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## More pupils, less money, officials told

The number of Gulf Island children to be educated in the next three years will increase but the money to be spent on their education will go down.

School district officials from across the province met with the minister of education, Jack Heinrich, last week to learn the bad news. For the Gulf Islands, the news was that the budget goes down 7.5% while the school population goes up 17% by 1986.

Mike Marshall, Gulf Islands superintendent of schools, said the local experience over the past few

years has been an increase of eight percent each year. According to school board calculations, the Gulf Islands school population will increase by 24% by 1986.

The 1983 budget has been set at \$4,789,472. For 1984, the Gulf Island's budget will be \$4,587,399, down four percent. In 1985, the school budget goes down six percent from this year to \$4,501,004.

The 1986 school budget will be \$4,428,532.

School district officials were handed a series of memos at the meeting which explain the reasons for the budget cuts as well as the new system of financing education.

"The provincial government has established financial targets for the system which call for a return to levels of service much like those which prevailed in the mid-70's.

"This does not, however, mean that the nature of the services in years to come will be the same as 10 years ago."

The government is looking at a return of "the pupil-teacher ratio to the same level as it was in the 1975-76 school year."

That means, admit ministry officials, a reduction in the number of teachers.

Marshall said the proposed

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## Open fires banned

Until the current hot spell winds down, all open fires on Salt Spring are prohibited, says island fire chief Bob Leask.

The risk of fire is high and any burning of slash, brush or rubbish has been cancelled.

Residents who use an incinerator outdoors are asked to do their burning in the morning before 9 am.

The fire emergency number is 537-5544.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

## Celebrating a softball win

Members of the Fulford Ladies softball team celebrated their league championship win last Thursday over Driftwood Dazzling Derelicts with a different kind of party. In period costumes and summer hats, the ladies played croquet and golf at a garden party at the home of David

and Joan Stacey. Thursday's match was held to decide first-place winner in season play, for which the two teams had been tied. In back row, from left, are Debbie Davies, Peggy Stacey, Molly Akerman, Denise De La Franiere and Barb Kinnear. In front are Deborah Nostdal, Cathy

Akerman, Brenda Akerman, Beth Straarup and Moya Doherty. Absent were Sheryl Leask, Trish Graham and Carol De Boer. Party was held Sunday. The team is hosting an invitational tournament this weekend at Fulford Ball Field. Nine off-island teams will be taking part.

## Shopping for groceries isn't what it used to be

The world was a different place in which to live and grow old in 1938.

People then, as now, looked forward to the end of a depression. Shopping for groceries meant spending as much as \$5 to feed the family for a week.

Pounds and ounces were the measure of food rather than litres and kilograms.

Groceries which had cost \$5 in 1938 spiralled in price to \$21.78 by 1969. In 1978, the same groceries cost \$54.21. But buying the same amount of groceries this week means parting with \$75.12.

That \$5 spent in 1938 bought the following list of groceries. The prices of today are in the column on the right.

	1938	1983
Milk, half-gallon	.20	1.95
Bread, 2 loaves	.10	1.90
Bacon, 1 lb.	.40	2.39
Butter, 1 lb.	.28	2.43
Meat, 6 lb. prime rib	.90	21.06
Jam, 4 lbs.	.40	9.08
Eggs, 1 doz. large	.23	1.74
Cod, fillet, 3 lbs.	.45	3.83
Tea, 1 lb.	.42	5.16
Lard, 1 lb.	.14	1.07
Oatmeal, 5 lb.	.25	3.49
Rice, 1 lb.	.05	1.02

Ketchup, 13 oz.	.08	1.51
Syrup, 32 oz.	.30	9.46
Cheese, 1 lb.	.28	3.89
Salmon, 2 large tins	.52	5.14

Through the years, \$5 bought less and less. By 1948, the grocery shopper with \$5 to spend could buy:

Milk, 2 quarts	.30
Bread, 2 loaves	.21
Bacon, 1 lb.	.98
Butter, 1 lb.	.74
Meat, 4 lbs.	1.60
Jam, 4 lbs.	.65
Eggs, 1 doz.	.52

In 1978, however, the \$5 grocery list had shrunk to:

Milk, 2 litres	1.25
Bread, 2 loaves	.75
Butter, 1 lb.	1.42
Jam, 1 lb.	.98
Cheese, 4 oz.	.60

Today, the grocery shopper can spend \$5 on the following:

Milk, 1 litre	1.00
Bread, 2 loaves	1.90
Butter, 1/2 lb.	1.39
Cheese, 3 oz.	.73

Nostalgia, says the sage, isn't what it used to be...but neither is grocery shopping.

## Valcourt's expenses top the list

Expense accounts for the two Gulf Islands regional directors totalled \$1,400 up to the end of May.

Yvette Valcourt of Salt Spring billed the Capital Regional District \$1,073 while Vern Roddick, of the Outer Islands, charged \$330.

Valcourt's expense account tops the list. Her claims exceed the combined claims of six other directors and their alternates who charged expenses. The other claims, including Roddick's, total \$1,005. Twelve directors did not charge expenses to the CRD.

"The big spender follows the policy to the letter of the law," said Valcourt in reference to a story of her expense account in a daily newspaper in which she was labelled "big spender".

Valcourt said her expenses are high because she sits as a member of three committees of the CRD board. She said the distance from her front door to the CRD on Yates Street in Victoria is 60 miles.

Directors are permitted to charge 36.18¢ per mile as well as up to \$23 per day for meals. Roddick and Valcourt can also charge the CRD \$7.45 for each trip to meetings for the ferry fare.

Valcourt goes to Victoria on the first Wednesday of each month for meetings of the community health and the solid waste committees. On

the second and fourth Wednesdays, she sits as member of the local works and services committee. The full board meets on those days as well.

Roddick sits on the personnel committee which meets as necessary. He said he also attends other meetings when he is asked to take part in the proceedings.

"I charge for what I spend." The distance to the CRD from the Outer Islands comes to approximately 55 miles, he said.

In addition to the travel expenses, directors receive a tax-free allowance. Valcourt receives \$2,545 in tax-free expenses on top of her regular pay of \$5,091.

Roddick receives \$2,255 in tax-free expenses and a wage of \$4,512.

The other directors are members of various committees and charged the CRD various amounts for expenses. Don Rittaler, director for Sooke, is a member of three committees but did not charge any expenses.

Ernie Beland of View Royal sits on six committees and submitted \$106 in expenses. Shirley Wilde, Metchosin, charged \$157 for travel to meetings of five committees.

Sitting on four committees, Rick Kasper of Langford charged \$87 while Norma Sealey of Sidney charged \$67. David Krauel of Colwood is a member of three committees and charged \$215. The alternate directors charged \$42.

## Weather cooler in June

The weather in June on Galiano and Saturna Islands was cooler than in May, according to figures released by the weather service.

On Galiano, the high and low temperatures for June stood at 24 and 9. In May the temperature ranged between 30.5 and 5.

The range of temperatures on Saturna Island was 22.5 and 8.5 in June compared to 28 and 6 in May.

The rainfall on Saturna for June was registered as 28.6 mm with 11

days when the precipitation could be measured. In May, 22 mm of rain fell over eight days of the month.

The rain on Galiano for June measured 38.8 mm with measurable amounts wetting the island on 13 days of the month. In May, the rain records were not complete.

The largest amount of rain fell on June 16 on both islands with 14.6 mm being measured on Galiano and 12.2 mm falling on Saturna.

# Fulford community plan prepared after nine years

The Fulford Harbour community plan has been prepared for the Islands Trust and the south island residents' group would like it incorporated in the Salt Spring plan by the end of the year.

The plan has been nine years in preparation by various groups in the Fulford area. Last fall, a group of the South Salt Spring Residents' Association put together a committee to come up with a plan which would meet with approval by Fulford residents.

The current plan was passed unanimously by the group at a recent meeting.

Sid Wigen, chairman of the association, said the statement of goals contained in the proposed community plan set out the rationale on which the whole plan is based.

The statement of goals reads:  
1. To enhance the rural and agricultural uses of the land included within the boundaries of the designated area of the plan;

2. To enhance the adjacent marine environment and support efforts to restore fish and sea life populations;

3. To develop Fulford Harbour as a pedestrian-oriented

community;  
4. To enhance the seaside community atmosphere of Fulford Harbour;

5. To maintain and to develop the village of Fulford Harbour as the commercial, residential and cultural focal point for south Salt Spring Island.

The designated area referred to stretches from Yeo Point across the island to Lee's Hill and on to Burgoyne Bay. The boundary then runs south along the edge of the valley to a point approximately half-way between Cape Keppel and Isabella Point.

A second area labelled village core sets aside the extent of the village. The line defining this area begins at the harbour's edge just past the marina and runs to Fulford-Ganges Road and along to the intersection with Beaver Point Road. The line cuts across to a point close to the intersection of Morningside and Sunnyside Roads before dropping back to water's edge again.

The policy statement on the village calls for the retention and enhancement of the core area to accommodate a variety of commercial and residential uses.

The plan calls for the area to be designated as a development permit area similar to Ganges. As such, any development, construction or changes would require a development permit to ensure the changes meet with local standards.

For the remainder of the area covered by the plan, the zoning should remain as it currently is and agricultural land areas should be protected and increased in size where practical.

The plan calls for a school to be located in or near the village. The school would become a social, cultural and educational centre for south-island residents as are the schools located at the north end of the island.

A need for senior citizens' accommodation is also noted.

"There is a need for senior citizens' housing and the locational requirements of such housing would best be served by developing within the specified area."

In a related note, the plan reads: "Cluster development should be encouraged to preserve large open areas in order to reduce servicing costs, to minimize site disruption and to allow for more people to interact with nature."

The plan calls for residential development to be highest in the village area and decrease towards the perimeter of the plan area.

Potable water and waste management are noted. The plan calls for preservation of Weston Lake as a water source and an investigation of Stowell Lake and other sources which may be needed in the future.

Waste management should also be subject of an extensive study.

In a statement on transportation, the plan notes "the ferry service is an integral part of the Fulford community and should be retained at the present site."

Parking should be improved to help the flow of traffic. Bicycle paths along Fulford-Ganges Road as far as Drummond Park should be built but the highway right-of-way should not exceed a maximum width of 66 feet.

The plan calls for the preservation of the heritage of the area. It notes that of the 142 archaeological sites on Salt Spring, 25 middens are located in Fulford.

"No development should take place on the 25 known Indian middens unless the B.C. Heritage Conservation Branch is first notified...."

"Although this law already exists, we restate it here because it is seldom obeyed."

The plan calls for the retention of some of the older residences in the Fulford area as well as conservation of trees which are of note.

The marine environment also receives consideration in the plan. The head of the harbour is a bird

breeding area as well as spawning grounds. No activities should be allowed in the harbour which interfere with the wildlife.

"Any marine-oriented development is to be permitted only under a development permit with a full environmental impact assessment being done on the effects of the activity on the harbour and the surrounding uplands."

In total, the plan looks at people, the land, the water and the environment of Fulford Harbour, the valley and the head of Burgoyne Bay. The plan aims at offering some measure of control, direction and suggestion on the future of Fulford.

The residents' group has indicated a willingness to work with the Islands Trust for the adoption and implementation of the plan.

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## Ed Williams resigns

Ed Williams has resigned as Mayne Island trustee on the Islands Trust.

He submitted his resignation to the Trust in early June on advice from his doctor.

"The main reason is I have too much on my plate," said Williams. When his doctor told him to slow down, he decided to step aside as trustee.

Williams is employed by the B.C. Ferry Corporation as attendant at the Village Bay ferry terminal on Mayne. He also serves on the committee overseeing the amalgamation of the waterworks systems on the island. He told *Driftwood* that on top of those duties, he is building an addition to his house.

Williams has been Mayne Island trustee since 1980.

By-election to fill the vacancy will be held August 13 and nomination day is July 25. The term of office expires in December, 1984.

Nominations are to be handed into the Capital Regional District at 524 Yates Street in Victoria on or before nomination day and if a vote is to be held it will take place in the Mayne Elementary School between 8 am and 8 pm.

The advance poll would be held in the CRD offices on August 10 with times set for 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on that day.

George Whiten announced this week that he intends to seek the position created by Williams' resignation. Whiten, originally from Vernon, B.C., has lived on Mayne Island for the past three years.



Ed Williams

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# Committee disbanded as Mahon Hall restoration program is completed

The work of the Mahon Hall Restoration Committee has been completed and the ad hoc group struck two years ago this month by the Parks and Recreation Commission, has been disbanded.

At a meeting held in a back room of the hall last week chairman Hugh Cummings, in officially dissolving the committee, paid tribute to all the members who had donated many hours of their time to the planning and the carrying out of the various projects that went into the restoration program.

He had a special word of commendation for committee members Hank Schubart and Nels Vodden whose professional expertise in planning, tendering, contracting and material procurement, all on a volunteer basis, "were essential to getting the various jobs done and in keeping costs within budget."

Cummings also recounted with thanks the work done by other committee members: H.A. "Al" Pike, as secretary, kept an accurate record of committee procedures and donated many hours of labour to minor repair and modification jobs in the hall. John Crofton, treasurer, maintained the books, handled fund-raising and kept a watchful eye

on expenditures. Frank Leigh-Spencer, publicity, also contributed labour to the various interior repair jobs and Dick Toynbee gave advice and counselling.

In reporting to the final meeting, treasurer John Crofton said a total of \$35,007.34 had been donated from various sources to the restoration fund. He gave a detailed accounting of the funds raised and the expenditures for the various projects undertaken.

Commenting on the financial report, Cummings said the community-wide support given to the restoration program was gratifying and accurately reflected the interest of individuals and groups within the community in restoring the 80-year-old building which is the focal point of much of the island's cultural and artistic activities.

"Although I do not wish to single out any one contributor to the restoration fund I feel I should commend the initiative of the Community Arts Council for spearheading the project and for its donation of close to \$20,000," he said.

In a brief review of the work of the restoration committee over the two-year period Cummings enumerated the various projects completed. On the exterior of the building they included a new roof, reconstruction of the south entrance with the

addition of a loading ramp, installation of concrete foundations on the north side of the building, laying of a concrete sidewalk leading from the south entrance around to the east side of the building and continuing along the north side.

The painting of the exterior of the building, a project undertaken by the Lions Club, is still to be completed. In the interior of the building the work included painting of the main hall, installation of a new electrical panel with increased capacity, installation of panic hardware on the east door, a new kitchen counter with double stainless steel sinks and a hot water tank, new fixtures in the north bathroom, remodelling of the kitchen cupboards, some much-needed additional storage cupboards in the kitchen and the boardroom, a new door between the boardroom and the kitchen, laying of linoleum in the boardroom and a new door in the north entrance to the boardroom.

Cummings concluded by stating that while he felt the committee had fulfilled its instruction to restore the hall "for at least another 10 years of use," there is still a need for some improvements in the heating and ventilation systems in the hall and that sometime in the future the windows will need some major repair work.

## Frank Richards on vacation

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## Fine \$35 for misuse of plates

When one car had been sold and another car purchased, the driver thought the licence plates covered the new car, but the registration had not been completed.

Allan Davies of Salt Spring entered a plea of guilty in court last week to a charge of misuse of plates. He explained the situation to Judge F.S. Green.

When the first vehicle had been sold and another purchased, the young man thought the transfer of plates was legal. However, the transfer had not gone through the motor vehicle branch.

Davies was fined \$35 for the mistake.

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## Confrontation

Both the Social Credit government and the B.C. Federation of Labour appear to be doing their best to further the cause of confrontation between labour and management in the province.

Much of the legislation introduced in the legislature two weeks ago fails to take into account the already-strained relations between employers and employees, particularly within the public sector.

And the response by the Federation of Labour is to stir up opposition to the legislation that is emotional, rather than factual.

We feel that at least half of the federation's concerns are invalid. For instance, we don't believe that the tax on long distance telephone calls is "ludicrous" despite the fact that island residents are required to call long distance with any out-of-town calls.

Neither the government nor organized labour will disagree that our economy is in a mess, although recovery has begun.

All we need now is a show of unity, an attribute that Canadians have long failed to demonstrate.

## A valuable contribution

There is one characteristic about islanders that is often forgotten. It tends to become overshadowed by the occasional scrapping over controversial issues such as farmers' markets and sewers.

If it weren't for this one quality, the readiness to work for the benefit of the community, the islands could well be a dismal place in which to live.

The eagerness with which islanders will volunteer their services to assist in one cause or another never falters.

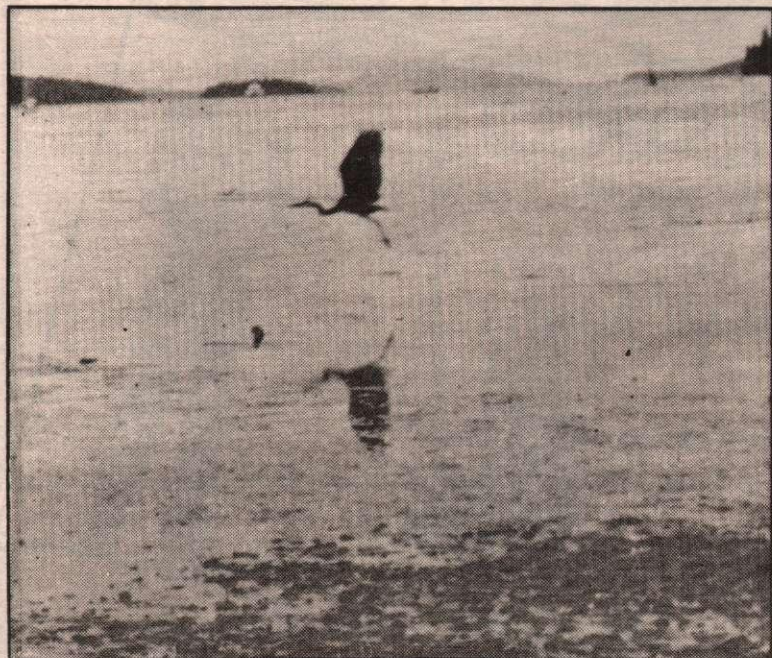
Another example of this willingness to help out has been seen over the past two years in the restoration of Mahon Hall.

The committee responsible for the project was disbanded last week after raising \$35,000 for upgrading the facility.

And they did an excellent job.

To all those who work without remuneration for the good of their friends and neighbours, we owe a debt of gratitude.

Their contribution to the community is highly valued.



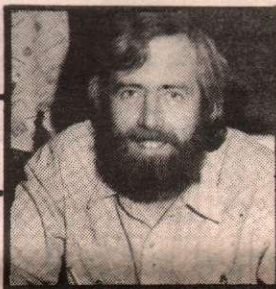
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## More herons at Fulford

The blue herons in Fulford Harbour have increased in numbers this year. At low tide, the tall birds stalk the shallows looking for food. The observer can see up to eight of the birds feeding when the tide exposes the mudflats in the harbour.



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## Tony Richards

OUR NEWSSTAND SALES should rise by about 20 this week as that many former students of Gulf Islands Secondary School pay their 35¢ to see what juicy recollections from the past may be printed in this column.

They're going to be disappointed.

The juicy stories didn't materialize (at least nobody told me any) at Saturday's reunion of the 1968 graduating class at the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club.

There was, of course, the joke in home-room class, as told to Marilee Sawyer by Stephen Alexander, but it will not be re-told here. This, I needn't remind myself, is a family newspaper.

And then there were those who remembered the good teachers and the bad but even those fond memories will have to remain a secret as more than half the teachers are still living here.

Some of us had wondered how difficult it was going to be recognizing each other. I decided to jog my memory before the event by delving into back issues of the paper, seeking out the list of grads in June of 1968.

And when Saturday rolled around I was surprised by how little most people had changed. Students' council president Fergie Foulis has perhaps changed the most but it took me less than 10 seconds to put the right name to his face.

John Grain, now teaching in Kelowna, took on the job of master of ceremonies and gave away bottles of fresh Canadian wine in several contests.

Jean Stevens won a bottle after she was chosen as the class member who had changed the least.

Meanwhile, musician Wilf Davies was at a loss to understand why no one showed any enthusiasm for dancing.

The scene on the dance floor changed quickly, however, when he began playing 50's rock.

Of the 18 members of the class who didn't turn up, one was Don Bates. Living in Calgary was one good reason for not coming, but he had another which was better.

He and his wife have nine children, eight of them adopted.

Finally, it was Donna (Cawker) Roland who observed that none of our classmates had become famous for anything.

Perhaps in five years from now that will have changed.

And maybe Donna, along with the other reunion

organizers, Laura (Rozzana) Calder and Doreen (Moulton) Williams, will stage another.

THEY LEFT their gloves at home.

They set aside their bats and balls to take up croquet mallets and golf clubs instead. And they put their uniforms away for another year and donned graduation dresses and gowns borrowed from their grandmothers.

They drank wine from teacups and swapped tales of runs batted in and errors that shouldn't have been.

The occasion was a garden party for the Fulford Ladies softball team at the home of David and Joan Stacey on Rainbow Road.

And what, you ask, was I doing there?

I married a softball fanatic and you'll find my wife at any event that is even remotely connected with the game.

And before you call her at home, kindly check your television listings. Please refrain from calling during baseball games.

EVERY TIME I take up a new sport I feel compelled to warn others engaged in the same activity to beware.

A couple of months ago I was golfing, until I suffered a bruised rib (no, I didn't get it playing golf) and I was forced to sit around and get fat and lazy again.

Other golfers, I suspect, were relieved upon noting my absence from the course. It meant they could leave their hardhats at home.

But last week I took up tennis after a 20-year break. Tennis players at Portlock needn't worry about the dangers of concussion from being struck in the head with the ball—I couldn't hit it hard enough even if the ball were capable of inflicting injury.

It's their patience that will go first because I can hit a first-class curve ball that makes a 90-degree arc before it's anywhere near the net.

And the ball always arcs towards the adjacent court.

I think perhaps I should have stayed with darts and poker.

# Letters to the Editor

## Mankind marches to destruction

Sir,  
The rationale for the Liberal government's decision to test the U.S. Air Force's Cruise Missile in Canada is that the Arms Control talks are totally deadlocked, and that the tests are necessary for our security!! (No doubt the Reagan government will next demand that we test further weapons systems, such as the Sea Cruise Missile).

The simple fact, which our militarists overlook, is that the more deadly the weapons systems we develop, the more insecure we become. Rather than intimidating our opponents, as these first-strike weapons are supposed to do, they merely force the Russians to work harder than ever to develop similar weapons for their own security.

As usual, the West is several years ahead in the development of these extremely accurate weapons (the Cruise can land within 100 metres of its target), but in a few years the Soviets will have similar weapons. As these comparatively tiny (six-

metre) missiles can be hidden in a truck or a garage, there will never again be any possibility of knowing how many weapons each side possesses.

We distrust each other now, when it is possible for Arms Control Agencies to obtain an accurate count of their opponents' arsenal—what little hope there will be for trust in the future. Because these weapons are relatively cheap to make, and can carry a nuclear warhead the equivalent of 200,000 tons of TNT, each side can make unlimited numbers of them.

They cannot be detected from light aircraft on a radar screen, they can fly a pre-programmed, zig-zag course, and once launched, they cannot be recalled; therefore the possibility of an honest mistake in identity is very real. Because the Russians do not have the necessary technology now to stop these weapons, they will feel forced to go to "Launch on Warning" for their security.

Thus Mankind marches step-by-step to its destruction, living ever more in fear. Only the renunciation of this insane Arms Race will give us any hope for a peaceful prosperous future. No government has the right to destroy this wonderful world we have inherited to satisfy its nationalistic objectives.

The peoples of the world must demand that their governments change their tactics, and seek other ways of developing trust and goodwill between Men.

Who was first?  
Atomic bomb: US 1945, USSR 1949. Intercontinental bomber: US 1948, USSR 1955. Hydrogen bomb: US 1954, USSR 1955. Intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM): USSR 1957, US 1958. Man-made satellite in orbit: USSR 1957, US 1958. Multiple warhead (MRV): US 1966, USSR 1968. Anti-ballistic missile (ABM): USSR 1968, US 1972. Multiple independently targeted warhead (MIRV): US 1970, USSR 1975. New long-range cruise missiles: US 1983, USSR 1987. (From World Military and Social Expenditures 1979).

**BILL PATERSON,**  
Galiano Island.  
July, 1983.

were stronger than the Socreds but at what cost! Down in the Mall the NDP gave me the line that they would borrow the money from the States to put us in the black. How to pay it back without being a colony of the U.S.A. brought only smiles of reassurance that I was not to worry about such matters.

Crossing the corridor to the Socreds' HQ, and on behalf of the Gulf Islands Handicapped Society and other health agencies, I raised the issue of the cancellation of the services of the two visiting nurses for the needs of the aged and handicapped within our community. Just vote for us, they said, and all would be well.

I buttonholed Hugh Curtis re this problem. More promises! After the election a certain doctor informed me my efforts (and others) were soon to be realized. I was overjoyed and spread the "good news". No such event has taken place. I have egg on my face and it would appear that the aged and handicapped will have to "make-do".

What will be the end result? Their plight will mean further pressure on our already understaffed hospital and its fewer beds. Who really cares?

Couple this with the discontinuance of the Human Rights and Rentalsman's offices (and the brutal way it was carried through) and one wonders if we are heading for a fascist regime with Big Brother breathing down our necks.

All my life I have held that moderation in all things is the only way to go but, currently, it appears that harsh controls in all sectors are necessary. There must be a way to get the province back on its feet but not at the expense, hardship and misery of our aged and handicapped citizens of the Gulf Islands.

**BRYAN SMITH,**  
Gulf Islands Handicapped Society.  
Ganges, B.C.  
July 18, 1983.

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## Writer asks for contributions to newsletter

Sir,  
May I make an appeal to writers concerned with the need for peace on our planet to contact me regarding the creation of a newsletter to be devoted to this cause?

At the recent Women and Words Conference at U.B.C., supported by 1,000 women writers from across the country, there was a resolution which stressed the need for setting up a research group as to ways and means that writers could employ the spoken and written word to enlighten people whom the media, especially TV and radio, so often tend to confuse.

Since your weekly gives generous space to this cause I would like to stress that men, women and children are equally in danger from nuclear war. We need to hear from all three groups, particularly those in the arts.

Especially, I believe, we need to hear from young people—writers, painters, musicians—boys and girls, men and women.

**DOROTHY LIVESAY,**  
RR 1, Galiano.  
(Tel: 539-5414),  
July 16, 1983.

## Cars first, cyclists second

Sir,  
What a good point Mr. Allan W. Edwards has made in the July 6 issue of *Driftwood*.

This pandemonium of discussion on the cyclists arriving on the Gulf Islands, is for sure, a never-ending Public and Ferry Corporation disgrace.

## Delightful experience

Sir,  
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the merchants responsible for introducing Bulk Buying to Salt Spring Island.

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**MARY C. WILLIAMSON,**  
R. R. 1,  
Ganges.  
July 15, 1983.

No one wants to run down anyone, but accidents have happened.

The July 1 weekend to Galiano Island was sickening. First the foot passengers, all over Hell's half acre—and not one staff member directing them to the walking path. Then came the bikers—at least 200, also with no direction.

I agree: cars off first—cyclists second, so they can enjoy their fun without fear of being run down, and the children can learn about living.  
**MRS. MARIE C. GASKIN,**  
Vancouver, B.C.  
July 1983.

## Popular opinion ignored

Sir,  
The decision to test the Cruise seems to be a political decision by the Canadian Government to put dollars and cents ahead of human survival on its list of priorities.

Any number of reasons for testing the Cruise cannot hide the fact that the government appears to have ignored the popular opinion of the majority of Canadians to say "no" to nuclear war.

**CONNIE KENNEDY,**  
Galiano Island.  
July 18, 1983.



**Bill Webster**

## Let's have a royal commission

The moans howl through the canyons of the land as Billy Wacyson attempts to put the servile servants through the game of diminishing numbers.

Here in lotus land, the kinderfolk want continued and unadulterated access to the public trough for all time. But Billy says that doesn't fit the lack of bucks.

Who listens when the government says such things?

Recently, a meeting of those who know shed light on the situation. Louis Bolivar-Finchley and Suitcase sat on a rock on a hill in the liquid sunshine to discuss the goings-on.

### Missing the point

"The Sock Reds have missed the point when they try to reduce the redundancies," noted Louis.

"How else can the telly version newshounds find items to fill up the news horror with such excitement," he asked?

Louis understands such things as government cutbacks and layoffs. He once worked for a government although he doesn't like to talk about it.

At one point in his career, Louis was employed as a lookout and put to work patrolling the rocks along the shores of Juan de Fuca's waters. He was to report immediately any sightings of Spanish ships attempting to locate the northwest passage.

The job, explained Louis, was created when Captain Cook was sunning himself beside the

Fraser River. The good captain didn't want to be surprised and had sent a man to watch for the Spanish.

The problem was that no one issued orders to stop the search. It continued through the years. Louis was the 23rd Guardian of the Strait. But he made the mistake of asking what he was supposed to do.

When the mandarins decided the job was redundant, Louis was dismissed.

There is a lesson there for servile servants. They made the mistake of asking what they were to do. The Sock Reds didn't know and when a politico has to admit to such a failing, trouble arises.

The legislative club designed to silence the vocal opponents says serviles can be terminated for speaking up and disturbing the bosses' nap.

### Doing a great job

What they should do, said Louis, is agree heartily with Billy. They should tell him, in whispers, what a great job he and his bunch are doing.

In whispers, they should suggest the best way of finding out how many serviles should go is to create a royal commission to study the matter. The commission would count heads, both in and out of the employ of government.

The numbers could be fed into a computer and the results tallied and studied. Of course, the commission would have to be

staffed. The number of people engaged in the commission would equal the number of people who had spoken too loudly.

"The ones who had to go would go sideways to the royal commission and everyone would be happy," he said.

"Just think about it. The number of people working for the different ministers would be down. The royal commission could take years to study the problem and there wouldn't be so much noise around the legislature to disturb Billy's sleep."

Louis suggested that the government could get someone from the tourism ministry to juggle the numbers. "Those people understand juggling figures real good," said Louis.

As we sat there on the rock on a hill in the liquid sunshine, Suitcase hadn't said anything. Louis asked him what the trouble was and Suitcase hesitated before answering.

### Showing the flag

"I have to find a decal showing the Canadian flag," he said. "Working for the feds as I do, I have to show the world that the money comes from Ottawa. The flag goes on the side of my suitcase when I'm travelling."

"Why?" asked Louis.  
"Senator Rockbound won't talk to me unless I show the Federal colours," replied Suitcase.

## BOOK REVIEW

# It's been called book of the century

BY BILL PATERSON

*The Fate of the Earth* by Jonathan Schell.

Book reviewers have called it "the book of the century" while others have said it's a book everyone must read.

The power of the universe (as expressed in Einstein's famous formula,  $E = MC^2$ , i.e. Energy = Mass x 186,000 x 186,000) being a recent discovery, mankind has not as yet learned how to control this immense lethal power.

The superpowers now possess more than enough weapons to destroy the earth—they now have 20,000 megatons in bombs (i.e. 20,000 times 1,000,000 tons of TNT)—forces that are beyond our powers of comprehension.

The firepower of all World War II was 3 megatons. The machinery of destruction is now complete, poised on a hair trigger, and we have but a short time left to solve our dilemma. The building of this deadly force is beyond question the greatest mistake made by our species.

According to many of the world's foremost scientists, the superpowers not only have enough power to completely destroy each other, but also to destroy all life on this planet.

Schell's premise is that while scientists live in a post-nuclear world, the general public and politicians live in a pre-nuclear world. The *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, in its June 1982 issue, moved its famous Doomsday Clock (which symbolizes the countdown to nuclear war) from seven minutes to four minutes to midnight during 1981, when both superpowers adopted "limited nuclear war doctrines".

Our politicians have not yet grasped the fact that the survival of each nation depends upon the survival of all. No superpower has the sovereign right to destroy each other's peoples, in their desire to change their modes of government. Their rivalries are of no importance in the light of the survival of life on this planet.

Our present military policies are contradictions in the extreme. While the M.A.D. (mutual assured destruction) policies have succeeded for 30 years in keeping an uneasy peace, the strategy appears to aim at destroying, not saving, mankind.

The balance of terror concept is, that if our homeland is annihilated, the aggressors' homeland will also be completely destroyed, thus writing *finis* to all future generations.

This reliance on terror means that we must ever increase our

armaments, as all the major powers are doing, each hoping to bankrupt the other. Recently, the militarists have come out with an even more insane idea—that a nuclear war can be won. They do not realize that war can never again result in victory, only in oblivion. War has been made obsolete by the powers of the atom; the peoples of this earth must rebel against these absurdities.

Any number of situations could bring about our annihilation at any moment, as long as these monstrous mountains of nuclear weapons remain poised to fly the instant the right buttons are pushed. These include computer malfunction, human error, blunders of judgment, insane leaders.

We don't have another earth on which to experiment; we either have to learn to live together on our one earth or perish. The earth must be thought of as a single, fragile cell, with a thin, protective layer of ozone shielding us from lethal ultra-violet rays.

An all-out nuclear holocaust will wipe it all out—no society, no ideology, no civilization will remain.

While scientists and politicians have led us to the edge of a nuclear abyss, they cannot find a solution to our perilous predicament. We cannot cancel this knowledge that is now unleashed.

One of the world's ironies is that Einstein, the father of the atom bomb, was a pacifist by conviction. Our politicians and military men

haven't had enough time to adjust their thinking to the ever-expanding technologies.

Politicians have yet to realize that the day of the sovereign national state must soon end and that war as a means of settling disputes between states is totally obsolete. Our leaders must not put a higher value on national sovereignty than they do on human survival.

What is our choice? We must enlarge our horizons. Instead of owing allegiance to the nationalistic sovereign state, we must switch our allegiance to the beautiful, fragile globe that we have inherited and must pass on to future generations.

We must learn to rely on something other than nuclear weapons to regulate the behaviour of man. We must learn that our only genuine defence is for nations to give up violence. We must advocate radical change, however difficult this course may be.

Unfortunately, time is working relentlessly against us, and we must recognize that we now live in the most dangerous moment that mankind has yet experienced. If we love our planet, we must be prepared to dismantle and rebuild our pre-nuclear world, and find a new way to organize ourselves politically—a way that will eliminate sovereignty and bypass war.

Our first priority must be nuclear disarmament. We must protest or perish.

## Cruise missile protests

Plans to campaign against the testing of the American cruise missile are being updated.

A four-stage program of opposition to the Cruise testing is being planned by leaders of the End the Arms Race (EAR) in Vancouver. EAR was also responsible for the peace walk in Vancouver in April that drew over 65,000 protestors.

The American government plans to test the Cruise guidance system over Alberta and there is growing opposition by Canadians to the testing.

Norman Solomon of EAR explains that if Canadians protest the testing of the Cruise, the American government will likely receive opposition to the testing of the Cruise over American soil as well.

The EAR's four stages of anti-cruise testing begin with the release of information to the public about

the Cruise and dangers of nuclear war. Booths will be set up around Vancouver shopping centres to get the message across to the public on the issue.

Stage II will be aimed at federal politicians. An estimated 500,000 people in the Lower Mainland are opposed to the Cruise testing. EAR will canvass federal ridings and a petition will be sent to parliament later this year.

Stage III will entail fund-raising efforts to call attention to the dangers of the Cruise missiles on Canadian soil and over Canadian territory.

A mass demonstration on October 22 will conclude Stage IV and will coincide with protests in 18 other Canadian cities.

## NOTICE

Pursuant to Provincial Government Order-in-Council No. 788, passed on March 6, 1974, all vendors of domestic water delivered by tank truck are required to hold a valid permit.

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Dr. A.S. Arneil  
Community Health Officer

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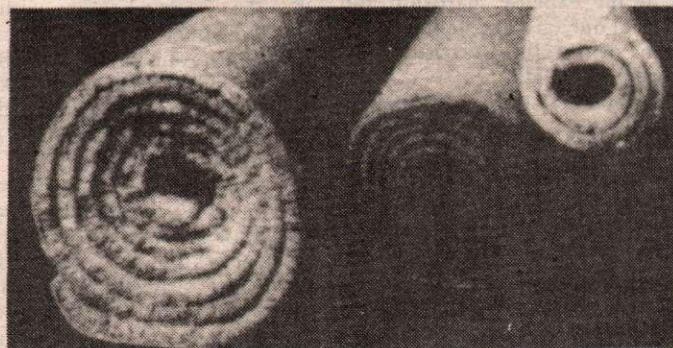


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OTTAWA REPORT

# Changes to hospital insurance and Medicare are major concern

BY JIM MANLY, MP

In a naive moment, I once asked MLA Barbara Wallace why the B.C. Legislature always seemed to be adjourned during most of the fall, winter and spring and to be in session during the summer. Patiently, Barbara explained the facts of life to me.

Summer was the time of year when many people went away on holidays; others spent long hours gardening, fishing or at the beach. Even if they didn't go away from home, most people felt that they deserved a holiday from all the cares of the world.

They wanted to read the comics, not the editorial page. They didn't want to hear about politics.

The B.C. government takes all this into account when it plans its legislative year. The Social Credit government doesn't want to generate a great deal of public interest in what it is doing. And if it does have to create a bit of a fuss, it is best to get it over all at once.

The July 7 budget is a good example. On the same day, Bill Bennett's government also tabled 26 bills slashing government services.

From the perspective of federal politics, I am most concerned about proposed changes to Medicare and

hospital insurance. Allowing for extra billing by doctors and increasing user fees for hospital care will work a hardship on poorer people and deter them from seeking proper medical attention.

For example, single mothers on a fixed income will think twice before taking an injured or feverish child to emergency once costs have risen from \$4 to \$10 per visit. Allowing doctors to bill patients over and beyond what they receive from medicare will in effect create two levels of medical care in British Columbia—one for the rich and another for the poor.

Depending on how expensive or long-term our illness is, the rest of us could move back and forth between these two.

In addition to attacking the basic health care standards of British Columbians, increased user fees and double billing are one more provincial attack on our national medicare system.

Although the federal Liberals now talk tough about preserving Medicare from provincial erosion, they were the first to undermine it when they introduced block funding in 1977. As more sophisticated medical procedures increased the costs of Medicare, the Trudeau government tried to get out from under.

Instead of continuing to split the cost of provincially-run medicare

programs, the Liberals moved to a system of block funding to the provinces. In this way, the federal government avoided some of the increased costs but also lost any commitment that the provinces would continue to pay their share of medical costs. In response to warnings from Tommy Douglas and other New Democrats at this time, the Liberals admitted that they were gambling with the future of Medicare.

In this gamble we all lost to greed, political opportunism and right-wing ideology.

For months the New Democrats in Ottawa have urged federal health minister Monique Begin to bring in a Canada Health Act. This act would prohibit extra billing and user fees and establish on a graduated basis a system for withholding transfer funds from offending provinces. The minister has not yet met her responsibilities to Medicare or to the Canadian people by tabling the act.

Now that Bill Bennett has joined Peter Lougheed in a direct challenge to Medicare, the minister of national health and welfare must act.

Considering the basic threat to Medicare, the federal government should recall Parliament to deal with the crisis, even if we would sooner be away from Ottawa during the summer.

Ross R. McKinnon B.Comm.

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**NON-FICTION**

*The Miracle of Dunkirk* by Walter Lord, *Disraeli* by Sarah Bradford, *The Education of a Gardener* by Russell Page, *A Journey for our Times* by Harrison Salisbury, *Eleni* by Nicholas Gage, *Sailing Ships* by Simon Goodenough, *My Russia* by Peter Ustinov, *Journeys to the Past* by David Attenborough, *The Bombers* by Norman Longmate, *The Stately Homes of Britain* by Sibylla Flower, *Letter to the Past* by George Woodcock, *Secrets* by Sissela Bok.

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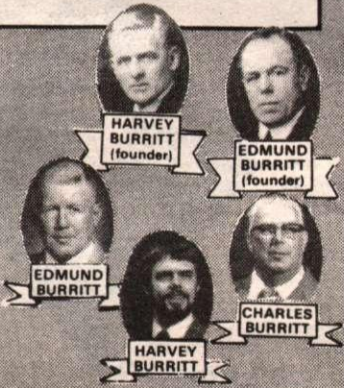
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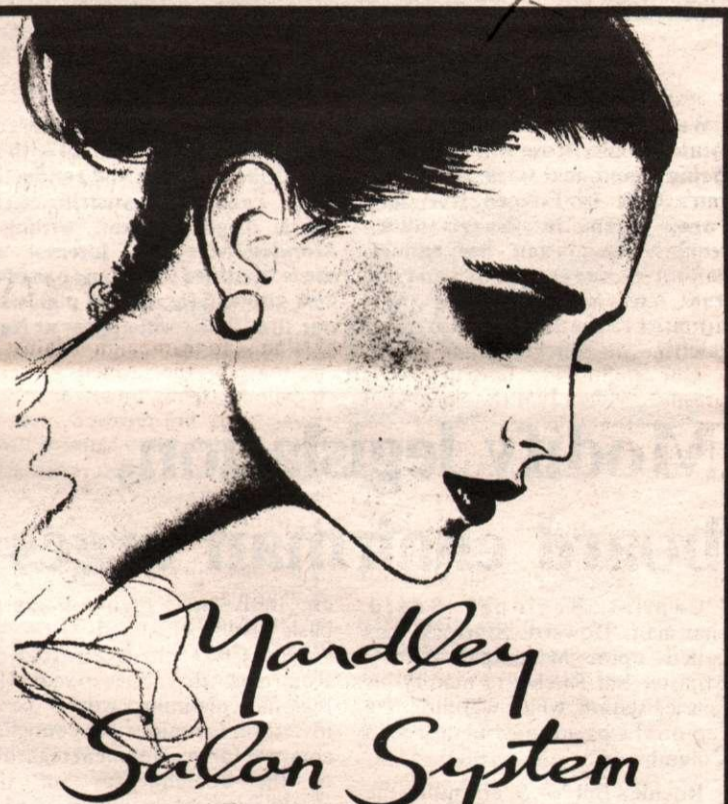
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### To perform next week

Well known piano player and vocalist Louise Rose will be at Salt Spring Island next week, to play at Nan's Cafe in Fulford Harbour. Rose, born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, began her formal piano studies at the age of 3 and six years later began studying pipe organ. At 13 she began formal vocal training. She furthered her piano

studies with Oscar Peterson, arranging and composition with the late Duke Ellington and conducting with Leonard Bernstein. Critic Barrie Angus McLean, writing in *Monday Magazine*, forecast that she is "destined to become one of the best known jazz singing pianists of our time." She will appear at Nan's July 29 and 30.

## Modify legislation, board chairman urges

Capital Regional Board chairman Howard Sturrock has called upon Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Ritchie to modify his new legislation, which will eliminate regional planning in British Columbia.

Ritchie's Bill No. 9, amending the Municipal Act to eliminate regional plans, was given first reading in the provincial legislature on July 7.

Sturrock urged the minister to amend the bill in a speech delivered July 14 during a luncheon meeting to the Rotary Club of Victoria.

"I call upon the minister of municipal affairs to recognize and accept that there must be a regional overview, and I ask him to instruct his staff to bring forward proposals as to how this can be recognized on

an individual regional district basis," Sturrock stated.

The CRD chairman told the Rotarians that the removal of regional planning would be an invitation for municipal councils to compete for development regardless of the consequences for their neighbours, or the region of which they are a part.

"I believe that the province should find a way to keep regional government involved in the planning process," said Sturrock.

"The provincial government should work with regional governments and with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to establish a way in which the overall regional interest can be included in municipal planning decisions," he said.

# California visitor to discuss sewage disposal with committee

When a visitor arrives on Salt Spring from California next month, his time will be spent talking.

The Ganges Citizens' Committee has invited Jack Burnham of Stinson Beach, California, to talk about the solution to sewage disposal worked out in that village.

He is to arrive on Salt Spring on August 19 before visiting Western Communities of the Capital Regional District. He returns to the U.S. on August 22.

After he arrives on the Friday evening, members of the committee will meet informally with him for a potluck supper to be held in the Catholic Church hall. The meeting will be informal in order to get to know Burnham.

The next day, he will meet with members of the committee and the public to talk about sewage disposal in Stinson Beach.

That small California town had a problem of disposal which was polluting the creek running through town and the bay on the sea. A sewer line and ocean disposal had been recommended but residents balked at the \$9 million price tag.

A waste disposal district was formed and each property had to contain a system to dispose of the effluent on-site.

The cost to each homeowner was minimal and each property is charged \$120 per year to help with the costs of running the district.

The results in Stinson Beach have been that the town has not grown and while the residents avoided a high-priced disposal system, the creek and the bay still show signs of pollution.

The situation in Stinson Beach has many parallels with Ganges, say members of the Sewer Alternatives Committee, and talking with Burnham may help find a solution locally.

The visit will cost the Ganges committee \$750.

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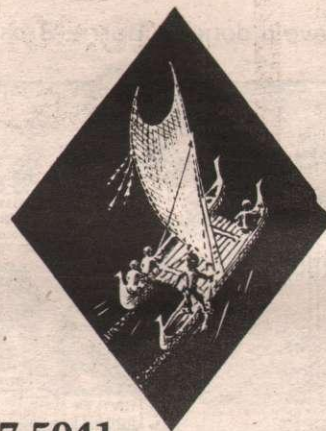
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## Star and Mehalick to perform next week

A group known for its dazzling instrumental work will play at St. George's Hall in Ganges next week. Star and Mehalick played before a capacity crowd at St. George's in December last year, at which time they promised to return for a repeat performance.

They have performed throughout the United States and in Europe and play bluegrass music using guitar, banjo, mandolin and vocals.

Orrin Star, before teaming up with Gary Mehalick in 1976, won the largest bluegrass guitar contest in the U.S., the National Flatpicking Championship.

In Boston, where they are based, they have been called "one of the most popular folk acts in New England, playing bluegrass and other acoustic music with fire, precision and good humour."

They have recorded two albums on Flying Fish Records.

Star and Mehalick will play at the Coombs Bluegrass Festival later this month. They come to Salt Spring direct from the Vancouver Folk Festival last weekend.

Next week's performance is at 8 pm Thursday, July 28 and is presented by the New Salt Spring Folk Society.

## Hydro pole is no more

B.C. Hydro pole number 23274845 02036 is no more following an accident last weekend. Scott Webster of Fulford Harbour was driving a 1966 Ford along Isabella Point Road at 3 am Saturday. He lost control of the vehicle and it left the road and struck the pole. The Ford and the pole were totalled. No injuries were reported. Webster was issued a traffic violation notice for speeding.

## Pender Fall Fair August 20

Pender Island Fall Fair, slated for Saturday, Aug. 20, has a number of new entries this year.

In Section E, Wine and Beer, a bottle of homemade liqueur of any flavour has been added.

Two new entries in the cooking section are a quick bread made with a recipe with a low sugar content and a chocolate dessert. Cadbury-Schweppes-Powell is offering a prize for the latter, which must be made using Fry's Cocoa.

In Section N, Young People's Section, additions include pottery, weaving, model making, an arrangement of local dried materials and a card or picture made from dried flowers. This section is open to youngsters aged 10-14 years.

In Section O, Children's Section, muffins, Lego and Play Doh construction have been added. The section is open to children nine years and under.

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### At Mt. Maxwell

# Fencing project to keep sheep out of reserve

BY BILL WEBSTER

Simon Henson is combining duties as warden for the ecological reserves on Salt Spring with a study of the wildlife of the island.

He wants to hear from residents about any birds or blacktail deer or other wild animals roaming the woods. The information gathered will be compiled so that the wildlife population on the island can be identified by species and estimated by numbers.

Another project Henson is organizing is fencing the ecological reserve on Mount Maxwell to protect the range from feral sheep.

To date he has identified such wild species as deer, raccoons, squirrels and ferrets. He wants to know about the visits of cougar as well.

Henson, a native of Leicester, England, studied fine art in university and spent years as a wildlife sculptor. Samples of his work are in many galleries across Canada.

When he came to this country in 1970, he settled in Victoria but his quest for animal models to sculpt encouraged a fascination with how wild animals live.

### Conducted study of osprey

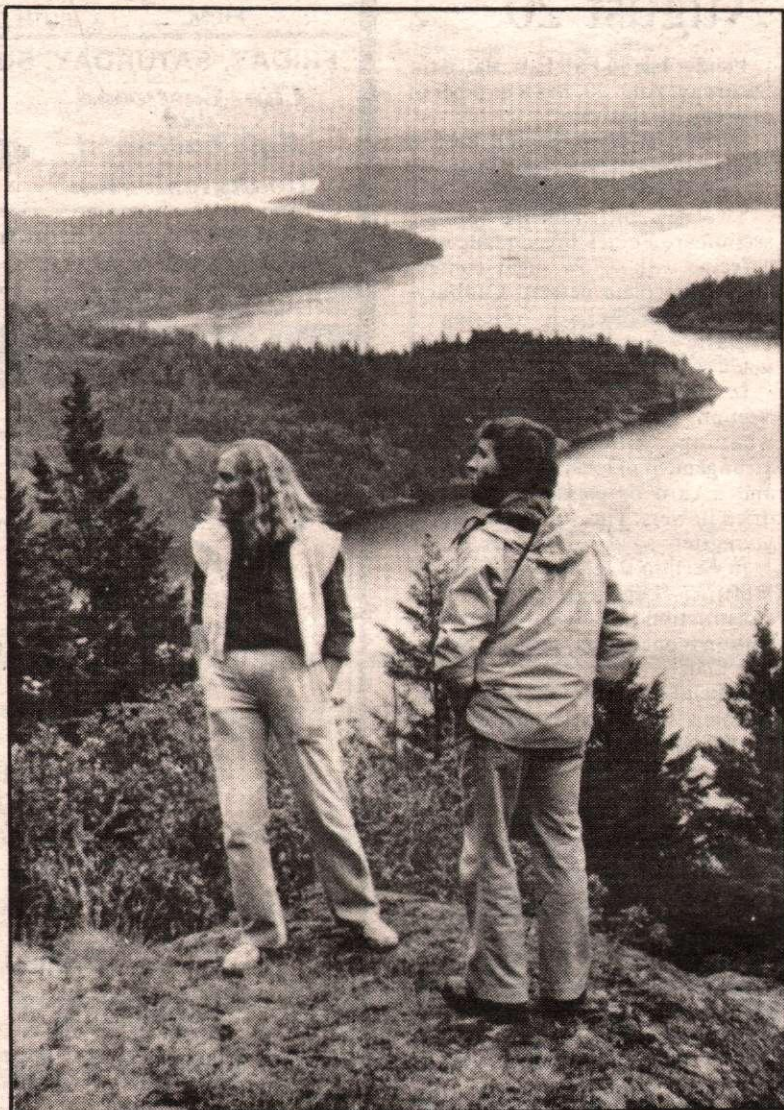
He volunteered to operate out of Swan Lake nature house and conducted a study of the breeding habits of osprey. Four years ago, he took on the task of warden for the two ecological reserves on Salt Spring and moved to the island this year.

He describes his studies of animals as a "life-long vigil." He notes that when information is compiled and a naturalist comes to a conclusion, the patterns change.

"What I'll do is let the research take its own course," he said of the changes.

Stories about wildlife such as the companionship which has developed between the Canada goose and the mute swan in Ganges Harbour fascinate Henson and he wants to hear more of that kind.

His research is being carried out under the name Island Wildlife Studies Group.



Karen Freeland of Katimavik and Simon Henson at Maxwell lookout.

Photo by Tim Collins

Henson wants islanders to know of the existence of the wild animals and birds with which they share the island. He would like to organize field trips for school children to teach them about the animals.

Another effort aimed at public education is an offer by Henson to show slides to any group which expresses interest.

Overhead, the bird soars. Henson said the species can be identified by the configuration of the wings. A bald eagle soars with wings flat while the turkey vulture's wings form a V.

Up at the ecological reserve on Mount Maxwell, Henson studies

the effects of nature. The reserve stretches over 65 hectares from the mountain access road to Sansum Narrows. It harbours one of the last natural stands of Garry oak in the province.

Henson told of an invasion of a moth, the oak looper, which attacked the trees. As the warden he could only watch nature at work. He couldn't do anything to disturb the cycle.

The caterpillar of the oak looper fed on the leaves of the oak tree and nature stepped in to control the invasion. Parasites fed on the eggs of the moth and the Garry oaks managed to keep their leaves.

Another problem in the reserve is wild sheep. Over the years, sheep have escaped from Salt Spring farms and now many are running wild in the Mount Maxwell reserve.

### Katimavik group to help

Henson is working with Tim Collins, supervisor for the Katimavik project on Salt Spring, to complete the fence building project.

One problem with the project is that Henson and the Katimavik group must depend upon the community co-operation to get the fence built.

Collins said the group needs daily transportation to the mountaintop as well as supervision by people who know how to work on the steep slope.

The fence will cover 3.5 km and drop downhill 1,500 feet to the sea. The workers will need help in getting the material such as wire and

cement up to the site. But when the fence is up, the problems won't be over. Somehow, Henson must get the sheep out of the reserve. The sheep are not only wild but also very shy.

If the sheep were natural to the area, they could stay. But they are not and must be removed.

Next week: a look at the concept of ecological reserves in the Gulf Islands and what it all means.

### Missed ferry no excuse

The gavel lay unused as the starting time for court passed last week with no judge behind the bench.

Court did resume sitting, but an hour late.

Judge F.S. Green entered the court and addressed the assembly. "The first thing I should do is apologize."

"I have no excuse," he said as the proceedings began. "I missed the ferry."

### Guitar missing

A lost guitar was last seen near the tourist information booth in Ganges on Saturday.

Dwight Tachiyama lost the guitar, valued at \$200. RCMP are seeking information on its whereabouts.

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### PENDER ISLAND

FARMERS' MARKET Sat., July 23 9:30 am, Driftwood Centre.

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN GARDEN PARTY at Waterlea, Sat. 2 pm.

JULY BIRTHDAY PARTY Sat. 8 pm at the Legion.

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BATTERED WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP: 537-9212.

SWIMMING & DAY CAMP registration every Thurs. 11-12:30, Chamber of Commerce, Ganges.

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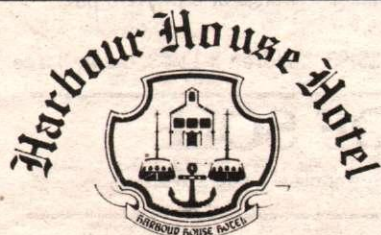
BIONERGETICS: Free demonstration by Bennett Shapiro, Ph.D. Sat., July 23, S.S. Health Clinic, 10-12. 653-4216 for info. or reservations.

LADIES' SOFTBALL tourney with 9 off-island teams Sat. & Sun. at Fulford Ball Park.

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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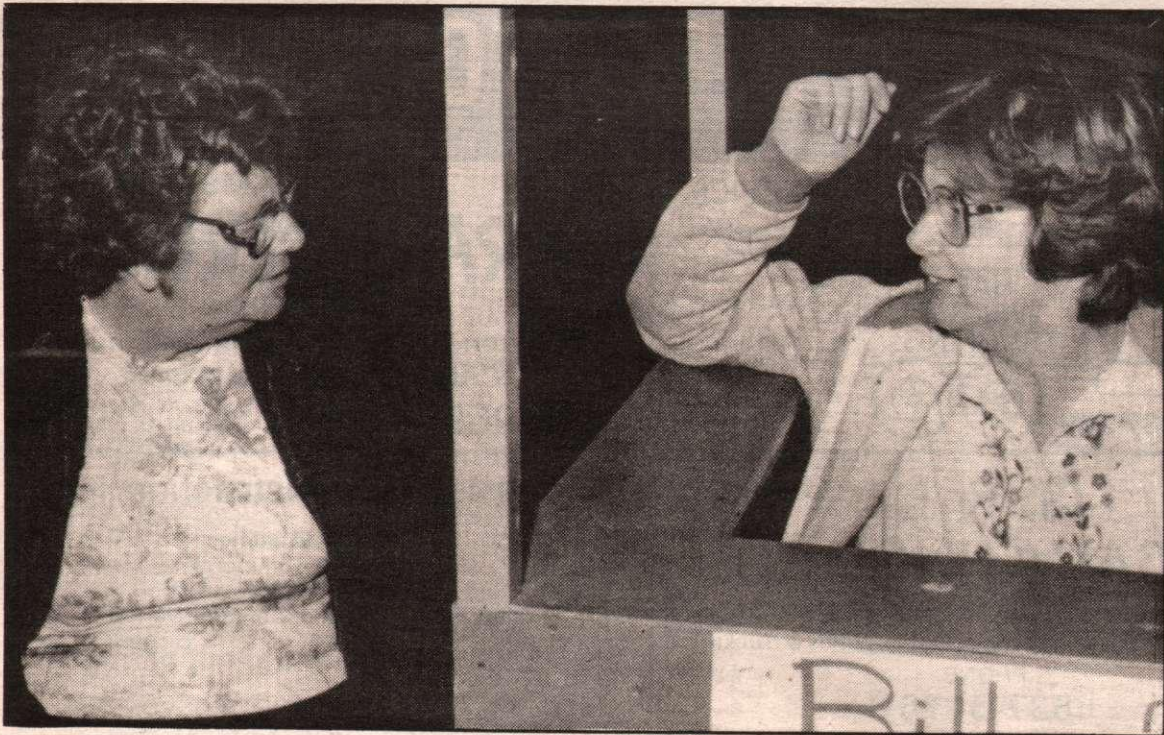
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## Scenes from Fulford Clambake

### Vehicle slips out of gear

It was a case of park and crash when a Plymouth struck a Toyota on Saturday.

The Plymouth, owned by Mark Rithaler of Salt Spring, was parked on Jackson Avenue in Ganges. The vehicle apparently slipped out of gear and rolled into a Toyota owned by Barbara Veltman. The accident occurred about 4 am.

The Toyota suffered \$1,500 damage.

### Pole sheared

An accident was reported at the Booth Canal corner of Lower Ganges Road Sunday.

Brian Caspar of Ganges was driving a 1972 Toyota northbound on Lower Ganges Road at 1:30 am. He lost control of the car and it crossed the road and struck a utility pole. The Toyota was totalled and the pole sheared.

Caspar was issued a traffic violation notice for failure to confine his vehicle to the right side of the road. No injuries were reported.



Bruce Hardy, Sherrill Adshead and Brad Bompas display their talents as chefs during Clambake held Saturday.



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Fulford OAP's 170 sold coffee, soft drinks and hot dogs at the clambake. Louise Adshead smiles a thank you to a customer while Evelyn Lee puts the money where it belongs.

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| 1 or 2 cloves garlic                        | small can tomatoes                 |
| 1 tbsp. sweet basil                         | ½ C. dried bread or cracker crumbs |
| ½ tsp. salt (opt.)                          | ¼ C. parmesan cheese               |
| 1 tbsp. chili powder (more for zesty taste) | 1-1½ lbs. cod fillets              |

Preheat oven to 325°. Put oil in skillet and heat. Saute onions and garlic until onions are transparent. Add green peppers and mushrooms and stir together over medium heat for a few minutes. Stir in basil, salt and chili powder to taste. Now take the tinned tomatoes and break up whole fruit into chunks. Put a small amount in the bottom of a shallow baking dish. Lay cod fillets over this and then pour balance of tomatoes and skillet mixture over the cod fillets. Sprinkle crumbs and parmesan cheese over top. Bake in oven for 20-25 minutes. Serves two.

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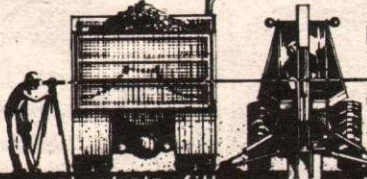
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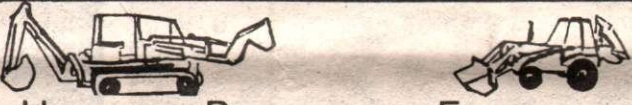
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must now unite—  
The good and the bad  
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those who do not believe in reason  
Those who believe in freedom and  
those who do not believe in freedom,  
The exploited and the exploiter,  
The poor and the rich,  
The radical and the conservative,  
The atheist and the believer,

The humanist and the anti-humanist,  
The unselfish and the selfish,  
The saint and the sinner,  
Joy and pain,  
Happiness and misery,  
Health and sickness,  
God and the devil,  
Life and death.

But how can life and death have a  
common enemy?  
Is not death itself the worst of all  
common enemies?  
What have we found that is worse  
than death,  
Against which both death and life  
must now unite?  
It is that which can kill the living

thing in such a way  
That the passage from death to  
further life is blocked.  
What we before called death  
released the elements of life  
In forms that could produce new life.  
The dance of life had a silent partner  
called death,  
And the dance could go on.  
Our nuclear enemy can remove the  
silent partner and stop the dance.

It can kill the cell of life, kill life-  
renewing death,  
Transform this green and growing  
planet into a thing forever sterile.  
Our nuclear enemy is not only a  
reactor that produces plutonium.

It is an economic system that seeks  
profit from reactors.  
It is a political system that makes  
nuclear war possible.  
It is an arms race that multiplies  
nuclear weapons.  
It is a foreign policy that threatens  
to use them first.  
It is education that does not teach  
the truth about the common  
enemy.  
It is religion that does not denounce  
the common enemy by name.  
It is ignorance that can be overcome,  
We can overcome it.  
We united will defeat this common  
enemy.

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# Many causes of water accidents

There are many causes of water accidents, says water safety instructor Louise Delaney.

The most common are:

- Failure by parents to supervise their children;
- swimming in unknown or dangerous waters;
- falling into water unexpectedly;
- over-estimating one's swimming ability;
- using unsafe floating objects or toys;
- attempting to rescue others;
- boating or swimming while intoxicated;
- careless use of small craft;
- failure to wear a personal flotation device when boating.

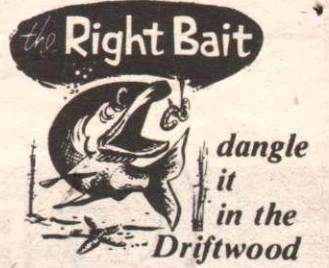
The majority of drowning accidents involve people in their teens and 20's. More males drown than females.



## Learning safety

Water safety instruction at Ganges includes lessons in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, demonstrated here by instructor Louise Delaney. Watching and learning are, from left Ben Yardley, Jennie-Marie Lomas, Alison Proctor, Jennifer Clark, Vanessa Lomas and Simon Baines.

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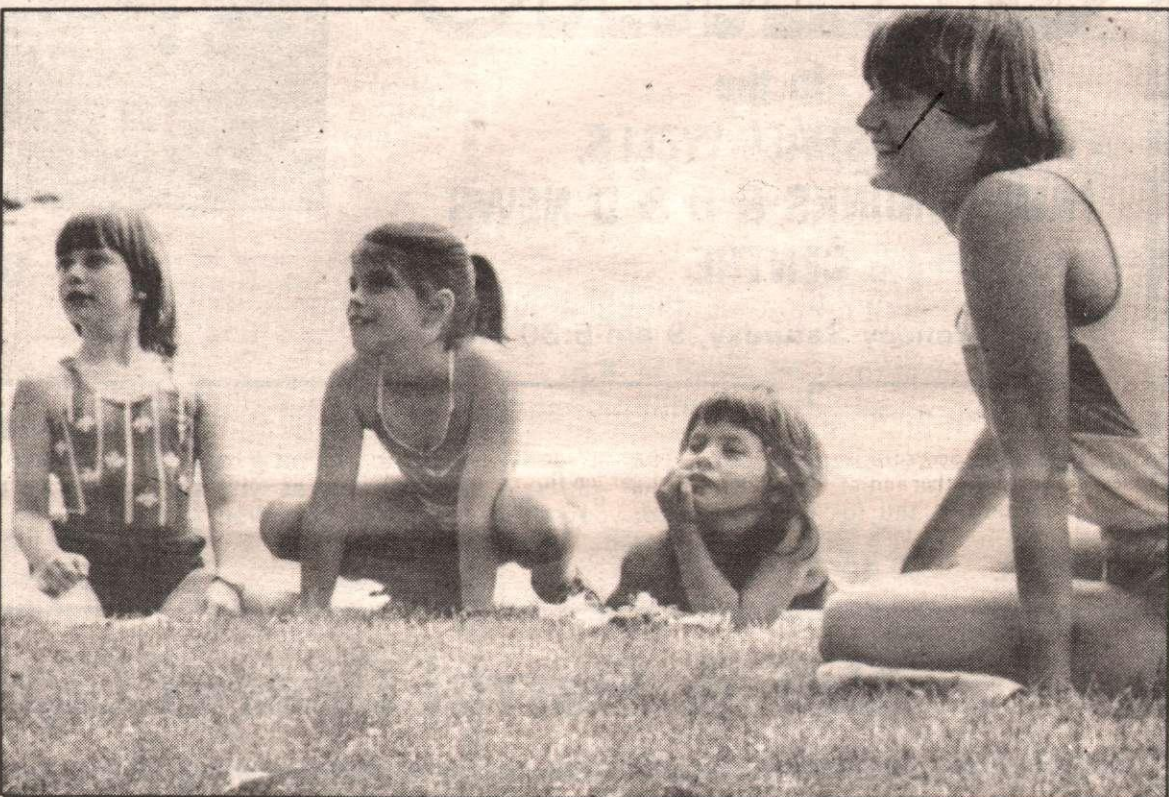
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**Day camp popular with youngsters**

Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring day camp this year out of Portlock Park. Dozens of youngsters are taking part in week-long sessions which include outings such as the one shown in photos. Groups travelled to Carolyn and Norman Mouat's beachfront property on Sunset Drive to enjoy day of camping, cookout and swimming. It just wouldn't be a cookout if there weren't roasted

marshmallows like the one Isobel Prystawik, above, is enjoying. And as a special surprise counsellors made a pinata to top off the day. Hostess Carolyn Mouat, top right, spins Christian Blagborne in the right direction to give the pinata a good whallop. Other youngsters, right, await their turn with counsellor Robin Sacker. From left they are Kara Wenzel, Kaya Reiss and Kirstie Chalmers.

*Driftwood photos by Alice Richards*

**TENNIS NEWS**

**Three tournaments coming up**

Local tennis players are reminded by the Salt Spring Tennis Association that three tournaments will be held during the next few weeks.

The mixed doubles rotational court tournament takes place Saturday on various island courts. Refreshments will be provided at each court with a potluck barbecue at the end of the day.

Registration must be made at Dr. Claus Andress' office by Thursday.

The second annual Salt Spring Invitational Mixed Doubles Tournament is on August 6 and 7, involving 32 teams from Pender, Galiano and Salt Spring. Each team will be assured at least four matches

in a "knock-down"-type draw.

The annual Gulf Island championships will be held during the last three weeks of August.

It will include ladies' and men's singles and doubles, mixed doubles, and junior (18 and under and 14 and under) boys' and girls' singles. Junior matches are scheduled for August 13 while the rest of the events will conclude with semi-finals and finals on September 3 and 4.

A week-long juniors' tennis clinic is tentatively scheduled for August 8-12. The clinic will involve five

hours a day of in-depth instruction and sports fitness for boys and girls 18 and under.

Further information on these activities will appear in coming issues of *Driftwood*.

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