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Amendment to plan, bylaw would allow school to go ahead

Amendments to the Salt Spring zoning bylaws and community plan would permit construction of the school for the south end of the island.

School district officials and the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee have met to work out ways of permitting the school to be built at the corner of Beaver Point and Stewart Roads in the watershed 2 zone.

The Trust Committee agreed with

Purchase considered

A five-acre parcel next to the controversial school site at the south end of Salt Spring is being considered for purchase by the Gulf Islands School Board.

Trustees obtained an extension on a 90-day option to purchase from the owner of the site. They want to check with provincial officials to see if a foot-bridge can be built across the creek on the school site to join the two properties.

The school site does not have sufficient space for proper facilities for a play area and the adjoining lot would allow for a full-size soccer pitch.

"It would also open up options for a community recreation site," said school board chairman Charles Hingston.

Hingston said the school board would be happy if the two sites were to be declared a development permit area. Under a development permit, any improvements or changes would require the approval of the Islands Trust committee for Salt Spring.

Lottery grant for society

A lottery fund grant of \$9,660 has been awarded to the Salt Spring Community Society for renovations to its Ganges Hill facility.

The grant amounts to one-third of the cost of conversion to electric heat, insulation, double-glazed windows and construction of a community meeting room within the building.

The latter project has yet to be undertaken.

Final phase of the renovation program includes landscaping and work on the driveway.

The Community Centre, located across from the RCMP station, is leased by the Community Society from the school district.

school officials that a decision on the site was needed soon. The committee gave first reading to amendments to the two plans to permit a public hearing on the matter to be held. The public hearing is slated for June 15 and will be held at 7 pm in the activity centre of Salt Spring Elementary School.

The action was an attempt by the Trust Committee to speed the process. It does not imply that a decision for or against the change in zoning has been made by the Trust Committee, said a Trust official.

The proposed amendments would add schools to the permitted uses in the watershed 2 zone. The Stowell Lake watershed is the only watershed on Salt Spring to be zoned watershed 2. Each of the other lakes with such zoning as protection are watershed 1.

St. Mary, Cusheon, Maxwell and Weston Lakes are zoned W1. The other lakes on the island, Bullock, Blackburn, Ford and Roberts Lakes, do not carry watershed zoning. Blackburn Lake is in the Cusheon Lake watershed and Stowell Lake shares the watershed of Weston Lake.

A public meeting, held by the Islands Trust and the South Salt Spring Residents' Association, will take place Thursday at 8 pm in Fulford Hall. The meeting is to give the public an opportunity to talk on the issue.



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Softball players repair fields

Work party co-ordinator Wayne Taylor, left, outlines softball field improvement plans to Jennifer Clark and Kathy Toynbee, two of more than 200 players who turned

out last Thursday evening to work on Salt Spring Island's softball diamonds. Story, more pictures, Page 17.

Parents refuse to send students to Mayne School in September

Children from Pender Island will not be attending Grade 8 at the Mayne Island School in 1984, the Gulf Islands School Board was told last week.

School trustees were meeting on Pender Island for a regular board meeting last Wednesday and representatives of the island parents' group were given an opportunity to address the meeting on the issue.

The school board had decided in January to centralize the junior secondary school program for the Outer Islands at the Mayne Island school. They had set a time limit of September 1984 for the Grade 8 program at Pender School.

Ann Forbes of the Pender group told the board, "We are not, repeat not, sending our children to the Mayne Island School."

John Zacharias, school trustee for Pender Island, said the motion to centralize the junior secondary school on Mayne Island had read that Grade 8 students be encouraged to attend the Mayne School. But with the motion amended to cancel

the Grade 8 class on Pender, Zacharias said the amendment compels the students to go to Mayne.

"Compulsion," he said, "goes against my grain."

Gordon Wallace, Islands Trust

20 charged

The campaign to encourage use of seat belts began May 20 and by the time it ended last weekend, 20 people on Salt Spring and Galiano had been charged for not using the safety devices.

The campaign was part of 80% Clicks, a province-wide effort to have drivers and passengers buckle up.

An automatic \$25 fine is imposed for the charge of not wearing a seat belt.

Since last October, the Ganges RCMP have been issuing tickets to seat belt offenders and warning motorists to comply.

representative for North Pender Island, said the school board broke the trust of people who had donated money and time to the construction of the Pender School. He noted that the building is still being paid for on tax bills.

There had been, he said, an understanding that both Grade 8 and 9 would remain at the Pender School. Population figures calculated by the Islands Trust showed that up to 50% of the future population of the Outer Islands would live on the Penders, he said.

Vern Roddick, Outer Islands representative to the Capital Regional District, suggested that the board keep both junior secondary schools in operation. He said that if the board closed the Pender junior-high school, there would be no way of creating a secondary school on Pender in future when it possibly could be needed.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands, told the

Visitors' guide published this week

Driftwood's summer supplement *The Beautiful Islands* is included with this issue of the newspaper.

The 32-page tabloid, published in two sections, is distributed with the paper this week only. Another 15,000 copies will be available to visitors to the islands through resorts, hotel, stores and other outlets.

The cover photograph this year, in full colour, shows Ganges Harbour and was taken from Mt. Belcher Heights by Driftwood photographer Alice Richards.

Readers will also find a four-page program of activities for Sea Capers in this issue.

Sea Capers means busy weekend at Ganges

Ganges will be a busy place this weekend when Sea Capers offers two full days of activities for residents and visitors.

The event begins officially on Friday with a community dance at the Gulf Islands Secondary School gym.

Saturday's activities begin at 8 am with a pancake breakfast and finish with the free outdoor concert at Centennial Park, featuring local musicians.

Among the new activities this year are Ports of Call, canoe and kayak races and a beer barrel rolling race. The first, in Centennial Park, will feature food from other lands and will be staged by local Girl Guides, Brownies and Pathfinders.

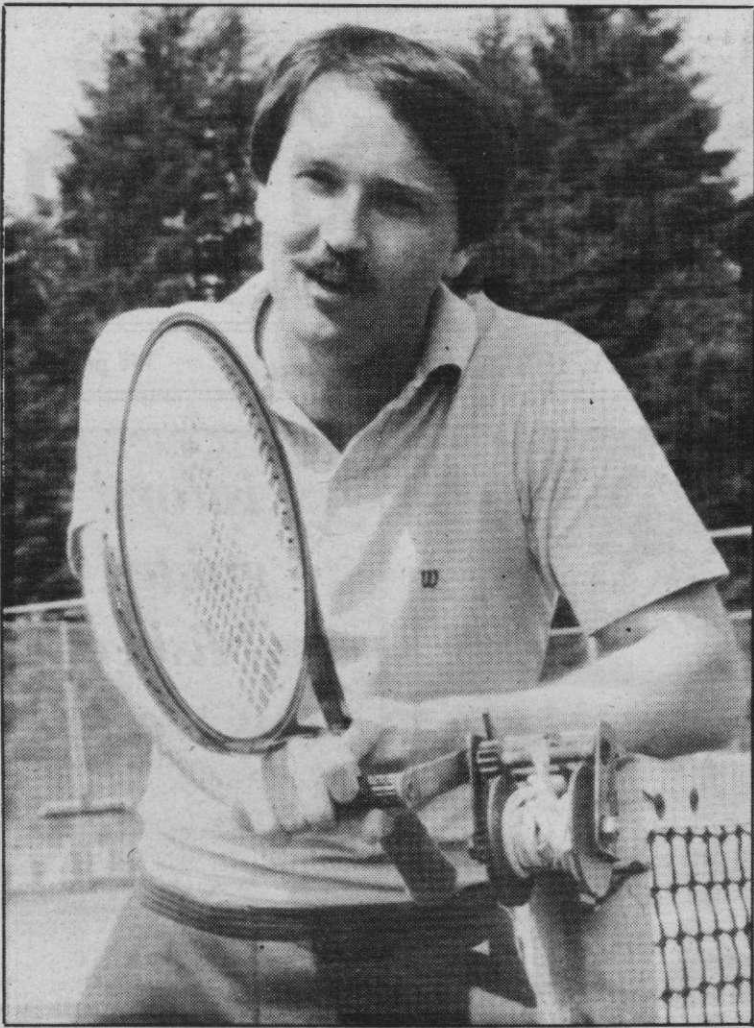
For the canoe and kayak races, entrants must have a paddlable boat. If the craft is "incompaddable," Sea Capers organizers point out, it's in the wrong race.

The beer barrel rolling race will take place at the school grounds. Each team entering will consist of one man and one woman.

Slow pitch baseball will kick off the last day of Sea Capers at 8:30 am. Final event will be the apple box derby on Rainbow Road at noon.

Last year's derby was restricted to youngsters aged six to 12. The rules have been changed this year to allow youngsters of any age to participate.

A complete program of events is



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Pro gives clinic

Tennis clinic was held at Portlock park on Salt Spring Island last weekend and Roger Skillings, professional tennis player from Victoria, came to offer tips to island players.

Scale down plans for Mayne, residents urge

A group of Pender Island residents has asked the minister of finance to scale down the expansion plans for the Mayne School.

In a letter to Hugh Curtis the group noted that \$630,000 has been approved to pay for the expansion. The plans include a new classroom, converting an existing classroom to a home economics laboratory, a locker room and extension to the gym as well as change rooms and showers.

"It is becoming increasingly obvious that Pender will not be attending Mayne School. It is our contention therefore than an expenditure of the above magnitude is not warranted," the letter read.

The letter was signed by Emil LeBlanc as secretary and John Zacharias as chairman of the meeting. Zacharias is also school trustee for Pender Island.

A petition with the letter to the minister of finance had been signed by 41 people.

In another letter to the minister of education, signed by the secretary and chairman of the meeting, the group called on the minister to not approve the closing of the Grade 8 class at the Pender School. The Gulf Islands School Board had decided, in January of this year, to close the class by September 1984 and encourage the junior secondary school students from the Outer Islands to attend the school at Mayne Island.

The letter noted, "There are very good grounds to permit the continuation of Grade 8 on Pender. The present program for Grade 8's is adequate.

"The traditional Grade 9 venue is to attend Parklands Secondary School. Why make two moves off Pender when one would suffice."

The resolution to the minister of education was signed by 45 Pender residents.

The group also wants to meet the minister of education to discuss the situation.

They will not go to Mayne

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meeting that historically, secondary education in the Gulf Islands was a difficult achievement.

The board, he said, had been seeking solutions to the problem of giving the children the best possible education. One of the problems, he noted, was the cost involved in equipping a school for Grades 8 and 9 in order to meet ministry of education standards.

Jim Watters pointed out to the meeting that talk about secondary education for Outer Islands children involved daily travel or boarding. There was a third option, he said. The students could drop out of school.

Don Fairweather, who had been school trustee for Pender Island, recalled that the question had been discussed by the school board in 1975. A referendum to spend money on school expansion had been adopted by Pender Island voters, he said, but had been turned down by Mayne Island residents.

Charles Hingston, school board chairman and Salt Spring Island trustee, said the board was not closing the Pender School but merely changing the status. He said the capital expenditure for the Mayne School was justified to meet the needs of the students from Mayne, Galiano and Saturna Islands.

"The decision was not made in haste," he said. "It's been a long time coming."

The original plan called for secondary schools on both Mayne and Pender, he noted, and that if the school board had the money "we'd love to do that."

The board was looking at the total junior secondary program, he said, in answer to claims that the Mayne program lacked what was available at Pender. He said the concern was not for the parents but for the education of children.

Zacharias gave notice that he would be introducing a motion to rescind the closing of the Pender Grade 8 class in September 1984. The motion would come before the board at the July meeting, he said.

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by richards

The things that plague me

The older I get the more things bug me more. Like medicaments. The more dangerous a medication is, the smaller is the writing to warn me. And even if it isn't dangerous, have you gone to the bathroom cupboard looking for a salve for an insect bite? And you leave your glasses in the kitchen? You look at little bottles and phials and see nothing. I hold up a bottle and peer at it and I haven't any idea of what's in it. The worst of all things plaguing me all the time is hair cream. I was a Haircream Boy. In Britain that was the term for the Royal Air Force because the manufacturers of a hair fixative published great posters of an airman with glistening hair. But I don't use hair cream in large handfuls. The cream stays in the tube for months on end and every cream I've tried goes off, like milk. Although I forget all about it after the first few minutes, I feel that the flies will be after me if I don't watch out. I thought of keeping my hair cream in the fridge, but that has two dangers. The first is that I customarily comb my hair in the bathroom where there is no fridge. Worse, suppose Women's Lib should find it and use it for frosting a cake or something? I'd be scared to show my face for weeks. And that's about as far as I ever get. Stinking and thinking and the stinking starts me thinking but the thinking doesn't seem to stop me stinking. Damn these flies, anyway!

How many times did they die?

The Canadian Press is turning to reincarnation. What could be worse than a reincarnated reporter? He'd be reincarnating all those stories and they were probably bad enough the first time he wrote them. But this was a Canadian Press report on death: *Study of more than 400,000 British Columbians who died between 1950 and 1978 suggests that farm owners and farm workers died of cancer less frequently than the general population.* I'm agog! How often did the general population die? I'd prefer populace, myself, but even a populace normally only dies once. In any case, surely the first death is the most significant? And, come to think about it, how many times did the 400,000 die?

Why do I get the bumps?

I have used a camera, without brilliance, for many years. I keep the camera by my side and I nurture it. I avoid spilling beer on it. I give it close attention and care. And what do I get out of it? After three years the camera goes on the fritz and quits. I repair the front end and the back end breaks down. Life becomes a long procession of breakdowns. The other week I was talking to a man who lives with cameras. Bill Chatterton, from Brentwood, has shot everything with a camera and he's spent a lifetime selling them. Out of curiosity I looked at the apparatus he was using. It was the camera he had been carrying around a quarter-century ago. He walked around with an Asahi Pentax, pioneer Pentax camera which he once showed me eagerly in my youth. But why does his camera serve him faithfully for 20 or 30 years? I've been through at least five cameras in that time. I think I know his secret. I think he talks to them in Japanese. Good job he doesn't use a Zeiss, isn't it?

Have another candy

They're grabbing BCRIC, I warned my charming wife, who was sunning herself. She flicked away a fly and ate a candy. Here's someone buying up BCRIC shares, I repeated. She's a shareholder, not me. She ate another candy. Mebbe they'll pay a dividend, she suggested. That's the enthusiastic response of a shareholder over what's going on in the company. Mind you, her few hundred shares are a ripple on the pond when you figure there are nearly 100 million shares around.

Too soon! Too soon!

I was looking over the Tory lists and wondering which candidate for leadership would make the best prime minister. I gave up on that speculation when I realized that there'll probably be another leadership convention before the next election.

Professional cyclist outlines problems of island riding

Cycle paths are a danger to cyclists, Islands Trust council was told on Saturday.

Meeting in Victoria, the trustees of the 13 designated Trust Islands heard a summary of the cycling problem from a professional cyclist.

The four factors contributing to most incidents involving cyclists are poor riding habits and skill; poor roads, difficult terrain and poor habits of drivers, said Larry Ruble, manager of Russ Hay Bicycle Shop Ltd., in Victoria and a cyclist and tour leader.

The first factor is the major influence in cycling safety.

Warning signs to cyclists now to be found on the Gulf Islands are "fantastic", said Ruble.

"Too bad they couldn't have been there years ago."

The speaker had a number of other proposals.

Every cyclist boarding a ferry for the islands should be handed a pamphlet, he urged. The pamphlet would warn of the hazards of riding on narrow, twisting island roads, among other things.

FERRY FEE

If a cyclist were charged \$2 on the ferry, then the monies raised could be used for the preparation of posters and other warning devices. Ruble sees a need for education of the rider and of the driver.

The recommendation made by Coroner Hugh Ross, investigating a cycling death last year, called for the discharge of cyclists after automobiles from provincial ferries.

The recommendation was a very good one, said the speaker.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation has explained that the system is not feasible on many ferries.

The islands are not suitable for the unskilled cyclist and there is no way to make them safe, said Ruble, and they are not for family cycling or for children, although some islands are better than others.

He agreed that a group of Grade Five students on bicycles are difficult to control.

"Ideally every person bringing over a group of cyclists to the islands should be properly trained and aware."

INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT

Skills and the careful maintenance of a bicycle are "incredibly important" with the steep island hills, he urged. Potholes in paved roads cause accidents, said the cyclist. Take a diversion, he urged.

The best thing for cyclists is not a cycle path, but a paved shoulder, said the cyclist. He urged that all roads eventually should be provided with a two-foot strip at the shoulder, separated from the main travelled portion of the road by a white line and allocated to bicycles. The cost is minimal, far less than for any other cycling facility.

"Cycle paths cause accidents," he told the council meeting. "They experience a 160% to 400% greater accident rate."

The cyclist who shows little regard for the rules of the road has even less regard when he uses a cycle path, explained Ruble.

Gordon Wallace suggested that if the cyclists cannot be held aboard the ferries until cars have been

unloaded, then they could be held at the terminal while the motor traffic passes them.

If islands roads are unsuitable for young cyclists, what of the resident youthful cyclist, asked Bev Unger.

They should be receiving some instruction in cycle safety, suggested Ruble.

SPEED OF CYCLISTS

What speed is attained by bicycle riders, enquired a trustee.

Riding downhill a bicycle can reach 50 mph, replied the professional cyclist. He estimated normal maximum speed on the

islands would be around 20 to 30 kph.

The ferry corporation is pressing the government to charge for cyclists on the ferries, commented John Rich.

They should charge, agreed Ruble.

"But we want something for it!"

In conclusion, the bicycle should be treated as a vehicle, urged Ruble, and the rider should be required to comply with the rules and regulations governing traffic.

Nick Gilbert moved that the Trust council either produce a pamphlet on cycling in safety or encourage the provincial government to do so. He also asked that the highways ministry pave a two-foot shoulder for cyclists every time they pave or repair a road on the islands. His final plea was for the erection of adequate warning signs.

After a brief exchange Gilbert withdrew his motion and offered it as three separate resolutions.

He asked the highways to consider paving a two-foot strip when paving was undertaken. After some debate the motion was defeated.

Ron Thompson found no support for the proposal to pass on the gist of the Ruble message to the ministry of highways.

John Rich moved the tabling of the motion.

The bicycle question was finally sent to committee for further study.

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Watersheds and preservation

The new Fulford school is in a watershed zone and the work almost started has wholly stopped.

The circumstances leading to a contretemps of this nature are less significant than the course of action to be followed. What must be done?

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee has already initiated a bylaw to permit the construction of public schools within the Stowell Lake watershed. If the bylaw gains public approval, the project will go on.

The procedure brings up two new considerations.

The protection afforded watersheds is solely to safeguard water supplies. It is a protection which is offered at some cost to the owner of the land insofar as it prohibits a more extensive use of the property. In addition, the protection afforded those lands draining into lakes should be no less sacred in face of public use than when challenged by private owners.

If Stowell Lake were St. Mary Lake, trustees of the Islands Trust would be even now contemplating more stringent controls on the use and development of watershed land. But as Stowell Lake falls into another category, the present action of the Trust implies that this lake should, perhaps, not be afforded protection.

The lake is not used extensively as a source of domestic water because it is polluted. It is strange to introduce legislative measures to protect contaminated water from contamination. The people of Salt Spring Island should seek a re-evaluation of Stowell Lake. Is it unsuitable for drinking water? Is it beyond recovery? Will it ever be sought as a source of potable water?

If the lake is destined to be let out of the back door when potable water is debated, then its watershed should be abandoned. If it is destined to be cleaned up and converted to a source of domestic water, then a school is unthinkable in its vicinity.

This pattern of thinking leads to further examination. If the watershed around Stowell Lake is meaningless, then are there other protected areas similarly without meaning? On an island as conscious of water supplies as is Salt Spring Island it has been the recent policy of administrations to take every possible precautionary measure against pollution of water supplies and potential water supplies. But these measures become an imposition on the owner of affected property if they are of little value.

Another and a very serious implication is the effect of the restrictions on commercial or private land. If Stowell Lake is considered a source of potable water, as it has been in the past, and if the introduction of a school into the watershed is not injurious, then how could the Islands Trust refuse the application of Mary Williamson to use a property bordering on the watershed for a take-out food service?

The blundering over zoning of a school site is a problem for the local administrations. The implications of any action which might be taken is of greater consequence than the simple error leading to it.

It appears likely that the zoning and the Salt Spring Island community plan will be amended.

It appears inevitable that the policy of the Trust relating to Salt Spring Island water sources and the philosophy of the Trust in this regard must be examined and evaluated. Above all, it appears that the protection of a watershed at Stowell Lake must be examined to ensure that it serves a useful purpose and protects any part of the community.

The problems of the Ganges school complex and its discharges did not exist when the first school was constructed. The offensive discharge of effluent has been aggravated by growth: growth of the school and of the community. At what point will the Stowell Lake school be presenting a like problem to the people of Beaver Point Road?

The deep concerns of the Gulf Islands School Board over the need to go ahead as quickly as possible with the new school are understandable. The eagerness of the trustees of the Islands Trust to co-operate to the full are commendable. But the action contemplated and its wide ramifications must be clearly understood and they must be examined in detail and explained.



Letters to the Editor

Why buy lot without checking zoning?

Sir,
As a parent living within the area affected by the new Fulford School site, I feel compelled to comment on the situation which has just now "come to light". (Driftwood, June 1, 1983).

It is inconceivable to me that anyone of minimal competence could have allowed this situation to happen. I am sure that most property owners on Salt Spring take the trouble to find out the zoning of their property, before purchasing, in order to be aware of what they are allowed to construct. That a School Board could authorize the purchase of a site and the construction of a building costing over \$1 million without caring about the zoning, is outrageous.

Why did the real estate company who sold the property not inform the School Board of the status of the land? Surely they knew it was intended for a school.

No confidence in school boards

Sir,
What does the School Board mean when it says it didn't know this property was questionable.

I was there when parents expressed their concerns to the Board in April of last year.

I followed the meeting in May of last year when taxpayers met with the South-end representative about this issue. In last year's election Mrs. Ripley's campaign was based on this issue.

Any business would demand, and get, resignations for such incompetence.

The members involved, if they have any integrity left, should resign. I repeat, I have no confidence in School Boards.

SUZANNE MADDISON,
Fulford-Ganges Rd.

June, 1983

Why did the School Board buy the lot without checking the zoning? Zoning maps and regulations are all easily accessible to the public. How long would it have taken to check them out?

Why did the School Board ignore information it received last year that the school was slated for a site within the watershed area? And, on becoming aware of the zoning situation, why did they assume that the lot could be rezoned so easily?

Why does the School Board apparently fail to recognize the importance of watershed zoning—reacting as though zoning is a matter of mere paperwork.

unrelated to the physical situation?

Why has the School Board never authorized a proper study to be done on this site? Deterioration of the watershed is not a matter of zoning or of public opinion. Only a comprehensive study can predict the effect that a school population of 180 could have in this area.

Surely, as elected officials, it is the duty of the School Board to look out for the interests of those whom they represent, to be aggressive in obtaining the facts and communicating them to the public.
PAT SWIFT,
R.R.1 Fulford Harbour.
June 6, 1983.

Errors noted in school story

Sir,
In your front page article (June 1) your reporter has made serious errors of fact which I cannot let slip by.

The stream which crosses through the new school site - at the corner of Beaver Point Road and Stewart Road - flows into Stowell Lake, not Weston Lake. (I have walked this stream from the school site to where it flows into Stowell Lake).

Stowell Lake is not considered as a potable water source due to its high coliform bacteria level. Indeed, residents who live by the lake and once did use it as a drinking water source, have had to resort to drilled wells.

To your credit of good reporting and good research, you are correct in stating that the new site is in a W2 zone. In this case the watershed is considered to be part of both Stowell and Weston Lakes. The "Parents Association" of Fulford, who had many meetings (of which I attended several) about the new school site, and who were instrumental for the choice of site location and design of the new school, were aware of the watershed problem and discussed it at some length.

Consequently this problem was

checked into and the Parents Association was informed, eventually, that the new site was approvable by Engineers and the Health Board.

I am not certain how your newspaper formed the opinion of "widespread disapproval" of this new building site but the Fulford Parents Association meetings (to my knowledge the most public meetings held on the new Fulford school) met with "widespread approval" of the site. That is, they voted a majority approval of the site.

I can appreciate the problems in journalism today of attempting to sort out fact from fiction, but errors such as those talked about above can cause a great deal of dissension and possible loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars, in an era where we can little afford either.

Please sir, I enjoy reading your newspaper, but make me feel more secure in using it as a chief source of public knowledge and information of the Gulf Islands by making the reporting more accurate.

ROBERT ANDREW,
Fulford Harbour.
June 6, 1983.

More Letters to the Editor

School site sad state of affairs

Sir,
I am perplexed! I've come to the conclusion that we have too much government and none of our representatives know just what is what.

For instance, the land in the Fulford Valley was bought in the late 1940's for a school. In 1950 it was decided to consolidate all schools in Ganges. The land in the Fulford Valley at that time cost \$3,000. Cattle were allowed to graze.

A very short while ago the same land was bought by the Fire Department for \$60,000. It took very little space. Now I realize that the school board bought it, yet don't the school properties and the Fire Department property belong to the taxpayer? Without tax money, nothing can be bought. Why can't those same taxpayers utilize the unused land behind the Fire Hall for a recreation site.

I do think though we should become more community-minded and do things ourselves. Up to the latter years it was ever thus. Unfortunately, it is left to the caring few and it is unfair.

Some things have to be paid for, of course, but labour should be

given freely. The taxpayer pays enough. When the Beaver Point school was decided, the Fulford property was cast aside as being too low and wet. Yet look what it cost the same taxpayers for the new site so far — \$200,000!!!

Now who is responsible for it being on a watershed property. Is it

the buyer or the seller? It's such a sad state of affairs regardless, and such a waste of time, money and effort. No wonder folks are perplexed!

ELIZABETH DANE,
Fulford.
June 6, 1983.

Festival one of the best

Sir,
Now that life has resumed its normal course, the Women's Place would like to extend its thanks to all who made the Festival weekend one of the best.

Thanks to the three schools for the loan of equipment, to Foxglove and the Community Centre. Also to the Farmers' Institute, the food vendors, and the daycare crew.

Special thanks to Wilf Davies for the sound system, piano and expertise. Thank you to our contributing artists, performers, workshop leaders, volunteers who helped us with setting up and to the hundreds of participants who made the weekend truly worthwhile.

See you at the next one!
ANNO DELANEY,
Steering Committee.
June, 1983.

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Sir,
We would like to thank everyone who helped us raise money for the gerbil cage. Many children donated pictures and many people bought those pictures.

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MRS. MAGNUSON'S GRADE 2 CLASS,
Salt Spring Elementary School.
June, 1983.



Bill Webster

Losers will be the real winners

The situation may not be entirely coincidental but have you noticed the Tory frivolity planned for Ottawa falls on the same day as the fun and games on Salt Spring?

Both events feature contestants attempting to walk on water although the odds favour islanders not to get all wet.

High River Joe has the opportunity to prove he is the leader of all the Tories, except for the throngs which oppose him. Polls indicate the former prime minister goes into the fray with about 35% of the party behind him. But then again, Tory leaders are unique in not liking the party to be behind them. In such cases, the blue serge begins to resemble a sieve.

Only in Canada, you say? Yes folks, only in Canada does the party leader on the right lead from the rear. It's much safer that way.

When Joe was the leader and Pierre of the One Finger caused consternation in the crowds, pollsters could not find much difference between the Grits and the Tories.

When Joe stepped aside to contest his own leadership, the odds tipped dramatically in the blue favour. Could the Canadian electorate be trying to tell him something?

Meanwhile Brian of Baie Comeau jouses jauntily while John of St. John jokes generally.

And despite the efforts of Amway, the remainder will fall behind. Peter Pocklington, the

through on soapy votes but he lacks the touch to make things final.

The race, it would seem, is three-laned and the likelihood of a High River Joe coming out of the pack this time around to take the cake is remote.

Convention organizers were going to start a countdown but realized the futility of the effort when the only Tory who had a watch that worked proved he couldn't count backwards. The watch, by the way, did not bear a mouse face. The numerals were Roman and both hands were of equal length.

One of the prime reasons for so much Tory inside info to break in this column is that the secrets of the party are not so secret to a man such as Suitcase. He asked and they told him.

When Suitcase came back to the island for the recent blood-letting, he told all in an exclusive interview.

Actually, Louis Bolivar-Finchley and I got him drunk and he blabbed but couldn't remember anything the next morning.

As Suitcase hiccupped through his tale of intrigue, Louis and I took notes.

High River Joe has made a deal with the doorman and the elevator-operator. The doorman won't allow anyone into the convention unless the password is proper. The word is Remember Julius Caesar.

If by chance the wrong people get in, such as those who would

them off at the roof.

B. of B.C. on the other hand has prepared an extensive wiretap system. All the phones in the place will go through the switchboard at his headquarters. That way, his crowd will know exactly what the other crowd knows and no one will be the wiser.

John of St. John will confuse everyone by issuing orders in Newfie. He figures that if Joe and B. of B.C. both can speak both French and English, he will be able to pass messages in the tongue of the codhoppers. The jokes on them, says J. of St. J.

Suitcase maintains that the earlier episodes of teenybopper and rubby Tories as delegates was only the beginning. As the week unwinds, more nasty deed will hit the light.

Pocklington will press the flesh and say, "Vote for me. I'm Wayne's boss."

David Crombie will say, "What a nice kneecap you have."

Michael Wilson will say, "I'm above all that."

John Gamble will merely grumble.

When the final tally comes, on the fourth or 10th ballot, the big three will face their moment of truth.

History will record that the ones who lose will be the real winners. The winner has to contend, not with the Grits or the electors of Canada, but with the Tory party.

But B. of B.C. will speak victoriously. Any takers?

Comparison of school sites

Sir,
I became interested in the Fulford School site on April 28, 1982, during a school board meeting when the public had been given information which proved to be inaccurate, and we were not allowed to know which sites had been considered. I investigated on my own and discovered:

1. Site was purchased for \$98,500 from Salt Spring Lands.

2. It was more expensive, not less, as we had been told by School Board Chairman.

3. Bob Akerman had offered a site for \$90,000 (this land could be fully utilized - not 3 1/2 out of 5 acres).

4. Mr. Akerman also offered additional property for expansion purposes (partly waterfront) for another \$90,000.

5. This adjoins Drummond Park which has a developed playground.

6. Water was available and perc tests had been done. (Not so on the Stewart Road site as we were informed by the Board).

7. After checking both sites personally, I deducted the Stewart Road site to be very rough terrain, with a creek running through the property and the ravine to be very deep in some places.

8. Where the creek entered Stowell Lake, there was a spawning ground. The water also connected with Weston Lake. Future growth of Fulford will probably depend on these lakes for water. Spawning was confirmed by the Ministry of Environment.

9. It appeared that many answers re: water, septic, environment, building permit should have been found before purchase of the property.

10. The choice of site has astounded many Islanders, questions at the time received the response that the Akerman property was in ALR. However, Section 20 Subsection II of Schedule B from the Land Commission showed we could apply to "use the subject property for non-farm purposes within the ALR plan" a special section for special uses - churches, schools or hospitals.

It did not have to be removed from ALR. It was explained that each application would be judged on its own merits and considered by the Board at the Land Commission Office.

11. I found it difficult to understand how Watershed zoning could be changed. It is my understanding that the original owner had applied for rezoning in order to subdivide and had been turned down. Our then Islands Trust representative assured me it was alright to build the school there.

12. I questioned the flight path

over the Akerman property and it appears that it is a safe distance from the Akerman property, however I am requesting maps at this time which will indicate if this is correct.

13. Copies of this information had been delivered to School Board Trustees, the minister of education, and others who required it. These points were covered at a special meeting Thursday, June 10, 1982 in Nan's Coffee Bar, attended by trustees, Strick Aust and Charles Hingston, chaired by David Eyles and attended by interested parents and our CRD representative.

Mrs. Valcourt expressed serious concerns about the possible pollution of Stowell Lake, as did Eric Donnelly and others present.

The subject was raised once again at the All Candidates Meeting for School Trustees in Fulford Harbour.

It would appear that Salt Spring Island has another expensive goal on their hands.

Had the trustees listened last November, perhaps a reasonable solution could have been found at that time.

JUDY RIPLEY,
Box 395,
Ganges.
June 6, 1983.

Note: Why was it necessary to sell the original site to SSI Fire Protection District for \$31,500 for four acres of land? This is less than one-third of the cost of the Stewart Road site.

Precedent for more development

Sir,
Shortly after the Fulford Elementary School has been constructed in the watershed of Stowell Lake, the community will discover the need for a Fulford Sewer. This could be linked to the Village of Fulford which is overcrowded and has soil that is not suitable for the number of septic fields in use.

Since the school will have an impact on the environment equivalent to a condominium project housing 180 people, then one may see the rezoning as a precedent for more development of this type.

PHILLIP SWIFT,
R.R.1 Fulford Harbour.
June 5, 1983.

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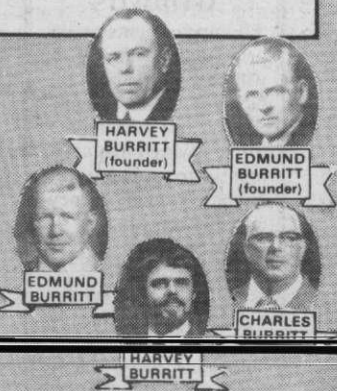
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Opposed to road linking subdivisions

Sir,
It has recently come to our attention through rumour and articles in the *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, that a group of people are petitioning for a road linking Mt. Belcher Heights and Donore subdivisions. As this concerns our property, we are extremely upset that discussions and meetings should occur without the consideration of informing us.

As in previous discussions regarding this matter, held several years ago, we are still completely opposed to the idea. First of all, Donore is a cul-de-sac styled subdivision, quiet, without through traffic, and the people who purchased property in Donore did so because of this. Secondly, a through road cutting the property would completely ruin it.

To contradict the request by people in Mt. Belcher Heights, may we point out a few facts. They purchased property knowing the road leading to it. I am aware that the road does not meet highway specifications but the Department of Highways did pass it! The roads in Donore, on the other hand, were constructed strictly to specifications.

One section of Cudmore Drive does not lie where the maps indicate

Bored with outpourings

Sir,
I have just read the latest chapter in Charles Gardner's serial about the Galiano Golf Club. It continues to be an obsession with him, even though he has left our shores, presumably to harass the unsuspecting residents of White Rock.

He does not seem to understand that the primary function of Golf Clubs, whether public or private, is to provide golfing facilities. They are not to my knowledge neighbourhood pubs which happen to have a golf course outside their back doors.

Any member of the public who plays golf at Galiano automatically becomes a member of the club for the day, with full access to its social, or in Gardner's words, "neighbourhood pub" amenities.

The rest of his diatribe with its stupid political overtones is not worthy of reply.

I for one am getting bored with these bilious weekly outpourings and would suggest that now that Gardner is head-quartered in White Rock, he should turn his attention to converting the Peace Portal and Hazlemere Golf Clubs into neighbourhood pubs!

PETER DARLING,
R. R. 1, Galiano Island,
May 30, 1983.

its location and this same piece of "illegal" road has been hard surfaced by the government! We question this??

During snowy weather, we know of next to no days during which Cudmore Drive has been closed. It is always one of the first to be graded and sanded if snow or ice do occur, where Donore Drive often waits a day or more before being cleared. On occasion we have cleared parts of Donore Drive ourselves in order that we and other residents may use it.

Lastly, we have indicated on several occasions that if an

emergency should occur, people are welcome to go through our property if need be.

We have sent a similar letter to the Honourable Alex Fraser with copies to the Honourable Hugh Curtis and the Islands Trust requesting consideration of this matter which has upset us considerably especially in regard to the manner with which it has been dealt.

**JEAN L. BARNES,
LESLIE QUESNEL,
LARRY QUESNEL,**
Ganges.
June 1, 1983.

Blood donors thanked

Sir,
On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross and the Salt Spring Island Branch, the Royal Canadian Legion, I thank the 208 members of our community for offering their blood at the clinic on May 30, 1983 were accepted as donors.

Our thanks to the island businesses and organizations who helped us advertise this clinic. A special thanks to *Driftwood* for its

Some don't realize dangers

Sir,
I noted with much interest the letter by Mr. Nicholson to your paper on the problem of dogs in the back of pick-up trucks. The Salt Spring Island Auxiliary is quite independent of the Victoria Branch and it is nice to see their recognition of problems and their efforts to inform the public.

The Motor Vehicle Act legislates against animals riding unprotected on vehicles. The wording is not as specific as we would like, but still people can be warned and charged by the RCMP. Their co-operation in taking action on this is greatly appreciated. Some people just can't realize the dangers involved and the existence of the law to protect the animals.

Our thanks to your paper for making this information available to the public.

JOSEPH F. HEALD,
Secretary-Manager,
June 1, 1983.

continued support of the important public service. A tip of our hat to Bill Webster and his two friends, Louis Bolivar-Finchley and Suitcase, for their support.

Our congratulations to the the Gulf Islands Secondary School Grads '83 and the RCMP for winning the Past-President's Trophy. The Grad 83 set a new record of 50 for the grads of 1984 to try for. The trophy will be presented to the winners at 8 pm, June 13 at the Legion Hall.

We are most grateful to everybody who found the time to attend the clinic.

We of the Legion consider it a privilege to support the important public service. My personal thanks to the members of the branch and the Ladies' Auxiliary for their wonderful support.

PETER BINGHAM,
Chairman,
Blood Clinic Committee.
May 31, 1983.

Generous donation

Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity to use your newspaper to publicly thank the board of Governors of the Salt Spring Sea Capers for their generous donation towards the Islands Farmers' Institute Fall Fair Building project.

Their financial support will be felt over the years by the many community groups who use the facility.

A. GEAR,
Chairman,
Islands Farmers' Institute.
June, 1983.

More letters to the editor

Every person a kind of artist

Sir,
"Creative people take risks, question what other people take for granted, and look at the familiar in brand new way."

All the above characteristics seem to accurately describe those who find themselves residing on Salt Spring Island. Creative people are needed at every level of community affairs.

Norman Lear, TV producer, says it nicely: "Creativity is connected to our ability to draw forth from life itself. However long you're at it, however good you are, always risk blowing it totally; that's the magic, that's where the inspiration lies."

My point in sharing this letter is so that there may be recognition of creativity when we see it in ourselves and others.

In a community which inspires others such as Salt Spring, a clear definition of artist may be found by Meister Eckhart's words: "An artist is not a special kind of person. Every person is a special kind of artist." The potential has been largely hidden by layers of sensible ideas and a belief system.

This is what obscures the recognition that within each one

exists the enormous presence of a hero, namely life itself.

But, the argument is: what can life do about our sewer, the nuclear build-up? Is the artist not present in those directly in touch with these and other projects.

Lear concludes: "The unconscious is always there with the answers slipping you pieces of paper, whispering in your ear. It's comforting to remember that one has a partner that's working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will forever be there."

GARY LUNDY,
R.R. 2, Cranberry Rd.
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Legislation changed

New hunting regulations loom for islands

Hunting and shooting regulations in the islands have been legislated out. After March next year the various controls on hunting and the discharge of firearms which have been imposed in the islands will be cancelled out.

Last weekend the Islands Trust heard a summary of the new firearms regulations.

Chris Dodd, of the Wildlife Branch of the ministry of the environment told the Islands Trust council on Friday that there had been too many acts governing the discharge of firearms and too many people involved.

The new firearms act, enacted in 1982, provides that bylaws adopted under the old act will fall into disuse in March. New regulations must be enacted in each area.

The island trust committees will make recommendations to the Islands Trust on the manner in which hunting and shooting will be controlled.

New bylaws will have to be introduced by the end of the year in order to maintain a continuity, said Dodd.

FIREARMS AND PROPERTY

The Firearms Act in its new form will provide for outright prohibition of the discharge of firearms and the Trespass Act will control the entry on to private land to shoot.

Under the new regulations the Islands Trust will be empowered to pass bylaws controlling the discharge of firearms in much the same manner as has been done in the past.

Areas or whole islands may be restricted from any discharge of firearms. Where this is done the prohibited area must be clearly and readily identified.

A prohibition of shooting within a prescribed distance of a road or building will be acceptable as will other restrictive measures.

Dodd explained that there had been three separate laws controlling the safe use of firearms under the old legislation and that two ministries were required to approve any restriction on shooting. In addition, the laws did not enable the ministry to discriminate between firearms.

The protection of private property will be undertaken under

the Trespass Act and the property owner will have much improved property rights, said Dodd.

BOWS AND ARROWS

Restrictions on the use of bows and arrows have no legislation to support them. There can be no limitations on hunting with bow and arrow, said Dodd.

It was suggested that the Trust could call for a mass closure of the trust area and then open up certain parts.

That could be done, agreed the wildlife spokesman.

Trustees explained that the hazard to island residents and island animals is the main factor for seeking a closure to hunting.

A closure on Sundays was feasible, agreed the wildlife spokesman, but he did not favour a weekend closure.

The hazard to the bystander is

statistically very small, noted Dodd. Hunting accidents almost invariably involve the hunters shooting each other.

John Money felt that a weekend restriction and the use of permits

was the most effective means of getting rid of the illegal hunter.

There will be opportunity for input from local trustees and from islanders before the new regulations are prepared by each island.

SATURNA NEWS

Twice-yearly barbecue

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

The Twice Yearly Grease-Galore Fire Department Pig Barbecue and Annual Queen's Birthday Celebration was a gala affair.

Jonathan Guy roasted the succulent beast to new heights of perfection, the side dishes were a delightful accompaniment and the new coleslaw dressing was a dashing innovation.

Much money was raised for the East Point sub-station and the general coffers. Debbie Graham wishes to thank the community for its support.

Jennifer Guy is having an exhibition of her photography June 7 to July 1 in Victoria. The exhibition is at the Frame of Mind Gallery on Yates Street between Douglas and Broad.

May 29 was Sports Day. This year it was held on Pender Island. Alfred Reynolds piloted the school kids and teachers in the *Ministic* and Dave Jack took the parents on his boat. The weather was perfect—overcast and warm.

Pender, Mayne and Saturna schools participated. The children who won in their age categories were competing with children from all three schools.

Aaron Money won first in the five-year old boys' division (he won 11 ribbons), Nicole Graham won first for eight-year-old girls, Faedra Campbell won first for nine-year-old girls and Genni Guy won first for 10-year-old girls. After age 10

the kids get medals donated by the Legion: gold, silver and bronze.

Wesley Paulin won a gold medal for competing in the 11-year-old boys' category, Clifford Crooks got a bronze medal for his efforts, Ian Gaines won a silver medal for 12-year-old boys and Christine Fisker won a gold medal for winning 11 gold ribbons in the 13-year-old girls' category.

While cheering and retrieving baseballs, consoling and sorting out firsts, seconds, thirds in photo finishes, I noticed what a distinctive looking lot island parents are—distinctive and enthusiastic. We adults had a good time, the kids competed hard and those who aren't all that interested in sports gave a spirited effort.

Jon and Jennifer Guy's mother, Eileen, is visiting from Guadalajara, Mexico. She has been very busy as she is a skilled garden weeder and an able tent caterpillar executioner. Michie, Genni and Jesse are very much enjoying the company and loving largesse that grandmothers often provide.

Jane Robertson is expecting her daughter to come and visit any day. She broke her ankle and has a rowdy two-year-old to care for.

Elizabeth Bray, our school trustee, has been elected vice-chairman of the school board.

There isn't too much news lately, as everybody is busy in the garden.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Events and activities to be published here must be submitted in writing to the Driftwood office by 3 pm on the Monday preceding publication. No listings will be accepted over the telephone.

B.C. HISTORICAL Association meeting, Gulf Islands branch, Thurs., June 9, 1:30 pm, Community Hall, Saturna Is. Speaker: Mrs. Maier, Galiano, expert on Esperanto.

PENDER ISLAND

BABY CLINIC Wed., June 8, 1:30-2:30, Medical Centre.

"WAR WITHOUT WINNERS" Thurs., June 9, 7:30 pm. Film shown by Penders anti-nuclear committee. Legion.

PHILOSOPHY CLUB - Fri., June 10, 8 pm, Bill Brummelkamp, host.

FILM CLUB MEETING Sat. June 11, 8:30 pm, Adamson home.

LIBRARIANS meet at Library 12 noon, Tues., June 14.

GALIANO ISLAND

MONTHLY BOOK SALE Sat., June 18, Fire Hall, Women's Auxiliary, Fire Dept. 2-4 pm.

ST. MARGARET'S THRIFT Shop open Fri. & Sat., 10-12 noon.

LADIES SERVICE CLUB Mon., June 13, 2 pm, Josie Newton's home, Cayzer Road.

GEMINI DANCE - 2 rockabilly bands, June 11, 9 pm, Galiano Community Hall. \$5.

SALT SPRING ISLAND

CAMERA CLUB meeting, Central, Wed., June 8, 7:30 pm.

CANNED GOODS gratefully received for the Food Bank, Community Centre.

CAC EXECUTIVE meeting, Mon., June 13, 7:30 pm, Mahon Hall.

CAMERA CLUB FIELD TRIP Thurs., June 16—8 am Fulford ferry.

SSI BUDDHIST CENTRE teaching by Lama Chochi Nyima—suitable to general public as well as regular students. Sat., June 11, 7-9 pm; Sun., June 12 2:30-4:30 regular meditation, 7-8:30 Chenrazi med.; 8:30-?? discussion. 170 Reid Rd., 537-2943 for info. Presented by Kagyu Yontan Gyamtso.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT Wed., June 8, Activity Centre, 7:30 pm. S.S. Elementary, Gr. 6 & 7 bands, G.I. Secondary Concert & Stage bands.



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Jim Woods retires after 20 years with highways at Salt Spring

A party was held at the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club last week to honour the retirement of long-time highways department crewman, Jim Woods.

Woods has worked for the department of highways for 20 years on Salt Spring Island. Before he began his long career with highways, Woods served in the Canadian army and was engaged in logging and trucking operations.

Master of ceremonies at the party

was Salt Spring highways supervisor Ken Stevens. Woods was presented with a drill press from his colleagues and reminiscences were numerous throughout the evening.

Dinner was served by Kanaka Place and music and dancing followed.

Woods and his wife Ruth plan to remain at their home on Booth Canal Road where he will pursue his hobbies of gardening, woodworking and fishing. He plans to travel to visit friends and relations in his retirement.

Retirement date is June 16.

Out-of-town relatives at the party included his sister, Gladys Jenkins, daughter Janet and husband Frank Waterfall along with their two children, Sarah and Ronda. Ruth's daughter Shirley and husband Dale Quien were also present.

Jim's three nieces were also present at the gathering. They are Vicki Walker, Lori Koloyeki and Debbie Meldrum.

His brother Bob Woods was at the party along with Judy Ripley, John and Mary Inglin, Joe and Jean Rozzano, Frank Keoppel, Jim Rooke, Jack Taylor and Charlie and Joan Buckley.

Out-of-town visitors were Hector and Joan Gerow, union representative Lloyd Thorpe and wife Linda, Paul and Pat Hallmore from Dicks Gradall, Herb and Mary Winfield and Linda and Dave Stacey. Woods received telegrams from Larry and Shirley Anderson and from Harry and Anne Linnton.

Gulf Island crews at the party were Wally Bradley, Norris Amies, Wilbur Deacon and John and Ann

Linnton.

Gulf Island crews at the party were Wally Bradley, Norris Amies, Wilbur Deacon and John and Mary Stepanuik.

Many roads were built and much snow was plowed before the party broke up at 2 am.

Artcraft reception June 23

A reception and preview of Artcraft for members of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council and their guests will be held at 8 pm Wednesday, June 23 in Mahon Hall. The show and sale opens for the summer the following day, June 24, at 11 am.

Last year more than 300 CAC members attended the preview reception to view the works of the more than 150 island craftspeople.

A special feature of this year's preview will be the awarding of a door prize — a limited edition framed print donated by Mayne Island artist Joyce Mitchell.

"Already we have 150 registered entries for the show," Artcraft manager Marilyn Strongitharm said, "and we expect it will be close to 200 by the time the show opens."

Trustees see monotony in annual report on shellfish

When Islands Trust members debated red tide last week they showed no firm confidence in reports issued by the senior governments.

Driftwood had a story on pollution of the Strait of Georgia, reported Bev Unger.

The report was based on the environmental protection agency's new release, commented Chairman Mike Humphries. The report comes out every year at this time, he added.

The announcement this year was word-for-word exactly the same as last year, reported Gordon Wallace.

John Rich suggested caution in taking that attitude towards the environment ministry's releases. In one instance the examination of the flesh of shell fish from Nelson Island had shown signs of lethal doses.

The bloom which brings red tide and a lethal shellfish is difficult to

predict, noted the chairman.

There is no antidote to the toxin in red tide and people who have already shown an allergy to bee or wasp stings are the most vulnerable, added Humphries.

Service club marks birthday

The 16th birthday of the Galiano Ladies' Service Club was held recently at the home of Mrs. O. New on Galiano Island.

Mrs. New served a luncheon topped off with a birthday cake, decorated by Dimples Stevens, and Sparkey's home-made ice cream.

The ladies were invited downstairs following coffee and a social for a business discussion in the large rumpus room.

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There are two choices for controlling winter moth

Two items came to my attention this week, and they are directly related to each other.

It is a typical "good news" and "bad news" situation in the classic tradition. However, the "good news" is bad news for the "bad news". So let us get into it.

The May/June issue of *Harrowsmith* magazine carries an article by Dr. Adrian Forsyth about umbelliferae, or umbels, as they are affectionately known by their admirers.

Umbels are a family of wild and cultivated plants characterized by their umbrella-shaped blossom clusters, consisting of hundreds of tiny, shallow blossoms.

The most familiar member of this family is "Queen Anne's Lace", the mother of our carrot. Other members of this family are: angelica, anise, caraway, chervil, coriander, cumin, lovage, and long familiar to my faithful readers, dill, tennel and parsley.

I have long championed their planting in our gardens as part and parcel of natural pest control. My steadfast followers have perhaps seen for themselves and come to understand my wonder and fascination with the veritable clouds of flying insects, both large and

small, dancing in ecstasy over parsley in bloom.

There is a veritable host of beneficial parasitic insects which includes all manner of wasps, flies and mites. All these insects are ravenous hunters of aphids, thrips, mites, worms, grubs, caterpillars and other assorted evils, both in their adult and larva stages.

Dr. Forsyth in his article talks chiefly about the tiny parasitic wasps, which depend on the caterpillar for the proliferation of their kind.

MUST HUNT CATERPILLARS

The tiny female wasp, often only three-sixteenths of an inch long, or even smaller, has to hunt and find caterpillars to deposit her eggs in. She can lay about 200 to 300 eggs in her season, but only lays about 10 eggs per day, to allow for the time and energy-consuming business of hunting and finding caterpillars.

During this exhausting task, she is entirely dependent on nectar for nourishment. Two factors come into play here. Remember, the wasp is very tiny and hence has severe energy limitations. Secondly, she has a truly miniscule proboscis, or tongue, hence only the very shallowest, tiny blossoms are accessible sources of nectar to her. So she depends almost entirely on the umbels as her source of nectar.

With the umbels close at hand, for due to her tiny size she cannot stray far from her source of food, she will hunt tirelessly for caterpillars to assure the survival of her kind. When her eggs hatch into larvae, the caterpillar is their source of food.

That is why I have long advocated the generous interplanting of these aromatic herbs in our gardens, even to the extent of letting parsley go to bloom in its second year, while planting new parsley every year to maintain this cycle.

OTHER SOURCES

Dr. Forsyth also lists black-eyed Susans, the common daisy and golden rod as easily accessible sources of nectar for the tiny parasitic wasp. Other sources are the compositae to which the daisies belong, and the extra floral nectar sources, such as the Jerusalem artichoke and buckwheat, which exude nectar from their leaves or stems.

Paul Syme of the Canadian Forestry Service is cited by Dr. Forsyth for recommending the interplanting of pine plantations with Queen Anne's Lace, buckwheat, milkweed and catnip to

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BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

control the pine shoot moth, a method also practised in orchards in Russia.

And Agriculture Canada has found that wildflower orchards have higher levels of parasitic insects which control codling moth and tent caterpillars.

My favourite common wasp is also a hunter of tent caterpillars as confirmed by my own experience.

Now to the bad news: the winter moth has spread into Vancouver Island from Northern Washington. So far, the Gulf Islands have not been invaded.

TWO CHOICES

We are now faced with two choices. One is to spray with insecticides, repeatedly and indefinitely, which will provide some measure of control, but will also reduce our natural garden pest predators.

The other choice is to provide the best possible support of the natural, local parasitic predator population. The first choice will introduce and require sustained application of poisons into our food chain, as we shall have to battle all the other assorted garden pests with poisons in the absence of their natural

predators.

The second choice will work without poisons, control all the other garden pests, save us a great deal of money, time and effort, result in uncontaminated food and yield our own fresh herbs as well.

This is Dr. Forsyth's choice and

mine as well. Much more may be said about our choice of destructive or constructive methods and their results which now permeate all aspects of our lives, but for now, we shall stick to our safe place, our garden, and do our very best to keep it that way.

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Society will not be charged

An energy sharing bill for use of school facilities went out to the Gulf Islands Gymnastic Society but they didn't want to pay the \$245.

School trustees last week agreed that the bill did not have to be paid.

The secretary of the society, Lynda Jensen, had sent a letter to the school board outlining the group's position. The gymnasts are a non-profit group, she said in the letter, and all money gathered by the group goes to pay instructors or buy equipment.

The original idea of charging users of school facilities a share of the energy costs came about through the budget restraint. Any group made up mainly of school children was not to be charged.

The society teaches more than 75 Gulf Island youngsters how to perform gymnastics. The group is currently applying for status as a non-profit organization under the Societies Act.

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Post office handles 3,000 pieces of mail daily

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

The Ganges post office receives about 3,000 pieces of mail daily and sorting the incoming and outgoing mail keeps postmaster Fred Smidt-Neilsen and his six staff members busy.

Work really begins at 9:30 when the mail truck arrives and incoming mail is received and sorted. It is a long job and takes until 12:30. Then the post office workers return to sorting the outgoing mail in preparation for the Salt Spring Freight's pick-up at 3 pm.

For 20 minutes mail is removed from the freight truck and workers get busy in their designated areas of the 3,100-square-foot building. Rural route employees, hired through contract with the post office, sort all mail before setting out on their routes just before noon.

The first thing to come off the mail truck are the first-class letters and registered mail. The first-class letters take priority and three or four staff attend to the letters. There are an average of 2,500 letters daily. Registered mail is handled by a different employee each month. It arrives in locked bags, each piece of mail stamped with the date of postage and date of arrival in Victoria.

The Ganges post office receives about 15 to 20 pieces of special delivery mail a day. Often, its stamp indicates that it had arrived in Victoria only that morning at 2 am and was shipped out only six hours later.

While three or four sort the letters and one sorts registered mail, one employee looks after the daily average of 300 "flats" or first-class brown envelopes.



Postmaster Fred Smidt-Neilsen keeps busy when the mail arrives.

Hook and North End Roads as well as Sunset Drive. Delivery on this route is done by Millie Sinclair.

Rural route two includes the area south of Ganges—Beddis Road, Cusheon Lake, Old Divide and the Cranberry. Sam Cochrane delivers the mail to the 450 postal addresses.

More recent mailing address is rural route three which serves 485 residents near Ganges. It includes Lower Ganges, Scott, Old Scott and Canal Roads. Mailman on this route is Bob McClure.

"It was my only alternative to lock up the lobby and protect the mail."

Post office workers sort coded mail and uncoded mail into categories. This allows a speedy process at the Victoria post office where coded mail goes straight into the coding machine while uncoded mail is taken by hand and sorted by employees. It takes over a day longer for uncoded pieces of mail to reach their destination, Smidt-Neilsen revealed.

The biggest customers of the Ganges post office are the banks, which have a continuous flow of mail.

The worst time of year for the post office is Christmas, during which time about 6,000 pieces of mail travel through the post office daily.

What seems like the biggest task for the employees? Smidt-Neilsen admits that first off, it's remembering the 6,000 names of islanders and then working with 10,000 names each summer.

There are 3,200 postal addresses served by the Ganges post office.

Vandalism closed lobby

The Ganges post office has 1,300 mail boxes that were always accessible to the public until vandalism ended the unlocked lobby policy of the post office last year.

"I came to work one morning and there was mail strewn through the lobby," Smidt-Neilsen explained.

Parcels number up to 200 a day

Parcels make up 150 to 200 pieces of mail of the daily average. The parcels are numbered and a corresponding ticket number is placed in the recipient's box to inform him of the parcel's arrival.

Magazines are the last to be sorted by the post office employees, except for *T.V. Guide* which, Smidt-Neilsen explains, is a high-demand item. It must go out early Tuesday otherwise the phone starts ringing in his office.

The Ganges mail is quite religious as far as magazines are concerned, Smidt-Neilsen adds. The postmaster says that he's never seen a *Playboy* in the mail, but in contrast, sees many religious publications.

More than half of the mail delivered to Ganges is sent out via the three rural routes.

The largest is rural route one which serves 900 residents living north of Ganges. It covers Robinson, Vesuvius Bay, Walker



Judy Woodcock and Ann Myers are busy sorting first-class letters. Up to 2500 letters are received daily.

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Rolling in the "flats" from the freight truck is Virginia Reynolds. The flats are sorted by Reynolds before they are delivered into the rural route or post office boxes.

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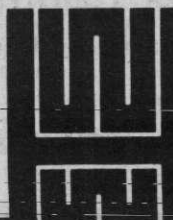


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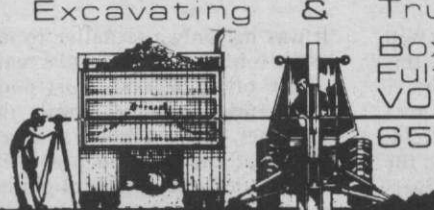


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Riding Club news

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Since April Salt Spring riders have gone on two trail rides, and have held two playdays.

The first trail ride proved to be a little wet. Only four riders went out but two of them turned up from Beaver Point.

The second was quite successful with riders coming from both ends of the island to meet at Walter Luth's place where Walter led us on a ride to include historic Dr. Bryan's farm. Fourteen riders showed up and for some, it lasted over seven hours.

At the first playday eight riders were given instructions on the

various events and told about the trophies to be given out. They were to include tack and horse cleanliness, sportsmanship and most improvement.

The next playday, which was held May 23, showed that a few of the kids had practised.

The results were as follows. Pole bending: first, Jennifer Anderson; second, Bradley Smith; third, Paula Blomly. Barrel racing: first, Becky Smith; second, Jennifer Anderson; third, Bradley Smith.

Quadrangle: first, Bradley Smith; second, Jennifer Anderson; third, Becky Smith. Scurry race: three ties between Jennifer Anderson and

Bradley Smith for first place ended with Jennifer beating Bradley by two tenths of a second with third going to Becky Smith. Obstacle race: first, Bradley Smith; second, Jennifer Anderson; third, Becky Smith. Egg and spoon: The smoothest rider was Caroline Hunt followed by Duncan Magnus with Randy Blomly in third.

We need more riders to show up and challenge our leading riders.

We also had a display at Portlock Park on Fitnic day. We had pictures from past events and interesting activities done with horses. Caroline Hunt brought her mare and foal up to receive lots of petting and grass.

We would like to extend a warm thanks to those drivers who know to slow down when they see horses alongside the road. Riders often have a dog with them and the sound of a horn, screeching brakes or a backfire could end up with disastrous results.

We would like riders who see a driver slow down give a thank you in the form of a smile, nod or wave.

The executive will meet on the first of every month to plan more events. Watch for them in *Driftwood*.

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Safety award presented

Pat Doherty of Salt Spring Island was awarded at a recognition dinner held by the B.C. Ferry Corporation recently in Victoria. Doherty accepted the award for the best

safety record of engineering crews on major vessels. He is the senior engineer on the *Queen of Sidney*. From left are John MacLucas, chairman of the safety committee,

Jim Watson, assistant general manager, Pat Doherty and George Baldwin, general manager of the ferry corporation.

Accepted as policy guide

Regional plan withdrawn by trustees

Regional plan for the Gulf Islands has been withdrawn by the Islands Trust.

It has not been approved by the minister and trustees were confident that the provincial government is unhappy over regional planning. It was, accordingly, recovered, unsigned.

At the weekend Islands Trust council meeting it was noted that six trustees had been opposed to the regional plan when it was compiled. Betty Black, of Bowen, explained that she had been opposed to any suggestion that the local committees would be directed in planning policies by the regional viewpoint.

On Saturday the council approved a motion by John Rich that the regional plan be adopted as

policy of the Trust. The motion ran aground at first when it was worded that it could be interpreted as required reading for trustees.

ACCEPTED

After a modification of the resolution, the plan was accepted as an expression of policy for the general guidance of trust committees.

It no longer commits the general trust to definite policies. This was the earlier objection sounded by Ron Thompson.

Peter Campbell agreed with

99.8% of the regional plan. Was there any thought of a review?

At any time, by the Trust council, said Chairman Mike Humphries.

The regional plan will now be considered the policy of the Trust. It will not be binding on any committee.



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Salt Spring Island Trust Committee REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

At its June meeting the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee will consider a proposed By-law, the effect of which will be to increase the minimum lot sizes on lands zoned Watershed 1 (W1) and Agriculture 2 (A2) to 12 hectares (29.64 acres). The areas affected will be those located in the Saint Mary, Cusheon, Weston and Maxwell watersheds.

The Committee wishes to receive submissions from anyone who supports or opposes the proposed By-law. Submissions may be made in writing to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee (c/o Building Inspection Office, Capital Regional District, Provincial Government Building, Ganges, B.C., V0S 1E0) or verbally at the meeting.

The meeting will be held following a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 1983, at the Activity Centre, Salt Spring Elementary School, Ganges.

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LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Monday, June 13: Inn Team vs Derelicts, L. League; Ganges vs A Team, Hydro; Byron's vs Fulford, Fulford. Wednesday, June 15: Derelicts vs Inn Team, Fulford; A Team vs Ganges, Portlock; Fulford vs Byron's, Little League.

MEN'S FASTBALL LEAGUE: Thursday, June 9: Vesuvius vs Driftwood, Little League. Sunday, June 12: Slugs vs Pender, Little League—double-header. Tuesday, June 14: Driftwood vs Langdons, Fulford.

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1983** at the **ACTIVITY CENTRE**, Salt Spring Elementary School, Ganges, B.C. The agenda of the meeting will include:

- school construction and use in the Stowell Lake watershed
- increase in minimum lot sizes for lands in potable lake watersheds;
- subdivision on Cusheon Creek; and
- policy on applications procedure

M. LEE
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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ISLANDS TRUST Salt Spring Island Trust Committee NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-laws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the **ACTIVITY CENTRE**, Salt Spring Elementary School, Ganges, B.C. on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1983**, commencing at 7:00 pm.

(a) Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 89, cited as "Zoning By-law No. 2, Salt Spring Island, 1978, Amendment By-law No. 6, 1983" is a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 14 as follows:

In general terms the intent of proposed By-law No. 89 is:

- (i) to permit the construction and use of schools in the Watershed 2 (W2) Zone;
- (ii) to designate Lot 1, Plan 36086 and Lot 6, Plan 37489, Section 72, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District as Development Permit areas pursuant to Section 717(3) of the Municipal Act.

(b) Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 90, cited as "Official Community Plan (Salt Spring Island) By-law, 1972, Amendment By-law No. 1, 1983" is a By-law to amend Capital Regional District By-law No. 118, cited as the "Official Community Plan (Electoral Area F—Salt Spring Island)" as follows:

In general terms the intent of By-law No. 90 is to permit the construction and operation of a school in the Stowell Lake watershed.

A copy of the proposed By-laws may be reviewed at the offices of the Capital Regional District, Building Inspection Department, in the Provincial Government Building, Ganges, B.C., during normal working hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive. The proposed By-laws may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust Office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive.

M. LEE,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Meetings once a month

The Gulf Islands School Board will be holding public meetings once a month during the summer.

Trustees will gather in public meetings June 22, July 20 and August 17. The first meeting of the upcoming school year will be on September 7.

Each of the meetings will be held in the school board office in Ganges.

The trustees will meet in committee on June 15, July 6 and August 3. The board will attempt to inform the public of the content of the agenda for the public meetings.

The trustees meet for private talks during the mornings of days with scheduled public meetings. The afternoon sessions are open to the public and normally begin at 1 pm.

First call is cost says minister

First importance is being placed on economising, said the new minister of municipal affairs, William Ritchie, when he addresses the Islands Trust on Friday morning.

His great concern is the cost of government, said Ritchie, "Federal, provincial, municipal and regional."

He will be asking for economics from each and every one charged with the awesome responsibility of spending tax dollars. This has been forgotten in the past, suggested the minister.

"But being a canny Scot, I can assure you it will be of great importance to me."

He will be looking to the Islands Trust, the regional district and the municipalities to help him, said the minister, because they understand the problems.

"I shall be keeping in mind the people that you represent," he told the trustees, "and I expect you to keep in mind my responsibilities."

PENDER GOLF CLUB

Members enjoying season

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The Pender Islands Golf Club members are enjoying an active season. All last winter they and friends have enjoyed a dinner and dance in the new clubhouse once a month. Tickets are always sold out long ahead. The money raised will pay for some necessary amenities such as dishes and curtains and the many miscellaneous items that are necessary for smooth functioning at social events.

Clean-up day started the season on May 16 with members levelling the ground, piling brush, painting markers, putting in new flags and, after all the hard work, enjoying a bountiful pot-luck dinner. Of course, a great deal of volunteer work has gone into the building which is a handsome addition to the Golf Course and to Pender Island. Also, a lot of work has been done on the course in the past two years in drainage, making an attractive little lake where the old clubhouse once stood.

On Thursday, June 16, the Pender ladies will take part in a fun tournament at Ardmore Golf Course at Sidney.

On Sunday, June 19, the tournament for the Clarke Trophy will be played, 18 holes, mixed two-ball foursome.

Islanders play crib

When five Salt Spring Islanders travelled to Chemainus on the last Sunday of May to enter the Legion's crib tournament, two returned home with a jackpot.

Julie and Blaine Matthews, Jean Blatter and Jim and Dolores Bird went to Vancouver Island to play.

All who attended played 20 games of crib.

Third in the tournament were Jim and Dolores Bird, who won a jackpot of \$20.80.



Don Keating, president of Pender Islands Golf Club is seen on the stairs from the clubhouse, which is now in use.

Driftwood photos by Valerie Richards

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Saturna Island	Community Hall, Monday, June 20, 1983	1330 hrs.
N & S Pender Is.	School Community Hall, Monday, June 20, 1983	1530 hrs.
Salt Spring Island	Activity Centre, Ganges Elem. School, Mon., June 27, 1983	2000 hrs.
Mayne Island	Medical Centre, Thursday, June 30, 1983	1300 hrs.
Galiano Island	Community Hall, Thursday, June 30, 1983	1530 hrs.

AGENDA

1. To receive the President's Report
2. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1983
3. To receive various reports
4. To elect 4 members to the Board of Directors: 3 members from Salt Spring Island and 1 member from Galiano Island
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Any other business that may come from the meeting

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Applications will be made available prior to the Call to Order of the Annual Meeting. Applications are currently available at Greenwood's office.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

- (a) Members who have paid \$1.00 for membership during the year 1982 to June 20/30, 1983, as applicable.
- (b) Any person not owning property on the Gulf Islands and not currently being an Annual Member but who desires to be an ANNUAL MEMBER and vote at the 1983 Annual Meeting must make application one month before said meeting and should apply to the Administrator, The Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society, Ganges, B.C. Annual Meetings will be held between June 20 and June 30, 1983. The membership fee is \$1.00.

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Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Peace movement fund-raiser

Family fitnic and old-fashioned social was held last weekend at Portlock Park on Salt Spring Island to raise funds for nuclear disarmament and Women For peace committees. In photo Louise

Beijk stands by information booth with Damien Vezerian. Day included sale of home baking and refreshments, fun runs, Salty Sweat's workouts and other events.

Firm selected for study

The engineering firm of Underwood-McLellan, of Burnaby, was selected to study the sewage disposal problems in Ganges but no firm dollar figure or completion date was part of the proposal.

The choice made by the Ganges Citizens' Committee Tuesday goes to the Capital Regional Board for final approval.

The firm has done studies of the Ganges situation previously, having made recommendations for Lady Minto Hospital on its sewage problems.

In the current proposal to study the problem and recommend solutions, Underwood-McLellan set a price tag of \$10,000 for work up to the third week in July.

The proposal noted, "Our experience on projects similar to Ganges has shown that reliable conclusions cannot be reached in the time period demanded by the terms of reference."

A completion date of August 15 had been set by the CRD board when it approved the terms of reference for the engineering study as set by the local group.

Underwood-McLellan are asking for a mid-October deadline.

The study is unique to B.C., notes the proposal and makes "fee estimating extremely difficult and potentially misleading."

The firm said it would work within the final budget limitations as set by the CRD to produce a complete report for use in the political decision which must be made.

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Buddhist teacher to be visitor

A Buddhist teacher is to become a regular visitor to Salt Spring Island. Lama Chochi Nyima, translator and disciple of the Venerable Kalu Rinpoche, will travel to the island every two weeks from Vancouver.

He is resident spiritual leader for the Vancouver-based parent group of the Mt. Tuam Retreat.

His duties will include a trip up Mt. Tuam to assist Lama Drupju in the three-year, three-month retreat that began last July.

Four men and four women are taking part in the retreat.

Lama Chochi will later go to the Buddhist centre on Reid Road where, beginning this Saturday, he will give a course of teachings and meditation instruction in the Buddhist faith. The course will run four months.

Born Richard Barren in 1952, Lama Chochi left his hometown of Toronto at the age of 15. Two years later he entered the University of B.C. to study in the religious and Asian studies department. There he met a senior Tibetan tantric master, the Venerable Kalu Rinpoche, who had just established a formal Buddhist centre in Vancouver.

Lama Chochi took up residence

at the centre and soon after took his monk's vows, completing his preliminary training and learning Sanskrit and Tibetan.

In 1976 he and Lama Drupju entered the first three-year, three-month retreat in the western hemisphere.

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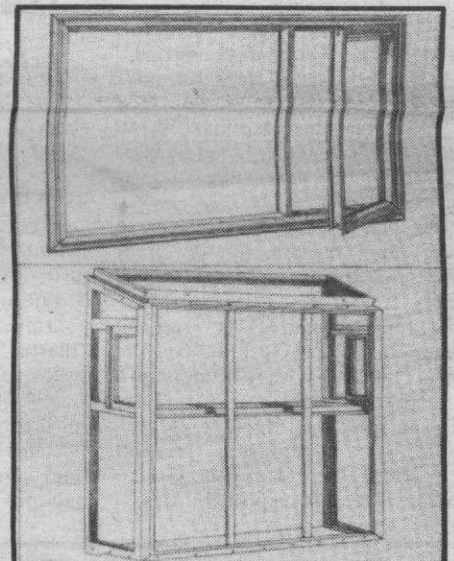
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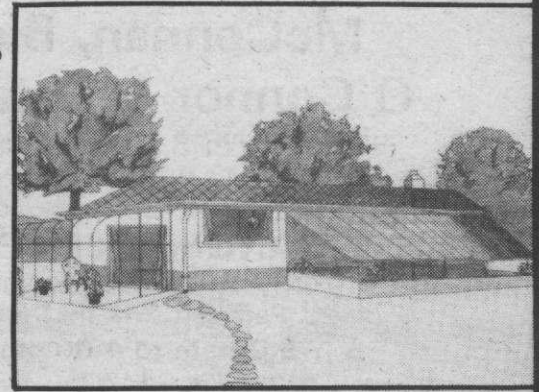


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