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School draws 70

At first glance Mark Nordine of Salt Spring Island appears to be taking a rest on field at Portlock Park while soccer school was in

progress last week. Actually, Mark is making a dive for the ball during workshop on goalkeeping. He was one of about 70 island youngsters

who attended the week-long school organized by the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association. Story, more photos, Page 19.

School site purchase approved

The new Fulford school will be constructed on a five-acre lot on Southridge Road.

Trustees of the Gulf Islands

School Board approved purchase of the site at a meeting last week.

The property is zoned rural residential 2.

The ground is suitable for a septic system to serve the school and has been checked by the regional health inspectors. A permit to install the system has been granted.

The ground also supplies an ample amount of fresh water. A well was dug on the property and the flow measured at 10 gallons per minute. With a potential student population of 150 and regulations requiring 15 gallons per day per pupil, the well would have to produce 2,250 gallons per day.

A the measured flow, the well could put out 4,800 gallons for an eight-hour school day.

The site bore a price tag of slightly less than \$55,000.

No date for the beginning of

construction has been set.

School board chairman and trustee for Salt Spring Charles Hingston took a group of Fulford residents on a tour of the site recently.

He told the meeting of the school board that of the 30 people who showed up for the tour, only six had reservations about the site and the concerns of the half-dozen centred on the septic system.

"I was happy to hear that and I'm happy to relay that today," he said.

Island women to choose Mr. Salt Spring Island

Mr. Salt Spring Island has yet to be discovered.

Coming this fall is the Mr. Salt Spring Island contest involving male contestants representing local businesses and organizations, says Fulford Hall Committee member Maralyn Horsdal.

"It's all in fun," she explained. But sexist the show will be. Men will be invited to show off their best dress, their talent and their favourite bathing suit.

"The bathing suit can be something from 1900," Horsdal explained. "They can come in long johns and win the title."

The committee has prepared the

contest as a fund-raising effort for Fulford Hall. The hall requires several costly maintenance expenditures and funding has not been successful this year.

Mr. Salt Spring Island contestants will be invited to come out and parade before an audience of women. Admission fee will be \$3 and contestants will pay entrant's fees.

As many as 40 men are expected to show their dress, talent and best swim wear for the west coast October weather. Prize for Mr. Salt Spring Island has not yet been announced but some hinted that it may be a bus ride to Reno for one.

Firemen called to brush fire

The ridge looks across to Active Pass but the men were too busy to appreciate the view while they fought the brush fire.

Volunteers of the Salt Spring fire brigade were called out at 11 am last Friday to deal with a brush fire on a property on Island View Drive. The fire burned about an acre of undergrowth.

The firefighters had the fire under control within half an hour of their arrival but took the remainder of the afternoon, until about 4:30 pm, to ensure that every spark was out.

In addition to the dozen volunteers from the fire brigade, up to half a dozen other islanders showed up to help.

Taxi service to be offered

Future uncertain for Vesuvius run

Future of the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry remains uncertain following a statement this week by Highways Minister Alex Fraser.

The minister said Monday that the Vesuvius dock, which was damaged when the ferry rammed it August 8, would cost about half a million dollars to repair. He also said the government had not decided whether to repair the facility.

Meanwhile, the B. C. Ferry Corporation has announced

that a water taxi service will be offered for foot passengers for an indefinite period. Tenders are being sought and the corporation hopes to have the service in place this weekend.

Fares are to be the same as those charged on the ferries, \$1.85 for a round trip for non-residents and \$1.35 for residents. The corporation will subsidize the service.

Jim Guthrie, executive assistant to islands MLA Hugh Curtis, said Tuesday he understood there was a study in progress on the Vesuvius-Crofton run and that an announcement on its future was to be made this week. He said that as far as he knew the water taxi service was being offered as an interim measure.

Guthrie also noted that he didn't think Curtis would support any proposal that would see the ferry service abandoned.

B. C. Ferry Corporation chairman Stuart Hodgson was unavailable for comment on the matter Tuesday.

Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce president Dale Codd told *Driftwood* he would be "shocked" if the service was to be dropped completely.

"The economic impact would be horrendous," he said.

It was hard to believe that the government would consider "such a silly move," he added.

John Teagle, manager of the Vesuvius Inn, said, "They haven't told us anything new."

He said the ferry company should have been subsidizing the service which Don Small had begun after the boat hit the dock.

Small said he is carrying, on average, about 50 people per day to and from Crofton. He runs the service six times each day and has found that commuters make up the bulk of the passengers.

Jack Hughes, of Gulf Islands Water Taxi, said he intends to put in a bid for the service.

"They should make sure the boats running are legal vessels," he said.

The service will be of benefit to commuters, said Teagle, but it won't bring the tourists which the north-end businesses need.

"It's not going to change our business from what it is now," said Teagle. Business for the Inn is half of what it was last year, he added.

While some businesses are suffering from the lack of ferry service to Crofton and Duncan, other companies have it easier.

Doug Foerster, manager of the Gulf Oil bulk plant at Ganges, said

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Pot growers hit by thieves

Local pot growers weren't feeling so high last week.

Salt Spring Island marijuana growers suffered a substantial loss last Tuesday when marijuana plants were stolen under a full moon. Pot thieves were exulting in small gardens on the island.

Reports from island growers reveal that the marijuana stolen would fetch a fair figure. Said one dismal planter: "I had no intention of selling my crop but what was stolen amounted to a pound...about \$250 street price."

One grower guessed that about 15 marijuana growers had been hit overnight.

Gardeners mourned last Wednesday following the discovery.

"How can they enjoy getting high off something they've stolen?" asked one farmer.

Driftwood to publish a day late

Driftwood will appear a day late next week due to the Labour Day holiday on Monday.

Classified advertising deadline will be 3 pm Tuesday, instead of Monday. Other advertising deadlines will be unchanged.

Driftwood office will be closed Monday.

Court accepts evidence of 10-year-old

Victoria man found guilty of assault against local woman

A Victoria man was found guilty of common assault at Ganges provincial court last week and fined \$500.

Edward C. Lumley was also given 18 months' probation by Judge Fred Green and was prohibited by the court from contacting Mrs. Donna May Fenlon of Fulford Harbour, victim of the assault.

The charge stemmed from an attack on Fenlon on March 16, 1983. She had to undergo stitches to the right eye and hospitalization following punches to the stomach and several kicks to the shins.

Present to testify for his mother was 10-year-old Michael Fenlon. He was permitted to act as a witness following a 15-minute debate between Judge Green and Lumley's defence lawyer, Adrien Brooks.

In order to test Michael Fenlon's understanding of an oath, Judge Green asked him a variety of questions about telling the truth.

"Who would be unhappy if you didn't tell the truth, Michael?" Judge Green enquired.

"My mum," he answered. Brooks suggested that the youngster did not understand the gravity of taking an oath.

He stated that without having had any religious instruction Michael

Fenlon was too young and too unaware of the import of taking an oath and telling the truth. He referred to a case where a 14-year-old boy was prohibited from testifying because of his lack of religious instruction.

But after questioning him, Judge Green found that Michael Fenlon had not been to church for four years. He told Brooks that his argument didn't apply because of the change in religiosity in society today.

"A large percentage of the population no longer attends church today," Green said. "I'm satisfied from young Michael's response that he understands the gravity in taking an oath."

Crown prosecutor W. Anderson asked Michael a series of questions. When he enquired of the boy how many times his mother had been battered in the shins by Lumley, the boy broke down.

"Lots," he told the court. When Lumley entered Fenlon's home one night in March, he brought with him his 18-year-old son, Ed Lumley Jr., testifying for his father, told the court that he and his father had arrived at the Fenlon home at Fulford around 10:30 pm. They waited for Fenlon until 1 am,

when she arrived. But when she did, he explained, she began yelling and kicking kitchen chairs around.

Her injuries were self-inflicted, argued defense lawyer Brooks.

Donna Fenlon told the court that when she arrived home that night, Lumley was waiting for her. He had been drinking, she explained, and he began harassing her. He kicked her with his cowboy boots and bruised her shins. She was then punched in the stomach several times and above the eye.

Her eye was bleeding when the RCMP arrived at her home at 5 am following notification from Michael Fenlon, who ran to the neighbours' home to use their phone. Lumley had torn the phone out when he began abusing Fenlon. She noted that ripping out the phone was customary for Lumley whenever he harassed her.

Charges were laid against Ed Lumley by the police.

Fenlon told the court that she could no longer live with the abuse she had been receiving from Lumley over the past six years.

Judge Green imposed a fine of \$500 and gave Lumley until October 1 to pay his first \$100 instalment. He also placed Lumley on 18 months' probation and prohibited him from contacting Fenlon.

He noted that Lumley's criminal record dated back to 1961 and included theft and assault.

Future uncertain

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the dangerous cargo runs through Fulford make it easier for delivery of bulk fuel. In the past, the goods had to be trucked from Victoria, where the main plant is located, over the Malahat to Crofton to get to Salt Spring.

He said the run through Fulford is better for him, "providing the service remains the same."

But the opposite is the case for Gulf Coast Materials. Manager Henry de Wit said the Ganges cement plant brings material from

Duncan, Nanaimo and Cobble Hill. Having to go over the Malahat to Swartz Bay adds to the cost of the material. For now, he said, Gulf Coast is willing to absorb the extra costs but if the situation continues much longer, the price of cement on Salt Spring will increase.

"What we want to know is what their plans are," he said.

The long route to bring material to Salt Spring has not yet cost jobs at Gulf Coast, "but we sure aren't creating employment," said de Wit.

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'Friendly persuasion' to be used once more

The building was built but neither building permit nor development permit has been issued and the Islands Trust want action.

In December last year Phil Valcourt applied for a development permit for a structure which houses the water recycling plant for the laundromat at the Valcourt Centre.

The addition was constructed and when the advisory design panel checked it out they found the appearance to be unacceptable "as it is not in keeping with the appearance of the rest of the structure."

The panel also noted that insufficient information came with the application to indicate what the other sides of the addition would look like.

Valcourt did not forward the information requested.

In March of this year, the planner for the Islands Trust sent Valcourt a letter requesting the required information by April 6 for presentation to the design panel for the April meeting.

"Since this time," noted a memo to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, "no response has been received from the applicant."

When the staff of the Trust checked with the building inspector, the lack of a building permit was uncovered.

"We stand nowhere," said Trust

vice-chairman Gordon Wallace of Pender Island. "We stand looking for what we asked for."

The committee decided to attempt one more effort at "friendly persuasion" but they could get tough and resort to the courts.

"It's a messy procedure," said Trust chairman Mike Humphries of Lasqueti Island. He noted that the Trust had gone to court in the past when violations of the bylaws had been "flagrantly against the public interest."

Charged

A Salt Spring Island man has been charged with assault following an incident in Victoria Monday of last week.

Malcolm Pinteau, administrator of Lady Minto Hospital, was charged with assaulting a deputy sheriff and threatening a judge and a lawyer. He was released after a bail hearing in Victoria Monday.

The case was remanded to September 12.

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Why so many Volvos?

I went to Embe Bakery and parked opposite Harbour Grocery in Ganges. I was driving Women's Lib's Volvo. As I walked back to the car I noticed that the two cars parked in front of me were both Swedish and both Volvos. I moved on to the Fire Hall and parked opposite the Trading Company. I was sandwiched this time. In front of my Volvo was a Volvo and behind it was another of the same make. I turned to remark on it to my passenger as another Volvo came from each side turning. I was reminded of the question asked of my wife by an American tourist several years ago, "why so many Volvos on this island?" And I didn't know the answer then any more than I know it now. But it does seem we have more than our fair share of 'em.

They all lead to the pub!

Every sea lane leads to a pub. Last week I tried out the Hovermarine in service and sailed last to Sidney. A friend picked us up and took us out to the Prairie Inn at Saanichton. Once upon a time the highway through Saanich Peninsula went through Saanichton and the Prairie Inn stood, as it still stands, on the intersection with Mount Newton Cross Road. In due course the drinking habits of our fathers changed and the Prairie Inn became a grocery store. As a hostelry it had been busy. As a grocery store it permitted its proprietors ample time to read and undertake the little chores of living. Traffic was not like in a supermarket. Then it gained a new lease of life when it became a neighbourhood pub. But the turning point in my book was the establishment of a small brewery. The Prairie Inn Lager is only available on the premises. Pity!

Car park never bigger!

The Seaside Kitchen at Vesuvius never had a bigger car park. Opposite the restaurant is the ferry compound, quiet, still and empty. Well, almost empty! And that's the problem with Vesuvius with the ferry out of commission. It's too quiet for the few small businesses there. If residents of the area were to patronize the Vesuvius Bay community while the traffic is minimal it might keep them going until the ferry comes back. And that could be for months or even years!

Impressive damage

One of the most impressive indications of the damage to Vesuvius wharf when it was charged by a fast ferry is the splintering of the woodwork at its junction with the pavement of Vesuvius Bay Road. The broken wood shows how far the structure moved when the ship struck it.

And never a snake-bite!

I once wore puttees. I had them in the bright sunshine of a Welsh summer and a benevolent British army required all its reserve army units to wear the thick, woolly bandages around the legs to avoid the danger of snakebite. They worked. I lived to report that I was never bitten by a poisonous snake and if you think there aren't any poisonous snakes in Wales you never went to some of the pubs I used to know. But I wasn't really thinking of puttees, although, come to think of it, I also had a pair or a set or whatever a lull house of puttees is called, in grey blue. The air force gave me a set because they had so many recruits that they ran out of second war uniforms and had to issue first-war kits until they got some new ones made. And, funny thing! I never got bitten by a poisonous snake when I had blue-grey puttees, although I never actually wore them. Which goes to show how wise the British army was to issue them when they were obviously so effective. But I was really thinking about putting until puttees putt me off. I was putting on Sunday. Putting a golf ball down a tiny little hole in the grass calls for two simultaneous pronunciations of the word putting and I can't do it. I can only write it. It was raining and if Les Ramsey had been heavy-footed I would probably have won. The rain didn't putt me off. In fact, I can't blame the rain for losing the game because Ramsey won in the rain. In truth I think it was Sue Ramsey who beat Barbara Richards and us mere males trailed behind. But I was really thinking of the weather on Sunday. Here we had all been hoping for rain to replenish the wells and the roots and it came half a day too soon. But we putted and puttered at Dick and Barbara Toynbee's late-summer picnic which turned out to be an early-autumn picnic. It rained and the golf balls got wet, but the rain didn't seem to scare off the putters. Nor anybody else. I guess we've all got webbed feet, anyway!

It'll never be the same!

And George Dunaway tells me he's going to be George gone-away next year. The Legion will never be the same again!

Initial run of Hovermarine meets with enthusiastic island response

Hundreds of islanders, visitors and tourists have travelled through the islands enjoying the Hovermarine inter-island service inaugurated last Thursday morning.

The early sailings found patrons waiting as the ship tripped through the islands, riding on its cushion of air and ignoring the waves. On Thursday the volume of traffic grew with the advance of the day. While the two islands nearest Sidney, Pender and Salt Spring, found novelty in the high speed run over the water, passengers from the furthestmost port of Saturna enjoyed an unprecedented last trip to the Saanich Peninsula.

The reaction of the last-converted air-cushion travellers was summed up by an ecstatic Karen Watson from Pender: "I'll never go by ferry again!"

The vessel was running with big loads throughout the remainder of

the week, even leaving passengers behind on some weekend runs.

The experimental passenger service is being offered by the provincial government in co-operation with the operators of the \$2 million vessel, Seaspeed Transport Canada Ltd.

UNDERWRITTEN

The government is underwriting the month-long service with a view to testing the demand, the response and the potential in the future of a ferry that carries no cars.

The service is being subsidized by the provincial government to the tune of approximately \$3,500 a day.

The Hovermarine is following in the wake of earlier inter-island

shipping and linking some of the island ports long since abandoned by commercial passenger vessels. It links ports which were once regular calls for Canadian Pacific, Gull Islands Ferries, Coast Ferries and other distinguished maritimers of coastal history.

The service will be maintained for a month with provincial aid. Future service by Hovermarine among the islands will be assessed at the end of the trial.

Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce president Dale Codd expressed enthusiasm for the Hovermarine service on Monday. He noted that it should provide a substantial boost to the area's tourist industry.

Two meetings in September

School trustees of the Gulf Islands will meet twice in September.

The first meeting is slated for September 7 and the next get-together comes on September 28. Each meeting begins at 10 am behind closed doors as the trustees meet in camera.

The public is allowed in at 1 pm. Those who wish to address the board are requested to give notice to the school board staff several days before the meetings.

Each meeting begins with a short session to allow a representative of the various parent advisory committees to speak. Near the end of each meeting, time is allotted for questions.

The school board has met on Galiano and Pender Islands so far this year, in addition to the regular meetings held on Salt Spring. The dates of the meetings to be held on Mayne and Saturna Islands have yet to be decided.

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A fearsome proposal

When the *Vesuvius Queen* went out of control three weeks ago and smashed the wharf at Vesuvius it didn't only put the wharf out of action, but the ferry service as well.

The loss of the ferry has been sorely felt by businesses in the vicinity of the ferry, but no loss to the people in the area approaches the loss to the regular users of the ferry. A familiar and long-established link with the outside has been severed. Traffic has been diverted to Swartz Bay-Fulford and some trips on that route have suffered as a consequence. The effect has been felt by the island economy, increased mileage adding to the cost of heavy materials.

When the ferry service was introduced three decades ago by the Gulf Islands Ferry Company it was called in to provide a needed service. And for some 30 years it has done just that. The *Vesuvius* ferry was consistent and probably the most calculable of all ferry routes.

From time to time the rickety wharfage facilities would be tested and fall short of the ideal. Each time there would be imposed a new restriction on the weight of vehicles permitted to use the ferry and the dilapidated wharfage would carry on as before, shaking a little less in token of the lesser loads applied.

Year-by-year the provincial minister of the period would set aside any pleas or programs for improving the facilities, on the grounds that there were other and more urgent demands for attention. Restraint was unheard of. The renovations were left till a later date.

Three weeks ago the *Vesuvius Queen* took matters into her own hands and while the oiler below lay unconscious on the deck, she ignored all pleas for slowing down and ploughed into the sad and neglected *Vesuvius* dock. It is now sadder and yet more neglected.

This week the minister of transportation and highways, Alex Fraser, stated that there is some question whether the repairs will ever be carried out.

This new picture of the minister feeding his transportation dog its own tail has dismayed the island travellers, on both sides of Stuart Channel.

Money, we know, is scarce: never scarcer.

But if the only criterion is cost, then the collapse of the entire provincial system must be imminent. A decision to terminate the service because of the high cost of repairs could only be the first step in a disastrous provincial economic philosophy.

It is a question that will affect the entire province and not merely this small segment.

Are we really that close to provincial chaos?

Water quality

The Pender school is to be served with desalinated water. When a new well was driven to replace the original source of water, the new supply was salt. This is, of a course, a condition only too familiar to many island residents. Salt water penetration is no novelty amongst the sea-girt islands.

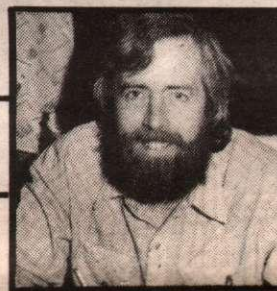
While salt water intrusion into a well is usually apparent, there is probably a stage at which the salt is present in small quantities but not in sufficient quantity to be recognizable. There are, of course, other reasons for checking the quality of water.

A few islanders have their drinking water checked at regular intervals. The majority of residents are probably drinking water which has never been checked for its quality.

The mechanics of sending off samples and the policy of the British Columbia administration of requiring a healthy fee for testing samples undoubtedly dissuade many consumers from carrying out regular checks.

The Gulf Islands School Board's experience of gaining potable water for Pender School brings up two considerations.

There should be a convenient and cheap method of testing drinking water. Consumers should be encouraged to check their supplies, rather than dissuaded from taking action.



Tony Richards

ATTEMPTS AT writing a column during the past few weeks proved to be a waste of time. And should I have succeeded, more time would have been wasted in trying to read them.

The reason that I spent several brief periods staring thoughtlessly at my silent, immovable typewriter can be summed up with a four-letter word. Pain.

The pain was a result of athletic pursuits that got the better of me. I put every ounce of effort into trying to win a game for my favourite slowpitch team and ended up in the hospital with a broken ankle.

There is only one thing to be said in favour of my experience: it has given me something to write about.

I didn't spend much time in the hospital, but I was there long enough to meet an artist whose name I had not seen on any work at Mahon Hall, or at any other show for that matter.

Nevertheless, he claimed to be an artist of some distinction, and his field was sculpture.

He gave me a demonstration of his abilities at the hospital and by the time he'd completed his newest work, I was impressed.

In fact, I was so taken by it I took it home with me and now I wear it wherever I go. It fits quite nicely on my leg, running from my foot up to my knee.

The sculptor's name, by the way, is Dr. John McIntyre. He will make pieces to order, he's fast and the prices are reasonable.

The fact that graffiti artists are fond of inscribing their wit upon his work has led to the only stipulation the sculptor makes.

He will not tolerate obscenities on his work.

I HAVE YET to find a good use for the good doctor's sculpture, although someone has very helpfully pointed out to me that having a cast on one's leg is a big advantage when hitchhiking.

For a while I thought I had Ganges realtor Kevin Bell sold on a novel idea. I offered to sell him space on the cast on which to advertise property listings.

He weighed the offer carefully but finally turned me down.

I know I can get rid of it quite easily after my ankle has healed, as long as the doctor can take it off in one piece.

My son wants it, and I suspect he has plans to

stash it away till Christmas, when he'll bring it out and hang it on his door as the world's largest, most heavy-duty stocking.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21 was a sad day for the Driftwood-GAS softball team when they discovered they were up for sale again.

After they finished their two games against Harbour House Specials, I was unable to stop the tears.

They were tears of self-pity, because I can't for the life of me think who'd want to buy them.

On the other hand, I can't think who'd want to buy Harbour House Specials either.

They celebrated their win by singing a song whose name escapes me but goes: "Na-na-na-na, na-na-na-na, hey hey...."

I had been under the mistaken impression that the song was only sung by the misguided fans of one of the worst teams in the National Hockey League.

EVERYBODY'S FAVOURITE slowpitch team, the Jellyfish, will only field 49 players instead of the usual 50 at this weekend's tournament at Salt Spring Island.

Due to previous commitments I will be unable to attend the games, despite the pleas from fellow players that I put in an appearance.

But I'm convinced the Jellyfish will make a name for themselves anyway, particularly with the off-island teams.

In a recent tournament they were scheduled to play a visiting team from Vancouver. Before the game tournament organizers explained to the visitors that the Jellyfish were a fun-loving team.

That's fine, the visitors replied, we have a couple of teams like that in our league.

The game was played in the usual Jellyfish style and once it was over the Vancouver players had a rather different observation to make.

"Our league doesn't have any teams like that."

THE LOCAL, provincial and national press were represented at a local restaurant last week.

When Alice and I had dinner at The Bay Window Friday, Jack Webster and Allan Fotheringham were among the diners present.

We doubt there's any connection between Fotheringham's visit and that of Liberal Party president Iona Campagnolo, who arrives next Tuesday.

Letters to the Editor

'Hate column' draws response

Sir,
I am responding to the Victoria *Times-Colonist* August 13 Jim Hume hate column against Gulf Islanders and his August 14 hate column against all ferry users in B.C.

Two major areas concern me. The first is the technique of stereotyped name calling and setting one group of taxpayers against another group of residents. This technique was honed to a fine edge by Mr. Goebbels, a German propagandist of some note, working for his Fuehrer. It was used again on this continent by Mr. Agnew, serving his boss Nixon well in setting hard hats up to hate "welfare bums" and intellectuals.

Reading Mr. Hume leads me to ask the question, whom is he serving? I was struck by the fact that he quotes a well circulated hate Gulf Islanders letter sent to Minister of Highways Fraser. Who wrote such a letter? In a democracy, the accused is allowed to know his accuser. I received a copy of the same letter from Stu Hodgson, Chairman of B.C. Ferries. Is Jim Hume lackey to Highways Ferries, or to the provincial government in power? Who? Why? Ripping B.C. apart could end in government collapse, if we are to follow the examples of history.

A second concern—is the inflammatory rhetoric the forerunner of further ferry fare hikes and further cuts in service? How much can we bear? Already, year-round traffic is down since the last fare increase. Our island populations grow four percent per year steadily, while the ferry system has steadily decreased service and has failed to modernize its fleet. Salt Spring has gone from two late evening Swartz Bay sailings (11 pm) to one not so late evening (10:20 pm) to none as of last June.

Contrary to Jim Hume's depiction, we can't see a friend, take an evening course, see a show, without leaving an arm and a leg at a costly Victoria hotel. No wonder traffic is down for us permanent residents. We have experienced a cut from three direct trips to Vancouver weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) to one on Sunday, which services tourists

more than residents. We are subject to four late night return sailings from Vancouver that are poorly used because they are too late and on Saturday, no one can get to our Island until 2 pm.

Day visiting has been declared verboten by Ferry Corporation scheduling. (The return ferry is at 4:30 pm). So our business people suffer on both counts—paying help overtime to wait for a 10 pm Tsawwassen sailing and less purchasers. But it suits the Ferry Corporation, never mind that 6,000 residents complain.

In the name of economy, fares increase as service decreases. But, is there ever a decrease in the Ferry

Corporation administrative structure? Has Mr. Hume thought to question how many millions is paid for or wasted on an antiquated system and a top-echelon staff which insulates itself from hearing its public's needs?

Why, in the 20th century, do they still ineptly print unreadable schedules? Why does it take so long to get anything completed? Why hasn't the new terminal approach to make Swartz Bay more accessible not met its July 1 deadline? Why hasn't work started to repair the Vesuvius dock?

No explanations are given to the public. Why doesn't Mr. Hume bother to do an in-depth study of the workings of this Crown Corporation? The toadying, the army type atmosphere, the bureaucratic waste, he might find could make for a juicy column—if he were truly concerned for the taxpayers' dollars, that is. Start doing some investigative reporting Mr. Hume, like you should have learned to do if you had Journalism 101.

And quit scapegoating innocent Gulf Island taxpayers. When toll-gates are installed on all roads and bridges in the Province, then come to us and expect us to bring profits to the ferry system, too.

BEV UNGER,
Chairperson,
Salt Spring Island
Transportation Committee,
August 26, 1983.

Golfers awarded prizes

Sir,
I would like to thank all of the participants in the Salt Spring Island Legion Golf Tournament that took place August 20.

Everything went on schedule, a cold plate was served at the Legion after play and following lunch prizes were presented to:

Gordon Alexander, Low Gross Men; Fred Gurney, Low Net Men; Irene Hawksworth, Low Gross Ladies; Mildred Gurney, Low Net Ladies; Henri Jeffries, Longest Drive Men; Vera Sarginson, Longest Drive Ladies; Closest to Hole, Reg Winston Men; Closest to Hole, Jean Hopkins Ladies. Low Gross Branch 91, Nick Melnechuck, Bill Trimble. Matched Scores, Geordie Webster, Ruby Webster.

My personal thanks to the following for their assistance: The Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club, Stu Hopkins, John Sarginson, Kay Javorski and Allan Wyatt and, of course, Rhonda Williams.

D.H.C. ANDERSON,
Sports Chairman,
The Royal Canadian Legion,
Ganges.
August 24, 1983.

Rolled with laughter

Sir,
I rolled on the floor with laughter when I read your last week's *Driftwood* statement from our School Board.

"No one to blame for school fiasco, says the Committee."

Well, as I explained to my children, who were wondering why I was rolling on the floor, this is like your mother taking the household account money and spending it on lottery tickets, and when father and children indignantly ask, "Where's dinner?" I just say, "No one's to blame," and "Yes, I do have the responsibility to buy groceries," but, "You really can't blame people for wanting to gamble." Now, even my five-year-old understands that, which brings me to this point.

I regard that the School Board does have responsibilities, that of technical safety of plant and personnel—and the safeguarding of philosophy which directs the school.

In other words, the School Board should be back in trusteeship, which is where it belongs.

The above is not apparent in our School Board, and from

examination they are self-served interests which over the years have become a funding, distributing and allocation service, and all of this has nothing to do with children. And sometimes, the right hand does discover what the left hand is up to.

All this I explained to my children after I had picked myself up from the floor.

So perceptive were they, that I proudly sat down to write to *Driftwood* to explain that it's just not that difficult, once you get the hang of it.

To get up off the floor, that is.
SUZANNE MADDISON,
Ganges.
August 25, 1983.

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this week, says
Salt Spring Island
Chamber of Commerce.

Free rides should be dropped

Sir,
I agree that free rides between Islands should be dropped, as suggested by the Chairman of the transportation committee. If, as stated by the President of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce and the President of the Ganges Centre Association (whatever that is), the reason for the free ferries is that the people of the Outer Islands need the services available here then I can see

no reason for a free service which all B.C. Taxpayers subsidize.

I have ridden several times on these free ferries, but if eliminating free rides would reduce the ferry deficit, I am in favour of this. Several times, I have seen lumber trucks, concrete trucks, etc., going free on the ferries, and feel that these businesses should pay for this transportation.

While on the subject of Ferries, I call on all three of the above organizations to pressure the Ferry Corporation to repair the wharf at Vesuvius at once. I see no reason why the Government could not declare this an emergency, and have repairs started immediately. Instead they say it will be into September before they receive an estimate of the damage.

Driftwood states: Bev Unger and her committee would do well to address real problems and search for solutions, etc.

I would call on the Chamber of Commerce to address another problem, and search for a solution—namely the price of gasoline. Earlier this month I bought gasoline at Courtenay for over 45¢ per gallon cheaper than here. If the Chamber is so interested in local problems, maybe they could contact the big oil companies and find out the reason for this difference.

A.J. DILLABOUGH,
R.R. 2, Ganges.
August 27, 1983.

University to celebrate birthday

Sir,
In 1984 the University of Victoria will celebrate its 21st birthday. In this connection we are seeking to make contact with persons who attended either Victoria College or Victoria Normal School in order to invite them to the first major Homecoming of Alumni to be held on May 11 to 13, next year.

We would like any of those who have lost contact with us to write and let us have their address so we may send them relevant information.

Your assistance in printing this letter is very much appreciated. Thank you.

SONIA BIRCH-JONES,
Alumni Director,
University of Victoria,
P.O. Box 1700,
Victoria, B.C. V8W 2Y2
August, 1983.



Bill Webster

His words are still valid

Just when the files on my desk were in order, Scoop the office cat decided to chase a spider across the pile of paper and everything became disorganized.

If an orderly desk means the occupant possesses an orderly mind, then Frank, *Driftwood's* labourer, and I have cluttered craniums.

The notes for what should be in this space this week became lost in the spider-chasing shuffle. Instead of what should be here, this column deals with nanoseconds.

A nanosecond translates into one-billionth of a second. That's fast.

The time measurement is interesting because of the possibility that we won't be around to watch its passage.

A megaton nuclear bomb takes eight nanoseconds to do its work and the resulting destruction occurs within minutes of the end of the eighth nanosecond.

But strangely enough, when the bomb goes boom, nothing happens for the first seven nanoseconds. It takes the device that long, seven nanoseconds, to build up the energy, or as the technicians say to become critical, and then...

For seven short nanoseconds, heat builds, pressure builds and then it goes. The heat rises to 130 million degrees centigrade, the

pressure rises to 100 million atmospheres. When all that energy is released, people die. And we have 50,000 such toys spread around the world waiting to go off.

Makes you feel real good, doesn't it?

Several weeks ago, one of *Driftwood's* pen pals asked an interesting question about the nuke madness facing life. She wondered what Gandhi would have to say about the issue and how he would respond to the efforts of people to halt the race to destruction.

Richard Attenborough, who produced the movie about Gandhi's life, has compiled a book of what that incredible man had to say about many things.

In the chapter on peace, Attenborough included Gandhi's views on nuclear weapons. Although Gandhi died just as the madness began, he was aware of the terrible power unleashed over Japan.

Gandhi said: "The moral to be legitimately drawn from the supreme tragedy of the bomb is that it will not be destroyed by counter-bombs even as violence cannot be by counter-violence."

"Mankind has to get out of violence only through non-violence."

Gandhi saw that the initial reaction of people would be horror and disgust over the

destruction inherent in the bomb. But he also saw humanity as it is.

The disgust would wane and "the world return to violence with renewed zeal after the effect of disgust is worn out."

How well he knew mankind. "...the atomic bomb has deadened the finest feelings that have sustained mankind for ages. There used to be the so-called laws of war which made it tolerable. Now we know the naked truth. War knows no law except that of might."

Gandhi was an optimist above all. He could see good uses for atomic power if man could get over the destructive side of the technology.

"That atomic energy...may be utilized by other scientists for humanitarian purposes is undoubtedly within the realm of possibility."

But even as he was an optimist, Gandhi was also a realist.

"Nonviolence...is the only thing that the atom bomb cannot destroy."

"I did not move a muscle when I first heard that the atom bomb had wiped out Hiroshima. On the contrary, I said to myself, unless now the world adopts non-violence, it will spell certain suicide for mankind."

He said that in September of 1946.

The words remain valid today.

More Letters to the Editor

Fulford school story inaccurate

Sir,
Your front-page headline and your first paragraph in *Driftwood* August 24 indicate that the Gulf Islands School Board has said that no one is to blame for the Fulford School "fiasco".

This is inaccurate, in that it does not reflect what I or the Board have said.

Please note that the School Board on July 20 issued the following statement:

"The Ministry of Education has indicated that it would not support legal action against various parties involved in the Fulford School situation; but that it would pursue the matter of redress with other ministries. The School Board is not

Thank you

Sir,
Thank you to Malcolm Legg for all of the care and time he gave to many Salt Spring children this past week in organizing and running the week-long soccer school at Portlock Park.

KATHI SINGBEIL,
Beddis Rd., Ganges.
August 27, 1983.

Fencing project explained

Sir,
The letter of July 25, 1983 by J. Bennett to your newspaper concerning fencing the Ecological Reserve on Mt. Maxwell warrants a reply.

1. The reserve was established on June 2, 1972. Reserves are generally not well known as they are established for scientific and educational rather than recreational purposes.

2. The fencing materials were paid for by the provincial government.

3. Katimavik will erect the fence.

4. The whole area will not be fenced. The total provincial cost will not exceed \$6,450.

5. It is true sheep do not eat oak trees. However, they do eradicate the attractive spring flora normally associated with oaks. Hopefully, the reserve will become an island of

happy with the present situation and is continuing to explore possibilities of recovering funds expended to date."

This does not mean that no one is to blame. On the contrary the statement just quoted plus the statement issued August 22 indicate to me that several parties bear blame.

The School Board of 1981 and by extension the present Board must and does bear blame. This is indicated not only in our statement of August 22 but also in statements by myself and other Board members at various meetings since the project was halted.

In the *Driftwood* report of August 24 I am quoted as saying that several parties could be open to legal action. This clearly indicates my feeling that blame could be laid in various places.

I have heard suggestions regarding possible action and blame against the Ministry of Education, the Islands Trust, the School Board (both past and present), former employees of the last two mentioned, lawyers, real estate companies and their agents, various Salt Spring individuals and of

course myself.

It probably would be politically expedient to follow such a course (excluding the last named—naturally!), and not only blame but sue everyone involved. I personally feel that both myself and the School Board would be irresponsible to urge expenditure of further funds in pursuing a course that we believe as a result of legal and ministry opinions, would have minimal chance of success.

While the School Board is involved at present in insuring that such a "fiasco" does not occur again, we are also spending many hours in minimizing the losses incurred. This is a continuing process involving discussion/negotiations with the Ministry of Education, our architect, our construction company and others. I hope in September to report the results of these discussions at School Board meetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have been giving support to myself and the Board through this "fiasco". I shall continue to do my best to earn such support.
CHARLES HINGSTON,
Box 113,
Fulford Harbour.
August 27, 1983.

original Salt Spring to contrast with the heavy browsing and grazing found elsewhere.

B. FOSTER, Ph. D.,
Co-ordinator, Ecological Reserves Unit, Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing.
Victoria, B.C.
August 17, 1983.

He's wrong

Sir,
Your staff "writer", Mr. Webster, vehemently maintains that the Dative Case in the English language is obsolete.

Would you please tell HE that he is wrong?
HELGA WILLIAMS,
Box 730,
Ganges.
August 29, 1983.

Federalists sponsor conference

Sir,
Isn't it amazing how our background affects our opinions? Our traditions are responsible for several widespread beliefs:

1. Free enterprise and democratic government only happen together.

2. Communism is a threat to these institutions.

3. The military establishment has always, therefore will always protect our institutions.

4. A war always helps a sick

Good music

Sir,
Listen Here!! is over for now but we had such a good time, I-IPACS plans to sponsor more Listen Here.

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CAROLYN MacDONALD,
for I-IPACS.
August, 1983.

economy.
The problem is that acceptance of these tenets totally excludes any ideas which will allow us to move toward a peaceful world. The fact is that a large part of the world does not accept our view of political institutions, and is more concerned with short-term economics than with divergent ideologies.

In the world of the future a military will be needed for internal control and as part of an international police force. In the world of today, militarism has preserved the status quo, but has not prevented wars in any way. And the nuclear deterrent will not either; it will only make the next war more horrible, possibly even our final act.

Is it not time that we start to build those institutions which solve international conflict in ways not requiring war? World Federalists are sponsoring a November conference at UVic which will call on prominent experts in international law. Perhaps it is time that we all examine the reasons for our traditional attitudes. Then we can look to the future realistically.
GIL PARKER, President,
Victoria Branch,
World Federalists of Canada.
August 20, 1983.

How does meat get to shop?

Sir,
I feel I must reply to the letter written by Rita Aptekmann in the August 17 issue.

I suspect that Rita Aptekmann is another of the class of newcomer to Salt Spring Island who can't stand the thought of killing animals. These people usually buy their meat at the butcher shop. Do they not realize how the meat got there?

I have hunted on Salt Spring Island for 47 years and intend to continue to do so. If that doesn't please the newcomers, perhaps they should retire elsewhere. It is a pity that people can't become a part of their new community rather than trying to mould that community to suit them.

It is quite obvious that Mrs. Aptekmann knows absolutely nothing about deer and deer management. Any biologist will tell you that up to 50% of the deer population must be killed every year to ensure a healthy population as it is the winter feed supply that governs how many will survive. If man or other predators don't kill them, then starvation will.

The statement that only people

with lots of money go hunting is so foolish it is almost funny. The ones with lots of money go trophy hunting in Europe, Africa and even Alaska. They wouldn't bother with anything as small as Island deer.

I refer to the book titled *The Deer of North America* by Leonard Lee Rue III. Mrs. Aptekmann is welcome to borrow my copy if she would like to become better informed on the subject.

JOHN BENNETT,
Box 52, Ganges.
August 29, 1983.

Show cancelled

Sir,
Senior Citizens' Association Branch 94 has for the past number of years sponsored a Harvest and Flower Show in the south end community hall on Galiano Island.

However, due to the decline in the number of exhibitors last year, the executive has reluctantly decided not to sponsor a Show this year.

L. WOODBRIDGE,
President.
August 25, 1983.

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Use of school facilities to be spelled out by policy statement

A policy statement became a notice of motion last week and when it goes into effect, the costs of using school facilities will be spelled out.

The trustees of the Gulf Islands School District have been working on the policy statement for several months and several versions have been put forward without being finalized.

The current draft begins: "The buildings, grounds and other facilities owned by the Gulf Islands School District are governed by the board of school trustees in the best interests of the entire community. In this light, and in accordance with its responsibilities, the board encourages community use of school facilities."

The policy covers such school board property as classrooms, activity rooms, gyms, playing fields and equipment.

The Pender and Galiano activity centres are covered by a joint-use agreement between the school board and the allocation committees for each group. Use of the activity centre will be arranged through the allocation committees.

Bookings for the Mayne activity centre as well as other facilities on that island will be arranged by the principal of the school. For use during school hours on Pender and Galiano, the principal is the person to talk to.

On Salt Spring bookings for use during school hours require a talk with the principals of the schools but for evening and weekend use, the supervisor of works is the booking agent.

On Saturna, the principal arranges use of school facilities.

The users of school facilities have been arranged in a list of priority with first consideration being given to curricular and extra-curricular activities of school pupils.

The continuing education program comes second and is followed by youth activities sponsored by a recognized group with the activities open to the entire community.

Next in line would be service clubs and similar organizations. Community groups or individuals who would use the facilities and charge a fee or admission are down the list. The last users on the priority list are commercial or private operations.

Applications for use of school facilities must be made, on a form provided, at least 15 days in advance. The forms should be submitted to the supervisor of works, the principal involved or the allocation committee.

If the schools want to use the facilities, notification should be in to the supervisor of works by September 15 for the fall months and January 15 for the spring months.

The principals at Pender and Galiano are required to notify the allocation committees of those islands.

Plans for summer use of facilities should be prepared by May 1 each year and written application submitted to the supervisor of works or the allocation committees.

Use of the playing fields falls to the discretion of each principal when school is in session but for summer use, the supervisor of works should be contacted.

Youth activities are free except for weekend and holiday use. At those times the costs are \$2.50 for classroom, library or school board room use. A small gym costs such groups \$4.50 while the large gyms cost \$7.50. Use of kitchen facilities carries a price tag of \$10 and there will be a \$25 deposit required for a key.

The costs for service clubs or groups charging fees or admissions would be \$5 for classrooms, etc., \$9 for a small gym and \$15 for a large gym. Use of kitchens costs the groups \$10 and the key deposit has been set at \$25.

The commercial use of school facilities begins at \$20 for classroom use, \$30 for small gyms, \$40 for large gyms and \$25 for kitchen use. The key deposit is also \$25.

Extra cost, such as for cleanup or setting out chairs by the custodial staff, will be levied against groups needing such services.

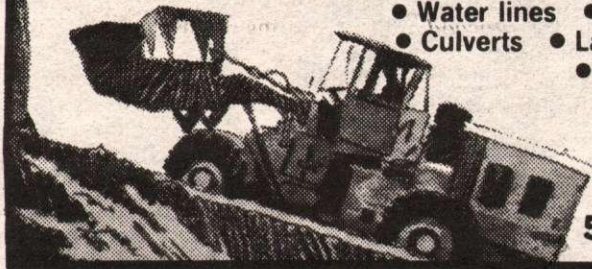
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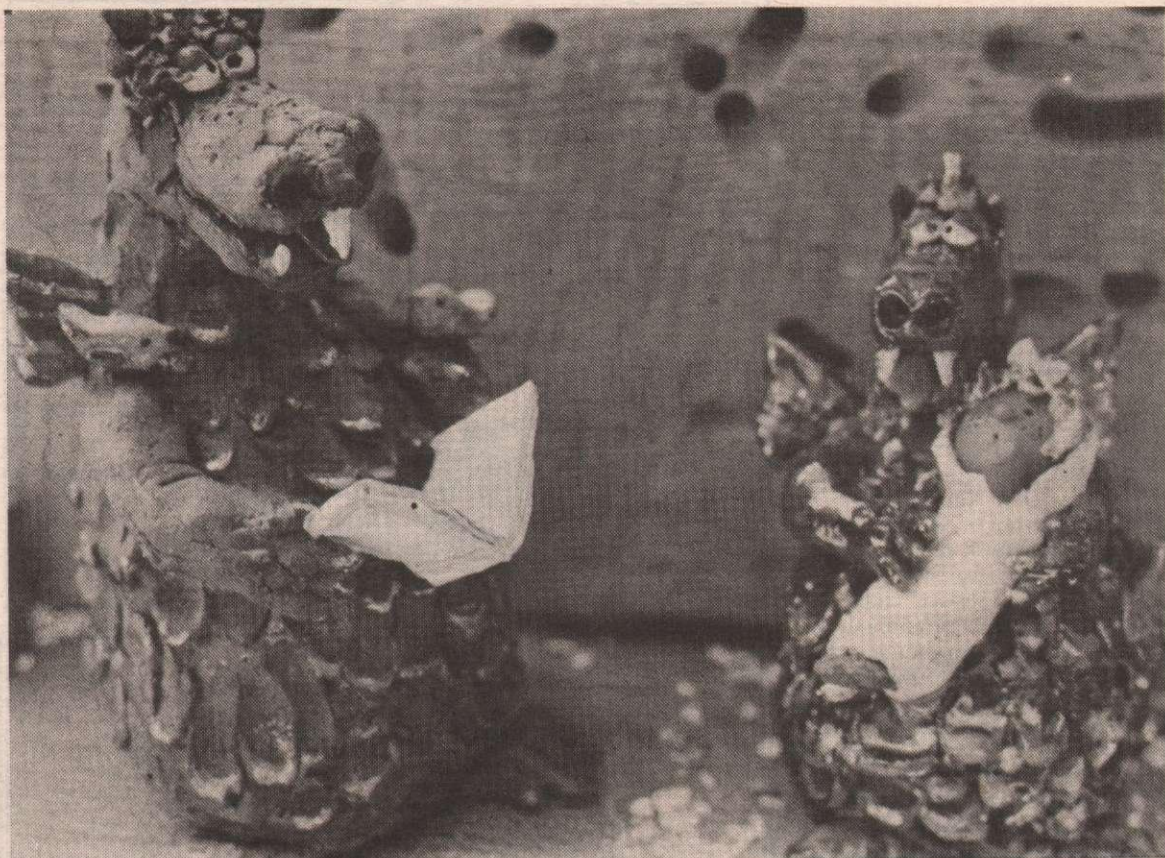
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Only a few days left

"There are only a few days left for Artcraft '83," says the dragon to his wife. Artcraft continues until Sunday at Mahon Hall on Salt

Spring Island. Organizers of the two-month show report an increase in sales this year of about 12% over last year's take. The figurines above

were produced by Salt Spring artist Sharon Volkommer.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

For Salt Spring

Firearms bylaw approved by region

Shooting with bow and arrow cannot be controlled by the Capital Regional Board.

On Wednesday afternoon last week the board approved the introduction of a firearms bylaw controlling the discharge of firearms in a defined area of Salt Spring Island.

Under the bylaw no person may discharge any firearm within the defined area except any peace officer or conservation officer

lawfully engaged in the performance of his duties.

A firearm includes air guns, air rifles, air pistols and spring guns.

There was some consternation expressed that the bylaw does not specify the area in which such activities will be controlled.

There is a reference to an annexed Schedule A, defining the area. But there was no annex.

MEETS AND BOUNDS

To the enquiry of director Yvette Valcourt, executive director Dennis Young explained that the

area will be defined by metes and bounds and that the exact area will be established by the ministry and not by the region. For this reason, the schedule cannot be attached to the bylaw until the ministry has examined it.

The bylaw had been requested by Valcourt, the board was told, but directors did not enquire regarding the area to be defined.

Penalty for shooting in the restricted area is a minimum \$100 fine for a first offence and \$250 for a second, except for shooting with bow and arrow.

Motorcyclist injured

The curve in the Vesuvius Bay Road near Chu-An Drive and the gravel at the side of the road added up to \$500 in damage to a motorcycle.

Ken Anderson was riding his bike at 12:50 am Sunday when he hit the gravel. He was thrown from the bike and suffered undisclosed injuries.

RCMP issued him with a traffic violation notice for driving without due care and attention.

Ross R. McKinnon B. Comm.

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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.

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S.S. CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL has space avail. in 3-4 yr.-old classes. Call 537-5771 or 537-2878.

SQUARE DANCING: Salty Wheels open their winter season Fri., Sept. 16, 8 pm. For info call 537-9394 or 537-5005.

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FOOD BANK still needs donations. Please give generously. 537-9212.

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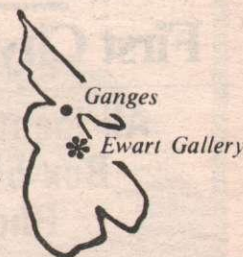
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There was conspicuous consumption of culture

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

When a poetry reading was held at Nan's Cafe last week, few overheard the rumblings of dissent from the corners of the gloomy cafe. Listeners walked away satisfied with the imagery, vision and language that had been offered in the short evening of verse.

Arden Henley opened the evening with a series of poems written on the coast and in the interior. Henley, formerly of Salt Spring, moved to Penticton last year. He spoke of the

realities that plagued coastal residency, he talked of life, and his hard-core images were often both humorous and silencing.

Henley explained that poetry is an important art form.

"Language needs to be brought alive. We need to develop new visions and poetry allows that."

Henley offered a certain decisive magic in his poetry. His allusions did not go unheard and his anecdotes were warm and welcoming.



Alison Vida Jason held the crowd in her hands with precise imagery, seldom without wit or wisdom and flowing like a comedy of social roles.

Alison Vida Jason's work was stylized with a dramatic reading. Her poetry, read with spirit and didacticism, left the listeners with a

sense of her own caprice. She followed a course of social justice—America, new wave, feminism and women today were some of her subjects.

While the reading might have been significant as an evening for the conspicuous consumption of west coast culture, the gathering enjoyed the poets' verse and shared the inspiration therefrom.

But the paradox of the personal nature of poetry was apparent in that the poetry continues to belong to an esoteric elite. The economics of a raised consciousness are several generations old.

Tension often surrounded the readings. The urbane and somewhat pristine flavour of the presentations shattered the raw, uncut reality of

poetry as an art form.

Clearly, the poetry read in Greek by Yonna Leda was sometimes more powerful in her native tongue than when its translation was read.

There was a sorrow spoken when only sound was heard.

But one English musician admitted, "I'm bored."

"I write poetry too, if you call 'me/be' and 'love/dove' poetry."

If such poetry readings might one day be rendered mass culture the dissenting poets, prose artists and bystanders will have the following not only of the elite but the noisy, iconoclastic working classes from the smoke-filled corners.

The final reading at last week's gathering was by Scott Lawrance, a published island poet.

Training program begins

The annual fall and winter training program of the Salt Spring Island Power Squadron will be getting under way at the secondary school in Ganges on September 7.

Under the guidance of training officer Ian Waterlow and assistant training officer Barry Pring, the basic boating course along with a number of advanced and elective courses will again be available to the boating enthusiasts of the area.

Those boaters who take the boating course will be eligible for membership in the Power Squadron if they are successful in passing the examination. As members they can then go on to take other advanced and elective courses such as advanced piloting, junior navigator, seamanship power or seamanship sail, marine maintenance, marine electronics and weather.

This year the boating course will follow the same accelerated routine successfully introduced by Waterlow last year. Instead of weekly two-hour sessions which was the formula in previous years and

which extended the course into the new year, this year's course will consist of 14 three-hour weekly sessions with the examination being written in mid-December.

This program appeals particularly to those who wish to take the course but who are also planning a post-Christmas vacation.

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As pre-registration is desirable those interested in taking the course can obtain full information by contacting Ian Waterlow or executive officer Jack Poole.

Margolin to produce, direct film

Stuart Margolin of Salt Spring Island and Los Angeles will produce and direct a film to be shot in Victoria this fall.

Glitter Dome, a feature film adapted from Joseph Wambaugh's best-selling novel, will star James Garner and shooting is expected to begin October 1.

The film, a police-detective drama, has a \$4 million budget and will take three months to shoot.

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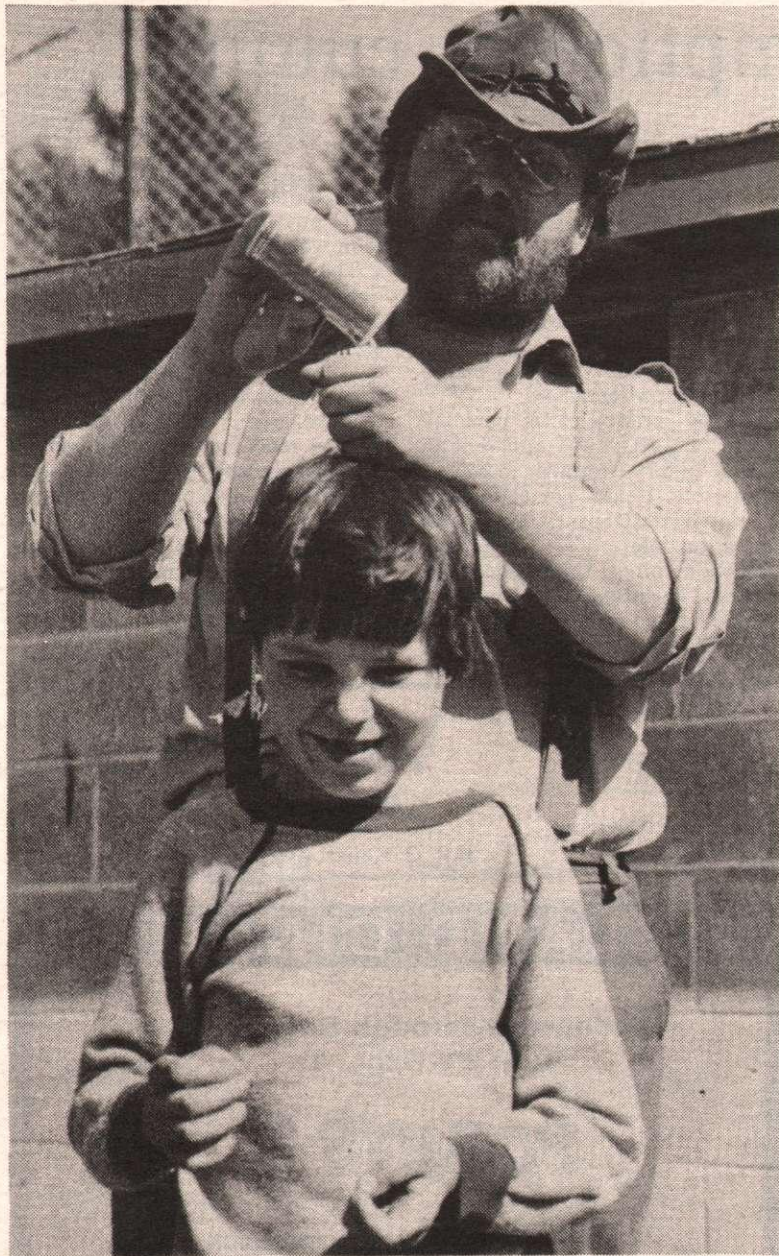
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Annie Shuttleworth gets part in Vancouver play

Annie Shuttleworth is a mother. At least she is a mother in a play, *The Drunkard*, which starts a limited engagement Thursday at the Dinner Theatre in the Century Plaza Hotel in Vancouver.

Shuttleworth, a favourite with the Salt Spring Players, left the island to seek a career on stage. She spent part of July in Nelson studying the craft under Larry Lillo. He had been named best director in the Vancouver stage scene last year.

When she returned to Vancouver, she auditioned for the part of the mother in the temperance

melodrama and got the part. The play is the longest running stage play in North America.

The players take to the stage to illustrate the evils of alcohol each day Thursday through Sunday of each week.

Shuttleworth reports good news in other efforts. She has received favourable responses from the Belfry Theatre group in Victoria and was invited to return for a second audition for the lead in a play for City Stage Theatre in Vancouver.

Shoplifting reported

The light finger crew are at it again in various stores in Ganges.

Several businesses have reported incidents of shoplifting to Ganges detachment RCMP. The retailers are willing to press charges against those persons caught.

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Magician entertains islanders

Young Clinton Helfrich of Salt Spring Island didn't know he had a hole in the top of his head until Hornby Island magician Doc Myles showed him by pouring in several tablespoons of salt. Myles extracted the salt by having Clinton lean his head to one side so that it came out

his ear. Myles' Travelin' Magic Show has entertained many islanders in recent weeks. Myles will be giving a special performance at Luigi's on September 4 and will be giving shows throughout the Labour Day weekend at Centennial Park in Ganges.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Head lice reported

School is only a week away and parents of children on Salt Spring Island are warned to check young heads for lice.

At least four island youngsters have been discovered to be hosts to the lice.

Dr. Allan Arneil, health officer for the Capital Regional District, advises parents to get in touch with his office if head lice are discovered in children. He suggested calling either the public health office in Ganges or Lynne Blair at the CRD.

"Once it gets into a school," said Dr. Arneil, "it results in a real fiasco."

Lice cling to the hair but can drop off into clothing or a pillow case, he said.

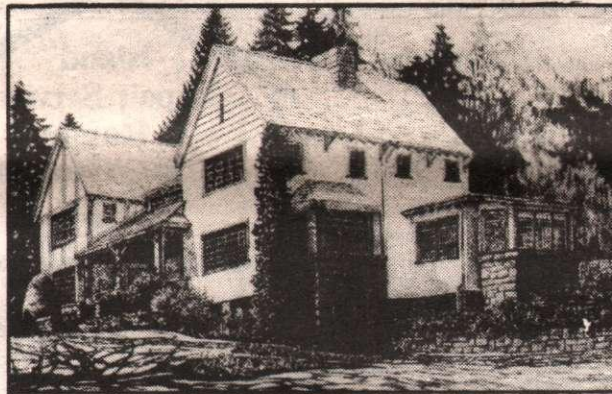
"It's not an infection," he said, "so much as an infestation."

The mother of a child who has lice called *Driftwood* to warn other parents.

"The more people who are aware of this problem, the easier it will be to control it."

That was also the advice of Dr. Arneil. He said parents should report any outbreaks so his department can stay on top of the problem before the lice get ahead.

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Tourists and the shrines

The Brits did better by Sam than by Bill

BY FRANK RICHARDS

The Brits have done better by Sam than they did by Bill.

In Lichfield the tourist may examine every room in the old Samuel Johnson house. The name of Johnson is indelibly written into the history of dictionaries and his wit has been quoted and misquoted for two centuries. But the house in which he lived is open for the visitor who is curious.

The home of William Shakespeare, in Stratford-on-Avon, is like a beaten path across a cultivated field. There are more marks of sightseers than of poor William. The Shakespeare home is so well-visited that it has been touched up here and there with modern materials to overcome the pressures of curious tourists. There are, simply, too many.

If both buildings were to be dismantled and set up in Victoria as the authentic shrines to English letters, then they might last for ever. **DON'T FALL DOWN!**

The Johnson home appears to be good for some years yet. The only caution offered the curious is the warning to avoid falling downstairs. I did. I did avoid it. The Shakespeare home cannot hope to endure indefinitely. It is like a curio amid Coney Island's blaring brilliance.

Ship them over here and they might escape the carnival atmosphere that accompanies the Bard of Avon in his travels through the 20th century.

Other famous structures and notable people are dealt with more comfortably. There are ancient churches and aged castles awaiting the hordes of visitors.

CASTLES OVER THERE

There is Studley Castle, where part of the building stands in ruins and even that part still offering shelter is like an icebox each winter. The rooms are a delight and the pictures add to the overall picture. One of the staff told me that his consumption of warm underclothing in winter is fantastic.

I visited Powis Castle, with its magnificent terraced gardens, and Warwick Castle, which has moved from a royal resort to a waxworks show, and a very good one. Smaller audiences, greater dignity.

The appeal of the old world is, of necessity, the ancient towns and ancient buildings.

This year I chose well. I found my young mother happily reading her way through her nineties and I found the country basking under the run of the hottest July in 300 years and I knew I really must live right.

IN KNIGHTON TOWN

I spent time in my wife's home town of Knighton, in Powys, where the rock walls are 18 inches thick

and more, resisting the heat of the summer sun and unaware of any heat in the winter frost.

The cathedral at Lichfield is impressive for the colossal array of saints on the front of the building. The cathedral was renovated about 200 years ago and the statuary is worth the visit. Outside the building stands an ancient soft stone statue of King Charles I. It has been found a ground-floor home in token of its deteriorating stone. The face of the figure appears almost like a skull from the etching of wind and rain and frost.

The abbey at Tewkesbury suffers possibly less depredations from weather, but the administration faces the same major problem of finding the funds to keep the building open for services and for visitors.

THEY BOUGHT IT

Tewkesbury Abbey was not sacked by Henry VIII when the townsmen found 400 pounds, in return for which the king spared their house of worship.

They might well have spent some money on a number of the ancient buildings in the town. A prosperous market town 600 years ago, Tewkesbury is showing the signs of wear. Its impressive array of timbered, black and white buildings is falling apart. Many have been maintained over the years and will stand as an attraction to residents and visitors for centuries to come. Those that were neglected in past years may well be torn down. The casual visitor can find timber rotting out where centuries of rain has penetrated the fabric.

Tewkesbury, incidentally, was the place where I encountered about the most offensive and foul-mouthed hotelkeeper I have known. It's a good place not to stop at!

I went to Britain intending to visit France and the north of England. I saw the Midlands.

DISMANTLING

The government is in the process of dismantling its metropolitan administrations.

The city of Birmingham is a heavily industrialized community in the centre of the county of West Midlands. The county contains as many people as there are in all of Canada.

At one time the area consisted of cities, towns and boroughs, adjoining each other, jealous of their various identities and sharing services by agreement, where it suited the administrations. It may yet consist of all these units.

The government is unhappy with the pattern of administration and the people complain of being steam-rollered into accepting rules from an alien body over which they have little or no control.

As a visitor I figured it was doing

a remarkable job in the area of traffic control. The West Midlands may be the only place in the country where you could expect a traffic jam in a pedestrian mall.

They make pedestrian malls here and there, with wall-to-wall paving and shrubs and things. Then they route buses through the mall to save running them some other way. Then the rules are changed to allow trucks in to unload. After that, in come the cars bringing goods and people to the stores. Result is that a pedestrian mall becomes a busy commercial thoroughfare without sidewalks.

MIXTURE OF RACES

The aspect of the Midlands, and of all the large centres, that stands out to the returned native, is the large mixture of races. The Briton of the latter 20th century is white or brown or black. There are millions of native-born coloured Brits. Some are third-generation Englishmen. Many are in ghettos by choice or by economic necessity.

All races mix freely in school and this acceptance could lead to a greater commingling in the future. I have met the new Britons in stores, garages, providing services. I don't recall meeting any coloured Briton socially.

THEY MUST GO FURTHER

Lots of little cars on lots of high-speed highways. That's touring the

country. But when you figure that you pay twice the British Columbia price for gas over there, it stands to reason that they have to drive cars to give twice the mileage to every gallon, in order to stay ahead. The 900 cc engine is good for hauling a couple and their kids around. At 1,300 cc, you have comfort and once you get up to 2,000 cc, then you have luxury—and a big gas bill.

Hotels are cheap. Double room, bed and breakfast, up from 25 pounds, or \$50, without bath. That's


in the small inn, probably away from the motorway. Meals run about what you would pay in the west. Shoes are very much cheaper and clothes are, mainly, less than here.

But wages are lower. If you like cities, then you're better in a small one than a large one. If you like antiquity and ancient, stupidly narrow streets, the British town and village are a delight.

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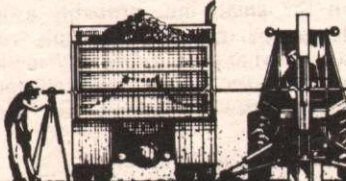
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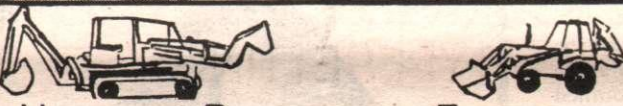

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Sculptor to exhibit

Well known sculptor Emil Socher will be having an exhibition of his work at Pegasus Gallery in Mouat's Mall at Ganges on Wednesday.

The show will run from August 31 to September 8. Socher, whose collection of soapstone sculptures includes a Brazilian soapstone piece of three dolphins and a large carving of sea otters, recently had a show at the Quest Gallery in Victoria.

Czechoslovakian-born Socher came to Salt Spring two years ago from Quebec where he'd started sculpting in 1972.

Socher recently sold a large piece to a California resident. It consisted of live dolphins, in a leaping formation, and sold for \$3,000.

He spends much of his time carving and polishing his work in his living room at his Ganges home.

At his most recent show in Victoria he sold nearly 50 pieces of his work.



Emil Socher, sculptor

Trust will be consulted over hunting regulations

The "no hunting" sign on a fence is only visual pollution and has no standing in law, the Salt Spring Islands Trust Committee was told last week.

Increasing population in the Gulf Islands has produced pressure to have certain areas of the islands set aside as no hunting areas. For the property owner to ensure that police can act if a hunter chases game on private property, the signs must state "no trespassing" as well as "no hunting."

Certain areas of Pender Island have been centred out as permitting no discharge of firearms, but the impetus must come from residents, said Mike Humphries, Islands Trust chairman from Lasqueti Island.

He said that the regulations governing where hunting is permitted in the Gulf Islands are currently a function of the Capital Regional District. The authority

will be changed over to the fish and wildlife branch in April of 1984, he said.

At that time, the ministry will consult with the Islands Trust to formulate hunting regulations for the area.

"I think it's important for the community to decide hunting regulations before the change in authority," he said, "so we can deal with it at that time (when the change occurs)."

Under current regulations, a hunter cannot fire at game from a highway but the game can be shot if the hunter is standing on the shoulder of the roadway. If the game runs on to private property, the hunter can retrieve it.

But if the "no trespassing" signs are in place, the hunter cannot go on the land. A "no hunting" sign alone has no meaning in such cases, noted Humphries.

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Winter schedule gets approval

When winter comes to the Gulf Islands, ferry connections between the Outer Islands and Salt Spring will be merely a memory of summer.

The winter schedule proposed by B.C. Ferry Corporation and adopted by the islands transportation committee will be a twin of the schedule used last winter on the various routes through the islands.

The transportation committee was not unanimous in its decision with the representatives for Mayne and Salt Spring voting against the proposed schedule.

For the winter months, beginning September 12, connections between the Outer Islands and Salt Spring will require, as in the past, a trip through Swartz Bay or reservations on the Tsawwassen-Long Harbour boat.

The summer schedule allows the

Mayne Queen to tour the Outer Islands and arrive at Long Harbour at 9:55 am each day Monday through Saturday. The ferry repeats the tour in the early evening, arriving at Long Harbour at 5:35 pm on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

The *Quintisa* performs the island tour with a connecting stop at Long Harbour at 12:10 pm.

The Fulford-Swartz Bay running times for winter will be identical to the schedule of last winter for the morning trips. In the afternoon and evening the new schedule moves the ferries on the quarter-hour instead of 20 to and 20 after the hour. For example, the mid-afternoon runs will be at 2:15 and 3:45 pm instead of 2:20 and 3:45.

For the evening, the runs to Swartz Bay will be 5:15, 6:45 and

8:15 instead of 5, 6:20 and 8:20 pm.

For the return trip from Swartz Bay, the times are the same as last winter up to the evening runs which are slated for 4:30, 6, 7:30 and 9 pm. The times for last winter were 4:20, 5:40, 7 and 9 pm.

Winter service for Fulford-Swartz Bay, B.C. Ferries route 4, begins on September 12 and runs until February 27, 1984. The *Bowen Queen* will carry traffic on the route until November when the *Quintisa* takes over. That boat will be in service until the end of February.

Winter service for the Outer Islands, on both route 5 and the supplementary route 5A, will be essentially the same as last year. The winter schedule takes effect September 12 and is in force until June 20, 1984.

The runs between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen, again similar to the schedule of last winter, will be governed by the proposed winter times from September 12 through November 17. At that time, the company will issue a newer winter schedule for mainland travellers.

Contract awarded at Galiano

Residents of Galiano Island began the project and the government has chipped in money to finish the job.

A contract worth \$178,280 has been let to a roadbuilding firm to gravel and pave Clanton Road. Jack Cewe Ltd. of Coquitlam has the contract for the work.

The announcement was made last week by local MLA and Finance Minister Hugh Curtis and Minister of Transportation and Highways Alex Fraser.

Clanton Road joins Porlier Pass Road and Montague Road and has been a project of residents of Galiano. They got together and re-opened the road. The contract calls for gravel and pavement to be put down.

Clanton Road joins Montague Road about half a kilometre from the ferry dock.

Once the gravel and paving are in place, with completion expected to be by September 30, the road will be open to traffic. The road cuts several kilometres from the trip from North Galiano to the ferry dock at Montague Harbour.

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GALIANO NEWS

Ambulance unit raises money to run CPR course

BY KATHLYN BENDER

On an island such as Galiano it is good that as many people as possible be able to perform CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation). In order to run the necessary courses and to provide practice, a life-size manikin is required on which to learn the techniques.

Last Sunday ambulance workers, under co-ordinator Peter Dunn, held a swap and shop and raised, with local donations, more than \$300 of the needed \$500. Peter has scheduled a second swap and shop next Saturday to be held through the kindness of Ron Minette at the Corner Store between 10 and 3 pm.

He asks all islanders to discover some items they are willing to have the ambulance crew sell on consignment. Pick-up can be arranged for next Friday by phoning 2629.

The Galiano ambulance unit's goal is to raise the remaining \$200 next weekend, purchase the manikin and put on the first CPR course in October.

October on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the North Community Hall. New members will be welcome.

Galiano on television

Joan Carolan and Paul Hawbolt enjoyed their visits to Channel 6 TV studios last week. They reported that Ida Clarkson, the hostess of the show on which they will appear, is a warm, intelligent lady, who made them feel instantly at their ease. Today (Wednesday) two more Galiano Islanders, painter Keith Holmes and sculptor Ian Hooley, are to visit Victoria to have interviews taped which are tentatively scheduled to be aired on Monday between 11 and 11:30 am.

Saint Margaret's

A large congregation welcomed Rev. George Morrison on his third visit to St. Margaret's Sunday. Dr. Morrison, who has been studying the life and work of Mahatma

Gandhi for several years, urged all who have not yet done so to see the Richard Attenborough film entitled *Gandhi*. By his daily actions and showing love to all, both friend and foe, Gandhi lived the Sermon on the Mount.

After the service the congregation were glad to meet with Dr. and Mrs. Morrison and each other for lunch in the home of Cliff and Pat Coolidge. Thanks are due to the Coolidges for their hospitality and to the ladies of the church for providing lunch.

Next Sunday Rev. Len Pocock will lead the service in St. Margaret's beginning at 10 am.

Next Friday and Saturday will be the last opportunity to take advantage of the Thrift Shop's summer half-price sale.

The Thrift Shop staff will hold a business meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 7 beginning at 10 am at the home of Mary Reader. Business will include allocation of funds and future policies of opening and pricing.

Group surfing

The islanders who travelled on the inaugural hovermarine run between Galiano and Salt Spring or Sidney expressed pleasure at the speed and smoothness of the journey. The only turbulence experienced was in the wake of a B.C. ferry.

Seaspeed leaves Sturdies Bay each week-day at 8:55 am and returns at 4:35 pm until September 25.

Harvest and flower show

A final call is issued to all

islanders to enter as many classes as they can in this Saturday's Harvest and Flower Show. Entries by south-enders may be picked up on Friday afternoon, by Bender (5702) or Reader (5316) for transport to the North Hall at 5 pm.

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For three generations the Royal Family has used homeopathic advice and remedies. The Galiano participants hope to increase their knowledge by forming a home study group and inviting Bobbey Sage again. Any islander interested in this field may phone Janice Prevedoros at 5336.

Weaving

Galiano Weavers and Spinners Guild is proud to report that one of its members, Marie Gaskin, entered three items in the creative living display at the PNE and was awarded a first for her rag rug, a third for a twice-woven rug and an honourable mention for a wall hanging.

The guild, which has continued to meet each Thursday between 1 and 3 pm at the C-V-U Gatehouse, Highland Road, is looking forward to a visit from Doris Crockall of Vancouver this Thursday to demonstrate double weaving pick-up techniques. The fall program will probably include another workshop tentatively fixed for October.

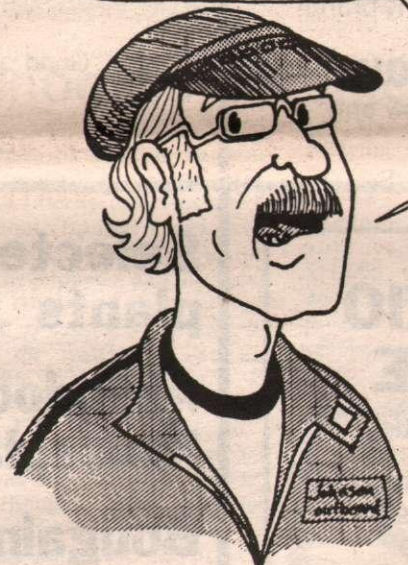
Northern lights

Throughout the summer Audrey Cook has organized Monday evening bridge sessions at the North Community Hall. The series culminated on July 22nd with a potluck supper and awards to prize-winners George Griffiths, Thelma Beatty and Lorna Tweedale. Audrey Cook was presented with a collection of rockery plants in appreciation from the bridge players.

The north-enders are grateful for the support given then by south-end enthusiasts. From the funds accumulated from these sessions it is planned to supplement the supply of stacking chairs in the North Community Hall. Although the sessions in the hall have ended, players wishing to continue playing should contact Woody Coward at 2905.

The Scottish dance group plans a Saturday evening warm-up dance on Saturday, Sept. 10, with regular weekly sessions beginning in

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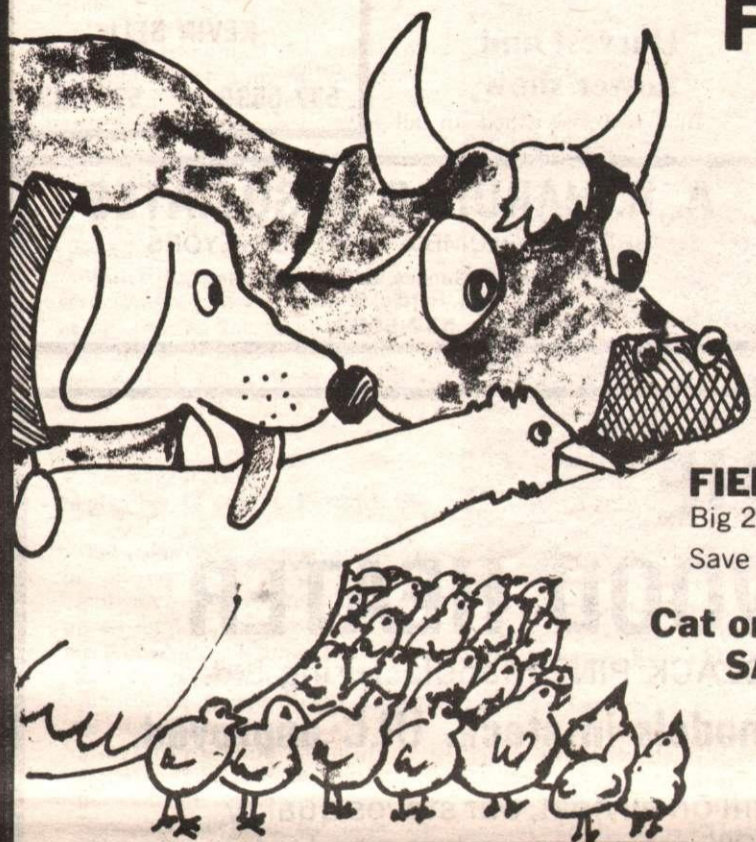
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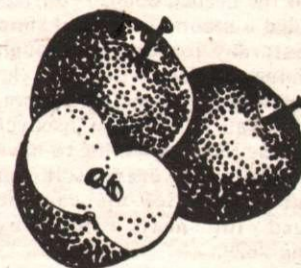
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