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A boy and his crow

Duane Guilbault of Ganges rescued this young crow when it fell out of nest a few weeks ago, and he has been encouraging it to fly ever since. Duane was on the school

grounds giving flying lessons to the young bird as fully grown crows kept a noisy watch from above. He hopes the bird will continue to stay at his home even after it learns to fly.

School trustees want to hear province's stand on school issue

With an urgent need for more classroom space on Salt Spring, trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board will be talking with officials of various ministries to find out what can be done in a hurry.

When the board met last Wednesday the trustees approved a motion to talk to government officials about the situation at the Fulford school site as well as the purchase of a new site.

The current site, at the corner of Stewart and Beaver Point Roads, sits in the Stowell Lake watershed and the Islands Trust recently denied the school board permission to build the school there.

Charles Hingston, school board chairman and Salt Spring Island trustee, told the meeting that time is working against the board and that at least eight new classrooms will be needed in the next few years.

The trustees will talk to ministry officials, said Hingston, because "this board wants to get a clear feeling of where provincial government ministries stand on this issue."

David Eyles, spokesman for the Fulford parents' advisory committee, objected to the school board attempting to pursue the question of building on the current site. He pointed out that the Islands Trust had denied permission to build on it and that residents of Fulford were against having a school there.

He termed any discussions of the site as a political move.

Jack Albhouse, Salt Spring trustee, said the board is not likely to get the Islands Trust decision overturned.

"We have two chances," he said of the possibility of building on the site, "slim and none. But we have to give it a try."

Carol Walde, a resident of

Fulford, suggested that the school board consider building a new secondary school at Portlock and turning the existing high school into an elementary school.

Hingston replied that funding for the new school was for an elementary school and to switch to construction of a high school would cause further delays.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands, told the meeting that it could be possible to convert the high school to an elementary school but the process would be expensive.

The school district would have a

School to push up clover

Dead school at the south end of Salt Spring Island will be pushing up clover—not daisies.

Trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board approved last week a plan to seed the school site at Stewart and Beaver Point Roads with clover. The land had been cleared to bare soil and rocks in preparation for construction.

Charles Hingston, school board chairman, had been told that to leave the site in the bare-soil condition could harm Stowell Lake.

Frank Sutherland, supervisor of works for the school district, told the trustees that clover seed had been purchased and would be planted on the site. He was attempting to convince the department of highways to help plant the seed with their seeding machine.

difficult time convincing the ministry of education of the need for a high school because the current secondary school is not used to capacity, he said.

Enrolment at the Gulf Islands Secondary School is nearly 320 students and the school has a potential capacity of more than 500, he said.

Nancy Wigen, of the South Salt Spring Residents' Association, urged the board to consider a site closer to the Village of Fulford. She noted that the proposed community plan for the village had provisions for a school in or near the core.

She said the residents' group would volunteer labour to help the school board deal with planting a ground cover on the Stewart Road site. The residents were also willing to offer support to the board to find a suitable location for the school, she said.

Hingston noted that the final decision on the matter rested with the school board and the trustees were not going to make moves just to be seen to be doing something.

Estimated loss is \$39,000

At the annual meeting of the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society Monday, auditor Edith Sacker reported that the estimated loss in accounts receivable was \$39,000. Embezzlement is suspected in the loss.

RCMP officers of the commercial crime section from Victoria began an investigation of the financial records at Greenwood's a month ago. RCMP at Ganges say that such an investigation can take several months.

Chairman of the society, Paul Layard, told the meeting that safeguards had been made so that future incidents of embezzlement could be avoided.

Two holidays this weekend

It's a holiday weekend coming up for most of North America as Canadians celebrate Canada Day on Friday and Americans mark Independence Day on Monday.

Most businesses will close Friday for Canada Day, formerly Dominion Day.

Driftwood's display advertising deadline will be moved to 1 pm Saturday. Other deadlines will remain the same.

Driftwood will appear next Wednesday as usual.

Hovermarine visits two islands Monday

From Sidney Wharf to Port Washington in 20 minutes was the pace set by the Vosper Hovermarine on Monday.

A group of newsmen and dignitaries accompanied Hugh Curtis on the first run of the surface-effect ship through the islands.

The party boarded the Hovermarine 218 at Sidney and sped across Swanson Channel to North Pender, took a quick look round the small harbour area and shot out again towards Ganges. And 17½ minutes later the vessel gently dropped into Ganges Harbour.

The trip represented the first journey around the islands in a passenger ferry accommodating no cars. The proposal to introduce a passenger ferry has been mooted in the islands for many years.

In Ganges Harbour the vessel demonstrated its manoeuvrability

before tying up while the travellers had a light morning lunch in Kanaka Place.

The new ship then left for Sidney, a 25-minute trip from Ganges Harbour.

SUDDEN STOP

Off the east coast of Salt Spring Island, the vessel made an emergency stop to show how it's done. From its top speed of over 30 knots the hover machine came to a halt in about twice its own length.

The trial run was sponsored by the promoters of the Hovermarine on the coast, Seaspeed Transport Canada Ltd., in co-operation with the provincial government.

Hugh Curtis explained that the concern of the government referred solely to his own constituency, where the vessel will be tested during a summer-long trial.

The company will be wholly

responsible for conducting tests and assessing the service between Nanaimo and Vancouver.

The Hovermarine is similar in general style to other air cushion vehicles already in use on the coast by the Coast Guard. The main difference is that, while both ride on an air cushion, the Hovercraft travels entirely above the surface and will travel over water or land, while the Hovermarine remains partially in the water during travel and it's not amphibious. The Hovercraft is driven by aero engines spinning a propeller and the Hovermarine by two 400 hp diesels driving screws in the water.

HE DIDN'T HEAR IT

The noise emitted by the new Hovermarine was not of sufficient volume to cause offence to people watching it come and go and manoeuvre. Cliff Harrison, on

North Pender Island, did not hear the vessel pass his home.

The ship is 60 feet long and accommodates 84 passengers at a cruising speed of 34 knots. Seaspeed has three of the vessels at a price of \$2 million each.

While the government is interested in assessing the value of the vessels among the Gulf Islands, the company is responsible for the investigations into the use of Hovermarines between Nanaimo and Vancouver. In each case it is anticipated that the service will complement that of the B.C. Ferry Corporation, rather than come into the west coast waters in opposition to the ferry services.

Curtis expressed his appreciation of the company's interest in transportation in this part of the province and supported the

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Error may end up costing school district \$500,000

BY BILL WEBSTER

Somewhere along the line an error was made which could end up costing the Gulf Islands School District \$500,000.

The error came to light when a building permit application for a new school at Stewart and Beaver Point Roads revealed the site to be in a watershed zone. Activities in watersheds are restricted by the zoning bylaws and a school is not a permitted use.

The Islands Trust refused to change the zoning use and the school board must seek another site for the much-needed school.

The question remains: what went wrong?

The answer, while not readily apparent, lies somewhere in the sequence of events which led to the current predicament facing school trustees.

Several years ago the trustees began the process of finding a school site at the south end of the island. The exploding population at Fernwood and Salt Spring Elementary Schools could only be eased by construction of a new school.

The school board, at the time, owned a four-acre site in the Fulford valley on Fulford-Ganges Road. A decision to sell the property to the Salt Spring Fire District was made because the site did not meet criteria for the school.

Located in Agricultural Land Reserve

The school board had given up on the site because it was in the Agricultural Land Reserve and adjacent to a private airstrip. The land had produced poor prospects for both sewage disposal and potable water.

The school board advertised for offers of property but received no replies. The parents' group in Fulford was approached and letters sent to a number of land owners in the area with no results.

When a demographic profile of the existing and potential pupil population was drawn up, the centre appeared to be the intersection of

Six phases of school project

At last week's meeting of Gulf Islands school trustees, board chairman Charles Hingston offered an appropriate thought for the day.

He quoted six phases of a project which sum up the situation at the school site at the south end of Salt Spring. The source of the observations is unknown.

Six phases of a project: 1, enthusiasm; 2, disillusionment; 3, panic; 4, search for the guilty; 5, punishment of the innocent; 6, praise and honour for the non-participants.

Stewart and Beaver Point Roads.

Saltair Farms Ltd., a subsidiary of the realty firm of Salt Spring Lands, held several five-acre sites in the area and the school board approached the company about a purchase.

The property at the intersection was bought by the school board for \$98,500. Clearing the land in preparation for construction as well as putting in a septic field boosted the costs to close to \$220,000.

The contract for the building had been let by tender to the contracting firm of Herb Bate Ltd. of Victoria for \$1.4 million. The contractor could claim a portion of the agreed price for default of contract. Default could cost \$300,000.

When the property was bought, John Zacharias, Pender Island school trustee, and Jim Ripley of Galiano were on the school board's building and grounds committee, which arranged details of the purchase. Wilf Peck was the secretary-treasurer at the time of the negotiations for the property.

Zacharias, as chairman of the building and grounds committee, has stated that he accepted the advice of the school administration on the uses to which the land could be put.

Peck, who has since retired, wrote a letter to the school board to explain his actions in the matter. He said that he had discussed the land in question with the planner for the Islands Trust, Deane Strongitharm.

Peck wrote: "Mr. Strongitharm and I drove by this site and he assured me its zoning permitted construction of a school."

'Watershed complications never mentioned'

"...I received a definite verbal statement from Mr. Strongitharm that there was no zoning impediment to the location of a school on the subject site. At no time did he even mention the question of watershed complications."

Strongitharm, who has since left the Islands Trust, told *Driftwood* in a telephone interview that he cannot remember the incident. He said that he and Peck had toured a site at Fulford-Ganges and Isabella Point Roads and had discussed problems associated with that site.

The Fulford parents' group was also involved in the situation. The group had taken objections to the site to the school board but did not mention the zoning as being part of the problem.

The group submitted a list of recommendations to the school board. The first noted: "That immediate detailed consideration of the septic disposal field be made in

particular regarding the possibility of effluent infiltrating the watershed."

The school board had been concerned about the problem of septic disposal. A creek runs across the northerly portion of the property and drains into Stowell Lake. The health department, however, approved the septic system when it was installed.

The creek flows only during seasons of heavy rainfall.

Judy Ripley, representing a group called Parents and Ratepayers of School District 64, presented the school board with a list of concerns about the site.

Ripley had contacted the fish and game branch and was informed that the creek near the Stowell Lake outlet was a spawning ground for trout.

The thrust of her presentation questioned why the site was chosen over the other site at Fulford-Ganges and Isabella Point Roads.

Peck noted in a memorandum to the school board in May 1982 that the owner had proposed to offer five acres of a 12-acre site. The land is in the ALR and the minimum lot size is 20 acres.

Subdivision probably impossible

He noted in the memo that "Islands Trust indicated process to obtain five acre subdivision would

be lengthy and probably impossible."

The problems of farmland zoning, however, seem minor compared to the watershed zoning problems at the Stewart Road site.

A study of Stowell Lake, carried out by the ministry of the environment, stated that while the lake has a large watershed, 3.89 square kilometres (983 acres), there are no major tributaries draining into the lake.

The water of the lake was marginal as a source of domestic water and if it were used as such, would require chlorination and filtering. The water also has a high coliform count and contains suspended solids.

The report looked at Stowell, Blackburn, Bullock and Ford lakes.

A conclusion of the report stated, "Domestic water supplies from all

lakes should be chlorinated and filtered. Lake Stowell has the best quality water, followed by Blackburn Lake, then Ford Lake."

The report noted that taste, odour and nutrient problems of Stowell Lake had to be overcome if the water were to be used as a source of domestic supply.

The decision of the Islands Trust has reduced the watershed problem for the school board to one of paying for an empty lot. The real problem now is the need for space to teach the children.

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What? No ketchup!

I grew up in the land of fish and chips. The traditional chip was laid out on a piece of newspaper and sometimes had a slip of white paper to separate the spuds from the news of the world. Those chips I knew; and revered. Those were the days when you ate chips alone in their purity. To sprinkle anything but vinegar on them would have ranked with sacrilege. Ketchup was a thick tomato sauce and gravy went with roast beef. When I came to this land of sea I discovered that a chip was a broad expression. The thin, crisp paring of potato popularized on the far side of the Atlantic by a Mr. Smith was known on this side of that sea as a chip. The similarity of terms led to numerous confusions, but it was eventually a chip even to me. Then I came to the point where typesetting was by computer chips. There were flies enough in the computer, but nary a spud. Just chips. No vinegar: no ketchup, just chips. Every time the machine went crazy, which was about every week, we changed chips. We even cooked one. A worthy salesman for the machine sat at the keyboard, opened it up and thrust a screwdriver into its interior. A loud flash and an explosion indicated that the chip was cooked. Usually that wonderful invention of the electronic state, the chip, was at fault. We would call Toronto or Louisiana or wherever the particular chip came from and they would listen to the symptoms and give us a list of chips to pull. I don't ever remember curing any complaint. I would work away changing chips. They would suggest that we check J1 to 12 and K2-14 and H10-16 and L8-18 and so on. For hours I would pull chips and replace chips and hope. And maybe ketchup wasn't for chips when I was growing up and maybe gravy was with the roast beef, but I'd settle for ketchup and gravy with my chips any day of the week before I tried again to sort out the chip that went wrong. It usually ended up with waiting for the technician to get to the island to repair the error while we suffered and paid. All you can say about these modern chips is that there's something awful fishy about them.

Puns and punishment

The delighted electrician was revolted and discharged and a mathematician can be discounted; a horseman derided. The word game was explained by Carol Verdun in the Elmira Independent. And with her enthusiasm for punning let's trust that Carol will never be unsung. The game offers other examples and then leaves the reader to his own resources. The orchestra conductor was disconcerted, the archer was deranged and a furnace repairman was deducted. A lawyer may be debriefed and distorted and bell-ringers extolled. And so on.

Fascination could be fatal

I fear I have a fatal fascination for cats. At least they have populated my house and garden with kittens over a fair length of time. What they have never realized is that I don't appreciate the gesture at all. It's alright for Jo-Ann Logan to explain that the four kittens stumping around my garden don't resemble the handsome young tom gracing the Logan porch, but I'm still planning on signs around the fenceline warning all toms to keep off. Only trouble is that history is made at night and if those signs are going to be of any use I guess we'll have to light them up. In the meantime we now have five cats around the place when we'd sooner have none at all. And the mother? She's a wild bush-cat and only sticks around because there's food where there's us. If the five of them stick around too long the fascination will definitely prove fatal.

It was already hers!

I wrote a perfect slogan for Men's Lib: as if there were such a movement: but Women's Lib won't have it. She says she adopted the motto, Better Dead than Wed, 37 years ago. Odd thing is that she never told me. Another coincidence is that we've been married for 37 years.

Bread and jam again

I'm in my second childhood. When I was very small and in no degree responsible for my activities I used to happily eat bread and jam. As I grew older I put aside the things of a child. And as I grew yet older still, I have slipped back into the habits of childhood. I like making bread and I enjoy eating it after I've made it. And Women's Lib made some strawberry jam. The result is that I've been eating bread and jam again and even liking it. No wonder we're fat!

It doesn't run over

For years I have listened to the water running in the bath. I turn on the taps and go off to fill in the time while the bath fills. And most of my life I have been haunted by the picture of water running over the lip of the bath on to the floor and then around the house looking for a way out. The other day I turned on the taps and decided to have breakfast. I was happily sitting in the kitchen for about half an hour when I remembered the bath water. I dashed into the bathroom expecting the worst and found that the surplus water had been swallowed by the overflow outlet. I'm not actually recommending the procedure, but there is some consolation in the knowledge that it might not flood the house even if the taps are left on.

It was somebody else!

It's a joy to every printer to find someone else inventing new words accidentally. Like a Canadian Press report on Maggie Thatcher's British government. The report referred to that government's commitment "to modernizing Britain's nuclear arsenal". At least, that's how the story came out. We are still scrutinizing it with a view to imitating it in due course. As, of course, we may yet.

Tory delegate back home after leadership 'circus' in Ottawa

BY BILL WEBSTER

Now that the circus has ended, Gil Humphreys is back home on Salt Spring Island.

Humphreys had been a voting delegate from the local constituency, Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands, at the Progressive Conservative leadership convention in Ottawa three weeks ago.

He had been chosen as a representative of local Tories because he had been "the only islander who bothered to go to the meeting." While the association had not specified who the delegates were to vote for, Humphreys said the favourite candidates had been John Crosbie and Joe Clark.

"But having met Clark three times," said Humphreys, "I didn't think he deserved our support."

Clark had been wrong in resigning as party leader to seek a stronger mandate, said Humphreys. "Clark showed his character by refusing the Winnipeg endorsement."

During the policy sessions at the convention, Humphreys noted that the party was right wing only in that it is to the right of where Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau is. "And he's far to the left," said Humphreys.

The Tories have to reassert themselves as a free enterprise liberal party, Humphreys noted. Efforts of the party should be aimed at reducing the number of "socialist appendages" such as crown corporations.

In reference to the internal difficulties for which the P.C.'s are famous, Humphreys said the bickering will stop at least until people learn more about Mulroney. "HAS TO STOP"

"The bickering will stop," he said, "because it has to stop."

When the balloting was under way June 11, Humphreys cast votes for four candidates. On the first ballot, he supported Mike Wilson while for vote two he went with David Crombie.

Humphreys described Crombie as a "nice little guy" who is not "really as red as some would believe." Crombie has gained the reputation as being one of the Red Tories for his stand on social issues.

On the third ballot, Humphreys cast his vote for Crosbie. The west coast islander had held a preference for the east coast islander to go all the way.

On the fourth and decisive ballot, however, Humphreys threw his support to Brian Mulroney.

With a new leader the fortunes of the party look optimistic, he said, although he doubts the next election will be called until the last possible moment. Trudeau does not have to call an election until February 1985.

Humphreys offered words of advice to the new party leader. He noted that Mulroney seemed to be leaning towards Clark for support although on the final ballot, the winning votes came from supporters

of Crosbie.

Despite his support for Crosbie, Humphreys had words of criticism for the Newfoundlander. Humphreys considers Crosbie's criticism of Maureen McTeer to be uncalled for.


McTeer had apparently talked Clark out of supporting Crosbie on the pivotal third ballot. The popular concept at the convention, said Humphreys, was that McTeer "led Clark down the garden path" with

the advice.

But, said Humphreys, Crosbie was wrong to say that in public.

On the Saturday of the vote, the heat in the auditorium was unbelievable, he said, while the noise and the furor were unsettling. Between ballots he left the auditorium to sit outside in the sunshine.

"I hated to be part of that circus," he said.



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Island Hovermarine link

The hover vessel has come to the west coast. Already familiar to British Columbians is the amphibious hovercraft operated by the Coast Guard. The airplane-style propulsion is also familiar as a source of noise. The new vessel coming into operation among the islands this summer is quieter and aiming at a different function. The Hovermarine is propelled by its twin screws in the water.

Islanders will be invited to patronize the service which many have been asking for during the past decade and more. The foot-passenger service will link the islands with Sidney. The ship carries no cars and passengers will be required to find their way to the island dock and then from the Sidney wharf. This method of travel whereby the car stays on the island, at home, has been long mooted as the effective way of cutting back on power consumption and the overcrowding of island waters.

The first several weeks of its operation will be sponsored by the provincial government who will pick up the tab. During that time fares will be established, as well as ports of call and the workaday routine of drawing up schedules and arranging the storage and accommodation of the ship.

The islanders have looked for such a service and the government is prepared to help as Hugh Curtis announced during the recent election campaign. The vessel will be here and so will the islanders. The test period will establish whether a sufficient number of people responds and whether the fare structure can be found whereby travellers will be happy and the operators adequately rewarded.

Similar vessels are in use around the world. The Vosper Marine company has sold 28 such vessels for use across Hong Kong Harbour. There is an air-cushion vessel operating in San Francisco and the international service over the English Channel is known to many a Canadian who has never set foot outside his own land.

It must be borne in mind that, while British Columbia has the water and the miles of coast, it lacks one ingredient common to all those other places. It lacks people. The islands are sparsely populated. And many of the people in the islands are not given to regular travel away from home.

A quick, convenient transportation system among the islands would be warmly welcomed. Only the coming test will show the response. But it appears unlikely that such a service would be feasible without assistance from the province. Ferries, apparently, cannot operate on fares alone.

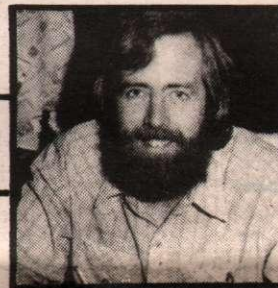
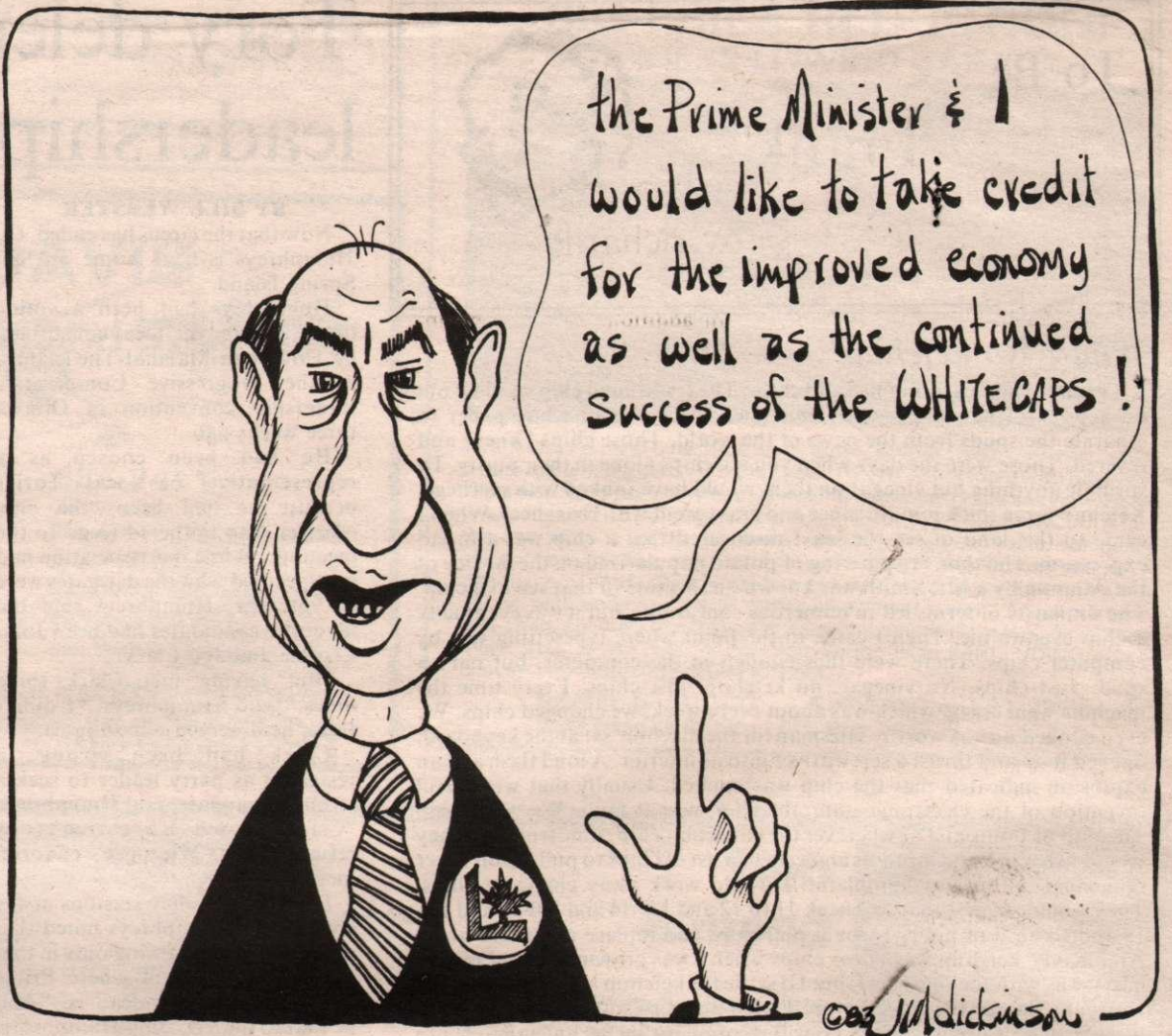
Community improvement

There have been few organizations in the general area of Ganges to achieve so effective a change as has been wrought by the beautification project. The work of the committee in connection with flower baskets was earlier hailed by many residents and visitors. Last weekend the beauty treatment was applied to the thoroughway in Ganges, where the large grassed triangles went bald. The grass was hauled away and a new treatment involving cedar planters and shrubs was introduced.

The new look in the centre and the steps provided down to Mouat's Mall at the Kanaka Place have made a substantial contribution to the community.

Awareness of the community appearance rubs off on others and the overall picture presented by Ganges this year to tourist and resident is a vast improvement over the past. With limited paving of Ganges streets the community is brightening up in spite of the fact that new construction is not likely to be approved.

The concept of community improvement is one that merits praise for its sponsors.



Tony Richards

IF MR. GANGES G. DRIFT will step forward, he may have won a million bucks.

We are not familiar with Mr. Drift and, in fact, had never heard of the man until an outfit called Canadian Family Publishers sent us some mail for him.

The correspondence indicates that Mr. Drift is an automotive editor and he may have won \$1 million in the form of \$50,000 annual payments for 20 years.

Note the words, "may have won."

Judging by the appearance of the literature, I would suggest that G.G. Drift not set his hopes too high on winning.

"**THE BANK IS KILLING ME,**" read a classified advertisement in this publication a few months ago, and the statement still holds true today for a local man.

Gary Moulton placed the ad in an attempt to sell a lot on Woodland Drive on Salt Spring Island. He got a number of inquiries, but no takers.

Last week he tried a new tactic by advertising a free house.

He and his partners will build a one or two-bedroom house to lock-up for the purchaser of their fully serviced lakeview lot. Price tag on the lot is \$40,000 and the buyer must purchase the materials for the house.

So what's the catch?

There isn't one, as far as I can see. Gary is paying close to 20% interest on the mortgage and is getting desperate to unload the property, which he's been trying to do for about two years.

If someone takes him up on the deal, he and his friends will lose close to \$20,000, but at least they'll have freed themselves of a mortgage with a usurious interest rate.

RESIDENTS in the neighbourhood of our office have been surprisingly silent despite the addition of a not-very-silent member to our staff.

The new member is my wife's dog and his duties include guarding our backyard cherry crop, which he does with a great deal of skill—and noise.

His shrill howls, which have earned him the title

An American Werewolf in Ganges, are not, in my own opinion, directed at the cherry-stealing birds.

I think it more likely that he is pining for another motorcycle helmet, the lining of which he considers a delicacy beyond compare.

THE GANGES CITIZENS' COMMITTEE is deluding itself if its members believe that people actually want to read about the famous Ganges sewer.

I'd bet that the majority of our readers would prefer not to read anything about the issue. And I don't blame them.

MANY YEARS AGO I used to get around in a 12-foot sailboat. The sail, however, was rarely used as all wind abruptly ceased blowing the moment I stepped aboard.

I discovered on Saturday that my influence on wind conditions had not changed.

The Canadian Navy's training ship, *HMCS Oriole*, was in Ladysmith Harbour to take a group of community newspaper publishers and their families for a cruise. And there wasn't a breath of wind all day.

So the sails were left furled and we went for a trip under power instead.

The 103-foot, steel-hulled ketch is 62 years old and has been used as a training vessel by the Navy for the past 30-odd years. She carries four regular crew members and about a dozen trainees.

We heard a brief history of the vessel and her previous owner, who was in the rum-running trade on the east coast. He was something of an eccentric.

He owned a number of ships, among them two schooners which he broke up and used for firewood, according to our informant.

He sold the *Oriole* to the Canadian government after the second world war. The price: \$14,000.

Navy trainees aboard the *Oriole* learn the hard way.

There are no winches on board and everything is done by hand, including pulling the 100-lb. anchor.

The day following our cruise the wind started blowing and it hasn't stopped since.

Letters to the Editor

Anguish inflicted by arms race is illustrated

Sir,
There were three items in the last *Driftwood* that vividly illustrate the extreme anguish inflicted by the nuclear arms race on our society.

I am referring to two letters and an article, the letters are by Rosalind Hildred, concerned about the dangers of the arms race, and by J.E. Tateham, concerned with Patriotism. The article by Valerie Richards is about the "Survivalists" from Galiano.

Well, here we have the whole spectrum and what am I to make of it? I wonder what Mr. Tateham is trying to say in the sentence: "I'm very disappointed in some people of Canada. These 'People'... are not very good Canadians...."

I am puzzled by Mr. Tateham's use of quote marks. Does he wish to infer that those who disagree with him are not quite "people"? In the next paragraph he mentions having to fight the Fascists in 1939. Does Mr. Tateham not remember what the Allies (including Soviet Russia) were fighting for? It was for Democracy and Freedom, if I remember correctly.

Granted, the Russian system does not seem to be too free nor too democratic but I am not too keen to do away with all life on the Planet on their account and in the name of "Defence", too. I am afraid that our "Leaders" together with "Patriots" like Mr. Tateham scare me just as much as the Communists with their "Patriotism".

Mr. Tateham may not be aware that over 50%, a majority of Canadians, oppose the arms race and that according to his rules it's he who should "get out of the country." No, I really don't mean that, I don't mind if he stays, after all, that's Democracy...

It's that kind of thinking that scares me, the idea that you can defend yourself by committing suicide and dragging your enemies down with you, the assumption that if we can kill every Russian 30 times over and if that does not deter them then being able to kill them 31 times over will do the trick and scare the scoundrels to submission.

I'm afraid that Mr. Tateham and many other people do not seem to understand a simple fact: That the issue is no longer of Right Versus Left, it's come to the point where it's Life versus Death, for all. Period.

I do not really care how the Creepy Communists and the Fealthy Capitalists settle their differences, but leave my seven-month-old Daughter out of it. Hear? and leave out the birds and the bees and every other thing that lives and loves its life!

Now to the Survivalists, Mr. Rabatitch and Mr. Matthews, the ones who are building the Nuclear Shelter on Galiano. It's curious how closely their line of reasoning matches that of President Reagan and his ilk, something like this:

"Nuclear war is inevitable, hide in a hole in the ground, take weapons with you, don't use your head, use the Bible instead."

Well, I don't know how far that will take them. According to Dr. Helen Caldicott who studied the Medical aspects of nuclear war:

"The living (survivors) will envy the dead." And for a number of good reasons too.

In addition, in whose company will they be if they survive? Reagan will surely take cover, so will Andropov, so will all the "survivalists" with all these weapons, and all of the survivors starting all over again, together with a whole bunch of radiation-mutated cockroaches, armed with the same kind of values that caused this insanity to happen in the first place...

And the letter by Rosalind Hildred?

What can I add? Just a little, we have to encourage people to realize

that it's a whole new ball game in the world and that you can't play the new game by the old rules.

The new rules will be influenced by the fact that due to recent advances in science and technology, it is now possible to:

- A. Destroy all life on Earth.
- B. Restore Paradise on Earth.

Both of these options were not realistic in 1945. They are very realistic now. The Crunch is now and it's up to us to choose which way to go.

URI COGAN,
Box 2,
Fulford.
June 22, 1983.

Nuclear war not inevitable

Sir,

I have read your article "Galiano Islanders Prepare for Nuclear War" with some anguish. It is sad that Mark and Peter have found it necessary to build a very expensive nuclear war bomb shelter when, according to the Reagan administration, some shovels, boards and a layer of dirt are all we need to protect us in the event of a nuclear holocaust.

Indeed how sad it is that the world is at the brink—that within a few hours after the press of a button (or a malfunction of a computer) a nuclear bomb exchange could wipe out millions of plants, animals and humans and make the earth uninhabitable.

But nuclear war is not inevitable. We humans with spiritual inspirations can overcome the worst of evils. Remember, human bondage was commonplace until a little over 100 years ago. There is a growing awareness of the nuclear threat facing our world and as more awareness spreads, solutions will come. That is what is inevitable.

Schedule is a mess

Sir,

Following is a copy of a letter to Bill Bouchard of the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

Your congenial staff (in the face of this new "schedule") informs me that the "buck" stops there. I sincerely hope you're not the "father" of same. What a mess. If the Islanders can't figure it out, God help the tourists this summer.

It cost me two fares to get home on Wednesday morning and my lady hasn't shown up as pre-arranged today. If she missed the 12:05 pm ferry, then on looking up the so-called "schedule" she may take the 6:45 pm ferry, which, according to this thing, winds up at Saturna at 9:45 pm. Where the hell did Long Harbour go?

Tell me, how, and when, can you get to Saturna Island from Salt Spring.

God help the Ferries profit this summer.

As for myself: I think I'll strap a couple of timbers underneath the car, and push across with an outboard motor.

If it's not too much to ask; what's wrong with a simple, easily understood schedule such as you have fore Fulford to Swartz Bay and Vesuvius to Crofton?

Best of luck on the summer profits.
R.J. STIBBARDS,
R.R. 1, Fulford.
June, 1983.

Inhabitants must undergo some chemical sea change

Sir,

Last weekend we had the pleasure of visiting your beautiful islands. My wife and I were impressed with the friendliness of all the inhabitants, particularly those around the home of our host on Galiano Island. However, I believe some of these same people must undergo some kind of chemical change when they climb aboard their yachts and sail forth.

Our friends were showing us the islands on a bright Tuesday morning aboard their 20 ft. cabin cruiser so that it was about 11 am as we rounded the lighthouse point of Long Harbour, headed for Ganges Harbour when the drive-shaft between engine and propeller on our vessel let go. We were suddenly dead in the water. Our ship began to drift with the current towards the north shore of the Ganges inlet—a shore lined with some very ugly rocks.

In the beginning, we were not concerned with the rocks because we were convinced that someone would be stopping any minute and give aid. When a ship would pass near by, our host would light one of his red flares, waving it high above his head. At the same time the rest of us would be waving an oar to which a white rag had been attached, holding up a large "help" sign written in lipstick, flashing an SOS

with a pocket mirror and at the same time yelling...to no avail.

For 4½ hours we drifted towards the rocks and watched boats sail and speed past us. Fortunately our drifting was stopped when the water was shallow enough to use the anchor. About that time, the Coast Guard on routine patrol spotted us and gave us a tow to Ganges. These young men were courteous, competent and patient. Canada can be justly proud of them.

Needless to say, when their hovercraft pulled alongside of our craft, they were a welcome sight. So if you print this, I would like to say thanks to the Canadian Coast Guard from a citizen south of the border.

JIM KEESHEN,
Laguna Niguel, California.
June 16, 1983.

We remind readers that we reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, legality and taste.

Letters to the editor must be signed, and should be addressed to The Editor, Gulf Islands Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges; or drop them off at the office, 121 Rainbow Rd. Deadline for letters is 3 pm Monday preceding publication.



Bill Webster

Vigour restored by trip to Rockies

Saturday marks the second anniversary of an event which some islanders hail as significant and others bemoan as tragedy.

This space has been empty for two weeks while spirits and vigour were restored on a trip through the high rocks of the Rockies. The last time the drive was driven, two years ago, the rain and clouds prevented any view of the top.

This time the sun shone and the sky displayed a vivid blue.

And those rocks are as high as they are beautiful.

A walk along the shore of Lake Louise in the evening was interrupted by a conversation with a beaver dining on water sprouts. The conversation, to be sure, was one-sided because the beaver acted like some islanders and turned his back.

Another stroll followed a rocky path from highway to glacier to allow a hand dipped in the water to freeze. 'Twas only thawed by a dip in the hot springs bubbling from a canyon wall.

Opinions confirmed

In all, the trip confirmed opinions of the magnificence of nature, despite the efforts of man to rearrange things.

Eagles soared while magpies chattered. Ground squirrels begged for handouts and down the road a coyote watched the traffic.

On another road, this one leading to the hot springs, mountain sheep stood in defiance of mechanical intrusion into their domain. At the resort, three other wild sheep sat on a bluff to view the antics of tourists.

Mile upon mile of changing vistas cut through acquired cynicism to prompt amazement at the wonders unfolding.

Good thing ends

But as with all good things, it ended and a return to the islands brought one back to reality.

Time now to note changes which occurred during eight days on the road.

The department of highways decided, in their wisdom, to obliterate Driftwood Lakes. The paving and smoothing which took the bumps from Rainbow Road also did away with the lakes.

Our heritage slowly disappears in the name of progress.

Other things on the island, however, have not changed. More's the pity.

Efforts of citizens and retailers to bring splashes of flowery colour to the drab ugliness of the village cause some who sit on the sidelines to cast nasty comments at civic endeavour.

One business attempted to change the ugly sight but another

business decided to call the authorities with a complaint about it. What ever happened to free enterprise?

Surely any efforts to change the face of Ganges should be applauded and not condemned.

One of the first persons met upon return from the road was Louis Bolivar-Finchley. He related news of the happenings.

Lady Minto, related Louis, continues experiments in alternative heating through hot air from volunteers in the committee room outback. The hot air comes from rehashing old, old stories.

In the south, a dry stream causes concern while the effects of tennis balls on airplane propellers elicit more concern.

Negative concerns

"The concern should be less of the negative variety," said Louis, "and more on the positive side."

"Can you imagine," he asked with a twinkle in his eye, "what would have resulted if the Salt Spring opposition party had been in on the beginnings of the Gulp Isles?"

Louis shrugged and turned to walk away. He stopped for a moment and asked a question which cut deep.

"Have you been away?" he asked.

"It's been awfully quiet around here for the past eight days."

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Eight stops in Heritage House Tour Saturday

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

At last a chance is being offered to explore the old, fascinating, mysterious and stately heritage buildings on Salt Spring Island.

For the curious islander or visitor, tickets are being offered for \$5 by the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Committee, which is staging a Heritage House Tour Saturday of old island homes, churches and a school on Salt Spring. The tour can begin at any one of the eight buildings and some history can be learned and curiosity can be satisfied.

First stop: the Bittancourt Heritage Museum at the Farmers' Institute. The museum gives a run-down on island history from first settlers, old families and settlements and island pioneering ways. Early machines, household items and island history are housed in one small heritage building.

Second stop: The old Mouat home on Tripp Road. Today, Matthew and Phyllis Coleman operate a farm and maintain the farmhouse with a view of the past and an eye on keeping the farm original.

Third stop: St. Mark's Church on North End Road. The church today is a popular, scenic spot for weddings and, of course, weekly services. Nestled in the trees, the old church has old stained glass and a beautiful, polished interior.

Fourth stop: The old Ritchie home on Upper Ganges Road. Today, Cliff and Patty Lawson live at the rambling old home. The home boasts a complete wooden interior and almost untouched decor.

Fifth stop: The present-day Booth home off Beddis Road. The home belonged to the Beddis family until 17 years ago when Kay and Ernie Booth purchased it. The Beddis family settled at Beddis Road in 1884 to farm and today, views from the top windows have changed little. The home is situated overlooking Ganges Harbour and the wallpaper and decor add a touch of New England atmosphere with the tall windows, elegant sitting room and original parlour.

Sixth stop: St. Paul's Catholic Church in Fulford Harbour. The

church is covered in stone today but the old wooden frame and interior were constructed in the early 1880's with a little help from the Cowichan Catholic Church from which came much of the lumber.

Seventh stop: Beaver Point School near the community hall. The old school, still in operation, has no electricity and is heated by wood. Students from Beaver Point attend the school today. It is the

second oldest in British Columbia and was built in 1885.

Eighth stop: The grand finale of the tour is the Ruckle home which many have been eager to explore for years. Gordon Ruckle and his family live at the tall, heritage home today. Beautiful gardens, maintained by Gwen, and a rich wooden interior with period furnishings give the farmhouse charm a reality and a life of its own.

Look through the tall windows and only the Hydro and telephone lines change the view from what it was 100 years ago.

The Ruckle home completes the tour, but a return to the Bittancourt Heritage Museum might provide a summary of island history. Also, a cream tea is being offered by the Disarmament Committee at the Farmers' Institute building from 1 pm to 5 pm.

The tour is the final fund-raiser by the committee before the Peace Caravan sets out across Canada this summer.



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LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Monday, July 4: Inn Team vs Ganges, Hydro; Derelicts vs Fulford, Fulford; A Team vs Byron's, Little League. Wednesday, July 6: Inn Team vs Byron's, Little League. Derelicts vs Ganges, Portlock; A Team vs Fulford, Fulford.

MEN'S FASTBALL LEAGUE: Thursday, June 30: Langdons vs Slugs, Little League.

Definition must be defined

The Islands Trust is examining the definition of development permits with a view to making recommendations to the various island Trust committees.

In those areas where a development permit is required no alterations or landscaping changes may be undertaken without such a permit.

Although the regulations are in force, many property owners are unaware of the call for such a permit and changes have been made in respect of signs, appearance and landscaping without the prior approval of the Islands Trust.

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Marilyn Strongitharm is this year's Artcraft co-ordinator and she is seen standing with Ann Leigh-Spencer, left, amidst display of pottery. Show also includes work by weavers, painters, jewellers and craftsmen of the Gulf Islands.



Artcraft cashier Cheryl Murray, right, rings in the first purchase of the summer as Ruth Borsman lends a hand. There was a line-up outside the door before opening time Friday and within five minutes of opening the hall was full of shoppers.

Artcraft means quality work

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

The annual show of arts and crafts at Mahon Hall opened on Friday. This year Artcraft is neither bigger or better but the above-average quality and craftsmanship displayed along with the affordable prices will continue to attract visitors from all over the lower mainland and Vancouver Island.

The annual show features work from Gulf Island artists who are members of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council. Each year the show varies depending on membership and personal style of island potters, weavers, painters and craftsmen.

Items at the show this year include pottery by Muriel Hale, Meg Buckley and Mark Meredith.

Pottery by Gary Cherneff has become more bold and the heavy green glaze characteristic of his work last year carries an additional floral pattern of browns and golds. Shape of Cherneff's work has become more graphic.

Paintings include oils by Pegi Farina and watercolours by Shari Street of Galiano. Miniature work by Suzanne Gagnon, C. Pattinson and Pat Wright is also on display. Mayne Island artist Bob Borsos has both oil paintings and pottery from his own Madrona Studio on Mayne exhibited at the show.

Jewellery makers Bruce Pearson, Craig Wright and English-Gaith show their silver and staghorn jewellery. Hand-carved silver earrings by Pearson are both delicate and brilliant.

Weavers have combined mohair, wool and chenille and a variety of colours to make exceptionally delicate but rich coloured shawls. Work by Cheryl Murray, Aino Tamm and Phyllis Tatum, featured in a rack of shawls and scarves, is impressive. Prices range from \$8 to \$60.

A very cuddly doll by dollmaker Sheri Hickman is on display for \$75.

Wallhangings by Alberta graduate of art, Rohanna Laing, are professional.

Jewellery boxes by Mary Anne

Maftchuk are solidly crafted and colourfully covered. The boxes cost anything from \$15 to \$60.

Work by Corky is on display and the ornaments and mugs with their colourful characters continue to delight visitors at the Mahon Hall show.

Already the popular sakoulis, made by Kathryn Harris, are selling well. Other woven goods include winter woollies such as vests, coats

and sweaters made by Cheryl Murray, Pam Donnelly and Kathleen Mouat.

Silk scarves made by Ellen Box and cotton skirts by Susan Haigh are all part of the show this year and all sell for affordable prices.

Everyone is invited to check in at the show at Mahon Hall throughout the summer as the displays are modified and new crafts are exhibited.

Tennis under the lights at Portlock for \$6,300

Tennis at Portlock Park will be an illuminating experience with a price tag of \$6,300.

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission has agreed to spend that amount on 12 lights for the courts. Bob Wanless, in charge of the project, told the commission Monday that while the amount was more than expected, it represented a sum less than contractors had estimated.

The commission had originally set aside \$4,800 for the project but bids had boosted the price even higher. Wanless can purchase used

lights and fixtures from Victoria and with the use of aluminum wiring instead of copper, the price comes down to \$6,300.

The lights will shine on one court and partially on another. There will be eight lights on the court closest to the park building with four lights shining on the second court.

Tennis players will feed money into a coin box to turn on the lights. The coin box revenue will help pay for the electricity.

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Gymnasts receive awards

The Gulf Islands Gymnastic Society held their final gymnastic display and awards ceremony Friday in the Ganges activity centre. There have been 75 children ranging from six to 14 years of age taking part in the recreational and competitive programs this year. Approximately 100 attended the

display, including 50 gymnasts. Out of those in the recreational program, 22 attained red, white and blue level, 17 red and white level, three red level and four gymnasts attained red, white, blue and merit level.

In the competitive program, 10 gained merit level with a partial pass

in bronze while six gymnasts achieved both merit and bronze levels. Most of these gymnasts will be competing at divisional and provincial levels next year.

The two top certificates were awarded to Robin Coombes, "The Most Accomplished Recreational Gymnast 1982/83", and Sheryl Luscombe, "The Most Accomplished Competitive Gymnast 1982/83".

At the recreational level, outstanding achievement awards were given to Tanis Royal, Kemal Morris, Ananda Davies, Caroline Rowley, Laura Lee Anderson, Robin Clarke, Melanie Fewings, Jody Bradley, Robin Coombes, Meggie Coombes, Elaine Gardam and Jennifer Lloyd.

At the competitive level, top achievement awards for both meet and gym performances were given to Jennifer Hawkes, Jodie Harrison, Kim Jorgensen, Sheryl Luscombe, Rosemarie Alkoff, Jessica Swift, Gabrielle Jensen and Jennie Kernan.

Also given out were final marks for the pre-elite testing fitness levels and individual event awards, including power tumbling.

A summer gymnastic program is planned. Details are published in the Community Calendar.



Sheryl Luscombe



Robin Coombes

Saturna barbecue Friday

Saturna Island Lamb Barbecue kicks off at 11 am Friday.

The 34th annual barbecue at Jim Campbell's Saturna Beach will see 26 spring lambs cooked over open fires, games and contests, beer and wine garden and sale of handicrafts and baking.

Lamb will be served at 2.30 pm. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

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Federation here for annual seminar

The annual seminar of the Federation of Canadian Artists gets under way on Salt Spring Island this week. It will feature two shows by artists who participated in one of the two one-week art instruction courses.

The first art show is on Friday from 3 pm to 5 pm. The second show is on July 8 at the same time. The shows will be held at the Catholic Church on Drake Road.

The program for the two one-week seminars includes instruction in watercolours, oils and photography. Students will work with landscapes, marine scenes, life drawing and portraits.

This year instruction is being provided by federation members Robert Genn, Dan Izzard, David

MacLagua, Liz Smily, Alan Wylie, Stafford Plaut, David White, Z.A. Zadak, Kiff Holland, Katherine O'Connor and Salt Spring artist Allan Edwards.

At the Salt Spring Seminar '83, approximately 80 people have enrolled in each of the one-week classes. A total of 30 Salt Spring residents are enrolled in the program.

The Federation of Canadian Artists is a non-profit organization and has a membership of about 1,500. Senior members of the

federation provide instruction to colleagues and the seminar on Salt Spring is the highlight of art instruction for the year for the federation.

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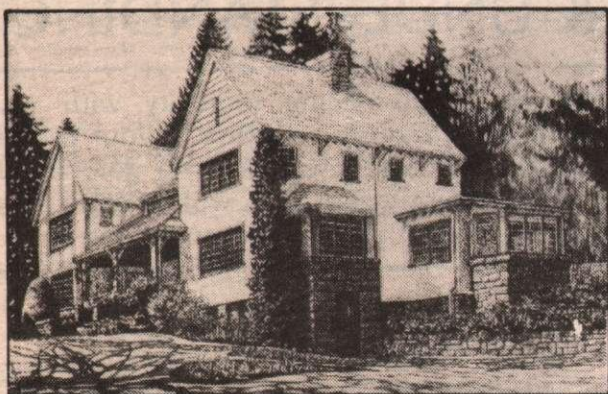
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Concert-goers entertained with 'dazzling musicianship' on Friday

Contributed
BY PHYLLIS WEBB

Concert pianist Bruce Vogt of the University of Victoria attracted an audience of more than 75 islanders to the Schubart home on Salt Spring Island on Friday for an evening of dazzling musicianship.

Vogt, who has considerable experience as a concert performer in Canada and the U.S., generously donated his time and talent to aid the work of Amnesty International's Group 115.

The audience—some on cushions on the floor, others more sedately in chairs—could watch the evening light fade on Ganges Harbour as the music moved from a lighter to darker mood.

Vogt began his performance with Bela Bartok's *Rumanian Dance, Opus 8a, no. 1*, followed by two *Images* by Debussy. The first half of the concert concluded with Liszt's *Variations on a motive from a*

Cantata by J.S. Bach, a work that called on a full range of expression from this gifted musician.

After the interval when wine and cheese were served, the concert concluded with two complex sonatas by Beethoven: the early (1796) *Sonata in F, opus 10, no. 2*, and the later, more sombre *C minor, opus 111*.

Treasurer Barbara Johnston reported proceeds totalled \$370. Several new members were signed up. The evening would not have been possible without the skilful piano tuning of Jim Fogarty. Thanks also to the able-bodied movers of the piano from the Hill house to Old Scott Road.

Group 115 would like to thank all those who have contributed to the A.I. donation cans in the Credit Union and et cetera. Special thanks to Dawn Luker for providing space in et cetera for the display of

Amnesty materials and petitions. Signatures are still needed for the worldwide appeal to be presented to the United Nations in December for a general amnesty for all prisoners of conscience, and for the Campaign Against Political Killings by Governments.

The next meeting of Group 115 is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, the place to be announced in *Driftwood*.

District needs Mahon Hall

Overcrowding at Salt Spring Elementary School could turn Mahon Hall into a gymnasium.

The Gulf Islands School District has asked the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission for time in Mahon Hall, beginning in September. The district wants two hours per day, preferably from 1 to 3 pm, to conduct physical education classes as a means of easing the overcrowded use of the gym in the elementary school.

The commission has referred the

request to the Mahon Hall committee for a recommendation. The hall is booked by regular users during the day and the commission expressed unwillingness to bump them from their time slots.

The school district owns Mahon Hall but leases it to the Parks and Recreation Commission for \$1 per year. The commission rents space in the hall to community groups.

Permanent theatre sought

The Salt Spring Players are seeking a place to call home.

Members of the island acting group are currently checking various possibilities involved in the creation of a permanent theatre. Few details of the project were released but information will be given out as it becomes available.

Productions of the theatre group are staged in Mahon Hall with major productions at the Ganges activity centre. While allotment of time for the Players has been generous, problems exist when setting up props for rehearsals and productions. When the productions are in progress, other users of the facilities have to find alternative accommodation.

One benefit of a theatre would be productions during the summer months. Mahon Hall is unavailable in the summer due to the arts and craft sale and show.

The idea will be the subject of discussion when the Players gather for a potluck party July 10 at John Lomas' north Salt Spring home.

As the project proceeds, the Players will be seeking volunteer aid from the community in the form of ideas, time or money.

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Bob Wanless and Jim Ballantyne stoke up the fire

Commission works on park

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission turned out in strength two weeks ago to clear and clean up the park on Harrison Avenue, overlooking Booth Canal. The recreation commission has taken an active role this year in providing park facilities. This was the second project undertaken by the group. They were armed with

chain saws, axes and other tools to convert a wilderness to a pleasing and useful community park. Members of the commission had assistance. They were helped not only by Bruce McFadyen, the commission's staff man, but by wives and children, all eager to cut away the debris and to cook up something to eat.

Salmonella poisoning reported on island

The three-month old son of a Salt Spring Island couple was rushed to Victoria General Hospital with symptoms of salmonella last month. Mark and Coreen Owen reported to their family doctor that their son was running a fever and suffering from diarrhoea. Two days later the child was rushed to Victoria and placed in the intensive-care unit for three days. "We really didn't think he was going to make it," Mark Owen explained. The baby was later placed in the isolation ward at the Victoria General where he stayed for nearly three weeks.

The Owens live at the Cedarview Mobile Home Park south of Ganges. Baby Paul had been fed infant formula and pablum mixed with well-water at the time. The child was diagnosed as suffering from salmonella, an intestinal disease, during his sixth day in Victoria General. The Victoria hospital notified Capital Region health officer Dr. Arneil of the outbreak. Salmonella is a bacteria that is caused by contaminated food or water, health ministry spokesman Myrna Klein reported. She explained that it can be caused by not washing and can cause a wide range of symptoms from minor to severe fever and diarrhoea.

Marijuana plants confiscated

Police are not against gardening but they did take exception to the crop. RCMP confiscated 100 marijuana plants and 180 seed cups with sprouts on Galiano Island Sunday. The plants, said police, were about eight inches high. No names were released and no other information was given.

Following tests of the water from the taps at the Cedarview Mobile Home Park, the health inspector issued a warning to residents at the trailer park to boil or sterilize their water. The water comes from a drilled well. Paul Owen is recovering the weight he lost during his illness. His father explained that he is now hauling two gallons of drinking water from Ganges to his home daily.

Hospital expansion must wait for solution to sewage disposal

Expansion at Lady Minto Hospital must wait until the issue of sewage disposal has been solved, the Ganges Citizens' Committee was told last week. The committee heard from representatives of Lady Minto, Greenwood and Pioneer Village on disposal problems at each of the institutions. Iola Brookbanks and hospital administrator Malcolm Pinteau explained the problems at Lady Minto. The needs of the community require expansion of Lady Minto by 50 more beds by 1986, said Brookbanks.

The hospital paid \$11,565 last year to dispose of sewage. The disposal method involves careful use of the old septic field alternated with use of the new field. The sewage is also pumped and trucked away to allow the fields to rest.

"We're sick and tired of waiting," Brookbanks told the committee, "because we're spending money we shouldn't be spending." The hospital board of directors had considered a solution to the problem of sewage disposal but the plans were put on hold when the citizens' committee was formed to study the problem.

Funding for any solution must come from government sources, she said. For instance, if ground disposal were to be the solution, Lady Minto would have to purchase additional property. The board of management of the hospital would have to go through the Capital

Regional District hospital board to the ministry of health with a request for the lieutenant-governor for an order-in-council to approve the purchase.

Greenwoods must have holding tanks pumped each day with a cost of \$45 per truck-load, said Paul Layard, Greenwood representative on the committee.

The septic field cannot be used in wet weather because of springs which are in the field, he said. The pump-outs cost Greenwood at least \$16,400 per year.

Pioneer Village, represented on the committee by Fred Brookbanks, does not have problems with sewage disposal in its septic field.

If, however, the field must be replaced, a larger area must be used to meet the health standards. The septic field at Pioneer Village was built before the health act standards were set.

The costs of replacement would probably mean an increase in rent for the senior citizen tenants of the facility, said Brookbanks. Pioneer Village had been built with a government subsidy and the rent is geared to 25% of residents' income. Any additional costs would not

come from government but from tenants, he said.

Brookbanks heads a committee looking into the construction of a new facility for seniors similar to Pioneer Village. The group has tentative funding from government but is looking for land. If the new facility is located in the village the decisions of the Ganges Citizens' Committee would affect the amount of land required if land disposal were to be considered the solution.

At a meeting in early July the members of the committee will hear from engineers of the firm of Underwood-McLellan. The firm has been chosen to conduct a study of sewage disposal problems in Ganges and to recommend a solution.

The committee meets each week in the nurses' residence at Lady Minto Hospital.

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GALIANO NEWS

Visiting cyclists unaware of danger, poorly instructed

BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENDER

May and June brought the expected large "hatch" of juvenile cyclists from mainland schools pouring off the morning ferry to spend a carefree day on Galiano.

As anticipated, casualties have occurred. The ambulance and local doctor have been called out to deal with injured children who have fallen off their bicycles. On the long, steep slope of Montague Hill brakes often prove inadequate, and one child injured on this dangerous stretch of road had to be rushed back to the mainland by helicopter.

From the behaviour of some groups it appears that the cyclists are unaware of danger, ignorant of the highway code and have been poorly instructed and supervised. Although the majority of young visitors are a credit to their parents and teachers, too large a minority are thoughtless, ill-mannered and a menace to themselves and others.

The absence of a resident policeman contributes to the problem as there is no on-island authority to check such undesirable practices as riding four abreast, stopping in the middle of the road and swerving from side to side when riding up hill.

Education would seem to be the cheapest and perhaps also the best way of dealing with the problem. The aid of the Vancouver Safety Council might be sought and letters sent to lower mainland school boards, with a request that superintendents offer some guidance to teachers given permission to bring their pupils on cycle tours of Gulf Islands.

Outings

The month of June is often the time chosen for outings. Recently 12 Garden Club members journeyed to Butchart Gardens and, armed with colourful umbrellas, were able to appreciate to the full the magnificent displays of flowers, especially the roses.

Last Tuesday 43 beribboned Galiano Senior Citizens were part of a crowd of 30,000 at the Annual Seniors Festival on the second day of the opening of B.C. Place. Among others, Pat Weaver found the long wait in line hard on the legs, but he managed to get in notwithstanding.

Rain last Saturday week caused Ella Johnson and her band of helpers extra scurrying to move the Ladies Section Strawberry Tea

from the lawn into the clubhouse at the Golf Club. The colour of the dessert was tastefully echoed in the red and white outfit of manager Art Woods.

Last Tuesday Galiano ladies brought back the Pender Broom having lost by a margin of 60 strokes to their hostesses. Not many sporting trophies are a symbol of defeat! On Thursday Galiano lost a fun invitational match with Glen Meadows by one shot.

Lions Club

The Galiano Lions Club under their newly elected officers are hard at work preparing for the July 30 Fiesta which promises to be bigger and better than ever. The new president, Art Woods, has invited Lions groups from Mayne, Saturna and Pender to enter floats in the parade and man booths.

Rod and Gun Club

A very successful archery seminar was held at the Galiano Rod and Gun Club on June 25 and 26, Marg Basarab reports. Fifteen members participated and were instructed by Ron and Sheila Boorman, Pete Holbig and Maurice Tanchak.

This basic course in archery included instruction in ethics, target shooting and field and bow hunting. Films were shown and a demonstration of advanced archery provided.

Each student put his knowledge and skills to the test in a practice and competitive shoot. Junior members outshot their elders by a wide margin; Nicolas Benger shot 216, Tony Head 145 and young Vienna Mosley a respectable 81. The adults shooting at 30 meters had varying success, and perhaps it is more diplomatic not to record scores.

Phoenix on the hill

In the average year one or two houses on Galiano are destroyed by fire. Eventually most of these are rebuilt on the same site. Surely none can have risen from the ashes more triumphantly than Broomhill, the home of Charlie and Kathleen Partington, high on the hill overlooking Georgeson Bay, with a magnificent view down Swanson Channel.

Last year on Wednesday, Nov. 17, Charlie, who was on the site, and Kathleen, who was on the *Queen of Sidney* sailing through Active Pass, saw their house burn to the ground.

Now, seven months to the day

since the fire, the Partingtons have moved into the almost-completed house.

As to be expected the design reflects the creative personalities of the Partingtons. The cathedral roof with its large skylights contributes a feeling of bright spaciousness. Local woods cut and milled by the Gaylors provide an effective foil to the white walls.

Peter Estabrook, who was in charge of construction, has made a sturdy front door, which is inset by a circular window of antique bevelled and roundel glass designed and executed by Paul Hawbolt. Paul has also made a long slim panel of traditional design to complement the door inset and restored an attractive antique window in glowing reds and greens, that escaped the fire by being stored in an undamaged garage.

The Partingtons' bathroom must be one of the most beautiful on the island with a large window of irises in greens, purples, mauves and rose-stained glass complete with an iridescent-winged dragonfly. Behind Paul's flowers in the glass are banked the real flowers of Kathleen's garden.

Prints for B.C. Ferries

This week Krista Weiss has been busy preparing 200 10" x 7 1/2" prints in black ink on white paper engraved by Ronaldo Norden for

B.C. Ferries. The design shows a view of the *Queen of the North* steaming up the inside passage between Prince Rupert and Kelsey Bay. In the foreground are three killer whales. Each print, which was hand-wiped by Krista, has a matt made by fellow artist Ken Hardy.

Two Galiano sculptors, Ian Hooley and Enzo Von Resori, are taking part in the Annual Show of B.C. Sculpture at the Media Centre, Robson St., Vancouver, from July 4 to 16.

Coming events

Thursday at 3:30 pm Galiano residents may attend the AGM of the Gulf Islands hospital board in Page Drive Lounge. At these meetings Galiano's representatives on the boards of Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods will be elected.

On Friday the Jamboree parade will leave its starting point near Spanish Hills Store by 1:30 pm en

route to the North Community Hall, where the official opening will take place at 2 pm. Fun and games will start at 2:10 pm with an auction at 2:30.

Entertainment, including a blood-curdling melodrama by the Galiano Drama Group, a Ruben Band and a Folk Dancing Troup, will go from 3:30 to 4:15 pm and this will be followed by loggers sports. Plenty of food will be available: popcorn, wieners, chili, ice cream or a dinner plate of ham, salad and baked potato. In the evening there will be folk dancing for everybody.

On Saturday the Galiano Spinners and Weavers will hold their Summer Sale at the South Community Hall between 1 and 3:30 pm.

On Thursday, July 7 the Galiano members of the Gulf Islands Historical Federation should attend their annual meeting, to be held in the Saturna Community Hall, by boarding the 10:10 am ferry at Sturdies Bay.

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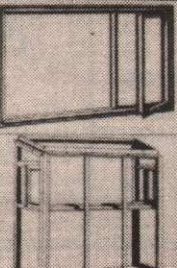
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GOLF NEWS

Four vie for Connie Porter Trophy

BY PAT DOHERTY

A Salt Spring Golf Club member who shall remain nameless recently conducted a demonstration of "chipping in" for the nine-hole ladies' section. It must have been an excellent demonstration and the lucky participants must have absorbed all they observed, for this week no less than four of the nine-hole ladies vied for the Connie Porter Trophy for chip-ins: Marg Fisher on number 8, Mollie Hardie on number 9, Edna Reddington on number 9 and Joane Millner on number 1.

If this keeps up the ladies will be selling off their putters. On the day's play Dorothy Crofton parred number 3, Bertha Walker had a

birdie on number 2 and Vi Austin had the longest drive on number 3. The putt pot was split by Marg Fisher and Joane Millner.

In the ladies' 18-hole division more than 40 ladies turned out Tuesday to play in the qualifying round for the Bank of Commerce Cup. Matches will be in progress for the next few weeks. Winners for the day were Marie Hopkins with a net 67, runner-up was Marge Mills. Marie Hopkins was also the best putter with 27.

Betty Harrison, Barb Maguire, Ada Woodley and Jerry Alexander played in the Cedar Hill Field Day on Friday. With a field of 80 competing, the girls feel they did quite well. Ada won nearest the pin

on number 11, and the longest drive for the "C" division. Jerry won seventh low net and Barb 12th low net. Betty, Barb and Ada were lucky enough to have their cards pulled to win golf ball poodles which had been used for table decorations, so no one came home empty-handed.

In men's play on Thursday it was a two-ball competition. Low gross was won by Frank Cunningham and Jack Dosco, Tom Butt and Malcolm Robertson were second, and Hal Stone and Pat Tiernan came in third. Low net was won by Gordon Oldroyd and John La Grow, Jack Noble and Harry Portingale were second and Hart


Bradley and Gord Thorne were third.

Men's day on Thursday will be a pyramid and ringer. In the final of the Manson Cup it was Richard Nemeth against Malcolm Robertson. After four holes Malcolm was three down and fought an uphill battle the rest of the game before finally winning on the 18th hole. Congratulations.

Everyone is reminded that the Terry Fox Memorial goes on Friday. There is something for everyone in nine-hole and 18-hole competitions, juniors, mixed, the works. Golf costs \$2, and dinner will cost you \$10. There will also be dancing.

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Bingo popular at hospital

It's been bingo all week at extended care at Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges since the Legion donated a bingo game to the ward. When the Legion discovered that

extended care had to borrow a bingo game from Greenwoods, they sent away to a bingo manufacturer back east. The game is a commercial

one and the numbers are large and easy to see. Turning the wheel is Millie Morgensen, a resident of extended care.

Farmers' market society proposed

The Salt Spring Community Planning Association discussed the Ganges Farmers' Market at both the regular meeting on June 8 and at an extra meeting last Wednesday.

On June 8, representatives from the Ganges Centre Association and the Farmers' Market Vending Association were present. Irene Fewings, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, appeared on her own behalf.

Discussions became heated at times, between those who want the market to operate on a Saturday-only basis, those who want it in a different place and those who believe they render a community service by selling food during the week.

A motion for a non-profit society to administer the market was carried. A committee of seven was proposed: two from the Ganges Centre Association, two from the Farmers' Market Vendors Association, two from the planning association and one from the mid-week vendors.

By June 22 it was learned that the Ganges Centre Association does not wish to be included in the committee. The planning association elected Murray Reiss and Judy Ripley as its representatives.

Further discussion about mid-week vending in the Farmers' Market brought an impassioned statement from Scotty Wilson, proprietor of The Frying Scotsman. He reported that downtown business people are not pleased with the opinions expressed by their "representatives."

He recounted the heavy costs

incurred by food vendors, including over \$4,000 a year he spends on propane. Regional director Yvette Valcourt reminded the meeting that the Advisory Planning Commission encourages residents to look at home and cottage industries as an

essential part of island living. Food vendors are seen to be in this category.

The next regular meeting of the Community Planning Association will take place on September 14.

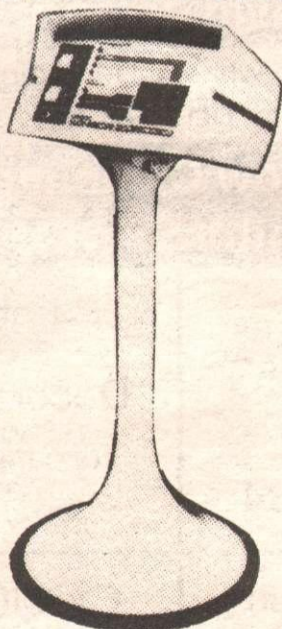
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Hoo-hoo award

Andrew Archer, Rob Pringle, Peter Aust.

Effort award

Grade 8: Christy Aust, Renee Borth, Susan Box, Robert Bradford, Michael Brown, Michael Butler, Deb Cunningham, Eric Donnelly, Tammy Duke, Penny Jones, Mike Kruger, Rachel Lloyd, Tony Mason, Naomi Potter, Christine Voisey, Kerri Wanless.

Grade 9: David Bremner, Roddy Graham, Karen Horel, Corrine Langston, Hamish Lloyd, Ian Marcotte, Lara Truscott.

Grade 10: Van Innes, Gordon Lane, Brian Mathews, Scott Royal, Simmy Schnarr, Peter Schroder, Leah Smith, Susan Terrick, Liana Vaughan.

Grade 11: Carol Cunningham, Elaine Fraser, Greg Hanks, John Howell, Susan Minette, Bea Nord-Leth, Gary Quiring, Myles Wilson.

Grade 12: Heidi Hume, Kim Jensen, Robert Leader, Bonnie Luke, Ken Marr, Kelly Mullan, Tracey Pring, Dennis Simard.

NDP essays

First: Marnie Dammel—Nuclear Disarmament; second: Dan Fraser—Sciences v. Arts; third: Kelly Mullan—Nuclear Disarmament more serious than Environmental Problems.

Honour roll

Grade 8 (Once): Sarah Stark, Mary Sinclair, Nancy MacDougald.

Twice: Erin Fewing, Zama Jason-Hearne, Kim Jorgenson, Katrina Kienast, Amos Lundy, Maria Payne.

Three times: Melanie Marshall. Grade 9 (Once): Liz Gai, Donna Gosnell, Carol Lane, Lucian Laing, Inga Mainwaring, Ceri Marsh, Melanie Miller, David Kruger, Brad Smith.

Twice: Jennifer Lucas, Erin Utter.

Three times: Michelle Boehringer, Leigh Bush, Jennifer Clark, Joelle Hann, Laura Hynes, Nanette Kessler, Jennifer McWhirter, Krista Sadler-Thomas.

Grade 10 (Once): Michael Davies.

Twice: Denise Harrison. Three times: Suzanne Cottrell, Kara Cruikshank, Justine Hull, Kirsten Rolfsen, Wendy Ronne, Deannie Byron.

Grade 11 (Once): Lyle Brown, Michalee Woernle, Paul Cottrell, Crystal Watson, Heather Rooke.

Twice: Alex Hoehsmann, Monik Nordine, Michelle Thomas, Marian Lucas.

Three times: Cathy Coe, Robert

Hitchcock, Wendy Severn, Mark Wenzel.

Grade 12 (Once): Ken Marr, Tracey Pring, Schon Hardy, Gordon Hitchcock, Linda Kyle, David Owen, George Woernle.

Twice: Jacqueline Byron, Karen Govenlock, Paula Hughes, Marnie Dammel.

Three times: Robert Beardsell, Ellen Box, Dan Fraser, Alex Neish, Ingie Temmel.

Top students

Grade 8: Amos Lundy. Grade 9: Leigh Bush. Grade 10: Deanie Byron. Grade 11: Marian Lucas. Grade 12: Ellen Box.

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Karen Govenlock, Monik Nordine, Jacquie Byron, Ingie Temmel, Linda Kyle, Paul Betts, Bob Leader, Heidi Hume, Cathy McClean, Graham Cartwright, Erin Utter, Laura Hynes, Alan Sinclair, Ray Hawkes, Craig Selbee, Angie Matthews, Gary Quiring.

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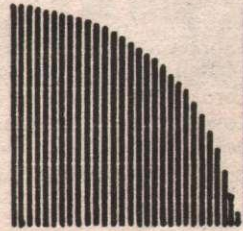
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Club begins construction

Construction of the courts for the Salt Spring Squash and Racquetball Club began last weekend on the Blain Road site.

Club members met June 16 and decided to go ahead with construction of the courts. There are 77 members signed up and the original idea was to begin work when membership reached 100.

The members have put forward \$100 each and with the beginning of construction, have 30 days to pay the remaining \$200 of the entrance fee. After July 26, new memberships in the club will cost \$400.

The facilities, to include a squash court and a racquetball court, carry a price tag of \$78,000. With current membership fees of \$23,100, the club faces a potential deficit of \$54,900 to be covered over a number of years by the members.

The club will hold another general meeting on July 26 to determine further courses of action.

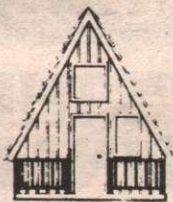
Meanwhile, Bob Wanless told *Driftwood* that the plans for racquetball and squash courts at

Harbour House Hotel are proceeding. An application for a development permit has been made.

The courts will be part of the hotel complex but members of that club would have first call on the courts over guests at the hotel. Wanless indicated that the club is actively seeking members.

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MOUAT'S

An unknown paradise, says island traveller

Brutality, genocide began settlement of Tasmania

BY BILL WEBSTER

The settlement of the island began in brutality and genocide but today it greets visitors with beauty and tranquility.

The island "down under," once known as Van Diemens Land, is called Tasmania today.

Salt Spring resident Anthony Netboy and his wife Elizabeth spend four months each year on the island located below Australia. They began their romance with Tasmania in 1978 and have been back each year for the past three.

The island's habitation by the English began with one of the less noble aspects of British history. The place was first settled as a penal colony in 1804 and the transportation of convicts from England continued until the middle of the last century.

Hobart, the capital city of Tasmania, began as Port Arthur which served as a penitentiary for the early convicts.

"They were not really jails," said Netboy, "but concentration camps."

The convicts of those early years were put to work constructing public buildings, bridges and churches. Some of the structures, more than 150 years old, are still in use.

Skipped convict ship in 1830's

Netboy said he became fascinated by the penal system when his wife went to the archives in Hobart to check on her relatives. She is the

great-granddaughter of Captain Charles Handley who skippered a convict ship between Australia and Hobart in the 1830's.

He retired to Oregon to spend his remaining years as a farmer.

At the archives in Hobart, the Netboys were asked the standard question about ancestors: "Convict or free?"

The jails of England were so crowded at the time that the system of transportation was introduced. The convicts were sent out to Australia and Tasmania to serve terms of seven, 14 or 21 years for such crimes as stealing a handkerchief.

When the Netboys were in Tasmania for their first visit in 1978, Mrs. Netboy ended up in hospital with a broken leg. During her stay in the hospital, they were discussing her ancestor. The lady in the next bed joined the conversation by telling how her relations had arrived in Hobart.

Her ancestor had been convicted and sent to the southern island for stealing a turnip.

"It was a brutal system," said Netboy.

"The historical side of Tasmania is very interesting," he said, "and they popularize it for the tourists."

But the convicts and the prison are not the only attractions of the island.

Hobart, population 125,000, straddles the Derwent River. Netboy described it as a quiet, clean city.

"Hobart is the only city I feel I'd like to live in."

The island is 200 miles south of Australia and is reached by a two-hour airplane ride from Melbourne.

The climate, which features four distinct seasons, is similar to that found in northern California.

The island boasts 300 days of sunshine per year.

"That's the real attraction," Netboy said, "the warmth."

The other large city, Launceston, has a population of 65,000. The entire island is home to only 425,000 people. The economy is based on sheep and wool as well as some manufacturing. The main industry centres on tourism.

"One of the ways they attract tourists is casinos," said Netboy. The people had voted to approve gambling and the casinos are set up along the lines of the ones in Monte Carlo in Europe rather than Las Vegas.

Election participation mandatory

Participation in elections is mandatory in Tasmania, noted the island traveller. People of the island must vote in elections or face a fine of about \$10.

The population is 95% British. When it was being settled, the aborigines were killed off. The native people were unlike any others in that part of the world and showed an unwillingness to be pushed out of their land by the British. The result was genocide. The last aborigine, killed in 1832, was a woman named Wauba Debar and her grave at Bicheno is a shrine to the memory of

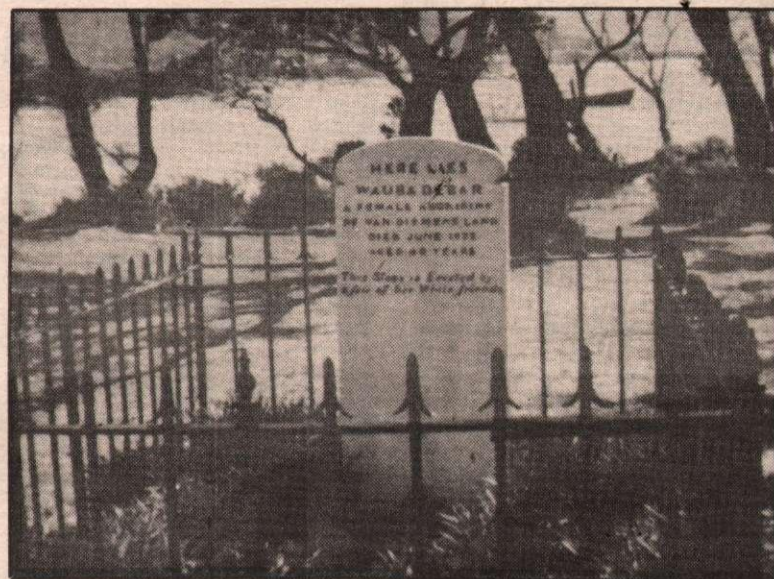
the natives who were slaughtered.

Despite the unsavoury history, Tasmania holds many attractions to visitors, said Netboy. The ocean beaches, fishing in the small lakes and streams as well as the unspoiled

wilderness areas are but part of the charm.

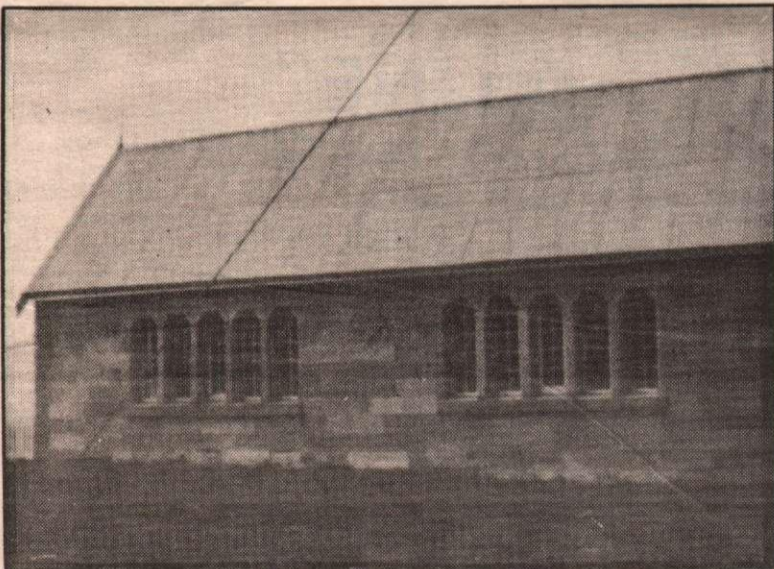
He and his wife intend to continue their yearly pilgrimages south.

"It's an unknown paradise," he said.



Grave site of Wauba Debar, the last Tasmanian aborigine. The natives were systematically slaughtered by the early settlers.

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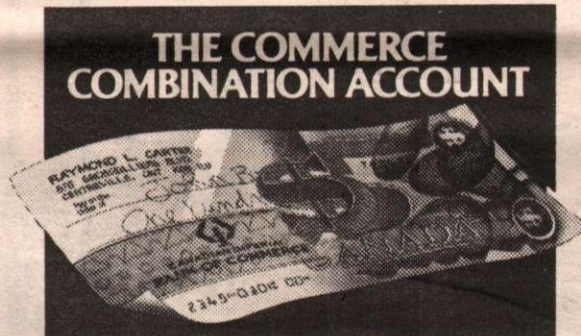
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