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Trust rejects zoning change for school

Trustees to discuss school Wednesday

The future of the abandoned Fulford school site will be decided by the school board at a meeting in Ganges today (Wednesday).

Board chairman Charles Hingston explained Monday that the property could either be traded or it could be used as a golf course, among other permitted uses.

The major concern of the school board at present, said Hingston, is providing adequate space for Salt Spring Island school children during the next two to three years. The Fulford school was expected to have lightened the burden for the Ganges school by 1984 but since construction came to a halt three weeks ago and new property must be acquired by the board, delay in

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Stowe Lake, not Stowell, surveyor tells hearing

The public hearing held last Wednesday night at Ganges heard the real story behind Stowell Lake.

According to Beaver Point resident and land surveyor Phil Swift, Stowell Lake is a lake that once belonged to Mr. Stowe.

At a lighter moment during last week's three-hour debate over the rezoning of the Fulford school site, the surveyor informed the meeting that it wasn't the Stowell Lake watershed that was being debated but the Stowe Lake watershed.

In 1875, land surveyor Ashdown Henry Green surveyed the south end lake and referred to the area as that of Stowe's Lake and Stowe's garden.

In future draughts of the original survey, errors included adding an "L" to Stowe and then adopting another "L" from "lake" to make the present-day spelling.

"In respect to our predecessors who cleared this land by the sweat of their brows, I desire to erase the errors with the stroke of a pen," Swift told the hearing.

"For me," Swift added, "the lake has been Stowe Lake for some time. I hope that it will also become Stowe Lake for you."



Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards

Party brings out mad hats

The maddest hats came out when the IODE mad hatter's coffee party was held at the home of Mrs. P.G. James at Vesuvius last week. Amidst the colourful gardens of the

James residence, hats emerged, bright, big and beautiful, including this one worn by Margaret Mather. Story, Page 8.

Trust gives green light to two rezoning applications at Galiano

Speaker after speaker met with applause at Galiano on Friday evening when a public hearing enquired into the rezoning of a property in the village centre. The hearing also established that the community plan's vision of a village centre was away down the road from Sturdies Bay, where planners have consistently assumed the village to be located.

Two applications for rezoning were considered at the Islands Trust hearing in the South End Community Hall.

The establishment of a produce

market and feed store opposite the Corner Store was the contentious issue. Majority of speakers favoured the rezoning on the grounds that the applicant, Lony Rockafella, was proposing a service which would be invaluable to farmers and horsemen and that his past merchandising practices had offered feed at mainland prices.

Opponents of the plan cited the benefits derived from zoning changes of residential land against the purchase price of commercial property. Ron Minette, of the Corner Store, told the hearing that

Following a heated and sometimes light-hearted debate last Wednesday night, the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee rejected the school district's application for rezoning the Fulford school property, which lies in the Stowell Lake watershed.

Representatives of various groups and individuals appealed to the Trust to reject the rezoning application to protect the Stowell Lake watershed.

Fulford resident Marc Holmes suggested that the Trust should have some authority in selecting the future school site for Fulford so that mistakes would not be repeated.

Sid Wigen, president of the South Salt Spring Residents' Association, gave the Trust a summary of the Fulford meeting held June 9, when the school site and watershed issue were debated. Of the 66 who filled out forms at that meeting, 57 favoured the protection of the watershed, said Wigen, while nine wanted the school construction to continue.

Wigen added that many respondents included suggestions to the school district on the watershed issue and areas for another school. "Put mobile home units behind

the fire hall at Fulford Valley. The children could polish the fire trucks for recreation," quoted Wigen.

Trust chairman Mike Humphreys told the meeting that the Trust was considering the future of the Fulford school from a study of technical reports on the watershed area, public opinion and their own personal views on the issue.

The school district made several presentations to the committee.

Mike Marshall, district superintendent of schools, told the Trust that the school board would face a number of problems with a school population at Ganges already 60% beyond its capacity.

"Salt Spring Island has a growing school population," Marshall explained. "We have more babies in our district than any other in B.C. Everywhere else, school populations are decreasing."

Galiano school trustee Mike Hoebel, who holds a doctorate in ecology from UBC read to the committee an environmental report from UBC associate professor and well-known ecologist, Dr. Kenneth Hall. The report praised islanders for "rallying for the cause" and for their conscientious efforts to protect the Stowell Lake watershed. He explained, however, that the school

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Hovermarine trials in islands next month

An 84-seat Vosper Hovermarine is expected to begin making trial runs in the Gulf Islands in early July.

Details of the vessel's schedule have not been worked out, but plans at present call for stops between Sidney and all the major Gulf Islands.

A spokesman for Seaspeed Transport Canada Ltd. told *Driftwood* last week that a downtown to downtown service

between Vancouver and Nanaimo will likely begin August 1.

Douglas Jansen said in a telephone interview that there would be six runs a day between the two cities and the fare would be approximately \$20 one way.

Seaspeed has purchased three of the vessels, which are similar in appearance to hovercraft, at a cost of \$2 million each. They cruise at 34 knots and are run by a two-member crew.

First announcement of the craft being used in the islands was made by islands MLA Hugh Curtis two months ago.

Described as a surface effect vessel, the Hovermarine operates on a cushion of air contained between two sidewalls.

Jansen noted that Transport Canada has expressed some concern about toxic fumes aboard the vessels should fire break out.

However, Jansen said that the Hovermarine is used as a fireboat in both Rotterdam and Tacoma, Washington. They have been certified by Lloyd's of London and the U.S. Coast Guard and have been in use in Hong Kong for many years.

Seaspeed takes delivery of the first two Hovermarines on Saturday, while the third should arrive in about two weeks, Jansen said.

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Trust approves rezoning at Galiano

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expressed confidence that the new project would encourage more residents to do their shopping on the island.

Victor Zala, former operator of the Corner Store, expressed his "very strong opposition" to the proposal on the grounds that the land in the area is "virtually swampland".

He recalled that when the Corner Store was built the drainage was even then barely adequate. The Page Drive development for senior citizens' housing and an increased run-off, have created serious problems, he told the hearing.

The application had been approved by the health department and the ministry of highways, the hearing was reminded.

Woody Coward explained that when the Galiano community plan was first conceived, its authors supported the notion of the junction of Porlier Pass Drive and Montague Road as the village centre. There were, already, the community hall and a lumber and hardware store in the general vicinity and further commercial development of that

section would be logical. He still supported that contention and he suggested that the economic issues of the discussion be settled at the marketplace.

DOES IT CONFORM?

Coward asked the trustees to confine their thinking to the question, "Does this conform to the spirit of the community plan?"

The former planner agreed that although the authors of the community plan had been in general agreement that the ferry dock was not a good place for commercial development, they could not agree on the exact boundaries of the village centre.

Sparkie New compared the proposal with the furore in Ganges.

The village was established at Ganges before it was ready to be established, he recalled. "In the last 10 years it has cost the people of Ganges millions of dollars and nothing has yet been done," he warned.

Robert Bose looked with pleasure at the prospect of selling island produce on the island through the medium of the proposed new store.

New made a further contribution

when he warned that, although everybody believed in free enterprise, there was a danger of getting into a situation such as Ganges or the Galiano Lodge project, which was started and not completed.

Kathy Bengier was concerned over traffic and safety and asked what provisions would be made to supervise a children's playground at the store. She was assured that the playground would be adequately fenced off from the road and the car park.

Dale Lyon brought a howl of laughter to the hearing when he assured the Trust committee that the applicant was not likely to evade the regulations.

"He's not going to do anything illegal," said Lyon, "because he's up against too many inspectors."

FREE AND CONTROLLED

Steve Gaylor suggested that a free enterprise system cannot operate in a setting where land development is strictly controlled.

The hearing heard no protests against the proposal for a neighbourhood pub.

At the Trust committee meeting

which followed the hearing trustees hesitated to approve the village market bylaw, but they were equally hesitant to delay it further. Motion to table it from Ron Thompson was not approved and the suggestion that the bylaw be made more restrictive resulted in a brief conversation between the applicant's lawyer and the chairman.

The committee finally approved the rezoning for the village market and for the neighbourhood pub.

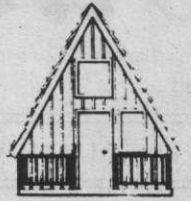
Third bylaw, to amend an error on the zoning map, was also approved.

Used Zenith number

More than one-third of the forest fires in British Columbia last year were reported by individuals who called the forest fire number, Zenith 5555.

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Trustees meet

Wednesday

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building a new school is expected to be another year if not longer.

Hingston explained that the process of building a school at Fulford could be hastened if the board could "short-circuit" the bureaucracy usually necessary in the construction of a public school.

"There are other plans of six-room schools in the province," Hingston said. "We could look at the possibility of using them instead of going through another architect."

Short-circuiting the bureaucracy, according to Hingston, would be "kicking the establishment" by looking at novel ways to build a school both economically and quickly but it would aid both school children who need the school and taxpayers who pay for the cost of delays, as well as schools.

The chairman expressed hope that Finance Minister Hugh Curtis might offer the island school board some cost-cutting suggestions and advice on short-cuts for the school construction.

District superintendent Mike Marshall explained that Fernwood School would most likely be offering a Grade 7 program in September, although some students would be bused to the Ganges school for French immersion and other activities not offered at the north end school.

Hingston noted that the first thing he'll look at when considering other property will be the zoning.

The board will meet on Wednesday to discuss possible sites at Fulford.

Trust rejects change

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presented little threat to the survival of Stowell Lake.

"If one takes five cattle, 150 sheep and 20 geese, they will produce approximately 2,600 pounds of nitrogen a year and 350 pounds phosphorous," read Hoebel. "A population of 150 students and 10 staff at a school for 180 days a year will generate 350 pounds of nitrogen and 86 pounds of phosphorous a year."

Advisory Planning Commission chairman Arvid Chalmers told the Trust that any alteration to the zoning regulations of the property would be detrimental to the environment and to the credibility of the Islands Trust, whose mandate was to "preserve and protect."

Shortly before the hearing was adjourned, Beaver Point farmer Brian Watt asked that agricultural land also be protected.

"In choosing an alternative site, let us hope that those who zealously protect watersheds will zealously protect the farmland in Agricultural Land Reserve sections as well," Watt said.

Trustees were unanimous in their agreement to reject the rezoning application.

Salt Spring trustee Nick Gilbert told the hearing that the Trust had invited public input to ensure that the majority of the island population would not be opposed to the construction delay of the Fulford school.



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And how do you gnash?

There shall be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. I have wept and I have wailed but I don't remember gnashing my teeth, when I used to have any. I think the biblical characters used their accessories more than I do to express emotion. There were those who gnashed their teeth to express sorrow and even up to recent times there have been lots of people eager to beat their breasts in despair or anguish. On reflection, I think the fellow who gnashes his false teeth is inviting a bill for a new set. Maybe it's just the Anglo-Saxon who avoids these gymnastics in getting his point over.

Who'd be a reporter?

Who'd be a reporter? After he's learned to talk and write English good he's got to be familiar with everything and everybody. He must be a historian and a political historian in particular. He must know the law as it appertains to his own vulnerable position and as it applies to anyone else. Every aspect of governmental administration is part of his job. And he has to be able to make an instant precis of any dissertation on any subject.

Finally, he has to make a summary of what he hears, sees, knows and learns in such a manner that someone will want to read it. So he leaves school and comes out into the small-town world, a budding journalist, ready to take a beating every time he writes anything. He learns the one true character of the Canadian scene. There's scarcely a speaker in Canada who said what the reporter said he said. The speaker knows better.

He knows not only that he never said what it said he said but that he would never have said what it said he said. And the speaker is accustomed to the platform, gifted with a loud and penetrating voice and eager to announce at every opportunity that He Never Said That! And the reporter? He just has his notes. He looks again at his notes and he listens to the indignant speaker: "I'm damned if I said that!"

The slogan of the indignant speaker. It's the slogan of the man who never said it and of the man who should never have said it and the man who wishes he had never said it and the man who got hell from his wife last night for saying it. And, of course, the man who said it and promptly forgot he said it.

There sat the unfortunate reporter; a pariah in his small community. A man so evil that he would jeopardize his own asset, his credibility, to pull down and hold to ridicule an important speaker, a distinguished member of the community and a man who would never have said it. But things have changed.

The same brilliance of intellect that invented the nuclear weapon brought us the tape recorder. And many a reporter carries his recorder wherever he goes. Not because he uses it to write a story. But to have, on record, an answer. He keeps his little tapes of brilliant debate and masterful statements. He now has them ready for the unwary important speaker: "I'm damned if I said that!" And the reporter smiles his devilish smile: and he plays his tape.

Lo and behold! The speaker really is damned, because he did say that. But there is only one unhappy aspect to this sad tale of the hard-done-by reporter. Many a speaker rants hugely and in stentorian tones about being misquoted in the *Bugle*. But he never roars in full voice that he was wrong.

Only the speaker and the reporter ever know that the speaker was bluffing his way out of a gaffe by blaming the unfortunate reporter. And the reporter won't be writing that. What the hell: he was right, wasn't he? Isn't that enough?

Baker Lake it is

I was at Baker Lake on Sunday. At least, my host Ivan Mouat explained that it was Baker Lake and he should know because his headquarters was Baker Lake for several years. Only thing I didn't know was that Baker Lake was on Baker Road.

Slogan for Men's Lib

I haven't launched Men's Lib yet, but I have found a slogan. When it is in operation, the motto will be "Better dead than wed!" Unless, of course, Women's Lib reads it first.

Those little ants

When my brother named his dog "Carpenter" it was in token of his capacity for doing little jobs all over the house. When the little ants were named "carpenter" it was in token of their doing big jobs all over the house. My family complained of noises in the wall and within days we have to have the place fumigated to get rid of ants. For a quarter-century I have written and published hints and tips for the householder visited by undesirable ants. For the first time in that quarter-century, I've got 'em. I'd much rather do the writing.

That's close to us!

The Canadian Military Aviation Museum should enjoy a close affinity with Salt Spring Island by virtue of its intimate link with the Maude family. The museum has its headquarters at Sidney, next door to the Patricia Bay Airport and its director is David Maude, son of Ashley Maude and grandson of the late George Maude and Ruth Maude, of Fulford. The museum society includes pilots and former pilots, maintenance personnel, model airplane enthusiasts and interested participants. It acquires ancient planes and refurbishes them and it is a source of information on every military aircraft with a remote link with the Pacific coast. And they always want enthusiastic members.



Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards

Blood donors awarded

Grade 12 students Ingrid Temmel and Jacquie Byron accept a cheque and Past-Presidents' Trophy from the Legion's Jake Javorski after their class gave more blood to the recent blood donor clinic than any other organization except for the Ganges RCMP. The grad class has tied with the RCMP for the second year in a row.

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Saturna Island	Community Hall, Monday, June 20, 1983	1:30 pm
Pender Islands	School Hall, Monday, June 20, 1983	3:30 pm
Salt Spring Island	Activity Centre, Elementary School, Monday, June 27, 1983	8:00 pm
Galiano Island	Senior Citizens' Hall, Page Rd., Thursday, June 30, 1983	3:30 pm
Mayne Island	Medical Centre, Thursday, June 30, 1983	1:00 pm

1. To receive the Chairman's Report
2. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1983
3. To receive various reports
4. To elect Society members and 5 members to the Board of Management, 3 members from Salt Spring Island, 1 member from Galiano Island and 1 member from Mayne 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 the Hospital's Business Office.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

- (a) Members who have paid \$1.00 for membership during the year 1983 to June 20th/30th, 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, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, Ganges, B.C. Annual Meetings will be held between June 20th and June 30th, 1983. The membership fee is \$1.00. This notice does not apply to landowners or spouses of such persons.

Signed:
M. Pinteau, Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Management

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A school at Fulford

The die is cast: the projected Fulford school may not be constructed at Stowell Lake.

Recriminations might provide a great community entertainment. They will not build schools.

All that remains is for the trustees of the Gulf Islands School District to give urgent priority to the identification of a suitable property and to acquire it in the shortest possible time.

Once a property is acquired the plans can be redrawn and the project go ahead. The concern of the school board and of the community is that the children of the island, and particularly the southern end of the island, be provided with adequate school facilities.

The discovery that the selected site lay in the watershed of Stowell Lake has delayed the provision of a school. Every islander knows that this situation should never have arisen. And every islander knows that it won't be permitted to arise again.

The only uncertainty remaining is the location and the construction of the school. And that is the only substantial concern remaining.

Making it easy

It isn't easy to speak to the administration. The resident of the Capital Regional District who wishes to appear before a meeting of the board must sign an application ahead of the meeting.

At a recent meeting Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt asked whether the procedures had been followed when an island spokesman appeared.

Had the applicant signed the appropriate form for permission to address the board? Or had he arranged the attendance by telephone?

Chairman Howard Sturrock subsequently called on executive director Dennis Young to examine the regulations and to ascertain whether they might be amended in order to facilitate such appearances.

The amended procedure is aimed at avoiding an excessive bureaucracy, explained the chairman. He added that he would not want a flood of telephone calls from people who want to appear before the board.

The suggestion of such a massive approach to the table implies that procedures were adopted to protect the directors from hordes of taxpayers.

Our ancestors used moats for much the same purpose.

Devotion to duty

The parks and recreation was out in strength on Sunday cleaning up the waterfront park on Harrison Avenue on Booth Canal. It wasn't the first time, either. That's really devotion to duty. They were elected to administer them and now they make them!

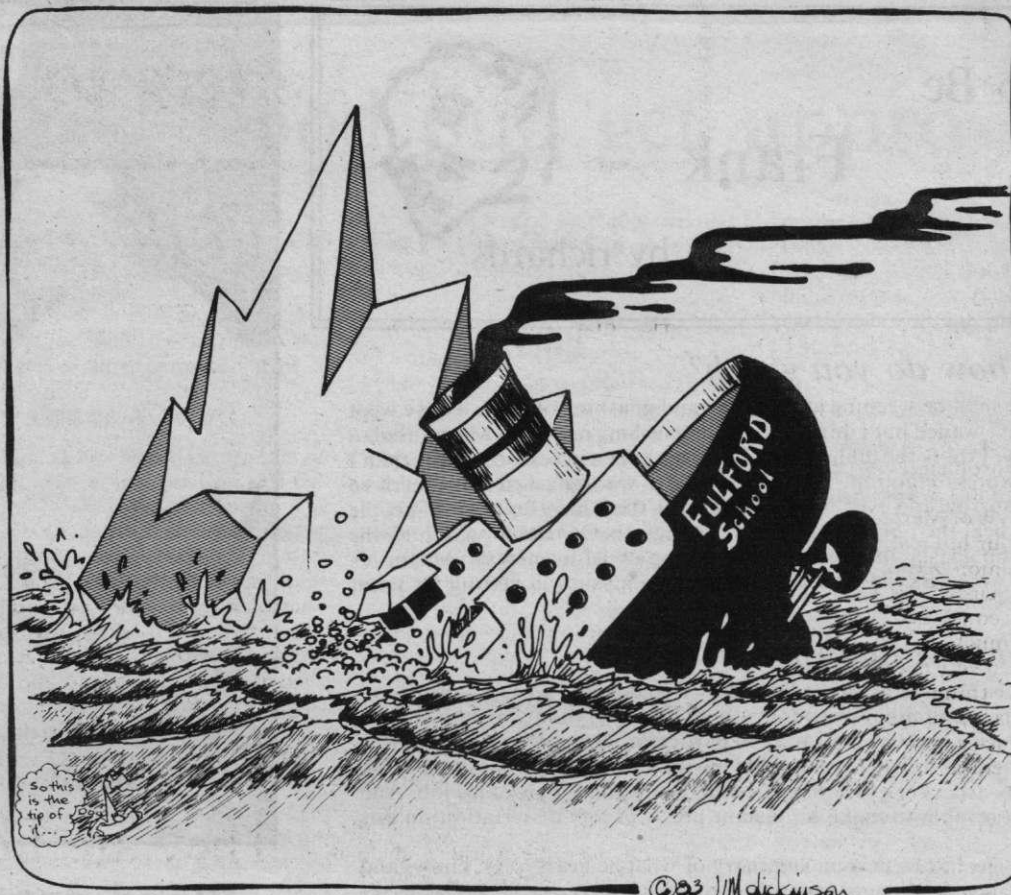
Language

While North America smugly embraces its one common language the rest of the world goes ahead. In the United States English is good enough for anybody and the American abroad is speechless.

In Canada language is fighting words and one language is good enough for any Canadian.

In the meantime, the Europeans learn a host of languages and leave their high school well able to communicate with the rest of the world. The Asiatic nations are, similarly, multilingual.

It is high time Canadians learned that skill in language is an art and an asset. If Canadians were able to communicate with the outside world the Canadian economy would be the first to benefit. But if our educational authorities insist on treating Canadian students as dumb beasts, that's how we'll all end up.



Letters to the Editor

District supports lot size bylaw but opposes Stowell Lake watershed change

Following letters to the Islands Trust were submitted for publication.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District heartily supports the proposed bylaw to increase the minimum lot size in every Watershed 1 zone to 12 hectares.

The reason for this support is contained in studies initiated by this District into the cause of the deterioration of water quality in St. Mary Lake and the means of combatting this trend. It has been determined that the reduction in quality is due mainly to the ever-increasing concentration of algae in the water brought by the inflow of nutrients on which algae thrives.

Ways are being developed to endeavour to reduce the amounts of nutrients presently in the Lake but these efforts will prove fruitless if nutrient inflow from the watershed is allowed to increase. It is of prime importance therefore that this does not occur and the suggested increase in the minimum lot size will be a giant step in this direction.

Hopefully such improvement in the regulations will save other watersheds from the problems now being experienced in St. Mary Lake.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District strongly opposes lowering of the standards set by the Islands Trust for the watershed of Stowell Lake for the following reasons;

1. North Salt Spring Waterworks District is responsible for the quality of water it serves to its consumers. A major component in assuring satisfactory water quality is embodied in the zoning regulations which control activities that can proceed within its watersheds. The District is emphatic in its objection to any reduction in the regulations that were designed to protect the health of its water users.

Downgrading W-2 standards will create a precedent bound to be used sooner or later as an argument to reduce the requirements in zones, an

argument the Islands Trust will find most difficult to refute. Permitting a school to be built in a W-2 zone because the property has been acquired therein opens the door for others to purchase zoned property and then demand the Trust to alter its rules to suit them.

Lowering the requirements on the Stowell Lake watershed is seen as a threat, a precedent that could be used to diminish the standards on other watersheds.

2. Water Districts on this Island rely on the Trust to maintain their watersheds in the best possible manner for the purpose of having a satisfactory quality of water. The credibility of the Trust must surely suffer under pressure from a School Board who knew, or should have known, the area was zoned in a manner incompatible with a school. A weakening of the Islands Trust will directly harm all Water Districts.

3. Fresh water for domestic use is in short supply on Salt Spring Island. Although Stowell Lake is not used, at present, as a source of potable community water this could well change in the future to meet the needs of a population grown beyond the ability of other sources to satisfy. Even though the lake itself is small its watershed is of significant size and it is reasonable to believe it could be developed as an important domestic water source.

4. We believe that the regulations embodied in each zoning were included for good and sufficient reasons and submit they should not be changed unless or until, due to the passage of time and acquisition of more information, these reasons are superseded. Stowell Lake watershed was zoned W-2 presumably to protect its recreational values. That reason is still valid and other irrelevant pressures to lower the standards established should be vigorously resisted.

5. To consider Stowell Lake water unfit for domestic use yet satisfactory for recreation is hard to

understand as swimmers certainly drink some of the water they bathe in. We submit, for this reason, and the possibility of future use of the water for domestic purposes that the Trust consider upgrading the Stowell Lake watershed from W2 to W1.

J. J. FAIRLEY,
North Salt Spring
Waterworks District.
June 13, 1983.

Another selfish reason

Sir,
I am pleased to see that Peter Darling is able to write.

Just another selfish reason when it comes to the Galiano Golf and Country Club.

Some pee wee brains fail to realize that this is not a private club like others, and taxpayers shouldn't be burdened with something for the sole enjoyment of a few elitists.

As a retired banker, Mr. Darling should be able to put the bucks together to buy the golf club from the taxpayers and then I would have no quarrel.

And then, too, he could guarantee himself a job as a pianist because I sure wouldn't hire him for my pub.

What has he ever done for the club?

CHAS. J. GARDNER,
White Rock, B.C.
June 13, 1983.



Sewer was not an issue

Sir,
Mr. Gary Chandler (Second Battle of Ganges Harbour, letters column, today's date) seems to have mistaken the significance of the reelection of the Social Credit administration in the recent election.

So far from expressing their views on the sewer, the economy or the education problems, voters in this province almost without exception took the view of Mercutio—"A Pox on both your houses!" This at least was the opinion of most people with whom I discussed the issues.

Having concluded that neither party had much going for them, the electors then very prudently decided that one thing was certain—Barrett's last attempt at running B.C. was such a disaster that we had better not let the NDP have another chance.

I now realize that there is a great danger of Messrs. Bennett and Curtis believing that we elected them because we are satisfied with what they have been doing. Speaking for myself, I voted for Curtis for the sole reason that I did not want to see another NDP government here.

I have to admit that I was amazed when I found that half the province's voters had followed the same course.

COLIN NICHOLSON,
Box 1087, Ganges.
June 15, 1983.

What good an investigation?

Sir,
I would like to comment on the June 16 editorial in the *Victoria Times-Colonist*, "Fulford Fiasco: Whose blunder?"

What do you think Jack Heinrich is going to accomplish for us by tracking down incompetents or worse? We need a school and we need the watershed for our lakes and we need sensible and reasonable community planning so that blunders like this don't occur.

For eight years the residents of Fulford had a plan for the area which unfortunately was considered low priority and so not given any official status. That plan recommended that a South Salt Spring school should be near Fulford Hall and/or Drummond Park so children could make use of

Schedule difficult for boarders

Sir,
It is difficult enough for children having to leave their homes in order to attend High School, but the Ferry System seems to go out of their way to make it more difficult.

I'm referring to children who have to board on Salt Spring Island in order to attend school. The 4:30 ferry from Long Harbour no longer goes into Otter Bay; at least not on Friday. Upon completing his week in school, a student has to wait until the 5:35 ferry, which gets into Otter Bay at 6:15. He will arrive home at approximately 7 pm.

As for returning on Sunday, as far as I can decipher the new schedule, there is no ferry between Otter Bay and Long Harbour.

I trust our Transportation Committee will bring this matter to the attention of those responsible for our Ferry Service.

MARGARET H. WATSON,
R.R. 2, Ganges.
June 17, 1983.

More Letters to the Editor

Growing up in the nuclear shadow

Sir,
The film *Growing Up in the Nuclear Shadow* is in our area. I was amazed that so few people went to see it, and wondered about people resisting being mobilized...At any rate, as I saw those kids—real kids—articulate their thoughts and feelings, I was deeply moved by their terror and the thought that as a parent it is my total responsibility to allow my kids to have the potential of a fruitful and full life.

Essentially the kids were saying, face it, we know what's up and we're scared stiff and how are we supposed to plan for a successful future when we feel there probably won't be a future. They said please talk about it, it's more frightening not to. Open up the lines of communication between each other and all over the world, and do it now. There's no time to wait.

Someone suggested that what's needed is to have "their" (i.e. Russian leaders) kids in each of the hot spots over here, and vice versa. Nobody whose kid was in Nanose would want to push the button to wipe out the naval station. Think about it—do you trust "our" leaders (i.e. the West, as in the U.S. and its Nato Allies) to avoid military aggression enough to send your kid to Moscow for an extended visit?

those facilities and so that the largest numbers of students could get there by walking.

Because the plan was unofficial it was not even considered in the purchase and planning and development of the site at Stewart Rd. and Beaver Point Rd.

What good is an investigation? Will that accommodate and educate the children or protect the watershed? Will that draw the community together? Will that restore lost money? More likely it will cost money, cause people to spend time blaming and justifying and taking sides, and will delay the solution of the problems. Until there is an acceptable and accepted plan the door is wide open for such blunders.

I suggest that we address the problems at hand as efficiently and promptly as possible. There is no reason why a community working together cannot come up with a reasonable and acceptable solution to the education needs that will be in harmony with good long-range planning for this area.

With good planning and foresight you don't have winners versus losers, you provide positive benefits for everyone and a framework for orderly and acceptable growth.

If an investigation is to take place it should be done quietly and discreetly and with scrupulous integrity, but in the meantime now that the watershed is protected we'd like to get going on our school.

NANCY WIGEN,
Box 72,
Fulford.
June 18, 1983.

Rear Admiral Gene R. La Rocque, U.S. Navy, now retired, who among other illustrious services, was on the Strategic Plans Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, says "...As someone who has been directly involved in U.S. nuclear planning, I can state that my country has plans and forces for actually fighting nuclear war. Our military field manuals detail the use of nuclear weapons. Our troops, airmen, and navy men train and practice for nuclear war. Nuclear war is an integral part of American military planning and the U.S. is prepared to use nuclear weapons anywhere in the world, right now in many contingencies."

Also, "the public must force its

political leaders to take control of events and not permit the military and its technology to control them. If we are to survive on this planet, the arms race must be slowed, stopped and reversed, now."

How are we to convince the U.S.A. to back off now if we let them think we support their next move in the arms race?

If we refuse the cruise, the U.S. will have to take a different tack in the U.N. disarmament talks. As Einstein said, "You cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war."

ROSALIND HILDRED,
Lasqueti Island.
June 8, 1983.

They are not good Canadians

Sir,
After reading *Times-Excerpts* from the *Victoria Times-Colonist*, I'm very disappointed in some of the people of Canada. These "People" that want disarmament and trying to stop ships from our allies, coming on good-will visits to Canada, in my estimation are not very good Canadians.

If, for example, my generation had said the same thing about disarmament in 1939, where would we be today? Under Communist or Nazi rule? Would these people like to have "I.D." cards, which can be

asked for at any time, have curfews at night, travel permits to move from one place to another, like Victoria to Nanaimo? Not for me thanks.

I think these "People" should reassess their ways of thinking and become true Canadians or get out of the country. Canada should build a good, well trained Army so we can defend ourselves against any of the aggressors in the world.

J.E. TATEHAM,
1295 Glyn Road,
Victoria.
June, 1983.

Public thank you is in order

Sir,
I feel a written, public thank you is in order to those who helped make this year's Apple Box Derby a success.

In order to safely parade many of the cars, Cubbons volunteered their trucks again this year. They arrived at the Harbour House parking lot clear as brass on a ferry, ready for a load of derby racers.

Candice Miller and Desiré Holt's presence was greatly appreciated as assistants to the derby entry.

The derby itself accompanied good weather. Much thanks goes out to the ground crew as well; trophy sponsors, the R.C.M.P. who broadcasted the start of the race, after our borrowed P.A. system blew a fuse. Neil Dekker, or "Case", as he is known to islanders, greatly assisted with communication via his motorcycle. Next year, we hope to have a better system for relaying information between judges, spectators, and the starting line, such as C. B. radios and a megaphone.

Sincere thanks

Sir,
The graduating class of 1983 of the Gulf Islands Secondary School wish to express sincere thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion, Ganges Branch 92, for their plaque and cheque awarded in recognition of the donation of blood by the students at the recent donor clinic. Most of all we hope that our donations, along with all others, will help someone in need.
JACQUIE BYRON,
President,
1983 Grad Club.
June, 1983.

Curtis' efforts appreciated

Sir,
Following letter to Hugh Curtis, minister of finance, was submitted for publication.
Dear Mr. Curtis:

I wish to express my gratitude for your arrangement of our recent meeting with you. I am sure I speak for all members of the water systems using St. Mary Lake water who were present.

I would also thank you for your efforts and intervention which culminated in the publication of Dr. R. Nordine's report on St. Mary Lake. As you so correctly stated the lake is a valuable resource, and Dr. Nordine's recommendations give a basis of short-term and long-term handling of the watershed to all government levels and individuals alike.

The period of years which were necessary to prepare this comprehensive study, and the efforts of all government departments and organizations, will hopefully bear fruit for future generations of islanders and visitors in the years ahead.

Again I wish to thank you for your help, understanding and intervention in having this study completed. I know all the Trustees support me in this.

DR. L. J. KREISSL, JR.,
Trustee,
North Salt Spring
Waterworks District,
June 13, 1983.

Affair should be investigated

Sir,
What does the School Board mean when it says it must honour their contract.

What contract!
We are aware that you cannot get a contract or commence construction without a building permit.

Who gave the contractors the go-ahead, and, if the contractor does have a contract, who approved it, and signed it, without building permit authority.

If all proposed building must be approved by the building inspector before it can commence, why is a contractor digging illegally a piece of land zoned watershed without authority?

These and many more pertinent questions should be asked of our school board.

No, we don't think this should be passed over,—a government trustee should be appointed and this dishonourable and discreditable affair should be investigated.

And while we're here, these are public monies, and this is why our school taxes rose four mills this year.

SUZANNE MADDISON,
DAVID MADDISON,
Fullford-Ganges Rd.
June 18, 1983.

Dividends of Living

Sound of a happy cricket, c-r-r-icking on the sill,
The cry of a lonely seagull, or a haunting whip-or-will,
The sight or sound of God's creatures can tug at the heart or eye,
So we hold our sides in laughter, or in sympathy almost cry.
The wail of a loon on a mountain lake has a lost and eerie sound:
Ringed out in the stillness of a solitude profound.
Oft have I paused to listen, as I take my homeward way,
After the din of the city, to this humble roundelay.
When my days on earth are ending, my steps uncertain, slow,
I'll remember all of these creatures, and be glad to have it so.

—CELIA V. REYNOLDS

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Happy birthday, Canada

Youngsters at Salt Spring Elementary School have joined with students from across Canada in marking Canada Day in their own special way this year. Giant birthday

card will be added to many others for formal ceremonies to be held on July 1. Seen with the giant tribute are student council members. Front row, from left: Lisa Koski, Damen

Grooms, Trinity Donnelly. Back row: Doug Walde, Angela Donnelly, Christine Matthews, principal Tom Watson, Bill Boyd and Yonnus Becker.

Bowen Queen, Quinitsa to be switched

An experiment that involves switching the *Bowen Queen* with the *Quinitsa* is under way in an attempt to avoid Gulf Island overloads for the *Quinitsa* during the peak summer months.

B.C. Ferries spokesman at Long Harbour, Bob Anderson, explained that the *Quinitsa* would serve the Fulford-Swartz Bay run from the 10 am sailing until the 12:30 pm sailing on weekdays.

The *Bowen Queen* will leave Swartz Bay to stop at Mayne, Galiano, Salt Spring (at Long Harbour) and then return to Swartz Bay to resume the afternoon and

evening Fulford Harbour to Swartz Bay run at 1:10 pm.

"We foresee the July and August period to be busy," Anderson explained. "The *Quinitsa* will be subject to overloads and possibly get behind schedule so we're trying the *Bowen Queen* now as an experiment."

The *Bowen Queen's* car capacity

is 74 while the *Quinitsa* holds 60 cars.

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Graduation ceremonies for 61 students at Ganges

On Saturday evening 61 graduates of the Gulf Islands Secondary School celebrated their completion of Grade 12 at Ganges.

School teachers and school board representatives spoke to the graduating students. District superintendent Mike Marshall addressed the graduates as did school board chairman Charles Hingston.

A farewell to the grads was given by John Howell and Angie Matthews. Grade 12 students Sandra Lee and Darren Herberg gave the salute from the grads and guest speaker at the ceremony was Fernwood School principal Glenn Woodley.

Woodley told the audience that 27 of the 61 graduating were in Grade 1 together at Salt Spring Elementary School. He recalled incidents involving students of the grad class when they were attending elementary school.

Graduate Jim Buckley, Woodley explained, could never get his legs under his desk and he recalled that Gordon Hitchcock was the perfect student in Grade 7. He stressed the qualities of courage, perseverance and the capacity to "keep on plugging."

To have courage in one's convictions as well as having a sense of humour are commendable qualities in all, Woodley noted.

Valedictorian was Dan Fraser. He spoke on the struggle in arriving at the final graduation date and on the sense of gratitude that would return to the students throughout their lives, having been a part of the struggle together.

The community, Fraser said, had taught the Grade 12 students the value of quality over quantity. In a class of 60-odd students, one could not help feeling the importance of being part of the school.

"Individuality gives the school its character," Fraser said. "Individual talent is fueled, rather than smothered in our community."

Scholarship presentations were awarded Grade 12 students during the ceremony.

Dan Fraser was awarded the Jane Mouat Scholarship; Allan Sinclair was presented the Rotary Scholarship; Paula Hughes and Sandra Lee were awarded the Richard Toynbee Scholarship; the Howard Baltzer Memorial Award was presented to Heidi Hume; Rob Beardsell was given the Royal Canadian Legion Scholarship; Gulf Islands Teachers' Association Award was presented to Ellen Box and Alex Neish; Karen Govenlock was given the Laurie Mouat Memorial Award; Jacquie Byron was awarded the Farmers' Institute Scholarship; Ann Spencer received the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council Award; the Mike Wells



Photo by Leo Martinez, Salt Spring Photo

1983 graduating class at Gulf Islands Secondary

Memorial Award was given to David Owen; Ingrid Temmel and post-graduate Coco Wenzel were presented the Lady Minto Ladies' Auxiliary Scholarship; the Gilbert Mouat Scholarship was given to Linda Kyle and Paul Betts; Bob Leader was presented the Doris Tohill Memorial Award; Gordon Hitchcock was given the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion Scholarship; art student Craig Selbee received the Irving Sinclair Scholarship; Ken Marr received the Island Savings Credit Union Award; the agriculture award from the teachers was presented by Mike Byron to Grant Tamboline; and Marnie Dammel was given the English student award by David Reid. Principal's awards went to Kelly Mullen and Darren Herberg.

The ceremony opened with *Stairway to Heaven* and closed with the same. Music was by Dwaine Prosk, candle bearers were Myles Wilson and Marion Lucas. Grade 11 students made the decorations for the ceremony.

Following is a list of the graduates.

Kathryn Adams, Kenneth Anderson, Ricky Andrews, Kathy Baines, Barry Balog, Theresa Baxter, Robert Beardsell, Paul Betts, Ellen Box, James Buckley, Jacqueline Byron, Gillian Calkins, Bruce Caspar, Edward Chew, Marnie Dammel, Anthony Desbottes, Kim Diamond, Bruce Dow, Janet Foerster, Dan Fraser, Karen Govenlock, Georgia Graham, Schon Hardy, Darren Herberg, Gordon Hitchcock, Paula Hughes, Heidi Hume, Ian Hurst, Kim Jensen, Linda Kyle, Shannon LaFortune, Bob Leader, Sandra Lee, Dannielle Luck, Bonnie Luke, Steven Marleau, Kenneth Marr, Steven Martens, Aaron Minvielle, Kathleen Mouat, Kelly Mullan, Alex Neish, David Owen, Terry Pedersen, Tracey Pring, Laura Rodstrom, Sonia Sanga, Craig Selbee, Lorne Silvey,

Dennis Simard, Allan Sinclair, John Smith, Ann Spencer, Grant Tamboline, Ingrid Temmel, Paul Trenholm, Roger Trory, Tanya VanGinkel, Maria Wagg, Trisha Wescott, Georg Woernle.

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Mad hatters raise funds for IODE



IODE member Dorothy Edwards wore a hat made of wool and beads that she had made many years ago, she said, by unravelling a woollen jersey and braiding the wool.

An early spring allowed visitors to the IODE mad hatters' coffee party Wednesday to see a garden in full bloom at the home of Mrs. P.G. James at Vesuvius.

The annual coffee party has been held at the James residence for several years to enable the IODE to raise money for work with the schools.

Hostesses were Dorothy James and Margaret Mayo. Receiving donations for the IODE was Marjorie Cuttell.

Serving at the attic treasure, baking, plant and other stalls were Mae Cross, Dorothy Edwards, Fran Elliott, Isobel Fitch, Margaret Howell, Doris Mickleborough, Kay Smith, Violet Thompson and Anna Warrington.

Refreshments were prepared by Mrs. Malcolmson, Peg McLean, Ena Patrick, Christina Searles and Joy Whitecross.

Under the guidance of Jean Shopland were Gulf Islands Secondary students Deanie Byron, Kirsten Christianson, Kirsten Rolfsen, Wendy Ronne and Susanne Terrick.

Judge for the maddest hats was Bryan Smith. Prize winners were Kay Catlin, Bobbie Diffin, F. Olssen and R. Palesch.

The IODE is a service club that raises money for the Victoria cancer lodge and scholarship awards. The school receives a music scholarship, two art prizes and books for the school libraries.

Smaller amounts are spent on clothing for people in northern Canada and for school lunch supplements in Labrador schools.

This year, the fund-raising tea was not as successful as it has been in past years and endeavours to raise money by the IODE will be continued.

Valcourt sues region for expenses incurred in suit

Salt Spring Island regional director Yvette Valcourt has brought an action against the Capital Regional District seeking payment of \$7,200 to cover her legal fees in defending herself against a libel action initiated by executive director Dennis Young.

She has served a writ on the CRD seeking the money to meet her court costs.

The action could result in her being disqualified from holding office as regional director. Under Section 82 of the Municipal Act a person is disqualified from holding office and from being nominated or elected who has a disputed account against the municipality.

According to the ministry of municipal affairs the board or any taxpayer could seek an action to disqualify her.

Valcourt and her lawyers are confident that the section would not apply to this type of action.

The regional board approved a motion in 1980 to pay the costs incurred by Young in the libel action. The inspector of municipalities, Chris Woodward, last year ruled that the board was not empowered to pay Young's

expenses. The island director reads the 1980 motion as discrimination against her.

The libel action around which the action centres was withdrawn by Young before going to trial.

Hornby hosts concert series in July

A week-long celebration of chamber music will be presented at Hornby Island next month for the third successive year.

The Purcell String Quartet will give six concerts at the Hornby Island Community Hall beginning Monday, July 25. Each concert will begin at 8:30 pm. There will be no concert July 28.

Advance tickets are sold for the entire series only at a price of \$65.

Purchase of tickets and arrangements for accommodation can be made through Leigh Cross, manager, Hornby Island Chamber Music Society, Hornby Island, B.C. V0R 1Z0.

Institute members to attend conference

South Salt Spring Women's Institute will be represented at the World Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) on Sunday.

Delegates named by more than 8 million members of the ACWW, representing 60 countries of the world, will discuss matters pertaining to women and children and world problems common to all.

Men and women are invited to attend the conference, which will be held on the University of B.C. campus.

The day will begin with an ecumenical church service at 10 am followed at 1 pm by entertainment organized by Canadian hostess-delegates to showcase Canada and Canadians.

The local Women's Institute held its last monthly meeting before the summer holidays at the home of Val Gyves recently.

Final arrangements were made for the raspberry tea, to be held at Fulford Hall July 2.



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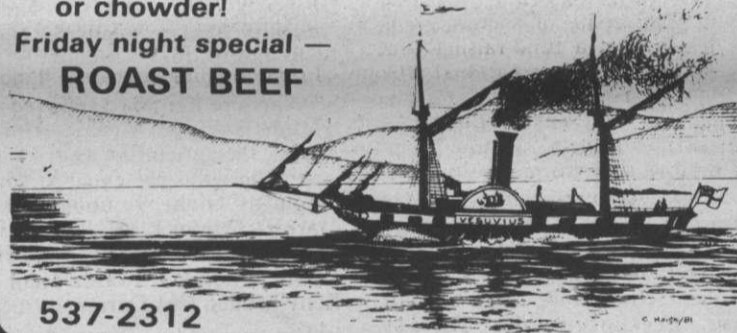
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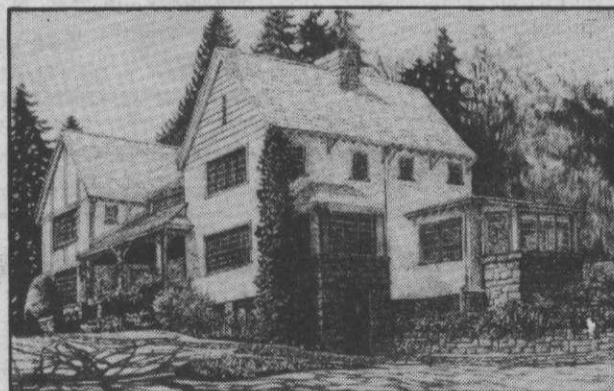
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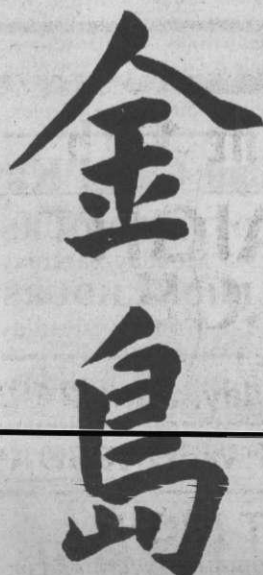


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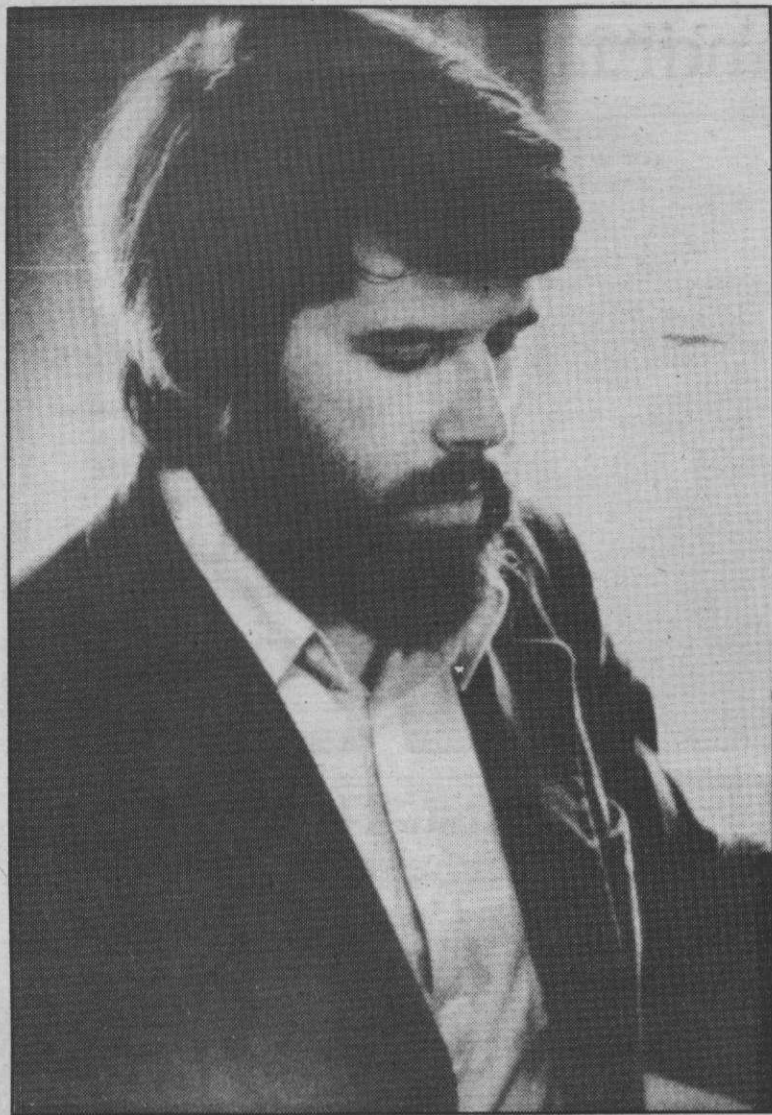
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Bruce Vogt

Benefit concert Friday

Bruce Vogt, concert pianist and a member of the School of Music at the University of Victoria, will be featured at a fund-raising concert for Amnesty International (Group 115) on Friday evening at 8 pm.

Vogt, who was born in Ontario and now lives in Victoria, has been both a solo performer and a member of chamber groups. His playing has been described by the *Ottawa Journal* as "highly polished" and "emotionally taut."

The *London Free Press* praised the "glorious singing quality of his performance" and called Vogt "a true master of the keyboard." His Friday evening concert will include works by Liszt, Bartok and Beethoven.

The event will be held at the Schubart house on Old Scott Rd. Admission is \$3.50 and refreshments \$1. Proceeds will go towards the work of Amnesty International.

Weavers elect Jo Bracher

The annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Island Weavers' Guild was held at Mahon Hall at Ganges recently. Elected president to succeed Janet Newstead was Jo Bracher.

New members were elected to the executive for the coming year.

Vice-president is Joan Ewing, secretary is Gladys Hogarth and Buntly Gonzales was elected

treasurer.

Margaret Addison will be in charge of membership and Ilsa Leader will look after the program. Eileen Pike was elected to look after the library and Pat Herchmer was voted to look after equipment.

Nancy Keith-Murray was elected to oversee the newsletter and in charge of hospitality is Ann Leigh-Spencer.

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Day camp offered again this year

A variety of summer activities for children will be offered again this year at Salt Spring Island.

The day camp program, offered in the past by the Community Society, is being sponsored this year by the Parks and Recreation Commission and is open to children aged six to 12.

Activities will centre around Portlock Park in July and August. Each camp costs \$25 per child, payable at registration which takes place Thursday and Friday from 11:30 to 4:30 at the tourist information centre next to Kanaka Place. Personal cheques are to be made payable to the recreation commission.

Day camps, bicycle touring camps and camping experiences are the three types of camps planned.

The first will run from 9 am to 3

pm, Monday to Friday, on July 4-8 and 18-22, and on August 2-5 and 15-19. These camps are for children aged six to 10.

The bicycle touring camps, for children aged 10-12 years, will run three days and two nights on July 11-13 and August 8-10.

The camping experience is for

children aged 8-12 and takes place three days and two nights on July 25-27 and August 22-24. Participants must provide their own sleeping bags.

Further information can be obtained from Susan Mouat, project manager, who advises that early registration is recommended.

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The barn and square silo were built around 1910 by the Hepburn family when the late John Hepburn decided to invent the square silo and cement barn, preferring the concrete material to the traditional wooden silo of the west coast.

"John Hepburn was a very inventive person," his daughter-in-law Florence Hepburn explained. "With the cement it saved hauling the wood, and it also provided protection against rats. They couldn't get into the wheat."

The barn and silo were built with a shake roof and a wooden interior as the structural support.

In approximately 1918, after a full day of thrashing and loading the silo, the Hepburns, along with neighbours, who were helping out, called it a day and wearily returned home.

"But in those days, men didn't smoke cigarettes," Florence Hepburn explained, "they smoked pipes. One of the men who had been helping with the thrashing dropped a 'dottle' from his pipe while



Driftwood photo by Frank Richards

Remains of cement silo

working in the barn. When everyone went home, the dottle, still hot, began smouldering."

It started a fire that could not be extinguished. The timber interior burned, the roof collapsed and an entire grain crop was destroyed.

The barn was never rebuilt. Instead, years later, Florence Hepburn finished cleaning out the building by burning the remainder of the roof. More recently, a forest has sprouted and the decayed old building adds a touch of antiquity to the island's south end.

Another phase of beautification program to be completed Sunday in Ganges

Project number two of the Salt Spring beautification program is expected to be completed on Sunday.

Work will include finishing the steps between the Kanaka Place and the tourist information centre and the placement of several large cedar planters in the traffic triangle in front of Ganges Pharmasave.

The original plan for the steps has been changed to include a ramp alongside the steps for wheelchairs and bicycles and the landscaping has been extended to go all the way

around the tourist centre.

The project is only being made possible through the solid support of many individuals and business people in the community, says Peter Weis, one of the organizers. "Support of this magnitude exceeded our hopes and dreams by far..." he said.

Pat Kirk and Walter Davis are providing the driving energy behind the program, he added, and deserve special recognition.

The beautification committee is contemplating further projects for the fall. Under consideration is the planting of trees to flank the parking lot at Centennial Park and along Rainbow Road by the school grounds.

Sunday's project needs volunteer labour and donations of soil, sand, manure and other materials.

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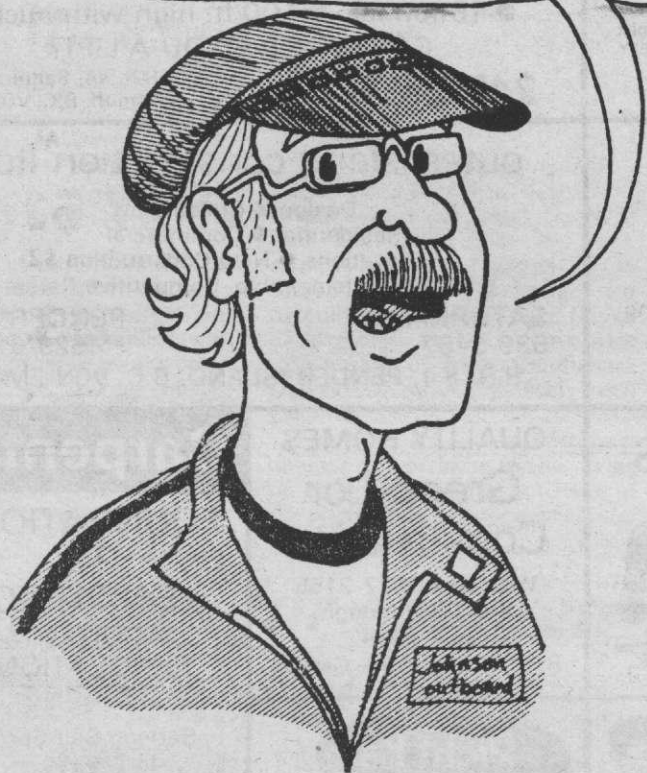
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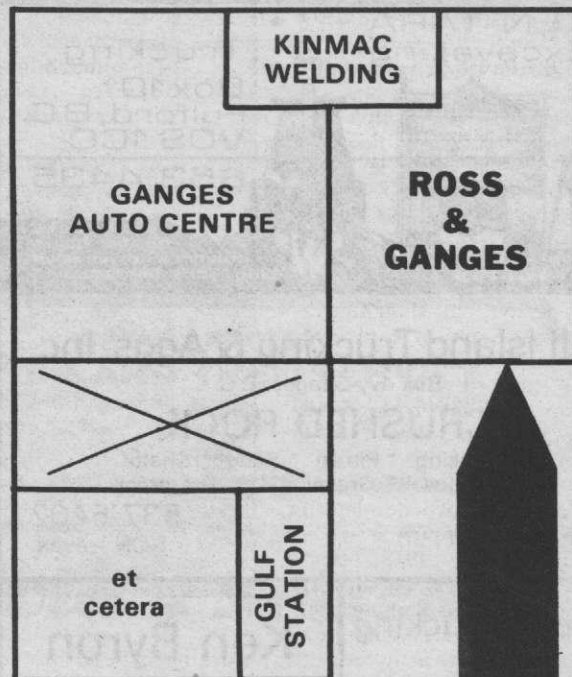


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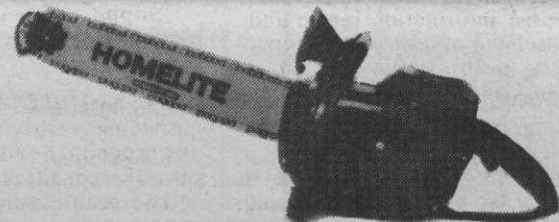
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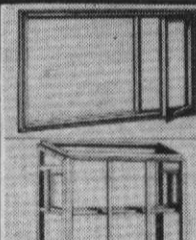
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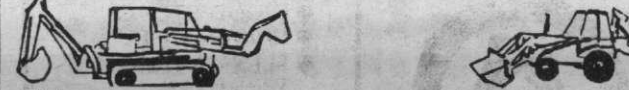


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BOOK REVIEW

Blueprint for heritage conservation

REVIEW BY JEREMY MOUAT
Nelson: A Proposal for Urban Heritage Conservation by the Heritage Conservation Branch of the Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services. Victoria, 1981.
This book was produced by the Heritage, Conservation Branch of the provincial government. Its 222 pages outline the history of Nelson and suggest a scheme for that city's future which will serve to underline its past. The book's purpose is not only "to develop a comprehensive program for urban heritage conservation, specifically for the

City of Nelson..." (Page 6), but also to offer a blueprint which will be useful in other cities around the province.
Nelson's history, especially the period of frenetic activity in the quarter-century before the First World War, created a city which is architecturally unique. The mining boom of the 1890's and early 1900's facilitated the construction of numerous buildings, both public and private, which display the rich opulence of the eclectic fin de siecle style(s).
Nelson's subsequent decline meant that few of these buildings have since been replaced. Thus the

city abounds in lovely structures, many of which are illustrated in the book's numerous photographs. Nelson is probably the most appropriate city in the province for the kind of preservation that this book recommends (although its use of Nelson as a model for the province is somewhat questionable since the city is certainly not typical).
A striking feature of the book is its microscopic analysis of Nelson. Much of this is rather tedious to any but the specialist; for most readers, the section on the history, growth and development of the city (see and development of the city (pages 16 to

100) will be the only part worth examining closely.
Those sensitive to the value of old buildings, their meaning and their worth, will find this an interesting volume. Plentiful pictures make the book fun to browse through, and even the lazy reader will enjoy flipping the pages.
This book is now available to island readers through the generosity of the Heritage Conservation Branch. A copy has been given to the Salt Spring Library by the above-mentioned government department.

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Students Tim Williamson and Sean Kirkpatrick and teachers Len Sokol and Murray Robinson with new canoe which is offered for sale.

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Students finish winter project

Salt Spring teacher Len Sokol bought some boat plans last fall when he decided it might be interesting to build a boat with the help of his students at G.I.P.S.Y. (Gulf Islands Program Serving Youth) on Ganges Hill.

The boat is finished and it's been a long winter project but the elegance of the final product has made it a worthwhile endeavour for the class.

The 16 foot canoe is made of cedar strips and fibreglass and holds three to four people, Sokol explained.

"It's good for kids because it doesn't tip as easily as most canoes."

The man-hours in building the boat will never make it a profitable industry but the canoe is for sale by

the students who hope to use the money on field trips and outings.

The boat is flat-bottomed, which provides greater stability than most canoes.

Visitor from Australia

Recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. Bingham of Salt Spring Island was Capt. E. Gibson Bauld, C.D., B.A., B.Ed.

Capt. Bauld is visiting Canada on a long service leave from teaching in Victoria, Australia. While in Canada, Bauld will attend the centennial reunion of the Royal Canadian Regiment with which he

served during part of his military career.

While in Canada, Bauld will be representing an Australian riders' magazine and with assistance from island resident Mary Stepaniuk has been trail riding on the island during his visit.

Capt. Bauld is an active rider in Australia.



To Ottawa

Mark Wenzel is in Ottawa this week meeting political dignitaries in the capital city. A Grade 12 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, he joined the Forum for Young Canadians on Saturday when he flew east for a week. The school district finances the trip. Wenzel admitted that he hoped to meet newly elected conservative leader Brian Mulroney. Wenzel will be back on Saturday.



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Galiano Islanders prepared for nuclear war

They plan to take cover in backyard bomb shelter

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

The threat of nuclear war has prompted two Galiano Islanders to prepare themselves with a fully equipped bunker despite warnings from nuclear experts that little will be alive or can be saved following a nuclear attack.

Mark Matthews and Peter Rabatich warn islanders to "take cover" with the conviction that the button will be pressed today, maybe tomorrow, and that there is little time to work against what they feel is an inevitable war.

Nuclear war and the omnipotent button haunt North American society. It already counts its casualties among victims of paranoia and apathy. Born to a generation shadowed by the devastation of Hiroshima, youth today are familiar with the presage of an eventual armageddon that will nuke the future of the world.

Rabatich and Matthews want to be prepared so they've built themselves a bomb shelter in their backyard which they believe will make the difference between life and death when the super powers give thumbs up to the final missile test.

The shelter conforms to American defense department building code guidelines and regulations.

The plan developed three years ago when 34-year-old Rabatich picked up the bible and began reading Isaiah. After further reading, Rabatich became convinced that the warnings, advice and prophecies made throughout the bible are applicable and appropriate to the present nuclear age.

The self-proclaimed prophet emphasizes the bible's references to taking cover.

"If you want to do anything for peace," explains Rabatich, "get covered."

Underlying message in bible

Cover is the underlying message throughout the bible, according to Rabatich, who has gone as far as to found his own religion called Cover. Even the peaceniks have been prophesied, claims Rabatich, who believes that nothing can prevent nuclear war from happening anymore.

"What weapons that have been made for war have not been used for war?" Rabatich asks. "None. All weapons have been used for war."

Nuclear weapons, he claims, have not been manufactured by capitalist and communist countries who engage in a nuclear weapons race to solve their political differences. The nuclear arms race will not end with disarmament, but with nuclear war.

Since Rabatich began reading the bible, revelations have pressed him to find his own cover. With partner Matthews, Rabatich began to design a two-family shelter.

The shelter has been built into the earth, with a cement outer core and spliced-cedar log interior as its wall fabric. The shelter is like a cellar with only a roof that has been reinforced with additional soil.

A 500-pound lead and cement door leads into a low, dark and



Peter Rabatich and bomb shelter

Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards

damp passageway. A second 500-pound door opens into one room that is equipped with a cook stove, toilet facilities, a septic tank flushing system, air filter system and an area for sleeping.

Built to hold eight

The shelter is also equipped with weapons. As Rabatich explained, the government-constructed Diefenbunkers of the late 50's locally built for government officials were equipped with guns to keep the masses outside. He has taken the same precaution.

Although the bomb shelter was built to accommodate eight, it will be a tight squeeze.

The Galiano shelter builders explored every last detail before installing the nuclear protection systems.

The air filter system is propelled by hand and was ordered from Switzerland. It is identical to those used in Swiss bomb shelters but, complains Rabatich, Canadian customs officers opened the filter at Victoria, looking for explosives in the container. He is confident, however, that the damage will not interfere with the system's cleaning device.

The shelter has been built to shift. Rabatich believes the missiles will interfere with the coastal faults and an earthquake will ensue.

"This is all we'll feel," Rabatich said, stamping his shoe in the dust, causing a dull thud and making the geese flap behind him. "And it will be Reagan who will be pressing the button."

Rabatich explained that world

leaders such as Mitterand, Reagan, Trudeau and former West German chancellor Helmut Schmidt wear red roses in their lapel as a symbol of the bloodshed for which they'll soon be responsible.

The bomb shelter is situated among the outbuildings of the Rabatich's five-acre farm. From a distance of 20 feet, the shelter appears to be nothing more than a hill...a small, grey, innocent mound of rubble among ducks, goats and hissing geese.

The \$11,000 expenditure indicates the extent to which Rabatich and Matthews are convinced of the inevitability of a nuclear war, but their plans for preparation won't stop at the completion of the shelter.

Already, Rabatich has worked on the formation of a new church which he intends to structure along non-conventional religious lines. He stresses that it will not follow the tenets of Christianity per se. For preacher Rabatich the message will be, "Cover."

Although she is a supporter of the project, his wife Ann feels a little unsettled about the bomb shelter out back.

The best root cellar on Galiano

"I'm a woman. I look at it as a root cellar," she explained. "I think I have the best root cellar on Galiano Island."

Nine months pregnant, she believes in the holy book with nearly the same fervour as her partner. She lives according to the bible and

confides that part of being female is being feminine and dressing properly, not in pants.

She admitted that she's not looking forward to the planned 45-day stay below the earth.

Peter Rabatich, ex-Hydro employee and part-time logger, bought his farm 15 years ago. Currently, Rabatich and Matthews are operating a fish market and a take-out cafe on Galiano Island while advertising bomb shelter construction with a \$20,000 price tag.

"I'm not trying to make any money by building the shelters," Rabatich noted, "although I could do with some new shoes maybe. And I need a new pair of pants..."

The shelter sits vacant for now; a world apart from the rustic log cabin that houses the church of Cover.

But if the experts are correct in predicting devastation following a nuclear attack, the bomb shelter built by the Galiano Islanders may provide them with an \$11,000 tomb.

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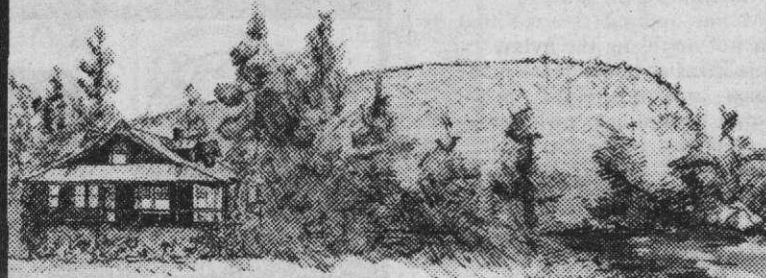
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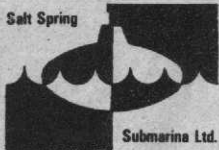
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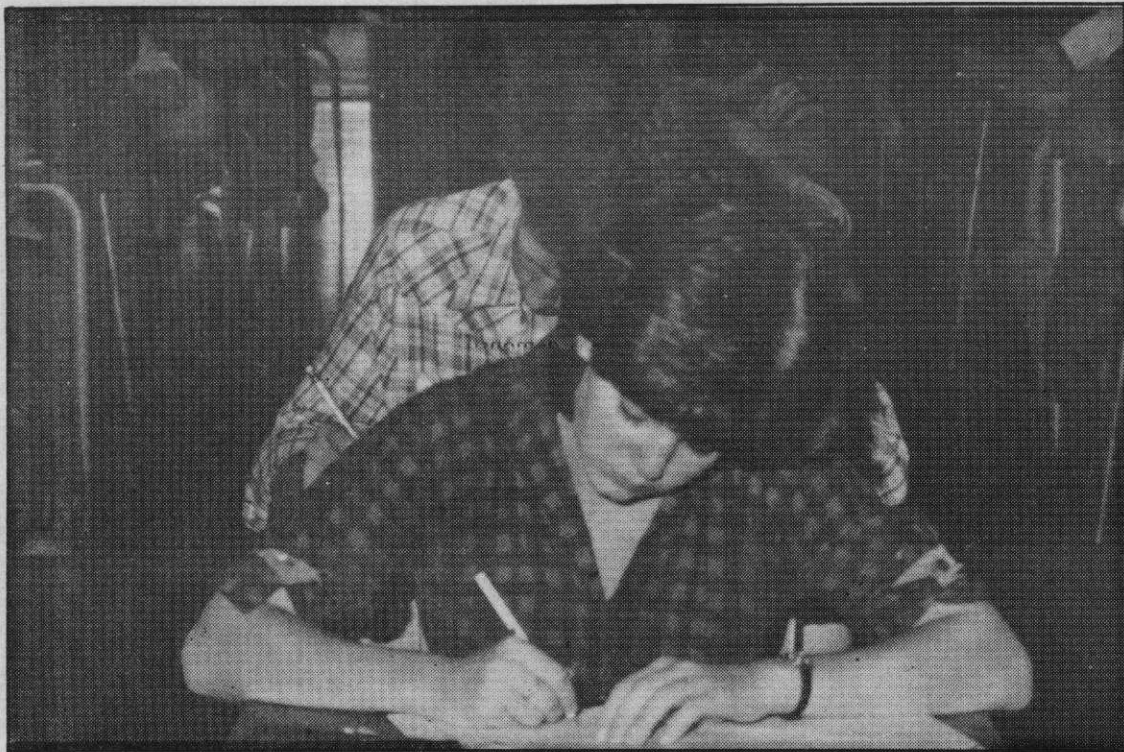
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It's all over now

Compulsory government exams have kept Grade 12 students busy this year, especially those who find themselves writing as many as three finals. Some students must write the teacher's exams, the scholarship

exams and the compulsory government exams. But who cares now? It's all over at the high school at Ganges and elementary school students will start their summer break on Friday.

Trust changes lot size to 12 hectare minimum

New minimum size for parcels of land in a watershed is 12 hectares, or almost 30 acres. Salt Spring Island Trust Committee adopted the new measure at its meeting on Wednesday.

Until the zoning bylaw amendment was adopted, the minimum size had been seven hectares.

The Trust committee introduced the measure after a 12-parcel subdivision at the west side of St. Mary Lake was reduced to seven parcels at the request of the subdivider.

Norman Mouat spoke to the measure, explaining that his company had been responsible for that subdivision. He reminded the committee that he had delayed the project for several years, waiting for the province or the region to make an offer on the land for public use. No offer was made.

The original subdivision calling for 12 parcels was abandoned, noted the spokesman, when the developers were fearful that measures required by the highways ministry would be detrimental to the lake.

Mouat assured trustees that he was not opposing the bylaw.

He recalled a proposal made by island architect Hank Schubart several years ago whereby the development rights on a parcel of land might be transferable to

another parcel. Under such a proposal, Mouat explained, the owner of land abutting on a lake or otherwise in a watershed might relinquish the rights to develop the land in that sensitive zone and, in exchange, would be granted permission to sell development rights to a property owner outside the sensitive area.

The exchange, or transfer of rights provided under such a scheme, would extend from one property to another. Once the rights were transferred, under this plan, the rights to develop would be lost forever.

Not only would such a scheme prohibit development in sensitive areas, but it would also provide compensation to the landowner whose opportunities to subdivide are restricted by controls, suggested Mouat.

Trustee John Rich explained that the Schubart plan would require considerable legislative changes.



Top academic award went to Ellen Box this year at Gulf Islands Secondary School at Ganges. Ellen received the Grade 12 award out of a class of 61 students. In September she will be attending the University of Victoria to study visual arts in the fine arts program at the university.

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Program in existence five years

There is a home economics program at the Mayne School, says Jeannine Dodds, school trustee for that island.

Dodds was concerned about the impression being created over the controversy concerning the Grade 8 program at Pender. The home economics program at the Mayne School had been criticized as being

inadequate, she said.

There is a kitchen and a sewing room for the program, said Dodds. The teacher teaches the junior secondary school students the art of running a home for one day each week.

The program has been in existence for five years at the Mayne School, she said. The planned expansion of the Mayne School includes more room for the home economics classes as well.

Truck overturns

Pick-up driven by Barry Byron of Ganges overturned last Saturday morning when the driver lost control on slippery roads.

The 1975 Chev flipped on Fulford-Ganges Road and Kitchen Road and Byron suffered head, back and leg injuries. Damage to the truck was \$3,000.

Byron was issued a traffic violation for driving too fast for road conditions and was charged with driving with bald tires.

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