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First aid course offered

Was it a day for accidents up at Salt Spring Elementary School last week or are these guys bluffing? Alima Thomas, left, displays an arm-sling slung by first aid course participant John Callas. Connie Bergstrom is blindfolding Callas,

but did she miss his forehead or was she shooting for the eyes? If she missed, the three-day first aid course offered at the school wasn't long enough. All three participated in the course which was sponsored by Continuing Education.

At Pender

Higher parcel tax draws complaint

Comparison of costs between the city and the island has been made by a Saanich couple who also have property on North Pender Island.

Capital Region directors last week heard a complaint from David and Mary Miller who have a summer home on Buccaneers Road in Magic Lake Estates.

The cost of the sewer service at their Saanich home was \$87.18 last year "for sewer enterprise, sewer maintenance, regional trunk sewer."

The parcel tax on their Pender property is \$196 this year. This is a parcel tax, their letter pointed out, and is levied although the recreational vehicle on the site is not hooked up to the sewer.

The Saanich couple were indignant over the cost, but they were also concerned that the initial plans for a sewer had estimated the cost to the property owner to call for a parcel tax of \$129.24. Earlier this year, they were informed by a telephone call from Diana E.

Trueman that it would amount to \$178.

"Now we find that the parcel tax is to be \$196."

The property owners asked for a review of the situation and for the establishment of the levy at the original \$129.24 visualized in the bylaw, No. 836.

Not only is the parcel tax of \$196 more than half the total tax bill on the island property, but it is more than twice the Saanich levy providing a full sewer service to a normal household and covering all costs.

"We feel the situation is out of hand. We feel that we should be charged no more than the \$129.24 stated as the annual charge when easement was registered against us for the sewer line. Indeed, we would suggest that the parcel tax should be reduced through means of provincial assistance or other funding arrangements to spread the cost base of the sewer system to

reduce the current level of the tax load to the limits of bylaw No. 836."

Even better, suggested the letter, it should be reduced to the limits of the formula of local municipalities.

The board ruled that the letter be passed on to the Magic Lake Estates Sewer Commission. The commission is the island group responsible for the general administration of the system.

Clambake to go ahead despite red tide

Drummond Park Clambake will go on as scheduled despite a shellfish closure due to red tide.

The federal fisheries department announced the closure last week on all shellfish in Area 18, which includes the southern Gulf Islands.

Northern sections of Salt Spring and Galiano Islands lie in different areas but were closed earlier to the harvesting of butter clams. That closure remains in effect.

Fulford Hall committee spokesman Kit Moulton said Monday that the clambake will still be held July 16, but without the clams. Clam chowder will be offered, however, as the clams for it were dug a month ago and frozen. Smoked salmon and hot dogs will also be offered.

She said the committee is investigating the possibility of purchasing clams from an unaffected area for the occasion.

No change in procedure, regional board decides

No change is to be made in the manner in which persons may address the Capital Regional Board.

Island residents seeking to appear before the board must make a personal visit to the Yates St. office to complete the necessary forms a week before the meeting date.

When the chairman of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission, Glenn Woodley, appeared before the board last month Salt Spring director Yvette Valcourt asked whether a change

had been made in procedure whereby a taxpayer might arrange to appear before the board by means of a telephone call.

Chairman Howard Sturrock directed Dennis Young to prepare an amended regulation which might make it simpler.

The proposed amendment was promptly shot down by Shirley Wilde, with the support of the rest of the board.

There will be no short cuts.

RIVER-RAFTING:

Illness of apprehension is all part of the fun

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

Before I flew down the Thompson River on an inflatable raft a few Sundays ago, I thought I might drown.

As our guide explained to us the safety procedures for the tossed-out rafter, I quickly recalled the uncompleted business in my life: the steno-notebook half-full of notes of unfinished stories...the week's worth of pictures inside my camera that had no film.

my anxious boss, nervous about

issue.

And then the din of the screams as we flew over and under the mighty Thompson. I awaited my fate, heart pounding, holding

tight to the blue rope our guide Pooch had told us about. And then I blinked away the water from my screwed up eyes.

Maybe this was heaven.

Slicing sideways along a green river, crawling upward almost to a right-angle against a wave and then gracefully slipping over the top, the raft like a long, fat, grey snake; flexible, persistent, onward moving. All 13 of us were drenched following that first rapid and I felt the chill of sweet life still.

A group of 20 Gulf Island women met at 7 am aboard the Long Harbour ferry to travel with 20 women from Victoria to Spence's

kilometres. Some had travelled down the river before but many hadn't, and as the bus drive became longer, many fell ill with apprehension.

But as we all knew, illness was part of the fun.

With about 12 to 15 women in each raft, we packed into three rafts and tightened our life-jackets twice while we listened intently to the jovial guides as they explained the program for the day. We hadn't gone down the river for half an hour before we beached on the riverbank to stop for lunch. It was unusually good, prepared with a flourish by the four near-naked men. After the salad luncheon we returned to the large boats, climbed over the pontoons and prepared ourselves for a thrilling three hours.

But when feuding ensued following lunch mercy of our supposed friends in another raft who threw paper cups of cold water at us each time they came near.

Not to be outdone, and responding to the

reproaches of our own guide, Ruth Volquardsen rolled over on her stomach and inched her way over the pontoon while Chris Morrice clutched her legs. Ruth dipped her dry sneaker into the river and flung its contents at the nearby offending raft.

Laughing and dripping wet I suddenly noticed the serious faces of Margret Kaufman and Jean Brindamour who sat opposite. I realized then that our first rapid was only minutes away.

We travelled gently through the first small "teasers". Soon, we were screaming through the famous "cutting board", the "devil's cauldron" and finally the ominous "jaws of

Throughout the trip our guide encouraged us to rotate our positions in order to allow everyone the opportunity of

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Heritage Tour successful fund-raiser

Dozens of volunteers helped make Saturday's Heritage Day Tour at Salt Spring Island a success. Stops en route included the Mout home built in 1890, now the home of Phyllis and Matthew Coleman. Salt Spring Island weavers Donna Vanderwekken, left, and Jean Betts, right, demonstrated their craft to steady stream of visitors. Phyllis Coleman stands between the island weavers.

A related stop on the tour was the Cream Tea on the Farmers' Institute property where entertainment and refreshments were enjoyed in the orchard. The Salt Spring Early Music Consort is seen in photo below playing their recorders. From left are Maggie Schubart, Sheila Stacey and Carol Young. Fourth member of the group, not seen in photo, is Joan Stacey, who had just returned

the day before the event from a holiday in Europe.

The Heritage Day Tour and the Cream Tea were held by the Nuclear Disarmament committee of Salt Spring as a fund-raiser for the Peace Caravan which will be travelling to Ottawa soon.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards



We would like to express our thanks to all Salt Spring Islanders who have supported us over the last 16 years in the Ganges Harbour Grocery Ltd. and the Harbour Low Cost.

We take great pleasure in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Stan Lam and family to Salt Spring Island.

Mrs. Ling Lam is the new proprietress of the grocery business now known as Harbour Food Market. We hope she enjoys the same support we have enjoyed in the past 16 years.

BOB and EDANE BLUNDELL

Illness is part of fun

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enjoying the full blow of the white water.

For much of the way, we travelled without power, moving swiftly down the river so that the banks would pass at dizzying speeds. When we motored past a man-powered raft we got too close because they were ready to throw big pails of water at us and we didn't have time to fight back. While they laughed uproariously at us, we shrank back, hoping Ruth would take off her shoe again.

Unlike our raft, their non-motorized boat dipped and circled the white water going around the rapids. With the outboard engine we were able to get the full impact of the water by driving directly into the rapids.

The trip was more than three hours long on the river and most of us were drenched when we arrived at Lytton. There the bus, cold beer and warm clothing were waiting for us, in addition to a variety of other beverages.

The warm ones wore the advised raingear. Louise Beijik and Maxine Prendergast had worn swimsuits and light clothing underneath rain gear and survived the trip well. We were warned not to wear nylon raingear, otherwise we would slip on

the pontoon seats. Also, running shoes were strongly advised in order to grip the plywood splinter floor.

On a hot day on the Thompson all you need is a swimsuit, but on a cool day track suits and raingear are more adequate.

We crawled on the bus and spent the three hours driving south assessing the day. As we passed the dirty Fraser there was talk of tackling Hell's Gate.

Maybe next time.

Investigation nearly over

Investigation of the suspected embezzlement from Greenwoods on Salt Spring Island is nearing completion and police expect a break in the case within the next couple of weeks.

The suspected embezzlement involves at least \$39,000. The case has been the subject of investigation by the commercial crime section of the Victoria RCMP.

The investigating officers are waiting for final documentation from auditors for a determination of the exact amount that is missing from the accounts.

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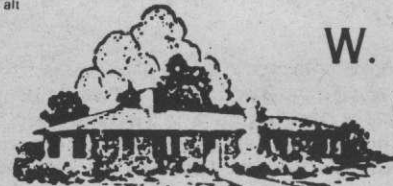
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No cavities since they were made

Kevin Bell has grossly insulted my dentist. In a publication, purely Bell, he suggested that I had been limiting my toothaches to one cavity a year for 65 years. On behalf of my Cotton teeth, I protest. There hasn't been a cavity in either plate since they were made. In view of the subject I feel I am entitled to an extraction of that statement and the next birthday card I get from him will have a complete extraction. If, of course, he were an accountant, I would expect a subtraction and if he were a student I would demand a distraction; a film player, an attraction and a calumniator, a detraction. And, finally, a public figure, a retraction.

Off to England

I'm off. This week I am off to visit my Mama in England and this time, for the second time in nearly 40 years, I am away without Women's Lib. So I wrote her a song. I invented the words—I'm worse at music than I am at words! It ties in my affinity for Scotch whisky and Welsh women: When the sun comes over the yard-arm, I'll think of a drink: maybe two. When the sun comes over the yard-arm, I'll think of a drink: and of you! Looks like I'll be doing a lot of thinking!

Pottable water

Too many people are looking for pottable water, says Charlie Horel. The dignitaries and the spokesmen and the ordinary consumer all want pottable water. All water is pottable. All you need is a pot, or a pottie. The only water to drink, however, is pote-able.

Too many lost glasses

I started tying my ears to my glasses recently to ensure that if I can't see what the trouble is, at least I don't have to listen. Then the same Charles Horel explained that he needed something like that to prevent his glasses from falling in the lake every time he leans over. You know, he must lean over a helluvalot. But we're kindred spirits.

I'm sick of buying glasses for the fun of it. The pair I have on at this moment slid out of my pocket when I was working on the roof. They slid to the driveway and slid over the paving until friction slowed them down. You know, I'm not seeing so good lately. But these are long suffering. There was the pair that went into the bonfire when I had them on a cord. As I raked my thumb caught the cord and flicked them, like I was a pitcher, right into the heart of the flames.

I wept again when I was rolling rocks down the cliff. Before the rocks could get rolling my glasses were. There was no noise. The rock was too heavy to let you hear anything. Nothing, not even a wood chuck could have lived under that burden.

Any early negatives?

The historians on the island have collected a heap of pictures from photographers of today and of yesterday. But nobody asked residents whether they have any early negatives lying about. And a lot of people do have old negatives. Any reader who has a collection of negatives from the past is invited to give us a call at the *Driftwood* office. Any negative that suggested it could be of general interest could be printed off and kept for posterity or publication. If you have those old negatives, let's hear from you.

A side you never hear

He was from Metro Toyota and he wasn't selling anything. He just recalled a driver who explained he had over 200,000 miles on his pickup. Everybody hates his car at some time or another and we could fill a paper with the beefs of indignant drivers. But who has a story on the other side of the ledger? Whose car has done the greatest mileage? Or run like a clock for the longest time? Whose stayed with the same marque longest? You never hear of this side of the automotive ledger. After about 60 motorcycles and even more cars, I could start on the negative end, but who ever heard of a Sharratt? Or a Britton? I've had both.

The latter is a make I've not seen listed anywhere until last week. I was looking for an early electric car in one of my own books and I found that the Britton was made in Wolverhampton, in England, from 1910 to 1914. And I was sold mine on the understanding it was a 1908 model!

Inexpensive transportation

It costs next to nothing to go by bus. Ken Farina was in to tell me that the best way to go from Tsawwassen is by bus. If you get a transfer you can travel half way to the other side of Vancouver for the one fare. You get off the ferry at Tsawwassen and take a service bus.

A senior pays 30c and can transfer on to another bus to go almost anywhere in the region, he explained. Anyone travelling to Vancouver can get all the dope by calling 324-3211 from Tsawwassen terminal. Fare for the more youthful adult is 75c and 35c for students. It's the only way to go!

Lady Minto balanced 1982 budget

Lady Minto Hospital balanced its budget for the 1982-83 fiscal year but did not make up a \$2,000 deficit left over from the previous budget.

The hospital was praised at its annual meeting on Monday night for recovering after lack of funds threatened closure last year.

"A great deal of credit is due to everyone involved in overcoming the crisis of a year and a month ago," Lady Minto board member Tom Toynbee told the meeting.

Ladies' Auxiliary spokesman Ethel Davidson told the meeting that there were 114 active members in the auxiliary. The group spent \$45,000 on coronary equipment, \$700 on garden furniture for Greenwoods and \$1,500 on the maintenance of the Lions bus. Christmas gift supplies for Greenwoods totalled \$2,000 and bursaries to the high school graduates cost \$1,000.

Chairman of the hospital board, Wes Edwards, thanked the auxiliary and presented certificates of merit to auxiliary members for their work.

Elected to the board were Wes Edwards, who will serve as chairman for another term, Jack Reid, who will look after buildings and maintenance, and Sandy

Gordon, who will serve on the board for the first time.

Two new board members have been elected from the Outer Islands. At the hospital board meeting at Galiano Thursday, Frank Sarson

was named to serve a three-year term. Twenty-six voting members turned out for the meeting.

At Mayne Island on the same day, the meeting elected Corinne Forster to serve on the board.

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**New member
at Galiano**

Galiano Island has a new representative on the board of the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society.

Margaret Stahl was elected at the society's annual meeting at Galiano Thursday. She will serve for three years.



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The privilege of free speech

Of course the Capital Regional District enjoys free speech. The directors may say what they like at any time as long as no other director happens to be engaged in speaking freely at that particular moment.

And none of the board objects to taxpayers speaking freely, as long as they don't do it in the presence of the board.

The procedural regulations of the regional district ensure that the ordinary citizen enjoys few privileges in the presence of his superiors. If a taxpayer wishes to address the board on any matter he may drive to the ferry wharf, board a ferry, drive into the city, sign his name to a government form, return to his car, drive out to the ferry, board the vessel, reach his home island and await the dread day when his superiors will sit in judgment on his application.

When the day arrives, he repeats the procedure and takes his place in the spectators' gallery of the board room. In due course, the members of the board will decide whether or not they are prepared to listen. It is their privilege to deny any taxpayer a hearing.

For the first-class citizens of the region the procedure is simpler. First-class citizens live on Vancouver Island and may visit the regional offices without spending a day or more in the process. Of course, not even first-class citizens enjoy any rights. They must follow the same drill and await the pleasure of their masters.

The more difficult it is to address the board, the less frequently will taxpayers seek to speak.

This is free speech with an adjustable gag.

A no-win situation

Just as we begin to hear more sad tales of stranded ferry travellers, we hear the sad tale of the B.C. Ferry Corporation's financial position.

Travel by ferry becomes less reliable as we enter the corporation's busy season as the throngs of tourists begin heading our way.

But, as one local observer has commented, it's a no-win situation for B.C. Ferries, whose deficit was \$32 million last year.

If there were enough vessels to handle the larger loads in summer, without leaving vehicles behind at island ports, the corporation's deficit would climb even higher as a result of all those empty ferries plying island waters in the off-season.

But there is one area in which improvement could surely be made. The summer schedule for the inter-island-Tsawwassen ferries is the most complicated ever devised. If local residents are having difficulty comprehending it, how can we possibly expect visitors to find their way around the islands?

Drawing up a new, easily-read schedule should be a priority with B.C. Ferries.

Let's not mix jurisdictions

The chairman of the Capital Regional Board recently suggested that the board would not be concerned over the tennis court issue at Fulford. The only concern remaining, explained Howard Sturrock, was whether or not the directors might want to avoid a tennis court in order to protect the airstrip.

The matter is one of interest to many islanders.

It is, however, no concern of the Capital Regional District. The region may well have strong views on land development on Salt Spring Island, or any other island. The function is, nevertheless, the responsibility of the Islands Trust. The regional board does not exercise this function in the islands.

The question of how to use the recreation land behind Fulford Fire Hall rests with the trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District and the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee. In other words, "Hands off, Mr. Chairman!"



Letters to the Editor

Natural gas pipeline: is there a need?

Sir,
Please permit us to draw the attention of your readers to a questionable \$1 billion expenditure of the public purse. We refer to the proposed Vancouver Island gas pipeline which we are told will soon go to a public hearing—for discussion of route alignment and on-island distribution only.

Again government and business have imposed an energy mega-project on Vancouver Islanders without allowing us the opportunity to determine the need.

Postage-stamp natural gas price rises will probably occur if the pipeline is built, resulting in higher costs to everyone who is a gas consumer in this province. In addition, the \$200-\$400/yr. "saving" over electrical and oil home heating promised to the Vancouver Island residential customer will further disappear as the home owner pays the \$1,500 to \$2,000 required to convert to natural gas.

Industrial co-generation of electric power using available waste wood may be indefinitely delayed so that pulp mills can use this subsidized non-renewable fuel. This would ensure the volume of gas use necessary to justify a pipeline. Recent statements by Cal Knudsen have suggested, however, that MacMillan Bloedel will not be coerced into using natural gas so long as cheaper fuels are available.

Pipeline proponents are promoting the construction of fertilizer plants to increase the volume of gas projected to be used,

despite the poor financial outlook of these plants.

As much as \$500 million in federal taxpayer subsidies may be needed so that this gas pipeline can be built. This figure has not been altered despite cost overruns totalling tens of millions of dollars in the Quebec-Maritimes pipeline which is still under construction.

Island gas will offset the use of electricity and result in a greatly diminished consumption curve. Hydro has overbuilt and over-spent again, as happened with the V.I. Cheekye Dunsmuir twin 500 Kv transmission line.

Both government and industry have off-handedly dismissed the increasing preference of homeowners for conservation and alternatives such as wood and passive solar.

We suggest a need to develop a Vancouver Island energy policy first. Ad-hoc energy mega-project development only leads to high

costs and questionable benefits (e.g. Cheekye-Dunsmuir transmission line).

Instead, informal public meetings around the Island should be sponsored to encourage public discussion about energy development. Appropriate development could then take place based on the expressed interests of the residents of Vancouver Island. With interest payments being B.C.'s second largest export it seems only prudent that we weigh the costs and benefits before going any further into debt.

Is it necessary? Can we afford it? Will long-term jobs be provided? These questions must be answered before any further costs are borne by the taxpayer.

**LAURIE GOURLAY,
ALAN TIMBERLAKE,
JACKIE MOAD,**
For the Green Party Energy
Committee,
Nanaimo,
June, 1983.

Lonely and left out

Sir,
Until one has experienced it, there is no way of knowing how lonely and left one can be when the mailbox does not contain that precious copy of the Gulf Island news.

My subscription has run out and I miss all the news that is fit to read!

One of my sons lived and worked on the Island for a short time; during a weekend visit with him two years ago I fell in love with Salt Spring and vowed I would buy property there, which is why he very thoughtfully had a subscription sent to me.

For a year I shared the joys and sorrows and triumphs of you more fortunate mortals. I revelled in the battles of the sewers, the ferries, and the Governments. In fact, I was more familiar with all the goings-on

in the Islands than I was with those of this area!

However, property prices being what they are, I know I cannot hope to retire on the Gulf Islands, so that dream is put away. I wish you well and hope that all the problems will be resolved and that life will go well with those among whom I had hoped to live.

The high point of my visit was a trip to Mount Maxwell; here is my Haiku—my last long look at all things lovely.

Black scimitars flash
Through downy fleecemist billows,
Ravens dare the cliffs.

MARJORIE WILKENING,
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June 14, 1983.

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Salt Spring Island
Chamber of Commerce.

More Letters to the Editor

Record number of islanders contribute to fundraiser

Sir,
Salt Spring has done it again: come out in record numbers to contribute to an important fundraiser. This time it was the glorious Heritage Tour and its accompanying tea at the Farmers' Institute.

We who were in charge of the tea wish to thank the many islanders who helped out, made delectable scones, loaned equipment, picked berries, sold tickets, cleared tables, helped with serving the refreshments and who, in short, made the event possible.

We'd like to give special thanks to the blue skies, to Dennis and Elsie

Marshall for their active support in numerous ways, to Edie Watt for her wonderful donation, and to Ralph Miller for arranging all that incredible music. The performers should be as noted for their generosity as their talents. They made the afternoon magical for every one of us.

Thanks again, Salt Spring. We hope to see many of you at the Disarmament Dinner, too, on July 17!

MAGGIE HAYES,
for Women for Peace,
Nuclear Disarmament Committee.
July 4, 1983.

Greenwoods welcome cheque

Sir,
On behalf of the Residents and the Board of Directors of Greenwoods, I wish to express warmest thanks to Mr. Aage Villadsen for again sponsoring the Golf Classic Tournament on our behalf.

Thank you all, organizers and golfers alike, for this most welcome donation cheque. This gift will be used for the pleasure of our Residents.

JONNA MATTIESING,
Administrator.
July 4, 1983.



Bill Webster

Slowpitch offers good laugh

The universe, as One-finger Pierre is fond of saying, unfolds as it should.

And in the Gulp Isles, that means liquid sunshine soddens the hearts of inmates and visitors alike.

As one spends more time on the rocks, more attractions of life herearound unfold. One exerts extreme contemplation to discover a greater joy than playing a sterling game of slowpitch in the heavy evening dew while overhead, two rainbows arch across Ganges Harbour.

Slowpitch, as played on Salt Sprung, is a game to test an individual's mettle and bladder capacity.

(RCMP, please note: participants in the slowpitch league are finely tuned athletes and do not, repeat, do not imbibe of strong drink during the contest.)

The local slowpitch league involves 10 teams of exemplary ability and each team is comprised of up to 25 players. The pride of the league, this year, is the Raunchy Ganges Yacht Club Jellyfish.

This bunch play the game as if there is no tomorrow and the bar closed an hour ago. They play the game the way it shouldn't be played.

The land-bound sailors take to the field with enthusiasm. They bat, field and run with abandon.

Mainly to get back to the dugout to quench seemingly endless thirsts.

And of course, the Slugs of hockey fame are in on the act.

The Slugs, sad to relate, have a handicap. They allow the Head Slug to play. Opponents offer condolences each time he wanders on to the field.

Actually, the Slugs should be commended. No other team would allow him to participate.

Fulford produces two teams. Well, a team and one-half. The Inn team claims an undefeated record to date. Which is difficult to prove by the rules of the game. No records are supposed to be kept. Five runs or three outs end an inning and darkness halts the game.

Perhaps by undefeated they mean they've showed up for each game.

The other Fulford team flounders in frustration and in a recent tournament, they attempted to wrest the worst team title from the Jellyfish. Unfortunately, they lost because they won.

Nevertheless, the championship team of the league is the D.O.G.s.

Winners of the top trophy in each of the past three tournaments, the D.O.G.s somehow manage to stagger to the top each time.

The team's success has nothing

to do with scheduling. Far be it for anyone to claim that the organizer of the events also happens to play left field for the D.O.G.s.

Mere coincidence.

Everyone derives enjoyment from trying to beat the champs. The best player on the team goes by the nickname of Scoop. He is a triple-threat to teammates and opponents.

But he is not alone on the team in the use of a nickname. Everybody uses one. They don't want to be recognized in real life as being a D.O.G.

Stay tuned to the national sports news this weekend. The team travels to the U.S. to participate in an international tournament. The event may turn into an international incident.

The D.O.G.s and several other also-rans from the Silt Sprung-league travel to Orcas Island for the fun and games. They'll play slowpitch as well.

Each Friday, just after supertime, the teams take to the diamonds for an evening of frivolity. The admission price is right and enjoyment of the antics makes attendance worthwhile.

What this island needs is a good belly-laugh and the slowpitch teams offer that in abundance.

Many have given generously

Sir,
Perhaps it deserves mention these days when our community pulls together for a common cause. This is the spirit in which the Salt Spring Island Sabot Club has evolved. Many individuals and businesses have given willingly and generously of their time, skill and belongings.

To those who donated goods for the rummage sales and to Norm Mouat and Rod Pringle (use of land for boat storage and launching), Margaret and Guy Cunningham (rocks and landfill), Wolf Bassek (welding time), Jim Napper (access to power service), Doug Penhale (labour), A.W. Moore (roof shingles) and Sam and Lee Evans (donation of Club Sabot) we give our thanks.

The following businesses played a major role in the Club's development: Jesse Byron (J.M.B. Excavating), Pat Byron (Hedgehog Bulldozing and Excavating), Greg Coles (Salt Spring Bobcat Service), Ron Robertson (Gulf Island Trucking), Dan McKinnon and Don Perkins (Kinmac Welding) and Russ Murcheson (Esso Island Garage).

Only one more item is needed to ready the Club for summer sailing. Does anyone have a 10-14 foot runabout we could adopt for use as a rescue boat? We would be most grateful.

LOUISE BEIJK,
for the Salt Spring Island Sabot Club.
June, 1983.

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those riding bicycles to wait until all cars are off the ferry. It would seem that this would be advantageous to the bicyclists as they would have less concern about cars overtaking them and passing.

ALLAN W. EDWARDS,
Box 1438,
Ganges.
July 4, 1983.

Large crowd turns out for Pender Lender sale

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The Pender Lender Library sale has been held on the first Saturday in July for the past eight years. The doors opened at 1 pm this year to the largest crowd ever.

Previously, the sale has been held on the grounds of the library centre, but last year a day-long downpour of rain forced a quick move inside to a crowded, inadequate space, so the community centre was chosen for future sales.

As it rained on Friday, prior to this year's sale, the tables were all set up inside. Even though the school gym is a large area it became very congested with customers three and

four deep trying to see the merchandise.

Individuals, groups or organizations can rent tables, which results in a wide range of priceless treasures.

The monies raised by the volunteer workers of the Pender Lender Library are used to purchase new books. The library is operated entirely by volunteers, who plan all year for the sale.

One of the biggest attractions is the plant sale, which grows bigger in numbers and varieties each year. This is a year-long effort on the part of Marjorie Bailey and her group of helpers. Plants for the 1984 sale have already been started.

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Weaver looks to computer with grant

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

The computerized loom will be arriving on Salt Spring Island this summer when renowned designer-weaver Elizabeth Courtney establishes her "Compu-Dobby" and 16-harness loom at her studio on High Hill Road.

Courtney received a \$6,800 grant from the Canada Council following her application for the money last fall. The money was given to Courtney to enable her to explore the latest weaving system, the computer-guided, 16-harness loom.

With an Apple II or an Apple II Plus, Courtney can view woven patterns on a television screen before experimenting with the pattern. The computer system will assist Courtney in a major way with the increased number of harnesses and in a variety of other time-saving areas.

The computer can change the designs more easily, using the keyboard instead of the loom. The computer also produces drawdowns of the patterns and can print a copy of the pattern on paper as well as control the threading and the tie-up, two tedious chores for the weaver.

The computer-aided fabric-maker is in an exploratory stage and for weaver Courtney, the promise of more ambitious design and colour use comes most exclusively with the loom's 16 harnesses.

Opportunity to experiment is offered

The common loom, explains Courtney, consists of four harnesses. The weaver is therefore confined to a selection of colours. In order to change a colour, the system of re-threading is required. With 16 harnesses, the opportunity to experiment with colours will be offered.

Pattern and colour are Courtney's two major areas of interest.

"The computer is only an advanced tool in the area of weaving," Courtney said. "It is not a new departure."

But the advanced tool is new on the computer scene and computer experts have exclaimed about the concept of cloth design and construction by computer. Computers are not new to the weaving industry but are new to the hand-weaving industry.

Courtney has been weaving

intermittently for 10 years.

The British-born social worker came to Canada in 1966 after a year of teaching in Hartfordshire and obtaining a university degree from Exeter. As a resident in Canada, Courtney admits that she often feels that along with her mid-Atlantic dialect, she has a mid-Pacific orientation toward art.

Courtney's interest in Japanese design, oriental religion and calligraphy influences her work in both her design and colour schemes. During the past few years Courtney has been weaving Japanese kimonos that were original and unusual in their design and material.

A combination of silk and linen fabric and contrasting sombre exterior colours with splashy vivid linings would complete the kimono, giving it a personality and extravagance of its own.

The last kimono Courtney wove sold for \$900.

Could not pay for themselves

When the recession hit, Courtney realized that the kimonos could not pay for themselves. She was working too delicately with too fine a material for too long a time.

When she made her last kimono, Courtney embarked on a knitting machine project. She bought the "PhD of knitting machines" and set to work making sweaters from natural fibers. Her sweaters feature the characteristic Courtney colour combinations—the rose shades touched with fine wisps of pink thread.

Being British in Canada, and considered Canadian in Britain, allows Courtney a greater latitude in her art involvement. It can be observed in Courtney's work, which unlike west coast woven design, is refined and detailed and is often flamboyant with colour schemes.



Elizabeth Courtney

A student of Handcraft House in Vancouver in 1971, Courtney later attended the Victoria College of Art where oriental art became a central theme in her work.

After nearly six years on Salt Spring Island, Courtney views the city with a thirst. She has recently been travelling to Vancouver to acquire information on the "compu-dobby" system. Her home swells with computer information that she has pored over in preparation for the arrival of the Apple computer.

Elizabeth Courtney hopes to have a show of her work next year.

Bible school next week

Second annual vacation bible school will be held at Salt Spring Island next week.

The non-denominational school will run from July 11-15 inclusive at St. George's Church in Ganges.

It is open to children aged two to 12 years, and activities will include

singing and story-telling. The school takes place during the morning from 9:30-11 am.

Thirty youngsters participated in the bible school last year.

It will wind up on the following Sunday with a family service at St. George's.

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Sabots tack into light wind in Ganges Harbour

Facilities prepared for sabot club

Sabot sailors on Salt Spring Island have joined forces to form a club.

Sabots, which are eight-foot, single-handed sailboats, made up the bulk of the fleet of the island's sailing club a number of years ago. Formation of a club for sabots only is a reflection of the revived interest in the sport.

Sabot sailors last fall began

looking at various locations in Ganges Harbour for facilities for a club. When Norman Mouat and Rod Pringle heard of the search, they offered the use of land on the boat basin side of Mouat's Point.

The site proved suitable for dryland storage of the boats, and during the spring sailors got to work preparing a summer home for more than a dozen sabots.

Completion of the site will be celebrated with a potluck dinner, which all ages of sailors and would-be sailors are welcome to attend.

Further information can be obtained from Aileen Neish, Jim Sinclair or Frans Beijk.

Break-ins at Galiano

Someone is continuing a spree of entering premises without permission on Galiano Island.

The firehall on that island showed signs of attempted forced entry.

Rick Collins, of Vancouver, reported that persons unknown broke into his Galiano residence and took a quantity of liquor and an undisclosed amount of money.

RCMP have suspects in mind and the investigation of the illegal breaking and entry continues.

Invitation to tender

Janitorial services for the Ganges District Office, Rainbow Rd., from 1 Sept. 83 to 31 Aug. 85. Reference No.: Q3-5278 Closing Date: 2 August 83

Details available from office of B.C. Hydro Purchasing Agent, 1265 Howe St., Suite 200, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2G8; 663-2577 or 663-2560. Sealed tenders clearly marked with reference number will be received in Room 226, address as above, until 11:00 AM on above closing dates.



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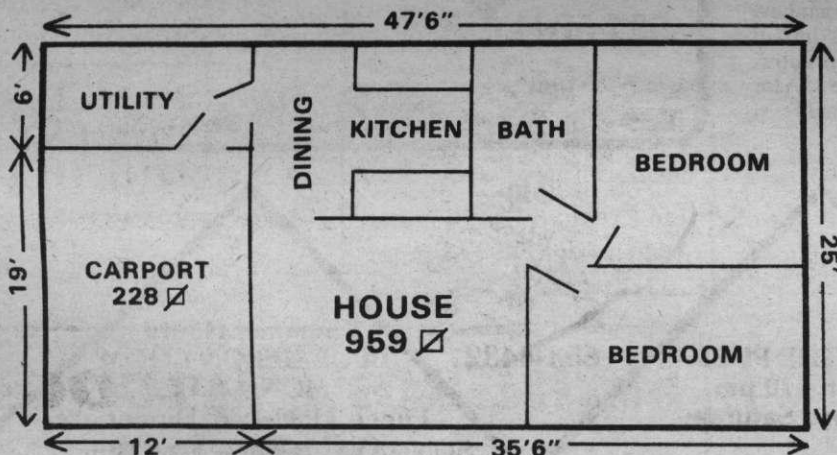
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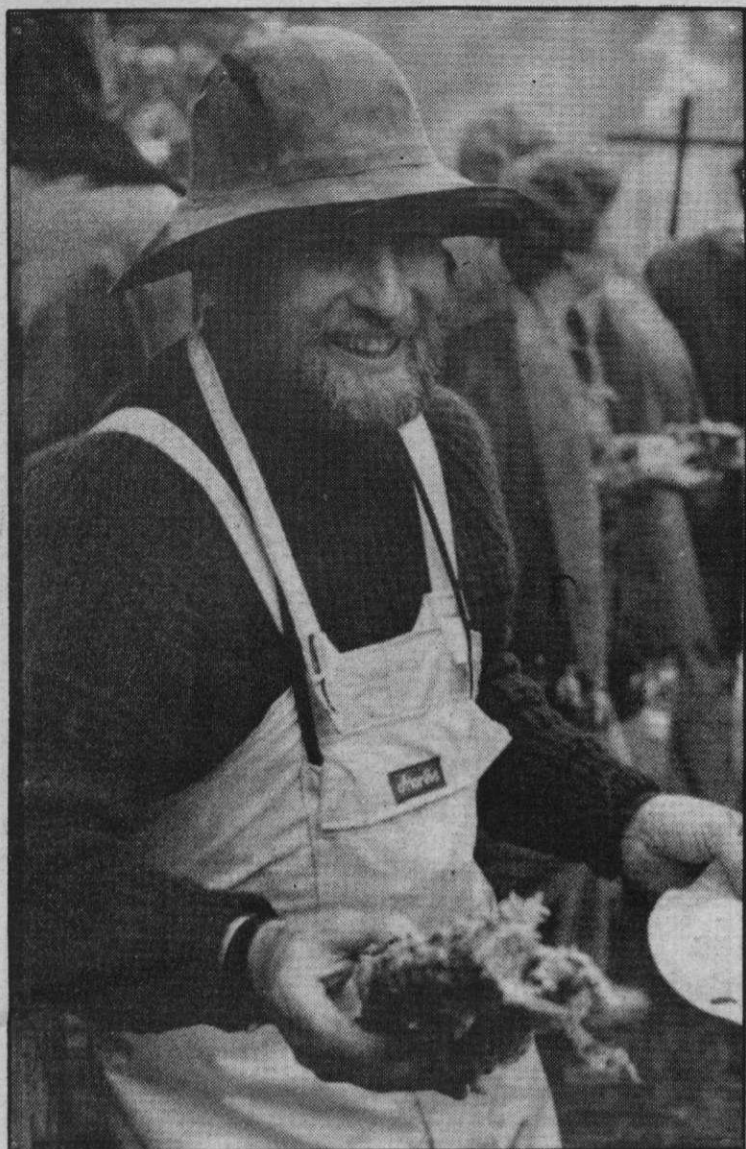
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1,250 eat lamb in the rain

The famous Saturna lamb barbecue Friday attracted 1,250 visitors. Although the figure is 150 less than last year's, the sun shone in 1982 while the rain poured down last week. There were 300 boats in

the bay at Saturna Beach for the event, which saw 26 lambs barbecued. At far left, Tom Hennessy of Galiano Island enjoys his lamb despite the rain, while Vi Rodway of Saturna Women's

Service Club, centre, watches over a stall. And at right, while the photographer aims the camera, the subject, John Forest of Mayne Island, aims his gun.

Contract awarded for sewage pump

Cutlass Court sewage pumping station will be set up this month.

At its last meeting the Capital Regional Board approved the tender of Port Washington Excavating Ltd., in the amount of \$21,076 for the installation of the new pump, starting it up and some ancillary work.

Chief engineer R.C. Sommerville reported to the board last week that

the tender had been received and the work was all ready to go, but it had not been possible to contact the Magic Lake Estates Sewer Commission for its approval of the awarding of the contract. Both the chairman and the vice-chairman were away.

Outer Islands regional director Vernon Roddick explained that he had been in touch with the island

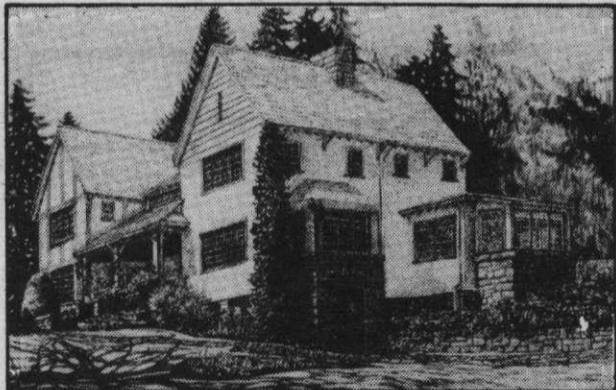
commission and that the members favoured the award of the contract to the Port Washington contractor.

The board approved the arrangement and directed Sommerville to go ahead.

Brunch with Stevie Smith

Poems of the highly original British poet read by Yvonne Adalian with music by Carol Young on flutes.

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Wedding at Pender

The wedding of Cynthia May Grimmer and W. Thomas Bean took place at St. Peter's Church, Pender Island, June 25.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grimmer, was escorted down the aisle by her father. Her gown was a floor-length

white chiffon skirt gathered at the waist to a fitted bodice embroidered with tiny pearls, with period sleeves also embroidered with pearls. She wore a headpiece of tiny pearls, fastened at the back with chiffon edged with pearls.

The bride carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds and carnations, corn flowers and baby's breath. She was attended by her two cousins, Kari Amies and Kathy Bannister, who wore matching flowered dresses with pink flowers on white background, mid-calf length, with handkerchief skirts and three-quarter length gathered sleeves. The bridesmaids carried bouquets of shasta daisies, pink carnations, sweet peas, statice and baby's breath.

The couple exchanged vows with Canon David Apivor officiating at the double-ring ceremony.

The best man was Grant Elliot and ushers were Donato Petriello, and the brides' brothers, Glen and Bruce Grimmer.

A dinner reception for 120 guests followed the wedding ceremony at the school-community centre, when the MC was the bride's uncle, Hank Auchterlonie, and the toast to the bride was given by another uncle, Walter Sidewell.

The bride changed to a two-piece pale gray cotton suit with a white blouse for her going-away outfit. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Mexico, and on their return will reside in Victoria.

The bride is the great-granddaughter of one of Pender Island's earliest settlers, Washington Grimmer, and his wife, Elizabeth Auchterlonie.



Linda Wagner

To exhibit

A West Vancouver artist will be showing her work at a local gallery this week.

Linda Wagner will exhibit her paintings at Salt Spring Island's Ewart Gallery from Thursday until Sunday.

Born in Sidney in 1943, she grew up in the Comox Valley and attended art school at Capilano College from 1972-74.

Wagner paints full-time and has held several shows in the past two years. Her paintings are available in many galleries in B.C. and Alberta and they can also be found in a number of private collections.

Police to check for licences

Ganges RCMP will be conducting spot checks for business licences and the warning is that "anyone without a licence will be dealt with."

Under the Business Licence Act, any business in an area outside a municipality requires a licence.

The law also applies to vendors who sell in the Ganges Farmers' Market.

A blanket licence can be obtained to cover everyone involved in the market but under the current situation, each vendor is required to have a separate licence.

Licences vary in price from \$11.50 for home craft vendors to \$45 for linen suppliers, second-hand dealers, fishmongers and fruit stand vendors.

The status of Centennial Park, home of the controversial farmers' market, is being discussed by officials of the provincial ministry of lands, parks and housing and representatives of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

Until the status of the park is straightened out, vendors require individual licences.

Car rolls

A driver lost control of a 1969 Toyota Saturday and it rolled over.

Tracy Stibbards received minor injuries in the accident on North End Road at Salt Spring at 9:40 pm.

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GALIANO NEWS

Good crowd at Jamboree despite downpour

BY KATHLYN BENDER

Such is the fame of the North End Jamboree that a goodly crowd journeyed up Porlier Pass Road Friday, determined to enjoy themselves in spite of the steady downpour of rain.

The parade was unique in many

respects. First it included farm animals. Sheep farmer Ralph Brine on his tractor pulled a float, "Thistle-nettle Farm," including a live sheep as well as youthful shepherdesses. Elizabeth Ocsko and her children led their Jersey cow, its horn decorated with a rosette and

be-ribboned tail. Ron Minette's Corner Store truck was transformed with aeroplane and working meccano models.

Galiano Lions, their heads protected by blue-gold caps and umbrellas, travelled by truck. The Rube band from Abbotsford and the International Folk Dancers from Surrey marched valiantly in the rain as did a Reid Island group monster and many individuals. Congratulations to all the brave paraders, including Ken Allen in his depression-era automobile.

Once at the hall there was much to see and do. The Galiano Peace Group had an outdoor display while in the hall there was a fine collection of ethnic dolls to emphasize the international theme of the '83 Jamboree. Occupying the centre of the floor was a large map of Galiano on which flags indicated the country of origin of the present inhabitants.

There were displays of prints and a photo-study of the Spotlight Cove area with diorama and tree of the history of occupation illustrated by models of a man and woman pioneer constructed by Alistair Ross.

Outside stall holders gallantly battled raindrops while serving food, providing games or offering wares for sale. In the decorated car were held races and the valiant folk dancers performed their ethnic

dances on a slippery surface of wet grass and mud.

Under a canopy Norm Russell, assisted by Woody Coward, auctioned off a number of services including dinners, lessons and a picnic ride. Rain caused cancellation of the loggers sports but the fir logs were auctioned off and bucked by Pip Finnis.

The climax was the Galiano Drama Group's mime presentation of *No, No, a Thousand Times No* directed by Ella Johnson, commentary by Jackie Besler. The young Sharps made a fine pair as hero and heroine; as mail train who else but Jim Ripley with Frank Greenhalgh as collector and the epitome of jovial villainy Vincent Price, or was it Art Woods thinly disguised?

The Liver Trophy

Last Tuesday the competition for the Liver Trophy was played at the Galiano Golf Club. The trophy and prizes are provided by Winnie Liver who also prepares a scrumptious lunch for the lady golfers.

This contest is for nine-hole golfers and was won by Gladys Gabe with a gross score of 50. The 18-hole golfers may not compete for the trophy, but a prize for the lowest gross for the back nine was awarded to Linda Carpini who carded a 42.

The prize for the least number of putts went to Linda Laughlin.



Liver Trophy winner Gladys Gabe

inform Galiano readers will now be undertaken entirely by the "better half."

Columnist Retires

The retiring columnist wishes to thank readers who have expressed appreciation for his efforts over the past three years. This decision to discontinue writing is taken, in part, for personal reasons but also as a matter of principle.

There are satisfactions in writing but also frustrations, and when the latter outweigh the former it is time to take a break. The obligations to

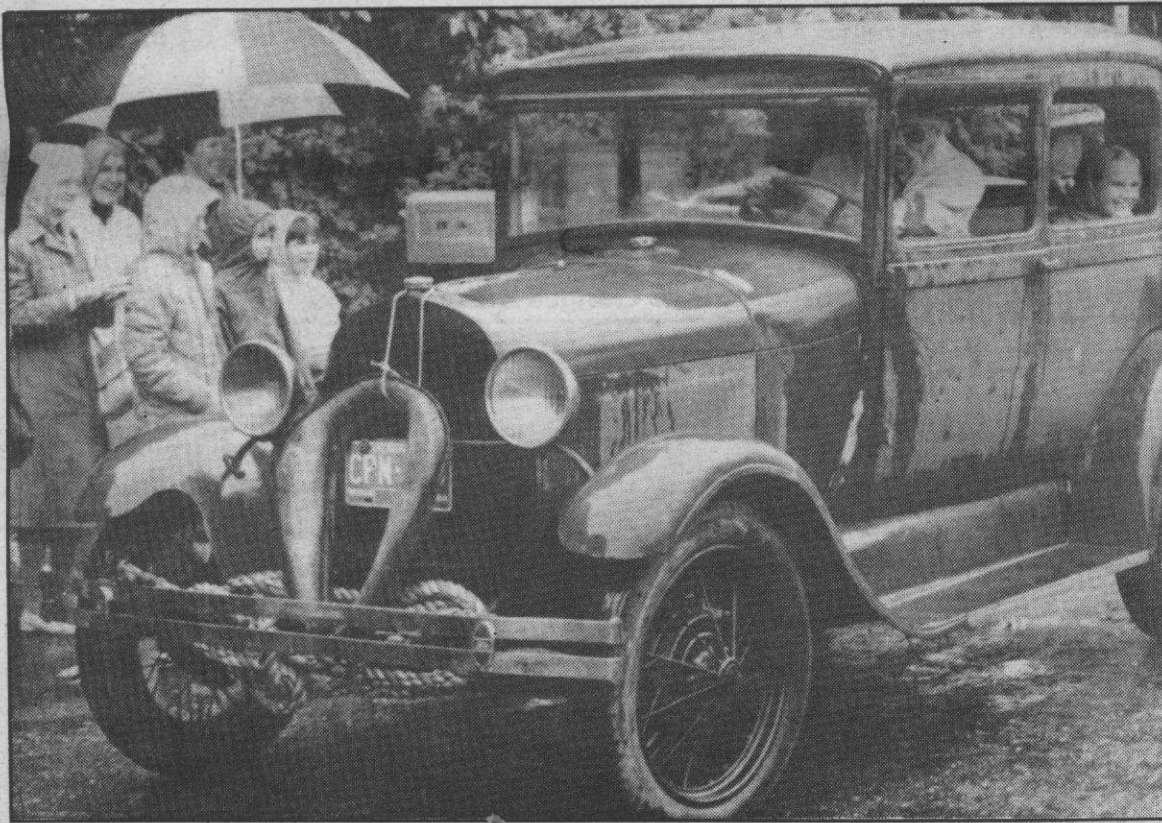
Advisory Planning Commission

The notice of the annual meeting of the Galiano Island Advisory Planning Commission appears elsewhere in this issue. The commission advises the Galiano Trust Committee on decisions concerning zoning, subdivision and application of the community plan.

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Jamboree visitors in raingear



Ken Allen's antique car in parade

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Poets read works for entertainment

Contributed
BY PHYLLIS COLEMAN

Poetry lovers gathered at Nan's Cafe at Fulford Harbour Thursday evening to enjoy what is expected to become a new kind of evening's entertainment.

They were drawn into the world of poetry as expressed by six Salt Spring Island poets, whose varied forms of poetry made the evening most exciting and interesting.

Marcel Bechard read 18th, 19th and 20th century poems in French. The rhythmic 20th century poetry was his own personal contribution.

Matthew Coleman read his own Japanese Haiku poetry and insights of Salt Spring Island's life poems, while Jezrah Hearne shared her

experiential poems. She has just been awarded a grant to further her education in the field of poetry.

Douglas Henderson, at his first public appearance, offered Buddhist and erotic poetry with wit and Murray Reiss read his own melodic poetry, chanting one about Snow White and three of Blakes poems.

Lisa Robertson read five succinct, personal, female poems for a perfect ending to a very enjoyable evening.

Next poetry reading is scheduled for August 25 at 8:30 pm when Salt Spring poets, some who have moved off-island, will return to share their poetic inner feelings and observations. It promises to be another Salt Spring Island special event.

Explorations is summer arts program for students

"Explorations" is the name of a summer arts program that has been developed for the youth of the island by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.

Organized by Marianne Allan and Mary Keurvost, the program will include explorations into drawing, painting, pottery, creative movements and various crafts. Instructors for the various sessions are the husband and wife team of Ron and Pennie George, both of whom have conducted similar programs in previous years.

The series of sessions, which will be conducted in the craft room of the Ganges elementary school, have been divided into age groups.

There will be two week-long sessions for children aged six to nine. They will run from 10 am to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. The first program will be from July 11 to 15 and the second from July 25 to 29.

The 10 to 13-year-olds will begin their program on July 18 running until July 22. A second session for this age group will start August 1 and continue for five days.

The program for the older children, aged 13 to 17, will begin on August 8, again for a five-day period.

"Registrations for the programs are already coming in," Allan stated, "but there is still lots of room in all the age groups." The registration fee, which includes all

the necessary materials, is \$15 per student.

In addition to the Explorations program, plans have now been completed for a Summer Theatre Workshop for youths 13 to 17 years of age, under the direction of Yvonne Adalian.

There will be two three-day sessions for the workshop, the first starting July 12 and running until July 14. The second one goes from July 19 until July 21. The program will be conducted in St. George's Anglican Church hall. It will have a registration fee of \$15 per student.

Further information on any of the programs can be obtained by contacting Allan or Keurvost.

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Council awards bursaries to talented islanders

Ann Spencer of Saturna Island, a graduating student from Gulf Islands Secondary School and Jezrah Hearne, a Fulford resident for the past 10 years, have been awarded the two \$500 bursaries offered this year by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council. The announcement was made by CAC president Gerry Layard at the opening ceremonies of Artcraft '83.

The recipients of the bursary awards were selected from a number of applications received by the CAC grants and awards committee headed by Arlene Dashwood.

In her announcement Layard pointed out that this is the first year that two bursaries have been given. In previous years only one bursary has been given and that was to a high school graduating student.

This year it was decided that there was a need for assistance to a student already embarked on a continuing education program and so the second bursary was created.

Eighteen-year-old Ann Spencer, who has been described as "having a whole variety of artistic talents," has

been accepted as a student in the Emily Carr College of Art and Design in Victoria and will commence her studies there in September.

Jezrah Hearne who, at the age of 38, has decided to re-enter the field of formal education, is currently studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree at Simon Fraser University. Her skills are in various forms of verbal communications and she is a writer of both prose and poetry. Her current study plans are to get into the field of radio scripts.

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FRENCH CONVERSATION group Sun. 2 pm at Mrs. Glyde's home.

YOGA CLASSES with Gay Dill start Mon. July 11, 7-9 pm, S.C.C.

PENDER LENDER librarians meet Tues. noon at Library.

BABY CLINIC at Medical Centre, Wed., July 13, 1:30-2:30. Nurse Jane Stokes.

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Celebrate the opening of the **COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE** at Farmers' Institute, Wed., July 13, 7-9 pm.

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN ARTISTS invites public to view paintings from Salt Spring '83 Seminar: 3-5 pm, Fri., July 8, Catholic Church, Drake Rd., Ganges.

S.S.I. ROD & GUN Annual Hard Times Dance, Thurs., July 9, 10 pm, Fulford Hall.

SALT SPRING ISLAND

FITNESS CLASSES: Activity Centre, M-W-F 8 am high gear, 9 am beg.-moderate. Fernwood School M-T-T 6 pm high gear.

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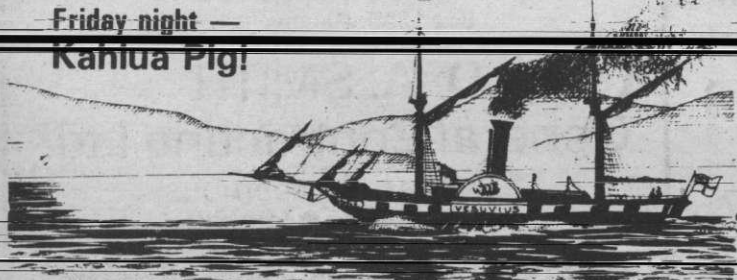
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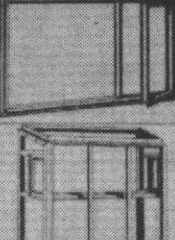
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George Wills a credit to island

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BY BRYAN SMITH**

It was a hot summer's day in August, 1974. My wife and I had just moved into our new home at St. Mary Lake and we were sitting on the lawn drinking tea before we undertook the task of settling in.

Across the lawn with a dog on a leash came a very well dressed gentleman.

"You must be the Smiths," he said. "My name is George Wills. My wife and I live just down the road at Tarrington. Welcome to Salt Spring. Our 'happy hour' is from four to five and we would be delighted if you would join us, say,

tomorrow at four."

We murmured our thanks. He went on: "Now let's get down to business. You will need garbage disposal, a doctor, and no doubt the daily *Province*. With your permission I will arrange this immediately."

We were very impressed with this warm welcome to the island. It was the beginning of a nine-year, firm friendship. In return for handyman chores, George constantly advised me about money matters and job opportunities and we would natter for hours on politics and the "grape vine" of the island.

In all the nine years I knew and

respected George I never caught him out looking scruffy. He was an immaculate dresser. This came about, I suspect, from his career as a representative for a tailoring firm.

Apparently George originally came from England and settled in Toronto and came to Salt Spring in 1970. He had been a qualified accountant as well and that accounted for his knowledge of the stock market.

His sense of humour was always there and in my old column "Roundabout" I recounted many a true story of his experiences. He had an impish sense of humour in that he would get the best seat in a

restaurant by telling the maitre d' he was "Sir George Wills" or, on another occasion, "Admiral so and so."

In the end the waiters caught on but they entered into the spirit of the masquerade.

George Wills passed away last week. His kindness at all times, his counselling, his sense of humour were very much appreciated by yours truly.

His wife Glenna, his family, friends and Kay and I will miss him deeply. He was the perfect gentleman at all times and an undeniable asset and credit to this island.

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Students learn survival in program at Strathcona

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BY IAN JUKES
and
STU ALLEN

It's Monday morning and Doug Paterson walks up the hill to work. It's important work; Doug's dealing with survival. So too are his charges, a combined group of 11-year-old youngsters from Gulf Island schools.

They are at Strathcona Outdoor Education Centre on Vancouver Island—a registered, non-profit educational society—for one week in order to undergo a five-day program which includes canoeing, kayaking, rockclimbing, hiking, camping and survival.

The kids are keen. For weeks now they have been prepared by their teachers. From extensive food to careful mental preparation these kids are ready. They're so keen they can't sit down or listen to Doug. But Doug is 6'2", 200 lbs., patient as a Zen master, and quite accustomed to such inabilities. And so he begins on his work of teaching survival.

He asks the group how they can avoid becoming lost, how they can get "unlost" if need be; how they could survive the night in the forest if they didn't get "unlost." And Helgi, a native Indian on a guides training program at Strathcona, tells them a story of how his people never could get lost because they were always at home wherever they were. The group hears some, forgets some and stores some for future consideration.

With this they go for a hike in the forest. Doug tells them he is going to get them lost which, of course, they tell him is not true. But, as they walk along, they offer information on how to get back to the Lodge. Not that anyone listens—it is still only Monday morning and you don't learn to listen overnight.

Through the new growth into the cedar forest and Helgi notes how the Indian people valued these trees so highly, using them for firewood and tea among other things. When it comes to firefighting training, this is remembered by some. Doug's offer to demonstrate is declined in favour of personal discovery.

Twenty minutes later Chris has capitalized on previous experience and has a strong fire, Christine has surprised herself by doing the same, and the balance of the group has smoke at the best. And the listening skills are nudged a little.

Doug demonstrates and there is more success. Enough success to enable a discussion on survival shelters to be held, followed by an unaccompanied hike back to the Lodge for lunch. At least the kids think they are unaccompanied, and they go through a range of group decision-making issues relating to which trail to follow, how fast to go, how to keep the group together, and how to patch a scratch. Consensus is elusive.

Before lunch Doug talks about the hike. Did the leader and the sweeper (rear person) manage the

group well on the hike? Did the group support their leaders? Did anyone listen to anyone else? There are more understandings now and more ideas stored for future consideration.

It certainly has been a survival morning. But it has been more than just a wilderness survival experience, just as Strathcona is more than a wilderness survival school. Our society's educators are involved in accelerated preparation for the survival of our society.

Education is living and living requires the ability to learn. Certainly these youngsters have learnt a little about wilderness survival but, under Doug and Helgi's guidance, they have considered the problem of listening. And now that they are beginning to listen, they are learning to get along with one another, how to solve tasks

as a group, and just how important and capable they are. There will be ups and downs this week but the groundwork is being laid.

Wilderness survival will be followed by rockclimbing where fears will be confronted. The rappel (descent down the rope) appears more difficult than it proves to be, and the trust required by the climber of the rope handler is as demanding as is his or her academic study. The canoeing will realistically link them back to a strong part of their national heritage, while at the same time requiring them to work together to achieve a goal.

The instability of a kayak challenges and excites them and, for some, the simplicity of camping opens doors into a new lifetime. The opportunity repeatedly exists to succeed and achieve, whether it be in controlling their fears, relating to other people, cooking a meal or

feeling a sense of belonging to a group.

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Because this is a group—an entity and an identity for the week. If, by Friday, they feel this, Doug will know he has been successful in his main aim—an aim he terms "bonding". It isn't a haphazard phenomenon but rather something he plans for carefully, using games and discussion, and by setting tasks at which they can succeed.

As a teacher, Doug knows that his chances of stimulating the kids to think or to reach out to other people are negligible unless the context is fun, the security is certain and the instructor is a trusted friend and counsellor.

As the week goes on, these children will challenge and redefine their personal and physical limitations. Work/play, education/life distinctions will blur. Thanks to dedicated teachers prepared to

commit themselves to their jobs, supportive parents prepared to find the balance of the necessary fees after substantial fund-raising by the kids, school board prepared to look beyond the classroom, and to the professional staff of Strathcona Outdoor Education Centre who have widened our conception of school and education, these young people are learning to survive.

As our society becomes increasingly complex, its building blocks need strengthening. The awareness demonstrated by the school authorities who facilitated this experience is a strong indication that our society is successfully adapting to its most serious problem—how to survive.

Ian Jukes is a teacher at Salt Spring Elementary and Stu Allen is director of the Outdoor Pursuit Centre in New Zealand. Allen has been staying recently at Strathcona.



Canoeing, above, is an activity enjoyed by local youngsters at Strathcona in photo taken a couple of years ago. Below, Bob Wanless, who is not a local youngster, displays his ability at climbing a rope.



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False pretences bring probation

The cheques totalled \$3330.87 but the account had no money in it. Deborah Ann Sime was in court last week to answer charges of false pretences with intent to defraud resulting from cheques she had written last December. She had attempted to open a chequing account at Island Savings Credit Union on December 4. The teller told her at the time that the \$5000 she wanted to put into the account would be used to purchase a share in the credit union. The chequing account was available to her but she did not put any money into it. She told Judge F.S. Green that she thought the share account was a chequing account when she wrote cheques at various businesses in Ganges. She had arranged with her father that he would deposit \$500 in the account, she told the judge. The money was not deposited and the court was told that no money

had been put into the account as of June of this year. Sime told the court that she had phoned her father in Mexico with a request for money. She said he had helped in that way on other occasions. The bad cheques were dated for Saturday, Dec. 4 and Sunday, Dec. 5. The credit union does not open on Mondays and Sime had left the island during that week. The

address and telephone number she gave to the credit union were not hers, the court was told. Judge Green gave Sime a conditional discharge and placed her on six months' probation. She must repay the money to the six firms where she made purchases with the bad cheques. The judge suggested that she not repay the money by cheque.

Two presidents are installed

Two members of Salt Spring Island Lions Club were installed as president of the service club on Thursday evening last week.

The dual administration resulted from the planned departure from Salt Spring Island of the newly-elected president, Joe Bossio. Before Colin Moutat formally installed the new president, Hank Knudsen, he performed the same office for Bossio, who will leave the island as the past president of the island group.

Bossio had been elected three weeks ago. The Lions will function for the coming year under the direction of Knudsen, a former member of Galiano Lions Club. Serving with him are Santy Fuoco, first vice-president; Barry Urquhart, second vice-president; Don Cunningham, treasurer; Bob Hele, secretary; Dennis Owen and Ross Van Winkel, directors; Frank Richards, Tail Twister; Ben Greenhough, Lion Tamer and Bob Nicholson, past president.



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GALIANO NEWS

From Page 10

At the annual meeting three directors are to be elected. Chairman Mimi Wishart hopes that there will be candidates from the younger age range, as most of the members over the 10 years of the commission's existence have been in the senior category.

Galiano School

The end of the school year will see the departure of two teachers who have served in a temporary capacity. Ms. Leinweber has secured the affection and attention of her junior pupils, but will be replaced by Mrs. Elizabeth Brinson who is returning after sabbatical leave during which she attended the University of Victoria.

Bob Brownsword will be moving to Fernwood despite the hope of many on Galiano that he would stay here and take over the principalship on a permanent basis. Bob has a house and family on Salt Spring so his decision is understandable.

Jonah and the Gourd

Greg Foster in his Whaler Bay Boat Yard has made for his father a turdy 28-foot boat, diesel-powered, named *Jonah*. The *Jonah's* rowboat, *The Gourd*, has a name chosen from the fourth chapter of *Jonah* in which the Lord provided shelter to the prophet by means of a gourd plant. The rowboat will provide a service to the boat as the gourd did to *Jonah* in the Bible story.

Coming events

Viola Massett of Victoria will speak to the Garden Club on orchids on Wednesday, July 13, beginning at 1:30 pm in the North Community Hall.

Bridge continues every Monday evening, also in the North Community Hall.

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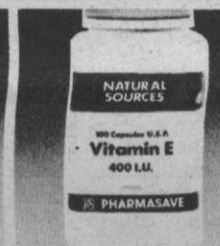
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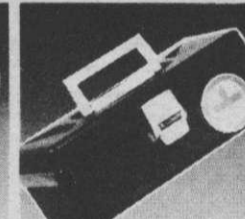
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Crop rotation plan is simple and effective

Since vegetables are not weeds anymore, but are highly modified versions of weeds, bred to produce abundant food for us, their food and moisture needs are much greater than those of their ancestors.

In the process of centuries of inbreeding they have also lost some of their vigour and disease resistance. Therefore they cannot compete quite as well with their more weedy cousins and need a bit more attention and care.

The most simple and effective way of achieving this is through a rotation plan in accordance with the requirements of the plants. Let us suppose we have made a generous application of manure to one-

quarter of our garden.

In the first season after application we would grow the heavy nitrogen users such as the cabbage family, the greens such as lettuce and chard, and corn. All these need abundant nitrogen to produce well.

In the second season, without any further manure addition, we would grow fruiting crops such as tomatoes and peppers. In the third season we would grow root crops such as beets and carrots. In the fourth season we would grow crops such as peas and beans, which obtain their own nitrogen from the air.

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

Over the four seasons there would be a steady decline of nutrients, but we would take advantage of this to grow crops suited to these declining conditions.

This has obvious benefits, but it will also assure the rotation of our crops and prevent endemic disease situations. It also follows that we need only manure one-quarter of our garden every year.

This system works extremely well once your garden soil is in reasonably good shape, with an organic content around seven percent.

In the meantime, until our soil is up to snuff, the required fertilization should be done according to kind for best results. All the heavy nitrogen users, the cabbage family, corn, leafy greens and the squash and cucumber family, need a side dressing of either bloodmeal or manures once a month in fairly good soils, or twice per month in poor soils throughout their growing season.

Near the end of the season, when nights are getting cold, a bit of wood ash once a month will help to resist cold.

Since we want fruit instead of leaf from our peppers and tomatoes we need to proceed somewhat differently. As phosphorous for blooming and fruiting has been supplied with a generous helping of bonemeal at time of planting we need not worry about this anymore.

ONE SIDE DRESSING
Once the transplants are established in the soil we add one single side dressing of bonemeal or manure. This is sufficient to generate about six weeks' worth of healthy leaf growth. This is all that is needed for a solid foundation for the fruiting cycle. Nothing else is required, not even abundant moisture.

A bit of moisture stress, or lack of moisture, will even speed up fruit production. A bit of wood ash for cold resistance near the end of the season would be timely.

For the root crops we would be

foolish to fertilize. This would just result in much leaf and hairy roots. Moisture at an even level will assure well formed and healthy roots. Nothing else is needed.

Fertilizing of any kind is actually detrimental to our leguminous crops such as peas and beans. An adequate supply of moisture, especially during their leafy growth stage, is essential. Nothing else is needed and these plants fare much

better this way.

Be sure to cover bloodmeal with a solid cover of soil to avoid undue attention from cats and dogs. Otherwise it is a rich source of immediately available nitrogen. Manure concoctions, or teas, are quick as well.

These fertilizers increase both the health and vigour of plant and soil, the life above and below the ground, and ours in the end.

GOLF NEWS

Polly Farmer is winner at Bingo, Bango, Bongo

BY PAT DOHERTY

On June 29, 15 nine-hole ladies at the Salt Spring Golf Club played Bingo, Bango, Bongo and Polly Farmer was the winner. The Connie Porter Trophy moved on but at a slightly less hectic pace. Just one chip-in this week by Joyce Guerin.

However, what the ladies slipped up on in their chipping they picked up in their putting. There were no less than four tied for the putt pot, namely Kathy Oliver, Vi Austin, Louise Fuoco and Molly Hardy.

In the ladies' 18-hole division Marie Hopkins was the winner with net 67, runner-up was Jean Cunningham with net 68. Winner of the putt pot was Ruby McConnell with 25.

In the men's section Thursday was another day where pyramid teams played both their opponents and the course. Bill got tired carrying Hal but kept on smiling. Jordan Smith turned up to bolster Alex McCauley. Jordan is on leave from the salmon wars in Alaska, and our best wishes go with him on his return to the front.

The partnership of Bill Kernaghan and John Mitchell were tops with a 59 best ball, followed

closely by G. Alexander and G. Thorne.

The club championship Crofton Cup will be played over 72 holes July 9 and 10, and 16 and 17. The 16 low shooters will vie for medal honours, while the remainder play for net honours.

All players will play 72 holes. This is different from past years in that the consolation flight is not medal play.

The golf part of the Terry Fox was called because of rain on Friday but will be rescheduled for Friday, Aug. 5. The dinner and dance took place as planned and those who attended had a great time. Many thanks to Helga, Eva and Val for a fine meal.

This week the writer played in a group that included John Lloyd and Wally Twa. They both birdied number 2 hole and with their handicaps they both get a stroke on the hole.

That means they both came out with net one on the hole. If you had been playing with them and had been unfortunate enough to get a hole-in-one, you would only have managed a tie, and probably would have got stuck with the bar bill.

Derelicts are tops on stage

Members of a local softball team hopped on to the stage at the Harbour House Hotel last Wednesday to take first prize at talent night.

The Driftwood Dazzling Derelicts of the island's ladies' league took top honours with a rendition of *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*.

However, the only reason for their win, according to a hotel spokesman, was "they wouldn't shut up long enough" to give anyone else a chance.

Winners are determined by measuring the applause for each act. Second prize went to Fairbrother and McCall while Nasty Habits took third place.

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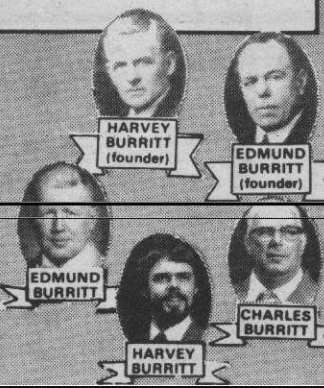
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