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Lynn Richardson, left, of North End Farms and Pat Kirk of the Ganges beautification committee

are surrounded by hanging flower baskets destined for hanging in Ganges Sunday. More than 200

baskets will grace the premises of local businesses.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Volunteers to hang more than 200 flower baskets on Sunday

Ganges will undergo a transformation Sunday when a group of volunteers undertakes a number of beautification projects.

In addition to a general clean-up, the day's activities will include the hanging of more than 200 flower baskets in the downtown area, in the vicinity of the Valcourt Centre and at Vesuvius.

The plastic baskets, containing

geraniums, fuchsias and other flowers, will be tended by volunteers from Katimavik until mid-June. After that date the beautification committee hopes to hire local students through the ministry of labour's youth employment program.

Other projects include construction of steps between Kanaka Place and the Tourist Information Centre, and installation of cedar planters on the traffic island in front of Ganges Pharmasave.

Design of those two projects has been carried out by *Driftwood* gardening columnist Peter Weis.

The hanging baskets are being prepared by Lynn Richardson of North End Farms and Kathleen Huebner-Clark of Abundance Farm. Pat Kirk of the beautification committee told *Driftwood* that plastic baskets were chosen for their being vandalproof and longer-lasting.

Five crews totalling about 20-30 people will hang the baskets on Sunday. Crew captains are Jack Clements, Jonathan Oldroyd and Gordon Sloan, Brook Holdack, Becky Legg and Tim Collins.

Co-ordinator of the entire project is Walter Davis.

Work will begin at noon and organizers are seeking volunteers to help with the different projects.

Cash donations of any amount are also being sought, in addition to suggestions for further improve-

equipment have been forthcoming from a number of local businesses. Among them are Gulfstream Supply, Gulf Islands Rental Centre, Mouat's Trading Co., Foxglove Farm and Garden, Cubbon, Marshall Wells, Windsor Plywood and *Driftwood*.

The beautification project is a joint effort by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and the Ganges Centre Association.

Election signs removed at two islands

Campaign workers for both the Social Credit Party and the New Democratic Party found it difficult to keep election signs in place prior to last week's provincial vote.

On Galiano Island those of Socred incumbent Hugh Curtis suffered at the hands of sign removers, reported Sparky New of that island last week.

Half a dozen signs disappeared at the south end, he said, and even more at the north end of Galiano.

A campaign worker for the NDP at Salt Spring Island reported the

Curtis retains seat as Socreds sweep B.C.

With a marginal increase in his lead over the New Democratic Party, Finance Minister Hugh Curtis retained his Saanich-Islands seat on May 5.

The member for Saanich and the Islands brought his own seat into line with the provincial pattern as the province offered a warm support to Bill Bennett's Social Credit government.

The campaign started within weeks of the 1979 election, when NDP candidate John Mika set up his committees and started work.

Curtis did not gain fervent support in the islands, falling from a margin of 200 over Mika in 1979 to some 30 votes.

With few pundits prepared to forecast a Social Credit victory and fewer to offer any assurance that the New Democratic Party would not wrest his seat from Curtis, the results were startling to many voters.

In the islands the campaign was fought with greater vigour than any election in recent years. Party supporters made personal calls and numerous telephone calls to keep the vote high.

Protagonists in the Ganges sewer controversy had forecast an influence on the ultimate count but the two polls closest to the harbour both showed a Social Credit majority.

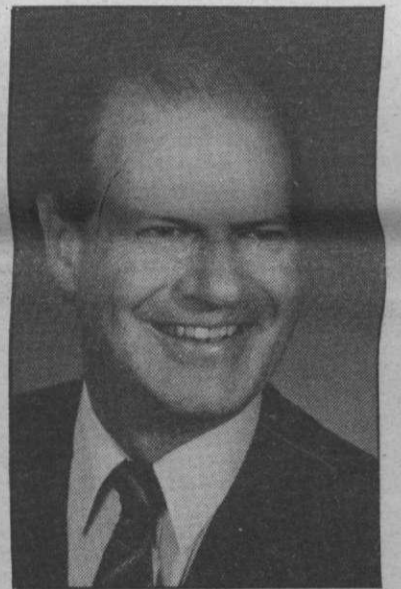
Voting pattern was very similar to 1979, with Ganges and North Salt Spring Island both supporting

Curtis and Fulford showing a strong Mika sympathy. At both polls the small increase of margin towards Mika was almost exactly the vote accorded the three minor parties represented, Progressive Conservative, Liberal and WCC.

While the two major candidates took most of the attention, the three candidates trailing far behind were Liberal Mary Jane Lewis, PC John Green and WCC Doug Christie.

In the islands Green took 196 votes, a sharp drop from his 1979

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Hugh Curtis

Poll by poll results

POLL	CURTIS	MIKA	LEWIS	GREEN	Christie	VOTES
South Pender	26 (22)	31 (26)	6	3 (9)	0	66 (57)
North Pender	332 (284)	227 (160)	8	29 (53)	21	617 (497)
Saturna	63 (45)	70 (52)	5	4 (7)	1	143 (104)
Mayne	153 (145)	199 (170)	5	17 (17)	9	383 (332)
Fulford	144 (136)	274 (206)	5	15 (27)	10	448 (369)
Ganges	727 (680)	683 (606)	35	77 (109)	33	1,555 (1,395)
North Salt Spring	485 (367)	463 (336)	32	39 (56)	14	1,033 (759)
Galiano	156 (169)	132 (136)	6	2 (20)	6	302 (325)
Porlier Pass	43 (18)	48 (20)	1	3 (4)	0	95 (42)
Advance Poll	101 (89)	75 (61)	7	7 (11)	5	195 (161)
TOTALS						
Islands	2,230 (1,955)	2,202 (1,773)	110	196 (313)	99	4,837 (4,041)
Riding	18,222 (15,695)	16,144 (13,645)	748	1,498 (2,385)	979	37,591 (31,725)

Two residents die by drowning

Drowning claimed the lives of two Salt Spring residents in separate incidents in recent weeks.

On April 29, the body of Reginald Griffin, 79, was found in Vesuvius Bay by RCMP. He had been reported missing earlier that day and the body was found several hundred yards from the wharf at 9 am.

The body of Mary Horovatin, 69, was found in St. Mary Lake last Thursday by a resident of the area. Efforts at cardio-pulmonary resuscitation proved futile. The body was found in the lake at 5:20 pm.

Although no foul play is suspected in either death, coroner Hugh Ross is investigating both

Director refuses to approve Fulford tennis court lease

The lease for a tennis court at Fulford sits in committee at the Capital Regional District and Salt Spring director Yvette Valcourt refuses to approve it.

She told the parks and recreation commission last week that she would not approve the lease until certain matters had been checked. Her objections centre on the length of time covered by the lease as well

as the proximity of the airstrip.

The land is part of the holdings of the Salt Spring Fire Protection District. The fire department had agreed to lease 2.5 acres to the parks and recreation commission for \$1 per year on a 10-year lease with a 10-year option.

Valcourt said she did not approve of the commission renting the land. The experience in other areas, she said, was that leases have had to be abandoned and the facilities lost because of disagreements with the land owners.

She was checking with the department of transport about the airstrip near the proposed location of the tennis court, she said.

As an alternative, Valcourt suggested a referendum for the people of Fulford to gain approval for expenditures of one or 1.5 mills to be used for the purchase of land for recreational use.

"The decision rests with me whether I sign that lease or not," she told the commission.

Chairman Glenn Woodley said, "It's the purpose of this commission to provide recreation at the lowest cost and I find it untenable that the lease is being held up."

Valcourt said, "I won't sign if excessive amounts of public money are being spent on it."

The fire district trustees could change in the next few years, she said, and the situation concerning the land could change also.

The commission plans to spend \$13,600 this year on a tennis court. The area will eventually hold two tennis courts, a children's play area and a softball diamond.

Valcourt admitted she has not read the lease. A copy had been sent

to the CRD for approval and the parks committee of the commission also has a copy.

Hugh Borsman said the tennis court has been discussed by the commission for about a year and a half. Valcourt had not brought up her opposition to it before.

The commission told her that it would be willing to take responsibility for the matter.

"If you want the responsibility," she told the commission, "take it but just make sure the public knows about it."

She left the meeting before the commission decided to approach the CRD with a request that the lease be approved.

The airstrip is on private land and is not used very often.

The land for the tennis court and play area is part of the Agricultural Land Reserve and the fire district has a permit from the land commission to operate the fire hall from that location.

Any recreational pursuits on ALR land do not need special permission from the land commission.

Socreds sweep B.C.

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total of 313. Lewis came home with 110 votes and Christie settled for 99 ballots.

The voters went to the polls in British Columbia with a legislature consisting of 31 Social Crediters and 26 New Democrats. Thursday's vote resulted in a legislature of 35 Social Credit seats and 22 New Democrats.

In the Saanich area of the constituency, support for Curtis was greater, giving him the seat. This was no novelty to island voters. Curtis took the seat for the Progressive Conservatives 11 years ago, when he ran in third place in the islands, overtaken by the Social Credit candidate and the New Democrat. The islands saw him as the former chairman of the Capital Regional District and resented him for it. The region has never enjoyed popularity among the islands.

On Thursday, polls offering a majority to Mika were Fulford, Mayne, South Pender, Saturna and Porlier Pass. These were the same polls which favoured the New Democrats in 1979.

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Valerie Richards back at Driftwood for summer

A familiar byline to many Driftwood readers will be seen again for the next few months.



Valerie Richards

Valerie Richards, daughter of Driftwood Publishing Ltd. president Frank Richards, and sister of publisher Tony Richards, has rejoined the staff as a reporter.

She returns to work following completion of her studies at the University of Victoria, where she obtained her bachelor of arts degree.

Valerie Richards first worked for the paper in 1966 while she was a student at Ganges.

A graduate of Gulf Islands Secondary School, she attended university before living in Europe for two years. While living in France, she was employed as a public relations representative for La Maison Hennessy, makers of Hennessy Cognac.

She is considering going back to university for her master's degree following her summer-long stint with Driftwood.

Mayday believed to be hoax

A Mayday call, supposedly sent out by a vessel in distress in Stuart Channel last week, is believed to have been a hoax.

A coast guard official at Ganges told Driftwood last week that a search was conducted Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning for a boat that was reported to be taking on water.

A Mayday was picked up by the Seaspan dispatcher in Vancouver and relayed to the coast guard. Asked for his position, the operator of the vessel said he was between Tent Island and Bear Point.

A search was carried out from 9:20 pm Tuesday until 3 am Wednesday by several vessels, a helicopter and a Buffalo aircraft. No sign of the boat was found.

Parachute flares employed by the coast guard enable searchers to see for one or two miles for up to 10 minutes.

Election turnout 80%

More voters turned out locally to mark ballots in last week's provincial election than in previous campaigns.

In the Gulf Islands, 80 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots while the figure for Saanich and the Islands stood at 79.8 percent. There were 47,085 registered voters in the riding with 6,038 of them on the islands.

Salt Spring had a voters list 3,891 names long while 2,147 were registered for the combined Outer Islands.

The new twist for this election, which allowed voters not on the voters list to register at the polls, attracted 1,331 such votes in the riding, including 305 for the islands.

The votes registered at the poll on election day will be counter at the official count on May 19. The added votes will not affect the results for Saanich and the Islands. Hugh Curtis, the Social Credit incumbent, outpolled his closest rival, New Democrat John Mika, by more than 2,000 votes.

The count of eligible voters for the various islands are: South Pender, 85; North Pender, 803;

Saturna, 169; Mayne, 505; Fulford, 561; Ganges, 1,990; North Salt Spring, 1,340; Galiano, 417; Porlier Pass, 168.

The increased voter turn-out was reflected in each of the polls for the Gulf Islands except at Galiano which showed a decrease of 23 votes from the 1979 results.

The other Galiano poll, at Porlier Pass, more than doubled the number of votes cast in the previous election.

The increase in the number of voters, 19.7 percent for the islands and 18.5 percent across the riding, varied from 11.5 percent in the Ganges poll to 37.5 percent at Saturna and 36.1 percent for North Salt Spring.

Support for Mika accounted for more than one-half of the increased vote while Curtis drew more than one-third of the new votes and the other three candidates attracted slightly more than 10 percent of the added votes.

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She doesn't know!

I like elections. That's the only way I know to get my own back on my wife. Women's Lib always figures she knows how I voted, but I can laugh to myself and I do. Only thing is, I don't know for sure who she voted for!

The bible on the box

At the polls I noticed that a bible was covering the hole where the ballots go in the box. Then, watching the televised results, I found that all ballot boxes are fitted with a bible. I am not offering an objection on religious grounds. But I can remember the day when a voter dropped his ballot in the box and went his merry way. But today's voter is balked by the bible and the returning officer takes the ballot, to place it in the box. I have no complaint. I just wonder a lot.

Twenty-five years

On May 25 the annual inspection of No. 676 Squadron, of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, will take place at Patricia Bay Airport. Both are nostalgic. To me. I was instrumental in founding the squadron in 1958 and I was associated with it until I left Sidney to live on Salt Spring Island. That quarter-century has moved fast.

Regional publisher

Gray Campbell and Eleanor were on Salt Spring Island this week. They overnighted with Lillian Dalziel at Fulford and came to Ganges the following morning, on their way to northern Vancouver Island. Campbell is a nearly-retired publisher. One of the pioneers of regional publishing, his Gray's Publishing never looked back after he brought out John Windsor's *Blind Date* 30 years ago. He has made a valuable contribution to Canadiana and particularly to Canadian literature with a Vancouver Island flavour. Still closely connected with the world of books, he is president, now, of Porthole Publishing. He looks for manuscripts as a lesser veteran might hanker after the bar. Nevertheless, the height of his news was the report of a rebuilt 1941 Harley-Davidson at Sidney.

Mother's Day again

Mother's Day is the day when you forget it's Mother's Day until it's too late to look for something interesting and cheap and have to settle for something expensive at the last minute. It's funny how much better I do out of Father's Day than Women's Lib does on Mother's Day!

A big response

On Sunday we went to Sidney to look at the display presented by the Saanich Peninsula Art Centre. It is amazing to me that in a small community like Saanich Peninsula they can not only fill a fair-sized community hall with art and crafts, but also draw a crowd to pack the place during a two-day stand. Of course, the exhibits were excellent and of course everyone enjoyed it. It was like Mahon Hall in the summer on a bigger and briefer scale. And I'm glad I went.

Sink sign gets chopped

I was wrong about the political signs. I figured they were being juggled by passers-by like me. But the saga of the signs went far beyond Churchill Road. In Ganges there was the Curtis-Social Credit sign that suddenly invited all and sundry to vote for Fred Curtis, who was completely unaware of the use of his good name. Crossing on the ferry, we went into Sidney and I started counting signs. Curtis and Mika were running neck and neck when I got into Sidney, but For Sale was the winner by a long shot. He had signs everywhere. Then there was a flurry of signs in Saanich calling on the voters to "Sink B.C.: Vote NDP." But someone who apparently did not share his view and was not prepared to take his advice snipped off the first line and left the advice: "B.C.: Vote NDP."

But nobody!

Nobody wanted Nobody. When Nobody's Party was registered at Duncan, Nobody polled 97 votes. Which was probably 97 more than he wanted. I would feel that if I had nominated Nobody to run for Nobody's Party I would be cheating if I supported him. Nobody elected him, which was half the battle.

One does, don't they?

This language! I entertained two young persons. One explained that their appetite is better although they only eat when the other is not there, while the other one reported that they had lost their toothbrush and that they had a pain in their stomach.

Commission to await clarification before acting on Farmers' Market

The Ganges Farmers' Market will not be discussed any further by the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission until the situation has been clarified.

The commissioners decided at a meeting last week not to talk about the market until the Capital Regional District bylaw on the park has been strengthened and the position of the provincial ministry of lands, parks and housing has been sorted out.

The debate swirling around the market in Centennial Park has revealed the bylaw weakness, not only on Salt Spring but throughout the CRD. The various parks and recreation commissions can obtain, equip and maintain parks but have no say over how the parks are used.

A letter from the lawyers for the CRD suggested a change in the bylaw to give the commission control and use of the parks.

The amendment suggested would read: "No person shall sell or offer to sell any refreshments, goods, or services or conduct any business in any park or on any beach save and except with the written permission from the Capital Regional District."

The lawyers point out that the application of the bylaw "must be non-discriminatory in the sense that you cannot distinguish between island residents and non-island residents."

The bylaw change would give the commission authority to decide the type of merchandise sold in the market, the hours of operation for the market and to allow certain merchandise, such as ice cream, to be sold over a longer period of time.

The provincial lands, parks and housing ministry's official statement on the park is that if commercial activity is taking place in the park, the lease could be broken and the park could revert to the province.

The park was constructed in 1965 from fill dredged up in the boat basin. The chamber of commerce decided to create the park as a

centennial project. The area belongs to the crown through the federal department of fisheries and oceans. The province administers the area with the chamber holding a lease on the land.

Capital Region director Yvette Valcourt tried to have the commission endorse a motion calling for a non-profit group to take control of the park. The motion did not succeed because the commission did not want to turn the land over to a group which was not known to it.

Commission chairman Glenn Woodley summed up the situation by stating, "It seems to me we've spent long enough discussing the Farmers' Market."

"We should be able to come to

some agreement to allow the market to continue for the season. If the lands department doesn't want the market there, then it is up to them to close it."

Phil Hume said that eight or nine people have brought the commission almost to a standstill on the issue. If there were any give on their side, he said, accommodation could be reached.

The commission will discuss the issue again when the situation has been cleared up.



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Another term

Hugh Curtis, who has never lost an election, will serve Saanich and the Islands for another term. On Thursday he enjoyed the support that he remembered from 1979. His share of the vote was almost identical in terms of percentage.

Similarly, John Mika, who carried the New Democrat colours for the second time in succession, polled almost exactly the same percentage of the votes cast as he had done four years ago.

There are two major concerns remaining after the election. The first is province-wide and represents the urgent need for a return to a stable economy. The Social Credit government is unlikely to make sharp changes in a policy that appears to have gained the support of the electorate. The problem now, however, is to resolve the recession and not simply to convince the voters that the solution has been found.

The second problem facing the government is to bring a greater degree of harmony to a province that has been split over past policies. The challenge faces both government and people. We now know the electorate is content with the policies of British Columbia, facing its greatest economic challenge in decades. It remains for the community to accept them and for the government to make them as palatable as they can be.

There have been incidents in recent months when the government has initiated programs and policies in a brilliant pattern of confrontation. A government with a substantial majority can very easily slide into the arrogant. We don't want to be pushed around. We don't want to be punished for somebody else's sins.

It is high time the government gave some consideration to meeting the people of the province halfway. If you're going to dig into a man's wallet, there's no call to abuse him for possessing one.

There's a new session facing the new government. One third of the Social Credit caucus will be newcomers. Let's see them exercise a warmth towards the people they represent.

Government by confrontation is exciting. It might, at times, be amusing, but it has no place in this province. Confrontation divides and the province needs the full attention of all its legislators.

The source is the factor

When the North Salt Spring Waterworks District recently held its annual meeting in Ganges the hall was filled to capacity and, perhaps, beyond. It was probably the first meeting on Salt Spring Island to have the board standing while visitors used all the seats available.

The concern of taxpayers was for the increase in taxes over recent years.

The last time a water meeting encountered a large number of taxpayers was several years ago when the majority of people attending were concerned over the quality of water originating from St. Mary Lake.

It is discouraging to members of the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society and to trustees that their concerns for preservation of water resources are not similarly reflected in big attendance at the annual meeting. Because there can be little doubt but that the efforts and concerns of those protecting water sources will be reflected in both quality and cost in the future.

National affairs

The House of Commons in Ottawa is given to exercises totally unrelated to the conduct of national affairs. It would be pointless to relate any of those adventures in one or two-upmanship which are the pride of joy of so many members. The televised Commons Circus points up a list of them.

If every member of the House patterned his behaviour on that of any normal corporation meeting, the standard of conduct of Canada's affairs might well show a substantial improvement.

There is room enough for such an improvement.

Guess what makes me so mad is that they didn't rebuild Walkers Hook Road when they were buyin' votes!



Letters to the Editor

Time for a little secret diplomacy

Sir,

In these days, when everyone and his dog seems to be acting as unpaid propaganda agents for Andropov by crying for unilateral disarmament, it seems necessary to give wider publicity to the view of Sir Fitzroy Maclean, as published in the *Times* of January 27:

Sir,

I do not see how any rational observer of the international scene can fail to be amazed at the inept manner in which the superpowers are at present approaching the problem of nuclear disarmament. If ever there was an occasion for serious negotiation between experts behind closed doors, it must be this.

Once one has digested the obvious and only too emotive fact that this is something that concerns us all, the actual questions under discussion are so complex as to be beyond the competence, if not the comprehension, of any but a small group of experts.

Unless you happen to be a unilateralist (and here at least both Mr. Andropov and President Reagan see eye to eye), it can only be a question of hard bargaining in terms of national interests in the hope of eventually achieving mutual, balanced and verifiable

Support appreciated

Sir,

We would like to say thank you to everyone who has been involved with the Youth Bowling Leagues for the past season. Your help and support is much appreciated.

Thank you, as well to those individuals who help us each year by bringing in their old trophies. Salt Spring certainly has a number of super people.

ANNE HARRISON and
JOYCE TAYLOR,
YBC coaches.

Ganges,
May, 1983.

force reductions. Instead of which, both sets of statesmen persist in putting up, publicly, a series of seemingly attractive but, in practice, unacceptable offers for the other side to shoot down, in the hope of thus scoring a cheap propaganda point.

Equally silly, for the same reasons, is the current public discussion of the relative merits and demerits of different brands of nuclear missiles.

This is a game which could go on indefinitely with, in the long run, entirely counter-productive results.

If any progress is to be made, surely the time has come for a little secret diplomacy, however old-fashioned a concept that may seem.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

FITZROY MACLEAN,
Strachur House,
Argyll,
January 24.

Nothing needs to be added.
COLIN NICHOLSON,
Box 1087,
Ganges,
May 9, 1983.

Migrations of a Sacred sign

Sir,

Regarding the mysterious moving Social Credit sign on Churchill Road, as the resident of the property mentioned in *To Be Frank* (May 4) I have first hand knowledge as to the propulsion of this shifty Sacred.

It seems that after I placed an NDP placard in front of my house a neighbour, who lives by the water and sells hair oil, decided to place two Social Credit signs on his field which is directly across the road.

Later that day, when returning from a difficult day of teaching, I noticed the signs had migrated to my yard. Not really minding, I left the signs as they were, but lo and behold, the signs migrated again. This time, however, one migrated too far and has not been seen since.

A few days later the remaining sign again decided to change its mind and move to the left-hand side of the road. Well, I figured I knew where a good Sacred sign belonged so I placed it back on the right hand side of the road.

Now, while doing this I was spotted by the Mrs. of the original sign planter. Later that day the sign migrated left but it also changed its attitude and was facing the sea.

The next morning another neighbour stopped her car and rearranged the sign again, where, as

to this moment in time, it remains, on the left facing south.

JON KORRISON,
Box 603,
Churchill Road, Ganges,
May, 1983.

First meet a success

Sir,

The Gulf Islands Gymnastics Society held their first merit/bronze meet with Athena Club of Surrey, B.C. on April 30.

The co-operation we received from Gulf Islands Secondary School, Salt Spring Elementary, and a very knowledgeable and capable ambulance crew; combined with the hours and hours of planning and work of parents and friends, helped to make our first meet a huge success.

We want to thank all of you, who in some way supported our gymnasts and make it a very positive experience.

LYNDA JENSEN,
Secretary, Gulf Islands
Gymnastics Society,
Box 1511,
Ganges,
May, 1983.

Trial period to December

Trust bylaws to be applied to building permits

Building permits in the islands will in future be checked out by the zoning officer in Langford, west of Victoria, for conformity with zoning regulations in force.

At present time building permits are issued in respect of the islands by the Capital Regional District building inspector. The inspector is primarily concerned with conformity with the building code.

The zoning and planning regulation of the islands is under the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust. Until January, 1981, it was the practice of the region to have the zoning officer check out all permits against zoning regulations. At that time there was a shortage of staff in the building inspection service, regional directors learned last week, and the region was concerned that it

might be called on to interpret the regulations of another jurisdiction. The regional inspection service works within the Islands Trust area.

In February Trust manager A.H. Roberts asked the region to reinstate the checking service.

The building inspection service, the board was told, is engaged 50% in the islands and 50% in the western

sector.

Last year there were 100 building permits issued on Salt Spring Island and 92 in the Outer Islands. This total of 192 compares with 368 permits in respect of projects in the western sector.

Building permits and regulations are handled by the Capital Regional District only in respect of unorganized territories. Municipalities attend to their own.

The regional staff calculated that by taking on the additional function of zoning inspection, the regional official will have a 50% increase in his workload. In addition, there would be a burden of secretarial work.

The undertaking by the region is conditional.

A law enforcement officer has been authorized by the region to enforce building regulations. That engagement will be re-examined later in the year and the initial engagement will be for the period to December 31, 1983 and commencing May 1. Should the enforcement position not be extended beyond the year end, then the zoning checks will also cease. The enforcement officer is expected to take a load off the zoning officer and provide him with time for this extra work, estimated at one and a half to two days a week.

TWO SEPARATE ROLES

The region insists that there are two completely separate roles to be taken by the inspectors. Building inspection is a regional function. Planning is of the Trust. It is feared that the two functions will not be

clearly defined in the mind of the public. There could ensue some confusion as to which agency is responsible for planning.

It was laid down clearly that the regional staff will not undertake the interpretation of any zoning bylaw and that interpretations must come from the Islands Trust.

Finally, the regional district will not be involved in zoning enquiries or development permits in respect of the islands.

CONDITIONS

Last week the region advised the Islands Trust that it is prepared to take on the function of zoning inspection to December 31, with quarterly reviews and subject to certain conditions:

That plans be checked at the Langford office and that the Trust furnish all the appropriate bylaws and regulations. All matters of interpretation will be handled by the Trust as well as zoning enquiries.

The Trust will be responsible for the furnishing of up-to-date maps and copies of Land Registry plans.

The Islands Trust will still be responsible for all matters relating to development permits and the Board of Variance.

The zoning inspector will also be furnished with maps and up-dates of the Agricultural Land Reserve, with notices of exclusion or subdivision within the ALR.

The regional inspector will provide all information on building permits and enforcement matters relating to zoning issues will be the responsibility of the Islands Trust.

Display of historic maps took 2½ years to put together

A display of historic maps in the Glenbow Museum in Calgary had Mary Javorski as guest curator.

Javorski, the daughter of Jake and Kay Javorski of Salt Spring, spent 2½ years putting the show together. The display was open to the public from January to the end of April this year.

In 1979, officials at the museum decided to put on the display of historic maps of the western section of North America to trace the exploration and settlement of the area.

Professor Coolie Verner of Galiano Island, an internationally known expert on historical cartography, was in the process of selecting the maps to be shown when he died of cancer in September of 1979. Javorski was asked to continue the task and by 1980, she was engaged in the selection process as well as in writing the catalogue for the display.

The show took time to prepare to ensure accuracy of detail, Javorski told *Driftwood* recently.

The maps came from the national collection in Ottawa, Verner's personal collection as well as from the archives of the University of British Columbia.

UBC GRADUATE

Javorski, a graduate of UBC in library science with emphasis on

map librarianship, said the response to the display was "fairly good." Another display at the Glenbow, *The Dinner Party* by Judy Chicago, helped to draw people into the museum.

The maps in the show were, for the most part, original prints taken from the first printings of maps. The originals, historically, were prepared for printing from the journals and sketches of the explorers of the region.

The earliest map in the collection dated from 1565 and represents an early view of the world. It had been printed 70 years after Columbus voyaged to America.

Of the 50 maps on display, the first to show the Pacific Northwest was a copy of a map prepared by Captain George Vancouver. It shows Vancouver Island and the coast of the mainland. Near the foot of Vancouver Island lies a jumble of lines meant to represent the Gulf and San Juan Islands.

A similar map, dated 1802, was prepared from notes of Captains Galiano and Valdes. The main difference is in the Spanish names given to many features.

FIVE SECTIONS

The show was divided into five sections to illustrate maps showing the west before exploration and

settlement, the exploration of the Arctic, exploration and settlement by sea, exploration overland and the settlement period.

The dates range from the 16th century to the middle of the 20th century.

Some of the more contemporary maps showed such features as Air Canada mail routes and the locations of mounted police stations and patrol routes. Another map showed the divisions on the prairies before the area became provinces.

Javorski has moved on to take care of the map collection at the Okanagan Regional Library in Kelowna. She also has another project in mind.

"I'm spearheading a campaign to get maps into public libraries where they belong," she said.



Bill Webster

Election realigns B.C. politics

Residents and other denizens of Bucolic Collateral voted early and often to confound pundits and Socred supporters alike last week.

Billy Wacyson assumes his heir-chair as leader of almost all the people while Dave Doleft ponders the future of leadership uncertainty.

Here in Med-West, Hugh takes his many-turned coat back to the stonepile-by-the-harbour for yet another round of gas. Voters of the Islands and that other place cast aspersions on John Tryagain and he, as with Dave, may fade into footnotes of history's comic book.

The ballot exercise draws one certainty. Sufficient pieces of paper were stuffed through slots to assure that doubts should not linger beyond the call for the next election.

When almost 80 of every 100 B.C.'ers tramped to the polls, signs of healthy democracy showed everywhere. As Louis is fond of saying, "The people have spoken. Will anyone listen?"

Actually, the results bring several conclusions, depending upon one's position in the political spectrum.

Friends of the NDP should well study the entrails of the election to prognosticate providence's purpose. The vote

was not encouraging for the party on the left.

Consider that almost one-third of the Social Credit caucus turned over. There will be 10 Socreds in the gas house who were not there the last time the house did not meet.

On the other hand, there will only be three new NDeepers.

When the shouting began, six Socreds decided not to flail the fray but only three on the left had cried enough.

When the shouting had ended, only none of the sitting Socreds had lost while four of the stalwarts of social democracy bit the dust.

Some results may be altered by the non-registered vote to be counted on the day of final judgment but the results reveal certain facts which should not be ignored.

On the north end of the big island next door to Med-West, the NDeepers took each seat as they did in the last effort. But difference between first and second was less. Remember the north end is an area of some of the highest and potentially most chronic unemployment in the province.

Elsewhere, the pattern repeated.

And if the trend continues, the NDeeper assembly will shrink

even further. Which would be sad for Bucolic Collateral. Witness the mess of affairs in the land across the high rocks. When one party dominates, things don't run as they were intended to.

Political voyeurs state the left will drift farther left and become the serfdom of unionism. Which fate is not to be wished on the party. A new leader, some new blood and a vigorous defence of middle left are called for to save the NDeeper from disaster.

The vote where government workers shout at the government showed dissatisfaction with restraint actions. But those ridings were exceptions to prove the general rule.

The party can't become the preserve of a select group. It has to be opened even more to the common folk. Not everyone feels comfortable carrying a card and a picket sign. But sufficient can feel comfortable with the left of middle. Remember 1972.

Which is not to say the Socreds don't need finer tuning than has gone on in the past few seasons. For that party to move further right would also be a mistake.

That the ballot battle was important in the affairs of B.C. has proven accurate. What we are witnessing is a realignment of the west coast political spectrum



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Driftwood's Frank Richards and Mary Javorski

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Cushions for Greenwoods

Cushions were presented to residents of Greenwoods last week by the Salt Spring Quilters Guild. Marjorie Martin, left, shows a

cushion to Forest Platten. The cushions will be used on the wooden chairs in the dining room. The

design came from the quilters and the stitching was done by Greenwoods resident May Wallace:

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

The ants are coming

Time to prepare for annual invasion

Contributed
BY GARY GREICO

*My child behold the cheerful ant,
How hard she works each day;
She works as hard as adamant,
Which is very hard they say.*

—Oliver Herford

Salt Spring Island numbers will soon soar with the annual influx of tourists, enjoying the sun and scenery.

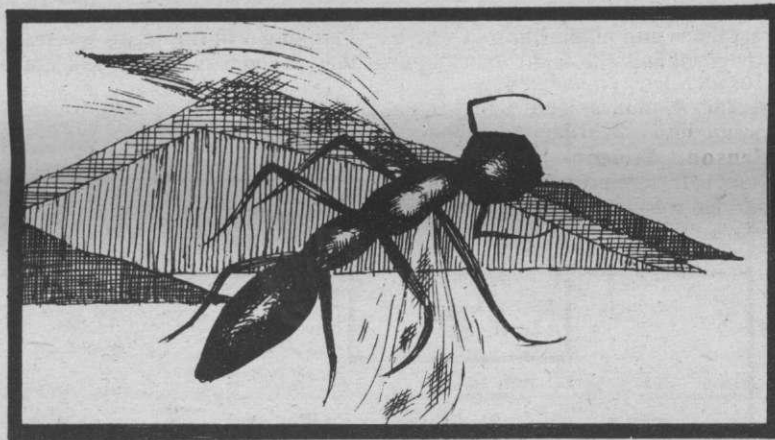
Last year's May long weekend brought another annual visitor, but not nearly as pleasant: hordes of winged ants. Kings and queens on their yearly "marriage" flights, hoping to establish new colonies, like seeds scattering wide their species.

These prolific members of our community spend most of their time throughout the year in ant colonies consisting of only workers and laying queens and it takes that extra warm May day to trigger their 24-hour search for a new colony. While most of these winged invaders fall to the ground and die, the queen may find shelter and lay her eggs.

If you are unfortunate enough to provide the proper environment, you might end up with a classic ant infestation in your home.

The agricultural garden variety, and those large black ants of the genus "Campanotus", commonly referred to as carpenter ants, were most visible. It was probably due to a strange fact that swarms may issue from all the nests of one species in a whole region at the same time, for some yet unexplained reason.

About 20 species are known in North America, three of which are common in British Columbia. They



Drawing by Vic Desjaterik

tunnel in dead and dying trees, or in wooden structures, and forage omnivorously in the general area of the colony.

Hence lies the problem as nest building activities may cause serious structural damage, and their presence in houses is at the least a nuisance. Strange to say, they do not consume wood.

Our personal war last year came with lights out in our semi-completed dwelling. Singular tappings and audible thuds preceded a mini-invasion of the now wingless and voracious carpenter ants.

Body heat and open soffits beckoned like a personal invitation to these long-legged "runners", scampering over ceilings and falling off walls. The floor in the morning resembled a battle field.

The black carpenter ants are easily identified by ever-moving antennae mounted on their heads; slender thorax, and three pairs of

most efficient legs, endowing them with marathon-like capabilities.

Killing with force takes maximum effort, and the sales of ant traps and insect sprays the next day attested to the many battles fought in other houses, with the relative merits of each product a main topic for discussion.

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All are effective, but with their own potential danger to humans and pets, so that great care and caution must be taken when handling and using.

Motorcycle passenger hospitalized

When a motorcycle hit a mailbox the bike's passenger ended up in Lady Minto Hospital.

Eric Watt was driving a 1981 Yamaha motorcycle on North Beach Road on Salt Spring on May 4 when he lost control of the vehicle while rounding a curve in the road.

The motorcycle skidded into a mailbox and passenger Steven

Wells was thrown clear. He was taken to hospital by ambulance with undetermined injuries.

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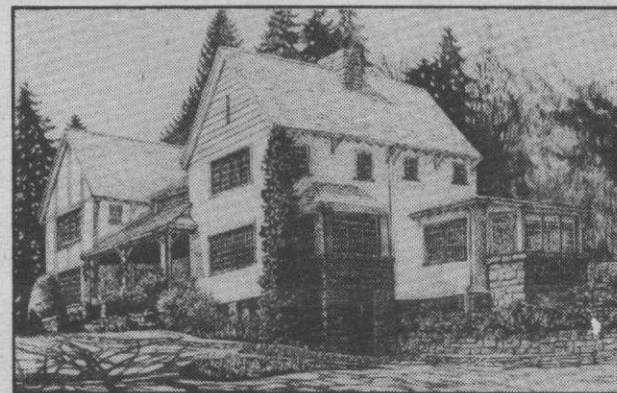
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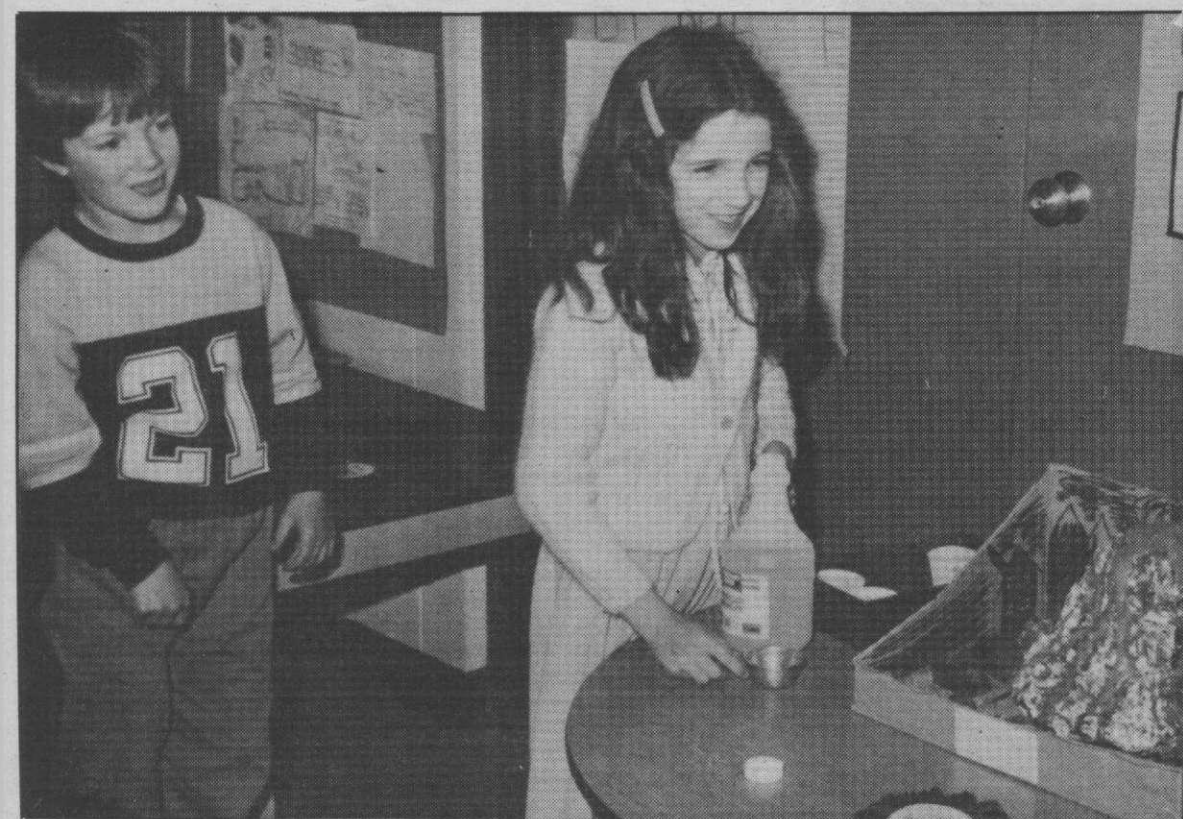
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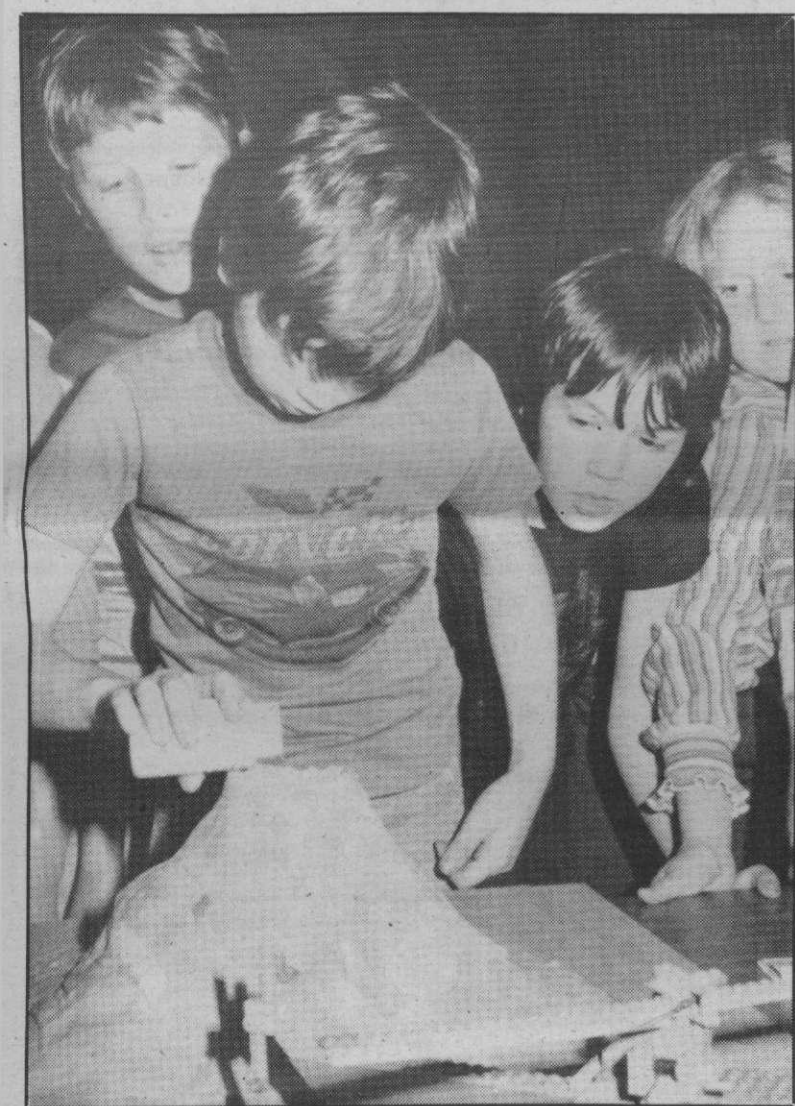
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*Volcanoes erupt
at Fernwood*

First annual Science Fair was held at Fernwood School last Friday and there were at least two eruptions during photographer's visit to the fair. Melanie Stafford, who was awarded first prize, Grade 2, for her volcano exhibit, demonstrated the effects of mixing baking soda, vinegar and red food colouring much to the delight of Joshua Clarke. At left, John Voisey, Grade 4, mixes iron filings and ammonium dichromate as Aeron Jenson, Simeon Stewart and Elizabeth Sampson watch. Overall winner was Ian Skinner, Grade 4, for his exhibit on canal locks and how they work. Other winners included Sonja Karlson, Grade 3, second overall, and Darren Lee, Grade 4 third overall. Grade winners were: Aaron Slingsby, Grade 1, Lianne Weisner, Grade 3, Jay Pinchin, Grade 4, Tara Martin, Grade 5, and Tony Marshall, Grade 6.

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Pursuant to Section 769 of the Municipal Act, the following By-Law No. 1151, cited as "Dog Regulation and Impounding By-Law No. 1, 1980, Amendment By-law No. 6, 1983" is hereby published as at third reading and prior to submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 688, BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF DOGS WITHIN THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

The Board of the Capital Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. By-law No. 688, cited as "Dog Regulation and Impounding By-law No. 1, 1980", is amended as follows:

Delete Section 34 in its entirety and substitute the following therefor:

"34 No person shall suffer or permit any dog owned by him to run at large in or upon any private lands or premises within the boundaries of the Regional District."

A copy of the complete by-law may be viewed during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

Dennis A. Young,
Executive Director

Festival to offer various activities

The Gulf Islands Womens' Festival of 1983 will feature workshops, display and information booths as well as food booths and live entertainment.

The Womens' Place, located at the Salt Spring Community Centre, will be holding the festival at the Farmers' Institute facility on Rainbow Road. The festival will run Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29.

Workshops will include art therapy, with instructor Sheila Reid. Belly dancer Leila will be offering a workshop, and a workshop on dreams will be offered by Victoria instructor Naomi Waikin.

Phyllis Coleman will offer information on holistic health. Lawyer Ruth Bush will be offering a workshop on family law and a variety of other workshops are scheduled for the festival.

Cost for a day at the workshop is \$7.50. A weekend rate of \$12 is being offered.

The Stack Sisters will be entertaining and visitors are invited to attend the festival and join in the singing of the rounds on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

Pre-registration forms and brochures are available from Ganges merchants.



Susan Cogan

To give concert Saturday

A concert at Mahon Hall Saturday will feature Salt Spring singer Susan Cogan.

The evening of folk, blues and jazz singing offers islanders a chance

to hear music from Cogan's new album, *Susan Cogan...One*. She plans a promotion tour this summer to spread word about the album.

Cogan has performed in various locations across North America and was a recording artist in Israel where she released two albums.

The Mahon Hall concert, set to begin at 8:15 pm, will feature songs composed by Cogan as well as contemporary Canadian tunes and Hebrew songs.

Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children or senior citizens. The event is sponsored by the Inter-Islands Performing Arts Co-operation Society.

Accident

Loose gravel and two parked cars spelled trouble in Fulford and resulted in a three-vehicle accident and \$2,400 in damage.

Maria Leask was turning left on to Morningside Drive in Fulford last Friday when her 1970 Datsun skidded in loose gravel. The Datsun hit a parked 1981 Toyota owned by Joyce Lampier and bounced into another parked car, a 1981 AMC owned by Ruth Clarkson.

Leask was issued a traffic violation report for driving too fast for road conditions. It will cost her three points against her driving record.

Mary Reher, Paul Bankes give delightful concert

BY ELEANOR HARRISON
The Golf Club at Pender Island was packed for the flute and guitar concert by Mary Reher and Paul Bankes on Saturday evening.

The two young musicians gave their audience a delightful evening of classical music.

They displayed sensitivity and feeling in their interpretations of a nicely varied program.

During their performance not a sound was heard as the audience became part of the music, while the musicians played with sensitive response to each other.

Bankes executed a difficult

technical guitar solo, // *Sentimentale* by Mauro Giuliani, while Reher, in the second half of the program, performed the flute solo *Syrinx* by Claude Debussy. The syrx is a simple reed instrument.

Paul Bankes had arranged three pieces for the duo: *Sonata in F Major* by Handel, four short Spanish folk songs and *Piece en Forme de Habanera* by Maurice Ravel. A habanera is a Cuban dance.

The two will give a concert at Ganges' St. George's Hall on Friday at 8 pm.

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Driftwood read in Somalia

Driftwood gets around.

In a letter in the May 1 issue of the *Pender Post*, Dr. Don Sutherland, of Pender Island and Somalia, wrote to say that *Driftwood* has subscribers in the African country.

A check of the mailing list revealed that there are no papers mailed to Somalia. It's likely, however, that a local subscriber is mailing copies of *Driftwood* to a friend or relative in that country.

Sutherland has spent a considerable amount of time in Somalia during the past few years, working in refugee camps. He expects to be back on Pender Island by next December.

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Death of Tony Knight

Salt Spring Island musician Tony Knight passed away on Friday night at his home.

Born in Kent, England, Knight joined the Boys Service when he was 14 to play the trombone. Once finished his education, he continued in an army band while he served in Egypt and Palestine. Knight also served on the European continent and in North Africa.

After returning to England, Knight worked as a diamond cutter and polisher. He joined entertainment for National Services Association where he met his wife Jean. He toured France and Germany entertaining the forces and worked as a freelance musician in London.

Tony Knight came to Vancouver where he worked at the Mercantile Bank of Canada. In 1975, he and his wife moved to Salt Spring Island. He deceased was familiar to many local audiences as trombone player with the Dixieland jazz group.

Knight is survived by his wife Jean, son Barry and sisters Nelly Mayers and Grace Payne in Kent, England.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Save the Children Fund.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT
A new season of home-grown music
by PETER BOSCH

A music series with a difference—that's what BCTV producer/director Robert Wilson set out to accomplish. And he thinks he's done just that with *Caught in the Act*, which makes its second-season debut April 13 on BCTV.

Each half-hour show features one British Columbia performer, combining film clips of performances with interviews. There is no direct continuity from show to show. The series runs the gamut from blues to rock to country. Wilson sees each program as a mini-special, distinct from the rest as it takes on the performer's character. "If there is one underlying theme to the series," he says, "it's that we want to present B.C.'s major musical talent. That's the bottom line, really."

Caught in the Act was doomed from the start last year—it ran just eight weeks—because it went against Canucks games on Tuesday. This year, it's been scheduled for Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. and Wilson has already started to make an impact on musicians and agents.

"I met Peter when I picked up the phone. Vardy, the subject of *Caught in the Act*'s first show this season, and see me cook and talk to me. I really don't want to do that." What Bibb did

Local musician featured

There he is, caught in the act! The picture is Valdy and the setting is *TV Guide*. The Salt Spring Island folk singer was featured in a recent issue of *TV Guide* when he appeared on the first installment of the popular BCTV series *Caught in the Act*.

The second year of the show had Peter Bosch writing of Valdy as the opener in the new season's program.

The series depicts a British Columbian entertainer on each week's half-hour slot.

The nationally known and acclaimed Valdy, singer from Salt Spring Island, has followed his star upwards for many years, with radio, television and live presentations acclaimed from one end of the country to the other.

Book review

Gripping story of a Canadian hero

BY P.K. BHATTACHARJEE
Rebel Out of China, by Stephen Endicott, University of Toronto Press. 366 pp.

In Canada it takes us a long time to recognize our own heroes. It took us a long time to recognize Dr. Norman Bethune who gave his life fighting Japanese imperialists in China.

James G. Endicott, the central figure of this book, is one such hero, still alive and living in Toronto. This book makes interesting reading. It is written by his son, Stephen, a scholar of history at York University.

Being a visual artist and having had my beginnings, to say, very proudly, on Salt Spring Island, under the guidance of Windsor Utley, after reading *Rebel Out of China*, I now understand.

It always bothered me to see a reproduction of a painting by Picasso entitled *War* done on the walls of a chapel in Vallauris during the year 1952. This monumental mural (15 feet by 33 feet) shows the faun of *Joi de Vivre* with bats wings spreading germs of bacteriological warfare.

James G. Endicott and Dr. Joseph Needham, FRS, of Cambridge University, had conducted on the spot scientific investigations, in 1952, in Korea and China, confirming that the United

States was indulging in bacteriological warfare.

Endicott, on his return to Canada, was hounded by politicians, police and even by members of his own church. One of the few people who stood by him at that time was a man whom Gulf Islanders are quite familiar with: T.C. Douglas, then premier of Saskatchewan and later an MP for Nanaimo and the Islands.

The book is profusely illustrated. One photograph in particular, shows Stanley Knowles, T.C. Douglas and James Endicott standing hand-in-hand on the steps Parliament Hill, Ottawa, opposing the United States war in Vietnam.

A moving moment described about the Vienna Peace Congress in 1952 shows a French Canadian veteran of the Korean War saying, "I am only 20 and I have seen in Korea something that no human beings should ever see—the effects of napalm bombs. I have returned and am permanently disabled."

At the conclusion of his address, a Korean mother moves forward and embraces him to a standing ovation that lasted 10 minutes. The moment signified that when the nations gathered face to face there could be light and understanding.

An interesting fact that becomes apparent as one reads the book,

specially nowadays with the threat of nuclear war hanging over our heads like the sword of Damocles, is that while activists for peace vary in their methods from country to country they borrow quite freely from each other.

This book is a gripping story of a Canadian hero who spent a lifetime trying to promote world peace and understanding.

P.K. Bhattacharjee, a B.C. Ferry worker, formerly of Salt Spring Island and former member of the Salt Spring Island Community Arts Council is now living in Victoria.

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Do you go to the city to see the special movie? Do you wait for it to appear at the local Cinema? Or do you wait for it to appear at the video outlet?

The problem with going to the city is the time involved, the ferry with its inherent problems, the overnight stay. The problem with waiting for the local Cinema is that you may not see the movie as soon as some of your friends.

And the problem with any movie not specifically made for TV is the lack of quality of presentation and enjoyment. Most movies are made for the large screen, large sound system, and large audience, and simply do not translate to TV.

Firstly, TV screens are small with a fuzzy picture when compared to Cinema. Imagine trying to watch a Cinemascope film on TV! Most TV sets have speakers 3 or 4 inches long, with corresponding amplifier. Your local Cinema has a screen 20 feet wide, a professional sound system, and ten speakers ranging in size from 4 inches to 15. TV is quite incapable of approaching even this limited setup, for scope and depth of production.

Aside from technical failings, TV also does not provide one other main ingredient of movie enjoyment—the crowd experience. In this day of personal communication, people tend to be more and more isolated from each other, and lose sight of the joys of mass enjoyment. In a crowd one picks up on the reactions and the energy of the whole group. The entire experience is, of course, non-existent in the TV world.

Another major disadvantage of TV viewing is the fact of commercial advertising. Whether or not there is in fact advertising as part of a presentation, we have become so conditioned to the advertising breaks that we have come to depend on them for trips to the fridge or whatever. This is usually detrimental to the viewing of movies, most of which are meant to be taken at one sitting. Movies are just not made to be broken up in pieces, and one loses much of the overall effect when one's train of thought or concentration is broken.

TV definitely has a place in the entertainment world, but it should not be confused with or have to compete with live theatre or Cinema. Each is quiet separate and distinct, and while there may be overlaps, for the most part each is best enjoyed for its own merits.

If you find you are somehow dissatisfied or disappointed when you see a movie on TV, or if you wonder just what people saw in that movie, stop to consider these few points.

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 - RED CROSS BLOOD CLINIC** May 30 at Legion Hall.
 - PLAY READINGS** at Mahon Hall May 12, 8 pm. Salt Spring Players.
 - PENDER ISLAND** May 11: Power Squadron dinner at Legion, 7:30 pm. May 11: Yacht Club meeting, 7:30 pm, Pender Lodge. May 12: Health Care Centre meeting, 8 pm. May 14: Film Club, Adamson's home, Magic Lake. May 14: May birthday party, Legion, 8 pm-? May 16: Legion & LA meeting 8 pm, Legion.

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Sewers and septic tanks

Committee hears report on problem areas in Ganges

A report prepared by the health inspection department of the Capital Regional District shows that nearly one-quarter of the properties in Ganges have or could have sewage disposal problems.

Les Potter, acting director of the CRD's environment program, presented the report to the Ganges Citizens' Committee last week. The report had been prepared at the request of the CRD board of directors. A lot by lot inspection of Ganges had been carried out by a team of four inspectors early in March.

Potter told the Ganges committee that the inspectors detailed to the task were experienced. They considered information from the files of the health department and the ministry of environment.

The report noted: "The critical point in the assessment was the consideration of whether or not a sewage disposal system could be placed on the lot under today's regulations."

Potter defined the terms, "specific malfunctions", "potential malfunctions", as well as "malfunction". A working system, he said, offered "nothing to see, to feel or to smell" to the observer.

NOT WORKING

A "malfunction" was described as a system which was not working and had been tested to prove the condition.

A "specific malfunction" meant that a system was not working or the property was on a holding tank.

A "potential malfunction" described a system which while

working, could become a malfunction due to location or high water table.

There are, he reported, 222 lots in the Ganges specified area with 183 lots currently developed and 39 vacant lots.

Of the vacant lots, 21 or 54 percent of them are not capable of accommodating a septic system to meet the sewage disposal regulations of the provincial government.

Of the developed lots, 97 or 53 percent do not possess the capability of allowing correction if the septic system fails.

Currently, 44 lots are classified as having specific or potential malfunctions in the septic system.

In answer to a question about the effect of a drainage system for Ganges, Potter said such a system would correct the flooding problems but would not lower the water table in the village.

NO DYE TESTS

Dye tests were not carried out on the properties, he said, but if such tests were carried out, the percentage of malfunctioning systems would increase. Dye tests were best carried out during winter months when the water table in the

area is highest and any malfunctions would clearly show, he said.

He told the committee that the CRD has tried seven or eight alternative disposal systems in various locations but without success. The most reliable system has proven to be either a basic or a built-up disposal field.

Any waste from a building, residential or commercial, is defined as sewage, he said. If a house had a compost toilet, a field system would also be needed to take care of the grey water.

Andy Orkin, representative of the Sewer Alternatives Committee, requested a further breakdown of the 44 current problem properties to determine why the systems do not work. He said tables presented by Potter were symptoms of a problem. He wanted to know if the symptoms showed a curable illness or cancer.

"I've been trying to tell you the illness is cancer," replied Potter.

The committee agreed to ask for the breakdown of the reasons why the systems had failed.

One of the main problems in Ganges, noted Potter, is the location of the creeks. Under the disposal regulations a septic field cannot be located less than "100 feet from the

natural boundary of a lake or other body of nontidal water."

Dr. Allan Arneil, community health officer for the CRD, told the committee he was willing to work with them to find a solution to the problem.

FLOODED METER BOXES

He said that any alternatives suggested by the committee must work. His concern was the potential health hazard, he said. The high water table of the area was evident in that 44 water meter boxes in the village were flooded and some of the water showed contents of effluent. The effluent in the water could find its way into the drinking water, he warned.

The use of holding tanks in Ganges was a temporary solution, he said. Trucking the waste away presented problems of spillage. The effluent could be spilled while the holding tank was being pumped out. A leak could develop in the tank truck taking the effluent away.

The disposal site above St. Mary Lake also concerned him. The strata of the rock, which in the area was mostly shale, was unknown, he said. The dump is monitored by the ministry of the environment but a fault could occur in the rock below the site.

The closest portion of St. Mary Lake to the dump site was also being monitored, he said.

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However, this is a bit premature. It could be said that I got into gardening just for vine-ripened tomatoes for my favourite salad and for homemade pickles, another of my weaknesses, but that is even more premature.

All three are a bit tricky to grow, but that is all to the good; for once one can grow these successfully, everything else is a snap, especially beans.

The keyword for tomatoes is heat—lots and lots of it. Unfortunately we do not have this commodity in abundance. Our thing is mildness. Mild winters, springs, summers and falls.

DATES DON'T APPLY

Hence the date to maturity periods in the better seed catalogues do not apply to us. Tomatoes love the hot, muggy nights of Ontario, and while we sleep in cool comfort, our tomatoes shiver through our

cool nights. Because of this we have to add about one third of the time to maturity before we can expect any tomatoes.

Sixty days to maturity would therefore mean 90 days for us. Except perhaps around Vesuvius or similarly favoured mini-climates.

So anything we can do to increase the heat for our tomatoes will be of great help. Many agricultural crops have a heat index, giving the grower a concise required heat figure which he can relate to his local area.

This would be of great benefit for all gardeners as they could then choose suitable varieties with confidence of success, especially for the heat-sensitive vegetables.

MAXIMUM OF 70 DAYS

In the meantime, our best choice are all short-term to maturity tomatoes, anywhere from the earliest to a maximum of 70 days. Anything longer is useless here as our September nights are downright chilly.

So give your tomatoes full sun, plant them as high up as possible since cool air drifts to low-lying areas, and shelter them on the north side.

Raised beds, black plastic mulch, a light plastic shelter, all help to

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

Foxglove Nursery Consultant

provide higher soil and air temperatures.

We can also take advantage of nature's goal to produce seed by stressing the plant. Most annuals respond to stress by putting all their energy into seed production, which means ripe fruit in the case of our tomatoes.

There are two ways. One is to withhold water from about mid-July, another is to sever all roots with a spade in a two-foot ring around the plant when the first green tomatoes have appeared. This may be repeated every three weeks to force ripening of successive fruit sets.

Now then, to the growing of tomatoes. What we want is rapid initial green growth as the factory for fruit production. Tomatoes do all right in relatively poor soil, but nice rich soil is far more rewarding. **LOVE PHOSPHORUS**

Since tomatoes love phosphorus, a nice handful of bonemeal under each plant is essential for good root growth and fruit production. Acid soils are preferred, so lime is not required.

Plant them deep, as a tomato will grow on as little as two leaves and make roots from the stem. Remove bottom leaves before putting them into the soil. Top dress with chicken manure and seaweed, keep evenly moist and watch them grow.

Much has been said about staking and pinching and there are as many methods as there are gardeners. But if you want to stand eye to eye with a truly awesome tomato shrubbery laden with fruit, make a two-foot

diameter tomato cage from four or five foot high fencing, old or new, with holes large enough to get your mitts out with tomatoes in them.

STOP FERTILIZING

After the initial fertilizing, which should last about six weeks, discontinue fertilizing, other than with seaweed, otherwise you will be overwhelmed with leaf and underwhelmed with fruit. Do not water late in the day. Wet tomato plants and cool nights spell wilt, fungus, blossom end rot and heavy watering after a drought curls their little leaves.

Every trunk, branch and sucker will set fruit, and with cages you don't have to pinch, stake or tie. I had to stake my cages though to keep the top-heavy, fruit-laden shrubs from toppling over. Cages lend themselves to draping with

clear plastic covers for a mini-greenhouse. It should do wonders although I have not got around to it yet. Next year maybe.

Healthy soil rich in minerals will keep your plants healthy. Seaweed has lots of these and will keep critters away, and provide a good bit of potassium for cold-resistance and health later in the season.

We grow our tomatoes with parsley in a ground cover of white clover and weeds which we shear to two inches high early in the season, and once the plants are over four feet tall shearing is not required.

Robust plants in strapping health with lots of green tomatoes are the least one can expect and if we are blessed with lots of sun and heat, we will be able to enjoy the incomparable flavour of plenty of vine-ripened tomatoes as well.

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Amnesty co-ordinator to Ottawa for meeting

Gary Sawdon, co-ordinator for Amnesty International Group 115 at Salt Spring Island, will be attending the annual general meeting of the Canadian Section of Amnesty International in Ottawa May 13-15. He will report back to the group on the proceedings of the conference on May 24.

At a recent executive meeting Sawdon reported on the progress of the current Campaign Against Political Killings by Governments. Over 300 names have been signed on petitions being circulated on Salt Spring, and 24 of the group's 32 members are writing letters concerning specific instances of political killings in four countries, Iran, Libya, Argentina and the Philippines.

Hundreds of thousands of people in the past 10 years have been killed by the political authorities in their countries and the killings continue. Day after day Amnesty's London office receives reports of deliberate political killings by the army and the police of numerous countries, by other regular security forces, by

special units created to function outside normal supervision, by "death squads" sanctioned by the authorities and by government assassins.

The Amnesty International annual general report documents these crimes against humanity and is available in the local library. Petitions are available through the churches and at et cetera, where pamphlets are also available.

Highway signs damaged

Highway signs have been the target of vandals on Salt Spring Island.

Police speculate that damage to the signs may be the result of exuberance during the election campaign. The RCMP request residents to report any incidents of damage to highway signs.

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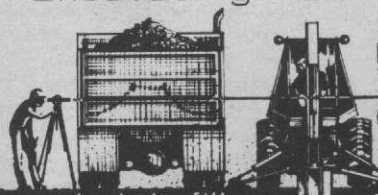
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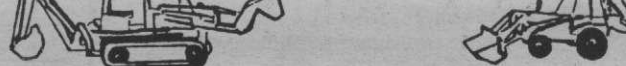
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Certificate awarded to Bonar Hannay

BY ALAN WYATT

At the meeting of the Salt Spring Legion branch May 2 Bonar Hannay was presented with the branch certificate for outstanding service.

This certificate is in recognition of Bonar Hannay's years of service to this branch as chairman of the entertainment committees.

The election of officers for the year was held at the same meeting.

The following officers were elected: president, Jake Javorski; first vice-president, Dick Rudd; second vice-president, Arthur Gale; executive members, Betty Galt, Alan Wyatt, Dennis Anderson, and Oly Funk.

The next general meeting of the

legion will be on the second Monday in June, the 13th.

This change is necessary because all the head table executive officers will be away at the provincial convention in Vernon.

There are members of Branch 92 who have not renewed their memberships for 1983. We know you're out there! Do it now.

Miss Burnay of the Department of Veterans' Affairs will be at the legion on May 20.

The blood clinic will be held on May 30 at the Legion Hall.

House chairman Dick Rudd informs us that the "smoke eaters" have now been installed and are successfully doing their appointed task.

The auction held by the Legion on April 30 was the most successful ever held. Thank you for your support, and thank you to chairman Gordon Hutton, Gwen and Stan Wakelyn and numerous other helpers.

Dolores Bird of the Legion Cribbage League informs us that the league high score trophy was won by Libby Noble (764) and runner-up is Jim Bird.

There will be a cribbage tournament at Chemainus Legion at 10 am on May 29. For details contact Chemainus Legion or Dolores Bird.

Thank you to the Salt Spring Soccer Association for the plaque presented to the Legion in

recognition of the donation to the Soccer Association.

The South Saskatchewan Regiment Association will be holding their B.C. reunion in Duncan on August 19-20. Those interested in attending should contact Frank Middlemiss, General Delivery, Crofton, B.C.

In recognition of the valuable service provided by Meals on Wheels, the Legion is pleased to donate \$1,000 to the annual operating costs of this venture.

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Honoured for service

Salt Spring weather watcher gains recognition for five years of above average service. John Lozanski, left, of the Atmospheric

Environment Service in Vancouver, presents the award to James Bird. The islander has been gathering

information on how much water falls locally for the past nine years. The data becomes part of the weather synopsis each month.

Joggers will see the light

Portlock Park on Salt Spring Island is an illuminating experience at night these days with lights shining on the track.

Several residents donated time, expertise, material and labour to string the lights around the jogging track in the park.

Bob Wanless, of the recreation commission, organized the project.

Val Wanless helped in the organization while Larry Davies also helped in the organization and research on the project. He donated a light and helped peel and prepare the poles.

Jon McAstocker, of Undercut Tree Services, donated poles and helped peel and prepare them. Dale Neilson also gave a pole and when he wasn't peeling and preparing the poles he helped organize the event.

Barry Urquhart donated a light and Charlie Byron used his machines to set the poles in place.

Ladies begin play this week

The ladies' softball league at Salt Spring Island will begin play today (Wednesday) with six teams participating. The league finished its schedule of exhibition games on Monday.

This year there are five ladies' teams in the league and one pee wee boys' team of 12 and 13-year-olds.

The boys were too old for minor softball and baseball league but too young for the men's league.

Back for another season are the Ganges and Fulford Ladies, the

Fulford Boomers, Byron's Babes and the Driftwood Dazzling Derelicts.

This year the ladies are planning to improve the calibre of umpiring by remuneration for the umpires.

However, only a few coaches and only one lady attended the umpires' clinic.

John Nicholson has volunteered to do scheduling. The games will be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The final playoffs will be held in July.

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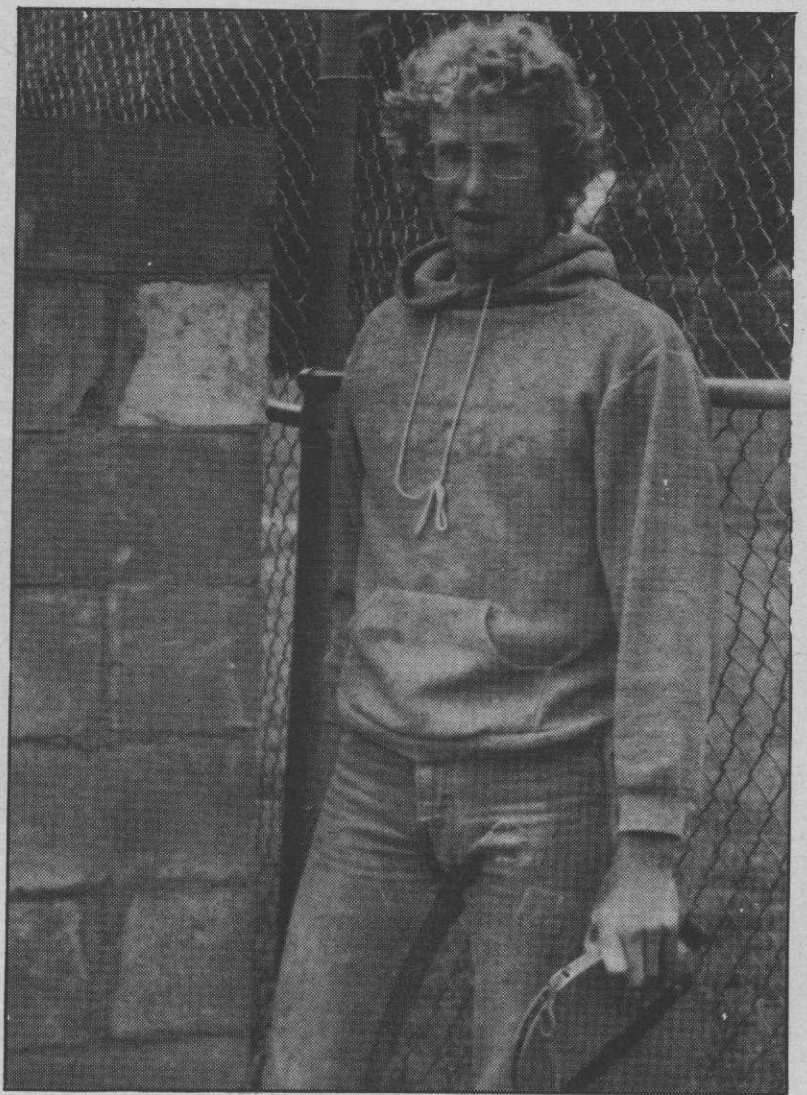
Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

Diamonds readied for softball

Volunteer youths from across Canada are making sure that softball diamonds will be in good shape for the ball season at Salt Spring Island. In top photo, Jeff

Langlois, left, from Guelph, Ont., and Fred Carroll of Ottawa were busy filling in holes Monday at one of the diamonds in Ganges. At left, David Galbraith of Edmonton,

Alta., stands by concrete dugout which has been under repair. The youths are taking part in the national volunteer youth service program, Katimavik.



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This photo of Tom Gossett's Foxglove Farm at Salt Spring Island appeared on the cover of the May issue of *The Canadian Hereford Digest*.

Foxglove bull is champion

A yearling polled Hereford bull that was bred and raised on Salt Spring Island was named Reserve Grand Champion bull at the 15th annual Evergreen Hereford Show and Sale at Abbotsford Saturday. The bull, named Foxglove Jake Beau Ideal, belongs to Tom Gossett of Foxglove Farm, and is the son of

Foxglove's junior herd sire, BCD 77J Jake. Grand champion bull at the show was CCFR Rebel Charm, owned by Herb Doman of Cowichan Bay. The yearling bull is a son of Foxglove's senior herd sire, RCHF Rebel 20F. Daughters of the Rebel bull

dominated the winners' circle at Abbotsford. In four classes of yearling heifers, the Rebels won two of them and earned two second-place and three third-place ribbons. One of the first-place Rebel heifers was the second-highest selling heifer of the sale. It was purchased by an Oregon Hereford breeder.

Recreation budget is \$113,570

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission has approval to spend \$113,570 this year.

When the budget was submitted earlier this year, the commission had requested \$120,000 but a reduction in the assessment base and a hold-the-line policy on spending by the Capital Regional District reduced the amount.

The commission had been told to apply for an amount equal to expenditures from last year with a six percent increase plus the surplus gathered over the past few years.

The budget includes provisions for \$13,060 to be spent on the new tennis court in Fulford. The court will be located behind the Fulford firehall when the CRD approves the lease between the commission and the Salt Spring Fire District.

The tax bite to cover the efforts of the commission will stand at two mills. The assessment base for the Salt Spring electoral area has been set at \$40,391,302 with revenues of \$40,390 for the budget.

In the specified areas of Salt Spring the assessment has been finalized at \$39,978,302 for revenues of \$39,980.

The following table compares the budgets for 1982 and this year.

	1982	1983
REVENUE		
General and Administrative	70,320	85,770
Mahon Hall	5,000	5,000
Sports and Swimming	4,800	4,800
Fitness Classes	10,000	18,000
	<u>90,120</u>	<u>113,570</u>
EXPENDITURE		
General and Administrative	18,960	16,770
Field & Parks Maint.—General	31,330	33,630
Fields & Parks Maint.—Portlock	7,450	7,900
Fields & Parks Maint.—Other	4,510	4,490
Mahon Hall	5,000	5,000
Sports and Swimming	7,120	7,120
Fitness Classes	10,000	18,000
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Transportation survey planned

Salt Spring residents will be asked their opinions on transportation in a survey to be conducted by the island transportation committee.

The questionnaire will be mailed to 200 residents on a random basis and the committee, said Bev Unger, Islands Trust representative, would appreciate a prompt response.

The questions were prepared by Jerry Barber of the geography department of the University of Victoria in consultation with the committee. Costs of the survey have been covered by a grant from the Capital Regional District.

The committee is seeking to save money and asks respondents to take the completed survey to one of the drop-off points on the island. Boxes for the completed surveys will be in the General Store in Ganges, Patterson's in Fulford or at an information booth being planned for the Farmers' Market.

The information gathered will aid the transportation committee to determine the next move on the matter. When the answers are in and tabulated the committee will act on the responses.



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