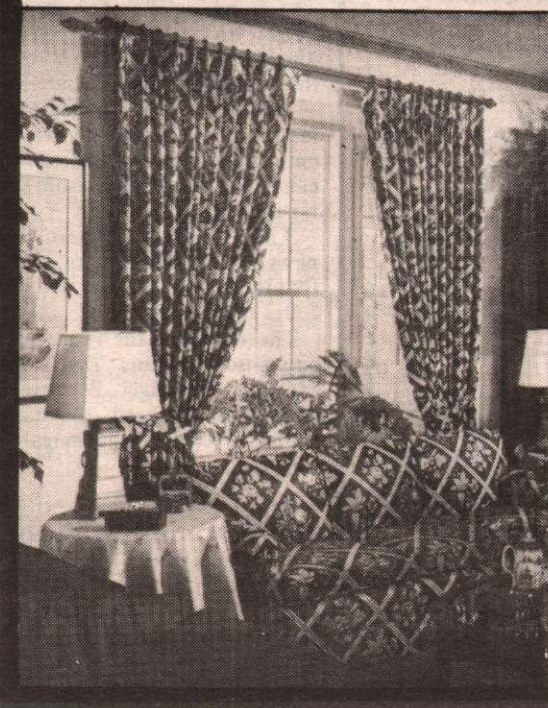
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Nuclear disarmament

Salt Spring launches national caravan for peace

BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN

The Salt Spring Island Nuclear Disarmament Committee has come up with an exciting, challenging plan of action: a Caravan for Peace to travel by car, bicycle, train, plane, on foot or by camper—from Vancouver east and Halifax west to meet in Ottawa for an August 27 rally before Parliament resumes in the fall.

This date coincides with a mass demonstration in the United States which will culminate in a million people converging on New York City asking for a nuclear weapons freeze.

Local writer Don Erickson, interim co-ordinator for the caravan, has been devoting most of his time to setting this plan in motion, including three trips to Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa to form a national committee for the project.

Last Tuesday evening he reported on results of his first trip east when he spoke to the Salt Spring group in the Elementary School Library at Ganges.

The national committee is 60% formed already with leaders from many elements of society: church, labour, politics, womens' groups, and environmental and disarmament organizations.

TO WHAT PURPOSE?

What does this mass movement across Canada wish to accomplish? The goal is a nuclear weapons-free Canada.

What is the program to achieve this? Building public pressure, winning a "free vote" in Parliament so that MP's can vote on the issue by conscience instead of by party policy, and launching a political riding petition campaign. In other words, we are trying to say to our elected representatives that we insist that they take an active role in working for peace, since the majority of Canadians have already expressed themselves as against the nuclear arms race in referendums across the country.

After detailing the plans for the Peace Caravan, Erickson received a vote of confidence both in words and in applause. The finance committee chairman Alice Andress stood up with the hard-money facts of what funds will be needed for us to get the Peace Caravan rolling until the national organization takes over. Figure set was a \$9,000 minimum budget, with \$3,000 needed by April 20! Everyone present at the meeting caught their breaths, reached for their cheques or

signed pledges. Ten minutes later Andress totalled up the spontaneous response: \$3,035!

THE CARAVAN HAS STARTED

The caravan has started! Now we need more help, more workers, more events to raise funds and community consciousness to the issue of peace. Those who watched the award-winning film *If you Love This Planet* shown for the first time last week on CBC (The Journal) must concur that the time to act is now. Come to the Salt Spring Island Nuclear Disarmament Committee's next meeting Tuesday evening, April 26. Watch *Driftwood* for details.

Take part in the next garage sale Saturday, April 30. Call Catherine or Ross Vezerian for more details.

Join one of the scheduled peace walks April 23 in Vancouver (a bus will pick up Gulf Islanders at Tsawwassen) or April 24 in Victoria when Vancouver Island people will march from Centennial Plaza by the City Hall to Beacon Hill Park. Call Pat Desbottes or Wilf or Jess Peck for more information.

Donate something of interest like the truckload of manure or the series of Karate lessons already offered and come and participate in "the auction with the festival

feeling" in Ganges Centennial Park on May 21. There will be music and other entertainments, food sold and unique items auctioned by Michael Hayes.

A HUGE JOB

And, above all, join our local peace group. We have undertaken a huge job but we are convinced that the Caravan for Peace will succeed! Plan to join it this summer. You don't have to go all the way to Ottawa. We hope people will join

for a day or a week or simply come to the peace rallies in one of the cities along the way. Two large simultaneous rallies are planned in Toronto and Montreal, anglophone and francophone, the week before the arrival at Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

For more information call any member of the local group or write the Salt Spring Island Nuclear Disarmament Committee, Box 1500, Ganges.

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Community Arts Council reviews year

The Gulf Islands Community Arts Council had a total revenue of \$15,818 in 1982, retiring treasurer Lavender Hyde told the council's annual general meeting, March 29, in Mahon Hall.

The largest single source of the revenue was Artcraft '82 from which the C.A.C. grossed \$24,554. Of this amount just over \$15,000 went towards Artcraft expenses, giving a

net return to the council of \$9,498.

Other sources of income included a provincial government grant of \$2,030, membership fees, \$1,245 and miscellaneous and interest income of \$3,045.

In her presentation, Mrs. Hyde pointed out that the sales and admissions to Artcraft had increased by 15% and five percent

respectively. She attributed this significant increase to the work of the volunteers, "particularly Ilse Leader, Artcraft co-ordinator and Ann Leigh-Spencer, publicity chairman, coupled with an increase in the number and quality of the contributors."

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursement of the income included a grant of \$12,000 to the Mahon Hall restoration fund, and close to \$7,000 to the various cultural and craft groups of the Gulf Islands.

Mrs. Hyde said that several changes had been made to the C.A.C.'s financial system; the most significant being the approval to pay the 1983 grants to the Gulf Island cultural groups at the end of 1982. The council had previously changed the dates of its fiscal year to conform with the calendar year. She said this will clarify budgeting and facilitate the annual application for government grants.

executive are Gerry Layard, president and Lawrie Neish, vice-president, both in their second year. Wynn MacLachlan was elected to serve as secretary for a third year.

The new slate of officers was presented to the meeting by Josie Clement, chairman of the nominating committee and was elected by acclamation there being no nominations from the floor.

Seven to serve as directors

Seven new members were elected to the board of directors of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council at the annual general meeting held March 29 in Mahon Hall.

The new members who will serve for a two-year term are Marianne Allen, Nancy Keith-Murray, Mary Keurvorst, Carol Marks, Frank Leigh-Spencer, and Ralph Newstead.

Serving a one year term is Sally Robinson. They join Arlene Dashwood, Uri Cogan, Dwaine Prosk and Bruce Pearson who are in the second year of their two-year terms of office.

TREASURER

Jim Fogarty was elected to a two-year term as treasurer, succeeding Lavender Hyde. With him on the

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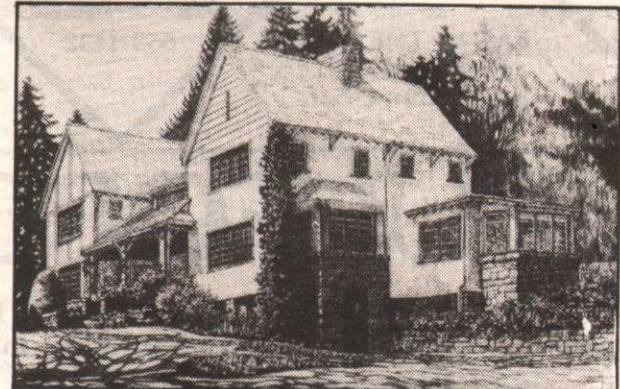
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Keep the Trust intact urges Curtis

Hugh Curtis is hostile to any legislation to change or abolish the Islands Trust.

The Social Credit candidate for the Islands was asked the question on Monday by David Lott and Murray Reiss, of the inter-islands alliance. The two questioners explained that the series of questions will be addressed to all candidates in the constituencies including Islands Trust areas.

The alliance was formed when the previous municipal affairs minister Bill Vander Zalm mooted the elimination of the Trust.

Do you believe that the Islands Trust should remain as a protection and planning agency for the Gulf Islands? Will you work to preserve the Trust?

The Social Credit candidate was not prepared to consider any legislation to interfere with the Trust, but he suggested that the municipal affairs minister Jack Heinrich would like to see the Trust more flexible in its approach to land use.

Are you aware of the unproclaimed parts of the Islands Trust Act? Will you work to proclaim these sections of the act, giving the Trust power to hold money and land for the future?

SPOKE IN FAVOUR

Curtis told the questioners that he has spoken in favour of the proclamation of those sections, in caucus, in cabinet and in public, but he has been unsuccessful in convincing his cabinet colleagues. As an individual MLA, he has no quarrel with having the rest of the act proclaimed.

Curtis explained that he was not familiar with the regional plan to the degree that he could support its adoption. The question asked whether he would support its adoption in order to give the Trust power when dealing with other provincial agencies.

Will you support ministerial approval of the plan? The latter question was emphasized.

He has received mail, mostly from the Outer Islands, said Curtis, protesting that the plan is too restrictive and rigid.

Will you support legislation to give the Islands Trust Act precedence over other legislation affecting land use and planning, so that the Trust will not be continuously overruled by highways, forestry and mining interests?

Curtis would favour some kind of movement whereby the Islands Trust could be its own approving officer. He felt that forestry and mining could be considered more on an individual basis.

The ministry of highways is the approving agency for subdivisions in the Trust area.

Vancouver Island rail service to be examined this year

Vancouver Island municipal leaders have expressed concern for the degree in which the Vancouver Island passenger train has been neglected over recent years.

Future of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo passenger train was considered at the convention of the Association of Municipalities of Vancouver Island.

The Canadian Transport Commission has already examined the service and ruled that it does perform a valuable service and Via Rail was allowed five years in which to improve passenger service, recalled the final resolution, passed unanimously by delegates.

Via Rail, contend the municipal spokesmen, inherited a rapidly growing service, enjoying the support and co-operation of the island and boasting the lowest cost-to-revenue in Canada, it was recalled.

The company failed to meet the challenge and the patronage of the train has fallen from 59,000 in 1979 to 41,000 in 1982, charged the association.

The association is inviting the president of Via Rail, and Senator Ray Perrault to attend a meeting on Vancouver Island to resolve the future of the railway service. Date will be set later in the season.

Fulford tennis courts held up for enquiry

The tennis court planned for Fulford is needed to ease the crowded situation at Portlock Park but the matter is held up at the Capital Regional District.

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission and the Fire Protection District have reached tentative agreement for the use of land at the rear of the Fulford fire hall. The matter got as far as the local works and services committee at the CRD when, at the request of Yvette Valcourt, CRD representative for Salt Spring, the matter was tabled.

Valcourt said she wanted to investigate the situation.

She expressed concern about spending public money on property that the Parks and Recreation

Commission does not own. The commission has approval to spend up to \$13,000 on the tennis court in the 1983 budget.

The Parks and Recreation Commission does not own any property. The Commission administers property owned or leased by the CRD.

The rental agreement between the fire district and the CRD would be for 10 years with a 10-year renewable option.

Valcourt said she could support the idea if someone donated the property to the Parks and Recreation Commission or if the lease were for an extended period.

The matter of the rental agreement is to come back to the committee on April 23.



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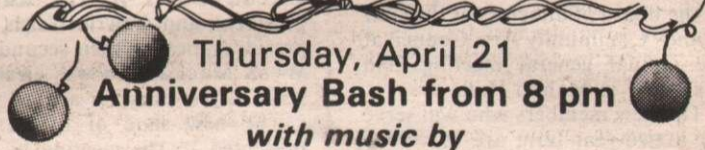
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She has given recitals at Wigmore Hall in London, St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall in Toronto, in Washington, D.C., and most recently, at Carnegie Recital Hall in New York.

She is currently professor of piano in the department of music at the University of B.C.

The pianist will perform on a Kawai grand piano which is being brought in for the concert by the island's Concert Society.

Her program will include numbers by Bach, Chopin, Haydn and Ravel, some of which she will

perform at concerts in Paris and Brussels next month.

The concert will be held at Mahon

Hall, beginning at 2 pm. Admission is \$3 at the door. Music students will be admitted at half-price.



Jean Coop

Freeze has no effect on school

The provincial government has frozen capital spending but the new school at Fulford will not be affected.

The announcement came at the end of March from Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, MLA for Saanich and the Islands. He said all capital projects not under construction or legally committed to tender were to be deferred.

The action came as the government began to operate under financial warrants. The 1983-84 budget has not been presented and the money needed to run the province was being granted by warrants by the lieutenant-governor through cabinet request. The terms of the Financial Administration Act allow warrants for money to be spent on urgent and immediate business for the public good.

The new school in Fulford has been put to tender and the money for construction, \$1.5 million, was covered by the 1982-83 budget.

The freeze announcement noted that money for capital spending for emergency maintenance or repair could be available with prior approval of the treasury board.

The freeze will be in effect until a new budget is presented.

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No refund of sewer tax, says regional solicitor

There will be no refund of taxes paid by property owners in the designated sewer area of Ganges.

In 1980 and 1981 a tax was levied on lands and improvements in the Ganges sewer area for debt servicing in respect of the Ganges sewer. In 1980 property owners paid \$19,610 and in 1981 the fee was \$22,500.

This total levy of \$42,110 was collected by the province and turned over to the Capital Regional District.

There is little chance of recovering the taxes paid.

Regional Treasurer William Jordan asked for legal advice on the recovery of the taxes. Last week a reply came from Donald Johannessen, of Pearlman and Lindholm, regional solicitors.

The lawyer explained that the tax was collected on the basis of letters patent, which direct that "the Capital Regional District may, without the assent of the electors, design, install, operate, maintain, renew and administer sewage collection and disposal facilities in a part of or portions of the electoral area of Salt Spring Island that may be defined by bylaw of the Capital Regional District."

TAX DEFICIENCY
The authority is subject to the clause that any deficiency in the annual cost attributable to the sewage collection and disposal facilities that is not recovered by the charges and/or frontage taxes or

parcel taxes shall be assessed and levied on lands and improvements as defined.

There is no authority to collect taxes unless there is a deficiency, explained the lawyer. As there had previously been no taxes charged there could not be a deficiency and the region has, thus, collected taxes without legal authority to do so.

"Can the region pay it back?" asked the treasurer.

There is no statutory authority for paying back taxes collected without authority, says Johannessen.

No provincial law states that such taxes under such a circumstance may be refunded.

The law says that when a government collects taxes without authority, there is no necessity to repay.

MISTAKE OF LAW

"The collection is considered to be a mistake of law," wrote the solicitor.

The rule is that money paid voluntarily and not under protest is not recoverable. Unless, said Johannessen, the money was paid under urgent and pressing necessity.

The Capital Regional District has "innocently and mistakenly" misled the taxpayers of Ganges into thinking that the charges were properly authorized and the region is primarily responsible.

The lawyer went further. He looked at the situation to see whether the region is obliged by natural justice and equity to refund the monies to the taxpayers.

The assessment, and the levy, was to pay interest on monies borrowed to install the Ganges sewer. If the

region had not collected this money of the property owners of Ganges it would have been obliged to collect it from all taxpayers in the regional district. By raising the money in Ganges, the regional board was attempting to raise the funds from those who would benefit from the expenditure rather than spread the burden over the entire regional district.

And, secondly, if the taxes are to be repaid, who will repay them? The funds, explained Johannessen, would come from all over the region and none of the taxpayers meeting the impost would stand to gain from completion of the project except the Ganges community.

The regional solicitors concluded that the court would, in their view, hold that the ties of natural justice and equity favour the retention of the funds by the regional district.

The report will be considered next week by the finance committee.

No sewer levy will be visited on the sewer area this year.

Variety of winter activities for Beavers, Cubs, Sea Scouts, Ventures

Contributed
BY ED DAVIS

The past winter's activities have offered much variety for Salt Spring's Beaver colony, Cub pack, Sea Scout troop and Venture company.

Most recently all the Scouts participated in the annual church parade at St. George's Hall. It was followed by our yearly banquet which brought all the Scouts, parents and dignitaries together for a gala dinner and skit night in the activity centre at Salt Spring Elementary School.

The Beaver colony has had a busy year with the leaders stretching their

imagination to provide new games and activities for their weekly meetings.

Coming up this month the Beavers will be holding a sleep-over at Fulford Hall with exploring expeditions to Drummond Park and surrounding beaches and a barbecue cook-out. The Beaver wrap-up meeting for the season will be on May 26.

Akala Jean Hoskin reports the Cub's are on a roll, jumping from one event to the next. In February the Cubs earned 39 assorted badges and eight stars. Winter camp at Camp Barnard was a smashing success with 26 Cubs and 10 leaders taking in the three-day event.

Some activities included the chilly hike to the bridge before breakfast, fire building for the noon cook-out, crafts and evening skits by Cubs and their leaders. Parent night and the final Cub meeting for the season is May 17. Summer camp is booked for the June 25 weekend.

The Sea Scouts and Venture Company have been busy preparing activities for the spring and summer months. Sea Scouts participated in a three-day sailing excursion during the spring break. In preparation for their sea duties the Scouts have been learning chartwork and navigational safety techniques.

Also, they have been sprucing up their flying juniors through a boat maintenance program and should have them in the water with a new look for spring.

This year several of our Ventures will go to the World Scouting Jamboree in Alberta. The Venture

Company will be seeking work on washing, waxing and oiling of boats, or any other related chores to finance this trip. To put the Venture Company to work on your boat please contact leader Terry Owen.

This weekend Scouts will be holding our annual meat raffle ticket sale in the downtown core area. This year's prize is \$200 worth of meat of the winner's choice. Tickets are still only \$1. The draw will be on May 10 and tickets will be available from any Beaver, Cub or Scout on April 22 and 23.

This event is the major fund-raising event for the entire Scouting program. Your dollar not only gives you a chance at the prize, it also assures that the spirit of Scouting will live on in the islands.

Leaders are needed for the Sea Scouts. If you are an ex-Scout, or a person interested in boating and would enjoy being with troop in the great outdoors, please give scoutmaster Paul Minvielle a call. We have several areas of interest in which leaders could help.

Water rates in two areas of islands

Amended rates and regulations were approved last week by the Capital Regional Board in respect of two separate water undertakings in the islands.

The rates and regulation bylaw and the parcel tax bylaw for the Highland Water District on Salt Spring Island came up for approval at the same time as those of the Saturna Island system.

The cost is parallel and close, but the smaller island faces a heavier burden.

Total annual cost in the Highland district is \$284. Saturna islanders will pay \$333.

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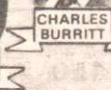
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Pool offer to be further discussed with hoteliers

The swimming pool at Harbour House Hotel would be available to the Salt Spring Recreation Commission for \$1 but the maintenance would cost \$950 per month.

The commission received an offer from the hotel management for use of the swimming pool from May 1 to September 31 for a rental fee of \$1. The commission would have to keep the pool in good shape and hire a life guard as well as supply two outdoor privies.

The costs of maintenance would come to an estimated \$950 per month. The cost of the privies and the lifeguard would be extra. The commission would also have to

absolve the hotel of responsibility for any accident, injury or death as a result of the use of the pool.

The hotel would want use of the pool each day from 2 to 5 pm for guests.

The commission needs a pool for the swimming program it runs each year but the cost went beyond its budget. The commissioners also expressed concern that they would have to assume the responsibility for the hotel guests using the pool.

The commission runs the swimming lessons during July and August and will talk with management of the hotel to reach an agreement for using the pool for the lesson time only.

GOLDEN-AGE NEWS

BY BILL HARPER

The Old Age Pensioners' Branch Number 32, held their Daffodil Luncheon last Wednesday, with 48 members in attendance.

The South Island Zone representative, Dave Luxam and Mrs. Luxam were special guests.

The Salt Spring Singers entertained following the Luncheon. It was an enjoyable afternoon.

The Golden Hands Arts and Crafts held their weekly work meeting in the Golden Age Recreation Club rooms last Thursday morning at 10 am.

Al and Marg Anderson have had

their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Spencer Anderson and children, from Port Alberni, visiting for a few days.

Gunther and Norma Brochhaus and daughter Tracy, Vancouver visited with Norma's parents, Grace and Walt Young for the weekend. Also visiting was Alice Douglas, from Nanaimo.

Honesty and photographer

The camera went missing and the owner didn't know if it had been lost, stolen or had strayed away.

The camera was found by a Salt Spring youth and turned over to the RCMP. It sat in the office for nine months and the owner didn't come to pick it up. The camera was finally given to the finder.

Another camera was found and a story appeared in *Driftwood* saying it could be claimed at the police shop. The owner of the first camera showed up. The young man was contacted and he returned the camera.

The second camera sits ownerless in the police shop but two people have experienced the effects of honesty.

No decision on link of subdivisions

Two cabinet ministers took a trip up the mountain on Monday and examined the junction of two subdivisions.

Emergency services have urged the provision of a communications road between the Ganges Heights subdivision and the Donore development. Alex Fraser, minister of highways and transportation, was on Salt Spring Island to make a joint announcement with Hugh Curtis regarding ferries and transportation.

In the course of the morning he looked at the area between the two subdivisions.

Problem is that the link would involve private property, he told *Driftwood*. He is aware of the concern and he has looked at the property, he explained, but he made no commitment.

Attention All Islanders!

The Salt Spring Beautification Committee is appealing for donations from all island residents, businesses and groups. Funds will be used to purchase plants and materials for various projects and improvements in Ganges and other commercial cultural centres.

Your donation can start a project that will add to the quality of life here for many years to come. Street trees, benches and steps for the elderly, bicycle stands, boulevards, boardwalks, container and wildflower plantings are some of the projects being considered.

Accounts have been established in both banks to receive direct donations, or you may send your cheques to Box 111, Ganges. Donors' names will be publicized each month in *Driftwood*. Volunteers for labour and suggestions are also welcome. Phone the Chamber office at 537-5252.

Pender couple wed in island ceremony

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The beautiful garden surrounding the home of Edna Stonebridge on Port Washington Road was the setting for a noon wedding on Saturday, Apr. 16, when Alex Murdoch of Vancouver and Edna Stonebridge were joined in marriage by Rev. George Morrison, of Mayne Island.

The bride was attended by her daughter, Diana Hazlewood of Newmarket, England, whilst Graham Stonebridge was best man for the groom.

The ceremony was witnessed by members of the immediate families and close Pender Island friends, Frank and Doreen York and Irene Partington.

RECEPTION

On Sunday, Apr. 17, at the Legion, a wedding reception was held when 85 guests sat down to a luncheon prepared by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Graham Stonebridge acted as M.C. and gave a humorous toast to the bride and groom, which was replied to by Alex Murdoch in a similar vein.

After the meal, Frank York sang *For You a Rose* and the bride and groom led the dancing with the waltz, *May I Have This Dance For the Rest of My Life*.

Soon all the guests were square

dancing, with Pender Island caller Frank York, who shared the caller's duties during the afternoon with Earl Bowles, from the Kensington Grand Square Dancers Club of Vancouver.

MAINLAND GUESTS

Twenty-six guests came from Vancouver, friends and relatives of the groom, 10 of whom were from the Vancouver Square Dancing

Club of which the groom has been a member.

There were four guests from Victoria and two from Salt Spring Island. All enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of square dancing, including those who had never done it previously and especially the youngsters.

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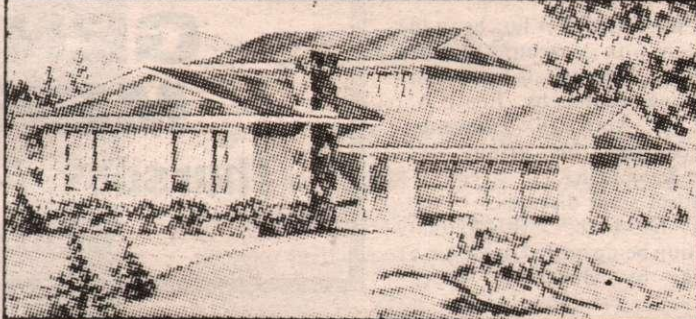
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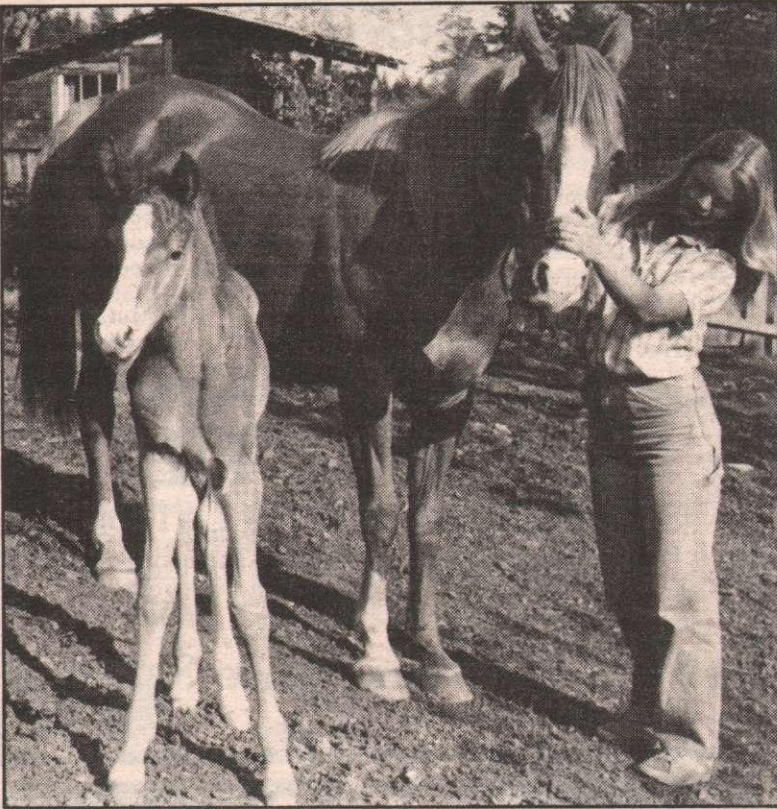
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In addition to raising horses, Caroline Hunt is president of the Salt Spring Island Riding Club.

Ursula McEwen is named

Salt Spring Island Council of the Catholic Women's League met in the parish hall at Ganges April 13 and elected the executive for the new year.

The slate for 1983-84 is: president, Ursula McEwen; first vice-president, Elsa Drummond; second vice-president, Margaret Cass; third vice-president, Fordene Kavanagh; secretary, Valerie Gyves; treasurer, Madeline Frantz.

In the absence of the president, the meeting was chaired by Elsa Drummond. New member Vera Luxton was welcomed to the gathering.

The ladies were reminded that annual membership fees are due at the May meeting.

Plans were made for luncheon in connection with a meeting of the Vancouver Island priests hosted on Salt Spring Island by Fr. P.A. Bergin, on April 18. Convener appointed for this affair was Fordene Kavanagh.

There was some discussion of the Victoria Diocesan 55th Annual Convention being hosted in Victoria this year by Queen of Peace

Council. Convention dates are May 16 and 17 and reservations must be submitted by April 22.

At the close of the business meeting, refreshments were served and members enjoyed a social hour.

Citizenship Day among IODE projects

At a recent meeting of H.M.S. Ganges Chapter, I.O.D.E., presided over by Regent Margaret Mayo, plans for forthcoming events were the chief topics of discussion.

Education Secretary Olive Mouat spoke of the program for Citizenship Day to be held in the Salt Spring Island Secondary School the afternoon of May 19.

Awards and bursaries will be presented for art and music. Books for the library will also be donated. Similar exercises for both the Salt Spring Island elementary school and the Fernwood school will be held at times still to be determined. The Fashion Show is being convened by Roma Aston. Proceeds from this event will go to our on-going project; the Cancer Lodge at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Barbara Toynbee, of Mouat's, and her models will display the latest in spring and summer fashions. The date for this is set tentatively for May 27; tickets will be on sale shortly and will be available from all I.O.D.E. members to include lunch and fashion show. This has proven a very popular attraction in the past, so we look forward to a delightful afternoon.

COFFEE PARTY

The Annual Garden Coffee Party will again be held at the home of Dorothy James, Vesuvius, on June 15, 11 am. Convener is Ena Patrick. There will be home baking, flowers and plants, handwork and attic treasures tables. Proceeds go to the Education Fund.

The guest speaker of the afternoon was Ralph Newstead. He spoke briefly of the work the Shriners do with crippled children.

He demonstrated this with a short film which was most interesting and well received.

On April 10, 11 and 12 the 70th annual provincial meeting was held at the Empress Hotel, Victoria. This was attended by several of our members, some for the full three days, others for the business sessions on April 11.

Mrs. Kalyk, chairman of the Trust Funds committee, announced that the last \$50,000 had been paid to the Glaucoma Centre, Vancouver General Hospital. Considerable discussion followed regarding two proposed projects for the \$15,500

earned annually in interest by the Mary Emerson Trust Fund. Final disposition was that it be donated towards the provision of a family visiting room for the extended care unit of the Royal Jubilee Hospital. This is of particular importance to all islanders as it affords privacy and convenience to all families and patients who might be in this unit.

The local chapter, H.M.S. Ganges was particularly congratulated on its donation of \$1,000 to the Cancer Lodge, Royal Jubilee Hospital. We intend further donations to this worthy cause as funds are earned.

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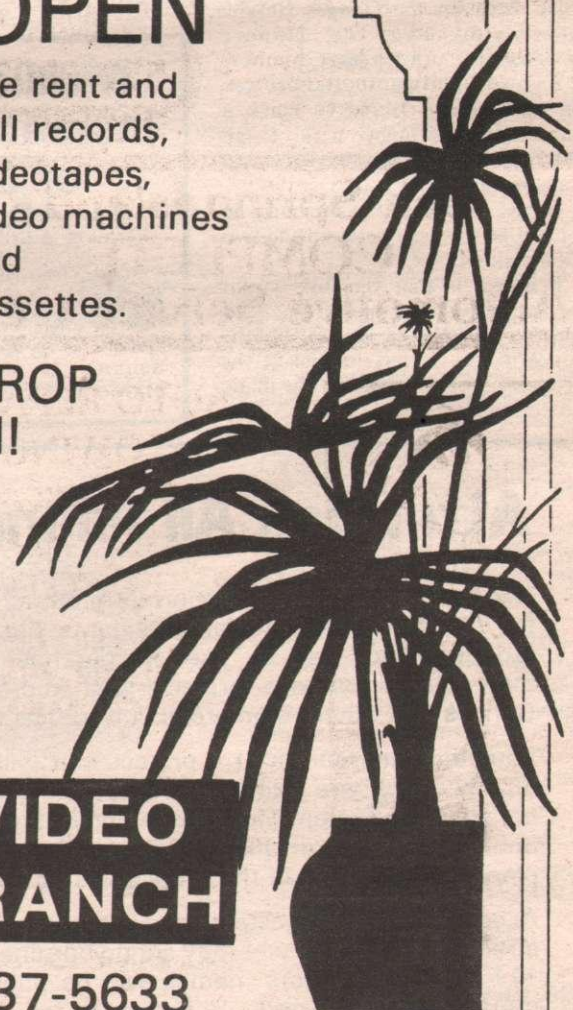
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Loose-leaf lettuce grows reasonably well on less than optimum soils, and as the outer leaves can be regularly and repeatedly harvested, they provide a long-lasting supply of plentiful greens.

For a continuous source of fresh leaves for an average family a row 20 feet long will supply plenty of greens. Loose-leaf lettuce need not be sown more often than three times a year.

FIRST IN MID-APRIL

The first sowing may be made around the middle of April, the second one about June 1 and the last one about the first of August. Since we expect to obtain a fair amount of greens we need to supply the plant with plenty of nitrogen, and since the lettuces are about 80% water, a continuous supply of moisture is required.

Your best bet is a well manured soil which will also retain and store moisture well. A side dressing of fresh manure, bloodmeal or fish emulsion will result in abundant greens.

Fresh manure should never touch the plants yet should be close enough for the nutrients to leach into the root area. Once a month should be about right for this or else drench the soil with manure tea once a week.

MOST FAVOURITE

Buttercrunch is probably the most favourite and reliable variety in our climate and we have found Ruby a delightful and reliable variety with its curly leaves which

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

are tinged with rusty red around the edges, adding a nice touch of colour to our salads.

We have found any of the cos types very satisfactory and usually grow these three together. Ithaca is probably the most successful of the head types.

I like to grow a bit of parsley with the lettuces and my favourite location for all lettuces is to the north of our tomato plants. This gives them a bit of shade in the heat of the late summer when the tomato plants are large which helps a great deal as all lettuces are very heat sensitive.

The shading also helps to preserve soil moisture and the parsley keeps both healthy. As we grow our tomatoes in white clover and weeds, and therefore the lettuce as well, we have found that the lettuce requires greater attention in shearing the ground cover to two inches.

LETTUCE SUFFERED

After our tomatoes reached mature height we let the clover grow to about a foot high and our tomatoes thrived but the lettuce suffered from the competition.

A narrow circle free of weeds around each plant and a mulch of sheared clover and weeds in between seems the best condition for healthy growth of lettuce at this stage of our ongoing experimentation with

growing ground covers.

Head lettuce demands nitrogen-rich soil and abundant moisture. Failure to head can be attributed mostly to these two factors, or to too much heat. The shading by the tomatoes would help a great deal in that respect.

Since head lettuce will last for about two weeks in the garden before bolting and going to seed, seeding at two-week intervals in small amounts would result in a steady supply. Figure out how many heads you may use in a two-week period then sow three times as many seeds for thinning, failure to germinate and failure to head.

Sow both lettuces, leaf and head, in rows 12 inches apart, or as we do, in a single row behind where the tomatoes are going to be. Sow a half-inch deep. Sprinkle a cup of bloodmeal (nitrogen) per 10-foot row under the seed, cover and firm.

Thin leaf lettuce to eight inches. Thin head lettuce early as crowding will also result in leaf instead of head.

Insects and diseases are rare. Avoid watering late in the day so that the plants may dry before nightfall and buy mosaic indexed seed to be doubly sure.

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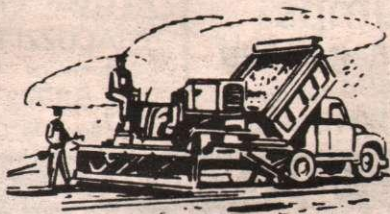
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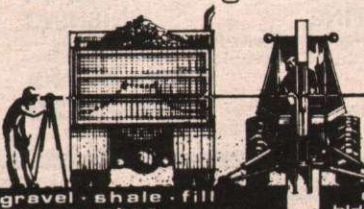
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Commerce prohibited, says ministry

Farmers' Market enquiry releases fears for all park

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Commission chairman Glen Woodley said he had been informed that the park could be used for commercial activity but the rent for the park would be high. The government would charge rent equal to 10% of the assessed value. The park is assessed at \$512,000, he said.

He told a meeting of the commission, Monday, that the community was in danger of losing the park if the land management

branch decided the market violated the lease agreement.

Barry said the park is rented to the chamber for a nominal sum with an understanding that the community pays for maintenance of the park. He confirmed the high rent if the park is used for commercial purposes.

The park was created in the mid '60's from fill dredged from the harbour when the government wharf was constructed. The

chamber of commerce built the park as a centennial project with funding coming from the federal and provincial governments as well as donations from residents. The cost of the park was \$11,080.

The farmers' market was started by the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute on Lower Ganges Road opposite Rainbow Road. The department of highways asked that the market be moved because of the traffic hazard. The Farmers' Institute and the Chamber of Commerce agreed on the use of the

parking lot at Centennial Park.

In 1976, the chamber assigned the lease for the park to the Parks and Recreation Commission under the Capital Regional District.

DEFICIENCIES

When the commission attempted to control the market, the dispute revealed deficiencies in the letters patent which allow the CRD to hold land for parks purposes. The bylaw granting the various parks commissions in the CRD to run the parks is also deficient.

The parks commissions in the

CRD have responsibility for the parks but no authority over the use of them.

The lawyers for the CRD suggested an amendment to the bylaw would give the parks commissions authority as well as responsibility for the parks. The amendment would apply to all parks in the CRD not just Centennial Park.

The matter is being checked into by the land management branch as well as the CRD and a report is expected soon.

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Meeting at Fulford

Curtis favours ministry ships for islands ferries, he tells committee

The department of highways should be running the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry said Hugh Curtis, MLA for Saanich and the Islands on Monday.

He was talking with the Salt Spring transportation committee, Monday, and said he has advocated the change from B.C. Ferries to the highways department for several years.

The subject of ferry service was part of the discussion involving Curtis, Alex Fraser, minister of transportation and highways with members of the island transportation committee. The two cabinet ministers visited Salt Spring to talk with the committee and see some of the problems on the island.

Arvid Chalmers, of the transportation committee, noted that two trips between Vesuvius and Crofton cost the same as five trips to Thetis Island. That island, just north of Salt Spring, is served by department of highways ferries which run from early morning until 11 pm. Thetis is home to about 400 people he said.

LONGER HOURS

An interim step to solving the problems of ferry service to the mid-island communities would be an extension of the hours of service for the Vesuvius ferry. Fraser said adding runs to the service in the evenings would cost money. He noted that on average, every \$1 spent to run B.C. Ferries is balanced by revenues of 50¢. The government makes up the difference, he said.

For the Fulford-Swartz Bay run, the revenues cover 32¢ for every expense dollar while the Vesuvius-Crofton run recovers 36¢ of each operating dollar.

LOST BUSINESS

Dale Codd, chairman of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, said the morning run to the Gulf Islands from the mainland, proposed for the summer schedule would result in lost business for Salt Spring storekeepers.

The early morning ferry runs from Long Harbour to Tsawwassen with stops at the Outer Islands. It returns to the Outer Islands before going back to the mainland. Visitors can reach Salt Spring by transferring to another ferry but only as foot passengers.

If vehicles were bound for Salt Spring, the time of arrival would be in the middle of the afternoon.

The transportation committee suggested transfer tickets for Salt Spring bound travellers. The ticket would allow passage from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay with a transfer to the Fulford ferry.

The transfer would result in consistent service to Salt Spring as well as easing the overload situation on the Gulf Islands-mainland ferry. Arvid Chalmers, a committee member, said he did not expect preferential treatment for islanders on the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay ferry nor space reservations on the Fulford ferry.

EXEMPT STUDENTS

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands, asked the minister of transportation to consider a request to exempt Gulf Island students from ferry fares.

He said the students must travel to the mainland or Vancouver Island to take part in extra-curricular activities. Other school districts load pupils on a bus and go, he said, but in the Gulf Islands the students must use the ferry system. He would be willing to talk with ministry and ferry officials to find arrangements which accommodate both sides, he said. He urged Fraser



They came to Salt Spring Island to look and to talk. From left, Brian Bolton, assistant to Hugh Curtis, MLA Saanich, the Islands and minister of finance, Alex Fraser, MLA Cariboo, minister of transportation and highways and his assistant Ian Fisher.

to consider the fare exemption for students.

Marshall asked for consideration of a walkway or bicycle path near the new school in Fulford. He explained the narrow roads in the vicinity and said a walk lane near the school "could save a life."

He also asked the minister to speed the process to enable the school board to have Kanaka Road moved from the middle of the play area at the Ganges School to the side of the field.

LOCAL OPPOSITION

Fraser said a problem existed in the local opposition to wider roads. "You people want narrow roads," he said.

Nick Gilbert, Islands trustee for Salt Spring told the minister that in recent years the number of cyclists visiting Salt Spring had increased with a corresponding increase in accidents.

He suggested that the Islands Trust and ministry officials sit down and talk. They should reach agreement on proposals for island highways which reflect the unique aspects of the Islands Trust area, he urged.

The roads should be maintained at a 66-foot right-of-way, and road signs should be posted to aid drivers and cyclists to identify dangers. Rest areas for cyclists should be constructed at certain points along the highway and route information should be posted at the rest areas.

Gilbert said such changes would help increase safety and cut down on the conflict between bicycle and vehicle.

Fraser said, "The department of highways does not build roads for cyclists or pedestrians."

Engineers within the department would prefer to separate cyclists and traffic he said.

Fraser also heard a complaint about the two-level discount given islanders by the ferry corporation. Islanders with residents cards obtain a discount but commuters with tickets have a greater discount.

The commuter tickets can only be purchased at the head office of the ferry company and bear a 30-day expiry limit.

Curtis said the time limit was a bureaucratic device which was not needed. He said he has pushed for ferry tickets with no time limit.

Fraser said he would bring Stuart Hodgson, chairman of the ferry corporation to the island to meet with the transportation committee and discuss the problems with service.

Artists invited to enter contest

Island residents are being invited to compete in the Crofton Community Centre Society's Mini-Mural Contest.

Open to all amateur painters, the contest is offering four cash prizes of \$250, \$150, \$50 and \$25.

The murals, which must show a scene in either Crofton or Chemainus, will be on display in the two island villages until the fall, when they will be auctioned off. They must be two feet wide and four feet high.

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submitted but each must be accompanied by an entry form along with a fee of \$1. Murals must be unframed.

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