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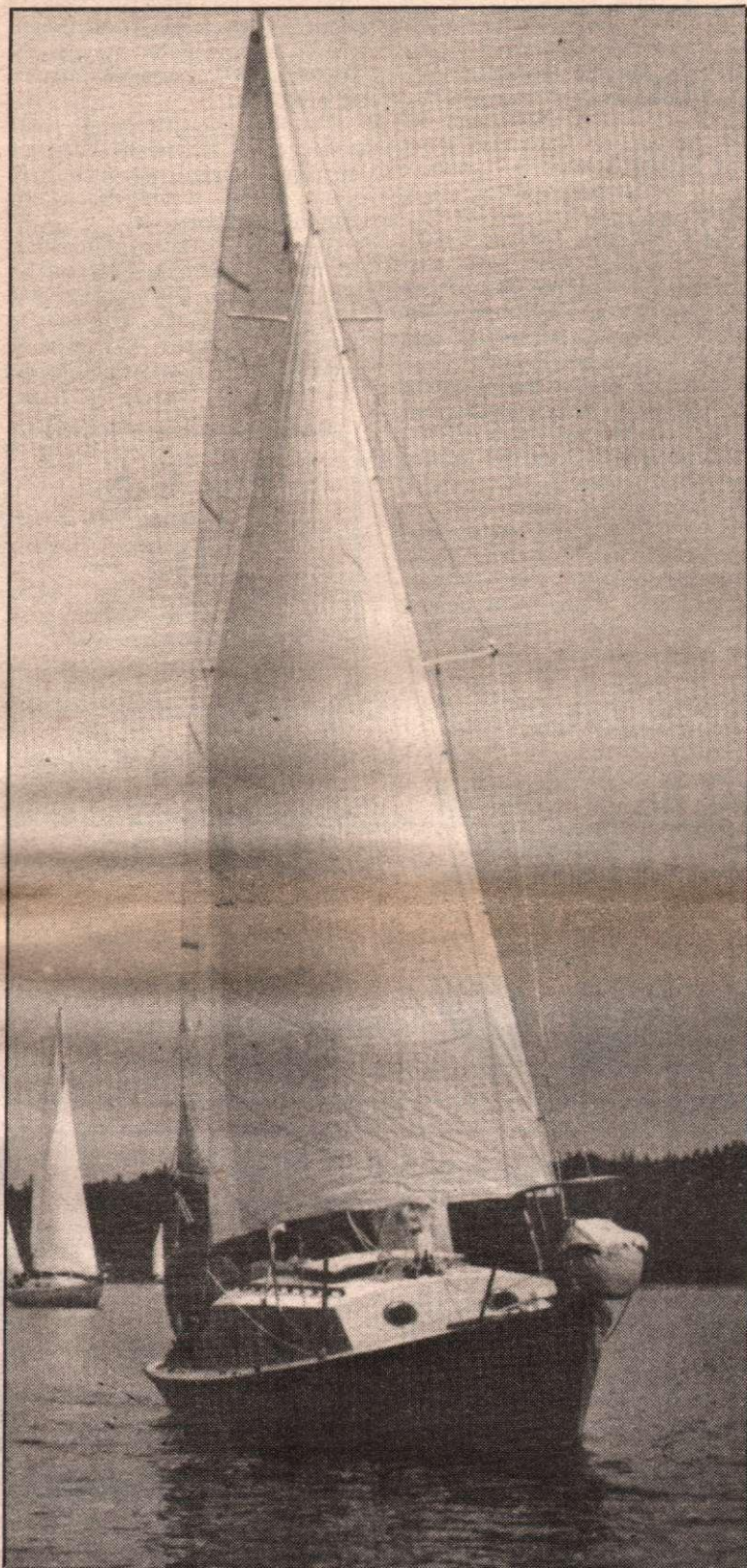
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Kerry Butler's Wayward Wind

Wayward Wind places first in annual race

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Thirty-six small ships sailed around Salt Spring Island Saturday in the annual race held by the sailing club.

Kerry Butler in the *Wayward Wind* took top spot followed by Roger Kibble in *Gretha*. Third place went to Tom Butler-Cole in the *Akane*.

The time of the winning entry was close to 12 hours.

"The winds were ideal," said sailing club commodore Jim Ballantyne.

The first ship to finish was the

Haeriticus owned by Bas Cobanli. But his fast boat carried a handicap and he placed down the list of finishers.

The race was mostly uneventful except for one skipper who found land. Jim Buchan sailed his boat onto the sand at the south end of Ganges Harbour and had to be towed off by the Coast Guard.

The winning time, said Ballantyne, was not the fastest or the slowest. The race has been sailed in close to eight hours and as long as 20 hours.

More than 5,000 in Active Pass

Tides blamed for dead fish

The federal fisheries department is investigating the appearance last week of thousands of dead and dying fish in Active Pass.

District supervisor Kip Slater of Nanaimo told *Driftwood* Tuesday that fast currents caused by extreme tides are believed to be responsible for the death of more than 5,000 hake.

First reports of dead fish in the pass were received by Slater's office last Wednesday. On Saturday two fisheries officers were sent out to investigate but only a few dead fish were found.

On the following day, however, the officers estimated that at least 5,000 dead and dying hake were floating in the vicinity of the pass.

Slater said three trawlers are licensed to fish hake in the Georgia Strait but all three have been fishing near Texada Island. It was at first thought that a trawler had released the fish because they were too small.

No draggers have been fishing recently near Active Pass, either on the Canadian or United States side of the border, said Slater.

The fisheries department now believes that the fish are being drawn to the surface by strong tides around the pass. The hake are currently spawning along the shoreline of Mayne and Galiano Islands and as a result are in a weakened condition.

Slater said they are probably being drawn to the surface from a

depth of about 100 feet. The sudden change in pressure causes the air bladder to distend and the fish are unable to submerge.

Both disease and poisoning have been ruled out as possible causes.

Slater noted that this type of phenomenon has occurred before during extreme tides, but the number of dead fish has not been as high.

The fisheries patrol vessel *Atlin Post* is in the Active Pass area this week to monitor the situation.

The hake is a cod-like fish that grows to about 16 or 18 inches in the Georgia Strait vicinity. There is a limited market for them, mainly because the soft flesh will stand little handling.

Zacharias resigns following 'premature and hasty' decision

A difference of opinion on school board policy has resulted in the resignation of Pender Island trustee John Zacharias as school board chairman.

The school board accepted his resignation at the regular meeting of the board last week. Charles Hingston, trustee for Salt Spring Island, was chosen to replace Zacharias. Hingston had been vice-chairman and both men had held their positions for the past five months.

Dennis Young resigns

Dennis Young has quit.

Last Wednesday the executive director of the Capital Regional District submitted his resignation after 12 years with the region.

Young has been engaged for more than 30 of his 60 years in municipal administration in Ontario and his home province of British Columbia. He is a chartered accountant.

His resignation represents the second loss of senior staff from the region this year. In March regional engineer Norman Howard was fired without explanation.

Young explained that he has found a tendency on the part of politicians to involve themselves in local government administration. This interference was blamed for his decision.

The resignation takes effect October 31.

Young was city manager in Victoria for seven years before switching to the Capital Regional District. He will probably collect about \$80,000 in early retirement pay.

Zacharias said he resigned to protest the board decision to centralize the junior secondary school for the Outer Islands at the Mayne Island School. He said that as chairman of the school board, he could not defend the decision.

There will be serious deficiencies in the junior secondary program at the Mayne School, said Zacharias. There is no music class and no home economics class.

The situation could be corrected before the September 1984 deadline for setting up the program but Zacharias said he doubted if changes could be made by that time.

"I can therefore no longer represent the board in its decision of January 26," he said. The school board decided at the meeting on that date to close the junior secondary school on Pender Island and have all Grades 8 and 9 students from the Outer Islands attend school on Mayne.

The decision, said Zacharias, was "premature and hasty."

The expansion of the Mayne Island school cannot be accomplished by September, 1984

and there will be staffing problems, he said.

"These problems should have

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Reservations hit 15,000 in two days

Reservations for the mainland-Gulf Islands summer ferries began last Tuesday and by close of business on Wednesday, 15,000 spaces had been reserved.

The phone lines to the ferry reservations desk were tied up and people were dropping into the office to make reservations. Many of the reservations were for multi-bookings, said a ferry official. "Incredible" is probably an accurate statement," said the official when he described the number of bookings in the two days.

"The fun part is still to come," he said in reference to the rush expected when the summer season begins.

There will be eight sailings per day between Tsawwassen and the Gulf Islands with four in each direction. Reservations are required for both directions. The almost 820 sailings for the period June 1 to September 11 would have close to 90,000 spaces for vehicles.

The deluge of reservations means that just less than 20% of the spaces have been spoken for already.

Victoria Day holiday Monday

The Victoria Day holiday will be marked on Monday when most island businesses close for the day.

Post offices and government offices will also close.

Driftwood staff will take the day off and next week's paper will appear one day late as a result.

Classified advertising deadline will be Tuesday at 3 pm. Deadlines for display advertising will be unchanged.

Zacharias is questioned about sending Pender students to Mayne

The issue of consolidating the Outer Islands junior secondary school program on Mayne Island has met with opposition from parents on Pender Island.

Eleanor Carey of Pender Island asked trustee John Zacharias several questions about the issue. The questions, and Zacharias' answers, follow.

Is it true that the School Board has voted to send our Grade 8 children to Mayne Island?

Yes.

Where and when was this decision made?

The decision was made at a regular meeting of the school board held in the school board offices on Salt Spring January 26, 1983.

Which trustees voted for Pender Grade 8's to leave Pender School for Mayne?

The decision was unanimous.

For what purpose?

The decision to concentrate junior secondary program at the Mayne School was reached after sincere and thorough consideration of the social and educational benefits to the pupils involved.

We have a fine health care facility opposite the school, resident RCMP, a public and school library, volunteer fire department, superior sports facilities, two doctors, and the school board wishes to deprive the children of these amenities. Why?

The school board does not wish to deprive the children of the amenities. Mayne Island has comparable facilities.

All parents are unanimously opposed to sending their children off the island. What right do the trustees have to go against their wishes?

Section 88 of the School Act

states: The board of each school district shall (b) determine local policy in conformity with this Act for the effective and efficient operation of schools in the school district.

What will the extra cost be for water taxis, school buses, etc.?

The bus on Mayne Island and the water taxi between islands would cost approximately \$70 per day. The figures could be open to challenge.

Why weren't these meetings concerning Pender School held here so that interested parents and taxpayers could have an opportunity to express their concerns?

Superintendent of schools Mike Marshall held a series of meetings with parents on Pender Island. He met with groups as well as individual parents to discuss the issue of sending the Grade 8 pupils to Mayne Island.

Ministry recommends change in weight restriction at Vesuvius

Recommendations by the highways department to the B.C. Ferry Corporation to reduce the weight restriction on the Vesuvius Ferry dock comes following an engineering survey by the ministry.

The highways ministry advised the corporation that the weight restriction should be reduced to 15 tons from 20 tons in order to ensure that the wharf lasts longer. A sign

was posted in Vesuvius by the highways department indicating the further restriction but was later removed by the ferry corporation when it remained undecided as to what action should be taken regarding the condition of the wharf.

"It isn't that the dock can't handle the weight," B.C. Ferries spokesman Bob Anderson said. "A reduction in weight restriction is viewed as favourable because the life of the present structure can then be prolonged."

The B.C. Ferry Corporation can either reduce the weight restriction or plan to upgrade the dock in the future which would depend on budget limitations.

The bulk of heavy traffic comes from Crofton to Vesuvius, Anderson said. Gravel trucks and cement trucks are required to produce a weight scale slip to indicate their true weight before boarding.

Grants total \$6,961

Grants to various Salt Spring groups from the Parks and Recreation Commission total \$6,961 for the year, so far.

The commission has given the money to nine groups ranging from youth soccer to senior citizens. Following are the groups involved and the amounts given.

Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club, \$150; Salt Spring Breakers, \$200; First Ganges Scout Group, \$400; Gulf Islands Gymnastics Club, \$500; Fullford Community Hall Association, \$669; O.A.P.O. Branch 32, \$750; Salt Spring Island Community Society, \$1,200; Salt Spring Island Achievement Centre, \$1,412; Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association, \$1,680.

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Schools built by contractors under tender are cheaper—ministry

Construction projects will gain quicker ministerial approval if contracts are put to tender, the Gulf Islands School Board has been told.

The school board received a copy of ministry of education policy guidelines for the capital project contract approval process. The ministry has compared the cost by the square metre for construction carried out by tender and by board management.

The memorandum with the policy statement noted: "It has been found in most instances that the stipulated sum contract method has provided significantly lower costs (per square metre) for school construction."

The cost of building new schools and additions to existing schools was monitored by the ministry.

Examples of the cost differences showed that new schools built by school boards carried higher price tags than schools built by contractors under tender for the work.

The policy of the ministry would require capital projects to be put to tender "based on the lowest qualified bid obtained through standard tendering procedures."

The policy follows directives from the Treasury Board to ensure that a minimum fixed price for construction is established.

On projects costing less than \$50,000, the school board can use the board management method of building. Board management can also be used on costlier projects provided the school board takes maximum advantage of the "use of sub-trade stipulated contracts and the extent of district forces involved is rigidly defined and firm cost estimates established."

Salt Spring trustee Ron McQuiggan said: "It appears that the ministry doesn't want board management."

Frank Sutherland, district supervisor of works, told school trustees that the district has the expertise to meet the ministry requirements for board management.

McQuiggan said, "If we meet all the requirements, they'll move the goal posts."

Charles Hingston, Salt Spring trustee and newly-chosen school board chairman, said, "They are saying that if we can save money through board management then we have to prove it."

The new policy will affect the construction of the additions to Mayne School as well as the addition to Fernwood School. The school board had been prepared to undertake board management construction of the Fullford school with a \$1.5 million price tag. The ministry of education had informed the board that the Treasury Board had balked at the idea and had insisted upon putting the job to tender.

The contract has been let to Herb Bate Ltd. of Victoria for a tendered price of \$1.4 million.

The board decided to put the construction of the additions to Mayne School to tender when approval of the working drawings comes back from the ministry of education. Any delay in beginning construction on the project could affect the opening of the junior secondary school on Mayne, set for September 1984.

Repairs to cost \$14,000

Safety at Saturna School is being taken care of with a price tag of \$14,000.

Frank Sutherland, supervisor of works for the Gulf Islands School District, has received approval from trustees to go ahead with the improvements in safety at the school.

A recent check of the school revealed several areas where the safety features were either lacking or not working properly. Sutherland was given approval to proceed with the repairs and to check into costs for making all the necessary changes.

He told the board that a contractor had been hired to carry out the work.

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To Be

Frank



by richards

I made my own staff

Bread is the staff of life. Last week I made myself a staff and got down to baking bread. I started at supper time and ate my first sampling in the wee hours of the morning. You see, I've already learned something. I don't see myself as any commercial threat to Embe Bakery, but the chores of baking loom a lot higher in my mind than they ever did. I am delighted to be able to report that it was sweet and edible and I might even do it again. I feel like I'm growing up!

The medium is the message

I never take my glasses into the bathroom because they steam up. The result is that if I need anything in the bathroom I have to guess. I can't read a thing without them. At the weekend I found I was using a shaving lotion that was never sold for that job. It was a bottle I had given to me and I put it out to use. I should have read the label. It's to make me smell less abominably. And there's another thing. I always have the idea that if I give Women's Lib a bottle of perfume I shall be telling her something she'd rather not know. You know the sort of thing. The Medium is the Message!

The uniform of the aged

A dozen years ago I would normally wear a jacket and tie to go out for the evening. Now I usually wear a sweater or something of that style. And this week I knew what it was all about. It is the uniform of the aging.

The whip and the geese

Great goose country, this. In the last week or so I've seen quite a few geese on their way to the cold. It looks as if they are stopping at some lodge in the area for overnight stops. There is always the odd goose, if geese are ever anything but odd, calling its companions like the whip in the provincial house stirring up his own kind and ignoring the rest.

But crows are!

And if geese aren't odd, then crows surely are. Even down to the crow sitting on a branch, ululating and throwing up somebody else's breakfast.

Two bucks on Oilers!

I'm not much of a sportsman. Even as a boy I was half-hearted in kicking a ball or looking up for one. So when it comes to soccer and cricket, I've forgotten everything I once had to know. And when it comes to baseball and hockey I never knew all that much. Women's Lib lives for hockey and spends the rest of the time speculating on the Boilers and Highlanders. So I made myself a bet with Ed Gavin that the Oilers will come up on Tuesday night and prolong the agony. That's another two bucks down the drain.

Vodka heck can you do?

So alcohol and driving don't mix. They never did. It was just that there weren't enough cars around to matter, once. Then cars got like people and started to escalate. But you can always find that they fall apart together. It's like finding an old car under the trees: aged in the wood. You know how they look, no radiator, no glass, no upholstery and holes everywhere they shouldn't be. And then you figure it could be a better car if it had been well-oiled. And you surely have no call to champagne when you find one like that, a stout car when it was built until it started to wane and the best laid plans of mechanics and men gang aft a rye. Now it looks like it's been on a bender but you figure whatever brandy bought it would have rusted away. You look at it and you can imagine it a new, shiny car with the exhaust stack "Rum-rum-rrum-rrum!" You open the rusty door and it schnapps shut and you can't dodge. Vodka heck can you do about it? And you're feeling Blue because it's an Old Style Car a-gin away. Who said cars and liquor don't mix? But they sure fall apart when they do!

Tribute to age

I didn't find it surprising to see two flower baskets on the old laundry building in Ganges. After all, if Gil Humphreys figures it's a heritage building, surely it merits at least two baskets?

Terms of reference to be discussed

A subcommittee was named by the Ganges Citizens Committee meeting last Thursday to discuss the terms of reference required by those consultants employed to investigate sewer alternatives.

Members of the subcommittee are John Crofton, representing the Ganges ratepayers, Paul Layard, representing Greenwoods, and Andy Orkin, representing the Sewer Alternatives Committee.

The meeting opened with a presentation by Pat Tiernan of Ganges. He discussed sewer alternatives and particularly land disposal systems. Tiernan told the meeting that the Potter report on Ganges conditions was politically inspired and that the Capital Regional District had an archaic approach to municipal sewage disposal.

"We are fortunate to have undeveloped land coming down right into Ganges and land where the ground is suitable for absorption," Tiernan said. "Not only can this committee solve the sewage problem in Ganges but it could update sewage management in all of B.C."

The committee then looked at the Potter report, prepared by director of environmental programs for the Capital Regional District, Les Potter. When members of the committee questioned Potter's credentials, he told the meeting that he had been in the environmental

field since 1970.

Dale Wetter of the ministry of environment addressed the committee and explained that the proposed sewage treatment was quite satisfactory.

"You can have land disposal systems and various other treatment methods that I don't think can work. But we can look at them anyway," Wetter told the meeting. "It's been quite a scene over here for the last 10 years. If you're looking for alternatives, you look at alternatives. You can look into extending the outfall further, you can look at rapid infiltration systems but we need some indication of what kinds of alternatives you want."

Drew McTaggart of the ministry of municipal affairs told the committee that with a sewer, Ganges will be subject to change. Tom Toynbee assured the meeting that the Ganges plan was one of the priorities of the Island Trust when the Trust was established. The Trust prepared the plan with a sewer in mind.

"The Trust took a strong statement on the Ganges plan and saw that the sewer area must be confined," Toynbee explained.

Orkin invited the government observers to work with the committee in drafting up terms of

reference.

"As far as I can see there are four alternatives that can be studied," Wetter replied. "We can look at extending the present sewer line and cutting out treatment, connecting the present line, land disposal and we can look at lots and individual fractions."

The committee will meet on Thursday when the subcommittee will have established its terms of reference.



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Ayurveda seminar at centre

A week-long seminar on Ayurveda, the ancient health science of India, will be held at the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road May 25 to 31.

The guest lecturer for the series will be Dr. Raghuvir Trivedi. He brings 30 years of experience in the subject to the workshop.

Activity begins May 24 with an introductory lecture beginning at 7:30 pm.

Ayurveda, which translates to mean "science of life," is a comprehensive system of holistic health care with emphasis on preventative medicine and curative therapies.

The Salt Spring Centre workshop will look at Ayurveda theory and daily purifications. Dietary principles, appropriate habits as well as diagnostic tools and therapeutic exercises will also be explained.

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- Like a change?
- Like excitement?
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A fine contribution

It is a long time since the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce made a more vigorous contribution to the downtown scene than this spring's beautification program.

There is scarcely a building or a structure that is without a basket of flowers to greet the visitor and the resident during the summer months.

The beautification program has been more than a basket of flowers, but the floral project has involved more people in the community than has been the case for years.

Salt Spring Island's commercial premises will be the brighter for the work of the chamber and the Ganges Centre Association.

Everyone who has had a part in this program deserves commendation.

A rise in mill rates

Just wait for the tax notices and watch the mill rate. But before we get too excited, we have to bear in mind that it has been the taxpayer who asked for a change in the pattern.

A year ago the islands were seething at the manner in which assessments had risen, bringing the value of properties up and offering some suggestion of a sharp increase in taxes. The courts of revision and the boards of appeal were inundated with protests. They sat, last year, for unprecedented terms, considering appeals against property valuations.

By this year, the assessors had followed the market and most property valuations had come down to follow the real estate market's drop.

The tax burden on any property is established by setting a valuation on that property and providing a basic tax levy. Last week the "requisition" for the Outer Islands revealed that the property owners of the islands will be required to furnish a total of \$185,048 in taxes. The assessed value of Outer Islands property was listed as \$41,130,140. The tax rate is reached by matching these two figures. Then each assessed property will be required to furnish its proportionate share of the total.

Had the Outer Islands assessment remained at last year's level, \$46,358,795, the amount of the requisition would have been unchanged, but the mill rate would have been slightly lower to furnish that same amount of taxes.

While the tax levy is set by the needs of the area, the significance of the assessment is that it ensures that each property owner will pay a fair share of the total. If every property is assessed on the same basis as its market value, then every owner makes a fair contribution to the tax kitty.

The only variable in this tax levy-assessment-mill rate triangle is market value of individual properties. Last year's unprecedented increase in values shocked many taxpayers into the courts of revision.

The previously published requisition for Salt Spring Island showed the same picture, with the parallel increase in building inspection costs, which have shot up this year.

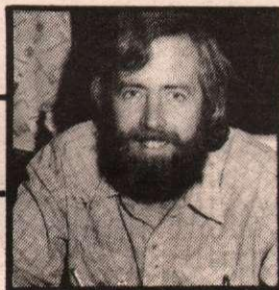
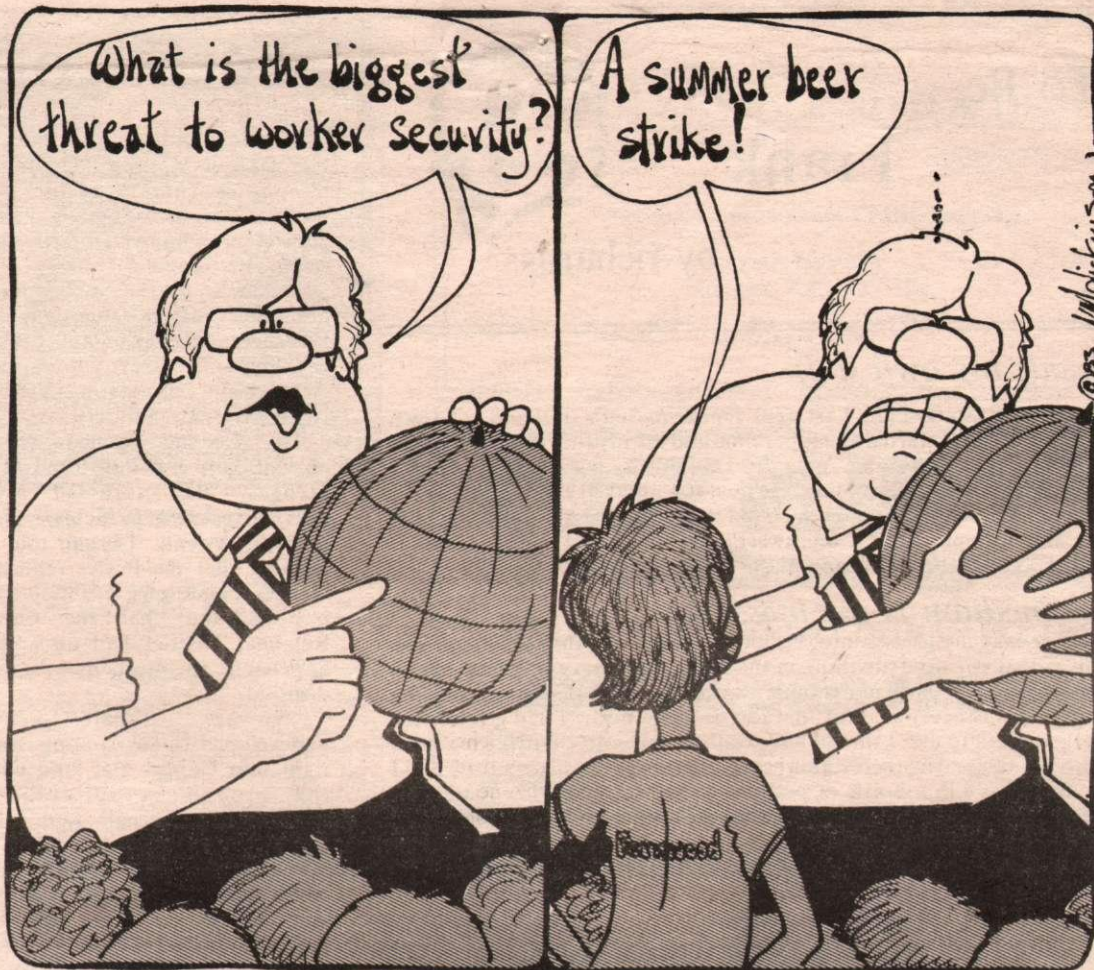
May Day for May Day!

May 24 falls on May 23 this year. In a few more years such an observation will pass unnoticed as Victoria Day is recognized as a movable feast and fewer readers remember it as traditionally an event of May 24 irrespective of the day of the week on which that day might fall.

For a number of years Victoria Day was an ominous event in the islands. For several years the first summer break of the year brought a surplus of youthful holidaymakers to the island all bent on looking for a good time and indifferent as to who might have to foot the bill.

Tight concern by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police brought the holiday spirit down to a level where it can be controlled.

Next weekend is the holiday break and islanders can rejoice in the promise of fine weather and a full weekend.



Tony Richards

THERE'S SOME QUESTION about the validity of a story passed along to me by Ganges postmaster Fred Smidt-Nielsen, but it's worth repeating anyway.

A scientist living in Italy, the story goes, regularly "stings" the Russians by post.

He writes one letter a week to a well known Soviet dissident, insures it for £2.50 and sends it by registered mail.

The Russian government, of course, refuses to deliver mail to the dissident. So after a few months when no return receipt has arrived, the scientist collects £200 in insurance money from the Italian postal service.

The Italians in turn bill Moscow and the Russians pay up, usually quite promptly, according to the report, because they are afraid of being thrown out of the International Postal Union.

At £200 a week, the letter writer grosses about £10,400 a year, and clears about £10,000 once he deducts expenses.

If enough people used this system, the scientist maintains, the free world could bankrupt the Soviets in a relatively short time, with no shots fired, no armies called on and no bombers or missiles dispatched.

THE FOREGOING METHOD is probably just as reliable as purchasing lottery tickets as a means to come by some easy money.

But I'm giving the latter a try anyway, for the very first time.

In buying these particular lottery tickets, I am consoled by the thought that my money is going to a cause that I know to be worthwhile.

We received two books of tickets in the mail last week, one from the Lions Society for Crippled Children and the other from the Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation.

I'm reasonably certain that my money will be put to good use. I'm also reasonably certain that I won't win a thing.

I LIKE TO GAMBLE, particularly on sure things, and that's why I put my money on the New York Islanders again this year.

Last year I won \$20 on a bet that New York would take Vancouver in four games. I wish I'd done the same this year because tonight's game (Tuesday's) is bound to be the last.

It's disappointing that Edmonton hasn't been able to overcome New York, but as CBC Radio sports commentator Jim Kearney said, the Islanders are a better team.

The same was said last year, of course, but last year's playoffs were a farce. Vancouver Canucks belong in the Western Hockey League where they

would probably have a tough time beating the Portland Winter Hawks.

IT'S BEEN WITH some trepidation that I've studied Pat Doherty's golfing column the past two weeks, anxiously searching for some reference to any recent accidents on the fairways.

And I've been relieved so far to find that no one has yet been injured as a result of golf balls flying every which way over the course.

I took up the sport again on a holiday last month in Smithers. During one game I picked up a few tips from a resident of the interior town who had played on the course for the past 40 years.

A fair bit of practice was beginning to pay off. My score was steadily dropping from the high 80's (in nine holes, that is) and my self-confidence was increasing by leaps and bounds (or by drives and putts, if you wish).

But then a friend did me the favour of providing further instruction.

Not only was I using the wrong grip on the club, but I was bending my left arm and I persisted in looking up as I swung.

Now that I'm using the correct grip, keeping my arm straight and looking down, I've got a twisted ankle, a sore hand and what must be golfer's elbow.

At the rate I'm going, I'll soon top 100 strokes in nine holes and force every golfer on the course to run for cover every time I drive.

Any day now I'm expecting the Golf Club to issue me with a couple of flashlights and strict instructions that I play only at night.

ONE OF THE GULF ISLANDS' 110 Liberals called a couple of weeks ago to report the appearance of a new highway sign on Salt Spring Island.

One of the large, blue highway improvement signs, which have been seen in abundance on highways all over the province in recent weeks, sprouted on the day before the election just north of Central, said my Liberal friend.

Equally liberal was the razzing I gave him about the type of signs we would have seen had his party been in power in B.C.

He did his best to ignore my unkind remarks (he and his fellows are getting used to them by now) and went on to summarize the improvement projects on North End Road.

A patch on a pothole and some oil on Stark Road made up the total of the project's accomplishments, he reported.

But it should not be forgotten that the ministry of highways is constantly carrying out improvements by repairing the damage done by the Friday Night Sign Brigade. This organization, whose goal must surely be to reduce eye pollution, meets weekly on the island.

Letters to the Editor

Any war carries threat of extinction

An open letter to Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

Sir,
On the occasion of your letter to your subjects I feel compelled to reply to you, on whose all too human shoulders now rests the awesome responsibility of choice between life and death of all humanity, along with the other leaders of all nations.

The details of our nuclear reality are undoubtedly known by you to far greater extent than by the average citizen; however, this much has been made clear, that the U.S. has the nuclear capacity to kill every Russian 40 times over, and that the U.S.S.R. has sufficient capacity to kill every North American 20 times over.

Even if only 10% of the total nuclear arsenal were ever used in a nuclear confrontation, every Russian would be killed four times

over and every North American twice.

However, this following aspect seems to have been overlooked by all concerned. Along with all the millions of people who will be blasted, burned, blown and irradiated to death, vast areas of plant life will be blasted, burned, blown and irradiated to death. Along with these casualties the ozone layer of our atmosphere, which shields us from deadly ultraviolet radiation, will be substantially reduced.

Since the plant life of the earth and the plankton of the seas is our source of oxygen and hence of ozone, a massive reduction of our source of oxygen and ozone in our atmosphere will result from the destruction of plant life. This means a massive increase in ultra-violet radiation and large-scale destruction of the regenerative capacity of the planet.

Even a limited nuclear war will

result in the annihilation of all mankind, all multi-cellular life of any kind.

As long as nuclear weapons exist and as long as we choose to settle our affairs by force, the awesome responsibility for life or death of all humanity and all life on earth thus rests on your shoulders and those of your peers. I trust that you will dedicate your every thought, word and deed towards the dismantling and rendering harmless of all nuclear weapons and to the end of war among nations, for this is our only hope.

Although it is within our power to dismantle every nuclear weapon, the knowledge and capacity of making new ones will be with us forever. Any war thus carries with it the threat of extinction of all life. War thus has become a literally self-defeating option of settling our differences and if we are to live we must find ways of conducting our affairs without violence, force, aggression, destruction or confrontation.

Although this might seem an impossible task, it is the only chance of life humanity has and in this you have the support of many millions of people in many nations. I hope that you will use your mandate to speak for all of these and for all life.

PETER WEIS,
R.R. 1, Fullford Harbour.
May 10, 1983.

Will Islands Trust become a voice in the wilderness?

Sir,
Now that we've elected our Dictator for another three or four years, and, that is what happens under our so-called democratic system, and Bill and his cabinet will take on more power from that beautiful spot in Victoria and the rest of the back-benchers could really stay at home and mail in their suggestions to a box located in the Premier's office. Might speed things a little.

And, if the Social Creditors on Galiano were smart enough to get the Islanders together they could approach the hallowed halls and their leader and ask him to get Mac-Blow the hell off the island by trading their holdings for timber rights elsewhere in the hinterland.

Then the Mac-Blow holdings on Galiano Island would become

instant parks and they could banish the logging trucks forever.

But, and I say but, Islanders would need to be careful indeed to be sure Mac-Blow holdings didn't somehow find their way into the hands of the developers.

I may be wrong, and I was wrong on Bennett's chances, but I see the Islands Trust becoming a voice in the wilderness as more direction comes from the bureaucrats. It's difficult to know how so-called intelligent people can become so subservient to those paid from taxes.

When will island people get off their hind ends and demand more voice in the running of Island affairs?

CHAS. J. GARDNER,
R.R. 1, Galiano.
May 8, 1983.

More than half support NDP

Sir,
Now that the election is over, we can look forward to four more years of bitter wrangling in the media over government policies. That will be the natural byproduct of having a majority government in the house with a minority mandate from the people.

The Socreds managed to garner almost five percent more votes than the NDP, yet they have 20% more power in the house. They turned a

one percent increase in their popular vote into a seven percent increase in seats (four seats gained).

After considering the fairness of the election (the Socreds' computer-assisted mega advertising and the NDP's lack of access to the market study of the electorate that was developed at taxpayers' expense); it is easy to say that probably more than half the people of B.C. support the NDP and not the government in power. So they should not show any great surprise when they try to legislate over the heads of the one out of two people who do not support them.

There are two political systems in this part of the world. One is the government, and the other is the media. It is easy to see that the media is the only avenue left to the other half and that will be a battlefield as it has been for the last four years.

This polarized situation is going to continue for a long time in B.C. until one of the major parties makes some policy concessions, or until a third party takes 10-15% of the votes off of one of the parties.

GARY J. CHANDLER,
Fullford Harbour.
May 14, 1983.

Why sell such terrible cookies?

Sir,
Once again the Brownies and Guides are sponsoring their fund-raising drive "Cookie Week" and this year I cannot let it go by without protest.

The happiest days of my youth were spent in the Brownie and Guide Movement and I have the deepest respect for such an organization that teaches such fine concepts of living life as well as love of nature.

Why, therefore, do they sell such incredibly terrible cookies that are loaded with sugar and have no nutritional value whatsoever? I spoke to a local Brownie leader, who also concurred with my opinion, and she said her superiors had told her that they were under contract with Christies.

So another mega-corporation has the right to poison our children! I want to support the Brownie and Guide movement, and this year when the sweet Brownie knocks on my door I will give her the money for the two boxes of cookies but will give a note of protest in lieu of taking the cookies.

I hope that more caring people will take a step towards "changing the recipe" to something more in line with the integrity of the rest of the Baden-Powells' dreams.

JOHANNA NEW MOON,
R.R. 1,
Galiano Island.
May 9, 1983.

Significant gesture

Sir,
Was it a prophetic gesture to shelter the N.D.P. in the arms of God?

During the night of May 3/4 the election signs, "I Like Mika" previously dispersed around South Galiano mysteriously disappeared, to be viewed with surprise by early-morning travellers as a grand display, tastefully arranged on the lawn outside St. Margaret's Church on Burrill Rd.

How did they get there? Many possible ways have been suggested but there are no confirmed answers.

Some N.D.P. supporters considered it a significant gesture, implying their Party's concern and interest in caring for people.

MARGARET E. EDGAR,
Galiano.
May 5, 1983.



Bill Webster

Key word is integrity

Politics in the country have gone from bad to the hot place in a hand cart.

Fund raisers for Liberals in Nova Scotia were caught with their hands in the till and one of the more respected federal members has been charged with influence peddling.

The Bluesosers were adding party taxes to the business done with the government and proved a mite too loose with their efforts. When caught they claimed the procedure was standard. Even the Tories, who ruled so long in the province beside the other sea, had done it.

But the Tories were not caught.

The plan was to charge companies a percentage of the cost of doing business with the government. Distillers, for instance, were expected to chip into Liberal coffers, sufficient monetary gratitude for having bottles placed on liquor store shelves.

The people convicted did not keep any of the cash for personal use. The efforts were all for the sake of the party.

Seems as though Nixonian Fever has drifted north of the border along with acid rain.

In the federal case, Bryce Mackasey faces charges of influence peddling and corruption.

During his stints as cabinet minister, Mackasey gathered a great amount of respect from

those with whom he dealt. As labour minister, he calmed the waters of union unrest with his actions.

The charges stem from efforts of a now-bankrupt Quebec firm to obtain government contracts.

The case has been the subject of a parliamentary committee investigation for some time now. When Mackasey brought the charges to the notice of the House from the pages of a Montreal newspaper, he was afforded the opportunity to clear his name.

Actually, the way the hearings were developing, what with heresy and innuendo being part and parcel of the act, Mackasey was probably done a service by the RCMP when the charges were laid.

Now the matter goes to court with strict rules of evidence and procedure. Mackasey has a clear opportunity to prove his claim of innocence.

Politics can, as the two episodes indicate, become something more than just public service. When men, and women, put personal interest above the reason for the existence of the public office, trouble usually results.

Many people serve for many reasons and in a democracy such as ours, their efforts should show only actions for the public good. Not the public good which comes from personal gain but from personal integrity.

And that's the key word, integrity.

Canadians have permitted politicians to hold office even though the individuals displayed personal weakness. A politician could be a fall-in-the-gutter drunk. The politician may display sexual appetites not normally associated with the norm.

But, over the term, the politician is required to show integrity. That involves honesty and sincerity.

Watch the politician who ignores that simple lesson. Watch a politician in such a situation courting voter rejection.

And now for something completely different.

Cec Wakely went on a trip to the Far East recently. He went to see how money collected on the Gulf Islands was being put to use in India and Sri Lanka.

Another part of his journey took him to Japan. There the efforts to help the helpless takes an interesting curve. Postage stamps.

The common postage stamp can help. Wakely said that four stamps can result in aid to the unfortunate. But few islanders have come forward with stamps.

Anyone who has used stamps, bring them in to Driftwood and the stamps will be sent on to better things. Just tell the lady at the front desk the stamps are for Webster. She'll know what to do.

More Letters to the Editor

Men and women should work together

Sir,
I hope that my women friends don't take me wrong and that I explain this right. I'm all for equal rights and everything like that. But at times like these when countries are at war, races against races, religions against religions, isn't it time that men and women start coming together, understanding each other's needs, aspirations, dreams and feelings?

Every man isn't a chauvinist. When we read all these women only events. It can't do anything but make men feel they aren't wanted. Quote Feminism: Learning to love and respect myself. The process involves examining sexism, racism, classism and other ways in which our lives are controlled by stereotypes and working towards ending this control—end quote.

You want to examine all the

things that are controlled by stereotypes. But you have placed Feminism in the same category, by trying to solve men and women problems with just women.

With relationships falling apart these days women talk to women and men talk to men. Isn't it time that we started talking together, for we can start understanding and accepting each other equally. I try to put into words why I believe that all division of people into groups just increases our difficulties, making it harder for us to understand one another.

It's important for women to get together with other women to learn from each other.

Feminism seems to be women working against the creative force of life. Which is men and women living in harmony. Women seem to have lost their essence. Feminism is their

cry to be heard, their search for belonging. And their belonging is to a family structure and a tribal unit that men and women lost a long time ago. Seems to me that we are all trying to find it again—but let's find it together.

**B. WILLIAMS,
M. FAWCETT,**
R.R. 1,
Fulford.
May, 1983.

Final bill could be \$400,000

Sir,
I am not easily shocked, but I was shook up on paying a visit to the site of the Clanton Rd. cutoff.

What might have cost \$40,000 to upgrade the road has suddenly become one of the most indecent wastes of taxpayers' dollars that I have ever seen and by relocating the road and acquiring more property I venture to say the final bill will be closer to \$400,000.

We must find a scheme to withhold our tax dollars to prevent this terrible, rotten way of buying votes. With the good times just behind us, it filled the coffers of government with easily collected dollars and the old saying, "easy come, easy go" still stands.

There haven't been any brakes on the way our money is handled and those in power have handled it well, for themselves.

I would ask everyone to go and examine the happenings on Clanton Rd. and then ask themselves, "Do we really need to put up with such foolishness?"

CHAS. J. GARDNER,
R.R. 1, Galiano.
May 5, 1983.

Raising money to visit Russia is group's goal

Sir,
On Mother's Day a group of Salt Spring women met for a viewing of the National Film Board's *If You Love This Planet*. A 1983 Academy-award winner, the film is extremely powerful, and introduced many of us to Dr. Helen Caldecott, president of Physicians for Social Responsibility. The group has arranged a tour of Russia for this summer.

The audience united in their resolution to participate in the Nuclear Disarmament Movement, seen appropriately as the ultimate "motherhood" issue. The evening ended with the nucleus of a short-term group called Salt Spring Women for Peace, whose sole purpose is to raise money to sponsor a delegate to the Physicians' tour of the USSR.

Dr. Cheryl Levitt, an executive member of the Canadian branch, and an extremely active member of the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament group, was asked to join with her colleagues to obtain first-hand information and experience of the Soviet situation.

Carol Fowles and Kerry Chalmers are the co-chairpersons of Salt Spring Women for Peace. We

for many families.

It is always clean, there is no litter, no broken glass, no offensive noise from those who use it. Once I found the remains of a picnic and an empty wine bottle which I just brought home and put in my own garbage can—others I'm sure do the same.

So: we have a ball park, we have a children's park, and no one recently has mentioned tennis till now! A few years ago it was talked about, I hear.

May I suggest that those who enjoy tennis get together and provide the facility for their mutual use. Some of them surely have land, and they could probably get both exercise and fellowship in working together to put it together.

Perhaps some funds from public money would be available, but perhaps they wouldn't be necessary when other values are considered.

Tennis is good exercise for the body.

Sharing and caring and courtesy and appreciation are good exercise for the soul. No reason why they shouldn't go together. It's an old Salt Spring Island tradition, still alive here and there.

NANCY E. WIGEN,
Box 72, Fulford.
May, 1983.

Questionable points presented

Sir,
Health Inspector Les Potter's and Dr. Arneil's report on sewage disposal systems in Ganges presents a number of questionable points. For the moment leaving aside the bulk of them—inaccuracies, massive assumptions instead of investigation, etc.—we must object to their numerous omissions of decisive fact. In particular, they are obsessed with doesn't, or allegedly doesn't, work, and fail to show what does work in Ganges.

For instance, the new drainfield downtown, installed in 1980 for Moutat's Trading Company on part of the K&R parking lot.

The field lies on top of heavy rockfill, which in turn rests on what until some 10 years ago was the bottom of a shallow bay of Ganges Harbour. Scarcely four feet above high-tide level, a mere 1,200 feet or so of pipe receive the sewage from three buildings: the Kanaka Place with its restaurant and residence; from across the road, the Trading Co. building with its office, grocery and residence; and Rita's Inn with

restaurant and hotel rooms. The total estimated flow according to the Health Act Regulations amounts to at least 6,000 gallons per day, and the approval by Dr. Arneil's health department of the CRD guarantees that the disposal does not contaminate the harbour.

If that can be done under the Regulations, then the daily estimated flow of 300 gallons (again, the Health Act Regulations) from a three-bedroom home can be processed by a similar field with 60 feet of pipe, in an area of some 15 x 25 feet.

Maybe Mr. Potter should study that disposal field, apply its lessons to the properties which his team has inspected "lot by lot" as we are duly informed, and then report back. Until such time, we shall remain leery of whatever he has to say about what can and what can not be done about sewage disposal in Ganges.

HERMANN KIRCHMEIR,
R.R. 3, Welbury Drive,
Ganges.
May 14, 1983.

Strait getting crowded

Sir,
At 4:55 pm Friday, Apr. 8, six planes (three fighters, three amphibians)escorting a larger plane flew over our house very slowly, in tight formation, heading up the middle of Georgia Strait for Comox. Two other fighters flew over shortly afterwards. I don't know what they were doing, but with the talk of nuclear armaments at Comox, it made me wonder.

A couple of years ago my family felt a jolt from what we surmised to be radar as a slow low-flying military plane circled over us, who were in our boat just east of Lasqueti, during a strait-wide search for a lost torpedo.

Another time, near Nanaimo, we were approached by a PT boat full of Americans requesting us to alter course or stop our motor lest their torpedoes home in on our propeller.

It seems to me that the Georgia Strait is getting a little crowded for such goings on. At any rate, all the military activity makes me nervous. I wonder what it would take to close down the Nanose Naval Station, and get the nukes out of Comox?

At this point, my family feels quite urgent about the possibility of nuclear extermination and is asking Canadian politicians to refuse to collaborate with the U.S. and NATO countries in producing, marketing, servicing, storing, or testing any nuclear equipment or weapons. We do not want Canada to be a perpetrator of mass murder and we do not want her to contribute toward the type of aggressive militarism which could lead to our own demise. If there were no nuclear weapons, nobody could use them.

Our mailing list includes, C/O House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0A2 (postage-free): Hon. Allan MacEachen, Secretary of

Proceeds to purchase computer

Sir,
On behalf of the students and staff members of Salt Spring Elementary School, I wish to thank the people of our community for supporting our 1983 School Carnival.

We believe this event was extremely successful and know it was due to the co-operation and willing assistance offered by parents

State for External Affairs; Hon. Gilles Lamontagne, Minister of National Defence; Rt. Hon. Joe Clark; Hon. Erik Neilsen, Leader of the Official Opposition; B.C.'s Cabinet Ministers Hon. Ray Perrault and Hon. Jack Austin; Hon. Monique Begin, Minister of National Health and Welfare; and Opposition Critics Hon. John Crosbie, Hon. Flora MacDonald, and Dr. Pauline Jewitt (External Affairs); and Hon. Allan MacKinnon and Mr. Terry Sargeant, M.P. (National Defence).
ROSALIND M. HILDRED,
Lasqueti Island, B.C.
April 24, 1983.

Campaign helpers thanked

Sir,
On behalf of Mr. Curtis and the Social Credit Party I would like to thank all volunteers, donors and lenders who helped out in the recent election campaign—and especially all those who voted for Mr. Curtis.

It was an enjoyable experience working in the campaign office and we had some friendly and interesting chats with the "competition" across the hall, proving that win or lose, we are all winners in Canada.

On Sunday, June 11 there will be an all-day Sacred picnic for Saanich and the Islands at Ruckle Park. Direction signs will be posted at the Park entrance. During the day there will be an election of Salt Spring officers.

JACK ALBHOUSE,
Ganges.
May, 1983.

and friends.

The donations and gifts received from local craftspeople and businesses were so very much appreciated.

Our gross intake was approximately \$2,000 which we hope will go towards the purchase of an additional school computer.

T. WATSON,
Principal.
May, 1983.

Old Age Pensioners Branch 32 General Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2 pm

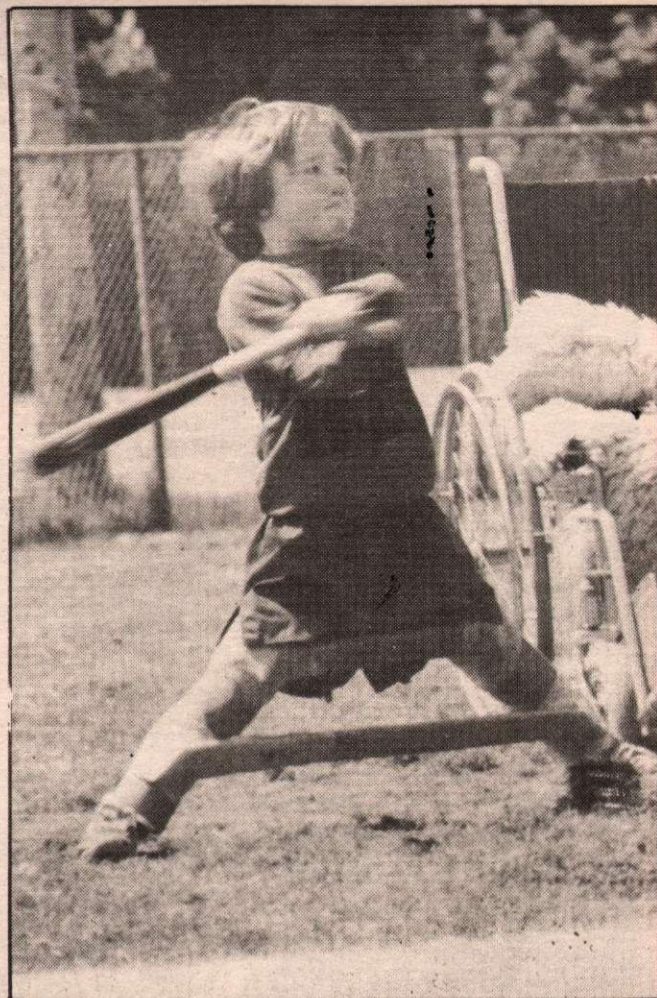
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Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

A determined player

You can't keep a good man down as six-year-old Patrick Hayes demonstrates during impromptu game of softball at Salt Spring Elementary School during lunch hour last week. Patrick was stricken with Legg-Perthes disease and will be in cast for about a year. Patrick's friends assigned him designated hitter for the game. The determined softball player is the son of Michael and Maggie Hayes.

Board wants to control off-highway vehicles

Capital Regional Board wants the provincial government to proclaim amendments to the Motor Vehicle (All Terrain) Act.

The act provides for mandatory registration and licensing of all vehicles used off-highway for recreational purposes, with certain exceptions. The act also provides for designating or closing areas as well as a system of traffic tickets for violation.

These amendments, although approved, have never been proclaimed and cannot be enforced.

The regional parks committee of the board recommended the approach to the government on the grounds that considerable difficulty has been experienced with

unauthorized vehicles in parks of the region.

Proclamation of these amendments would make the task of enforcement easier, it was noted.

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Shoplifting

Businesses on Salt Spring have been targets of shoplifters recently.

RCMP will be checking the situation. Anyone caught in the act will face criminal charges.

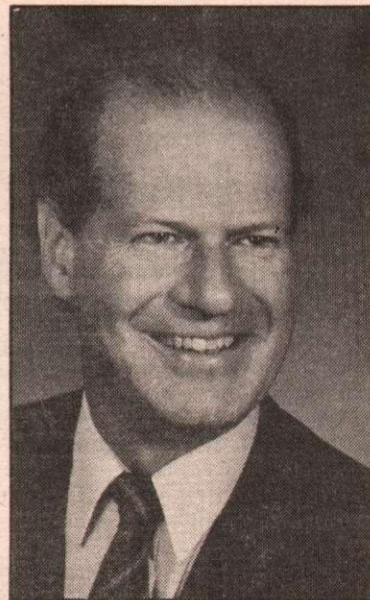
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May I express appreciation to all those throughout the Gulf Islands who worked so enthusiastically in the provincial election campaign, and to those who supported my candidacy.

Sincerely,
Hugh Curtis

British Columbia



Social Credit Party

Susan Cogan truly fine artist

Contributed
BY JEZRAH HEARNE

Susan Cogan has a voice that would soothe the savage beast in the breast of us all. As her concert on Saturday confirmed, Susan Cogan's voice, already well-trained and beautiful, just gets better all the time.

Moreover, Susan's capacity as a songwriter keeps expanding into new expressions. Susan revealed this growth in her creativity through presenting her audience with a group of new songs, performed for the first time Saturday night.

Many of these new songs are filled with the bittersweet wisdom and tenderness of a deep love coming to fruition. In *Peacock Eyes*, we hear Susan moving through a wistful to a full-bodied voice as it ranges through a delicate to a baleful vision of love's tormented side.

Thus, when one partner speaks of pain: "What kind of comfort can you loan to one who knows no real home," the lover replies: "I can offer the warmth of my hand/ on the day that I understand." It's enough to make the angels weep.

In *Loving Eyes*, we hear an upbeat celebration in the earthy communion of love. This song indicates the supple and expansive quality of Susan's voice. It is a mark of artistic mastery that she controls its register, while yet giving the impression of great abandon.

It is songs such as these that establish Susan Cogan as a truly fine artist.

Susan was accompanied by

Robin Cherney, violinist and, lately, guitarist. Robin also presented new songs revealing a wry, comical understanding of life's complexities. And when Robin struck up her fiddle, one couldn't help but resonate in time.

The concert was presented as a benefit to renew the I-IPACS promotion of the performing arts on

the islands. If these two performers are any indication of what the islands have to offer, then islanders are in for some admirable creative outpourings by gifted artists.

These would include both songwriters and poets. Certainly such cultural presentations are well worth hosting and well worth attending.

Guests from all over B.C. attend retirement party

A retirement party for school bus driver Jack Smith and high school custodian Jim Southern was held at Kanaka Place at Ganges on Saturday night where a crowd of 60 people met to celebrate.

Guests at the dinner came from all over the province and included ex-drivers Ralph Bullis of Bowser and Ted Hamer of Parksville. CUPE representative from Victoria, Jack Hughsman, was also present at the dinner.

The retirement party, hosted by CUPE local 788, featured speakers Alan Sinclair, a student from Gulf

Islands Secondary School, principal Bob McWhirter and ex-school board member Gil Humphreys. Fulford resident Kit Moulton added to the reminiscences about Jack Smith's 30 years of bus driving and the 17 years Jim Southern had been at the Gulf Islands School District.

Smith received a chair from CUPE. It was presented to him by Dale McCormick and Wayne Duke who are both bus drivers on Salt Spring.

Southern received a hot-pot thermos jug and a large cooler for camping.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Large pearl for local oyster

Madeline Hannay of Salt Spring Island was pleasantly surprised to find a large pearl in an oyster she picked near Southey Point recently. She plans to have the pearl

appraised and mounted, she told *Driftwood*. Pauline Beauvais also of Salt Spring Island, reported finding over 400 seed pearls in an oyster she found on a local beach.

Reggae band to play at Beaver Point Friday

A reggae band that features seven members from all ethnic origins is scheduled to play at Beaver Point Hall on Friday night.

Spokesman for the band, Waruhiu Judan Itote, says the kind of music the band plays heals the negative vibrations between the self and society and that the music is celebratory and joyous.

"The music is spiritual in substance," musician Itote explained. "The music serves as spiritual inspiration and is message music. It is the celebration of Jehovah."

The reggae music is born of the

religion of the Divine Theocratic Coptic Church of Ethiopia, Itote added.

The band, called Asiyah Jah Children, consists of three guitarists, two conga drummers, a lead vocalist and a synthesizer player. Jah Will, a member of the troupe, has had formal training as a violinist. Members hail from England, Scotland, Africa and North America.

The band has been together for a year and has travelled across Canada and the States. Recently, the band has been working on audio tracks in preparation to record.

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Happy farce in Victoria

Margolin well cast in Belfry's *Filthy Rich*

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Stuart Margolin and *Filthy Rich* came to the Belfry. Which is a coincidence in a way, because the Canadian-written play is distinctive and the Belfry is a professional theatre in a church and Margolin is a television actor on a stage.

Filthy Rich is a farce of the modern setting, where the private eye is a comic and the crooks are mildly off-target. I'm not knocking it. It's a happy choice for Margolin and his five cohorts at the Belfry.

The play is written around the slightly sodden Tyrone Power, a former newsman in love with a bottle driven by the urge to write the work that will not come to him. He enters into partnership with the youthful student-delivery boy, Jamie McLean, played by the same Angelo Rizacos who played the role in Toronto when the play made its debut.

Together they stumble into a gangster-police situation with the two of them in the middle. The filthy rich Scott sisters, Ann (Patricia Oatman, of Maggie and Pierre fame) and Susan (Kim Horsman) who supply the appeal and the crookery in the person of gangster Henry "Pig" Duvall (Alex Diakun).

They trip over Detective Stackhouse (Tom McBeath) en route to a fortune.

IT COULD HAVE BEEN

The play wasn't written for Margolin, but it could have been. He has the essential clown hovering behind all his roles and it is this which turns the part of Tyrone Power into a powerful role taking

the attention of the audience to centre stage and holding it there to the last curtain.

The play is not an easy one for the player of a drunken, dried up writer with nothing going for him beyond a rapidly emptying bottle.

The play opens on Power typing away, one finger carefully selecting the next letter and composing his masterpiece. He is drunk, smoking in a casual manner so that smoke floats up from him to cloud away over his head. As frustration overtakes him he tears the paper from his machine, crumples it and throws it on to the floor, starting on yet another. The floor is already littered with hundreds of false starts.

The entire pattern is Stuart Margolin's. He can make a theatrical mountain out of a molehill of a pause. He can say more in silence, unmoving, than many an actor can say in a dozen sprightly, brightly-written lines. In that degree it was Margolin's play. He was Tyrone Power. He was drunk. He was the defeated reject from a highly demanding business.

Margolin alone could not have made the role, let alone the play. The cast played along and his cohort McLean was particularly good. The delivery man-handyman-student was the shadow, always showing up unexpectedly and holding his role without yielding to the older player.

LIES DEAD

The climax is undoubtedly when Jamie is shot by the gangster's moll, and it is left to the playgoer to decide which moll is the gangster's. Jamie lies dead on the floor and Tyrone Power is found seated in silence when the lights go on. He sits, unmoving and unpeaking and time passes. The theatre is silent and you don't want the silence to end.

The Scott sisters are filthy rich and carry the theme forward.

It is a farce. With that setting it could be nothing else. Written by Torontonian George F. Walker, the play is gaining a steadily broadening acceptance.

It may not be brilliant, but it is funny, sustained and serves as the perfect vehicle for Margolin and his cast. The direction, by James Roy, was notably sharp and polished.

This switch from television screen to live stage was a departure for Stuart Margolin, Salt Spring resident and Hollywood actor. He comes back to his first love and his constant lure, the stage. Actor, playwright and director, Margolin rounds off his career with songs and music. Besides writing the musical score for this and that, he sings and we have several albums of his to

evidence his versatility.

The switch to the Belfry Theatre is particularly significant. The Victoria theatre that started life as a church on Fernwood Road is as far removed from a television setting as you could desire. It is the ultimate intimate theatre. The Belfry provides a stage close enough and small enough and intruding into the audience enough to bring every playgoer into the circle of theatre. And it offers enough people right at hand to convince the most sceptical of players that he is, indeed, facing a live and eager audience. When the player weeps, the playgoer wipes his eyes and when the playgoer sneezes the player blows his nose. It's that intimate.

Link with Salt Spring Island is Margolin's home on the island for the past dozen years. And he has worked, over those years, to bring theatre to Salt Spring.

It was Stuart Margolin who launched summer theatre on Salt Spring with two successive years of theatre. His dream of a regular, established, summer theatre was frustrated when he found the pressures of day-to-day living too demanding.

Margolin has collected two Emmies, in 1979 and 1980, for outstanding supporting actor, in token of his role of Angel, in Rockford Files. He also won a Catholic Church "Christopher Award" for his direction of the television movie, *A Shining Season*, in 1979.


His role of Power at the Belfry represents his first appearance on a

Victoria stage.

It is fitting that an internationally known television star would come into his adopted home province by way of the Belfry. They have much in common, the player who can never abandon the live stage and the theatre that is struggling to keep alive that stage.

The Salt Spring Island actor, the cast and the theatre came together in a pleasing little entertainment piece with Margolin taking the honours for his brilliant interpretation of a role that might well have been less vibrant with another player in the lead.

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There will be booths for information on various subjects. The Gulf Islands Gymnastics Society will present a display and the Salt Steamers will be running several mile-long jobs. The public is invited to join the runners in the effort.

The theme of the day, and the week, is observation, information and participation. The karate club and a belly dancer will be there and so will members of the Community Arts Council.

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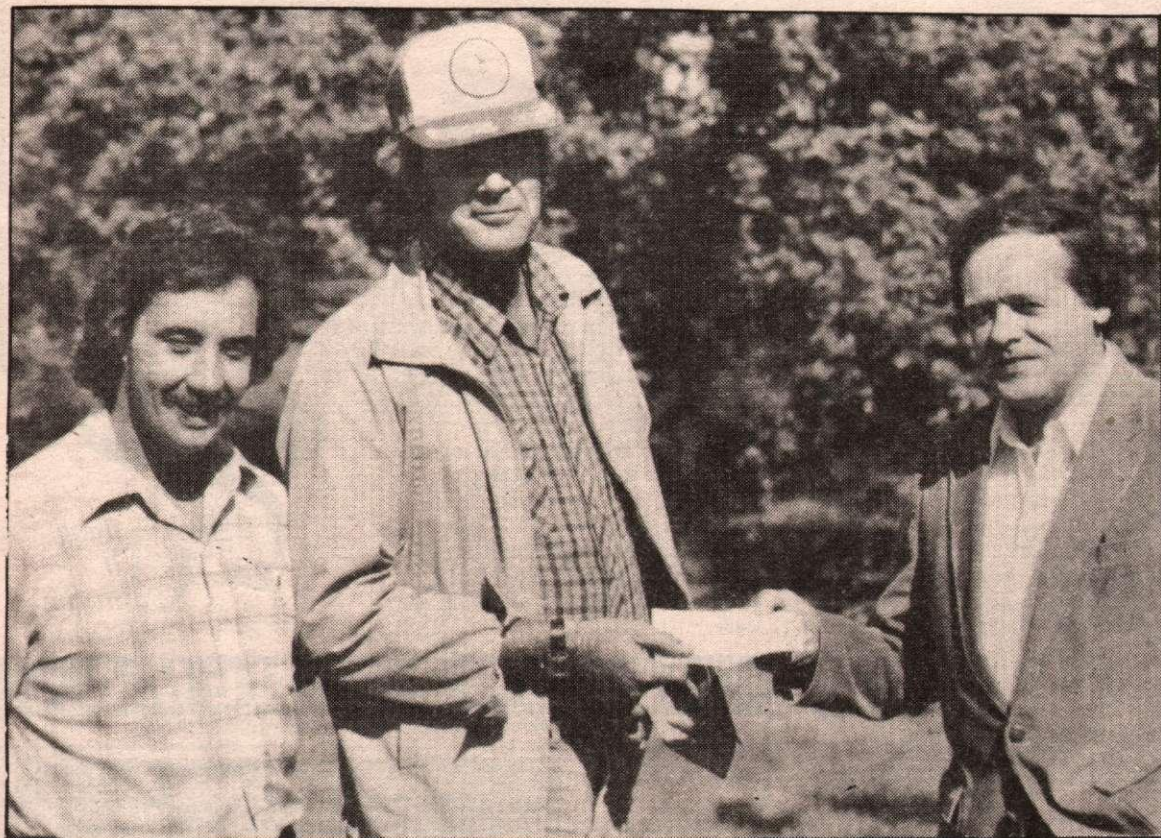
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The Salt Spring Farmers' Institute was a recipient of \$2,000 from the Sea Capers Committee recently. Sea Capers chairman Arvid Chalmers, left, smiles as Al Gear, institute president, accepts the cheque from Gord McRae, treasurer of Sea Capers.

John Zacharias resigns

From Page 1

been resolved before we decided to send the Pender Grade 8's to Mayne," said Zacharias.

He will work to change the resolution, he said.

He also doubted the legality of closing the junior secondary school on Pender. He pointed out that the school act states only the minister of education can authorize school closings. There has been no ministerial approval for closing the junior high school on Pender, said Zacharias.

There are currently eight pupils enrolled in the Grade 8 class at

Pender School. There are 17 pupils in Grade 8 at Mayne School and 12 pupils in Grade 9.

Pupils attend Mayne School from that island, Galiano and Saturna Islands.

When the school board moved to consolidate the junior secondary program for the Outer Islands, costs were the prime factor. The trustees decided to concentrate on Mayne School as the junior secondary, or middle school, for those islands.

Older children attend Gulf Islands Secondary School on Salt Spring for Grades 10, 11 and 12.

The school board plans expansion of Mayne School with the addition of classroom space as well as a home economics workshop. The plans are to go to tender soon with completion date set for the summer of 1984 and opening of the junior secondary school planned for September of next year.

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SALT SPRING

LUNCH & FASHION SHOW sponsored by the IODE. Fri., May 27, 11:30 am, Harbour House. Tickets \$6 from IODE members.

RED CROSS BLOOD CLINIC May 30 at Legion Hall. 19-3

LEGION MEMBERS: Miss Burnay of D.V.A. at Legion Hall May 20.

"FITNIC DAY" at Portlock Park, Sunday, May 22, 10 am-2 pm. Bring gym strip, picnic lunch & family. Cancelled if it rains.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL Group 115 will meet May 24, 7:30 Elem. School library. Gary Sawdon reports on Ottawa AGM.

ART EXHIBITION by Salt Spring Painters' Guild, Mahon Hall, May 21, 22, 23, 10 am-4 pm. Free.

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Jane Stokes tells of her work

Two aspects to job of public health nurse

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

The public health nurse, Jane Stokes, comes to Saturna Island every second Monday of the month.

She has been our nurse since October, when her predecessor resigned and the Capital Regional District decided to locate the public health nurse in Sidney instead of Mayne Island.

I was not familiar with the functions of the public health nurse and asked her to tell me about her job. This is what I learned.

I had been public health nurse in Powell River for 14 years and decided I needed a change. Mostly I worked in logging camps and Indian reserves. Toba Inlet had a large logging camp with families. At one time I cared for 21 children, pre-school and infants. It was interesting because there were so many different kinds of people and

life styles. They are all interesting communities, very different and very tightly knit.

I fly myself, but rarely on nursing visits.

It would be a social occasion when the nurse came in to these isolated communities. I had to watch my time!

PREVENTION

I chose public health because of the preventative medicine aspect—that's something I can deal with and get excited about. Preventative health is very subtle, because you are dealing with life-styles and conscious and unconscious health choices. You have to be adaptive and choose priorities. I was much more zealous when I was younger—I was going to save the world! I have learned a lot about tolerance.

I learned not to thrash myself over situations—to learn to let go.

In Powell River, once a week I would go to each area. At all times, I had to deal with the problem of not having enough time and providing fragmented service.

Many times I would have loved to have been able to check back in a few days.

Public health nurses have two aspects to their jobs. By law they fulfill certain functions pertaining to communicable diseases, tuberculosis and venereal disease, inoculations, and instances of food poisoning.

HEALTH PROGRAM

We also are part of the school children's health program.

We check hearing and sight and give inoculations. In other areas, we give prenatal clinics and child clinics, and look in on people who need care at home after illness or injury.

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Mostly we watch, and try to see things early. We don't try to handle it all. We suggest other services that can help people whenever necessary.

I listen, I listen a lot.

I help people explore the options open to them and help with the decision-making process. Always remembering that it's never going to work if it is my decision.

ABOUT A YEAR

It takes about a year before there is trust and rapport between the community and the public health nurse. People trust you and you begin to know the community and people share with you and you begin to find out what's going on. And

people see how I can fit into their lives.

I'm enjoying working on the Outer Gulf Islands. Generally speaking, here, people put more thought into what they want from a health care service. I appreciate that responsible attitude. Mayne Island is my busiest island—I guess the people are used to the service.

Public health nursing has a very clearly outlined aspect to it and a very individual aspect. Jane Stokes has been measuring Jesse Guy's physical growth every month of her young life and she has been eager to talk and share in my concerns and joy in her growing up. I think we're lucky to have Jane visiting Saturna regularly.

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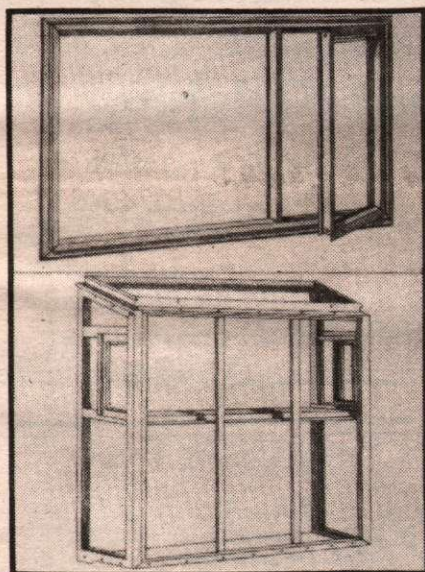
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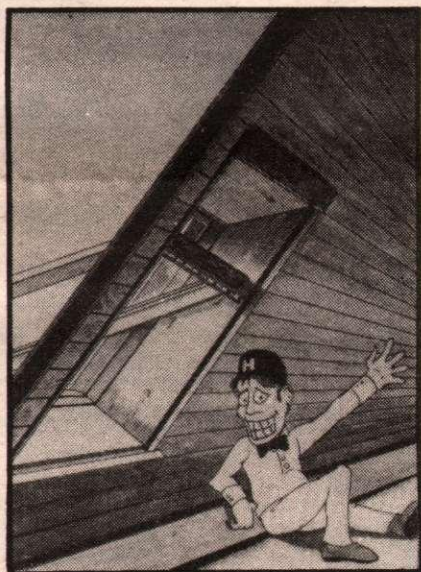
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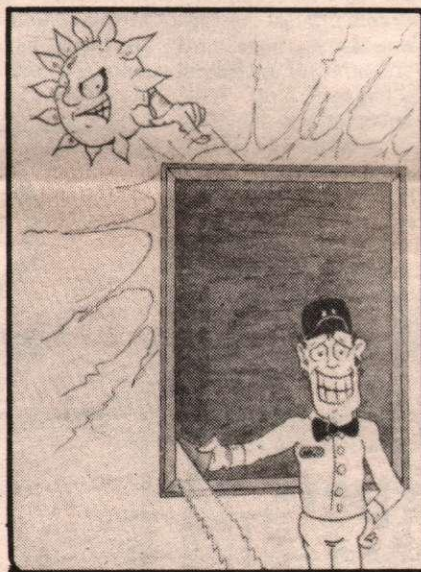
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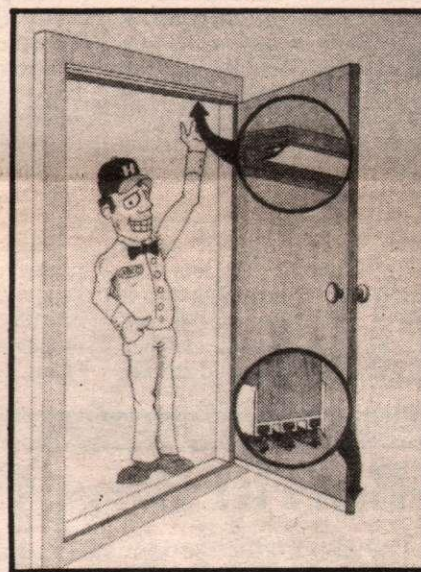
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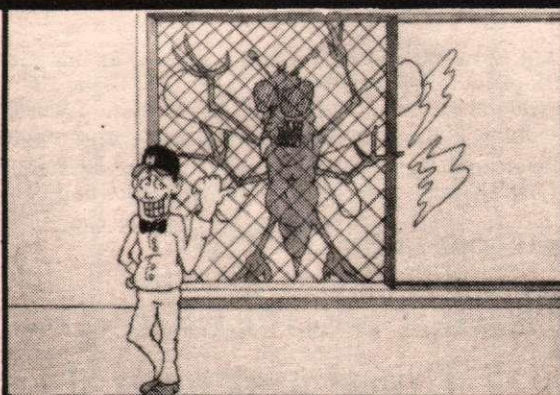


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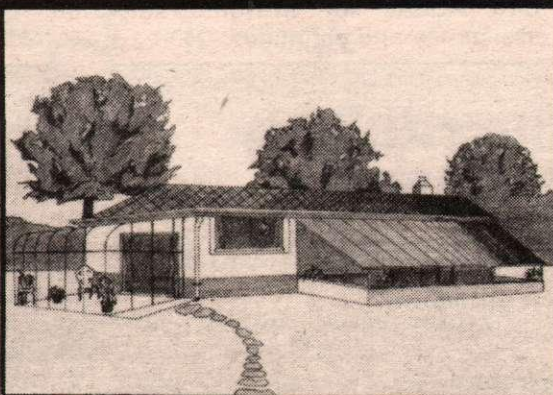
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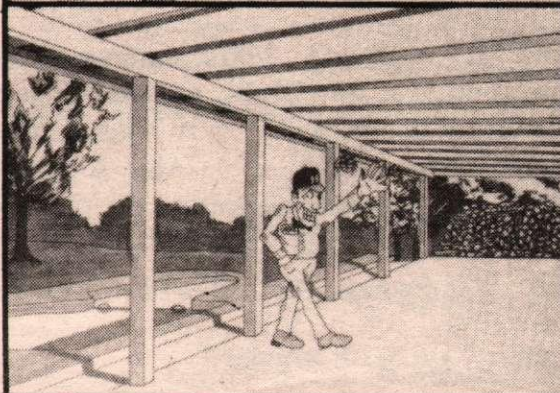
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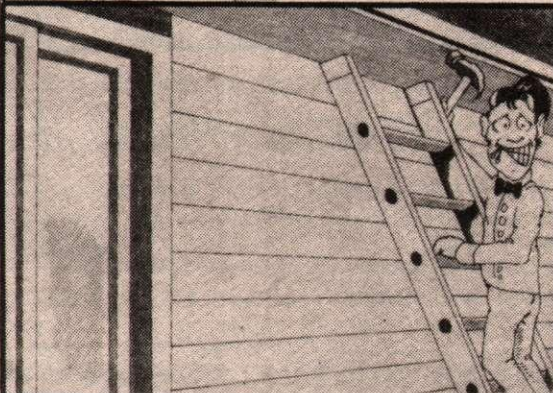
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10 years at hospital

Lady Minto Hospital said thanks last week to three employees who have toiled for more than 10 years at

the facility. From left, nurses Moira Neilson and Marlene Rice joined x-

ray technician Loes Holland in a pause in the celebration of service last week.

Clubhouse nearly finished

The 1,500-square-foot Pender Island Golf and Country Club clubhouse is nearly finished and it features a full basement and wrap-around sundeck. The building will replace the original, undersize clubhouse built several years ago.

President Don Keating reports that the clubhouse needs only furnishings now.

Construction began last summer. Designed by Ted Bowerman of Salish Construction, the clubhouse was framed by Percy Melville. It includes a full view of the golf course, as well as full kitchen facilities, a dance floor and storage

space. The club received a \$60,000 grant from the government last spring. The club also raised money by selling a 10-acre parcel of uncleared land. Members came up with additional funds toward the golf course expenditures of \$180,000.

The nine-hole course covers approximately 25 acres. The land was donated by Washington Grimmer who farmed the valley property. He donated 35 acres to the golf course and continued to farm on the adjacent property where grandson Don Grimmer presently farms.

Fairways and greens at the present-day golf course are old farmland and it is only recently that the greens have been improved with standard turf. Work on the greens continues.



Bob Anderson among 18,000 entrants in London Marathon

The race was slightly crowded with 18,000 entrants.

Bob Anderson, manager of the Long Harbour ferry terminal on Salt Spring, was in the 26 mile London Marathon recently along with all those people. He was one of 60 Canadians in the race which featured some of the best marathon runners of the world.

Anderson said, "It was an experience. I'm glad I competed... once."

When the gun sounded to start the race, the third annual marathon for the English capital, Anderson and the crowd around him took three minutes just to reach the starting line.

He completed the distance in about 3 1/2 hours. The winner, Hugh

Gratton of England, took two hours and nine minutes to finish the race.

The route began in Greenwich, crossed the Thames at Tower Bridge and stretched along the embankment past Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament to finish on Westminster Bridge.

There were an estimated 300,000 spectators watching the runners, said Anderson, and near the finish of the race, the crowd at the sidelines stood up to seven deep.

The post-race party for competitors was held in Covent Gardens.



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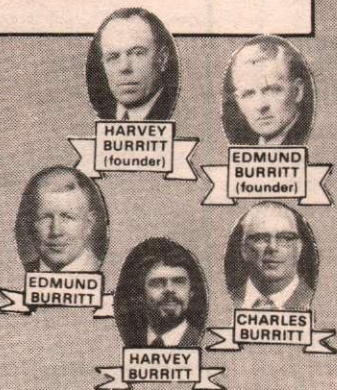
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LADIES' SOFTBALL: Wednesday, May 18, 6:30: Inn Team vs A Team, Portlock; Ganges Ladies vs Fulford Ladies, Fulford; Dazzling Derelicts vs Byrons Babes, Little League.

Monday, May 23, 6:30: Inn Team vs Ganges Ladies, Hydro; Derelicts vs Fulford ladies, Fulford; A Team vs Byrons Babes, Little League.

District commander guest at Power Squadron dinner

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

District-Commander George McKinn and Mrs. McKinn from Saanich Power Squadron were guests of honour at the Pender Island Power Squadron annual dinner held at the Legion last Thursday.

McKinn was introduced and welcomed by retiring Commander Jack Little of the Pender Island Power Squadron.

On his retirement as commander, Little expressed his thanks to the members of the Pender squadron for their help during the past two years of his tenure. Little said a lot had been accomplished in that the membership had been increased by 50% and the bank account was healthy. The commander for the next season will be John Howell.

George McKinn moved a vote of thanks to Little for the work he had done for the Pender Power Squadron.

He told the squadron that it is one of 161 squadrons in Canada, and part of a total membership of 21,000. The Pender squadron, he said is very highly regarded at the Victoria district level, which is the second largest in Canada. Over 10,000 students have been taught by the CPS, 8,500 in the boating course.

"Why do I spend my time working in this job?" asked McKinn. "Because it's a lot of people working together with a common goal to

help those following us, and a way of saying thank you to those ahead of us who gave their time to teach us. All boaters want the people on the water to be safe."

McKinn asked that the new Power Squadron graduates become members for five years as a way of saying thank you, and whether they can make a big or small contribution, the Power Squadron would like their membership.

He said he is very keen on all members flying the Power Squadron flag. On a recent trip to the east coast he was very disappointed to see only three Power Squadron flags in a month at sea.

The boating course graduates from Pender are Grant Cameron, Kay Cowtan, Thomas Cowtan, John Crawford, Leslie Frache, Robert Gibb, Lily Miles, George Sweetnam and Michael Wade, and John Toogood in the Seamanship Power Course and Jack Little in Advanced Piloting.

The 1983-84 bridge was sworn in by McKinn. The are: commander, John Howell; A.P. executive officer, Fred Leroux; training officer, Jack Little; secretary, Dora Storrie; A.P. treasurer, Terry Gardner; public relations officer, Douglas Kenyon; A.P. roster, Alf Peart; marep officer, Horst Klein.

Howell announced that the Victoria Power Squadron would visit Pender July 16 and 17 at Otter



Driftwood photo by Eleanor Harrison

New bridge is sworn in at Pender Power Squadron.

Bay Marina, and that the Pender Islands Yacht Club Regatta will be held at Browning Harbour on May 28.

The dinner was prepared by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Arbutus duo of Rob and Patty Castle-Jansch from Victoria played for dancing during the evening.

Conveners named by CWL

The Salt Spring Island chapter of the Catholic Women's League met last Wednesday at Our Lady of Grace Church in Ganges.

President Ursula McEwen announced the new conveners for 1983-84. They are: spiritual life, Margaret Cass; community life, Fordene Kavanaugh; family life, Julie Godwin; membership, Madeline Frantz; publicity, Ruth Kreissl; resolutions, Elsa Drummond; organization, Alicia Anderson; hospitality, Lucille Campbell; and telephone, Doris DeLong.

The provincial convention of the CWL will be held in Victoria June 21, 22 and 23 on the campus of the University of Victoria. All the business sessions will take place at the Student Union Building. Anyone interested in attending may phone Mrs. McEwen.

A tea, bake and white elephant sale is being planned for October 29. A card party and tea is planned for November 12.

The next CWL meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8, with Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church at 12:30, followed by a luncheon at 1:30 at the Harbour House.

GIVE BLOOD
Monday, May 30

Amendment needs amending

The bylaw is being amended to clear up any misunderstanding but the amendment has confused people.

The bylaw of the Capital Regional District to regulate the keeping of dogs had a section which prohibited a dog from trespassing on private property. But, said the lawyers, a dog can't trespass.

So an amendment to the section was arranged to delete the words "or to trespass." The confusion came when people read the proposed section.

It reads: "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."

Without the interpretation placed on the section by the animal control officers, dog owners would have to keep their pets, whether in the house or in a fenced pen on their property, tied up.

The explanation, said animal

control officer Bill Leach, comes in another section of the bylaw. "Running at large" is defined as any dog not under control of its owner. If the dog is enclosed in a pen or kept on a leash, it is not considered to be running at large.

Leach said he will ask for an amendment to the amendment to add the words "except on the owner's property" after "any private lands or premises."

Flags taken

Souvenir hunters have struck again and the flags in Salt Spring's Centennial Park have gone with the wind.

Someone took both the Canadian and British Columbia flags from the park.

The theft of the flags has become a yearly occurrence.

WALTER DAVIS

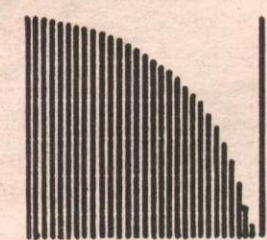
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Health Day marked

When Lady Minto Hospital celebrated Canada Health Day, hospital staff and auxiliary members gave tours of the hospital to visiting public from 2 until 4 last

Thursday afternoon. Joining in at the tea party were Mr. and Mrs. R. Cluff of Ganges. Canada Health Day falls on Florence Nightingale's birthday.

Compensated for loss of five lambs

Salt Spring sheep farmers Maria and Rolf Dammel have been awarded compensation for the loss of five lambs to dogs.

They lost five lambs, valued at \$72 each. The district pays compensation amounting to 75% of market value when sheep are destroyed by dogs.

Animal control officer Howard Byron reported that all regional guidelines have been met.

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Committee chairman reviews

Ganges citizen's committee has held two meetings and has covered a lot of ground, reported chairman Arvid Chalmers to the Capital Regional Board last week.

First meeting was formative, when Chalmers was named chairman and matters of procedure were settled, explained the chairman's written statement.

At the second meeting members heard the Potter report on sewage in Ganges and an extensive question period ensued.

Leo Potter spoke at the May 3 and the May 12 meetings in Ganges, outlining the manner in which tests were made.

Committee was appointed earlier in the year to find a solution to the Ganges sewer controversy.

Dinghy missing

The dinghy left home and the owner wants it back.

Robert Watt of Secret Island reported the missing dinghy to RCMP. It went missing sometime between April 2 and May 10. The eight-foot fibreglass on wood boat has distinctive markings.

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Gulf Islands school mill rate up

Gulf Islands taxpayers will be paying 30.7879 mills toward the local share of the 1983 operating budget for the school district.

Last year the mill rate stood at 26.578 mills.

The school district operating budget for the year has been set at \$5,577,970 compared with the 1982 figure of \$5,409,438. The provincial government will grant \$3,137,786 as its share of the money with the taxpayers of the Gulf Islands paying \$2,104,990. The budget also includes revenues and surpluses of \$335,194.

The difference in mill rates is reflected in the reduction of the

assessment base for the Gulf Islands. Residential properties in the islands have been assessed at \$68,370,691 for 1983 compared to \$79,199,646 last year. The assessment on non-residential property stands at \$28,150,191 this year, down from \$30,050,133 set for 1982.

The government covered \$3,055,039 of the \$5,409,438 budget

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in 1982. The figure represented 59% of the school operating budget. The government share this year is close to 60%.

The school district had an operating surplus last year totalling \$140,189 but suffered a deficit of \$15,844 in the debt service account. Revenues stood at \$127,349 and money from other revenues accounted for \$83,500.

The revenues came from rental of teacherages on the Outer Islands, adult education classes as well as rents for use of school facilities by various community groups.

Booth Canal Road corner notches another accident

The corner at Booth Canal and Lower Ganges Roads claimed another victim last week.

John Armour, of Vancouver, was driving through the curves in a 1971 Volkswagen May 9. He lost control of the Beetle and it spun sideways and flipped on to the driver's side.

Armour suffered minor injuries in the accident. He walked to Lady Minto Hospital for treatment. The Volkswagen was damaged to an estimated \$500.

Armour received a traffic violation notice for driving too fast

for road conditions. The offense could cost him three points against his driving record.

Statue missing

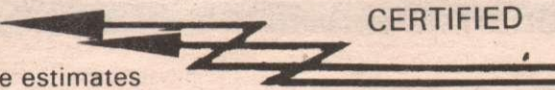
Youths were seen leaving St. Paul's Catholic Church in Fulford last Friday evening and later a statue was missing from the church.

Ganges detachment RCMP have several leads to pursue in the incident and are continuing their investigation.

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Members of the Anglican Church Women at party last Wednesday.

Ganges church group honoured

Members of the now-disbanded Afternoon Branch of Anglican Church Women were honoured last week at a tea given by Mrs. Dorothea Crofton at her home in Ganges.

The Afternoon Branch on Salt Spring Island was organized in 1925 as the Woman's Auxiliary to the Anglican Church in Canada. This title of the national organization was changed in the early 1960's to Anglican Church Women. The Evening Branch of A.C.W. was formed some 30 years ago and is still an active and flourishing group. The members have helped the Afternoon Branch with bazaars and tea for the past five years.

A few months ago the ladies of the senior branch realized the time had

come to disband. Mrs. Laura Bannister, president for seven years, was in the chair for the final meeting.

Eight members of the former church group enjoyed Crofton's hospitality, along with other guests who provided transportation and helped with the tea.

Mrs. Margaret Price had been a member for 55 years and served 25 years of that time as treasurer. Mrs. Irene Palmer marked up 27 years as secretary. Another long time member, Mrs. Grace Jackson, has lost count of the many years she served as the group's convener of sewing and handwork, done to raise money at bazaars, and ultimately for the missionary work of the church.

Other members present were Mrs. Ruby McPhee, Mrs. Mary Croteau, Mrs. Phebe Penhorwood and Mrs. Elsie Macdonald. Unable to attend were Mrs. Joyce Parsons, Mrs. Linda Horrocks and Mrs. E. Laundry.

Pender nurse finds work in U.S. Virgin Islands

A North Pender Islander has travelled a long way in search of a job.

Teresa Carey has been working at St. Thomas Hospital in the United States' Virgin Islands since January. A graduate of Gulf Islands Secondary School, Carey works with nurses from all over the world.

After graduating from Camosun College Nursing program last August, she left for Stamford, Texas, where she worked until Christmas.

Getting a job at St. Thomas Hospital isn't hard. One floor of the new facility remains closed because the hospital needs about 100 nurses.

The nurse shortage is a result of a lack of housing, low wages and the high cost of living.

Rapid growth in the Virgin Islands during the 1960's and 70's pushed the population from 16,000 to about 50,000.

The island where Carey lives is 13 miles long and four miles wide.



Teresa Carey

Water is purchased from a tank truck for \$120 a load and lasts about two months.

The Pender Island nurse spends her spare time scuba diving and exploring the islands.

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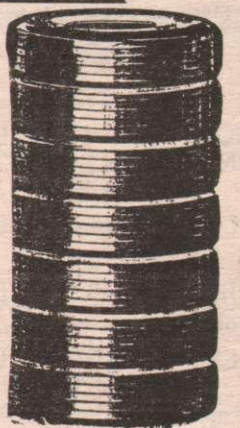
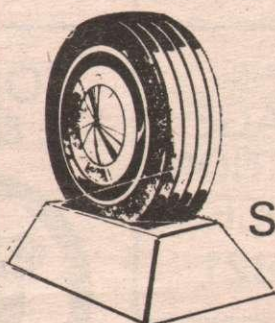
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In Toronto we used to go to the Kensington Market every Saturday and while my wife shopped for a variety of items I made numerous side trips to the vendor of kosher pickles, which later in the afternoon forced me into solitary seclusion in our bathroom with lots of time to ponder my foolishness and its inevitable results.

My addiction is much tempered now, mainly through the unavailability of this tantalizing treat or a recipe for it, but my fancy for growing cucumbers is as intense as ever.

CAN BE FRUSTRATING

Growing cucumbers here can be a bit frustrating at first. But we have always managed to grow an abundant supply, more than enough for fresh eating, for a year's supply of pickles, for sale to our unsuspecting egg customers and for giving away.

The frustration comes about every June, from our first direct seeding in the beginning of the month, through successive re-seedings until near the end of June when, in my very partial judgment, we finally have sufficient robust plants under way.

This arises from the fact that the cucumber is a tropical plant and requires a minimum of 65 degrees (F.) soil temperature to germinate. Our cool June weather seldom provides sufficiently sustained soil

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To provide maximum soil temperatures we grow our cucumbers in hills or raised beds. We prepare our hills at least three weeks in advance of seeding as follows: since cucumbers grow, set blossoms and fruit continuously they require plenty of long-lasting fertilizer, and since later side dressing under the sprawling vines are very difficult, we place about five pounds of chicken manure in a shallow hole of about 18 inches diameter in the raised bed.

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White clover and weeds are allowed to grow between hills and sheared to two inches as long as accessible. This conserves moisture, provides mulch and adds organic content to our soil. It also harbours our beloved garden spiders. Cucumbers need a constant supply of moisture to sustain their massive growth, and since wet plants and cool nights lead

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Oh, before I forget, we like to grow about four plants per hill on a total of about eight hills. This will satisfy a fairly large family and will also provide a year's supply of pickles, enough for any dedicated pickle addict.

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The next regular meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board will be on Pender Island June 1.

A special meeting has been called for May 25 in the school board office on Salt Spring. The meeting has been called to choose a new vice-chairman. The trustees will meet at 2:30 pm to discuss the choice.

On Pender, the trustees will meet in the morning behind closed doors to discuss various private matters. The public will be allowed in for the regular meeting in the afternoon.

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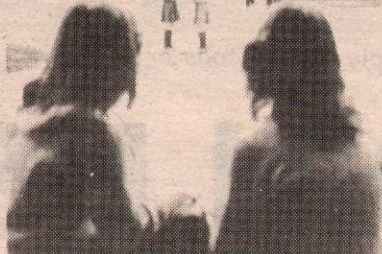
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Valcourt refuses to back down; motion is passed

When the offer of reconciliation was refused, the motion of censure was passed.

Yvette Valcourt, Salt Spring director to the Capital Regional District, would not back down from her opposition to the lease for land in Fulford and the Parks and Recreation Commission voted censure against her Monday evening "for repeated episodes of confrontation and lack of consideration for the commission and its members."

Hugh Borsman had presented the motion, he said, in an effort "to find ways for the commission to work in peace instead of disharmony."

"I'm not suggesting we have to agree with her or she with us," said Borsman.

The actions of the commission resulted from past efforts to gain public approval for a recreation complex, the situation at the Farmers' Market in Centennial Park and the efforts of the commission to create a recreation area on land leased from the fire district in Fulford.

In each case, Valcourt did not oppose the efforts at the commission meetings but spoke against the efforts after the fact.

TRIED TO TAKE OVER

In her defense, Valcourt said, "Hugh Borsman has tried to take over my duties as elected official. He's become famous for his sagas made without research."

The commission had no authority to censure her, Valcourt said, because she was the only elected official of the group. She referred to the CRD bylaw which brought the parks and recreation commission under regional jurisdiction.

The bylaw notes that the commission would be appointed by the CRD board and be composed of the director and 10 persons, "all of whom shall be electors of the Salt Spring electoral area."

"You can do what you want," she told the members. "You haven't got the authority to shut me out or shut me up."

Phil Hume said he would vote for the motion if Valcourt persisted in opposition to the lease for land in Fulford.

RESPONSIBILITY TO COMMUNITY

She replied that she had a responsibility to the community to ensure that tax money is used wisely. She would not approve the lease because she did not know how

much money would be spent on the property.

With a 10-year lease, the commission could lose its investment in the property, she said.

"It would have to eventually be written off because it's not your property," she said.

Valcourt would not accept that the lease was for 20 years. She admitted that she has yet to read the lease.

Bob Wanless said he was frustrated because Valcourt did not offer opposition at commission meetings. They only learned of her opposition "through the grapevine," he told her.

Edith Sacker asked Valcourt to co-operate.

'TALK TO US'

"Talk to us," she asked. "If you have information to bring to the commission, talk to us."

"You're asking for input after the fact," said Valcourt. "The information I had before, you weren't interested."

When her attendance at commission meetings was mentioned, Valcourt said the meetings lasted until late in the evening. She had to leave early because she had to get up at 5:45 the

next morning to catch a ferry to Victoria for meetings which often lasted all day.

"Go ahead with your censure motion," she told the meeting, "and see how far you get with it."

The commission voted, with only Irene Fewings opposed, to approve the censure. The members also voted to take the motion to a meeting of the CRD to explain their position.



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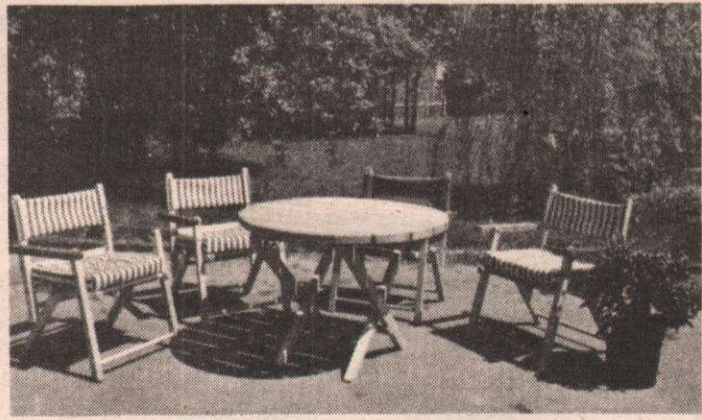
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