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Park target of weekend 'rowdyism'

Centennial Park at Ganges suffered last weekend when vandals overturned benches, pulled up signs and strewed garbage over the lawns. Once again, washrooms proved to be a favourite target.

Parks and Recreation employee Bruce McFadyen noted that the washrooms at the Ganges park are plagued by vandals weekly but Sunday saw extensive damage throughout the park. He referred to the damages as "weekend rowdyism."

All the benches but two were overturned and picnic tables were upside down on Monday morning. Signs were uprooted and left hanging in trees and broken glass littered the parking area.

A camper from Surrey, Jim Birch, was in Centennial Park on Sunday and was dismayed with the foul language and loud music.

While vandals tore up Centennial Park on Sunday, campers at Mouat Provincial Park that night slept soundly for the first night in three. Campers complained of vehicles screeching through the campground after midnight when the gates were supposed to be locked.

Noise, however, was the only problem at the campground.

Spokesman for the Ganges detachment of the RCMP, Const. Garth Baillie, noted that there were a lot of visitors on the island over the weekend who might have contributed to the wreckage and noise. He added that it could be people off boats, ball teams or local youths.

He said that much of the detachment's patrol time is spent watching over Centennial Park for vandalism.

"Normally, the people down there are terrific but it takes a few to spoil it for everyone else," Baillie added.

Vandalism wasn't confined to the park. Flower baskets, hung as part of the Ganges beautification project, were destroyed at the school board office at Ganges.

Vandals also directed their energy towards the destruction of road signs. Several were knocked down over the weekend.

B.C. Day Monday

Many British Columbians will take the day off Monday to mark B.C. Day.

Driftwood staff will be among those taking a day off and the paper will appear one day late as a result.

Deadline for display advertising will be unchanged while the deadline for classified advertising will be moved to 3 pm Tuesday.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

'Way to be, team!'

Islanders young and old have been enjoying softball during the past couple of months, but young Rita Straarup appears delighted with the game. She was probably cheering for her mother Beth,

centre-fielder with Fulford Ladies, when photo was taken at ladies invitational tournament at Fulford Ball Park last weekend. Story, more pictures, Page 15.

No phone service Wednesday

Saturna Island residents will be without telephone service next Wednesday.

A B.C. Tel spokesman from Victoria said Tuesday that company crews will be working on the submarine cable to the island.

Purpose of the work is to improve service to the island.

A radio-telephone will be temporarily installed at the Saturna General Store for the day in case of emergency.

Engineering study may cost \$82,000

The complete study of sewage disposal options for Ganges will be finished by November with an additional cost of \$72,000.

The Ganges Citizens' Committee received a draft of the initial report from Underwood McLellan, the engineering firm chosen to do the study. The initial report cost the Capital Regional District \$10,000.

That amount had been agreed to when the engineering firm was chosen in early June to do the study. There had been no firm estimate of total costs when the choice had been made by the Ganges Citizens' Committee and confirmed by the CRD board.

In their proposal the engineering firm noted: "The Ganges alternatives study is a unique and innovative project for British Columbia. New ground will be broken from engineering, planning and regulatory viewpoints."

"These factors make fee estimating extremely difficult and potentially misleading."

The proposal suggested an initial study of the problem to be completed by the middle of July.

"A revised budget estimate will be

submitted to the board at that time, based on a better defined project."

The initial report suggests a fee structure for the remainder of the project of \$39,854 in fees and \$2,250 in expenses for the second part of the study. Part three of the study would carry a price tag of \$28,164 with a further \$1,970 in expenses.

If the figures of \$68,018 in fees and \$4,420 in expenses for a total of \$72,438 are accepted by the CRD board, the entire study will cost \$82,438.

CRD chairman Howard Sturrock would not comment on the increase in costs. He told Driftwood this week that he wants to study the report in depth. He was also waiting to hear from the Ganges Citizens' Committee.

The report and the added costs could be the subject for a special meeting of the CRD board to be held next week. Such a meeting, if it were to take place, would require approval of the CRD directors.

The Capital Regional Board had set aside up to \$25,000 when directors decided to conduct the

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Committee members concerned over cost

The estimated cost of the study of the sewage problem in Ganges brought the members of the Ganges Citizens' Committee together for another meeting this week.

The committee met Monday to approve a motion recommending that the Capital Regional Board call on the two engineers on the project to discuss the interim report.

The committee felt that engineers Stephen McMinn, in charge of the study for Underwood McLellan, and R.S. Guiton, a senior hydrogeologist with Golder Associates which is conducting field work for the project, be allowed to explain the increased costs.

Paul Layard and Ron McQuiggan of the Ganges committee expressed concern about the proposed budget for the study.

Layard wanted to know if the original amount of \$25,000 set by the CRD could cover the costs of part of the study and where the remainder would come from.

McQuiggan said the report prepared by the engineers was suitable "but now they want three times the money."

Andy Orkin reviewed the situation. He said that when he had discussed the study with officials in the ministry of municipal affairs and the CRD he had been told that \$25,000 was a small amount for the expected results.

He was assured at that time that the Ganges committee should

proceed with the project and the money would come to pay for it. He told the committee that if they hesitated now, the CRD would be given the chance "to impose the expensive (sewer) system" on Ganges.

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Bomb scare clears terminal

A bomb scare at the Tsawwassen ferry terminal last Friday had B.C. Ferry employees evacuate people from the area within minutes.

B.C. Ferries spokesman Betty Nicholson commended the employees for the speed with which they cleared the terminal. She explained that nothing was found following a thorough search.

Delta police received a phone call at 6:30 pm Friday warning that there was a bomb at the Tsawwassen terminal.

The bomb threat, Nicholson explained, was directed at the terminal only and not the ferries. Some ferries were delayed for several hours as a result, however.

The incident is under investigation by the Delta police.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Observatory stages open house

As the sign says, the Ganges Observatory was open to the public last week although few took advantage of the offer. Perhaps people stayed away due to the limited range of the two-inch telescope, seen in the centre of the

domed roof. Nevertheless, Cliff Leblanc, who owns the alleged telescope, enjoys stargazing when not carrying out his duties as ambulance attendant. The Observatory is located on Cedar Lane.

Borsman to run in November

Civic elections are not until November but at least one candidate is in the race for Salt Spring director on the Capital Regional Board.

Dr. Hugh Borsman was nominated at a meeting in the activity centre at Salt Spring Elementary School last Thursday. There were about 100 people at the meeting.

Borsman said he would be a candidate in the election because of his concern about the actions of the incumbent for the past four years.

The incumbent, Yvette Valcourt, would not say if she will seek re-election to a third term at the CRD board.

"Time will tell," she told *Driftwood* this week, "and when the time comes, I'll make up my mind."

Borsman said his candidacy was not in answer to a challenge issued by Valcourt. When the two found themselves on opposite sides of several debates at the Parks and Recreation Commission, Valcourt challenged Borsman to run against her.

The challenge came as a result of a motion of censure passed by the commission against Valcourt.

Accident

Two vehicles met on a narrow road last Wednesday with the result that one driver was injured and both cars suffered a total of \$1,100 in damage.

Leighton Tiffen suffered lacerations to his face in the accident. He was driving a 1972 Oldsmobile at the time.

His vehicle and a 1975 Chrysler driven by Maria Tearle sideswiped on Old Scott Road. Tearle was not injured.

Ganges RCMP are continuing the investigation of the accident.

Series of break-ins reported

Ganges RCMP report a series of break-ins over the past week.

Someone entered St. George's Church in Ganges and made off with two brass flower vases and a pewter plate with a value of \$400. The incident occurred overnight between Friday and Saturday.

In another case of illegal entry, a cottage was broken into. Thieves made off with a radio-tape deck with the speakers. Value was set at \$150. The theft happened sometime between July 14 and 24.

When a dog barked at another house the occupant awoke to check the disturbance and found that

someone was leaving quickly by the back door. The night visitor had been checking the contents of the refrigerator although nothing was reported missing.

On Gossip Island, a cottage was entered sometime between July 14 and 20. Two captain's chairs were missing.

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Province's ecological reserves are intended for scientific research

BY BILL WEBSTER

Ecological reserves have been set aside by the provincial government as "genetic pools serving as nature museums."

In the Gulf Islands, six ecological reserves have been named. On Saturna Island 131.2 hectares of coastal Douglas fir forests are part of the system. Canoe Islets near Valdes Island and the Rose Islets in Trincomali Channel are marine bird sanctuaries.

Satellite Channel south of Cape Keppel forms a 343.3 ha reserve for subtidal marine life.

On Salt Spring Island, 253.8 ha on the slopes of Mount Tuam has been named as a reserve for an arbutus and Douglas fir forest. The other reserve on the island is situated near the top of Mount Maxwell.

The ecological reserves are crown lands set aside for scientific research and educational purposes to study nature in an undisturbed environment.

People can hike through the reserves to photograph the scenes and watch the birds but very little other activity is allowed. The islets are bird sanctuaries and should not be approached.

Double-crested cormorants use the islets for breeding. The idea of reserves to protect the breeding ground does not seem to have worked and officials blame boaters for disturbing the birds.

In 1968 there were more than 200 breeding pairs of cormorants on the two islets. By 1981, the number had shrunk to 33 with none using Canoe Islets.

In a brochure explaining ecological reserves, the ministry of lands, parks and housing notes: "Ecological reserves should not be confused with parks or other recreational areas, nor wildlife management areas."

"While casual use is permitted in most ecological reserves, they are primarily intended for scientific purposes."

The reserve system stretches across the province with up to 100 areas set aside for the study of nature. The system covers more than 86,000 ha.

The reserves are left to nature. In most cases, natural change is allowed to run its course. Disease, insects and forest fires take their toll and naturalists such as Simon Henson of Salt Spring study the effects and record the happenings.

Dr. Bristol Foster co-ordinates the efforts of the reserve wardens such as Henson who are for the most part volunteers. He operates on a budget of less than \$10,000 per year.

In the province, five million hectares of land area comprises provincial and national parks. The difference between the parks system and the ecological reserves comes down to the parks being conserved as natural environments for people to enjoy.

The ecological reserves were created to conserve the natural systems and landforms for scientific and educational study.

The reserve system began in 1971

when 25 areas of the province were set aside by order-in-council. The system was set up as part of an international effort to protect, in an undisturbed state, a variety of biological communities.

Anyone can suggest an area to be preserved as a reserve. The matter is looked into by a board composed of representatives of government, industry and the public. The final approval comes by order-in-

council.

Foster hopes the reserves can be used to study forestry, among other things, as a means to save "a lot of trial and error research in reforestation."

The reserves are there. The areas can be used if care is exercised. The reserves can be used as a means of measuring changes and they can teach us how to make those changes less damaging to nature.



Beaver replica built

The model airplane is an exact replica of a Beaver. It was built to 21% of actual size by Jim Barr of Surrey, right. Larry Eckerley of Burnaby helps with the fueling of the model. Both men came to Salt

Spring to show Ed Davis how the plane flies. It is powered by a modified chainsaw engine and controlled by radio. Davis watched it fly and commented, "It's so close to the real McCoy, it's disgusting."



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Islander graduates

Graduates of Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, included a Salt Spring Islander.

Tarri Horel was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree and qualified for the honour roll.

The university gave out 749 degrees at the end of the spring

quarter with 434 earning Bachelor of Arts degrees. To qualify for the honour roll, a student must complete 14 graded credit hours during the quarter and be in the top 10 percent of the class.

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Frank Richards on vacation

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Let's be optimistic

The only ones to benefit so far from the Ganges sewer project have been the countless engineering firms engaged to study the situation.

There remains, however, some room for optimism.

The Capital Regional Board budgeted \$25,000 for the Ganges Citizens' Committee to find a solution to sewage disposal problems in the village. When the engineering firm of Underwood McLellan released a draft of its initial report last week, our first reaction was one of dismay over the escalation of the study's cost.

The regional board, if it chooses to continue with the study, will have to revise its original budget figure to somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$100,000.

But that would be a cheap price to pay for harmony in a community that has almost forgotten the meaning of the word.

If, by November, the citizens' committee comes up with a solution that is satisfactory to all concerned, that \$100,000 will have been money well spent.

An exercise in futility

While the expenditure of \$100,000 on a sewer study may have some merit, there is another project getting under way on Salt Spring Island that has absolutely no merit whatsoever.

As an islander who has roamed the slopes of Mt. Maxwell since childhood said, it's preposterous.

The plan to construct a 3.5-km fence (two miles) down the slopes of Mt. Maxwell to the sea is, to quote our island friend once more, an exercise in futility.

Purpose of the fence is to protect the 65 ha (160 acre) ecological reserve on Mt. Maxwell from the ravages of wild sheep. The sheep, although not indigenous to the area, have been wandering over the mountain for at least 75 years.

Once the fence is completed, the offending sheep will have to be removed from the reserve. But that's another story.

Instead let us consider the cost of this ambitious undertaking.

Assuming that we'd need 30 rolls of heavy field fencing, almost four feet in height, we can expect to pay a minimum of \$3,750. For seven-foot steel fence posts placed every 12 feet, at a bulk discount price of \$4.50 each, we're looking at \$4,000.

The total cost at this point, \$7,750, doesn't include the cement which will be necessary for placing the posts on solid rock.

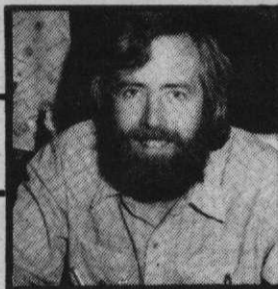
Using volunteer labour will assist in keeping the costs down, but surely some heavy equipment, such as a cat, will be needed for a major part of the operation.

Add several thousand dollars for that and you're over the \$10,000 estimate put forward this week by one of our correspondents on Page 5.

Consider also the ongoing maintenance that will have to be undertaken as trees topple on to the fence during high winds.

We're all in favour of ecological reserves but if they must be fenced to be effective, their value becomes questionable.

Surely the energy that is to be put into this project could be directed towards a more worthwhile, and more beneficial, venture.



Tony Richards

OUR HOME is littered with books these days by novelist Stephen King, a master of the art of telling horror stories. King is the only novelist I've read who can come close to equalling the spine-chilling suspense of a well-made horror film.

But I'm glad we didn't have any of his books 10 years ago.

At the time we were living near Surge Narrows on Read Island, one of the many islands found at the northern end of Georgia Strait, near Campbell River.

A close friend lived about a mile away, a distance you would normally cover in about 15 minutes, but on occasion you would do it in five, when the howling of wolves in the vicinity would send the adrenaline running, and you as well.

My friend and I did a lot of hunting and fishing together and often I would be forced to find my way home through the woods in darkness.

On one such night I was following the path home in the dark and because the wolves had been howling off and on during the day, there were all kinds of suspicious sounds in the forest around me.

But I wasn't a quarter of the way home when I realized that there was indeed a wolf nearby.

I had seen wolves in the woods before while hunting. On one occasion I heard one howl several times, the sound moving closer and closer towards me.

I stood still and waited and eventually the wolf came into sight. It came within about 50 yards when it crossed my path and picked up my scent. It promptly turned around and headed off in another direction without seeing me.

Heading for home on that dark night, with at least one wolf close at hand, I recalled the few stories I'd heard where wolves had refused to move from a trail and let people pass or had actually shown signs of attacking.

I covered that mile in record time.

Again, I'm glad I wasn't reading a book by Stephen King at the time.

PLANS FOR A brief holiday abruptly came to a halt the other day.

Alice and I had decided we'd go to the San Juan Islands for a few days—Orcas Island, in fact.

I called a resort and they gave me the few available dates they had open. Between August 14 and 18 we could be assured of accommodation, I was told.

Later the same day I heard that at least one local softball team will be playing in a slowpitch tournament on Orcas Island at about the same time.

Scratch that holiday.

AN AMATEUR smuggling ring, consisting of two island residents, was in operation last weekend. And against all odds, they crossed the Canada-U.S. border without a hitch.

By now you may have jumped to the conclusion that it was some exotic drug they were carrying. After all, a police officer was quoted in this paper a month ago as saying that a variety of drugs were readily available on Salt Spring Island.

(One lady, whose identify we shall not reveal, threatened to write a letter to the editor to refute the claim, pointing out that she hadn't been able to score any grass after trying every day for a week.)

However, it wasn't drugs they were carrying, but some rather expensive gifts for friends and relatives.

Their customs check was well timed.

The clock that was hidden away in one of their bags finished chiming just moments before their turn came to be interrogated by customs officials.

IF I CONTINUE writing about my athletic inclinations, readers will begin to get the impression that I have my sights set on winning an Olympic gold medal or two.

But I must write about my entry into the field of softball.

One evening last week I was on my way home when several dozen red shirts caught my eye at the little league softball diamond in Ganges. I wheeled in and wandered down to the dugout, mildly interested in what slowpitch was all about.

I soon found out.

Within five minutes I'd been sold a T-shirt, handed a bat and given instructions to score at least a base hit.

I watched the ball leave the pitcher's hand and prepared to swing the bat. I watched the ball slowly climb into the sky and waited, still prepared, to swing the bat.

Finally, the ball stopped climbing and began its slow descent. I continued waiting patiently to swing the bat.

From this point on, my mind is a blank. All I remember is walking back to the dugout amid catcalls and Bronx cheers—for whom they were intended I haven't the foggiest notion.

I had planned to leave early, but on the insistence of the team, I stayed to the bitter end.

So now I'm a member of the Raunchy Ganges Yacht Club Jellyfish, but I have yet to be convinced that it's a membership of which I should be proud.

Letters to the Editor

*They came for an hour,
then stayed for the day*

Budget attacks fundamental human rights

Sir,
I read with dismay your editorial of July 13 endorsing the recent provincial budget in terms of it being necessary tough medicine for tough times. You have missed the point and done your readers a grave disservice in the process.

This budget is not so much an economic document as it is a political statement by a political party which wants to radically alter the relationship, in our society, between government and people and between people themselves.

As you astutely point out, many of the services eliminated may end up costing more than they save. Certainly the savings from cuts, combined with the revenues from fee and tax increases, do not come close to balancing the government's books. And so I would ask that you reject the budget as being intended

sound the alarm for the attack it makes on fundamental human rights, tradition, precedent and due process.

Are you not concerned about the elimination of the role of government in protecting the individual citizen from the arbitrary transgressions of those who are larger and more powerful? Does it not concern you that a significant portion of our working population can be fired without the employer having to have or to state a reason? Are you not frightened to see the process of appeal against injustice removed, not only from public employees but from all of us, through the elimination of the Rentalsman, the Human Rights Branch, the Consumer Protection Office and Legal Aid services?

And what about the centraliza-

tion of power and authority in the hands of a few politicians in Victoria? University boards, school boards, even municipal councils, have been arbitrarily stripped of responsibilities. Does that not make you feel just a little uneasy?

As I said at the outset, I believe that you have done your readers a disservice. You have asked them to quietly accept the actions of the government of Victoria. You have bought the line being sold by the Premier and the Minister of Finance that the elimination of traditional rights and protections for a wide spectrum of British Columbians is necessary to ensure economic recovery. This is not a time for quiet acceptance. This is a time to be critical, concerned and extremely vocal.

Please re-examine the budget and its accompanying legislation. Think of its implications for all of us who are neither wealthy nor powerful. Think of what it does to social tradition and legal precedent in our province. Think of the division, rancour, insecurity and unhappiness it will bring to British Columbians. Think, and then speak out. There is much more at stake here than simple economic recovery.

MICHAEL HAYES,
121 Swanson Rd.,
Ganges.
July 20, 1983.

dog crew, Patterson's Store for continuing support, OAP's Fulford Branch, South Salt Spring Women's Institute, Christian Youth Group, John Akehurst and friends for the music, Brad Bompas and friends for the Barbecue, Helen Tara and friends for the chowder, Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club and Bob Akerman for the parking lot.

Thank you!
See you all again next year!
THE EXECUTIVE,
Fulford Community Hall
Association.
July, 1983.

Supervisor couldn't read it

Sir,
Speaking of ferry schedules:
A couple of years ago, back in the days when ferry schedules were easy to understand, I was trying to figure if I could get from Salt Spring to Saturna and back in one day. After failing to get any satisfaction from the printed page, I phoned Information at B.C. Ferries.

The clerk quickly reached the same point I had, and called the supervisor, who studied the problem for a while and finally said, "Well, I can't figure it out, either. The best I can suggest is that you go and try it one day."

D.W. EVANISHEN,
Ganges.
July, 1983.



Bill Webster

Have they read the Constitution?

The rhetoric blows exceedingly hot and heavy in face of the provincial government's legislative actions.

Billy's bunch introduced a bill numbered 3 with the title Public Sector Restraint Act.

Two sections of the act are of more than passing interest.

Section 2 (1) reads: "Notwithstanding the Labour Code and the Public Service Labour Relations Act, a public sector employer may terminate the employment of an employee without cause."

Section 2 (6) reads: "Notwithstanding the School Act, this Act applies to a teacher who is employed by a school board."

The act is aimed at municipalities, universities, colleges, crown corporations, school boards, regional districts, government ministries, hospitals, community care facilities and the barn door.

People involved in government pencil-pushing are slightly miffed at the bill.

The B.C. Government Employees Union describes it as "one of the worst attacks on human rights and freedoms ever mounted by a democratically elected government in the Western world."

Davy Barrett put it another way:

"Power to fire the public's servants 'without cause' does far more than effectively destroy free collective bargaining and fair treatment.

"It is tantamount to a bloodless coup d'etat against a fundamental institution of democracy by politicians who are not satisfied with entrusted authority to govern society but want personal power over individual citizens."

What the government is looking at is the 13¢ of every tax dollar which goes to pay civil servants. With a total budget of \$7.8 billion last year, payrolls of the government accounted for almost \$997.5 million.

Davy notes that the bunch around Billy want to get rid of the noisy ones of the "250,000 blue and white collar workers in our provincial civil service."

Looked at another way, the size of the civil service means that one of every 10 residents of the province works for the government.

Those people not affected by the axe can sit back and watch.

As for the actions being an infringement on human rights, one can but wonder how closely the BCGEU has read the Canadian constitution.

Nowhere does it give us the right to work.

We have the right to vote. We have the right to move around the country. We have the right to life, liberty and security of the person.

The point here is that the problem stems from one word: notwithstanding.

The Bill of Rights says governments can act "notwith-

standing" sections of the constitution.

But the constitution was created to make governments equal. Our constitution bows slightly to the citizens of Canada but talks more about the powers of government. Based as it is on the British North America Act, governments in Canada can control a great deal of our lives and there is little we can do about it.

The civil servants are planning a series of demonstrations around the province in an attempt to make Billy's bunch see reason.

BCGEU again: "We are not going to roll over and play dead in the face of this ruthless attack on the rights of working people..."

Mayhaps the attack is ruthless. When the legislature met to talk gas into the air, Billy's bunch dropped 26 pieces of legislation on the floor of the house. Each one does something to the way the province is run and collectively the bills will most certainly change the face of B.C.

The trio who regularly use this space for comments on the passing scene are unanimous in the opinion that too much government pokes too many fingers into our lives.

We space fillers are of the opinion that the legislation is wrong, not because it tramples on perceived rights, but because it centralizes too many decisions in the stone pit by the harbour.

Maxwell sheep have not eaten an oak tree yet

Sir,
I would like to ask a few questions about the proposed fence around the ecological reserve between Maxwell Lake and the ocean.

1. When was this reserve declared as such as very few people know of it?

2. Who is going to pay for the proposed fence?

3. Who is going to construct the fence?

4. Does anyone realize the cost of the material to build that length of fence over wild country such as that?

My rough calculations for posts both cedar and steel plus the page wire and barbed wire for the top will total something in the neighbourhood of \$10,000.

As for the sheep—they have been there for many decades and to the best of my knowledge haven't hurt an oak tree yet!

I believe that a fence is needed about the same as a dog needs fleas!

J. BENNETT,
Ganges.
July 25, 1983.

Scarrows think alike

Sir,
The July 13 issue of *Driftwood* contained a letter to the Editor from one Herb Scarrow, which was greatly enjoyed, and is certainly endorsed by me.

Strangely, I had written precisely the same letter to the Editor. We Scarrows think alike.

I have searched diligently for Herbie to thank him for his efforts on my behalf but without success. No one but the Editor seems to have heard of him.

Any assistance you may provide in locating Herbie will be deeply appreciated.

HART SCARROW, M.D.,
Retreat Cove,
R.R. 2,
Galiano.
July 16, 1983.

Editor's Note: We too wondered about the identity of Herb Scarrow following publication of his letter. The editor was under the impression that Hart Scarrow had written the letter in question but the operator who typeset it has sworn on a stack of *Driftwoods* that the signature scrawled at the bottom was that of Herbie. However, we know now that Hart uses a typewriter while Herbie does not.

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Any questions should be directed to Frank Sutherland at 537-2932, 08 00 to 16 00 daily. The lowest or any tender may not be accepted.

AMY McLEOD
Secretary Treasurer

Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards



Married 50 years

When Mr. and Mrs. William Saunders of Salt Spring Island celebrated 50 years of married life last Wednesday, they had a reunion that drew friends and family from as far away as Australia.

Bill and Barbara Saunders were married at Holy Trinity Church in London's Queen's Gate in 1933. Bridesmaid at their wedding was a cousin of Mrs. Saunders, Olive McFadden.

Fifty years later, Olive McFadden and husband Laurence joined Bill and Barbara Saunders to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary.

They came from Port Coquitlam. Also visiting at the Saunders' home were brother Alfred and wife Adrienne Saunders from Australia, formerly of Antwerp, Belgium.

A party was held in the honour of the couple at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rayner of Welbury Drive. Thirty friends and neighbours extended their wishes to the Saunders, including out-of-town guests Mrs. Dorothy Higginbottom and Miss Helen Dalzell of Vancouver and Mrs. Lorna Duteau with daughter Maureen, of Gibsons Landing.

The Saunders' golden wedding anniversary brought many friends and relatives. From left are Maureen Duteau, Olive McFadden, Lorna Duteau, Barbara Saunders, Laurence McFadden, Bill Saunders, Adrienne Saunders and husband Alfred Saunders.

Change sought in zoning

The property sits on the shore of St. Mary Lake and the owner wants the zoning changed to watershed from commercial 4, with a catch.

The property in question is two hectares (five acres) on lakeside near the north end of St. Mary Lake. The owner is asking for a zoning change for the property and permission to subdivide it into two parcels.

The matter came to the attention of the Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission last week.

In watershed zoning, the minimum lot size has recently been increased to 12 ha from 10. The owner wants to put a residence on each of the 1 ha parcels if the subdivision is allowed.

Under commercial 4 zoning the owner can put up to 20 units on the parcel as well as a residence.

The matter was sent to the Islands Trust staff to gather more information and to give them time to study the exchange in more detail.

Golfing news

BY PAT DOHERTY

There were 17 ladies of the nine-hole section out this week at the Salt Spring Golf Club and they enjoyed playing a four-ball scramble. The winning team consisted of Edna Reddington, Dorothy Crofton, Anne Sober and Bertha Walker. In the runner-up spot were Joyce Guerin, Di Fraser and Maryalice Burford.

Everyone enjoyed this type of play as a nice change of pace. There is to be a prize awarded for the most pars at the end of the season.

On Tuesday in the 18-hole ladies' division they used scores on six hidden holes. The winner was Dorothy Sneddon, runner-up Norah Ray. Winner of the putt pot was Lorna Pentz with 26 putts.

The 40 handicappers had their own competition with Shirley Smith being the winner.

Salt Spring ladies entertained Uplands for their return match and as a result our ladies will hold onto the Brass Bell Trophy for another year. Congratulations.

In the men's section, the Stapleford competition was won by Al McLean in a tie with John Lagrow. Jack Fraser was second.

Hart Bradley and Herb Monro tied for third, and fourth went to Bill Mills.

Gord Parsons and Barb Maguire were the winners of the Shipley Cup with a net of 65. Runners-up were Bill Mills and Jean Hopkins, followed closely by Eric Bracher and Ada Woodley.

This is to remind members that if they wish to play in the "Open," they should fill out an application form soon.

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OTTAWA REPORT

Suicidal course must be changed

BY JIM MANLY, MP

Pierre Trudeau is a charter member of the Thank-God-It's-Friday Club. But while most T.G.I.F. people look on the day as the end of the week's work, Trudeau uses it for some of his dirtiest work—like appointing old cronies to the Senate.

On Friday, July 15, late in the afternoon, Trudeau announced that Canada would allow the United States to test its cruise missiles on Canadian soil. He chose a Friday afternoon in July for the announcement because most people, including newspeople, wanted to get away for the weekend. He chose a time in July when the House of Commons was recessed so that he would not face a concentrated attack from New Democrats who have consistently opposed the cruise testing.

The entire history of Canada's involvement in cruise testing is one of deceit and duplicity. Neither the Canadian public nor the House of Commons heard of it except by accident.

AVOIDED MENTION

When Mark MacGuigan, then secretary of state for external affairs, appeared before the Standing Committee on External Affairs early in 1982, he carefully avoided any mention of the proposed testing even though he was asked questions about Canada's involvement in weapons testing.

After the news of the cruise leaked out, MacGuigan said in a Commons debate that the decision to test the cruise has already been made. Trudeau subsequently denied this, leaving Canadians wondering whom they could trust—Trudeau or his external affairs secretary. The answer is probably that in the twisted morality of the Trudeau government they were both right.

The basic decision had already been made to test the cruise but no decision had been made about how or when to tell the Canadian public.

"We've already made the decision to sell the family farm, but how are we going to tell the old folks?"

That decision has now been made; we have been told and the government hopes that the issue will melt away during the heat of summer.

TOO MANY CARE

But the issue will not go away. Too many Canadians care deeply about Canadian security and world peace to allow Trudeau to get away with this one. It is dishonest for him to claim the decision was made in support of our NATO allies. Several members of NATO oppose the cruise and Canada could have aligned herself with them instead of with the United States and West Germany.

It is devious for the government to say that the missiles will be unarmed and pose minimal threat to either people or the environment. Opposition to the cruise has never focussed on the remote possibility that one of these missiles might drop out of the sky and hit some trapper's cabin.

We have opposed the testing

because the sophisticated tracking methods of the cruise, when perfected, will make it possible to direct a first-strike nuclear attack at Russian targets with pinpoint accuracy and without detection.

In short, the cruise represents a dangerous escalation of an arms race which threatens human survival. We must continue to oppose Canadian complicity in this

dangerous game. Although both the Liberal and Conservative parties officially support the cruise testing, many individuals from all parts of the political spectrum see the danger and folly of this policy.

A majority of Canadians oppose the cruise testing—that majority must make its voice heard and persuade the government to change its suicidal course.

Board wants definition

The board of variance wants a definition of an accessory building but the Advisory Planning Commission wants a definition of the problem.

The Salt Spring board of variance recently asked the APC to define what can and cannot be defined as an accessory building. The subject is covered in the island zoning bylaws but the definition can be open to interpretation.

According to the bylaws, an accessory building "means a subordinate non-residential or structure which is customarily accessory to the principal use being made of the land upon which it is located."

The bylaws also note that accessory buildings are permitted in any zone unless specifically excluded. The accessory building cannot be used as a residence.

The buildings are limited to 46.5 square metres (500 square feet) and cannot be more than 4.6 metres (15 feet) high.

Two exceptions are noted.

If the structure is attached to the principal building by a roof, an open or enclosed structure, a floor or a foundation, it is not an accessory building but is considered part of the principal building.

If the lot is zoned for farm use,

accessory buildings such as barns or sheds "used for the purpose of growing or storing food, plants or trees or for agricultural or farm use" are limited to a total floor area of 465 square metres (5,000 sq. ft.) with a height of 7.6 metres (25 feet).

The accessory buildings were defined to discourage people from building a guest cottage in zones where such uses are prohibited.

"You can build whatever you want on Salt Spring Island," said Gerry Bourdin of the APC, "as long as you name it right."

The APC decided to ask the board of variance exactly where the problem in accessory buildings comes in, to allow the members to address it directly.

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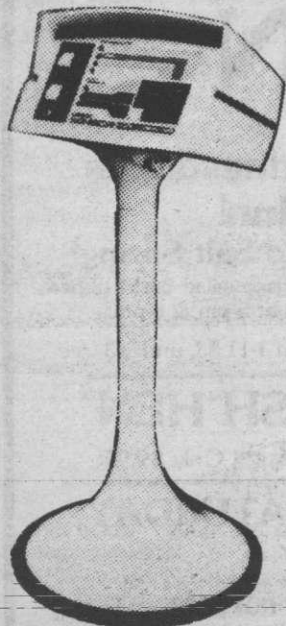
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Solar greenhouse is operational at Farmers' Institute

Salt Spring Island's new solar greenhouse may be passive but the plants growing inside are active.

The greenhouse was built on the Farmers' Institute property on Rainbow Road and now that it is operational, Dan Jason is overseeing the growth of the plants.

He has six varieties of peppers inside the building and will make comparisons with peppers grown in the outdoor garden nearby. The greenhouse houses a variety of plants, said Jason, "to see what they do."

The sun shines on the panels and the warmth is collected in the thick base of gravel covering the floor. At night, the gravel slowly releases the stored heat and although the building cools at night, the cooling is not as drastic as would normally be the case.

Jason and his crew of helpers are experimenting with seeds usually grown in a more temperate climate. The results will be made available on a regular basis but if "anyone is interested, they should come here and see," said Jason.

The soil in the greenhouse was specially prepared. It is a mixture of

three yards of topsoil, a yard of sand with three pounds of bonemeal and about 90 lbs. of lime added to reduce the acidity.

Earthworms are given a home in the soil to add to the nutritional value of the soil.

"We're trying to show we can have vegetables year-round here," said Jason, "and not have to depend on California products."

The solar greenhouse was funded by the federal government as part of a retraining project. The Salt Spring Community Society and the Farmers' Institute offer advice but Jason and his crew run the affair.

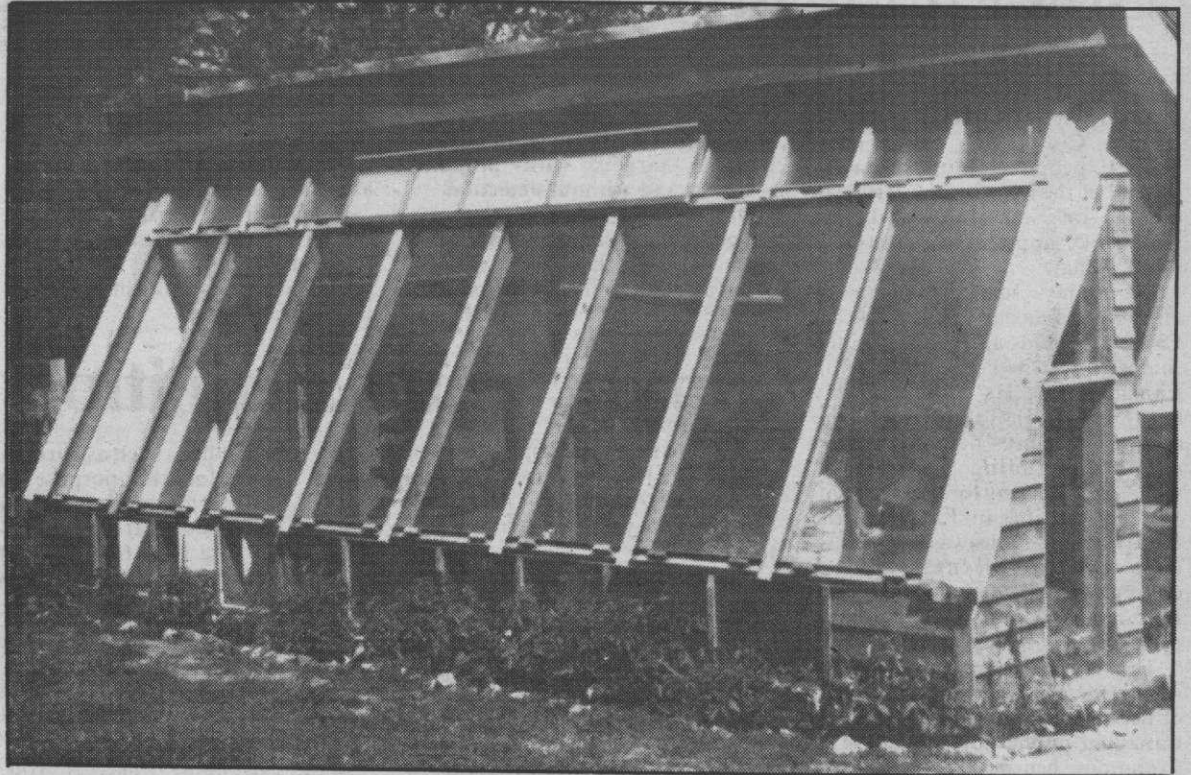
He hopes to have vegetables available for sale to help finance the project.

The greenhouse itself requires no energy except that absorbed from the sun. The money collected will go to pay the help and buy needed supplies.

Jason said that people who want to try out the greenhouse or get information on it can contact him. He is there almost every day.

Another project involving solar heat which Jason will attempt is a solar dehydrator. He will set apples, spices and other things out to dry within the greenhouse using the stored heat to do the job.

The variety of experiments at the greenhouse fits with the intent of the project, which has education as a major focus.



The sun shines on the greenhouse and keeps the plants inside warm during the night. Dan Jason and his

greenhouse helpers, Jan Hull and Linda Lebrun, work at keeping the plants healthy and free from thirst.

The plants must be watered each day.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Fulford wins, Jellyfish lose

When the final out was made in the main round of the slowpitch tourney on Sunday at Salt Spring, the Fulford Inn Team managed a one-run win over the D.O.G.S.

The tournament runners-up were the two visiting teams from Vancouver.

The other teams of the island league finished in various positions with the only sure place being taken, again, by the R.G.Y.C. Jellyfish who managed to keep their winless streak intact.

The teams played a round-robin series to determine the positions but given the lack of rules for the events, no one is sure where each team finished except the Inn Team, the D.O.G.S. and the Jellyfish.

The regular season games continue on Friday.

Fire at Ruckle Park

When a camper left a campfire burning it burned almost an acre of Ruckle Park before it was put out.

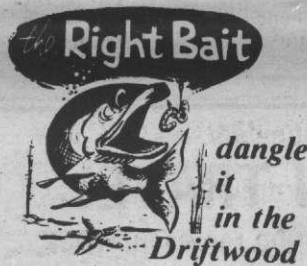
The blaze occurred last Thursday. Park attendants had the flames under control by the time the Salt Spring firefighters arrived. The volunteers spent time dousing the area and digging up smouldering moss.

The camper lost some of his equipment and was asked by fire chief Bob Leask to watch the area overnight to ensure the fire did not break out again.

Camera found

The scenic beauty of Salt Spring is worth a photograph.

If the person who lost a camera wants it back, the Ganges detachment RCMP have one in their possession. It can be picked up at the police office on Ganges Hill.



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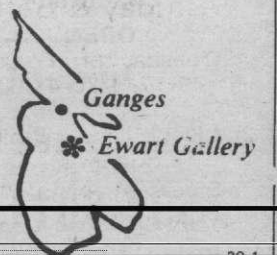
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Local band cuts record

Cathy Roland, Sue and Tom Bowler, Dave Roland and Arno Bangert of Salt Spring Island band Club Mongo prepare to cut the cake

at record-releasing party at Ganges last Thursday. The band released an extended-play record last week at party held at Harbour House Hotel.

The record, *Nightclub and Steaks*, contains five original songs written by Tom and Sue Bowler.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Trust faces cutbacks

The provincial government has reduced the amount of money available to the Islands Trust and a direct result will be fewer meetings with the public.

The members of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee will be available to talk to the public only twice in August. The Trust members usually are available each Tuesday in a basement office in the government building in Ganges.

For August, the Trust members and staff will be in the office only on August 9 and 23.

The regular meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee will be held on August 17 in the Harbour House Hotel.

While the full details of the money reduction have not yet been given, the Islands Trust will be losing one

staffer at the end of this month. The office crew in Victoria were told that one other staff member also may have to go.

The Islands Trust office staff consists of a manager, an administration officer, a secretary, a researcher, a technician and three planners. The receptionist goes at the end of July.

The terms and conditions of staffing for the office have not been made clear and the Trustees will have to determine where the required cuts in staff will be made.

Celebrates birthday

Jack Bennett of Cranberry Road on Salt Spring Island celebrated his 96th birthday recently at the home of his daughter and son-in-law at Fulford Harbour.

Many friends and relatives attended, including Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stanton of Melbourne, Australia, who are visiting the island for a couple of months.

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—Los Angeles Times, November 22, 1982.

Teatro Vivo, an internationally known theatre/mime troupe from Guatemala, returns to Salt Spring Island for two performances on August 6. With them they will bring Kin Lalat, a musical group also from Guatemala. The artists are exiles unable to return to their homeland under the present regime.

When Teatro Vivo first performed on Salt Spring in the winter of 1982, organizers were amazed that despite miserable weather, ferry connection foul-ups and a performance date unlikely to draw a good turn-out, the group played to an enthusiastic full house.

Two of the plays that will be offered at Beaver Point Hall are *El Mundo de los Burros*, (A World of Burros) collectively created by the players depicting and satirizing everyday situations in Guatemala, and *En la Linea* (On the Line), also created by the group, which illuminates conditions causing massive emigration of Guatemalans forced to abandon their land to save their lives.

Kin Lalat means "We sing, or sound-maker." In one of the 22 indigenous languages spoken in Guatemala, Lalat symbolizes harmonic sounds found in nature, with or without the interaction of men and their sounds of tools and of work.

There will be two performances on August 6. The first will be at the Farmers' Market in the morning and the second will be at Beaver Point Hall at 8 pm. Minimum recommended donation is \$4.

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Hydroponics employed by local gardeners

Their garden is thriving despite lack of soil

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

Wayne Nelson of Ganges grows his vegetables and flowers in water instead of soil and they thrive in it.

Nelson, a partner with Caspar Davies in the Victoria hydroponics store Rainbow Gardens, has his own hydroponic greenhouse on Rainbow Road. Approximately 10 feet square in size, the greenhouse is made of plastic and is lined with plants.

The plants that would normally be supported in soil gain support for the roots from the light pumice stone Nelson recently discovered as excellent for the job. The stone retains water and it's salt free. Instead of having large boxes of plants in soil, the plants stand in boxes of pumice through which water runs.

One giant hose with offshoots of miniature hoses extends from a water reservoir through the network of greenery. The water cuts in to irrigate the greenhouse crop on a timed watering system.

Energy directed elsewhere

By growing hydroponically, the need for plants to search out food with their roots is eliminated. Instead, the water carries food to the plants. The energy the plant formerly spent seeking food through the roots is therefore directed to growing taller and bushier.

Hydroponic greenhouses are jungle-like places, according to Nelson. He and his wife Sandy were eating food from the greenhouse during the winter. They had fresh broccoli, lettuce and a variety of greens. A 10 x 20 greenhouse can feed a family of five, he says.

It's not a new idea. The hanging gardens of Babylon were hydroponic gardens.

During the second world war, the United States government grew food hydroponically on the Ascension Islands when they were forced to find alternative methods of obtaining food.

Countries in the Middle East have expressed interest in the hydroponic growing packages produced by Nelson and Davies at the Victoria store because of the difficulty in growing food in the Middle-Eastern climate and soil.

Nelson began his Victoria store with Davies following a solar energy course at Vancouver Island's Malaspina College. The two opened a shop at Keating Cross Road but business grew and a more central location was found in Victoria. The shop sells hydroponic greenhouse kits as well as greenhouses.

Searched for organic fertilizer

Nelson, who was encouraged by his wife to grow organically, is careful about what he feeds the plants. Petrochemical fertilizers are often

used in hydroponic greenhouses. But they cause a heavy salt build-up and Nelson searched for several months before finding an organic fertilizer from the Dead Sea.

The fertilizer consists of fossilized guano.

"It's manure from bird droppings," Nelson explained. "It's pure, natural and completely organic."

The fossilized guano has solved the salt problem and the pumice stone has replaced the salt-retaining peat moss. Nelson no longer needs to flush the system out to clear away the salt deposits and the plants are growing like wild-fire.

The Nelsons came from Alberta

five years ago. Sandy had worked for the parks board after receiving a degree in land resources and soils from the Olds Agriculture School. She quit her job when she became too ill from the use of herbicides and pesticides on the job.

"When I got to work in the morning I'd have to pick up the dead birds that had died from the chemical sprays we were using," Sandy recalled. "I'd be using the chemicals on plants and not really thinking about the stuff dripping down my arms."

Later, Sandy's adverse reaction to the poisons increased and prompted the Nelsons to search for medical treatment. She was diagnosed as suffering from the effects of chemicals on her nervous system.

The field had been sprayed

"When we camped out one night in Alberta," Sandy explained, "we slept in a field we didn't know had

been sprayed."

When they awoke, Sandy was paralyzed.

She acts as a good "geiger-counter" around non-organic material and as a result of her experiences with herbicides and pesticides, both she and Wayne have become vegetarians and avoid eating food that has been grown non-organically.

Now, working as a gardener on Salt Spring, Sandy is in her element. She is as enthusiastic about the hydroponic greenhouse as her husband.

Wayne grew up on a Manitoba grain farm. After three years on Salt Spring he was injured in a construction accident that led him to find alternative work.

Today he is eager to make his hydroponic system a source of food for year-round consumption.

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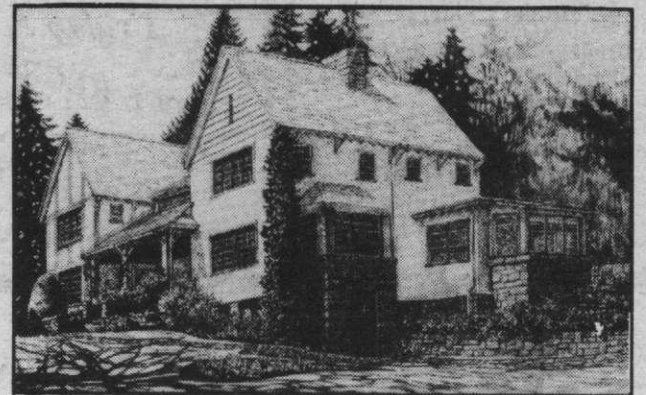
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

PENDER ISLAND

INTER-ISLAND ANTI-NUCLEAR Picnic Sat., Aug. 6, Hiroshima Day, 12:30 pm at Pender Lodge. Bring your own lunch. Speaker: Dr. George Morrison, Mayne Is.

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

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PICNIC Sat. 1:30 pm, Library Centre. Sponsored by Farmers' Institute.

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

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LIONS ANNUAL SALMON BBQ & Beer Garden, Sun., July 31, 1-6 pm, behind S.S. Lands. Music by Loyal C.S.S.T. & Dixieland Jazz Ensemble.

SHEEPDOG TRIALS & Lamb BBQ & Beer Garden, Sat., July 30, noon, Rainbow Road, Farmers' Institute grounds.

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Juvenile farm labour pool at work on Saturna

BY TAIMI
(Subbing for Priscilla Janszen)

Genni and Jesse Guy left Friday with Priscilla for a month of visiting with Priscilla's mother and sister in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The trip will give Jesse a chance to meet and become familiar with her grandmother and aunt while Genni and Priscilla also enjoy the indulgence of being pampered.

While in Tennessee there are plans for a sidetrip to Washington, D.C., especially for Genni. In the meantime, Jon and Michi are keeping the farm operating at home. Jon hopes to enlarge the house in relative peace and quiet while Michi will look after Genni's pony as well as her own in addition to other farm chores.

In fact, Michi has what Jon calls the Saturna juvenile farm labour pool helping her remove rocks and roots from a newly-cleared field. The three Greenes, Clayton, Tricia and Rick, plus Faedra Campbell and Ingrid Gaines, have been busily employed helping Michi. In addition to being paymaster, Jon has to provide a tasty lunch.

Jennifer Guy, a part-time resident of Saturna, and Derrick Bennett of Victoria exchanged marriage vows on a rocky knoll known as Peacock Hill in Victoria on July 16, Michi Guy's ninth birthday. The pleasant civil ceremony was conducted amid a lovely profusion of bachelor buttons. All Jennifer's Saturna friends are delighted and looking forward to congratulating Jennifer and Derrick.

Incidentally, Priscilla phoned Jon to assure him they had reached their destination. The weather in Chattanooga was 110° with 90% humidity.

The Variety Show scheduled for the end of August or early September is just beginning to take shape. Daniel, Flora House, Doris Ackerman and Juanita Hutton-Potts are busy with the tentative skit. Singers held a rehearsal at the farmhouse Friday evening.

Edmund Colter, the initiator of this summer madness, is waiting patiently for the locals to get going to the point where he can use his expertise in giving helpful advice. In the meantime everyone concerned is having fun.

The Gulf Islands Historical Society held its annual meeting in the Community Hall recently. The group decided to add a membership secretary to its list of officers and elected Loretta Tomlin. The rest of the executive are: Marjorie Ratzlaff, president; Lorraine Campbell, vice-president; Walter Ratzlaff, treasurer.

The seventh edition of *The Gulf Islands Patchwork* is now on sale on

all Outer Islands and is selling well. The first printing was in July 1961. Marjorie Ratzlaff says that the Historical Society plans a day trip to Mayne Island in September when the members will tour the historical spots of that island and hold a potluck supper in the hall.

Most Saturna Islanders are pleased with the summer ferry schedule. It is a pleasant change to have an afternoon sailing on Saturday. The 11:15 daily sailing means that some of us no longer get the 6:40 am sailing to visit Victoria.

Caleb Stewart and Keith Brown of Vancouver are visiting and exploring Saturna this week. They are the guests of Ilio Bertolami while Ilio's wife Cheryl and daughter Maia are visiting friends in Cranbrook.

The Bertolamis were inundated

with visitors last Thursday when Peter and Chris Dushinski and their family of three dropped in for the day. Peter is Canadian vice-consul in Cairo, Egypt, where the whole family now reside.

Guests at the Boot Cove Lodge recently were Joan Jellie and Peter Reardon who helped some local residents regress to past lives. Some fascinating discussions were held the evenings Joan and Peter were on island.

All islanders are happy to have Jimmy Money back home from the new Victoria General Hospital. His softball accident is one of a series. Prior to Jimmy's, Elaine Andrew was hit while playing second base and has stitches above one eye. She is now catcher with a mask.

The Saturna Island women's softball team, now known as the

Seahags, are working on their softball skills and strategy. Their softball practices and games are providing the young women of the community great fun.

Mrs. A.R. Thomson of Vancouver has returned for her 51st annual visit to her summer cottage at Saturna Beach which her husband Dr. Thomson acquired in 1932. From 1933 on the Thomson clan have summered at Saturna Beach. (Mrs. Thomson is Lorraine Campbell's mother).

Other members of the family who have cottages at the beach are Lorraine's sister Dugald and husband Ray Morden and brother Bob and wife Helen Thomson. The Mordens and Thomsons have extended visits from their adult children and grandchildren during the summer.

In this pleasant, relaxed setting Mrs. Thomson enjoys the company of her family which is now into the fourth generation.

Bea Carpentier's daughter Tanya is here on Saturna enjoying the company of her sisters Bonnie and Crystal and her infant brother Tyler. All the Carpentiers are happy

to have Tanya around for family affairs.

Over on the east side of the island Mary and Darrell Jones of El Dorado Hills, California, have been visiting their son Rick and wife Beth as well as Mary's parents Dowrene and Dick Gaines and her brother John and his wife Melanie.

Doris and Harvey Ackerman are back on island after helping one son and family make a move to another home on the mainland.

Nancy Robson had her daughter-in-law Rennie and granddaughter Chloe of Pender over, along with Rennie's mother Mrs. Bunny Campbell of Victoria.

Saturna's hearts are with Laura Paul whose mother in Alberta died after a lengthy illness. Laura has many happy memories of her mother with whom she has spent much time in the past year.

Geri, Clint and Kevin Davidson are spending the summer with Geri's parents at Belle II on the Cassiar Highway where her parents have established a truck stop.

Jean Van Essen returned home from a week's visit with her mother and two sisters in Winnipeg.

Hiroshima survivor to visit August 7

A survivor of Hiroshima, now living in Vancouver, will be the guest at Symbols of Hope, the commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Kinuke Laskey will visit Salt Spring Island for the commemoration, which begins at 7 pm Sunday, Aug. 7 in St. George's Church.

She will present two films, *Prophecy* and *The Lost Generation*, documentaries which were made recently by Japanese citizens concerned about the nuclear arms race. They were made from information kept in confidential files by the American government for 35 years after the atomic bombings of the two Japanese cities.



Kinuke Laskey

Laskey will also narrate her own story of the bombings.

Following the films and discussion, participants will carry candles in a walk to Centennial Park for a Service of Hope from 9 to 9:15 pm. The service will take the form of poetry, prayer and music, including a song by local children.

David Stacey will help the children prepare their song at a rehearsal at St. George's at 3 pm the same day. After the rehearsal

children aged five and up have been invited to an informal discussion with Laskey from 3:30 to 4:30.

Arrangements for the day's activities have been made by a committee consisting of Rev. John Bailey, Louise Beijk and Pat Desbottes. It is sponsored by the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Committee and the public is welcome to attend.

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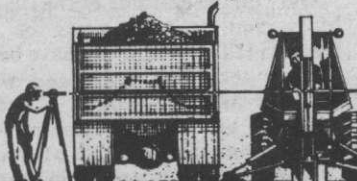
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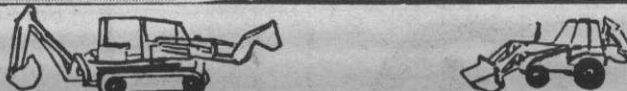
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Unger to represent Trust

Islands Trust representative Bev Unger asked her colleagues on the Salt Spring Trust Committee last week if she could be appointed as Trust representative on the island's transportation committee.

"If she wants to be officially appointed and would only put forward Trust policy I would be quite prepared to support her appointment," trustee John Rich told the meeting. "I move that Bev be appointed as a Trust representative to the transportation committee."

Gordon Wallace told the meeting that in the interests of unanimity he

would vote in favour of the motion. "I sincerely hope that you won't take positions and embarrass the Trust Committee," Wallace warned, without checking first with the Trust.

Wallace explained that he had received telephone calls from islanders in the past protesting positions voiced by local trustees on public issues.

Wallace added that he had been approached by members of the public who asked him whether he supported views put forward by trustees when, in fact, he hadn't.

Water district adopts new name

Changes in the Highland Water District on Salt Spring were part of the annual meeting last week.

The committee in charge of the water district has a new name. There were two new people elected to the committee and the changes in the system include an automatic filtering system.

The Highland Water Commission became just that in line with directives from the Capital Regional District.

Rusty Hopper and Vaughn Madsen were the new people elected to sit on the commission. John

Reddington, Babs Ross and Jack Haines complete the roster. Reddington will be acting chairman to replace Tom Fraser who did not run but becomes the immediate past chairman.

The automatic filtering system runs the water through sand, gravel and charcoal to improve the taste and get rid of any offensive odours. Capacity of the system was increased from 10,000 to 40,000 gallons with the installation of a new storage tank.

The old tank was in bad shape and had to be replaced.

The directors of the water district urged that no changes be made in the zoning of the St. Mary Lake watershed. They are concerned about the continued quality of the water.


"Reports on the water condition of the lake show it to be in a very fragile state and very susceptible to further pollution," noted Fraser in his report to the annual meeting.

The committee came out strongly against any attempts to allow commercial development in the watershed.

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Development permits are ignored at Salt Spring, meeting told

The Islands Trust on Salt Spring may get tough with people who ignore development permits.

Under the zoning bylaws of the island development permits are required for any construction or changes to commercially-zoned properties. But several recent changes to such properties have not been covered by the permits.

The permits are issued to allow the Trust some measure of control over commercial properties for such things as siting of buildings and the appearance of the property.

Bev Unger, Islands Trust representative, brought the matter to the attention of the Advisory Planning Commission last week.

"Why should the little guy have to pay \$25, which is meaningful to them, when big firms aren't paying attention?" she asked.

The reference was to work being done at both the Harbour House Hotel and the K & R grocery store in Ganges.

The development permit is supposed to be applied for and granted before a building permit is

issued.

The Islands Trust has few ways of ensuring that the zoning bylaws are followed. The Capital Regional District bylaw enforcement officer checks on CRD bylaws but has no authority to enforce Islands Trust regulations, said Yvette Valcourt, CRD director for the island.

Ron McQuiggan, who represents the school district on the APC, said the board should pick a case where the permit has been ignored and take the person to court.

The staff of the Islands Trust is currently looking at ways to streamline the process for development permits and to define

exactly what the permits cover.

A check of building permits issued recently will be made to see who has conformed to the need for a development permit and who has not.

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Review zoning, Trust asked

In a letter to the Islands Trust last week the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society asked that the Trust review watershed lands to consider rezoning.

The society referred to property surrounding Stowell Lake where land is zoned as W2 and A1. The society explained that A2 zoning would be preferred because it prohibits the construction of a guest cottage in addition to a home on the property.

Trust planner Richard McKellar told the meeting last Thursday that there is no difference between W1 and W2 in land use, but there is in lot size.

However, land that is zoned A1 allows for a guest cottage on the same property as a single-family dwelling.

The Trust committee agreed to look into the revision.



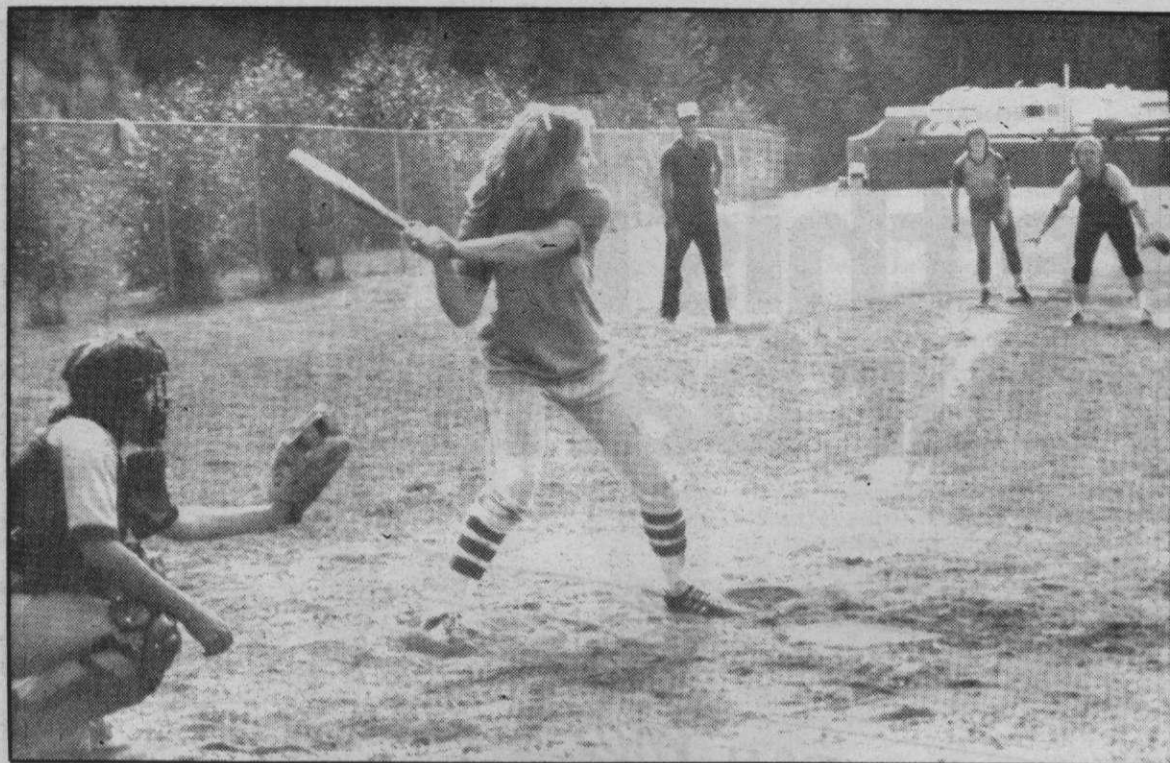
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It's a tense moment during semi-final game in which Salt Spring Ladies played Esquimalt Inn. Trish Graham at bat attempts to bring Brenda Akerman in from third base as coach Danny Akerman waits for the pitch. Playing for Esquimalt Inn are Nancy Turner, third base, and Donna Stubbings, catcher.



Fulford pitcher Molly Akerman happy with her team's performance.

Local team places second

A Salt Spring Island team took second place in the ladies' invitational softball tournament at Fulford Ball Park last weekend.

Fulford Ladies, their numbers bolstered with several players from other local teams, lost the final match on Sunday to Old Faucette Clippers from Duncan.

Ten teams took part in the tournament.

Trophy presentations following the last game on Sunday saw most valuable player awards go to each of the teams. Kathy Toynbee was named MVP for the Salt Spring team.

Old Faucette Clippers took three of the remaining awards, for the best catcher, best pitcher and best infielder.

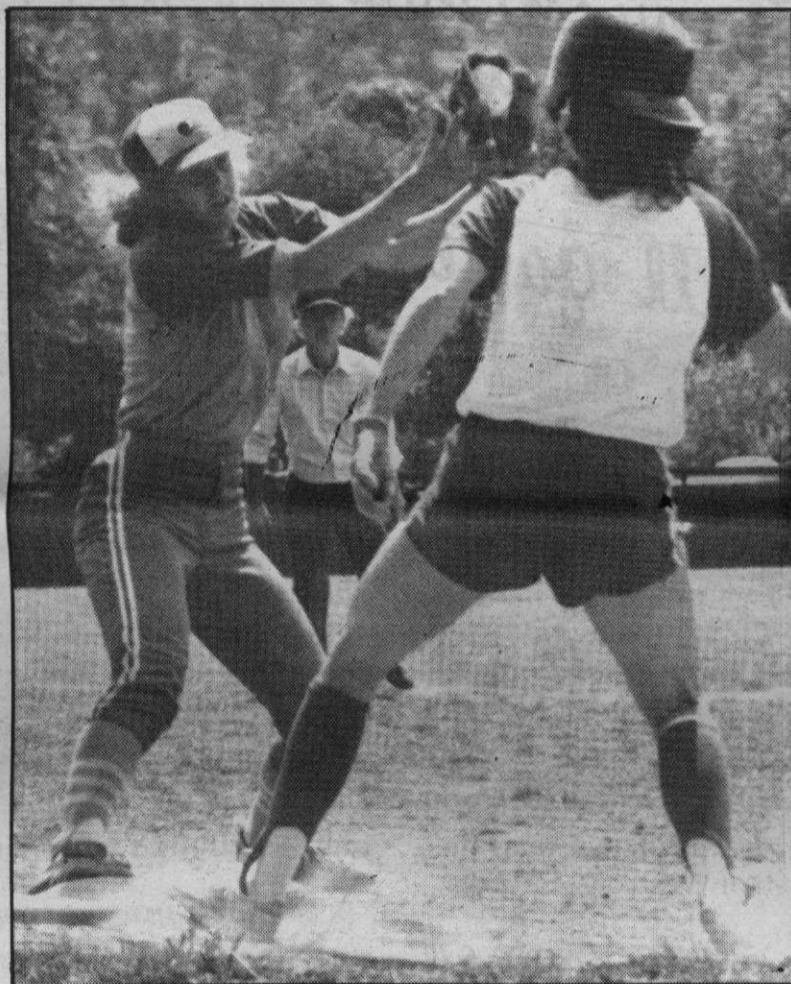
Brenda Akerman of Salt Spring won the best outfielder award.

Rawlings Environment was named most sportsmanlike team.

Off-island teams participating included: Blue Bombers and Old Faucette Clippers from Duncan, Cedarettes from Nanaimo, Esquimalt Inn, Dale Arden Log Hauling from Sooke, Prairie Inn Stompers from Saanich, Tod Hackett and Rawlings Environment from Victoria and a team from Ladysmith.

Players for the Fulford Ladies were: Peggy Stacey, Molly Akerman, Barb Kinnear, Brenda Akerman, Beth Straarup, Sheryl Leask, Trish Graham.

Players from other local teams who joined Fulford for the tournament were Kathy Toynbee, Pauline Beauvais, and Rose Bernie of Driftwood Derelicts, and Loretta Dods and Kitty Byron of Byron's Babes.



Fulford player Kathy Toynbee, left, catches the ball but not before an off-island player makes it to third base. Base umpire Pat Lockert keeps a close eye on the play.

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Surveyor approaches Trust over spellings

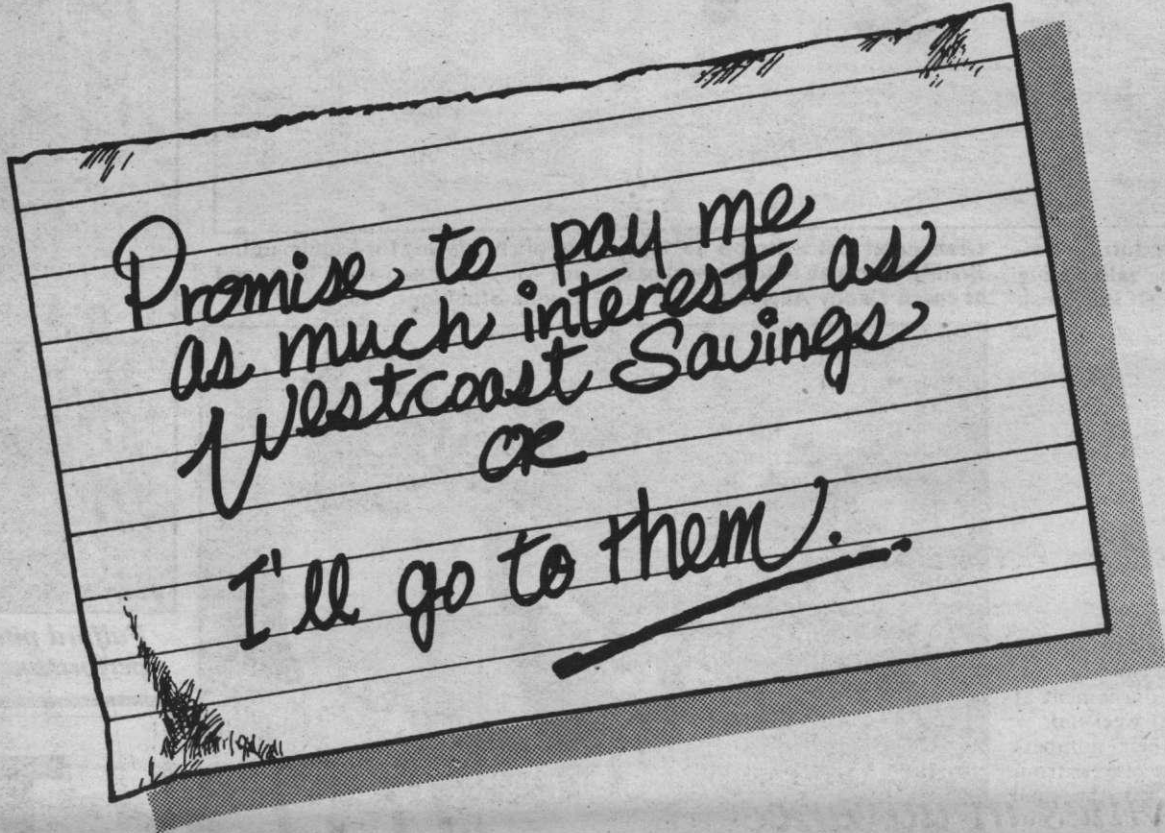
In an effort to correct the spelling of island place names, Salt Spring Island land surveyor Phil Swift has approached the Islands Trust to ask for its views on the spelling of Salt Spring Island and Stowell Lake.

The Salt Spring Trust Committee received a letter from Swift at its meeting last week. The surveyor pointed out that Salt Spring Island is spelled as three separate words in the Land Title Office. Saltspring, Swift explained, is used on current federal and provincial hydrographic and topographic maps.

Stowe Lake, Swift added, had become Stowell Lake on the unofficial J.B. Davenport map of "Saltspring" Island.

Trustee Gordon Wallace explained that the Islands Trust had no authority to make consistent the spellings and advised that Swift's letter be referred to the Advisory Planning Commission on Salt Spring Island.

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Celebrates birthday

Sporting a traditional Austrian costume, Miss Nelda Gesky celebrated her 80th birthday last week at Greenwoods. While sweets were served and wine flowed, Miss Gesky cut the cake, enjoyed the

toasting on the special occasion, and held captive a wide audience. Nelda Gesky moved to Greenwoods only a month ago. She has lived on Salt Spring for the last 12 years.

Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards

Quarter-mill to cover hall maintenance

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The annual meeting of the Pender Island Recreation and Hall Association was held at the school-community centre on July 19. Approximately 35 people attended.

Mrs. Jean Bradley, chairman, told the meeting that the community had voluntarily contributed all but \$15 of the \$1,500 the association had paid the school district the previous year to cover electricity costs, and that the charge would no longer be necessary.

"The association has had a successful year," reported Bradley. She said the old school building has now been officially turned over to the association.

She read a letter from the building inspector listing numerous items necessary to continue occupation. Bradley said she felt all the necessary work could be done by September.

The chairman read a letter from William Mundy of the Pender Island Art Group offering to take over the building and operate it as a community project for the arts.

Gordon Wallace made a motion that a committee be struck from the members of the hall association. It would investigate the structure with a view to assessing the costs to bring it up to acceptable standards and if this were not possible to recommend ways and means of financing a new facility.

Vern Roddick, Outer Islands representative on the Capital Regional Board, suggested holding a plebiscite to add one mill to the taxes, which would raise \$15,000 a year.

Bob Brand moved that the association ask the CRD to investigate a referendum for November 1983 for one mill, specifically for major renovations to the old school or for the construction of a new building on the site.

Roddick said he thought "we should approach the problem in two stages, one to refurbish the old building or if not feasible to build a new one."

Bradley had previously stated that contractor Ted Bowerman had given them an estimate of \$25,000 or more for the old building to be renovated.

Tim Appleby suggested the committee would require considerable time to go into all the

necessary details and Gordon Wallace felt there would not be time to do all the necessary preparation in time for a November 1983 vote.

The only income the hall association has for day-to-day expenses is the \$1 membership paid by everyone using the hall. It has been an unwieldy method of collection resulting in insufficient funds to cover operating expenses. As a result it was moved by Fred Leroux that a quarter-mill be added to the taxes for operating maintenance, and that the regional director be so informed. This was seconded by Gordon Wallace and passed by the meeting.

New members elected to the association were Bill Bastendorf, Emily Bracket, Cecily Overall, Chris Roach, Julia Roberts and Bob Brand.

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Fulford Hall Association, owner of the park, advises that such groups contact secretary Carol Walde before planning their events.

An association spokesman told Driftwood last week that one local group went to the park recently and

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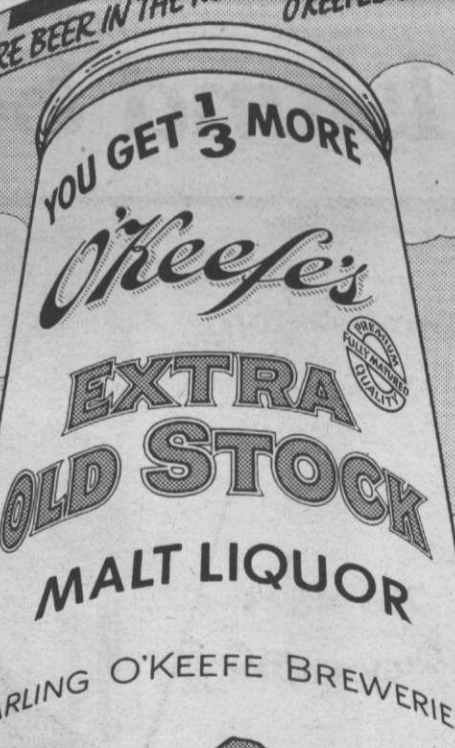
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