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Take stand against approval process, urges Gilbert



The Salt Spring community should take a serious stand against the way the Musgrave subdivision proposal was approved, says Nick Gilbert of the Islands Trust.

Gilbert explained the situation to the Salt Spring Advisory Planning Committee Tuesday. He said the original proposal to subdivide a large parcel of land at Musgrave Landing on Salt Spring had not met with approval of the Islands Trust.

The opinion of the Trust had been sent along to the approving officer of the department of highways and the original proposal was turned down last spring.

At the end of September, the Trust learned that a revised proposal had received preliminary approval by the approving officer. The Trust had not been consulted on the second proposal.

The department of highways had been against the original bid because of the cost of upgrading the road which crosses the mountains on the south end of Salt Spring. The new proposal was submitted on the basis of water access to the properties.

The subdivision is not the issue, said Gilbert, but the process by which it was approved is. He said that the Islands Trust could fight the approval but the objection would carry more weight if the community reacted strongly against the matter.

The situation comes down, he noted, to who should interpret the community plan. The approving officer for the department of

highways must follow certain rules.

The only body which should have jurisdiction over development on the island is the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, he said.

The APC approved a motion calling on the Trust to request that the preliminary approval be overturned.

The parcel of land which is to be developed by Rico Holdings covers 480 acres. The company proposes to put 24 lots averaging three-quarters of an acre along the shore and leave the uplands undeveloped. The 24 lots would cover 18 acres.

The holding company also agreed to dedicate five acres for a park. The usual park dedication should be for five percent of the total parcel which in this case would be 24 acres.

The Islands Trust had concerns about the high density of the proposal which remains with the latest concept of the development. It would be the highest density development of Salt Spring, higher even than Ganges.

The proposed development meets the guidelines of the community plan. It is a 20-acre average on 480 acres which works out to 24 lots. But when the lots are crowded together, the proposal does not meet the intent of the community plan, which calls for low-density development.

Gilbert said that Islands Trust chairman Mike Humphries has sent a letter to Alex Fraser, minister of highways, to protest the process of the approval.

Play opens

Dawny Scarfe, as Beatrice, in a scene from Salt Spring Players' new production, *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon*

Marigolds. The play opened last week and runs three more nights, Thursday to Saturday, at Mahon Hall. Story—Page 8.

Photo by Larry Scarfe.

Farmers' Market meeting October 20

Stop the arguments or lose the Farmers' Market, is the message Glenn Woodley gave Salt Spring Islanders this week.

Woodley, chairman of the island's Parks and Recreation Commission, issued the message at a special meeting of that group Tuesday. The commissioners had gathered to agree on an action plan for the Farmers' Market in Centennial Park.

They decided to hold a public meeting October 20 in an attempt to find a compromise between the two sides of the dispute.

And compromise is the only way to get the provincial government out of the dispute, said Woodley.

The commission had received a letter from the ministry of lands, parks and housing at the beginning of September. The letter gave notice that the commission had 90 days to stop commercial activity in the park or risk losing the lease for the

issued the warning to stop commercial activity when people phoned to talk about the market, he said.

He said the commission considers the Farmers' Market to be a recreational effort of islanders and if

Maxwell fencing project scaled down by branch

Fencing project in the Mount Maxwell ecological reserve is to proceed but on a smaller scale than originally planned.

Biologists from the ecological reserves branch conducted a field survey on the mountain several weeks ago to select a suitable site to fence.

The area to be enclosed has been scaled down to about 15 hectares (37 acres), about one-quarter of the size

the arguments about the market stop, there may be a chance to save the Saturday morning event.

The outcome of the public meeting will determine the course of action regarding the market and the park, he said.

oak meadow habitat in B.C. is on Mount Maxwell, according to the ecological reserves branch. It is feared that the sheep may contribute to the eventual extinction of this species of oak.

Youth volunteers from Katimavik will provide the labour for the fencing project, under the supervision of members of the Trail and Nature Club.

Much of the material for the project is already on the island.

"At no time did we (the commission) want to stop the market," he said at the meeting, "or take this thing beyond the island."

The officials of the ministry had

Purpose of the fence is to protect stands of Garry oak from wild sheep, which eat the young shoots of the trees in the spring.

The last natural coastal Garry

information or would like to assist with the fencing is urged to contact reserve warden Simon Henson or Katimavik co-ordinator Tim Collins.

Travellers force way aboard ferry Monday

At least one person was injured when 10 people forced their way aboard the fully-loaded *Queen of Tsawwassen* at Village Bay on Mayne Island Monday.

The people were foot passengers from Mayne bound for the mainland. They had been told that there was no space for them on the boat and were not sold tickets for the sailing.

The *Tsawwassen* arrived at Village Bay with space for 69 passengers and according to the schedule, Saturna travellers had priority in boarding. When the Saturna traffic was loaded, the ferry had reached its load limit of 989 passengers.

The Mayne foot passengers decided to force their way aboard and at least 10 people ran to the vessel and jumped aboard. The ramp had been raised by this time and an unidentified man twisted his ankle when he jumped from the raised ramp to the car deck of the ferry.

When the ferry crew got things sorted out, the boat left Mayne for

the Village Bay terminal were told that no room was available to them. The travellers had been told they could either catch the *Mayne Queen* for Swartz Bay and transfer to a mainland ferry or wait at the Mayne terminal for the next sailing of the *Tsawwassen* at 8:15 pm.

Tennis court to go ahead

In a surprise move Wednesday afternoon the Capital Regional Board approved a lease to permit construction of a tennis court at Fulford Harbour.

The board rejected a recommendation from the local works and services committee and regional director Yvette Valcourt that the lease not be signed. The lease will be between the regional district and the

Delta police. The injured man was taken to Delta Hospital by ambulance for treatment. No charges were laid in the incident.

A ferry official said the people at

Valcourt's objection to the lease was based on the grounds that the region could be rendered liable in the event of an air crash on the adjacent landing field.

Letters ask for haste in pursuing sewer study

Sudden flood of letters regarding the Ganges sewer came to the Capital Regional Board last week.

Collin Rollins of Vancouver urged that properties whose ground is receptive to percolation should be permitted to expand without awaiting a sewer project for all the community. He cited the K&R property north of the Valcourt Centre. He referred to engineering tests on property in the same area of Ganges.

The tests revealed a capacity for percolation accommodating 10 apartments. He visualized further study to allow for 18 apartments and a restaurant, without awaiting a community sewer. The letter was supported by a letter from Alan Cunningham urging study of alternatives to make use of the ground disposal of sewage.

Regional health officer Dr. A.S. Arneil wrote to report that he had received no reply from Stephen McMinn who is carrying out engineering studies in the Ganges

area for Underwood McLellan Ltd. The doctor did not know whether his points had been considered.

"I will continue to be as co-operative as possible," wrote the health officer.

AT WETTEST TIME

He urged that the study be done at the wettest time of the year and should include a sufficient number of properties as to be "unequivocally conclusive". He added that when a dye test was carried out in the Ten Mile Point area of Saanich it included 100% of properties affected.

He also asked that serious consideration be given to dye testing and that information obtained in the study be compatible with information needed for approval of such lots at a later date.

Lady Minto Hospital urged the completion of the present study in order to find an answer and avoid the need to pump out the septic tanks, a procedure adopted two years ago.

Santy Fuoco, chairman of the Gulf Islands Pioneer Village Society, explained that the disposal system at the Pioneer Village has reached the end of its likely efficiency and an alternative is urgent.

Paul Layard, president of Greenwoods, explained that until the sewage disposal scheme is in effect no long-term solution is possible for the institution.

Gulf Islands School Board urged the region to complete the present study in order to allow the board to carry out its responsibilities.

LOGICAL STEP

Islands Trust chairman Mike Humphries suggested that the completion of the study was a logical step and Michael Hayes, of the Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association, saw the completion of the study as the solution to a seemingly endless dilemma.

Ganges Citizens' Committee,

carrying out the study of Ganges, also urged in a letter signed by Arvid Chalmers that the \$57,000 study be approved and that the original funds be released in order that the engineering survey might be continued.

Sewer Alternatives Committee, over the signature of Sharon McCollough, urged that the sum of \$57,000 seemed reasonable in light

of the probable benefits.

Eric Simonds commented that the letters all indicated the need for a collection system for Ganges. Directors were generally agreed that a system is needed and await the result of studies before deciding the procedure.

The additional \$57,000 will be allocated to the study at regional expense.

Lamb well-received

A columnist for *Vancouver Magazine* wrote recently that Salt Spring lamb was stringy, but that opinion was not shared by at least 10 delegates to a conference held in Vancouver last week.

The delegates, who were attending the conference of the International Wine and Food Society, stayed at the home of Elizabeth Lane of Vancouver, daughter of Betty Greer of Salt Spring Island. And because of her ties with the island, Lane served her

guests with a leg of Salt Spring lamb.

Their verdict? It was fabulous, *Driftwood* learned from Mavis Beattie, who works at Matt's Meats in Ganges, supplier of the well-received island product.

Mavis Beattie's husband Lin happens to be a cousin of Elizabeth Lane.

There was another highlight to the meal served at the Lane home. The lamb was served with three types of vintage Italian red wine.

Bennett gets standing ovation from community paper publishers

When Premier Bill Bennett came to the annual dinner of the British Columbia and Yukon Community Newspapers Association two weeks ago, he was given a standing ovation by publishers.

The premier was the guest speaker in the River Inn at Richmond. He expanded on the present government program of restraint and sounded an invitation to Art Kube of the B.C. Federation of Labour to meet him in Victoria to discuss differences.

He referred to the recession that has struck swiftly at every part of the industrialized world.

"No one has been immune and all have felt its impact."

Newsmen coming from the communities of B. C., who live and work with small business and probably live next door to somebody who works in the forest industry and has lost his job or whose small business has had difficulty, are probably more aware of the effects of the recession, suggested Bennett.

"Your editorials are not written from ivory towers, insulated from the public; they are not developed in the corridors of the legislature, where every day you may watch politicians but you are not seeing the real problems of the people of the community. You live and work among people who have been hurt very badly. You know as well as I do that the solutions are not going to be magic and they're not going to be easy."

He referred to the purpose of the restraint program. It has been brought in by necessity.

"A necessity that should be clear to everyone who has felt the effects of the recession." The program was not brought in to punish those who work in the public service, he assured his audience, nor to penalize teachers.

The premier spoke of the unemployment in industry; of the one-third of the forest industry not working and the one-quarter of the work force in other resource industries out of work and the thousands in service and manufacturing industries who have no work.

"Nobody marched for them when they were laid off. Nobody created confrontation for them."

The government, he said, is asking no more of the public service than has been experienced by those

workers.

"We are not asking them to face layoffs any different than those who have worked in the forest industry, the mining industry or stores. We are asking them to face the recession as every other Canadian is doing."

In 1950 the cost of government was 20% of the gross national product; today it is 50%. "We have had government by ChargeX and it's time to tell governments to give back the ChargeX card and practise the type of restraint that you have been practising in your homes since this recession began."

His statement was greeted by loud applause and whistles.

"The government budget is an extension of the family budget," stated the premier. "If you're making \$18,000 you can't continue to spend \$25,000. The government must practise the same type of restraint."

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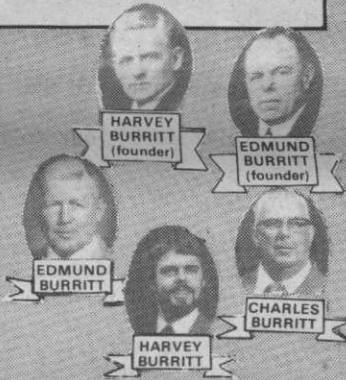
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It was Thanksgiving and we had to be thankful. But thanks tend to be selfish and what was there to be thankful for? I might be thankful for a happy marriage. But why be thankful because everyone else is egging me on? I'm always thankful for that. I could be thankful for three children. But only once a year? I might be thankful for the small granddaughter asleep on my knee. But she has six other grandchildren to play with and once a year would be an understatement. I could be thankful for good health, but health is a precarious business and if I'm only going to be thankful once a year, I might forget what I was thankful for by the next time Thanksgiving rolls by. Thankful for a happy home life? Of course! But once again, not just once a year. It might be better to be thankful for the awareness of those things for which I might be thankful. I might be thankful for the 65 years into which I have crammed a lifetime of experience. But when it comes down to gratitude I guess I'm thankful for the sense of contentment that lives with me when my family is around me and my friends are evident. I am thankful for a life and a lifetime. Finally, I must be thankful for each day as it dawns. Some days I'm equally thankful it's over, but more often I am thankful for the joy and the pleasure and the contentment that it brings to living. I have lived a full and a happy life with a laughing, happy family. I'm thankful for that!

Let's have that turkey!

It was Thanksgiving and I bought a turkey to feed the 4,999. The turkey was frozen and it was getting to me. Seeing my predicament the store clerk called over, "Let's have that turkey over here." Immediately, she realized the meaning of what she said and she bubbled with laughter. To get rid of the offending bird, she asked me whether I would take him in a box or a bag. Why is it a "he", asked the customer behind me. I explained that, despite the inroads of Women's Lib, standing over me most of the time, all the best turkeys are boys. She appeared unconvinced. Perhaps she figures that all the best boys are turkeys?

It's only those

Have you ever noticed that it's only those things that have always seemed so clear and so obvious that you never questioned them that are always challenged by your children?

A disease of fleas

We have a new cat. She has been around since she was a pup, but she is now taking over. But she doesn't travel alone. She spreads her favours. First to grab are her own flock of fleas. The humble flea has always been identified with careless hygiene. A man can walk into the drugstore and ask for a soothing lotion for a wasp sting and lose no status. He asks for something for fleabites and everyone in the store looks around to examine this repulsive fellow with a verminous infestation. But now we don't have to feel embarrassed. We cheerfully explain it's not for us, it's for the cat. And if the cat wants to blush for shame, she's up against it. Ever see a black cat blush?

It's me or the ants

Earlier in the year it wasn't fleas, it was ants. We were being eaten to death by carpenter ants. Visitors would lie awake in the night listening to the steady chomping of anty teeth. So we got it fixed. The pest patrol came in and fixed everything. For hours they prodded and sprayed until there wasn't a hope of survival for any ant within the structure of the building. We had to be out of the house while the work went on and we could not return for about half a day. The treatment was liable to have us stop chomping our jaws as well as the ants. I was happy to lose those passengers, but I was reminded of their demise under the influence of a deadly insecticide as I worked on nailing a pipe to the walls last weekend. Every hammer blow brought a jet of insecticide powder into my face until my windbreaker was white with it. It's good I wasn't pregnant. The only question in my mind is how long I shall live. On the other hand, I've been kind of curious about that question for better than a half-century. Maybe I'll just wait and see. If I don't survive I'll let you know.

I wasn't in their places!

Salt Spring Library had a copy of the Michelin Guide when I went in the other day. I hadn't seen it for a long time and because it was less than a buck I bought it. I had visions of thumbing through it and re-living my military service and our long journey from the Marne to the Channel and the sea to the south. And when I looked through it I realized just how important was my military service. They don't even bother to list the places I went to. They aren't important enough. And I had it figured that I won that war!

To and from the Journal

Seems to me they miss a bet on the CBC TV show *The Journal*. It could feature Barbara From and Keith Toal.

What is the odds?

There he was in his new Oldsmobile and I wondered to myself what was with him. After all the only difference between us was he drives a new Oldsmobile and I drive an old newsmobile.

Seven seats to be sought in islands

Civic elections are looming. On November 19 the voters of the islands will go to the polls to elect two regional directors and five school trustees.

Two regional directors reach the end of their terms this year, Yvette Valcourt on Salt Spring Island and Vern Roddick, of South Pender, for the Outer Islands.

On two islands there will be a vote for school trustee.

Saturna Island's Elizabeth Bray has completed her two-year term and on Salt Spring Island three trustees are facing the end of their terms of office, with a fourth resigning his seat.

Completing their term are Charles Hingston, chairman; Ron

McQuiggan and Jack Althouse. In addition, the seat held by Charles Baltzer will also fall vacant upon his resignation effective November 30. This will bring about an election for a trustee to serve one year only to complete the unexpired portion of Baltzer's term.

WATER RESERVOIR

A referendum will be presented to the electors of the Highlands Water District on Salt Spring Island, asking for approval of the expenditure of \$97,000 to construct a new water reservoir.

Last week the voters' lists closed but there is still a method of voting available to bona fide voters whose names have been omitted.

Returning officer for the Gulf Islands School District and the Capital Regional District will be Jean Vodden.

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Sheep are victims of fire

When fire destroyed the sheep shelter, the sheep were killed.

Volunteers of the Salt Spring fire brigade answered a call to a fire on the Southey Point property of Dr. Jerry Nestman. The fire burned a shelter for Nestman's sheep and several of the animals were burned as well.

No estimate of damage was given.

Oregon to play in Victoria

A blend of jazz, classical and pan-cultural folk music will be offered by the group Oregon in a concert Sunday in Victoria.

Sponsor of the concert, the Victoria Jazz Society, describes Oregon's music as "composed, quiet and gentle, yet sparkling with displays of instrumental virtuosity and improvisational genius..."

The society has brought Oregon to Victoria before and the group has also played several sold-out engagements at Harpo's.

Sunday's concert begins at 8 pm in the University of Victoria University Centre Auditorium.

Tickets, at \$11.50 and \$9.50, are available at the MacPherson Box Office, Richard's Records, Sweet Thunder Records, University Centre Box Office, SUB General Office and Hillside Mall, all in Victoria.

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Time the circus closed

The Social Credit government is right. Every member of the government party in the provincial legislature knows full well that the policy of restraint is right and proper at this time of economic chaos.

And the New Democrats are right. As every New Democrat member well knows, it cannot and must not be!

All members, being right, will never give in. Each member, living with the conviction of being unassailably right, is content to take part in the confrontation that may even go down in history.

Not so the common people. There are people in the province who dare to challenge the importance of legislation which stamps out all other debates. There are the hardy who have looked in vain for debate of any kind and would gladly abandon restraint in exchange for some degree of restraint on the part of their elected representatives.

There are also people who see the present impasse in the provincial legislature as a fight to protect government employees from the ravages of a flagging economy. They would happily leave the union and its supporters to pursue the vendetta outside the walls of the legislature.

All these groups cannot be right. But two of them may well be wrong. The picture of the present session of the provincial legislature is blurred and out of focus. The thrills of the circus are lost to those outside the tent. While the acts of daring and comedy are played out in the ring the rest of the world is somewhat bored by the reports of great splendour, magnificent oratory and knightly, nightly challenge.

It is time the circus closed down and the legislature opened up.

System needs a paring knife

It would be unreasonable to look for a higher standard of debate from a lower level of government and to many residents of the Capital Regional District there appears some resemblance between the patterns of confrontation of the provincial and the regional governments.

Two committee chairmen have resigned in recent weeks when they could not reach agreement with their committees. Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier led the way when he resigned his chairmanship of the finance committee.

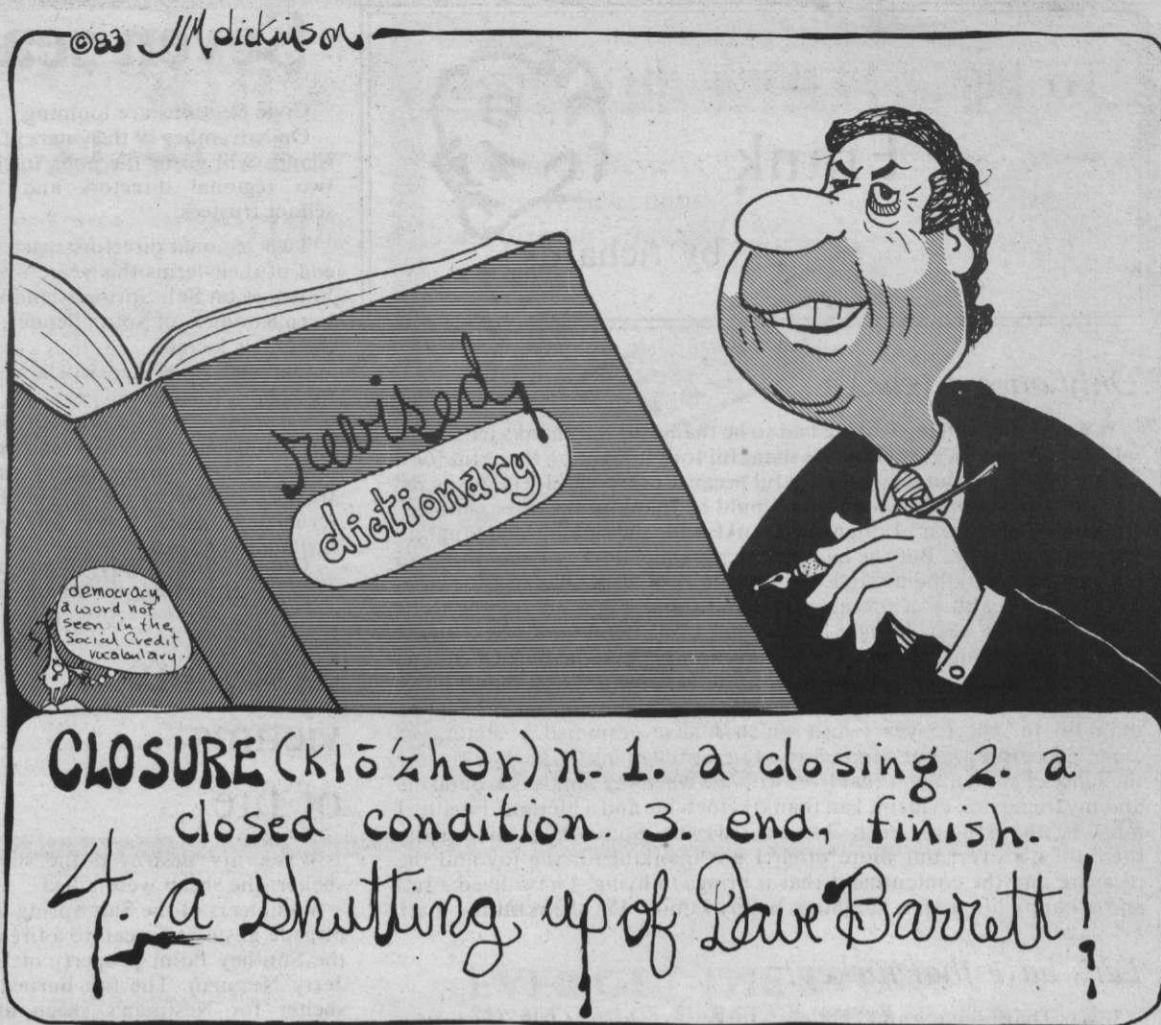
Last week Victoria Mayor Peter Pollen withdrew from the sewage and solid waste committee when the board decided to support the \$57,000 grant for further studies of the famous Ganges sewer.

A staff member reports that during a brief holiday in Britain recently he was informed by every election announcement over there that the large metropolitan governments established many years ago are to be dismantled.

The London county administration, the West Midlands county and the Greater Manchester county government will be split up into smaller administrative areas.

These massive county governments include dozens of towns and cities and serve millions of people. The British government does not feel that the government colossi serve any valuable purpose.

The British Columbia government might do well to take a close look at this measure, so far away. The two might be close parallels and it might be logical to approach the regional system with a critical eye and a paring knife.



Seniors threatened with failure

(An editorial reprinted from *The Buzz*, student newspaper at Gulf Islands Secondary School).

On Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1983, the minister of education announced that Grade 12 students are to write final exams worth 50% of their whole year's mark in academic subjects, and that there is a possibility that Grade 11 students will also have to write.

The purpose of the program, according to the ministry, is to keep Grade 12's meeting provincial standards of achievement, and also to ensure that graduating students all over the province are treated equally when applying for admission to universities. It is also said to be a response to strong public concerns for improved

standards in education.

This new mandate has not been finding favour with either the students or the teachers, and as for strong public concern, none of it has reached my ears. With scholarship exams and applications to write, the grads have enough to worry about without the additional headache these exams present. Is it reasonable to be evaluated on a year's work in a two-hour test worth half your final letter grade?

These tests may be useful to university applicants, but I would find it more logical to have these exams used for this purpose only, the stipulation being that they merely have to be passed in order for a student to graduate.

In talking to students, teachers

and other adults alike, I found that the opinion was that these exams are both unnecessary and unfair. In a study conducted by U.B.C., Dean of Education, after government exams were eliminated in the early 1970's it was found that there had been an increase in correlation between high school and university grades.

This seems to point out to me that students, when they are not stressed and under pressure, can achieve more.

For those who want their feelings on the exams heard, there is a petition being circulated by Alex Hoechsmann. Please sign it if you are interested in your future. If there are any personal comments you would like to make on this issue, just drop them in the buzz box.

—Monik Nordine

Time for lift from 19th century

BY JIM MANLY, MP

Last week Frank Mitchell left an all-night sitting of the B.C. Legislature to join me at our Langford office for a 7 am meeting with 60 EBAP workers. They had taken time on their way to work to express concern about the future of their jobs which are scheduled to expire at the end of September.

For the past several months they have worked near Muir Creek north of Sooke on a forestry project involving thinning, pruning and site restoration. Most of these workers are young and in many cases the EBAP job represented the first real chance they had to do worthwhile work which gave them a sense of pride and accomplishment.

They have developed skills which will help them in any future forestry jobs. Even more significantly, they have developed a sense of confidence in themselves and their own abilities which will help them in everything they do in the future.

For years, foresters have stressed that this kind of intensive forestry was necessary if British Columbia wanted to maintain the strength of its number one industry. The uncertain markets for lumber and pulp in the last few months have obscured the much more basic crisis of timber supply.

This crisis is of long standing. A 1938 study of Vancouver Island land logged between 1921 and 1938 revealed that only 5.4% had been satisfactorily reforested. Although the situation has improved to some extent since that time, the Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters points to "more than 1,000,000 hectares of idle land in the province that requires treatment to return them to a new forest. At the government's present rate of catch-up, it will take more than 50 years to rectify this neglect."

A forest industries advisory committee representing all regions of Canada and all sectors of our forest industry predicts an average annual growth of two to three percent for forest products throughout the world. If we in Canada get our share of this growth, we will be able to develop new employment as well as protect present jobs. But the international market is getting more cost competitive at the very time when we have reached, or exceeded, the limits of wood supply based on natural regeneration.

It would be most foolish to attempt to meet the cost competition by continuing logging methods that destroy the basic resource. We can no longer tolerate

high-ball road building methods that bury prime logs. We must put an end to relaxed standards that allow companies to leave poorer logs rotting in the bush whenever markets are down. We can no longer afford to export round logs to be processed by other workers in other countries. We can no longer let logged-off areas grow up in scrub for several years before they are properly replanted.

Above all, we cannot condemn our young people to unemployment when they have so much to offer. Our society and our economy need the contribution these young workers want to make. Together with my colleagues I will be pushing the government to include a strong forestry component in its Canada Works program.

But we must go beyond this kind of ad hoc arrangement. Our forestry programs have to be developed on a sustained yield basis rather than being left to the vagaries of six-month programs which may or may not be renewed. And our workers need permanent jobs at union rates of pay.

The forest companies must take greater responsibility for adequate forestry practices that will help lift our industry out of the 19th century and into the 21st.

Letters to the Editor

Upgrading museum facilities

Sir,
The committee members of the Bittancourt Heritage House Museum would like to publicly thank the following people for their thoughtful and generous efforts to aid in the operation of the museum this past summer: Wilf Tyler, for construction and installation of heating ducts; John Cottrell, for overhauling and repairing the furnace; Kay and Ernie Booth, for the loan of their Indian artifact collection and the Beddis family heirlooms; Sheila Twa, Doug Henderson, Jean Hogan, Ruby

Alton, Mrs. Pinhorwood, Daisy Gear, Kay and Ernie Booth, Rick Levis, Deny Adelman, Karen Reiss, Claudia Clarke, Donna Martin, Louise Harkema, Nicola Bell, Mary Gilbert, Robyn Smith, Effie Twa, Gay Alkoff, Vija Lucs, Barb Drenen, Jean Dyer, Anne Toynbee, Patty Lawson, Jean Tuominen, Ellen Hazenboom, Pam MacKenzie and Sue Jensen for acting in the capacity of docent, and/or fund raising.

Due to everyone's efforts, the museum was open to the public during the weekends beginning June

25 and ending September 5. On Fall Fair Day, September 17, our doors were open again. In all, 1041 people observed the displays.

During the fall and winter months projects will be undertaken to upgrade the facilities and make the museum more interesting and accessible to the public. As preserving and conserving the heritage of Salt Spring Island is the museum's primary objective, we require an enthusiastic membership in order to achieve this end.

Meetings of the museum committee are held on the first Wednesday of every month in the museum building on Rainbow Road.

**SANDY LUCS,
CAROLE GEAR,
FRANCES EIDE,
RAY STEWART,
CATHY STRINGER.**
September 29, 1983.

First Canadian

Douglas Hepburn of Vancouver won the world heavyweight weight-lifting championship in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1953. He was the first and only Canadian to accomplish the feat.

advancement at other people's expense."

My question is, who is he talking about? If this sinister group is so small why doesn't he name names and let everyone know the crimes they are perpetrating?

If you have something to say, David, why don't you say it? Otherwise we must conclude that these bogeymen only exist in the recesses of your mind.

T. A. TOYNBEE,
Ganges.
October 5, 1983.

Who is he talking about?

Sir,
In a letter to your October 5 edition David Lott chastises *Driftwood* for criticizing the Islands Trust on its handling of Ganges and goes on to commend the Trust actions saying that, "It can and should take issue with individuals who think they are too big for local laws and decisions and wish to repudiate their own signatures."
He goes on to say that "The two local trustees represent the whole island, not any minor pressure group seeking only its own



Bill Webster

Players' new production another form of make-believe

Politics in the Gulf Islands can, if taken too seriously, drive the observer slightly sane.

The rhetoric heats up as ballot day approaches and one way of getting away from the nonsense for the typewriter of this space is to be involved in another form of make-believe.

The Salt Spring Players are in the process of bringing life to a production. The group is performing *The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*. The title is almost as long as the play itself.

The players onstage include three students from the high school. They do quite a job. Dawn Luker, as Nanny, is up to her usual standards and does not blow a line of her dialogue in the entire production.

Another Dawn, Scarfe by name, plays Momma to the hilt.

Standing backstage and watching each performance can alter one's perceptions of what theatre is all about. What the audience sees is but a small part of the entire effort.

The prop lady, Carla Reid, with help from several friends, moves the props discreetly and arranges the set to perfection. That apartment where the four ladies live is tacky.

Up in the light booth, Tony

Desbottes moves switches and dims lights to create atmosphere for the players on stage.

The costume ladies backstage help in no small measure. Julie Berube and Lou Rumsey urge costume changes quickly to match the action elsewhere.

And the rabbit nibbles his part like a trouper.

All this of course is one man's view of the play and comes to you from close involvement in the process of putting the thing together. Director Mike Armstrong has cajoled, urged, shouted and cried to get the actresses to where they are when the curtain opens.

Gary Lundy invented the music to match the action onstage.

"And what," said Louis Bolivar-Finchley, "do you do?"

Well, I make coffee but that's not too taxing. The coffee at *Driftwood* is made courtesy of this corner and it's just a matter of transferring talent from one location to another.

The play itself is deceiving. The drama is heavy but the message is optimism. The girl everyone likes to pick on, Tillie, played by Jennie McClean, is the winner. She comes through when

the others fall lost by the wayside in their own misery.

Which reflects a great deal about life. The other three actresses are but images of each other at different ages of life. The sister, Krista Sadler, is following the mother's example into self-imposed misery.

The third high schooler, Susan Box, drips cloying sweetness as that student whom everyone loves to hate.

The marigolds serve to focus the point of the play. The girl's involvement with them gives her an out from the misery of the family. Which works well in life.

To have a goal and to work toward it seems as good a reason for staying around as any. In the play, the ones who have no goal drift aimlessly.

Such is life. This play is but the first of several efforts by the Players this season. And if the other productions meet the standard being set, Salt Spring is in for a winter of enjoyment at the theatre.

Don't miss it. Mayhaps you'll have a chance to savour the coffee.

That's the best part of the show.

Move ahead cautiously

Sir,
On September 8, the Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association presented a position paper to the Ganges Citizens Committee. The presentation attempted to address the basic philosophical background and bias which our Association brought to the debate concerning possible solutions to the sewer dilemma.

The GPOTA executive has asked that this position paper be published for the information of its members and the general public. We would like to thank John Crofton for his efforts on behalf of the Association in preparing and presenting this material.

The Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association was formed late in 1982 once the high costs of the CRD-proposed central sewer system became known.

The grave concern of the members was that this system if imposed would bring about severe financial hardships on the Ganges residents and ratepayers, and possibly the loss of homes for a large number of them.

The Association's prime concern over the solution of the sewerage problem is cost. The only acceptable solution would be one that is affordable as well as being environmentally sound and meeting health standards.

The Association considers that the test of affordability should be based on the general agreement by community residents of a recommended solution through a

Congratulations

Sir,
It is with great pleasure that I read of the recent award given *Driftwood*. I have been privileged to not only read, but observe the dedication and time put forward in covering community functions.

The admiration of your peers is understandable. Congratulations.
L.J. KREISSL, Jr.,
R.R.1 Ganges,
October 8, 1983.

referendum.
At the present time the concept of a Wastewater Management District appears to be the most affordable and acceptable solution. However, the area to be covered by such a District will have to be clearly defined, as well as the financial responsibilities.

The Association sees that the ultimate objective of the Citizens Committee should be to bring about viability of the Ganges community.

Viability means to us controlled growth and the elimination of the dangers of stagnation.

Should the Wastewater Management option be the one adopted, viability should be realized as far as residential properties are concerned through the upgrading and improvement of existing septic systems and ensuring that new ones meet established standards.

We consider that going with viability, some development will be inevitable. However, as a basic principle, we question whether individual property owners and tenants should be tied financially to the development ambitions of others.

We are also concerned about big development taking over as the population in the Ganges core area builds up. Such development could severely affect our quality of life and present business activities. Once development potential becomes big, the big people will surely move in and force the little guys out. We should be guided in our deliberations by these factors. We should also be determined that no decisions are made based on expediency.

In conclusion, we urge that the Citizens Committee move ahead cautiously with the aim being to find an affordable sewage disposal system that will permit our community to grow in an attractive, healthy manner.

MICHAEL HAYES,
President,
Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association.
October 1, 1983.

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More Letters to the Editor

Beef up regulations

Sir,
What you can do with concrete retaining walls is build a septic tank system that will work.

I would like to see the septic tank regulations beefed up to include retaining walls where land slopes towards the government road, towards a body of water or a watercourse, or towards a neighbour's property. Also, a closer look should be required on rocky sites and where fill material has been hauled in. Flooding of the drainage field can be prevented by curtain drains most times.

Sometimes suitable fill material has to be hauled in to raise the ground so it won't flood. Again, retaining walls are the best way to prevent channelling out in tile fields where fill has been recently placed and has not properly compacted. Channelling out is where the effluent, instead of being absorbed throughout the rows of pipe into the

surrounding soil, escapes to the surface where it causes pollution. It may run out into a lake or stream or onto the seashore.

Septic tanks will work every time when properly installed.

The health department I feel is the one most to blame for problems of malfunctioning septic tanks not being corrected. Fifteen years ago they could have attacked the problem of malfunctioning septic tanks. One official from the Health department came to a meeting at Ganges. He promised to check up on every septic tank in Ganges but he didn't follow through. He could have started with his own office building that had a pipe going under the road and running out to the log dump.

The Health department and the Islands Trust could work together. They could formulate a plan to inspect every septic tank system on the Island and recommend repairs

to the ones that needed it and a reasonable time for each.

I believe that most people would co-operate cause most everybody wants to see the problem solved. It is better to expect that there will be co-operation from people than to seek ways of punishing people for non-compliance. This only causes anger and defiance. Give people time and treat them fairly. You property owners, it's your responsibility individually and collectively.

Even the ones that need fixing, it wouldn't be all that expensive and property values would be improved in every case.

Why waste time and money on studies when it's obvious what needs to be done. The ones that really know the answers are the owners and operators of equipment. They are solving these problems every day.

GEOFF HOWLAND,
Ganges.
October 1983.

No hostility encountered

Sir,
I should like to make a short comment to recent criticism directed at our Islands Trust representatives.

Through past association I know that Nick Gilbert has contributed an extraordinary amount of hard and thoughtful work to the community. I have worked with Bev Unger for several years at the Parks and Recreation Commission, and—while not always agreeing with her—learned to respect and appreciate her dedication and concern.

At no time did I encounter, then or now, the slightest intimation of hostility towards the Ganges business community to which I belong.

In my opinion, O'Hara's Fish Stand is an attractive, colourful and welcome addition to the downtown market scene, and I can only hope that all permit-hurdles will be cleared as quickly and fairly as possible.

If we don't like some Rules and Regulations let's attack them, not the people we elected for the express purpose of upholding them.

EDITH SACKER,
Box 959,
Ganges.
October 6, 1983.

Cheap journalistic tactics

Sir,
Once again the CRD elections are approaching as evidenced by the cheap journalistic tactics of Frank and Tony Richards and star reporter Webster. To attempt to blame Valcourt for the farmers' market problem is absolutely scurrilous.

The blame for the problem lies directly on the shoulders of H. Borsman and sidekick Woodley (Parks Commission chairman).

They decided that change was necessary as evidenced by the fact Parks and Recreation dropped the 1981 referendum question, "Do you wish the market to be left alone?"

from the list of choices.

Asked why, Woodley clearly stated, "Our (Parks and Recreation Commission's) purpose was to make changes, not to leave things alone." Borsman has clearly spearheaded the attack on the farmers' market by his speech and actions, and has stirred the government with his constant complaining and lobbying.

If the death knell of the market is sounding, all the doctoring of

Driftwood won't hide the real bellringer.
NOEL FOWLES,
R.R. 3, Ganges.
October, 1983.

Insulting comment

Sir,
It had been my firm resolve to remain an observer rather than a participant in local politics, but Mary C. Williamson's letter to the editor in the October 5 issue of *Driftwood* has compelled me to object to her rude and grossly incorrect statement, "Dr. Borsman is on the side of Dr. Borsman." I find it remarkable, indeed, that someone who is completely unknown to myself and my husband, can express herself so boldly and confidently about his motives.

In view of this provocation, it would perhaps not be considered out of place if I take the opportunity to point out that wherever my husband has lived, he has made a very notable contribution to the community, serving on endless boards and committees, all of which were designed to benefit others, and none providing remuneration in any form. Mrs. Williamson, before making such an authoritative statement, could at least have informed herself about some of his

contributions here on Salt Spring Island.

Did she ask members of the Hospital Board, or doctors, or nurses, about his contributions to the hospital and the medical community? Did she ask past and present members of the Recreation Commission about his work in that area? Did she ask members of the Concert Society about his efforts on the cultural scene?

I was very apprehensive about my husband's nomination for regional director, having been warned that to enter this election was a certain invitation to character assassination; others, who had been approached as possible candidates, had rejected the suggestion for this very reason. Our fears in this regard have not been groundless, and Mrs. Williamson's statement is one example.

Does it not reflect adversely on the state of our community, when otherwise admirable candidates are dissuaded from seeking public office because of the vilification to which they almost certainly will be subjected?

I hope that Mrs. Williamson's frequent and verbose epistles are based on more fact than she displayed in the letter referred to here. In this particular instance, her insulting comment demeans both herself and the candidate she is attempting to promote.

RUTH SYDOW BORSMAN,
R.R. 1, Ganges.
October 10, 1983.

Dismayed by unfair attack

Sir,
As a colleague and close friend for many years of Dr. Hugh Borsman, I was dismayed by the unfair attack on him in your letters section of October 5.

I first knew him in 1949 to be a medical graduate with an excellent war record, and as Athletics Director of McGill University. Since then I have followed his career as a surgical specialist and Chief of Gynaecology and Obstetrics at both Victoria's major hospitals.

Projects he started as president of the Victoria Kiwanis Club still benefit the unfortunate. His work for the C.R.D., the Parks Commission and Lady Minto Hospital since he moved to Salt Spring is well known.

Dr. Borsman has served his profession, his country and his community well.

J.L. HEFFERNAN, M.D.
238 Maliview,
Ganges
October 9, 1983

Two powerful aspects

Sir,
The farmer's market controversy is yet another example of the penchant of some of us to demean and to de-humanize our quality of life in favour of empty principles and short-term profits.

We shall all be poorer, merchants and all, for the loss of a very personal involvement and contribution to the social charm of our community. The adult version of the magic of every kid's roadside lemonade stand will be replaced with a painfully bitter sense of loss as yet another dream of life is buried in the ashes of regulations.

Yet it will not be so for there are two powerful aspects to this situation and these will carry the day, if not today, then tomorrow.

The first one is that the market provides a small incentive for a vital, local self-sufficient alternative to the

untenable and unsound commercial agro-system. This will actually come about through forceful necessity.

The second one is that there is a broad, vital shift of focus of our society away from the impersonally demeaning and destructive, towards an intensely personal, constructive and meaningful way of life.

We have finally come to realize that living and dying is a very, very personal business, which has our total commitment and determination to let nothing in the way which would deny us our birthright to a richly meaningful way of life.

This more than anything is our strength, our promise and our future and we will make it so.

PETER H. WEIS,
R.R. 1, Fulford Harbour
October 7, 1983.

Time to give thanks to God

Sir,
"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" This call for gratitude and thanksgiving running as a refrain through Psalm 107 reminds us that all good comes from God, who is divine Love itself.

We are grateful for the good experienced from day to day all through the year, but now, at this special time set aside as an annual thanksgiving, we are reminded to consciously pause and give thanks to God for our many blessings.

As our hearts lift in joy and gratitude we want to keep this feeling with us all year—and we can.

Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, says in her book, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, "Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech."

We can find many ways of expressing our thanks to God by being a better person, being generous, joyous, loving, compassionate and understanding to those around us and, as we express these qualities—giving of our heart's rich overflow as a loved hymn says—we will find these qualities not only enriching our lives but being returned to us in multiple ways, as promised by Jesus (Luke 6:38). "For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

You may say "what have we to be grateful for? The world is facing so many challenges—economically, morally, politically." I can tell you what I am grateful for—looking with faith at the "substance of things

not seen" I am grateful for life and love; for courage to welcome each new day; for strength to fulfill the demands of each day.

I'm grateful for thoughtful friends; for helpfulness and consideration shown me by store clerks and others working to serve the community in necessary ways; I'm grateful for the great upswelling feeling of joy as I contemplate God's goodness and recognize evidence of His supply as we tuck away the harvest bounty for the coming winter.

And above all these blessings I'm grateful for God's love and care, for the guidance He provides when sought. This is the gratitude we feel deep in our hearts and which we can never lose.

Thank God for His great goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

JEANIE H. RYLEY,
for Christian Scientists of Ganges.
October, 1983.

Jobs must be saved

Sir,
At a recent emergency meeting of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 788, it was voted by the members to support the Solidarity Coalition in opposing the Bennett Government's proposed legislation.

Although we are only a small local, we must stand united with the rest of the CUPE locals in British Columbia in order to save as many jobs as possible.

We bring to your attention as parents/taxpayers of the conditions that could arise in the care of the schools especially in the areas of preventative maintenance. Grounds need to be kept up, buildings need to be maintained, custodial staff need to have enough equipment/supplies to keep the schools clean and sanitary for the use by children, not to mention the number of activities that are added on to their load by the Night School, Community and other groups.

There is a possibility of cutbacks in secretarial, library and resource centre staff, to name but a few.

If you, as parents/taxpayers, are concerned about the condition, maintenance and staffing of your schools and the supervision of your children in a healthy, clean atmosphere, please write to your MLA, Hugh Curtis, c/o Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. and express your concerns.

DON GILMAN, LINDA WOODLEY and DOROTHY KYLE,
Executive of CUPE Local 788,
Ganges.
October 3, 1983.

Market is delightful

Sir,
One of the delightful attractions of Ganges is the Saturday market. Throughout Europe and in many towns of North America one encounters these colourful mini-fairs and they are always popular both with the locals and tourists alike.

It would seem that the "powers that be" are determined to erase from Ganges any semblance of character. The attractive little fish market is another example of the type of activity that make a town interesting and give it character.

"It must go!" say the Gods.
All that they can think of is

legality.
We need people with imagination not computer minds.
ALLAN W. EDWARDS,
Box 1438, Ganges.
October 5, 1983.



Driftwood photo by Frank Richards

Ben and Carole Martens, left, are shown jewellery by Bert Timbers

Jewellery show by former islanders

There was a brilliant display of many thousands of dollars worth of jewellery when Bert and Ellen Timbers came back to Salt Spring Island for the weekend.

The former islanders set up an exhibition of their jewellery at Marsim Craft and Gift Shop in Ganges over the holiday weekend.

Not since Ellen Timbers had her own store at the foot of Ganges Hill had there been such a display. In the days when the Timbers' work was centred on the island, it was mainly Ellen who was responsible. She has found help.

Bert Timbers has found a new

interest. He works in semi-precious stones and jewels with silver and gold and creates his own designs and settings for the stones which they both produce.

During the exhibition at Marsim, Timbers spent hours explaining to old friends, and new, how the jewellery is made and the demands of the various stones.

His specialty, said Ellen, is opals and to prove her right, Bert carries a brief case of his own work, including a case of opals.

The ancients once believed that

an opal wrapped in a bay leaf would render the possessor invisible. But all the Timbers were talking about was making the opal very visible with all its variations of colour and light.

In addition to showcases of earrings, bracelets and rings, the couple brought a book of photographs depicting the various designs they have produced. The idea of the book is not merely as a sales guide, explained Ellen. It establishes a record for use in the case of loss or theft. The pictures clearly identify any missing piece.

Entertained by David and Lynn Mathews, the Timbers enjoyed a reunion with many old island friends during the show.

Press put him to sleep

Graveyard shift at Goldstream Press in Sooke took a nap last week and the result was a misplaced photograph in the October 5 issue of *Driftwood*.

Plant manager Al Magee, who works late hours to ensure that *Driftwood* readers get their paper early Wednesday, let the sound of the press lull him to sleep last

Tuesday night when he should have been paying closer attention to the front-page picture.

The *Eager* reader pictured was not 1½-year-old Rupert Oldroyd, but his four-year-old brother Matthew. Photo of Rupert appeared on Page 8, where Matthew was supposed to have been.

Interest will be considered

When Gulf Islands school trustees asked recently about using the hovermarine service for student transportation, they received a polite thank-you-for-your-interest from B.C. Ferries.

Students are taken to and from school by conventional water taxi, but trustees thought the hovermarine, with its speed, would be ideal to move the students quickly.

A letter from Stuart Hodgson, chairman of B.C. Ferries, has splashed water on the idea for the time being.

Hodgson noted that the

hovermarine service was "only an experiment." The ferry company had no commitment to a permanent hovermarine service at least until all aspects of the trial runs are looked at.

The ferry corporation, he said, acted as agent for the test which means any decision to resume the service is up to the provincial government.

The letter concluded: "I appreciate your board's interest in this service, and that will be taken into account in any determination the corporation may take."

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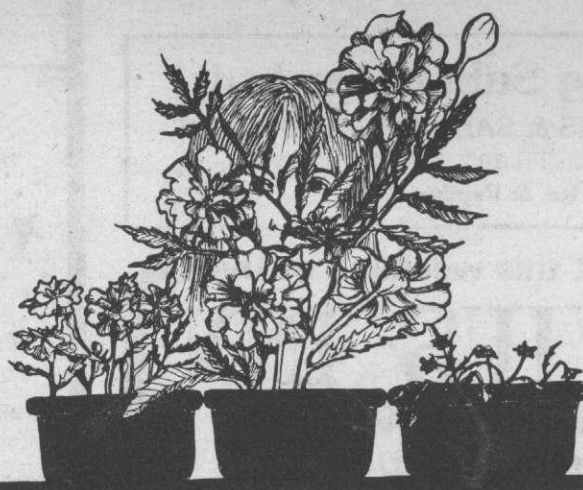
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Players surpass all expectations with *Marigolds*

Contributed
BY CATHERINE FAULKNER
 A wide variety of talents have come together again, and again the Salt Spring Players have surpassed all expectations — except those of visionary-director Michael Armstrong who knew all along that they could do it! Those talents are being seen in *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds*.

"Beatrice" is not a lovable character, yet Dawny Scarfe evokes every bit of sympathy that the character allows, and more. Her daughters, played winsomely by Jenny McClean and Krista Sadler,

are in turn enchanting and exasperating, in the manner of all teenagers.

Jenny cares so desperately about her science experiment with the Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds, that the audience cares about it too. Her rival, played by Susan Box, manages in a short appearance to convince us she is quite capable of the unthinkable experiment she has carried to a triumphant conclusion.

Krista Sadler has perhaps the more difficult role, and she carries it off superbly. She has no irritating mannerisms and she rises above her character's difficulties with aplomb.

Dawn Luker's portrayal of the old lady is, of course, masterful, and one could only wish she had been given some lines, for the treat of hearing the voice which would match her appearance.

it and Carla Reid, Diane Corkum and Bonnie Kreye furnished it so that it looks as lived-in as one could wish. Costumes, hair, make-up, lighting and props, all are perfectly chosen, placed and used.

It is a good play, extremely well acted and presented, and we hope the audiences for the remaining performances will be as responsive and appreciative as those at the opening nights.

Volkswagen sought by police

The Harley hit the ditch and the Volkswagen cannot be found. Ted Ogden of Salt Spring was riding his 1980 Harley-Davidson motorcycle towards Ganges on Fulford-Ganges Road late Saturday night. He told police that as he approached the Cranberry intersection at the top of Ganges Hill a Volkswagen pulled out of

Cranberry Road in front of him. Ogden swerved to miss the other vehicle and lost control of the motorcycle on the loose gravel of the highway shoulder. The bike ended up in the ditch and the Volkswagen drove away. Ogden received bruises to his leg and foot. Police are looking for the other vehicle.

Two get dunking in lake

Two men were dunked when their aluminum boat overturned on St. Mary Lake Saturday. Terry Chenier of Ganges and Chuck Faye of Victoria were pulled

from the lake by a resident of the area and driven home soaking wet by police. The boat tipped over when one of the men attempted to start the engine. He had stood up to give a good pull on the starter cord and the boat flipped over.

Damage totals \$550

The driver didn't see the other vehicle until it was hit. Alan Wikens was backing his 1978 Ford out of a parking spot at the Long Harbour ferry terminal on Monday but his view was obstructed by an illegally parked vehicle. As he backed into the traffic, his car scraped the side of a 1980 Oldsmobile being driven by Phillip Cook. There were no injuries in the accident and total damage to both vehicles came to \$550.

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Advisory design panel.

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When Ganges is a beautiful seaside shopping centre to draw residents and tourists, then the advisory design panel of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee will have served its main purpose, says its chairman, Jonathan Yardley.

The design panel was established to make Ganges a pleasing and attractive community by all aesthetic standards.

Uniformity? No, says Yardley. Standardization of design? No, says Yardley.

He is not looking for a Bavarian village or anything that Salt Spring Island is not. He is eager to ensure that new structures and new projects all contribute to making the community a place worth viewing.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

The advisory design panel is a new concept to the island. What does it do?

Yardley was eager to tell *Driftwood* last week just what the panel aims to accomplish and something of the problems facing its members; all five of them.

The panel is formed of the five, who elect their own chairman on a yearly basis. Unpaid and without thanks, the panel is called on to advise the Trust committee on the

design merits of all plans submitted in support of rezoning applications to plans submitted in respect of development permit applications.

What the panel does not examine is the plan for single or two-family residences or accessory buildings. It is primarily concerned with commercial structures.

MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

The panelists are required to consider and make recommendations with respect to the design, the manner in which a projected change will fit into the environment in terms of the design and finishing materials. The panel also takes a close look at siting and landscaping.

In addition, the design panel looks at parking areas and the preservation of natural amenities, as well as signs and outdoor lighting.

Every applicant for a building permit in the commercial zones of Salt Spring Island is required to take out a development permit. The design panel works with the terms of that permit.

The routine of requiring a development permit at the same time as a building permit ensures that contractors or owners are aware of the call by the Trust committee for a development permit. It does not ensure that every applicant will follow up that requirement. Nor

does it ensure that an owner or tenant of property in a commercial zone is aware of the need for a development permit when it is planned to make changes that do not require a building permit. A new sign or a change in landscaping could come into that category.

UNPAID SERVICES

The design panel consists of five members who earn not a cent from their service. They are headed by Yardley, who is an architect. The aim of the committee is to eliminate red tape and instant recommendations may be made in instances where the applicant is in a hurry to get an answer.

Judgments tend to be objective. Each member sees the proposal through the eyes of his own mind, but there is a conscious effort taken to ensure that the collective subjectivities of members all add up to a more attractive community to the subjective gaze of resident and visitor.

As yet there is no guideline available to builders of new structures in the commercial zones. This is both a good thing and a bad thing.

Too tight a guideline could prove stifling, as well as helping people to see what is sought of them. Yardley is looking for a pattern which learns from past mistakes and leads to future benefit.

MAIN DIRECTION

The main guideline available as yet is the "instruction" sheet offered to every applicant for a development permit.

"It is important," says the legend, "that the maritime village character is enhanced and that development respect its unique setting."

And that is why Yardley is part of the project.

The rest of the procedure to apply for a permit is easy. Just tell the panel everything you are planning to do and provide photographs or sketches to help them follow, with site plan and elevations.

Inside of the structure is of no interest to the panel. Plans relating only to the interior are of little significance to the panelists.

All information on permits is available from the building inspector at the court house in Ganges.

The only unknown factor to many property owners is the development permit.

Established under the Municipal Act, the development permit was introduced to make planning a little

more flexible. Although a permit may not change or vary the permitted uses or densities of land use given in the appropriate bylaw, it can make concessions. It can also require conditions from property owners beyond the specifics already laid down.

WORKS TWO WAYS

The permit works both ways. The council, or Trust committee, can cite the special requirements beyond those within the law. On the other hand, a property owner may ask for a permit exerting restrictions on his own use of the structure.

In general, all work undertaken in a development permit area requires a permit. All changes relating to the appearance of a structure in the commercial zones require a permit. It only applies in the commercial

areas. There have been few problems arising from the measure, *Driftwood* learned this week.

There have been delays and challenges, but the development permit system has proved to be mutually beneficial to both community and applicant, Yardley is satisfied.

And a community awareness of design will bring a more attractive seaside village.

If residents or property owners are uncertain about the need for permits they may call the building inspector, the Capital Regional District building inspections department, or the Islands Trust. Equally, either local trustees on the island will furnish them with the initial details.

Two signs insufficient

Ganges RCMP have given notice to property owners on Salt Spring that "no shooting" and "no hunting" signs don't mean much by themselves.

If a property owner does not want hunters on his property, the sign should read "no trespassing". The

property should have "no trespassing" signs at each entrance as well as at intervals around the lot.

Only with "no trespassing" signs do police have authority to stop hunters from using private property.

Trustees to meet at Mayne

The next meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board is set for

October 19 at Mayne Island. The school board attempts to hold at least one meeting per year on each of the Outer Islands.

The school trustees gather behind closed doors at 10 am to talk about private matters. The doors open and the public is invited to sit in on the talks at 1 pm.

The trustees will issue an invitation to the student council of Gulf Islands Secondary School to send a representative of that group to each school board meeting.

Peace Group to meet

The Galiano Peace Group will hold a public meeting Friday at the Page Drive conference room, beginning at 7:30 pm.

The group hopes to have ready the results of its two-week, door-to-door canvass against the testing of the cruise missile in Canada.

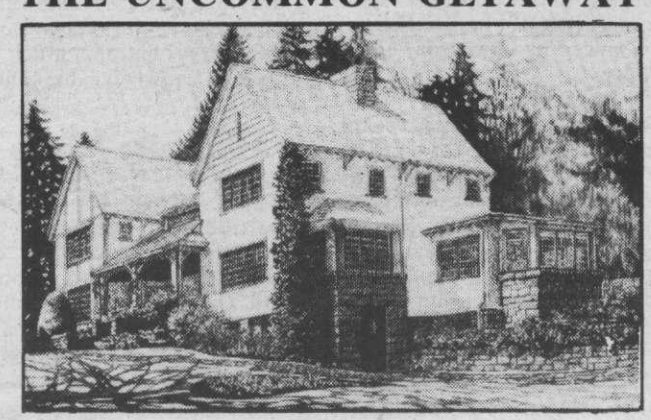
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GALIANO NEWS

Students from Pearson College attend service

BY KATHLYN BENDER

Thanksgiving weekend was celebrated on Galiano in several different ways.

On Saturday morning and afternoon, St. Margaret's Church put on its most splendid dress of red, orange and yellow flowers and vegetables, with the exception of the back of the church which was decorated in purples and greens to echo the colours of the beautiful "Crown of Thorns" memorial window to Rev. Thomas Muir 30 years ago.

Into this kaleidoscope of colour on Sunday morning came the Sunday School scholars led by Shay Foster followed by Marks McAvity, his wife Margaret and daughter Tracy with five students from the International College of the Pacific. The students who came from the Republic of Ireland, Ghana, Guatemala, the Phillipines and Swaziland spoke in turn of the relationship between politics and the church in their own country.

They had each chosen a passage of scripture which gave them a tenet on which to hold a faith for which to give thanks. Two students, Ofuri from Ghana and Mirtha from Guatemala, wore colourful national dress; Ofuri played a Ghanaian flute, Karen from Killarney a guitar and Samketi from Swaziland with Iggy from the Phillipines doubling on drums.

This quartet accompanied the congregation in several lively songs, the words of which were projected on to the church wall. During the offertory Mirtha sang in Spanish. After the service several parishioners were able to meet with these charming and talented visitors over an impromptu Thanksgiving buffet. It is hoped that these friendships can be renewed during a return visit to St. Margaret's.

Chamber Dance

The first formal affair to be put on in the activity centre was organized by the Galiano Chamber of Commerce for Saturday evening. This took the form of a dance to the music of the Pioneer Band playing in the big band style of music from the 30's to the 80's.

This popular 14-piece band is already well known to islanders having played at the last two Fiestas. The Ken Gaylor Gymnasium was transformed by the decorations. Seventeen tables were arranged around the perimeter, each enhanced by a pumpkin filled with flowers.

The basketball nets were disguised as maple trees. There still remained a large space for dancing in the centre of the gym.

Much of the preparation fell on the shoulders of secretary Shirley Coulter because at least two executive members have been off sick. The most part of three days was spent preparing the food and decor for the buffet.

The venture's success had participants from north and south demanding that the event be held quarterly instead of the traditional dinner and dance.

Holmes and Hooley

Two young artists, whose works ideally complement each other, mounted an exhibition at the South Community Hall on Saturday. The walls were alive with the colour of Keith's two-dimensional paintings while the central space was visually dominated by 14 of Ian's abstract sculptures.

On entering the hall one was immediately struck by the quantity and quality of the work on display. Keith Holmes has been on Galiano only six years but has painted steadily and had almost 50 canvases on display Saturday.

For him this was a retrospective show with many works on loan from local collectors. Keith is a very versatile painter; his bread and butter pictures are local landscapes with flowers en masse, a favourite theme. A recent visit to Mexico inspired a group of tropical landscapes.

Still life and portraits are two more styles in which Keith shines. His portraits are strong and full of character. A Finnis portrait glowers with baleful eyes. A self-portrait reminds one of the many classical examples of this genre from Rembrandt to Van Gogh.

A most poignant interior is a view from the rear of the community hall of the late Ken Gaylor conducting a rehearsal of the play *See How They Run* — his last production. This type of realism is a form in which Keith also excels.

Ian Hooley's sculptures are sensuously touchable. Smooth curved surfaces suggest a frozen topological model. Although abstract, each piece has a reality which suggests a title, such as *Through a Looking Glass* — a reference to *Alice in Wonderland* which occurred to more than one person.

Half of Ian's pieces were in alabaster which imparted a translucent quality. Perhaps the most notable was an embryonic shape, which was quickly snapped up for her gallery by the discerning M.C. Von Hausmann.

That this was a successful show from a sales point of view was gratifying, but also important to each artist is the recognition and public approbation, much of it voiced by knowledgeable colleagues in the field.

Nature Notes

Thanksgiving is a time of departure as summer residents spend their last weekend of the season at the cottage and birds fly south. On the first day of fall a pair of loons arrived in the bay still etched in black and white, giving a

brief and faint performance of their lonely cry. By the next day they were gone, further south one presumes. But there are arrivals too.

The first of the diving ducks are back to winter in the bays and channels; scoters with their whistling wings in Trincomali, and today, Sunday, a squadron of 15 mergansers flew overhead in orderly formation.

In Gossip Channel a single murrelet whistled plaintively — where was its partner? Nearby, two grebes were suitably paired. Soon the bays and passes will fill up with that wonderful selection of bird life that the Gulf Island observer is so fortunate to enjoy during the months of winter.

Swap Meet

The outdoor stalls erected by the Corner Store to accommodate the swap meet initiated by the Ambulance Society have been increased in number and the vendors in diversity, so that the event has almost acquired the dimension and style of an open-air market.

Last Saturday the emphasis was on shrubs and plants. Galiano Garden was able to mount a display and sale with ground cover plants conspicuous. Another stall concentrated on indoor plants and on another shrubs and perennials were prominent.

Peter Dunn announces that there will be a repetition of this garden produce market on Saturday. The Ambulance Society has benefitted from supplying refreshments and the used goods stall.

Coming Events

On Sunday the service at St. Margaret's will begin at 10:30 am in order to allow a party of 20 young people, accompanied by their rector from St. Phillips Anglican Church in Victoria, to arrive after travelling from Swartz Bay on the *Mayne Queen*.

In the afternoon there will be a Bible Study Group meeting at 2 pm followed by sports and then a pot-luck supper, all at the new activity centre. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Next Monday the Gulf Islands Historical Society will meet on Saturna at the Community Hall. The ferry leaves Sturdies Bay at 10:30 am, Village Bay 11:05 and arrives at Saturna at 11:55 am.

Lorraine Campbell will talk on

and display her collection of Saturna artifacts. New members are welcome.

This coming Saturday, in addition to the regular monthly

book sale at the South Fire Hall from 2 to 4 pm, there will be another plant sale outside the corner store beginning at 11 am. Please contact Peter Dunn at 2629.

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1st GANGES SCOUT GROUP General meeting Thurs., Oct. 13, 7 pm, Activity Centre. Call 537-2194, 537-9661.

SQUARE DANCING with the Salty Wheels every Friday 8-10 pm, Fulford Hall. Call 537-9394, 537-5005.

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SALT SPRING ISLAND

WORLD DEVELOPMENT Program with focus on Latin America led by David Reid, Gary Sawdon & Kathleen Hubner-Clark. Ganges United Church, Sun., Oct. 16, 7:30 pm. All welcome!

PENDER ISLAND

PHILOSOPHY group meets 8 pm Fri., Oct. 14, B. Brummelkamps.

MON., OCT. 17: LADIES' GUILD St. Peter's church, Anne Mundy's, 2 pm; Legion General Meeting, 8 pm; Legion L.A. 8 pm.

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Anniversary brings out sun

That's what 30 years of marriage does! Bob and Helen Nicholson are smiling broadly as they cut the wedding cake symbolizing their 30th anniversary. The Nicholson home on Park Avenue in Ganges was crowded Sunday when friends and relatives came to greet the couple. The open house was set up

and planned by their daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Tom Butler-Cole. The couple not only entertained scores of visitors, but they enjoyed a bright and sunny day which they shared amicably with Salt Spring Island wasps. Both Bob and Helen Nicholson are members of the staff of Mouat's Trading Co.

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New books listed

Following is a list of new books in the library at Ganges.

FICTION

The Wicked Day by Mary Stewart, *The Seduction of Peter S.* by Lawrence Sanders, *Baraka* by John Ralston Saul, *The Peking Mandate* by Peter Siris, *The Last Supper* by Charles McCarry, *The Red Dove* by Derek Lambert, *Pyrrhus Venture* by R. Dominic and W. Barry, *Beautiful Women, Ugly Scenes* by C.D.B. Bryan, *The Lazarus Effect* by Frank Herbert and Bill Ransom, *Lusts* by Clark Blaise, *A Time for Judas* by Morley Callaghan, *Cuban Passage* by Norman Lewis, *Voice of the Heart* by Barbara Taylor Bradford.

NON-FICTION

On Wings of Eagles by Ken Follett, *Mountains of the Middle Kingdom* by Galen Rowell, *The Klondike Quest* by Pierre Berton, *Overdrive—A Personal Documentary* by William Buckley, *The Gods of Greece* by A. Stassinopoulos and Roloff Beny, *Variations* by Glenn Gould, *Reader's Digest Book of Crafts and Hobbies*, *The Best of Bon Appetit*, *The Island—Natural History of Vancouver Island* by Tim Fitzharris, *A Colder Eye—Modern Irish Writers* by Hugh Kenner, *Out on a Limb* by Shirley MacLaine, *One Hand for Yourself, One for the Ship* by Tristan Jones, *The Mary Rose* by Margaret Rule.

A new shipment of large print books from England has arrived as well.

To hear from other islands

The Ganges Citizens' Committee had time off last week from their task of finding a solution to the sewage disposal problem for the village.

The committee is waiting to hear from Steve McMinn, the Underwood McLellan engineer in charge of the study.

In upcoming meetings the committee will look at two islands which utilize ocean disposal for sewage. The members have invited a representative of the waste disposal

group from Friday Harbour in the San Juan Islands just below the border.

Another look at ocean disposal will come from the Magic Lakes subdivision on Pender Island. The sewage from that subdivision is pumped into Swanson Channel.

The committee, composed of representatives of various groups seeking a solution to the problem, meets each Thursday at 3:15 pm in the nurses' residence behind Lady Minto Hospital.



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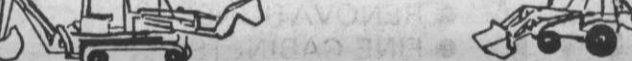
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O'Hara application gets approval from advisory planning commission

A local fishmonger will get protection from the winter weather. When Dennis O'Hara applied for a development permit to put panels around his stall in Mouat's dockside area, he found himself in a different kettle of fish.

The matter of the permit came before the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee recently where it met objections from trustee Bev Unger. The committee sent the matter along to the Advisory Planning Commission for study.

When O'Hara appeared before the APC last week to argue his case, he and Unger had a difference of opinion on the matter.

She described O'Hara's fish stall as an illegal structure. A development permit to install panels could not be granted, she said, because a development permit had not been applied for when the

structure was put up.

The structure in question is a canvas roof supported by pipes.

She also objected because the use of the space had taken away a parking spot for the area.

O'Hara told her that she had her facts wrong.

"I find it offensive to be caught up in this as a political football."

He urged the members of the APC to consider the matter on its merits and not on a strict definition of the law.

Yvette Valcourt, Capital Regional director for Salt Spring, set the matter straight. She noted that the structure had been there since the early 1970's and had been used on more than one occasion for space to barbecue fish and such for different functions.

The bylaw calling for development permits was not put in place

until 1979.

The vote on a motion that the APC had no objection to the application was taken with Unger and Arvid Chalmers voting against it. Chalmers introduced another motion calling for assurances that the structure does not become permanent. It was also approved.

Valcourt urged the Islands Trust staff to look into the matter of mobile sales such as the fish truck used by O'Hara. The bylaws are silent on the matter, she pointed out, and it should be considered while the community plan is being studied.

Considered impossible

In 1867, direct taxation, now the main source of government income, was considered impossible to apply.

New firearms bylaw follows recommendation

The new firearms bylaw given third reading recently by the Capital Regional District covers the proposals made earlier by the Islands Trust.

A previous firearms bylaw proposed by the region called for a restriction on the discharge of firearms in a specified area of Salt Spring Island.

The Islands Trust subsequently discussed hunting and shooting with the provincial wildlife branch and proposed restrictions on firearms in the vicinity of occupied buildings or highways.

Last week the region submitted an amended bylaw embracing the pattern recommended by Trust committee chairman Steve Wright of South Pender.

The bylaw covers all the Gulf

Islands.

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Centennial celebration at Mayne Saturday

Mayne Island residents will celebrate the centennial on Saturday of the first schoolhouse on the island.

William Robson build the island's first school in 1883, but it was replaced in 1894. The replacement schoolhouse will be the scene of some of the events planned for Saturday.

Mayne Island firemen will serve coffee there to teachers and old-timers at 11 am. At 12.30 a luncheon will be served at the new school complex, followed by open house at 2 pm. Various school officials, along with local MP Jim Manly, will

attend.

The oldest guest is expected to be Mrs. Muriel Rourke, 88, who boarded at Village Bay with John and Margaret Deacon in 1904.

The school centenary committee has attempted to contact as many former students and teachers of the school as possible, so that they may attend the event.

Published below are some recollections of attending school at Mayne Island during the 1930's, written by former student Cy Porter. The story was written by Porter for the Mayne Island Fall Fair centennial booklet in 1971.

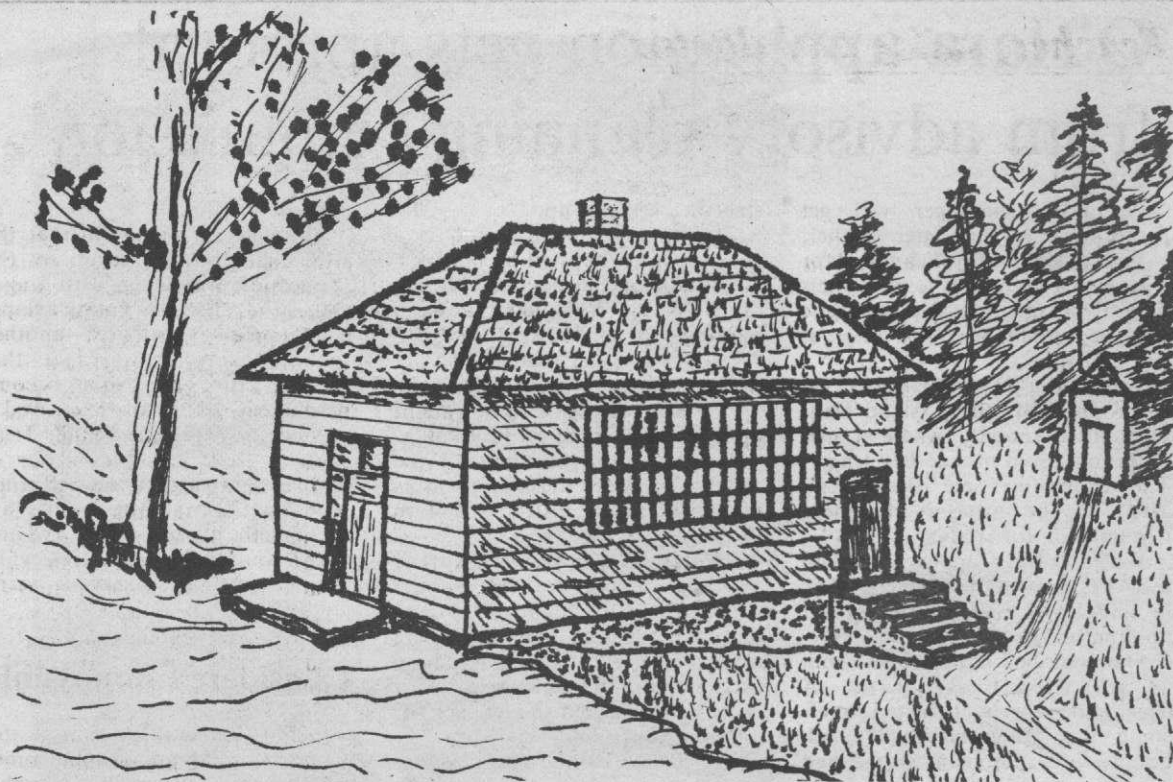


Illustration by Jesse Brown shows how first school may have looked

Different type of education was offered during 1930's at Mayne

BY CY PORTER

Today people refer affectionately to the little red schoolhouse they attended in their youth. Usually, it was in the country somewhere, and reached by walking a number of miles.

There were often several grades in one room. Such a school was the Mayne Island Public, which I remember very well indeed.

My first introduction to Mayne Island occurred when we arrived from Alberni where my father, Rev. Bob Porter, had vacated a parish to return to St. Mary Magdalene on Mayne. We had come from an area where there was a five-room school, and at the time the extent of our learning was Grade 4. The year was 1929.

Like the storied school which we all remember, Mayne Island was everything it should be. There was a long, two-mile walk from the vicarage, most of it uphill, until one arrived at the building, which still stands in a new location next to the fire hall.

HER FIRST SCHOOL

The day of my arrival was a significant one, since the Labour Day term was beginning, and there was a new teacher. She was 18, had had one year of Normal School following high school graduation, and this was her first school. She was a comely young thing, wore hornrim glasses, and looked out upon the world with anxious eagerness to please. Little did she know what a challenging day lay ahead!

There were eight grades, 23 pupils in all, and as we took our seats, into the classroom streamed nine tiny little Japanese students, the boys with heads shaven quite close, the girls with pink, scrubbed faces, eyes cast down.

They were bound for the first grade, and not a single one of them could speak a word of English. The teacher was dismayed, since her first attempt to communicate resulted in no less than four outbursts of tears!

In Grade 7 there was a chap who was bordering 17, and he had been there, rumour had it, for several years, and so he enjoyed an entire

youth tenancy. He took one look at the attractive young schoolmarm and decided to lay siege to her, since she was the finest looking maiden he had ever seen.

At recess he proceeded to make his intentions known, and the little lady had to beat a strategic retreat. **REMARKABLE SCHOOL**

Later in the afternoon, about two o'clock, a young student suffered an epileptic seizure. That all the events were rather disturbing to the teacher, and to the students on their first day in this remarkable school, is not surprising.

So when Alison Copeland, who lived quite close as the crow flies to where the walk to school began, Loretta Emery, Gertie Beech, Gordon Odberg, Rolly Foster, Archie Deacon, the Aitkens, several Bennetts, Kasumis, Nagatas, Kadonagas, Sumis and others wended their way out of the school and took their separate paths, many of us had a great deal to think about on the long walk home.

I well remember saying to my people that this was indeed a magnificent school. Why, there were several young students in Grade 1 who spent their time crying most of the day, and the balance of the time communicating, not with the teacher, but with themselves, in pure Japanese.

Further, there was a chap in Grade 7 who seemed intent upon pursuing the teacher, and with any sort of luck tomorrow it was likely he would catch her.

It should be related that the conclusion my mother and father came to as a result of this report was to immediately approach Mrs. A. M. Jones, a then-retired school teacher on the island who, bless her heart, took on the arduous task of tutor.

It was because of Mrs. Jones' patient and careful coaching that it became possible for me to graduate from this delightful school of hard knocks and go on to further things in Victoria, and thence to college.

Thus it is that as we see our own children go along to the modern places of learning, replete with gymnasiums, industrial arts machinery, auditoriums, indirect lighting and recess rock-and-roll sessions, perhaps we can be forgiven if we smile a trifle knowingly, aware that the type of education we had included subjects above and beyond the scope of today's curricula.

In the case of the Mayne Island public school of our day, a short and rather strenuous course in Japanese wrestling winding up with a most successful soak in the hot tub at Kadonaga's at Horton Bay, was the accepted order of the day.

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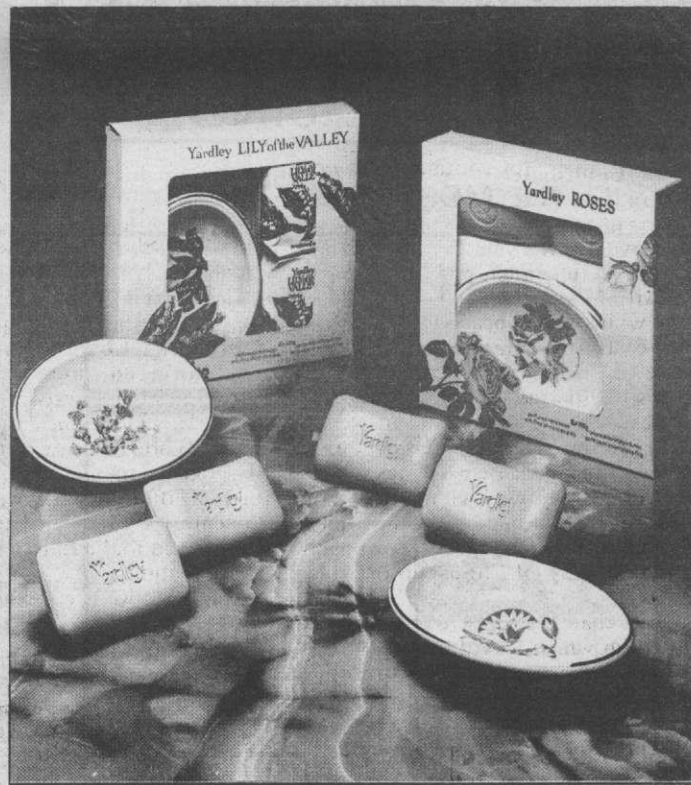
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Teacher, sailor and doctor

Salt Spring candidate looks back over career

Well known Salt Spring Island doctor is a candidate for the Salt Spring Island seat on the Capital Regional Board. Dr. Hugh Borsman will contest the seat at present held by Yvette Valcourt. "It's about time that some

harmony and a spirit of co-operation are restored to the island again after several years of conflict and confrontation," he told Driftwood, "and I would like to help this come about." The specialist in obstetrics and

gynaecology has lived on Salt Spring Island for the past six years. He and his wife Ruth came here to live because they fell in love with the island after staying with friends. He was previously practising in Victoria.

But Borsman wasn't always in public life and he wasn't always a doctor.

TO SASKATCHEWAN

He came to the prairies from England when he was nine and lived with an aunt in Saskatchewan. He graduated from high school at the peak of the depression and he was able to borrow enough money to attend normal school. His first school and that first year of teaching are still vivid in his mind.

"After a great deal of difficulty I was able to get a job teaching in a one-room school hundreds of miles from nowhere. There were pupils in all grades. Some of them were older than I was.

"The teacher had to live in a teacherage on the school grounds so that he could be a caretaker as well, and get the furnace going by six o'clock in the morning."

The teacherage, he remembers, had seen better days and he went on to describe the falling ceiling, holes in the floorboards and cardboard substituting for glass in most of the windows.

But he wasn't alone in his misery. "My constant companions were the mice who shared the bed with me."

His total pay for that year of teaching was \$200.

TO MCGILL

After his initial years of teaching, Borsman went to Montreal to enroll at McGill University. Came the war and the young student was in the navy. He left the service in the rank of lieutenant-commander and returned to medical training. For a time he practised general medicine in Montreal. Later he took post graduate work in the French Canadian city as well as in the United Kingdom.

He subsequently practised his specialty in Victoria for a quarter of a century. It was at the end of that time that he decided to move to Salt Spring Island, where he still serves as a consultant.

During his long stay in Victoria, Borsman was involved in a variety of community activities.

The Salt Spring Island doctor was the originator and chairman of the Preservation of Historic Buildings Committee of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce. His interest in historical buildings saw him co-

founder and president of the Greater Victoria Historic Buildings Trust.

VICTORIA ACTIVITIES

Concern for another type of building came to him through his long association with the Victoria Kiwanis Club. He is a past president of the service club and a former director of the Kiwanis Village Society.

A director and past president of the Family and Children's Service, Borsman also served as public relations chairman of the United Appeal and as a member of the development board for the Tri-Universities Appeal.

In company with a colleague, Borsman established the birth control clinic in Victoria and for 15 years served as adviser to the family life education program in the Victoria schools.

He has been head of the department of obstetrics and gynaecology at both the Royal Jubilee and Victoria General Hospitals.

Borsman continued his community service when he came to

Salt Spring Island. AND ON SALT SPRING

Except for a break of one year, he has been chief of staff at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital since he arrived on the island.

For five years he has been a member of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission. He is currently serving as president of the Salt Spring Island Concert Society.

A member of the hospital and health planning commission of the Capital Regional District, the new entrant into island elections is also a member of two sub-committees of the commission.

Borsman told Driftwood that he feels that his long record of community and volunteer activities is an effective qualification for regional director.

If he is successful in the election campaign, one of Borsman's goals is the formation of an advisory council with representatives from each geographical area. Such a council, he believes, would help ensure equal representation throughout the island.



Hugh Borsman

Bill Hawkins: A tribute

Contributed BY DUNCAN WHITECROSS

After a terminal illness which extended over quite some time, his end was peaceful and quiet — in keeping with his way of life.

Bill Hawkins was a peace-loving and quiet-living man. I feel benefitted in being privileged to make his acquaintance and I welcomed him as a close neighbour. Possessed of more than average knowledge in the intricate workings of electricity, he was ever willing to make use of such learning in the frequent calls he welcomed from frustrated users of household appliances.

Nor was that the only one of many ways in which he voluntarily offered help. He was most willing to share his capabilities and to offer such as community services.

Ever cheerful, Bill refused to forego his pleasing disposition even when his advancing illness slowly but surely drew away his physical strength.

"Not too badly", was the response all would receive on enquiring as to how he was feeling — and that even long after the illness made his demise not only inevitable but

imminent. His remarkable fighting spirit was with him to the very last.

And is such fighting spirit really the last? In his resourceful widow it is still with us. "Scottie", herself not unfamiliar with the close association of a wheelchair, was attentive to Bill right to the last and greatly endangered her own physical being in his interests.

In her the Hawkins' spirit lives and to her our thoughts now turn. May she have ahead many years free from further illness and with pleasant memories of a husband who was respected and admired by those who knew him.

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Oil pressure alarm signalled sinking of *Stromross*

Many local residents have wondered about the story behind the sinking September 11 of Bruce Hildred's fishboat, the *Stromross*.

The boat was packing geoducks from Spider Anchorage, near Namu on the northern B.C. coast, to Port Hardy on Vancouver Island when she went down for no apparent reason near Egg Island.

Hildred and his brother Rolf escaped the sinking boat in a dinghy and were later picked up by tug.

Following account of the incident was written by Nonie Hildred of Courtenay, mother of the two Salt Spring Island fishermen.

Today we are celebrating the survival of our sons. They are alive and well and on the whole in good spirits; they were here yesterday morning on the way home from Port Hardy in the truck.

The *Stromross* sank in the early hours of Sunday morning, somewhere off Egg Island in 70 fathoms of water.

Everything has gone, even to the log book and the papers and their knives and wallets; they arrived here in the clothes they were wearing and no shoes. In the truck were their survival suits, the dinghy, a *Stromross* lifering and one of the oars I'd given Bruce for his birthday.

Here's the story as far as I understand it. They were coming south with a full load of geoducks and were about four hours out of Port Hardy. Rolf had been seasick and was snoozing on the bunk while Bruce sat and steered, belt and shoes off.

All of a sudden the oil pressure alarm went off. Rolf took over the

wheel while Bruce went down to the engine room to see what was happening. They thought it was a minor oil thing, but there was no leak, nothing out of order.

He did notice when he got up that she had a slight list to starboard; it was choppy and they'd been banging about anyway, enough to make Rolf sick.

While Bruce was in the engine room what he calls "a log of water" came through from the hold. Various things about hydraulics and pumps went through his head but foremost was that the engine room was filling up with water and he was in it, so he came up quickly, by which time the afterdeck was under water.

He got off a Mayday, told the

Coast Guard there was a tug two miles away, and they got into their survival suits. They ran up to the top deck and got the dinghy off along with the only oar they could find.

Bruce grabbed some flares, and Rolf a lifering because of the light on it. The *Stromross* was listing right over to starboard, with the galley and the wheelhouse awash. They got into the dinghy, Bruce got hold of the remote control line that was floating and Rolf got a line on one of the poles, in case she continued to float. They didn't want anybody else claiming the salvage.

They haven't much idea how much time elapsed. They said it might have been for 10 seconds or 10 minutes that they hung on, hoping for a miracle to keep her afloat, but

all of a sudden she righted herself, lifted her bow in the air, and went down, like the *Titanic*. They let go of the lines, and three porpoises appeared and swam round them in circles.

They had some big flares, which they set off, and the tug saw the second one and altered course—they saw the spotlight searching for them. Then they lit the hand-held flare. The sea was full of driftwood which Rolf was fending off with the oar.

Half an hour later it would have been a cruise ship, and perhaps a helicopter ride (they were hoping) but anyway the tug came right around, towing three barges, and they were picked up and fed hot coffee until the coast guard from Bull Harbour turned up and took them over.

COULD SMELL OIL

The tug people said they could smell the oil slick from their galley door before they saw anything. They hadn't heard the Mayday, but they did see the boat disappear on

the radar, and then of course they saw the flare.

Nobody will ever know just what happened, but the best bet is that a sharp pointed log was caught in the prop and driven through the 1 1/2" planking into the lazarette or the hold. All the hatch covers were on and secured, everything was as it should be, the geoduck load was properly stowed, nothing was wrong there.

There were \$20,000 worth of geoducks, uninsured by the divers, and \$5,000 worth of crates. Bruce's insurance claim is in the works.

They alternate, as we all do, between sadness and anger and gloom about that beautiful boat, all the work, all their new clothes, many precious possessions, tools, machinery and money—between all that and joy and relief that they are both alive.

As their father told them yesterday, the worst that could have happened was for one of them to drown; then the loss of the boat would have been as nothing.

Failing to appear costs \$10

When a young man didn't show up in court three months ago it cost him \$10.

James Hamilton was to have been in court July 13 to answer a charge of threatening assault. He wasn't there and a bench warrant was issued against him. He did show up last week with the additional charge of failure to attend court hanging over him.

After Hamilton entered a guilty plea and offered an explanation, Judge G.S. Denroche fined him \$10.

Hamilton, who also uses the name James Duncan, told Denroche that he had gone to Ontario to visit his father who had

become ill. The judge replied that the problem could have been overcome if Hamilton had informed the court so a new date for a court appearance could have been set.

Hamilton will be back in court October 19 for the assault charge as well as a charge of causing a disturbance in public, which resulted from an incident May 14.

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I am over my flu and back to normal, but I decided that normal for me is cosmic. It is much more fun that way.

To see every pebble, every leaf of lettuce, every woman as cosmic lends a touch of exciting mystery to the whole thing. Cats are easy. They seem to be cosmic, inscrutability incarnate. Chickens, although as inscrutable, still pose a bit of a challenge to me, but I am working on it.

Want to know something cosmic? I just came across this one recently in *Lives of a Cell* by Lewis Thomas. About 600 million years ago, when all life consisted of simple one-celled organisms, there evolved the one-celled blue-green algae, also mitochondria, which resemble bacteria more than anything.

They both have their own distinct DNA and RNA and ribosomes, carriers of their genetic information.

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You are well justified in asking what this has to do with us, and gardening for that matter. Well, it turns out that these little critters, strangers to us as it were, are present in every living cell. They are in that lettuce leaf, in this cat, in those chickens, in every cell of the love of my life, in every one of mine, and I might add in you too.

HALF OUR WEIGHT

It seems that the mitochondria make up about half our body weight. It is a bit flabbergasting to realize that this leaf of lettuce and I are inhabited by these strange microscopic relatives, and further that between them they make life possible.

The blue-green algae, or chloroplasts, make oxygen and carbohydrates and the mitochondria arrange for its use. Most of them are passed on maternally, inside the ovum of every plant and

One of two charges heard

A Galiano man had one charge taken care of in provincial court last week but the other will be heard in November.

Julien Ghislain had been involved in an accident on Galiano last August and his vehicle ended up over a cliff. He told Judge G. S. Denroche that the car was in bad shape and he had decided that the bottom of the cliff was the best place for it.

Police investigated the abandoned vehicle and Ghislain was charged with failing to report an accident as well as failure to confine his vehicle to the right side of the road.

Last week he pleaded guilty to the first charge and after the explanation, Judge Denroche imposed a \$40 fine. The second charge will be heard November 16.

Farming and Gardening

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living thing, a few in the sperm.

And so they live and multiply within us, although we arrived much later, about 590 million years later. What blows me away is that within us we carry a direct, living connection to the very beginning of life, passed on with every breathing cell through all of evolution, the evolution of all plant life, fish, fowl, worm, insect, reptile, mammal and man.

Lewis Thomas has his priceless way of describing it: "Through them, I am connected; I have close relatives, once removed all over the place. And I regret somewhat that I cannot be in closer touch with my mitochondria. If I concentrate, I can imagine that I feel them; they do not quite squirm, but there is, from time to time, a kind of tingle."

See what I mean with the cosmic approach to life? Right now I am flooded with a marvellous sense of jubilation at my living connection with the beginning of life, or maybe it is just my mitochondria whooping it up in ecstasy of recognition and understanding. Nevertheless, it feels good and I love it.

With this sense of wonder, let us now turn to more practical matters. A reader of *Organic Gardening* who cultivates 400 acres of fruit trees has hit upon this solution to keep deer out of his orchards.

He suspends small, hotel-size bars of soap on a piece of wire about three feet above ground from every tree. One bar per tree is sufficient and the bars last for many months. Any kind of soap works, except cocoa-butter soap which the deer eat. Ed Flamm, the inventive orchardist, reports that this is the most effective method of all that he has tried.

Must give this one a try, and in respect for all my microscopic relatives out there, I will stick to a nice biodegradable soap.

In the same issue of *Organic*

Kane reports on the definite and latest findings in the planting of trees. Much research has been carried out in the last 10 years or so, to establish once and for all if soil amendments help or hinder the healthy growth of newly-planted trees.

The consensus is unanimous. Soil amendments hinder more than they help.

Addicted readers of this column will be gratified to know that I have not led them astray. Long have I advocated nothing more than a bit of bonemeal under the roots. It never made sense to me to fill a two-foot-diameter hole with all kinds of goodies for trees if the eventual root system of the mature tree will extend to a diameter of 25 feet.

Since it would be impractical to prepare a 25-foot diameter hole, 15 feet deep at the centre, it seemed best that the sooner the tree gets accustomed to its growing soil, the better it would be. This was borne out by this research.

CREATE BARRIER

Improved soil conditions in the planting hole actually set up a barrier to the root system with a moisture barrier. If the improved soil holds moisture better or longer, the unimproved soil around it will be moisture deficient in comparison and the roots will crowd in the moisture-rich area instead.

Simple loosening of the soil on the planting site was found to encourage the most rapid root development. Similarly, balled and burlapped, or container-grown trees proved the most reluctant to extend their root system into the native soil, again because the nursery growing medium around the roots differs radically from the soil of the planting site.

Soil amendments, if any, should be placed on top of the soil. My advice is to wait one year with surface-applied additives until the roots are established in the soil and are in a position to use it.

The most important consideration in planting a tree, or shrub for that matter, is to make sure of good drainage, especially in clay soils, where it is so easy to create a "bathtub" effect. The loosened soil of the hole, if surrounded with solid clay, will simply fill up with water

and stay that way from November to next July.

So the best way to plant is in native, unadulterated soil, in fall for a long assured supply of moisture and bare root for best root penetration. Pruning of roots or limbs is also unnecessary except to

encourage the desired shape.

Attention to moisture for the first two seasons is the next most important consideration so that these relatives of ours, once removed, may grow into healthy and productive life with the help of our mutual microscopic boarders.

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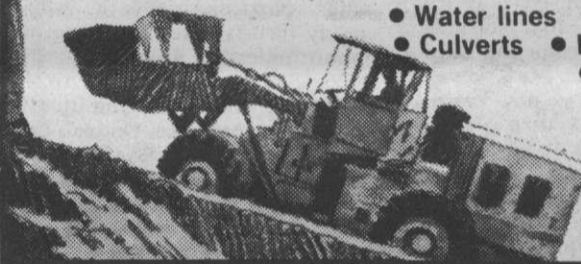
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PUBLIC NOTICE

1. The Musgrave Landing Subdivision Proposal has been strongly and unanimously rejected by the Islands Trust.
2. The key authority, the Department of Highways, also rejected it in May.
3. It then inexplicably gave "Preliminary Layout Approval" in September after minor and insignificant changes in the proposal.
4. Adjacent property owners like ourselves are strongly opposed, and are shocked at the reversal of position by the Department of Highways. A decision made without giving us or the public any opportunity for discussion or rebuttal of the developer's arguments.
5. Boaters and wilderness buffs will mourn the loss of the only sheltered harbour and environs of its kind on the south west coast of the island.
6. The proposal still grossly violates the intent of the Community Plan.
7. Final approval would set a precedent which would seriously weaken the protection of the islands from ill-advised urbanization. The ramifications of this decision go far beyond the local issue at Musgrave.
8. Because the matter is so important, both to us and to the future of the islands, we have engaged Mr. Lawrence R. Fast of Buckler, Fast, Brown & Smith, 1031 Vancouver St., Victoria, B.C. V8V 4T6, phone 382-6131, to represent us in whatever legal intervention is necessary to effectively oppose this subdivision proposal.
9. Contact us for information and note previous *Driftwood* correspondence of March 1983.
10. Please write to: Mr. Dave Raven, Approving Officer, Ministry of Transportation and Highways, 3260 Norwell Drive, Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 1X5.

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